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Editor



March 20 is time for spring to have sprung on us all. Time for crocuses to lift velvety petals above the melting snow and for Canada geese to fly north again. Time for the wind to hold multi-colored kites tightly against azure skies and time for thousands of wildflowers to stand bright against lush grass.

It's time for grace to transform death into spiritual life.

The Bible uses snow to picture the purity of God's righteousness. That's nice, but by this time of year I'm ready for images of spring, of lilies clothed better than Solomon and of deserts carpeted with roses.

Spring. It's the time of transformation, of death's grays and browns changing into vibrant reds, yellows, oranges, blues and fuchsias.

Spring. Even the skies smell cleaner and the water purer. New. Better than ever before. All because the God of Transformations has been busy again, busy turning death into life. It's a task He does well, with nature and with humans.

Scientists have dissected enough plants that they can explain the process of spring "springing up" each March. But, even though hundreds of theologians and sociologists have tried their utmost, none have been able to explain the process of spiritual transformation, of "springing up into Christ." It's one of the great mysteries of the universe, one that is not bound by calendar, weather or tide. One that can be limited (or powered) only by the willingness of each human.

Spiritual Spring—dead men walking with the bounce of the Lord in their steps. Broken, sinful humans springing to life with smiles broader than the rainbow of promise. Paul calls it the mystery of "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Nicodemus felt it as a wind blowing in the garden of Gethsemane. Daniel heard it say "hope" above the growls of lions. Bathsheba felt it beside Solomon's cradle.

And it's ours to know today. Power. Strength. Energy. Peace. Hope. And much more as He "transforms us into His likeness." Spiritual Spring—dead men walking with the bounce of the Lord.

COVER: The "golden years" are represented by a couple walking on the beach under a golden sunset sky. Perhaps the gold on the water reflects the experiences of the past few decades or spreads as the golden promise of years to come. The photo was taken by Visitor Editor Dick Duerksen, who wrote in the feature on page 4 about his "quartz years" and the coming golden years.

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**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.

Elias, Susan and Jacqueline

Torres, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The Torres family was baptized in the fall of 1994 by Pastor Dan Francisco following an Amazing Discoveries seminar.



Christopher Osterloh,

Piqua, Ohio. Chris was baptized in December of 1994 after taking Bible studies with his parents.



Face 2 Face
Baptism Profiles

Rose Carter, Kilmarnock,

Potomac. Rose was by baptized by Pastor Dan Shafer in August of 1995 after attending the "Net '95" series in the spring of 1995.



Christina Osterloh, Piqua,

Ohio. Christina was baptized in December of 1994 after taking Bible studies with her parents.



Profile:

Lorryn Daena Logan of Silver Spring, Maryland, is a legal intern for the Columbia Union Conference. She works Wednesdays and Thursdays with Robert Patterson in trust services. Logan, a 1990 Columbia Union College graduate, is a law student at American University and will graduate in May.

During her "semester" internship at the Columbia Union, Logan will help prepare the department for audit and accreditation; doing legal research, answering questions and making sure trust documents are in order.

Logan and husband Larry attend the Community Praise Center church in Alexandria, Virginia. Logan says she likes the atmosphere and work at the Union. "I love the work I'm doing ... I'm getting valuable legal experience in the field I enjoy the most." Working in trust services has given Logan the opportunity to see if she would enjoy trust and estate planning law and, according to Logan, "I'm glad I got this chance because I love it. It's exactly what I want to do."



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Miracles still happen

Macy Cern
Valley View church

Christmas came early for Bridget Green. On October 10th, God gave her one of the best presents she could ever hope for—a miracle! "You have a normal and healthy baby girl!," announced the nurse.

To Bridget, the words of the nurse brought a wave of disbelief at first, but as the word "normal" began to sink in, her emotions broke loose, and she was overcome with joy.

Just eight months earlier, her misery seemed to know no bounds. She experienced excessive nausea and vomiting, which doctors initially thought was due to her pregnancy, since Bridget had a similar history when she was pregnant with her first child, Josh. But as the weeks progressed, her symptoms worsened necessitating frequent hospitalization. Her petite frame was whittled down further as her weight plummeted 20 pounds in two and a half weeks.

The doctors performed a lot of tests and discovered a hiatal

hernia and bleeding ulcers. Yet the puzzle didn't seem complete. When Bridget developed jaundice, the doctors were then alerted to direct their tests at a different culprit. This time, the diagnosis was certain: Bridget had gallstones, and surgery was her only option.

Because her condition was complicated by pregnancy, her doctors thought it best for her to receive treatment in Charleston, an hour and a half away.

In Charleston, she was made aware of the adverse risks that the surgery and anesthesia posed on the baby's survival. Therapeutic abortion was suggested, but Bridget was determined to keep the baby regardless of the consequences.

The surgery was successful. Bridget recovered and gradually put on weight. But a bigger blow was yet to come. A month after the surgery, during one of her prenatal visits, the doctor broke the bad news: the baby was hydrocephalic.

It came as a shock at first, but Bridget put her faith in God. "God won't give me more

than what I could bear. He has helped me before. He'll give me strength to handle this. I'll leave the baby in His hands. I won't worry anymore about it."

Bridget prepared herself for life after the delivery. She talked to Josh about his sister (by this time, it was known from ultrasound that it would be a girl) and the fact that she would be different. Josh understood and promised to help take care of the baby. The first name she picked out could never have been more fitting: Angelina (because she would be her little angel) and Hope for the middle name (because it was hope in God's promises that gave her strength each day).

Meanwhile, she waited, and we prayed. We asked God to bless the baby and keep her healthy. We prayed for strength and courage for Bridget. Still, God's answer came as a surprise—a very pleasant one. Do we sometimes limit the things He could do for us? Are we afraid to put His grace and power to a test because He might say "no"? We should be thankful that the God we serve is a God who can defy reality and grant us favors beyond our wildest expectations. Our God, who made possible that miracle in Bethlehem a long time ago, is still at work today. Miracles seen not just in the birth of baby Angel, but also in the life of each person born again through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Looking ahead...

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

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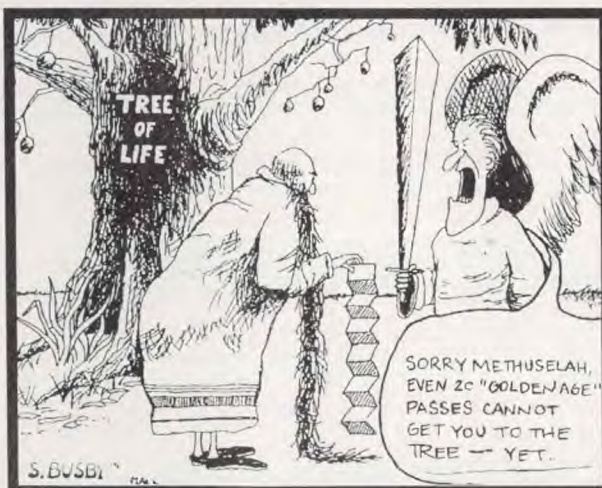
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A day in the life of a
college student



the “Quartz Years”

*I guess
the next
15 years
could be
called my
“Quartz
Years,”
as I pick
through
the stones
looking
for the
golden
pleasures.*

A couple weeks from now, I turn 50 years of age. I guess that means I should finally give away my old Pathfinder uniform?

By 50, I had hoped to accomplish a very lengthy list of great deeds, most of which now lie in my pile of discarded dreams. I wanted to ride the full Oregon Trail in a covered wagon, scuba dive on the Great Barrier reef, photograph Inca ruins in Peru, hang glide along a rocky coast and even host a daily religious talk show on TV.

But even though I've had to settle for less than the complete dreams, I have walked in Oregon Trail wagon ruts, snorkeled on the Great Barrier reef, photographed Mayan ruins in Guatemala, watched hang gliders on three coasts and hosted a radio talk show. Not bad for a beginning!

So now I'm asking, "What about the next 50 years?" These are the years when Henry Fonda grew crotchety while living on Golden Pond. They're also the time touted as "the Golden Years" by handsome young salespersons from Leisure World. The other day, I got a misdirected letter from the American Association of Retired Persons, and any day I expect a park ranger to ask for my "Golden Age Passport." My dad, 77, tells me that's a good feeling, but I'm not sure I'm ready for the shock.

No, I am not quite up to the Golden Years. Not quite yet. However, I am envious of the "Golden Life" some of my "over 65" family and friends are enjoying. Like Mom

and Dad. Both of them are into their 70s, and they're getting ready for another six months of duty for the General Conference in Thailand. Dad's fixed most everything around the house since they got back from Japan this past year. He's pruned the orchard, split the firewood and preached in 30 churches—and now he's trying to help in the kitchen. Mom says they're ready to head back toward the pagodas of Mauk Lek.

The Golden Years. Hulda Crooks is still climbing mountains, Neal Wilson is still preaching sermons, Grammy Christensen is still playing the organ. Dr. Joan Coggin is still healing hearts, Bob Adkisson is still contracting buildings for Maranatha Volunteers International, and Bob Dole is still campaigning for president. And Don Stephens, well into his 70s, is still taking pictures. I was with him this past week in Tasmania, Australia, where he continues to work as a photo-journalist and nature photographer. His is truly the golden life. Great assignments in a great country, shooting people and flowers and waterfalls as often—or as seldom—as he chooses. Sometimes, his subjects are as challenging as his grandson and niece on a park bench. Other times, he gets to sit and wait for the sunrise to touch Dove Lake and Cradle Mountain with Ansel Adams' light. Don's a successful parent, grandparent, husband, photographer and more. Truly, the "Golden Years" can be golden.



But for me, the gold is still tightly encased in a vein of bright quartz. I guess the next 15 years could be called my "Quartz Years," as I pick through the stones looking for the golden pleasures. I'm not ready—or able—to retire and relax, at least not this month. Nor am I able to focus on the distant dreams I've been dreaming. I'm still enmeshed with three teenagers, school bills and the traumatic rewards of an eight-days-per-week job. Getting to the gold is hard work, but I love it!

I find deep joy in preaching a sermon, writing a column, helping a teen make a decision, listening to a friend's tale of hope and reading Internet messages from Dad. I wish 50 would last forever. I wish there were more nuggets. I wish I had more free time. I wish I could just stop and listen to a whole CD to-night. I wish the "Quartz Years" were more golden.

And I have found a way to make them so. The more time I spend with my "Golden Age" friends, the more gold I find in my own life. Quartz and gold. They go together well.

Dick Duerksen collects "quartz" and photos while cultivating solid gold friendships and golden experiences around the Columbia Union as vice president for creative ministries. Photos by Don Stephens.

How to improve your pastor's preaching

Part 2

"Look your pastor in the eyes"
—Barry Tryon

Many people who listen to sermons each week already hear the kind of sermons they need and are blessed by their pastors' messages. From the North Valley church in Roanoke, Virginia, part of the Potomac Conference, Jean Wills writes that John McGraw, a retired minister who has served as their pastor for more than two years, has benefited the congregation with his ministry. "He preaches from the Bible and holds the Adventist beliefs very high," says Wills.

Church attendance has doubled, and the congregation is buoyed with vision under McGraw's leadership. "Our church has grown more than 50 percent in this short time," Wills reports. "The only improvement we need is our own church, which we hope to start building soon."

In some other congregations, people long to hear better sermons, to have their hearts touched by truth and encouragement. In this second of three parts on how to help your pastor preach better sermons, three ministers offer their suggestions to help the congregation get better sermons for a win/win worship experience.

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Pastor to congregation

Steve Willsey is an experienced minister, from the mission field to mega-churches. He is currently a pastor of the 1,100-member Spencerville, Maryland, church in the Chesapeake Conference and has developed a priority/wish list to help the congregation contribute to the preaching ministry.

1. Allow him or her time for adequate preparation. This may mean volunteering to take some of the pastor's other responsibilities. It may also mean insisting that other members honor the pastor's study time.

2. Provide some funds in the church budget for the pastor to use for book purchases. A pastor must read in order to have something to say. In addition, a gift certificate at Christmas for books would be very welcome.

3. Pray for the pastor. A regular corps of prayer warriors seated together in one section of the sanctuary would provide great power to the preacher.

4. Look for good illustrations and offer to enter them on the pastor's computer, CompuServe them or provide them on diskette.

5. Offer to participate in a small task force that would meet with the pastor early in the week to interact with him or her about the upcoming sermon.

6. See that the pastor gets the opportunity to participate in regular continuing education programs for preachers. Set aside money in the church budget for this expense.

Pastor to members

Barry Tryon is a busy minister with little ones at home and the responsibility of pastoring two congregations in the Pennsylvania Conference: the Hampden Heights and Fleetwood churches near Reading. He also serves as the conference coordinator of lay training and continuing education and mentoring for young ministers. His suggestions follow for helping the pastor with good preaching.

1. Allow time for your pastor to prepare good sermons. Good preaching takes quality AND quantity time—there are no short cuts! (Read Acts 7:2 for a pastor's job description.)

2. Do research for your pastor. I cannot read everything in print. Having additional "eyes" is a big asset. A member of my congregation scans the local paper and clips items of interest for me and my ministry. This saves me time and allows him to be a part of my ministry.

3. Take notes during the sermon. In our church, we provide a simple outline for those who wish to take notes. This aids members in careful listening and remembering, and it lets the pastor know that people are trying to follow the sermon.

4. Interact with the pastor during the sermon. The word "Amen" means "I believe," or "this is true." Though an ancient Hebrew word, it is still appropriate to be heard. If this isn't for you, try looking the pastor in the eyes and occasionally nodding to let him or her know that you are taking in what is being said. (Nodding with drowsiness does not count!) Turning to Bible texts is also a way of participating.

5. Affirm your pastor. Let your pastor know when a sermon has specifically spoken to you. I'm not talking about flattery, but affirmation.

6. Pray for your pastor. It is an awesome responsibility to stand before your congregation and God each Sabbath. Pastors need the prayerful support of the congregation.

Pastor to pastor

From one pastor to another, Byron Hill offers a "short list" to preachers. He is the pastor of the 150-member Portstown, Pennsylvania, church in the Allegheny East Conference. Whatever study time you have for a sermon, divide it in half with prayer time.

Don't read the sermon. Use an outline and speak from the heart zone.

Have at least one story to illustrate the sermon.

Expect the sermon to change lives.

Live a holy life.

Graduation at the high school in the small town of Sherman, New York, had always been scheduled for Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Every year, it had been the same. There has been no reason to change until a vivacious 17-year-old member of the Class of '96 requested that the date be changed. Angela Raimondo, also a member of the Erie, Pennsylvania, Seventh-day Adventist church, wanted to

ent day or that the schedule be moved up to an earlier hour on Friday.

During the fall, Angela mentioned her problem to several of the seniors. "The change is O.K. with us," some agreed. Others became upset. "One girl shouldn't have the power to change graduation," said one. "It's always been on Friday night before, and it should always be that way," said another.

At the next senior class meeting, the principal met with the students to tell them that whatever the school board decided would be implemented. Some members of the class were not happy with

that it would.

Everyone was happy, and none of the class members had anything but praise and respect for Angela as they knew she had stood for her beliefs. One said to her, "I've always known what you believe because you've told me, but I really respect you all the more now. All of us know what you won't do and where you won't go, so we just don't ask you."

Angela may have been "called to the kingdom for such a time as this," Katie, a fellow senior, because of Angela's friendship and example through the years, has been attending Sabbath school and worship services for almost two years. Recently, when the call for commitment was made during a church service, Katie—with Angela



Angela Raimondo's high school will graduate their seniors one hour earlier—not on the Sabbath—this year.

graduate with her class—but not on the Sabbath!

When Angela registered for classes back in August, she noticed the graduation schedule. The ceremonies would take place as they always had on Friday evening. Knowing that she would not be willing to give up what she believed about God's Sabbath beginning at sunset on Friday evening, she decided to write a letter to the local school board. In it, she explained that the seventh day is God's Sabbath, that she could not take part in any secular activities. She supported her statements with Bible texts and

A senior graduates—but not on Sabbath

tactfully pointed out that she had missed out on many school activities through the years because they were scheduled on Sabbath. "Graduation is really different," she wrote. "I can only graduate once from high school, and it's important to me that I be given the chance." She asked the board to consider changing the ceremonies to a differ-

Called to witness in public high school

CHRIS FAIRCHILD

that decision because to them, it seemed they would have no voice in the matter. In a secret ballot taken during that class meeting, 15 students said the time should not be changed, while 14 sided with Angela.

Before the school board meeting, one of the board members talked to his friend Pete, Angela's father. "I know that Angela is not trying to be funny about this whole situation," he said. "It's because of her religion; it's something she believes in. What would you like to see us do? If we started an hour earlier, at 7 o'clock, would that take care of the problem?" Pete agreed

at her side—walked to the front of the sanctuary to request baptism. Another senior friend, Chad, sang with the church choir a few weeks ago. Meredith, yet another friend, has attended Sabbath school classes from time to time.

Angela believes that the Lord not only answers prayers to help smooth her path, but that He directs in her witnessing to her friends.

Chris Fairchild is a retired church school teacher and now volunteers her time to the Adult Learning Center in Erie, Pennsylvania. She is the assistant treasurer of the Erie church.



Katie, Angela's classmate and friend, has requested baptism since attending church with Angela.

Many people think college students spend hours reading textbooks, listening to lectures and writing lengthy research papers. It's true, they do. But at Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, students also have the opportunity to experience "real life" in the job market. Through CUC's cooperative education program, students gain valuable work experience, make professional contacts and learn first-hand what life will be like after graduation.

Tisha Lake, a senior accounting/computer science major, is applying her skills interning as a computer

puter world," said Lake.

Andre Johnson, a senior engineering/math major, is working as an interior electrician for the United States Army Reserves in Laurel, Maryland. Since Johnson is interested in power generation and mechanical maintenance, he enjoys maintaining 24-hour generators and running fixtures through tints and power generators. Johnson said his job helps him pay for college and teaches him skills that will help him find a job after graduation. He has gained leadership experience working in a supervisor's position, and this summer, his job is sending him to leadership camp.

CUC students

gain "real world"

**NATASHA
MIRONOVA**

experience

Natasha Mironova, the author, hones editorial and writing skills at the Bureau of National Affairs.

Natasha Mironova, a sophomore broadcast/journalism major, is learning about the "real world" as an editorial intern at the Bureau of National Affairs. The BNA is a large privately owned publishing company in Washington, D.C., that produces daily and weekly reports on the federal government. Mironova is working for two publications, *Health Care Policy Report* and *Medicare Re-*

Seventh-day Adventist Church's world headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland, as a student associate in the health and temperance department. Pearson's duties include editing and proofreading of letters and publications. His latest project is a devotional book recently released by the department, and he is looking forward to a new project where he will help with revisions on a book about science and prophecy. The book will talk about the corre-

Tisha Lake earns co-op credit at CUC as a computer assistant in Washington, D.C.

assistant at Sterling Medical, a computer firm in Washington, D.C. She installs new software, learns new computer programs and trains personnel how to use the new programs. Lake said she works with the latest computer software on the market, like Windows 95®, and also helps with accounting tasks, such as payroll. "This experience will help me gain a greater knowledge of the latest computer technology and be up-to-date in the changing com-

lation between the writings of Ellen White and modern scientific findings. Pearson also assists in the production and distribution of a quarterly journal for health professionals. "The experience I gain in both writing and business will help me in finding a job after I graduate," said Pearson.

Andre Johnson, an interior electrician for the U.S. Army Reserves, is a senior engineering/math major at CUC.

port. Both publications deal with controversial health-care issues in America. Mironova writes news stories, does research, and copy editing and attends press conferences on Capitol Hill. Her goals are to learn about news writing and the federal government, improve her writing, meet new people and make contacts for the future.

Walter Pearson, a senior English major, is interning at the

"The cooperative education job experience provides students with the equivalence of two years' work experience," said Linda Williams, director of cooperative education. "It also gives them a competitive edge as they enter the job market after graduation."

Natasha Mironova is a sophomore broadcast/journalism major at Columbia Union College.

Generosity—to give and receive



TRUDY MIKE

An Ingathering story you'll like

Jim had been raised a Catholic and thought Ingathering was an embarrassing experience when his wife explained it. It sounded like begging to him, even if it was for the church. He would rather just give the cash instead. But this past year, there just wasn't any extra cash. With the whole nation in a slump, it seemed as if begging for money was definitely not the thing to be doing this year. But then, who would keep ADRA and all the other programs working if he didn't help? How could the Fairmont, West Virginia, church raise their goal if he sat in his cozy living room? God had taken such good care of him and had led him to this delightful little Adventist church, where he felt so wonderfully comfortable. He owed so much to God and was

ready to do his part—even if it was embarrassing.

Gary couldn't remember ever not going Ingathering. He had canvassed Fairmont his whole life and felt it was part of his job here on earth. It wasn't that hard, after all—just a few hours on a couple evenings out of his busy schedule. Both men bowed their heads reverently as Pastor Richard Perkins asked God to bless their efforts and to watch over everyone. Jim and Gary teamed up, picked up an ancient Ingathering can, pinned on their buttons and headed out the door for a brisk walk in the cold air.

Gary picked a street where beautiful houses sparkled with Christmas decorations. The two of them walked and talked, ringing door bell after door bell, explaining the Seventh-day Adventist charity plan and passing out pamphlets. Most of the people were more generous than either of them expected.

God was truly blessing their efforts.

As they rang the last door bell, they looked forward to the warm cinnamon rolls and hot cocoa that were waiting for them at the church. The unadorned old house was smaller than the rest and looked out of place. It huddled against the cold night air, alone and quiet. Gary knocked on the door.

Three children answered the door; one girl, about 12 years old, and two boys, around ages 9 and 10. Gary asked if their mother was home, and the girl went to get her. As the men waited, the boys invited them into the living room. Once inside, the two noticed a small Christmas tree in the corner, decorated with only a few lights and some homemade ornaments. There were no presents under it.

"I'll bet you like Christmas," Gary said.

"Oh, yeah," the boys answered. "I like all the presents, but ...," the younger one stopped.

"We're not going to have much this year," the older boy explained.

"We have house payments and the electric and stuff. We just moved here." The mother then came down the steps and smiled. Gary told her why they had come, and Jim gave her the pamphlet.

"If you wait a moment, I'll find something," she answered and went around the house, scrounging up what coins she could find. The youngest boy dug in his own pocket and pulled out 16 cents—a dime, a nickel and a penny. He counted it, reached up and dropped it into the can. He never thought twice about this sacrifice. The men did.

The mother returned and dropped her change into the can. After exchanging thank-yous, the two left. When they told the story back at church, everyone listened intently and the Fairmont members, doing some of their own scrounging, raised funds for a few presents and collected food for a basket. After two Sabbaths of donations, the gifts were ready.

Gary and Jim delivered the gifts. The mother was surprised. Gary pointed at the youngest boy and explained, "We came because this boy touched our hearts," telling her about the 16 cents.

"Merry Christmas," Jim said. "Welcome to the neighborhood."

Gary added with a smile, "Come visit us. And if you ever need anything, just call." The mother spoke her thanks, but her eyes said more. Her children were going to have Christmas after all.

Jim understands Ingathering now. It isn't about begging. It is a chance to meet others, to accept their generosity and sometimes to be generous. It is a time to let others help and a chance to help others. It is an opportunity to "spread the gospel to all the world" one house at a time.

Trudy Mike writes from Fairmont, West Virginia, where she is a church member.

A Healing ministry

Center to combat child sexual abuse opens at Shady Grove

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, working in conjunction with the Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Health and Human Resources, recently opened the county's first comprehensive center for the treatment of children who have been sexually abused or assaulted.

The sexual abuse and assault center, located on the site of Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, officially opened with a dedication ceremony on February 5; a number of community leaders attended the event.

"We think this public-private partnership is an efficient way to handle these cases and combat the problem of child sexual abuse and assault," said County Executive Douglas Duncan. "The unique feature of this program is that it provides a central place to interview, examine and treat the victims."

The sexual abuse and assault center provides a multidisciplinary approach to caring for children who have been sexually abused or assaulted, coordinating their care with the Department of Health and Human Services, the state's attorney's office, the crime lab and the police.



Greg Wims (left), community activist, speaks with Ron Wisbey, liaison for healthcare administration of the Columbia Union Conference, and Bryan Breckenridge, president of Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic, following the dedication ceremony for the new sexual abuse and assault center at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

"Child sexual abuse can be better managed in a sensitive atmosphere where services for the children and their families are coordinated utilizing a team approach," said Lynn Frank, chief of the Division of Public Health for Montgomery County.

Operated under the direction of the emergency department, the center treats patients in a private area that is separate from the main department. The role of the center is to evaluate a child's condition, treat any physical problems related to the abuse or assault and gather evidence to help in the investigative portion of the child's care. "The center is an in-

tegral part of pediatric care at Shady Grove," said Anne Alban, director.

The treatment and examination of victims will be handled by specially trained pediatric physicians with assistance from specially trained nurses. Shady Grove has five nurses on staff who are trained as sexual assault nurse examiners.

"Our staff is experienced in communicating with children and their families," said Susan Boch, one of the nurses who supervises the center. "We spend time with each child to create a safe and supportive environment."

The center also will focus on public

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Editorial

Protecting our children

There is no more valuable resource than our children. They are our hope, our joy and our future. Providing for them and protecting them is our highest priority.

That's why Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic, working in partnership with the Montgomery County, Maryland, Department of Health and Human Resources, recently opened the sexual abuse and assault center at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. Child sexual abuse and assault is a community concern that cuts through all socio-economic lines. Combating this problem takes increased awareness and understanding, as well as community effort and support.

A child who has been sexually harmed requires special care and treatment. He or she needs a skilled team of professionals to take the time to address every facet of the child's care—from talking with him or her about what happened and examining the child for injury to helping the child and family access continuing care after the exam. And of course, privacy is crucial. Operated under the direction of the hospital's emergency department, the sexual abuse and assault center meets these and many other important needs.

Adventist HealthCare has made pediatrics an area of strategic importance and is committed to the care and protection of our children. The new sexual abuse and assault center at Shady Grove is a critical component of meeting this goal.



Margaret Peterson, Ph.D.
Vice President
Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

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awareness by educating others about child sexual abuse and assault.

"One of the main objectives of this center is to educate health-care providers, community leaders and the public about this problem, including the warning signs of children who have been sexually abused or assaulted," said Margaret Peterson, vice president at Shady Grove.

Funding for the center will be shared by Montgomery County and Adventist HealthCare. The medical staff at Shady Grove has pledged \$105,000 over three years to name the sexual abuse and assault center.

News

ADVENTIST HEALTHCARE MID-ATLANTIC

■ J. W. Marriott Jr. named honorary chairman of campaigns

J. W. Marriott Jr., chairman and president of Marriott International, Inc.,



J. W. Marriott Jr.

headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland, has agreed to serve as the honorary chair of capital campaigns for both Shady Grove and Washington Adventist hospitals.

At Shady Grove, Marriott will serve as chair of the hospital's \$2.5 million capital campaign to create the pediatric center at Shady

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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
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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

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317 Sycamore Glen Dr.
Miamisburg, OH 45342
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Sycamore Hospital

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Washington Adventist Hospital

7600 Carroll Ave.
Takoma Park, MD 20912
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Washington Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

7525 Carroll Ave.
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WELLNESS CENTERS

Damascus Community Wellness Center

Frederick Community Wellness Center

Sligo Community Wellness Center

A Healing ministry

Grove. The center will provide children in Montgomery County, Maryland, with specialized pediatric care close to home. It will treat children from premature infants to adolescents with nearly all types of illnesses or injuries.

At Washington Adventist, he will chair the \$3 million cardiac care campaign, which will focus on raising \$1.5 million for a new cardiac catheterization laboratory, \$1.5 million to support the cardiology capital equipment fund, as well as support wellness and outreach programs for women and minorities.

"We thank Bill Marriott for the commitment he has made to our hospitals," said Bryan Breckenridge, president of Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic. "His efforts will help us gain the community support these important programs need."

■ Grant awarded for free breast cancer screenings

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation has given Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic a \$14,000 grant to provide low-cost breast cancer screening services to women who otherwise may not be able to afford them.

For nearly three years, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and Washington Adventist Hospital—the two local hospitals in the Adventist Health-Care system—have been providing free breast cancer screenings for indigent women in the community. Funding for the screenings was scheduled to expire, but this grant enables the facilities to continue providing these services.

"We're very excited about receiving this grant," said Renee DuPree-Jones, director of the breast cancer screening program at Shady Grove. "There is a large need in our community for our screening program, and the women we serve are very grateful we offer this type of care."

The goal of the screenings is to promote the early detection and treatment of breast cancer, the second leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. This program offers low-cost mammograms and breast exams, access

to other diagnostic services if needed and short- and long-term follow-up.

The screening program is available to Maryland residents age 40 or over without symptoms, with little or no health insurance and with a limited income. Since the program began, 2,532 women have accessed its services, and 44 cases of breast cancer have been diagnosed, according to DuPree-Jones.

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

■ Painting memorializes friend of hospital

The Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation has donated a painting to Hackettstown Community Hospital in memory of the late Adeline Gaisler. Beginning in the 1950s, Gaisler had served as a member of the founding Hackettstown Community Hospital committee. She then served as treasurer of the original hospital board of trustees.

The painting—a reproduction of *The Invitation* by Nathan Greene, signed and numbered by the artist—hangs in the hospital's chapel.

Al Troianello, foundation president, said: "Since Adeline and her husband,

Emil, had previously furnished the hospital chapel in honor of loved ones, members of the foundation felt a painting for the chapel would be an appropriate way of showing appreciation for the many, many years of dedicated service that Adeline has given in helping to establish a hospital in Hackettstown. We're deeply indebted to her, and we realize that this is just a small way of recognizing all her hard work."

"The painting is a wonderful addition to our chapel that will indicate to visitors that Adeline holds a very special place in our hearts," remarked Gene C. Milton, FACHE, Hackettstown Community Hospital president and CEO. "Our gratitude also extends to her husband, Emil, for his personal sacrifice through the years."

The memorial plaque below the painting reads: "Given in loving memory of Adeline E. Gaisler by the Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation."

KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER

■ KMC included in CMIC Coronary Services Network

The Community Mutual Insurance Corporation now includes Kettering



Pictured in Hackettstown Community Hospital's chapel are, from left: Adam Schlereth, then the hospital's acting chaplain; Emil Gaisler, Adeline's husband; Al Troianello, president of the Hackettstown Community Health Care Foundation; Gene C. Milton, FACHE, HCH president and CEO; and foundation member Henry Monetti, a close friend of the Gaislers and long-time hospital supporter who donated the frame for the painting.

Healing ministry

Medical Center as one of the 11 Ohio hospitals designated by CMIC to provide cardiac services for members of its HMP and Community Choice health plans. The inclusion of KMC in this network is the result of an intensive quality review of KMC's heart program.

READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

■ Bicycle safety/helmet awareness program recognized

As part of Reading Rehabilitation Hospital's contribution toward a healthier community, more than 8,000 elementary school children have taken part in the RRH Bicycle Safety/Helmet Awareness Program over the past three years.

The program has been presented by members of RRH's head-trauma team and is specifically designed for third-grade elementary students. The success of the program has resulted in the Governor's Safety Award, as well as significant recognition within the community.

Unfortunately, the program was interrupted by a workforce reduction this past February and many job redefinitions, making it difficult for RRH staff to be available for the program. The RRH Foundation, well aware of the positive impact the program has had on preventing injuries, has allocated funds to hire a part-time coordinator to get the program running again.

Steve Johnson, who has a background in working with children in camp and club settings, has assumed coordination of the project. Johnson himself was injured in



Steve Johnson

a bicycle accident in May of 1993. Now a complete T-6 paraplegic, Johnson was rehabilitated at RRH in the summer and fall of 1993. "My goal for the program is

to expand its preventative safety message to include other increasingly popular and potentially dangerous recreational activities, such as in-line skating, skate boarding, snow boarding and hockey," he said. Johnson joined the RRH staff in January of 1996.

SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ ED awarded grant

The Shady Grove emergency department recently was awarded a grant from the Emergency Nurses Foundation, providing funds for staff educational programs related to the new sexual abuse and assault center. The grant is for one year.

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Eighth annual black tie gala supports cancer care

All employees and friends of Washington Adventist Hospital are invited to attend WAH's Eighth Annual Black Tie Gala, which will be held on Saturday evening, March 30. Proceeds will benefit the cancer care program.

The gala will be held at the National Building Museum and will include a silent auction and reception.

For more information, contact the foundation office at (301) 445-4224 during regular office hours.

Ways to Wellness

Preventing falls by the elderly

Falling can be very dangerous, especially for the elderly. However, if regular exercise is practiced to promote balance and muscle tone, the number of falls a person experiences can be minimized, according to *How to Prevent Falls*, a book written by Betty Perkins-Carpenter.

The number one factor that contributes to falling is muscle weakness. Exercise will benefit the elderly by increasing muscle strength.

Perkins-Carpenter's book provides many fun and playful exercises for the elderly to maintain or regain their strength and prevent falls.

Provided by Adventist Senior Living Services



RALPH MARTIN

Annual offering for CUC is March 1

Put your money in a sound, long-term investment

training of the New England Youth Ensemble to high-wage work/study internships with big corporations in the area, CUC leads the way. CUC was first with the student missionary program, a leader in caring for the community homeless and is a life-changing spiritual fountainhead for hundreds of our past, present and future congregation leaders.

Columbia Union College looks like the real world. There is a healthy integrated mix of all races and cultures at CUC. Part of civilizing a child is to learn to work with all cultures in a loving and understanding way. Richard Rogers wrote about race relationships so eloquently:

*You've got to be taught to hate and fear.
You've got to be taught from year to year.
It's got to be drummed in your dear little ear.
You've got to be carefully taught.*

CUC is in the business of overcoming racial hatred and modeling how Christians can work effectively and happily in the realistic world of today and tomorrow.

Columbia Union College sets a tone for a lifetime of Christian living. This is a middle-of-the-road Adventist college. It teaches a thoughtful, committed Adventist lifestyle. The college president and professors model solid Adventist values and standards and emphasize moral thinking, positive habits and ethical living in the Adventist church. The college just finished an event senior Tom Grove calls "the best student week of prayer since I came to CUC in 1992."

CUC's nursing department head, Shirley Wilson Anderson, recently presented a noon colloquium about her research that shows how lower fat intake on the part of vegetarian children translates into significantly better cholesterol levels. This is typical of how the college is preparing its students for a wholesome and useful life.

Columbia Union College has financial staying power. The college has shown an operating profit in



two of the past three years, and it will close the year with an operating gain. As of December 1995, the operations are \$240,000 better than December 1994, so the trend is in the right direction. This past year's enrollment was 542 financial full-time equivalents. This year, the first semester enrollment was 626 full-time students.

How much does it cost the members of the Columbia Union to provide a college degree to hundreds of future physicians, dentists, nurses, pastors, teachers, lawyers, business people and a myriad of other solid citizens and church leaders? About half a penny for every \$100 earned by church members. You can take pride that for 50 to 75 cents a month, you can send our youth out into the world to make a better community for today and a larger divine kingdom for tomorrow.

Many of you are faithful supporters of our college. But we are asking for more. In addition to your regular, faithful support of CUC through your tithe, at this special time of the year, we ask your help with an additional offering to meet the many needs of the college other than regular operating expenses. An annual offering for the college is scheduled for Sabbath, March 1. By contributing your special gift to this offering, you will be buying much-needed computers for our writing center and musical instruments. You will be investing in today's Columbia Union College and tomorrow's Adventist Christian citizens of the world.

I am frequently asked about the strength and cost of our educational system. Some church members wonder if we really need our own college or if Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, should consolidate with another college or university. While I favor lowering costs in any way possible, I honestly believe that CUC fills a unique role for Adventist youth and is needed at this time in this union. Here are some of the reasons:

A college stimulates the intellectual climate and promotes a higher culture for the entire church. A city or state that supports a college or university has historically grown progressive citizens, has an enhanced culture, finds better ways of working and experiences energized spiritual life. Columbia Union College provides these same positive, rejuvenating influences on youth and adults in all seven states and the District of Columbia in this union. From the classical music

March 1996

Swartzwelder wins Emmy Award

Rick Swartzwelder, office manager of the CUC Cooperative Education Department, will be honored by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences



(ATAS) at their Emmy awards ceremony in Los Angeles, California, held on Sunday, March 10.

The film *Paul McCall*, which Swartzwelder produced for his master's thesis while at the Florida State University Graduate Motion Picture Conservatory, won first-place in the comedy category of ATAS's annual nationwide student competition.

Drury receives scholarship and does research



Marcie Drury, a sophomore clinical laboratory science major, was one of 50 students to receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. This scholarship is awarded to eligible clinical laboratory science majors who attend an accredited college or university, are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, have 30 semester hours of college credit and send in three recommendation letters.

Drury also worked last summer as a lab assistant at a cancer research laboratory in Portland, Oregon. She assisted in research on how the human immune system could more effectively battle cancer. The findings of the research will be presented at a scientific conference this April in Washington, D.C.

Students hold week of prayer

In January, several CUC students participated in a student week of prayer. The theme was "Make It Real," with students presenting the worship, reading Scripture and singing for special music.

Students who presented week of prayer worship talks were: Roger Williams, senior history and theology major; Christa Rude, senior psychology major; Michael Flores, sophomore psychology and religion major; Tom Grove, senior theology major; Kami Smith, senior broadcast media major; Young Park, senior theology major; and Lena Johnson, a junior pre-physical therapy major.

Alumni Homecoming set for April 12-13

All alumni are invited to Columbia Union College for Alumni Homecoming April 12-13. This year's honor classes include: 1946 with their golden anniversary, 1971 with their silver anniversary and 1936, 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986.

Vespers on Friday, April 12, will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church and will showcase a student missionary feature with music by the Columbia Concert Band.

The speaker for church on Sabbath, April 13, will be CUC alumnus Don Bostian. Recently retired, Bostian has pastored mainly hospital-related churches in Ohio, California and Florida. He lives in Avon Park, Florida. The special music for church will be presented by the CUC Columbia Collegiate Chorale and New England Youth Ensemble.

On Saturday night, a banquet will be held in the CUC Campus Dining Hall featuring the Brass Mosaic, a faculty brass group, and the Acro-Airs, CUC's gymnastics team. Tickets need to be purchased in advance for this event.

Alumni may register for the weekend on Friday, April 12, from 3-5 p.m. in the alumni office in Wilkinson Hall, room 305, and from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Sligo church atrium. Final registration will take place on Sabbath, April 14, from 8:30-11 a.m., also in the Sligo church atrium.

For more information on Alumni Homecoming Weekend, call the alumni office at (301) 891-4132.

Calendar of Events

March	7-17	CUC Mission Project
	8-17	Band Tour to Florida
	9-17	Spring Break
	15	Vespers, 7:30
	16	Church, A. Torres, 9/11:15
	18	Classes resume
	20	Chapel, W. Pearson Jr., 11:15
	21	Interdisciplinary Colloquium, Sadiq Malik, 12
	22-24	Student Ministerial Assoc. Spring Retreat
	22	Phi Eta Sigma Induction, Connections, 7:30
		Singspiration, 8:30
		Phase II, 9:30
	23	Church, Ed Komorowski, Youth Alive at Sligo, Columbia Collegiate Chorale perform, 9/11:15
		Collegiate Church, 10:15
		Sabbath Blah Breaker, 3
		SA Around-the-World, 7
	25	Departmentals, 11:15
	27	Chapel, SWAT, 11:15
		Career Fair, 12-5
	28	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> , 7:30
	29-31	Keough Lectureship Parent's Weekend
	29	Deadline for Financial Aid
		Alpha Chi Induction, 3
		Vespers Nurse Ded., 7:30
		Singspiration, 8:30
		Phase II, 9:30
	30	Church A. Torres, 9/11:15
		College Church, 10:15
		Sabbath Blah Breaker, 3
		<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> , 7:30
	31	<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> , 7:30
April	31-Apr.2	Business Club NY trip
	1	SA Assembly, 11:15
	1-5	Humanitas Week
	3	Chapel, 11:15
	5	Good Friday
		Sligo Easter Vespers, 7:30
		Singspiration, 8:30
		Phase II, 9:30
	6	Church, A. Torres, Columbia Collegiate Chorale and New England Youth Ensemble, 9/11:15
		College Church, 10:15
		Sabbath Blah Breaker, 3
	7	Easter
	8	GRE
	9	Health Assembly, 11:15
	9	Faculty-Staff Party, 5:30
	10	Chapel: Witness, 11:15
		Blood Drive, 12
	11	Nursing Alumni Conf.
	12-13	Alumni Weekend
	12	Alumni Vespers: Columbia Concert Band, 7:30
	13	Church, Don Bostian, Columbia Collegiate Chorale and New England Youth Ensemble, 9/11:15
		College Church, 10:15
		Sabbath Blah Breaker, 3
		Alumni Banquet
	14	DAT/ACT
		Bus. Club Comm. Ser. Day
		SA Olympic Day, 12-6
		Athletic Banquet
	15	Psi Chi Induction, 11:15
	16	Faculty Meeting, 3:15



Views from the Gateway

"CUC celebrates Black History Month"

BY RHONDDAE E. ROBINSON

CUC assistant professor of journalism and English

During February, Columbia Union College joins in the national celebration of Black History Month, a time when the rich heritage of black Americans is honored and reaffirmed.

Over the years, CUC has evolved into a diverse community of students, faculty and staff. Likewise, America has become an increasingly divergent society. Although it has always been essential for us to learn about and from each other, now it is imperative if we want to thrive in this world and in the world to come.

Black History Month gives us an opportunity to honor our progenitors by recognizing and affirming their contributions and accomplishments. Unfortunately, much of this information is still not integrated into our history books. Members of the college community are not only learning first-hand about these achievements, but also about black Americans who are currently making a difference in our world.

We look forward to the day when various organizations will no longer be compelled to designate special months for the celebration of specific groups in America, including Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 and Women's History Month each March. Month-long celebrations are simply too short and confining to adequately recognize and pay tribute to the contributions of various members of our society. We also long for the day when our history books will honestly reflect the development of civilization.

Until then, Black History Month provides the chance for us to affirm the diversity of the family of God. We hope that it will also inspire individuals to share their unique experiences and perspectives and actively seek to learn about others, thus enriching all of our lives.

CUC Black History celebration calendar

January

31 Chapel, "Behold the Ethiopian," Dr. C. Felder, Sligo, 11:15

February

- 3 Trip, Museum of African Art, 2
- 8 Worship, My Soul is a Witness, 7
- 9 Phase II, Poetry Reading, Snack Shop, 9:30
- 11 Free trip to August Wilson's play "Two Trains Running," 6
- 14 BSU Forum, "Friends, Lovers, Soulmates: Love in the '90s," Rose Scott, counselor and moderator, 12:15
- 15 Joint Worship, I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing, 7
- 16 Phase II, A Tribute to Men, 9:30
- 21 Chapel, "God's Trombones," Sligo Church, 11:15
- Lunch, Campus Dining Service, food from the African Diaspora
- 22 Joint Worship, The Abolitionist, Rick Swartzwelder, 7
- 23 Singspiration Reunion/25th Anniversary Celebration, 7:30
- 24 CUC Church, Pastor Randolph Stafford, 10
- Sligo Church, Pastor Randolph Stafford, 9/11:15
- Youth Choir Festival, Sligo Church, 4
- Afro-American Basketball Classic, gym, 8
- 28 BSU Forum, "Self-determination; then, now, and forever," 12:15

Coordinated by Rhondae E. Robinson and the Black Student Union

"CUC's enrollment tops the charts"

CUC had the largest increase in enrollment of full-time students among North America's Adventist colleges in 1995, according to a report by Dallas Kindopp, associate education director for the North American Division of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

While overall college enrollment in North American Adventist schools increased during the 1995-1996 school year, CUC topped the list with a 21 percent increase.

This semester, there are 586 traditional full-time students attending CUC, 64 more than last year at this time. Overall, CUC has 1,009 students, including Adult Evening Program, external degree and part-time students.

According to CUC President Charles Scriven, enthusiasm about CUC's musicians and sportsmen and the school's location near the nation's capital makes CUC appealing to many students.

CUC to offer American Studies emphasis in the fall

This fall, the history department of Columbia Union College will offer a new American studies emphasis.

"We wanted to offer something for students who are interested in a variety of subjects," says Lyn Bartlett, CUC vice president for academic administration. "The subjects that will be highlighted in the American studies emphasis include: history, literature, economics, the arts, political science and religious studies."

"The program is designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of American culture by utilizing the numerous resources available in Washington, D.C.," says Douglas Morgan, assistant professor of history. "It will foster skills in critical thinking, writing and speaking and encourage students to develop a critical discernment of American culture from a Christian perspective."

Faculty for the American studies emphasis includes: Roy Benton, CUC professor of mathematics and philosophy; Roy Branson, editor of *Spectrum* magazine; Barry Casey, CUC chair and associate professor of communication; Gladstone Gurubatham, CUC professor of history and psychology; and Douglas Morgan, CUC assistant professor of history.

For more information on the American studies emphasis, contact Douglas Morgan at CUC, by calling (301) 891-4142.

Do we need

children's ministries?



Our children are important to us and even more important to their Heavenly Father, who loves and cares for them even more than their earthly parents do. How can Adventist Christian adults bring God's love to children in their church life? Following is an interview conducted by Bunny Abbott, editor of the Mountain View Challenge, with Feryl Harris, director of children's ministries for the Mountain View Conference.

Why does the church offer and support a department for children's ministries?

Regardless of the avenue used, whether through Sabbath school, Vacation Bible School, neighborhood story hour, Adventurer club or the myriad other choices, the main object of children's ministries is to draw children to the loving arms of Jesus—to make them "little disciples." Children are far more likely to carry favorable impressions of Jesus into adulthood if His love for them is revealed in those tender years of childhood. The various child-oriented organizations enable them to develop their God-given talents, which carry over into service as adults.

What training does Mountain View offer to those involved with the children of the conference?

In 1993, the Columbia Union launched a comprehensive Sabbath school training called Sabbath

School 101. This was followed in 1994 by Sabbath School 101 Plus and again in '95 with Focus on Sabbath School. Each workshop provided enrichment in all areas of Sabbath school training under the able leadership of experienced individuals.

The Columbia Union also provides a children's ministries "Train the Trainer" weekend for leaders, teachers and lay coordinators. This year's training is scheduled for April 12-14 at Mount Aetna Camp near Hagerstown, Maryland.

What are the benefits of Vacation Bible Schools in local churches?

The most remarkable benefit I see is that of providing community children with the same avenue to Jesus that we offer our church members' children. Not only is VBS a positive experience for children in the church and neighborhood, it also provides an excellent opportunity for leadership skills to be developed among the adult members of the church and community.

How does the children's ministries department help with VBS training?

The birth of the Adventist Communication Network (ACN) has made satellite training available to all who have down-link equipment. If the local church doesn't yet have the equipment, there is usually one close by that does. Local workshops can be arranged for those requesting extra help.

What is this Adventurer club we keep hearing about?

Adventurers is a pre-Pathfinder program for parents with children in grades one through four. One of the big differences between it and Pathfinders is the parent/child involvement as an integral part of the weekly program with activities planned to include the family.

How important are children's Sabbath schools?

The Sabbath school experience should be something children don't want to miss.

Part of developing children's spiritual strength is teaching them to be of service. For example, take primary and junior-age children to a home-bound senior to share music, Scripture and acted out lessons. Plan a "Fast-A-Thon" where church members sponsor a child for every hour they fast in a 24-hour period, with proceeds going to a feeding station for the homeless. Provide a "Challenges of Parenting" forum for parents of beginner and kindergarten-age children during Sabbath school and invite some of the older children to help out with the children during this 30-minute period.

In the present Sabbath school system, do you see room for improvement?

I would like to see more men become involved in the Sabbath school. For children from homes with no father figure, it is a plus to have a "substitute" male interacting with them during Sabbath school. The media focuses on the macho image to the extent that children aren't often exposed to a Christian man who can also be gentle and caring. I also encourage long-time leaders and teachers to use new resources. While the message doesn't change a lot, the way we present it is modified according to the social structure of the times. There are many wonderful resources available.

How can we adults be more "user friendly" to children?

Integrate children into the worship services—not just for 13th Sabbath programs. Willingness to give time and energy is a must. All the programs in the world, good as they may be, are worth nothing if people aren't willing to involve themselves with children.



Putting it all **together** for Jesus



Pathfinders from the Union City Spanish church shoot arrows at a target.

The sun was set over the horizon of the Camp Bernie grounds on Friday, January 19, with a usually cold evening and a forecast of cold rain. Yet they came one by one. Cars began to roll in during the next several hours for the annual Pathfinder winter retreat. A total of 135 eager campers and six directors, including David Waddington, Godwin Carmenatty, Doris Kloppling, Wagner Velez, Roy Conrad and me, came from as far south as Vineland, east of Hackensack and north of Tranquility. All to participate in activities with the theme, "Putting It All Together for Jesus."

The weekend retreat was purposely designed so that teens could have every opportunity to lead out. It provided experiences for building team spirit with their "elders"—adult staff and leaders. The result was that 24 teens led the exciting Sabbath School Rodeo for 80 minutes. It was immediately followed by a dynamic worship service with speaker Dave Waddington and teen conductors leading the song service under the direction of Maria Rodriguez. The worship experience was closed with a call for commitment to permit God to work out His will in individual lives as He puts the pieces of lives together.

After the worship, the youth and staff changed from their Pathfinder attire into jeans, outback outfits and Fila-wear clothing and enjoyed

Sabbath lunch. An array of planned activities followed the meal: mountain-top hikes, confident courses, Bible games and nature talks by Bill Bulford, new ranger for the Tranquil Valley Youth Camp. Important aspects of the Sabbath activities included fellowship around a table with plenty of nourish-

ment and friends to chat with and enjoy each other's company.

Saturday night was capped by music, skits, a puppet show, drama, praise, games, fireside chats, ping pong and finally ended with the deep pleasure of resting the body from its

devotional/breakfast was led by Frank George. Afterwards, the events began: tubing, archery, candle-dipping, recreational games, wall-climbing courses, more confident courses, packing, napping and lasagna lunch. Finally, campers piled into the cars that brought them from all over the Garden State to the adventure-filled weekend.

The conclusion was obvious: It was God who was "putting it all together," making memorable moments in the minds of the staff and youth of what His love—and the New Earth—will be like.

CARL RODRIGUEZ



Carl Rodriguez recites Pathfinder pledges with other leaders.



Studious Pathfinders smile for a picture during a leadership workshop.

exhilarating time with God and His church.

The campers and Pathfinder staff awakened Sunday morning for another exciting day of activities. The

Carl Rodriguez is the new youth and young adults director of the New Jersey Conference.

COLUMBIA UNION

ACN airs Hands Across the World rally

On Sabbath, March 23, the Adventist Communication Network will broadcast a Hands Across the World rally live from Decatur, Georgia.

For five hours, the rally—sponsored by the Southern Union—will be uplinked on Galaxy 4, Channel 9, from the Cathedral at Chapel Hill.

Hands Across the World rallies provide an opportunity for Adventists to hear reports on their church's mission outreach work, opportunities and plans to further the gospel. The goal of the project is to see 2,000 new congregations established by the year 2000.

To date, 10 such rallies have been held across North America, and more than one million dollars has been raised.

For this rally, the first to be uplinked, North American Division President Alfred C. McClure will speak for worship, and Charles Bradford, a former NAD

president, will speak for the afternoon program. Other participants will include General Conference President Robert Folkenberg, Global Mission Director Mike Ryan and a number of musicians, including recording artists Faith First.

Malcolm Gordon, Southern Union president, is expecting quite a large crowd locally and is hoping many other members will "attend" via satellite.

"We're looking forward to seeing up to 7,000 church members in attendance and welcoming—by satellite—those who are watching on ACN," he said. "It almost seems appropriate to call it a mini-General Conference session or a youth congress."

MARTIN BUTLER
Southern Union Communication Director

MOUNTAIN VIEW

The "sheep" are being fed in Huntington

Members of the Huntington, West Virginia, church take to heart the words

of Jesus, "If you love me, feed my sheep," as they work together to provide food and clothing for residents of the Huntington City Mission.

Church members prepare and serve meals once or twice each month as needed to 80-100 people who find the mission as a temporary home.

Recently, a major donation was made by a non-member through the Seventh-day Adventist church for kitchen equipment at the mission.

According to Huntington Pastor Dale Tunnell, workers at the mission "like to have the Adventists come because they sit down and eat with the people and interact with them."

Members gather on Thursday evenings to prepare the food. A typical meal consists of potato soup, egg salad sandwiches, carrots and celery sticks, a piece of pumpkin pie and milk. In addition, a non-member has arranged for desserts from a Kroger's grocery store, and Heiner's Bakery donates buns.

Following the meal, church members put on a musical program.

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Members gave gifts to each child at the mission for Christmas, and the church is planning to purchase a van that will enable the congregation to provide transportation for mission residents to attend worship services on Sabbath.

"As you do unto the least of these, you have done it unto me," Jesus said.

BUNNY ABBOTT
Communication Director

WORLD CHURCH

ADRA greenhouse program extended

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees signed an agreement on February 2 extending the agency's innovative greenhouse program in Azerbaijan.

Following a successful pilot project launched in 1995 for about 500 families, UNHCR will provide funding for 2,000 more greenhouses in 1996. These will be distributed in northwest Azerbaijan and Nakhichevan, ADRA's established areas of operation in the former Soviet republic.

Worth over \$300,000, this agreement will enable ADRA to provide portable family greenhouses, garden tools and vegetable seeds to more than 2,000 families displaced as a result of the conflict with Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh. Beneficiaries will be able to grow vegetables year-round thanks to the simple yet effective technologies ADRA promotes. A full-time horticulturist working closely with beneficiaries will ensure successful and plentiful harvests.

ADRA already provides monthly food aid to 40,000 Azeri families, the victims of conflict, blockade and economic collapse. Its UNHCR-funded family garden project will help put a few of them along the road to greater food security.

BETH SCHAEFER
News and Information Director

POTOMAC

Capital Memorial greets new members

Seventeen people were welcomed into fellowship with the Capital Memorial church in Washington, D.C., at a "new member reception" held in the internationally decorated fellowship hall.

More than 100 persons were seated at tables representing a variety of countries around the world.

Following a dinner provided by the church's hospitality committee, pastors Jack Sequeira and Daniel Kovacs, Head Elder Nancy Marter and Board Chairperson Virginia Harter introduced the new members. Roy Cray and Dorrell Marshall gave an overview of the Capital Memorial program.

To conclude the event, Dr. Lindrey Niles made it possible for the new members to become better acquainted by interviewing each new person.

These talks revealed that the Capital Memorial congregation continues to be an international church; its new members come from such locations as Vietnam, Taiwan, Venezuela, Indonesia, Fiji, Uganda and Bermuda, in addition to the United States.

OWEN TROY
Correspondent



Among those who attended the Capital Memorial church's new member reception were, from left: Pastor Dan Kovacs, Vena Taukei, Nancy Betters, Harold Laws, Deanna Gaskill, Diane Baschant, Stephanie Thomas, Nicholas Miller, Leanne Miller, Ann Troy, Owen Troy and Pastor Jack Sequeira.

Dr. Kay's Q&A

Building "family" may take work



Question: I've always admired families that have large annual reunions. When my sister and I got married, I hoped that we could do the same. But it hasn't turned out that way. We live 2,000 miles from each other. My sister never accepted the man I married, so he doesn't feel comfortable in their home, and when she and her family visit us, her children are so obnoxious that my kids want nothing to do with them. Is there anything we can do to re-establish a closer relationship?

Answer: Every family is made up of different personalities, not all of which are easy to get along with. Those who are able to retain a close relationship are usually those who communicate well and feel good enough about themselves that they hold no resentment against the other. Spending meaningful and enjoyable time together is essential, but that won't happen if you can't communicate and if you hold grudges.

A relationship takes two people. And in some relationships, because of different personalities, it takes much more effort to make the relationship work than in others. The question is: How much work do you want to invest in developing a positive relationship with your sister's family?

If you feel it's worth the effort, here's what I'd suggest: Start by writing a weekly news-filled letter to your sister, regardless of whether or not she chooses to write back. Ask questions that invite a response. For example: "As you think back to our childhood, what was the most meaningful experience that you can remember? Or what kind of an animal reminds you of me and why? Or if there is one thing about our childhood that you could change, what would that be?" Many times, it's easier to bring up and discuss important issues when it's done in writing.

Call her on a regular basis. Send little "I care" surprise packages that have no relationship to birthdays or Christmas. Plan a trip to see your sister when just the two of you can spend two or three days together. It's better to meet in a neutral location so she doesn't have housework and child-care responsibilities to distract her. Going together to a weekend retreat for women may be meaningful.

If you find there are deep issues that need to be resolved, you may want to seek professional help and work through these things yourself. As you grow, you'll then understand better how to relate to your sister.

Finally, don't be disappointed. Sometimes re-establishing a relationship with a family member takes years, or it may never happen. Regardless, you can build a "family" of friends who love you unconditionally and give you the closeness you desire. We all need "family."

[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.]



A close race is judged by the computer eye at the Pinewood Derby races in Frederick, Maryland.

CHESAPEAKE

Pathfinders enjoy Pinewood Derby races

Monday, February 5, brought the 18th annual running of the Chesapeake Pathfinder Pinewood Derby.

In spite of a fresh batch of snow, the church school gymnasium in Frederick, Maryland, was hopping with excitement. While at least a couple of clubs from the eastern and northern areas of the conference were unable to attend, more than 150 Pathfinders and 80 adults were on hand to take part in this event.

Carved from pine blocks, these five-ounce works of art may not be faster than speeding bullets or even the Metro, but they are a lot of fun. These cars are built for either speed or show—and sometimes both.

The day began with registration and weigh-in. While some youngsters were weighing and labeling their cars, others were making last-minute adjustments.

A good Pathfinder club is always prepared to take care of its needs and the

needs and wants of others. That's where the food booths came in. The sights and smells ranged from spaghetti and chili to cinnamon raisin pretzels with icing.

Next, it was time for the opening ceremonies. Southern Area Coordinator Jack Johns led a teen color guard from Westminster. After the flag ceremonies, Junior Pathfinder Evonne St. Villiers from the Atholton club sang the national anthem, accompanied by Junior Pathfinder Ashley Finch. Teen Pathfinder Raymond Chilson from southern Maryland then had prayer, and the Pathfinders were ready to race.

After many races and run-offs, the climax of the day came when Conference Junior Champion Brandon Bulyard of Hagerstown faced off against the conference teen champion, Melissa Bowen of Frederick. The final race was all ev-



Champions Melissa Bowen and Brandon Bulyard display their trophies and ribbons.

everyone had hoped it would be as the cars came down literally side-by-side.

In a race decided by the track's computer eye, Melissa won by a close margin, taking the overall trophy for this

event. That also puts the conference trophy in the hands of the Frederick Fore-runners until next year.

Many things made this day a success. One was the leadership provided by the wonderful people of the Frederick Adventist community who are always committed to making Pinewood Derby Race Day succeed. Another was the support of family, friends and staff. But the richest ingredient of this and any other Pathfinder event is God's youth!

After everyone helped with the clean-up, the program closed with prayer, and each Pathfinder went home a winner.

COLUMBIA UNION

ADRA/North America to hold community action workshop

If you're interested in starting one of the new projects of the Adventist Development and Relief Agency in North America in your community—projects to help the homeless, inner-city children and youth and others in crisis need—you will want to attend the first annual ADRA/North America Community Action Workshop May 26 through June 2 at the North American Division office in Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Richmond	6:23	6:29	6:35
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Ohio Conference Triennial Session

The 36th regular triennial session of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 19, 1996, at the Mount Vernon Hill church, 535-A Wooster Rd., Mount Vernon, OH. The purposes of this meeting are to elect officers and committees, consider recommendations for revisions of the constitution and bylaws and to transact such other business as comes before the conference.

EDWARD MOTSCHIEDLER, *President*
RAJ ATTIKEN, *Secretary*

Ohio Conference Association Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a legal meeting of the Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio, in connection with the 36th triennial session of the Ohio Conference to be held in the Mount Vernon Hill church, 535-A Wooster Rd., Mount Vernon, OH, at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 1996. The purposes of the meeting are to elect officers and trustees and transact any other business that may come before the association at that time. Delegates to the 36th triennial session of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of the session.

EDWARD MOTSCHIEDLER, *President*
RICHARD TERRELL, *Acting Secretary*

Mount Vernon Academy Corporation Meeting

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Mount Vernon Academy Corporation will be held in connection with the 36th regular triennial session of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in the Mount Vernon Hill church, 535-A Wooster Rd., Mount Vernon, OH, at 3:10 p.m. on Sunday, May 19, 1996.

This meeting is called to elect trustees and transact any other business that may come before the constituency at that time. The delegates to the 36th triennial session of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists are delegates of this session.

EDWARD MOTSCHIEDLER, *President*
STEVEN A. DAVIS, *Secretary*

Allegheny East Conference Prison Ministry Federation Constituency Meeting

The Allegheny East Conference's Prison Ministry Federation will hold its constituency meeting on Sunday, April 21, 1996, at 10 a.m. at the Berea Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1901 S. Madison St. in Baltimore, MD.

The business to be conducted during this constituency meeting includes election of officers for the 1996-1999 triennium and consideration of proposed changes to the federation's constitution and bylaws.

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Chesapeake CHALLENGE



President's Focus

"Elder Harcombe, what is your vision for the Chesapeake Conference?" Dr. Byron Byrd, a member of the conference executive committee, asked me this

searching question right after I was elected president. I grappled with that question for a number of days. "What is your vision, Neville?" I'd wake up each morning to face it again. "What is your vision?"

I must admit that there was not a shortage of "visions." The academy programs, the evangelism challenges, personnel changes, pastoral assignments, camp meeting plans. So it went on and on. Nothing really stood out as being a vision for the entire conference.

It was not until I changed the wording of the question that it finally all came together. "Lord, what is Your vision for the Chesapeake Conference?"

While reading Revelation, I was impressed by the vision He gave to John in his retirement years while sitting on the isle of Patmos. The vision centers on the time we are now living. After reading Revelation 14, I finally was impressed that the Lord's vision for us is: "TO

PREPARE A PEOPLE FOR THE SOON COMING OF JESUS."

John describes the scene where Jesus is sitting on a "white cloud" waiting to reap the final harvest. The angel is waiting to give the command to "thrust in the sickle." Why is the angel waiting? The final harvest has not ripened. Only God can ripen the seed. Why is God waiting to ripen the seed?

I asked myself the question: "What is Jesus, the angel and God waiting for?" Ellen White has given us an answer to the problem. There is a lack of spirituality among God's people. That is the heart of the problem. All of heaven is waiting for you and me to become "spiritual."

That is where the emphasis should be in our preparation for the second coming. Our spiritual growth is of utmost importance.

How do I grow spiritually? How do I become a spiritual person? In other words, what is spirituality?

My spirituality should reflect the character of God through the life of Jesus Christ, which produces the fruit of the Spirit in my daily living. One cannot hide genuine spirituality. It is obvious to all. The devil has tried to imitate and duplicate these God-given characteristics. Jesus identified this cheap imitation as that of "whitened sepulchers" and "sounding brass."

It is impossible to grow spiritually without focusing on Jesus. As counselled by the prophet, it would be well for us to spend an hour each day contemplating on the life of Christ. "We should take it (the life of Christ) point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones," — *The Desire of Ages*, page 83.

As I think of the importance of our preparation for Christ's soon return, I am concerned with one fact, and it is that we do not have much time left. Another problem is that there are so many "important" side issues diverting our attention from this major activity.

Stop reading and ask yourself this question right now. "What have I done, since I awoke this morning, to prepare myself for the coming of Jesus?" I would dare venture to say that probably most of us would tragically say, "Nothing!"

I do not want to end on a pessimistic note. Here is a courage capsule for the day. Take your Bible and read Galatians 5:16-26. Concentrate on verse 22. This is the fruit of spirituality. Then read from *The Desire of Ages* the five paragraphs on page 83.

I will continue writing in the next few issues my concerns, thoughts and suggestions on this important subject, "Preparing myself for the soon coming of Jesus."

Adults need programs, too!

Chesapeake members will be glad to see that while conference children and youth programs are flourishing, ministries to adults are also alive and well!

Included in the following 1996 schedule are training programs for church officers, major retreats for retirees, women and singles. Mark your calendar now!

BILL MCVAY
Adult Ministries Director

Chesapeake Conference Adult Ministries Events - 1996

January 20
March 24
March 31
April 19-21
April 21
April 28
June 29-July 27

September 5-8

September 6-8
September 13-15
September 14

September 27-29
October 5-November 9

October 19-December 31

Launching of Net '96 Program
Adult Superintendents' Training Event
Personal Ministries Training Event
Chesapeake Singles Retreat
Community Services Training Event
Lay Bible Instructor Training Event
CUC Field School of Evangelism
Baltimore First Church
Disaster Preparation Training Event
General Conference
Encore Ministries (Retirees) Retreat
Critical Issues for Adventist Singles Retreat
Inter-conference Sabbath School Training Event
Sligo School
Chesapeake Women's Ministries Retreat
Net '96 Satellite Evangelism originating in Orlando, Florida
1996 Ingathering Program

All events are at Mount Aetna Retreat Center unless otherwise indicated.



The Vandeman family

Rob Vandeman named new conference executive secretary

Elder Rob Vandeman, senior pastor of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland, recently accepted the position of conference executive secretary, ministerial and communication di-

rector. The conference executive committee voted unanimously to call Elder Vandeman to replace Neville Harcombe, who is the new conference president.

Rob spent 12 years as the senior pastor of the Spencerville church. The church experienced rapid growth and is presently at 1,053 in membership. His wife, Judy, works as a nurse at Washington Adventist Hospital and is actively involved in the church's

music program. Their daughter, Keri, a 10th grader, teaches violin and also plays in the New England Youth Ensemble. Their son, Kevin, is in the seventh grade.

In 1971, Rob began his ministry in the Colorado Conference. He then moved to the Minnesota Conference in 1976, where he pastored for eight years. In 1984, he accepted the call to pastor the Spencerville church. We are delighted to have the Rob and his family as part of our conference administration.

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Blake Hall, speaker



Rick Russell -- new conference treasurer

On January 28, the conference executive committee unanimously voted to ask Rick Russell, associate treasurer, to be the new conference treasurer. He replaces Deryl Knutson, who accepted the call to be treasurer of the Southwestern Union Conference.

Rick's wife, Kathy, teaches music at Spencerville Junior Academy. She is an accomplished harpist and is well known in the area for her musical abilities.

Rick began his ministry in 1980 as an accountant for the Home Health Education Service in the Columbia Union Conference. In 1984, he accepted the position as assistant treasurer here in the Chesapeake Conference.



Rick and Kathy Russell

THE DUNAMIS GOSPEL WORKER'S TRAINING PROGRAM

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Pastor Cirigliano will also have the worship service on Sabbath, April 13, as well as evening vesper at 6:30 p.m.

This is a conference-wide program, so register early for this event. Send check and registration to Baltimore First church at the above address.

Conference announces 1996 evangelism schedule

Chesapeake Evangelism Coordinator Bill McVay announces an ambitious 1996 public evangelism schedule. Included are major crusades by a number of visiting evangelists, Revelation

seminars, Net '96 satellite programming and special programs such as health seminars and a field school of evangelism at the Baltimore First church. Pray especially for these crucial outreach endeavors.

Peaking Ahead

March	19	Conference Executive Committee
April	19-21	Singles Retreat
	28	HVA Music Festival
May	5	HVA Board Meeting
	21	Conference Executive Committee
	24-26	HVA Graduation

Church	Meeting Type	Speaker	Meeting Date
Aberdeen, MD	Crusade		March/April
Atholton, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Baltimore City, MD	Crusade	Willis Dagenais	April
Baltimore First, MD	Crusade	Bill McVay	July/August
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Baltimore Korean, MD	Crusade	Guest	May 7-13
	Crusade	Kang Lee	October 1-7
Baltimore Spanish, MD	Crusade	Guest	Mar 30-Apr 20
Laurel	Crusade	Isael Ramirez	May 4-25
Laurel	Revelation Seminar	Gertha Ramirez	Sept 6-27
Columbia	Revelation Seminar	Isael Ramirez	Sept 6-27
Columbia	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Berkeley Springs, WV	Crusade	Frank Bondurant	Sept-Nov
Brooklyn, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Charles Town, WV	Crusade	Kim Kjaer	March/April
Chestertown, MD	Health Seminar	John Kurlinski	Prior to Net '96
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Cornerstone, VA	Crusade	Steve Wohlberg	May 11-June 14
Dundalk, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Frederick, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Glen Burnie, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Grasonville, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Hagerstown, MD	Crusade	Bill Zima	Jan/Feb
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Harrington, DE	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Highland View, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Linthicum, MD	Revelation Seminar	Ronald Goss	Jan 8-Feb 16
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Martinsburg, WV	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Middletown Valley, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
New Hope, MD	Comp Bible Study	Martin Weber	Apr 20-May 25
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Park (Salisbury), MD	Crusade	Dale Brussett	May 3-June 8
Parkville-Essex, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Pasadena, MD	Revelation Seminar	Gary Strang	Feb 2-Apr 2
Providence, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Reisterstown, MD	Prophecy Seminar	David Miller	March-May
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Seaford, DE	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Spencerville, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Spencerville Korean, MD	Health Seminar	Cha Soon Choi	May 5-15
	Revelation Seminar	Moon Young Suc	Oct 18-Nov 19
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Towson, MD	Crusade	Roosevelt Marsden	Aug 11-Sep 15
Triadelphia, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Westminster, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Williamsport, MD	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Willow Brook, MD	Crusade	Lester Pratt	April/May
	Net '96	Mark Finley	Oct 5-Nov 9
Wilmington, DE	Crusade	Dale Brussett	Sept/Oct

A day at the track



A busy moment at the registration table.

February 5 brought the 18th annual running of the Chesapeake Pathfinder Pinewood Derby. In spite of a fresh batch of snow, the Frederick school gymnasium was hopping with excitement. While at least a couple of clubs from the eastern and northern areas of the conference were unable to attend, more than 150 Pathfinders and 80 adults were on hand to take part in this thrilling racing event. Carved from pine blocks, these five-ounce works of art may not be faster than speeding bullets or even the Metro, but they are a lot of fun. The cars are built for either speed or show—and sometimes both.

The day began with registration and weigh-in. While some were weighing and labeling their cars, others were making last-minute adjustments. A good Pathfinder club is always prepared to take care of their needs and the needs and wants of others. That is where the food booths entered the picture. The sights and smells ranged from spaghetti and chili to cinnamon raisin pretzels with icing (they tasted as good as they looked).

Next, it was time for the opening ceremonies. Southern Area Coordinator Jack Johns led a teen color guard from Westminster. After the flag ceremonies, Junior Pathfinder

Evonne Saint-Villiers from the Atholton club sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Junior Pathfinder Ashley Finch. Teen Pathfinder Raymond Chilson from Southern Maryland opened the day with prayer, and the Pathfinders were ready to race. And race they did (for the next four hours)!

After many races and run-offs, the climax of the race day came when conference junior champion Brandon Bulyard of Hagerstown faced off against the conference teen champion, Melissa Bowen of Frederick. The final race was all we had hoped it would be as the derby cars came down literally side-by-side. In a race decided by the track's computer eye, Melissa won by a close margin, taking the overall trophy for the event. That also puts the conference trophy in the hands of the Frederick Forerunners until next year.

Many things made this day a success. One was the leadership provided by the wonderful people of the Frederick Adventist community who are always committed to making Pinewood Derby Race Day a success. Another was the support of family, friends and staff. But the richest ingredient of this and any other Pathfinder event is God's youth who have committed their lives to Him! After we all joined in the clean-up, we closed with prayer, and each went home a winner.

STEVE WADE

Youth Director, Chesapeake Conference



A close race is determined by the computer eye.



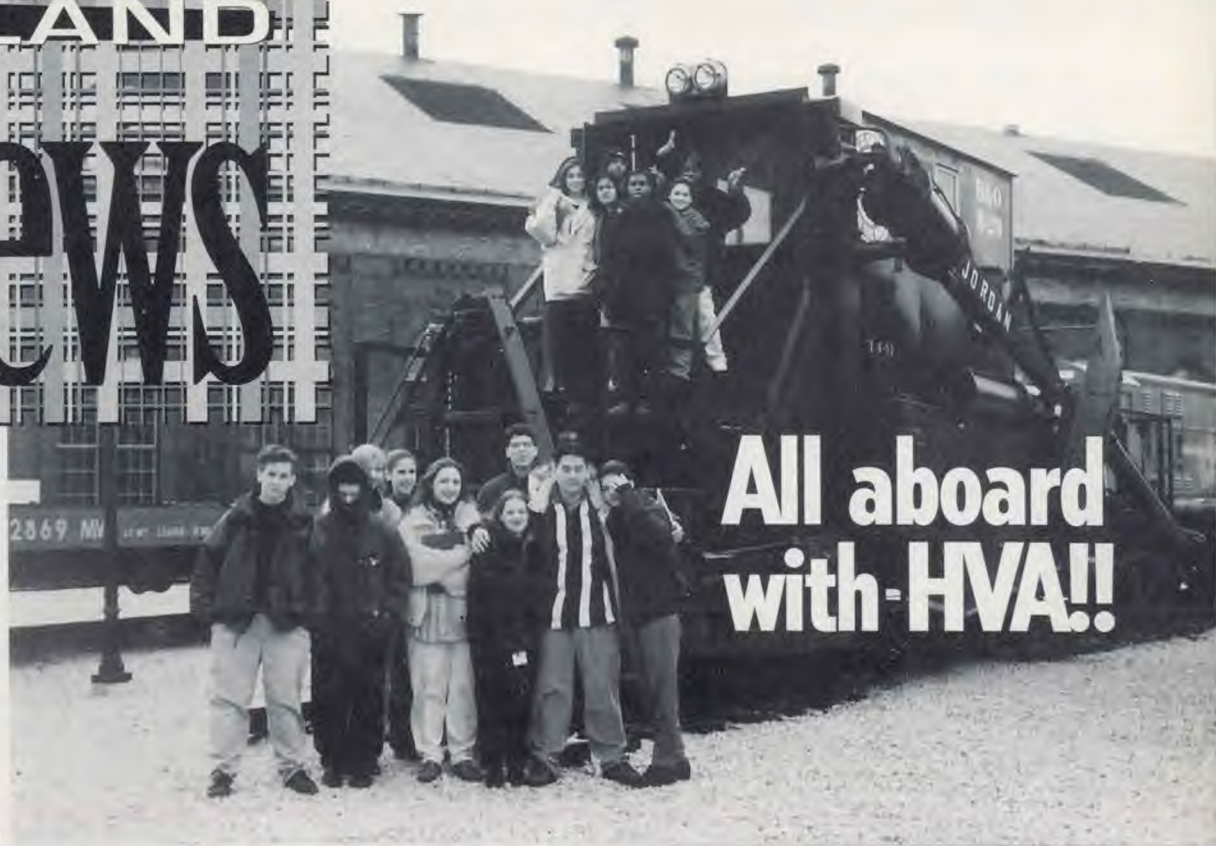
Champions Melissa Bowen and Brandon Bulyard display their trophies and ribbons.

HIGHLAND Views

Right: Students pose on railroad track laying equipment as they explore the history of modern transportation at the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Museum on January 31.

Below: Girls from Eastern Shore Junior Academy and HVA pause amidst the planes in the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Bottom: Students from both schools enjoy an evening break to eat and chat.



All aboard with HVA!!



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World History students from Highland View Academy and Eastern Shore Junior Academy joined together on January 31 to explore the development of transportation in America. Hosted by HVA History Department and Development Office, more than 60 students viewed the historic trains and railway artifacts at the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Museum in Baltimore, Maryland and toured the planes and space crafts at the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

In the evening, the students gathered at the Fireside Inn near College Park for a relaxing pizza dinner and a special time to chat with new friends.

This field trip was made available through the workshop and program series offered by Highland View Academy. It is designed to acquaint elementary and high school students, teachers and youth leaders with HVA's diverse program. A variety of topics from creative writing to science labs, Spanish culture to computer education, is offered at no cost to school or churches.

For additional information on how your group can participate in one of these programs, please call the development office at (301) 739-8480, Ext. 207; or write Highland View Academy, Workshop/Program Series, 10100 Academy Drive, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Pastor Ron's corner

As you know, life at Highland View Academy is more than books, teachers, homework and studying. Social activities, varsity, intramurals and other extracurricular opportunities allow students to take a break from the normal routine and think about something else. However, beyond the daily studies and activities, there are the incomparable opportunities available at HVA that allow each student to become involved in nurturing their spiritual walk with Jesus. Students are invited to participate in one or more of the ministries available on campus:



On-campus ministries

Friday night vespers—A weekly worship service that gives the student body an opportunity to worship together at the end of a long week of studies.

Afterglow—An opportunity following most Friday night vespers to sing praises, share a few texts or thoughts and pray together.

Baptismal class—Pastor Ron leads interested students in preparing themselves to accept Jesus through baptism.

Power half-hour—Students lead out in singing, Bible study and prayer for each other in specific dorm rooms.

Student week of prayer—A week of peer-to-peer spiritual challenges and call to accountability. These programs are student-led and include drama and music.

Youth Reach—A weekend of spiritual emphasis and commitment that includes guest speakers, musical guests and drama presentations as part of the worship experience. There is a YouthReach weekend scheduled each semester.

Mission trip—A service and witnessing opportunity abroad. This year's trip is to Honduras April 4-14.

Ministry groups

HVA drama ministries team—An outreach group who, through drama, focuses on worship and witnessing.

Puppet ministries—An outreach group that can minister to all ages. Its main goal is to share God's love with others.



Left to right: Chris Tovas, Jason Suggs and Elin Dager use their talents in the drama team to share Christ's message.

Community outreach

Visitations—A monthly outreach program for the elderly at the Williamsport group home.

Children's ministry hour—A monthly outreach program of story telling, singing, crafts and sharing God's love with the Hagerstown community children.



Wendall Phillips and Elaine Woode visit homes in the community to pass out literature.

Coming soon!

- Clown ministries
- S.H.O.P.—Students Helping Other People
- Blind camp
- "On the Edge" summer ministry



Pray that God will help us fulfill our goal of providing a Christ-centered, spirit-filled, student-led campus ministries that will continue to provide an atmosphere of fellowship and spiritual growth.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Over the past few years, a few students at a time, an English language program has been growing and developing at HVA. Much of it is due to Walter and Alida Alonso, strong supporters and members of the extended HVA family. They have encouraged children of classmates and friends in Argentina to come to our nurturing environment to spend time learning English.

The 15 students who arrived this

year make the largest group thus far. Three have advanced in English and have enrolled in traditional classes. The others are involved in a thorough American educational experience. The students are from Brazil, Peru and Russia, besides Argentina. For them, the experience of living in the United States for a year is augmented by their ability to make new friends from around the world as well.

These students (most of whom come after completing their last year of high school in December) range from beginning English learners to those who have a high proficiency in English. In addition to a special English class for non-native speakers (three different levels are being taught this year), the stu-

dents audit at least three other classes in English and take part in the work-study and extracurricular programs. Special field trips are incorporated into the curriculum to enrich the usual schedule of school activities.

Not only does this program provide a service to our Seventh-day Adventist students of other countries, it also enriches the learning environment for our own students, who have a chance to learn about other countries, cultures and people here on their own campus.

If you would like to participate in this program by sharing your home and our American culture with a foreign student on homeleave, please contact Kathy Beagles, vice-principal and ESL Instructor, at (301) 739-8480, Ext. 206.



Top: Mrs. Beagles shares smiles as well as information with foreign students in the English language program.

Above: Foreign language students gather in the cafeteria to experience an American pizza dinner—HVA style!

At Right: South American guys enjoy the benefits of an international education and an American experience at HVA.



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Child Care Center



Right: Highland View Child Care Center children are fascinated with Steve Gatz and his special reptile friends as they explore January's topic on "Our Pets."

Left: During table time, 3 students use their imaginations to design geometric shapes and objects.



Experience ... an unforgettable HVA weekend

April 26-28

A highlight of our year here at Highland View Academy is coming this spring, April 26-28. It is our opportunity to share with youth an inside look at academy life.

Academy Day—Friday, April 26—is designed to give prospective students the chance to experience firsthand a day in the life of an HVA student. As an extension of this day, we invite all students to attend a powerful worship experience—Youth Reach Weekend, beginning at experience first-hand on April 26. The Sabbath hours are packed with music, drama and youth speakers.

We have scheduled the conference-wide music festival* on Sunday, so if a student has been attending the weekend programs, it will be convenient to stay over to participate in this event.

If you are planning to attend any or all of the three events, please contact the development office to book a dorm room for Friday and/or Saturday night. You may call Mrs. Bateman at (301) 739-8480, Ext. 207.

You will need to bring a sleeping bag, a Bible and personal items. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Students (grades five-10) not attending conference schools are invited to participate in the music festival in band or choir. You will need music to learn in advance of the weekend. For sign-up and music, please contact Mrs. Peeke at (301) 739-8480, Ext. 262.

FRIDAY - APRIL 26

HVA Academy Day

- Registration - 8:00 a.m.
- Assembly - 9:00
- Experience It! 9:30-12:00
- Tropical Lunch - Noon
- Sports Events
- Evening Campus Picnic

FRIDAY EVENING

Youth Reach Weekend

- Captivating music, drama and worship



SATURDAY - APRIL 27

Youth Reach Weekend continued ...

- Drama Outreach Workshop
- Powerful Youth Speakers
- Musical Concert

SATURDAY EVENING

- Soccer tournament and party

SUNDAY - APRIL 28

HVA Music Festival

We, the People

- Choir
- Band
- Bells
- Drama
- Multimedia Program

Highland View Academy Alumni Weekend

March 29-31, 1996

Honor Classes - '51, '56, '66, '71, '76, '86

March 29 - Friday Evening

Vespers - 7:30 p.m. -

Merle Rouse, former HVA guidance counselor/Bible teacher

March 30 - Saturday

Sabbath school - 9:30 a.m. - HVA Drama Group

Church service - 11:00 a.m. - William Jackson, former vice-principal

Honor class lunches and cafeteria meals

Vespers musical concert - 6:00 p.m. - Paula Wiesner Woodruff ('92) and husband Jeremy

Business meeting and supper - 6:45 p.m.

Alumni basketball game - 8:00 p.m.

March 31 - Sunday

Alumni soccer game - 11:00 a.m.

Mark this memorable weekend on your calendar. We hope to see you there!

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MOUNTAIN VIEW CHALLENGE

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Staff Meeting
Mountain View Conference

April 13
Music Festival
Cumberland

April 19-21
"Promise Claimers"
Men's Retreat
Valley Vista

April 22 - 10:00 a.m.
Finance Committee
Parkersburg

April 26-28
NADEI Classes
Parkersburg

April 28 - 10:00 a.m.
Board of Education
Parkersburg

April 29 - 10:00 a.m.
Conference Executive Committee
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May 5-10
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May 17-19
Singles Retreat
Valley Vista

June 16-21
Lifeguard Camp
Valley Vista

June 21-29
Camp Meeting
Valley Vista

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHALLENGE

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Joe and John ... still at it!

John: Joe, am I glad for Net '96. I am so proud that my denomination and even my little church here in Mountain View is on the cutting edge of satellite communication technology.

Joe: That's right, John. I am also glad for Net '96, but we must realize that the satellite downlink is not just for evangelistic meetings—as wonderful as they are! The Adventist Communication Network has programming coming into our church every week. Can you imagine? The best trainers in North America coming into our church to train us, and we don't need to travel anywhere!

John: It's not just training, Joe. Thrilling mission stories, interviews with interesting church leaders and members, not to mention on-site coverage of the GC session in Holland and the commemoration at Battle Creek. It's almost like SDA-CNN!

Joe: Wow! You are right, John! With the dish at the church, we can see it as it happens. With the projector and screen, we can make it 10 feet tall. This is really something!

John: We must take advantage of every opening to share the gospel of Jesus. How wonderful! It's like Elder Finley and his team coming to our town—to our church for a full crusade. Who would have dreamed of such a thing even 10 years ago?

Joe: You know, you are right. The neat thing is that it is all automatic. We basically have someone unlock the church and turn on the equipment. It runs itself. We don't even need to go to Net '96!

John: Whoa! Joe, Net '96 is not less work. It is more! It does not mean less involvement, it means more! Evangelism, to really be effective, needs people, friendship and bonding experiences. Our friends from the community bonding to a pew is not a positive experience. They need people—you, me and our families and other members like us who are there night after night. As we show our enthusiasm, it is catching. Our pastor and Elder Finley are counting on us! We must do our share, Joe. Time is short. We can't let our Savior down this close to home.

Joe: John, you are good for me. You help me see things more clearly. Thanks—buddy!



Randy Murphy
President

John: You often help me as well. We are a good team. Perhaps we should do more recruiting! Recently, I was reading in the book, Evangelism, p. 16. I have the quote written right here. I carry it in my pocket and read it often:

"We are now living in the closing scenes of this world's history. Let men tremble with the sense of responsibility of learning the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are to their God..."

Joe: That's awesome, John. We do have a responsibility. We know—they don't. Things are rapidly moving to conclusion. John, let's pray—right now! Then let's get up and get to work. There's not much time left!

New singles coordinator for conference

Bunny Abbott has been appointed Singles Coordinator for the Mountain View Conference. Abbott has worked in the conference office for the past three years where she serves as Director of Communications and Secretary to the President. "I would like to encourage those who are single (i.e. never married, widowed, divorced or separated) throughout the Mountain View Conference to participate in the activities that are planned especially with the single person in mind. You can be an encouragement to others by attending and being a part of this ministry," states Abbott. A retreat is being planned May 17-19 at Valley Vista for all singles throughout the conference. If you have questions or would like to be a part of the Singles Ministry, contact Bunny at the conference office at 304-422-4581.

MOUNTAIN VIEWS



Amber Morris, a Parkersburg Junior Academy student, sang a special number for the Christmas program.

The ladies of the Valley View congregation enjoyed the recent "Women in the Driver's Seat" seminar where they received "hands-on" basic training on car repair and maintenance. The workshop was a success, and plans are to have another one in the spring.

Members of the Richwood church are rejoicing over the fact

that their membership doubled as the result of the recent meetings held by pastors J. Allen Fine and Larry Boggess.

In spite of inches and feet of snow and then flooding in the area, the people kept coming and coming to the evangelistic meetings in Cumberland, according to Brian Savage, pastor. At the time this went to press, two more weeks of meetings remained with Ohio Conference Evangelist Don Barnt, as the speaker.

A Net '96 rally and consecration service was held in Summersville Friday evening, January 27. Randall Murphy, conference president, was the featured speaker and leader for the communion service. The physicians of the Fairview Medical Clinic invited the group to have the meeting in the waiting area of the clinic. "There were tablecloths, flowers, candles and soft music—it was a very nice affair," stated Murphy. An unusual feature of the evening was a phone call to California. A speakerphone was used, and after Larry Boggess, pastor, dialed the number, a voice was heard saying, "This is Mark Finley." After a brief report of current happenings in Net '96, those present were invited to ask Elder Finley anything they wanted to know about Net '95 or Net '96. "It was a wonderful feature," Murphy said. The Summersville, Braxton and Richwood churches have all purchased the needed equipment and are all going to be conducting the Net '96 evangelistic meetings at the same time—live via satellite. Pray for Elder Boggess!! Three meetings at once will be a challenge!

Members of the Central Hills in Clarksburg, Fairmont and Grafton churches joined together for a candlelit Christmas service on December 16 at the Central Hills church. District Pastor Richard Perkins read the Christmas story, and a gospel presentation by the youth of the Grafton church entitled "Ben Trying" was given. Christmas carols and instrumental music was enjoyed throughout the program. In closing, everyone lit candles from the person sitting next to them and were reminded that as they share their light with their neighbor, they are also to take the light of Jesus into the community and share it with others. The group enjoyed a fellowship supper following the service.

Members of the Lewisburg church recently presented a one-session seminar highlighting the advantages of vegetarianism at the Bolling Community Center in Lewisburg. Samples of vegetarian soups and stews with recipes were offered to those in attendance.

The junior and youth class, under the leadership of John and Lisa Sutton of the Valley View church, brightened the holidays for a family in the community. With money raised from selling T-shirts and offerings taken up during the first two Sabbaths of December, the young people bought gifts for their adopted family. They also plan to begin a clown ministry in the near future.

Members of the Lewisburg church, led by their Community Services director, Kester Erskine, and conference Disaster Director John Ridpath, assisted flood victims in their area of the state. Supplies from ADRA and the neighboring Potomac Conference were brought in to assist in the relief efforts. (See next issue of the Visitor for complete details and pictures.)

Amber Morris, a Parkersburg Junior Academy student, sang a special number for the Christmas program entitled, "The Little Christmas Lamb." The entire school participated in the program, which included a skit and musical selections. The program took place during the worship service at the Parkersburg church.

New Year's greetings from Vladimir, Russia

The following message was received on January 22 1996 through Alla Pavlischye of the Euro-Asia Division, on behalf of the Vladimir, Russia church (The wording and spelling are as written by Elder Ivan Nalchadzhi):

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, dear friends! Greeting you cordially! We pray for God's blessing to you, so that the people of God from your conference will always be strong spiritually; firm in their faith, hope and also we pray for their growth in number.

"We wish you, all the workers for the conference office, Happy New Year. Wish you good health, joy and all fruits of the Holy Spirit. We would like to greet the following families: Whitsett - Kingsley, Nancy, Eddy and Teddy; family of Rainfall Morphew; family of Dale Johnson, the Whiteman family, Milon and Ferrel Harris, the Bobier family.

"We wish all the best to all pastors' families, all brothers and sisters from the Mountain View Conference. Galatians 1:3-4, Deuteronomy 7:9.

The church construction in Vladimir is developing well. They have finished internal plastering and now are making floors. All the work has been carried out by church members. It is much cheaper that way but requires additional time. All members of the Vladimir church are greeting you and wishing you the Lord's blessings throughout the New Year. May God bless you. Warmest regards.

"P.S. We are cherishing the beautiful memories of our trip to America. Looking through the pictures again and again. Just recently, we watched our video about the camp meeting at the Vella Westa and saw you real.

"PS 2. This letter was written by Elder Nalchadzhi before the new year, but because the division office had vacation much earlier than usually (because we were moving to a new location), it was not possible to send it at that time. Also, sorry if some of the names are not spelled correctly."



Ivan and Lyubov Nalchadzhi

Nicole Visniski and the "Ultimate Workout 5"

Many teenagers will tell you that summer fun is the beach, friends and lots of sun. After the summer of 1995, Nicole Visniski will tell you that summer fun is the "Ultimate Workout 5" with friends, sore muscles and lots of sun.

Nicole was one of about 100 Adventist young people from across the nation selected to participate in "Ultimate Workout 5," which was sponsored by Maranatha Volunteers International and *Insight* magazine. The group, under the leadership of project coordinator Steve Case, traveled to Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, in northwestern Mexico, to build an urgently needed, six-room elementary school. The building also included bathrooms, an office and a large multipurpose

room/gymnasium. The structure required 12,000 concrete blocks and many long hours to build.

In their "spare time," members of the group assisted in medical clinics within a two-hour drive from their work site. They were also called upon to conduct a Vacation Bible School at their base camp and to lead out in Sabbath services and classes. All of this in nine working days!

Nicole, who is the assistant kindergarten leader and a VBS leader at the Grafton church, put her teaching experience to good service in the Cuauhtemoc Vacation Bible School.

"Even though they couldn't understand a word I was saying, you wouldn't believe how well we were able to communicate by facial expressions," she recalls. "It was the most rewarding experience I have ever had."

It was not all long, dry, work days in the scorching heat for her and her friends. They were welcomed and entertained by the Adventist community. They visited local industry and enjoyed the town swim-

ming pools. On their first Sabbath, they held their services at a lake near the town of Creel. The last Sabbath was opened with a communion service and closed with a vespers in the new school they had just finished.

"The communion to open the Sabbath and the candle-lighting service at vespers to close it were two of the most meaningful experiences of my life," Nicole said. "They sealed my determination to attend an Adventist college and to prepare for a place in the Lord's work."

The mission trip cost her \$1,200. To make it possible, Nicole worked and saved and her family and members of the Grafton church gave. She is working and saving and looking forward to "Ultimate Workout 6" coming up this summer.

JIM DADDYSMAN
Communication Leader

Pathfinder winter festival



Reggie Johnson, weekend speaker, "dressed" for the occasion. He emphasized that our witness for the Lord can be affected depending upon how we dress and conduct ourselves.

The annual Pathfinder winter festival was held January 26-28 at Valley Vista Adventist Center. Fifty-eight Pathfinders and their leaders gathered on Friday at the Timberline Ski Resort to spend the day skiing. Thirty-five returned to Valley Vista to spend the Sabbath hours and Sunday morning together.

Reggie Johnson, a high school junior from Parkersburg, was the featured speaker for the weekend. He held the young people's attention (and the adults' as well) as he focused on the type of witness we are (for the Lord or for the devil) by what we wear, the music we listen to and the company we keep.

The group, under the leadership of the conference Pathfinder director, Dale Tunnell, pastor of the Huntington/Point Pleasant district, enjoyed making new friends, singing, playing Bible games, hiking and the crisp mountain air!

Mountain View Conference office building celebrates 40th birthday!

Del Johnson, treasurer of the Mountain View Conference, announced that the building that has housed the former West Virginia Conference and, since 1971, the Mountain View Conference Office, was fully depreciated at the end of 1995. "The



building, which was built in 1955 and was renovated in 1992, continues to serve this conference well," stated Randy Murphy, conference president. Church members throughout the conference are encouraged to stop in and visit anytime they are in the Parkersburg area, or even better, make a special trip to the conference office. The office is located on the corner of 14th and Liberty streets in Parkersburg.

New pastor for Parkersburg/Toll Gate district



The Thordarson family: from left to right, Hjaltri, Jonina, Hrefna, Hilda and Throstur.

Throstur B. Thordarson has been selected as the pastor for the Parkersburg/Toll Gate district.

Thordarson received his bachelor of arts and master of divinity degrees from Andrews University and also received a master of business administration degree from Kent State University.

He is a native of Iceland where he has served as the director of church ministries and public relations in the Iceland Conference.

A special welcome to the Mountain View Conference to Thordarson; his wife, Jonina; sons Hjaltri and Heidar and daughters Hilda and Hrefna.

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Randy Murphy, Conference President



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Charting a future for Garden State Academy

The leadership of the New Jersey Conference and Garden State Academy is poised to move into an aggressive restructuring and development program for the academy.

THE PROBLEM. On opening day, August 21, 1995, GSA teachers were prepared to begin the important responsibility of educating the youth who had chosen to attend. As the first few weeks of the school year passed, the challenges facing Garden State Academy began to mount. The income generated from the 88 students enrolled fell far short of the required cash to maintain the institution. Each month the academy operated with this limited income resulted in a deeper deficit that had to be addressed. The regular subsidies that were being provided by the New Jersey Conference could not keep up with the losses.

It became apparent that some type of intervention was necessary. Without immediate intervention, the declining physical plant, increasing long-term indebtedness and escalating operating costs, coupled with declining student enrollment and loss of student industries, would bring an end to a long-standing institution. This could happen regardless of the emotional and physical attachment the constituency of the New Jersey Conference has held for its academy.

PROBLEM SOLVING. On November 19, the first of seven town hall meetings was conducted by conference administrators in cooperation with the Garden State Academy administration and staff. The meetings provided parents, church members and constituent groups with opportunities to share their feelings and hopes for GSA at a time when conference and school leaders were in a purposeful posture of listening. The time was also used to provide some factual data on the operational status of the academy and to gather some survey data to help in planning for the future. At each session, a survey questionnaire was distributed.

Five basic underlying attitudes are evident from the results of the survey:

- The respondents see GSA as an essential part of the New Jersey Conference.
- Communication from GSA to the constituency needs to include a strong marketing program to attract and maintain students. Communication between administration and staff with parents and students needs to be responsive and comfortable.
- The physical plant needs attention. A funding base for capital improvement and maintenance needs to be developed.
- Revision is needed in the funding of students and programs.

"GSA future" continued on NJ-2



NDATES

March 16

Spanish Women's Day

March 17

Parents/Teachers Conference Brunch
Garden State Academy, 9 a.m. - Noon

March 28

Conference Committee and Audit
Trenton

March 28-April 7

Mission Trip
Dominican Republic

March 29-April 7

Spring Break
Garden State Academy

April 1-5

School Spring Break

April 1-5

Spanish Easter Evangelistic Thrust

April 13

NJ Prayer Conference

April 14, 15

Academy Days
Garden State Academy

April 19, 20

NJ Conference Music Festival
Garden State Academy



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• Business affairs of the academy need to be managed professionally and with accountability.

On November 28, a joint session of the GSA Board and the New Jersey Conference Executive Committee met to review the compiled findings of the town hall meetings and the academy's current financial status. After careful consideration of all the data, the joint committees voted to establish five management committees for the academy. The group determined to ensure that a number of business professionals be on each committee to provide valuable practical experience. The committees established are: marketing, debt retirement, capital improvement, finance and industry. Each committee has been charged with a specific assignment to

EDITORIAL



Does prayer really change anything? Is prayer like a TV remote control? Does God need to be convinced of our concerns? Are there reasons why our prayers are not answered the way we think they should be? Perhaps you've asked questions like these, and perhaps questions like these leave you with more doubts than assurance about the need to pray.

What we do know is that historically every great reformation and revival has been preceded by a revival of prayer. Does this suggest that prayer is a remote control that awakens heaven to our needs. I don't think so. According to Daniel 9, heaven is already alert to our needs and is ready to respond immediately. While satanic forces do interfere, the power of prayer links us with the power of heaven. When facing the powers of darkness, the ministry of prayer is not an option.

There are at least five basic assumptions we make when we enter into an active prayer ministry. They are:

Call to a prayer ministry

1. The resources of heaven were not depleted at Pentecost! Heaven's storehouse is still full of spiritual blessings.
2. God still delights to give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him.
3. We are just as dependent on divine power for our life and work as were people in Pentecostal times—we just may not recognize it.
4. Prayer is still the appointed means for drawing down these heavenly blessings in power on ourselves and those around us.
5. God still seeks for men and women who will, with all their other work of ministering, specially give themselves to persevering prayer.

In February, the pastors of the New Jersey Conference joined with several other pastors and denominational leaders in the Columbia Union for a day dedicated to prayer and to a prayer ministry. It was a day of encouragement and spiritual refreshment. April 13 has been set aside as a special day for church leaders throughout our conference to launch a "prayer offensive."

Prayer coordinators throughout the conference will meet with other church leaders. Business cannot go on as usual. We cannot afford "to play church." Each of us has been given a prayer ministry—an opportunity to link heaven's resources with the ever-pressing spiritual drought around us. We invite you to join us in this special thrust to reach the thousands who are unready and to reclaim the hundreds who have fallen away.

E.M. Bounds said it well, "The Holy Ghost does not flow through methods, but through men. He does not come on machinery, but on men. He does not anoint plans, but men—men of prayer." Come, Holy Spirit. Anoint each of us for the ministry before us!

LARRY R. EVANS
President



help guide and restructure the direction of GSA.

In addition to the establishment of the guidance committees, the joint session committee approved an 11-point management strategy. The strategies will establish a long-term framework to give definite checkpoints for the administrators to follow in the management and reporting of the overall academy program.

SUMMARY. The listening sessions provide a vital link to



church members in New Jersey. Some of the results that give us hope for the future include the additional number of students that enrolled at GSA for second semester. The commitment for GSA to become more proactive in communication and networking with the constituency has been established. The industry program shows great promise for the coming months with a new contract that should provide a consistent work program for any students who want to attend.

The process of listening, changing and restructuring GSA will be a long-term process. By no means have all the challenges facing GSA been solved, but the future is brighter. The administration, staff and students need from you the support of genuine interest and prayers. Garden State Academy needs the students from your homes, schools and churches. The depth of spiritual life these young people will experience will be unequal to any other experience you can offer them.

If you have any question or would like to become a prayer partner or help sponsor a young person at Garden State Academy call David Waller, GSA principal, at (908) 852-0300; Ron Patterson or Larry Evans at (609) 392-7131. Becoming a prayer partner or sponsoring a young person to learn and serve will be an investment with dividends beyond human potential.

RON PATTERSON

Superintendent of Schools



Indonesian church Pastor Hengky Hermanus introduces David Wong, guest speaker for the fifth anniversary celebration.

Celebration marks five years of fellowship

The Indonesian church company in Piscataway celebrated its fifth anniversary on December 23. This very exciting and inspiring day for all members and guests included a Sabbath worship service and fellowship lunch at the Lake Nelson school gymnasium.

keeping with the anniversary celebrations, sent by Larry Evans, president of the New Jersey Conference. The first pastor of the Indonesian company was Jeddy Hooker. Bill Lindeman came next, and at present, the company is served by Hengky Hermanus.



The Honorable Is Isnaedi, consul general of the Republic of Indonesia in New York, cuts and divides "Nasi Tumpeng," a symbol of blessings that have been given by God to His people. Nasi Tumpeng is rice mixed with spices, vegetable, egg, onion, garlic and peanuts.

Guest speaker David Wong, from the General Conference Department of Church Ministries, marked the special Sabbath service. Along with Dr. Wong, Is Isnaedi, consul general of the Republic of Indonesia in New York, Indonesian leaders from the community, church leaders and pastors from other denominations and Bill Lindeman from the Lake Nelson church each contributed in making the Christian fellowship meaningful and enjoyable.

The Indonesian congregation was also delighted with the pastoral letter, in

We, the Indonesian company, have learned together about the tremendous progress that has been made during the past few years. Under the Lord's directions and guidance, the company will continue to prosper and soon will organize as a church. Right now, the company has 71 members. Attendance every Sabbath ranges from 120 to 140.

Thanks so much for the moral and spiritual support from New Jersey Conference officers. May the Lord continue to bless each of us richly until Maranatha!



DATELINE
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New Jersey welcomes LeRoy Finck and family

LeRoy Finck has accepted the position of conference secretary and director of stewardship and trust services in the New Jersey Conference, positions previously held by Don Baker and Paul Saint-Villiers, respectively.

Finck brings with him the expertise for the job through his various work experiences outside the Columbia Union. As well as serving as associate pastor of the Tabernacle church in Portland, Oregon, he was special assistant to the president of the Oregon Conference (1993-94) and worked as the trust officer of the Western Oregon Conference Association (three months, 1992-93). During his time in Oregon, Finck also was pastor of the Meadow

Glade church from 1984-1992. Born in Montana and raised in Portland, Oregon, he leaves his home in the Pacific Northwest to come to serve in the Garden State.

Previous to his tenure in Oregon, California was blessed by having Finck as a pastor for the Victorville (1977-84), Blythe (1974-77) and San Bernardino (1971-72) churches in the South-eastern California Conference.

Being a part of various councils and committees has also helped prepare Finck for working in New Jersey's trust services. Finck has been a part of the administrative council, professional enrichment, the multi-cultural commission, and has managed inner-city and Operation Bearhug budgets in the Oregon Conference. In California, he was part of the divorce and remarriage committee and the personnel and conference executive committee from 1985 to 1994.

Finck has a master's of divinity degree from Andrews University and bachelor's degrees in biblical languages and theology from Pacific Union College. He and wife Marge, a secretary/administrative assistant, have two children living on the west coast—married daughter Cristi and son Kevin.

KIMBERLY LUSTE
Columbia Union Communication
Intern

Soft music permeated the sanctuary as the women of the Hackensack, Union City English and Waldwick churches gathered for a very special afternoon January 21. In contrast to the rather threatening outdoor weather, inside there was

a feeling of warmth, friendliness and expectancy. The occasion was the launching of a brand new outreach of the church—women's ministries.

Sharon Rivera, wife of the pastor, opened the meeting with a warm welcome and explained that the purpose of the organization was not a political one—there would be no efforts to promote such matters as women's libera-

tion. Rather, the goal of women's ministries is to aid each female member to develop her personal gifts to the highest level possible and to foster close feelings of "family," mutual love and help-

fulness among the members.

A musical selection was presented by Delrose Anderson, and Esther Grey led the congregational singing. Thelma Gregg brought the congregation to the throne of grace by prayer. Lucille Peterson presented the devotional, "Esther, the Instrument of God." She pointed out that God can use us to do great things for Him if we are willing to accept the responsibilities and sacrifices that service entails. Collette Baptiste closed the devotional time in prayer.

Rivera led a planning session in which ways were considered to carry out the objectives of the group.

The lunch that followed was served by Smyrna Rivera and Vanira Rodriguez, both students at Garden State Academy. The theme song, "I Still Have Joy," filled the room with happiness. Evelyn Brooks dismissed the meeting with prayer. All participants left with a warm feeling of Christian love and unity. There is great anticipation of future activities and accomplishments.

TONY RIVERA
Pastor, Hackensack Church

Women's ministries inaugurated

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The New Jersey Conference Executive Committee voted the approval of new hours for the conference office and the Adventist Book Center.

It was felt that these hours would better accommodate the needs of the constituents. Previously, the phone lines were not open until 9 a.m. and closed at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the hours have been 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER



Ninth- and 10th-grade students are learning Spanish via satellite.

Spanish class beamed from space

Christian education in the Ohio Conference is keeping pace with and taking advantage of the latest technologies to enhance the educational opportunities available to students. The satellite classroom made its debut at Mayfair Junior Academy this school year.

Ninth- and 10th-grade students, taught by Principal Pat Larson, are learning Spanish long distance. The program, originating in Fargo, North Dakota, through Prairie Public Television, is beamed by satellite into their classroom on a daily basis.

The Satellite Educational Resources Consortium (SERC *sercy*) was brought to the attention of the Ohio Conference by Carol Myers, conference superintendent of schools. Myers learned of the distance learning program at a workshop held at WVIL in Cleveland. She envisioned the

benefits it could provide to small schools that cannot afford to hire teachers to teach language and advanced math classes.

The Ohio Conference administration caught the vision and offered to provide the satellite equipment and special hookup necessary to beam in the classes to the conference academies and junior academies. Mount Vernon and Spring Valley academies did not feel a need to become involved in the program because they have teachers covering the language and advanced math subjects offered by SERC. However, Mayfair Junior Academy in Canton saw this as an opportunity to provide a better curriculum for the students. Larson said, "To a school our size, it's a saviour. We couldn't afford to

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Catching the beat for the homeless

Members of the Abundant Life Fellowship in Westerville have caught the beat—a musical heartbeat of concern for the homeless. This is the ninth year the congregation has sponsored a benefit concert for the Open Shelter for the homeless in downtown Columbus.

The concert began when ALF member Alan St. Jean and his wife decided to join a group of people from Eastwood who were handing out sack lunches to the homeless. St. Jean said he spent most of the day worrying about his wife's safety because many of the street people are "borderline institutional" or "running from something." He decided there must be a safer way to be involved in the feeding program.

Since he is a musician himself, St. Jean organized a benefit concert for the Open Shelter. He said he chose to hold the concert in the winter because the shelter depends heavily on public donations, and the need is greatest during the winter months. Many people who normally sleep on the street during warm weather crowd the shelter when the weather turns cold. He chose the name "Street Beat" for the contemporary Christian concert because it is for the street people.

The first concert was held nine years ago at the Columbus Eastwood church. It has also been held at the Worthington church. The concert this year at ALF was the first time it has been a multi-denominational effort. In the past, the musicians basically represented Seventh-day Adventist talent. St. Jean said the choir and bell choir from the St. Paul Lutheran

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church participated in the concert, which received TV coverage on WSYX in Columbus.

"Street Beat" is open to the public. Attendance the first year was about 100. St. Jean said for three of the past four years, approximately 400 people have

attended. "Tickets" are food and/or clothing brought to the church to be donated to the shelter. A love offering is also taken. St. Jean said \$600 and two vanloads of food and clothing were contributed by concert-goers this year and were delivered to the shelter after the concert.

Students serving "the least of these"

A small group of young people from Mount Vernon Academy and their adult supervisors prepared, transported, served and then shared a meal with the men housed at the Open Shelter in Columbus January 13. This is the fourth year the students have participated in this activity.

According to one of the organizers, Vicki Swetnam, the shelter provides lunch for the men Monday through Friday only. The Saturday evening meal prepared by the academy group may have been the only meal some of the men ate that day.

Swetnam said they begin preparing the food in the academy kitchen at 1:00 p.m. It is cooked, packed into warming trays and transported to Columbus to be served by 6:00 that evening. This year, 15 students and six adults prepared chicken parmesan (500 Worthington chickette patties), scalloped potatoes and steamed peas and carrots for 250 men. Two hundred twenty-two were actually served.

Karen Poland, another organizer of the feeding program, usually contacts donors who supply bread for the dinner. However, Swetnam said Poland was snowed in in Colorado, and the group had no idea where they were going to get the bread. The need was filled in a totally unexpected way. The Thursday before the dinner, Pastor Bill Jackson of the Columbus Eastwood church brought three large black trash bags filled with day-old bread from a Jewish bakery to the conference office. He occasionally brings a few loaves in for the office staff,

but this time the bakery gave him an unusually large number of Jewish challah loaves. Swetnam said, "The Lord knew we needed that bread."

As the men go through the food line, they take their filled plates and eat them standing at the end of the line so they will be sure to receive second helpings. Swetnam said when no one else is in line, the "cooks" serve themselves from whatever is left and eat with the homeless. She said this makes a big impression on the men when they see the academy group is willing to actually join them and eat the same food, especially since they know the young people have waited until they were all served before eating their own meal.

Since the shelter does not allow any of the various church groups helping at the shelter to directly promote their religion, this selfless act speaks volumes to these men. A friendly smile and a kind word or deed are often the most genuine witness for Christ.

A group from the academy will be taking another meal to the shelter in April. If you would like to assist with the project, you could send a check made payable to Mount Vernon Academy marked specifically for the "Homeless Feed." Swetnam said there are certain items needed by the men that the shelter does not provide. These include chapstick and hand lotion; and because many of them have job interviews, dark sewing thread and needles, shoe polish and black dress socks. These items can be sent to the attention of Scott Christen, Bible teacher at the academy. The academy's address is P.O. Box 311, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050.

Highlanders assist with new dorm

Seven members of the Hillsboro Highlanders Pathfinder Club flew to Arizona December 10 to assist with the construction of a new girls' dorm at the Holbrook Indian School.

Club Director Philip Lewis, his wife, Glad, Mary Moon and Pathfinders Vena and LeeAnn Richmond and Amanda and Cassandra Lewis responded to an invitation from Maranatha Volunteers International to Pathfinder clubs to help with the project. During the week they spent at the school, the Hillsboro Highlanders put up insulation in the chapel, helped put up drywall, washed windows, sanded and stained boards for cabinets and helped with kitchen duties.

Approximately 100 Indian children from the nearby reservation are enrolled at the school. New dorm facilities are needed before enrollment can increase. Lewis said the building should be completed before the start of the next school year. He said the boys will move into the old girls' dorm when the girls move into the new building. The old boys' dorm will then be torn down:

The club members visited the Grand Canyon with the Indian children and attended their Christmas party. The trip was an educational experience for the Pathfinders for, as they became acquainted with the students, they learned about Indian culture. Before they returned to Hillsboro, the Highlanders visited the Painted Desert, the Petrified Forest National Park and Canyon de Chelly.

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March 1996

Chestnut Hill reaches community with cooking class

The Philadelphia Chestnut Hill church figures it has the longest consecutively-running vegetarian cooking classes in the Philadelphia area, going as far back as old-timers can remember. Over the past dozen or so years, the present format evolved to that of a total veg-



etarian approach. A mailing list has been compiled of more than 300 "alumni," some of them with a 10-year perfect attendance record. The 1995 series ended with 60 having registered, of whom only 10 were church members.

Front row snatches of conversation overheard included comments like, "This is one of the best bargains around." "I found that in feeling better and knowing the reasons why, the choices became clearer."

Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel from Reading augmented the food preparation demos with mini-lectures drawing from his wealth of knowledge and interest in the field of healthful living. A complimentary consultation with him was offered to anyone interested. In these private sessions, he was able to share the "Good News" in a very comfortable way as individuals opened up to some of their deepest needs. Three decided to rededicate their lives to God and to study His word for themselves.

Closer to home and also eliciting favorable comments on his slide talks was Dr. Lester Haag, who drew patients from his office, building on conversations that piqued interest.

As a follow-up to the three-night series of classes, the church is planning a Sunday brunch in March that met with much enthusiasm when announced. The crew has been asked by one of the local sister churches to conduct a similar program in April. The cohesive team does a yeoman's job as they seek first for heavenly direction in this area of ministry to the community.

LIL YAROSH
Communication Leader

Resources available for health ministry

Next year, 1997, has been coined the "Year of Health and Healing." What is your church doing in the area of health ministry? The Pennsylvania health ministries department has many health resources available for you to use—health/age analysis software, the revised Breathe-Free program, health fair posters and displays, Newstart cooking class materials and more. There is also a growing list of volunteers who are willing to assist you in your health ministry program. For more information, contact the conference office at (610) 374-8331.

What's happening

March 15-17

Pathfinder Leadership Training
Laurel Lake Camp

March 22

Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday
(Prayer for educators and youth)

March 29-31

Blue Mountain Academy Alumni
Weekend

April 19-21

NADEI Lay Training Program
Blue Mountain Academy

April 26

Prayer P.A.T.C.H. Friday

April 27

Pennsylvania Day of Prayer

April 27

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Make a commitment to health ministry



CLINT KREITNER
President, Reading
Rehab Hospital

Driving along the highway recently, I suddenly realized that the last eight or 10 highway billboards I had passed fell into two distinct categories, some promoting cigarettes and others advertising HMO health plans. How ironic, I thought, that one mes-

sage exhorting passersby to smoke cigarettes (noting in small print that fetal damage, premature birth, lung cancer, heart disease and a host of other maladies result from smoking) was interwoven with a different message implying that any disease I had could be fixed up pronto by enrolling in the ABC or XYZ HMO!

Could there be any clearer evidence that our communities need us to reach out in effective health ministry? Smoking alone results in tremendous misery, death and economic loss in our communities. Add to that an unhealthy diet, lack of regular exercise and inadequate stress management and you

have an unhealthy population.

We are discovering that health goes beyond hypertension and clogged arteries. An extensive survey conducted by the United Way in Berks County this past year found anxiety, stress and depression to be the top complaints reported by households in our community.

Friends, God has given us the tools and the reason to reach out in health ministry to our communities. Our tools are the information we have been given about health reform, and the reason is our desire to follow the example of Jesus, who "went throughout Galilee, *teaching* in their synagogues, *preaching* the good news of the kingdom and *healing* every disease and sickness among the people" (Matthew 4:23 NIV). Interestingly, a study of the synoptic gospels reveals that Jesus spent considerably more time healing than He did teaching and preaching.

In Christian service to your community, do you follow His example? The need is great. There is no better time than now to make an enduring commitment to health ministry. Let's do it!

Lancaster delights in fitness

Many Lancaster church members meet weekly for Delight Group. What is that, you ask? Well, it's a fitness support group. The acronym Delight stands for: **D**evotions, **E**xercise, **L**aughter, **I**ntercession, **G**od, **H**armony and **T**rust.

Using Luke 2:52 as a pattern, the group seeks to promote healthy living in all areas of life. The emphasis of the support group is on health, and a typical meeting may include a devotional, a recipe demonstration, blood pressure checks, a presentation of helpful nutrition ideas, light exercise, etc. Each meeting also provides an opportunity to share individual health areas of struggle and victories. Time is taken to pray for one another and for giving encouragement and support. In time, the group plans to open to the community.

We want to "delight" to do God's will; to "delight" in the bodies that He's given us and to learn to care for them because they are the temple of His Holy Spirit; and to "delight" in one another, too—we are brothers and sisters in Christ and are made in the image of God; and finally, to be a group that will bring "delight" to our God—that everything we do and say will be to His honor and glory.

SUE BARLEY

The heart of RRH mission

Does treatment at Reading Rehab really make a difference in people's lives? Does the hospital actually help people who have suffered a disabling illness or injury?

RRH recently received its **1995 Quality Inventory Report**, the result of a comprehensive survey filled out by all patients who received treatment at RRH during 1995. In the survey, patients were asked to respond to statements such as: *Patients experience hope for a pur-*

poseful future; Patients are treated as entire persons—body, mind and spirit; The environment promotes healing of the body, mind and spirit; Staff are motivated by concern, respect and compassion for people with disabilities; Patients learn about healthful living; and Patients find their experience to be spiritually meaningful. The results of the 1995 survey indicate an increase in each of the above items over the previous two years.

"We ask our patients to tell us how we are doing in the areas that have the most to do with the heart of our mission," reports Joseph Nicosia, assistant to the president for mission. "Despite many of the challenges that we faced in 1995, our patients are letting us know that our staff is truly dedicated to our mission of enabling hope, meaning and purpose in people's lives when they need it the most."

Adventists in Action

“Wellness for Everyone” is the title of a continuing series of monthly wellness seminars offered to the community and held at the **Reading Hampden Heights** church. Topics addressed so far include Reducing Coronary Risk; Back Care, Injury Prevention and Fitness; Weight Control; Cancer Prevention; Osteoporosis; and Treating Colds and the Flu. An average of 20 people have been attending each month.

Fairview Village members have started a support group for women who are recovering from divorce. They meet on Friday evening with a meal, devotional, experience sharing

and prayer time. This group has made a difference in the lives of several of the women. One woman who had been an inactive member for 10 years has begun attending church again.

A health booth at the county fair has become a tradition with the **Montrose** church, having only missed two years since 1957. This past August, they used displays such as an artificial lung, an imitation fetus and a gross mouth to show the effects of smoking. A highlight for kids was the miniature golf game with the challenge to “get a hole in here” rather than in their teeth as a result of cavities. More than nine bushels of apples were given out, as well as free water and literature about the eight natural remedies.

“I’m so happy to get practical steps for healthful eating,” announced one of the 79 people attending the natural lifestyle cooking seminar held at the **Stroudsburg** church this past fall. The highly advertised seminar drew more than 50 people from the community to listen to health lectures, taste food samples and observe demonstrations of healthful cooking.

The **Needmore** church began the “In Pursuit of Excellence” seminar this past fall. An average of 10-12 people attend the ongoing series each week. The focus of the seminar is to make healthy living appealing and present God in a blend of science and religion that will make people want to learn what else God has for them. Many have already made lifestyle changes in the area of health.

New faces

David and Elizabeth Dunn began their ministry in the Pittsburgh Shadyside and Richland churches on January 15. David was ordained to the ministry in 1988 while pastoring the Hershey and Lebanon churches. They recently served as missionaries in the Middle East for five years. They have three sons, Ryan, 11; Eric, 9; and Loren, 6.

Jody Swartz is the new pastor for the Honesdale and Scranton churches. Having grown up with an irreligious background in the Sacramento, California, area, Jody points to a series of miraculous events that led him to accept the Lord and a call to the ministry. He completed a B.A. degree in pastoral ministry from Weimar this past December.

Kids make a Difference

“Wow! I can’t believe that people need these so bad!” “It sure makes me feel good to know that I’m helping someone else!” These were some of the reactions of students from the Ridgeville Union Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School and Mountain View Adventist School as they teamed up to bring aid to the flood victims in the Williamsport area.

The five students at Ridgeville Union worked four hours assembling 194 comfort kits consisting of toothbrush and paste, kleenex, soap, shampoo, deodorant, shaving cream and razors donated by local businesses.

The kits were taken to the American Rescue Workers, along with

blankets, by Mountain View’s lower-grade students. “The people were overjoyed and picked up the items as fast as we carried them in,” reports Diane Fulmer.

Receiving the name of an elderly couple needing assistance from the local office of aging, the upper-grade children spent an afternoon scraping mud, cleaning and pulling carpet staples. They also helped to distribute instructions for garbage disposal to the community. The students were amazed to see all the damage done by the flood and plan to go back out to help again soon.

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1996 CAMP MEETING RESERVATION APPLICATION

Name _____ Date _____

Street or PO Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Please make the following reservation for me at the 1996 Camp Meeting, June 14-22, at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Fill in the blanks completely to eliminate the need for additional correspondence.

QUANTITY	LOCATION	TEN-DAY RATE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory room	\$ 153.00	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity & floor	\$ 69.00	\$ _____
_____	Personal tent space	\$ 29.00	\$ _____
_____	Single cot & mattress	\$ 10.75	\$ _____
_____	Double spring & mattress (adults only)	\$ 16.00 (limited availability)	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space - Keystone area (trailer size _____ ft.)	\$ 85.00	\$ _____
_____	Cabin - Keystone	\$ 69.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space - Tenting area (trailer size _____ ft.)	\$ 37.00*	\$ _____
*Add \$1.00 per foot over 15 feet			
1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____			

Facilities for less than 10 days will be considered after full-time requests are filled.

QUANTITY	LOCATION	PER-DAY RATE	TOTAL
_____	Dormitory room	\$ 26.00	\$ _____
_____	Tent w/electricity & floor	\$ 16.00	\$ _____
_____	Single cot & mattress	\$ 2.00	\$ _____
_____	Trailer space (trailer size _____ ft.)	\$ 15.00	\$ _____
_____	Personal tent space	\$ 8.25	\$ _____

Total Charge \$ _____
Amount Paid \$ _____
Balance Due \$ _____

PROTOCOL:

1. A written application is required for all reservations.
2. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED POSTMARKED PRIOR TO APRIL 1.**
3. All reservations will be processed in the order received. To hold your reservation, your payment must be in to the conference office by May 14, 1996.
4. Reservations will be processed as close to your request as possible. In the event your first choice is taken, please list your second and third choices. Families with children under 12 years of age are requested to make reservations in the boys' dorm instead of the girls' dorm.
5. All reservations must be in writing. (Telephone reservations for late applicants will be accepted only within two weeks of camp meeting.)
6. Reservation applications must be made by the party attending camp meeting. Reservations cannot be made by one party for another. Please duplicate the application if you need one for a friend.
7. **ABSOLUTELY NO PETS ALLOWED ON THE CAMPGROUNDS OR IN CAMPING AREAS!**
8. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

BMA receives \$200,000 endowment for worthy students

In the Wetzel and Foulke clan, giving is a family tradition. So is a passionate commitment to Christian education. Therefore, when Jim and Ellen Foulke, alumni from the Class of '74, sold their business, Blue Mountain Academy was in their plans. "When you're blessed, it's only a small amount ... it's really insignificant when we think about all that God has done for us. We are just

ings. And they passed this family legacy of supporting the Lord's work on to their daughter, Joan, and her son, Jim.

Four years ago when I began working as the academy's director of advancement, I was discouraged and overwhelmed. For some Pennsylvania families, lack of money was the only reason their teenagers were not in academy. Recruiting was hard and painful. But God had a plan. Through one of those "perfect timings," I met Jim Foulke. And when he heard about the need, he and Ellen began to make generous donations each year for worthy students. (The first year, they helped make it possible for 10 students to attend academy.)

Jim shared the need with his grandparents and his mom and dad, and the whole family got involved. For this recruiter, they were the hope and promise for this generation of Pennsylvania Adventist teenagers.

The Wetzel and Foulke Worthy Student Endowment was established in December of 1995. The original Wetzel endowment will be combined with the \$200,000 gifted by the Foulkes. Although the family plans to contribute annually until the principal amount reaches \$500,000, the yearly earned interest will begin being distributed now.

For Jim and Ellen, this endowment is nothing out of the ordinary. "Blue Mountain Academy is a major component to evangelism ... it's a mission," explains Jim. "The best bank for your buck is investing in this school."

"And because of our experience in Christian education, we want to help make sure it is perpetuated," Ellen adds.

"If we get personally involved, not only with our money but also with our time, our young people will know how much we care about them and how truly committed we are to them," Jim says.

"We hope that by giving we are also teaching them to give, and later they will remember and help someone else," Ellen says. "We want them not to forget and to help others when they have the chance."

CARON OSWALD
Director of Advancement



Pictured at the document signing are (standing): Tom Kapusta, Pennsylvania Conference trust officer; Grace and Alvin Wetzel and Stan Rouse, principal. Seated are Ellen and Jim Foulke.

stewards," explain the Foulkes.

Alvin and Grace Wetzel, Jim Foulke's grandparents, established BMA's first worthy student endowment in 1959. They had purchased a piece of land for \$15,000 and had promised God half the profit when they sold it. By the time they sold it, the property had appreciated to \$82,000. For some time, Alvin had been impressed that they should give all the profit to God's work. Through this experience, Grace says she came to understand that "everything we own is not ours in the first place. It belongs to God."

They have continued to live as stewards and caretakers of God's properties, carefully listening for His voice to do what He wants with His hold-

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"Praise the Lord, everybody!"

On January 3, everything was confirmed, and F.O.C.U.S. week was ready to go. On January 4, a phone call from the scheduled speaker informed us that he would not be able to be with us.

I reluctantly accepted the inevitable and began to search frantically for a replacement speaker. With

only 10 days' notice, who could we get? As I sat at my desk in prayer, I suddenly remembered a speaker who had been recommended by a friend.

So I called Frank Runnals, who accepted the in-

itation without hesitation. His very first words to the students, "Praise the Lord, everybody!" echoed in our hearts throughout the week as he shared his experiences.

On Thursday evening, Frank invited David Lewis (former lead vocalist of the rhythm and blues group Atlantic Star) to sing *I'd Rather Have Jesus*, and he and his wife, Marian, shared their testimony of how God brought them into His church.

The highlight of the week came on Friday evening with the overwhelming response to the communion and testimony service. As Frank would say, "Praise the Lord, everybody!"

SERGIO MANENTE
BMA Church pastor

Public performance production

Praise was profuse as players brought to life the charming characters of the quiet community of Avonlea in the classic, *Anne of Green Gables*. Instructor Barb Mathias was pleased with the efforts of her sophomore and senior public performance students. She says, "It is always fun to see the kids go from reading their lines to living their lines. I was especially proud of their hard work in the face of so many emotional ups and downs."

The problems began with the December influenza epidemic. Hardy souls struggled to learn their lines and continue rehearsals as best they could. The worst was yet to come, however, when the Blizzard of '96 delayed the scheduled performance (postponed once before because of bad weather) two hours before showtime.

Ultimately, the play was performed between snow storms before an enthusiastic audience of students and a few brave staff and community people. Anne would have loved it!

LOUISE CORBIN
Communique Staff



Principal's Corner

I was shoveling the drifts out of my driveway after the blizzard a few weeks ago. When I was about two-thirds done, the bulldozer that was working on the road reached my house. To clear the four to six feet of drifted snow, he was pushing it right and left ... in other words, into my yard. I watched as he drove over my carefully-landscaped flower beds (which had taken more hours than I can count to establish) and ripped up the front section of my lawn.

The experience above is true; however, following is another version:

I figured the dozer would pile more snow onto the driveway; instead, the driver pushed the snow off the driveway, removed the piles from either side of it and cleared the drift in front of my mailbox. All I had left when he was finished was minor cleanup. Was I grateful?

Oh, yes, he did mess up my flower bed and leave tracks in the yard, but I appreciated too much what he had done to criticize these minor irritations. Besides, there was no way he could know my flower bed was there.

We should talk as often as we can about what we appreciate. Seldom is there any situation from which no good has resulted, even when there are aggravations involved. Sometimes it is easier to dwell on the down side of things instead of being grateful for the good. Many residents in the Northeast would have been delighted to have a bulldozer clear their driveway, even at the cost of a few flowers and blades of grass.

I believe that unless I am responsible for a situation, I should keep my mouth shut about it. And if I am responsible, I should only talk to those involved and find out what is behind the visible before drawing conclusions.

We live in a sin-filled world where very little is perfect and almost everything can be misunderstood. But let's talk about the good and let God take care of the rest! "The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouth of the fool gushes folly. ... The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit,"—*Proverbs 15:2, 4*.

STAN ROUSE
Principal



Kelly Cauley as Anne of Green Gables meets Matthew and Marilla Cuthbert, played by Tony Rouse and Sandy Notturmo, her newly-adopted family.

Parent and staff talent show

"Hilarious!" "So much fun!" "I thought it would be boring, but I laughed for two hours." "A surprise ... I didn't know the staff were so creative." These are just a few of the rave reviews from the students after BMA's first (and, hopefully, annual) parent and staff talent show.

Produced by the parent advisory council and BMA's public relations department, the evening's talent included parents, family friends and BMA's staff performing 18 readings, skits and musical numbers.

The evening began with Trevor Bennett, a parent from Shrewsbury, MA, singing "Consider the Lilies." Roger and Paulette Forss, parents from New Jersey, were MCs for the evening. Other participating parents included Pat Marschner, Class of '75, with "Fur Elise" on the piano; Dean Heisey, Class of '73, with a musical skit entitled "The ABCs of Love;" Bruce Briner, Class of '74, who read a tribute to his daughter; Darrel (Class of '73) and Jean (Class of '74) Hutchinson, Wayne (Class of '73) and Arleen Johns; Sue Dickson and Connie Hockman, in "The Hypochondriac."

The evening's finale was "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" sung by staff and families. It is our desire that we all "see the glory of the coming of the Lord."

Below: MCs Roger and Paulette Forss.



Bottom: "Beautiful Bessie," a western love story with a hero, a villain, cowboys, a rattlesnake, a wolf and a herd of cows, was one of the staff skits. Pictured are Karyl Kramer (Bessie), John and Nancy Edison (Ma and Pa), and the cows (Shelly Dinning, Shannon McFarland, Silvia Obregon and Onalee Hartman).



Far left: "Barth Brooks," alias parent Dean Thoman, sang the country ballad, "The Lord Wanted Me to be a Dry Wall Man."

Left: Parent Pam Shipman plays "The Blue Danube Waltz."



Middle: Parent Debbie Heisey (seated) with friends Connie and Wendy, singing "Friendship."

Below left: Duane Ferguson was a singing bald cucumber in the now infamous "Where, Oh Where, Is My Hairbrush?" (You had to be there!)



Below right: Donna Rouse and Nancy Manente set the table (Spencer Hannah) for a "Tea Party".

F.Y.I.

March 29-30	Alumni Weekend
April 13	Junior Presentation
May 3-4	Spring Concerts
May 5	Aerial Aires Home Show
May 5-6	Academy Days
May 24-26	Graduation Weekend

ANNOUNCING

The Committee of 100

"Because we believe our youth deserve the opportunity and privilege of Christian education, it is our mission to help ensure that financial need is not a barrier."

One of the goals of **The Committee of 100** is to guarantee Adventist education to every Adventist young person in the Pennsylvania Conference who desires to attend Blue Mountain Academy. If you would like more information on **The Committee of 100** and how you can become involved, contact Kathy Sutton at (610) 562-2291 or write to her at Blue Mountain Academy, RD 3 Box 3642, Hamburg, PA 19526.

Volunteers In Profile

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) is an organization established to facilitate communication between home and school and to give parents an active voice. Some PAC suggestions BMA's board and staff have implemented include the family discount, Spanish classes, Saturday night programming and a revised meal schedule.

Regular meetings are held throughout the year where parents share advice and support, get questions answered and share concerns.



Darrel Hutchinson, PAC president since 1992, explains why he's so committed to this organization. "I'm an alumnus, I'm a parent. My child is there because I believe BMA is the best academy ... and I know the best can be even better."

Pictured left to right are the 1995-96 officers:

Darrel Hutchinson, president, and wife **Jean**; **Sue Dickson**, secretary;

Wayne Johns, vice president, and wife **Arleen**. Not pictured is **Kay Allen**, treasurer.

For more information on PAC, contact Darrel and Jean Hutchinson at 4689 Beagle Drive, Walnutport, PA 18088, or call them at (610) 767-7524.

Where are they now?

Betty A. Richli, Class of '63, is a graduate of Columbia Union College, cum laude, and the Pepperdine University School of Law. In 1978, Richli became a deputy district attorney for San Bernardino County, making her one of the country's 10 women deputy DAs. She served on the municipal court from 1985 until 1990. During those five years, she was elected supervising judge of the central division and developed a separate civil department for the municipal court. In 1990, Justice Richli was elevated to the superior court, then selected as the presiding judge of the juvenile court in 1993, becoming the first woman presiding judge of the juvenile court in the county.

In September of 1994, Justice Richli was appointed to the fourth district court of appeals, second division, by Governor Pete Wilson and is currently serving a 12-year term on the appellate bench.

About her roots in Adventist education, Justice Richli says BMA's best resource is good teachers, noting their level of commitment and years of service. "You don't really get a sense of how terrific they are until you get older and join the work force. I am very proud to have been their student and to know them over the years."



Did You Know?



Top left: We had a blizzard! And a snow day, due to 10-foot drifts and 40- to 50-mile-an-hour winds that made plowing and shoveling futile. Staff couldn't get to work, the girls couldn't get out of their dorm until the guys dug them out, the cafeteria didn't open until 9 a.m., and it was nearly impossible to get to the Ad Building.



Top right: Working 24 hours a day for seven days on rotating shifts, the maintenance staff and student workers were the unsung heroes! Pictured are Adam Drumheller; Brad Nadeau; Ron Gifford, director; Franklin Williams, and Katrina Shobe.



Right: The afternoon crew pictured are (standing front) Ingrid Forss, Marc Trout, Greg Fitser, Glenn Sutton; (on the equipment) Trevor Scheuneman, Jason Smith, Chris Edwards and Rudy Marschner.



Left: An anonymous donor who needed to replace the family van contacted BMA to see if we were interested in a donation. Said the donor, "When I think about the van being used for such a good purpose [transporting academy students] instead of being owned by just anybody, I feel good about it. I say that was a good decision!"

**What's
happening
around
Potomac**

**Potomac
Conference
Executive
Committee**
Sligo Church

March 20

Couples Retreat
Virginia Beach

March 29-30

K-12 Board
Richmond

March 31

**Youth Mission
Trip**
Romania

April 3-15

Men's Retreat
Camp Blue Ridge

April 12-14

Alumni Weekend
Takoma Academy

April 19-20

Alumni Weekend
*Shenandoah Valley
Academy*

April 26-27

**Carolina/
Potomac
Pathfinder
Camporee**

*Staunton River State
Park (near So. Boston)*
April 26-28

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Potomac People

commitment of our leaders and the dedication of our Pathfinders and students (we couldn't list everything):

JANUARY

Pathfinder Day was observed at the Vienna church on January 13.

FEBRUARY

The annual Youth Lock-In was held at Skyline Club in Falls Church, Virginia. When youth stay out all night at one of these events, their parents don't have to worry about them because they are swimming, playing games and having a good time. Prizes were awarded for various contests.

MARCH

Buz Menhardt and Dan Kovacs led a group of 53 participants to Cristesti, Romania, to help build a church, conduct Vacation Bible

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Youth Department report



A full year for youth

GUEST EDITORIAL

Suffering, but not forsaken



A few weeks ago, my friend, Joe Wayner, called. Tearfully, he said that his pastor, Elder Keith McNabb, had died in a tragic accident only two hours earlier. In shocked disbelief, Elder Broeckel called our office staff together for prayer. Some of us prayed only in silence, so great was our grief and shock. Keith was our co-worker and friend. We will always miss him.

When accident, illness or other tragedy strikes, it is not uncommon to question God's whereabouts. After all, we have been taught from childhood about the ministry of angels. If we are good and do what Jesus wants us to do, angels will always be with us and take care of us.

But this teaching is a false "prosperity gospel." It promises unlimited health and wealth to people who obey all biblical truth. The biblical role that suffering plays in our lives is then misunderstood. When the beautiful sunshine of happiness is replaced by dark, depressing clouds, people think that God has forsaken them; and sometimes they give up.

We live in a sinful world! All sickness, suffering and death are an intrusion into God's otherwise good world. Suffering is a Satanic and destructive crime against God Himself. You can read about it in the book of Job. But even through evil, God performs miracles by bringing good out of it. He uses the evil of suffering to help our faith mature, to make us kinder and more sympathetic, to make us more Christlike. This, in turn, attracts sinners to Christ.

So, did God forsake Keith when that big truck careened down the highway? Christ was our example in suffering; was He protected from it? Did God forsake Him? No, God was there, tenderly close as only a Father could be; and He is also there for us in our time of need. The Apostle Paul says that God is the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles. Then when people are in trouble, we are able to comfort them with the very same comfort that we received from God. Eventually, we can even praise God through our troubles. (See 2 Corinthians 1.)

God does perform miracles such as we read about in Scripture and know about through personal experience. Miracles give reassurance that God has power over the devil, who is responsible for human suffering. But have you thought about what it would be like if God answered all our prayers for healing and safekeeping? Why, we would live forever right here in this sinful place. Our longing for heaven would be lost. We would forget that we are aliens on this earth and that heaven is our real home.

MARVIN C. GRIFFIN
Vice President for Finance

Keith Wayne McNabb



October 15, 1948 - January 22, 1996

The entire Potomac Conference, along with people in many other areas, mourn the tragic loss of Elder Keith McNabb, pastor of the Petersburg/Ford churches just south of Richmond, Virginia. Elder McNabb was killed instantly on the afternoon of January 22, 1996. He had delivered a load of fruit to one of his churches and was returning home when he experienced some difficulty with his truck or trailer. Keith had pulled off to the side of Interstate 85 about a half mile south of where it intersects with I-95. He was checking something at the rear of the trailer when a tractor-trailer was unable to slow sufficiently in the construction area. The tractor-trailer struck another car and then jackknifed. The trailer of the large rig slid sideways, catching Keith between the two trailers.

A memorial service was held in the Petersburg church on Sabbath, January 27, at 11:00 a.m. There was standing room only as family, friends, members and colleagues joined together to celebrate his ministry. A second memorial service was held on Thursday, February 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Arlington, Virginia, church.

Elder McNabb had been the pastor in Petersburg for only a few months. Previously, he had pastored in Arlington/Fairfax in the Potomac Conference, Glen Burnie and other churches in the Chesapeake Conference and a number of churches in the Arkansas/Louisiana Conference, where he had been especially gifted in raising new churches and in doing dark-county evangelism. Keith was always known for his hard work, his unceasing optimism and his love for sharing the fruits of his gardens.

Keith leaves his wife, Linda, and their three sons: Darryl, who is in the Air Force in Texas; Darren, from the Baltimore area; and Denton, who is still at home; as well as a granddaughter.

In the program for the memorial service, it was noted that in Keith's last sermon in Petersburg, on January 20, 1996, he had asked the question, "If you were to die today, do you know you would be saved?" He never closed a sermon without an appeal; and as a tribute to that dedication, an appeal was made at the close of the memorial homily given by Elder Richard Bendall. Decisions for Christ were made that morning.

The Petersburg church is in a building program to construct a sanctuary, as they are now meeting in the school gymnasium. It has been voted by the church board that the church will be built in memory of Elder McNabb, who was working so hard to help them fulfill that dream. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Petersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church building fund, 300 Poplar Drive, Petersburg, VA 23805.

The thrust of Elder McNabb's ministry and our prayer is that God will hasten His coming and prepare our hearts so that his and other families can be reunited.

MARVIN WRAY
Ministerial Director

Adventist Book Center report

Discover the world's best books, magazines, recordings and health foods at the Potomac Adventist Book and Health Food Store

In the early days, the Adventist leaders planned well. From the study of other successful religious movements and from the strong counsel of the Spirit of Prophecy, our Adventist pioneers developed a strong and aggressive publishing program.

The Potomac Adventist Book and Health Food Store is a result of that early and continuing program. The Potomac ABC has become the largest in the world, with sales now of nearly seven million dollars in 1995, more than the combined sales of the entire denomination for its first 50 years. Not only is Potomac ABC the largest Adventist bookstore in the world, but it is also one of the largest in sales of all religious book stores anywhere. Each year for the last two years, the *Christian Retailing Magazine* has named the Potomac Adventist Book Store as one of the top 100 Christian retailers.

Although most of our baptisms are results of our church members' witnessing using the books they purchase at the ABC, there have been a number of individuals baptized into the Adventist church after having their first contact through the ABC. One such incident came about when a husband and wife drove by our center. They came in to buy a religious greeting card for a friend. They were favorably impressed by our store and staff and bought a couple of books as well. They became regular cus-

tomers, started visiting the Beltsville church and were baptized about two years after their first contact.

We are very happy to be



Clyde Kinder

an integral part of the Potomac Conference evangelism team, for as Mrs. White writes in Volume 4 of the *Testimonies*: "If there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the public, thus leading them to search the Scriptures." (page 390 - 1880)

CLYDE KINDER
ABC Manager

See you at...
**Potomac
Conference
Camp Meeting
June 18-22**
**Shenandoah Valley
Academy
New Market, Virginia**

Camp Blue Ridge report

Camp Blue Ridge: an oasis

Many of us stare longingly at ads for the Bahamas, Alaskan cruises or Hawaiian vacations; but we know that reality does not allow the time or the finances for exotic getaways. However, during the past few years, Camp Blue Ridge has become an oasis for many who need not only to recharge physically, but also spiritually. For years, kids have known that Camp Blue Ridge is a great place to be, but 1995 saw even more of our constituent members enjoying the relaxed natural setting of our facilities for family getaways, church retreats or business meetings.

An annual highlight each fall has been the romantic couples' retreat in October. This fall found us bursting at the seams with a record number attending. We are excited to offer two new events for the new year—a men's retreat in April and a father-son retreat in September.

A growing number of non-constituents are also discovering our oasis at Camp Blue Ridge. This has provided an opportunity not only to minister, but also to witness to church groups such as Methodists, Baptists and Mennonites, as well as to Christian university students and high school youth-at-risk.

In an attempt to meet the growing needs of our guests, we are constantly striving to upgrade our facilities. The year 1995 saw a major renovation project started on our cafeteria, due to be completed in the fall of 1996. A deck overlooking the lake, new kitchen facilities and a new wing housing a walk-in cooler, freezer and



Paul Musgrave

storage areas are included in this project.

Along with our pursuit for a better facility, we are also striving to maintain professionalism for our staff and facility through membership in the Association of Adventist Camp Professionals, as well as in Christian Camping International. Camp Blue Ridge is also accredited by the American Camping Association, which stands as the highest accrediting body in the industry.

Camp is not a mere vacation or outing. It is an uplifting experience for both the body and the mind, with the ultimate purpose of developing the individual as a whole. Away from the clamor made by man, God speaks to our hearts through the beauty of His creation. The songs of birds, the beauty of the sunset and the whisper of the breeze, combined with the camp program, help to make the voice of God more audible in camp than in any other place. This is the magnificent purpose of Camp Blue Ridge.

PAUL MUSGRAVE
Administrative Director

A full year for youth (cont. from PP-1)

School for about 100 children each day and share Christian fellowship with their newly made friends. Later in the year, another mission group traveling through the area sang "Happy Birthday" to the group's nurse from the grounds of the church in its final stages of completion. There was a moment of pride to think that students from Shenandoah Valley Academy and other schools had helped place the bricks and carry supplies for the new church.

APRIL

Spring Pathfinder Council was held at the Beltsville church. It was voted to establish a Pathfinder advi-

sory board that will make suggestions to the council. April 9 was a special Pathfinder Kite Day at Mount Trashmore in Virginia Beach. Cindy Morgan (Seabrook Seahawks) won a special prize for the kite with the longest tail. She flew her kite as a tribute to her father, who had helped her make her kite and had passed away only two weeks before the event. Oscar Trejo and Frankie Fortune (Hyattsville Hispanic Club) won "Most Unique Design," "Stratosphere" and "Best Box Kite" in the teen division. Tyrone Edwards (Hyattsville Hispanic Club) won the "Blue Angels Award" for getting his kite up to 50 feet in just 14 seconds. Other winners included: Wendy Daras and Jonathan Wider (Woodbridge Club) for "Most Unique Design" and "Best Two-Stick," Racquel Wheeler (Seabrook Seahawks) "Most Unique Design" and "Best Two-Stick," Warren Edwards (Hyattsville Hispanic) "Kite with the Longest Tail" in junior division, Wendy Smith (Powhatan Club) "Best Two-Stick," and Daniel Charles (Hampton Club) for best "Flat Kite" in the junior division.

Sali Jo Hand held weeks of prayer at the Sligo school April 18-21 and at C.F.

the Year at the Potomac Pathfinder Camporee at Fort Eustis. To add to this achievement, Marcus was selected from thousands of other applicants to carry the flaming torch during the Olympic games. Eighteen clubs shared the experience of looking to "Find the Path: 'That leads through difficulties,' 'That leads to life' and 'That leads to joy.'" Sali Jo Hand conducted vespers and gave the sermon on Sabbath. Potomac Conference President Herb Broeckel came in uniform to hand out awards. More than 400 Pathfinders enjoyed this special weekend.

JUNE

The Family of God Festi-



Jennifer Rice, of C.F. Richards school, was baptized by Sali Hand at Camp Blue Ridge

went bowling, attended Water Country USA, a family water park, and enjoyed the fellowship of a fun group.

JULY

On July 30, Sali Jo Hand and 41 participants headed for Csavas and Campineta, Romania, to help build a church, lead Vacation Bible School for more than 150 children at two sites and to get acquainted with the local Adventists.

AUGUST

The mission trip to Romania ended on August 15. Friendship Day Camp was held at the Waynesboro church. The theme was "Fun in the Sun." Rick Greve helped make this a special time for the youth. There were devotionals, swimming, outside activities and roller-skating.

SEPTEMBER

Mt. Aetna was the place to be September 22-24. The Pathfinder Leadership Convention provided the opportunity to share concerns and experiences with other leaders. Training dealt with a variety of areas.

Glen Milam organized the FLITE Leadership Convention for Teens at Camp Blue Ridge September 8-9.

Sali conducted a week of prayer at the Beltsville school September 18-22 and at Richmond Academy September 25-29. She talked about the power of prayer and handed out prayer journals to each of the students.

OCTOBER

Sali held a week of prayer at the Shenandoah Valley Academy Elementary School. The students re-



Flag raising at the Ft. Eustis

val was held in Fort Mills, South Carolina, June 8-11.

Teri Fowle from the Carolina Conference led out with wonderful meetings for youth. Sali Hand and Graeme Sharrock spoke at a youth track, helping teens to understand about friendship and how to have a healthy relationship with God. Under the direction of Pastor Rick Greve, Potomac Conference Camp Meeting, June 20-24, had many great programs for youth. Evangelist Tony Mavrakos spoke to an attentive audience. A special musical concert was led by Patrick Williams and Dan George. The youth also

Richards Junior Academy April 24-28. Her theme was "God's Gift Is Eternal Life." Each student was given a cross as a reminder of their commitment to Christ.

MAY

The NAD Youth Ministries Expo was held at the General Conference May 12-14. A variety of seminars were conducted. Leaders were inspired to learn how to lead more effectively and went away with ideas on how to make projects more interesting and creative.

The Beltsville Broncos' own Marcus Giddings was announced as Pathfinder of

Building a church in Casvas, Romania, with Sali Hand, left, and Gail Broeckel.



Junko Gabor, left, the mission project transportation coordinator with Jim Hippler, a contractor.

ceived prayer journals.

Pathfinder Sabbath was observed on October 28. The focus was "The FIND in Pathfindinging."

The Pathfinder camporee had to be rescheduled due to the weather. When it takes place, the speaker will be Steve Arrington, a talented motivator, writer and professional photographer.

NOVEMBER

Camp Blue Ridge was the ideal setting for 45 people to attend a lay youth and youth pastors' retreat. Piece of the Pie Ministries Leader Steve Case gave an incredible presentation about Adventist standards, programming, how to understand teens and what our purpose is for youth ministries. There were small group discussions, skits and the formation of the new youth council.

DECEMBER

Each club had special

events at their home base. Some clubs sang Christmas carols and distributed gift boxes to people in the area. Some had parties and gave out prizes. The large volumes of snow forced some events to be cancelled.

There are numerous people who deserve to be thanked for their dedication to youth ministries, but there just isn't room to list everyone. Pathfinder leaders and their staffs have done an outstanding job with their monthly meetings and activities. Teachers and principals from each school help educate our youth and give time off when needed for camporees and special events.

Some people who are mentioned frequently in the office deserve recognition. Head Area Coordinator Roger Rinehart has been a priceless "bonding glue" that keeps the events flowing. Area coordinators Glen

Milam, Xavier Covarubias and Art Slagle; Communication Coordinator Ruth Gibson; Master Guide Coordinator Bob Prouty and Public Relations Coordinator Bill White all helped form a great team.

Genevieve Shull just retired from the Potomac Conference after 27 years of service. She kept track of the Pathfinder supplies and filled orders for all of the clubs. We'd like to publicly express our appreciation for her dedication to all the areas of

special blessing to youth ministries.

The most important people to be thanked are all of the youth who participated in the events throughout the year. They are the reason so



her work, especially with youth.

Charlene Sheffer, who has been with youth ministries for the past three years, is taking a new position in treasury. She has devoted endless hours assembling the monthly pow-wow, scheduling Pathfinder events and keeping Sali Jo Hand's plans together. Charlene's friendliness and positive attitude were a

many people provide their time to make life more meaningful. They are the future leaders of events down the road. The staff at Potomac Conference looks forward to making many happy memories with the youth in this upcoming year.

SALI JO HAND

Youth Director

GAIL BROECKEL

Correspondent



The Waynesboro Mountaineers

Rocky Mount community service

The close of 1995 was a very happy and rewarding time for the Rocky Mount, Virginia, church Community Services. With God's help, two yard sales brought in \$179.40 which, with church donations of \$80.30, made a total of \$259.40.

We selected six families classified as being needy. One young man was burned out, leaving him, his wife and two small girls without a home. They were grateful for the help we could provide for them.

This man had a brother who was in a very serious automobile accident. He had multiple fractures, in addition to other injuries, which caused his life to hang in the balance for several weeks. He has a wife and two boys, both very young. The mother of these two men, a single parent, struggled to do what she could to help both families through their hardships.

When we gave her wrapped gifts from church members and food boxes for both families, she said tearfully, "Geri, the people I work with cannot believe the generosity and love that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has shown my boys. I thank God for these wonderful people."

Family number three has a father who is seriously ill. They receive Bible studies from church members, and prayers are said daily for their health, healing, hope and understanding of the Bible lessons.

A single mother heads Family number four. An illness keeps her from caring for her children and makes their lives stressful; but through the love of the church family, their lives are happier and more hope-

ful. This mother was recently baptized and is encouraged to heal inwardly and outwardly with God's help.

Family number five is an elderly man and his wife. She has been ill for some time and went through open-heart surgery just before the Christmas season. They really enjoyed the church group coming to their home for Christmas carols and special prayer with them.

The sixth gift of love was presented to an elderly man who lives alone. With the encouragement of the members, he has been coming to church for several months. The people of the church welcome him with open arms and are praying for his baptism when the studies have been completed.

During the Christmas season, we went out in the cold and chilly evenings to sing carols to the neighbors of these families and shut-ins. It was exciting to see the expressions on people's faces when they opened their doors to see what was happening. One gentleman cried as we sang to his household. God is so good, and we thank Him for all His goodness to us.

**GERI
DOSHIER**
Communi-
cation
Leader



Richmond Korean company organized

On Sabbath, January 27, 33 people signed the roll as charter members of the Richmond Korean company.

The congregation had its beginning in April of 1992, when several families living in the greater Richmond area began regular Sabbath school and worship services at Elder Lee's residence. In November of that year, Elder Roger Weiss, then personal ministry director of the conference, visited and organized it as a group. Almost a year later, in March of 1993, James and Daniel Lee were baptized in the group's first baptismal ceremony.

Andrew S. Pai was appointed as the first pastor in July of 1994; and in September, the congregation began meeting in the choir room and later in the fellowship hall of the Patterson Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church.



A second baptismal service was held in March 1995, when David Lee was baptized.

In November of 1995, Kyoshin Ahn was appointed as pastor for the congregation. The following month, the group applied for organization as a company of 27 baptized members, four unbaptized members and 14 children.

In order to facilitate outreach to the Hampton Roads area, in January of 1996 the group began meeting at the St. James United Methodist Church. On January 11 the Potomac Conference voted to organize the Richmond Korean Seventh-day Adventist group as a company. The formal service took place at St. James on January 27.

Evangelism report

We've got the power!

The gospel commission of Matthew 28:18-20 raises several questions. What motivates the church in the fulfillment of its task? Are we finishing the work? Are power and victory assumed for us today?

Paul Cedar said, "Authentic discipleship means unquestioning obedience to the master." How easy it is

to question the obedience part when it refers to outreach and witnessing. Many logical reasons are given why it does not work. However, we should as disciples respond because God, our Creator, has commanded us to do it. In fact, we really demonstrate our love to Him when we witness, for He said, "If ye love me, keep

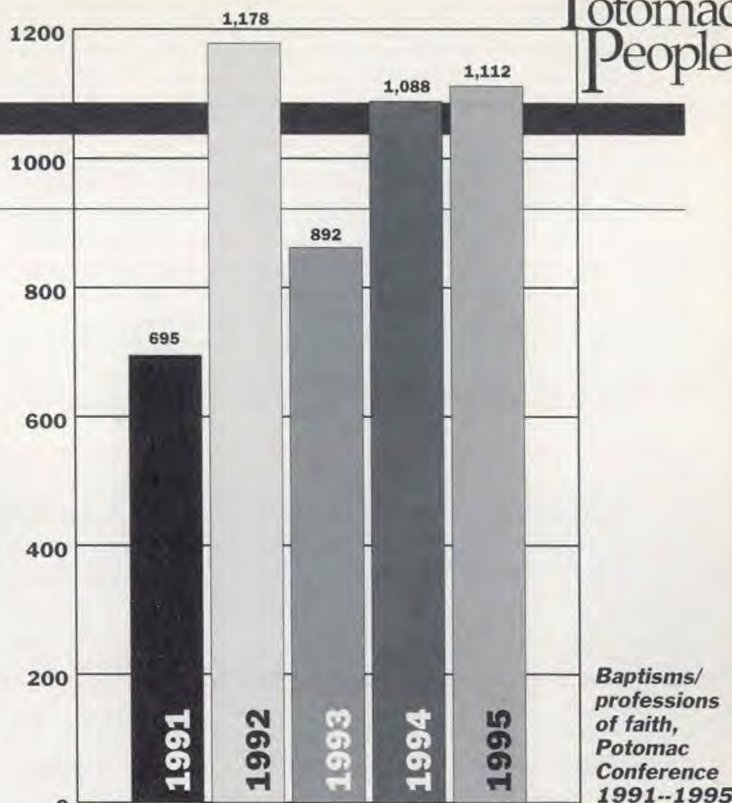
Zima meetings at North Valley

Bill Zima, evangelist from the Mid-America Conference, held a four-week series of meetings at the North Valley Adventist Church September 12 through October 7. Meetings were held at the 11:00 a.m. worship hour and at 2:00 p.m. on Sabbaths during that time span.

Pastors Zima and John

with a variety of horns.

The North Valley church is a new church in the Roanoke Valley. It began two and a half years ago. As a result of the meetings, on October 7, 11 persons were baptized. Pastor McGraw is studying with a number of others who attended the series. The membership is now 125.



my commandments." Sharing is, after all, God's chosen method. We are all lost, and God desires to save all people.

The endeavor to share our faith, to evangelize the world, is a task of titanic proportions; but the gospel must be preached to every nation, among the great cities, to every individual, to the 10 million living in Virginia, the District of Columbia and Maryland. Certainly many barriers and hindrances confront us: population explosion—100 million babies born in 1995 alone; international political situations; ignorance; prejudice; and apathy. All play a major role in slowing down the process.

As we contemplate the five-year (1991-1995) baptismal graph of the Potomac Conference, we notice three of those years topped the 1,000 figure. This, compared to the 1986-1990 quinquennium when we averaged 666 baptisms per year, shows excellent growth. On the other hand,

it does not take a mathematician to calculate that 21,000 members in Potomac only produced an average of three new converts per day.

The success and failures of the stock market are measured by numbers. When it comes to the effectiveness of the church in fulfilling its mission, numbers alone don't give the whole picture. They do show trends. We need to be concerned about our growth and our response as a church and conference to the gospel commission.

Christ's command, "All power is given ...," carries the assurance of power and victory. God holds *Himself* responsible to supply the resources. God holds *man* responsible for obedience—not for results.

Why not ask God for 1,500 to 1,700 converts for 1996? He can use us today if we do as He commands in John 4:35 and lift our eyes to look on the fields ripe for harvest.

ROGER WEISS

Vice President for Administration



McGraw carried on a heavy visitation program during the week. The members appreciated the Sabbath meetings. Pastor Zima presented timely messages on righteousness by faith and an excellent musical program

Members of the North Valley church were very appreciative of the work of Bill Zima and his wife, Pat. They were a blessing to the church and all those who were visited during the meetings.

Tappahannock church to hold health emphasis on Sabbath, March 23

The Tappahannock church is sponsoring a health emphasis Sabbath on March 23. Faith Crumbly, editor of *Celebration* and head of the Vegetarian Supper Club of Hagerstown, Maryland, will be speaking on "Tabletalk, Sharing Food

and Faith" at the 11 o'clock worship hour. Her husband will accompany her to Tappahannock and will present "Prison Ministries" during the personal ministries time. There will be a fellowship dinner following the service. Those interested in

learning "How to Set up a Supper Club" and about prison ministry are invited to remain after the dinner for special sessions.

VIRGINIA PEARSON
Communication Leader

Tappahannock church celebrates 30th anniversary March 30

The Tappahannock church traces its humble beginnings to a small group meeting in the Essex American Legion building on Airport Road in Tappahannock in 1964. Members met for several months there before moving to a workroom in Tidewater Memorial Hospital (now Riverside-Tappahannock Hospital) on March 26, 1966. The church was organized with 32 charter members.

As the congregation grew, it moved to larger quarters within the hospital several times. When the 1973-74 school year started in the new building, then called Tappahannock Junior Academy, they moved into the auditorium of the school. On June 10, 1989, they moved into their present sanctuary near the school. Official opening and consecration services were held August 19, 1989.

We, the members of the Tappahannock Seventh-day Adventist Church, would like to invite our former members and friends to join us on March 30 for a celebration of God's guidance through this 30-year history of our church. Sabbath school starts at 9:30 a.m., and the church worship service begins at 11:15 a.m. A fellowship dinner is planned following the service and a musical program for 3:00 p.m.

VIRGINIA PEARSON
Communication Leader

Potomac Conference Executive Committee report

January 18, 1996

Dunbar Henri updated the committee on the devotional book prepared by Takoma Academy students, the proceeds of which will go toward expenses for a Takoma Academy student's dialysis treatment.

Herbert Broeckel, conference president, reported on the Tri-Union Family Enrichment Resources Conference. A highlight of the conference was the Sabbath afternoon testimonies of student literature evangelists. It was also reported that Kathy Lee Gifford is close to signing a contract for the advertisement of the *Bible Story* books.

At one time, the Potomac Conference was spending over two percent of the previous year's tithe to support the publishing program. Now only one percent of tithe is allocated to the publishing work, and the goal is that publishing will become self-supporting in the future.

Elder Broeckel reported that the pastoral advisory is still studying the feasibility of implementation of alternate models of church governance made possible by an action of the North American Division in its year-end meeting. Under consideration would be an experiment with an additional district for a group of Anglo churches similar to the one already in existence for the Spanish churches.

Conference Treasurer Marvin Griffin reported that his preliminary budget for 1996 was still an unbalanced budget. The committee voted that he continue to work on it and bring it to the next meeting as a balanced budget.

VOTED, to approve the request of the Damascus church to change its name as follows: "Damascus Road Community Church and Evangelical Seventh-day Adventist Congregation."

VOTED, to approve the employment of Bryan Allison as an assistant ranger at Camp Blue Ridge. It was further...

VOTED, to approve the employment of his wife, Tanna Allison, as a part-time employee in the food service department.

VOTED, to approve the request of the Waynesboro, Virginia, church board that Harry Sharley be invited to serve as the pastor of the Waynesboro church.

VOTED, to invite Geoffrey Patterson to serve as a ministerial intern under the direction of Henry Wright at the Alexandria church.

There are currently 60 Seventh-day Adventist Hispanic members meeting each Sabbath with the Culmore Hispanic group under the pastorship of Antonio Esposito. The group has requested organization as a church. It was...

VOTED, to approve the request of the Culmore Hispanic group for church status.

There are currently 50 Seventh-day Adventist Hispanic members meeting each Sabbath with the Mt. Vernon Hispanic group under the pastorship of Juan Sicalo. The group has requested organization as a church. It was...

VOTED, to approve the request of the Mt. Vernon Hispanic group for church status.

VOTED, to approve the request of the Richmond Korean group for organization as a company.

VOTED, to recommend that all churches appoint local church prayer coordinators.

VOTED, to recommend that each local church appoint a women's ministries director.

In light of the resignation of Sarah Ware, it was...

VOTED, to invite Dr. Prospero Miranda of the Southeast region to serve as a member of the Potomac Conference Executive Committee in her place.