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All the world's a stage... and a laboratory

TO DREAM, TO INVESTIGATE; EACH IS A WING
AND CULTURE NEEDS BOTH TO FLY.

Civilizations are measured by their artists and performers as surely as by their scientists and mathematicians. The Greeks and the Romans, the Inca and the ancient Chinese—historians trace their rise and fall, their ages of gold and dust, through the rhythms of their music, the structure of their paintings and the line of their sculpture as well as by the elegance of their logic, the depth of their observation and the boldness of their experimentation.

The border between art and inquiry, like other walls we humans create, crumbles at a touch: when we admire an ancient pyramid or modern skyscraper, are we *oohing* and *ahing* its aesthetics or its engineering? Where would each be without the other?

At Fresno Pacific University we practice the artistic and pursue the intellectual. AIMS Hall of Mathematics & Science offers novice scientists a stage on which to perform research usually reserved for graduate school. The fine arts facility now in the planning stages will provide apprentice singers, musicians, visual artists and actors the same kind of laboratory to display the fruit of their curious minds and creative muscles.

The laboratory and the stage are equally worthy as realms to explore creation, to expand faith and to make a difference.

—Wayne Steffen

CORRECTION: In the last issue (Vol. 20, No.1, March, 2007) a photo was misidentified in the feature section (page 12). The photo was of Doug Bartsch, not Don Dorough. We apologize for the error.

EDUCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

YALE EXPERT OPENS FPU EDUCATION FORUM



FOUR BOYS GREW UP FRIENDS IN THE 1950s.

They were intelligent. They were African American. They lived in the steel mill town of East Chicago, Indiana. Their families were poor in the days before nice words like “economically disadvantaged,” and their parents had little formal education.

As men, three led lives of alcohol abuse and prison time. The other became the Maurice Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine’s Child Study Center. That fourth man came to FPU March 9 to tell 350 educators, business people and government officials how to make more men and women like him.

Dr. James P. Comer was the keynote speaker for the 2007 Education Forum, “Collaborative Pathways for Student Success.” Comer described six critical pathways to develop students: physical, social, psychological, ethical, linguistic and cognitive. A developmental approach increases learning as well as test scores, he said. “It is important to have an academic program that raises the energy of the schools.”

Michael Hanson, superintendent of Fresno Unified School District, saw the potential. “I think it’s a good model for us to begin viewing the development of our community,” Hanson said after the forum.

Using his life as an example, Comer stressed how families, schools and communities combine to create successful children. Fresno County Supervisor Henry Perea was impressed. In a later interview, Perea talked about FUSD and the county working together to set up a Comer school. “For me that’s the pudding: if we can translate theory into action,” he said.

As a child, Comer couldn’t have escaped the community if he’d tried. “We had five or more people between school and home who would report me to my parents,” he said.

Neither his mother, a domestic, nor his father, a mill worker, got past sixth grade, yet they raised five children who together earned 13 college degrees. Comer’s include an M.D. from Howard University and a master’s in public health from the University of Michigan. He trained in psychiatry at Yale.

The Comer children learned closeness from their mother’s

reading them the comics, social skills at the dinner table and the importance of aspirations over popcorn on the porch. The family visited parks and museums; Dad was a church deacon and Sunday school director; Mom worked the polls on election day. The church supported the neighborhood and the neighborhood supported the school.

Today times are different, kids are different and the need for development is greater. A half century ago people didn’t need formal education to get jobs that would feed their families. Now they do. In addition, mass communications give more information than children can handle without help. Comer recalled packing for a business trip when his four-year-old daughter, a soap opera fan, shook her finger at him and said, “Now don’t you have an affair.”

Society has failed to adjust and teachers are left unprepared to deal with children not developed in the home or community. “Many bright young people, who could have been productive citizens, are going on a downhill slide,” he said.

Three of those bright young people were Comer’s childhood friends, as he found out when he returned to East Chicago to practice medicine. Their fate led Comer to found the Comer School Development Program at Yale University School of Medicine. The center has worked with 500 schools and districts since 1968.

At many of those districts the schools at the bottom were those with the most minority and economically disadvantaged children. But race and class—of the children or the teachers—are not the issues. “It has all to do with how kids experience the world,” Comer said. 🏠

The forum, the first of its kind, was sponsored by the FPU School of Education. Organizers included Deborah Nankivell, Fresno Business Council; Pam Dungy, Fresno Unified School District; Armen Bacon, Fresno County Office of Education; Jo Ellen Misakian, interim dean, School of Education; and Stephen Varvis, FPU director of business and civic relations.



Ruth Heinrichs

Heinrichs served students, Neufeld served presidents, both served FPU

by Wayne Steffen

A university offers many ways to contribute: directly with students, or in a variety of crucial supporting functions. This spring one person from each realm are among FPU's retirees.



Nancy Neufeld

PORTRAITS OF SERVICE

Ruth Heinrichs {27 years}

Many pieces make up the life of Ruth Heinrichs: alumni, faculty member, administrator, wife, mother, quilter.

A 1966 graduate of Pacific College, Heinrichs returned in 1980. "I came to start the accounting program," she says. She stayed to teach finance, management and strategic management, as well as serve as university budget director and vice president.

Heinrichs also stayed through an estimated 14 office moves and only slightly fewer titles. Through the moves and job descriptions, the university and the business program have grown. "For two years in a row (business) has been the most requested program for students coming into FPU," Heinrichs says.

The organization has also changed. "When I first started here a lot of (policies and procedures) weren't settled," Heinrichs says, which could be frustrating. With her business background, Heinrichs was used to talking to people and getting things done. "I came here and I had to follow everything up. Everything took a long period of time," she says.

What has stayed constant is the collegiality, given the diversity of individuals and disciplines, and the faculty's passion for students. "What has been pervasive since I've been here is it's about the students," Heinrichs says.

Being placed in charge of both the undergraduate and graduate business pro-

grams is a testament to Heinrichs' ability and commitment, says Stephen Varvis, director of business and civic relations, history faculty and former undergraduate dean. "With someone like Ruth in the classroom, you never doubt students are going to be well prepared," he says.

Not every piece of a 27-year career is going to be easy. Humor mends a lot of tears. "Sometimes changes are inevitable, and they need to be, but they're tough," Heinrichs says. "If you handle it with humor you allow yourself to see a broader range of possibilities."

Affirmation also helps. "I had a parent tell me, 'Ruth, if it wasn't for you my son wouldn't be where he is today.' Maybe God wanted me here for that one person," she says.

When the going gets tough, Heinrichs gets out her scraps and pieces them together, even the ones that don't seem to fit. She thinks of students, faculty and staff as pieces, and FPU as the quilt. "It takes all of us, in all our variety, to make this place work," she says.

Heinrichs did some piecing before announcing her retirement. She had not planned to leave FPU, but her husband, Gordon, was transferred to San Diego by his employer, ACN, a division of United Health Group.

Plans so far include developing online courses for FPU, consulting and more quilting. One of her cloth creations hangs in the School of Business offices in East Hall, and

another fetched \$4,750 at the 2006 West Coast Mennonite Central Committee Sale & Auction for World Relief.

In addition, she and Gordon have four children, ranging in career from opera singer to hip-hop drummer, and six grandchildren between them. "I'm not retiring to sit in a chair," Heinrichs says.

Just as many pieces make Heinrichs, her message is that many pieces make up FPU, and the university needs each one.

Nancy Neufeld {16 years}

Her business card says "executive assistant to the president," but no words can capture Nancy Neufeld's contributions to four presidents and the life of FPU.

"Titles used to mean so much to me," she says. "They don't anymore."

The work, however, has meant a lot. This is good, since Neufeld's duties have grown since she began in 1991. "Each president kind of knows what I can do. Then they add assignments," she says.

After six years with Richard Kriegbaum, three with Allen Carden, two with Harold Haak and five with D. Merrill Ewert, a pattern has emerged. On the first day she asks each new president how he wants to do things. After a month they evaluate. "And we just do it my way. Because it works," Neufeld says, with humor but without ego.

"The most significant thing she does is organize my life," Ewert says. As keeper of the presidential calendar, Neufeld makes sure Ewert sees the right people, reads the

right documents and attends the right meetings. "Everything clamors for attention," he says.

There are also board meetings to organize. "I love the energy that comes out of their meetings. I love being in the know," she says. Her professional goal is to help board members be volunteers. "They are giving their time," she points out.

Neufeld gives presidents advice when they've asked, and they all have. "Nobody at this university knows the ins and outs of this place better than Nancy," Ewert says.

She also knows wider Christian education: Neufeld graduated from Tabor College, and worked at Immanuel High School, Fresno Christian Schools and Anderson University. "I've been in Christian education since 1967, except for one year," she says.

Whether the president takes her advice or not, Neufeld carries through the decision. "Loyalty is part of my psyche," she says.

Ewert agrees: "I trust her implicitly, I have to."

One gift Ewert and Neufeld give each other—when the going gets rough, they can tell each other to go home and take a break. Neufeld will take a break when she goes home from FPU for the last time. "I'm not going to fill my days with 10 things," she says.

Not that Neufeld will be idle. Her father lives nearby and she has two daughters with families in Dinuba and Simi Valley. There are also nine grandchildren, the church choir, the bowling league and her role as Queen of the Vintage Country Roses Red Hat Society chapter.

Born in Reedley, Neufeld is one of three daughters of Frances and Walter Warkentin, founding director of Hume Lake Christian Camps. She met Jerry Neufeld at Tabor and they were married for 38½ years before he died in 1999. Especially since Jerry died, Neufeld said, the FPU community has been like family.

"God had a purpose in placing me at Fresno Pacific," she says. "The presidents, and my colleagues, have made me feel that my work is important, my opinions are valued and what I have accomplished each day has made a difference!"

The right person in the right position—the title that matters. 🏠

faculty & staff focus



Ronald Claassen (BA '67), Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies director, was honored in June as the 2007 California Central Valley "Outstanding Advocate for the Common Good."

Fresno Metro Ministry, the Interfaith Alliance of Central California and the Fresno Ministerial Association sponsor the event. The award is named for Carl and Esther Robinson, Central Valley champions for social justice programs for more than 40 years.

Claassen accepted a statewide award May 4 from the California Community Justice Project and Partners in Restorative Justice Board of Directors. CPACS and the Fresno County Juvenile Probation Department were cited for innovation and pioneering work in restorative justice. The California Community Justice Project is a project of the California Administrative Office of the Courts in Sacramento.



Larry Dunn (BA '92), Center for Peacemaking & Conflict Studies faculty, published "The church as 'group,'" in the Spring 2007 *Leader*. Scottsdale,

Pa. Vol. 4, No. 3:6-8.



Duane Ruth-Heffelbower, Center for Peacemaking & Conflict Studies and business faculty, appeared on KNXT-TV's program "Forum for Better Understanding" as part of two episodes in March on the Military Commissions Act of 2006. In January, Ruth-Heffelbower and Johnny Phouthachack, VORP

of the Central Valley staff member, were interviewed for Korean Broadcasting Service (KBS) for a story on VORP to air in South Korea.



Peng Wen, business professor, received a Rotary International Grant for University Teachers. This award helps higher education faculty teach at colleges and universities in developing countries. This is Wen's second award. He plans to teach a seminar for business managers of the state-owned enterprises in China.



Karen Neufeld, liberal studies director, wrote a book, *Up and Back, Lift and Dust*, that was sold at the 2007 West Coast Mennonite Central Committee Sale & Auction for World Relief April 13-14. The story is of a little girl making varenyka with her grandmother. Members of College Community MB Church donated the money to print the book so all proceeds would go to MCC. Some 254 copies sold for \$15 each. The remaining books are available through the West Coast MCC headquarters in Reedley. The book was illustrated by Robert Friese (AA '63).



Louise Quiring retired in May after more than 35 years of service. She was assistant to the academic vice president and provost from 1968-1997, an administrator in the graduate school from 1999-2005 and administrative assistant in the School of Education from 2005-2007.

Redekop says participation in government crucial to all Christians



John H. Redekop is a man on a mission: to convince people to view government in a positive light. In the talk he gave at FPU February 15, “converting” his audience was no easy task.

Redekop was before the very audience targeted in his book, *Politics Under God*, his own faith tradition: Anabaptists. A quote from Chuck Colson on the back of the book warns that the message will, “surprise readers who expect a conventional Anabaptist perspective.”

Professor emeritus of political science at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Redekop unveiled that surprise during “Political Reality Today: Challenge or Opportunity for the Church?” sponsored by the FPU Council of Senior Professionals.

To define the “conventional Anabaptist perspective,” Redekop points to the Schleitheim Confession of 1527, a declaration of Anabaptist theology. “The drafters of the document referred to the political order as the kingdom of ‘darkness,’” Redekop notes. Because of this, Anabaptists have historically avoided military service as well as other forms of political activity.

It is this latter avoidance that Redekop takes issue with. “I can understand it then,” Redekop said. “But not in the U.S. today.”

In Redekop’s view, Scripture refers to three kingdoms: the heavenly kingdom, the worldly kingdom (which includes government) and the kingdom of darkness. The state was created by God because of sin, and is affirmed in Scriptures such as Romans 13, according to Redekop.

Some in the audience said Redekop walked a fine line between the “kingdom of darkness” and the “kingdom of the world.” Others doubted such godly politicians were electable.

Redekop has always questioned the status quo in religion and politics, according to Richard Unruh (BA ‘67), an FPU political science professor and former Redekop student. “[Redekop’s class] was my first introduction to an Anabaptist perspective on the relationship between religion and politics,” Unruh said. “But as I recall it was a perspective that John began to critique way back then.”

His critique of both the historical Anabaptist perspective and the government do not always make Redekop popular, but his careful use of Scripture keeps his message strong. 🏠

—Mary Anne Saul



Enns and Myers give peacemaking—and evangelism—a chance

COUPLE RETURNS TO FPU FOR BELIEVERS CHURCH LECTURE SERIES

Evangelism and peacemaking—two concepts not often combined in the church today—were linked in the 2007 Believer’s Church Lecture Series.

Thursday and Friday March 29-30, Ched Myers and Elaine Enns, both of Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries, Oak View, spoke at FPU and MB Biblical Seminary. Myers is director of theological animation and Enns is director of restorative justice.

On Thursday Enns and Myers gave talks titled “Putting on the Whole Armor of God: The Problems of Power and Segregated Practices in Gospel Peacemaking” and “The Mystery of Reconciliation: Witnessing to the Sophia of God.” Friday during College Hour they presented “Believing Church? The Next Generation of Evangelical Peacemaking.”

The lectures were an opportunity to share how different types of peacemakers need to work together, Enns said in a telephone interview. “(The) intent of both Fresno Pacific and MB Biblical Seminary is to strengthen the Believer’s Church heritage,” Myers said.

Neither speaker is a stranger to FPU. Enns is a former staff member of the Center for Peacemaking & Conflict Studies. Myers spoke on campus in 1997 as part of the Intercollegiate Peace Fellowship Conference.

Today they are part of an intentional community where people share responsibilities. Throughout the interview, Enns and Myers apologized because a three-year-old neighbor had come to visit. “(It’s an) important part of our work together, learning to make decisions together, own land together, worship together and protest together,” Enns said.

The couple has traveled North America teaching about restorative faith-based justice, conflict transformation and church renewal. They bring accounts of people who work in prisons, institutions and war zones. “Stories of real living people will really help inspire folks,” Myers said. 🏠

—Andrea Mowrer

Visiting scholars came from across town, around the world

FPU welcomed two visiting scholars during the 2006-2007 academic year:



Natalya Venger, associate professor at Dnipropetrovsk National University in the Ukraine, spent the school year on campus on a Fulbright Scholarship. Working in the Mennonite Brethren Archives at Hiebert Library, she researched a book on the history of Mennonite and German businesses in Russia.



Arthur V.N. Wint was at the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies for the fall semester. A professor of criminology and coordinator of the peace and conflict studies program at California State University, Fresno, Wint worked on legislative aspects of restorative justice.



Students organize card-signing for Virginia Tech

Students at FPU reached out to those who suffered loss in the shootings.

Large cards were placed in the Steinert Campus Center lobby and lounge beginning April 25 for students, faculty and staff to sign. The homemade cards include photographs of those killed, information about the victims gathered from news media and other sources and messages to their loved ones.

"We are taught to look beyond ourselves and to help others," said Dawn Adams, the junior business administration major from Fresno who organized the effort with several other students. "The greatest reason for this project is

feeling helpless and feeling a need to do something, to do anything, to reach out to the families of these victims."

The students' empathy does not stop with those killed by another. The 35th card is to the shooter's family and written in Korean, their native language.



A Day for Research

More than 50 students showed their research on subjects ranging from high school counselors to fumigant emissions during Student Research Day April 13. The event, a first at FPU, took place in AIMS Hall of Mathematics and Science. Fifty-five projects from the School of Humanities, Religion and Social Sciences and the School of Natural Science were displayed. Projects were evaluated by faculty members and winning students received Borders gift cards.



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“It’s not until I came to FPU that I really confirmed my love for medicine and God’s creation”



Student’s life demonstrates truth of faith

BY WAYNE STEFFEN

Pulkit Sawroop Bose

has sought facts in laboratories at Fresno Pacific University, Yale University and Washington University. But his life proves a truth: Everything connects somehow. A can lead to B—or fly right on to L.

Go back to Good Friday 2004. Bose enters a lab at AIMS Hall of Mathematics and Science and cranks up a CD, filling the air with contemporary Christian music. He lays his books on the counter—*The Physics of Immortality*, *Einstein and Religion* and *Genius—the Life and Times of Richard Feynman*. Tossing a white lab coat over his green preppy sweater, blue jeans and scuffed sneakers, he slides on the thin latex gloves seen on TV cop shows. Flipping his black hair from his plastic-rimmed glasses, he bends over a microscope to count yeast cells. He hopes to make progress on his experiment. He’ll get a breakthrough in his life.

Bose was finishing an experiment on white blood cells and toxins that Alan Thompson, FPU natural sciences professor, began while in a postdoctoral program at the University of California, Davis. Seeing what disease is doing to his native India, Bose pursued Thompson for an immunology project. “I was pestering him,” Bose says.

After getting his wish, Bose sometimes wondered if he’d bit off more than he could chew. After all, at UC Davis post-doctoral professionals wrestled with what he tackled as a freshman.

There was the time he needed a gas mass chromatography spectroscope. La Sierra University agreed to test the samples, but had no one to evaluate the results. “I looked at it and said, ‘How do I analyze this?’” says Bose.

Whenever he explains something, Bose picks up, or borrows, a pencil and sketches on whatever paper is handy. He illustrated the steps he took during a weekend with the textbook and computer figuring out how to analyze results from a machine he had never used. He admits he kissed the vial when the work was done. “It’s like my baby,” he explains.

Thompson called Bose passionate, but admitted he’s still working on time management. “That’s part of his character; he’s enthusiastic,” Thompson says. Everything turns Bose’s head. “If you turn your head too often you get dizzy and it’s hard to walk,” Thompson says.

Growing up in India, Bose’s head turned from art to engineering to science. Then in 2000 his father, Yugraj, a civil engineer who owned a construction company, died of a heart attack. The man known for building homes for the

homeless and fighting injustice on the All-India Anti-Corruption Board had powerful enemies. It didn’t help that the family was Christian in a Muslim region. “We lost everything,” Bose says.

Pulkit; his mother, Indu; and his sister, Shivani, came to California as refugees in April 2001. No university would give Bose financial aid due to his pending immigration status. None except FPU, which has a privately funded scholarship for people in his predicament.

FPU rebuilt Bose’s life as his lab work built his confidence. “It’s not until I came to FPU that I really confirmed my love for medicine and God’s creation,” he says. “Alan calls research an art, so you want to give your best in this art, to glorify God.”

So to glorify God, Bose spent that Good Friday counting lumps on a microscope slide. “At first I thought, ‘This is so boring.’ But somebody has to count yeast cells,” he says.

Yet Bose tried to follow Thompson’s advice and focus, focus, focus. Otherwise things drop, break, get contaminated. “Like I just did,” he says, “whoops!” Tinkle! A test tube shattered on the floor.

Luckily, the art of research doesn’t demand perfection. “The goal is to ask the right questions and find innovative answers,” Bose says.



Bose; his mother, Indu; and his sister, Shivani; at graduation.

Thompson likened it to working in Las Vegas. “You never know what you’ll find.”

Doesn’t look like Bose will find anything this Good Friday. The shattered test tube appears to be the highlight. Then three visitors arrived.

One was David Chester, who taught biochemistry at FPU before moving to Yale. Chester asked to talk to Bose in the hall. Bose returned with news: Chester told him to contact Fred J. Sigworth about study at Yale. Sigworth, professor of cellular and molecular physiology, was part of a team whose work led to the 1991 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

That breakthrough set off a chain reaction. First a summer in the Yale University Medical School Department of Cellular and Molecular Physiology, where Bose studied how to find protein structures using an electron microscope. Those results were presented at the 50th American Biophysical Society Meet-

ing in February 2005. The paper was published in November 2006 by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, with Bose’s name next to Sigworth’s.

The next step came the summer of 2006. Bose got into the Biomedical Research Apprenticeship Program at the Medical School at Washington University in St. Louis—barely.

“I came to know about this program January 28. The deadline to apply was January 31,” he says with a laugh. “So I’m staying up nights January 29 and 30 to fill out the forms,” Sigworth and Lorin Neufeld, interim dean of the FPU School of Natural Sciences, wrote reference letters and “apparently I wrote a wonderful personal statement under stress,” he says.

Lacking a photograph, “I sketched myself on the medical school application.” Whether it was science credentials, writing ability or drawing talent, Bose was among 10 winners from 300 candidates.

In St. Louis, Bose studied influenza. Participants came from many backgrounds, and generally from smaller colleges and universities. “It was an outreach to places that otherwise wouldn’t have this kind of opportunity,” Neufeld said.

Yale and St. Louis were steps toward Bose’s dream of a combined M.D./Ph.D., but as graduation from FPU neared an

old roadblock loomed. Bose’s family received indefinite asylum in the U.S. in January 2006, but permanent residence remains years away. So while 15 of the 18 medical schools he applied to showed interest, all are funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which only approves financial aid for citizens or permanent residents.

But spring is for miracles, and April 2007 came through with a big one. Merck & Co., Inc., offered Bose a position working on an HIV/AIDS vaccine. The pharmaceutical giant may eventually fund his M.D./Ph.D. And get this: Merck is collaborating on the vaccine with NIH. “How ironic is that?” Bose says.

Life on the personal side is also looking up. Before beginning work at Merck in July, Bose will marry his fiancé, Emily Brooks, in Modesto in June.

So again Bose has stepped into the unknown and onto solid ground. Like coming to America. Like coming to FPU. Bose believes his steps lead forward, because wherever he goes, God is.

“The only things I have are what God has gifted me,” Bose says. “The greatest hope I’ve had is FPU. God has used this place and these people.”

Any direction leads somewhere new. “It could be fantastic,” he says. Fantastic—whether A leads to B, L or M.D./Ph.D. 🏠

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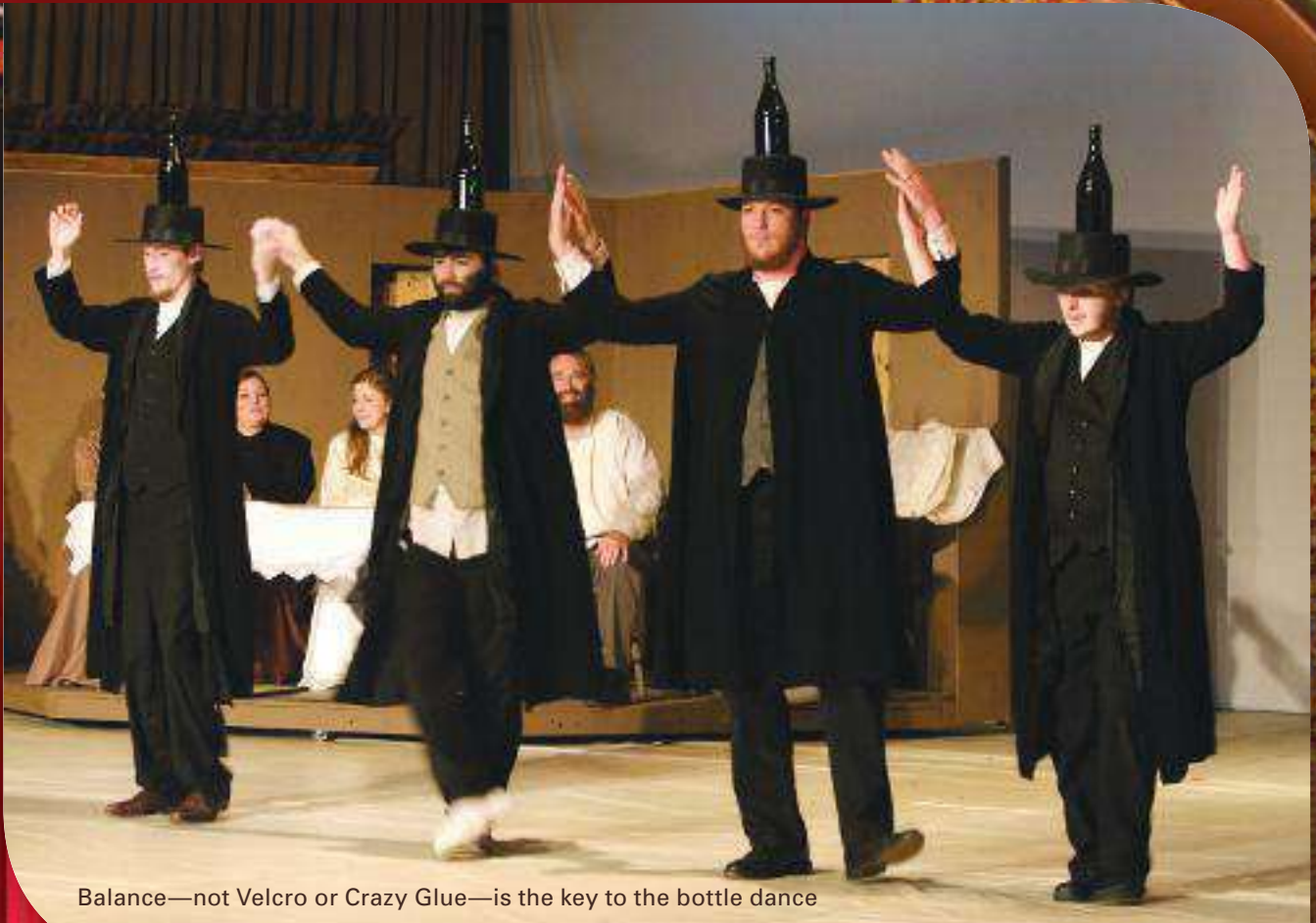
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Roy Klassen reprised his role as Tevye



by Wayne Steffen and Andrea Mowrer

FORMANCES



Balance—not Velcro or Crazy Glue—is the key to the bottle dance

ART communicates: words, sound and mood.

Drama, that ancient form of creative endeavor, is the collection and culmination of the arts, bringing all together to the advantage of each and the enlightenment of everyone.

Text, written and spoken, forms the foundation of character, of action, of setting. Music is an actor, foreshadowing and emphasizing what happens on the stage. Sets, make-up, lights and sound transport artists and audiences from a physical place to a land of the imagination.



G R E A T P E R F O R M A N C E S

Each art is a specialty of its own. None is capable of standing in for the others. Therefore all needed and appreciated.

The latest evidence of this glorious interdependence at FPU was *Fiddler on the Roof*, March 23 & 24, 30 & 31, presented by the music and theater programs. All performances sold out, and more than 2,400 people came to the Special Events Center to witness one community—students, alumni, faculty and staff—tell the story of another community—papas, mommas and children—in a way that made Jewish villagers in 1905 Russia an example of the best of a Christian university in 2007 Fresno. 🏠



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Concert Choir

Roy Klassen, conductor

The university's premier vocal group. About 40 men and women perform for high schools and churches locally, go on tour and attend choral festivals. Music comes from all periods, Classical to the 21st century, a cappella and accompanied. The primary focus is on sacred texts such as hymns and spirituals.

Pacific Brass

Wayne Huber, conductor

For 36 years, this ensemble has brought the sound of brass to formal campus occasions such as commencement and the honors convocation. The group also performs at area churches and goes on tour. The 11 musicians play trumpet, french horn, trombone, euphonium and tuba. This is the university's oldest instrumental group.

Pacific Chamber Singers

Roy Klassen, conductor

Select members of the Concert Choir are chosen for this 16-20-member ensemble. Roy Klassen founded the group in its present form in 1977 after similar choirs had existed under different names and with different functions.

Musica Pacifica Baroque Orchestra

Wayne Huber, conductor

A Flemish harpsichord is the unique feature of this ensemble, which performs music from the Baroque to the Contemporary periods. The 29 members fill out the sound with strings, flutes and oboes. Wayne Huber founded the orchestra, the university's largest student instrumental group, in 1984.

San Joaquin Chorale

Roy Klassen, conductor

For 25 years and under numerous names, this choir has maintained an outreach to the community and a connection for alumni who want to continue singing at a professional level. The 40 members perform sacred and secular music at Christmas and spring concerts. They also perform with the Fresno Philharmonic.

Crosswind

Milt Friesen, conductor

A new sound blew into campus during the 2006-2007 school year with the creation of this troupe of 20 singers and five instrumentalists. The ensemble performs two genres of contemporary music: European-influenced choral anthems and African-influenced praise and worship music, the latter featuring guitars and drums to provide a backbeat.

Women's Chorale

Arlene Steffen, conductor

For women of varying experience who desire to sing at the highest possible level, but with a lighter performance schedule. Programs include sacred pieces, folk songs from around the world and new choral pieces. Performances take place at churches and as a part of the Pacific Artist Series.

University String Quartet

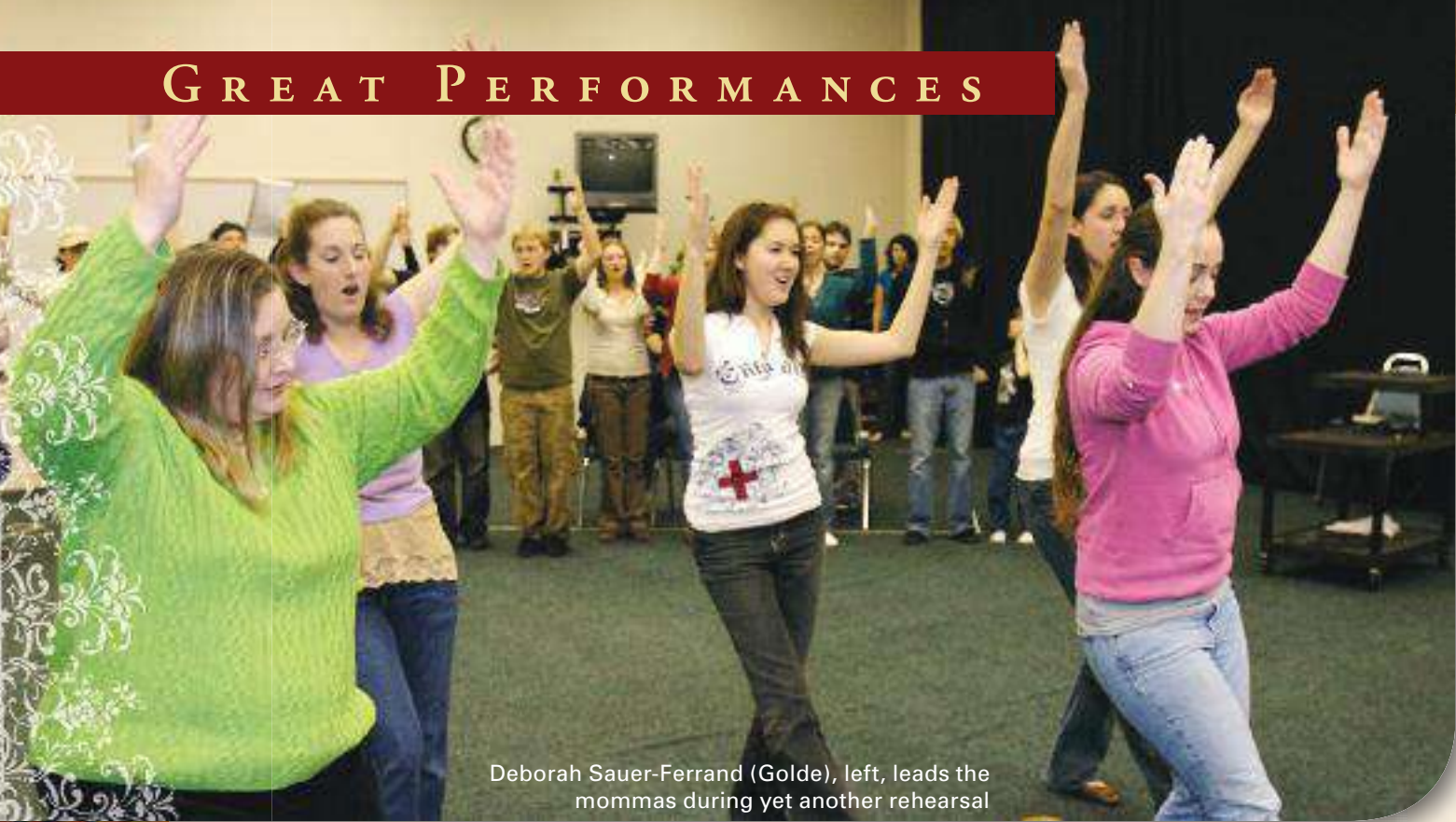
Dieter Wulforth, conductor

Debuting in the fall of 2007, this ensemble will perform music from Haydn to the Contemporary age. Members will be top students from the region and abroad. Faculty member Dieter Wulforth belongs to the Fresno Philharmonic and has appeared with orchestras and chamber groups in the United States, Japan and Germany.

CHAMBER SINGERS } { MUSICA PACIFICA BAROQUE ORCHESTRA } { WOMEN'S CHORALE }

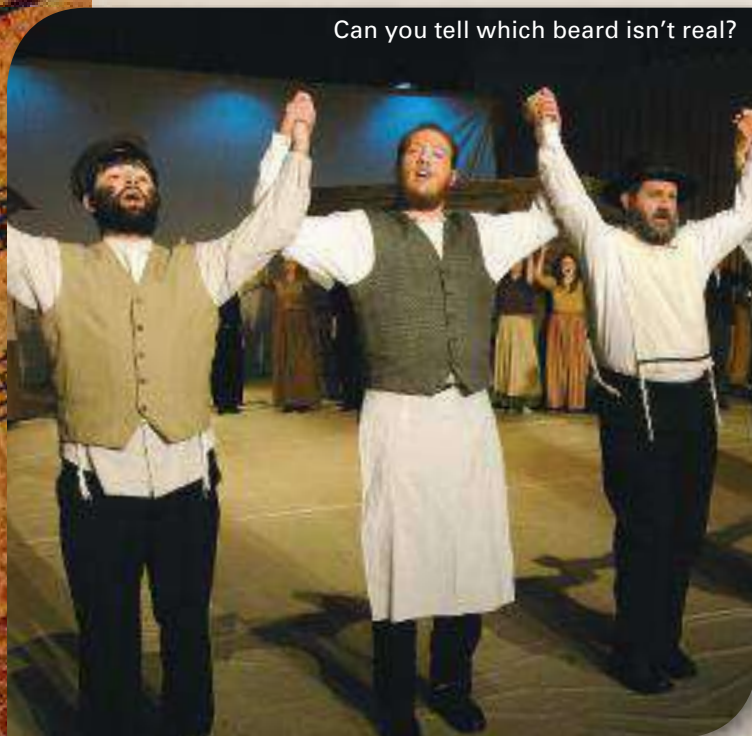


GREAT PERFORMANCES



Deborah Sauer-Ferrand (Golde), left, leads the mommas during yet another rehearsal

Can you tell which beard isn't real?



Gospel Choir

Rici Skei, conductor

Songs of faith from contemporary gospel as well as occasional spirituals and African-influenced pieces. The 25-member group performs in churches and the College Hour chapel series. Begun in the 2004-2005 school year, the choir is sponsored by the Office of Spiritual Formation as well as the FPU Music Office.

Jazz Ensemble

Patricia DeBenedetto, conductor

Exploration and improvisation are the essence of jazz and this ensemble honors and builds on that tradition in its constant exploration of the swing, bebop, funk, blues and Latin-jazz forms. The number of members varies, but always features advanced instrumentalists. Another long-time instrumental group, the band was founded by Wayne Huber.

{ CROSSWIND }

{ COMMUNITY WIND ENSEMBLE }



Vocal Performance Workshop

Deborah Sauer-Ferrand, director

This class explores music from opera to Broadway. Pieces are chosen each semester to best fit the dynamics of those involved, while raising participants' level of appreciation and skill. All students take part in performances each December, either on stage or behind the scenes.

Flautas Pacifica

Janette Erickson, conductor

This flute choir consists of 12 musicians playing the flute, piccolo, bass clarinet, string bass and harp. The group plays music from the early periods, hymns, Christmas music, ragtime and jazz. Janette Erickson formed the ensemble in the 1995-1996 school year. The group also sponsors the International Flute Choir Festival.



Tech crews work in the dark so the audience can see

Pacific Bronze

Elizabeth Gonzales, conductor

This hand bell choir is made up of 13 musicians using five octaves of Malmark hand bells and three octaves of Malmark chimes. The group performs sacred and secular music, as well as arrangements originally composed for hand bells. Concerts take place throughout the year, primarily at local churches.

Community Wind Ensemble

Patricia DeBenedetto, conductor

The university's instrumental outreach to the community, this group brings together about 50 musicians from campus and the region. Performance programs feature compositions for wind bands from the early 1900s through today. FPU's largest ensemble, instrumentation includes flutes, clarinets, trumpets, saxophones, tubas, french horns and a percussion section.

Pep Band

Wayne Huber, conductor

Spreading the spirit of Sunbird sports is the mission of these 12 musicians, who help fans cheer on athletes during home games. The upbeat repertoire adds to the excitement and enjoyment of the crowd. The band is sponsored by the FPU Athletics Office and the Music Office.

DRAMA | The Company

Julia Reimer, director

The university offers two major dramatic productions—the Mainstage series—in spring and fall, as well as one-acts and reader's theater. Any student is welcome to audition for cast or backstage roles, where they will work with faculty and alumni who share their love of drama. In addition, students on scholarships gather weekly in a group called The Company.

Visual/multimedia arts

Students active in visual arts have the opportunity to participate in a variety of classes and activities that showcase their talents. Recent events have included art shows on campus as well as Fresno's Art Hop series of exhibitions in the Tower District and other areas. The university's Multimedia Arts Center is also involved in productions of its own as well as supporting campus events.

{ GOSPEL CHOIR }

{ FLAUTAS PACIFICA }

{ PACIFIC BRONZE }



Sam Song, M.A. '01

Song building a dream in China on a foundation from FPU

By Kristen Akina



MICHAEL KUNZ FIRST MET SAM SONG ON A ROOF.

It was 1998, and Song—first name Hongzhan—had just arrived in Fresno from China to study at Fresno Pacific University. When he heard Butler Church was holding a workday, he jumped right in. Kunz, FPU science faculty, then agreed to host Song during his stay. Kunz soon found that Song was interested in building more than church roofs.

Sam Song has a dream to build the first Christian university in China. The foundation for this dream was laid in 1991, when Song helped re-establish a continuing education institution called St. Paul English School in Anqing. The school became well respected, says Song, and in 1996 the board received the government's permission to upgrade to a college.

Song then decided to come to the United States for graduate studies. But when he applied to various universities, his visa request was repeatedly denied.

Only when he applied to FPU did he receive a visa.

"I really think it was God's plan for me," Song says. "I was a Christian before I came here, but I didn't have a close personal relationship with God. After I got here, the curriculum and cocurricular activities helped reshape my vision."

The growth of that vision did not come without a price. Song arrived in 1998, and began the process of applying for his wife and daughter to join him. He was turned down for five years, and was frequently despondent.

"And those were the moments I got lifted up here, by professors and friends," Song says. "Through these trials, my faith grew. I knew God's plan was bigger than my wish. And because of this failure, I've seen that human beings have to see themselves as dependent."

While trying to bring his family to the U.S., Song became involved in campus life, working for the facilities department and joining on-campus ministries.

"He was very disciplined, a very hard worker," says Kunz. "He was always trusting God, believing that he would work things out."

Song left FPU stronger and ready for the next challenge. "I'm proud to be alumni of FPU," he says. "It is a place to strengthen your faith."

After finishing his master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) in 2001, Song transferred to the University of Minnesota to work on his doctorate in international education and develop his dream. He graduated May 10.

"Christian education in China is something he carries with him as a deep passion," says Robert Osburn, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota and board member for Song's project. "He does not want to lose faith in China."

For the past two years, Song has spent time contacting Christian leaders around the world to talk about St. Paul's. And it seems that his idea is catching.

"Many Christian scholars and professionals share this vision for China," Song says, speaking deliberately but quickly. "We want to recruit faculty and students throughout the world."

With an eager smile, Song repeatedly gestures as he speaks, as though the sheer strength of his ideas

"Through these trials, my faith grew. I knew God's plan was bigger than my wish."

keeps him moving. “He has a tenacious energy,” Osburn says. “He is relentless.”

The board of directors chose to build the university gradually, program by program. “We want to sow the seed first,” Song says. “If we started the school all of a sudden, Chinese society would not be ready for that. If we build ourselves a name, then it will be very easy to start the whole school.”

The school, now in its early stages, is made up of three short-term programs, run in module classes and seminars, in different locations. The programs are geared toward pastors, educational administrators and nurse educators. Here the far-reaching arms of Song’s dream become visible.

“We want to transform society using these three main influential sectors,” Song said. “And when we transform them, the whole system will transform.”

The tentative goal is for St. Paul University of China to be in place and in business by 2010. Already the government has given assurance of religious freedom and the promise of funding. With these hurdles crossed, Song’s dream seems on its way to solidity. 🏠

FACULTY THE FOCUS OF COMMENCEMENT SPEECH

Provost honors colleagues, challenges grads

Faculty were highlighted during spring commencement May 5.

Bachelor’s degrees went to approximately 260 undergraduate students and master’s degrees to about 70 students. Herma B. Williams, Ph.D., provost and academic vice president, gave the address: “Acting Boldly: Honor Requires Responsibility.”

God has honored them with this commencement, Williams told graduates, so they must act boldly and responsibly in the community, region, nation and world. She read students statements about five faculty to serve as examples:

- Chris Brownell, mathematics. “He taught us how the concept of number theory displayed God’s supremacy and his order in the world.”
- Dean Gray, accounting. “When I got a job offer I think you were more excited than my parents.”
- Billie Jean Wiebe, English and communication. “I was able to take risk because (she) created a safe space.”
- Ronald Pratt, mathematics. “Last spring, I began a year long math and physics project with him and I am thankful to him for giving me the opportunity.”
- Lorin Neufeld, computer science and interim dean of the School of Natural Sciences. “(He) always has an open door; he listens carefully and launches into a great discussion.”

Faculty have prepared graduates to show biblical boldness and responsibility. “The question for you today is: ‘Are God’s plans your plans?’”

Pulkit Sawroop Bose received the Harold H. Haak Award for Academic Achievement and Marin Canaday earned the award for highest grade-point average. David Youngs, mathematics education faculty, was given the Nickel Excellence in Teaching Award.



BIRTHS



Robin (AA '90 Peak) Wall and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth and adoption of daughter Stephanie Inez, born January 11, 2007. She weighed 5 lbs., 4 oz. and was 18.5 inches long.

Loren (BA '93) and Sarah (BA '93 Wall) LeBeau announce the birth of daughter Olivia Camille on March 9, 2007. She joins Sierra, 9; Elise, 3; and Joseph, 5.

Jennifer (BA '93 Plinck) Wall and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of daughter Ella Grace on July 31, 2006. Ella joins Joshua, 5; and Justin, 2.

Christina (BA '95, TC '96 Lin) and Eric (BA '96) Reenders announce the adoption of daughter Jadelin from Jiangxi Province, China, in March 2007. Jadelin, 1, joins Rebecca, 4.

Danny (BA '95, TC '96) and Heather (BA '95, TC '99 Yates) Alemania

announce the birth of daughter Elise Jane on December 4, 2006.

Sarah (FS '96 Baldwin) Corrigan and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of daughter Campbell Jeanne on September 12, 2006. Sarah is a stay-at-home mom and Brian is the first assistant district attorney in Kaufman County, Texas.

Joel Rogers (BA '96) and his wife, Amie, announce the birth of daughter Jenna Elizabeth on April 6, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 19 inches long.



Katy (BA '96 Seagle) Phoenix and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of daughter Elizabeth Dean on February 15, 2007. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 20.5 inches long. She joins Rebekah and Michael.

Shelly (BA '96 Warkentin) and Robert (BA '95) Spencer announce the birth of daughter Ellarie (Ella) Ruth on July 6, 2006.

Noe Camacho (BA '97) and wife, Rosa, announce the birth of

daughter Natalia Isabel on April 15, 2007. She weighed 4 lbs., 10 oz. The Camachos encourage their friends to contact them at necamacho_57@yahoo.com.



Brad (BA '98, TC '99) and Betsy (BA '02 Barnes) Robb announce the birth of daughter Brooklyn Elise on December 5, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20.5 inches long.

Jeff (BA '01) and Charlene (BA '01, TC '02 Lawson) Jones announce the birth of daughter Isabella Grace on December 20, 2006. She weighed 9 lbs., 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins Parker, 3.

Melinda (BA '02, TC '03 Del Giorgio) Ramos and her husband, Andre, announce the birth of daughter Amelia Jo on April 8, 2006.



Natalie (BA '03 Askew) Aase and her husband, Justin, announce the

birth of son Jonah Marcus on December 25, 2006. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins Elijah.



Tanya (BA '03, TC '04 Hunter) Kable and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of daughter Abigail Rose on January 17, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs., 6 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. She joins Timothy Michael.

MARRIAGES

Juanita Smith (BA '03) married Ryan Carter on October 7, 2006. The couple now resides in Australia.

Chris Bennett (BA '05) married Stephanie Mejo-rado on May 21, 2007.

Heather Haury (BA '05) married Matthew Spaulding on January 20, 2007.

Luke Shellenberger (BA '05) married Jennifer Jesser (BA '06) on July 8, 2006.

Andrew Feil (BA '06) married Denise Fast (BA

'06) on June 9, 2007, in Bakersfield.

Christina Maule (BA '06) married Frank Baltazar on January 6, 2007.

Michael Young (BA '06) married **Katie Wild ('08)** in May 2007. The couple resides in Fresno, where Michael is employed with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Eldon Martens (FS '61) celebrated 40 years of ministry on May 6, 2007. He retired May 27, 2007, from Central Baptist Church of Clovis, which he pastored for 13 years. He and wife **Martha (FS '62 Kroeker)** have five children and 11 grandchildren. The Martens also recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary.

Craig A. Forney (BA '82), wrote *The Holy Trinity of American Sports* in March 2007. This 192-page book, published by Mercer University Press, captures how football, baseball and basketball work together to illustrate civil religion in the United States.

Kathy Medina (BA '84) wrote a book titled, *Finding God in Autism*. The book is available at

www.findinggodinautism.com. This book is part of her testimony and a devotional for parents who have a child on the Autism spectrum.

Teresa (BA '85 Garrison) Hall competed at the World Masters Diving Championships at Stanford University. She earned a bronze medal on the 1-meter springboard in the Women's 40-44 age group. She also placed fifth on the 3-meter and fourth in the platform event. Teresa teaches English language development at Firebaugh High School and coaches the diving team at Clovis West High School.

Greg Sommers (BA '89) has had a paper accepted for publication in the *Journal of Accounting Research*. The paper, "Effect of analysts' optimism on estimates of the expected rate of return implied by earnings forecasts," is co-authored by Peter Easton of the University of Notre Dame. Sommers is on the faculty of the Cox School of Business at Southern Methodist University. His Ph.D. in accounting and MIS are from Ohio State University.

Jason Blanchard (BA '92) graduated from San Jose State University

with a master's in counselor education. He and fiancé Marian Lucich are engaged to be married on September 29, 2007.

Jeff Higgins (MA '94, TC '87) is the director of special education and district psychologist in the Farmersville Unified School District. He has been in the position since 2004.

Darren Klassen (BA '92) had a paper accepted by The Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States (MELUS). The paper, "Stereotype and Defiance: Various Songs in Marilyn Chin's, 'Rhapsody in Plain Yellow,'" was presented at the national conference in March.



Paul Meadors (BA '94), also known as Art Farkas, wrote *Letters to eBay: Hilarious Auctions, Crazy Emails, and Bongos for Grandma*. This 256-page book, to be published by Warner Books in August 2007, is an interesting and humorous glimpse

2008 ALUMNI CRUISES

FPU alumni are hitting the high seas in 2008 with the annual cruise to Ensenada in January, and a Mediterranean cruise to Italy, Greece and Turkey in June. These trips are fantastic getaways and all of FPU's friends, alumni and their families are invited.

ENSENADA

January 11-14, 2008, starting at \$246.76 per person, double occupancy.

Spaces are going quickly, so reserve your spot by September 30, 2007. Visit fresno.edu/alumni for photos from our last Mexican cruise and the itinerary and booking information for our next.

MEDITERRANEAN

June 15-27, 2008, more information coming soon.

Check back at our website in July for itinerary and booking information for this great trip!

For more information call 559-453-2237 or email alumni@fresno.edu.

SAVE THE DATE

October 13, 2007

Homecoming '07 *FPU FAMILY REUNION*

- * Baseball diamond dedication
- * Special activities for parents of current students
- * Reunions
- * The 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award Reception

WATCH YOUR MAILBOXES FOR MORE INFORMATION.



into the eBay world. The publisher plans a release event at Border's in Fresno on September 18, 2007.

Giedre Gadeikyte (MA '01) is serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Egypt, working with peace education in the Coptic community. In fall 2007 she will resume teaching conflict studies at Lithuania Christian College, as well as training and consulting with a business consulting company.



Dan (BA '01) and Kerrie (BA '01 McPherson) Rich dedicated daughter Lauren Amy, 6 months, at Living Way Foursquare Church in Oakhurst on March 25, 2007. Lauren's grandpas—both minis-

ters—performed the ceremony. Dan and Kerrie live in Oakhurst, where Dan works as a CPA and Kerrie teaches private violin lessons.

Isaac Borrero (BA '02) has finished two years in the M.B.A. program at the University of Chicago.

Melissa Bergen (BA '04) began a two-year service assignment with Mennonite Central Committee in January 2007. She serves as a family assistance specialist with

Centro Campesino in Arcadia, Florida.

Dumitru Ceban (BA '04), employed by Ernst & Young, has acquired his CPA license and was accepted at the London School of Business to study for a master's degree.

Adina Escarsega (BA '04) teaches English at El Diamante High School in Visalia. She also works as coordinator for the World Link, Inc., exchange program, placing students from the Soviet countries in high schools around the Valley.

Mary-Anne (BA '05 Born) Douglas's husband, Deandare, was hired by the Fresno Fire Department on February 5, 2007. Mary Anne is administrative assistant at FPU's North Fresno Center.

Lorraine Weller (BA '06) is working at Mission Springs Outdoor Education Camp, teaching fifth and sixth graders about science and how to take care of God's creation.

Athenia Hetherington (BA '04, TC '05) received the 2006 Outstanding First-Year Teacher award for her work as a physical education teacher at Porterville Unified School District.



Ernst Janzen (MA '04) published his first book, *Conflitos Oportunidade ou Perigo?* Janzen is a pastor and faculty member at Faculdade Fidelis in Curitiba, Brazil.

Brandon Dorman (BA '05, TC '07) was mentioned in *The Fresno Bee* as a trainer for the McLane High School Triathlon Team. A teacher at McLane, he is also school water polo coach.

Dennis Zhernokleyev (BA '06) will attend Yale

University as one of five Marquand Scholars.

Brian DiPalma (BA '06) will attend Princeton Theological Seminary on a full-tuition scholarship.

DEATHS

Irvin Leander Friesen (BA '72) died January 19, 2007.

Ron Kliewer (PBI '50) died March 5, 2007.

Arnold Prieb (PBI '50) died May 4, 2007.

MOVING

Ed (BA '81) and Karen (BA '81 Frickle) Jost moved to North Las Vegas in 2006. Ed serves

as the city senior citizen programs manager. Karen telecommutes to her job as a quality analyst for a Visalia company. Both are involved at St. George's Anglican Church. Daughter Rachel lives in Washington state and son Steven lives in Montana.

Melissa (BA '84 Kimes) Ingram and her husband, Scott, moved to Sacramento. Scott is senior vice president of marketing at The Golden 1 Credit Union. Melissa enjoys her time off from work for now but plans on working in the future.

Stacy (BA '91 Eskes) Hipwood moved back to Fresno in June after living in Kenya for 10 years. She is joined by

her husband, Terry, and children Daniel, 5; and Mia, 3. Stacy is an elementary school teacher, Terry is a businessman.

Nicole (BA '97 White) Allen and her family moved to North Texas. Contact them at drummerzgrl@yahoo.com.

ANNIVERSARIES

Sherra (BA '72 Kelley) Garabedian and her husband, Aram, celebrated 32 years of marriage on March 29, 2007. Their children, Nathan and Rebecca, both got engaged on the same weekend in February 2006 and will get married later in 2007. Aram's parents, Aram, Sr., and Eleanor, celebrated their 60th anniversary June 28, 2007.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

IN TOUCH WITH ALUMNI

It's so easy to let your classmates and friends know what's happening in your life. Send your news—job, marriage, children, new address, awards—to alumni updates.

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559-453-2033
(attention: alumni updates)

Please include your graduation year(s) with your update. Photos must be 1 megabyte for digital files and at least 3x4 inches for prints.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Congratulations, **Dennis Falk, D.D.S. (BA '76)**, Fresno Pacific's 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Dr. Falk will be honored at a reception during the Homecoming celebration.



From Left: Larry and Paula Warkentin, J. Scott and Deborah Leonard, Judi and Mark Deffenbacher (vice president for advancement and university relations) and Ken Fransen.



Minasian joins FPU as capital campaign manager

DINNER KICKS OFF TRUSTEES CAMPAIGN



The trustee portion of the *Building on Excellence* campaign kicked off at a dinner June 1 following meetings of the university board of trustees. Larry and Paula Warkentin and J. Scott and Deborah Leonard, overall campaign chair; Ken Fransen, trustee campaign chair (with his wife,

Carol); Barb McDonald McMurchie and Boyd McMurchie and Velma Dyck Schrock and Stan Schrock, all honorary trustee campaign chairs, hosted about 80 present and past FPU trustees and spouses. Now in its quiet phase, the *Building on Excellence* campaign will raise \$31-41 million for a new fine arts center, a library addition and a new building for the School of Education, as well as endowment funds for faculty development and student scholarships.



Pat Evans, FPU board assistant secretary, prepares to enjoy dinner.

Exciting times require energetic people. As FPU prepares for its largest capital campaign, Joan Hensleit Minasian is just the person to serve as capital campaign manager.

“Joan has a background in development and relationships throughout the Valley,” said Mark Deffenbacher, vice president for advancement and university relations. The manager takes charge of day-to-day campaign operations, such as preparing events and meetings, overseeing publications and guiding staff and volunteers. “Her energy and passion, skills and enthusiasm reflect our efforts to build FPU to serve our students and our region.”

Minasian founded Development Solutions. Working with community groups and non-profit organizations, she designed and implemented systems and procedures and trained leaders of staff and volunteer teams.

Earlier Minasian worked for Hope Now for Youth and the American Cancer Society. Starting in the cancer society’s county and regional units, she eventually managed a \$21 million effort as vice president of the state annual campaign.

A second-generation Fresno native, Minasian gives back to her community as a volunteer. She sits on the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization and the Northpointe Community Church Administrative Leadership Team. She is past president of AFP, the Association of Fundraising Professionals, which named her Outstanding Fundraising Professional for the California Valley Region, and Leadership Fresno (Class XVII), which named her Alumnus of the Year.

Minasian has been married for 20 years to Marty Minasian, a farmer near Rolinda. “I am excited to be bringing my gifts, strengths and talents to Fresno Pacific University at this significant time in its history,” she said. “I am proud to be a member of the FPU team!”



Board notebook:

**Trustees set budget, priorities for 2007-2008
Foundation managed assets surpass \$41 million**

FPU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

June 1-2

- Adopted naming guidelines for new facilities.
- Adopted a competitive bidding policy for new construction that calls for bids from at least two companies on all projects.
- Granted continuing status to Larry Dunn, Center for Peacemaking & Conflict Studies.
- Welcomed Don Griffith, a financial planner, to a four-year term representing the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

March 3-4

- Set budget for 2007-2008 at \$34.5 million.
- Set major goals, including:
 - An honors program for traditional undergraduate students.
 - New degree completion programs in criminology and a bachelor of science in nursing.
 - New master's programs: early childhood education on the main campus and special education at the Bakersfield Center.
 - Progress on an expanded Visalia Center, a main-campus residence hall, a fine arts center and library expansion.

FPU FOUNDATION BOARD | June 1

- Accepted an audit report listing more than \$41 million in managed assets. The audit was without qualifications.
- Received the report that the average annual interest rate for assets was more than 10 percent.

President's Circle enjoys Fiddler

President's Circle members enjoyed a special performance of *Fiddler on the Roof* as part of their meeting March 25. *Fiddler*, the spring mainstage, was a co-production of the music and drama programs featuring music faculty Roy Klassen as Tevye and Deborah Sauer-Ferrand as Golde. The cast of faculty, staff, students and alumni was directed by drama faculty Julia Reimer. After the matinee production, the 275 members present met the cast and enjoyed dinner in the Larry A. Shehadey Dining Room in Steinert Campus Center. President D. Merrill Ewert gave a report on the university, and new and continuing members were honored for their service.



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The following families became first-time members of the Fresno Pacific University President's Circle between January 1 and April 30, 2007. The President's Circle is a special group of friends who promote FPU whenever possible, pray for its people and needs, encourage students to attend, give at least \$1,000 annually and offer advice, counsel and encouragement.

The university thanks these generous supporters:

Henry H. Anderson	Mary Kazanjian
Max and Karen Bowser	Chris Quinn
Conrad and Donna Clay	Matthew Rodgers
Douglass Collins	Jeff and Anne Taylor
Dave and Sherry Crisp	Leonard and Joyce Warkentin
Dr. Peter and Genevieve Fast	Terence Yi
Don and Sharon Klassen	

Saia to coach Sunbird men

Experience is the word for the new men's basketball coach.

Jim Saia spent 14 years at NCAA Division I schools. His accomplishments include 13 seasons as an assistant coach, and one season as the head coach of the University of Southern California Trojans.

Saia began his career as an assistant coach at the University of California, Berkeley. He spent the 1989-90 season as an assistant at Indiana State University, then four seasons with California State University, Fresno, earning a master of arts in physical education.

Accepting the head coaching position at Columbia College in Sonora for 1994-1995, Saia guided the team to back-to-back conference titles, a No. 3 state junior college ranking and was twice named the conference coach of the year.

During seven seasons at UCLA, Saia helped the Bruins land the nation's No. 1- and No. 2-ranked recruiting classes. He moved to cross-town rival USC for 2004-05, ultimately serving as interim head coach.

"I am extremely excited about being the head coach at Fresno Pacific University," Saia said. "It is a perfect fit for me from both a personal and basketball standpoint. I am looking forward to building something special."

Saia follows Clark Sheehy, who resigned March 21 to become head coach at his alma mater, John Brown University.



"I am honored to be selected as FPU's first water polo coach. I am really excited about building a collegiate program here in the Central Valley," Suhovy said.

The Sunbirds will launch the men's team this fall and the women's squad in the spring of 2008.

Pulliam steps up to lead women's basketball

An accomplished assistant is stepping up to take the reins of women's basketball.



Meredith Pulliam was hired in April after two years as a Sunbirds assistant coach. The Clovis West High School graduate has a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and is working toward a master of arts.

Pulliam was a special education teacher at Caruthers Union School District and Clovis East High School. At Caruthers she was an assistant women's coach at Reedley College and coached the Caruthers varsity girls one season. At Clovis East Pulliam coached the Timberwolves for seven seasons.

Pulliam follows Jim Hall, who resigned March 1. "We have a tremendous returning nucleus of talent, leadership and character. I look forward to adding players that will help take the program back to success at the national level," she said.

Suhovy named water polo coach

Bryan Suhovy is the new water polo coach.

Suhovy has been boy's head coach at Monache High School since 2001, guiding the Marauders to four consecutive East Yosemite League championships and a pair of C.I.F. Central Section Championships. He has also been boy's head coach of the Monache Water Polo Club since 2000, and was youth minister at New Hope Christian Fellowship in Porterville from 2000-2002.

A graduate of Monache High School, Suhovy played water polo at Orange Coast College. He graduated from the University of LaVerne in 2005.



Richardson to lead swimming teams

Peter Richardson will coach the men's and women's swimming teams.

Richardson started swimming at Buchanan High School and Clovis Swim Club, where he helped



the men's club team win the 1999 summer junior nationals. Richardson earned a B.A. and teaching credential at the University of the Pacific. As UOP swim team captain as a junior and senior, he led the team to back-to-back Big West Conference championships. Since graduation, Richardson has been assistant national team coach with Clovis Swim Club and head men's and women's swim coach at Sanger High School, leading Sanger to four league championships in three years.

As for goals, Richardson first wants his teams to grow spiritually. "They're going to rely on their academic and their spiritual growth (in life)," he said. But they can also win a national championship. "We have some of the pieces already," he added.