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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



I drive an old 1953 pick-up. It has no power windows, no air conditioner, and no heater. The radio barely works. But I love that truck.

It has a big rearview mirror. When I look in that mirror, I catch a panoramic view of where I have been, and I consider what is behind me. I conduct a similar rearview mirror exercise at the end of each school year.

I recently sat in my office considering APU's 2006-07 year and asked myself this question: What was the best, most memorable moment?

It has certainly been a year visited by the miraculous. There were international trips where I met gifted people advancing God's purposes around the world. There were profound chapels. There were academic milestones, such as the selection of three APU students for Fulbright scholarships, and renewed accreditation of several key academic programs. It has been such a great year that it proved hard to pick one "best" moment. And then it came to me.

On February 14, we broke ground on the Barbara and Jack Lee Place of Prayer. It was also Barbara and Jack's 61st wedding anniversary. We planned a big splash to commemorate their remarkable journey together and their sacrificial generosity in establishing a place for students, faculty, and staff to intentionally press into prayer. Several weeks before the groundbreaking, we learned that Barbara was seriously ill and might not be able to attend. Because of my long friendship with her, and because I am acutely aware of how much she loves students, I knew she would do everything in her power to be there. And she was!

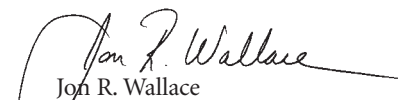
Barbara and Jack, surrounded by loved ones from the APU community, gathered to stick a shovel in the ground, share a meal, and ask for God's blessing on this great endeavor. Barbara was not only present, but radiant. As we celebrated together, though, we noticed her energy begin to fade. As Jack and her children helped her to the car, she spoke of how much this day meant to her.

The next morning, Jack called to tell me that Barbara had gone to Heaven that night. She had held on (I believe sustained by God's power) through the groundbreaking to hear from her beloved students, family, and friends how much they appreciated her, before passing into eternity.

Barbara's family celebrated her passing with a small graveside service. When I asked Jack about funeral plans, he said that they just did not think there could be a better celebration than what Barbara got to experience with all of us at the groundbreaking.

I wonder what your "best" moment would be. Whatever it is, I bet that like me, when you look in the rearview mirror, you see undeniable evidence of God's care, attention, and provision. I bet that when you consider those unique and powerful moments from your recent past, it makes you wonder what might be ahead, out in the distance, just down the road.

I pray God's richest blessing on your summer and look forward to hearing from you.


Jon R. Wallace
Celebrating Past Moments



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MAY 5, 2007: IN CAP AND GOWN, ON A PICTURE-PERFECT DAY, MORE THAN 1,300 STUDENTS GRADUATED FROM AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY AND BECAME ALUMNI WHO WILL TRANSFORM THE WORLD FOR CHRIST – ONE LIFE AT A TIME.

CAMPUS CLOSE UP

Night of Champions Goes Beyond Basic Training

Azusa Pacific University, in partnership with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, welcomed more than 3,200 youth to the 22nd annual Night of Champions (NOC), “Basic Training,” on March 17. Director Mike Barnett and Assistant Director Vanessa Wilhelm, along with nearly 500 APU volunteers, helped make the evening special by devoting their time and



energy to prepare an event that would reach youth on many levels.

Guest speakers included actor Derek Luke, winner of the Independent Spirit Award for his debut performance in the 2002 film *Antwone Fisher*, directed and produced by Denzel Washington. Luke also starred in *Friday Night Lights* in 2004 and *Glory Road* in 2006. Melvin Adams, former Harlem Globetrotter, spoke as well. Throughout the evening, Adams entertained attendees with jokes and tricks, before finishing with his testimony.

Other featured guests included Shachah, an outdoor band; Shonlock, hip-hop performer and choreographer; and Dave the Horn Guy, featured on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, in major sporting events’ half-time shows, and at national corporate events.

“Overall, this year’s Night of Champions was very successful,” said Wilhelm. “The outdoor program’s obstacle course was a huge hit. The APU volunteers created an exciting environment. The car show consisted of 60 cars, more than we have had

the past two years. Also, the indoor program was hilarious.”

A key part of NOC’s success stems from the positive Christian role models involved, who challenge youth group leaders to bring kids who would not normally go to church, giving them an opportunity to be influenced in a positive way. “When Campus Pastor Woody Morwood gave the invitation to accept Christ at the end of the program, several hundred kids stood up to receive Him as their personal Lord and Savior,” said Barnett. “What an

amazing sight to see! God was obviously in control of the evening.”

APU Hosts Annual Communication Ethics Conference

On March 22, the Department of Communication Studies welcomed nearly 300 students, faculty, and staff to the 20th annual David C. Bicker Communication Ethics Conference. Founded by David C. Bicker, Ph.D., a former professor and department chair, the conference encourages dialogue about the ethics of communication within the Christian community. Attendees addressed questions such as, “How, as Christians, do we communicate love?” and

“Are we exemplifying Christ and truly listening, or do we have a hidden agenda?”

Kellie Cabrera ’07, communication studies major and president of Lambda Pi Eta (APU’s chapter of the National Communication Honor Society), emphasized that this conference offers a chance for Southern California Christian colleges, such as Westmont College, Point Loma Nazarene University, and Biola University, to exchange ideas and collectively enhance their understanding of communication ethics. Communication studies major Brittany Johnson ’07 stated, “It’s good to have other universities encouraging growth and support in

our field. It allows us to further explore how we can take our learning beyond APU.”

While the student panel explored communication theory and how it applies to Christians, keynote speaker Douglas Kelley, Ph.D., professor at Arizona State University, presented his research findings from his upcoming book, *Communicating Forgiveness*. The conference program began with a student panel, followed by the keynote address that included a question-and-answer session. The day adjourned with a faculty panel to elaborate on the keynote speaker’s topic.

Kelley quoted Dostoevsky to outline his topic and capture the

essence of ethical communication: “At some thoughts, one stands perplexed, especially at the sight of man’s sin, and wonders whether one should use force or humble love. Always decide to use humble love. If you resolve on that once and for all, you may subdue the whole world.”

Common Day of Learning Inspires Big Ideas

For most college students, a day off from school consists of sleeping in late, closing the textbooks, finding the television remote, and maybe even slipping on flip-flops and sunglasses for a trip to the beach.

However, on March 7, Azusa Pacific University students received

APU Welcomes Mexicali Mayor by Allison Oster



Mayor Samuel Ramos Flores of Mexicali and his wife, First Lady Graciela Salas de Ramos, along with members of their delegation, visited Azusa Pacific University on February 14 as part of an ongoing effort to cultivate and sustain bi-regional cooperation. The university has maintained a partnership with Mexicali for nearly 40 years through the Mexico Outreach Program, which sends thousands of students annually across the border to serve in Mexicali.

The full-day itinerary opened with a breakfast with staff from the Institute for Outreach Ministries

(IOM), which facilitates the myriad of Mexico Outreach opportunities offered each year. The delegation also attended chapel and took part in a campus tour before meeting again with IOM staff. A luncheon followed with members of the President’s Cabinet, Academic Cabinet, and community guests, including representatives from Assemblyman Ed Hernandez’s office and then-Mayor of Azusa Diane Chagnon.

“Over the years, APU’s Mexico Outreach Program has facilitated connections across borders through partnership and mutually designed outreach,” said George Bache, senior director of IOM. “This visit represents the fruit of this commitment and opens the door to deeper collaboration as we reach out to the community of Mexicali.”

In the afternoon, students, faculty, staff, and community guests gathered in Upper Turner Campus Center for “Bi-national Relations in the Border Region,” a presentation by Mayor

Ramos and the first lady. Following an introduction by President Jon R. Wallace, DBA, the presentation began with a short video documenting the history of APU’s involvement in the Mexicali region, recalling programs such as *Mano Hermano*, *Valores*, and a children’s camp ministry.

After this clip, a second video was shown, which followed the life and work of the first lady. As President of Social Services Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), Salas de Ramos pioneered more than 10 nonprofit social benefit programs in Mexicali, including a senior citizen retirement center, domestic violence shelter, and medical facility, among others. Through vigorous fundraising efforts, the citizens of Mexicali have proved a faithful monetary source for the city’s social programs.

“When you know that there are people who need you, you can give all your heart and time to them. First, I am a mother; then I am here,” said Salas de Ramos of her devotion to

community involvement. “When you go to Mexicali, you will not only find a very hot city, but also a people with a very big heart for you,” she concluded.

A third video documented the current social, economic, and political climate of Mexicali, allowing the audience to become familiar with the region’s burgeoning population and commercial successes. “In Mexicali, we have not only learned to compete with the North American market, but also with the global market,” said Ramos. His administration has created alliances with cities throughout Southern California, including many in the Inland Empire. “We’re fighting to give people a better quality of life, but something both sides need to understand is that through coming together we can find a solution that utilizes both of our resources,” said Ramos. “The important thing is that we work together.”

APU Programs Receive Accreditation Nod of Approval by Julia Nicholls

In February, Azusa Pacific University received seals of approval from two field-specific accrediting bodies. The Haggard Graduate School of Theology (HGST) and Athletic Training Education Program each received reaccreditation for the maximum amount of time, praise for their strengths, and a list of three recommendations for improvements.

The lengthy accreditation process involves teamwork, intense preparation, and self-study. HGST spent three years preparing for the October 2006 visit by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). The school developed a self-study committee, which produced a report on the current health of the school. In October, ATS sent a group of peers to visit campus and compose a report. Finally, in February, the Commission on Accreditation voted to affirm HGST’s accreditation for 10 years, including all of its degree programs offered at five of APU’s regional centers.

“For us to have the same accreditation as Princeton, Duke Divinity School, and Fuller Seminary, and come across with flying colors, is a

stamp of approval that says we offer high-quality programs,” said David Wright, Ph.D., dean of the School of Theology. “The instruction is well done and our graduates receive the kind of education they need in a graduate school of theology.”

The accrediting visitors praised HGST for the energy and commitment of the faculty and staff, its relationship to the church community, its dedication to practice teaching methods that support its approach to theological education, and the presence of the school’s historical denominations. In addition, the team acknowledged the university’s commitment to provide fiscal support.

As part of the ATS’s recommendations, HGST must provide a report of how it intends to deploy faculty and provide time for scholarship, as well as a comprehensive plan of objectives and assessment, including evidence of its adoption and implementation the next year.

“We already pay attention to these things,” Wright said. “Having a comprehensive assessment plan will push us to do things better. We’ll

find out where we are weak and where we are strong. It will give us good information to keep improving our quality.”

The Athletic Training Education Program spent approximately a year preparing the more than 1,000-page report for the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). The leadership team included Mark Stanton, Ph.D., dean of the School of Behavioral and Applied Sciences; Chris Schmidt, Ph.D., assistant professor of athletic training education; and Philip Ford, Ph.D., assistant professor of athletic training education, who prepared for the November 2006 visit. In February, CAATE awarded the program reaccreditation for seven years.

“APU consistently does well in these efforts, which demonstrates the advances we’ve made in scholarship and academic quality,” said Stanton. “We consistently address these reviews in such a way that the outcome is positive.”

CAATE identified seven strengths and three areas for improvement. Officials praised the program for its

administrative support, three full-time athletic training faculty members, facility, curriculum, clinical education, budget, relationship with the physical therapy program, weekly meetings, the opportunity students are given to try out their skills in a variety of scenarios, and the presence of Wayne Bowden, MD, as medical director.

“It’s rare to have a school like APU that has three full-time faculty members,” Schmidt said. “In comparison, many large Division 1 schools only have one such faculty member.”

Accreditors recommended the following improvements: use of proper terminology in promotional materials, improvement of the assessment of educational outcomes, and verification of student supervision by a certified professional at all times.

“To have just three suggestions for improvement is really exceptional. I have colleagues at other universities that have 10 to 15 items to address,” Schmidt said. “We meet, if not exceed, national standards for athletic training education.”

a day off from regular classes to attend lectures, films, and debates at the 15th annual Common Day of Learning (CDL). This year, Phil Vischer, founder of Big Idea Productions and VeggieTales, delivered the keynote address on the day's theme "Connect: Transform Your Passions for a Purpose."

Exuding an upbeat and energetic spirit, Vischer captured the audience's attention and admiration as he described his past accomplishments and work experiences. He shared how his aspirations became realities, as the business he created found immediate success. He also shared the lessons he learned from failures. Vischer led the largest animation studio in the country after producing the number-one Warner Brothers-selling kids' series, and then watched his business, creation, and passion fall into bankruptcy.

"Why would God ask you to give up your dreams?" Vischer asked students. "So they don't become your idols. When God hands you your dream, and then it dies, maybe God wants to realize what you love more – the dream or Him."

Vischer encouraged students to use their talents and live out their passions for God's purpose instead of their own. "The impact that God has planned doesn't occur when you

work for impact, but when you work for God," he explained.

Throughout the remainder of the day, students attended lectures on more than two dozen topics, including "Myspace.com: Connections to the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly"; "The Spirituality of Sport"; and "Leading from Your Strengths: Transforming Passions into Peak Performance."

Cheer Squad Earns Top Rating

APU's cheer squad made history on March 3, taking first place at the Universal Cheerleaders Association's West Coast Championship in Hollywood, California, by overcoming competitors University of Southern California and California State University, Chico, who took second and third, respectively.

"I am so proud of these women," said APU Cheer Coach Colleen Kausrud. "They really represented Christ and APU at this competition. We are blessed to have received this title."

The 25-member squad put significant time and effort into their practices and performances in preparation for the competition, practicing a minimum of four days a week for at least three hours.

As a follow-up to their regional success, the squad traveled to the NCA National Cheerleading

Competition in Daytona Beach, Florida, to compete against 20 colleges in their division and 75 teams vying for the title of national cheerleading champions on April 6.

The squad placed fourth in the nation after a routine Kausrud says was "the best ever." At the largest cheerleading competition in the world, APU was the only Christian school to advance to the final round of the competition and one of few schools from the West Coast.

Though complex routines and intense practices played a huge role in their successes, the squad's view of teamwork and what it means to work hard have been a key factor. "The girls have learned what being part of a team means. We live by our motto, 'It's not about me, it's about the team,'" said Kausrud. "If we can't put ourselves aside and look at what is best for the team, we will not succeed."

Professor Receives CCCU Grant for Research on Adolescent Sexuality

The Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU) awarded Kevin Reimer, Ph.D., associate professor of graduate psychology, an Initiative Grant of \$15,000. The funds will be used to conduct a joint research project on the moral development

of Christian adolescents in regard to sexuality. The CCCU regularly awards such grants to projects which promote networking between Christian scholars within the greater academic community.

Reimer's project, officially titled "Sexuality, Coping, and Moral Decision Making in Christian Adolescents," brings together a diverse group of scholars from several institutions, including David Atkins, Ph.D., and James Furrow, Ph.D., of Fuller Theological Seminary; Don Baucom, Ph.D., of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; and Mark Regnerus, Ph.D., of the University of Texas, Austin.

Reimer and his colleagues plan to conduct a series of studies over the next three years, using groups of undergraduate students from several university campuses, including APU. Students will participate in studies designed to explore a variety of attitudes toward sexuality. "How do they feel about it? Do they feel shame? Do they feel guilt? Do they feel embarrassment or pride? These are things that are known to have significant influence over moral decisions and behavior," said Reimer.

The project results will be published in academic forums and made available to clergy and Christian educators. Reimer, who specializes in the study

of adolescent moral development, hopes the findings may help address a need that he has noticed within the Christian community for increased awareness about issues of sexual development. "I want to help churches and youth groups map out a theologically sensitive program to deal with these issues," said Reimer, "I want students to get the very best, to grow solid character as well as deep faith."

APU Hosts Society of Christian Philosophers Conference

On February 22-24, more than 100 scholars arrived on campus for the Western Region Conference of the Society of Christian Philosophers (SCP), hosted by APU's School of Theology. The event's theme focused on "theology and ontology," and included speeches by Michael Rea, Ph.D., associate director of the Center for Philosophy of Religion at the University of Notre Dame; Robert

Koons, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at the University of Texas, Austin; Timothy O'Connor, Ph.D., chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Indiana, Bloomington; and Ted Sider, Ph.D., professor of philosophy at Rutgers University.

Daniel Speak, Ph.D., associate professor and chair of APU's Department of Theology and Philosophy, assisted with organization and execution of the conference. This is the first time the school has hosted a regional meeting for SCP, founded

in 1978 to create a forum for discussing the role of the Christian faith in the study of philosophy. It marks an important event for the Department of Theology and Philosophy.

"The meeting was an outstanding success," said William Yarchin, Ph.D., professor and associate dean of the School of Theology, Undergraduate Division. "Christians make a conspicuous contribution to the current generation of philosophers in North America. It speaks well for APU to have hosted more than 100

Ph.D. in Higher Education Approved *by Katelyn Noll*



On February 27, APU President Jon Wallace, DBA, announced that the university secured approval from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) to offer a Ph.D. in Higher Education. This new program joins the Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership that has been offered since 1999, and brings the total of doctoral programs offered by the university to seven. It also makes APU the only Christian university to offer the Ph.D. in Higher Education and 1 of only 20 universities in the nation to offer both the Ed.D. in Higher Education Leadership and the Ph.D. in Higher Education.

Laurie Schreiner, Ph.D., director of the Doctor of Education in Higher Education Leadership Program and professor in the Department of Higher Education and Organizational Leadership (HEOL), played a crucial part in the development of the program. In 2004, she and Dennis Sheridan, Ph.D., chair of the Department of HEOL, developed a needs assessment and marketing survey that showed students were interested in both the Ed.D. and Ph.D. programs. Sheridan designed a program that would offer both types of degrees, and also wrote the initial draft for the proposal. Over

the next two years, other doctoral faculty contributed to the program development.

The HEOL department followed the excellent example provided by APU's Ph.D. in Nursing for program and proposal development. Those efforts also laid the groundwork that established the university's commitment to doctoral-level scholarship.

"The approval of this new program represents a significant milestone for the university," said Michael Whyte, Ph.D., provost. "WASC officials stated that the proposal was 'outstanding' and will be used as a model for future submissions."

Schreiner expects that the Ph.D. Program's greatest impact will be the visibility it garners within the academic and professional realms. She believes that APU graduates will go on to become leaders of fine academic institutions as faculty and researchers, enhancing APU's reputation as a quality educational institution. "When that happens," said Schreiner, "it will be easier to recruit and retain the very best students and faculty at all levels of the university."

The new Ph.D. will also uphold and increase the university's commitment to academic excellence among

its own faculty and students. Ph.D. candidates and their professors will study the university itself to learn about student success, the learning process, Christian higher education, leadership, gender issues, social justice, diversity issues, and how to increase disadvantaged students' access to a college education. "The university will become our lab and then benefit from the research evidence we are able to collect about a quality educational experience for our students," said Schreiner.

The new program gives APU a unique role in Christian higher education and its responsibility to prepare the next generation of leaders for colleges and universities. "APU can help prepare academic leaders and can also equip faculty and administrators to integrate their faith with their teaching and their scholarship – something that is not likely to happen at secular universities," said Schreiner.

APU Jazz Ensemble Performs at Monterey Jazz Festival



On March 25, Azusa Pacific University's Jazz Ensemble placed third at the Next Generation Jazz Festival, part of the prestigious Monterey Jazz Festival in Monterey, California.

APU was just 1 of 6 finalists in the competition, selected from among more than 20 schools in the running.

As a finalist, the Jazz Ensemble had the opportunity to perform for

an important circle of jazz critics and musicians in the College Big Band program alongside the University of California, Los Angeles; California State Universities, Los Angeles, Long Beach, and Fullerton; and the University of the Pacific.

"I am blessed to work with these students," said David Beatty, M.M., director of the ensemble for the last seven years. "We have taken to heart the concept of God-honoring excellence, and this is the fruit born

of embracing such an ideal." Under Beatty's direction, the ensemble has cultivated and honed their skills, preparing the students who have gone on to work with professional musicians and pursue careers in the music industry.

Following the competition, APU's Office of Alumni Relations hosted a reception for the ensemble, during which families, friends, and APU alumni shared in the celebration.

participants, attending three plenary sessions and more than two dozen technical presentations offered by widely respected scholars from leading institutions.”

“This enables professors to stay professionally active, so that our own research remains fresh and relevant,” said Speak. “Conferences like this can make the academic philosophical community more aware of what APU is doing.” It also exposes students to how professional philosophers work with and learn from each other, as well as how to proceed beyond their undergraduate studies to pursue graduate degrees.

Three APU Alumni Awarded Fulbright Scholarships

“The Fulbright Program aims to bring a little more knowledge, a little more reason, and a little more compassion into world affairs and thereby to increase the chance that nations will learn at last to live in peace and friendship.”

– J. William Fulbright

Three recent APU alumni, Kristen Higgins, Stephanie Kiel, and Alice Serar, have been awarded 2007 Fulbright Scholarships. This marks the fifth consecutive year an APU student has received this award and sets a record for APU, bringing the number of student Fulbright awards over the past five years to 10.

Higgins, a Sacramento native, graduated in May 2007 with a double major in biblical studies and Christian ministries. With her scholarship, she will travel to Indonesia to study and teach English to local students. “This teaching assistantship will not only provide me with the opportunity to become a more capable teacher, but it will also enable me to experience more of the world that God created,” said Higgins.

While she was a student at APU, Higgins served the student body in several capacities. She was a Resident Advisor, D-group leader, and Alpha Leader. She also had the opportunity

to learn about the global community studying in Lithuania for a semester.

“I hope to gain a better understanding of God’s heart for the nations and learn more about the interplay that occurs between religion and culture,” said Higgins.

A Bellflower, California resident, Kiel graduated in May 2007 with a degree in political science with an emphasis in international relations. Her scholarship will take her to Turkey, where she will participate in a one-year English teaching internship at Bilkent University. She will develop curriculum to help college-aged Turkish students with their conversational English skills. The internship program also allows Kiel to take two courses per semester toward a graduate degree, which she will continue to work toward following the internship.

A semester at Oxford helped Kiel discover her passion for travel and international experiences. “I learned so much while I was there,” she said. “When I returned from Oxford, I knew that I wanted to pursue an international career and find new ways to travel and experience life abroad.” Thanks to her scholarship, this dream will soon be fulfilled. “I’m excited to immerse myself in another culture, and I’m looking forward to the personal challenges that come with this amazing opportunity,” said Kiel.

Serar, a Glendora, California resident who also graduated with a degree in political science with an emphasis in international relations, was awarded a scholarship to study in Belgium. While there, Serar will also pursue a master’s degree in European Union international relations and diplomacy at the College of Europe in Brugge, Belgium. The one-year master’s program will provide her with an academic foundation for international relations, while also enabling her to work with individuals directly involved in European Union foreign policy making.

During fall 2005, Serar interned for Congressman David Dreier (R-San Dimas, CA). The following semester, she studied in Washington, DC with the American Studies Program, serving as a research assistant for the Institute for Global Engagement, an organization that promotes religious freedom throughout the world.

“I want to experience life in another country *and* in another culture. I want to experience being a cultural ambassador and truly understand international relations issues about the European Union from the perspective of EU citizens,” said Serar.

Diane Guido, Ph.D., vice provost for undergraduate programs, applauds these three outstanding alumni. “I know that each individual will continue APU’s proud tradition of Fulbright Scholars,” she said.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, offers scholarship opportunities for recent graduates, postgraduate candidates, and developing professionals and artists to conduct career-launching study and research abroad. Each year, Fulbright offers more than 1,200 American grantees the ability to study abroad. Established in 1946, the Fulbright Program aims to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries, through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills.

Seven Local Residents Receive Scholarships as APU Extends Opportunity to Citrus College Students

As part of its longstanding commitment to the local community, Azusa Pacific University has expanded the Celebrate Azusa/Nancy Moore Scholarship Program to include scholarships for transfer students from neighboring Citrus College. Beginning fall 2007, two eligible Azusa residents who have

attended Citrus College and plan to transfer to APU will receive \$5,000 each in renewable scholarships.

Since its inception in 1999, the Celebrate Azusa/Nancy Moore Scholarship Program has recognized the achievements of outstanding Azusa, Gladstone, and Sierra high school graduates by awarding up to five renewable scholarships each year to incoming students. The decision to add the two new scholarships to the program came about as a result of a recommendation from a community relations committee.

“It’s about partnership,” said Ginny Dadaian, APU’s director of community relations. “We want to see more young men and women from the community come to college, and this scholarship helps accomplish that goal.”

This year’s scholarship recipients include 2007 Azusa and Gladstone high school graduates Bernadette Sebastian, Ahmed Sedam, Nathalie Martin del Campo, Jacob Scherf, and Kristina Wolford, as well as the first Citrus College recipients Joshua Vergara and Florenz Asucan, also Gladstone alumni.

Applicants must write a one-page essay explaining why they wish to continue their education close to home. Recipients are then selected based on their Christian commitment, local involvement, academic achievement, and admission to APU. Once accepted, the students must maintain involvement in some form of community service and attend regular meetings.

Since 2001, Azusa Pacific has awarded a total of \$349,959 to 30 students through this scholarship. The addition of Citrus College transfer recipients brings the total amount of scholarships awarded by the program annually to \$35,000, marking APU’s dedication to educational growth within the community and the continuation of its close relationship with Citrus College.

In Brief entries compiled by Allison Oster ’01, M.A. ’04, with Jared Christenson ’08, Jason Madsen ’07, Katelyn Noll ’07, Michelle Park ’08, Rachel Pledger ’07, Emily Shirk ’10, Shannon Wilke ’07, and Laura Wing ’07.



Holiness as a Root of Morality (Edwin Mellen, 2006) edited by John Park, Ph.D., special assistant to the president

“This book comprises three main chapters: Wesleyan theology and spirituality, Wesleyan ethics, and Wesleyan practical theology. In the first chapter, the writings focus on Wesleyan anthropology, epistemology, spirituality, and Wesleyan theology and evangelical theology. The second chapter deals with Christian holiness and its biblical background, and Christian life and faith in the Holy Spirit. In the last chapter, readers study Wesley’s teachings on academic tradition, administration, and Christian education.

“The book is a festschrift honoring Dr. Lane A. Scott, and the contributors represent many diverse backgrounds, including internationally well-known scholars from many countries, three presidents of the university, and a missionary. All of the contributors are personally connected with Dr. Scott, who is not only a Wesleyan scholar, but also a person who has been entirely dedicated and committed to Wesley’s teachings on holiness throughout the last 38 years at Azusa Pacific University.”

– John Parks



May Christ Be at Home in Your Hearts (Lorenz Publishing Co.) composed by Phil Shackleton, DMA, associate professor of music

“*May Christ Be at Home in Your Hearts* is a setting of the *Living Bible* version of Ephesians 3:16-19, which is a richly visual and emotional text, a prayer of yearning and jubilation, celebrating God’s love. I wanted to support the text emotionally, to present moments of great simplicity, moments of wonder, and moments of utter exhilaration.

“The music spans the range from almost medieval to contemporary, with lots of text painting. There are low chords representing ‘roots in God’s soil’; large, open-voiced chords representing the length, width, and depth of God’s love; interweaving melodic lines creating a harmonious unity throughout, representing God’s strands of love in each of us, which work together for wholeness; a shout of joy for the sheer magnificence of God’s love; and a prayerful, peaceful ending.”

– Phil Shackleton



Church 2K: Leading Forward (Precedent PressPUBLISHER) by Kevin W. Mannoia, Ph.D., professor and graduate and faculty chaplain

“This book is about the Church, its future, and the passion for unity and deeper reflection in people of all ages. New ways of thinking are replacing old patterns of doing church. Block walls are giving way to picket fences of interdependence among Kingdom-minded leaders. My greatest desire in *Church 2K: Leading Forward* is to encourage pastors and lay leaders to think about what God is doing in shaping the future church. I hope that people will let the analogies become a framework to think about the principles of the church that underlie each one.

“They can go as deep as they are able. I don’t expect that readers will remember all of the ideas, but they will remember the metaphors. That will bring to mind the Kingdom principle they point to; and then, in their moments of reflection, they can consider the Church with new eyes and fresh ideas. It’s a book about unity, centered thinking, our commonality in the Kingdom, and the commitment required of leaders to be effective in *Church 2K*.”

– Kevin Mannoia



Choco Bear and His Magic Wagon (Children’s Hospital of Orange County) by Nancy Brashear, Ph.D., professor of English

“The marketing team at Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) asked me to come up with a creative story for a new coloring book. I have an extensive background in early childhood development and a passion for children’s literature, so I couldn’t refuse.

“*Choco Bear and His Magic Wagon* tells a colorful tale of the hospital’s mascot as he looks for his lost treasure. Told in rhyme reminiscent of Dr. Seuss, the story takes the reader through the facilities and services offered at CHOC.

“Once completed, CHOC sent the coloring book to more than 60,000 south Orange County homes and distributed it on patient floors both at CHOC at Mission and the main CHOC campus in Orange.

“The coloring book has earned a positive response from the kids, who enjoy the story and the fantastic illustrations. I am also using this coloring book as a model for my students who write their own original books in my classes. It has been a lot of fun to share it with them.”

– Nancy Brashear

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SIXTY YEARS LATER

TAKING STOCK OF APU'S LEADERSHIP HERITAGE

by Tamsen Murray, Ph.D., and Ken Otto
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Though the deaths of Mary A. Hill, Bertha Pinkham Dixon, and Ruth Esther Smith in 1947 did not produce front-page headlines, even 60 years later their powerful legacies of lifelong Christian service stand as hallmarks. They were among the “founding mothers” of the Training School for Christian Workers (now Azusa Pacific University) and were instrumental in shaping the institution’s outward focus, alive today in the Academic Vision 2016, which identifies intentional internationalization as a major initiative for the next decade. Who were these women and how did they model intentional internationalization?

MARY A. HILL

Of the three, Mary A. Hill (1858-1947) remains the most recognizable name at APU. She was educated at Earlham and Mt. Union colleges and was a recorded (ordained) Friends minister. Prior to arriving in Whittier on February 24, 1900 to become the first principal/president of the Training School for Christian Workers (TSCW), she actively participated in education, home missions, and evangelism throughout Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Illinois. At the Jubilee Homecoming on November 22, 1949 in honor of TSCW’s founding in 1899, one of the early students, Robert Adell, described her as “a spiritually minded individual whose missionary passion and vision has characterized the school down through the years.” Many students who sat under Hill’s leadership at the Training School during her brief tenure went to foreign mission fields. She herself departed for China on October 15, 1901. In anticipation of the journey, she wrote: “Now His voice calls distinctly and the door opens. There is greater joy in going forth since the essential features of organization and teaching in the Gospel Mission of Dark South Chih-li are the same as those which God has been so signally blessing in our Training School work on this coast. With great tenderness of spirit, love for the dear old associations is warmly cherished; but tears give place to gladness of heart as we look toward going forth in the name of Jesus and with His own sweet word of command.”

She soon established a training school in China and continued to serve with the National Holiness Missionary Society for approximately 35 years. She died on March 13, 1947 in Pasadena and is buried at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier. Then-president Cornelius P. Haggard, Th.D., participated in the funeral service. The Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends published this powerful tribute following her death: “Her consecrated life challenges us to find our places in the ripened harvest fields and carry forward the unfinished task.”

BERTHA PINKHAM DIXON

Hill was not the only Training School leader to go to China as a missionary. Bertha Pinkham Dixon (1877-1947) served as the third principal/president of TSCW. She was educated at Brown University and the Friends Bible Institute in Cleveland; while at the Friends Institute, she participated in teaching and evangelism. She came to the Training School in June 1903 to teach for the summer term and was selected as principal in August 1903. She taught classes in Matthew, homiletics, atonement, rhetoric, Scripture doctrines, and voice culture. At the conclusion of the academic year, she wrote: “As we behold the fields white unto harvest, it brings genuine praise to our hearts, to know that, through the favor of God, this school has, during the past year, been permitted to help and instruct between 40 and 50 persons, definitely called of God to enter these fields.”

On June 23, 1904, she married William T. Dixon, a missionary to the Mojave Native American Indians in Needles, California. They were active in evangelistic work for several years until accepting a call to go to China as missionaries; they departed from San Francisco with their two small children on December 7, 1909. Unlike Hill, however, their tenure in China was cut short; both children died in early 1911 after brief illnesses. Upon returning to the United States, they resumed an active life of ministry in California, including several years with Redlands Christian and Missionary Alliance. Dixon wrote a striking memoir entitled *A Romance of Faith* that documents the ministry partnership with her husband. She died on June 1, 1947 in San Bernardino and is buried in Montecito Memorial Park in Colton.


RUTH ESTHER SMITH

The third exemplar of intentional internationalization from the early years of TSCW is Ruth Esther Smith (1870-1947). A recorded minister in the Society of Friends, her fields of service from 1898-1906 included the Sunshine Mission in San Francisco, the First Friends Church in Long Beach, and the Training School, where she served as one of the first teachers in 1900. The Sunshine Mission served the needs of the poor and recent immigrants; she was leading the mission when it was devastated by the 1906 earthquake. Restarting the work proved impossible, so she looked elsewhere for a place to serve. “Miss Ruth” joined the California Quakers’ Guatemala mission in 1906 and served as superintendent from 1907 until her death on April 19, 1947 in Chiquimula, Guatemala, where she is buried. In one of her annual reports to the California Yearly Meeting, she wrote: “The people of these vast fields are ready to listen to a clear, convincing, confident statement of what Jesus Christ can do to meet human needs.”

Her dedication prompted this posthumously published tribute: “When she arrived in Guatemala, there were eight believers in Chiquimula and one man in Santa Elena who had a Bible. From this beginning, she saw the work grow to 4,500 believers in 50 organized congregations and 14 districts.”

THREE WOMEN

Three remarkable women whose lives ended in 1947 after intersecting briefly with the TSCW in its earliest days – Mary A. Hill, Bertha Pinkham Dixon, and Ruth Esther Smith. Each was a product of the Society of Friends with its affirmation of women in church leadership. Each exemplified *God First* by investing her life in obedience to God’s call to service. Each left the comforts of home to “make known the glorious Gospel.” Sixty years later, their legacy of leadership and global vision lives on through Azusa Pacific University’s emphasis on intentional internationalization.

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Pictured at left: Mary A. Hill, Bertha Pinkham Dixon with husband William, and Ruth Esther Smith.



In the fall of 2004, evangelical Americans emerged as a powerful force among voters, lobbying hard for social issues. Policymakers took note, and the political landscape shifted. Appealing to faith-based voters became a must for campaign strategy; and now, at the dawn of the 2008 presidential campaign, candidates have been quick to refer to their personal faith journeys, and how their belief systems inform their dreams for the country. *With such power comes great responsibility.* And as evangelicals continue to work out differences in opinion among themselves, the fact remains: *America is listening, so what do Christians have to say?*

In a November 13, 2006 *Newsweek* article, “A New Social Gospel,” writer Michael Gerson describes believers as “becoming more globally focused and more likely to consider themselves ‘pro-life and pro-poor.’”¹ Whereas the 2004 election focused around a few “values” issues (namely the sanctity of marriage and rights of the unborn child), “the current focus on moral values has created a platform to talk about other issues, especially poverty, as both political and moral concerns.”² In the words of Bishop Harry R. Jackson Jr., pastor of Hope Christian Church, a 3,000-member congregation in Lanham, Maryland, broadening the scope of evangelical issues “helps improve our image and more accurately reflects the full panoply of our beliefs.”³

Ever since Jesus uttered His charge to look after the widows and the orphans, Christianity has owned the responsibility to fight poverty wherever present. From the early Church pooling its resources to provide for its less fortunate community members to the present-day Christ-centered rescue missions, part of Jesus followers’ legacy includes caring for the least of these. And unlike other core issues, ending poverty appeals to Americans across the board – regardless of denominational

differences. At the intersection of all these factors rests an unprecedented opportunity to bring genuine, restorative change to America’s hurting.

As the grants consultant for the Union Rescue Mission (URM), Kerri (Fernsworth ’02) Fezell witnesses firsthand the effects hopelessness can have on people caught in the cycle of poverty. One of the largest rescue missions of its kind in the United States and the oldest in Los Angeles, URM offers a host of services, including food, shelter, clothing, medical and dental care, recovery programs, transitional housing, legal assistance, education, counseling, and job training to needy men, women, children, and families.

“I’ve heard formerly homeless people say that poverty and homelessness form a frame of mind that entraps,” she said. “One of our formerly homeless case managers described her nine-year period of homelessness as a ‘disease.’ Once you adjust to living a certain way, it’s difficult to imagine a different life. Opportunities to see what is possible beyond your present circumstances, and to believe that you can set and reach goals, can lift people out of poverty. Staying in an impoverished environment breeds poverty.”

Bruce Main ’85, director of UrbanPromise Ministries, a Camden, New Jersey-based organization that equips urban children, youth, and adults with education, spiritual training, and leadership opportunities, agrees. “There are definitely systemic issues that create poverty – such as lack of jobs, insufficient tax base, poor educational systems, and isolated neighborhoods that have high concentrations of poor people,” he said. “But there is also a spiritual dimension to poverty. Some scholars call it a kind of nihilism – a life of horrifying meaninglessness, lovelessness, and hopelessness. A life without love, meaning, and hope can be incredibly damaging to a person’s emotional and social development. There are larger systemic issues and issues of the heart that can all contribute to creating generations of poor people.”

As a child, Fezell’s household hovered at or below the poverty level. Her father’s job as a security guard supplied a modest income, and her mother juggled multiple part-time jobs in an effort to boost the family earnings. She recalls shopping for day-old bread and dented canned goods, passing on the name brand clothes her friends wore, and living simply. But what she remembers most is not what the family did not have. “Poverty is an attitude,” she said. “I never felt like I was living in poverty. The attitude in our family was that we could do anything and be anything. I grew up poor in terms of money, but rich in terms of experience and hope for the future.”

In her role at URM, Fezell seeks out resources that enable the center’s programs to continue to cultivate such hope. Working with only a small team of interns, she drafts grant proposals that not only fund services, but also sponsor families and individuals ready to step out on their own. In similar fashion, UrbanPromise designs programs that combat both the physical and emotional threats from poverty.



“UrbanPromise tries to respond to issues of urban poverty by addressing the issue from both a practical standpoint and from a spiritual standpoint,” said Main. “We provide alternative educational opportunities so young people can get a quality education. We provide jobs, job training, and leadership opportunities for teens. We help young people look beyond their isolated communities and see a bigger world. But we also address the deeper questions of life – issues of meaning, hope, and purpose. And this is where the community of Christ can make a difference. We provide opportunities to develop skills and gifts, but we can also connect young people to the Source of meaning and life. This is a critical distinction.”

Ministries like the Union Rescue Mission and UrbanPromise offer new hope for current victims of poverty and serve as catalysts for long-term change. But any program, no matter how innovative, remains stagnant and ineffective without human capital to support it and believe in its value to society. Since its birth in 1899 as the Training School for Christian Workers, Azusa Pacific University has underscored the importance of bringing about God’s Kingdom work through acts that transform the spiritual and physical lives of people. By utilizing innovative programs that educate students about the needs of society and inspire a lifelong commitment to meeting those needs, APU shapes graduates equipped to serve. According to Rich Slimbach, Ph.D., professor of global studies, such programs encourage shared living – a community bonded together in peace despite differences in race, economic background, political and religious beliefs, and more. “Only as this happens can their experience become our experience. Until our students’ true circle of experience can encompass ‘the least of these’ in domestic and international settings, the real conditions of a drowning creation will forever remain lost in the abstract. Most American evangelicals don’t grasp poverty because they live lives hermetically sealed off from poor people. If more of us had such people as friends or neighbors, we’d believe that poverty demands serious moral reflection and many more of us would be figuring out ways to eradicate the problem.”

APU’s L.A. Term, a program open to all APU students, regardless of major, places undergraduates in the unique position to learn about poverty from the inside out. As temporary residents of L.A. neighborhoods, participants experience life as it exists for their neighbors. They rely on public transportation to get to and from their internship sites; they interact with people from all walks of life, including homeless men and women, former gang members, and students struggling in the public school system; and they intern at organizations dedicated

to serving the have-nots. “These experiences bring faces to the readings and class discussions that explore homelessness, public education, crime, and transportation,” said Sarah Dotterweich, program coordinator. “Students seek to love on individual and structural scales through their relationships and their internships. The hope is that a life of ministry would emerge from L.A. Term, where students explore what it means to follow Jesus’ call to serve the poor.”

The result? Personal identification with the injustice facing the poor. Take, for instance, the two students interning at Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (C.L.U.E.-L.A.) for the 2007 spring semester. Charged with the responsibility to mobilize the faith-based community to advocate for those who are poor and who struggle to make a living wage, they, along with many L.A. Term students and alumni, joined thousands of workers and local laborers, people of faith, and community organizations in a march on Century Boulevard on September 28, 2006. The event called for the end of low wages and lack of medical benefits for immigrant workers in the hotels at the LAX Airport Century Boulevard corridor. Less than two months later, on November 22, the Los Angeles City Council passed a living wage ordinance for Century Boulevard hotel workers to relieve the workers from poverty; on November 27, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signed the legislation into law.

According to Program Director Paul Hertig, Ph.D., the L.A. Term curriculum seeks to engage students in service and teach them how to serve in a manner infused by Christ’s example. Classes instruct how to engage in ministry that respects and empowers those who are poor, rather than making them dependent. “Jesus’ impulsion was toward the edges, not the center of society. He boldly deviated from the imposed norms of mainstream religion and society, interrupting the status quo through His encounters with marginalized people,” said Hertig. “He not only ‘lived among them,’ but He also dined with them – tax collectors, sinners, Pharisees, women, men, and children. He spent time listening to people, interacting with them, hearing their stories, and meeting their needs. Jesus got everyone involved, and that’s what we try to do at L.A. Term. We get students fully involved in the lives of people and the issues of the city. We seek to follow the same pedagogical methods as Jesus.”

But L.A. Term is not the only life-changing program that offers students a chance to experience the effects of poverty. For 10 years, Connie Brehm, Ph.D., RN, associate professor in APU’s School of Nursing, has worked alongside students to bring health care to the San Gabriel Valley’s homeless. The outreach matches nursing students with a homeless shelter clinic in need of health care providers. “I started this work with the homeless originally to bring graduate nursing students out to a community site where they would have to do health assessments on very ill and very poor (homeless) persons,” said Brehm. Today, the program involves students from all areas of APU’s School of Nursing, including the undergraduate, graduate, accelerated RN to BSN, and doctoral programs.

Brehm and her students conducted more than 1,000 client visits at their shelter clinic, and offer services such as health assessments, treatments for acute health problems, a pharmacy, and referrals for clients with complicated, chronic health problems or emergent health problems. On any given night, the clinic utilizes as many as 12-15 students and 2 part-time adjunct faculty (who serve as regular nurse practitioner preceptors to assist the other students as they care for

the shelter patients) to efficiently see as many as 30-40 patients over a four-hour evening clinic session.

Lynn Quitoriano ’06 participated in Brehm’s outreach for two seasons as a student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. Last December, she hosted a Christmas party at a park for her homeless friends. With the help of some non-homeless friends, Quitoriano served up a feast of spaghetti, lasagna, salad, and cookies to approximately 35 homeless attendees. After dinner, the group watched a movie in the park, enjoying popcorn, hot cocoa, and most importantly, fellowship. Quitoriano finished off the evening by presenting her homeless guests with wrapped gifts of valued items like gloves, razors, and toothbrushes. “I think it might have been one of the greatest days of my life – seeing all my homeless friends interacting so beautifully with all of my non-homeless friends,” she said. “It was more like a family picnic than a ‘homeless outreach.’ It was awesome to see the love of God manifested in such a ragamuffin group of people.”

Programs that encourage face-to-face knowledge of poverty often serve as the antidote to apathy and immobilization. Questions of, “What can I do? Where do I start?” transform into the knowledge that, “Something must be done. I can help.” And a belief like that can change the world.

While the long reach of poverty’s arm in America may be bleak, evangelicals’ response to it need not be. The current world most certainly listens for the message Christ-followers send. For Christians working to bring restoration to those in need, the message remains one of hope *and* action.

“Central to the Christian faith is a concern for the poor,” said Main. “Christianity affirms the dignity of human beings made in the image of God. If we do not challenge the forces that diminish the humanity of God’s children, we have neglected the essence of Jesus’ message. American Christians need to go out of their way to see the poor, they need to build relationships with poor people, and then they need to advocate on their behalf. The God of the Old Testament is a God of justice. It’s hard to read the prophets without being struck by God’s aversion toward poverty and oppression. If the God we worship is about justice, then those of us who reflect that heart of God in this world must be about doing justice also.”

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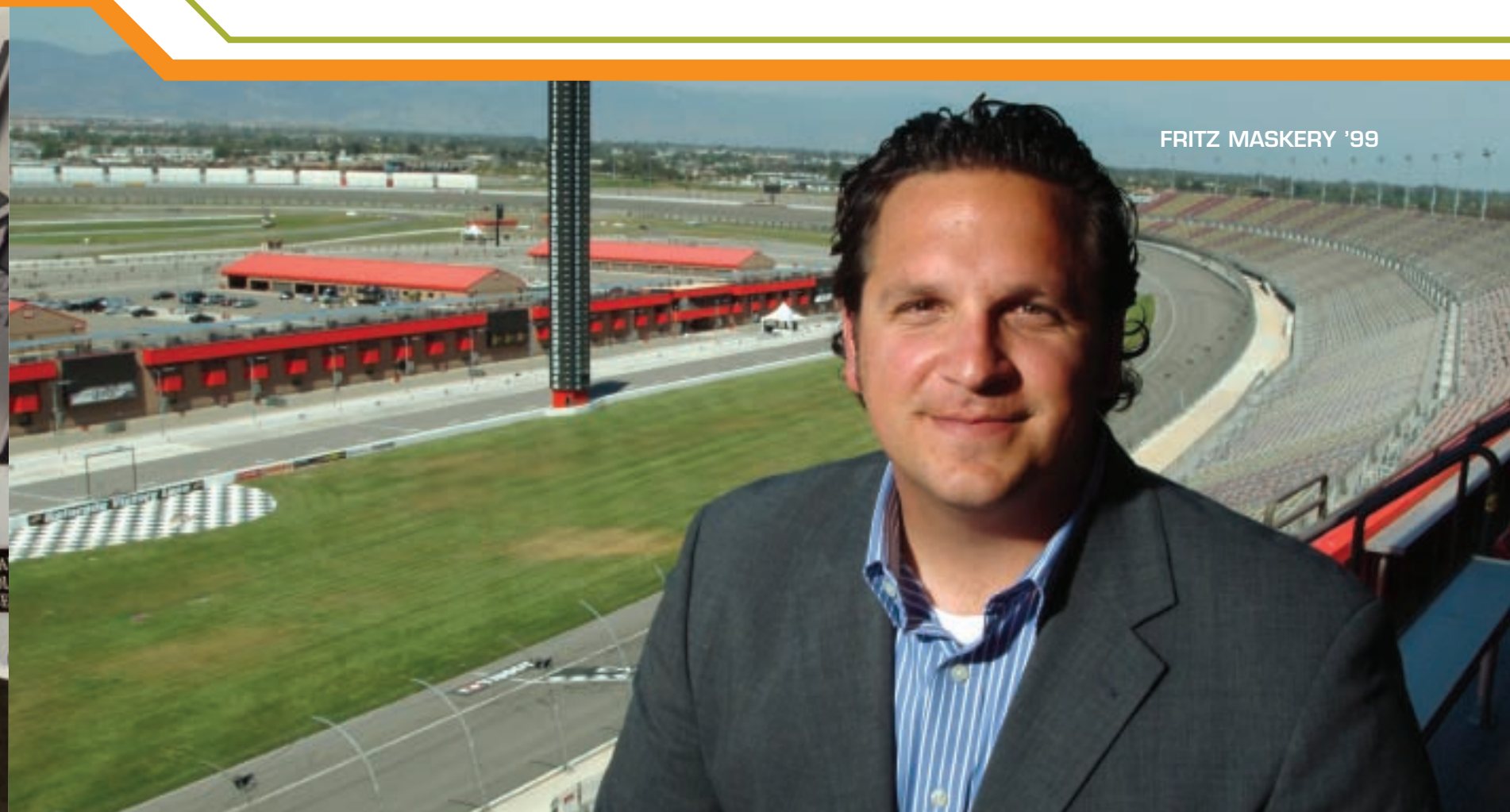
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FRITZ MASKERY '99

ON TRACK FOR SUCCESS

BY CHRIS VOTH

AUTO RACING, SPECIFICALLY NASCAR, HAS COME A LONG WAY FROM ITS SOUTHERN-BRED, COUNTRY-FRIED, “GOOD-OLD BOYS” IMAGE. IT IS NOW THE NATION’S SECOND-MOST POPULAR SPORT ON TELEVISION (BEHIND THE NFL), AND IN 2006, 17 OF THE 20 HIGHEST-ATTENDED SPORTING EVENTS IN THE NATION WERE NASCAR EVENTS.

WHILE NASCAR MAY NOT HAVE A LONG HISTORY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, DRAG RACING DOES. ITS ROOTS ARE IN THE DRY LAKE BEDS OF THE MOJAVE DESERT. IN 1951, THE NATIONAL HOT ROD ASSOCIATION (NHRA) FORMED AS THE SANCTIONING BODY TO GOVERN SAFETY OF THE SPORT. THE NHRA HEADQUARTERS IN GLENDORA IS JUST FIVE MINUTES FROM THE AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY CAMPUS.

A MAJOR SPORT, RACING ATTRACTS FANS AND ADVERTISERS THAT CUT ACROSS DEMOGRAPHIC LINES – INCLUDING GRADUATES FROM AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY. HERE, *APU LIFE* INTRODUCES THREE ALUMNI MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE INDUSTRY. THEIR AREAS OF EXPERTISE MIGHT DIFFER, BUT THEIR PASSION FOR THE SPORT REMAINS THE SAME.

FAST TRACK

NASCAR comes to California Speedway twice a year – the Auto Club 400 in February and a 500-mile race in September. This year's Auto Club 400 attracted 90,000 fans, and the fall event expects to draw similar numbers. According to Fritz Maskrey '99, the two events together will bring in more revenue to the area than a Super Bowl, upwards of \$230 million.

Maskrey, a former Cougar baseball player, now serves as the senior director of corporate sales and marketing at California Speedway in Fontana. The 2.5-mile oval hosts several national racing series, including the AMA Superbikes, but

its big draw is the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series.

Maskrey, who lives with his wife, Keleigh, and son, Jack, in Huntington Beach, manages a team of six, which is responsible for all track sponsorship, the 91 VIP luxury hospitality suites, all signage and vendor retail space on property, and any other corporate revenue for the facility.

While Maskrey grew up in Dana Point, surfing and playing traditional sports like baseball, he had an interest in racing at an early age. "I remember watching NASCAR on TV with my dad, and for some reason, I just enjoyed it," said Maskrey. "I had a passion for getting involved."

At that time, no major track existed in Southern California, so there was

not much of an opportunity to be a part of the national racing scene. That changed in 1997 with the opening of California Speedway. Then-APU sophomore Maskrey remembers coming out to the ribbon-cutting on opening day. (No comment on whether he skipped classes to attend.)

With a track close by, Maskrey began pestering the staff at California Speedway for the next couple of years about a job or mentorship. There were none available, but following his May 1999 graduation, they agreed to a meeting.

"We went through their Rolodex for about two-and-a-half hours and they gave me names and addresses to send résumés to," said Maskrey. "Then I called up to Sears Point [near San

Francisco] and said I want to volunteer to get my feet wet.

"I drove up there and lived out of my Jeep for two-and-a-half months, working for Sears Point leading up to the NASCAR race," said Maskrey. That led to an internship with them and a second internship with Laguna Seca in Monterey. He eventually landed a full-time job at Laguna Seca and worked there until the end of 2000, when he got a call to come down and interview for a job opening at California Speedway.

Now in his seventh year at California Speedway, Maskrey's focus centers on growing racing's visibility in Southern California.

"I think NASCAR is still in its infancy here," said Maskrey. "It's not

yet woven into the fabric of society. It's not been here for 40 years like the Dodgers or Lakers, but once people get a taste of the sport, they get hooked the first time they come on site."

Like NASCAR, the NHRA seeks to become more mainstream. While it has not yet received the same level of media attention, some of that is changing with the A&E reality series, *Driving Force*. The show follows 14-time Funny Car Champion John Force on and off the track as he interacts with his wife and four daughters.

Easily the biggest name in drag racing, Force is one of the most dynamic and outspoken personalities in all of sports. Kelly Antonelli '03 is the marketing director for John Force Racing, Inc., based in Yorba Linda, and is in charge of scheduling, managing driver appearances, arranging interviews, and doing public relations work for the multimillion dollar operation.

"We are not only trying to get John Force's name out there, but we are also trying to assist in the growth of the sport," said Antonelli. "We want to take it to the next level."

Force's team fields three cars, one of which is driven by daughter Ashley, who is in her first year of professional competition. Female racers remain a rarity, but add to that the last name Force and a national television show, and it amounts to a lot of attention for Ashley's season. Antonelli's husband, Dean, is Ashley's crew chief so the pressure increases to make sure she races well.

Similar to Maskrey, Antonelli did not grow up on racing. After graduating high school in Washington Court House, Ohio, she started an internship with Columbus-based Mac Tools, while taking college classes. The internship led to a full-time job in customer service and eventually a position in the motorsports division in 1994. The job included travel to all

kinds of races at tracks all over the country, which took a toll on Antonelli's education and her personal life.

"I liked the travel, but I had a steady boyfriend at the time," she said. "When I started traveling, that really put a crunch on our relationship."


A choice had to be made. Antonelli chose the job, but in 1998, Antonelli's boss and Force, who is sponsored by Mac Tools, played matchmakers and set her up with a mechanic on Force's team.

The two started dating and were married in June 1999. A few months later, Antonelli joined John Force Racing, Inc., and the newlyweds moved to California to be close to the team's operations.

Still wanting to finish her degree, Antonelli enrolled in Azusa Pacific's Bachelor of Science in Applied Management (now B.S. in Organizational Leadership) Program. She attended classes once a week in

Orange County, while doing homework and writing papers on the road and at the track.

Antonelli now lives in Indianapolis and travels to all 23 national events, working at a frenetic pace to keep up with Force's high energy. "It's never boring," said Antonelli. "It's kind of like riding a roller coaster. But I love my job, and we're introducing John and the NHRA to people who may not be familiar with our sport."

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SPEED RACER

Like most college students, Erica Nocita '07 has a job on the weekends to help pay the bills. But unlike her classmates who may be waiting tables, mowing lawns, or working at Disneyland, Nocita drag races.

And she does more than just race, she wins. In fact, Nocita drove her Chevy Cobalt Phase 5 to two national wins last year en route to becoming the Eastern Champion in the NHRA Sport Compact Quick 16.

Nocita grew up around racing. Her father is a car guy, often affectionately

called a "gear head." He loves to work on, talk about, and be around cars; and he has done some drag racing himself. He used to take the family on vacations to the desert, where the kids would tear up the sand on four-wheelers and off-road vehicles.

When each of the kids turned 16, Mr. Nocita insisted they take a safe-driving course. Erica lobbied for a drag racing course at Frank Hawley's Drag Racing School in Pomona instead. Her dad conceded and that was it.

"Once I made my first pass, I just fell in love with the sport," said Nocita, who ignored other extracurricular activities to begin racing a Super Stock Chevelle at the amateur level on weekends. She competed at local tracks from Irwindale to Palmdale.

For the uninitiated, drag racing involves an acceleration competition between two vehicles beginning at a standstill and racing in a straight line down a quarter-mile track. While the vehicles in the sport may vary in size, power, and speed,

they all race the same distance and the same track. Drivers of similar class are matched up in a 16-car bracket, much like a basketball tournament, and compete head-to-head through four rounds to determine a winner.

When Nocita started showing up at the track, few young ladies were around, which made fitting in a bit difficult.

"A lot of the guys wouldn't talk to me," said Nocita, whose entire pit crew consisted only of her father and her best friend, Pat Selders. "As a girl, you have to work harder to be taken seriously. You have to be twice as good. If you mess up, they give you a bad time. If a guy messes up, they just say 'it happens.'"

Undeterred, she continued racing, even though her interest perplexed her mother. "My mom doesn't get cars. She just doesn't get it."

But she remained supportive, as long as Nocita maintained her grades. "No school, no cars" was her rule.

Nocita obliged and graduated from Mayfield High School in Pasadena in 2002 before attending the University of Colorado in Boulder.

"I could only take one year there," she said. "I missed my family, and it was too cold to wear my flip flops. Plus, I didn't get to race, which was hard."

Nocita, a business major, returned to Southern California in fall 2003, enrolled at Azusa Pacific University, and got back behind the wheel. She started racing her father's 1966 Chevy Nova at the next level up, going from zero to 120 miles per hour (mph) in five seconds.

There are many different classes and categories in drag racing. At the top sits Top Fuel Dragsters, which go more than 325 mph and cover the quarter-mile track in less than five seconds. There are also Funny Cars, Pro Stock Cars, Pro Stock Bikes, Pro Stock Trucks, and many other kinds of vehicles on down to regular street-legal cars.

While the professional drivers compete in the 23-race NHRA POWERade Series, there are thousands

of "weekend warriors" like Nocita who pay to race at local tracks just for the fun of it. The cost of the cars, engines, entry fees, and transportation make it an expensive hobby, unless a driver is lucky enough to attract a sponsor. Fortunately, that happened to Nocita at the end of 2004, inking a deal with GM to race the Chevy Cobalt Phase 5. Ironically, Nocita's gender sparked the carmaker's initial interest.

The sponsorship includes a car, parts, testing, technical support, travel expenses, and a driver's stipend. It also comes with the responsibilities of making personal appearances and attending more races, including competitions on the other side of the country.

Nocita competed in her first race as a sponsored driver in West Palm Beach, Florida, April 1-2, 2005. While a friend transported the car, Nocita, her father, and her new crew chief flew in for the weekend. It was worth the trip.

Against incredible odds, Nocita won her first NHRA national event

and took home a prestigious "Wally" trophy (named after NHRA founder Wally Parks). "I've wanted to win a Wally since I started watching drag racing, so winning at West Palm Beach was an emotional and exciting time for me."

A month later, she did it again and won at Englishtown, New Jersey. "I'd heard a lot about the competition there, and for years had seen the track on television, so that was another great moment."

By virtue of those two wins and solid performances in other races, Nocita won the Eastern crown. But it was not an easy accomplishment, especially while trying to balance racing twice a month, travel, classes, and homework.

"It was really difficult and wasn't always fun to be at a great track like Englishtown and have to be in the trailer doing applied calculus, but that was the only time to get it done."

Nocita acknowledges there were a lot of understanding sponsors and

professors who made the dual life possible. "The people at GM have been unbelievable in their support of my school schedule," said Nocita, "and my professors helped me in scheduling some of my work and exams around my travel schedule."

"At first when I told them I had to go racing, they looked at me like I was giving them a 'my dog ate my homework' excuse, but then they were cool with it."

Nocita defends her title in 2007 while finishing her final semester at APU. Then she hopes to attend the University of Southern California to become a pharmacist. Despite her success in drag racing, she does not plan on making it a career.

"I want racing to be a part of my life, but I don't want it to consume me," said Nocita. "I would like to have a regular life like everyone else."

Maybe she is not that different from her classmates after all.

AN UNLIKELY PARTNERSHIP

BY MICAH MCDANIEL

It is a cool, overcast December afternoon as Paulo Sandoval approaches the runway. Full speed ahead he goes, before gently slowing down and heaving another javelin toward the 50-yard line. One down, another 20 to 25 more throws to go, and it is just another typical Thursday afternoon at the Azusa Pacific track.

Under the watchful eye of Azusa Pacific women's track and field coach Mike Barnett '97, M.Ed. '01, who offers his anecdotal wisdom and aged experience, Sandoval takes it all in with a willing smile and an eagerness for the next toss. Sandoval is an elite javelin thrower for his age, and he has the potential to etch his name among the Cougar track and field greats, joining the likes of Dave Johnson '86, M.A. '02; Christian Okoye '87; the Ezinwa twins (Osmond '94 and Davidson '94); and Bryan Clay '03. However, that must wait until 2012, because Sandoval is still in eighth grade.

After taking in Barnett's words of constructive criticism and coaching tweaks on the previous hurl, the Azusa resident retreats to his starting point, takes a deep breath, and proceeds once more.

Just four months shy of his 14th birthday, Sandoval has found a new home – Cougar Athletic Stadium. He has found a new mentor in Barnett. And he has found a new member of his already tight-knit Azusa family in the Cougars' nationally renowned track and field team. For the past year, Sandoval has headed to the Cougars' track every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, rarely missing a day, to train with the best. After all, he is one of the best.

Last August, at 13, Sandoval finished fourth in the javelin in his age group (13-14) at the U.S. Junior National Championships in Baltimore, Maryland. The three that finished ahead of him were all 14-year-olds. However, Sandoval is quick to point out that there was only one reason he was able to throw as well as he did.

"To know that [Barnett] is coaching me and he's been to the Olympics is pretty cool," said Sandoval. "I look up to him as my role model. He called me at last year's championships and told me that he was in my shoes once,

competing against older, bigger, and stronger guys. He told me to relax and just throw it as far as I could."

Barnett and Sandoval first met in November 2005, when Sandoval was in seventh grade at Center Middle School in Azusa. His elementary track coach Adrian Acosta, who started Sandoval throwing the turbo javelin, found Barnett after searching the Azusa Pacific website. He had been looking for someone to give Sandoval some high-level, personal attention, and thought Barnett would be just the man for the job.

Once he responded and met Sandoval, it was a perfect match.

"As a university, we place a high importance on mentorship and that was the initial reason why I started this relationship," said Barnett. "I thought it was a great idea and an opportunity to give back to the community."

So Sandoval began coming to the track twice a week to work out with the team. Some days he would walk. Other days, his parents or brothers would bring him. Nonetheless, he was always there. At first, it started out as strictly a coach/athlete relationship but has since blossomed into a mentor/mentee relationship.

"He's a local kid, from the city, who has talent," said Barnett. "Within

the framework of the C.H.A.M.P. [College Headed and Mighty Proud] Program we have at APU, I can help him understand that college is a viable option for him. It's got him thinking now, and he wants to be an architect. I'd love to get him believing enough in himself that with his athletic ability combined with his academics, he will be able to go to college wherever he wants."

Prior to meeting Barnett, Sandoval, the fifth of six children, had no thought of attending college.

"Originally, I just wanted to give him the hope that he can go to college," said Barnett. "When we first talked, he didn't see the realistic possibility of being able to afford it. I began to show him that there is money available to him between academics, athletics, and other financial aid resources. College is definitely a priority, a hope, and a dream that is achievable. Suddenly, the conversation turned and now he wants to go to college. I just wanted that desire to get sparked within him and let it catch fire."

"We talk about staying on top of my studies and about going to college one day," said Sandoval. "I didn't think I would even be able to go, but we started talking about scholarships and I now see that college is possible.

Coach has been an inspiration to me."

Next year, Sandoval will attend Gladstone High School as a freshman. Because there is no high school javelin in this area, he will continue to compete on the junior circuit and train with Barnett and the Cougars. Barnett sees great potential for Sandoval to be an elite javelin thrower.

"Paulo's got a cannon," said Barnett. "We just need to work on him not spraying it all over the field. That will come as he gets stronger and bigger. He has a bright future; I would love to see him get to the next level.

"He's got a group of people around him that's going to help make him successful. I'm just a little part of that. He loves coming out here, and we consider him a part of our team. He even came to our Christmas party. Paulo's the complete package, and it is a joy to be involved in his life."

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

APRIL 10

After 39 seasons as a head coach, including the final 16 at Azusa Pacific, men's head basketball coach Bill Odell resigned, finishing his career as the winningest collegiate men's basketball coach over the past 16 years. Justin Leslie, former Cougar player and assistant coach, assumes the role of head basketball coach. Odell remains athletic director.

APRIL 19

Azusa Pacific's baseball team broke the program's record, posting its 19th straight win, the longest winning streak in program history. The streak continued through the end of the season, ending at 24 straight wins on April 28.

APRIL 29

The NAIA's No. 2-ranked men's tennis team claimed the independent college team championship at the 107th Annual Ojai Valley Tennis Tournament, making the ninth team victory in the past 10 seasons.

APRIL 29

Azusa Pacific men's track and field team swept all four sprint races and won all three relays to literally run away with its 14th Golden State Athletic Conference men's track and field championship. The women's team took second.



50-Year Reunion



On May 5-6, APU welcomed more than 80 alumni from the class of 1957 and their spouses. These graduates of APU forerunner Pacific Bible College gathered to reminisce Friday evening and catch up on recent university accomplishments. President Jon Wallace, DBA, bestowed the 50-year medallion on 13 honored alumni.

Saturday included campus tours, with participants noting the many changes since they were students. The honored alumni also walked with the class of 2007 in the undergraduate commencement and were recognized by the 700 newest alumni.

Mark your calendars now for Class of 1958 50-Year Reunion: May 2-4, 2008. More information to follow in the fall.

Alumni Gatherings and Student Send-Offs

The Alumni Association would like to send off new students from their home cities in style as they prepare to leave for APU. Come join alumni, new students, and their families for barbecue dinners where all can share stories from APU and welcome new students and their parents into the greater APU community.

Parents, this is a great time to meet other APU families in your area, arrange carpools for holidays, and tap into the APU alumni network early on. Most importantly, the time will end with a commissioning prayer for the new students. The Alumni Association will provide the meat and drinks for the barbecue; attendees bring a side dish and a dessert to share.

Denver, Saturday, July 14, 2007 (RSVP by July 11, 2007)
www.apualumni.com/DenverJuly2007

Central California, August 2007

See a full list of locations at www.apualumni.com/studentsendoff/.
 Contact the Office of Alumni Relations (alumni@apu.edu; (626) 812-3026) for event times and locations, and to reserve your place.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming 2007

Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2007 on Saturday, October 20, 2007. Plan for a fun day when we will honor former APU athletes and induct them into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Other activities include the Marv Mardock 5K run, a kid-friendly carnival, the traditional pre-game In-N-Out Burger tailgate, and APU Football vs. Whitworth College from Spokane, Washington. More details to follow. www.apualumni.com/homecoming



Alumni Golf Tournament 2007



Mark your calendar for the annual Alumni Golf Tournament to benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund on Thursday, October 18, 2007. We will host the tournament at Coyote Hills Country Club in Fullerton. Stay tuned for more details. www.apualumni.com/golf2007

Alumni Dinner Theater: *Beauty and the Beast*

Join the Alumni Association on Saturday, September 29, for a special private presentation of *Beauty and the Beast* performed by the APU Department of Film, Theater, and Television. The day begins with a catered lunch and dessert, culminating in a spectacular performance by APU students. This family-friendly activity is perfect for children of all ages. www.apualumni.com/dinnertheater2007



Sarah turns 15 years old today. She looks forward to a few presents, some well-wishes from her friends at school, and maybe some birthday cake. She feels officially like a young woman, hoping for and dreaming of a promising future. But she has a 1 in 10 chance of surviving to her 35th birthday. Sarah is HIV positive. And so is 36.8 percent of her nation's population.

So begins many of the stories filmmaker Brent Gudgel '02 seeks to document. Through his work with his production company, Chronicle Project, he not only encounters gripping tales, but also seeks to share them with audiences who are willing and able to help. "People like good stories. Film allows stories to come alive," said Gudgel. "With film, an audience member can live through someone else's eyes. The story takes on a life of its own and becomes a tool that God can use however He wants."

This June, Chronicle Project plays host to one of its largest audiences yet, as Showtime Television airs the company's feature-length documentary, *Dear Francis*. Before garnering the attention of Showtime, *Dear Francis* earned Chronicle Project the Crystal Heart honor at the Heartland Film Festival, Best Documentary at the New York AIDS Film Festival, and Official Selection at the Westwood International Film Festival.

All in all, not too shabby for a guy who planned to study computers. Originally from Agoura Hills, Gudgel did not have filmmaking on his radar when he arrived as a freshman at APU. But after making a short film for fun and hosting an on-campus

screening, a nonprofit organization approached him and asked if the then-19-year-old would travel to China to create a documentary.

"I thought, 'What a great opportunity,' and went for it," he said. "I learned that it's a big world, that filmmaking was something I could be passionate about. The whole thing started the process of God working in me to start caring about social justice issues."

Upon his return to campus, Gudgel changed his major to communication studies with a media studies emphasis and started working closely with his professors, with whom he still remains connected. "APU gave me a solid foundation and worldview, and taught me to ask a lot of questions. Circumstantially, I wouldn't be doing what I'm doing today without APU and the direction God took me while I was there," he said.

Now he wants to give current APU senior film students and recent graduates new opportunities for learning just like he had. Chronicle Project invites students to be part of a mentoring program for the summer, helping to make short films on social justice issues. "There is great talent coming out of Azusa Pacific, and it's really growing now that more

resources are available," said Gudgel. "We would love to have some of those students bring that talent to our projects and learn hands-on."

Projects like *Dear Francis* – which meet Gudgel's desire to inform and inspire – are an example. The film follows two college students on an AIDS prevention program to Swaziland, where close to 40 percent of the population has the disease, making it the most HIV-infected nation in the world, according to the United Nations. "We just wanted to tell a good story, but God has used this film in ways we never expected," said Gudgel, who co-directed the film. "World Vision, 30-Hour Famine, and many churches and universities nationally and globally have done screenings of it. We want it to be a tool that can help people support their own ministries and stir others to action."


Utilizing interviews with officials and experts, the film reveals startling and complex truths about the AIDS pandemic, most importantly that it is not just about statistics, but about real people. Through the formation of relationships, the two students find glimmers of hope for the future of Swaziland. "The most fulfilling thing about this project is hearing how it has moved people to make a

difference," Gudgel said. "Whether they decided to be a volunteer doctor in Africa, create home churches or hospices in Swaziland, or just donate money to a charity, it doesn't get better than that in a job."

Dear Francis airs on Showtime starting this June and runs throughout the year and into 2008. "They buy very few films that are not from big studios. It's a miracle that they even watched it since it deals with AIDS, abstinence, and Christianity," said Gudgel. "I think it shows that some companies do want to air these topics, but it's just that few films like this are getting out there."

In the future, Gudgel hopes Chronicle Project can continue producing quality film projects, both large and small, about social justice and outreach ministries. He wants his films to educate and motivate people toward engagement with the issues. "God has a big plan, and we [Chronicle Project] just want to play a part in it," he said. "We know that's better than any plan of our own."

Find out more online. Watch a video of Gudgel's story at www.apu.edu/stories/. Learn more about Chronicle Project and their productions at www.chronicleproject.org. To purchase a DVD of *Dear Francis*, visit www.dearfrancis.org.

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INTEGRITY REDEFINED

by Cyndie Hoff

In today's business world, the word "integrity" evokes a sense of honesty and trustworthiness. It carries connotations of right morals and impeccable values. However, its root tells a different story. Integrity comes from the Latin term *integritas*, meaning wholeness, entireness, or completeness. In relation to humankind, integrity actually means to have a complete soul, and when used to describe the character of business leaders, it speaks more of the individuals' internal motivations than of their actions.

Warren Bryant, MBA '82, chief executive officer of Longs Drug Stores since 2002, personifies the concept. Understanding that integrity encompasses a lifetime of internal transformations, Bryant credits his parents with planting the seed. "Like most of us, my business and life perspectives flow from how I was raised. The things I learned as a child served as a foundation for my life – I learned to be accountable and responsible, to tell the truth, and to do the right thing. These fundamental values follow all of us throughout our lives – if you don't get it as a child, chances are you won't get it as an adult."

Bryant gets it. After witnessing decades of public business scandals, he stands secure in his philosophy. "People make bad ethical choices every day; people in leadership roles are no different. Sometimes, bad people get into high positions in big companies and do bad things. Sometimes, good people simply make honest mistakes," said Bryant. "Either way, the bottom line is that business leaders are responsible for the people in their organizations. You can't pass

laws for every ethical situation. You have to have values and a core sense of high ethics because the laws will never cover the right thing to do in every circumstance. Leaders set the tone at the very top of the organization regarding how people behave, how they think about things, whether truth is really valued or merely given lip service."

Longs employees get it, too. Bryant's core message trickles down from the top, permeating the entire company culture. "Ethical business is the foundation of our company," said Bryant. "First, it is in our mission statement. Second, we make sure we talk about that mission statement as well as our statement of values that leads off with the Golden Rule: Do for others as you would want them to do for you. We talk about our ethical obligations constantly. We follow the law, we tell the truth, we do what is right. Most important, we remind ourselves that we are role models and people are watching us."

Adherence to the Golden Rule may seem cliché, but many of today's most respected business leaders hold it up as the absolute standard for professional behavior. In his book *There's No Such Thing as "Business" Ethics*, John C. Maxwell, M.Div. '89, Ph.D., claims business leaders "will be able to use one guideline to govern all [their] ethical decision making. It's based on the Golden Rule."

Kenneth I. Chenault, chairman and CEO of American Express, said, "There has always been a focus on the rational aspects of leadership and the intelligence required of leadership. But what I have seen in companies throughout my career is that if you

are not clear on who you are, on what it is you stand for, and if you don't have strong values, you are going to run your career off a cliff."

When Bryant pursued his MBA, he strategically selected APU, a university where he knew his education would be based on strong values and Christian principles. "The School of Business and Management places heavy emphasis on teaching the importance of integrity and interweaving the Christian worldview," said Ilene Smith-Bezjian, DBA, dean. "Every day stories concerning the demise of a corporation or individual appear in the news. The heart of the problem generally stems from poor or illegal business practices. Our professors teach the benefits of proper business methods and illustrate how the consequences of poor practices affect not only the organization and its members, but also ancillary businesses as well. Leading with integrity provides the members of an organization with the confidence that decision making is truthful and consistent."

"This approach resonates with people," said Bryant. He believes that the responsibility to be a good person is about more than business: it is a lifestyle. "After all, business is nothing more than life. I find that successful business people also excel in many aspects of their personal lives. It's impossible to build prosperous businesses without good grounding in the basic ethical questions on personal responsibility, your duty to humanity."

Bryant said that a profitable business requires a long-term

dedication to an ethical personal life. "You can't have a successful business if it's about greed or short-term objective. Sure, there are lots of entrepreneurial businesses that make lots of money at the beginning, but most of them don't last very long." The evidence of Bryant's claim can be found on the Longs' profit and loss statements: the preliminary total revenues for 2006 of \$5.1 billion show a 9.2 percent increase from last year.

"I think the most successful people are the ones who empower and enable other people to be successful," said Bryant. "I think that nice people actually finish first, that people in big businesses and small ones accomplish things with and through other people. We are personally and professionally successful only to the degree that we help others accomplish their goals and ambitions." In fact, Bryant measures his own life by looking at those he has mentored and whom he has helped. "Obviously, business success is a lot about financial results and performance, but at the end of the day, when I finally close the door on my business career, it isn't going to be about the financial achievements of the companies I worked with . . . it's going to be about the relationships I had. At the end of the day, I want to know that every step of the way, the businesses I was involved in were bettered because of my involvement."

With this approach, Bryant and his leadership team at Longs increased earnings, improved customer perception, and advanced stock prices over the last five years. And they did it all while strengthening something immeasurable in the company – integrity.



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>> QUICK FACTS

- Longs Drug Stores Corporation preliminary total revenues exceeded \$5 billion, up 9.2 percent in one calendar year and doubling net income in the last four years.
- Longs has more than 500 stores in California, Hawaii, Washington, Nevada, Colorado, and Oregon.
- Longs Drugs immunizes approximately 100,000 people annually.
- The corporation has been publicly held since 1961 and traded on the New York Stock Exchange since 1971, with 37 million shares.
- Longs promotes health and wellness through educational classes (such as smoking cessation and diabetes awareness), health screenings (hypertension, cholesterol, bone density, etc.), and immunizations.
- Longs has raised more than \$733,000 toward goal of \$1 million for the Make-A-Wish Foundation®.

Information compiled from www.longs.com by Katelyn Noll '07.

CLASS NOTES

1960s

ROBERT D. WALLACE '69 is a book buyer for Lighthouse Christian bookstore. He is married to Shairl and has two daughters, Wendy and Joy, and one grandson, Reagan Elijah Wright, born on October 18, 2006 to Wendy and her husband, Roy. 25439 Pine Creek Ln., Wilmington, WA 90744.

1980s

RICHARD WALKER '81 retired after 40 years of ministry. 418 Manzanita Ct., Ventura, CA 93001.

1 LOZANO VONDA '83 returned to private practice in Glendora, after completing her doctorate at Fuller Seminary. She is a licensed marriage and family therapist, working with women who want to have good relationships. She also teaches in the M.S. in Counseling Program at the University of La Verne. 355 W. Mountain View Ave., Apt. A, Glendora, CA 91741. vondalozano@verizon.net

2 HOLLY MCKEAN '85 is stationed at Ft. Lewis Washington after serving in Iraq. She appreciates all of the support that the APU alumni community gave her while she was in Iraq. 1209A Union Ave., Steilacoom, WA 98388. hollymckean@us.army.mil

3 DAVID FREITAS '88 is a senior developer for Northwest Textbook Depository in Portland, Oregon. In June 2006, he led a team to Baja Mexico with YWAM to build a house for a family of seven. David also joined a missions team in October 2006, serving the Native Americans at the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana with Blue Skies Ministries. 16808 SE Blanton St., Milwaukie, OR 97267. dave.freitas@nwnd.com

1990s

RANDY ARCHER '92 is a community connections pastor at Village Baptist Church in Beaverton, Oregon. Randy and

his wife, Alisha, celebrate 14 years of marriage. They have three children: Cody, 12; Ethan, 10; and Julia, 5. 14047 SE Steele St., Portland, OR 97236. randya@vbconline.org

4 L. PAUL BERNARD '92 and his wife, **MELANIE (RISCHER '94)**, have four children, Cayden, 4; Ashtyn, 3; Trenton, 2; and Rylan Joy, 7 months. Melanie is the pastor of worship and arts at their church. Paul is a therapist/social worker, currently working at Koionia Foster Family Agency, and has his own business, Transformed Life. 35635 Glacier Cir., Winchester, CA 92596. paul@paulandmelanie.com

JOHN BROOKMAN '94 and his wife, Jen, recently started Possess the Land Mortgage and Real Estate Services, as well as Team JB Media (graphic design, photography, and videography). John is also a minister at a church in Gardena. They visited 21 states on mission trips in 2006. 1522 Post Ave., Torrance, CA 90501. possessstheband@gmail.com

GINA (GUTSHALL '94) TURNER recently published a book, *The Doorman to Heaven*. 2033 Lake Canyon Dr., Diamond Bar, CA, 91789. gturner2@adelphia.net

KATHY (NEUFELD '97) ARAUJO moved to Irvine and is a realtor with Re/Max Real Estate Services for Southern California. She recently opened a custom furniture business, Crave Satisfy Your Space. 35 Regal, Irvine, CA 92620. Kathyaraujo@hotmail.com

DAVID TODD VANDEN BRANDEN '97 moved to Austin, Texas after graduation and began working for 3M in May 1997. He received his MBA from St. Edwards University in May 2001 and bought his first home in Austin that fall. He married Jana Ricco on April 13, 2002. 11810 N. Copper Butte, Oro Valley, AZ 85737. t_vanderbranden@yahoo.com

JONATHAN BEREZA '98 spent three years in East Asia with Campus Crusade. He is back in the United States to get

married and prepare to head back to work in Central Asia. Upon his return, he will be enabling students from other countries to come and minister to Muslim college students. jonathan@bereza.com

5 ERIC MONTGOMERY '98 recently completed his first full year as the sports information director at Concordia University in Irvine. He and his wife, Kara, have been married for 18 months. Kara works for QLogic in Aliso Viejo. 25081 Timber Ave., Mission Viejo, CA 92691. egumby19@hotmail.com

6 AMANDA (KEVIN '99) HARAS recently took a trip to Antigua, Guatemala to visit her sister, **MEGAN WEBB '05**, who is attending a Spanish-language immersion school. 276 Evergreen Ct., Azusa, CA 91702. knaharas@hotmail.com

2000s

JOHN KING '00 serves on the Covina City Council in addition to working at Southern California Edison. He has been elected from the council to be next year's mayor of Covina. John serves as the worship leader for First Presbyterian Church of Covina. 657 S. Chaparral, Covina, CA 91724. kingjc@sce.com

JOSHUA SCHULTZ '01 attends Master's Theological Seminary, where he is pursuing a master's degree in biblical counseling, and is an ICU registered nurse in Ventura County. He married Christine in August 1999. The couple has three sons, Ethan, 6; Travis, 4; and Josiah, 2; and one baby on the way. 219 Hoover Ave., Ventura, CA 93003. joshandchristine@yahoo.com

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RICHARD BURGAN '05 is the head varsity football and track coach, and teacher of physical education at Soledad High School in Monterey County. He is an active member at First Presbyterian Church of Salinas and is currently working on completing his master's degree in education at Azusa Pacific University. 75 Nissen Rd., Salinas, CA 93901. rburgan@hotmail.com

JUST MARRIED

KATHERINE FRIMAND '79 to Dr. Grant Peek on March 10, 2007 in Upland. Kay is the director of the nursing program at Chaffey College. 195 W. 25th St., Upland, CA 91784-1113.

NORA CLOKE '89 to Jim MacKenzie on April 6, 2007 at the Mission Inn in Riverside. **RICK GIVENS '83** officiated. Nora is an associate director of development at APU, and Jim is a senior western regional sales manager. 7736 Hess Pl., #1, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739. ncloke@apu.edu

7 CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON '00 to Melody Beth on May 6, 2007 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena. Melody is a claims manager for Hertz Corporation, and Christopher is a marriage and family therapist intern. 623 N. Monterey St., Apt. 16, Alhambra, CA. nightcrawler2100@msn.com

8 SHANNON CAMPBELL '02 to Brent Lightle on February 27, 2007. Shannon is a marketing administrator for Mphasis Healthcare Solutions. 3040 E. Shea Blvd., #1014, Phoenix, AZ. shannon001@hotmail.com

KAREN KALCEVICH '02 to Marcus Metcalf on February 17, 2007 in Modesto. Karen is a second grade school teacher at Le Grand Elementary and is happy to be back in her hometown. 3771 Swan Ave., Merced, CA 95340.

JOSHUA COLLETTE '04 to **MOLLY GILLAN '05** on April 21, 2007 in Chandler, Arizona, at Ocotillo Golf Resort. Josh is employed by DSI Entertainment in Studio City, and Molly works for Radio Disney in Burbank.

AMY GREENE '04 to Grant Biniasz on December 16, 2006 in Chino. Amy is a bookkeeper and accountant in Monrovia, and Grant teaches high school English in Santa Ana. 2008 Deepark Dr., Apt. 370, Fullerton, CA 92831. amybiniasz@hotmail.com

DANA COUGHTRY '05 to Keith Beam on February 9, 2007 in Orlando, Florida. Dana is an event planner for Discovery Communications, and Keith is a nurse in the Army. Both are actively involved at church. 1201 E. West Hwy., Unit 216, Silver Springs, CO 20910. dana.beam@gmail.com

FUTURE ALUMNI

To **YORCK VON FISCHER '82** and wife Patricia, a daughter, Panea Salome, on April 10, 2007. Yorck and his family reside in Hamburg, Germany. Yesea.yopa.de@web.de

To **ANGELA (DOBBINS '89) BAGINSKI** and her husband, Stephen, a son, Caleb Andrew, born September 11, 2004. 4448 Asheroft Ave., Castle Rock, CO 80104. baginskicasa@yahoo.com.

9 To **STEVEN GERTSEN '90** and wife **AMY (POLLARD '90)**, an adopted daughter from China, Stefanie Marie on September 4, 2006. She was born on August 11, 2005 in Chongqing, China. She joins big brother Aidan, 5. To read more of their story, go to

www.steven-gertsen.com. 297 Bowling Green Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626. gertsen@sbcglobal.net

To **HEATHER (WEISS '92) REEDER** and husband Brian, a son, Joshua Timothy, on March 27, 2007. Joshua joins sister Madison (5) and brother Jacob (3). Heather and Brian serve with Young Life International in the Houston Bay area. 4005 Masters Dr., League City, TX 77573. reederfam@verizon.net

To **AARON MOORE '94** and his wife, **JENNIFER (LACKEY '95)**, a son, Brady, born April 24, 2007. 25135 N. Centre City Pkwy., Escondido, CA 92026. cafecat@cox.net

To **TOM WINTER '95** and wife **MELLISSA (STEWART '93)**, a son, Charles Sterling, on March 20, 2007. Proud mom and dad look forward to seeing Charles graduate with the APU class of 2029. Mellissa is a business coach for a consulting company, and Tom teaches and coaches at Escondido High School. 2443 Moonlight Glen, Escondido, CA 92026. coachwinter@cox.net

10 To **DANTE CASILLAS '96** and his wife, **WENDY LANI (JOHNSTON '97)**, a son, Elias Abraham, born December 23, 2006. Elias joins big brother Kane, 5; and big sister Keile, 3. Dante is a large project manager estimator for MSI Riverside, and Wendy enjoys her time as a stay-at-home mom and works part time from home as a transcriber. 1251 Devon Pl., Redlands, CA 92374. wlani@hotmail.com

To **LISA (MALOUF '96) GRANILLO** and husband **JASON '97**, a daughter, Anna Joy, on January 26, 2007. 1490 W. Badillo St., San Dimas, CA 91773.

11 To **AMY (CREAMER '96) OXLEY**, and husband **WESTON '00**, twin boys, Ethan Jeremiah and Kellan Elijah, on March 27, 2007. The twins join brothers Caleb, 2, and Aidan, 1. Weston serves as the youth pastor for Community Baptist Church in Alta Loma, and Amy loves being a stay-at-home mom. 15332 Citation Ave., Fontana, CA 92336. amynweston@msn.com





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12 To **JEFF SCHULTZ '96** and wife **KELLIE (JORGENSEN '96)**, a daughter, Zoe Christine, on February 7, 2007. Zoe joins brother Noah, 3. Jeff is a production manager at The Processors, and Kellie is a registered nurse at Foothill Presbyterian Hospital. 5208 N. Fairvalley Ave., Covina, CA 91722. jsheinz@gmail.com

To **KIMBERLY (GORRIS '97) ALA'ILIMA** and husband Piula, a daughter, Salani Rhys, on November 17, 2006. 5052 Kilauea Ave., Honolulu, HI 96816. ksborris@aol.com

13 To **KEVIN KAMPMAN '97** and wife **KIMBERLY (CUMMINS '02)**, a son, Noah, born January 15, 2006. 3901 W. Dublin St., Chandler, AZ 85226. SCBKeu@hotmail.com

To **JAMIE (JORRITSMA '97) WIERSMA** and husband Mike, a son, Caden James, on December 29, 2006. Caden joins brother Maddux, 3. Jamie serves on the praise team at CrossPoint Church and teaches piano lessons in her home. Mike teaches computer classes at Ontario Christian School. 1631 E. Cherry Hill St., Ontario, CA 91761. jwiersma@verizon.net

14 To **JASON BOUMA '98** and wife **MARY (PENDEGRAFT '98)**, a son, Quinn Daniel, on March 22, 2007. 344 E. Smith St., Long Beach, CA 90805. marybouma@yahoo.com

15 To **LT. NICK MARTINEZ '98** and wife Kerry, a son, John Cade, on February 22, 2007. Nick is an intelligence officer in the United States Navy and is currently working on his second master's degree in national security and strategic studies at the Naval War College. Kerry is a senior account executive in sales for Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. 3978 Shady Oaks Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23455. nick.martinez@navy.mil or nmartinez@hotmail.com

To **BOB PARKINS '98** and wife **ELIZABETH (OLDHAM '98)**, a son, Joshua Elijah, on March 20, 2007. He joins sister Zoe, 4. PO Box 512, Folsom, CA 95763. bethparkins@sbcglobal.net

To **JENNY (URRUTIA '98) ZARAGOZA** and husband Joe, twin boys, Daniel Joseph and Joseph Daniel, on May 5, 2007. The twins join sisters Jewels (3), Jessie (2), and Jade (1). 144 S. Enright Ave., Willows, CA 95988. jpaige76@hotmail.com

16 To **MICHELLE (LOSIE '99) BOLINGER** and husband Justin, a daughter, Lily Mae, on December 4, 2006. Michelle is a recruiter for Apple One Employment, and Justin is a general contractor for E & E Quality Builders. 18115 Holke Rd., Independence, MO 64057. mbolinger@appleone.com

To **NANCY (DAYTON '99) ERICKSON** and husband Dan, a daughter, Sophie Lynn, on November 22, 2006. Nancy is completing her dissertation, and Dan is a manager in a private equity investment company. 653 Declaration Ct., Lexington, KY 40509. nerickson@huc.edu

To **STEVE MANN '99** and his wife, **RACHEL (WALLACE '00)**, a son, Benjamin Wallace, born March 18, 2006. He joins big sister Anna Elisa, 5, and brother Gabriel Thatcher, 4. 2955 Ruby Dr., Apt. B, Fullerton, CA 92831. steelwingedbutterfly@gmail.com

17 To **JON MAXSON '99** and wife Tricia, a son, Caleb, on January 20, 2007. Jon recently recovered from open-heart surgery to correct a congenital defect and is a search engine optimization strategist with iCrossing, Inc. Tricia is an online faculty instructor with the University of Phoenix and a full-time mom. 19940 N. 23rd Ave., #2070, Phoenix, AZ 85027. jmaxson@gmail.com

To **DEANNA (ROBERTS '99) WESTEDT** and husband Erik, a son, Erik James, on February 26, 2007. Deanna stays at home, but plans to return to teaching part time in the Etiwanda School District next fall. Erik is a commercial real estate broker for CBRE. 5122 Moonstone Ave., Alta Loma, CA 91701.

To **KATHERINE (SCHWIETERS '00) BOSWELL** and husband **JASON '02**, a daughter, Makenna Rose, on March 25, 2006. Makenna joins brother Shandon. Jason teaches special education at Turlock High School, and Katherine enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. 152 Memory Ln., Turlock, CA 95382. bozandkate@msn.com

To **KRISTY (HOPKINS '00) DALE** and husband Barry, a daughter, Abigail Carolee, on February 6, 2007. Abigail joins sister Ashleigh, 2. 11664 Minckler Cir., Yucaipa, CA 92399. kristyhop@verizon.net

18 To **RYAN FRIDBORG '00** and wife **DENA '03**, a son, Ethan Ryan, on February 11, 2007. Ryan works at Bolton & Company Insurance Brokers, and Dena is a stay-at-home mom. 1595 Valencia Ave., Pasadena, CA 91104. ryananddena@gmail.com

To **GRETCHEN (ROBINSON '00) HENNESSY** and husband Billy, a son, Cruz Robert, on March 10, 2007. Gretchen is in property management, and Billy sells investment real estate. 4875 DTC Blvd., #12-105, Denver, CO 80237. gmhwmh@yahoo.com

To **BRETT BARRY '01** and wife Heather, a daughter, Lily Belle, on February 22, 2007. Brett works at APU's Office of University Relations as a senior marketing coordinator, and Heather

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Sisters Amanda (Webb '99) Haras and Megan Webb '05 in front of the landmark El Arco de Santa Catalina in Antigua, Guatemala.

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KERRI (FERNSWORTH '02) FEAZELL – GRANTS CONSULTANT, UNION RESCUE MISSION



APU LIFE: How do you see your work with the Union Rescue Mission (URM) as a catalyst for change to end poverty?

the first place they learn about such things. A person can become homeless from buying too much alcohol, but almost as easily from buying too many shoes or other “harmless” items beyond their means. Learning how to handle money, whether you have it or not, is absolutely essential to getting out of the cycle of poverty.

KERRI: URM’s programs focus on teaching people how to be self-sufficient, how to take personal responsibility for the choices they made that brought them to where they are, and how to deal with the choices and people they had no control over. Many formerly homeless people I meet say that learning financial literacy was one of the most helpful program topics offered at URM. Basic education in this area includes how credit works, family budgets, simple investing, living within your means, consequences of bankruptcy, loans, and money-saving habits. This is often

APU LIFE: Can you speak to how poverty affects society as a whole, perhaps even beyond the families living in poverty?
KERRI: Poverty affects everyone and people have different responses. It can make people feel guilty, angry, compassionate, helpless, pitying, pitied, hopeless, worthless, prideful, victimized – this condition evokes such responses from both those who are living in financial poverty and those who are not. In his book, *Compassion*, Henri Nouwen talks about the idea of

becoming desensitized to suffering. When overexposed to human suffering, becoming nonresponsive is easy. Our culture bombards us with images of suffering, which we easily tune out. The best way I found to be part of a caring community is to respond in a way that makes sense for me – to give back to someone in a way that fits who I am, according to my interests and talents. In this spirit, URM created an interactive website, www.urm.tv, to encourage people to find – and do – one simple thing to help homeless people.

APU LIFE: How has the work you do at URM shaped your view of the world and its people?

KERRI: I used to be a self-righteous “advocate for the poor” who wanted everyone to understand the hurt of the world. But being so extreme made me really unhappy and very judgmental. Overwhelmed by the world’s tragedies,

I was getting burned out in college even before I started a career! I’ve learned that poverty is complicated. There’s not one person, administration, or policy to blame for it and there’s not one of those that can fix it. In a healthy community, the strong help the weak. But they don’t help by keeping them weak, they help by showing them how to be strong too, a strength that starts as an individual choice and with a person who sees opportunity and works to achieve it. As a society, providing an opportunity to overcome poverty is as important as an individual taking the opportunity to get out of poverty. I am grateful that our culture encourages the strong to help the weak and the weak to become strong, and I’m grateful to be involved in coordinating that process in some way.

To contact Kerri, email kerri@jkfeazell.com

is beginning her new career as a stay-at-home mom. 1551 Via Buena, La Verne, CA 91750. bbarry@apu.edu

To **KELLY (RINGER '01) FLORES** and husband Joel, a son, Cashman David, on January 16, 2007. 11906 63rd Ave., Puyallup, WA 98373. vdub@hotmail.com

To **JAMES VILLA '01** and wife **CHRISTINA (AGUILAR '02)**, a son, Jameson Josiah, on February 7, 2006. James is a sales manager at the Pacific Palms Conference Resort, and Christina is a music instructor for Christina Villa Studios. 938 W. Granada Ct., Ontario, CA 91762. cvstudios@verizon.net

To **MARY (DAMERON '02) CARROLL** and her husband, **SCOTT '03**, a daughter, Autumn McKenzie, born October 8, 2006. In May 2006, Scott graduated from law school, and in July he took and passed the bar exam. Mary and Scott both enjoy being parents. 1925 Brookcliff Cir., San Ramon, CA 94582. mk_carroll@comcast.net

To **BJORN “B.J.” DAHL '02** and wife Mindy, a daughter, Kiersten Alexis, on February 9, 2007. B.J. is the integrated media director for Clear Channel, and Mindy teaches fourth grade at Foothill

Christian. 731 Knollwood Ln., San Dimas, CA 91773. mindymo78@aol.com

To **ADAM ECKLUND '02** and wife **EMILY (SARGENTINI '02)**, a daughter, Gianna Vivian, on March 7, 2007. Adam is the student success specialist in the Department of Engineering and Computer Science at Baylor University, and Emily is enjoying her time as a stay-at-home mom. 245 Cross Country Rd., Hewitt, TX 76643. adamandem@yahoo.com

To **AMY (SOWERS '02) MANLEY** and husband Grady, a daughter, Rebekah Louise, on January 20, 2007. Amy and Grady were married on July 10, 2004 in Carmichael. 5722 West Ave., J-14, Lancaster, CA 93536. gwmamely3@yahoo.com

IN MEMORY

EVA HASECUSTER '58 passed away on March 8, 2007 in Shelbyville, Indiana.

VARTAN BAVOUGIAN '71 passed away on March 12, 2007. He is survived by his brother, Karop; sister-in-law, Marilyn; and niece and nephew, Erin Kelley and Matthew.

REV. RICHARD “BRUCE” COLBURN '74 passed away February 19, 2007. Bruce served in the Army for six years, and attended APU for his undergraduate degree in English and master’s degree in education. He began teaching at private schools and eventually became the principal of Salem Academy Christian School. Bruce is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lee, of 39 years; and children, Jonathan, Nathan, and Patricia.

CHARLES CRISMIER JR. '74 passed away on February 22, 2007 at the age of 92. He began his ministry as a Salvation Army officer and continued in church pastorates from coast to coast, as well as in evangelism and international missionary work. Charles is survived by his wife, Gladys; sons, Chuck, Ken, and Bob; and daughter, Carolyn, as well as nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

BARBARA HILDEBRAND '80 passed away June 15, 2006 at the age of 77. Barbara was a first grade teacher for 30 years at Montara Elementary School and enjoyed traveling, reading, crocheting afghans, and giving of herself to others. She is survived by her younger sister, Virginia, and her daughter, Kim.

SHIRLEY CAWLEY '99 passed away November 2006.

ARTHUR EDWIN JONES '00 (CAPS) passed away April 11, 2006. Ed served his community on the Bonita School Board for more than 16 years and worked with hardware and plumbing companies. He was married to Diane for more than 29 years and has a daughter, Jennifer. After his passing, he was awarded the Golden Oak Service Award, a special recognition of outstanding service to children and youth. Ed was an elder and board member of Heights Presbyterian Church.

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Palm Drive: Then and Now

People knew him as banker, churchman, philanthropist, orange grower, and founder of Azusa. Streets and city parks bear his name. So goes the legacy of prominent Los Angeles County figure, Jonathan Sayre Slauson. In 1880, Slauson purchased Rancho Azusa; in 1886, he formed the Azusa Land and Water Company; and in 1887, he sold the first lots that formed the new city of Azusa, California. Pictured here is the entrance to his ranch as it looked in 1908, as well as the property today. Now known as Palm Drive, this entrance acts as the

gateway to the new Rosedale housing development and currently forms the easternmost boundary of Azusa Pacific University's West Campus. At the head of Palm Drive, two houses still stand that were built by Slauson's daughters, Kate Vosburg and Louise Macneil. Today, as in the past, people from both Azusa Pacific University and the town of Azusa continue to enjoy the stately trees of Palm Drive.

—Ken Otto, M.L.I.S., associate professor, special collections librarian

CALENDAR



ALUMNI

JULY

14 SAT 12-2 p.m. **Denver Alumni Gathering** | Shelter #2, Bellview Park, Englewood, Colorado | www.apualumni.com/DenverJuly2007

SEPTEMBER

29 SAT 12:30 p.m. **Alumni Dinner Theater: *Beauty and the Beast*** | Heritage Café, Mary Hill Theater | West Campus | www.apualumni.com/dinnertheater2007

ATHLETICS

SEPTEMBER

1 SAT 6 p.m. **Football vs. San Diego** | Cougar Athletic Stadium | East Campus
 8 SAT 6 p.m. **Football vs. Malone** | Cougar Athletic Stadium | East Campus
 15 SAT 1 p.m. **Football vs. Wisconsin-La Crosse** | La Crosse, Wisconsin
 16 SU 4 p.m. **Women's Soccer vs. Carroll** | Soccer Field | West Campus
 26 WE 3 p.m. **Men's Soccer vs. Biola** | Soccer Field | West Campus
 29 SAT 6 p.m. **Football vs. Southern Nazarene** | Cougar Athletic Stadium | East Campus

CAMPS AND TRIPS

JULY

6-9 FR-MO **Mexico Outreach Family Camp** | Rancho El Refugio, Ensenada, Mexico | For information, go to www.apu.edu/iom/mexout/events/famcamp/.
 9-12 MO-TH **Cougar Soccer Summer Camp** | Soccer Field | West Campus | For registration and information, go to www.apu.edu/athletics/summercamps/soccer/.
 9-12 MO-TH **Cougar Softball Summer Camp** | Softball Field | West Campus | For registration and information, go to www.apu.edu/athletics/summercamps/softball/.
 28-3 SAT-FR **Mexico Outreach Summer II Trip** | Rancho El Refugio, Ensenada, Mexico | For information, go to www.apu.edu/iom/mexout/events/summer2/.

MUSIC

JULY

1-13 SU-FR **Chamber Singers and Orchestra Italy Performance Tour** | Various locations in Italy | For ticket information, call the School of Music at (626) 815-3848.

SPECIAL EVENTS

OCTOBER

18 TH **Golf Tournament** | Coyote Hills Country Club | For more information, go to www.apualumni.com/golf2007/.
 18-20 TH-SAT **Homecoming Weekend, including class reunions for '82, '87, and '02** | For full event schedule, go to www.apualumni.com/homecoming/.
 19 FRI **Dinner Rally** | Felix Event Center | West Campus | For more information, contact the Office of University Advancement at (626) 815-5333.
 20 SAT 6 p.m. **Homecoming Football Game vs. Whitworth (Washington)** | Cougar Athletic Stadium | East Campus

THEATER

SEPTEMBER

27-29 THU-SAT ***Beauty and the Beast*** | Mary Hill Theater | West Campus | For ticket information and show times, call (626) 815-5035.

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