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Dick Duerksen
Editor



"Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil. Live as servants of God,"—1 Peter 2:16.

Freedom means that I have full permission to do anything I want to do anytime I want to do it. Right?

That's not quite the way the apostle Peter interprets it. He, and all of the other gospel writers, weave freedom and responsibility tightly together. We're free—to live in ways that do not inhibit the spiritual growth of others. Free—to develop our talents and interests and relationships in positive ways. Free—to treat others as genuinely valuable. Free—to do things that uplift God. Free—to be personally responsible for our freedom.

Freedom for Christians is one of God's greatest gifts, one that comes wrapped in potential and tied with talents. Sure, we can shred the wrappings and use the talents to make God look foolish. That's one of the joys of freedom. We can throw it away, and God will still love us! Even if we throw it in the mud, stomp on it, spit on it, shred it and then wave the filthy remnants tauntingly before His face, He'll cringe in pain but never waver in His love.

We're free—to shout words of hate at God. Free—to destroy the faith of others. Free—to ignore and destroy our talents. Free—to exploit others. Free—to use freedom irresponsibly.

But there is a better way. Accept the freedom gift and then hand it back to God with a smile. Say, "Thank you, Lord. I am thrilled to have this gift, but I don't know how to use it wisely. Please show me how to enjoy it without hurting myself or anyone else." God's response will be a smile of pleasure. It's now safe to grant the incredible **POWER** He's designed to go with your freedom!

God's powerful freedom. In it, we discover the strength of gentleness, the urgency of patience, the depth of compassion and the honor of humility. In it, we learn to live His love.

COVERS: During its 50th anniversary festivities, the Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, church celebrated not only the past five decades, but they also rejoiced in the many multi-generational families that have grown together in church fellowship. The family on our cover includes, from left: Frances Stevens, Mildred Laird, Peggy Easley, Richard Easley and baby Richard Easley Jr. Joel Springer, staff photographer for the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, photographed the family. See the Waynesboro story on page 19. On the back page, Shanita Nelson (left), a fourth-grader, and Greisy Tellez, a sixth-grader, enjoy a soft moment with Critter, a Peruvian Guinea Pig. They were photographed by their teacher, David Gardner, at Vienna Adventist Academy in Vienna, Virginia.

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- 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.

Shawn Williams, Emmanuel
Brinklow, Allegheny East. Shawn was baptized in January of this year by Pastor Timothy Henderson.



Thomas Potter, Kilmar-
nock, Potomac. Thomas was baptized in May of this year after a series of studies with Pastor Dan Shafer.



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Clinton Racey, Strasburg,
Potomac. Clinton was one of seven baptized following Tony Mavrakos' meetings. The Racey family is now united in their membership in God's family.



Dustin Racey, Strasburg,
Potomac. Both Dustin and Clinton were baptized by Pastor Carroll Brauer in March of this year. This past year, their parents were baptized.



Profile:

Evangelist Adly Campos is an internationally prestigious speaker and authority on various topics concerning family and marriage. She holds a master of arts degree in family counseling from Liberty University.

Among her many talents, Adly is also a world-renowned recording artist for Chapel Bridge Records. In addition to her singing talent, she is also a highly recognized author of many articles in well-known Adventist and non-Adventist publications.



Through her ministry, thousands have been directly benefited by her seminary presentations. Recently, Adly surpassed the 1,000 mark for baptisms since she began her ministry three years ago.

As a result of her commitment to ministering to families around the world, her ministry has reached as far as North, South and Central America, Europe, Africa and Asia.

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Remembering our freedom

Marie Massey
Hamilton, Ohio

I know freedom well. I am 83 years old. My husband was in the service in World War II. I was left at home with three children. He was with the seventh armored infantry and missing in action. We didn't know what had happened until he walked in the door one evening in May of 1945.

He had been captured in the Belgium bulge. A prisoner of war, he was treated very badly and was about 100 pounds when liberated. Due to starvation, he was given three battle stars, and I was given his P.O.W. medal since he had died before it was presented.

The following is a poem I wrote in 1944 entitled "Freedom—It Isn't Free."

I had a thought that came to me; concerning freedom, it isn't free. But yet, so often one thing we'll do is take it for granted. Oh yes, it's true. When in the balance it's finally weighed, you'll find a costly price was paid. For many there are who gave their all; their wealth, their lives when duty called.

For in my mind, I see it still;

at Gettysburg, at San Juan Hill. Recall the ride of Paul Revere? The Alamo, it's all so clear. Shiloh, Vicksburg and Bull Run; Hear the deafening roar of a thousand guns. For all this, it says to me the cost of freedom, it isn't free.

At Flanders Field and Normandy, more was paid for you and me. In Vietnam and Korea too, more lives were lost for me and you. In World War I and World War II, you wonder if we'll ever be through. In the Middle-East so recently, the price of freedom wasn't free.

If freedom's bell is fully wrought, it's by the grace of God and those who fought. There is still one victory left to win, we must be free from bonds of sin. It's here that God has paid the cost. He gave His son to save the lost. His only Son, God gave for me. The price of freedom, it isn't free.

On Christmas Eve 1944, I was home alone with my three children with my husband overseas. As I sat that evening, my

thoughts were of him and what he was going through. My poem is some of my thoughts. I didn't know he had lost his freedom on December 22 until May 1945.

A Star for Our Daddy

There's a star in our window this Christmas Eve. A star hanging there is hard to believe. A star for our daddy so precious and dear. A daddy we've seen only once in a year. We know that our daddy who's over the foam is fighting for freedom and longing for home.

Our home is sad this holy night, where the Christmas star in the heavens shines bright. But we have faith in that star above, that God will take care of the dad we love. And may the ache in our hearts be made mild, for born this night was the Holy Child.

We hope that soon this war is done, so we can be with our darling one. To vanish all the tears and fears that war has caused us these past years. In the window hangs your star of blue; for daddy, there's none as fine as you.

So on this Christmas Eve we're waiting until this strife, with all its hating, is gone, forever in the past and you'll be with us, home at last. God speed the days of victory. When all mankind will be set free.

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"Everything is permissible for me"
—but not everything is beneficial.

"Everything is permissible for me"
—but I will not be mastered by anything.



Did you know that if you go into a movie theater, your guardian angel will have to abandon you at the door?

Fortunately, it's a myth! Jesus Himself says: "I will never leave you or forsake you." I guess that even counts for the projectionist down at the mall. Not to worry, angels do go to movies! They are even there working with Demi Moore.

But that doesn't answer the question I hear at weeks of prayer, youth leader training seminars and congregational retreats: "What about movies?" The question seems omnipresent, although it's asked much more often by adults than by youth. The youth are already going to the theaters and find the question almost absurd. They groan and wonder why anyone is wasting time talking about the subject. They would rather talk about the message they saw in *Sabrina*. But many adults continue asking. It's almost as if they are hoping for a pronouncement they can use to keep the kids home. ... Or to give themselves permission to violate all they learned about the basics of Adventism and go.

Back when the adults were in school, it was easy. Even the school handbooks were clear on the issue: "Christians don't go to movies. So don't go to movies, or you'll get kicked out." Now those handbook admonitions have mostly disappeared, along with many of the other "clear-cut Do/Don't Do" boundaries. It seems that the church has backed away from regulating

many specific behaviors.

Is this all good or just a sign of the apostasy in the church? Are there any good movies worth seeing in the theaters, or must we wait four weeks and then watch them on our VCRs?

It used to be easy. "Don't go." Now it's harder, as we're having to teach how to make decisions about the appropriateness/evil/acceptability/danger/possibilities/ugliness/message of specific movies. "NO" has become "Well, let's talk about that one." The very process offers the possibility that something good can come out in a theater, a thought that is anathema to many Adventist members.

But we have accepted the message of grace and so have traded control for freedom and shifted our task from restricting behavior to guiding choices. "What about movies?" Maybe the real question is: "How do I decide whether or not to watch?" It's a question that can only be answered individually and is only answered wisely when it is answered thoughtfully—in the context of spiritual commitment.

Consider:

- Movies are made by producers who are experts at capturing your mind and filling it with their own thoughts.

- Theaters are designed to give the producers as many advantages as possible. Comfortable seating that reclines to relax listeners. Awesome sound systems! Screens that show images at three to four times life-size. Perfect focus and color. More.

- It's easy to know exactly what you're getting into before you buy the theater ticket.

- It's difficult to think clearly, constantly analyzing and filtering the movie's content by applying your own values to what's happening on screen.

1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV

That's the great challenge. You can beat the producers and the theater seat designers and even the THX sound engineer, but the battle begins long before you attend.

- Read the movie reviews in *Time*, *Premiere*, *Entertainment Weekly*, 2020 and your local newspaper. Listen to the descriptions of acting quality, production quality and content quality. All are described thoroughly by the reviewers. One pundit called *The Rock* "Mayhem. Mayhem. Mayhem. Saved only by the acting of Sean Connery." Another described *Babe* as "a movie where good wins out without my having to wade through violence and gratuitous sex to enjoy the victory." Listen to the reviewers. These folk are paid to tell you what to expect.

- Decide whether or not you want this producer, and this movie, to have access to your mind.

- Compare what you'll be seeing with your personal convictions and values. Will this in any way slow you down spiritually? Is this movie going to provide memories you'll love to cherish? Will the content of this movie make you wiser and so make it easier for you to face the challenges of life?

- Remember that "R" usually stands for "Repentance required at the conclusion."

Oh yes, if you choose to go, stay alert and leave an empty seat beside you. You and your angel may want to compare notes during the movie.

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While he is constantly asked tough questions, as vice president for creative ministries, Dick Duerksen is always asking questions. And he is free, having accepted the message of grace and trading control for freedom. Now, instead of restricting behavior, he helps to guide choices.

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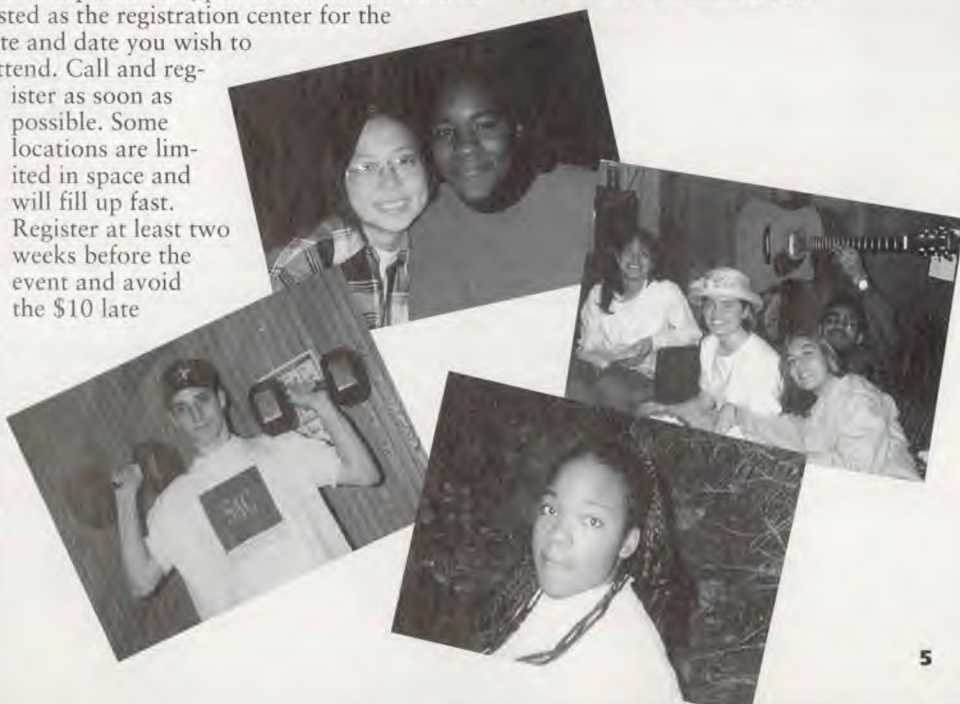
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Target 50,000

hits mark in Philippines with several union members



Pastor M.T. Bascom (Chesapeake) receives a big welcome in Calbayog, where he baptized 109 individuals.

The humidity was sliceable. But as the pastor raised his hand to the heavens, gently lowered and then raised the individual from the bluegreen, cool flow of water, it seemed for a brief moment that the heat abated as everyone assembled on the banks and in the water, along with heaven, celebrated this testimony. There was much reason to celebrate. At the day's conclusion, more than 100 people had publicly proclaimed Christ as their Saviour. And that was just in Calbayog.

Pastors and evangelists from 12 countries, including 81 teams from North America, converged on the Philippines the week before Easter to assist fellow clergy and lay persons there in conducting the largest-ever Seventh-day Adventist evangelistic campaign. The goal of 700 simultaneous meetings this spring, plus hundreds of additional local crusades through July, is to baptize 50,000 persons. The baptismal count was more than halfway toward that goal by the end of April.

Dubbed "Target 50,000," the project commemorates 50 years of ministry in the Philippines by the *Voice of Prophecy* radio broadcast and Bible school. The VOP went on radio in Manila on July 11, 1946. Today's ministry in the Philippines through radio, TV and printed Bible lessons is conducted in English, the national language of the Philippines and the dialects of Tagalog, Ilocano, Cebuano and Panayan.

The Filipino word, "bayanihan," describes the idea of many people and organizations working together to accomplish a common task. "Bayanihan" is a community effort. "Bayanihan" was and still is being achieved in the Philippines. Several individuals from the Columbia Union shared in this crusade. Here's a glimpse at some of their experiences in "Target 50,000."

Bob Banks

Potomac

Opening night at the central Kabankalan church went well. Individuals filled the building to overflowing, including the presence of the mayor of Kabankalan and his daughter. The response of the people was tremendous. The pastor estimated that there was one Adventist for every 12 to 15 non-Adventists there.

The most thrilling memory I carried home with me was the grand finale baptism in the warm, swiftly moving waters of the "Overflow River" in the outskirts of Kabankalan. Dozens of candidates climbed onto huge trucks to be driven to the river side. God blessed our meetings with a harvest of 217 individuals touched by the Spirit of God and raised from the watery grave as newly adopted brothers and sisters into the Adventist family.

In Kabankalan, I had an opportunity to share the gospel in fulfillment of Jesus' great commission. I cherish the memories of new friends and changed lives.

Rudney Z. Bartolome

New Jersey

My assignment was to hold the crusade in Dumangas, Iloilo—a town within the West Visayan Mission territory of the Central Philippine Union Conference. The 103 baptized new members were the result of the mighty working of the Holy Spirit and the dedicated labor of church lay members who did the preliminary work of "sowing the seeds," "watering them" and "cultivating them." My role was to come and "harvest."

Before I left New Jersey for the Philippines, I wrote to my brother-in-law, who is residing in Antique, Philippines, and asked him to bring

his non-Adventist wife and five children to Dumangas for the crusade. Each night, the whole family attended the meetings. The family had attended a crusade a year before but this time, they surrendered their lives to Christ. I had the privilege of baptizing my brother-in-law (re-baptism), his wife and five children. Praise the Lord!



Part of the 426 people who were baptized in Surallah. This session was celebrated in a channel around the city.

M.T. Bascom

Chesapeake

One hundred nineteen people were baptized at a beautiful sandy beach near the city of Calbayog on the Island of Samar in the Philippines!

The meetings were a very special event for Dr. and Mrs. Lemuel (Annabelle) Ursales. She is the presi-



A group of baptismal candidates pray before being baptized in the Surallah, Philippines, campaign.

dent of our Adventist hospital in Calbayog, and he is the vice president and chief of medical affairs. It was 50 years ago that Mrs. Ursales' father became a Seventh-day Adventist from the early work of the VOP. He then brought all 12 of his children into the church. Two of the children of Lemuel and Annabelle were baptized at the campaign in Calbayog as a special memorial to her father and the VOP.

An emotional, thrilling closing night took place. After the sermon, "The Last Night on Earth," the congregation stood together in a commitment to meet together in heaven at the tree of life.

Adly Campos and Wilson C. Católico

Chesapeake/Potomac

In Surallah, South Cotabato, Philippines, 426 persons were baptized. They took place in three different ceremonies of 76, 285 and 65, respectively. Pastor Wilson C. Católico, youth director for the Southern Mindanao Mission, was in charge of "preparing the territory." Each night, hundreds of persons—arriving in motorcycles ("jeeps")

carrying 12 to 15 individuals and pickups with 35 to 40—attended the 18 decision meetings Adly Campos held and listened to the three angels' message.

The Surallah church building was too small to hold the 800 to 1,000 who came every night or the 1,200 who came to Sabbath morning worship. Even the "stadium," chosen later, could not seat everyone.

The baptism Sabbath was no exception. The sun shone intensely, and the people crowded under the covered stands. Adly was afraid no one would respond to her call because the sun was so hot. Then she remembered the expression of faith: "Man's inability is God's opportunity." As she preached, she sent up a silent prayer to heaven, and the answer came! A beautiful gray cloud settled over the stadium, and in its shade, all those interested responded to the baptismal call. After all the new candidates were attended to, the cloud drifted away, and they returned to their places.

Stephen Chavez

Potomac

My assignment was in the Oroquieta District in the Western Mindanao Conference (southern Philippines). It was winter when I left Maryland but summer with a capital "S" when I arrived in Oroquieta. The heat and humidity were oppressive.

The success of the meetings was assured before we arrived. For several weeks, a team made up of the

pastor, about a dozen "lay preachers" and several literature evangelists covered the district, signing people up for VOP Bible study courses.

More than 140 people completed their lessons and received their diplomas while we were there.

By the time I left Oroquieta, 95 people had been baptized. Seventeen were baptized in jail—in 55-gallon steel drums. The rest were baptized in the ocean not far from Oroquieta. Many of those baptized were young people in their teens and twenties. They join the approximately 2,500 Adventists in the Oroquieta District.



Pastor Steve Chavez uses a 55-gallon steel drum to baptize inmates in the municipal (city) jail while church members who had studied with them celebrate the inmates' decisions.

Ronald J. Goss

Potomac

From the time Ray Heathman and I arrived in the Philippines until the time we left, Satan threw everything at us—from a typhoon to the lights turning off seven nights—right in the middle of the meetings. We learned to preach using flashlights and candles very quickly. One evening, there were about 150 people in attendance and the lights went off. When the lights came on at the meeting's end, that number had more than doubled.

One young woman, 16 years old, who came to the crusade and had been studying the Bible lessons, was told by her family that if she joined with the Seventh-day Adventists, she no longer had a home or family of which to return. She chose to follow Jesus and was baptized in the ocean right in front of the cabins we were staying in. Praise God. She has a much larger family now than she did before her baptism.

According to our district leader in Cebu, the baptisms from our crusade numbered between 110 and 120, not counting those who came into the meetings toward the end of the crusade and need follow-up studies.



Pastor Simon Madrigal (left) takes control of one of the many motorelas that are the primary mode of transportation in Oroquieta.

Freedom: *is it really free?*

CLIFFORD GOLDSTEIN

For years, physicists have been seeking a "theory of everything," a complete description of the world defined by a neat mathematical formula. They have so far failed because, though a TOE exists, it's not written in numbers; it's written in blood, the blood of Christ—and its message is simply "God is love,"—1 John 4:8.



Author Clifford Goldstein

Because God is love, He created us with the capacity to love as well. Yet love, by its very definition, can't be coerced; love—to be love—must allow the option *not* to love. Inherent in love, therefore, is freedom, and freedom involves risks. For God, love was worth that risk, even at the cost of a crown of thorns on the head of His crucified Son.

At the heart of the gospel, then, is love, and at the heart of love is liberty. The cross proves just how sacred that liberty is. Had God not granted it to us, we would not have sinned, would not have broken His law and Jesus Christ wouldn't have had nails in His hands and feet and the sins of the world on His back.

The principle of religious freedom isn't limited only to the earth. In *Early Writings*, Ellen White wrote of a vision she had of life on

another planet: "Then I saw two trees. ... The fruit of both looked beautiful, but of one they [the inhabitants] could not eat. They had power to eat of both, but were forbidden to eat of one. Then my attending angel said to me, 'None in this place have tasted of the forbidden tree; but if they should eat, they would fall'" (page 40). Here, as in Eden, the power, the option, to disobey must exist; otherwise, love couldn't, either.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus exemplified the freedom inherent in love. Just as the Father never forced love or obedience in heaven (Otherwise, how could Lucifer and the angels have rebelled?), Jesus never forced it on earth. When Jesus told the rich young ruler what he needed to do to be saved, the ruler walked away. Though Jesus knew the consequences of that decision, and though He loved the man, He didn't force the issue. Jesus wept for souls, pled for their salvation, admonished them to have eternal life through Him, but He never, either in heaven or earth, trampled upon the sacred right of religious freedom. To do so would violate a law of His own creating.

America's founders understood this principle. Thomas Jefferson wrote that God, "being Lord both of body and mind," chose "not to propagate it [religion] by coercions on either, as was in His almighty power to do." In other words, though God has the power to force us to obey, He doesn't.

The genius of the American experiment was to establish a government based on freedom of choice regarding religion (reflective somewhat of the freedom God granted in His government). According to prophecy, however, the experiment fails. The United States, repudiating the principles of freedom, will actually coerce religious worship: "And [it] causeth the earth and them

which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed,"—*Revelation 13:12*.

Though the real issue in the great controversy deals with God's character and the justness of His government, the battle climaxes around the more mundane question of religious liberty.

Religious liberty is so fundamental, not only to the gospel itself but to last-day events. How is religious liberty being threatened? How do we interpret the news in the light of Bible prophecy? How could the United States ever fulfill its prophetic role? These are just a few of many questions.

We should all be interested in religious liberty, not just because of the scenario that precedes Christ's second coming, but because it was inherent in the principle that led Him to the cross at the first coming—and that principle, the grand TOE of the universe, is simply *God is love*.

Clifford Goldstein is the editor of *Liberty*, the church's magazine of religious freedom. Much of this article is reprinted with permission of the *Adventist Review*; April 25, 1996.

A Healing ministry

Adventist HealthCare and Frederick Memorial break ground for new nursing center

Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic and Frederick Memorial Hospital held a ground-breaking ceremony on May 17 for a new 124-bed nursing and rehabilitation center in Walkersville, Maryland.

The new Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is a joint venture between Frederick Memorial Hospital and Adventist HealthCare, which will manage the facility through Adventist



An artist's vision of the new Glade Valley Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Senior Living Services. Frederick Memorial will provide ancillary services

such as respiratory care as well as X-ray and laboratory services. The center will

cost about \$6 million to build and will employ approximately 100 people.

Construction on the facility is expected to begin this summer and should be completed in the summer of 1997. The 124-bed nursing center will include 86 comprehensive care beds and a 38-bed specialty unit for patients with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

The center will also
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Representatives from Adventist HealthCare, Frederick Memorial Hospital and officials from the area break ground for the new center.

A Healing ministry

Editorial

Letting our light shine

Seventh-day Adventist hospitals provide a unique setting for applying the message of Christian hope, healing and eternal life. As we help patients and their loved ones contend with illness and injury, we can also help them cope with feelings of fear, guilt, anxiety and lack of faith. For many people, the process of surrendering their fears and uncertainties can be important steps to bringing about the baptism of grace and leading them to a saving faith in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

At Kettering Medical Center, our mission is to convey God's love in a caring environment. Like the African proverb that says "It takes a village to raise a child," it takes many caring people to help others come to become aware of Christ in their lives.

Our medical center is blessed with many employees, physicians and volunteers who demonstrate daily numerous acts of Christ's love. For example, our chaplains help patients and families deal with disease and injury by sharing in their struggles and pointing them to the source of hope in Christ.

Also, the staff in our intensive care units conduct prayer circles that comfort patients and families. The entire dormi-

tory of students at Kettering College of Medical Arts are actively involved in Bible study. The Kettering Clergy Care Center reaches out nationwide to help pastors and their families who need emotional support. We touch many people in many ways with the ultimate goal of helping them know God's love.

As a Seventh-day Adventist health-care organization, KMC is well prepared to help people in need find and embrace a relationship with Jesus Christ. It's satisfying to know that there are countless numbers of people whose lives have been changed because their path has brought them to our door. We have a light to share with the world. We are committed to letting that light shine.



Frank Perez

President and Chief Executive Officer
Kettering Medical Center

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offer a respite care program, rehabilitation services, caregiver support groups and training, ongoing community educational seminars, a senior-care services referral line, wellness and prevention programs, transportation services for assisted



Bryan Breckenridge (right), president of Adventist Health-Care, and James Klutz, president of Frederick Memorial Hospital, display the artist's rendition of the Glade Valley center during the ground-breaking ceremony.

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Gaithersburg, MD 20850
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The Atrium (Assisted Living Center)

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Shady Grove Adventist Hospital

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Shady Grove Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

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Sycamore Glen Retirement Community

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Sycamore Hospital

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Washington Adventist Hospital

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Takoma Park, MD 20912
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Washington Adventist Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

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^AHealing ministry

outpatient rehabilitation patients, an on-site evaluation and referral program and a 24-hour hotline for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's disease.

News

ADVENTIST HOME HEALTH MANAGEMENT

■ AHHM signs its first two contracts

Adventist Home Health Management, one of Adventist HealthCare Mid-Atlantic's newest organizations, provides management and consulting services for home health agencies.

AHHM recently signed its first two contracts. The first is with Memorial Hospital of Easton, Maryland, to start up and manage its home health agency, Shore Home Care Home Health. The contract is effective for five years.

The second, which commenced on May 1, is with Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury, Maryland. This contract is for three years and involves consulting and management for the center's existing home health agency.

These contracts help AHM to expand its territory across the Eastern Shore. AHHM also has a letter of intent signed with Howard County General Hospital.

HACKETTSTOWN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

■ Health Link presents fashion show for seniors

Hackettstown Community Hospital's Health Link 50+ Membership Club collaborated with the Washington Township, New Jersey, Senior Advisory Council to present a Forever Young Fashion Show in May at the Washington Township Senior Center.

While women's fashions for seniors received the spotlight, there was also a focus on men's and young children's wear, says Gail Werner, the hospital's Health Link coordinator.

Fashions were provided by area businesses. Beauty and fashion consultant Ginny Doyle moderated the show. Door

prizes were awarded; a light lunch was served.

The free Health Link 50+ Club is focused on people 50 years of age "and forward" who wish to participate in an array of monthly programs designed to enhance their quality of life and health. These programs include free health screenings, physician talks, local merchant discounts, a bimonthly newsletter, the Heart & Sole Mall Walkers program, caregiver seminars, a stress management exercise program, tax assistance services, money management tips, insurance information and more.

The Health Link program actively promotes socialization opportunities through creative programming such as reading and discussion events, annual celebrations and special luncheons. Special opportunities include photography workshops and the AARP "55 Alive" safe driving program.

Included in the consortium of services is the "push-of-a-button" home emergency response system called Lifeline.

KETTERING MEDICAL CENTER

■ Medical center helps bring Global Village to Dayton

Dayton-area sixth-graders will have a first-hand opportunity to learn about different cultures when Global Village, sponsored by Kettering Medical Center, comes to Dayton October 3 through 13.

Global Village will include a life-sized re-creation of 10 dwellings that portray the day-to-day living environments of cultures in Africa, Asia and North and South America. More than 12,000 school children are expected to visit the village during its 10-day stop.

Global Village began in 1992 at La Sierra University in southern California with authentic dwellings created by Hollywood set designers.

■ KMC receives grant for Wellness on Wheels mobile health van program

A grant for \$336,305 was recently provided to Kettering Medical Center from the Levin Family Foundation, a

newly created local foundation established by members of the Levin family. This grant is significant and will provide the necessary capital funds to purchase a large mobile van health clinic, which will be named the Sam Levin Memorial Wellness on Wheels.

The mobile van health clinic is designed to offer a complete array of screening, diagnostic and education services in a very compact space. Located on the van will be examination rooms, a reception/education area, a clinical laboratory, a mammography unit, an X-ray machine and a rest room.

The van will provide the cornerstone of a new community outreach wellness program offered by Kettering Medical Center in cooperation with area communities and other health-care providers.

"We are delighted to have received the trust and support of the Levin Family Foundation to carry out the Wellness on Wheels program for the families of our community," stated Frank Perez, chief executive officer at the medical center. "We will honor that trust and commit our energies to improving the lives and health for the women, men and children of the Dayton area."

The mobile van will take six to seven months to design and build. It's projected to be available to begin operation in late fall.

READING REHABILITATION HOSPITAL

■ Staff wellness initiative at RRH

Reading Rehabilitation Hospital's commitment to improving the health status of its community includes its own staff members. RRH has initiated a staff health and wellness program under the supervision of Jeff Eckel, wellness consultant. The program offers a health risk appraisal, a medical self-care program, health screening, resource materials, instruction and health counseling and attractive incentives for reaching established targets. The overall goals of the wellness program are to improve the health and well-being of staff and in-

Healing ministry

crease productivity and staff morale while decreasing medical costs incurred by RRH employees.

SHADY GROVE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Local woman competes in Special Olympics after receiving kidney from sister at Shady Grove

Jill Durbin, 28, of Rockville, Maryland, who received a kidney from her 24-year-old sister, Carrie, during this past September at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, competed in the Montgomery County Special Olympics on May 11. She competed in two swimming events: the 25-yard freestyle and the 25-yard backstroke. She placed third among 26 swimmers in the freestyle event and fourth among approximately 10 swimmers in the backstroke.

Durbin required the transplant because of decreasing kidney function. The kidney was considered a perfect match, according to Rick Kolovich,



Jill Durbin (right), who swam in the local Special Olympics on May 11, poses with her sister, Carrie, who donated a kidney to her on September 5, 1995.

transplant coordinator at Shady Grove. As a result of the kidney transplant, Durbin was able to avoid lengthy and time-consuming dialysis treatment.

■ Hospital receives award for energy conservation

Shady Grove was the only hospital in the metropolitan Washington area to receive an award during the ENCOMP energy conservation competition.

The hospital was recognized for efforts in improvements in HVAC (heat-

ing, ventilating and air conditioning), the exterior walls, water heating and lighting. Shady Grove has received over \$700,000 in cash rebates from PEPCO and Washington Gas. By changing lighting fixtures to more energy-efficient ones, a net savings of 33 percent per kilowatt hour was reached. The hospital's annual energy cost has been reduced by \$269,500 as a result of energy-saving changes implemented.

■ Crawford chosen Nurse of the Year at SGAH

Patricia Crawford, CNOR, scheduling coordinator in the outpatient surgery center, has been named the hospital's



Patricia Crawford, who was chosen Nurse of the Year at SGAH, with Maryland Governor Parris Glendening during a ceremony honoring nurses in Annapolis.

Nurse of the Year. She was selected out of several nominees for her quality of nursing skills, community service, positive attitude and many accomplishments in the field of nursing. Crawford travelled to Annapolis in June to receive recognition from Governor Parris Glendening.

WASHINGTON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL

■ Spencerville church member chosen hospital's nurse of the year

Washington Adventist Hospital recently selected Judith Vandeman, R.N.,

Ways to Wellness

Upbuilding of the body

"Those who understand the laws of health and who are governed by principle will shun the extremes, both of indulgence and of restriction. Their diet is chosen, not for the mere gratification of appetite, but for the upbuilding of the body. They seek to preserve every power in the best condition for highest service to God and man. The appetite is under the control of reason and conscience, and they are rewarded with health of body and mind. While they do not urge their views offensively upon others, their example is a testimony in favor of right principles. These persons have a wide influence for good." (The Ministry of Healing, pages 318 and 319.)

Provided by Hackettstown Community Hospital

B.S.N., on Unit 2500, its nurse of the year. A member of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland, Vandeman represented Washington Adventist Hospital at the governor's mansion in Annapolis on June 3 during the presentation of "Maryland's Nurses of Excellence" awards.

The umbrella is large enough



RALPH MARTIN

As I was reading Philip Yancey's book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, one passage stopped me in my tracks. It is so powerful and so relevant to our Adventist church that I am sharing it with you. Yancey's Bible class in Chicago led to this experience.

"Somehow we have created a community of respectability in the church, I told my class. The down-and-out, who flocked to Jesus when He lived on earth, no longer feel welcome. How did Jesus, the only perfect person in history, manage

"People didn't shun me. They reached out to me. It's here that I met Jesus."—A Sinner

to attract the notoriously imperfect? And what keeps us from following in his steps today?

"Someone in the class suggested that legalism in the church had created a barrier of strict rules that made non-Christians feel uncomfortable. The class discussion abruptly lurched in a new direction, as survivors of Christian colleges and fundamentalist churches began swapping war stories. I told of my own bemusement in the early 1970s when the redoubtable Moody Bible Institute, located just four blocks down the street from our church, was banning all beards, mustaches and hair below the ears of male students—though each day students filed past a large oil painting of Dwight L. Moody, hirsute breaker of all three rules.

"Everyone laughed. Everyone except Greg, that is, who fidgeted in his seat and smoldered. I could see

his face flush red, then blanch with anger. Finally Greg raised his hand, and rage and indignation spilled out. He was almost stammering, 'I feel like walking out of this place,' he said, and all of a sudden the room hushed. 'You criticize others for being Pharisees. I'll tell you who the real Pharisees are. They're you [he pointed at me] and the rest of you people in this class. You think you're so high and mighty and mature. I became a Christian because of Moody Church. You find a group to look down on, to feel more spiritual than, and you talk about them behind their backs. That's what a Pharisee does. You're all Pharisees.'

"All eyes in the class turned to me for a reply, but I had none to offer. Greg had caught us red-handed. In a twist of spiritual arrogance, we were now looking down on other people for being Pharisees. I glanced at the clock, hoping for a reprieve. No such luck: It showed 15 minutes of class time remaining. I waited for a flash of inspiration, but none came. The silence grew louder. I felt embarrassed and trapped.

"Then Bob raised his hand. Bob was new to the class, and until the day I die, I will always be grateful to him for rescuing me. He began softly, disarmingly, 'I'm glad you didn't walk out, Greg. We need you here. I'm glad you're here, and I'd like to tell you why I come to this church.'

"Frankly, I identify with the Chicago prostitute Philip mentioned. I was addicted to drugs, and in a million years it wouldn't have occurred to me to approach a church for help. Every Tuesday, though, this church lets an Alcoholics Anonymous chapter meet in the basement room we're sitting in right now. I started attending that group, and after a while I decided a church that welcomes an AA group—cigarette butts, coffee spills and all—can't be too bad, so I made a point to visit a service.

"I've got to tell you, the people upstairs were threatening to me at first. They seemed like they had it all together while I was barely hanging on. People here dress pretty casually, I guess, but the best clothes I owned were blue jeans and T-shirts. I managed to swallow my pride, though, and started coming on Sunday mornings as well as

Tuesday nights. People didn't shun me. They reached out to me. It's here that I met Jesus."

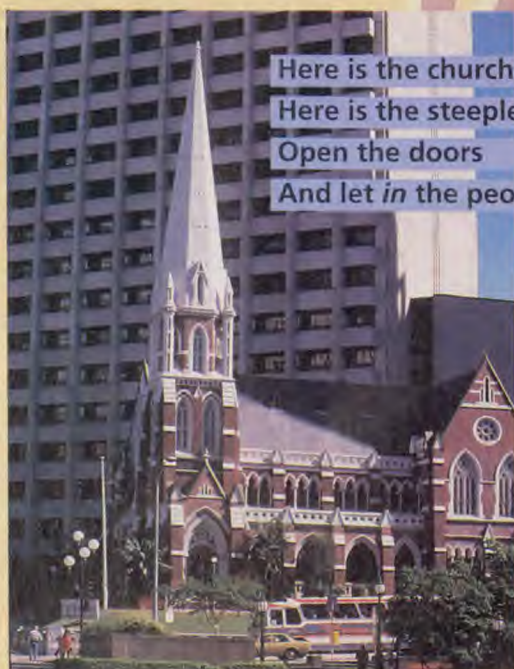
"As if someone had opened an air lock, all tension discharged from the room during Bob's speech of simple eloquence. Greg relaxed, I mumbled an apology for my own Pharisaism, and the class ended on

What would it take for church to become a place where prostitutes, tax collectors and even guilt-tinged Pharisees would gladly gather?

a note of unity. Bob had brought us back to common ground, as sinners equally desperate in our need of God.

"What would it take, I asked in closing, for church to become a place where prostitutes, tax collectors and even guilt-tinged Pharisees would gladly gather?"

I want desperately to have my Adventist church learn to welcome diverse people into our worship and to tolerate and appreciate conflicting thinking. The true test of conversion is when people of different cultures, temperaments and education can worship in love and acceptance. The Adventist church umbrella is large enough for all of us—if we will only act Christian.



**Here is the church.
Here is the steeple.
Open the doors
And let in the people.**

Gateway

news from Columbia Union College

CUC Brass Mosaic to teach at Tanglewood Institute this summer



The Brass Mosaic

The Brass Mosaic, the Columbia Union College faculty brass quintet, will spend six weeks this summer participating in a brass seminar at the Boston University Tanglewood Institute, which is one of the most prestigious summer art institutes in the world.

The Atlantic Brass Quintet, ensemble-in-residence of the Boston School of Arts, will conduct the six-week seminar designed for accomplished brass players, high school age or older, seeking an intense chamber music program. The seminar will include a program of rehearsals, lectures, master classes and performances. The Brass Mosaic will assist the Atlantic Brass in coaching the young musicians, as well as having the opportunity to perform and learn from experienced musicians.

The Atlantic Brass Quintet participated in CUC's band festival in February of 1996. A month later, they contacted David Workman, director of the Brass Mosaic, requesting the group to come help with the summer seminar at Tanglewood.

Workman said the seminar is a great opportunity for the Brass Mosaic to gain exposure and also a great learning experience. Tanglewood is a very prestigious music school; it's a summer home for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and its summer music festival is one of the premier music festivals in the world, he explained.

Workman noted that being in the musical environment and attending performances by the world's leading musicians will be a great experience for the Brass Mosaic. Workman himself spent a number of years in Boston studying at the New England Conservatory. "It will be nice to be back," he said.

The Brass Mosaic was established as artists-in-residence at CUC this past school year under the direction of Workman, who is also the director of the CUC band and plays principal trumpet in the quintet. The other four members are Brendan Kierman, trumpet; Leigh-Ann Lautenbach, horn; Nat Dickey, trombone; and Jon Eftychiou, tuba. Mosaic members serve as music teachers at CUC, as well as perform with major orchestras and soloists in some of the finest concert halls around the world, including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center.

CUC student to perform with Washington Opera Company

Valter Contesseto, a CUC junior music major from Brazil, recently signed a contract with the Washington Opera Company to perform during the 96-97 season. He will be performing under the famous tenor, Placido Domingo, who is the artistic director for the WOC. The company plans to perform the opera "IL GUARANY" in Brazil during the summer of 1997.

Contesseto, who sings baritone, began his vocal studies in Brazil. While there, he studied with the National University of Brasilia and was a member of the Opera Association of Brasilia. Contesseto was a finalist in two "Contest of Opera Singers Carlo Gomes of Rio De Janeiro" during 1992 and 1993. After finalizing in the contest, Contesseto received a sponsorship to come to the United States to continue his studies in voice.

Contesseto enrolled at CUC, where he has become a soloist of the New England Youth Ensemble and the Columbia Collegiate Chorale. "This will be a beginning, an important start for my career," says Contesseto. "I will sing on stage with great singers."



Valter Contesseto

Calendar of Events

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| July | 15 | Summer Start begins |
| | 16 | Faculty meeting, 3:15 |
| | 18 | CLEP |
| | 20 | Church, A. Torres, Sligo, 9/11:15 Sabbath School, 10 |
| | 21 | NBRC CRTT |
| | 23 | Financial Aid exit interviews |
| | 24 | Financial Aid exit interviews |
| | 27 | Church/A. Torres, Sligo, 9/11:15 Sabbath School, 10 |
| | 28 | CSE NDRT, 1 |
| | 29 | Capital Summer Session begins Weis Library books due Senior grades due, 12 NDRT, 1 |
| August | 1 | Commencement, 7 |
| | 3 | Church, G. Caldwell, Sligo, 9/11:15 CUC Church, 10:15 |
| | 4 | NDRT, 10 |
| | 5 | Final grades due, 4 |
| | 7 | Management Committee |
| | 10 | Church, Esther Knott, Sligo, 9/11:15 CUC Church, 10:15 |
| | 11 | NDRT, 10 |
| | 12 | All Weis Library books due |
| | 15 | Capital Summer Session Exams Summer Start ends Weis Library closed through 8/27 |
| | 17 | Church, Ed Komorowski, Sligo, 9/11:15 CUC Church, 10:15 |
| | 20 | Faculty/Staff Colloquium and Orioles game |
| | 22-25 | CUC Preview, freshman orientation |
| | 23-25 | Campus Ministries retreat |
| | 24 | Church, Andy McRae, Sligo, 9/11:15 |
| | 26 | Freshman registration |
| | 27 | Registration, 9:30-5 p.m. Dining Hall open for brunch Student Association Back-to-School Picnic, 5 |
| | 28 | Classes begin |



"Views from the Gateway" A phone call from St. Francis

**RICK SWARTZWELDER,
CUC PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSISTANT, COOP OFFICE MANAGER,
AND EMMY AWARD-WINNING FILMMAKER**

ZOWIE! KABOOM! POW! Like the punches and explosions of the one and only '60s classic *Batman* TV series, sometimes truth can hit us so hard that we need to take a commercial break from life in order to process what we've just seen or heard. That's what happened to me yesterday when I got a phone call from a good friend of mine.

"I just read this unbelievable, I mean, really great quote," he said.

Now, my friend is known for his somewhat less than serious spin on just about every topic, so I wasn't sure if he was serious or if I should be expecting a punch line sometime soon.

"Yeah?"

"Yeah, I mean, this could be, you know, the greatest..."

"Well, what is it then already?"

"Preach the gospel every day..."

Pause. Long pause.

"Okay," I thought to myself, "this is either the most obvious expression I've ever heard or I'm being set up for a joke, big time. What do I do? Laugh? What if he is serious?"

"If necessary..." he continued.

Pause. Long pause. "Here it comes, the punch line," I thought. "...use words."

BAM! That's good stuff.

"Preach the gospel every day. If necessary, use words."

St. Francis of Assisi spoke and lived those words centuries ago. More importantly, my friend took the time out of a busy work day to forward that long-distance phone call from St. Francis to me. And ever since then, I've passed along those words every chance I've had.

My friend was right. That was and is a really great quote. Truly remarkable words. Still, my prayer for myself and CUC and all Christians is that we might not only hear the power of truth in those words and share them with others, but that we might also have faith enough to live them.

Barry Casey receives Zapara Award

Barry Casey, chair of the CUC communication and arts division and associate professor of communication, received the annual Zapara Award on May 5 at the CUC graduation ceremony. The Zapara is awarded to teachers within the Seventh-day Adventist education system who exhibit excellence in teaching.

Casey teaches a variety of classes at CUC, including journalism, philosophy and two honors classes, communication across cultures and race and gender in mass media. Casey holds a master's degree in communication and in contemporary theology and a doctorate in the philosophy of religion. In addition to communication classes, he taught theology from 1981-1985.

Casey has found that teaching is a great ministry. He believes that the best part of teaching is "encouraging others to become themselves." When asked his favorite moment in teaching, Casey replied "the moment my idea turns into a student's vision."



CUC bids farewell to departing faculty and staff

Columbia Union College is saying hello to some new faces and goodbye to others. The following are individuals who retired at the end of this school year.

Glenn Willhelm-

Willhelm and his wife, Helen, who is the assistant director of enrollment services, first joined CUC's team 14 years ago. He recently retired from his position as

Glenn and Helen Willhelm



business manager of the adult evening program and has plans to continue working part time with CUC in the campus services office.

Joseph Wheeler-

Wheeler has enjoyed his 10 years at CUC. He has left his position as the chair of the English department and plans to approach his writing career full time. He has written four books in his "Christmas in My Heart" series and will be moving to Denver, Colorado, where he will continue to write.



Joseph Wheeler

Melvin Wolford-

Wolford came to teach at CUC in 1980, and he recently retired from his position as chair of the education department after 16 years of service to CUC. He and his wife now plan to sell their house and move to California to be near family.



Melvin Wolford



CUC President Charles Scriven serving students at the late-night pancake feed before final exams. Jim Greene, vice president for finance, flips pancakes in the background.



This summer, the parking lot behind Morrison and Richards Hall is being repaved, along with the faculty-staff lot behind Wilkenson Hall. Here is a crew working by Morrison Hall.

Christian friendship draws Muslim to live for Jesus

RAJINI SAGAMONEY

The first time I went to the Southern Asian Church Camp, I was a member of the church, but I was not involved. I don't remember who the speaker was that year, or what songs I learned, or what time I woke up in the morning, but I do remember meeting a lot of new faces that are now as familiar to me as my own.

The Southern Asian church in Adelphi, Maryland, considers its family camp as the fellowship highlight of the year. The relaxed, social atmosphere gives us time to get to know one another. Five days of sharing worship, meals and chores enables us to discover and put up various personalities.

There are many activities—canoeing, hiking, volleyball and other sports in which to participate. But my favorite part of camp is the talk, talk, talk. After a long, tiring day, the young people still find the energy to stay up late at night debating the issues of life. From hairstyles to our future plans; intensely personal and incredibly superficial are



Houshyar "Balki" Karmagad is baptized by Pastor Franklin David.

our conversations. And deep friendships are formed.

Balki was one of the new faces I met at camp that first year. He was not a church member, but came to socialize with some friends.

Through the next five years, Balki became a permanent social fixture in our church. He would be at every church outing and picnic, and every summer he came with us to camp. Balki would help in the kitchen, dress up in weird costumes for skit night and bring muffins to our cabin for those of us who slept late and missed breakfast. We

learned that although he looks like our favorite character from *Perfect Strangers*, his real name is Houshyar. He's from Iran. He wants to be a doctor. He loves chocolate. There are so many things we have in common, but the most important thing we did not share. He did not believe in Christianity.

When others told him that he would make a good Christian, he would laugh and say, "What's the difference? I am a

Muslim and believe in living a good life. Isn't that enough?"

So we prayed and prayed and prayed. Maybe Balki knew us too well. Along with the fun and games, he saw the problems church members face. Believing in Jesus never made our lives perfect. All the talk in the world would never convince Balki of the truth. He had to let Jesus into his heart. So we continued to wait and pray.

Finally, last summer, those prayers were answered. In just a few short months, Balki's heart was opened, and he accepted Christ. God gave us a miracle, and Balki was baptized at church camp in Laurel Lakes, Pennsylvania. As he became part of our heaven-bound family, not an eye was dry.

Balki's salvation experience taught us so much about ministering to others: patience to wait for God's timing, that fellowship in church can bring others to God, church camp can be an effective witness. It gives others a chance to experience the Seventh-day Adventist lifestyle, and for those few days, there is positive peer pressure around us. As we renew our friendships, we are challenged to strengthen our personal relationships with God. We invite non-believing friends into fellowship with our church and hope they see something different, something that they too can be a part of—the family of God.

Rajini Sigamoney is the communication leader for the Southern Asian church in the Potomac Conference.



Youth who befriended Houshyar at church camp gather at the baptism site.

ALLEGHENY WEST

Emmanuel renewed during annual series

Under the leadership of Pastor Derrick Mockett, the Emmanuel church in South Boston, Virginia, held its annual week of spiritual renewal March 11-16 with the theme, "What the Devil Knows Can Help You."

Pastor Carl Rogers from Columbus, Ohio, was the guest speaker during the special week. The sermon topics were "He Has but a Short Time," "Our Weakness," "The Word," "That God Means What He Says," "Jesus" and "His Day Is Coming."

Emmanuel members supported this series with spirit-filled music and their attendance each night.

Sabbath morning got underway with a "Power Hour," a time of prayer and testimonies. As part of the divine worship service, many stood for prayer and re-dedication during the appeal. Following a hearty lunch, the series was climaxed with an anointing service for those who desired it. Many requested God's special blessings and for the Holy Spirit to fulfill their special needs.

MILDRED MARROW
Communication Leader



The Meadow View Trio—Beth-Anne Vanderlaan, Moogega Cooper and Diane Cooper—sing while visiting a church in the New Jersey Conference.

NEW JERSEY

Meadow View staff, students visit churches

The staff and students at the Meadow View school in Trenton have started a visitation program. The group has gone to several churches and participated in their vespers programs to show, by example, the difference a Christian education makes.

Brent Mann, teacher for grades six through eight, presents the priceless value and benefits of Christian education during his talks. His sermons are filled with illustrations of what a Christian school can offer a child, including the creation story, prayer, dedicated Christian teachers, high academic standards and, most of all, an opportunity to know Jesus.

The ninth- and 10th-grade students—instructed by Malissa Luste—perform a play entitled "The Believers." Each pupil depicts a biblical character who was changed by knowing Jesus. The bride at the wedding feast (when Jesus turns water into wine), Andrew the disciple and tax collector Zacchaeus are a few of the persons portrayed.

The K-5 choir, directed by Sandra Dickhaut, sings a wide variety of Scripture songs. The choir is joined by special soloists and trios, including students who perform instrumental solos.

Linda Patterson, school principal and teacher of grades one and two, has been diligent in teaching her students the importance of memorizing Scripture. Several young pupils recite passages of the Bible during these church programs.

Youngsters in the kindergarten class have also enjoyed being part of the choir.

Christian education does make a difference—and that difference is Christ in students' lives.

TRUDY SHIROMA
Kindergarten Teacher

POTOMAC

Kingsway Symphonic Choir performs at Seabrook church

"Behold, He Cometh" was the theme of the tour that brought the Kingsway Symphonic Choir from Kingsway College Academy in Oshawa, Ontario, to the church in Seabrook, Maryland, on Easter Sunday, April 7.

The sanctuary was filled with melodious sound from the group, which had spent the early part of the day seeing the sights in nearby Washington, D.C. Tour guide Harry Bass not only attended the evening concert, but he also graced the audience with an inspirational solo for the benediction.

The choir is under the direction of Katherine Szamko-Bowes.

CHERYL THOMPSON
Correspondent

Dr. Kay's Q&A

Fulfillment means more than job status



Question: I have big dreams for my kids. I'd like them to get their educations and be white-collar workers. I never had the opportunity myself, so I can't be a role model for them. What can I do?

Answer: Remember, color really doesn't matter; that's whether your job is a white- or blue-collar one. What matters is that your children have the opportunity to choose the occupation they'd like to pursue and not feel they have to settle for their second choice because they didn't have the educational qualifications for the first. What matters is that people love their occupations and excel in them, regardless of the status of the job!

I always told my kids that it didn't matter to me what occupation they chose if it was an honorable one as long as they had the ticket to choose anything their hearts would desire. The ticket is EDUCATION! And in today's society, that means college—if a child has the ability. You can't say this to your kids often enough!

I've heard kids argue: "But I can make good money right out of high school! Why should I waste my time and money going to college?" "Look at so-and-so. He or she didn't go to college, and he or she is racking in millions." Listen patiently to these arguments and simply say: "You can do exactly what they're doing as long as you have the ticket to do anything." Don't tie your love for them to whether or not they choose to follow your dream. Make sure they know you love them unconditionally, but never let them forget that you do have a dream for them.

Make your children feel smart. Their brain power is far greater than they'll ever use. Point out their natural abilities and reward their learned skills with your interest and approval. And don't let them get discouraged with tales of woe from jobless welfare recipients. Encourage, encourage, encourage. Instill in them the "I can" spirit. Let them never forget the sky's the limit!

My husband is a statistician, and in one study, he found that high school students who felt their parents were the most proud of them were the students who achieved the highest educational attainments. Let your kids know they're special—and how very, very proud you are of them!

In addition, turn off the TV and take away Nintendo and senseless computer games. Require them to spend time in the library. Make it a family policy for each to read at least one book a week, write a book report to be submitted to you for your approval and then have them make an oral report to your family. And make home a fun place for them to bring their friends.

Finally, introduce them to adults doing interesting jobs. Let others inspire them, challenge them and open to them the world of possibilities. Let your role model be one of love.

[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 (423) 339-1144.]



Andee and Del Johnson (right) join Herman and Sonnie Harp (left) for a song during the concert that was held at the church in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Harps present concert tour across conference

Recording artists Herman and Sonnie Harp recently conducted a concert tour throughout the Mountain View Conference.

The Harps, who have joined the Family Matters team based in Cleveland, Tennessee, visited several churches in West Virginia, including Summersville, Huntington, Charleston, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Morgantown and the Valley View congregation in Bluefield, as well as the church located in Cumberland, Maryland.

Woven with Scripture and thought, the music was a blend of sacred classical, traditional hymns and heart-warming gospel songs. Some were new songs composed by Sonnie, while others were familiar, beloved hymns that remain timeless.

BUNNY ABBOTT
Communication Director

NEW JERSEY

Hackensack seminar focuses on osteoporosis

Sharon Rivera, women's ministries leader of the Hackensack church, has a special burden for the physical welfare of the members in her congregation. With this in mind, she arranged a special seminar on osteoporosis that was held on Sunday, April 28.

Dr. Jacob Dagan of the BMI Osteoporosis Awareness Center in nearby Paramus was the speaker for the occasion. He explained that the disease is a weak-

ening of the bones that causes them to become brittle and likely to break, especially the backbone, wrist and hip. This condition often results in pain, deformity, loss of height and even permanent disability and dependence.

More than 25 million Americans suffer from this illness, which is far more common in women though 20 percent of those with the disease are men. This condition causes more than a million fractures each year with a health-care cost of \$10 billion.

Causes of osteoporosis include hereditary tendencies, early menopause, Caucasian or Asian ancestry, a thin or small build, use of certain medications, smoking, drinking alcohol, not exercising or having a lack of calcium in the diet. However, the problem may exist even when none of these conditions is present.

"This disease can be prevented or managed," Dagan said, "but it's important that it be diagnosed early enough to make a difference."

The church in Kilmar-nock, Virginia, is proud of its new sign. Community Services Director Mary Ausley organized the project. Contributing to the effort were two local elders: Bill Johnson, who made and painted the new sign; and Henry Whay, who did the excavation work. The lighting was installed by Jimmy Dull, and the masonry work was done by Garnet Fisher, Franklin Fisher Sr., Franklin Fisher Jr. and Jim Turner.—CHRISTINA SMITH



The seminar ended with a question-and-answer period and an opportunity for each person to assess his or her own probability of becoming affected. The final benefit was a "grab bag" in which Barbara Rieck won a free bone density examination.

CUC

Business club sponsors visit to New York City

Business and fun mixed for 31 students from Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, when they took a two-day trip to New York City sponsored by the school's business club.

The youth stayed in a midtown Manhattan hotel and walked practically everywhere they went.

Along with touring the Statue of Liberty and visiting the top of the Empire State Building, the students had breakfast with an executive from the investment firm of Bear Stearns, took a walking tour of Wall Street, saw the New York Stock Exchange and had lunch at the South Street Seaport.

"It was really exciting to see Wall Street and its fast-paced business life," said senior Jennifer Fontamillias.

The group also toured the Federal Reserve Bank and stood in a room with \$118 billion in gold bars. "That was very impressive," stated Randi Waxman, business club sponsor and associate professor of business at CUC.

The group ended their trip with a subway ride, a tour of the United Nations headquarters and window shopping on Fifth and Madison avenues.

POTOMAC

Waynesboro church celebrates 50 years

The 50th anniversary of the Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, church was celebrated Friday and Sabbath, May 24 and 25. Organized with 96 charter members on May 25, 1946, the East Fifth Street church has grown to more than



Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, church.

200 members and spawned a second Adventist congregation in nearby Chambersburg.

Guest speakers for the 50th anniversary included Ralph Martin, president of the Columbia Union Conference, and Pastor Michael Miller, who currently serves in Saint Petersburg, Florida. More than 20 members of the extended Miller family joined in the weekend's activities.



Mike Miller, speaker for the worship service, is a pastor who was raised in the Waynesboro church.

An open forum with former members of the congregation and local Waynesboro dignitaries was held Sabbath afternoon. Bob Cowdrick, chairman of the 50th anniversary committee, shared these historical highlights:

"World War II was still raging when in 1944, contact was made independently with the Pennsylvania Conference by Brothers E.H. Dye, Luther Alexander and R.E. Cowdrick. Each of these men requested that evangelistic meetings be conducted in the area.

"In 1945, Elder H. R. Veach completed a series [of evangelistic meetings] in York, Pennsylvania, and was sent by the conference to survey the possibility of a series in Waynesboro. The only available

auditorium in town was the National Guard Armory, and meetings were begun January 13, 1946.

"Prior to the start of, and during the meetings, literature was distributed in the surrounding towns each Sabbath afternoon. Handbills were distributed describing the topics for the coming week. A large sidewalk billboard was also placed downtown on the Center Square.

"Just before the start of the series on January 13, a snowstorm developed that threatened the opening meeting. Prayers were answered, and the snow stopped. The parking lot was filled to capacity, and more than 700 people listened to Elder Veach's presentation, 'World Peace or Atomic Pieces?'

"Nothing stopped the meetings, which continued for 13 weeks and concluded with multiple baptisms and the formation of the Waynesboro Seventh-day

Adventist Church with 96 charter members."

"The church originally served the Waynesboro, Green-

Blue Ridge and Chambersburg areas. A quonset hut, erected on the rear of the current lot, was the first meeting place. The congregation met on the lower floor of the present structure until the main floor was ready for general use in 1949.

Built almost entirely by volunteer labor, the church was dedicated debt-free on April 4, 1953."

"One of the unique hallmarks of this congregation is the number of multi-generational families that still worship together," said Pastor David Woodruff. "It's not uncommon to see several generations of a single family worshipping together each week."

There are three families with five living generations and seven families with four generations represented in the congregation.

The Waynesboro church is also noted for the number of individuals who have entered denominational work. Twelve members have entered the ministry or teaching field directly or by marriage; and more than 24 others have entered some form of denominational service.

Visitors from as far away as Texas and Wisconsin joined in the weekend celebration. More than 225 people attended the Sabbath morning services.

Chaired by Bob Cowdrick, the 50th anniversary committee also included Gordon Alexander, Linda Sturm, Paige Doyle and Doris Olsen.

Bob Cowdrick and Ann Calkins are members of the Waynesboro church in the Pennsylvania Conference. Calkins serves as the communication leader. Photos by Joel Springer.



The Cowdrick family represents four generations: from left, Karyn Davis, Robin Davis, Dorothy Cowdrick, Bob Cowdrick and Eric Davis.



Charter members who attended the anniversary include, from left: (back row) Richard Hade, Gordon Alexander, Edgar Hollinger and Bob Cowdrick; (middle row) Mary Blue, Charlot Becker, Doris Olsen, Jeanette Seek and Corinne Reasner; (front row) Philena Ocker and Esther Carbaugh.



In this picture, four generations of the Carbaugh family are represented: listed by age from eldest, Esther Carbaugh (front, center), Pete Carbaugh (back row, right), Paige Doyle (second from left), boys Sam, Tray and Tanner Doyle, Charee Worthington (far right) and Emma Worthington, baby.

BOB COWDRICK WITH ANN CALKINS

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BLANKENSHIP, Gloria Jo Ann, born 1933, Akron, OH; died June 8, 1996, Polk, OH. She was a member of the Wooster, OH, church. Survivors: husband Francis, daughter and son-in-law Ruth and Anthony Gissinger, sons John and Richard York, five sisters and seven grandchildren.

BUCKLEW, Irene A., born January 18, 1904, Clark, OH; died May 31, 1996, Killbuck, OH. She was a member of the Millersburg, OH, church. Survivors: sister Lou Dell Reno, 10 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-grandchildren.

DEGERING, Etta B., died March 13, 1996, Dayton, OH. Author of the *My Bible Friends* children's series and many other books, she also served as an editor, a librarian, a conference education and Sabbath school director and a school teacher. Survivors: son C. Harvey, daughter Trudy Johnson, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

GRAHAM, Ada Mae, born July 30, 1924; died January 30, 1995, Columbia, MD. She was a member of the Sligo church in Takoma Park, MD. Survivors: mother Louise, sisters Mildred and Sheila Potter, nieces Cheri, Carrie and Jill and brother-in-law Charles Potter.

HILLIARD, Marta M., born November 5, 1941, Abington, PA; died May 3, 1996, Columbia, MD. She was a member of the Baltimore, MD, First church. She served the denomination for more than 25 years, working as secretary (and helping with editing) for *Guide* magazine at the Review and Herald and serving in the General Conference ministerial department. Survivors: mother Joyce and brother Douglas.

LOCHATAMPHOR, Sarita G., born 1906, Baltimore, MD; died May 21, 1996, Daytona Beach, FL. She was a member of the Staunton, VA, church and was a retired teacher, principal and professor who taught in public and church schools who lived in Staunton after she retired. Survivors: four nieces, two nephews, their families and caregiver Joy Hughes.

PALMER, Maellene, died February 26, 1996. She was a member of the Cumberland, MD, church. Survivors: husband Art, son Steven Lang, daughter Brenda Blackburn, stepdaughter Brenda and four grandchildren.

SWINK, Goldie L., born April 6, 1915, Bath Co., VA; died April 10, 1996, Buena Vista, VA. She was a member of the Buena Vista

congregation. Survivors: sons John Mitchell and Charles Mitchell, daughters Ruth Stump and Barbara Calfas, brother Garth Simmons, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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Cleveland	8:56	8:50	8:43
Columbus	8:57	8:51	8:44
Jersey City	8:23	8:18	8:11
Norfolk	8:22	8:17	8:11
Parkersburg	8:50	8:44	8:38
Philadelphia	8:26	8:21	8:14
Pittsburgh	8:47	8:41	8:34
Reading	8:30	8:25	8:18
Richmond	8:28	8:23	8:17
Roanoke	8:38	8:33	8:27
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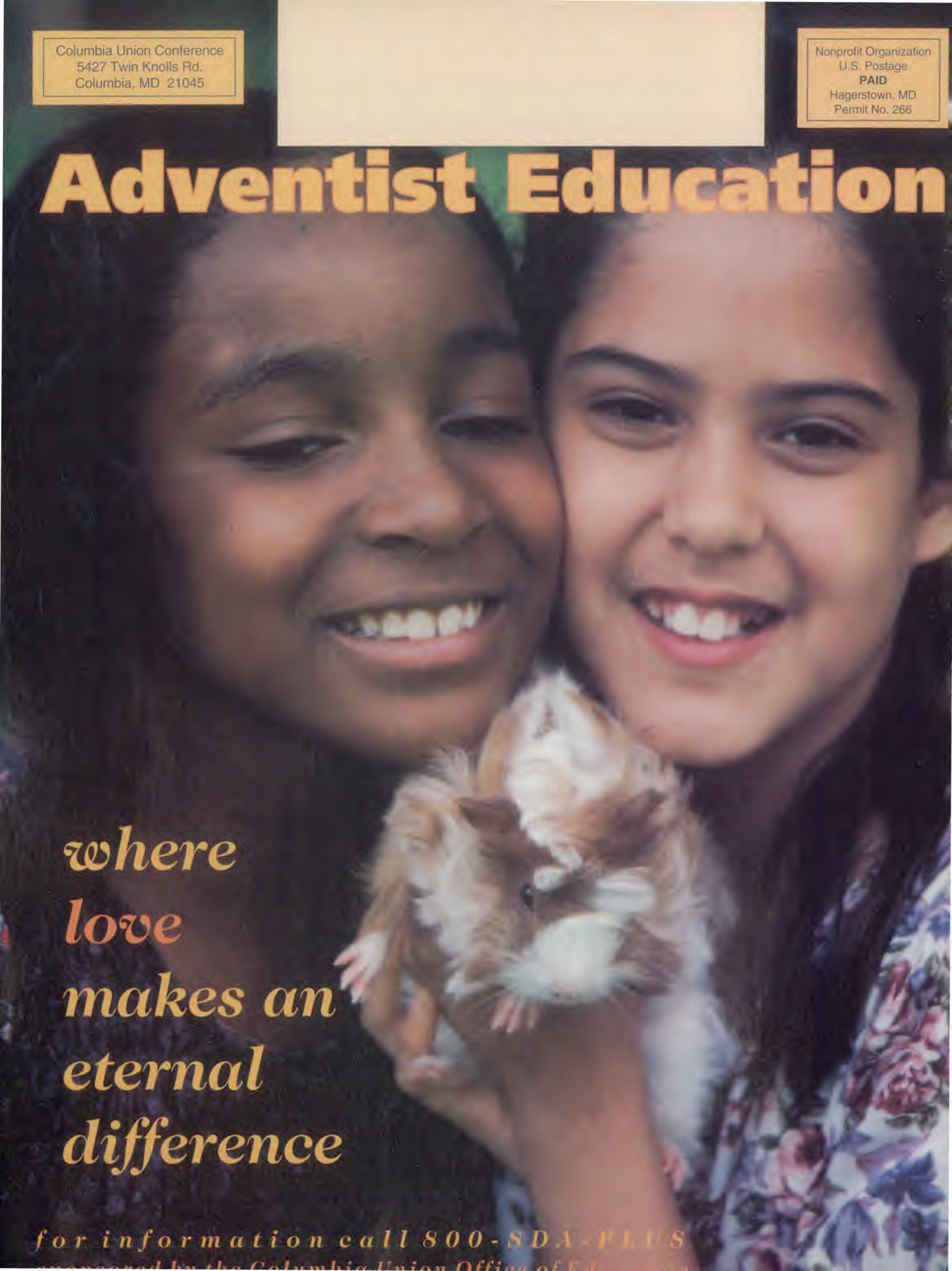
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Educational challenges

Why do we as Seventh-day Adventists invest and sacrifice so heavily in Christian education? To save our young people from worldly influence, to help prepare them for the second coming of Christ and to train them to be of service to God and their fellow men.

One Sabbath, as I sat in the new church building at Highland View Academy, I watched as our young people were given the opportunity to worship their Creator. Looking through the beautiful windows overseeing a natural-like setting, I couldn't help but think of the millions of other young people who

were not this fortunate.

Here in the Chesapeake Conference, we have invested in 17 safety nets—our church schools—that have been designed to save our young people. These 17 church schools are all under attack by the devil. He has his gossip mongers and rumor millers hard at work to bring discouragement and disarray.

These are God's schools, and we have been commissioned to defend and support them. It takes all of us, not just the parents, to invest in our young people. I can best sum it up by the words of Ellen G. White when her heart cried:

"Oh where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? There ought to be a large number who, as stewards of the grace of Christ, would feel not merely a casual interest but a special interest in the young...Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net. God requires the church to arouse from its lethargy and see what manner of service is demanded in this time of peril,"—Counsels on Education, page 196.



President's Focus

Washington Adventist Hospital names Nurse of the Year



Judith Vandeman, RN, BSN, has been named Nurse of the Year by Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Vandeman, a nurse at the hospital since 1984, was among eight nurses selected to open a new telemetry unit at the hospital three years ago. Her professionalism, caring and positive attitude were among the outstanding qualities cited in her award.

Vandeman's dedication was also rewarded on June 3 when she represented WAH at the governor's mansion in Annapolis, Maryland, for the presentation of Maryland's Nurses of Excellence awards. She resides in Spencerville, Maryland, and is a member of the Spencerville church.



Mt. Aetna Camp dates:

July 1 - July 5
July 8 - July 12
June 30 - July 7
July 7 - July 14
June 30 - July 7
July 7 - July 14
July 14 - July 21
July 21 - July 28
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Pastor Dagenais (right) presents the reward certificate to Eugene Keesee.

Eugene Keesee had been working for the city of Baltimore for 22 years. He prayed every day to God about his spiritual life. One evening after work, he found a flyer in his mailbox about an Open Bible Crusade to be held in the Brooklyn Seventh-day Adventist

Loyalty is rewarded

Church. Eugene began attending and found that the prophecies were interesting and clear. Pastor Willis Dagenais, the speaker, visited with Eugene and answered his questions. On November 20, 1992, Eugene was baptized. He had been seeking a Bible-believing church and found it in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

But there was a problem—Eugene had to work three Sabbaths a month. He began using vacation days so he could have Sabbath off. After a while, Eugene had used up all his vacation time, so he went to Pastor Dagenais and shared his problem. Dagenais then wrote a letter for Eugene to take to the main office of operations at his job site.

Eugene gave the letter to the person in charge and was told they would get back to him. His supervisor called him in the next week. "Gene," he said, "you are a good, honest man, and we are going to transfer you to a five-day-a-week work program." They did, and Eugene really likes his new job and especially having all his Sabbaths free so he can attend church. On March 2, 1996, Pastor Dagenais presented Eugene with a certificate of recognition for loyalty to God's fourth commandment. Even if his loyalty had not been rewarded here on earth, it would be rewarded in heaven.

*Willis Dagenais, Pastor
Brooklyn/Baltimore City Churches*

On top of the world

"I'm up on top of the world, looking down on creation, and the only explanation I can find..."

Looking out the front window of the pickup, we can see the land falling off sharply on each side. Almost all of the firm earth is lower than we are.

As we crest the ridge on our mountain ascent, the words of the song by the Carpenters come to our lips; "I'm up on the top of the world, looking down on creation, and the only explanation I can find..." is that I must have turned wrong somewhere back outside town, and that's what put me up on top of the world.

We don't know exactly where we are going and don't know what we will find. About 30 kilometers from Chiang Rai are some waterfalls. We are scouting this area looking for Mien villages and possible openings for our missionary work.

A village, surrounded by hills covered with luscious vegetation, perches right on top of the mountain. We park the truck at a crossroads in the village and what must be hundreds of children swarm around us. Most do not seem to wear enough clothing for the cool mountain air. Many women are wearing their traditional Mien dress—stitched patterns on their pants and the black jacket with red

collar. There is a group of men sitting on benches outside a roadside shelter.

We get out of the truck and strike up a conversation with the men. "Where are you going?" they ask.

"Visiting the mountains. How's the weather?" I counter.

"Cold."

"What kind of village is this?"

"Mien," they answer.

"Any other tribes?"

"Yea, Akha and Lahu live around here, too," they reply.

I praise the Lord for gifting me with conversational ability, not only in another language, but being able to talk easily to new friends. We learn of several other villages in the vicinity. They tell us there are five or six villages in this area, and several are large. We also get a very sketchy picture of what Christian work is going on in the area.

We walk around the village a little to see what it is like. We go up the hill and see the elementary school overflowing with children. Past the school, we find a section of the village where the Akha live. They are the poorest of the tribes, and it shows.

The villagers live with very little. The homes are of wood or bamboo. The roof is thatch or tin, and the floors are usually made of uneven

packed earth. But they have large families and are very generous people. The Mien man we conversed with invites us for tea and carefully cleans the teapot and his best glasses. I feel very privileged as he serves us tea. We sit talking for the next half hour. We can see a door of opportunity opening before us!

The sun is now dipping below the peaks. We carefully thread our way back down the mountain. We sing praises to our God for the experience we had today. We are overflowing with excitement after our first visit to what may become "our mountain." We will make more trips to these villages in the next month.

We have been on top of the world, looking down on creation, and the only explanation we can find is that perhaps God is leading us home.

David and Jennifer Dill, with daughters Jessica (2 years old) and baby Juliana, are church-planting among the Mien people in northern Thailand. Their address: Chiang Rai Post Office, P.O. Box 151, Chiang Rai, 57000 THAILAND. This article was adapted from the April 15 Spirit, the newsletter of the Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The three R's with a twist

Is it possible to get the three R's to qualify as service and ministry projects? At the Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, church school, several successful attempts this year have been made to do just that. Teacher Beth Banks has been in-



Class members get ready to send off their teddy bears.

jecting a missionary flavor into the structure of her scholastic program everywhere and every time she finds the opportunity.

For example, each of the students supplied a teddy bear, either donated or purchased (at least in part from their own funds). A personal letter, written as an English assignment, accompanied each child's bear. The bears and their accompanying letters traveled by way of California to their recipients—orphans living in Peru or Mexico.

The project didn't end with the first shipment of bears, either. The students in grades one to four were asked to compose a business letter to Applause (a toy company) requesting a donation of additional bears for the orphans. The fifth through eighth graders made a special trip to the Hagerstown, Maryland, Toys 'R' Us store to personally make the same request of that store's manager. A prepared speech, divided into sufficient parts to enable each student's participation, requested the donation of 15 more bears (the school aims to send a grand total of 45 bears). The manager led them back to the teddy bears, inviting them to pick out the 15 they wanted, then escorted them through the checkout line!

'Rithmetic took its turn in the missionary role when grades one through six took part in a math challenge offered by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Each student received a booklet of grade-level-appropriate math problems, then

solicited for sponsors to pay a pledged amount for each correctly answered question. By this means, \$441.61 was raised for cystic fibrosis research.

The students enlarged their knowledge of geography while working toward a school goal of \$50 to assist the work of Adventist World Radio. During the week, the class studied the different places AWR reaches through the aid of videos supplied for that purpose. At the final tally, the school had surpassed its goal by \$10.33!

The greatest satisfaction comes from just doing good for good's sake. In early April, a spirit of volunteerism infected the whole class. Pairing up the students one-on-one with children from a local day care center, the students spent some very special time reading to their young charges. All parties benefitted by the shared experience.

The next week, it was "all hands on deck" for two hours of community service clean-up work at nearby Cacapon State Park. For the many times that the park staff had played host to the school, Mrs. Banks decided the students could show their appreciation by lending a hand in a little springtime tidying up around the park. The staff was surprised at the young people's willingness to help, and the two hours thus invested garnered 16 trash bags of "pickin's."

Berkeley Springs church school students certainly bettered their skills in math, English, writing and geography this year, but they also received the bigger, more lasting rewards that come from giving, loving and serving.

*Pat Mudgett
Berkeley Springs Church*

Bricks rise out of ashes;

Frederick members build new church and school

On February 28, 1993, a fire gutted the Frederick, Maryland, Seventh-day Adventist Church. Twenty-eight fire companies responded but were unable to save the building. Fire marshals at the scene pinpointed the origin of the blaze—a faulty tape recorder adapter plugged into an outlet.

Members of the congregation met in the adjacent school building and watched their church burn.

Pastor Dan Goddard gathered his congregation about him and said, "Let us remember that the church isn't a building. The church is us." And because the church is people, the Frederick congregation is rebuilding. On a site of land about one and a half miles west of the present location, the new Frederick church and school complex is rising from 14 acres fronting Interstate 70. The present church and school site has been sold to the city of Frederick.

The decision to relocate came as a result of the congregation's unhappiness with the city baseball stadium being built on the land behind the church. During the baseball season, parked cars that surrounded the church and noisy baseball fans disturbed church activities. An available site was found bordered by three main Frederick arteries. The new site doubles the present acreage.

The complex will be finished in two phases. First, the church school and gymnasium are scheduled to be completed by September 1. Next, the church sanctuary will be completed in mid-October. Seating approximately 670 people, the new sanctuary will house a pipe organ built by the Schantz Organ Company. The focal point of the sanctuary will be a life-sized portrait of Jesus in a circular stained-glass window. The complex will be decorated in burgundy and blue.

Currently meeting in the school gymnasium, members of the congregation eagerly await the day when they'll have a new church home to replace the one they lost.

*Kathy Goddard
Correspondent*



'Peaking Ahead

July	21	Junior II Camp
	28	Teen Camp
August	4	Teen Outpost Camp

Special recognition plaque awarded to well-known surgeon

Thomas V. Craig, M.D., a well-known surgeon in the Hagerstown area and member of the Hagerstown, Maryland, church, was awarded a plaque of special recognition by the Review and Herald Publishing Association on May 13.



Thomas V. Craig, M.D., (right) receives a recognition plaque from Review and Herald President Robert Kinney.

Craig has served for more than a decade as director of the stop-smoking clinics sponsored twice yearly by the publishing house. Although now retired, he continues to share his vast knowledge of the harmful effects that smoking has on the human body. A former smoker himself, Craig knows

firsthand the addictive power of nicotine.

"Dr. Craig has given faithfully of his time to help us with this community outreach and we are very grateful," said Review and Herald President Robert Kinney. "At each clinic, participants also express their appreciation for the medical expertise that he shares at the sessions."

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One hundred nineteen baptized at Calbayog

One hundred nineteen people were baptized at a beautiful sandy beach near the city of Calbayog on the island of Samar in the Philippines. We felt the blessing of the Lord in our evangelistic crusade commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Voice of Prophecy in the Philippines!

Young ministerial graduates from Mountain View College and Philippine Union College had given hundreds of Bible studies in preparation for the meetings, and there were scores of people who had completed the Voice of Prophecy (VOP)



Pastor Bascom baptizes many at a beach near Calbayog in the Philippines.

Bible lessons. The evangelistic crusade became a decision meeting for these people.

The meetings were a very special event for Lemuel and Annabelle Ursales. She is the president of our Adventist hospital in Calbayog, and he is the vice president and chief of medical affairs. It was 50 years ago that Mrs. Ursales' father became a Seventh-day Adventist from the early work of the VOP. He then brought all 12 of his children into the church. Two of the children of Lemuel and Annabelle were baptized at our recent campaign in Calbayog as a special memorial to her father and the VOP.

A retired pastor, now in his 70s, came to help with the baptism. He had a special reason for coming. Years ago, he was sent as a young colporteur/pastor to the city of Calbayog when there were no other Adventists in the city. He found lodging with a family and then taught them to be Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Some of his original converts are still alive and were ardent supporters of the VOP Calbayog crusade.

The young district pastor of the area had been ordained last year. He related to me that when he was

just 13 years old, he had attended a lay evangelism training program in Davao that I had presented while serving

in the Far Eastern Division along with Elder George Knowles from the General Conference. He told me that he never forgot the inspiration of those meetings and had decided to give his life in helping to bring people to the Saviour.

An emotional, thrilling closing night took place. After the sermon, "The Last Night on Earth," the congregation stood together in a commitment to meet together in heaven at the tree of life.

A major follow-up is planned to care for the new converts, as well as to continue studies with those who heard the message for the first time during our VOP crusade.

M.T. Bascom

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Highland View Academy— dreams to reality

HIGHLAND Views



J. Neville Harcombe

Highland View Academy was only a dream in the early 1960s. However, God has used constituents like the Barrs, Damazos, DeHaans, Hartles and many others too numerous to name to establish an academy for the Chesapeake Conference.

On May 7, 1963, the constituents voted to build a fully-accredited 12-grade boarding school. Through sacrifice, good stewardship programs and commitment, the dream became a reality. On September 3, 1966, doors opened for registra-

tion of the first classes to enter the halls of Chesapeake's new Highland View Academy.

On May 26 of this year, I had the privilege of sitting on stage to witness the first outdoor graduation at the academy. Once again, the dream was a reality as I watched 43 seniors march down the walk from the cafeteria to the platform who were preparing themselves for service, not only for society, but more importantly for the Lord. I also looked into the eyes of proud parents and friends who had invested so much into the educational and spiritual development of their young people. I also saw the smiles of teachers and staff reaping their satisfied reward of a job well done. I silently thanked the Lord for allowing all of us to be part of His dream—the dream of giving our young people the opportunity to mold character and purpose in a spiritual atmosphere.

Some may ask the question, "How long should God's dream continue here at Highland View Academy?" The devil has a thousand reasons why we should end the dream. For every reason to end the dream, God has a thousand reasons and ways to continue to make it a reality. Look into the eyes of your child or the eyes of your young people in your church, and you will see reasons why.

Are boarding academies a thing of the past?

I have listened to the pros and cons over the past few years and have finally come to this conclusion—they are needed more than ever! Why? Here are a few thoughts:

1. The deteriorating sinful environment of society exerts a tremendous influence on all young people. The Christian atmosphere of a focused Adventist boarding academy gives them a fighting chance to survive spiritually.

2. Today, more parents both have to work, which means that more young people go home to an empty house every day. Also, single Adventist parents have added responsibilities in the overall development of their children. A boarding academy provides a 24-hour nurturing program where they are under constant guidance.

3. Not all areas of our Chesapeake Conference have opportunities for all our young people to attend a day academy or even junior academy programs. Our boarding academy provides opportunities for a Christian Adventist education to all our young people no matter where they live.

4. Boarding academies afford the opportunities for our young people to develop wholesome, Christian friendships that last a lifetime. My son, Doug, having attended a boarding academy and college, still meets with his friends on an annual basis at various locations to keep up their relationships. It is a wonderful way too, for our young people to keep in touch with the Adventist church. Alumni associations are another important function to keep them in touch with the church.

5. Another important reason for a boarding academy is to provide opportunities for us to minister to young people. God has gifted certain of His workers who relate to and influence the lives of teenagers. It is a specialized ministry. Here at Highland View, your administration has prioritized as top qualifications for faculty and staff the genuine love for young people and for the Lord.

6. Our conference executive committee, your elected representatives, are **committed** to our dream here at Highland View Academy to **continue** in making it a reality. Our appeal is that we all unitedly pull together to help each young person in the Chesapeake Conference reach the individual dream God has given and keep the dream of HVA a reality!

God bless,
J. NEVILLE HARCOMBE
CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

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Graduation '96 through the eyes of a sophomore



BY LORISSA BYRD

Lorissa Byrd is working as an administrative aide in the development department this summer while honing her writing skills and playing the cello.



Far left: Lisa Saylor arranges Judy Prosser's four-year cord while Elysia Ames looks on approvingly.

Above: The graduates sit watchful on the platform Friday night as the service is about to begin.

Left: Jeremy Tooley, left, and Bryan Faehner, class officers, share last-minute thoughts before they march down the aisle.

The Class of 1996 held its graduation ceremonies at Highland View Academy May 24-26. For those of you who were unable to attend, it was wonderful! You'll want to mark your calendar for next year.

Friday evening's speaker, Dr. Gary Ross, the father of graduate Sasha Ross, spoke

on salvation.

At baccalaureate on Sabbath morning, Pastor Frank Ottati, the father of graduate Richard Ottati, had the full attention of the class when he spoke about its motto, *If you don't stand for something, you'll fall for anything.*

Various members of the class participated in the pro-

gram throughout the weekend, doing everything from the song service to the offertory.

The tribute to parents Sabbath afternoon gave the class members a special opportunity to thank their parents for all the things they had done for them with a written "thank-you" and a rose.



Above: The graduates use the sidewalk as an aisle as they march from the Barr Complex to the stage in front of the ad building.

Top right: Pastor Neville Harcombe, Chesapeake Conference president, congratulates graduate Nikki Tooley while turning her tassel.

Right: As the rain begins to fall, graduates crowd together for final pictures after commencement.



Sunday morning dawned with rain clouds hovering ominously over the campus. Never before in HVA's history had commencement been held outdoors. But this year, the senior class vowed graduation would be an event to remember.

The lawn sloping down from the Barr Complex to

the ad building was covered with chairs. A platform was set up around the flagpole, and the baseball field was filled with cars. It was an exciting day.

The speaker, Pastor Clare Phipps, brought out spiritual points that were both amusing and convincing with the theme being ... *Dogs*.

The foreboding rain held off until the graduates were given their diplomas and were in the receiving line.

All in all, graduation was a success as 43 students left our campus to begin another phase of their education.

Be a Highland View recruiter!!!

In an effort to make education more affordable, HVA is looking at creative ways to help students and parents meet expenses. One method recently established at HVA allows everyone—students, parents, grandparents and even

churches—to become an academy recruiter and get paid to work. By receiving academy credit for recruiting other students, an academy student could potentially pay his or her entire way through the academy by good recruiting.

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Would you like information about our '96 school year? Perhaps you know of prospective HVA students and families. Please contact Marilyn Peeke, HVA's field representative who is available this summer to answer questions and provide

additional details. She is willing to make a personal visit to meet with anyone interested in seeing that young people receive a Christian high school education. For an appointment in your area, you may contact her at (301) 739-8480, Ext. 231.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHALLENGE

What's happening around Mountain View

July 31 - August 11
Miracle Meadows Mission Trip
Puerto Rico

July 31 - August 3
ASI Convention
Providence, Rhode Island

August 19 - 10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee
Valley Vista

August 19 - 22
Pastors' and Teachers' Retreat
Valley Vista

August 24
Lewisburg Church Dedication

September 28
Buckhannon Church Dedication

**Mark your
calendars
September
13 - 15**

**Women's Retreat
Valley Vista**

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHALLENGE

is published in the Visitor every other month by the Mountain View Conference. President, Randy Murphy; Editor, Bunny Abbott.

Why fire trucks are red!

I recently read a carefully-thought-out paragraph explaining why fire trucks are usually painted red. I guess I had always wondered about that. The explanation goes like this...

"Fire trucks have six wheels and six firefighters, and six plus six equals 12. There are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler, and the *Queen Elizabeth* is one of the largest ships on the seven seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are called the 'Reds.' The fire trucks are always rushin'. Therefore, fire trucks are usually red!"

This reminds me of the reasoning some try to use to explain away the Sabbath. The scripture is clear. It is one of the 10 commandments written by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). The only one of the 10 we are charged to "remember" is the one Christians try hardest to forget.

My friend, pause a while and consider the Sabbath. What example of true Sabbath observance do your neighbors see...or your family and friends? Are we a faithful witness?

Some try to explain it away and go to great lengths to build scenarios nearly like the one about the fire truck. Or to use family concerns—work situations and arguments of various shades to do what God says "don't."

Excuses may sound good to us, but we are not the Judge. The "I don't see anything wrong with it" argument is avoiding the issue. The issue is—God gave us clear instruction and asked us to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

Please, brothers and sisters. Don't try to see how much you can get by with. Instead, seek to find more ways to honor God and to please Him. I assure you, you will be more than glad one day. Maranatha!



Randy Murphy
President



Feryl Harris

Mountain View lay persons benefit from "Train the Trainer"

Six individuals from various congregations in the Mountain View Conference participated in the "Train the Trainer" (I and II) weekend seminars presented by the Columbia Union April 12-14 at Camp Mount Aetna in Hagerstown, Maryland.

In an effort to provide a greater children's ministry program for Mountain View, Children's Ministries/Sabbath School Director Feryl Harris has enlisted the help of interested, ready-to-be-trained volunteer lay persons to receive the skills needed in training their local district departmental leaders.

The "Train the Trainer" program conducted by the Columbia Union's church ministries director, Barbara Manspeaker, is designed not only to teach training skills to participants, but also requires practicum involvement by each student. Training is presented over two separate weekends with specific curriculum and offers certification to those who complete the requirements. The first weekend's seminars consist of hands-on leadership skill data. Students are given an examination to complete and return to the union and, in addition, are required to present two workshops with the help of their conference director during the interim between "Train the Trainer I" and "Train the Trainer II." Those completing the requirements come back for "Train the Trainer II" where, among other class work, they also give a presentation using the skills they are learning.

Three of the six Mountain View Conference participants in the April 12-14 sessions were completing their requirements for "Train the Trainer II" and are already signed up for future presentations. It is the desire of Director Harris that others within the conference will avail themselves of this opportunity so that a strong network of volunteer leaders will strengthen children's evangelism in the Mountain View Conference.

Contact your pastor if you have an interest in signing up for the next training scheduled in the fall of '96.

Mountain Views

Members of the Toll Gate church offered the "Heartbeat '96" program at three sites: Doddridge County Emergency Squad on April 25; Pennsboro Emergency Squad on April 28 and 29; and at the Harrisville Woman's/Lions Club Community Building on May 1 and 2. Those participating attended a satellite-linked program on May 21 to receive their lab results with a full, personalized coronary risk analysis profile and to hear a live consultation with Adventist Health Network medical experts. Several other churches throughout the conference provided the "Heartbeat" program as a part of pre-Net '96 activities.)

Nancy Krone reports that approximately 15 non-Adventists have been attending a cooking school each week at the Fairmont church. Those attending have been assisting by making samples for the following week's meeting.



Ron Malloch, principal and teacher at the Willowbrook school in Cumberland, Maryland, was the speaker at the "Revival" series at the Buckhannon church April 17-20. Music was provided on Friday evening, April 19, by the local Methodist choir.



Pennsboro, West Virginia, Mayor Paul Villers has blood drawn by Mahlon Harris, Toll Gate, as he participates in the "Heartbeat '96" program.

The "Herald's Quartet" presented a concert at the Buckhannon church to begin its "Revival" series.



Mountain View outdoor school



The Smokey Mountains provided many scenic journeys in and "above" nature!

Students from schools throughout the Mountain View Conference enjoyed a week-long adventure at the end of last school year as they participated in "Outdoor School '96." After visiting Antietam and Gettysburg Civil War sites, as well

as Washington, D.C., in 1994, then the Outer Banks of North Carolina in 1995, the teachers requested that the conference office of education arrange for an outdoor school to the Smokey Mountain National Park area this year.

The group of about 80 students and chaperones made Knoxville, Tennessee, their home base, staying at the girls' dorm complex of the former Little Creek Academy. Pastor Roy Lawinsky of Marietta, Ohio, husband of Linda, principal at Parkersburg, led out in worship each morning. Pastor Dale Tunnell, conference Pathfinder director,



Mountain View schools enjoy science lecture and demonstrations at the Museum of Atomic Energy in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

concerning the scientific evidence for God's creation of the world.

Students from many of the conference schools, mostly fifth through 10th graders, enjoyed a week's schedule filled with a variety of interesting events. Science activities featured a very interesting visit to the Museum of Atomic Energy at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where they were honored to participate in a scientific presentation.

Social studies activities included a visit to a children's museum of Appalachian history as well as a trip through the national park to the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Nature activities included a tour through Forbidden Caverns, nature hikes with Smokey Mountain National Park rangers at beautiful Cades Cove Valley and the

was responsible for all the evening worships. Bob Gentry, a well-known Adventist scientist, also shared with the group concerning the scientific evidence for God's creation of the world.

mountain peak of Clingman's Dome, and even a ride on the nation's largest cable car, Ober Gatlinburg, to view the spectacular mountain scenery.

Conference Education Director Kingsley Whitsett states that "this hands-on experience makes learning much more interesting, and the lessons learned are not soon forgotten. We pray that having our smaller schools group together for a special time of study in the book of nature will not only



"Here's Looking at You" seems to be what Albert Einstein is saying to kindergarten student Cari Davis, from the Valley View school, when they visited the Oak Ridge Museum of Atomic Energy.

help students to develop friendships with those in other schools, but also lead each one to know and love their Creator."

Kingsley Whitsett
Education Director



Outdoor school proved to be a "hair-raising" experience for Nichole Kurtz of the Summerville school.



Cheryl Iden, chaperone from the Mountaintop school, enjoys a refreshing slide in Alpine Territory.

From Russia with love

Around 300 fellow church members from our sister Adventist church in Vladimir, Russia, send their greetings and appreciation to all the members of the Mountain View Conference. After speaking at the worship hour in Vladimir, retired Mountain View Pastor Herb Morgan was approached by many, including several new converts. These dear people wanted to send their love and gratitude for our financial support generating more than \$50,000 from two different camp meeting offering appeals. These much-needed funds have made it possible for a church sanctuary facility to be constructed. Appreciation was also expressed for the volunteers who came at their own expense to labor toward the beginning of this project. The church is just about completed, and they hope to be able to move in this summer or fall.

For some time, regular Sabbath services have been conducted in a rented public hall. This new building should be a real asset in helping "our" church reach the more than 300,000 precious souls who live in this historic Russian city.

Morgan was also able to visit nearby Suzdal, where we have a small congregation that meets in our pastor's home/church building. He also attended a live evangelistic meeting located in another city several miles away, where a new church is being raised.

Another highlight of Morgan's trip was to go to Zaoksky and visit our fine seminary and publishing house. While there, he was able to make contact with two very

outstanding young men who were featured in an "SDA Stockholders" newsletter produced by Elder Roger Coon, who served as a seminary staff member and evangelist during 1995.

Vadim Butov comes from the Ural Mountain region of Magnitogorsk, 1,400 miles east of Moscow.

His father is a Russian, his mother a Tatar, a Turkic people of which there are more than six million (mostly Moslem) spreading from Europe to central Asia. Neither parent is an Adventist Christian (Mrs. Butov belongs to the Russian Orthodox church) but through Vadim's sweet and loving witness, both will probably want to join our church in the near future. Vadim was a member of



The public building that the congregation in Vladimir has been worshipping in. This building formerly was used for Communist party meetings.

the Young Communist League, ardent in his atheism and confidently-assured defense of Marxist philosophy. He was a boxer and cared nothing for Christianity.

When beset by a "Russian-size" headache, Vadim impulsively turned to this new Jesus, about whom he was beginning to learn, and pointedly asked for a miracle of healing. "If you heal me, I'll learn more about you." And incredibly, God honored this prayer! Now Vadim needed a Bible. The Orthodox churches were selling them for the equivalent price of 500 loaves of bread; but the Seventh-day Adventists were nearly cornering the market by selling them at the price of a mere 80 loaves. Vadim visited the Adventist church, a move that would literally change the rest of his life. God led him to baptism, and eventually, he found his way to the Zaoksky Seminary to prepare for the gospel ministry.

As a student, his gifted ability at translation was quickly discovered, and he spent summers translating for different American evangelists. After getting his feet wet in evangelism by translating, Vadim went to Oktyabrsky, in the Islamic Republic of Bash-Kiria, the summer of 1995. This city has three universities and a Moslem seminary. There he booked a large theater for 30 consecutive nights at a cost of \$16.67 per night or \$500 for the entire month!

He went over to the Moslem seminary, introduced himself to its president and faculty as a pork- and alcohol-free Christian concerned about family values and health education. He got them to support and pray for his campaign. More than 5,500 of the followers of Mohammed attended nightly and, at the end of 30 days, he baptized 101 converts, including 40 young adults. In 1994, he held the first youth evangelistic campaign in all of Russia at Togliatti (at age 18) and baptized 59! God surely has a great future in store for this dedicated young man.

Gregory Savenko is a rather short, 26-year-old Ukrainian convert who found Christ as a bomb-throwing member of the Russian mafia. Today, like Paul of old, he bears in his body the "marks" of his former profession. One bomb exploded before he could heave it at its target, ripping off the thumb and forefinger of his left hand and leaving the rest of it a misshapen blob of flesh. His face has a horizontal scar from a knife-wound, extending from the right corner of his mouth a full inch and a half around his face to his ear! But no one ever seems to notice these disfigurements because of the sheer joy and love of Jesus, which radiates from a truly transformed character within.

While hiding out from the police (his photograph prominently adorned the walls



Vadim Butov is a young man who has turned his life over to Jesus and is busy winning souls for His kingdom.

of every police station in the Ukraine as one of the 10 most wanted criminals in the Republic!), Gregory somehow found Jesus Christ and accepted his newfound Master's seemingly strange way of life. And, taking his pastor instead of his lawyer, he went to the local police station. Pointing to his picture on the wall, he said, "I've come to turn myself in." He explained the transformation he had experienced since meeting Jesus, and the pastor confirmed the fact of his authentic conversion. He sought no protection

from the penalty of the laws that he had broken, saying he was ready to pay the price for his life of crime. The police refused to book him! Instead, they said, "You go back to your former partners in crime and turn them into Christians! You'll do us more good that way than for us to lock you up!" Wow, Gregory was now free to work for Christ, and he has also been conducting successful evangelistic campaigns.

May Heaven's blessing be with our faithful workers in Russia as we continue to pray and support God's work there.

Herb Morgan
Retired Pastor



One of the members of the Vladimir congregation does some work on the interior of the church.



The Vladimir Seventh-day Adventist Church stands as a memorial to the love gifts that were given by the Mountain View Conference to their brothers and sisters in Russia.

"A woman's journey toward God"

Ladies, be sure to mark your calendars for September 13-15, 1996, for our Mountain View Conference Women's Retreat to be held at our beautiful Valley Vista Camp.



Sally Streib

Sally Streib will be our featured speaker for this special weekend. In addition to being a mother of three, a registered nurse, a writer and a scuba diver, Sally has served as editor of the women's journal, *Shepherdess International*. Her stories and articles appear in *Guide*, *Kid's Stuff*, *Review*, *Celebration* and *Ministry* magazines. In her book, *Treasures by the Sea*, Sally combines nature and the Bible to teach the 27 fundamental beliefs to young people.

As a scuba diver, she explores ocean worlds filled with living lessons. Each illustrates a Bible truth and anchors that truth in the mind of the listener. As a participant, you will have hands-on experience with her illustrations from nature to help us personally know God better. Those who have a ministry to children also find her insights and training helpful for their work.

"Anyone who wants to learn more about Jesus and His love will enjoy Sally's original and distinctive way of presenting the gospel. It will be an experience you will never forget," states Anita Folkenberg, the General Conference president's wife.

Our registration fee is \$35 plus \$5 for your lab workbook. I encourage you to register with your fee as soon as possible either at our women's ministry booth at camp meeting or by contacting the Mountain View Conference Office, 1400 Liberty Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101; telephone number: (304) 422-4581.

As your conference women's ministry director, I look forward to meeting you personally, so please come up to our booth to learn more of the other exciting activities we have especially planned for the women during the women's retreat!

Patti Pruitt
Director of Women's Ministries



Patti Pruitt, director of women's ministries, pictured with husband Milt

Andrews University students bring Bible to life for children at Huntington mission



Randall Murphy, conference president, presents a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Ann Langston and Peggy Criddle, members of the Huntington church and active volunteers at the Huntington City mission. The money was used to help the church purchase a van to transport people from the mission to and from church services each Sabbath morning.

A group, "The Impressions," students from Andrews University, literally brought the Bible to life as they performed for approximately 50 children at the Huntington City mission. Using modern themes in a series of skits, the seven-student group recounted lessons of love, prayer and worship as an introduction to the Easter weekend. "We just want to show them that Jesus isn't just important way back when in the history books," said Alex Prouty, director of "The Impressions."

According to Anita Unger, director of development at the mission, the group was sponsored by local private individuals in hopes of introducing the children to Christian values.



Two of the group, "The Impressions," are shown acting out a skit for the children at the Huntington City mission.

Miracle Meadows School holds graduation exercises

Miracle Meadows School students ended their academic years with a special Sabbath on June 1, 1996, at the Toll Gate Seventh-day Adventist Church. Students planned and led out in both the church worship service and the eighth-grade graduation ceremony that evening. Both of these services were attended by the local church members, Miracle Meadows board members and parents from seven different states.

The worship service was a blend of music, testimonies and sermonettes by the students. Several parents gave emotional testimonies about the remarkable changes they observed in their sons and daughters. Ronnie Hanna from Tennessee and Jonathan Grullon of New York City preached about young Jonathan's faith in ascending the cliff to overcome the Philistines. (II Samuel 14:6-15.) They applied the story to the need today for youth moving up against Philistine-type forces in their lives.

Katrina Burger of Pennsylvania assisted in the sharing time of testimonies. She started out by telling how she had no interest in spiritual things until she saw the power of God changing the lives of fellow students. She was especially influenced by the remarkable transformation in a girl from Texas, Kelli Carlson, who frequently urged her to give God a chance. Other students, staff and church members shared evidences of God's power to change lives and answer prayers. That evening, five students participated in the eighth-grade graduation ceremonies. Those students were: Nicholas Chalk, Sarah Collins, Jacquelin Ferneyhough, Erick Harding and Januari Robinson.

Barry Waybright, a local builder and friend of the school, gave the commencement address. Academic awards were given to high-scoring students by Principal Joshua Waybright. Students receiving these awards were Ronnie Hanna, Tennessee; Erick Harding, Kentucky; Jacquelin Ferneyhough, Tennessee; Nicholas Chalk, Texas; and Katrina Burger, Pennsylvania.

Board Chairman Randall Murphy assisted the elementary teacher, Heidi Waybright, in presenting the diplomas. A reception followed the ceremonies.



One of the graduates, Nick Chalk and his mother from Houston, Texas.



DATELINE

July 1996

New Jersey Conference youth have definitely been busy this year learning more about Jesus and sharing His good news.

May was an activity-filled month with camporees and temperance days.

Love in any language

On May 2-5, the NJC Pathfinders met at Tranquil Valley SDA Youth Camp. The theme for the event was "Love in Any Language." On Thursday, for roll call we had about 250 Pathfinders present, yet before the weekend roll call, more than 500 Pathfinders came for the weekend-packed event. Some of the highlights were the music team of Pastor Gill and the Blow Fish. The weekend program included nature classes, archery, drill events, an obstacle course and fellowship with 29+ clubs of six different nationalities. The weekend was spiritually intensive and challenged our youth to a full commitment to Christ.

On May 19 and June 2, temperance parades were held, one in Newark, the other at Perth Amboy. The churches, Adventurer clubs and Pathfinder clubs marched, rolled their drums and finally a speech was given concerning temperance and healthy living. The local newspapers came, took photographs of the events and wrote articles about Adventist youth and their stand against alcohol, tobacco and drugs that are destroying our society.

At Perth Amboy, the mayor came to personally thank our church for our stand against drugs and our willingness to encourage the community and other youth to also take a stand against drugs.

CARL RODRIGUEZ



New Jersey youth participate in two active weekends in May



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There is a widespread misconception of the true meaning of the term "stewardship." Many associate the term with the raising or giving of money. This is unfortunate because Christian stewardship was established by God at creation to be a *relationship* between man and his Creator. If we limit it to just money, we minimize the blessings God had in mind when he gave mankind dominion over all that a person is or over that which God has given us dominion. However, acceptance of this relationship brings our lives into harmony with God's master plan, which surrenders our wills to His constant direction and control.

By accepting God's plan, we enjoy a life free from the concerns associated with making a living. When we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, acknowledging that we are His stewards, the result is freedom from worry. This special relationship with God allows us to depend on Him, knowing that He will provide us with everything we need to continue as

Freedom from worry

His faithful stewards.

"Therefore, take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or Wherewithal shall we be clothed? ... for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things ... and all these things shall be added unto you."—Matthew 6:31-33.

We are God's children, and He wants us to trust Him as a child trusts his parent. He will provide whatever is needed to accomplish His purpose for our lives. He will provide. He is our Creator. When we place our trust and confidence in God under all circumstances, the resulting blessing will be freedom from worry.

LEROY FINCK
Conference Secretary



Questions you wish you could ask a conference president—if you were in the third or fourth grade!

Every once in a while, I have to do something to regain my sanity. Recently, I began visiting the classrooms of our schools in New Jersey. As you can tell by the following questions, third- and fourth-graders have a completely different line of questions for church officials. At first glance, the questions are humorous. Let me assure you, they were asked with little pretense, a lot of candor and a good dose of respect for the "human" qualities of church leaders. It was a refreshing visit and certainly not as boring as some meetings I've attended. I just wonder if they taught me more than I shared with them.

It's more important for children to know more about our leaders than their ability to outline deep theological doctrines or ability to balance the budget. Perhaps this is why Jesus liked to be with the children.

Here are the questions—asked in a machine-gun-rapid-fire style—and the answers I gave to the third- and fourth-graders in the Waldwick school.

Student: How tall are you?

President: A little over 6 feet 5 inches.

Student: What kind of doctor are you? Can you give shots?

President: You wouldn't want me to

give you a shot! I don't use that title much. It just means I went to school a little longer.

Student: What size shoe do you wear?

President: 13!

Student: What's your favorite basketball team?

President: The Portland Trailblazers.

Student: How tall is your wife?

President: 5 feet 4 inches

Student: What does your wife do?

President: She works at the conference office as secretary to the ministerial director and the educational superintendent and serves as the conference clerk.

Student: How many children do you have?

President: Two boys: Jeff and Jon.

Student: How old are your boys?

President: 20 and 23.

Student: Do they play basketball?

President: Yes.

Student: How old are you?

President: 48.

Student: Is your job hard?

President: Yes.

Student: How much sleep do you get?

President: Six to seven hours a night.

Student: Do you like your job?

President: Yes.

Student: Do you like to study?

President: Yes.

Student: How many years did you go to school?

President: 21 years.

Student: Have you ever been offered drugs?

President: Just tobacco and alcohol.

Student: Do you know Elder Folkenberg?

President: Yes, but I know his mother better. She was my Bible worker when I was a pastor in Spokane, Washington.

LARRY R. EVANS
President

**My parents
were convinced
that Christian
education
would impact
and shape my
future.**

I'd like to share with you my personal experience with Christian education. I attended Adventist schools from first grade through college, and I really value my education. It was provided with extreme sacrifice.

Both of my parents worked long hours and

self, "Was it worth the expense, the sacrifice and all those gardening blisters? Did it make a difference in who I am and the choices I've made in my life? To what degree did teachers who prayed and grew in their relationship with Jesus influence me? Did I want to provide a similar environment for my daughters?" I absolutely believe religious schooling shaped my life. How could I not give my girls the same opportunity?

Carli and Whitney now attend the Waldwick Seventh-day Adventist School. This is Whitney's first year and Carli's fourth. As I re-evaluate their education each new school year, I am more and more convinced that

How do I feel about Adventist Christian education?

they are where God meant them to be.

I appreciate the family atmosphere at Waldwick. The size of each class is small enough for my children to receive the attention needed to nurture their self-confidence. It's a safe place to make mistakes as they are finding themselves. I am touched by the tears in board members' eyes as difficult decisions are reached. The broken-spirited and hostile students are agonized over and given numerous chances to grow. I'm impressed with the camaraderie between the different ages. I find the upper-grade students very receptive and sensitive to the younger ones. They jump right in to help, to protect and to encourage when they see a little one in need.

I also enjoy the opportunity to be involved in school functions and field trips. Parents with time to volunteer are welcomed and treated like celebrities. The volunteer receives lots of verbal appreciation, thank-you notes, a write-up in the school newspaper and little gifts from time to time. As you can see, it is also impossible to escape the teachers' persuasive powers. Why else would I be willing to share my experience in this newsletter?!!!

I am extremely confident that in such an environment, my girls will continue to grow in Jesus. I appreciate



The Ashlock girls (from left)—Carli, 9, and Whitney, 6—enjoy attending the Waldwick school because their parents learned of the importance of Christian education in an Adventist school from their parents.

every individual at Waldwick who has shared his or her life with my children. Once again, I can see Christian education as a link to eternal values.

CHERRY ASHLOCK
A Waldwick Parent

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Roseann Metrisko from the Cherry Hill church is the new conference women's ministries director.

Metrisko is named to head women's ministries

Roseann Metrisko has been appointed director of women's ministries for the New Jersey Conference. She is an active member in several areas of ministry in the Cherry Hill church, including the choir.

A native easterner—born in Queens, New York—Metrisko is a

first-generation Italian-American. In college, she earned a bachelor of science degree in communication arts (theatre and radio/television) and education.

Metrisko and her husband, John, a dentist, have been married for 16 years and are the parents of 9-year-

old Paul. The family lives in Cherry Hill.

During the 1994 camp meeting, Metrisko was baptized, and her husband was baptized the following February.

Metrisko brings much talent and energy to the area of women's ministries. New Jersey women can look forward to an exciting array of activities in the coming months.



Sheryl Schleif is assistant for women's ministries

Sheryl Schleif has accepted the responsibility of assisting Roseanne Metrisko as director of the women's ministry department of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. She is currently employed as the head of the department of volunteer services at Hackettstown Community Hospital. Sheryl is also a clinical dietician who has worked in the past for the administration of veterans' affairs. She has given more than 800 behavioral modification lectures and conducted many other seminars. She is married to Pastor Brad Schleif of the Tranquility Seventh-day Adventist Church located at Garden State Academy and has two boys—Dustin, 13, and Greg, 10.

New Jersey women meet for annual spring retreat

Roseann Metrisko, women's ministries director for the New Jersey Conference, loves to write letters but seldom gets the chance—until now. Here she writes about the women's retreat the past spring. Watch for future letters from her filled with tidbits about women's ministries.

Dear family:

Spring had most definitely arrived for the New Jersey Conference Third Annual Women's Retreat at America's Keswick, May 17-19. The women enjoyed paths through the wooded grounds, flowers in bloom, two lakes—complete with swans—and nice, cool weather. Our Creator truly blessed us that weekend, not only with natural beauty, but also with a fantastic speaker/writer, Dorothy Eaton Watts.

Dorothy came all the way from British Columbia, Canada, to speak to us. The four presentations she made on "The Keys to Communicating Love: Com-

mitment, Caring, Control and Capability," gave us practical Christian tools for future use. We thank

God for the blessings we received from Him through Dorothy.

The schedule was packed with insightful meetings, songs of praise and commitment, special music, gifts made by the associate director of women's ministries, Sheryl Schleif, Sabbath school and Sabbath worship service. Exercise, study and relaxation time were squeezed in for the women's spiritual and physical well-being.

Our sisters came from all across the state. Many who had never met before this retreat laughed and cried together, exchanging addresses and phone numbers. Through the tears shed and releasing ourselves, our lives, loved ones, problems, fears and joys to our merciful Father God, and through the laughter heard inside and outside the conference room, I'm certain the Lord was there with us. And through the power of the Comforter came healing, through the spirit of truth came learning, and through the

Spirit of God came commitment and love. Wow! All that! God is good!

May God bless you throughout the year.

Yours in Christ,

ROSEANN METRISKO

P.S. Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered their time and skills. If the Lord hasn't returned by next spring, watch and wait for the Fourth Annual New Jersey Conference Women's Retreat. If He returns for us before then, I will see you there! "... Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."—Revelation 22:20, 21.

Mission Ohio

OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

SVA hosts Drug Busters

Parents and students in grades three to six in the Centerville school district gathered at Spring Valley Academy January 17 for a drug awareness program. The Drug Busters program, co-sponsored by Channel 2, the Dartmouth Hospital and FADE (Fight Against Drug Epidemic, Inc.), attempts to help children and their parents communicate about the dangers of using drugs. The goal is to reach children before they have an opportunity to use drugs.

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of the winning entries in the anti-drug poster display. Three of the four winning entries were contributed by students of art teacher Joan Kihlstrom. Pictured with crime dog McGruff (SVA junior Scott Callender) are April Buckins, Adam Wamack and Shawn Sullivan. Buckins and Sullivan are sixth-graders, and Wamack is in the third grade. Their posters will be shown in area malls this summer with winning entries from other Drug Buster programs.



A thing called time

Most of us don't like to wait. Traffic lights, traffic jams, checkout lines, doctors' offices, microwaves. ... Microwaves?! Yes, I have to admit that I find myself getting impatient because it takes three minutes to warm up something for lunch.

Why are we always in such a hurry? One reason is that most of us have too much to do. When we are forced to wait for one thing, we become conscious of all the other things we still need to do and should be doing *right now!* We see time rushing by and know we can't stop the clock and make it wait.

We live in a very fast-paced world, and it shows no signs of slowing down. The pace can be deadly. Continually trying to beat the clock causes stress. Stress contributes to heart disease, high blood pressure, cancer, depression, bad temper, gray hair and wrinkles. It can make you old before your time.

We wind the clock, but sometimes it seems the clock is winding

us. We run as its hands direct. Round and round we go, and sometimes we don't stop until we drop.

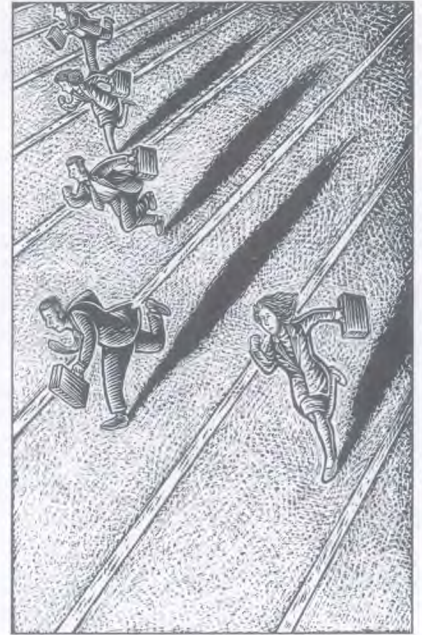
That seems to be one of the things we don't have time to think about—the dropping. How much can you get done when you're too exhausted or too sick to function? You say you've never reached that point? Slow down and smell the roses and you may never reach it. That's a lesson often learned the hard way and too soon forgotten.

The name of the game is *prioritize*. Some things have to be done now, some can wait, and (believe it or not) some can just be forgotten. You'll find that you actually accomplish more if you concentrate on doing a few things well, rather than jumping from task to task in an effort to give some time to everything and not enough time to anything.

The old saying is: "The hurrier I go, the behinder I get." We all face deadlines. I'm at the drop-deadline for this editorial. In our rush to keep

up, it is often too easy to get behind with God. The sweet refreshing of time spent with our Lord is not just strength for our spiritual life. It is strength for our physical, mental and emotional selves. He said; "Be still and know that I am God." Be still, just for a moment, and consider the wisdom of that statement.

CAROL GROSSMAN



There's more than one way to do it

What do you do if you are a small church in need of satellite equipment for NET '96 but the cost seems prohibitive? This was the dilemma faced by the 10 members of the Pomeroy church. A possible solution presented itself in the form of a newspaper ad.

A woman in Stumptown, West Virginia, listed a satellite antenna, receiver and positioner for sale for

\$300. Pastor Roy Lawinsky and Head Elder Rodney Spires drove to Stumptown to examine the equipment.

After deciding to make the purchase, they were faced with the problem of how to transport the 10-foot antenna in their cars. The only solution was to dismantle the 20 sections of the wire mesh antenna and cut the mounting pipe off by torch at the

cement pad. Then they dug some of the wire out of the ground and loaded everything into their cars.

Pastor Lawinsky reports that it was an all-day job done in a chilly, drenching rain. He says that they prayed "the Lord would make us successful with that pile of metal and electronics and that there would be souls that we would rejoice throughout eternity over."

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Fruits of their labors

Gordon Sigman began buying fruit through the Grove City church almost since their fruit program began 20 years ago. Sigman eventually volunteered to help unload the delivery truck when he came to pick up his order. He also offered to deliver fruit to people who could not get out to pick up their orders.

After he married, he and his wife, Bev, became acquainted with the leaders of the fruit program, Leon and Doris Ferguson. The Fergusons invited the Sigmans to have dinner

with them one Friday and invited them to church that Sabbath. As it happened, the Sigmans had been trying to make a decision about church attendance. They accepted the invitation to visit because they already knew some of the members.

Grove City church member Peggy Whitehouse quotes Bev as saying, "When I entered the church, I knew I was home" because she felt the love and friendliness of the members immediately. The Sigmans began attending church regularly, as well as Sabbath evening vespers and the Tuesday evening small group Bible study. They studied for baptism in

the home of another church member on Wednesday nights.

The Sigmans were baptized December 17, 1995, by Pastor Mark Swaisgood. Those involved in the fruit program were often discouraged by the small orders and the inclement weather on delivery days. As they look back now, following the Sigmans' baptism, they feel the fruit program was worth all the hard work. Their efforts bore fruit of another kind.

Have xylophone, will travel

Paul and Ruth Cinquemani spend seven months of the year on the road in their motor home. After retiring and moving to Ohio in 1991, the Cinquemanis spend the summer and winter months traveling and visiting various Adventist churches along the way.

Since they are only in their home church in Olmsted Falls three months of the year, the couple does not have much chance to become involved in church activities. They decided to share Paul's musical talents on the xylophone with the churches they visit in their travels. They now tow a small station wagon behind their motor home to transport a disassembled xylophone and offer special music in many of the smaller churches they attend. Their daughter, Polly Dengel, says that many churches request music for both Sabbath school and the worship service. One pastor

also asked Paul to give a concert after the church potluck.

Paul received a very special invitation after providing music for a Sunday service in a campground in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Following the service, a Baptist minister asked Paul to join their musical group at 4 o'clock that afternoon at the largest Baptist church in town to give a concert for the city's homeless.

The Cinquemanis find that they not only give a blessing through Paul's music, but they receive blessings as well through the friendships they make. Each new congregation they visit, whether it be in Arizona, North Carolina or points in between, affords them the opportunity to share their musical ministry.

Events

August 11 to 14

Pastors' retreat

August 26

First day of school K-10

September 7 to 8

Unordained pastors' retreat

September 14

Cleveland area camp meeting

September 20 to 22

Bivocational pastors' retreat

September 27 to 29

LBM retreat

October 11 to 13

Pathfinder Camporee

Pathfinders urged to "finish the race"

Approximately 298 Pathfinders and staff attended the Pathfinder Fair held May 3 to 5 on the campus of Mount Vernon Academy. Guest speaker for the weekend was Sali Jo Hand, youth director of the Potomac Conference. Her sermons focused on the theme of the fair—Finish the Race—as she talked about being on a team and becoming a member of God's team.

The events held Sunday tested the Pathfinders' physical fitness. According to Mike Bilbee, chairman of the Ohio Pathfinder Council, many of the participants qualified for the National Physical Fitness Award or the President's Physical Fitness Award. Bilbee also said that 60 of the Pathfinders answered a call Saturday night to be on God's team. They will be asked to take Bible studies in preparation for baptism. He asks that we hold these young people up in our prayers.

10th Anniversary Women's Retreat

Well-known author, speaker, columnist and mother of six, June Strong, will be encouraging Ohio women to *Stretch Toward God* during the **10th Annual Ohio Women's Retreat** to be held at the Embassy Suites in Worthington, Ohio, October 11-13.

Other plans for this **Special 10th Anniversary Retreat** include a musical concert, walk in the park, group activities and extraordinary devotional/praise times together. We encourage you to start planning now to join your Ohio sisters for a refreshing weekend of fellowship, relaxation and opportunities for spiritual growth.

Contact your pastor's wife for an application and additional information regarding the weekend or call Sharon Terrell at the Ohio Conference Office at (614) 397-4665.



The one who refreshes others refreshes also herself.
Proverbs 11:25

Blue Mountain Academy COMMUNIQUE

Graduation 1996



baccalaureate address was given by Charlotte Pedersen McClure, from the Columbia Union Communication Department, who encouraged the class to strive for their dreams and to trust God to help make them happen.

Other Sabbath activities included the afternoon tribute to parents and a final vesper program presented by the senior class. Then applause and laughter filled

There was excitement in the air as Blue Mountain Academy held commencement services for the Class of 1996. Families and friends of our graduates traveled many miles to share in the events. The weekend offered an opportunity to reflect on God's goodness and to thank Him for so richly blessing the most recent additions to BMA's alumni association.

Of the 47 graduates, more than half graduated with honors, many of them high honors, and 10 received vocational or career certificates. Academic and leadership scholarships were also awarded to many class members.

Music filled the air as La Sonnette Ensemble and Bel Canto performed during the Friday night consecration service. Frank Runnels shared inspiring words to the students, encouraging them to make a difference.

Several seniors shared their musical talents throughout the weekend, instrumental as well as vocal. During Sabbath school, seniors presented a skit about a modern prodigal son written by senior Marsha Pinnock; and Malcolm Hutchinson, senior parent, presented a powerful lesson study. The

the gym as Senior Class Night erupted with musical numbers and humorous skits.

Pastor Jose Rojas, from the North American Division, delivered the Sunday morning commencement address and received a standing ovation as he challenged the students to "do it for God" and with all their might!

Our prayer for the members of the Class of '96 is that they will live out their aim and motto: "To fulfill His mission in our lives each day."



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BMA Open scores big

As the hour approached (6:30 a.m.!), the faint of heart must surely have wondered why they ever agreed to go. The past several days had been dismal and rainy, and the forecast was for more of the same. But teeing off in the rain didn't deter the 52 hardy souls who participated in the Blue Mountain Open at Hidden Valley Golf Course in Pine Grove, Pennsylvania.

Players came from as far away as Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia to have fun and support BMA. The purpose of the tournament—in addition to a good time—was to raise money for the worthy student fund. It was a successful endeavor, as more than \$4,000 was raised. These funds will help make a Christian education available to some who couldn't afford it otherwise.

Winners of the two-man scramble were Dean Negri and David Ferguson, and Troy Copenhaver and Herbert Copenhaver Jr. Both teams came in at three under par. There were several other winners in the long-drive and closest-to-the-pin contests. No one walked away empty-handed, as sponsors supplied golf balls, tees, towels, T-shirts and BMA Open hats for all participants. Chuck Allen also provided a picnic lunch and other goodies.

Spencer Hannah commented, "It was very enjoyable—in spite of the weather—and a great way to raise money for a worthwhile



cause. I'm looking forward to next year."

Plans are being made for the second BMA Open with a shot-gun start for 144 players.

JOHN & JACKIE PIFER
Tournament Coordinators

Above: John and Jackie Pifer.

Left: Marty Maren.

Below, right: Bill Lessig, Keith Wisser and Steve Burkey.

Below, left: Walter Stewart, Jay Nixon, John Pifer and Mike Reap



Senior certificates

Ten members of the Class of '96 took advantage of BMA programs to excel in office skills, aviation, auto mechanics or music by completing certificate programs in addition to earning academic diplomas.

Career and vocational certificates are designed to provide the basic experience, knowledge and skills necessary to obtain at least an entry-level position upon graduation. Candidates must complete up to 37.5 semester hours in their career or vocational area. The Private Pilot Certificate is awarded to students who have successfully passed ground school, the FAA written examination, solo flight and the private pilot test.



Brian Scott Becker received the Private Pilot Certificate from Mr. Chuck Huenergardt.

Office Skills
Certificates were awarded by Miss Shelly Dinning (inset) to (back row, left to right)

Romina Rodriguez, Matthew Thomas, Heather Lemkelde; (front row) Diana Piper, Marsha Pinnock and Di'Celenia Melendez.



Daniel Roelker (center) was awarded the Music Achievement Certificate by Mr. Tom Buller and Mrs. Nancy Edison.

Franklin Williams Jr., (left) and Timothy Calhoun (right) were awarded the Automotive Certificate by Mr. Troy McFarland.



Principal's Corner

God the Son appears to Gideon and tells him exactly what to do. Gideon asks for additional signs and gets direct responses from God to confirm his mission.

An angel appears to Zacharias and tells him his aged wife will have a son, what the son's life will accomplish and how he is to be raised.

The disciples see Jesus glorified, watch Elijah and Moses talk to Him and hear the Father say, "This is my Son in whom I am well pleased."

Have you ever wished you could have this type of encounter with God or His messenger? Have you ever longed for a direct answer from God when faced with a major decision? Are we faced with riddles and mazes instead of clear instructions?

Peter reminds us that he was not writing about "cleverly invented stories" but about what they had witnessed. Then he goes on to say: "And we have the word of the prophets made more certain, ...," —2 Peter 1:19, N.I.V. More certain than eyewitness experiences? We have seen miracles that confirm divinity! We have seen prophecies fulfilled! We have seen lives that have been changed by following truth! These words are made more certain than eyewitnesses!

We live in a world where truth is made to look like error and error to look like truth. Your eyewitness must be tested by Scripture. And this Scripture tells us that God's church will have the gift of prophecy as we face the end of the world. God inspired Ellen White to share His instructions with His people—how to raise and educate children, how to live healthfully, how to avoid Satan's deceptions and how to accept God's grace.

Peter goes on to say, "And you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts," —2 Peter 1:19.

The war is fierce. Satan knows what he must do to overcome us. He has been far too successful with us who say we are part of God's church. His distractions keep us from studying His Word! We don't take time to read and study God's detailed instructions. We have become satisfied with this world and don't search and long for heaven and God! God has provided all we need to live for Him. God has given His Word, and it contains all we need for salvation. We would do well to pay attention to it!

STAN ROUSE, PRINCIPAL



Where are they now?

One of the exciting things about the aging of an academy is seeing it become a family tradition. That is the case with **Dwight, Lorraine and Greg Edris**.

Dwight and Lorraine Wesner Edris met at BMA, where they both attended four years and graduated in 1964 and 1965 respectively. Dwight has a degree in business administration/accounting from Bloomsburg University. He also has his CPA and is currently controller at Paramount Packaging in Lebanon. Dwight has served as president of the alumni association and as a board member. He is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Conference

Committee. His interests include running marathons. He has completed 36 of them, including 10 at Boston.

Married to Dwight in 1966, Lorraine, in addition to being a

From left to right: Lorraine, Greg and Dwight Edris.

wife and mother, is secretary/treasurer at Reading Junior Academy. Dwight and Lorraine have lived in Leesport, Pennsylvania, for 18 years.

Son Greg graduated from BMA in 1987, a four-year senior. He then attended Columbia Union College and graduated from Andrews University with a degree in business administration/accounting and management. Greg was a student missionary in Truk Lagoon (Micronesia) in 1989-1990 and is currently a financial analyst at Florida Hospital in Orlando.

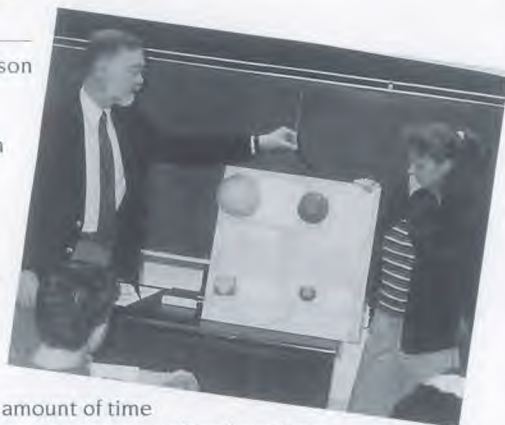
Volunteer In Profile

Dorothy Cupino, wife of Doctor Elmer Cupino and mother of Andrew (sophomore) and Alan (sixth grade), is a regular volunteer at BMA. She is an inspiration to many as she works on bulletin boards, mailings or whatever needs to be done. She volunteers her time weekly, and we have come to value her as an important part of our team.



Did You Know?

Each year, Mr. John Edison requires his geometry students to do a project. Shown here with Mr. Edison is Heather Barrick with her project—four of the 13 archimedian solids.



In case you haven't heard, the entire gym floor was sanded and varnished this spring. Such a project requires a tremendous amount of time and work. The spirit of cooperation among staff and students was evident as activities and programs had to be moved or rescheduled during the time the gym was closed down. The smooth, shiny, beautiful floor made the wait worthwhile. So watch your step—and don't bring that food in the gym!

Two of the major programs that had to be rescheduled during the time of the gym floor work were the spring concert and the Aerial Aires Home Show. Hamburg Area High School allowed us to use their facilities for these activities, and students and visitors took the inconvenience in stride.

What happens on an academy campus during the summer?

Diligent but sleepy students can be seen heading out weekday mornings to their assigned tasks—industry, maintenance, cafeteria or administrative offices—at 7 a.m. Working for an education has long been an element of training at BMA. We commend those young people who are working to help their parents finance a Christian education!

Visitors and guests are common on our campus in the summer. In June each year, BMA hosts the Pennsylvania Conference camp meeting, bringing Christians from all over Pennsylvania and elsewhere to study and praise God. And in July, the Berks Gymnastics brings lots of little girls and their instructors to campus to hone their tumbling skills.

F.Y.I.

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| August 16-18 | New Student/Family Orientation |
| August 18 | Registration from 8:30-12:00 & 1:00-4:00 |
| August 19 | Classes begin |



Potomac People

July 1996

POTOMAC CONFERENCE OF SDA

What's happening around Potomac

Pathfinder Mission Trip

Germany and Slovakia
July 14-July 31

Romania Mission Trip

July 31-August 15

Pathfinder Council Campout

August 23-25

Hispanic Youth Congress

Camp Blue Ridge
August 31-September 1

Youth Leaders' Training Convention

"Three 20 Zone"
Washington, DC
September 6-8

Pathfinder Leadership Training Weekend

September 20-22



The Washington Spanish Pathfinder club. Director Marta Ochoa is behind the podium.

*Inset: The Beltsville
Broncos line up outside
the church for Path-
finder Day.*

It's your Pathfinders!

Awards Day 1996

Pathfinder clubs enjoy the fellowship that clubs share together. Events are planned monthly, and there are a variety of ways to earn points throughout the year. On May 19, the clubs of the Potomac Conference met at the Meadowbridge church for a day of fun and acknowledgement for a job well done for the whole year. This year's "Trophy Winning Clubs" were the Beltsville Broncos, the Washington Spanish club, the Alexandria Spanish club and the Waynesburo Mountaineers. The clubs were awarded trophies and will be given recognition at camp meeting since not all of the clubs were present.

"Pathfinders" continued on PP-2

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A great open door of opportunity

"But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me,"—1 Corinthians 16:8.

The Ephesus church became one of the most important centers for spreading the gospel. Miracles and wonders were performed by God through Paul. People confessed their evil deeds, and a great number of them burned publicly their scrolls of sorcery. God's word reached the whole community and its surroundings, and a great number of people accepted Jesus. But from the very beginning, Paul's ministry was confronted with opposition. The Jews and the whole union of silversmiths got together to destroy God's word and Paul. In spite of the fact that Paul was forced to leave the city, a strong community of believers remained there, making Ephesus the most important center of spreading the gospel in the province of Asia.

Whenever God opens a door, Satan will raise opposition. The larger the door, the greater the opposition.

I have a great persuasion that the Lord has opened a door of great opportunity to reach out to our communities with the everlasting gospel. Why? There are two main reasons that make me believe this hour is a golden time to fulfill our mission as God's remnant.

People are starving for peace and salvation everywhere. A few months ago, one of our literature evangelists was knocking on doors in Wheaton, Maryland. He found a young mother, Magdalena, who was not only interested in his books but also in receiving Bible studies. After weeks of studying, she was invited to attend church. At that time, Pastor Alejandro Bullon (evangelist of the South American Division) held a revival meeting in Silver Spring. In that meeting, Magdalena felt more strongly than ever that God was leading her to the truth she was looking for. She was shocked when the preacher told the people the very same experience she had dreamed just a few days before. Magdalena gave her heart to Jesus that night.

Today, after being baptized, she is sharing with her friends the joy and peace she found in Jesus. There are thousands like Magdalena, starving and waiting . . .

Moreover, whenever God opens a door and the church becomes serious about saving souls, *Satan will do his best to interrupt God's people in carrying out that mission.* This is one of the clearest evidences that the Lord has great plans for His church.

Yes, there is a great and wide door of opportunity that the Lord has opened and nobody can close. Let us rise to the occasion and, doing so, forget the problems which Satan may place in our way. We have the message, and we have the promise that the Lord will be with us until the end. If we would turn our attention away from the obstacles placed in our paths, we have nothing to fear because the King of kings, the Almighty is leading us!

RUBEN A. RAMOS
Director, Hispanic Ministries

Pathfinders, continued from PP-1



Advanced Pathfinder of the Year was awarded to Wendy Smith from the Powhatan club. Pathfinder of the Year for 1996 was awarded to Andrea Ochoa from the Washington Spanish club. Runners-up for Pathfinder of the Year 1996 were Marcus Giddings (Beltsville Broncos), Jennifer Rodriguez (Washington Spanish club) and

Ivania Rodriguez (Langley Park Spanish club). The winning members will also be given special recognition at camp meeting.

Pathfinders: Showing Youth the Way for 50 Years

There is much more to Pathfinders than honors and uniforms. On March 22-23, the Beltsville Bron-



Preparing for baptism at the camporee: Pastor Sali Jo Hand with Steve Case.



Pathfinders gather in field uniforms for one of the games on Awards Day at the Meadowbridge, Virginia, church.



Pastor Sali Hand gives Ed Giddings of the Beltsville Broncos one of the four Trophy Winning Club awards.

cos Pathfinder club gave special honor to all Pathfinders by celebrating the 50th anniversary of this tradition for youth everywhere. The Pathfinder Golden Jubilee was witnessed by more than 150 club members at the Friday night induction and rededication service.

The Sabbath program at the Beltsville church included more than 200 Pathfinders marching into the sanctuary. The drum corps of the Capitol Hill Blazers played as the members marched in. The featured speaker, Pastor Danny Davis, has been instrumen-

tal in the growth of Pathfinders in the conferences where he has served. Other speakers included Laertes Gillis, who began the first Pathfinder club in the Allegheny Conference in 1955, Roger Rinehart, Potomac's

area coordinator, and Xavier Corarrubias, who started the first Spanish Pathfinder Clubs in the Columbia Union.

Research by Ed Giddings

Joint Camporee with Carolina Conference

Fellowship is part of the reason that Pathfinder clubs continue to participate in events together. The Potomac Conference Pathfinder

Washington Spanish Pathfinders baptized earlier this year. Andrea Ochoa, third from left, is Pathfinder of the Year 1996.



Andrea Ochoa, left, of the Washington Spanish Club, the 1996 Pathfinder of the Year, and Marcus Giddings, center, of the Beltsville Broncos, the 1995 Pathfinder of the Year, with Pastor Sali Jo Hand.

clubs enjoyed a joint camporee with its sister clubs in the Carolina Conference in April at Staunton River State Park. Approximately 800 members and staff spent an enjoyable weekend together. Steve Case was the featured speaker. With canoeing, bike riding, hiking

and other fun games, the weekend passed by very quickly. Sali Jo Hand, director of youth ministries, was pleased at the number of youth who completed commitment cards and dedicated their lives to Christ.

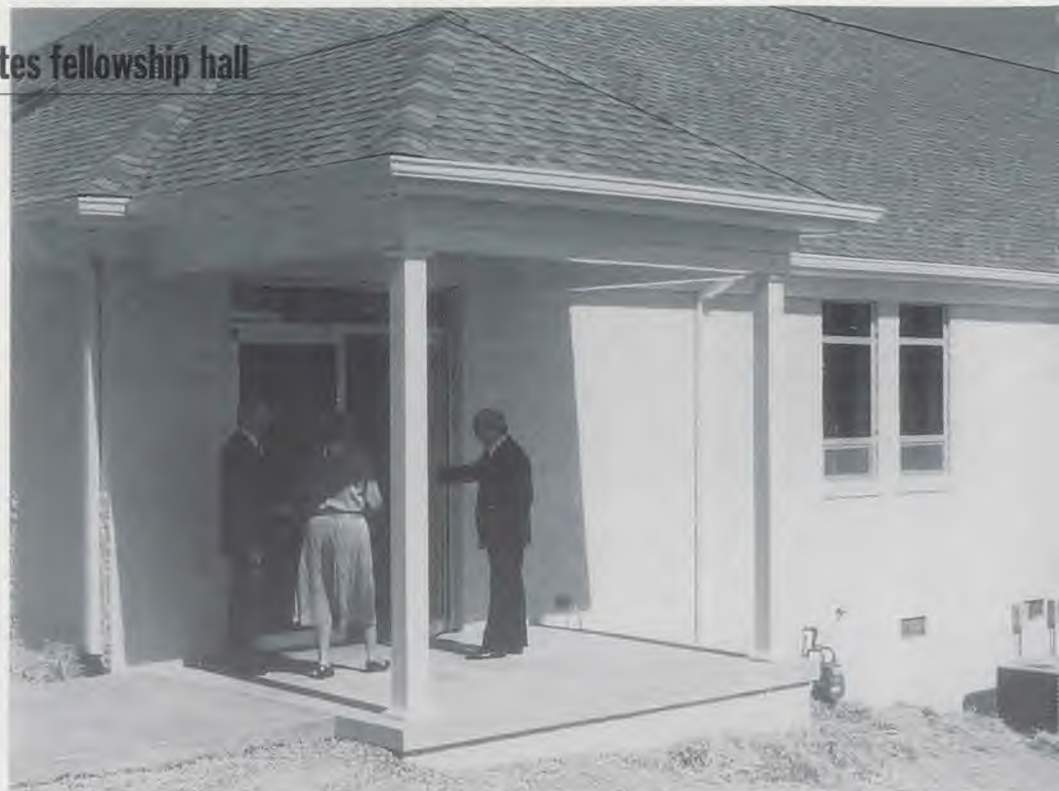
GAIL BROECKEL

Youth Ministries Correspondent



Staunton church dedicates fellowship hall

I was baptized in the Staunton church when I was 12 years old. I remember many fellowship dinners after the service. The members were like one big family, and we enjoyed eating together in spite of the small space downstairs. On March 24, 1996, the church members and guests enjoyed a spacious addition to the sanctuary. A new fellowship hall was unveiled for all to enjoy. Pastor Robert Clarke welcomed the crowd that had filled the new chairs and thanked the building committee chairman, Curtis Hevener, and the building fund committee chair, Betty Hevener. Conference President Herb Broeckel spoke words of appreciation, and C.F. Richards Junior Academy Principal Robert Rice spoke after a trumpet sextet from his school played. Marvin Griffin, conference vice president for finance, gave



the year. Each Sabbath, a small model of the church is wheeled down in front of the pulpit in a wagon. As the children go to the front for the children's story, they

collect coins and dollar bills from the congregation and put them in the model to help pay for the new addition. The continuing motivation and generosity of the

Staunton church members will have this building paid for in record time.

GAIL BROECKEL
Communication Leader

Hispanic church news

Organization of the Culmore Spanish church—January 20, 1996

The Arlington Spanish church sponsored the foundation of a new congregation in Culmore, Fairfax County, Virginia. After months of loving sacrifice and hard work by the members and its pastor, Antonio Esposito, the church was organized by Pastor Herb Broeckel, president of the conference, and Roger Weiss, vice president. One hundred and one signed the charter roll. May God keep this young church growing and ministering to the community.

Hispanic Brotherhood Day, Takoma Academy—May 4, 1996

Members of the 19 Hispanic congregations of the Potomac Conference met together to worship, celebrate and praise God. It was a great occasion blessed by powerful preaching, delightful music and fellowship. Conference President Herb Broeckel gave welcome to more than 200 new members added to the church in the past year who were present on that occasion. Let's praise God for letting us be part of His family!

Baptisms and plans for evangelism

Totals - December, 1995

Total congregations:	17 (two congregations added during the first quarter of 1996 make a total of 19)
Total members:	2,687
Total pastors:	10
Total baptisms:	460
Total tithes:	\$1,334,341.71

Plans of evangelism

Evangelism with Pastor Alejandro Bullon, evangelist of the South American Division - September 28 and 29, 1996

Goal: 800 Bible studies completed by the end of September

Goals for July of 1996 to December of 1997

Baptisms:	1,000
Tithes:	10 percent increase
New congregations:	4

You can save a life

On Sunday, March 3, the medical department from the U.S.S. Kauffman came to Norfolk church to teach the proper procedures and latest updates for adult CPR (Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) and the Heimlich Maneuver. The program



A hospital corpsman from the U.S.S. Kauffman, shows Debbie Stovall how to breathe. Photo by Kelly Fischer

was opened to the general public, as well as to members of the Norfolk church. How many passed CPR training? The whole class passed!

You can make a difference and possibly save someone's life.

An infant/child CPR training course will be scheduled at a future date. Young people interested in babysitting, parents of young children and other interested persons will be invited to attend this course which will be more extensive, requiring a full day's participation.

Learning to save lives is a wonderful experience!

**DEBBIE STOVALL
JUDY CAMPBELL**

Executive committee minutes

May 15, 1996—Waynesboro Seventh-day Adventist Church, Waynesboro, Virginia

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Herbert Broeckel, Potomac Conference president, updated the committee on the future of Takoma Academy. The TRI Conference Committee, chaired by Neal Wilson, is looking into what options are available to Takoma Academy, and what impact they would have on the future of the academy.

The Bible Lighthouse Missionary Church, a church of 25 members, has requested to become part of the Potomac Conference. Rhonda Addo, pastor of this congregation, is a former Seventh-day Adventist who graduated from Oakwood College. It was

VOTED, to enter into negotiations and to bring them into the sisterhood of churches of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Potomac Conference.

Roger Weiss, vice president for administration, gave a brief report on evangelism. For the first quarter of 1996, more than 212 people were baptized. We are looking for an increase in the second quarter. Net '96 is growing division-wide, and Potomac is very much involved.

Takoma Park has invited Ron Halvorsen to come for a few weeks to train lay people for Net '96.

Rex Frost, pastor of the Chesapeake/Portsmouth district, gave an update on the evangelistic meetings

that were held in the Metro-Tidewater area. Potomac and Allegheny East worked together on this outreach, which included five churches. More than 81 people have been baptized thus far, and they are confident that the final number will exceed 100.

Dr. Miranda, from Virginia Beach, gave a short report of the evangelistic crusade Abbey Reyes, pastor of the Virginia Beach church, held for the Voice of Prophecy in the Philippines. More than 50 people were baptized.

Bob Clarke, pastor of the Staunton church, reported that 17 people were baptized through the effort that Bill Zima held in the Staunton church. The church has set a goal of 50 baptisms for 1996.

Ruben Ramos, coordinator for the Hispanic work, reported that more than 200 people have been baptized this year by the Hispanic churches.

Rudy Torres, senior pastor of Sligo, reported on his crusade in Manila. The Sligo church had sent \$5,000 to lay the groundwork, and before he and his team arrived, they had already baptized 200 people. Dur-

ing the crusade, 70 percent of his audience was young people under the age of 25. He witnessed 125 baptisms. He also had the privilege of witnessing 75 baptisms in two prisons. He is very excited about what he saw and has come back revived and excited about doing evangelism at Sligo.

COMMITTEE OBSERVERS: VOTED, to invite the following individuals to participate as observers at meetings of the Potomac Conference Executive Committee from July 1 to December 31, 1996:

Phil Hamman, pastor, Charlottesville/Amicus/Orange district

Alice Rich, associate pastor, Beltsville church

Ron Rogers, pastor, Galax, Stuart, Tazewell district

Fausto Salazar, pastor, Central D.C. Hispanic church

Richard Anderson, principal, Tidewater Academy

NEW MARKET: Ron Aguilera has accepted the position of associate pastor for the New Market church.

SLIGO CHURCH: Garrett Caldwell, from Oregon, has accepted the position of associate pastor at the Sligo church, and is already in place.

WYTHEVILLE/PULASKI Bob Parrish has accepted the position of senior pastor, for the Wytheville/Pulaski/Rocky Gap district, and is already in place.

ORDINATION/COMMISSION: VOTED, to recommend to the Columbia Union Executive Committee the names of the following individuals for ordination/commissioning on June 22, 1996:

Kurt Allen
Israel Castro
Brad Durby
Kent Greve
Phil Hamman
Joseph Jiao
Laurie Kelly
Esther Knott
Richard Maloon
Joyce Martin
Julie Mowry
Joyce Onuska
Velda Ruby
Mary Ann Sheffer
Heather Stuyvesant
Velyo Vinglas
Cheryl Williams

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES: VOTED, to ask Ingrid Wray to be the women's ministries director for Potomac but that her main responsibility be secretary to the vice president for administration.



Digel retires with 40-plus years of denominational service

Retired as of July 1, George Digel is one person who certainly won't be bored after leaving the workaday world. His list of hobbies is long and comprehensive. It includes reading, loving people, golf, gardening, construction, traveling, cooking, baking pies and entertaining friends.

This very versatile gentleman is an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and has a Ph.D., with emphasis in educational human development. His entire career has been spent in service to his church. As a student at Columbia Union College, he worked at the Review and Herald. "One summer, I washed every venetian blind in the building," he reminisces.

Digel's denominational service spans more than 40 years. Geographically, it has taken him from Galax, Vir-

ginia, to Providence, Rhode Island. His ministry began at the Pennsylvania Avenue church in Maryland, continued to Wytheville, Galax and Pulaski (Virginia); Sligo and Takoma Park (Maryland); back to Pennsylvania Avenue, and from there to Spencerville (Chesapeake) for two intervals. From 1978 to 1982, he was the ministerial director of the Chesapeake Conference.

Since 1984, Dr. Digel has been an associate in the legal affairs department of Potomac. In this capacity, he got to spend a lot of time "loving people" because he worked with trustors of the conference living in the metropolitan Washington area.

On November 15, 1952, Digel married Rebecca Stickman. They have two children, Debbie and John, and two grandchildren.

SUE BENDALL

Student nurse discovers Adventism

Jenea Michelle Higgins did her student nursing at Western State Hospital in Staunton, Virginia, in order to fulfill part of the requirements for a degree in nursing from the University of Virginia.

While there, she met Thomas R. Knoll Jr., who was working at the hospital and saving money to enter law school in the fall. The two became close friends, and almost immediately, their discussions turned to spiritual things. Jenea expressed that she was looking for a church which believed and taught the Bible. Thomas began telling her about his church. She liked what she heard; and after attending church with him, stated that she wanted to become a Seventh-day Adventist.

Jenea continued to study and listened to an entire series of 20 evangelistic tapes. She has attended church every Sabbath since the two met in February. As she studied the Scriptures, her quiet nature, inquisitive mind and sincere heart led her to a knowledge of God's truth. On June 1, she united with the remnant family by baptism in the Staunton church.

Although Jenea was not raised in the Adventist church, she comes from a strong heritage of Adventism. She traces those roots to the Malcolm family of Highland County, Virginia. That family and her new church family rejoice with her on this most important step in life.



Jenea Higgins and Thomas R. Knoll Jr.

The Wonderful Life Singers

A special dedication service was held on Sabbath, May 4, at the Arlington, Virginia, church by Pastor Dan Kovacs in honor of the Wonderful Life Singers, the church's new singing group. Consisting of 12 members (including Faith Santiago, their director,) they recently accepted an invitation to sing in a concert on Saturday evening, May 11, at the Carpenter's Home church in Lakeland, Florida. The church has a seating capacity of 13,000. The invitation was extended by Miriam Aman of Orlando, coordinator of the concert and the sister of Chris Arce, a member of the group.

The non-denominational concert included other groups of singers from various churches. The Wonderful Life Singers had the honor of opening the program with "The Lord's Prayer." Other selections included "You'll Never Walk Alone," "My Tribute" and "It's a Wonderful Life."

The group of young adults, including three married couples, began singing together less than a year ago. It started as a way to spend time together on Sabbath afternoons. They soon realized their talent for singing as a group. They met in one another's homes or the church to fellowship and practice. Soon, they were singing in small groups, which included duets and trios as special music for the Sabbath service.

Eventually, they num-

bered 12 and simply called themselves "The Group." In his interest for them, Pastor Kovacs suggested they find

sang several selections for the Arlington congregation. In honor of the birthdays of Pastor Kovacs and his wife,



The Wonderful Life Singers of Arlington, Virginia.

a more appropriate name, one that would reflect what can be observed when they are singing; and so the Wonderful Life Singers were born.

They first sang for the patients at nursing homes in the area as an outreach to the community. They are always invited to return. They are also invited to sing in various churches in Arlington. Their enthusiasm for singing and their camaraderie for each other is reflected in everything they sing.

The members include three married couples: Faith and Ricardo Santiago, Evelyn and Bob Collette and Cheryl and Waverly Way-some. Other members are Chris Arce, Linda Skeen, Angie Huang, Aileen Yabut, Mary Ann Muana and Leonora Gilana.

On Sabbath, May 4, they

Jenny, who both celebrate their birthdays in May, the singers dedicated "You'll Never Walk Alone" to them.

After the service, there was a special fellowship dinner and a birthday cake in honor of Dan and Jenny Kovacs.

The members of the Arlington church feel blessed for having the talented group in their midst and pray that others will be blessed as they reach out to the community. Representing several different nationalities and sharing humble beginnings as a singing group, they share one goal: a mission to serve the Lord and to share their hope and joy in Jesus.

**EVELYN (SHANKO)
ROBINSON**

Communication Leader

CUC Pro Musica alumni to reunite

Alumni of the Columbia Union College Pro Musica vocal choir who sang under college professor Lyle Jewell (1970-74) will reunite on Sabbath, August 3, at the Sligo church in Takoma Park, Maryland. The group will present the music for both morning worship services at the church, as well as a sacred choral concert in the sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.

Special reunion guests include the Columbia IV quartet, featuring George Gibbs, Michael Pleasants, John Watkins and Ken Woods. The quartet, formed during the 1969-70 school year, sang together for two years and traveled extensively throughout the Columbia Union as part of a youth ministries group led by Pastor Ed Peterson. They released an album, *Now Look Away*, selections from which are heard regularly on the college radio station. Besides performing at the afternoon concert, the quartet will also sing for the Sabbath school service in the morning.

Pro Musica Director Lyle Jewell, now retired in Bemidji, Minnesota, is looking forward to hearing how well his former singers have kept their vocal chords in shape. "We hope as many as possible will attend this outstanding concert, which will be both interesting and inspirational."

For information, please contact Carol Jobe, co-coordinator, 1996 CUC Pro Musica Reunion, (818) 246-7413 (home office) or (818) 500-9788 (home).

The Berry Patch Nursery School

One year ago, the Berry Patch Nursery School in New Market, Virginia, expanded to a full-day care program. At that time, a mobile classroom was purchased and attached to the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary School. What began with only seven children has grown to 30 youngsters. Twenty-seven of the 30 children are from non-Adventist homes.

The Berry Patch Nursery School and Day Care functions year 'round. It is currently operating in the fellowship hall at the New Market Seventh-day Adventist Church due to the fire that took place at the Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary school in February.

Prior to starting the full-day care program, the elementary school board voted to close the nursery school due to limited space at the school. Parents from the community got word of the closing and made it known that the community needed the Berry Patch to continue operation. The community liked the quality care their children had received and did not want this to end.

Members of other churches in the community

choose to send their children to Berry Patch day care rather than to centers operated by their own churches. They like the quality of care and instruction that their children receive at the Berry Patch.

Most of the parents hear about the Berry Patch from other parents who have enrolled their children there. The center is now receiving a number of siblings from families whose children attended a couple of years before, when it was only a half-day nursery school. The parents



come from all walks of life.

Berry Patch offers a variety of schedules to meet the parents' needs. They open at

5:45 a.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some children are enrolled in the half-day program, while others stay all

ing is accompanied by music and physical activity. There is free play in between the learning activities, at which time the

day. Some attend five days while some choose to come only two or three days. Older students attend after Shenandoah Valley Adventist Elementary dismisses each day and stay until their parents get off work. They also come on days when the school is closed. The day care closes only for major holidays.

The structured part of the program starts at 8:30 a.m. with a circle time of worship. Throughout the morning, there are learning activities that stimulate the senses and are appropriate to the children's stages of development. A lot of learn-

children dress up, play kitchen, build with wooden blocks or Legos, play on the jungle gym, take wooden boat rides, work puzzles, enjoy books, work with math manipulatives of their choice or create their own play. The afternoon consists of nap time from one o'clock to three o'clock. Then, there is free play and activities since the children leave at different times.

To see the children's love for Jesus grow and to hear them pray makes it worth all the effort put into the program.

CHRIS RICHARDS
Day Care Administrator



The children of Berry Patch Nursery School with Administrator Chris Richards (left), Carol Neff and Rachel Allen.

