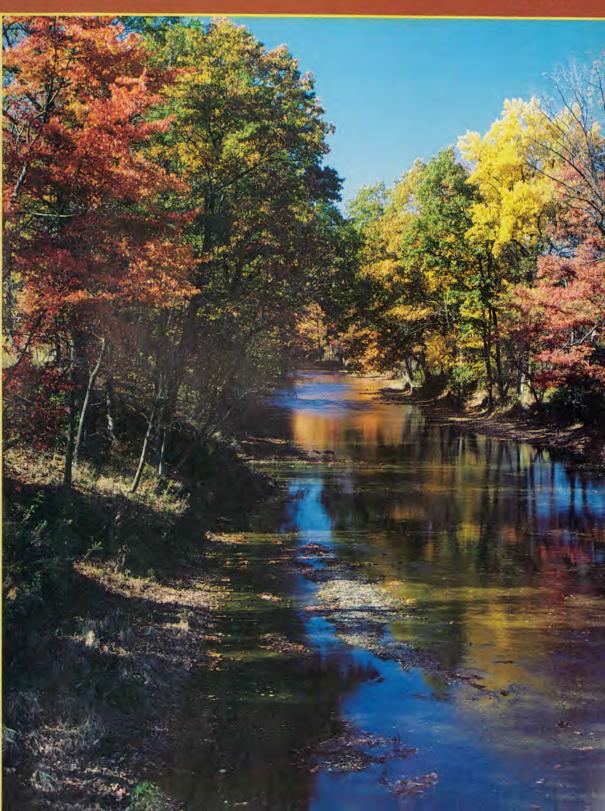
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#### IT'S GOOD TO BE IN THE COLUMBIA UNION



RICHARD DUERKSEN Editor

uring five intense September days, I attended my first presidents' council, executive committee and Columbia Union College board meetings in the Columbia Union.

Several things caught my eye and heart:

X The commitment of our lay committee members. We are privileged to have a group of highly dedicated lay members participating in the leadership of this union. They attend, stay awake, ask wise questions and make insightful suggestions.

X The quality of our elected conference, union and college leaders. You would have been thrilled as I was to hear the speeches and share in the standing ovation for Cliff Sorensen, president of

our college.

X The many victories we are enjoying:

✓ The college's enrollment is stable.

✓ The college's budget was able to produce a second straight year with an operating gain.

✓ The NEMA hospital financial crisis is sat-

isfactorily resolved.

✓ Our representatives on the General Conference president's youth taskforce are truly making a positive difference in the church.

√ The college has 50 more dormitory stu-

dents than last year.

✓ The union revolving fund has been able to

meet the growth needs of our churches.

✓ More than 94 percent of the graduates from Kettering College of Medical Arts in Ohio passed their board examinations.

✓ Our union membership has grown by 1,892 during the past year, and we have 574 churches.

And there is, of course, much, much more.

X The spirit of the committees. Each of the groups I attended was marked by a feeling of spirituality, cooperation and unity. These were not just our committees; they were His.

X The problems have solutions. We continue to struggle with gnarly and difficult problems, but we

do so knowing that God has solutions.

After a week of committees, I expected to be exhausted and drained. Instead, I found myself exhilarated, actively rejoicing in God's victories.

COVER: According to John DalPezzo, a free-lance photographer in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Jordan Creek runs through the Trexler-Lehigh Game Preserve, where buffaloes are pastured. "I used to see people being baptized in the Jordan," recalls DalPezzo. "I was a Catholic then, and I wondered what faith they were." Now, years later, he is an elder in the Bethlehem Adventist church.

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#### Vision 1

The local church will be the central focus and driving force of the denomination.

#### Vision 2

The joy and celebration of worship will attract people to our churches, allowing the Sabbath to become a major evangelistic tool.

#### Vision 3:

Church fellowship will be so vibrant that member retention will improve and conflict over lifestyle issues will decrease.

Bible study, prayer groups build unity

"When I joined the church in 1979, one of the first things I did was join a Friday evening Bible study group," said Willene Smith, a member of the Allegheny East Conference's Breath of Life congregation in Fort Washington, Maryland.

She and four others from the church were discussing the importance of groups for Bible study and prayer in the life of the congregation—what the Columbia Union's Vision 2000 refers to as church fellowship.

Madeline Palmer added, "Remember the all-night prayer meetings we've had. We'd meet at 10 and stay all through the night until 6 in the morning. And we'd get up fresh and ready for Sabbath morning."

Dewayne Anderson recalled that the all-night prayer meetings were often for help in paying bills as the new church was being built. "Everyone was truly focused on the Lord and what

He would do for us. We walked away feeling stronger because of the time we had spent together. This was the most dynamic period during the history of the Breath of Life church."

Glennis Powell joined the church only a few months earlier. "I love my leader because every time a question is raised, he says, 'Let's see what the Word of God says about it.'"

She also remembered a church group that prayed by phone around noon. Powell arranged her classroom schedule so that she was able to talk privately with her group for just three or four minutes. "I won't forget the strength received by those of us who were new to Adventism."

Ron M. Wisbey, president of the Columbia Union Conference, said that such groups are vital. "We need to focus on what we agree on from Scripture rather than on what we disagree about that's not in Scripture."

## FACE TO FACE: Profiles of newly baptized people



Martin Banks, Cincinnati Maranatha, Allegheny West. Since Martin is confined to a wheelchair, he was baptized during August of 1991 in a chair that was tilted backward until he was submerged.



Jennifer Sue Lemon, Buena Vista, Potomac. Jennifer was baptized on her 10th birthday by her grandfather, Pastor Philip Lemon, as part of the unionwide baptism during May of 1990.



Cristina
Amaya, Trenton Spanish,
New Jersey.
Baptized during
June of 1991,
Cristina thanks
God for sending
Seventh-day
Adventists to
her home and
tell her about
His love.



Richard Heacock, Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania. While living in the home of an Adventist family, Richard studied the Bible with Pastor Darrow Foster and was baptized in December of 1990.



Denise Trott, Atholton, Chesapeake. After years of being away from the church, Denise studied the Bible with former Visitor Editor Kermit Netteburg and was then baptized in August of 1991.



Bryan Hall, Martinsville, Potomac. Bryan, who attends the Seventh-day Adventist church school in nearby Danville, Virginia, was baptized by Pastor Paul McGraw in June of 1991.



Princess John, Philadelphia Boulevard, Pennsylvania. Princess attended a series of prophecy lectures with her husband, Clement, before joining him as a church member in June of 1991.

## It's not always easy, but it works!

She was young, and almost alone. The boy who clutched at her skirt was all that remained of the love she and Ahmad had shared for those few months. And now Shammah too was leaving her. His distended stomach stretched his skin tighter than Ahmad's favorite drum, and the eyes that used to shine with that quick and eager light were now foggy and listless. He was starving, and she could do nothing about it.

The tree, too, was dying, giving itself piece by piece to fuel the final fires of the village. She stooped to pick up a small piece of bark from beneath it, just enough to warm the pot once more so she could prepare one last bite of bread.

This truly would be the end. A blurry image of bleached bones in her hut filled her mind and then rushed on to another.

The voice interrupted her black thoughts. "Water. Could I have a little water, please?"

His face matched the voice. Gravelly, dusty, tired and hopeful.

Two well-worn images immediately filled her mind. The first was of the blue clay pot that sat on her shelf holding those two precious cups of drinking water. The second was of Ahab's searching soldiers describing the renegade sorcerer who had closed off the rain.

If she called the authorities, she would receive the reward and live as a rich woman all her life. If she gave him the drink, there would be no liquid with her last meal. If she turned him in, Shammah would live! If she gave, she and Shammah would die.

But another image now joined the confusion of her thoughts. She saw

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and heard the village storycatcher describing the power of Israel's God. "The only God who has ever brought water from a rock, who has protected His people from all danger. The only God who can always be trusted."

The old storycatcher had been telling and re-telling the many Jehovah tales for weeks. And for the past few days, she had been able to think of lit-

With his every bite the promise seemed to grow larger. "Give Him your all and He will give you more than enough."

tle else. The hope of knowing a God who could be trusted to meet needs and save from danger had been almost her total nourishment.

"Yes." Her own voice sounded distant and foreign to her. "Yes, I will give you a little water." The decision made, she turned to fetch the blue clay pot from her hut.

"And could you also make me a little cake? I am very hungry." His gravelly request brought the Jehovah stories crashing broadside into empty reality. The strength of her voice almost frightened her. "I only have enough for my boy and myself. When we have eaten it, we will lie down and die. And now you would take even that from me?"

"Please make it and give it to me. And Jehovah God will then provide enough for you and your boy. Trust Him." A smile of promise creased the dust of Elijah's crusty face, a smile that brought images of Moses, David, Joseph and Abraham to her mind. A smile that seemed to bring all of the Jehovah hope tales to life before her.

It seemed only moments later that he stood beside her eating the cake she had just taken from the pot. Hunger and thirst clutched at her throat as he drank the water and devoured even the crumbs from the tiny bit of pocket bread. But with his every bite the promise seemed to grow larger. "Give Him your all and He will give you more than enough."

"Now, Shammah, shall we put the oil or the flour into the pot first?" Elijah's husky voice brought a bit of light back into the boy's glassy eyes. "Mom always puts the oil in first, sir. But there isn't any left!"

"Let's go ahead and try, OK? Remember, God promised that if you would give to Him first, He would give you all you needed." Elijah took the empty oil jar in his rough, cracked hands and tipped it toward the cooking not.

Angels from supply quickly pumped in just enough oil for three large cakes of pocket bread and then watched the expressions on the faces of their Zarepheth friends.

Shammah's eyes filled with awe at the un-understandable magic this dusty stranger was performing at his mother's fire. Mother's veiled face shone with hope, faith and expectation. The stories were true! Israel's God was trustworthy! Shammah would live! She would live!

It was the sweetest bread they had ever eaten.

Dick Duerksen is editor of the Columbia Union Visitor.

New Jersey Conference leaders are in the full swing of laying plans for a youth congress in March 1992. They are not just gliding back and forth about whether or not it will be a success. That's been proven.

During a Sabbath this past spring, more than 2,200 people attended the congress held March 30 on the campus of Rider College in Lawrenceville. Of the hundreds who attended, Fernando Munilla, youth leader of the Mount Holly church, took the time to write about his experience:

We were ready. We had long waited for this, planning meticulously. My daughter was home from Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, and had invited a friend, who is Catholic, to come along. My wife had prepared food for us all, and we had told all the young people and their parents in our congregation about the weekend. I admit that I was a bit skeptical of yet another youth rally, although this one had a more sophisticated name: "youth congress." But we prayed earnestly that the Lord would bless.

As we turned onto the turnpike, it began to snow. "Oh Lord, how could you?" I asked silently. "Many will not come because of the weather."

We were about two-thirds of the way to our destination and were feeling somewhat doubtful about the weather and which exit to take when we saw a familiar sight. Uniformed Pathfinders were traveling in the car next to us. Then we saw another. And another. As we came closer to the Trenton area, where the congress would take place, we could see more cars and familiar faces, everyone nicely dressed, every face smiling.

"Thank you, God. This is not going to be a regular Saturday morning. This is no coincidental migration, but a special event for special people to do a special thing for one Special Person: You, Lord, on this special day, the Sabbath."

We made our way to the gymnasium, found seats and watched as it began to fill. When everyone had found their places, the gym was nearly packed with 2,200 people. It was an unusual, refreshing experience.

A chaplain, Major Don Troyer, taught the Sabbath school lesson. Everyone's mind was on the war situation in the Middle East.

During that morning's worship service, we watched a film, "Kevin Can Wait," and listened to uplifting music presented by a quintet called "In His Name" from Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee.

New Jersey Conference President Robert Boggess presented all the children in the vast congregation for a special dedication. The morning message, "God's Westminster Abbey," was preached by Murrell Tull, conference youth director. The young people and adults alike seemed to appreciate the gusto of his fresh delivery.

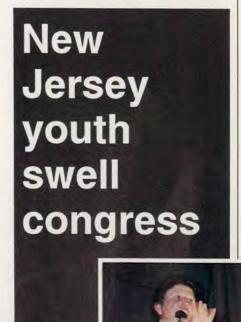
After the service, there was a mass exodus to the cars, vans and buses to collect picnic baskets and coolers for the largest fellowship lunch I have ever seen. Again, we were amazed. There was plenty of food, a large variety and superb coordination.

Soon after we regrouped in the gymnasium for more singing, special music and fellowship, which culminated with an animated drama entitled "The Last Meeting," presented by a number of Pathfinder clubs from throughout the state. The play emphasized the last events of this world's history, which many of us may have forgotten, did not know or had suppressed in our minds.

More than 2,200 people (below) crowd into the Rider College gymnasium to attend a conferencewide youth congress held in New Jersey. Conference Youth Activities Director Murrell Tull (right) speaks to the throng on Sabbath morning.

As a grand finale, 600 Pathfinders, led by Steve Bohr, marched while singing and praising the Lord, all with their different uniforms, proud banners and big Seventh-day Adventist smiles.

The youth congress was indeed a memorable experience. Please, let it happen again—soon.





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## Convension Coincidence

#### **GARLAND DAY**

Editor's note: While a staff member for the Family Life Drop-in Center at last summer's Potomac Conference camp meeting, Garland Day enjoyed a variety of encounters and experiences with people that re-emphasized to him God's providential timing. But perhaps none did that better than the following first-person account.

On Sabbath afternoon I met David, a young man who told me this was his first camp meeting. I learned from our conversation that he had only recently begun to attend the Adventist church in Fairfax, Virginia.

When I asked what had prompted his interest in Adventism, David said it had started with some books his parents had given him following their own baptisms back in February.

"Here they are now," he said of a couple just coming through the door. "I'd like you to meet them."

Walking toward them, I had the feeling that we'd met before, but I couldn't recall where until I heard his mother's delightful French accent.

"Aren't you folks from Warrenton, Virginia? Didn't I just see your picture in the Visitor as part of the group that was baptized following Ken Wilber's Revelation lectures?" I asked.

By the surprised look on Gigi Le-Morzellec's face, I knew she thought I was psychic. "Yes, that is right! But how do you know these things? We've never met you before."

I then asked Charles and Gigi Le-Morzellec if they remembered an event that had taken place nearly six months before.

I had driven to Warrenton on February 6 to pick up a case of Bibles

You're the man who

gave us the books

that convinced us to

become Adventists.

from evangelist Ken Wilber. Since the round trip would cover nearly 400 miles, I'd originally planned to meet Ken at the church at five o'clock that evening so I could immediately pick up the Bibles and

be back in South Boston by 10 o'clock

that same night.

However, events conspired to prevent my arrival as scheduled. As a result, it was just after 7 p.m. when I arrived at the Warrenton Adventist church, where the Revelation lectures were in progress.

Following the meeting that night, a woman confronted Wilber and Pastor Wesley Taylor with a book she had checked out of the city library. The book was The Four Major Cults by Anthony Hokema.

Being familiar with the book, I interjected myself into the conversation and was able to answer to the woman's satisfaction the charges the book

made against Seventh-day Adventists. I suggested that if she wanted to read a less biased, more accurate and balanced treatment of Adventist beliefs from a Christian scholar and writer who was not an Adventist, she should read Walter Martin's book, The Kingdom of the Cults.

Before leaving that night, I went to my car where I always keep a supply of books for just such occasions. With the explanation that the Amazing Facts illustrated books, The Truth about the Sabbath, The Prophecies of Daniel and Revelation and Grave Errors about Death, and Mark Finley's book, The Almost Forgotten Day, could better answer their questions, I left. That was how I first met the LeMorzellecs.

When I reminded them of our first meeting, Gigi immediately exclaimed, "Oh, the books! The books! You're the man who gave us the books that convinced us to become Adventists. After we read them, we gave them to our son to read, and now he wants to become an Adventist."

Charles and Gigi LeMorzellec were baptized February 16, just 10 days after they had received and then studied those books.

Was it just a coincidence that I picked that particular day to go to Warrenton?

Was it just a coincidence that my arrival was delayed so that I would have to attend that meeting before returning to South Boston?

Was it just a coincidence that I was familiar with the book that raised the doubts in Gigi's mind? Or that I would have in my car the very books that would pro-

vide answers to the questions that troubled her?

If you use Webster's definition of a coincidence, the answer is "no." But if you use the Christian definition, the answer is "yes." Because for the Christian, I believe a coincidence is simply a minor miracle in which God chooses to remain anonymous. And in the lives of Charles and Gigi LeMorzellec, this was the "coincidence" that led to their baptisms.

Garland Day serves in the Potomac Conference as pastor of the South Boston, Chase City and Oak Ridge church district in Virginia.



Thousands watch as It Is Written's Mark Finley (left) and Russian pastors Eager Prospectov (center) and Paul Kulakov, who ministers to the Moscow church, participate in the largest baptism in Soviet history.

It was early August. Mark Finley, associate speaker of the It Is Written telecast, was back in the United States after a successful evangelistic crusade in the U.S.S.R. More than 500 people had been baptized.

It had been a good experience, but Finley had made a special promise. "Where am I going to get \$5,000?" he

wondered and prayed.

The new group of Seventh-day Adventists and 1,000 interests he had left behind were still meeting every Sabbath in a rented hall and needed a pastor. And that pastor would need an apartment.

But there was more. Because of overcrowded conditions in the existing Moscow Adventist church, the new congregation of 500 new believers and 1,000 non-Adventists in regular attendance would have to continue to rent the university hall on both Sabbath mornings and Wednesday nights.

The burden of follow-up on his heart, Finley had talked with union conference leaders in Moscow, promising that he would find the money for a pastor's salary, apartment rent for one year and hall rental fees for a year. The total would be \$5,000.

As Finley prayed and wondered where to begin asking for that amount of money, the telephone rang. On the other end of the line was Dan Bentzinger, secretary and ministerial and evangelism director for the Pennsylvania Conference. "We were wondering how the crusade went, since the Pennsylvania Conference had a small part in it," Bentzinger said.

"Small part?" Finley questioned. He was not aware that back in April, the Pennsylvania Conference evangelism committee had taken the suggestion of President Jerry Page to give some of the money from the upcoming camp meeting evangelism offering to the Soviet Union.

"We wanted to think outward and remember that we are a world church," Page had said. The committee's vote was to send

#### SPOTLIGHT ON PENNSYLVANIA

\$5,000 of the June evangelism offering to Mark Finley's field school of evangelism crusade in Moscow.

On the telephone, Bentzinger explained, "We have \$5,000 for you." He shared with Finley that Pennsylvania's "small part" would be for his evangelism work in Moscow, and that the amount was exactly \$5,000.

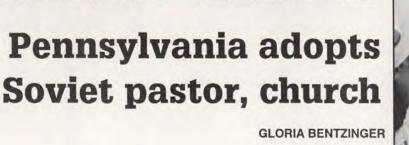
Finley immediately began praising God. "This reminds me of the text that promises, 'Before you ask, I will answer,'" he said.

Members in the Pennsylvania Conference were generous and happy to adopt a congregation and pastor in Moscow for a year. Bentzinger said, "At a time when finances are tight in our conference, it is a blessing to see how God provides when we continue to think outwardly and be unselfish with funds that would normally stay within our state."

The total in pledges and cash for the camp meeting evangelism offering this past summer was \$55,000. As a result, God will not only bless Pennsylvanians with many converted lives in their home state, but in the distant city of Moscow as well.

Gloria Bentzinger is associate director of communication for the Pennsylvania Conference.

Mark Finley, associate speaker for It Is Written, talks with a Soviet woman preparing for baptism. On the right is Eager Prospectov, the pastor whom the Pennsylvania Conference "adopted."





#### COLUMBIA UNION

#### New faces, new places; tasks and transfers

• Bruce Moyer moves to Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Maryland, as associate professor of religion. Moyer has served as associate pastor of the Sligo church in the Potomac Conference. Sligo is CUC's campus church.

• Alfred Booker leaves the Southwest Region Conference's Berean church in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to pastor Allegheny West's Ethnan Temple church in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

• James Best moves to the Southwest Region Conference to pastor the Houston Belford church in Houston, Texas. Best was pastor of the Ethnan Temple church in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, in the Allegheny West Conference.

· Paul Smith Jr., who was director of trust services for the New Jersey Conference, has accepted the invitation of Southern College in Collegedale, Tennessee, to be director of planned giving.

• Byron Hill moves within the Allegheny East Conference from pastoring the Norfolk, Virginia, church to be minister of the Walnut Street Community congregation in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, and the Rehoboth Reading church company in Reading, Pennsylvania.

 Paul Anderson comes to pastor the Allegheny East Conference's Southwest congregation in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, after leaving the Walnut Street Community church in Pottstown, Penn-

sylvania.

 Joshua Broomfield leaves Pennsylvania, where he pastored the Southwest Philadelphia church, to pastor the Prentis Park church in Portsmouth, Virginia. Both congregations are in the Allegheny East Conference.

• Colin Brathwaite moves to pastor Allegheny East's Campostella Heights congregation in Norfolk, Virginia, from the Portsmouth, Virginia, church.

 Jose Melendez moves from one New Jersey pastorate to another within the Allegheny East Conference, Melendez leaves the Bridgeton church for the Hillcrest church in Washington.

 Tom Kapusta comes to the Chesapeake Conference as its new publishing director from the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was account executive for Autumn House Graphics Group.

 David Crouch moves within the Ohio Conference, from the Swanton/Toledo East/Bowling Green church district to

pastor the Canton and the New Philadelphia congregations.

• Gail Price comes to the church in Kettering, Ohio, to be its office manager from the Ohio Conference office, where she was administrative secretary to the conference secretary.

 Yvonne Baker comes from the Tranquility, New Jersey, area to assume new responsibilities in the Ohio Conference. Yvonne now serves as the administrative secretary to the conference secretary.

• Bill Baker has joined the Mount Vernon Academy staff as that Ohio school's choir and band teacher. He comes from the New Jersey Conference, where he was both choir and band teacher for Garden State Academy in Tranquility.

 Curt DeWitt, a recent graduate of Andrews University, located in Berrien Springs, Michigan, leaves that area, where he was a teacher at the Ruth Mur-

doch Elementary School, to teach grades one through eight in the Ohio Conference's Mansfield church school.

· Connie Fitch, a retired major who taught intelligence computer systems at the Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C., comes into the Ohio Conference to teach courses in human relations at Spring Valley Academy in Centerville.

• Mardell Harris joins the Ohio Conference on the staff at Griswold Junior Academy in Worthington, where she will teach the fifth and sixth grades. Harris comes from the New Jersey Conference, where she was vice principal of the Waldwick church school.

• Pat Larson leaves the Michigan Conference, where he served as principal of Lansing Junior Academy, to move to the Ohio Conference and teach grades five through nine for the Western Reserve Adventist school in Concord Township.

• Ron McCreight teaches senior English classes for the Ohio Conference's Spring Valley Academy in Centerville after retiring from the public school system in Dayton, Ohio.



Chris Etheredge is the "new" switchboard operator with Christian Record Services in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is not exactly new to that organization, however. Etheredge was the first camper to be baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist Church after attending a camp for the blind in 1967. CRS provides free materials to about 86,000 blind and deaf individuals in 70 countries.

Dava McKnight also joins the staff of Spring Valley Academy in Centerville, Ohio, as the sixth grade teacher. She arrives in the Ohio Conference from Franklin, Pennsylvania, where she taught both remedial reading and math.

• Dorothy Monroe comes to the Ohio Conference from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, to serve as the new teacher for grades one through eight in the Hamilton/Middleton church school.

• Pamela Nelson moves to the Ohio Conference with her husband, Roy, pastor of the Defiance/Hicksville/Bryan district, from Chattanooga, Tennessee. She is the new teacher for the Defiance satellite school.

 Victor Dymowski has been appointed executive director for the Washington Adventist Hospital Foundation. Dymowski comes to Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, from Alexandria, Virginia, where he served as president of the Alexandria Hospital Foundation.

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#### CHESAPEAKE

#### Highland View Academy institutes new computer course

Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Maryland, has begun a new computer course for the 1991-92 school year. This class will teach students standard office procedures based on WordPerfect, Database, Lotus 1, 2 and 3 and the use of Windows-related programs.

"We want to give students a marketable skill so that when they graduate from HVA, they can step into any modern office and be familiar with the procedures," said Harry Mayden, principal.

"We'd also like to establish a word processing industry on the campus. Our plan is to bring in outside work of this sort as soon as we feel that the students are able to handle it, then pay the students according to the number of pages they produce," added Mayden.

In order to be able to offer this course, HVA has purchased 20 IBM-compatible 386 25MHZ systems. These new computers replace the TRS80s that have been

used in previous years.

This purchase was made possible by a gift from a generous donor who is also very interested in the students at HVA obtaining this type of instruction and experience.

POTOMAC

## Arlington members encourage students with farewell program

An appreciation and farewell dinner was held at the church in Arlington, Virginia, on Saturday night, August 10, by members and friends of the church in honor of three young adults who were

leaving for college.

The guests of honor were Lisa Angus, daughter of Ivor and Marva Angus from Fairfax, Virginia, and Terry and Andy Biscombe, identical twin sons of Hilary and Mahalia Biscombe from Alexandria, Virginia.

The evening began with a program that had Arlington members Anita Ross and Bob Collette as the masters of ceremonies. Pastor Keith McNabb gave the

opening prayer.

After some initial remarks, Ross invited each sibling of the honored guests to tell the things they would miss most about their older brother or sister. Their comments were both sad and humorous.

Following a slide presentation, which featured the three honorees when they



Left to right: Terry Biscombe, Lisa Angus and Andy Biscombe.

were children, they were each given a plaque and a monetary gift as a token of the church family's appreciation. After each award was presented, the recipient thanked everyone who has guided them through the years.

The youth then gave a miniconcert as a parting gift to their friends and fellow church members. As each young person presented his or her music, which varied from classical pieces to traditional church hymns, many who were present couldn't help but remember the tiny fingers as they made their first attempts at playing childhood hymns before the congregation. And now they saw before them a pretty young lady and two good-looking young men who performed with grace and poise.

A dinner was held in the church fellowship hall, which had been decorated using a musical theme with alternating black and white placemats and napkins with musical notes. The honored guests were seated at the head table and flanked by candlelight and flowers.

Each honoree has not only been a special part of the church's musical activities, but they have also been awarded

full scholarships.

Lisa Angus will attend Brandeis College in Waltham, Massachusetts, where she will be a pre-medicine student and continue to follow her interest in music. Terry and Andy Biscombe will attend Moorehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. Though their future goals are undecided, Andy is interested in a career in business while Terry is leaning toward ophthalmology. They also will continue

their interest in music in both piano and organ, as well as choral performance.

Not only have each of the young people been honor students through the years, but they have also won numerous awards for their talents in music.

They have studied piano since they were five years old; and because of their dedication to music, the church's nominating committee asked them in 1989 to play for the worship service every Saturday morning. Since that time they have alternated each month and have always had the full support of the congregation in their endeavors.

They are anxious to meet the challenges ahead, and they are wished God's richest blessings by the members of the congregation. Their parents have provided them with a Christian background and their love and support. They cannot help but continue to succeed.

> EVELYN ROBINSON Communication Secretary

> > **HOSPITALS**

#### Washington Adventist honors providers of respiratory care

During Respiratory Care Week, which was held October 6-12, Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, celebrated the commitment of its respiratory care practitioners with community service projects and educational activities.

On Sunday, October 6, the hospital's respiratory care practitioners made free home visits to their chronic respiratory patients.

The hospital also held a poster contest at the nearby Sligo Adventist elementary school, awarding first, second and third prizes to the youngsters whose posters best illustrated the theme, "Keep your lungs healthy."

During the week, pulmonary physicians gave free lectures on a variety of topics ranging from air pollution to radon gas and the treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Respiratory care staffers distributed literature, snacks and small tokens and displayed respiratory equipment at the hospital.

Respiratory care practitioners help patients who need assistance breathing or who need ventilator support to assist their breathing after surgery. These services are especially vital to the success of Washington Adventist Hospital's cardiac and critical care programs.

TRINA MAGI Public Relations Director

#### ALLEGHENY WEST

#### Bike-a-thon and fun walk raise funds

Nearly 75 youth and adults walked or rode bicycles in Cleveland, Ohio, to raise funds for youth camp development.

Ernest Crider coordinated the event for the churches in the Cleveland area, which are Bethel, Glenville, Cleveland Heights, Southeast and Maranatha.

The bike-a-thon started at the town square and ended with a picnic in the park, where everyone recuperated, fellowshipped and ate lunch.

The bikers rode 15 miles, while the walkers hiked 10 miles. As of this writing, \$1,000 has been collected.

"This is the first of several fun fundraisers planned to help develop the newly purchased campground. Let's say it all boils down to the youth having fun while getting it done," commented C. Richard Rogers, conference youth director. The next bike-a-thon\walk-a-thon will be a conferencewide event.

POTOMAC

#### Richmond Junior Academy celebrates another year

When the new school year recently got underway, 50 students either began or continued their education at the only Seventh-day Adventist school in the city of Richmond, Virginia.

Richmond Junior Academy serves all three Adventist churches in the vicinity. RJA opened its doors to these eager students on August 19, 1991.

Ellen White once wrote that "Every child may gain knowledge as Jesus did. As we try to become acquainted with our heavenly Father through His word, angels will draw near, our minds will be strengthened, our characters will be elevated and refined,"—The Desire of Ages, page 70. Such is the ideal of the school staff under the leadership of Principal Gilbert Goodall, in that the primary goal is to bring Christ to all the students.

This concept was realized at an agape dinner and foot-washing ceremony held the Friday night before school convened. The staff and friends developed an everlasting bond to further the Christian education of young minds.

Skip Bell, vice president for administration of the Potomac Conference, then shared some of his thoughts on his early Christian education through the form of sacred memories. Principal Goodall gave

an overview of the new school year, followed by personal summations on the school staff's summer activities.

The final event of the night was a circle of prayer that reminded us to "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it,"—Proverbs 22:6.

LLOYD DALLAS JR. Correspondent

#### ALLEGHENY EAST

#### D.C. churches unite to feed the homeless

Matthew 25:34-40 describes the importance of our caring for the homeless. The King commends those who minister to the hungry, thirsty, naked and incarcerated, favorably comparing such labor to our ministry to Him.

A little soup kitchen in the inner city of Washington, D.C., is doing just what the Lord said to do. Local church members and volunteers know that Jesus is getting ready to come back to earth, so they are doing everything they can to tell the homeless about the Saviour who died for them.

The kitchen is known as the Fourth Street Friendship Soup Kitchen and is operated by volunteers from 12 congregations located throughout the Washington metropolitan area.

From time to time speakers from the General Conference, Columbia Union, Allegheny East Conference and a number of Adventist churches come to speak to the homeless.

> MARY REAVES Community Services Director

#### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Five-mile race becomes family affair

The Bonton five-mile race in York was a special treat for the members of the Harkins family. Although they have been involved with running for several years, this was the first time they were all together with 600 other runners.

Kathy Baker of the Harrisburg church and Debbie Peffer from the York church helped with registration. Nancy Ganther from the York church and Eileen Negley with her son, John Jr., from the Reading congregation were runners as well. They all had personal cheerleaders and support from their husbands as well as their parents, who are both in their 70s.



William Harkins

The girls have been inspired by their father, William Harkins, who is 78 years old and has always been involved with some form of exercise. These days he begins his mornings with a half hour of exercises, including 20 pushups and other muscle-toning activities, before he takes a one- to three-mile hike.

Harkins attributes his good health to "exercise, a vegetarian diet, no red meat, no smoking or drinking, a good family and a loving wife." He and wife Helen have been married for 56 years and are members of the York church.

> NANCY GANTHER Correspondent

> > OHIO

#### Adventists in Ohio launch television ministry

Are you tired of the ever-decreasing quality of television programs? Would you like to see greater use made of this medium to spread the gospel message in your state? You can be a blessing through such a television ministry by supporting the newly formed Good News Broadcasting Corporation.

Early plans include low- or full-power television stations covering the Dayton and Columbus areas with satellite pro-

#### CHESAPEAKE

#### Early morning fire destroys Hagerstown church

A two-alarm fire discovered about 1 a.m. on Wednesday, September 4, left only a shell of the church in Hagerstown, Maryland.

Several teenagers spotted smoke and called the fire department. Two floors were gutted and the roof had caved in by the time the fire fighters had brought the blaze under control at 2:15 a.m.

The fire evidently started at the rear of the building in a classroom storage area and soon spread to the roof.

The church's pipe organ, piano, pews, speaker's desk

and other pieces of furniture were badly damaged, as were many of the Sabbath school supplies that were stored in the building. The loss is estimated to total more than \$1 million.

Since the fire was of suspicious origin, officials conducted an investigation. On September 10, Fire Marshal John Hersh announced that the evidence, including fingerprints, indicated that the fire was the result of arson.

As the fire was brought under control, a fire fighter came out of the building and handed Pastor Tim Roosenberg the large altar Bible, which had been saved.



Later Norman Mayer, a fire policeman who also serves as the pastor of the Calvary Grace Brethren Church, offered his building for the Hagerstown congregation to use for worship on the following Sabbath. Several other churches in the area also made similar offers.

The one chosen was the Church of God located farther down the highway. Pending a decision by the church board, Roosenberg stated he hopes to use that sanctuary until a new building is ready.

Members of the Hagerstown church had already purchased land across the road from the local junior college for a larger church. The present one was offered for sale as church or commercial property. The hoped-for price before the fire was \$795,000, but the 105-by-250-foot lot is still valuable commercial property. Roosenberg added that the building and its contents were fully insured.

The church, which was built during the early 1950s, currently has 380 members and, because of its size and the inadequate space available for parking, had become too small to meet the needs of the rapidly growing congregation.

> EUGENE LINCOLN Communication Secretary

gramming from the Three Angels Broadcasting Network. And a second Adventist satellite network will soon be available from Juanita Kretschmar's van ministry in New York City. Similar downlink stations established in other locations have resulted in numerous baptisms.

A special focus on programs by local Adventist churches will be featured, providing quality Christ-centered viewing for the entire family.

In addition, plans include broadcasting services and musical programs from local churches to Kettering Medical Center for viewing by its patients and staff.

This ministry can bring the Adventist message right into the living rooms of friends or neighbors who may never attend an evangelistic crusade. The message of Christ can be viewed for 24 hours daily and keep expenses at an incredibly low level—especially when compared to the high cost of commercial stations.

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#### ALLEGHENY EAST

#### Members sacrifice life's pleasures for Christian education

Gloria Singleton, school board chairperson for the Dupont Park church in Washington, D.C., challenged the members there to support Christian education in a unique and sacrificial way.

During a church school appeal made one Sabbath morning, she vividly asked that members cancel one magazine subscription for a year, eliminate unnecessary items from the grocery list, take a lunch to work or to school instead of buying one, or give up store sales for a certain period of time.

The women were asked to forfeit at least one beauty shop/manicure appointment a month and even give up designer stockings. Meanwhile, men were asked to wash their own vehicles rather than have them washed.

If every member selected at least one of these options and placed the savings in an education fund, the church school would be able to do many things without having to make calls for extra money.

Members would also benefit in other ways. But most of all, they would have learned the spirit of sacrificial giving to help some young person obtain a Christian education.

> MARIE SEARD Communication Secretary



POTOMAC

June 15 was Visitors' Day at the Takoma Park, Maryland, church. The day was filled with color and pageantry when ethnic-rich church members from many countries, visitors and former missionaries marched in costume with 33 flags of nations around the world. The church center was filled with visitors and members who enjoyed a fellowship lunch that included food from many countries.

OHIO

#### Academy celebrates increased enrollment and praises church

Education Sabbath on August 17 gave the faculty and staff of Griswold Christian Junior Academy an opportunity to introduce themselves to the nearby Worthington church and thank its members for their prayers and financial support.

"Christ in the Classroom" is this year's theme for GCJA, which recently added a second half-hour kindergarten session and a ninth grade to elevate the school to junior academy status.

"Our goals this year are 'to make man in God's image and hasten Christ's coming,'" said Principal Charles Schyab as he, Pastor Steve Chinn and faculty members presented each grade's philosophy and program for the school year.

Included are such social programs as basketball, skiing and an outdoor school for fifth through ninth grades and a set of programs designed especially for the seventh through ninth grades.

Enrollment has gone up from 72 students last year to 92 this year with an increase in faculty to 12 teachers. Even though it is an independently run program, the day care for three- and four-year-olds enjoys 40 children as well.

Because the Worthington church budget supports GCJA with about \$40,000 annually, the academy was able to buy six new MacIntosh computers. And the worthy student fund of \$1,000 per month makes Christian education possible for some student who might not otherwise be able to attend.

A prayer of dedication by the teachers and a litany of dedication by the congregation and staff was followed with a time of fellowship on the front lawn of the church next to the school campus.

GAYLE NWANKPA Correspondent

#### ALLEGHENY WEST

#### Couple feeds homeless when not Pathfindering

What can you do when you are not camping with Pathfinders? Or sitting in day-long meetings planning events and activities for them? Or visiting clubs to inspect them and encourage the staff?

Zelda and Euliss Bailey, area coordinator and general coordinator for Pathfinders in Allegheny West, have found an unusual answer.

Each week they pack sandwiches and find a corner where the homeless congregate. Then out of their truck they share their bread with thirst-quenching drink. Over a period of nearly a year, hundreds have been fed this way by the Baileys.

"There's almost nothing like the good feeling you get seeing their eyes light up," the Baileys admit. "The only thing that rivals it is a camporee with the kids. We just love it!"

#### PENNSYLVANIA

#### Church platform transformed into creation scene

On May 11 the Seneca congregation began a weekly season of prayer during the morning worship service for an upcoming Vacation Bible School. Church members prayed for wisdom, love and personal and group preparation.

VBS Director Debbie Heisey stated, "This is the Holy Spirit's VBS, and He is the leader. We need to listen and not resist the prompting of the Holy Spirit."

The theme chosen for the week was "God's Wonderful Love for Me," which was demonstrated by teaching the children the miracle of creation. To do this, the platform in the sanctuary was made into a virtual Garden of Eden.



CHESAPEAKE

On a Sabbath afternoon in June, 13 young people from the church school in Frederick, Maryland, were baptized by Pastor Dan Goddard during an outdoor service. They were: (first row, from left) Jessica Phelps, Chrissy Hartfield, Julia DiBiase, Marcela Aranda, Jennifer Custer, Jesse Whitehurst and Alex Whitehurst; (second row, from left) Jennifer Stymiest, Monica Sickler, Melissa Niewiadomsky, Jason Martin, Derrick Niewiadomsky, Rod Kerbs and Dan Goddard.

Trees, shrubs, live plants and flowers, silk plants and flowers, live doves with their cooing sounds, statuettes of animals large and small and a pond with real fish were placed in the garden.

Seven beautiful posters were painted by Joanne Bigelow, one for each day of creation, and hung in the garden. Everywhere the children's eyes were captivated by the beauty of God's love.

"We praise the Lord for the 30 non-Adventist children he brought that week. To all those present, even our Adventist children, God's love had never been seen in this manner," Heisey added.

ELVERINE EDWARDS Communication Secretary

CUC

#### CUC experiences slight increase in fall enrollment

Full-time equivalents in Columbia Union College's traditional program are up by 1.5 this fall, a turnout CUC President Clifford Sorensen says is "miraculous—especially in a time of recession."

Even though the traditional student headcount decreased from 742 last fall to 691 this year, the slight increase in full-time equivalents is what the budget is based on. A full-time equivalent is a standard college enrollment figure based on the number of students registered for a full load. The new headcount is still an increase from 1989's enrollment of 585.

Including special programs, the total headcount at the school in Takoma Park, Maryland, is now 1,141 students, down from last year's 1,252. However, maintaining about the same full-time equivalents as last year means that the college budget is still on track.

The current number of first-year students is 141, down from last year's unusually large class of 186. However, this is still an increase over 1989, when 112 pupils enrolled as first-year students.

Eddie Braga, director of admissions marketing, is pleased that 63 percent of last year's first-year students returned to the college for a second year—up from 46 percent the previous year.

"CUC has been making important improvements that students appreciate and the retention figures show that we are on our way," said Rick Williams, vice president for advancement.

PATRICIA NASH Public Relations Director

#### COLUMBIA UNION EDUCATION

### Overall senior academy enrollment increases across the union

Preliminary enrollment figures for the eight senior academies in the Columbia Union show a slight increase of more than 40 students compared to last school year. While some students are still expected to enroll, these figures compiled on the day after Labor Day compared to the same day last year reveal four academies with increases, two holding virtually the same figures as last year and three showing decreases.

Many things account for these figures. Positive factors include an excellent 1990-91 year for some schools, solid recruiting, special scholarship offers, student dedication and the need for Adventist education felt by many parents who will lower lifestyle needs and work more than one job to pay tuition. Negative factors include the lingering effects of last winter's recession, parental questions about the value of Christian education, financial problems, staff instability and the growing demographic challenges faced by some academies.

Academy\Conference	1991-92	1990-91
Blue Mountain\Pennsylvania	225	199
Garden State\New Jersey	78	88
Highland View\Chesapeake	149	169
Mount Vernon\Ohio	123	123
Pine Forge\Allegheny East and West	222	221
Shenandoah Valley\Potomac	285	248
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"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ... Therefore encourage each other with these words,"—IThessalonians 4:16, 18 NIV. The staff of the Visitor joins the church family in expressing sympathy to those who have lost loved ones.

MINESINGER, Richard T., died April 9, 1991, Wytheville, VA. He was the former pastor of the Columbus Eastwood church in Ohio. Survivors: son Donald, sister Ruth Laubach, brothers Sam, John and Edwin and three grandchildren.

MORGAN, Charles T., born December 31, 1924, Abingdon, VA; died July 28, 1991, Escondido, CA. He was a member of the Westerville, OH, church. Survivors: wife Ruth, son Dennis, daughter Kathy Bartlett and one granddaughter.

VARTENUK, Anna F., born June 14, 1894, Romania; died November 23, 1990, Mogadore, OH. She was a member of the Akron First church in Ohio for 61 years. Survivors: sons Charles, Earl and Thomas Bennett, daughters Helen Leach, Annabelle Zager, Naomi Dart and Cynthia, 18 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

YOUNG, Mabel V., born August 25, 1912; died March 1, 1991, Bryan, OH. She was a member of the Bryan church. Survivors: husband J. Howard, son and daughter-inlaw Gene and Shirley, brother Hugh Moog, sister Helen Graber, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

#### <u>ANNOUNCEMENT</u>

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Sligo heritage series highlights Peruvian missionaries

The story of how pioneer missionaries Ana and Fernando Stahl helped transform the entire society of the Peruvian highlands will be the focus of a series of meetings at the Sligo church in Takoma Park, MD, on Sabbath, October 19. Speaking for the 9 o'clock and 11:15 a.m. worship services will be Charles Teel Jr. from Loma Linda University in California. Following an international potluck at 1 p.m., Ted Lewellen from the University of Richmond, VA, will talk at 3 p.m. on his interpretation of what happened with the Stahls at Lake Titicaca. For more information, call the Sligo church office at (301) 270-6777.

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by Candace Schap

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Baltimore	6:34	6:24	6:15			
Cincinnati	7:06	6:56	6:46			
Cleveland	6:52	6:41	6:31			
Columbus	6:59	6:48	6:38			
Jersey City	6:22	6:12	6:02			
Norfolk	6:34	6:25	6:16			
Parkersburg	6:54	6:44	6:34			
Philadelphia	6:28	6:18	6:08			
Pittsburgh	6:47	6:36	6:26			
Reading	6:31	6:20	6:10			
Richmond	6:38	6:29	6:20			
Roanoke	6:49	6:39	6:30			
Toledo	7:01	6:50	6:40			
Trenton	6:26	6:15	6:06			
Washington, DC	6:36	6:26	6:17			

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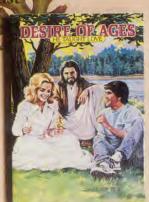
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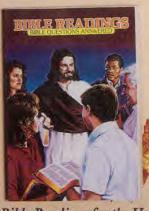
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