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My eyes jumped open, and my heart surged up toward my throat, beating a rapid staccato in time with the screeching alarm. Surprising me from a near-comatose sleep, the alarm clock continued to ring with ear-exploding announcement. Regaining some semblance of sanity (leaving my panicky awakening behind), I slapped the snooze button and dozed a few minutes more. I had a lot to do that day and knew I could only dawdle a bit before getting out of bed. New Jersey camp meeting was waiting for me.

About 30 minutes later, I was ready to go. Standing on the front porch, I said goodbye to my husband, scratched behind the ears of my dogs and grabbed my last bag. Glancing at my watch, I was pleased. *Right on schedule*, I thought. *Good!*

I fought Hackettstown rush hour traffic but still made it to the Garden State Academy campus with time enough to change clothes and set up the display before Friday sunset and the evening program. I double-checked the church ministry resource tables. I picked up my purse, felt the side for keys, then swung the heavy back door of the SUV shut. I strode over to the gym and slid into an empty army green metal chair. The program had just started. Perfect!

At the end of the program, people scooted their chairs back and stood for departure. I too moved toward the door, fingers digging in my purse for my keys. To my disbelief, my probing fingers didn't light upon my substantial pack of keys. I searched again. Nothing. I emptied my purse. Nothing.

A little worried, I searched the outside tables. Then I searched the ground. In the dark. I borrowed a flashlight and peered into the tinted windows of the Trooper. Nothing. My mind was racing for ideas of how to get in the car and how to find my keys running through it. I could call Isuzu in Flemington (or was there a closer dealer?) to make me a new key, I could find a locksmith, I could call my husband, I could make an announcement in every age group's meetings about the missing keys, I could...

Sabbath morning dawned bright and scorching. Back at the camp, I inquired at the lost and found department. No keys. For the rest of that day, I dwelled on the lost keys and how to remedy the situation, getting a bit frustrated. People offered to call AAA, to call car dealers—to help—but always with the word "later." Later, later, later! How could I wait? Impatience yanked at the thin strings of my tolerance. Pasting a smile on my face that I really didn't feel, I sifted through the day, like slow sand in an hourglass, and worried.

About 24 hours after the keys disappeared, I sat down in the resource tent and finally said: "Lord, you know I have to leave in the morning. All I ask is that You find a way for me to do that so I can carry everything back to Maryland. I'm not going to worry about this anymore. Thank you."

Strangely (or maybe not so strangely), I felt relaxed for the first time since the previous night. Whatever happens, happens, I told myself. God will take care of it in His time.

A few minutes later, a joyous conference officer jangled my keys from his upraised hand. Walking toward me, he exclaimed: "I've got them. I've got your keys!"

Moments after he'd made an announcement during a meeting, someone picked up the errant keys and shouted "Here they are!" The officer immediately took the keys and found me.

In His time. I was amazed and chagrined. To think I had been making so many plans on how to fix the situation, agonizing over my inability to act. All I had to do was give it to God and have faith in my Father. As I leave the Columbia Union for work at the *Adventist Review*, I can't help but think He used this experience to teach me a lesson. God always looks out for His children, and sometimes we need to be patient, realizing that "all things work together for good to those that love God." (Romans 8:28) I believe it's God's time for me to move on, and I'm ready, serving Him in His time.

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From homeless person to home provider

God used a homeless person to reach out to an often-forgotten segment of society..

Quincy Fenner Jr. was homeless—as he had been several times during his life. Through his teens and much of his adulthood, he had been alcohol and drug dependent, so his life continued to spiral out of control until he finally reached bottom.

Standing in a soup line one day, Quincy remembered that a court had once ordered him to do community service work as a condition of probation. "Could I do my community service work here?" he asked one of the ladies. She put him to work as soon as he finished eating. "After my time for community service was up, I continued to stay as a volunteer," he reminisces. Later, he couldn't forget the many homeless people he had known through the years.

In September 1997, Quincy formed the Risk Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland, which creates housing for those who want to be fully self-supporting. He started with one house (which he bought himself) and four people. Today, there are four houses and 24 people. The program provides case management, shelter, food and clothing for two years, as well as job training and placement. The only requirement to join is a willingness to practice the 12 Alcoholics Anonymous steps in an effort to end their homelessness. Residents are also encouraged to volunteer once a week to reach out to other homeless people.

Although Quincy is the founder and director of the Risk Foundation, he has turned the program and properties over to the homeless themselves in order to give them a sense of ownership. The foundation is not connected with the Adventist Church, but Quincy witnesses through his own testimony and by giving out copies of *Steps to Christ*.

Write to us!

People who are between the ages of 18 and 30 are becoming more active in the church, church-related activities and church ministries. In what ways is your youth group becoming more involved in church? How are the needs being met for your age group? What types of outreach is your young adult group involved in? Mail your stories (200-600 words) and photos to Randy Hall, 5427 Twin Knolls Road, Columbia, Maryland 21045; send by E-mail to 74617.420@compuserve.com; or send a fax to (410) 997-7420.

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Adventist athlete in action

Recent graduate is more than basketball and books

You have probably read of her story in *Insight* magazine in August 1997. Or maybe you picked up the *Baltimore Sun* on January 17, 1998. The story is still the same—college basketball star gives up playing Saturday games for religious beliefs.

Standing at five feet nine inches, Trisha Cathryn Allen, better known as Trish to family and friends, still has kept her commitment to the Lord, even after four years of college basketball. Born on January 4, 1977, to Monroe and Dolores Allen in Phoenix, Arizona, Trish recently graduated cum laude from Coppin State College in Baltimore, Maryland. She received a B.S. in both social work and social science.

I had the opportunity to sit and talk with Trish about what happened during her four years in college and how her life has changed since her freshman year.



Q: When did you first know that you were interested in basketball?

A: When I saw my brother, Damon, playing while I was growing up. I used to watch him at the playgrounds outside, and I eventually decided to pick up the ball. I think that I was 8 years old. I kept playing, and it eventually became a talent.

Did anything significant happen in your early years to feed your interest?

When I was 11, my family and I moved to the East Coast. Damon was recruited and given a scholarship after Columbia Union College found out he was an Adventist and a McDonald's All American. I then attended Spencerville and G.E. Peters elementary schools. In my eighth-grade year at G.E. Peters, while playing against Sligo elementary, my mother said that my talent was "discovered." She said that I caused an upset when my team came from behind and that I seemed to take over. I scored 28 points and ended with a hook shot that drove the crowd wild. I later attended Takoma Academy. Sometimes, I would go over to CUC's basketball practices to hang out and play with Damon since he was on the basketball team. The team members would mentor me and call me "Little Sis."

What position did you play at Takoma Academy, and when did you first start playing for them?

I played basketball at Takoma Academy from my freshman through senior years (1991-1995). I played basically all of the positions, but mostly I played the shooting guard and power forward.

What are some of the most successful games you remember from TA?

I remember when we won our first Christmas tournament at TA. Mr. Brad Derby was in charge of it. I also played with the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) while at TA, but I didn't play on Friday nights. I usually would stay in the hotel and read. My mom counseled me to show enthusiasm when my teammates returned from games and practices. I always let them know how much I cared about the game results. My mom always said: "Remember, don't be so heavenly



minded that you're no earthly good."

Were a lot of people "scouting" you when you were at TA? If so, who and where did they represent?

I knew while going to TA that I probably would not get much exposure to scouts. My mother and I looked into an AAU league, and the coach of the team, Thurman Watson, that I wanted to play for would scout me at my games with TA. He wanted me to come and play with

him in the spring of 1994.

When did you decide to go to Coppin State College?

While playing for Thurman, I was scouted by Britt King, former head coach of the University of the District of Columbia. She came to a game of Washington, D.C., players at Riverdale Baptist. I scored 22 points and was named most valuable player of the game, and after that, she told me she wanted me to come to UDC. I let her know my beliefs on the Sabbath, but she still wanted me to play for UDC. She offered me a full scholarship and a written contract stating I would not have to play on the Sabbath. During my sophomore year, the entire athletic department was closed down at UDC. I did a whole lot of praying after that happened. Eventually, King accepted a head coach position at Coppin State College. She wanted me to go with her. Another full scholarship was offered with another written contract, so I said, "I'm going." And that's how I ended up at Coppin State.

What did you tell your coaches about games being held on the Sabbath?

My mom and I discussed that it was important to be up front with the coaches to let them know that I would not be able to play on the Sabbath. I knew that if I was up front with them, no one would experience any disappointments.

What was their reaction about your religious beliefs?

At first, they were like, "What do you mean you can't play during these times?" After I told them about my beliefs, they still wanted me to play. None of the coaches were negative. After my freshman year at UDC, the entire schedule was changed so that no games were played on the Sabbath.

What were the reactions of the team members?

One time at UDC, one of my teammates did give me a hard time about my unique practice and game schedule. At practices, she would make facial gestures at me and not pass me the ball. Other team members wanted to go to church with me. Because some of them had Christian backgrounds, we were able to relate to each other.

Was it hard not playing with your teammates on the Sabbath?

By standing firm on my beliefs, I was able to witness to others on the team. I asked the Lord during my freshman year for a life experience that I could share with others. I felt that he gave me this experience to share with others as my way of witnessing.

Was basketball something that you did for a fun activity, or did you think that you might want to do it professionally?

Initially, I did not have the dream of playing basketball. I was just doing it because it was fun. But since I began to recognize it as a skill, I began to wonder if I could take it a little further.

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Fast facts

- Holds a membership at Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. (But visits Seabrook and Blodensburg churches in Maryland)
- Favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4:13.
- Favorite book: *Quiet Strength* by Rosa Parks
- Favorite musical performer: CeCe Winans
- Favorite non-sports figure: Pastor Walter Pearson
- Awards that Trisha has received this year:
 - Coppin State Female Player of the Year
 - President's Golden Eagle Award
 - Outstanding Performer in Basketball
 - (2) Academic Achievement Awards (one from the conference and the other from Coppin)
 - Phi Alpha Honor Society
- Basketball career highlights:
 - Points: 30 versus Delaware State, 2/20/99
 - FGs: 11 versus Morehead State, 12/21/97
 - 3FGs: 4 versus Shippensburg, 11/19/96
 - FTs: 11 versus Delaware State, 2/20/99
 - Rebounds: 22 versus Columbia Union College, 1/30/97
 - Assists: 7 at Cheyney, 1/6/97
 - Steals: 7 versus UMES, 2/23/98

Get excited about CUC

Mary Kay Porter, director of marketing

It is so exciting watching more and more students realize that CUC is just the school for them—and seeing that a Christian education is affordable. They are realizing CUC is the school for them by:

- Visiting our campus, talking with professors, looking over the classrooms and dorms and asking questions of the students. There is always an open invitation for any prospective student and his or her family to come visit us, and many families are taking advantage of this every week.
- Attending Capital Summer Session. This is for any accepted student who has not attended CUC yet. Students are able to take a three-hour class and stay in one of the dorms for free. There is absolutely no better way to get to know a college. Each year, this is raving success, and this summer's classes are already almost full!

They are realizing that Christian education is affordable by:

- Getting an early estimator from CUC. This is a new tool that helps show what financial aid will be received from the government, what scholarships are available and what the monthly payments will be. This has become extremely popular with parents by helping them financially plan for their child's education. After filling out an early estimator, one parent broke down crying and said: "I never dreamed that I could keep my children in church school and send our oldest child to a Christian college. God is so good!" And He truly is!

If you think that Columbia Union College might be for you or someone you know, first of all, pray about it. Secondly, give us a call at (800) 835-4212 and let us see if we can help.



Mary Kay Porter

Go west

Amanda Mutchler, junior communication major

After a full year of touring and recruiting on the East Coast, the Acro-Airs, CUC's gymnastic team had the opportunity to tour on the West Coast.

The team had been anticipating this opportunity for several months, and members worked to fit the tour into their busy summer schedules. After the school year was over, a select number of the Acro-Airs stayed at CUC to practice a little more and prepare for

the chance to go to California.

The tour included southern California, with stops at the La Sierra, Loma Linda and Los Angeles areas. The tour started out at the early morning hour of 5 a.m., which really was 2 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to the team. After a two hour drive, the team finally reached L.A. Academy. Even though the team was completely exhausted, the enthusiasm of the students awoke them, and they were able to deliver one of the best shows all year.

The week continued with performances at La Sierra Academy, Loma Linda Elementary and a clinic and demonstration at El Condeto Acad-

emy. It wasn't all work for the busy team. They were able to spend a day at the beach, go rock climbing for an afternoon at Joshua Tree Park and visit a Six Flags amusement park.

The team also had the chance to spend time with Rick Hayes, former Acro-Airs coach. He not only helped organize the trip, but also performed in each show.

The tour was a great success and a terrific way to end the school year. "It was one of the best tours we've ever had, I was very proud of all the hard work everyone put

Assistant Coach Nick Sweeney instructs at a clinic.



in. Also, it is incredible how smoothly things ran with such great support from other departments here at CUC," said Acro-Airs Coach Ben Johnson.

The team performs a build at Loma Linda Elementary School.



Take a class at CUC—tuition free!

Attention high school seniors and graduates. Sign up today for CUC's Capital Summer Session. Take one of three general education classes and enjoy an abundance of local activities in the nation's capital. Capital Summer Session classes will be offered August 2-19, so sign up now before spaces are filled! For more information, contact the marketing office at (800) 835-4212.

The language of life

Debbie Brown, chair of English and modern languages department

Under the direction of Dr. Wendy Ripley, assistant professor of English, two inaugural programs featuring language were chartered this school year. The first program, literacy training for English as a Second Language, was organized in the fall semester and conducted by the Maryland Montgomery County Literacy council. Experienced trainers from the Council worked with CUC students and faculty, as well as members of the community, in an intensive two-day workshop. After hours of exercises, drills, skits, readings and small-group applications, participants were certified by the council to tutor children, young people and adults who do not speak English.

The need for English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring is sobering; the waiting list for Montgomery County residents alone is a year and a half. After being certified, CUC students accepted the challenge with energy and passion, tutoring once or twice a week, helping adult learners acquire skills that translate to safety, jobs and more complete participation in their local schools and governments.

The ESL students come from homes all over the world, including Nigeria, Jamaica, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Argentina, Haiti, Colombia and China. While the adult learners are grateful for the skills they are acquiring, faculty and students feel the benefits are mutual.

"I appreciate the opportunity to get to know about different cultures," says Jolena Conrad, a junior English education major from Mt. Bethel, Pennsylvania. "My student tells me about her children's children, her sister, her home."

Samuel Pegus, a junior pre-law history major from Philadelphia, has learned several things, including "...how to communicate bet-

ter. I also enjoy learning about the teaching setting, and the experience has shown me different career opportunities." Overall, Sam emphasizes "the joy in knowing I could help someone improve so greatly. When I first started working with my student, he could barely write down information about himself. After two months, he progressed so well!"

Nicole Case, a junior English major from Sacramento, California, also "learned more about teaching, what worked, what didn't and how to individualize a curriculum. I really enjoyed interacting with my student," Nicole says. "Through that relationship we both learned to work together to help her achieve the goal of learning English."

While the literacy program emphasized practical, marketable skills, the second inaugural program reminded students, faculty and community members of the mystery and power of language.

On Thursday, April 29, the English Department and the Takoma Park, Maryland, Library co-hosted the "Favorite Poem Project," a community poetry reading held in the Takoma Park City Council Chambers and broadcast on the local television cable channel. In preparation for this event, Dr. Ripley attended the national presentation called "Washingtonians Read Their Favorite Poems." The April 7 reading, held at the National Library of Congress, featured well-known residents from the city, including Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate of the United States and the project's originator, well known medical doctor Patch Adams and Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton.

The guidelines for the Takoma Park community reading

were simple, reflecting those of the national project: The poems could not be written by readers or their friends; poems could be read in other languages, as long as an English translation was provided; and readers were to explain why the poems were significant to them.

Thirty-one members of the community responded to the call for readers, and the poems ranged from Shakespearean sonnets to Kipling's "If" and David's "Twenty Third Psalm." As Jillian S. Hersberger of the Takoma Park Library observed, "It is not possible to re-elicit in prose the emotion evoked by the poetry that evening." The anecdotes explaining the poems were humorous, intimate, poignant and haunting. A typesetter, landscaper, teachers, writers, students, computer consultants, attorneys and musicians recalled moments from their past that had somehow been touched and shaped by the language of poetry.

For Ripley, the most enjoyable and affirming aspect of both programs was that they brought people together. "Even in small towns like Takoma Park," she says, "we often don't speak to one another, get to know one another. For one evening, we came together and shared the power and beauty of language." Ripley thinks the opportunity to tutor has also helped create community. "We are getting to know people right here in our neighborhood and to value the per-



spectives of people who may have lived here for 20 years, but who have never learned English."

The English and Modern Languages Department will continue reaching out to the Takoma Park community. Plans are already underway for both programs for next year.

Calendar of Events

July

- 18-24 Elderhostel Program
- 20 Financial Aid Exit Interviews
- 25 ADEP Summer Break begins
- 27 Faculty Meeting
- 29 Summer Commencement
- 30 AEP Summer Break begins

August

- 2 Capital Summer Session through 8/19
- 11 CUC Executive Committee
- 15 ADEP Classes resume

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Did any professional scouts look at you during your years at Coppin?

The coaches at Coppin had a lot of insight and contacts with the WNBA (Women's National Basketball Association) and various scouts overseas. They would have scouts from the Washington Mystics, as well as other professional scouts, come to look at us.

How do you continue to stand firm on your beliefs about the Sabbath with the secular world continuing to try to persuade you to do differently?

I am at a point in my life where I have gone through a long journey during my four years of college getting to know the Lord and myself better. He has helped me to build character. What the rest of the world is doing doesn't appeal to me. I am here to please the Lord. I just keep my "eyes on the prize." Pastor Wintley Phipps once said that "you don't have to compromise to be recognized." I do what I do because I love the Lord.

Who is your spiritual mentor?

My mother. While growing up, I have seen how the Lord has worked in her life. If we did not have things that we needed, she would pray about it and have faith and believe that the Lord would carry us over no matter what. I have seen how He has worked in her life and how she has been so faithful. That has inspired me to want to live my life the same way. I also admire Wintley Phipps—he was my former pastor—and Pastor Walter Pearson. I write to Pastor Pearson about spiritual matters, and he E-mails me and prays with me. I have great respect for him.

Why did you choose social work as your major?

Because I love children. I found out that social work was very broad and that I could work with children in many areas. I am thinking of going into the clinical aspect of social work because I will be able to find out why children behave the way that they do now and their background. This interests me. I want to help children find other avenues of how to cope with situations in their lives.

Why do you have such a passion for children?

I love kids. While growing up, I noticed that kids would flock to me. I want to be able to give back to them. I want to give them hope if they are lacking it.

What are you doing now?

Currently, I am working this summer in Wheaton, Maryland, with Greenleaf. I am working with emotionally disturbed children. We hope that through the arts and crafts portion of the program, the children will be able to express their feelings.

Where did you get work-related experience?

I worked at Woodbourne Center in Baltimore with a residential program for 90 days for emotionally disturbed children. I worked with the males, having one-on-one sessions with them to help them express their feelings. The response from these sessions was so successful that it was added to Coppin's curriculum.



What activities did you participate in at Capitol Hill?

I participated in a program called Sisters in Christ, which is a mentor group for girls that focuses on their future. We did activities to find out what each one's talents were. We went out into the community to different nursing homes and hospitals, interacting with the elderly and the sick. I love the church. I feel that my relationship with the Lord is my "sustaining power." I have a burden for young people to have their own personal relationship with God and to live what they believe and find joy.

What if things do not work out professionally for basketball?

I have received so many offers to play on the Sabbath, but it's not worth it. God has brought me this far, and I know that He will not leave me here. My stand on what I believe and the testimony of my life through my college career confirms that God will open doors.

I wasn't able to attend the Mystics training camp/tryout this summer. If I go overseas to Switzerland, there are a lot of opportunities over there. My coaches were telling me that the Sabbath issue would be difficult to overlook. At first, they wanted me to compromise. I told them that I can't and I won't compromise. Right now, the agent, Coach Jennie Hall—head coach at Coppin—and Billie Harris, assistant coach at Coppin, are showing my tape so I am waiting and praying to see what will happen.

George Johnson Jr. is communication intern for the Columbia Union Conference.

Healing MINISTRY



Kettering Medical Center celebrates 35 years of quality care

On several occasions in this column, I have suggested how informative it would be if our constituency could have the opportunity of an overview visit to Kettering Medical Center. In May, the Columbia Union Executive Committee held its spring meeting in Kettering. This gave at least the representatives of the union constituency a close, first-hand look at this significant institution. As the founding executive of the medical center, George Nelson committed to the Kettering family and Dayton community that KMC would always be a place of excellence. That promise has always been very real to each of the succeeding chief executive officers.

In 1999, we celebrate 35 years of quality care for our community. One of the ways that KMC is preparing for the future is in developing "Centers of Excellence." The goal as these various centers are designed is to see that funding will be available to endow them into the future where possible.

The Wallace/Kettering Neuroscience Institute was the first major Center of Excellence and is now in place after institutional, community and government funding was secured that would assure, once again, the quality program that has always been the hallmark of Kettering. The institute is now operational with a group of world-class neurosurgeons and other

specialists in neurological medicine.

The union committee members had a wonderful overview of the institute during a one-hour presentation by the institute director during their visit to Kettering. They also had a tour of the new Gamma Knife installation by Dr. Gary Kraus, who is the medical director of the Gamma Knife center. This new facility will provide a non-invasive alternative to treatment of many complex neurological and neurosurgical disorders of the brain. It is only the latest in

a series of complex equipment that is part of the institute.

Frank Perez, president and CEO of KMC, recently began a letter to the employees of the institution as follows:

"The voyage of discovery lies not in finding new landscapes, but in having *new eyes*." That quote, from French writer Marcel Proust, is particularly relevant in 1999 as Kettering Medical Center faces the challenge of change that is occurring in the

health-care industry." The "new eyes" of Kettering Medical Center are always looking for new horizons that will help our patients. Other Centers of Excellence are being brought online as the funding and speciality personnel are found.

The following two pages will introduce you more fully to the Wallace/Kettering Neuroscience Institute and Gamma Knife installation.

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Brain surgery offered at Kettering

The Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute (WKNI) at Kettering Medical Center (KMC) near Dayton, Ohio, now offers noninvasive brain surgery with its newly installed Gamma Knife.

"The WKNI Gamma Knife fulfills an unmet need of our patient population by bringing the seemingly impossible into the realm of possibility," explains Gerald Szkotnicki, executive director, WKNI. "By implementing a Gamma Knife center, Kettering Medical Center affirms its commitment to quality health care, which, in turn, benefits the entire community," added Szkotnicki.

KMC received the first and only Gamma Knife in western Ohio on May 10, 1999, and is one of 122 neurosurgical institutions in the world utilizing this high-tech neurosurgical tool. Worldwide, more than 100,000 patients have been treated with Gamma Knife surgery. The 40,000-pound shield was lowered into the ground floor of the hospital and then moved about 300 feet down a hallway to the Gamma Knife center at Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital.

By now, you might be asking yourself: "What is a Gamma Knife?"

Developed during the 1960s in Stockholm, Sweden, by neurosurgeon Lars Leksell, "the Gamma Knife is actually not a knife at all, but 201 narrow beams of highly focused cobalt gamma radiation," says Gary Kraus, Gamma Knife medical director and a KMC neurosurgeon.

Gamma Knife surgery is a noninvasive alternative to conventional surgery that treats brain abnormalities without an incision. The radiation dose of any single beam is small, but when many beams are precisely focused on a single area of the brain, the point where they converge receives a

very high dose of radiation. "While this target area receives the full force of the radiation, the surrounding tissue is minimally affected," continued Kraus.

The Gamma Knife has been refined and improved over the years with advances in engineering and radiation physics. These changes have been incorporated into the Gamma Knife Model B at Kettering Memorial Hospital.

Gamma Knife surgery can be used most effectively in the treatment of small- to medium-sized brain tumors, vascular malformations and certain functional disorders such as trigeminal neuralgia (facial pain)—with virtually none of the side effects, risk or recovery time associated with conventional therapies. Investigational treatment uses include Parkinson's disease, epilepsy and certain types of headaches.

Gamma Knife treatment is straightforward and consists of four basic phases: frame fixation, imaging, treatment planning and finally, the treatment itself.

Incisions or general anesthesia are not required. Often, a patient can return to preoperative lifestyle the following day.

During the surgical procedure, the patient rests on a special couch that moves into the Gamma Knife hemisphere, positioning the patient's head for treatment. The procedure

takes 15 to 40 minutes and is normally performed with local anesthesia.

Patients experience virtually no discomfort or immediate side effects. The benefits of treatment manifest themselves over time; the lesion will dissolve or shrink gradually and



"With willing hands and open minds, the future will be greater than the most fantastic story you can write."—Charles F. Kettering

without a knife Medical Center

eventually disappear or will exhibit no further growth. The time period and degree of success possible varies with the type, size and location of the lesion.

"The Gamma Knife is more cost-efficient than conventional neurosurgery. Patient hospital stays are short; patients are usually admitted the evening before or even the morning of treatment and discharged within a day of treatment," said Szkotnicki. The Gamma Knife provides a clear

Kettering. In recognition of the shared philanthropic vision and leadership of Mrs. Virginia Kettering and the Fred and Alice Wallace Foundation, Kettering Medical Center named its neuroscience institute in their honor in January 1996.

The institute provides Dayton area residents with the most advanced diagnostic, therapeutic neuroscience services available. An impressive array of diagnostic imaging capabilities and the application of advanced and sophisticated



socio-economic advantage to the community. "Patients are usually back to their preoperative lifestyle in a matter of days instead of weeks. Many of the expenses of disability and convalescence associated with conventional surgery are avoided," said Kraus.

To learn more about Gamma Knife surgery, you can visit WKNI's World Wide Web site at <http://wkni.org>. WKNI offers a link to the Gamma Knife manufacturer's Web site.

About WKNI

The neuroscience institute established at KMC in 1994 reflects a long tradition of innovation and technological advancement that traces back to famed inventor Charles F.

technology in the hands of gifted physicians, scientists, nurses and technologists have brought a new dimension to care for people with diseases of the brain and spine. The level of technological advancement at WKNI rivals the best neuroscience centers in the world.

The Wallace-Kettering Neuroscience Institute is one of a select few hospital-based facilities in the United States where cutting-edge neuroscience technology and research are being applied directly to patient care with outstanding results.

Kettering Medical Center

Grandview Hospital and Kettering Medical Center take next logical step in the affiliation process

In keeping with the shared mission of Grandview Hospital and Kettering Medical Center, both entities have announced that they are taking the next step in their affiliation process, which began over three years ago, by further integrating their organizations under one leadership team.

"This is an exciting time for everyone," said Richard J. Minor, president and chief executive officer of Grandview Hospital. "Through our combined organization, residents in the greater Dayton area will have access to the highest level of care covering a geographic area unparalleled in our region," said Minor. "The geographic coverage of Grandview and Kettering now includes quality health-care facilities across the region: to the north (Huber Health Care Center), south (Sycamore Hospital and Southview Hospital), central (Grandview Hospital and Kettering Memorial Hospital), east (Beaver-creek family practices) and west (urgent care and family practice centers in Eaton)," added Minor.

Officials from both hospitals say the

combination of two locally based, not-for-profit health-care systems is the next logical step in the affiliation process. According to Minor, "In the Alliance for Health of Southwest Ohio™ agreement, KMC has stated and exhibited a significant commitment to the osteopathic mission. As osteopathic



and Seventh-day Adventist facilities, the missions of Grandview and Kettering are deeply rooted in a commitment to taking a wholistic or whole-person approach to healing patients."

Both organizations will begin plans for integration in the near future, with the intention that this bold step will also increase market share and grow

the business. Officials from both hospitals say growing the business will maximize opportunities for both Grandview and Kettering employees.

"The joining of these two health-care systems will not only improve health care in Ohio, but strengthen Kettering Medical Center and Grandview Hospital as well. The benefits of combining both organizations' services will be evaluated and tailored so the community will have the most convenient access to the best possible technology, facilities and people to deliver their care," said Frank Perez, president and chief executive officer of Kettering Medical Center.

"Forty years ago, the Kettering family asked Adventist Health Systems to develop and manage Charles F. Kettering Memorial Hospital as a family tribute to the world-renowned inventor. We proudly accepted that responsibility.

"Today, the osteopathic community of Dayton has asked us to provide a stronger partnership for the osteopathic mission in Dayton. We understand the responsibility, accept it and are committed to its success for the benefit of the people in our communities," concluded Perez.

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JULY 15, 1999 FOR MINISTRY IN YOUR HOME, WORKPLACE, COMMUNITY

Connexions99: young and Adventist

by John McLarty



Connexions99 had all of the usual items typically associated with religious events for those under 40: drama, drums, hand-clapping and guitars. But it was the preaching that got my attention.

In the past two decades or so, a lot of "innovative" Adventist ministry aimed at people under 60 has assumed that the way to retain younger people is to make the Church inoffensive so nothing bothers anyone. And we end up with an identity so soft and blurred that it stirs no imagination or commitment. In many churches there has been little winsome, compelling advocacy of the Seventh-day Adventist understanding of God and the Bible.

Connexions99 was a reference by and for Ac young adults, with inn aplenty. Featured projects included video production and evangelistic plans based on the Internet. But it was the preaching that got me. All done by twenty-some-things. All of it compelling and articulate. And all unabashedly Adventist.

They were not merely repeating the certainties of decades past. They proclaimed a fresh vision of how the Adventist understanding of God's character, Jesus' mission and the end of the age connects with our world. I've done my share of hand-wringing about the future of the Church. But I left Connexions99 confident. Given the fire and conviction of these young preachers, I see great days ahead. The greatest challenge for us who are older will be to stay out of their way so they can do the work God calls them to. And with our checks and prayers to support them.

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From a GenXer who attended...

I just want to say that I love the Church and that God is working in each of the youth to make a difference in His name. Connexions99 was such an awesome experience. God was there with us every second of the day. My life started over again after the first day we were there.

I am so happy that words cannot express the joy I feel, but I long for people around me to see. I am following God instead of making Him follow me and pick up after me with a broom and a dust pan. I now realize that by following Him, I'll have nothing to pick up except maybe a few flowers along the way. And I don't need to walk behind Him because He allows me to walk right next to Him. I did not realize what an awesome God we serve. Thank you for the opportunity to attend and for allowing God to work."

—Martha Irene Macey-Young E-mail: macey@andrews.edu

Your Resource Guide

Information, tips and articles to enhance your ministry

Editor: Denise Valenzuela

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Even though they are not all published by our publishing houses, with a little creativity, they can be adapted for our use.

Integrating Youth into Church Life

By Don Keele Jr.



One thing is for sure: It's possible to lose the Church in one generation if we don't do something!" My mind snapped back into sharp focus as I heard those words. I was sitting in a meeting discussing the best way to transmit our religious values to our kids. Ideas had been flying thick and fast, but nothing conclusive could be agreed on. Some said we needed more praise and worship music to be relevant and help them worship. Others said we needed more outreach activities and mission trips. Next, it was suggested that kids needed to have fun! Someone else responded that socials were time wasted when we should be teaching kids how to prepare for the end of time. "No ... we need to get students into the Word! Forget silly games!"

That's when the above statement caught my attention. How do we integrate young people into the mainstream life of the Church? Could it be that there is an element of truth in each of those suggestions? I believe we must approach any ministry with balance, but especially youth ministry. Having a framework provides us with somewhere to start.

1) We need to teach kids how to worship. Relevant worship and lifting up Jesus grabs them at the heart level. And where their heart is... well, you know the rest.

2) We need to teach kids how to study the Bible. It is important what they believe. Otherwise, they can be taken out by a cult, their own doubts or, more insidious, a legalist. They need to learn how to study the great themes of grace, love, acceptance and obedience from a love response.

3) We must teach them how to find their gifts and learn how to serve inside the Church. And we must provide places for them to serve. We are most highly committed to those places where we feel needed. The Church must NEED their kids and trust them with places to serve. (see sidebar)

4) We must teach them to reach out to their community. Not just passing out tracts, but seeing the needs in their community and moving in to fill those needs.

5) We need to teach them how to have fun in a Christian setting. We must let them see that God created life for our enjoyment and that He wants us to have fun.

Our kids need adults who care enough to help them feel wanted and needed. We need people who will stick out their necks to get a student into a church office that matches their gifts and then mentor him/her as they learn to serve. Members are needed to creatively challenge youth to accept the Gospel Commission.

Above all, we must lift up Jesus! He alone will draw them.

Practical ways to utilize youth in the church to help them feel needed.

- **Worship service coordinator** to keep the church service flowing smoothly.
- **Youth Sabbath school teacher.**
- **Cradle Roll/Earliteen Sabbath school teacher.**
- **Praise and worship team**
- **Worship assistants.**
- **Videographers**
- **PA system**
- **Computer graphics** for the pastor's sermons or praise and worship time
- **Deacons**
- **Outreach coordinator** (homeless, orphanages, shelters, mission trips)
- **Mission team member**
- **Church grounds manager** (make sure you give them a good budget)
- **Church maintenance**
- **Nominating committee member**
- **Greeter**
- **Sabbath school materials and supplies coordinator**
- **Children's Story Hour leader**
- **Church board member**
- **School board member**

Bottom line: ANYWHERE their spiritual gifts would suggest they would do well and where a caring adult could consistently mentor them and keep them encouraged.

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Voice of Prophecy unveils new Bible school options

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Local church- managed Internet Bible school

Option two: Basic Internet Bible school

- Place this site on your local church web page or have a Bible school web page.
- Your local church members operate this site. Your church members are the instructors.
- Your local Bible school is assigned an Internet Bible school address.
- Your local church advertises its Internet address to your local community.
- You can interact with the students via E-mail.
- This site is FREE.
- *Basic Internet Discover Bible School Instruction Manual* available to those who register.
- Contact the following Internet address to register: <http://discover.biblestudies.com/apply.mv>.
- Available July 1, 1999.

Option three: Advanced Internet Bible school

- Place this site on your local church web page or have a Bible school web page.
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- Your local Bible school is assigned an Internet Bible school address.
- Your local church, along with the VOP, advertises to receive students for your Bible school.
- News rooms.
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- An option is available for the local instructor to write personal study notes for the student.
- Technical support.
- Capabilities available, but currently under development.
 - Real audio.
 - Real video.
 - Choices of Bible lessons.
- Yearly fee of \$264. Full payment due at registration.
- Contact the following Internet address to register: <http://www.bibleschools.com/apply.ehtml>.
- *Advanced Internet Discover Bible School Instruction Manual* available to those who register.
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Now your church can choose from one of three options for providing online Bible studies to interests.

Option one: Headquarters Internet Bible school

- Link to the VOP website.
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- Your local church, along with the VOP, advertises the VOP website address.
- Options on the VOP website:
 - Discover Bible Guides for students to study.
 - Real audio: listen to VOP radio broadcasts.
 - Bookstore: students can purchase books, music CDs and videos offered on the radio and television.
 - Resources to help the student in coping with personal issues.
 - This site is FREE.



For further information about these three options, contact the Voice of Prophecy Internet Bible School coordinator at: DiscoverSchool@compuserve.com. Telephone: (805) 955-7659. Ask for Lay-Cheng Tan.

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Young adult mission trip to New York City,

October 7-17! You are invited to join

30 young adults (ages 18-35) who will assist in promoting Doug Batchelor's Net New York '99 evangelistic campaign in the heart of New York City

October 7-17. Contact Pastor Cindy Tutsch, Washington Conference youth director, for more information and an application. E-mail: 102555.522@compuserve.com or contact by fax at (425) 486-2310.

—Cindy Tutsch

New Millennium Sabbath.

Bob Simenson, an Adventist elder from Rice Lake, Wisconsin, suggests that Sabbath, January 1, 2000, be a special time for Adventist churches around the globe to reach out to their friends and neighbors. Simenson asks: "Why not designate it as an 'Open House Sabbath' and welcome community friends and neighbors to our churches for a special millennial celebration?" For more ideas and dialogue, contact Bob at: 2668 18th Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868. E-mail: bobson@chibardun.net.



Outreach ministries fair.

Plan a ministries fair at your church that highlights your existing ministries (i.e.: music department, greeters, Pathfinders, homeless outreach, etc). Invite each of the ministries to put up a booth in the atrium, foyer or fellowship hall. Create a festive atmosphere with balloons and decorations. In the booths use photographs and graphics to chronicle the activities of each ministry. Focus the entire Sabbath around these nurture and outreach ministries. Publicly honor and thank those who are involved in children's Sabbath school (and other areas). Acknowledge the significance of these soul-winning/soul-keeping ministries. Invite those who have an interest to become involved in one of these ministries or to create their own. For more information on how to create your own ministry, call PlusLine at (800) SDA-PLUS (732-7597).



Impact Toronto 2000,

June 29-July 8, 2000, Toronto, Canada. This exciting youth and young adult street outreach will take place during the General Conference session in 2000. For more information or to sign up for this venture, contact Markie Baccy at the Center for Youth Evangelism. Phone: (800) YOUTH-2U. E-mail: Marklynn Baccy: mbaccy@andrews.edu.

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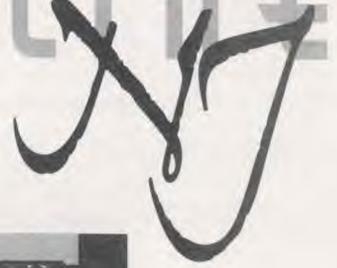
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July 1999



Bible school training energizes lay leaders

The sanctuary thundered with the songs of more than 250 lay leaders who gathered together for *La Voz de la Esperanza's* Bible School training program on Sabbath afternoon, May 1.

Louis Torres, lay instructor extraordinaire for *La Voz*, presented a practical and inspiring seminar. Of special importance were the specific facts on the development of faith and conviction on "Pre-Adventists" that Torres shared, including the proper lay intervention at the difference stages of assimilation into the Church.

This seminar marks an important step in preparation for "Visión y Esperanza 2000, Red '99" ["Vision and Hope 2000, NET '99"] with Alejandro Bullón, the world's foremost Hispanic evangelist.

Bullón is the guest speaker for "La Red '99," which will be broadcast from Orlando, Florida, September 11-15 and



will be up-linked via digital satellite through 3ABN. English-speaking members in New Jersey will be glad to know that "La Red '99" will be simultaneously translated into English.

Some of the brethren present at the seminar inquired

about the possibility to broadcast "La Red '99" through commercial television channels (Univisión and Telemundo). The fact is that a plan is already in place to broadcast this evangelist series through commercial television, and a special offering has been collected for that purpose. It is hoped that every church member will contribute with a free-will offering of \$20 or more. If you have not placed your offering yet, do not hesitate to bring it to the treasurer in your church.

Also present at the training program were President Dowell Chow and pastors Jorge Agüero, Javier Huerta, Sergio Ortiz and Raúl Parra.

CARLOS TURCIOS
Personal Ministries Director



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Pathfinders visit the elderly

On Saturday, February 10, the Companion class from the Camden Pathfinder Club went to visit the Woodland Care Center in Camden. It was a chilly day. However, the children were very enthusiastic, especially those who didn't belong to our Adventist church.

Upon arrival, we identified ourselves. We went into the waiting room. After greeting the seniors, we sang songs and recited Bible verses. One girl recited a poem she had written.

We could see the happiness on their faces. The senior citizens participated in the program by laughing, singing and holding hands. They asked us to come back and bring the pictures that we took of them with the children.

The children's parents gave our group a lot of support. Some of them went with us, providing transportation and participating in the program.

A prerequisite of the Companion course is missionary work, but this will serve also as an unforgettable life experience for both the children and the senior citizens.

-NJ DATES

July 24

AY Woodbury Open Air Concert

July 27-31

NAD Concilio Hispano Ministerial de Evangelismo at AUC

August 6-7

Youth Leaders' Convention

August 9-16

NAD Pathfinder Camporee Oshkosh, Wisconsin

August 15

GSA Registration



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Signs of the times, wars and rumors of wars, pestilence and famine... Sound familiar? Oftentimes, when we talk of the great work of witnessing that is to take place before the Lord's return, we tend to dwell on the negative indications for the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. But what about the positive indications, such as the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the great revival that will take place among His people? What about the worldwide thrust to take His message to "all kindred, tongues and people?" Many look to the signs that show that evil abounds in much the same way as the secular, "pagan" world does. We are His remnant, and because of the love and hope that Jesus Christ gave us, we should look to the signs that many will be purified and made white. There are many amongst us who are dying to hear spirit-filled preaching. Many are tired of pageantry and formalism and are hungering for righteousness and a revival of primitive godliness [soul-testing truths of the Bible that require self-denial and renunciation of the world] for the time we are living in. This is a special work that can only be done through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is providing an awakening among the children of God in the New Jersey Conference, where the colporteur work and true revival meetings were once wanting. A revival of primitive godliness for the time we are living in is what all church leaders and the local congregations await. There are so many churches in the Columbia Union that we love so much, yet Jesus Christ said not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" shall enter into the kingdom.

Since there is no other name under heaven by which men may be saved, the Home Health Education Service (HHES) and Abundant Life Ministries (ALM)

Taking His message to the world

are committed to proclaiming our Saviour, the only One who saves us from our sins (not in our sins). Both ministries are committed to bringing new life to the "work" that will change the rumored statistic that nine out of 10 Seventh-day Adventists do not witness. Also, these ministries are working to increase the success of the literature evangelist, which is vital for Church growth.

The work of the literature evangelist is to plant seeds through the distribution of books. This work increases the need for Bible workers and medical missionaries who will also harvest the seeds planted by the literature evangelist, which is similar to the colporteur work. Every other ministry in the Church may be increased by the work of the literature evangelist, but the completion of the preaching of the three angels' messages will be done by witnesses, with their faces lighted up, going from "house to house" and giving the Gospel.

We (Elvin Easton and Lloyd Grubb) are the founders of the cooperating ministries Abundant Life Ministries and the Home Health Education Service. In an effort to promote the colporteur work, we are conducting weekend revival growth and healing seminars. One of the major upcoming events that we are promoting, which is being held in conjunction with the New Jersey Conference Youth Department, is a spiritual retreat to be held at the Tranquil Valley Youth Camp in Tranquillity, New Jersey, August 20-22. We hope this weekend will open our minds to the meaning of self-sacrificing and self-renouncing love [the character of Christ] to all those who desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The theme for the weekend is: "Experience the Gospel Power."

Are you certain of your salvation? Can you be certain that you haven't already been shaken out? Take this opportunity to renew and recommit.

For retreat/revival weekend registration information, please call (732) 728-0047; or write to P.O. Box 994, Neptune, New Jersey 07754.

LLOYD GRUBB AND ELVIN EASTON
Colporteurs in New Jersey

Sneakers to the rescue!

Pathfinders share shoes as part of community project



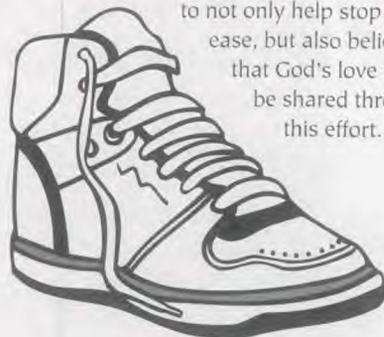
The Woodbury Falcons, along with the students of Delaware Valley Junior Academy, collected used sneakers for children in Africa.

The sneakers go to Africa, where, as businessman and founder of the "sneaker project" Bob Viden found out first hand in the summer of 1997, few children have anything to wear on their feet.

"Here in our country, kids have so much. They might refuse to wear a pair of sneakers just because they aren't the right color," says Viden. "But in Africa, they have nothing. Owning just one pair of shoes makes them happy.

Making children happy is not the only reason for sending the shoes. "These shoes [will] help stop the spread of disease."

The Falcons and DVJA, along with several other schools and church groups, have collected many used sneakers. With the two full trash bags collected by the Pathfinder Club and DVJA, the Falcons hope to not only help stop disease, but also believe that God's love will be shared through this effort.



We are the Pathfinders strong... ”

—A look at several Pathfinder Clubs in action for Jesus

Pathfinders hold Sabbath program

The Jersey City Spanish Church celebrated Pathfinder Sabbath on January 16. The Pathfinder Club, the Porters of the Lights, conducted the entire service.

The Sabbath program was a success, and plans are being made for the club to conduct another.

Here are photos and captions depicting that day.



After finishing the program, the Jersey City Spanish Porters of the Lights Pathfinder Club celebrates.

Right: Jaymie Martinez reads the Bible during the Sabbath school program on Pathfinder Sabbath while Melissa Espeñil and Mario Martínez prepare for their parts of the program. Far right: Awilda Castillo, Fini Madera, Diogenes Arnet, Grace Mayi and others greet members after the service.



Jaymie Martinez reads the Bible while Llarmila Reys, Awilda Castillo and Fini Madera look on.



Brain cancer and baptisms at Perth Amboy

In January, Alex, whom we call "The Miracle Boy," came to visit our club. Alex has a malignant brain tumor, but he met with the New Hope Perth Amboy Pathfinder Club to give us a message.

Alex prayed with us and let everybody know that Jesus is alive. Doctors told him that he was going to die at a very early age but, as Alex said, "God

needs me here to let you [and others] know that He is coming soon."

He also encouraged the young people to preach to other young people about Jesus and His love and power. We were all blessed by the words of our Miracle Boy.

On April 24, Jennifer Hernandez and Yarnitza Torres were baptized at Perth Amboy Church. Both members of the New Hope Pathfinder Club at the church, the girls made their decisions after a three-week evangelistic series this past winter/spring at Perth Amboy Church.

Left: The New Hope Pathfinders pray with visitor Alex.



Above: Jennifer Hernandez and Yarnitza Torres are baptized at Perth Amboy Church

following an evangelistic series.

Left: "Miracle Boy" Alex stands with the Perth Amboy New Hope Pathfinders.



GSA seniors graduate during spiritual weekend

Twenty-eight seniors received their high school diplomas from Garden State Academy on Sunday, May 23, while proud parents, teachers, relatives and friends looked on. The graduation weekend, May 21-23, was one of celebration. Fifty percent of the seniors graduated with honors or above. Six seniors were members of the National Honor Society. And one senior graduated in three years.

Each of the speakers for the weekend was a very special friend of the graduating class. The consecration address was given by Vice-Principal Donovan Ross on Friday evening. Celeste Ryan, editor of *View* magazine, was the baccalaureate speaker on Sabbath. The commencement speakers were David and Marian Lewis, who have spent days throughout the school

year on the GSA campus. David and Marian shared their testimony with the audience and also sang. Each of the programs was inspirational and personal.

The seniors and their sponsors decorated the gym in Carolina blue and white, their class colors. A gazebo, white columns, plants, balloons and draped fabric added to the festive atmosphere.

One of the extra special activities of the weekend included a breakfast for seniors, their families and staff members. Each senior was presented with a personalized Bible from a staff member. Principal Richard Anderson gave the breakfast devotional.

Tributes were given throughout the weekend to parents, juniors and seniors. A new tribute was added this year, with seniors showing their videotaped tributes to God. The entire weekend was rich with spiritual overtones.

Vice Principal Donovan Ross remarked that the commencement was "a beautiful ceremony. I am proud of being part of this winning team!"



The 1999 GSA graduates participate in their commencement from high school.

Academy Day weekend draws nearly 80 visitors

The staff and students of Garden State Academy welcomed all prospective students, sponsors and the CUC Acro-Airs to the campus for Academy Day weekend, April 16-18. Approximately 80 prospective students visited GSA's campus, making it a very successful weekend.

The weekend was packed with activities and special events. Stacy Nelson, Ed.D., manager of staff development and performance enhancement at Celebration Health (Florida Hospital), was the featured speaker for the weekend.

Members of the Columbia Union College Acro-Airs team performed skits and special music for Sabbath school in the gymnasium. The Sabbath worship service was filled with music from the quartet "One Voice," the GSA choir and a flute duet by seniors Michelle Richard and Chalaina Moyer, accompanied by Peggy Filosaint. Nelson's sermon was entitled "The Inside Story."

The afternoon was spent on various activities, including an impromptu song service in the gym. After the evening vespers program, the CUC Acro-Airs performed to an enthusiastic crowd. Besides showing off their

athletic prowess, they also highlighted an anti-drug campaign. A basketball game was played between GSA students and some of the Acro-Air members after the program, making it a late but very fun evening for those in attendance.

On Sunday morning, orientation and tests were given to the prospective students for a chance at academic scholarships. From 10 a.m. until 12 noon, everyone was involved in a softball game and wild and wacky relay games.

After lunch, the visitors were given



Visitors and students catch eggs during the Academy Day egg toss relay.

GSA T-shirts, pens and application packets with the invitation to come back next year. The GSA students were sorry to see their new friends leave campus and look forward to their return.

BETH ANDERSON
Registrar



Mike Fisher, Stephanie Duarte and Jason Smith are three of the 28 GSA graduates this year.

Mission Ohio

OHIO CONFERENCE NEWSLETTER

Christian education—an Adventist essential

Ohio teachers' convention, August 1999



The fall teachers' convention will feature Dr. V. Bailey Gillespie, executive director of the Hancock Center for Youth Ministry at the La Sierra University School of Religion in California. Gillespie will in-service the exciting new *POTENTIALS*, re-

sources for accessing and building spiritual environments in Adventist elementary and secondary schools.

Each school in the Ohio Conference will be using the *POTENTIALS* resource during the coming school year to build a dynamic spiritual environment.

Through devotionals and breakouts Gillespie will guide the teachers in a "Grace Investigation," which will provide opportunities for personal growth and professional application. We'll discover what grace looks like in the classroom, faculty meeting, board meeting, on the playground or in a parent/teacher conference.

Denominational certification

NAD teaching certificates:

- **Conditional**—The applicant holds a baccalaureate degree and is working toward a basic certificate.
- **Basic**—The initial certificate. The applicant holds a baccalaureate degree and has completed NAD course requirements.
- **Standard**—The applicant has met the requirements for the basic certificate, has completed three years of full-time teaching and has completed NAD course requirements.
- **Professional**—The applicant has met the requirements for the standard certificate and holds a master's degree or has completed NAD course requirements.

* *Triennium goal*—All full-time teachers with current basic, standard or professional certification.

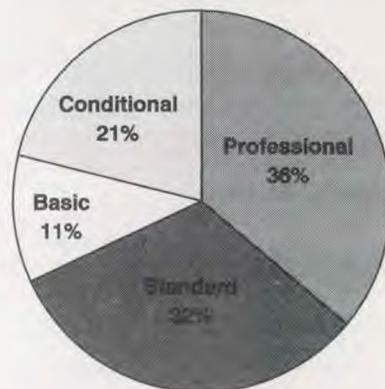
Zanesville school wins playground equipment

By collecting nearly 5,000 plastic milk jugs, the Zanesville Elementary School won playground equipment valued at \$11,000.

Angel Kegley and Jenny Snider devoted two days a week for four weeks to collecting milk jugs for the school. They worked with the recycling center in their county and visited various recycling locations. They sorted out the milk jugs before they were taken to the recycling center, earning the name "Dumpster Divers." It was worth it!

The new playground equipment will include three slides and monkey bars. The school expected the equipment to arrive sometime in June.

The contest was sponsored by Snider and Associates, a playground equipment company in Parma Heights, Ohio.



Our newest school

The Lancaster Christian School is near the completion of its third year, and everyone is more excited than ever. This

Milana Stump started conducting yard sales to raise the needed funds. Hundreds of items were donated, and even



school has been the product of much faith, hard work and many people working together to keep it going. It has meant digging into our own pockets financially as well.

Several years ago, the dream of having a school began. Larry Lafolette and

though sales were good, there was a tremendous amount of used merchandise left at the end of each sale. It was then that Mikki Fields and Freda Shultz began to search for a building for a thrift shop. Their faith was rewarded, a building was found, and with the help

of John McBride and Ralph Aldenderfer, shelves and dressing rooms were built. The store opened to the public, and many church members have donated countless hours to keep the store staffed. The witness of the thrift shop in town has attracted much attention—a new student attending church school and two baptisms.



Six students were enrolled in the fall of 1996; all of them were either new members or not members of the Adventist Church. It was a thrill to the new teacher, Jailyn Morrow, to teach the children the Bible stories and stories of Jesus that were completely new to most of them.

The second year, a kindergarten program was added, and this year, a half-time teacher was needed. We were blessed to have Al and Bonnie Schone join our church family and take on that responsibility. Not only do they do an excellent job at the school, but they help out in the store as well.

This coming school year, we are looking forward to further expansion. Plans are being made to take down another wall between classrooms because our student body has become too large for our little rooms.

We are continually thankful for the many wonderful friends around the country who have sent donations to keep our school going. Much gratitude also to the Ohio Conference Education Department for their encouragement and kind words as we have attempted to meet each obstacle along the way. We look forward to another great year in our little school here in Lancaster, Ohio.

FREDA SHULTZ



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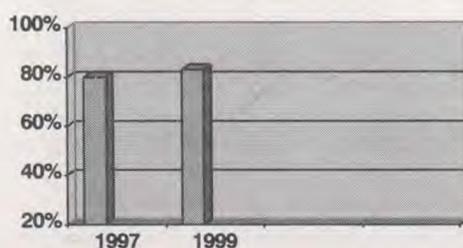
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OHIO NINTH GRADE PROFICIENCY TEST

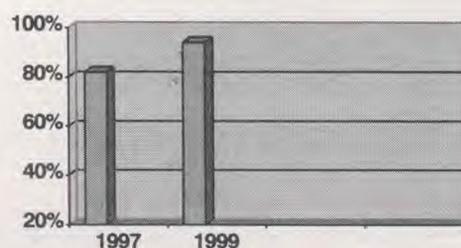
All chartered non-public schools in Ohio (all Ohio Conference schools are chartered) are required to administer the Ohio Ninth Grade Proficiency Test. Passing this test is a prerequisite for receiving a high school diploma.

Congratulations and appreciation to our principals, teachers and students for outstanding efforts and results!

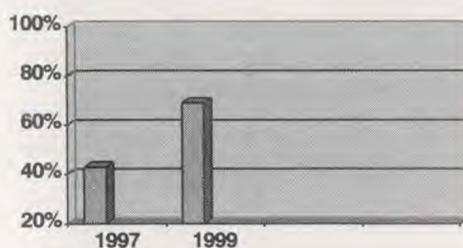
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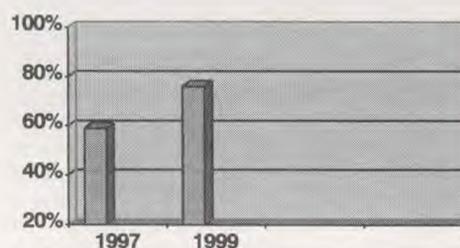
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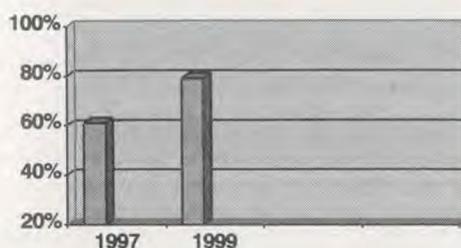
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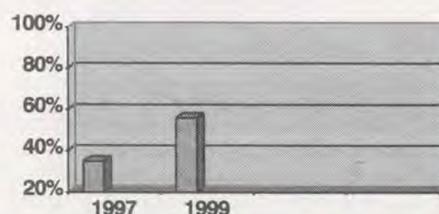
Citizenship - 29% Increase



Science - 30% Increase



Passing All Test Components - 60% Increase



Constituency changes Ohio Advance

Ohio Advance is a funding plan by which congregations in the Ohio Conference provide direct financial support to ministries that benefit the sisterhood of Ohio churches. During the past six years, the largest portion (95 percent) of the funding benefited Mount Vernon Academy. The remaining five percent was used to subsidize building costs for churches and schools.

At the May 16 Ohio Conference Constituency Session, an action was voted to change the distribution percentage of Ohio Advance for the new triennium. Under the new plan, effective January 1, 2000, Mount Vernon Academy will receive 80 percent of Ohio Advance funds, 7.5 percent will benefit Camp Mohaven, 7.5 percent will be used for technology enhancement in

elementary schools and five percent will continue to subsidize new buildings.

When you give to your local church budget, a portion of the offering is designated by your church board for Ohio Advance. This designation is based on an Ohio Advance goal for each church, determined primarily by the church's annual Tithes. In general, the Ohio Advance allocation represents four percent of the church's previous year's tithe.

Mount Vernon Academy, our elementary school system and Camp Mohaven exist to serve the members and congregations within the Ohio Conference.

These entities are dependent on the financial support of our congregations. Ohio Advance provides one avenue for such support.

Worthington Church sponsors health fair

Worthington Church sponsored its second annual summer health fair on May 2. The church invited the community to the fair, which featured 26 bustling booths offering health information and services.

A wide variety of health providers participated, such as Ohio State University, the American Heart Association and Children's Hospital Poison Control. Some of the screenings available to visitors were for heart, skin, bone, vascular, vision and women's health.

The Worthington police and fire department did safety training. Popular extras included massages, samples, gifts and door prizes. Worthington Foods and Harding Hospital—sharing history with the Worthington church—were key participants.

Registered Nurse Lisa Jasinsky

and Jun Pantangco were the coordinators of this successful event, assisted by many other church members. Their efforts were more than repaid by the enthusiasm of participants and visitors. Lisa was making notes for next year's fair even as she was running this year's. Pastor Loren Seibold greeted many of the individuals who came. "The summer health fair is one of the ways that Worthington Church is being salt to our community," he said.



Lisa Jasinsky, Pastor Loren Seibold and Dr. Irineo Pantangco.

Ohio Conference department heads re-elected

The May 16 Ohio Constituency re-elected Pastor Raj Attiken as president, Pastor Hubert Cisneros as secretary and Michael Wixwat as treasurer. On June 1, the Ohio Conference held an electoral meeting for department heads. Its constitution specifies that the delegates for such a meeting be made up of the newly elected executive committee and members who served on the executive committee in the previous term who were not re-elected. At that meeting, it was voted to elect Jay Colburn as superintendent of schools, Marwood Hallett as director for clergy care and leadership development, Lou Toscano as director of planned giving and development, Cindy French as associate superintendent of schools and Fred Neigel as manager of the Adventist Book Center. All five are currently serving on the Ohio Conference staff. A number of other persons were voted as resource consultants for various ministries and departmental functions, reports Attiken.

Mount Vernon Academy accepted into model academy philanthropy program

Out of 26 applicants from across North America, only 15 Adventist secondary schools have been accepted into the MAP (Model Academy Philanthropy) program with seed money, training, consultant services and other resources from the North American Division Philanthropic Service for Institutions (PSI). Mount Vernon Academy in Ohio is one of the participating schools, the only one accepted in our eight-state region.

Pennsylvania Pen

July 1999

Harrisburg hosts Disability Awareness Day

It's not every Sabbath that a dog is able to take in the worship service at Harrisburg Church, but this was a special Sabbath—and the pooch was a seeing-eye dog. Guests from around the North American Division joined in a full day dedicated to raising awareness of people with disabilities.

The presenters included Dr. Rosa Banks and Marialyce Gibson from the North American Division, Don Miller from the Columbia Union, Charlotte Thoms from the Atlantic Union, Mike Harrell and Phil Bova from the Florida Conference and musician Derek Sandstrom from York.

A whopping 17 percent of the population has disabilities, which causes one to ask the question: "Is our church equipped to minister effectively to these precious souls?" During the afternoon, seminars were offered that trained church members how to reach out to visitors who are handicapped, blind or deaf. They also challenged congregations in Pennsylvania to step out and make their churches disability-friendly.

As a result of this day of awareness, the building committee of Harrisburg Church committed to bring the church up to code for persons with disabilities. Under the direction of Alberta Phillips, they'll build ramps and make the bathroom and platform easily accessible. The church also voted to send Rachael

Thomas to a three-quarter class at Harrisburg Community College to learn American Sign Language. Their ultimate goal is to start a Sabbath school in sign language, give Bible studies in sign language and start a Seventh-day Adventist church in the state capital area for the deaf/hearing impaired.

To find out how your church can reach out to those with disabilities, call American Cassette Ministries at (800) 233-4450. They recorded the day and have made tapes available (Disability Awareness Day, January 20, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania).

SAMUEL GARBI
Pastor



Mike Harrell, Donald Miller and Philip Bova share during Disabilities Day, with Mike's dog close at hand.

What's happening

July 30

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

August 1-6

Young Adult Canoe Trip
Canada

August 8-16

National Pathfinder Camporee
Oshkosh, Wisconsin

August 22-29

Young at Heart Camp
Laurel Lake Camp

September 9-12

Children's Ministry Convention
Hagerstown, Maryland

September 11-25

Spanish NET '99

September 17-18

Western Pennsylvania Camp Meeting
Laurel Lake Camp

September 24-25

Lay Pastor Training
Blue Mountain Academy

With sorrow....

The Pennsylvania Conference extends sympathy to the families of Hamburg that recently lost their children. On May 29, in a one-vehicle accident, Josh DuBee, 13, son of Pastor Alex and Rozanne DuBee; Stacy Halbrook, 17, daughter of David and Denise Halbrook; and James Treitl, 13, son of Zoltan and Angelica Treitl; lost their lives. A few days later, on June 6, Tammy Allen, 22, daughter of Chuck and Kaye Allen, passed away in London, England, after a tragic fall of 20 feet. As we hold these families in our hearts and prayers, we eagerly await the day when Christ will raise Josh, Stacy, James and Tammy to live with Him eternally.

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“Hastening A quick look at this year’s

Working to hasten the harvest



RUDOLPH PELLEY
Treasurer

Recently, I discovered some alarming news. In 1960, the combined membership of the East and West Pennsylvania conferences (merged in 1963) was 11,300. In the early 1980s, the conference membership stood at around 8,000. Today, it is 9,300. Certainly, the recession and economic downturns of the past 20 years have adversely impacted the population of our state. Nevertheless, there remain nearly 12 million people in the Keystone State who need to hear the last-day message in the context of the everlasting Gospel. And by the way, the population of Pennsylvania is greater than the population of the entire North Pacific Union territory (Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington), which has an Adventist membership of 81,000!

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In May, the conference committee approved a plan for moving the work forward, entitled “Hastening the Harvest.” It calls for a greater-than-ever-before focus on the local congregation. “Hastening the Harvest” involves:

1. Continuing the small church revitalization strategy initiated this past summer.
2. Addressing the spiritual climate of our churches in order to reclaim non-attending members and effectively assimilate new members.
3. A focus on the planting of new churches in strategic locations.
4. A plan to assist—to some extent—churches that need to acquire a new facility from which to carry forward their mission.

I am excited about what the Lord is doing in Pennsylvania. It is God’s desire to prosper His cause. Jesus is coming soon. Now is the time to lay bold and decisive plans with measurable goals and strategic steps. Will you join me in praying and working together to hasten the harvest?



the Harvest'

Pennsylvania camp meeting



Churches



Twin sisters Lindsey (above) and Stephanie Frey (at right) were baptized on the same Sabbath in Chambersburg by Pastor Dean Negri after they attended his evangelistic series.



Have you heard the latest in evangelistic endeavors? Churches across our state have been lit by the Holy Spirit as the message of the Gospel is preached. Here are the reports:

LEECHBURG:

"I believe with all my heart the Lord is coming soon. I have never in my life seen 47 nonmembers still attending evangelistic meetings two weeks into the seminar—and excited! We almost have to shut the doors at the end of the meetings to get them to leave. Yesterday, 17 of these people came to the church service and loved it. I prayed with a young man last night to accept the Lord into his life. There is no greater reward than to see a man cry because he has broken down the barriers to a loving Saviour."—*Leechburg Lay Pastor Jerry Elliott, via E-mail.*

During this evangelistic crusade in Leechburg, Lynnwood Spangler preached the Gospel, and when it was all over, 16 individuals had made

a decision for baptism, four requested re-baptism, two others made a profession of faith, and 15 more were still studying.

CHAMBERSBURG:

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." The members of Chambersburg Church embraced that message full-heartedly with the recent evangelistic series directed by Pastor Dean Negri.

And God blessed their work by bringing 15 people to baptism by the end of the series on April 28. A rich tapestry of individuals responded to Negri's dynamic message, including a husband and wife, twin sisters, elderly sisters and an entire family!

Throughout the meetings, God worked in some incredible ways as hearts were moved and decisions were made to come stand for Him. One young husband and wife in particular passionately accepted their new life while adamantly putting an end to their old ways. They requested that their empty cigarette packs be put on either end of the baptismery to symbolize their death to sin and the old life. Their rise to a new walk with their Creator could be seen in the vibrant joy they experienced in baptism. "A new life has begun!" (II Corinthians 5:17)

Two teenage girls also took their stand for God after facing some difficult decisions to do so. One 15-year-old girl chose to quit the band at her high school because of a conflict with Sabbath-keeping. She faces a failing grade but wants to put the Lord first.

The same issues were faced by a 12-year-old teen who is an accomplished gymnast. She took the stand to claim God's day over gymnastics events, a very hard decision but one that resulted in complete peace af-

terwards.—*Sherry Frey, Communication Representative*

ALLENTOWN:

During March and April, Ray Hartwell, ministerial director for our conference, held evangelistic meetings in Allentown Spanish Church. Pastor Otto Acosta translated each sermon. At the conclusion, five people were baptized, and through the continuing work of Pastor Ruben Duany, 10 more are on the verge of making a decision for Christ.

FUTURE CONFERENCE EVANGELISM:

Many evangelistic meetings are scheduled this fall by our pastoral team. Here are just a few of them: Mike Cauley and David Seymour in Fairview Village Church. Sergio Manente and David Sanner in Allentown. Dennis Austin in East Suburban. Tom Grove in Souderton. Wes McDonald in Berwick. Dean Heisey in Shermans Dale. Brad Cassell in Hershey/Lebanon District. Skip Dodson in Indiana. Kleber Ceron in Havertown. Michael Bernard and church members in Hillcrest/Blossburg District. Peter Smaela in Ephrata. Jerry Finneman in Erie. David Klindedinst in Charleroi. Dean Negri in Waynesboro and David Reinwald in Lock Haven.

During an April prophecy seminar lay training event, 50 people from around Pennsylvania came to learn how to hold a Revelation Seminar. At the conclusion of the seminar, 21 persons pledged to conduct a prophecy seminar in the summer or fall of 1999 and a couple in the winter of 2000.

Would you like to have our conference evangelist come to your church? Lynnwood and Peggy Spangler have just a few dates open for the year 2000. So far, they have worked in the Kingston and Leechburg churches, and God has blessed immeasurably. Churches they will soon be working with include Seneca, Harrisburg and State College.

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1999 Graduation Weekend

Excitement filled the air as parents and seniors anticipated graduation. Nancy Manente began the weekend with a powerful consecration address, encouraging students not to let Satan pull them down, but rather to take the hand of Jesus and let Him pull them to heights unknown.

The Sabbath school lesson was presented by Glenn Sutton, who challenged students to be witnesses for the Lord, citing ways they have already been witnesses through activities at BMA. He encouraged them to continue a life of service.

The baccalaureate address was given by David Morgan, who shared a personal experience of how even the smallest thing can destroy our relationship with God. The class backdrop carried the phrase "Class of '99 takes on the world." David's comment was, "With the power of Jesus Christ, you can!"

The afternoon program included the traditional tribute to parents, and vespers featured several readings and musical selections. Class Night brought out the "lighter" side, as students shared skits and musical selections.

Then the long-awaited moment: commencement. Pastor Mike Cauley presented the commencement address, encouraging students to develop their potential, strive for excellence and not be satisfied with mediocrity. He stated, "There is no greater joy than investing yourself in others."

Of the 66 graduates, 29 graduated with honors, and 21 received vocational or career certificates. Academic and leadership scholarships from Columbia



Seniors seem rather excited about becoming freshmen—don't you think?

Union College were also awarded to several class members.

God was lifted up throughout the weekend events, and our prayer is that He will continue to shine through our newest alumni until Jesus comes and takes us all home.

Kathleen Sutton
Director of Advancement



Jatupol Bunditwong bursts with delight upon receiving his diploma!

Service Day at Laurel Lake Camp

At 6 p.m., 29 students and two staff sponsors loaded onto a coach bus destined for Laurel Lake Camp. The next day was to be Service Day at BMA, and we were off to camp for our share of the activity.

After a very long bus ride and a few minor difficulties—namely, the bus broke down, and we waited several hours for another one at a local Eat-n-Park—our group pulled into camp a little after 4 a.m.

Despite the adversity, at 8 o'clock, we were awake and ready to work. Most of us were, anyway. We spent the day hauling dirt, planting flowers, ridding the camp of junk, burning trash and cleaning out the swimming pool.

It was a rewarding day, both for the camp staff, who were saved hours of labor, and for the student volunteers who, although they were exhausted by the end of the day, experienced the satisfaction and pride of a job well done!

Carol Corbin, 2000



Jon Eberhardt's dog, Tumbles, did his best to help Leah Sarault ('99) and Jessica Yerka ('99) transplant flowers at Laurel Lake Camp.

Two students baptized



Sophomore Tiffany Scott and senior Khalid Larkin were baptized in the Blue Mountain Academy Church.



Volunteer in profile

Randy Gray ('74), a local area businessman, has for years been a blessing to Blue Mountain Academy. His expertise in the flooring business is greatly valued in a place that has so many floors and so much traffic! One of our recent projects, the carpeting of the boys' dorm worship room, was greatly enhanced by Randy's efforts. He has put in many volunteer hours on this campus, and we are very grateful.

Randy lives in Hamburg with his wife, Eve, and four children—Staci, who graduated from BMA this spring, Ryan, who will be a senior in the fall, and Kristi and Ashley, who are elementary students.



Randy can often be seen working on campus.

BMA chooses a new principal

Spencer Hannah is not a new face at BMA. He has served us as vice-principal for five years and is much appreciated by students as well as staff. It was officially voted to ask him to serve as principal, and he has accepted. Spencer and his wife, Eva, have two children. Seth is a junior at BMA, and Erin is in eighth grade.



**Spencer Hannah,
Principal**

Spiritual retreat

Spiritual retreat took on a different flavor this year. Instead of getting away to Camp Olivet, we retreated right here on campus. Beginning with a time of singing and testimonies on Sabbath

afternoon and culminating with a very moving time around a bonfire that evening, it was indeed a time of spiritual revival and fulfillment.

As we sat around the bonfire, we sang praises to God. We were touched as Dolly Porawski shared a first-person enactment of the life of Mary Magdalene. We were inspired as we listened to "Revival" (thank you, Michael and Sylvan Singer members), and we were moved as we each drove a nail into the cross—signifying our dedication to and acceptance of what Christ has done for us. It is this understanding that makes BMA the special place that it is. Yes, it tasted a little different this year, but it was very good.

Watching the students' response as they hammered those nails into the cross and reflected on what Christ gave up for them—that is what makes me excited about being a part of the BMA experience.



Each nail represents Christ's sacrifice for us.



Pastor Manente enjoys a rousing sing-along with students.



A warm campfire set the tone for the evening meeting.

BMA communiqué

Blue Mountain Academy mourns the tragic loss of four youth



Joshua J. DuBee
November 11, 1985 - May 29, 1999

A tragedy hit Blue Mountain Academy's campus Sabbath afternoon of graduation weekend, May 29, as a one-vehicle accident took the lives of three youth. Killed were Stacy L. Halbrook, 17; James M. Treitl, 13; and Joshua DuBee, 13. A fourth passenger, Marci Halbrook, 15, the younger sister of Stacy, survived the crash.

A joint funeral service was held at Blue Mountain Academy Church, which included a visual presentation, photographs, testimonies and the singing of hymns. Many shared their love for the youth, and David, Stacy's younger brother, wrote a beautiful poem for his sister and friends.



Stacy Lyn Halbrook
April 21, 1982 - May 29, 1999

At times we laughed
At times we cried
I cry at day
I cry at night
I Wake myself out of fear + fright
We'll just need to wait for that beautiful day
When we see them in heaven far, far
away
- David Halbrook

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see them in heaven far, far away

David Halbrook

More than 500 people attended the funeral. It was a touching service and one we won't forget for a long time. The outpouring of support from friends and the community to the grief-stricken families has been overwhelming.

On Friday, June 4, another tragedy hit the BMA campus as another staff family received news that their daughter had fallen 20 feet and was in critical condition. The Chuck Allen family flew immediately to Newbold College in England, and on June 6, Tammy Allen, Class of 1995, fell asleep in Jesus. A memorial service was held at the college, and a second service was held at BMA.

These tragedies have made us all look at how short life is. God is the only thing worth living for, and we need to make Him a priority in our lives. We are anxious for the resurrection morning, when we will be reunited with these precious young people and share eternity together.



James M. Treitl
July 22, 1985 - May 29, 1999



Tammy LeAnna Allen
December 7, 1976 - June 6, 1999

Chesapeake

Challenge

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President's FOCUS

Have you ever seriously considered the thought that in the economy of God, you are indispensable where you are now? God has placed you where you are as an outlet for His grace. That's God's method: Christian men and women, available and usable as distributors of His resources.

God risks His plan with you where you are!

That's the way it began in Acts. The early dynamic spread of the Gospel was the work largely of laymen. They took the message "everywhere." This was the pattern Christ Himself instituted—the pattern of Christians infiltrating into every phase of life, working like "salt" into the very substance of society. And the Apostle Paul's description of the Church as the Body of Christ suggests that each member has a unique function in the Body. The Body needs each member. One cannot take the place of another. Each is indispensable!

The gospel commission was not given to a relatively few "professional" ministers, evangelists and missionaries any more than it is the policy of big business to let a few sales managers do the selling while the salesmen are idle. You would never get wide distribution that way.

There's a little world around you. It's your world—your responsibility. No one else can effectively touch it. As Oswald Chambers once wrote, "Never allow the thought that you are of no use where you are ... you certainly are of no use where you are not." Discipleship begins right now, right where you are. You are needed where you are!

Transitions

The conference office staff is in transition as workers say "goodbye" to a longtime colleague and "hello" to a new one.

Speaking of transitions in the office, Ann McLeaf has seen her share. In the 24 years Ann was employed at Chesapeake, she worked under five different presidents, six different treasurers and alongside a host of other employees. Only Howard Bankes and Barbara-Lee Boyd have a longer continuous history as office employees. Ann spent her first 15 years as receptionist and conference clerk. Her cheerful, gracious and professional manner endeared her to constituents and visitors alike. She then moved to the trust services and youth department, where she again has worked under several directors in each department. Thank you, Ann, for being constant in a sea of change!

There have been a number of technical transitions in the office as well, according to Ann. When she began, the office was using electric typewriters and an offset press to publish the materials for conference churches and schools. Then came IBM Selectrics and word processors, and finally desktop computers. When the office was renovated and redecorated 15 years ago, it was Ann's suggestion to reorganize the lobby and place the receptionist's desk in its current location.

Thank you, Ann, for 24 years of faithful service to our constituents. Thank you for your dedicated efforts to provide the highest level of support. You will be missed, and we hope you and Jack enjoy retirement. Come back and see us often!



Ann McLeaf

We take great pleasure in introducing our new associate superintendent of schools and children's ministries director. He took up his new duties on July 1. Vaughn Jennings has 34 years of teaching and administrative experience. He has served as



Vaughn and Marlene Jennings

head teacher in small, multi-grade schools, teacher and principal in junior and senior academies and assisted pastors with visitation and preaching. Known as a "builder of schools," Vaughn has succeeded in increasing enrollment and has been instrumental in overseeing building projects for schools. He has a B.S. in elementary education with a second major in elementary art and minors in math and science. He has an M.A.T. in elementary and multi-grade instruction and has received the Zapara Award for Excellence in Teaching.

A man of wide interests, Vaughn enjoys preaching, all aspects of computer technology including building and maintaining Web pages, writing stories and inspirational poetry, assisting in camp meeting children's divisions, Sabbath school workshops, VBS and Pathfinders. We're excited and believe Vaughn's servant-leadership style will enhance the spiritual nurturing, academic quality and professional growth of both education and children's ministries. We welcome him and his wife, Marlene, to our office staff and the Chesapeake constituency.

HVA Year in Review



Hello



Creativity



Practice



Winners



Studies



Teamwork



Drama



Action

Beginnings
Endings

by Jonathan Araujo, HVA Junior

Shouts of joy and tears of happiness seem to mark the beginning and ending milestones at Highland View Academy. Take graduation, for example. Seniors are euphoric. Their high school journey has successfully ended, and a new, unexplored life is waiting. Juniors, on the other hand, revel at the thought of moving up the ladder to senior status and so on down through the ranks.

Then, when all is said and done, the senior tears trickle and flow as the realization sets in that wonderful friends will soon be separated and their HVA family will be left behind.

HVA Graduation '99 was extraordinary. Seniors marching proudly down the aisle, happy families, many prayers, great music and tons of good wishes for a long and successful life to each graduate.

Throughout the services, as the weekend speaker—Pastor Karl Haffner from Walla Walla—spoke, the seniors' anticipation grew until that exhilarating moment when they received their diplomas and were cheered on into the world.

As the Class of '99 lined up near Hartle Hall to say their final goodbyes, the many long hugs and quite a few tears signaled the official end of another school year.

As the old saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." For those of us who love academy life, these four years seem to go by in a flash. From every new beginning comes another end. This circle is never-ending.

Are you or someone you know looking to shout with joy?
Come! Renew the circle with us!



Trips



Adventure

1999-2000 Calendar

Registration	August 15
Classes begin	August 16
Home Leave	September 3-16
Home Leave	September 30- October 3
Week of Prayer	October 11-16
Family Weekend	October 22-24
Home Leave	October 28-31
Thanksgiving Vacation	November 24-28
Semester Exams	December 19-21
Christmas Vacation	December 22- January 9
Second Semester begins	January 10
Home Leave	January 27-30
Home Leave	February 24-27
Week of Prayer	March 6-10
Family Weekend	March 11-12
Spring Break	March 24-April 2
Academy Day	April 10
Alumni Weekend	April 21-23
Home Leave	April 27-30
Semester Exams	May 22-25
Last Day of School	May 25
Graduation Weekend	May 26-28



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Carolyn Torres
George Alfred Wennerberg
Timothy Andrew Williams
Elizabeth Esther Wilson

Hagerstown celebrates centennial

On the weekend of May 22, members and guests of Hagerstown Church celebrated the blessings of God during the services that marked their 100th anniversary. From its beginnings in 1899 when a tent meeting resulted in the organization of a company with 19 members to the present day when the church membership is at 531 and counting, the story is one of positive growth.

The early years were spent in homes or rented quarters until 1913, when the mem-

Pastor James Hoffer (left) and members visit the Hagerstown church's original location, now a warehouse.



bers constructed their own building on the corner of McComas and Cross streets at a cost of \$4,300. The congregation carried the debt until 1939. That facility continued to be home until 1954 when, under the leadership of Pastor David Fleagle, the congregation moved into a new building on Dual Highway. The construction cost was \$85,000, and the congregation was debt-free by 1958. Thirty years later, the church was considering another building project when an arsonist forced them to speed up the process. In the fall of 1993, members held their first services in the new facility on Robinwood Drive across from Hagerstown Junior College.

The weekend celebration featured a number of former pastors. It began Friday evening with a "Reflections" program. Tim Roosenberg (1990-1998) reflected on God's blessings to the congregation during the fire and construction project. Then the current pastor, James Hoffer, looked to the future and to what God could yet do. Sabbath morning



Illinois Conference President Wayne Coulter delivers the Sabbath sermon during the 100-year celebration.

was highlighted with a lesson study by former Pastor Carl Seek (1977-1989). The sermon was presented by Pastor Wayne Coulter, president of the Illinois Conference, who was Chesapeake's president from 1985 to 1995. And Harvey Sauder (1958-1963) offered the pastoral prayer.

Following a fellowship dinner, members and guests visited the original church in downtown Hagerstown and then returned to the present church for a concert and time of refreshment and fellowship.

Hagerstown members praise God for the tent meeting held 100 years ago that has resulted in the "light on a hill" that witnesses of a soon-coming Saviour to all who pass by.

Amazing things taking place at White Marsh

The members of Baltimore-White Marsh Church were amazed at how the community responded to the prophecy seminar crusade conducted during the month of May in their new church facility. Not that they were surprised at people being interested in learning about Revelation, but the magnitude of the response caught many of them off-guard. On opening night, they were flooded with nearly 200 community guests. The sanctuary was overflowing into auxiliary rooms. The police were called to assist with the traffic congestion resulting from all the people trying to get onto the church property. How many churches find themselves in a situation where there are more guests in church than members?

The crusade was conducted by Richard Halversen, a former Chesapeake Conference evangelist who is currently an evangelist for the North Pacific Union. Pastor Halversen's multimedia presentations were very Christ-centered and created a very spiritual atmosphere. White Marsh Pastor Tom LeBlanc commented on the clear evidence of the Holy Spirit in the meetings. Members and guests alike were blessed by the clear

and convincing scriptural presentations.

After the initial response of the community and the presentation of several of our testing truths, there was the expected fall-off in attendance. Yet nearly 100 guests continued through the entire series. To date (early June), they have had 27 baptisms and professions of faith. Also, a group of approximately 20 are still staying connected through an aggressive follow-up program on Sabbath mornings and Wednesday evenings.

The interests that were developed during the meetings are now being followed up by student literature evangelists. These young

evangelists are also enrolling new students in the Discover Bible School and the Ken Cox Video Lending Library program. Not one to rest on his laurels, Pastor LeBlanc is now preparing his church for the Cox reaping crusade to be conducted in the fall.

White Marsh is a conference faith project. Although it does not meet the criteria to be a single-church district, it is strategically located in an area that is ripe for evangelism. Under their new pastor's leadership and their dedicated efforts to share Christ, they should continue to see good, steady growth. That should come as no surprise to anyone who has been watching White Marsh lately. Isn't it amazing how God works?



Some of the 27 new members at White Marsh appear with evangelist Richard Halversen (back row, third from left) and Pastor Tom LeBlanc (back row, far right).

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**What's
happening
around
Potomac**

Family Life Workshop
Central Virginia
July 17

Conference Executive Committee
July 21-August 15

Employee Orientation
Conference Resource Office
August 17

**1999 Children's Ministries
Convention**
Hagerstown, MD
September 8-12

**Adult Ministries Training MD/DC
Region: Adult Sabbath School
Teachers and Officers; Personal
Ministries 3:00 -5:00 p.m.**
Burnt Mills Church
September 11

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Ultimate Quest July 18-25

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Horse July 18-25
Canoe/White Water July 18-25
Wilderness Adventure July 18-25
Golf July 18-25

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Potomac to build new Adventist Bookstore



Success often leads to change. Sales at the Potomac Adventist Bookstore are booming, said General Manager Clyde Kinder. So after 94 years in and around Takoma Park, Maryland, the Carroll Avenue book and health food store will be moving this fall to a spacious new building in nearby Silver Spring.

On May 17 at 6:30 in the afternoon, with more than 200 people in attendance, ground was broken for a new 40,000-square-foot home for the store on Cherry Hill Road.

"We love Takoma Park; we leave it with great sadness," said Kinder. "We don't want to really leave the Takoma Park area, but there's just no space available to fit our needs." The bookstore has been at its current 11,000-square-foot location for 38 years. Prior to that it was located for many

years in the Old Town area of Takoma Park.

To hear Kinder tell it, the Potomac Adventist Bookstore has become something of a giant in the world of Christian publishing.

"For the past seven years, we have been the largest selling Christian bookstore in the world," Kinder said. "The new store will now make us the largest physical-size Christian bookstore in the world . . . We have the largest selection of Christian music and Bibles in the mid-Atlantic region."

The store also boasts a variety of health food products, which generate 45 percent of the store's sales. In accordance with Seventh-day Adventist Church dietary recommendations, all products are meat-free.

The customer base that supports the store's \$7 million in annual revenues has branched well beyond the Adventist community.

"In addition to all types of Christian churches, we have Jewish customers and Muslim customers," Kinder said. "We have had times when we've had a priest in his collar and a Muslim lady in her veil in here at the same time."

The new store—to be located at 12004



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Cherry Hill Road, not far from the Church's world headquarters on Route 29—will carry a wider variety of products and include several new facilities. There will be a fireplace, an auditorium for community events, a large screen to feature Christian music videos, CD listening stations, a children's play area, and a "caffeine-free" cafe.

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Amazing Facts prophecy seminar

An Amazing Facts prophecy seminar with Pastor Sean Wheeler was held in Martinsville, Virginia, in the month of April. Meetings were held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Approximately 150 people came out on the opening night.

Four new people followed Jesus all the way with baptism, and one member rededicated her life with baptism, making a total of five persons baptized.

Following the prophecy seminar, Pastor Ron Rogers began Revelation Seminar meetings each week. Approximately nine people from the Amazing Facts prophecy Seminar are attending these meetings.

Three former members of Martinsville Church have rededicated their lives to Jesus. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Joyce Kingsfield
Clerk, Martinsville Church



The baptismal group. left to right: Pastor Rogers, Cynthia Robinson, Hazel Jessup, Betsy Crystal, Michael Grum, Jamie Campbell and Sean Wheeler, evangelist.

Camp meeting and the future

Potomac's last camp meeting for the 20th century has just ended. Our 1999 event was held at New Market, Virginia, on the SVA campus.

Unfortunately, Pastor Morris Venden had to cancel at the last minute because of emergency eye surgery in early June. Elder Jack



Sequeira, pastor of the Capital Memorial Church in Washington, D.C., graciously filled in for Venden for the evening meetings. Sequeira conducts his Gospel-oriented series several times a year as a guest speaker around the world. Wintley Phipps combined his preaching and musical skills in carrying out the camp meeting theme of "Living the Hope." Potomac is indeed fortunate to have gifted pastors who are in great demand worldwide and who were willing to fill in at short notice.

As always, members re-

sponded with comments such as, "This was our best camp meeting ever." In recent years, larger numbers of young families are attending camp meeting, and children's divisions are overflowing. We truly ended the 20th century of Potomac camp meetings on a positive note.

Potomac Conference officials have begun arranging for the first camp meeting of the 21st century that will take place in 2001, the first year of the 21st century. Some members are expressing deep disappointment that there will be no camp meeting in the year 2000. Careful study was given to scheduling our annual event so close to the General Conference session in Toronto, Canada. All North American Division pastors are invited to attend the pre-GC Ministerial Institute next year, making it impossible to schedule camp meeting during our traditional week. An earlier date conflicts with school schedules, prohibiting families from attending; and a date after GC would put us into mid-July, when the valley weather is extremely hot.

Massive efforts are under way for TV coverage of the GC session. Churches with down-load capability are being encouraged to make Camp

Meeting 2000 a local event. The mission pageants and world-class Adventist speakers that will be coming "live" from Toronto will be more dramatic than any alternative that can be produced locally. We will be ending the 20th century with a thrilling experience watching our world Church celebrate five years of outstanding growth and the initiation of plans for aggressively "finishing the work" in the next five years. Our world membership is nearing 11 million. Much attention will be focused during the Toronto meetings on the projected growth in the next five-year period.

Camp Meeting 2000 was a very iffy event for another reason. Major repairs were commissioned by supporters of the annual event, but a \$50,000 balance of unraised funding remains. The Potomac Conference will now be able to liquidate this debt with the normal camp meeting funding in its 2000 budget. "Traditional" camp meeting fans can be thankful that a solution for this financial shortfall has been found. Rather than complaining to conference offi-

cial, I urge all our members to thank God that we have been able to find a positive way to transition from the 20th to the 21st centuries with plans that provide for more members than ever before to be involved with exciting TV reports of the finishing of God's word on earth through the amazing evangelistic growth of the Adventist Church. The reports live from GC 2000 will be dynamic, and the view via TV will be clearer and less expensive than traveling to Toronto.

Camp meeting is a valuable experience for a conference. It builds vision and faith and bonds us into a soul-winning team. The reports from GC will miss some of the interactive aspects, but the impact will be equally important. Coming together to view the event will be a fellowship factor for a massive number of our 23,000-plus members. I hope you will begin now to plan on celebrating God's leading of his world Church during the "alternate camp meeting" that your conference leaders are encouraging you to view next summer.

Herbert Broeckel

Editorial

Potomac to build new Adventist Bookstore (continued from page 37)

"It will definitely be upscale, like the Barnes and Noble or Borders of Christian bookstores," said Kinder.

Kristina Ellis from the Montgomery County Office of the County Executive was only one of several dignitaries who attended the groundbreaking. Ellis presented Kinder with a citation acknowledging the construction of the new store in the county. Others who attended the celebration included David Van Duzer of Rounds Van Duzer Associates; Steve Britt, president of Britt Construction; Susan Harvey, Pacific Press Publishing; Ted Wilson, Re-



view and Herald Publishing; Dale Lundsford Worthington Foods; Young Ryeon, Cabana Foods; and Margie Holmes, PEP Products. Also present were Craig

Brown, radio station WAVA; and Cristina Eaglin from NBC Channel 4.

Columbia Union Conference President Harold Lee, Treasurer Dale Beaulieu, Executive Secretary Edward Mutschiedler, and revolving fund Secretary Treasurer Peggy Lee were also a part of the ceremony. Denise Valenzuela, communication director for the Columbia Union, emceed the event which included special music by the Filipino Capitol Harmonic

Rondalla Band.

Conference administrators Herbert Broeckel, Roger Weiss and Kurt Allen each contributed to the ceremony program with

Broeckel wielding a groundbreaking shovel alongside more than 15 community children, which included Conner and Austin Brown, Randal Canong, Joy, D.J. and Nicki Dayrit, Emily and Maya Eaglin, Joseph Encarquez, Austin Encarquez, Austin Fisher, Brandon Hatem, Jezreel and Jezica Siarez and Camila Valenzuela.

The current bookstore building on Carroll will stay within the Adventist church,



according to spokeswoman Denise Valenzuela, though its exact function has yet to be determined.

The grand opening for the new store is tentatively scheduled to begin October 31 and will be a Sunday-through-Sunday event.

Dunbebins celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Ruth and Clarence Dunbebin celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 5, 1999.

This particular anniversary is unique in that Clarence is the first Potomac Conference worker to celebrate a 50th anniversary while serving as a regular full-time employee.

Employees in the conference resource office joined Ruth and Clarence in a noon-hour celebration on June 1. A few days later, in Takoma Park, the Dunbebin children honored their parents with an anniversary dinner for family and local friends.

Clarence is associate superintendent of education for Potomac Conference. He has been employed as an educator for 47 years, 33 of those in Potomac. His first

appointment in the conference was at Tidewater Junior Academy, in 1966. After that, he served as classroom supervisor until he went to Sligo Elementary School as principal from 1968-1988. In 1988 he returned to the resource office to fill his present position.

Ruth is currently employed by Adventist World Radio, where she is responsible for receiving contributions for the radio ministry of the world church. Earlier employment was at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, and in the communications department of the General Conference.

Married in Hagerstown, Maryland, while Clarence was a student at Washington

Missionary College (now Columbia Union College), the Dunbebins are the parents of five children: Sharin Hurlbutt of New Hampshire; Robert Dunbebin of Beltsville, Maryland; Donna Payne of Portland, Tennessee; Douglas Dunbebin of Burlington, Vermont; and David Dunbebin who died at 10 years of age.



Grand opening of new Petersburg, Virginia, church

On April 10, 1999, the members of Petersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church celebrated the grand opening of their long-awaited sanctuary and church building. With praise and gratitude, they presented



The newly constructed Petersburg Seventh-day Adventist Church on the day of its grand opening, April 10, 1999.

themselves and the building to God for use in finishing His work.

Pastor Wayne Spangenberg led the service. President Herb Broeckel and vice presidents Roger Weiss and Kurt Allen were present from the conference office to assist in the service. Larry Tucker, vice-mayor of the City of Petersburg, cut the ribbon to make it official.

The music was beautifully arranged and led by Faith (Vejnar) Kenny. The musical praise included a trumpet processional, followed by a performance by the children's choir of the Robert A. Lewis Elementary School, a duet with Mrs. Kenny and the guest vocalist/organist, Dr. Donald Anderson, and a special number by the church choir. The experience culminated with an inspirational rendition of "Lift up the Trumpet" arranged by

Mrs. Kenny, featuring guest organist, trumpeter Mike McMahon and was responsively sung with the congregation.

Pastor Spangenberg shared the history of the congregation, its journey

and path leading to the grand opening. He shared how, after selling its Washington Street church facility many years ago, the congregation pulled together to build Robert A. Lewis School. They had since been holding worship services in the gymnasium and dreaming of the day when they would be able to again worship in a "real" sanctuary. Several years ago, Pastor Keith McNabb began the plans for the new building. His work was tragically cut short by a fatal roadside accident. Dr. Richard Bendall, chairman of the building committee, kept the dream alive. He and Pastor

Spangenberg picked up the torch and worked tirelessly to ensure its completion. The facility was dedicated in loving memory of Pastor McNabb.

Doug Bendall stood in and presented a speech on behalf of his father, Dr. Richard Bendall, who was recovering from a near-fatal accident. He recognized the members of the building committee and various participants in the building process, including Henry Benall, who managed the construction project.

The memorable occasion was perfected that afternoon when 18 souls were baptized in the new sanctu-



Lay Pastor Tommy Heartwell happily displays the plaque given by the conference to the congregation in appreciation for the members' dedication and participation in the building process.



Stained-glass window at the front of the sanctuary of the new Petersburg church.

ary. Fittingly, the first service that had actually been held in the new sanctuary had been the kickoff of an evangelistic series featuring Verne Snow of Amazing Facts.

Both services were beautifully set in the formal sanctuary, trimmed in walnut, with rich burgundy upholstered pews and carpets, brass chandeliers, walnut-trimmed pulpit furniture, a grand piano, an organ and a baptistry. Above the baptistry is a brilliant stained-glass window designed by one of the church members. This original depiction of the second coming of Christ focuses all who enter on the reality of the nearness of His coming and the promise that "Every eye shall see Him."

Katherine Thompson
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“Be ready: body, mind and soul”

This was the theme of the 1999 Pathfinder camporee held in Front Royal, Virginia, May 14-16. Located on the grounds of Fishnet, a Christian festival center, the camporee brought

479 Pathfinders together for a three-day campout. Throughout the weekend, Pathfinders practiced their camping skills while I challenged them to prepare themselves in body, mind and soul for unexpected circumstances and for the coming of Jesus.

Along with a lot of singing and special features, at each meeting, volunteers

were solicited from the audience to give an object lesson from the items contained in a disaster preparedness kit. One young lady whose object was sunscreen lotion drew

The Bible can only do us
some good when we choose
to read it. I say, “Pour it on!!!”

this particular lesson: She said that sunscreen is only effective when you choose to put it on. Likewise, God is only effective in our lives when we choose to let Him be. The Bible can only do us some good when we choose

to read it. I say, “Pour it on!!!”

Every year at the camporee, special awards are given out for Club of the Year and Pathfinder of the Year. Because of the way points are accumulated, multiple clubs have the opportunity to receive this award. This year, the Club of the Year Award went to the clubs

from the following churches: New Market, Sligo, Takoma Park, Vienna, Washington Spanish and Waynesboro.

Selected as the Pathfinders who in 1999 best represented the ideals of Path-

finding are Kenny Turpen from the Beltsville Broncos and Sylvia Grove from the Vienna Stars.

Congratulations go out to all these clubs and Pathfinders who excelled this year in representing the Potomac Pathfinders. May God continue to bless all who keep the Pathfinder Law and are servants of God and friends to man.

**Denny Grady, Youth Director
Potomac Conference**

Hampton Roads Church celebrates 100th anniversary

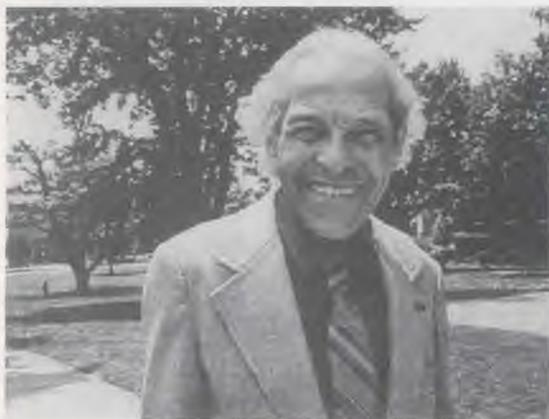
Hampton Roads Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hampton, Virginia, will celebrate its 100th anniversary on October 23, 1999.

We are planning a wonderful program for this important event, and we are cordially inviting our former pastors and members to attend this celebration.

We hope that this blessed reunion will bring sweet memories of past and present associations in Hampton Roads Church.

The Centennial Planning Committee
Hampton Roads SDA Church

Remembering Bob Byrd



The October 1, 1992, issue of *Potomac People* carried a brief interview with Bob Byrd, an American Indian of the Rappahannock. Byrd was 87 years old at the time and had been attending Potomac camp meetings since being baptized into the Adventist Church in 1946.

The last surviving Rappahannock Indian, and the only Seventh-day Adventist among them, Byrd passed away on May 6 at the Tappahannock Manor Convalescent Center in

Fredericksburg, Virginia. He had joined St. Stephen's Baptist Church in Central Point, Virginia, at the age of 11. After completing high school, he attended college in Fredericksburg and Virginia State University in Richmond. He received a degree in elementary education and taught grades four through seven in the Central Point community school for 15 years.

Early in his life, Byrd became actively involved in Indian affairs for and with his people. Throughout his life, he walked bravely and proudly among all people as Rappahannock.

Tappahannock, Virginia. He had joined St. Stephen's Baptist Church in Central Point, Virginia, at the age of 11. Af-

ter joining the Adventist church, served as a literature evangelist. Boston was his home for many years. He retired at the age of 72 from his work as a food department employee at Massachusetts General Hospital and returned to Central Point to live out the remainder of his life.

When interviewed in 1992, Byrd said that he wrote 500 missionary letters a year and that one of his reasons for attending camp meeting was to re-fuel for that endeavor. His letters were handwritten and included religious materials always witnessing for the Lord to people of all ages, races and walks of life.

Byrd enjoyed life, loving people and sharing God's goodness in his life with others. He was a very generous, kind, compassionate person dedicated and devoted to the work of the

Lord. He was a man of great faith who walked diligently in the love of the Lord. One of his many favorite verses was: "I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth."

Pastor Mario Cruz of the Tappahannock Seventh-day Adventist Church, assisted by Pastor Robinson of the Rappahannock Indian Baptist Church, officiated at Brother Bob's funeral services. At the cemetery, the Lord's Prayer was offered in Indian language and a drum chant was given by Rappahannock Men.

Potomac People is indebted to A. Bernard Clarke, close friend of Bob Byrd, for portions of this article, which were taken directly from his life sketch presented at the funeral.

TA today

news you can use from Takoma Academy

Takoma Academy graduation—Class of 1999 family portraits



Dr. Richard Osborne, former TA principal and commencement speaker, with graduating son Trevan, wife Norma and daughter Heather.



Academic family of Maryland Distinguished Scholars (left to right): Otis Coutsoumpos, Chris Banks, Mario Nicholson, Heather Ruby, Sarah Taylor, Gayle Vanderhorst, Launice Melbourne.



The Taylor family with grandmother Marion Beyer and Valedictorian Sarah.



Dr. Elmer Carreno, TA alumnus and Board member with graduating son Adam, wife Cindy and daughter Kirsten.



Alumnus Gary Lunsford with graduating son Michael, wife Debbie and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lee. Gary has greatly assisted in TA's technology program.



Art teacher Marquita Halstead with family and graduate Anne, who was also baptized at the baccalaureate service.



Science teacher Ron Vandervort, 1999 Teacher of the Year, with senior class President Thomas Norris and student council President Deirdre Medley.



Salutarian Launice Melbourne with her teaching family (left to right). Yolande (Sligo), Dr. Bertram (CUC), Launice, Cavel (JNA) and brother Maurice.



Honors student Lena Samuel with mother Mangala. Lena was also baptized at the baccalaureate service.



The Gomer family with National Merit commended scholar Priya.



The Otis Coutsoumpos family with National Hispanic Scholar Award winner Otis Jr.



National Merit Commended Scholar Gayle Vanderhorst with her family.

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Shenandoah Valley Academy

happenings

Many exciting changes arrive for the '99-'00 school year

Change for change's sake is seldom useful. However, new millennium changes can be necessary and exciting. Once again, Shenandoah Valley Academy has positioned itself on the cutting edge by unveiling these early adoptions from the SVA 2000 Strategic Plan.

Campus ministries—At the heart of the '99-'00 school year calendar is campus ministries. From the onset of calendar construction, spiritual programming was placed as the first and highest priority. Throughout the year, a major monthly spiritual and social community celebration will occur "Acquire the Fire." Chaplain Joey Rivera, and Assistant Chaplain Tim Harley have energized the entire faculty and student body toward spiritual excellence. Plans are being laid for the summer construction of an outdoor chapel where the school community can worship in full view of the Massanutten and Allegheny mountains. Finally, Mexico beckons again as SVA makes final preparations to return to Cozumel in March for construction and community service.

Academic innovations—While serving as one of only a handful of sites across the nation where the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) can be written, SVA has taken another major academic step. Three Advanced Placement (AP) courses will be offered in '99-'00: AP American History, AP English and AP Calculus. College-bound students seeking serious academia will enjoy these rigorous studies while

receiving college credit. Other curricular upgrades include a welding program, and a Freshman life skills unit of study.

Work/study—Consistent with its history, SVA has adopted a required work/study program emphasizing the development of positive work habits and ethics. Recognizing students' varied schedules, all students will have an opportunity to be employed. SVA Recycling continues to be the job of choice financially, where students have earned wages ranging from \$5-15 dollars per hour.

Special-needs students—A benchmark stride has been taken with SVA's placement of a learning specialist. An increasing volume of students attending Shenandoah legitimately require services which will assist them in their learning. Ranging from stylistic learning traits, disabilities, and aptitudes for high-level challenge, students will no longer feel pressed to attend public schools as the sole provider of intervention. SVA is proud to recognize individuality in its quest to nurture all students to their highest potential.

Magnet School Organizations—SVA newest restored organization attracting students is the Olympians team. As Virginia's anti-drug acrobatic team, the Olympians will continue to perform both in private and public schools and NBA halftime shows along the East Coast. The Chamber Singers, Concert Choir and Chamber Orchestra will travel to Europe on a ten-day tour to

Venice, Vienna, Innsbruck, and Salzburg. The Symphonic Band will travel domestically and expand its membership in readiness for a peak year. Drama's annual staging of a major work such as its recent *Little Women* will begin immediately. The athletic department's varsity program is scheduled to feature men's soccer, basketball, and volleyball; also featuring women's volleyball, basketball, soccer and softball.

Clinics and festivals—Major time investments in Potomac Conference education K-12 are being made as SVA steps up its efforts to serve and grow talented young people. During '99-'00 Shenandoah will host the annual Invitational Elementary Basketball Tournament, Band/Choral Festival and Strings Festival. Central to SVA's mission is to identify and grow young people's talent to the highest level of achievement. For this reason, SVA has become a magnet school for talent.

Freshman-focused program—Significant planning has been devoted to propose a freshman and underclassmen tutoring (F.U.N.) program. Not intended to ignore the remaining student population, SVA is striving to double its freshman population by year 2003. The program's focus is to concentrate on nurturing freshman through their first two pivotal years in a more concentrated fashion. Adjustments in counseling methodologies, deaning strategies, and academic orientations, along with

incentivized tuition plans and cost perks will insure SVA remains a safe, and caring high school for its young people.

Technology expansion—With Phase I of the Technology Plan complete, faculty and students are benefiting from a comprehensive network, serving current and applicable software throughout the entire administration building. Shenandoah's T1 Internet Services are both efficient and global, with individual classroom sites, instructional lab-based, and library mini-lab-based. Comprehensive E-mail and website services are also online. Funding strategies are being developed for Phase II that will pipeline Phase I services to both dormitories' labs and individual student rooms.

More information on any/all of the above programs can be obtained by contacting Denise Rivera, director of advancement and human resources at (540) 740-3161, Extension 202.

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Philadelphia	8:23	8:17	8:09
Pittsburgh	8:44	8:37	8:29
Reading	8:27	8:21	8:13
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Toledo	9:02	8:55	8:47
Trenton	8:22	8:16	8:08
Washington, DC	8:27	8:21	8:14

Reporter's Notebook

Monte Sahlin



More funding for the local church

Four congregations across our eight-state region were awarded the first Columbia Union Church Growth Fund grants recently. Each church already has a check in hand and is receiving a total of at least \$10,000 for a locally developed strategy.

The Beltsville Church in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C., is receiving a \$10,000 grant toward a discipling strategy that will "provide a way for connecting people with God, each other and the community. The vision of the pastoral staff," writes Senior Pastor Don Driver, "is to bring people to Christ, build them up in Christ and send them out for Christ."

Beltsville is using the "purpose-driven church" model, but "it is being adapted to fit our congregation," says Driver. He freely gathers good ideas wherever they can be found, but the emphasis is on what "we believe will be the most effective in the Beltsville congregation."

The Southwest Philadelphia Church is also receiving a \$10,000 grant. Pastor Mark A. McCleary will use it to launch a congregational renewal project. McCleary wants to "reconfigure the congregation to maximize its human resources to better fulfill its mission." This includes increasing "the availability and abilities of church members" and "attempting to be more relevant to the needs of this urban community."

The Edmondson Heights Church in Baltimore is receiving a \$20,900 grant for "Harvest 2000." This project will, according to Pastor Ron Edmonds, "reach the people of west Baltimore. It is our aim to serve the total person; mental, physical and spiritual." Ministries already underway or being launched in this inner-city neighborhood include a mobile soup kitchen, mentoring for youth, assistance for the aged, drug education classes and a Bible correspondence school, among others. Edmonds also plans to "provide training in life skills to prepare people for" jobs and a better life.

The Vienna Church in Virginia is receiving \$10,000 toward a "seeker worship service" that is being designed to reach the unchurched in the community. The weekly Sabbath event will feature "contemporary music and Christ-centered sermons on salvation," as well as doctrine. Pastor Steve Scholz reports that they have set a goal of reaching an average attendance of 150 by the end of the first year.

Each of these congregations is putting up matching funds of its own, as are some of the conferences, and took the time to carefully develop a written plan. Consultants from the Office of Creative Ministries at the union will be working closely with these pastors and congregations, and you will see detailed reports on each in future issues of the *Visitor*.

The bad news is that four other congregations took the same time and energy and developed good plans, too, but we ran out of money to fund them all. If you would like to invest in one of these unfunded projects, please write to me or give me a call at (800) 438-9600.

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ABOUT THE COVER:

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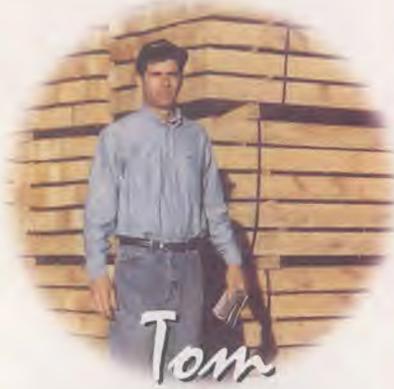
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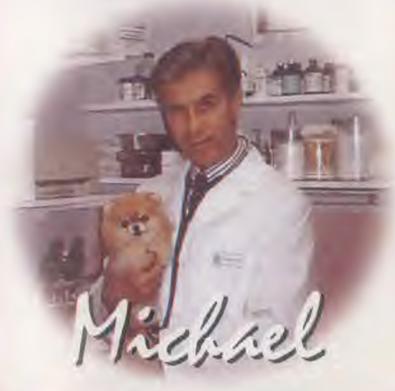
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