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**Larry Becker**  
Editor  
*Vibrant Life magazine*

When it comes to taking care of our health, the classic comic strip *Pogo* said it best—"We have met the enemy, and he is us."

Most Americans are born healthy. But fewer and fewer of us are staying that way. Most of the leading causes of death in America are brought about by controllable

factors. Heart disease, cancers, strokes, AIDS—our chances of suffering from any of them are greatly increased or decreased by lifestyle choices we make.

For more than a century, Adventists have promoted the positive, comprehensive lifestyle found in the Bible. And we know it works. Compared with the general public, Adventists live up to nine years longer and have much lower death rates from most of the major diseases.

During the past 10 years, your friends and neighbors have begun understanding what we've known all along. Today's news stands are crowded with health magazines. Newspapers and television news broadcasts regularly feature the latest health findings. And their messages sound very familiar—your diet, exercise habits and whether or not you smoke are key factors in determining how healthy you are.

The popular wisdom in the church today is that when it comes to our health message, the world is passing us by. But I don't believe that. "The world's" interest in health offers us a tremendous opportunity to share the cutting-edge information we have on how to prevent disease by lifestyle management. But this explosion of health and lifestyle information flooding us today is still missing one important element.

Adventists have always recognized that mental and spiritual health are as essential as physical well-being to living a vibrant life. Just as we understand that a person can't be healthy without exercise, we also know that total health isn't possible without a loving relationship with Christ.

Ellen White reminds us that relief of physical needs is the only avenue through which many people will be reached (*Ministry of Healing*, page 144). It's our unique opportunity to teach ourselves and others the keys to health in this life and how total wellness—physically, mentally and spiritually—draws us closer to our Saviour.

**COVER:** Ray Doyle photographed this country autumn scene in Washington County, Maryland. Doyle, a retired teacher, lives with his wife, Bethel, at Highland View Academy near Hagerstown, Maryland, where she is the assistant librarian. The Doyles spent this past summer managing a campground on Big Savage Mountain close to Frostburg, Maryland.



**Because  
Jesus Christ is both  
our Lord and our Saviour:**

- The local church will be the central focus and the driving force of the denomination.
- The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.
- Church fellowship will be so vibrant that retention of members will improve and conflicts over lifestyle issues will decrease.

**Allonia Smith, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.** Allonia was baptized following an evangelistic meeting conducted by Charles Buursma.



**Patrick Reed, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.** Patrick



started attending the Bethlehem church when his father was baptized and later asked to be baptized himself.

## Face 2 Face Baptism Profiles

**Erika Belcher, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.** Erika was baptized after she attended a baptismal class at her school with friends she had made at church.



**Marci Halbrook, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.** Marci



made her decision to be baptized this past year at camp meeting. She studied with Pastor Lynwood Spanger.

## Face 2 Face Baptism Profiles

**Alisa Softic, Cleveland Yugoslavian, Ohio.** Alice was baptized during November of 1994 by Pastor Tihomir Brechelmacher.



**Selma Softic, Cleveland Yugoslavian, Ohio.** Selma



was baptized with Alice in November of 1994 by Pastor Tihomir Brechelmacher.

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# Family Life

## How's your health?

**Tamara Michalenko Terry**  
Project Editor

Since this issue is on health, I thought it would be fun to see just how "healthy" the union office family is. They were asked:

- 1) What do you do in the fall for exercise?
- 2) What else do you do to be healthy?
- 3) What do you wish you did to be healthy?

Not exactly a scientific study, but their responses are listed below. How would you respond?

- 1) Aerobics at the Burnt Mills church one night a week.
- 2) Eat lots of fruit. Drink lots of water. Get enough rest.
- 3) Get more exercise.

Eugene

- 1) Walk.
- 2) Eat right. Don't eat snacks or in-between meals. Eat plenty of vegetables.

Carolyn

- 1) Tennis, jogging.
- 2) Go to bed early. Eat right.

- 3) Not work so much.

Armando

- 1) Walk.
- 2) Try to eat very nutritious foods, fruits and vegetables.
- 3) Could incorporate more outdoor time and remove the stresses of work.

Freida

- 1) Home repair.
- 2) Watch my diet.
- 3) Reasonable family time.

Harold

- 1) Never sit down.
- 2) Time in meditation. Enjoy reading non-work-related materials. Watching diet.
- 3) Worked more reasonable hours and had a structured exercise program.

Nancy

- 1) Bike. Hoist my 2-year-old up three flights of stairs to my apartment. Walk dog.
- 2) Try to eat balanced meals.
- 3) Get more sleep. Drink more water.

Kim

- 1) Walk and occasionally swim at the CUC pool.
- 2) Drink lots of water.
- 3) Use the office treadmill. Get more sleep. Get outside more.

Randy

- 1) Walk my dalmatian. Bench press my 3-year-old grandson.
- 2) Fix lots of fresh vegetables and fruits. Drink lots of water. Stay out of the sun.
- 3) Exercise more. Got more sleep.

Charlotte

- 1) Use the treadmill.
- 2) Eating balanced meals.
- 3) Drink more water.

Tamara

- 1) Watch football.
- 2) Go on diets with my wife.
- 3) Exercise more.

Randy

- 1) Walk
- 2) Drink lots of water. Try to eat a lot of salads.
- 3) Cut out fried foods. Eat more fresh fruits and vegetables. Exercise regularly.

Gloria

- 1) Walkfit.
- 2) Try to watch what I eat.
- 3) Have time and energy to have balanced and nutritious meals.

Elaine

## Looking ahead...

The Visitor staff would like to hear your thoughts and stories to include in the following issues:

**December 1**  
Ideas for "Living Gifts"

**December 15**  
What's happening with church re-structuring?

**January 1**  
Testing God and putting out the fleece.



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# Healthful Living—LITE

Once upon a time, Seventh-day Adventists believed "The Health Message" was an important part of being an Adventist. Evangelists taught about not eating meat, not smoking, not drinking and not using snuff. Leaders encouraged hot-and-cold fomentations, hydrotherapy and times of peaceful meditation. Thousands of Adventist children became nurses, physicians, therapists and bakers—so the message of healthful living could be taught around the world.

Adventist cooks used the best vegetables to create "health shakes" and distributed graham crackers by the buggy-load. Truly committed to healthful living, parents changed the way they lived so that their children would have longer and happier lives.

Adventist researchers discovered how caffeine damages the heart, how tobacco clogs up the lungs, how alcohol kills brain cells, how meat transfers diseases and how people don't like to listen to the "hows."

Adventist entrepreneurs took The Health Message into their workrooms and began creating healthy alternatives. Dr. Harry Miller turned soybeans into a milk substitute, the Kelloggs redesigned corn kernels to look like corn flakes, and someone in Loma Linda burned the first Breakfast Cup. Adventists were into health, energetically!

The Road to Wellville was paved with a thousand hours of health

drink and do other unhealthy stuff. True, it was carried in major health journals and newspapers around the world. True, reporters attended a couple of news conferences and asked probing questions. True, it was never made into an infomercial. True, it did little to encourage healthful living among Adventist members or anyone else. True, it is all but forgotten.

But Adventists are still very much into talking about "health."

Unfortunately, Adventists aren't very much into living healthy lives. The Adventist "Health Message" has become "Healthful Living Lite." We have bartered away a great tradition of health-focused living in exchange for McDonalds bur-

gers, Sugar Frosted Flakes, Monday Night Football, sedentary jobs and health lectures in Russia. Our children scorn our part-time vegetarianism and are angered by our workaholic absences. Our Health



lectures.

Then, something disastrous happened. "The World" picked up on health. Jack LaLanne, Betty Crocker, Jenny Craig, Nancy Nautilus and Sven Nordic Track became household personalities. And Adventists smugly said, "We knew about all of that long ago."

It was good to see "The World" catch up.

*Newsweek* did cover stories on vegetarianism, on how it's catching on with Baby Busters and becoming a major habit pattern for young Americans. The surgeon general commanded the troops to extinguish all cigarettes, and Adventist preachers softly praised his wisdom. Supermarkets added low-fat, low-cholesterol and "lite" aisles. And Hellmann's even provided "healthy but delicious" mayonnaise.

And the Ad-ventist Health Study was released to worldwide yawns. True, it did show that "good" Adventists do live longer than those who eat meat, smoke,

## Few of us eat pigs.

Riders fill the classified advertisements in yesterday's newspapers, and we've forgotten what hydrotherapy means. But few of us eat pigs.

"The Health Message" has become something "they" did long ago, or "Weimar does that on a California hilltop," or "The people in Eastern Europe ought to hear about that." Seventh-day Adventist and health no longer rhyme.

It's time to join "The World" and get serious about health. Again.

*Dick Duerksen enjoys the cuisine of other lands and mountains to climb around the world but is happiest eating the fare prepared by Brenda and Joy at home and taking a brisk and inquisitive walk with a new puppy. Home is in the Columbia Union, where he is vice president for creative ministries.*

- N Nutrition  
Eat only that which will improve your health.
- E Exercise  
Seriously.
- W Water  
Scrub—and drink it like there will be none tomorrow.
- S Sunshine  
Find and absorb.
- T Temperance  
Too much of anything kills!
- A Air  
Drink it in, especially while you exercise.
- R Rest  
Even for college students.
- T Trust in Divine Power  
Sure beats trusting in your own desires.

By the way, there is only one valid reason to be "healthy." So you will be able to represent God more accurately to others.



**THE** ministerial department in the Columbia Union is a *ministry-driven* office. Frank Ottati, ministerial director, not only is the pastor to pastors, trainer of leaders and assistant to administrators, but he is also involved in evangelistic meetings, reaping and revival meetings, coordinating foreign language groups and preaching.

Ottati and Enid Delgado Williams, his secretary and often-times assistant, are bi-lingual. Every resource in their department is offered in Spanish as well as English. A highlight of their year is the Evangelistic Festival for Laymen and Pastors in Gettysburg. Hundreds of people come for the Spanish language meetings, where major commitments are made—and kept—for

soul-winning in the coming year. This year, the festival begins the day after Thanksgiving, November 24, and continues through the weekend. To learn more about the weekend, call (301) 596-0800.

The ministerial and evangelism department offers a long list of services available to pastors, lay leaders and members eager to learn and become involved with a passion for sharing the message of Jesus. They are willing to share dates and places and help you coordinate soul-winning programs for evangelism in your community.

Charlotte Pedersen McClure is managing editor of the Visitor and associate director of communication for the Columbia Union.



**Enid Williams (third from left), shown with her family, is the cheerful voice you hear when calling the Columbia Union ministerial department.**

**Frank Ottati is director of ministerial and evangelism activities in the Columbia Union.**



## Ministerial and evangelism teaches and reaps for the golden harvest

CHARLOTTE PEDERSEN MCCLURE

### Ministerial and evangelism services

#### Evangelism

- Two full evangelistic meetings (20 sermons - five weeks)
- Reaping meetings (seven decision sermons - one week)
- Revival weekends (three sermons - one weekend)
- Evangelistic sermons (worship service)

#### Lay training seminars

- How to give effective Bible studies (one weekend, Friday-Sabbath)
- How to gain decisions for Jesus (three hours, Sabbath afternoon)
- How to hold productive Revelation Seminars (one weekend, Friday-Sabbath)
- An easy way to share the gospel (three hours, Sabbath afternoon)
- How to prepare the church for evangelistic meetings (one weekend, Friday-Sabbath)
- Preaching (one weekend, Friday-Sunday)

#### Seminars

- Pre-marital (weekend, Friday-Sabbath)
- Marriage (five nights, Tuesday-Sabbath)

#### Ministerial

- Pastoral visitation
- Short-term counseling
- Pastoral materials: sermon tapes, magazines, lending library.
- Practical preaching seminar for pastors (three days)
- Continuing education, Andrews University
- Master's and doctoral programs (three weeks a year)
- Talks:
  - Sexual ethics
  - The pastor and his/her home
  - The pastor and his/her finances
  - The devotional life of the pastor

- The pastor as a trainer
- The sermon year
- How to involve members effectively

#### Hispanic ministries

- Everything offered in English is offered in Spanish
- Todo lo que se ofrece en Ingles, se ofrece en espanol
- Facilitate pastoral transfers
- Assist the administrations, pastors and churches with Hispanic growth and affairs in the six of our conferences where there is Hispanic work

#### Large meetings

- Prayer and Small Group Conference (four days, English, May 2-6)
- Evangelistic Festival for Laymen and Pastors (Friday-Sunday, Spanish, November 24-26)



# Dare to be a Daniel!

LILLY TRYON

## Pastors focus on health

Pennsylvania pastors and their families enjoyed a very different kind of workers' meeting with a focus on health at the Laurelville Menonite Center.

Gary Strunk, from Pacific Health in Central California, conducted a Pursuit of Excellence health training seminar that motivated personal lifestyle changes in the area of health and equipped pastors for a more effective health ministry in their districts.

Many aspects of healthful living such as eating, exercising and sleeping were discussed. A harmony was shown between scientific recommendations and the Bible's recommendations for healthful living. Doctors Zeno Charles-Marcel and Bruce Hyde presented lectures that made scientific principles easy to understand.

During the week, the pastors participated in a blood cholesterol screening, took a three-minute step test to check cardiovascular fitness, completed a computerized lifestyle evaluation and enjoyed tasteful meals that were totally vegetarian. Many shared a commitment to implement better diets and more exercise into their personal lives, as well as challenge church members to return to the health message.

And Daniel purposed in his heart ... Remember the story of Daniel? At the very outset of his time in Babylon, he boldly requested a 10-day trial in which he and his three Hebrew friends would be permitted to eat simple food. And at the end of the trial, a marked difference was noted in their appearance, physical activity and mental vigor. Pennsylvania Camp Meeting Lifestyle Rehabilitation '95 offered a unique opportunity for a modern-day "Daniel" experience. Fifteen people participated in the pilot 10-day health-recovery program, which emphasized the theory and practice of total healthful living.

The group arrived two days before camp meeting for medical assessment and orientation to the program. In addition to camp meeting speakers and seminars, they enjoyed early morning walks, tasty meals prepared from natural foods, a hands-on cooking workshop by nutrition instructors Williard and Pat Kaufmann and health lectures by physicians Zeno Charles-Marcel and Bruce Hyde.

The strength of the program was

its emphasis on the gospel as a motivating factor in lifestyle changes. "Our health message is not a message of what we should and shouldn't do; but rather, it is sharing with people how God made them and how He designed that we take care of our bodies," said Dr. Hyde. "When we learn to delight in following His plan out of a motive of love for God, He takes the responsibility upon Himself to preserve our health."

And what effect did the 10 days of healthy lifestyle have? Participants noticed lower blood pressures, better exercise tolerance,



**Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel presents healthy lifestyle techniques during camp meeting and at a pastors' retreat. Dr. Bruce Hyde, not pictured, was also a presenter.**



**Bob Brown shows videos and other resources to Sharpsville Mayor Ken Robertson during the grand opening of the Wholesome Fare natural food store on August 9. Robert and Helen Brown have spent more than 40 years learning how to live healthier lives. A seminar room, books and computer software are available to the public for personal research. Cooking classes are also available. Specialty items at the food store include low-fat or fat-free products, herb teas, unusual beans and grains, textured vegetable protein, salt-free seasonings, unusual sweeteners, wheat- and yeast-free products, canned and frozen meat alternatives, aloe vera products and many other items. Conference President Mike Cauley was on hand for the festivities.**

—CATHIE SOK, CHURCH COMMUNICATION LEADER

improved bowel regularity and a decrease in blood sugar, cholesterol and triglyceride levels. Two completely lost the desire to smoke, and the entire group lost a combined total of more than 50 pounds in the 10-day period.

"I feel like a new person!" Steve Stender said enthusiastically. Initially apprehensive about what simple lifestyle changes could do for his chronic hypoglycemia, by the end of camp meeting he looked better, wasn't as tired and had a normal glucose tolerance test result. Continuing the changes at home, he now boasts a weight loss of 27 pounds.

Lilly Tryon is the editor of the Pennsylvania Penn, a newsletter for the Pennsylvania Conference.



# CUC's back in session

## Enrollment increases by 84 students

TAMARA FISHER

**C**olumbia Union College's fall semester enrollment has 84 more financial full-time equivalents than last year. The actual head count for traditional students is 626, with 165 first-year students. Including traditional, Adult Evening Program and all other programs, the head count is 996.

"The number of transfer students is also higher," says Charlotte Conway, associate vice president for administration and institutional research. CUC has 130 transfer students and has retained 84 percent of the students eligible to return from spring semester. Another increase is the number of biology majors; they have almost doubled, from 34 to 60 majors.

Financial full-time equivalents or FFTEs is an accounting figure based on tuition revenue generated by one full-time student. The budget called for 600 FFTEs, but 626 FFTEs were actually realized.

"We are thrilled with the student body," says Charles Scriven, president of CUC. "They are large in number and incredibly enthusiastic."

Tamara Fisher is director of public relations for Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland.



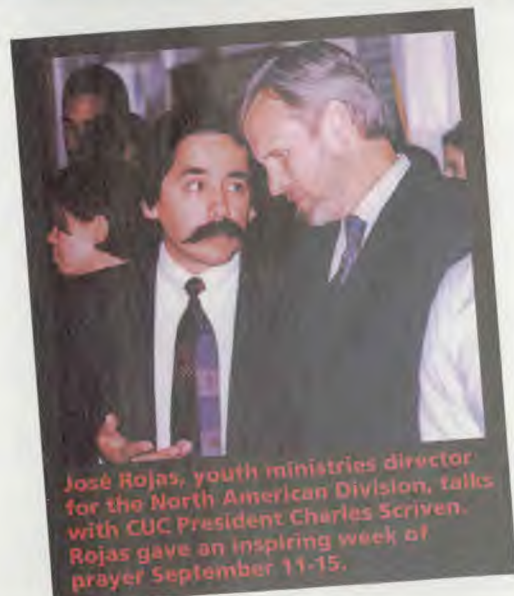
Ted Whitsett and Lester Ortiz duke it out during the back-to-school picnic.



Gateway Live Weekend was a great success. People who made this weekend possible include: Rajkumar Dixit, campus ministries director; Nancy Poist, administrative assistant to the chaplain; Michael Flores, student association spiritual vice president; and Malini Meesarapu, campus ministries Sabbath afternoon activities coordinator.



The musical group "Grace Gifts," CUC students James Pino, Randy Preston and Larry Karpenko, gave special music during the Gateway Live church service.



José Rojas, youth ministries director for the North American Division, talks with CUC President Charles Scriven. Rojas gave an inspiring week of prayer September 11-15.



Communication and Graphic Art faculty David Miller, John Williams, Barry Casey and Joe Spicer sit at their table during registration.



Arlene Diaz, Dionne Better and April Jenkins enjoy Phase II during Gateway Live Weekend.



# Student LEs

*witness*  
and  
*earn money*  
for school

Tara Van Hyning, Amy Osmon and David Siqueira spent 10 weeks of their summer vacation with one mission in mind—to witness for Christ. This mission was fulfilled through the sale of softcover Mega Books and face-to-face interaction with people throughout Pennsylvania.

As participants of the Columbia Union Family Enrichment Resources Student Scholarship Program, the three high school students from Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland, were part of a group of 19 students and four

sponsors from all over the country who colporteured in 100-degree weather and above, often visiting several hundred homes a day. Seven hours were spent each day visiting 'cold doors' (colporteur's jargon for homes that hadn't yet been reached by the Mega Book program).

"God definitely prepared people's hearts for us," said Amy Osmon, a 15-year-old academy sophomore. "One lady answered my knock with a Bible in hand, wanting to know everything from why we worship on Sabbath to

SASHA ANNE ROSS

whether or not the Antichrist is real. After a *very* thorough Bible study, she bought four books from me."

"I sold a cookbook to a lady whose boyfriend was just coming out of the hospital from his second heart attack. She said that she had been praying for a week for a way to cook him healthy food," said Tara Van Hyning, a senior who earned \$2,500 with the program. "I had the answer to her prayers."

This program influenced the young people to depend on God. "When you're selling some of the most powerful books around, you have to fully believe what you're saying. You learn to focus your priorities," said Siqueira, a sophomore.

Osmon agreed. "The numbers of books sold and the amount of cash in your pocket don't make a difference when you're in the middle of an impromptu Bible study, and you're being forced to prove what you believe. Self-control and lots of prayer were the only ways I survived," she said.

"Only 15 people might open the door wide enough to hear what you have to say, and maybe only seven or eight of those will buy something, but you have to think about the seven or eight people you just reached. The frustration and hardships are worth it. You never know whose heart will become God's due to your contact with them," Van Hyning said.

It is students like Tara, Amy and David who make Highland View and other Seventh-day Adventist schools what they are—Christian environments where God's love and the witness of it is most important. Their classmates and friends have learned to value these students and appreciate their influence.

Sasha Anne Ross is a senior and the Student Association president at Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland.



Three student literature evangelists from Highland View Academy represent 19 young people who spent their summer going from door to door selling books to earn money for school in the Columbia Union's Family Enrichment Resources Mega Book program. The HVA students are (from left) Tara Van Hyning, Amy Osmon and David Siqueira.



# A Healing ministry

## Have a mammo- gram performed this month

October may be a month you will always remember—it could be when you save someone's life.

During their lifetime, one in every eight American women will develop breast cancer.

Nationally, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among females. Twenty percent of these deaths occur in women ages 45 through 74 years old. Since the early 1980s, the incidence of breast cancer has increased.

The Columbia Union region (including Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.) has some of the highest incidences of death due to breast cancer in the nation. In fact, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene indicates 62 percent of women in the state over the age of 40 have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months.

You can make a difference and change that statistic. Many women fail to seek mammography screening due to a lack of knowledge about the procedure and its benefits. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Why not celebrate by encouraging at least one woman you know to get a mammogram,



**Renee Dupree-Jones (left), breast cancer screening coordinator at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, demonstrates good breast self-examination techniques to a patient.**

especially if that woman happens to be you?

For information about mammograms, contact the Adventist HealthCare hospital (or other acute-care facility or screening center) nearest you. Fees for screening mammograms vary depending on health insurance, and in some cases the screenings may be free.

In the greater Washington, D.C., area, Adventist HealthCare organizations providing breast cancer screening include:

### *Shady Grove Adventist Hospital*

The imaging department at Shady Grove has two state-of-the-art mammography units, as well as private waiting

and changing areas for breast cancer screening patients. Mammograms are performed Tuesdays from 3:15 to 8:15 p.m. To schedule your appointment, call (301) 681-6800 during regular business hours.

### *Washington Adventist Hospital*

In July of 1994, Washington Adventist Hospital opened a women's imaging center that features two state-of-the-art mammography units and private waiting and changing areas separate from those used by the majority of radiology patients. Mammogram screenings are performed Monday through Friday, 7:30

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# A Healing ministry

## Editorial

### Let's help the women in our lives

Why don't people take better care of themselves? As health-care providers, we often ask this question since we deal with the tragic results that occur when someone has ignored a health problem. Whether it's fear, lack of insurance or the inability to pay, reluctance to seek medical care can exact a high cost in terms of ruined lives, devastated families and increased medical costs.

During October, as we observe National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we must all take steps to help the women in our lives—whether a wife, daughters, sisters or friends—realize the importance of good health.

It is a national tragedy that only 30 percent of the women who should have a mammogram actually undergo the exam. That's a statistic we're trying to change at Kettering Medical Center.

In April, we sponsored a 5K Walk for Women's Wellness that attracted nearly 200 participants. More importantly, the \$8,000 raised from this event is being used to pay for screening mammograms and breast prostheses and prosthetic apparel for medically underserved women in the Dayton

community. We don't want a lack of funds to deter any woman from taking charge of her health.

This month, we're bringing "The Face of Breast Cancer" to our community. This national touring exhibit, which was created by the National Breast Cancer Coalition, is designed to reinforce the message of early detection and treatment.

For our employees, we're promoting a program that offers free lunch to two co-workers who schedule a mammogram this month. To be eligible for this offer, one of the women must have never had a mammogram before.

As the champions of health and wellness, it is our role to not only provide programs to meet the needs of our community, but also to do all we can to guide our friends and loved ones toward a healthy lifestyle, for we believe that "the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit."

*Have a mammogram, continued from page 9*  
a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Evening hours are available on Wednesdays, 5:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Videotapes and pamphlets on the importance of early detection, self-examination and mammography also are available in the center's patient education area. To make an appointment, call (301) 681-6800 during regular office hours.

(In the state of Maryland, a program is available to help women living on a limited income have a mammogram performed. For more information, call (301)

681-6800. Call your local hospital if you would like to know if such a program exists in your area.)

### Woman Care of Maryland

This outpatient facility in Gaithersburg, Maryland, performs mammograms from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (closed from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. for lunch) Mon-day through Friday. To schedule an ap-ointment, call (301) 869-5550 during regular working hours.

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Gaithersburg, MD 20850  
(301) 681-9760

#### Adventist Preferred Nursing and Home Assistance

10800 Lockwood Dr.  
Silver Spring, MD 20901  
(301) 681-9602

#### Adventist Senior Living Services

9430 Key West Ave.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(301) 309-0660

#### The Atrium (Assisted Living Center)

9701 Medical Center Dr.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(301) 424-2224

#### Fairland Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

2101 Fairland Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
(301) 384-6161

#### Hackettstown Community Hospital

651 Willow Grove St.  
Hackettstown, NJ 07840  
(908) 852-5100

#### Kettering Breast Evaluation Centers

580 Lincoln Park Blvd.  
Kettering, OH 45429  
(513) 299-0099

#### Kettering Medical Center Home Care

1259 East Dorothy Lane  
Kettering, OH 45419  
(513) 296-7820

#### Kettering Memorial Hospital

3535 Southern Blvd.  
Kettering, OH 45429  
(513) 298-4331

#### Kettering Workers' Care

2023 Springboro West  
Dayton, OH 45439  
(513) 293-7770

#### Reading Rehabilitation Hospital

R.D. 1, Box 250  
Morgantown Road  
Reading, PA 19607  
(215) 777-7615

#### Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

9901 Medical Center Dr.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(301) 279-6000

#### Shady Grove Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

9701 Medical Center Dr.  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(301) 424-6400

#### Springbrook Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

12325 New Hampshire Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20904  
(301) 622-4600

#### Sycamore Glen Retirement Community

317 Sycamore Glen Dr.  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
(513) 866-2984

#### Sycamore Hospital

2150 Leiter Road  
Miamisburg, OH 45342  
(513) 866-0551

#### Washington Adventist Hospital

7600 Carroll Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
(301) 891-7600

#### Washington Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

7525 Carroll Ave.  
Takoma Park, MD 20912  
(301) 270-4200

### WELLNESS CENTERS

#### Damascus Community Wellness Center

#### Frederick Community Wellness Center

#### Sligo Community Wellness Center



# A Healing ministry

## News

### ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE MID-ATLANTIC

#### ■ Adventist HealthCare participates in integration of county health services

Adventist HealthCare has been invited to participate in the Montgomery County, Maryland, government's efforts to reorganize its health and human services department. Paula Widerlite, senior director of strategic planning, will represent Adventist HealthCare, the only hospital/health system asked to serve on the committee.

The five service areas of the health and human services department are: children, youth and family services; aging and disability services; public health services; crisis, income and victim services; and adult mental health and substance abuse services. The committee's goal is to organize these five areas into efficient health-care delivery systems.

### ADVENTIST HOME HEALTH SERVICES

#### ■ Home Health on track to break new record in 1995

Adventist Home Health Services, based in Silver Spring, Maryland, had completed 114,010 home visits through July of this year, an increase of nearly 32,000 compared to the same point in 1994. The agency finished 1994 with 152,523 home health visits, which was a new record. Adventist Home Health Services budgeted 165,000 patient visits for this year but is on track to complete nearly 200,000.

Since 1973, Adventist Home Health Services has been providing quality home care to the metropolitan area. Home care gives patients the opportunity to recover in the comfort of their own homes and ensures that the transition from hospital to home is safe and easy. The wide range of services provided by Adventist Home Health includes skilled nursing; physical, speech and occupational therapy; medical social work; personal care; and diet counseling.

#### ■ Robinson selected as coordinator of community relations

Teresa Robinson has been chosen as Adventist Home Health Services' coordinator of community and professional relations.

Her responsibility is to educate people in the community about the services provided by AHHS, which includes meeting with local physicians, nursing centers and other health-care professionals to answer their questions and provide information about AHHS programs.

A graduate of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, she received her bachelor of science degree in health service administration from Ohio University.



**Teresa Robinson**

### HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

#### ■ Free immunizations offered for county children

Children (from birth to age 5) of Warren County, New Jersey, residents were eligible to receive free immunizations as part of a special program being co-sponsored by Hackettstown Community Hospital and the Warren County Public Health Department.

The immunizations were given at HCH during its 11th annual health fair on Sunday, September 17.

#### ■ High school students help design foundation logo

In its search for a new logo design, the Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation enlisted the help of art students from five Hackettstown area high schools at the recommendation of community organizations whose members were pleased with the students' creative abilities in designing their logos.

"We have enjoyed working with such a fine group of students," said foundation President Al Troianello. "We trust the experience was interesting and helpful to them. We'll be incorporating their ideas as we finalize a logo that will represent the Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation—the fund-raising arm of Hackettstown Community Hospital."

#### ■ Eight keys to good health showcased at fair

Hackettstown Community Hospital emphasized "The Eight Keys to Good Health" during its Health Fair '95 held in September.

Fair guests were greeted by a 20-foot-wide display in the main lobby featuring colorful characters representing good nutrition, water, exercise, rest, sunlight, proper breathing, self-control and faith.

New this year was a \$2 vegetarian barbecue on the front lawn, with no-fat burgers, corn on the cob and much more.

The award-winning bluegrass band 99 Years added to the festive atmosphere. Children learned tips about self-esteem and how their bodies work during a special musical program.

Many visitors took advantage of the large number of free adult and children's health screenings. The Warren County, New Jersey, Health Department gave free immunizations to county children ages 5 and under.

The fair also included health information displays provided by hospital departments and area organizations. Guests could participate in a 5-K or one-mile race or a one-mile health walk.

### KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER

#### ■ KMC outpatient cancer treatment seeing excellent results

Kettering Medical Center's department of radiation oncology continues to see excellent results with high dose rate brachytherapy.

The HDR brachytherapy program benefits selected oncology patients, particularly those with cancers of the lung, esophagus, bile duct, cervix and uterus.



# Healing ministry

While brachytherapy has been in existence for 100 years, changes in computer technology have revolutionized the practice. Customized radiation doses are given with the aid of a 3-D computer system and a computer-controlled delivery system.

There are many advantages to HDR brachytherapy: Patients are treated with single doses of radiation during short outpatient sessions; it is administered in minutes compared to traditional brachytherapy, which is given over days; patients experience little discomfort, fewer complications and rapid recovery times; and radiation sources can be placed directly into, or near, the tumor—sparing healthy tissue.

KMC is the only hospital in the area with a dedicated HDR treatment suite that allows patients to be scheduled at their convenience. In addition, a free van service is offered for radiation oncology patients who need transportation to and from KMC.

## ■ KMC cancer program receives approval

Kettering Medical Center has received word that its cancer services have received the maximum three-year approval from the Commission on Cancer. With this approval, KMC maintains its status of providing a community hospital comprehensive cancer program.

## SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### ■ County's first neonatal neurosurgery performed at Shady Grove

The first neonatal neurosurgery procedure in Montgomery County was performed June 27 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. The surgery was performed on Bradley Whitworth, who was diagnosed prior to his birth with spina bifida. The surgery took place the day after Bradley's birth and was necessary to repair the hole in his back and reposition the sac of nerves protruding through the defect in his spinal column. During the following week, Bradley

underwent a second surgery to place a shunt through his skull to relieve pressure from fluid. Both procedures were successfully performed by Nathan Moskowitz, a neurosurgeon with special training in pediatrics. Bradley's parents took their new son home on July 14.

## WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

### ■ Washington Adventist signs agreement with Blue Cross HMOs

Washington Adventist Hospital has signed a letter of understanding to be the exclusive provider of cardiac services for patients living in Montgomery, Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties who are enrolled in four Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Maryland HMOs.

Washington Adventist will provide open-heart surgery, angioplasties and heart catheterizations for members of FreeState Health Plan, CareFirst and Potomac Health. The arrangement, which could begin this fall, will be reviewed for approval by the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission. Nearly one in every five open-heart surgery procedures in the state of Maryland are performed at Washington Adventist Hospital, which this past year completed 938.

## Ways to Wellness

### Five rules to save your back

- Always check the object's weight before you lift. If it's too heavy, get help. Remember, injury can occur with light or heavy loads, if lifted improperly.
- Always keep lifted objects close to your body. It takes less force to lift a close object than one at arm's length.
- During the lift, maintain the natural hollow in the small of your back. Do not bend at the waist. This minimizes abnormal forces on the spine.
- When turning, always use your legs, where your strongest muscles are, and pivot on your feet. Do not twist when lifting.
- Do not hold your breath when lifting. Take a deep breath before lifting. Exhale as you lift.

Most back injuries result from accumulation of abnormal stress on the spine over an extended period of time. There are two very important factors in back injury: day-to-day posture and poor lifting techniques.

*Provided by Reading Rehabilitation Hospital*





RALPH MARTIN

**H**ave you ever thought of dropping out of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? That does not always mean leaving the church entirely. A person can drop out by losing his or her commitment to the church, then just drifting in and out on Sabbath morning. You can drop out by becoming so critical that you become an anti-church person. You can drop halfway out—coming only for church or attending only occasionally.

It is easy to understand why members might become angry with the church. It is such an imperfect organization that at times even I become discouraged with it. It is slow and ponderous in its decision making. It is filled with imperfect people, including church leadership. It is at times splintered with controversy, which can make attending worship less enjoyable. While I love my church, it occasionally breaks my heart. Then I remember that it is more God's church than mine. It is still the one object on which He places His supreme regard. He has not given up, so why should I?

Justice and fairness are moral issues, and when the church ignores them, it makes many members angry. Of course, not everyone agrees with what is just and fair, but the church is a proper arena for this debate. For millennia, the church has been the moral conscience of the nations. It is our privilege to debate with vigor and emotion the moral issues of our day. But please, let's use a little godly patience and tolerance with each other. Thousand-year-old traditions are not likely to fall with the first blast of hot air. The cancer of slavery took a

## *Don't drop out; stay and shoulder the cause*

civil war, but it was worth the cost to right a terrible wrong. If soldiers of the gospel flee the battle because of a few defeats, who will be left to fight the good fight of faith? Leaving the church is no answer to injustice. Whatever your convictions on social issues, the church is the place to pray and plead with God for wisdom and to go forth to battle for right and truth.

Unity is important, but not at any price. There has to be some room for the Holy Spirit to instruct us about His will for our lives today. Those who love the church and the Lord will allow differences in conviction and understanding of the Bible without shunning and exclud-

trates why we stay in the church. "From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 'You do not want to leave, too, do you?' Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.'"

After 40 years of ministering to those who have left the church, I can say with few exceptions that they are lonely and unfulfilled. It would have been better for them and the church if they had stayed and helped build a better, more just church.

Peter Drucker wisely said, "People do not want to hear about your labor pains, they want to see your baby."

When people come to church on Sabbath morning, they do not want to hear our pain; they want to see our Jesus Christ. But Jesus is not a stained glass window. He is the man with the whip who is upending the table that pollutes the temple; He is the healer of young girls and the lover of children; He is the brave, toler-



Pine Forge Academy Church, photo by Dick Duerksen.

ant victim of an unjust death. He forgives sinners on sight but cannot forgive the pompous hypocrite. He is patient, generous and kind but hates all forms of injustice that de-means a man or a woman.

That is the leader I signed on to serve forever, so I will never quit or leave because I am shoulder to shoulder with Jesus Christ as we fight the good fight of faith. And I am glad to see you are at His other shoulder with us.

When church members tell me they are going to leave the church over some wrong done to them or some perceived weakness in the church, I refer them to the Bible story from John 6:66-68 that illus-



OCTOBER 1995

CUC's class of 162 freshmen stands in front of Morrison Hall during CUC Preview, freshmen orientation.



## Warren composes piece for Prince George's County

Ron Warren, associate professor of music at CUC, was selected by the Prince George's County Arts Council to compose a musical piece for the festival commemorating the county's 300-year anniversary. The theme of the fall 1996 festival is "Many Voices—One Song." The festival will celebrate the cultural diversity of the county's population.



"The song I am composing will be a piece for choir with a lot of percussion," Warren said. The lyrics used for the work will be taken from a poem by Native American author Maniitongquah. The poem talks about the unity of people from different cultures through love and understanding of their diversity: "If our eyes could ever meet without fear, we would recognize each other and rejoice."

"The musical piece will draw on various remembered music, such as spirituals and native American chants. It is an attempt to explore different cultures of the past and bring them into the present," said Warren.

Warren's earlier pieces have been performed by the Prince George's County Philharmonic Orchestra and at the Sligo Adventist Church's 50th anniversary.

## Bing named women's assistant dean

Pamela Bing was recently named assistant dean of women for Halcyon Hall, the women's residence hall. Bing previously worked as a substitute dean for CUC and was employed by Adventist Risk Management, Inc.

Bing received her bachelor's degree in both business administration and behavioral science at Union College in Nebraska. She also earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Kansas.

"Being a dean is both challenging and rewarding," says Bing. "I choose to be a dean because I enjoy serving others."

In her spare time, Bing enjoys cycling, walking and playing racquetball and water sports.

## Bennett promoted to bio/chem chair

Glen Bennett, associate professor of biology at Columbia Union College, was recently named chair of the biology and chemistry department.

Bennett began teaching at CUC in 1993 after receiving his doctorate in science education with an emphasis in biology from the University of Maryland at College Park. He is a CUC graduate and this May received the Zapara Award for excellence in teaching and service.

Bennett is a strong supporter of several programs at CUC. He is active in the recruitment of students and in the college's musical programs.

"I like it at CUC. It's fun," says Bennett of teaching. "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else."

## Business students interview with Arthur Andersen

In August, seven CUC business students had the opportunity to test their interviewing skills. Each one participated in an interview training session for partners and managers of Arthur Andersen, one of the world's largest international accounting firms. The students took part in three to four interviews, received comments, established contact with potential employers and even got paid.

"When I called Arthur Andersen in Washington, D.C., about possible placement of students for internships and further employment, they had never heard of CUC," said Randi Waxman, associate professor of business.

In a conversation after the interview session, Arthur Andersen's coordinator for students told Waxman that they were very pleased with CUC students and interested in further business contacts with the college.

"I hope this leads to a positive long-term business relationship between CUC and Arthur Andersen," said Waxman.

CUC students Joy Marcelle, Evan Payne, Bonnie Taylor and Summer Porter enjoy dinner at the Student Association back-to-school picnic on the CUC Commons. This year, there are 626 traditional students on campus, 84 more than last fall.



## "Views from the Gateway"

## Let's work together

NANCY KLUGE

CUC professor of business and  
chair of the business department

We were revising our class schedules in the business department this summer when we came across a dilemma.

How could we, as business professors, teach our business students how to write, give presentations and find information quickly?

The business department has been giving students writing and public presentation assignments, but we felt uncomfortable grading students on their grammar and presentation style. Since it was summer time and everything was a little slower on campus, we decided to ask the English/communication department how our two departments could work together.

A date and time was decided, and faculty from both departments met. The English/communication department told us they were thrilled that we had asked their opinion, and we in the business de-

partment received wonderful tips on how our departments could work together.

It has been an interesting and creative summer. The business and English/communication departments have been meeting regularly since our first meeting and have come up with several neat ideas. Next semester, our departments will be team teaching a class called Business Research and Communication that will provide students with both a business and English/communication professional perspective. Next fall, the business department plans to teach a class called Business for Non-business Majors, and in the future, both departments would like to create a center for producing presentation materials.

Because the business and English/communication departments have pooled their resources, Columbia Union College will have business majors who can write, give presentations and find information better and English/communication majors who will better understand the world of business. Exciting things are happening at CUC. ☐

## News Notes

## "Christmas in My Heart" receives nomination



Joe Wheeler, chair of the English department, was recently nominated by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association as a 1995 Final Nominee for the Gold Medal.

Wheeler also attended the Zane Grey's West Society annual convention this summer. Wheeler wrote his doctoral thesis on Zane Grey at Vanderbilt University in 1975, and in 1983, he founded the Zane Grey's West Society.

## Pilgreen named security director

Tom Pilgreen was recently named the new director for safety and security at CUC. Pilgreen has worked in the field of security for the past 15 years. For the past 10 years, he was the assistant director of safety and security for CUC and before that worked five years for security at Washington Adventist Hospital.

Pilgreen graduated from CUC twice, once in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in theology and a second time in 1995 with a bachelor's in nursing, says Pilgreen: "The safety and security department at CUC is highly educated and caring. We have the interest of all people at heart and want to reflect a Christocentric atmosphere to all who live on or visit our campus."

## Calendar of Events

- Oct. 16-19** Midterm Exams
- Oct. 18** S. A. Fast Break, 8-10 am  
Chapel, Black Student Union, 11:15 am
- Oct. 20-22** Midterm Break
- Oct. 20** Connections,  
Robert Edwards, 7:30 pm  
Singspiration, 8:30 pm
- Oct. 21** Church, A. Torres,  
Officers' Ordination,  
State of Sligo Address, 9/11:15 am
- Oct. 22** Theta Alpha Beta  
Ebony Fashion Show
- Oct. 23-27** Humanitas Week
- Oct. 24** Sigma Tau Delta  
Edgar Allen Poe Excursion
- Oct. 25** Chapel, Humanitas, 11:15 am
- Oct. 27-29** New England  
Youth Ensemble Tour
- Oct. 27** Connections,  
Humanitas, 7:30 pm  
Singspiration, 8:30 pm  
Phase II, 9:30 pm
- Oct. 28** Church, A. Torres/Columbia  
Collegiate Chorale, 9/11:15 am  
Wheaton Park, 3 pm
- Oct. 29** S.A. Busch Gardens Trip
- Oct. 30** Departmentals, 11:15 am
- Nov. 1** Chapel, Barry Casey, 11:15 am
- Nov. 3-4** Youth-to-Youth Retreat
- Nov. 3** Connections,  
Julio Munoz, 7:30 pm  
Singspiration, 8:30 pm  
Phase II, 9:30 pm
- Nov. 4** Church, P. Anderson, 9/11:15 am;  
Campus Ministries/S.A. Activity, 3 pm
- Nov. 5-7** Writers Conference
- Nov. 8-12** Acro-Fest, Canada  
Chapel, Roger Hernandez, 11:15 am
- Nov. 10-11** Singspiration 25th  
Anniversary Celebration
- Nov. 10** Connections,  
Ed Komorowski, 7:30 pm  
Singspiration, 8:30 pm  
Phase II, 9:30 pm
- Nov. 11** Church, A. Torres/ Columbia  
Collegiate Chorale, 9/11:15 am  
Project Sunshine, 3 pm
- Nov. 15** S. A. Fast Break, 8-10 am  
CUC Board, 8:30 am  
Chapel, Dick Duerksen, 11:15 am  
Faculty-Staff Board Banquet, 6:30 pm
- Nov. 16** Interdisciplinary Colloquium  
Ronald Warren, 12 noon
- Nov. 17-19** Columbia Collegiate  
Chorale and New England  
Youth Ensemble Tour



## ALLEGHENY EAST

### Allegheny West withdraws from Pine Forge Academy

The constituency of Pine Forge Academy in Pine Forge, Pennsylvania, voted on August 20 to accept the request of the Allegheny West Conference to disassociate from the school and transfer the rights, privileges and responsibilities of running the academy to the Allegheny East Conference.

Since 1967, when the Allegheny Conference split into two entities, Allegheny East and Allegheny West had been jointly operating this unique school, the only Adventist boarding academy in North America focusing on African-American youth.

Located near Pottstown in the western side of the state, PFA will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. Students attend the school from more than 25 different states and several countries. The academy is renowned for its excellent choir, which has won awards and national recognition.

A number of prominent African-American church and public leaders have graduated from this institution. C.E. Bradford, a former president of the North American Division, is spearheading a "New Era of Excellence Campaign" to raise \$7,000,000.

One reason the action was taken is because constituents in Allegheny West have been asking the conference to strengthen its K-12 educational program, which consists of three struggling schools. Funds that previously were used to subsidize PFA will be focused on this effort. Also, because of distance, fewer pupils from Allegheny West have been attending the academy.

Under arrangements voted at the constituency meeting, all real and personal property held by the Allegheny Conference Association is to be transferred to the Allegheny East Conference Association to be held in trust for PFA.

In negotiations with the General Conference and the North American Division, adjustments were made in the subsidies being paid by both conferences to Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama, so Allegheny East will be able to pick up the lost subsidies formerly paid by Allegheny West, which were stopped over two years ago.

Your prayers and funds are solicited to continue the service provided by this academy, which has had a unique mission in our church.

**RICHARD OSBORN**

Columbia Union Vice President for Education

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION



William Loveless, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University church in California, presented the Charles Elliott Weniger Award for Excellence to vocalist Del Delker during worship services on August 19. Her name joins that of *Voice of Prophecy* founder H.M.S. Richards and other recipients on engraved plaques mounted with large display medallions in the libraries at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, and Pacific Union College in Angwin, California.—ELDYN KARR

## WORLD CHURCH

### ADRA responds to Hurricane Marilyn

Representatives from the Adventist Development and Relief Agency International moved into action quickly to set up relief efforts for areas in the Caribbean that were devastated by Hurricane Marilyn during mid-September.

Donated goods and volunteers were being allowed onto the islands in the priority of needs established by emergency officials, though teams from ADRA's headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, were already hard at work on Puerto Rico and St. Thomas by Monday, September 18.

A clearinghouse operated by Adventist Community Services under agreements with the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency has up-to-date lists of needed items for businesses and groups that want to help.

Cash donations should go to the clearinghouse and will be used only for specific needs resulting from Hurricane Marilyn.

An 800 number is in operation 24 hours a day for anyone wishing to send relief sup-

plies to the Caribbean's hurricane-devastated islands. Anyone who wants to volunteer help and/or coordinate the efforts to collect badly needed items, phone (800) 253-3000.

**JEANNETTE JOHNSON**

ADRA Director for News and Information

## OHIO

### Cleveland members witness at Cuyahoga County Fair

The Brooklyn congregation in Cleveland had a booth at the Cuyahoga County Fair the week of August 7-13.

A display of food products, menus and literature was featured and given to all who

were interested when passing the booth.

Opportunities presented themselves daily for those manning the booth to speak to others about their faith. Cards were placed in all literature for people to request Bible studies, and three have been returned so far.

Much prayer was offered to the Lord regarding this project, and many testimonies were given by those who assisted through their personal efforts.

**MARION KOHLER**

Communication Leader

## COLUMBIA UNION

### Celebration of Recovery set for Takoma Park

A Celebration of Recovery, which brings a new dimension of hope to Adventists with dependency problems and providing for them, their codependents and families the assurance of continuing recovery, will be held in Takoma Park, Maryland, the weekend of October 27-29.

"The Family in Recovery" is the theme for this seventh annual convention, which is taking place at the Takoma Park church center.



The program will include Christ-centered "Twelve-Step" meetings and testimonies of personal strength, hope, experience and healing. Other events will consist of closed discussion groups, workshops for children and teens and a "Clean-time Chip Celebration."

Ever since the first of these conventions was held in 1967 at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, Adventists recovering from dependency problems have gathered each year in the Washington, D.C., area, southern California, the Pacific Northwest and New England.

"These Celebrations of Recovery take a positive, supportive role that encourages and enables," stated Barbara Manspeaker, church ministries director of the Columbia Union Conference. "The union applauds the leadership that is making these annual events possible."

Registration is required for the weekend gathering. For more information, call (301) 384-8679 or (703) 522-8424.

**RANDY HALL**  
Visitor Assistant Editor

## NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION

### New video promotes home schooling

Home schooling has sparked a lot of questions in the past few years. Parents ask: Why home school? What can it offer my family? Am I capable of taking on that task?

Home Study International in Silver Spring, Maryland, has just released its first promotional video, which was produced by Creation Enterprises International in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. CEI has reached an agreement with a cable network system to place the 30-minute infomercial in 18 million homes throughout the United States.

Through this video, HSI is prepared to provide answers for millions of parents who are considering the alternative of home schooling—whether it's to improve family togetherness or because of illness, boredom in school, conflicting schedules, violence and drugs in schools or just to catch up on regular school work.

This project was done to enlighten the North American Division and the general public about the services provided by HSI. The history of home education in America is traced, current home educators and students explain their reasons and successes in learning at home, and programs such as elementary, secondary and college—as well as the PLATO courseware library computer software—are also mentioned.

If you would like more information, call (800) 782-GROW.

**CATIA CARVALHO MILLS**  
Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement

## NEW JERSEY

### Passaic Pathfinders tour fire station

Pathfinders are required to learn certain skills that benefit themselves and others. In order to enhance their knowledge of first aid, survival skills and useful emergency techniques, the Passaic Soldiers of the King recently took a trip to the local fire station.

As part of the tour, the youth were told by the company chief that a fire fighter's duty not only consists of putting out fires, but also helping in such emergency situations as when people get trapped in an elevator or a car accident.

Among the many things the Pathfinders learned is that there are four types of fires: Class A, which consists of paper, cardboard and wood; Class B, which are fueled by oils and gasolines; Class C, electrical fires mainly caused by short circuits; and Class D, which consists of metals or chemicals, such as magnesium.

The youngsters also received useful tips on how to put out a small kitchen fire and were told that the batteries in smoke alarms should be replaced when the time changes in the spring or fall.

Another part of the tour was a demonstration by one of the firemen, who put on his protective gear and gave a brief explanation of every part. After finishing his talk, the man explained that poles are used in fire stations to avoid injuries that can occur when people rush down flights of stairs.

To end the tour, the company chief explained the requirements that must be met for a person to become

a fire fighter: be at least 18 years of age; have a high school diploma; be in good shape; and pass a two-part examination that is administered every two years.

After the tour, several Pathfinders expressed interest in the area of fighting fires.

## POTOMAC

### Tidewater board given in-service training

Members from the board of Tidewater Academy in Chesapeake, Virginia, received in-service training on their roles with the school this past summer. Clarence Dunbein, associate conference superintendent of education, presented the two-hour program on July 10.

The seminar was an interactive class that focused on the essential responsibilities and duties board members face. The topics included the work of school boards, the board member's role during meetings and when the board is not meeting, the board member's code of ethics and the relationships board members have with each other, the school faculty, the conference and government agencies.

Dunbein's seminar included an audio-visual presentation, discussion and quiz materials. Each board member received a learning packet for future reference.

Other school boards wishing to have an in-service seminar can set an appointment by contacting the Potomac Conference Office of Education at (703) 886-0771.



Pathfinders from the Passaic church pause during their tour of a local fire station.



## COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

## PENNSYLVANIA



The *Visitor* is proud to feature this poster, which was created for Hands Across the World by Kan-eil Eduardo, a third-grade student at the Waldwick school in New Jersey. The next Hands Across the World rally in the union is scheduled to be held next March in Washington, D.C.—RANDY HALL

## State College buys "new" church

Most newborns go home after a day or two, but the State College church has been in "foster" homes for nearly 30 years, ever since its charter became official in 1966.

Sharing space with Unitarians, Methodists and most recently Baptists and Brethren has kept the Adventist Sabbath schools Spartan in terms of programs and decorations. The library and witness literature supply has had to be portable.

A few years ago, the State College Fairbrook United Methodist congregation outgrew its 100-year-old building. Although the members purchased a nearby lot and built a larger, modern facility, they were reluctant to sell their old church home.

Then Adventist Pastor Dale Martin and the Methodist minister met at area clergy meetings. This relationship encouraged the Methodists, who knew that, instead of being torn down, the church would remain a house of prayer for Christian believers.

Having borrowed only enough to purchase the building, the State College con-

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## Dr. Kay's Q&amp;A



## Childhood rivalry

**Question:** My boys constantly fight and argue. My husband says that's normal for boys, but he doesn't have to be around it all the time. They say terrible things to each other. Is it healthy to allow this? Will they grow out of it?

**Answer:** No, it's not healthy to allow children to say terrible things to each other. And no, they may not grow out of it. Relational habits established in childhood have a way of hanging on unless there is a decided effort to break them and substitute something better. The biggest danger is the possibility that the negative feelings caused by hostile rivalry, unless dealt with and resolved, will erupt in resentment and hurtful behavior toward each other later in life.

Your husband is right. It is normal for children to exhibit a certain amount of "fighting" behavior as they learn by trial and error how to solve conflicts. Solving these battles for children is usually counter-productive. As most parents have found, to interfere usually means that instead of one against one, the tide of battle quickly changes and becomes two against one (two children against one parent).

It's one thing for siblings to scuffle and argue, but it's quite another for them to tear each other apart. The minute a battle turns from merely wanting to win to the use of unfair tactics designed to hurt or destroy the other, it should be stopped. The rule, "You may not hurt others," must be strictly enforced. Children need to learn how to "fight" fair and not "hit below the belt" by attacking their brother or sister's self-concept. Here's where the Golden Rule can apply. Make it a policy that each member of the family is to treat each other as he or she would like to be treated. If you don't want it said or done to you, don't say or do it to someone else.

In an attempt to monitor hurtful words and behavior, too many parents ask the child who is hurting another child whether he or she would like to be treated this way. In anger, most kids reply, "Yes." They don't really mean it, but it's a way to "win" when you've got their backs to the wall. Instead, ask the child who is being hurt, "Do you like being treated like this?" Then the truth can't be denied.

The next mistake parents make is to try to determine the one who caused the problem. If you start a long interrogation process to learn the truth, discipline and consequences can be delayed so long they become meaningless. Presume both are guilty and discipline accordingly.

Finally, give the boys a strong incentive to solve their problems by themselves. One of my friends consistently did this, and one time when her boys were fighting, a neighbor boy who was witnessing the scuffle said, "You boys better solve this quickly because if your mother has to solve it, you know we'll all get it!"

[Read more from Dr. Kay Kuzma in the *Family Times* newspaper. For a free year's subscription, just write to: Family Matters, P.O. Box 7000, Cleveland, TN 37320; or call (615) 339-1144.]

gregation is engaged in various fund-raising efforts for much-needed repairs. Most urgent is a new roof to replace the original shingles. New wood for water-damaged window framing, new for old duct-taped carpeting and renewing broken tile flooring in the basement where the children's Sabbath schools are held are projects toward which the members are working. And

God has already blessed with a number of miracles.

The title was transferred to the Adventists on August 3, 1995, and the new owners' first church service in the facility was held two days later, featuring the first sermon from the new pastor, Kleber Ceron.

**MARILYN FREELAND**  
Church Clerk

## COLUMBIA UNION EDUCATION

## Senior academy enrollment reflects challenges in education

The opening enrollments at Columbia Union secondary schools for the 1995-96 academic year illustrate the ongoing challenges facing Adventist education.

The question is not to compare enrollment figures between years but to budget properly for the anticipated enrollment. As the figures below illustrate, five of the nine senior academies came close to their budgeted figures. Several face a major financial challenge in making up for a shortfall in student enrollments. In some cases, campus industry is miraculously making up the difference.

Ironically, some of the academies with the greatest shortages are having their best school years ever in terms of student attitude and spirituality.

On September 12, the Columbia Union Executive Committee voted to establish a commission on secondary education with two members to be appointed by each conference executive committee. They will focus on a systems analysis, boarding academies, regional cooperation, alternative delivery systems and the development of a broader definition of religious education.

Academy/Conference	1994-95	1995-96	Budgeted
Blue Mountain/Pennsylvania	225	210	200
Garden State/New Jersey	118	88	100
Highland View/Chesapeake	160	151	170
Mount Vernon/Ohio	106	122	110
Pine Forge/Allegheny East	165	171	160
Richmond (Pilot School)/Potomac	28	24	28
Shenandoah Valley/Potomac	317	280	305
Spring Valley/Ohio	113	118	120
Takoma Academy/Potomac	337	345	325
Total/Columbia Union	1,569	1,509	1,518

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# VoiceNOTES

## Voice of Prophecy Philippines Goal: 50,000 Baptisms in Six Months!



VOP director-speaker Lonnie Melashenko talks with Nestor Dayson, VOP speaker in Manila, about the "Target: 50,000" campaign goal of 50,000 baptisms in the Philippines during the first six months of 1996.

The largest-ever Voice of Prophecy evangelistic campaign is planned for January-June 1996 in the Philippines to celebrate 50 years of VOP radio and Bible School ministry there.

With 615,000 members already, the Adventist Church in the Philippines will grow by 8% in only six months!

Voice of Prophecy director-speaker Lonnie Melashenko invites YOU to

participate in this front-line evangelism. You'll be inspired by the dedication of Adventists in the Philippines to sharing the good news of the gospel and Christ's soon coming. And if you can't be there in person, please join in praying for a great harvest of souls.

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DISCOVER is being used for individual and group study across the United States and Canada. A pastor's wife studied the DISCOVER lessons with Victoria VanHager, who became the first graduate—and baptism—from the course.

The La Mesa church in California tied each night of its evangelistic seminar to the top of one lesson, which became the take-home summary of the message. At the conclusion of the seminar, 75 persons received diplomas and several of these were baptized.



Victoria VanHager was baptized December 17, 1994 by Pastor Keith Mulligan. She was the first graduate of the Voice of Prophecy's DISCOVER course.

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## OBITUARIES

"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ... Therefore encourage each other with these words," —1 Thessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV. The *Visitor* joins the church family in expressing sympathy to all who have lost loved ones.

**ARNER,** Caroline T. (Smith), born March 23, 1907, Drums, PA; died February 18, 1995, Takoma Park, MD. She was a member of the Federalsburg, MD, church. Survivors: daughters Ruth Dennison, Ester, Sarah Rennewanz and Grace, sons Paul, Harold, John, Arthur and Ray, sister Gladys Kalinevitch, brothers Elwood Smith, Burton Smith and Howard Smith, 21 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

**BAKER,** Frances S., born March 9, 1920, Fishersville, VA; died June 21, 1995, Phoenixville, PA. She was a member with the Pottstown, PA, church. Survivors: William and Edwaine Baker.

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congregation in Hendersonville, NC. Survivors: daughters Carolyn-Lee Maxson and Barbara-Lee, adopted daughter Lois Carpenter, two grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

**BOWERS**, Lillian V., born May 13, 1899, Augusta Co., VA; died May 29, 1995, Woodstock, VA. She was a member of the Strasburg, VA, church. Survivors: daughters Ruth Fogle and Mary Shipp, son James Jr., 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

**DOVE**, Margaret E., born October 14, 1915, Stanley, VA; died April 19, 1995, New Market, VA. She was a member of the New Market church. Survivors: sisters Alma Jenkins, Jeannette White and Clarice White and brother Dale Blosser.

**EVANS**, Ruth Harding, born April 5, 1910, Columbus, OH; died May 13, 1995, Greenbrae, CA. She played a major role in the development of Harding Hospital in Worthington, OH, and helped found the Harding-Evans Foundation. Survivors: daughter Judy Davis, son and daughter-in-law Richard and Wendy, sister and brother-in-law Mary and Phillip Hoffman, sister-in-law Alethea Johnson and one granddaughter.

**GALLION**, Neal A., born January 29, 1963, Millersburg, OH; died April 17, 1995, Millersburg, OH. He was a member of the Millersburg church. Survivors: parents Ottmar and Donna Jean, brothers John, Erik and Gary and sister Dianne Lowe.

**GRABE**, Judith A. (Brown), born December 25, 1956; died July 9, 1995. She worked with her husband in pastoral ministry in the Potomac and Iowa-Missouri conferences. Survivors: husband David, daughters Angela and Melissa, parents Howard and Opal Brown, brother Michael and sister Lynda Torske.

**GROVE**, Mabel M., born January 11, 1900, Centre Hall, PA; died June 1, 1995. She was a charter member of the State College, PA, church. Survivors: Clarence, Grace Campbell and Bob, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**HARTSHORNE**, Naomi L., born August 10, 1925, Bloomsburg, PA; died June 19, 1995, Johnstown, PA. She was a member of the Six Mile Run, PA, church. Survivors: sister Ruth Wagner, brother William Beyer, son-in-law Jerry Miller and two granddaughters.

## SUNSET CALENDAR

### Daylight Savings Time

	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Nov. 3
Baltimore	6:21	6:12	5:04
Cincinnati	6:53	6:44	5:35
Cleveland	6:38	6:28	5:19
Columbus	6:45	6:36	5:27
Jersey City	6:09	5:59	4:50
Norfolk	6:22	6:14	5:06
Parkersburg	6:41	6:32	5:23
Philadelphia	6:15	6:05	4:57
Pittsburgh	6:33	6:23	5:15
Reading	6:17	6:08	4:59
Richmond	6:26	6:17	5:09
Roanoke	6:37	6:28	5:20
Toledo	6:47	6:37	5:28
Trenton	6:12	6:03	4:54
Washington, DC	6:23	6:14	5:06

**HOWES**, Henry F., died July 8, 1995, Louisa, VA. Survivors: wife Rosamond, daughters Marjorie Farver and Rosamond Wood, sons Henry Jr., Charles and Raymond, 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**KENEY**, Ethel P., born June 7, 1902, Laurel, KY; died February 12, 1995, Washington, OH. She was a member of the Marietta, OH, church. Survivors: sons Jack, Gene, Lanny and Dennis and daughters Dorothy George, Maxine Peszlen, Marcy Reibelt, Wanda Spindler, Shirley Walker and Peggy.

**KLIM**, Betty L., born May 8, 1922, Indiana, PA; died July 21, 1995, Hood River, OR. She was a member of the Sligo congregation in Takoma Park, MD. Survivors: son Dean, daughter Lynette Scribner, sisters Dorothy Detwiler, Helen Carrier and Mary Lee Keeler, brother Ken Myers and two grandchildren.

**McBRIDE**, Erma, born July 9, 1928, Auglaize Co., OH; died June 6, 1995, Hocking Co., OH. She was a member of the Athens, OH, church. Survivors: husband C.W. McBride, sons James and Samuel and sister Hila Shultz.

**MOREHOUSE**, James, born in Millersburg, OH; died June 22, 1995, Millersburg, OH. He was a member with the Millersburg church. Survivors: wife Georgia, son James II, daughters Jody Raber, Brenda Mizer and Pamela Mizer and nine grandchildren.

**PITTMAN**, Hannah E., born February 21, 1908; died August 18, 1995, Delaware, OH. She was a member of the Delaware church.

**SAGER**, Dorothy M., born July 28, 1941, Paulding Co., OH; died May 11, 1995, Defiance, OH. She was a member of the Defiance church. Survivors: husband Lloyd, daughters Patty Schuler, Letty Berry and Elie Green, sister Mary Van Vlerah and four grandchildren.

**STONESIFER**, Joseph S., born August 20, 1901, Pleasant Valley, MD; died June 8, 1995, Taylorsville, MD. He was a member and investment leader at the Westminster, MD, church.

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**SULLIVAN**, Tamara S., born July 26, 1970, Lima, OH; died July 19, 1995, Defiance, OH. She was a member of the Defiance church. Survivors: husband Rick, parents Wayne and June Black, son Nicholas, sister Dawn Rath and brother Derrick Black.

**WILSON**, Gladys H., born November 30, 1918, Boonesville, VA; died August 9, 1995, Frederick, MD. She was a member of the Frederick church. Survivors: sister Alma, brother John Hall, son John, daughters Joyce DuVall and Barbara Mehaffey and three grandchildren.

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### Youths to be locked in at West Wilmington church

The West Wilmington, DE, congregation has its youth lock-in on October 28 through the morning of the 29th. Sabbath activities include a sermon by the Chesapeake Conference's new youth director, Steve Wade; a Christian road rally; a concert and a social event. Night activities at the YMCA will include basketball, volleyball, swimming and more. The cost is \$5, with meals included. For further information, call Jori Gomez at (302) 454-7431.

### Cleveland First church hosts Calvin Taylor in concert

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# 1995-96 school year off to a *great* start



Morgan Hellgren, principal

How do you measure the greatness of a school? By its faculty members? By its student body? By its buildings and landscaping? Or is it

perhaps by its traditions and those who founded the school? I propose that it's none of the above.

The greatness of a school is to a large degree measured by the relationship between its faculty and student body. Wherever and whenever there are happy students, you will inevitably find scholastic achievements and spiritual growth.

During the past few years, HVA has been in the process of revitalizing itself in virtually every area of school life.

The curriculum has seen a powerful and enthusiastic boost in the science (Lynn Lee and Monty Murdoch) and mathematics areas (Rande Dager). Computer technology education at the academy will guarantee all students thorough training as they stay abreast of cutting-edge technology under the experienced leadership of Pudge Forrester. Students graduating

from HVA will enter college with a strong possible academic foundation.

But it is not enough to be a sound academic institution. As a Seventh-day Adventist school, HVA is determined to be a spiritual center of learning, first and foremost.

With the arrival of Ron Aguilera, youth pastor and chaplain, the campus has truly been energized. In every phase of the religious life on campus, Pastor Ron (as he is affectionately known) has captured the imagination of the HVA student body. A myriad of service activities will occupy Sabbath and Sunday afternoons, giving students the choice of using their time for others in lieu of free time.

HVA is prepared to meet the 21st century in many ways. An exciting curriculum core that invites the seniors to begin college on the HVA campus is a reality, with four courses leading to college credit.

Highly qualified teachers inevitably produce a quality product, which is evident in the test

scores. According to Bill Bromme, testing coordinator, this year's senior class scored higher on the SAT test than any previous HVA senior class. During the past few years, test scores have increased dramatically, giving credence to the theory that a school is only as good as its weakest link.

The music program at HVA remains one of the finest lifetime academic and spiritual domains anywhere. Under the leadership of Dr. Bromme and Marilyn Peeke, the participants in the music organizations will receive maximum exposure and opportunity to share their God-given talents.

While focusing on the 'new' and improved areas of

the academy, it is easy to allow the accepted strengths of the academy to go unnoticed. One of those is the English department, headed by Kathy Goddard, along with accomplished English teachers Kathy Beagles and Rachael Byrd, all of whom are published authors.

For some, history is a boring subject, but few can argue with the success of Charles Wilkinson's class. As chairman of the social studies department, he is known for making his classes exciting, fun and alive.

Touching the future today is a reality at Highland View Academy. It is a school ready for the 21st century. It is a school preparing for Jesus' soon return.



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Morgan Hellgren, Principal  
Donna Ramsey Bateman, Director of Development





# WELCOME



Students and faculty began the 1995-96 school year at HVA with a great spirit.



Filling out form after form is tedious, but Jesse Benton manages a smile while talking with Pastor Ron Aguilera and Principal Morgan Hellgren.



Science teacher Lynn Lee and junior Aaron Nash load up their plates at the handshake festival supper.

## back



Robbie Peterson, K.C. Larsen and Joe Norwood aid the Student Association's performer in his dangerous acts of comedy.



Roommates Joey Norwood and Jennifer Lawrence move back into the dorm to settle in for another school year.



Receptionist Larisa Hellgren enjoys the warmth and spaciousness of the newly renovated lobby in the Ad Building.



Pudge Forrester, technology department chair, helps Tara Van Hyning on one of the new computers in the updated lab.

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# HVA





Seniors Scott Collins and Heather Smith take advantage of the warm weather by studying outdoors.



Unaccustomed to the difficulty of simple box tricks, Lynn Lee and Rande Dager struggle to accomplish the task. No formula or equation will get them out of this dilemma!



Students linger after the annual handshake festival for worship with Pastor Aguilera, the new Bible teacher and campus chaplain.



Always doing at least two things at once, Kathy Beagles, vice principal for academics and community dean, talks on the phone while helping Jennifer Lawrence.



Greg Sullivan and Marjorie Prosser feed the hungry masses of students at the outdoor supper following registration.



Dr. Bill Bromme and sophomore Jared Nudd, with his mother at registration, are discussing the year's outstanding music program.



# Look what's new for campus ministries



*A BIG welcome to Pastor Robert Pedigo and wife Louise (back row), Kristen, age 14, and Bobby, age 12 (front), who have transferred from Cañon City, Colorado, to the HVA church. Enthusiasm is already contagious with the ministry of the Pedigos!*

Greetings to all HVA Supporters:

After being on campus for only a few days, it's easy to observe that Highland View Academy has an excellent program and atmosphere for our Adventist young people. Kristen, Bobby, Louise and I feel privileged and blessed to be invited to be a part of such a dedicated, quality team of academy staff. We already love HVA. As the pastoral family of the HVA church, we are committed to bringing long-term pastoral stability upon which to build for the future. We hope to enhance a positive spiritual environment that will draw our youth to experience an authentic relationship with Jesus.

HVA is also very fortunate to have Ron and Lori Aguilera added to the pastoral and academy team. Ron brings experience and very refined skills to minister with excellence to our youth. Lori is a dedicated and energetic Christian who already is contributing in many areas.

Together as a pastoral team, we are going to strongly emphasize a Christ-centered atmosphere. We want our youth to be assured of salvation, so that their hearts will be motivated by the love of Christ to surrender all to Him. As we focus on Jesus, and our hearts draw nearer to Him, we hope to inspire our youth to more easily and confidently express heartfelt comments of appreciation, love, praise and thanksgiving to Jesus. A high priority will be to create opportunities to draw close to one another in prayer and encouragement, that truly we might be a people of prayer and bathe the Highland View Academy campus in the atmosphere of prayer and His spirit.

We will continually encourage a very high call of commitment to Jesus and for everyone to be wholeheartedly dedicated to being a disciple in love with Jesus Christ. Disciples who love to worship, who enjoy their fellowship together to praise the Lord, giving honor and glory due to His Holy Name. Disciples who are inspired, as they graduate from this academy setting, to continue on a lifetime of developing their talents and spiritual gifts, dedicating their lives to serving Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. Disciples who find their highest delight in being with Jesus and doing His will.

We appreciate your prayers and support toward the Lord's ministry of HVA.

In Christ's Love,

*Pastor Robert Pedigo*

## Campus Ministries Weekend Schedule

October 20-22  
Family Weekend

Friday:  
Vespers—Orlo Gilbert and the  
Southern College Orchestra

Sabbath  
Sermon by Pastor Bob Pedigo and  
the HVA Choir / fellowship potluck  
lunch in church lower level  
Senior class variety program, 8 p.m.

Sunday  
Complimentary brunch for parents,  
students and faculty in cafeteria,  
9:30 a.m.  
Parent/teacher conferences in gym,  
10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

October 23-26  
Senior Survival

All conference academy-age  
teens are welcome to participate  
in Campus Ministries programs. If  
you would like more information,  
please contact Pastor Ron Aguilera,  
campus chaplain, at (301) 739-8480.





**MIKE CAULEY**  
President

## Standing on the promises

Have you felt lately that your faith was weak? I find that when I lose my focus upon the promises of God and look to my inadequate strength, I am vulnerable to the enemy's temptations. But when I fill my mind with the promises of the Bible, my strength is renewed, and the Lord is able to restore my faith and courage.

"We should study the Bible more that we may become familiar with the promises of God; then when Satan comes in, flooding the soul with his temptations, as he surely will, we may meet him with, 'It is written.' We may be shut in by the promises of God, which will be as a wall of fire about us,"—

*Signs of the Times*, May 22, 1884.

There are literally thousands of promises in the Bible upon which we may anchor our faith and secure our experience. Why not take some time with a Bible concordance and search out some assurances from the Scriptures that will meet a need in your life? Instead of worrying, remember God's guarantee of His ability and willingness to fix whatever may trouble you.

Recently I rediscovered this great promise from Isaiah 55:8-12:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,' declares the Lord.

"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

"As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish,  
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

"So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty,  
but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

Our joy in Christ depends upon our ability to exercise faith. Faith "is the gift of God," but the power to exercise it is ours. May God help us to hang our faith upon His vows of love and faithfulness.

## Evangelism update

When Judy Hartman, a young single mother of three, became convicted of the Sabbath, she told her National Guard company commander that she could not participate in a drill scheduled for the next Saturday. How surprised she was when he identified himself as a Christian also and encouraged her to put Jesus first! She was baptized at the close of Mark Fox's evangelistic meetings in Pottsville ending the first week of June.

As a result of an Amazing Facts campaign this past May, four people were baptized into the Leechburg church, and another joined by profession of faith. Another who attended all the meetings joined the Pittsburgh Shadyside congregation. Many are still studying. The results reached further than just baptisms, however. "Community awareness, church renewal from the preaching of God's Word and the cooperation of the members and sister congregations were just a few of the effects of this outreach," shares Pastor Richard Haas.

Please continue to pray for the soul-winning efforts in progress this fall at Bucks County, Derrick City, Harrisburg, Indiana, Lancaster, Lebanon, Pittsburgh East Suburban, Reading Hampden Heights, Six Mile Run, Souderton, Uniontown, Warren and Washington.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND PENNSYLVANIA

**OCTOBER 20-22**  
**Lay Minister Certification Program**  
Blue Mountain Academy

**OCTOBER 25-29**  
**Blue Mountain Academy Homeleave**

**OCTOBER 27**  
**Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday**  
(Prayer for Educators and Youth)

**OCTOBER 27-29**  
**Marriage Enrichment Couples Retreat**  
The Poconos

**NOVEMBER 3-5**  
**Pathfinder Spiritual Retreat**  
Laurel Lake Camp

**NOVEMBER 16-18**  
**Adventist Theological Society Bible Council**  
Philadelphia

**NOVEMBER 21-26**  
**Blue Mountain Academy Thanksgiving Homeleave**  
Blue Mountain Academy

**NOVEMBER 24**  
**Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday**  
(Prayer for Educators and Youth)

**NOVEMBER 24-26**  
**Columbia Union Hispanic Festival '95**  
Gettysburg

**DECEMBER 2**  
**Next Step Training Seminar**  
Philadelphia

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## ADVENTIST EDUCATION IN ACTION

### RJA news notes

Reading Junior Academy first- and second-graders did a special unit on flight during the '94-'95 school year. They studied the history of flight and culminated their study with a simulated flight program, to which their parents were invited.

One of the highlights of the year for the third- and fourth-graders was their read-

ing program. Because they were studying the United States, the pupils were issued a driver's license, complete with a photo ID, and then challenged to drive themselves across the country, visiting every state by reading 200 pages per state. The grand total of pages read by the third- and fourth-graders was 94,000 pages.

The fifth- and sixth-graders also participated in the

same reading program. They read 44,000 pages over the school year. Students in both rooms not only had to read books to obtain miles and states, but they also had to do worksheets on each state, acquainting themselves with state flags, flowers, trees and the state seals.

Occupational information starts early at RJA, and the third- and fourth-graders had several visitors during the year who shared information about job skills with the pupils. A sampling of these occupations included a hospital chaplain, a psychologist, a computer specialist, an administrative assistant and an information specialist.

The ninth- and 10th-graders' creative living program included making three sleeping bags for the homeless using a variety of materials that had been recycled. Several parents donated used blankets, sheets and draperies to help complete this project.

The volunteer program provided additional help for the school program. Carol Rey's room provided 100 percent parent participation over the year, with every parent volunteering at least one time. Volunteers helped keep our library up to date and organized, assisted with reading time for grades three to six, provided tutoring skills and helped with the fruit program and home and school.

**DONNA RUGGLES**

*RJA Volunteer Coordinator*

### Back to school

On August 28, 22 schools opened their doors in the Pennsylvania Conference, with approximately 620 students enrolled in grades K-10. Our fine teaching team for the 1995-96 school term includes eight new teachers.

Rose Tooley, from Simi Valley, California, is teaching grades one to three at Blue Mountain elementary.

Tim Willumson, from Enterprise, Texas, is the new principal/teacher at Coudersport.

Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy welcomes two new teachers. Eunice Kim, from Staten Island, New York, is the English and ninth- and 10th-grade homeroom teacher. Elisabeth Quishenberry, from Philadelphia, is teaching the fifth and sixth grades.

Lennae Warwick, from Charlotte, Michigan, is the principal/teacher at Greater Pittsburgh Junior Academy.

Coming from New Columbia, Pennsylvania, Wendy Stahl joined the Mountainview school to teach grades one through six.

Marcia Gifford moved from a part-time position at Reading Junior Academy to be its religion and physical education teacher.

Jean-Marie Fraino, from Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina, is the new teacher for grades one to four at Wyoming Valley.



Fairview Village school students in 1994: Rebecca Tartaglia, Justin Hicks, Lauron Delisser, David Pinter, Ashley Moreno and Jose Alvarado.

### Fairview Village school opens doors for second year

After a successful first year, the Fairview Village school began its second year with 14 students—more than double its 1994-95 enrollment.

The school has been a blessing to many families. It opened during September of 1994 with six children in grades one through three. On May 31, a program was held to celebrate the success of the first year and praise God for all He had done. The students recited memory verses, sang songs and presented a play about health. Teacher/Principal Nancy Pinter presented the children with honor roll, citizenship and perfect attendance ribbons.

We are thankful that our children have been blessed with a supportive church and a good teacher who enable them to receive a Christian education.

**SHERIE TARTAGLIA**

*Communication Leader*





The Reading Kenhorst church's "Adopt a Highway" crew.

## Kenhorst "adopts a highway"

In April, the Reading Kenhorst church started a new project: "Adopt a Highway." The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation assigned the church a two-mile area on Route 61 north of Reading that must be cleaned four times a year. Motorists traveling on Route 61 pass a sign that denotes the Kenhorst church as responsible for helping to keep the highway beautiful.

Not only has it been a community outreach project, but the Sabbath school leaders have turned it into an Investment project as well. Sponsors give a donation for each time the highway is cleaned.

**ERNIE AND DELORES SMITH**  
*Sabbath School Investment Leaders*

## New faces come to Pennsylvania

Cleber and Francis Ceron are the new pastoral team for the State College and Mifflintown district. They come to us from Massachusetts, where Cleber worked as both an associate pastor and a teacher. The Ceron family have three children: 7-year-old

Cleber Jr., 6-year-old Francis and 2-year-old Daniel.

Terry and Diana Grimm now minister to the Philadelphia Boulevard church. They previously pastored in Kentucky and Tennessee. Diana is program coordinator for Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy Christian Playcare. They have two children: Kiara, 13; and Philip, 6.

## A resource for youth ministry

You've probably heard tidbits here and there but aren't quite sure what exactly is going on. But then again, maybe you haven't heard a thing about it!

Youth Director David Ferguson and Associate Sally Worley are going to be serving as youth ministers to 10 churches during 1996. In fact, as part of preparing for the full-blown project, they have been working with the Hanover church—planning with the board, giving training seminars with the church family and youth leaders and meeting with the youth.

"We don't come armed with answers," states Dave, "we come into a church with questions—questions that will help church members discover what they need to do to come up with an effective ministry for their young people. Our aim is to be a resource to them and to do whatever it takes to equip the church on the local level."

If you feel passionate about youth ministry in your congregation and would like to find out more, or you would like your church to be considered as one of the 10 congregations for next year, call the Pennsylvania Conference Youth Department as soon as possible, as there is already a list of interested churches.

## It's not too late!

There's still time to register for the Marriage Enrichment Retreat to be held the weekend of October 27-29 at the Shawnee Inn, located in the Poconos.

The \$260 cost per couple includes lodging, vegetarian meals, seminars and activities. For more information or registration, call the Pennsylvania Conference Youth Department at (610) 374-8331.



Pennsylvania Conference Youth Director David Ferguson (center) spends some inspirational time with the young people of the Hanover church.



## Literature in many languages helps win souls

The Lord has blessed the efforts of the publishing ministry in the Pennsylvania Conference. From the very beginning, the foreign markets/languages division of Family Enrichment Resources, Inc., in Pennsylvania has been a "success story."

It went from nothing to the leading program in the foreign markets/languages division combining the Korean, Filipino and Spanish literature evangelism programs. Since the start, this ministry has been strongly supported by the administrators of the Pennsylvania Conference.

In 1991, the potential of organizing a literature evangelism program for those whose first language is not English was pursued.

Early in 1992, after expending \$144,177.41 less in



Seated in the center of a group of Korean literature evangelists is Ronald Cho, Korean district leader, and to his right is Eliseo Losano, director of the foreign markets/languages division of Family Enrichment Resources, Inc.

the literature program, FER was able to provide full-time leadership for the Spanish community through Pastor Mauricio Valderrama, Koreans through Pastor Ronald

Cho and a part-time leader, Rudney Bartolome, for the Filipino community.

This innovative concept has had a great impact on the churches of the Pennsylvania Conference. It has opened the way for a stronger colporteur program in York, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Allentown, Reading, Lansdale, Jenkintown, Hatboro, Horsham, etc.

As a direct result of this effort, the Reading Council of Evangelical Churches uses *God Cares* (Daniel and Revelation) and *Bible Readings for the Home* as their seminar textbooks to train future pastors. More than 412 sets of *God Cares* have been sold to these congregations during the past nine months.

One of the greatest assets of the Pennsylvania program is support from the local pastors. In the Spanish community, 94 percent of the current

pastors who at one time worked as literature evangelists have been successful. Pastor Frank Gonzalez currently supplies the much-needed magazine *El Centinela* so Spanish colporteurs can leave a copy in every home.

Our workers have been blessed by having books available for immediate delivery. In the old Home Health Education Service program, we lost 93 percent of what was sold in Philadelphia. In 1994, FER program losses totaled \$101 and are \$0 to date.

The Lord has been able to use literature evangelists in Pennsylvania in a marvelous way. Every month, precious souls who have been influenced by the outreach of the publishing ministry are baptized. They are making a difference through this unique ministry now and forever.

**ELISEO LOZANO**  
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### Next Step

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#### Registration Fee

Registration fee of \$39 includes evening meal, seminar manual and entry to all sessions and workshops. (There will be a \$10 late fee after November 18.)

#### Contact

Pennsylvania Conference Youth Department, 720 Museum Road, Reading, PA 19611; (610) 374-8331



# Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

## BMA registers 211

The 1995-96 school year officially began with registration August 20. The student body represents 14 states, 13 conferences, two countries and one island. Students come from across the street and as far away as Thailand, from both coasts and the heartland, from Maine and California and many states between. They are an answer to prayer, a beginning.

For some, the school year began August 18 as they arrived for New Student/Family Orientation. The afternoon included guided tours of each department, where teachers explained their goals and objectives, and dorm orientation. Sabbath was filled with "get-to-know" activities, such as supper with the staff and their families and a Sabbath potluck with the church family, a hike, an open house and wonderful vesper and worship times.

For most, the new school year began with registration. There were lines to stand in, choices to make, try-outs and auditions to sign up for and money to be paid. And shrieks of delight as friends greeted friends after a busy summer.

To the delight of the guys, the girls outnumber them by 23 (117 girls to 94 guys). One hundred one girls live in Ellis Hall, 75 guys inhabit Unruh Hall, and there are 35 village students. Sophomores are the largest class with 63, freshmen are the smallest at 43, juniors number 58 and seniors "weigh in" at 47.

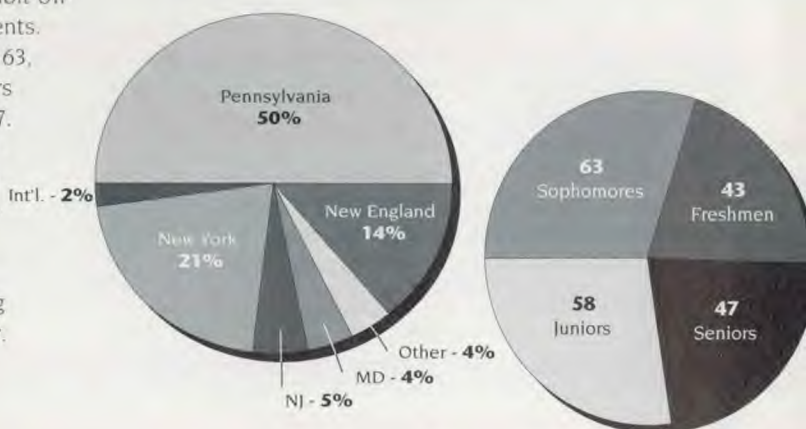
Registration Day ended with a BMA tradition, the Hand Shake. Sponsored by the Student Association, this early-evening event begins with the first "family" worship. Then, staff and students—divided by classes and wearing name tags, officially "meet" each other.



Of the 211 students enrolled, 90 are new. Returning students reflect this when they comment, "I don't know anybody here!" which is exactly how the new students feel. Beginnings are like that!

**Caron Oswald**  
*Director of Development*

## 1995-96 Enrollment



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## BMA picnic - or what to do on a sunny afternoon

As usual, Labor Day Sunday was the BMA Student Association picnic. Some events maintained the fine traditions of fall picnics past, some were new, and some were modified.

The sophomores won both the guys' and girls' 50-yard dash (Danny Cates and Kaitlin Waldron). This is the second year running that Kaitlin took first place running (sic).



Speaking of seconds, Kelly Cauley got seconds on pie, winning the pie-eating contest for the second year in a row. Her victory came even though Jessica Perez attempted to out-strategy her by scooping the pie filling out with her face and hair. At the end, Jessica was heard to say, "I can't breathe!!" She was diagnosed with *puddingitis sinusitis* or some such exotic disease.

The Shoe Pile event—ahhh, what fragrant excitement! The sunny warm day brought out the best in aromatic footwear. Rumor has it that half the buzzards in Berks County were converging on the scene.

Fortunately, the shoes were claimed before the EPA got wind of the event.

Perhaps the lingering effects caused the navigational problems encountered in the Dizzy Bat Race. After 10 times around a baseball bat, Amber Shobe and Sam Hutchinson in particular attempted to belly-crawl to the finish line.

This after having difficulty choosing the proper direction TO the finish line!

Of course, there were a few technical problems. One was that the school sold its old station wagons since last year. The only vehicles available for the Car Push weren't really cars, but they have wheels and motors, they DO haul people, and they are kind of big and yellow ... the Car Push evolved into a Bus Push. BMA can always call on the senior class to go along on trips. That way, if the bus breaks down, they can push it to the nearest service station in the shortest amount of time.

A new event this year was the Wheelbarrow Race. The poor ladies in the wheelbarrows had to precisely guide their blindfolded drivers around pylons. Perhaps a few got off course because of the audience noise drowning out the calm, precise screams of the passengers...

Jesse Leone and Nathan Knowles "cleaned" the Egg Toss for the freshmen. This after a tough "scramble" by David Neverson and Jami Thoman for the juniors. Unfortunately, David and Jami "cracked" under the pressure.

If you get to the BMA ballfield anytime soon, please look for all the voices that were lost during the whoopin' and hollerin' at the picnic. We'll need them again next year!

**CARY CORBIN**  
SA Sponsor

## A Message from the Principal

I was in a motel room the night Cal Ripken broke the record for the most consecutive baseball games played. I have been a fan of Cal's for several years. As I watched him hit the home run the inning before the game became official, I got a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye. Then came the 22-minute ovation as the "2,131" was unfurled on the warehouse. More emotion.

After the game, the high quality of life of Cal and his family was described, his dedication to the game extolled. Cal thanked those who had supported him. A record that couldn't be broken had been broken, and it was done by a humble, deserving man.

In the midst of the applause and emotion, the pride and joy, I thought of Harold Streidl. The memorial service at the Collegedale church was special. Even though there was sadness, there was joy and a real sense of anticipation. Anticipation of a recognition ceremony that will make Cal's fade into insignificance.

That celebration will be for real lives lived. Lives that fit into eternity. Jesus says simply, "Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done,"—*Revelation 22:12 N.I.V.* Somehow I believe that is a significant understatement.

Cal recognized those who helped him. But we will know that there was only one way we could have lived to receive God's reward, and we will throw our crowns at His feet. Can you see the angels and the universe in the stands surrounding this event? They have applauded a long time when the righteous received their reward, but when the crowns are laid at the feet of Jesus ... we can't imagine how the universe will cheer and then reverently kneel!

There can be nothing too hard for such a reward! How can we let anything on this earth keep us from this great event?

Stan Rouse, Principal



## Our deans

One of the most important jobs at an academy is that of dormitory dean. Deans are like an extension of mom and dad, parent to a whole dorm full of teenagers, on call 24 hours a day. Friendships forged between young people and their dean can contribute to life-changing decisions.



Onalee Hartman  
and Silvia Obregon

Onalee Hartman has been at Blue Mountain Academy for 10 years, eight of them as girls' dean. Mrs. Hartman is a natural for this job, having raised two daughters of her own. She says of her experience as a mother, "You have to be understanding about what teenagers go through and what their lives are about. I learned to be

patient and understanding from my daughters." Of deaning, she says, "To see students begin as freshmen, to watch the growth, to be a part of that growth, seeing them go on to college and life and be successful ... definitely the Lord asked me to do this!"

According to her girls, Mrs. Hartman is the best dean in the world. She's so fun—acts like one of us, is very understanding (most of the time.)

Silvia Obregon came from Entre Rios, Argentina, in January of 1993 to work as assistant girls' dean for one year. Miss Obregon had initially planned to work at another academy. She feels a direct leading by the Holy Spirit in her coming to BMA, from her parents giving their permission for her to stay longer to how the paperwork fell into place.

Miss Obregon and Mrs. Hartman work closely to run a consistent program for the girls of Ellis Hall. Miss Obregon says of her work and why she decided to stay on: "I guess I like it. I was never a dorm student, but my friends lived in the dorm. ... I want to be a dean the girls love."

## F.Y.I.

October 15	Parent/Daughter Banquet
October 22	SAT Testing
October 24	PSAT Testing
October 25 - 29	Homeleave
November 3 - 4	Spiritual Retreat
November 10 - 11	Senior Recognition
November 12	Parent Day featuring "How to Finance a College Education"

## Did You Know?

The 1994-95 Annual Fund was a success!!! For the eighth year, alumni and former staff answered the call for dollars.

780 contributed \$38,775. (The campaign's goal was \$36,000 from 735 donors.) BMA will receive a \$6,000 matching grant from PSI for the successful campaign.



Dave and Sandy Ringer  
with son Mark

David and Sandy Ringer came to Blue Mountain Academy in 1993 from Seoul, Korea, where they had taught English for three years. The Ringers have a son, Mark, who was born in October of 1994.

Dean Ringer, who has a B.S. degree in psychology from Southern College, says he enjoys helping guys solve their problems and seeing individual success stories. He wants to show these young men that it is cool to be a Christian.

Sandy sees herself as a part of the team. A registered nurse, she is often the first one on the scene at a medical emergency in the dorm. She also helps with office work, keeps the dorm store stocked and bakes cookies for Unruh Hall residents.

In stressing the importance of this team effort, David commented, "I wouldn't still be here if I didn't have the support of my wife."

Robert Mills and his wife, Virginia, came to BMA from Union Springs Academy in New York. Mr. Mills is assistant boys' dean and literature evangelist coordinator. He majored in history and minored in political science and economics at Atlantic Union College. While there, he also soloed for the New England Youth Ensemble.

Since that time, he has taught elementary school and worked as a paralegal for a community development corporation.

Mills says he loves young people and wants to be able to show them by personal experience that being a Christian can be exciting and fun.

Virginia Miller Mills has an elementary education degree from Andrews University. She worked as a literature evangelist in Maine and was assistant leader of the literature evangelist program in New York this past summer. Bob and Virginia Mills were married August 13, 1995.



Bob and Virginia Mills

**LOUISE CORBIN**  
Communique Staff





## Where are they now?

Lois Van Cleave, class of '57, is professor, associate dean and director of the Graduate Program in nursing at Loma Linda University in California.

She received her bachelor of science in nursing from Columbia Union College, her master's in nursing from Loma Linda University and her Ph.D. in education from Claremont Graduate

School in Claremont, California. She has done post-doctoral study at UCSF School of Nursing, San Francisco, focusing on pain in children.

Van Cleave's areas of special competence include life cycle development, family dynamics, structure and functioning; parent-child nursing; pediatric pain; and teen parenting. Her articles have been published in numerous periodicals, including *The Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, *Resources of Education* and *Journal of Nursing Education*. She has been involved in various research projects and is currently co-principal investigator of "cancer pain in children." She has received numerous honors and awards for her work, including the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing Gamma Alpha Award for research. (She is a multiple recipient of this award.) In addition to her professional accomplishments, Lois took 10 years off to focus on raising her family.

A native of Pennsylvania, Lois remembers BMA for its staff—teachers and deans who "were encouraging and wonderful human beings." Through the music department, she had the opportunity to travel and sing. She remembers, "That experience increased my confidence, sense of well-being and self-esteem."



"After parental influence, Christian education has been the single most significant influence in our lives."

BMA graduates of the class of '74 Jim and Ellen Wurster Foulke met at Greater Philadelphia Junior Academy and began dating their senior year at BMA. Jim attended Andrews University and Columbia Union College, majoring in business and theology. Ellen was a nursing major at Columbia Union College.

Jim worked in health care for 16 years, owning his own managed long-term sub-acute care company. He retired at age 38 when he sold the business, and today is in investment banking.

Jim and Ellen are major supporters of worthy students at Blue Mountain Academy each year, and Jim has served on the development committee. Married 19 years, they have two children, Jennifer, 15, and David, 11, and live in Chalfort.



Volunteers Hazel and Ralph Hallman and Annabelle Reedy.

**August 28, 1995**

*Harold Streidl died yesterday. This is to be the fate all until Jesus returns. The last enemy to be defeated will be death. As a Christian, Harold faced that enemy with his friend Jesus Christ.*

*Harold was a man who set goals and worked his hardest to reach them. His primary goal was the salvation of his students. Another high priority was his vision for Blue Mountain Academy. He pursued that vision for the 30 years that he and Marion taught at BMA.*

*Harold's drive was the motivating force behind the aviation program at BMA. He developed a*



*strong support base among friends of the academy. His skill and strong German personality guided the aviation program through the rough spots. His commitment to high standards and the blessing of the Lord have given BMA an accident-free flight program.*

*Harold wanted to leave an ongoing legacy at Blue Mountain Academy; not only in aviation, but also in the lives of his students.*

*In the last months of his illness, he set another very personal goal. He wanted to see his grandchild. Jason Anders was born July 22, 1995. In the time Harold spent with his grandson, he touched the future in a way that was a loving comfort to him.*

*The influence of Mr. Streidl's life will last for eternity. The goals that he set and achieved are a lasting testament to a dedicated Christian man. As an aviator, Harold knew the significance of the "missing man" formation. Next time you see it flown, think of Harold. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.*

## Volunteers In Profile

Hazel and Ralph Hallman donated three weeks in June just to lend a hand. (This is the second summer they have volunteered.) When they arrived from South Carolina for their grandson's graduation, we had a list of repairs waiting

for Ralph that included plumbing, electrical and masonry work. Hazel volunteered in the girls' dorm, painting, cleaning and waxing rooms.

Annabelle Reedy, from Pompano, Florida, attended Pennsylvania camp meeting with a friend this past year. "I saw what others had done [volunteers], and it gave me such pleasure. I'm retired now, so I wanted to give other pleasure." She came two weeks before camp meeting with flowers. "I love to garden and dig in the dirt," she said. Besides planting and weeding, Annabelle worked in the girls' dorm cleaning and painting.



**What's  
happening  
around  
Potomac**

**Pre-Constituency  
Town Hall  
MeetingS:**

*New Market church*  
October 21, 7:00 p.m.

*Meadowbridge church*  
October 22, 10:00 a.m.

*Alexandria church*  
October 22, 4:00 p.m.

*Burnt Mills church*  
October 28, 7:00 p.m.

*Wytheville church*  
October 29, 5:00 p.m.

**K-10 Board**

*Potomac Conference  
Office*

October 29

**Lay Youth**

**Leaders and**

**Pastors Retreat**

*Camp Blue Ridge*

November 3-5

**Potomac**

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**Meeting**

*Shenandoah Valley  
Academy*

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# Potomac October 1995 People

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## A ROMANIAN ADVENTURE

**GAIL BROECKEL**

Communication Leader

Staunton Church

As I walked the three miles from the church site to the home I was visiting, I saw a single baby duck trying to fit in with a mother hen and her chicks. This wasn't a typical stroll through my Virginia neighborhood. This was my daily journey from Csavas (Cha-vash), Romania, where a church was being constructed, to Campenita (Campenitsa), Romania, temporary headquarters for 43 mission participants. (By the way, the mother hen accepted the duck as her own.)

Sali Jo Hand, director of youth ministries for the Potomac conference, was the "mother hen" and leader of this enthusiastic group of people representing 10 states. Like that hen, she accepted those who could potentially stick out and helped us all blend together as one united Christian family.

Ed Barnett, Norfolk pastor and assistant director for the project, and Mike Wood, assistant contractor, helped the group maneuver all the baggage through customs and kept the humor alive throughout the trip.

Eighty-six hands pushed boxes of supplies at JFK and in Bucharest. The same gloved hands prepared mortar, carried

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The Csavas worksite.

wood and 10-pound bricks and assisted with various other assignments at the church site in Csavas. Contractor Jim Hippler was pleased at the daily progress that was made and at how smoothly two groups of people could work together in spite of a language barrier. Shirley Morrison, our nurse, was pleased that there were no serious injuries during the trip. Heather Hand, our cook and Sali Jo's daughter-in-law, was appreciative that people understood her equipment limitations. Even with a small stove and a limited water supply for cooking, we had homemade cookies and delicious meals.

Lajos Papai, the local Hungarian contractor, didn't need a translator to express his appreciation for our help. He and his wife, Lenke, cleared out their basement to make room for our supplies. All of the host families went out of their way to make our accommodations as comfortable as possible. Whenever a translator was available, we'd share our thanks with our new friends.

Emilian Miculescu, Southern Transylvania Conference president,



**Sali Jo Hand (left) and Gail Broeckel at the new church site in Csavas.**



**Gail's Family Group: (back row, left to right) Stacy Bryant, Taryn Ahnert, Natalie Moser and Amanda Layton. Teresa Reginaldi (front row) Gail Broeckel and Sylvia Gonzalas.**

## President's Message

### A new missions focus

The Potomac Conference has been richly blessed by our association with believers in Slovakia. Our sister mission conference has been strengthened in many ways, and so have we.

Both conference workers and laymen have been involved in multifaceted ministries ranging from building projects and traditional evangelistic efforts to camping, Vacation Bible School and family life events.

Our camp meetings and church services have been enriched by visits from our Slovakian fellow believers, and both conferences have grown numerically and spiritually during our cross-cultural and spiritual journey. While the membership in Slovakia grew by 500, our Potomac membership grew by 5,000. Associations and contacts will continue. Potomac members have friends and relatives in many mission locations, and numerous sister church projects are being formed or are in progress.

Our success with Slovakia has shown the value of having a sister conference connection. Now that our basic goals in Slovakia have been achieved, we would like to begin the process of forming a new relationship.

Here's your opportunity to be involved in a selection process. Our mission committee is open to suggestions. The youth department of our conference has conducted mission trips to Romania and are suggesting that the Transylvania Conference be considered. Individuals or churches are invited to make proposals. In 100 words or less, state a project, country or conference you think would mutually benefit by a team effort.

Recently, much of our attention and energy has been directed to operational matters. High interest in ecclesiastical issues takes the focus off of mission and has negative potential. We need the positive focus with which a new mission vision will energize us. Cherish Slovakia has been a positive experience. Watch this column for news of your responses and the selection process that will provide us with a positive outlet for our mission zeal.



and Ernest Szasz, conference secretary, were very helpful in making the mission project a success. They invited us to participate in their area church services and attended our worships and Vacation Bible School sessions. We have an open invitation to return to Romania.

While we saw many horse-drawn wagons, our transportation was arranged by Janko Gabor, an Adventist Gypsy who is very devoted to his church. He bought two vans because the local choir didn't have transportation. That type of sacrifice is difficult, since the average salary of the Romanian people is \$20 to \$30 a month. The "really wealthy" people make about \$100 a month.

If we had a need, Janko would help fill it. His wife, Katalina, was one of the cooks who prepared our lunches while on the church site. If you could spend five minutes with this family or any of the other Adventists in the community, you'd find yourself wanting to volunteer to build more churches.





At the Csavas worksite: (left to right) contractor Jim Hippler, local Adventist contractor Lojos Papai and assistant contractor Mike Wood.

There was a sense of pride as we worshipped with a full house in the church we helped construct. Two-thirds of the funds needed have been collected. Sali's sermon could have blown the roof off, but a roof wouldn't cover the church until the end of September.

Stacey Bryant and I had the privilege of representing the Staunton, Virginia, church. This was Stacey's third trip to Romania. All of the participants did a fine job at representing their home churches and the Potomac Conference. Photos will provide a small look into our Romanian adventure, but they don't capture the full impact we all felt.

Sometimes I feel like the baby duck, struggling to fit in with the chickens. I wasn't sure what I had to give when I first arrived in Romania, but I received a wonderful blessing. I think it is accurate to say that everyone received a large return on their spiritual investment.

A mission trip to Romania is planned for April of 1996. For further information, please contact the Youth Ministries Department at (540) 886-0771.



## Constituency session and town hall meetings

Nearly 600 delegates will converge on the campus of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia, on Sunday, November 5, when the midterm Potomac Conference constituency meeting addresses three agenda items. They will include a report from the Potomac Conference Commission on Education, recommendations from the constitution and bylaws committee carried over from the March 1993 triennial session and camp meeting funding.

Officers and members of the Potomac office of education will present the *Commission on Education's Final Report* to constituency delegates and other interested members during five town hall meetings. The town hall meeting sites include the following: Valley Region, October 21 at 7 p.m. (New Market church); South East Region, October 22 at 10 a.m. (Meadowbridge church); Northern Virginia Region, October 22 at 4 p.m. (Alexandria church); Maryland/D.C. Region, October 28 at 7 p.m. (Burnt Mills church); and South West Region, October 29 at 5 p.m. (Wytheville church).

The conference executive committee appointed the commission on education in March of 1993. Since then, the 34-member commission has completed the mission and objectives given to it by the executive committee.

### Commission's mission

Ralph Martin, former president of the conference, defined the commission's mission: "You are to present recommendations to the Potomac Conference constituency for the best use of conference personnel and finances in promoting the Christian development of all children, youth and young adults of the conference."

Earlier constituency meetings outlined percentage allocations of total income for the conference budget. One action required a cap on spending for education K-16 of 18.5 percent. Shortly following the constituency meeting, tithe income leveled off while expenses continued to climb. The gap between income and expenses has created problems for those who build the conference's annual budget. This gap forced conference officers to call for the education commission to find solutions to the problem. The recommendations being presented to the constituency come after nearly two years of study and review.

Richard Osborn, Columbia Union vice president for education, chaired the 34-member committee, whose membership crosses four broad categories of Potomac membership, including: lay members (nine), K-16 educators (15), pastors (six) and officers (three). The commission itself appointed four working subcommittees to process research and recommendations.

The subcommittees included the following: finance, curriculum, Washington area and Virginia area. The recommendations being presented at the constituency meeting come from their work. Chairpersons of the subcommittees include the following persons: finance, Don Eckenroth; curriculum (Adventist Education for the 21st Century), Kent Greve; Washington area, Charlotte Conway; and Virginia area, Ed Barnett.

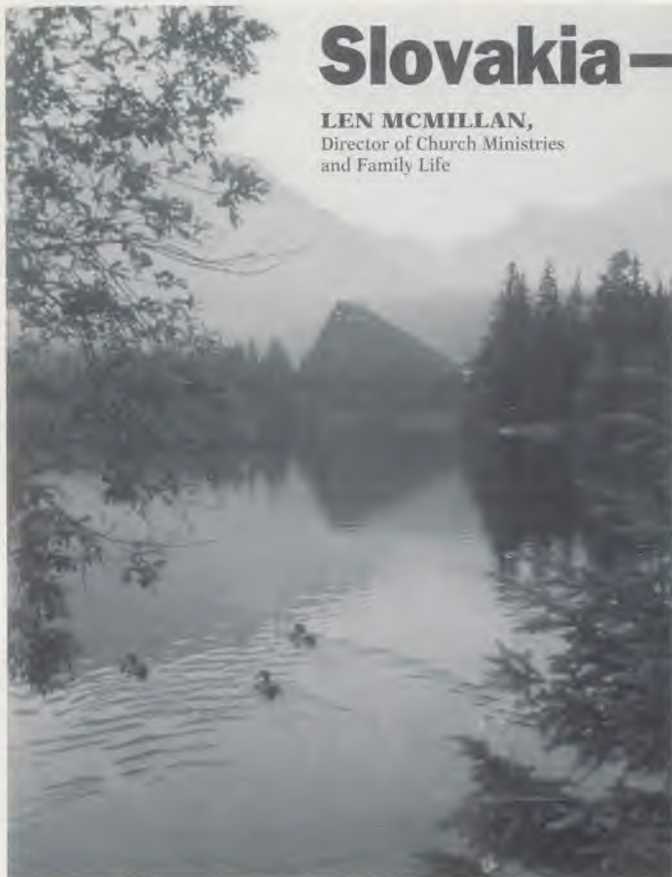
Delegates and those who attend the town hall meetings will receive a detailed copy of the commission's recommendation. "We will send the 56-page report to

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# Slovakia—the grand finale

**LEN MCMILLAN,**  
Director of Church Ministries  
and Family Life



Imagine driving through mountain scenery that leaves you in awe of God's creation. Picture clusters of highrise apartment buildings—housing more than 30,000 people—jutting up from the rolling plain like stalagmites on the floor of a cave. Sense the anticipation of nine people as they approach a border checkpoint and hand over their passports. See the smile on the border guard's face as they try to communicate in English or German. Can this really be the *grand finale* of a work that began more than four years ago?

Potomac and Slovakia are more like sisters than strangers. True, our languages are different, but we have the same blessed hope. Yes, our food has a different flavor, but we have the same

Sabbath fellowship after worship. Granted, our economies aren't equal, but we have the same salvation through Jesus our Lord. What a privilege it has been for Potomac to send our evangelists to share the good news that we are all *one in Christ*. Our last gesture of love was to send a family life team to share the good news for the Slovakian families. Our team consisted of John and Elaine Benko, Len and Karen McMillan, Lynn and Lona Schlisner (with daughter Sissel) and Marvin and Ingrid Wray.

For the first time in the history of the Slovakian conference, all of the pastor families met together at one location for a glorious four-day retreat in the beautiful mountains of northern

## In search of home . . .

November 14, 1954, was a day that will always remain in my memory. It was on this day that my family and I had to escape from East Germany because my father had been accused of being an American spy. I was 11 years old, but as I walked through the gates of the home that my parents had built after the war, I wondered when and if I would ever see it again. I never realized that it would be 41 years before I would finally have that opportunity.

In 1982, my husband, my children and my mother had driven across the DDR (East Germany) on a transit visa and had passed through Checkpoint Charlie into East Berlin to meet our relatives who had been allowed to come. However, because we had been detained so often and so long at all checkpoints, the relatives who had come to meet us were forced to leave without seeing us. In 1985, we went again, this time by train. We were successful, and I saw aunts and uncles as well as cousins whom I had never met.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, it had been my dream to go back and see my home, visit relatives in their homes and meet the rest of my cousins. In July of this year, my dream became a reality. As I walked down the



**Ingrid stands before the German home she left 41 years ago.**

streets and finally stood in front of our home, many memories flooded my mind, and I thanked God for giving me this opportunity.

I was also able to go back one step further and visit the city where I was born. My family had left there when I was 19 months old, and I had always wondered what it was like. I was born in German-occupied Poland; and, even though we were German citizens, this was our home at that time. As I walked those streets, I could see that not much had changed since the war. It was very interesting and fascinating. I stooped and put some dirt into a container to bring home to my mother and sisters just as a reminder of our past.

**Signposts for the Polish city of Ingrid's birth.**



This summer, I did a lot of thinking about where home really was. I have lived all over this country and overseas as well. Where are my roots? Where is my home? I realized without a doubt that my home's in heaven, and my Heavenly Father is coming soon to take me there.

**INGRID WRAY**  
Church Ministries Department



Slovakia. The weather was gorgeous, and the Son warmed our hearts as we fellowshiped together. A special highlight for our team was when the wives requested that Karen McMillan, Lona Schlisner and Ingrid Wray hold special meetings just for them. The only complaint: *Why don't we have more time? There is so much to learn.* Music was provided by John and Elaine Benko, who closed



**Len with a special Slovakian couple.**

**Lynn, Lona and Sissel Schlisner with Samuel Ondruser, one of our interpreters.**

the retreat with a moving personal testimony on our final day.

Speaking duties were shared by Len McMillan, Lynn Schlisner and Marvin Wray. The first weekend, the team split up to speak in three different locations, two of which were sites of previous Potomac evangelistic campaigns. It was interesting to learn how to communicate in the homes of our hosts through sign language and facial expressions since we did not speak Slovak and most of them did not speak English. During the last weekend, the family life leaders from every church in Slovakia met with our team



to learn how to minister to families. As we taught family life principles to these leaders, we found them being reaffirmed in our own lives.

This *grand finale* was made possible through the generous contributions of our Potomac members, along with the fund-raising leadership of John and Elaine Benko. Thanks to their enthusiasm, this closing event in Slovakia was a *grand finale* rather than an insignificant whimper. Each member of the team wants to extend a special thanks to our Potomac members for letting us enjoy the fruits of your labors. It was your *vision* that sent us to Slovakia. It was your *love gifts* that made our trip possible. It was your *prayers* that made it successful.

As we close out the Slovakian account, there is one small item of unfinished business. We still need \$1,340 to pay all of our



**Karen, Marvin and Ingrid in front of our transportation for nine people and luggage.**

**Karen and Pavla making vegetarian goulash.**

expenses. Thank you for making Slovakia a special subject for your prayers in the past and for now making it a special object of your *love gifts* this month.

## In search of roots ...

As we planned our trip to Slovakia, we realized we could now go through East Germany and the town where Ingrid Wray had lived when her family was forced to escape. In our talking and planning, we also realized we could go through the area where Lynn Schlisner's family had lived. I knew the names of three towns where my father's family originated in Germany; and I also had an old map of Germany. One day, I showed it to the group and discovered this area was near where we would be traveling. This was exciting to me as on a previous trip to Germany, Len and I had not travelled in that area at all. I never thought it would be possible to ever again get to Germany and especially to walk in the area of my "roots." I grew up an only child in a small town in Wisconsin. My father had only two sisters and two brothers, and all of them had small families. I've always wanted to know more about his family, so the possibility of travelling to the area where they originated was thrilling.

The map we were using as we travelled did not actually show any of the three towns, but Ingrid's uncle found a better map and loaned it to us. One morning, we started out early in our search for the three little villages. We drove through the first village (Teindorf) where my great-great-grandmother's family once lived, and then to another village (Ulzen) where another of my great-grandmothers

had lived. I thought this was wonderful and more than I could ever have hoped for. I even brought back a little bit of dirt in a bottle just to keep as a reminder that I really had been there! In Ulzen, we found a church that had a lot of people named "Meyer" on a monument from WWI and WWII. I have no idea if they were relatives; but it is a possibility, I suppose, because the villages were very small—although my relatives came to the U.S. in 1882!

The third and final destination was Barum, the little village that was the birthplace of my grandfather and his father's family. It was about five miles from the other two villages. Wow! Just to be there was exciting! As we drove through Barum looking for a church or cemetery, Sissel Schlisner exclaimed, "Look! That house has 'Meyer' over the door!" When we stopped in the street to look, we realized that above the door of this very beautifully restored house was painted *Friederick Meyer*. (My dad and some of the other family members had the name *Friederick* in their names, too!) Ingrid pulled me by the hand, and up to the door we went. In German, she spoke to the people that came to the door, and they invited us in.

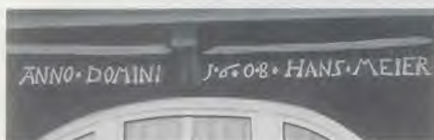
After hearing what we were doing and the interest we had in the town and house, the lady brought out a piece of paper and showed us the name of everyone who had ever owned that house! It had been built in 1608 by a "Hans

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Meyer." It had all the names, dates of birth and death, who they married and where they were from and the year they sold the house to the next generation. I think they were as excited as we were! In looking down the paper in a quick hurry, there was my great-great-grandfather, "JURGEN FRIEDERICK LUDWIG MEYER" - 1801- 1882! Coincidence? Maybe! I don't know the year my great-grandfather came to the U.S., but my grandfather came at the age of 16 in 1882 (another coincidence?); and I know his father died in the U.S. in 1906. Under Jurgen's name is a note in German (which my friend Ingrid is still interpreting for me), but the



The Friederick Meyer house in Barum.

lady who lives in the house now told us it was recorded that the house had been sold to another relative in 1878 — but not his son!

She introduced us to her son who now owns the house, his wife and his 2-year-old son. Axel is nearly the same age as my son, Mitch; and he and his wife are expecting a baby about the same time as my son and his wife are! She also showed us part of the house that had not been bombed and took us out in back to a building with a cobblestone floor where there was a machine they used to make wheels in the 1800s. Years before this, my father had told me his dad had told him about his grandfather dying from "a caved-in chest" from pushing on wheels as he made them! It was a very emotional time, with a lot of tears shed by a lot of people! We all hugged, took pictures and hugged some more! Needless to say, I also brought home a piece of rock from the floor!

And now I know that even though we were a small family in a small town in the midwestern United States, we really did have more family; and their names are recorded! Len and I have seven other great friends that know it, too! Now I know what it means when we are told our names will be recorded in heaven and what a joy it will be when the books are opened and we find the names of loved ones for ourselves! Somehow I think God gave me a special preview and a special treat on this trip just to show me I will have more family in heaven!

**KAREN MCMILLAN**  
Administrative Secretary

## Water power

The storm front had remained stationary for a week over the Blue Ridge Mountains in the Albemarle, Greene, Rappahannock and Madison county areas. It had rained as much as a foot of liquid each day for most of the week, and the ground was saturated. The U.S. 29 bridge over the Rapidan River was now an uncrossable chasm and a dead end road at the river. The river, which was usually 31 feet below the bottom of the bridge, was now running 12 feet above the top of the bridge. Where the stream was usually approximately 35 feet wide, it was now more than a mile wide in places. Dozens of roads and homes were flooded and washing away. Power and telephone outages were reported in areas throughout the region. In the process of the flooding, more than half of the crops in those four counties were washed away, along with the homes, barns, cattle, pets, cars, trucks and trailers.

Phil Hamman, pastor of the Charlottesville, Orange and Amicus churches, wasn't very surprised when he got the phone call. It was Bob and Diane Mitchell. Bob is the disaster coordinator for the surrounding counties area, calling to say that the help of the Charlottesville Seventh-day Adventist Church was needed to help other organizations give relief to the thousands of people who were now sleeping in school gymnasiums in the four-county area. They were to be in charge of the bottled water part of the relief effort. Most of the water supply in that vast area was now contaminated. The

Charlottesville church, along with Pastor Phil, sprang into action; and in short order, a group was organized to receive the bottled water the next morning in a hastily acquired warehouse.

Early the next morning, Larry Buckner, Bob and Diane Mitchell arrived in an "Overnight Lines" truck; and the water was offloaded into the warehouse. It had not arrived any too soon; it was badly needed at the Madison County High School, which was now the headquarters for the relief effort. As soon as vehicles could be loaded, water was being hauled to the needy people in outlying areas. People who needed the water were told to be on the lookout for the van with the big SDA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISASTER RESOURCES decal on its side.

By the end of the week, the combined efforts of Seventh-day Adventists had delivered 4,106 gallons of beautiful, clear, cool water to the people who were in need. The ladies of the Charlottesville church were kept busy feeding the disaster relief workers for the week they were in the area.

The author of this article interviewed Larry Buckner and the Mitchells on Friday morning at the end of a very busy week. In the interview, they told of the many projects that the SDA Community Services Disaster Resources group perform. Many tons of water, food and clothing have been delivered to needy flood and hurricane ravaged groups of people. Many people who had lost a lot of hope were talked to and prayed with; and the glimmer of hope was made brighter again by the people in the disaster resources group. Some of those same people have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church because they became interested in the truth, attended our



churches and found friendly, helpful church members.

SDA Community Services Disaster Resources groups depend on money that is donated by our church members when they check "Disaster Resources" on their tithe envelopes. That money buys good clean clothes to give to people who have no clothes, food for the people who have lost everything in natural disasters, such as the flood in the four-county area in Virginia. It also provides water to quench the physical thirst, without which people can die within two or three days, and the spiritual water to feed their souls, dispensed by God's people whenever and wherever it is possible to meet people's needs.

Water power is not just energy derived from water being processed through power companies; there is the power of Jesus Christ, who gives the water of life freely. He taught us in John 3:5, saying: "Verily, verily I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven." Now, that's water power.

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## Clarification

Dr. Dunbebin's recent article accurately affirmed our strong desire on the Hadley Acres board to be very intentional about leading our children into a saving and transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. We appreciate his support and assistance in that goal.

One statement credited to me needs to be adjusted for accuracy and theological balance. I didn't say it is "virtually impossible" to win people older than 18 to Christ. With God, nothing is impossible—as millions of adult conversions bear witness to. I did quote George Barna, who stated: "Seventy percent of all conversions to Christ take place before the age of 18," and then went on to say that we should take that seriously and expend our human and financial resources in a way that gives priority to the little people in our sphere of influence. This makes Hadley and other such schools a front-line ministry for Christ. Thanks for sharing this note of clarification to an otherwise deeply appreciated article.

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*Constituency and town hall meetings, continued from PP-3*

delegates before the constituency meeting," says Martha Kinglas, secretary to Roger Weiss, vice president for administration. Others will see copies during the town hall meetings.

### Conference constitution

The Potomac Conference Constitution and Bylaws Committee has recommended several changes to the conference constitution. Usually, the recommended changes reflect changes in terminology. For example, the term "goal" used in Article II will become "mission" if the constituency approves.

Article V offers a more substantive change in that it details those who will be elected at the regular meeting of the constituency. Still other recommendations relate to the constituency's change from having a triennial session to having a quadrennial session.

The most far-ranging recommendations will be found in Article VI and Article VII. These deal with the organizing committee for the constituency meeting, the nominating committee and the conference executive committee.

### Camp meeting funding

Constituency delegates will also be asked to examine the funding for camp meeting. "The current plan for funding is not generating enough money to finance each camp meeting's annual costs," says Herb Broeckel. "We must find better ways to help the camp meeting program become self-sufficient," he notes.

### Town hall meetings

All 20,000 members of the Potomac Conference cannot attend the constituency meeting; however, the officers encourage all to come to the five town hall meetings. During these meetings, the officers and others will brief attendees on the recommendations being made to the constituency delegates. Those who attend the town hall meetings will be able to ask questions and make recommendations to the officers, says Broeckel.

**We are attempting to compile a directory of Adventist care homes in the Potomac Conference. If you know of a licensed Adventist-owned and directed facility in your area, please call Sue Bendall at (800) 732-1844 or write her at 606 Greenville Avenue, Staunton, VA 24401 with the following information:**

**Name of facility** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of facility (nursing home, retirement, assisted living, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of director** \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your assistance.**



# FLAG camping 1995



All of us were in the nine-passenger Ford van, headed to the conference office in Bratislava, Slovakia. We had been touring in Vienna, Austria. We visited St. Stephens Cathedral, marveled at the sprawling size of the palace, walked the narrow cobblestone streets of the old town and even shopped in Austria's version of Potomac Mills. It had been a full day. Not only was our time in Slovakia ending, but so was our summer.

A full day and a full summer. Camp pitch for camp meeting—that's when all of us first gathered. Jared Spano and Joe Lipscomb were the first-time staff members. Kathy Burgess and Michelle Kilgore had one year of previous experience. Christy Croft, Somer Williams, Theresa Potter, Grant and Glen Wolters were seasoned workers. From this group, that first week, came our mission statement. We wanted to begin the summer with the end in mind, so all of us accepted the challenge that "By the strength of God, in every aspect, FLAG Camp will encourage and exemplify a Christ-like character."

Camp pitch went fine. We raised three tents, hauled 2,000 chairs, built two platforms and planned our schedules and activities. During camp meeting, we were in charge of the Early Teens. It was great. The meetings were well attended, over 65 each night; and the teens were well behaved. Hearts were touched by the power of God's love, and on Sabbath afternoon, we had a river baptism.

At New Market FLAG Camp, we were in for a surprise when 65 campers registered! That was a record attendance. A bigger surprise came when it rained every day. At the end of the week, the staff concluded that if they could have a great week with the rain, they could handle any situation. Success breeds success. Our Saturday evening program was excellent. The church fellowship hall was filled with happy campers and their parents.

Then Harrisonburg. Sixteen campers, with Somer as director. She had good help from her mother, brother, Christy, Theresa and Grant. Seeing the youth direct that camp gave me confidence that we were going to have a wonderful summer of service.

The next week, we had three camps—in Stanley, Ashland and Kilmarnock. We had been studying leadership principles; now this was our test. The combined camper attendance was 93. Our training paid off. God did give us strength to encourage and exemplify a Christ-like character. Week number six we were spread out at three different sites. It wasn't planned, but because of a miscue on my part we were scheduled at Kilmarnock, Yale and Wytheville. Attendance was not great, a combined total of 47; but we were blessed to be able to serve. In fact, we learned that there are advantages to adversity, for in difficult times we become more free to depend on the Lord to

work. That week, we learned that our airline reservations had been cancelled, and we didn't have any tickets for our Slovakian trip.

In the seventh week, Glen, Somer and Michelle stayed at Kilmarnock and conducted camp for 16 teenagers. The rest of us returned to New Market and packed. Tickets were secured, and on July 26 we flew to Vienna, where Peter Januska met us. Peter worked with us last summer and had organized everything for a FLAG Camp in his city of Trencin.

On Monday morning, 105 campers registered at the local school for one week of having Fun Learning About God. And what fun we had! The local Adventist pastor taught Bible class. Grant taught nature. Christy became an English teacher. Theresa and Kathy were our craft instructors. Joe and I gave ukulele lessons. Jared organized games for the children. Each of us had our own translator. Other Adventist youth from Trencin and Bratislava were the counselors. Our staff meetings were sweet times of fellowship and learning as we studied God's principles of leadership. I believe that God is bringing together an army of young people who will carry the message of a crucified, risen and soon-coming Saviour to the world.

Our Slovakian staff accepted the challenge of organizing FLAG Camps throughout Slovakia next summer. The following summer they want to go to Ukraine, Romania, Hungary and Poland. The pastor of the



**Top: The USA FLAG Camp staff in Slovakia, left to right: Jared Spano, Grant Wolters, Joe Lipscomb, Christy Croft, Theresa Potter and Kathy Burns**

**Above: FLAG Campers in Ashland learn how to play the ukulele.**

**Left: Theresa Potter makes friends with two Slovakian girls in Trencin.**

Trencin church is planning a follow-up story hour program for the children who attended. The conference president wants to have an evangelistic crusade for the parents with meetings for the children. It was a full and blessed week.

On that van ride, we were having our evening worship, and Grant asked all of us a thought question: "Now that you have had this summer's experience filled with service and leadership, what are you going to do when school starts?" Good question. All of us agreed that we would continue to study, pray, take opportunities for serving the Lord and somehow meet together. I guess you could say that we wanted by God's strength, in every aspect of life, to exemplify and encourage a Christ-like character. I pledged that by God's grace I would continue to develop principles of Christian leadership and lifestyle in young people. I believe there is no greater work.

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