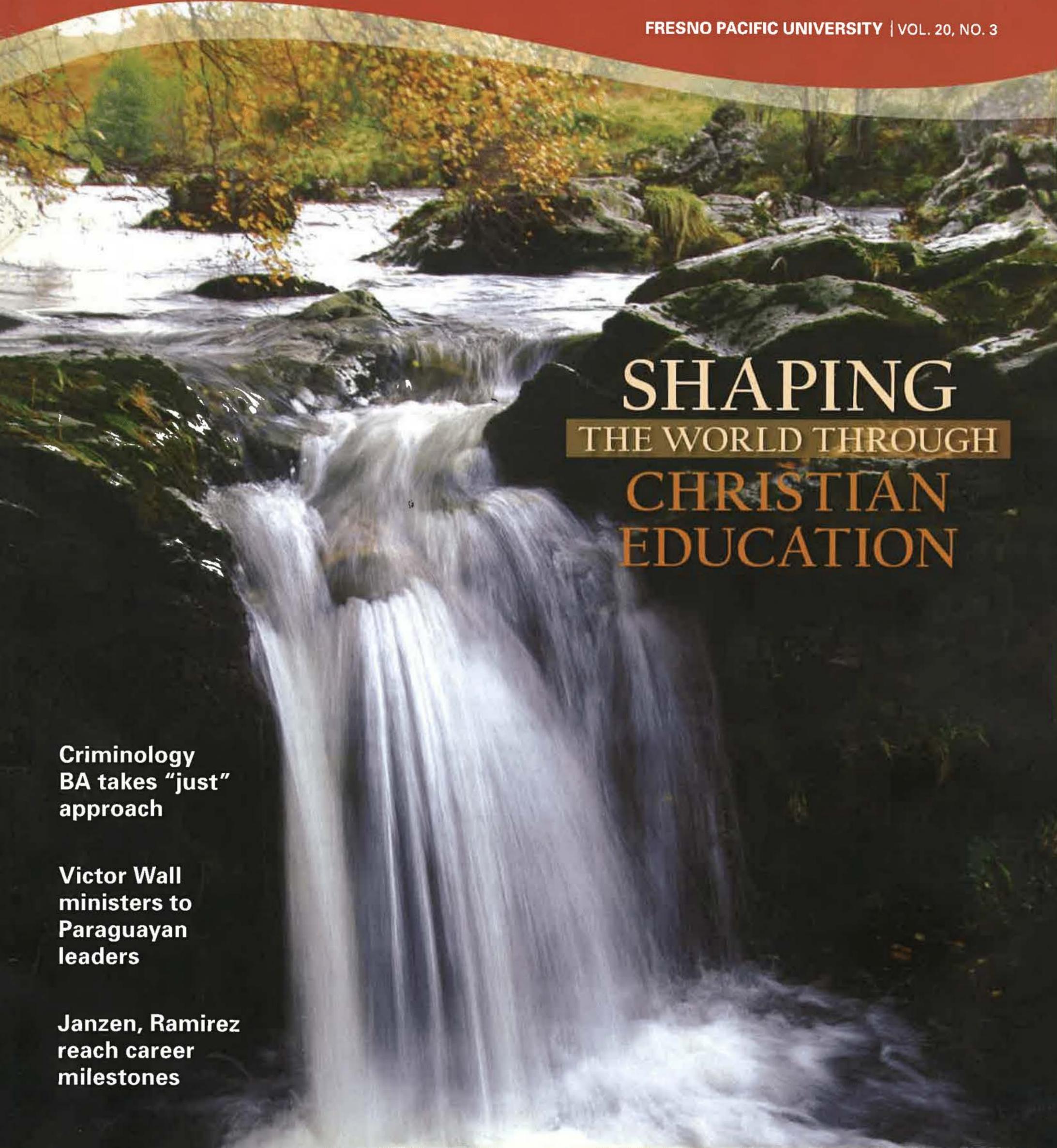


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ICOMB participants enjoy a high point of any meeting.

I WAS IN A MEETING YESTERDAY.

Nothing new there. In universities meetings are the culture. For some, meetings—their planning, leading and directing—are the very air they breathe.

I'm glad I'm not one of those. At the end of the day, or at least at the end of some days, I like to have something tangible: a magazine, a story, a paragraph I can call my own. Like a builder who can point to a fence or a mechanic who can rev up a previously persnickety engine when someone asks, "and what did you do today?"

Fortunately, I'm blessed with a boss and co-workers who can make meetings what they ought to be. We have passion, laughter, frustration, dreams. We strain to see our organization in a new way and our work as part of a larger whole. Sometimes we get snacks.

Over the summer FPU and the MB Biblical Seminary hosted a meeting so big we called it a "consultation." Sponsored by the International Committee of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB), representatives from 23 schools from around the world gathered for the first time. They did everything my colleagues and I do, but on a historic scale. They ate full meals.

It was passionate, funny, frustrating and soul-searching. It was also impossible to do by telephone, email or MySpace.

So I'm reminded at my most impatient—as the clock ticks and the conversation seems to circle like a hiker lost in the woods—that meetings are good. They are the food of communication.

—Wayne Steffen

# FPU BEGINS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM IN CRIMINOLOGY, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE



## Expertise in DC education and restorative justice sets program apart

### THE NEW PROGRAM STANDS OUT FOR SEVERAL REASONS:

- FPU's success in helping working adults complete bachelor's degrees
- The focus on restorative justice that involves victims as well as offenders
- The moral and ethical foundation

Starting this fall, the criminology and restorative justice studies major allows qualified adults to complete a bachelor's degree in a field with many openings for employment and a strong need for ethical leaders. In Fresno County alone, nearly 4,000 people are employed by law enforcement, court and probation services.

Employees in criminal justice need bachelor's degrees to advance. Recognizing FPU's strength in degree-completion education, agencies asked the university to devote cohorts—groups of students who go through the program together—to their employees.

The university offers a criminology, rather than a criminal justice, major. Criminology focuses on the study of criminal justice practices, rather than the implementation of law enforcement. Students will learn about crime and society, restorative approaches and social and psychological theories of crime, criminals and society. The program is part of the School of Humanities, Religion and Social Sciences.

Instruction is informed by theology and the principles of victimology and restorative justice. Victimology examines the needs of all criminal justice participants, including victims, offenders and the community. Restorative justice provides accountability for the offender and compassion for the victim. FPU has been on the forefront of these practices through its Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies.

The program is intellectually challenging, spiritually stimulating and practically attuned to the working adult. Classes meet one night a week and students stay together throughout the program, supporting one another and getting to know their professors.

Qualified students have been out of high school at least two years and earned about 60 units of college or university credit. The length of study is 60 class weeks, or about 14 months.

# FPU introduces online master's programs

CLASSES BEGIN 2008, INTEREST ALREADY HIGH

New online master's degrees take the quality of an FPU graduate education to more people and places.

Students from around the world could benefit from M.A.s in education with emphases in curriculum and teaching (focus on leadership), school library and information technology, and kinesiology. A credential will also be available in library media.

Classes are set to begin in 2008, but interest is already strong. More than 20 inquiries—some from outside the United States—for an online curriculum and teaching option came in after the blended version was posted at [fresno.edu](http://fresno.edu). "We didn't advertise it at all. There was a demand," said Jeanne Janzen, director of curriculum and teaching.

The value of all three degrees will be the same as current face-to-face or blended online systems. "The content for the program is the same," said Jim Ave, director of kinesiology.

"Our program is noted for its quality," said Jo Ellen Misakian, interim dean of the School of Education and director of library media. "I wanted to keep that quality."

Email is one way students and faculty stay in touch. Faculty respond within 24 hours, usually less, and keep office hours online, just as they do for conventional classes. "You have to know if you're a professor teaching online that that's part of it: you have to be responsive to the students," Janzen said.

"Actually they get more feedback and quicker than if they give me an assignment and wait for comments," Misakian said. "(Students) say we are actually closer when we are online."

Students will also benefit from technology through discussions, podcasts and other techniques. "We've kept teacher voice in the course by being innovative," Janzen said.

School library media requires 32 units for the credential and 44 for the master's degree. Curriculum and teaching (focus in leadership) offers a 36-unit accelerated course. Courses focusing on leadership and conflict resolution make FPU's program unique.

Kinesiology consists of 36 units to be completed mostly in the summer. Among totally online programs, FPU is the only university with a training emphasis for certified athletic trainers, and one of fewer than 10 to offer an emphasis in physical education.

What Ave said about the kinesiology degree applies to all three programs. "It's a better fit for our target students, and it opens up our borders." 🏠

## New faculty join biblical studies, business

FPU welcomed two new full-time faculty this fall:



**Kenneth Bandy**, business, taught business and commerce classes while completing his M.B.A. at Texas A&M. He also has an M.A. in organizational communication from the University of Denver, an M.A. in Christian education from Dallas Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in training and organizational behavior from the University of North Texas.



**Brian Schultz**, biblical and religious studies, comes to FPU from Mevasseret Zion, Israel, where he was an instructor at the Jerusalem University College in Jerusalem. His Ph.D. in Jewish studies is from Bar Ilan University in Ramat Gan, Israel, and his M.A. in ancient history of Syro-Palestine was awarded at the Jerusalem University College.

## Varvis moves into new enrollment position Collier to direct community relations



**Stephen Varvis** will become vice president for enrollment management. This new position will oversee recruitment and retention efforts for all students: traditional undergraduate, graduate, degree completion and professional development.

A unified approach to enrollment is the way for FPU to succeed in today's competitive atmosphere, according to President D.

Merrill Ewert. "It's not enough to find the right number of students; we must find the right students: those we can help develop professionally, personally and ethically—those who want to make a difference with their lives," he said. "Steve knows FPU and was deeply involved in enrollment as dean. He is the right person for this assignment."

No one does it alone, Varvis noted. "Challenges lie ahead, but so do opportunities. Together, we are up to it."

Varvis has had a variety of positions in his 22 years at the university, including business manager and dean of the undergraduate school. He continues as a history faculty member.



**James Collier** takes on the role Varvis vacates—now called director of community relations. He will build relationships between FPU and area business and other groups and oversee events such as the annual Business Forum. Collier joined FPU in 2005 as Web writer after serving as director of marketing and development for the Community Food Bank in Fresno.

Both changes are effective November 1.

faculty & staff focus



**Breck Harris**, business faculty, was percussionist on a CD released in March called *Pistevo* (Greek for "I Believe"). This CD, produced by Greeks for Christ International, consists

of 14 original songs written in a contemporary Greek Christian style. This group is made up primarily of Greek Christian musicians whose mission is to reach Greek citizens around the world. This is the second CD where Harris acted as percussionist for the group. The first CD, *Let Your Spirit Fall*, was produced in 2003 and is in its third pressing. For more, go to [www.greeksforchrist.org](http://www.greeksforchrist.org).



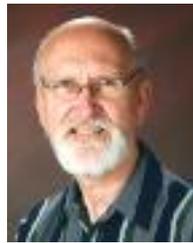
**Richard Wiebe (BA '74)**, philosophy faculty, gave a presentation at the 58th annual Navajo Festival of Arts and Culture at the Museum of Northern Arizona August 4-5. Wiebe is

a research associate at MNA and studies Navajo philosophy. The presentation, "Navajo Conceptual Metaphors and Pattern Languages," is an investigation into the power of language that traces the significance of repeated metaphorical descriptions of the world and explores the culture's cosmology and ceremonies.



**Larry Wilder**, administrative services faculty, was elected president of the Fresno County Charter of the Association of California School Administrators, the professional association

for school administrators in California, in June. His one-year term began July 1.



A short story by **Larry Warkentin**, music faculty emeritus, was broadcast July 4 on Valley Public Radio KVPR's Valley Writers Read. The story is titled "Games Children Play" and tells

about a young Mennonite boy growing up in Oklahoma during World War I.



**Dina Gonzalez-Piña (BA '90, MA '98)**, spiritual formation, was interviewed July 10 by Univision television in response to an announcement by the California State Department of

Finance predicting Hispanics would make up 52 percent of California's population by 2042. She called on Hispanics to place a higher value on education to develop leaders. The interview was aired locally and in the Bay area.



**Duane Ruth-Hefflower**, Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies and business faculty, presented "Engaging victims of minor crimes in victim offender dialogue processes" at the joint conference of Victim

Offender Mediation Association (VOMA) and the American Association of Community Justice Professionals in Miami in June. He was also honored for 10 years of volunteer service as VOMA Webmaster.



**Rod Janzen (BA '75)**, senior scholar, reviewed *The Christian College: A History of Protestant Higher Education in America* (2nd ed.) for the Spring 2007 *Direction*, the academic publication

of the Mennonite Brethren.



**Richard Rawls (BA '87)**, director of Hiebert Library and history faculty, wrote "Teaching and Teachers in the Early and Contemporary Church" for the Ministry Compass section

of the Spring 2007 *Direction*, the academic publication of the Mennonite Brethren.



**Zenebe Abebe**, (above left) dean of students, and **Ron Claassen (BA '67)**, director of the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies, published "Restorative Discipline" in the Spring 2007 *AC Resolution*, the quarterly magazine of the Association for Conflict Resolution.



**Linda Hoff (MA '94)**, director of teacher education, presented research findings at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in New York City in February. The study was

titled "Starting with Student Achievement Data: A Study of High-Performing Teachers in Low-Performing Schools." Hoff also was awarded the Powell Dissertation Award by the School of Educational Studies at Claremont Graduate University, where she is working on her Ph.D. in education.



Members of the Fresno Pacific University String Quartet are: (Back row, from left) Dieter Wulfhorst, conductor; Tiffany Nyberg, violin; and Vanessa Ronk, violin. (Front row, from left) Bryan Taylor, cello; and Tori Trefzger, viola.

## String quartet broadens music opportunities

A new ensemble and a new full-time faculty member boosts the strings program.

The University String Quartet debuted this fall under Dieter Wulfhorst. The quartet is an important addition to FPU's list of performing groups. "It just brings so much credibility to the university and the string program," said Wayne Huber, music faculty and humanities division chair.

This year's musicians are Vanessa Ronk and Tiffany Nyberg, both violin; Tori Trefzger, viola; and Bryan Taylor, cello. Their repertoire will include classical as well as lighter music. "Everything from Haydn to the Beatles," Wulfhorst said.

The schedule includes one formal concert each semester, plus other events. "My ultimate goal is to have the quartet go out into schools and attract people to apply to Fresno Pacific," Wulfhorst said.

Currently a cellist with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra and the Fresno Grand Opera, Wulfhorst has appeared with numerous orchestras and chamber ensembles in the United States, Japan and Germany. His doctorate and master's are from the University of Maryland. He has an undergraduate degree from Staatliche Hochschule für Musik und Theater in his native Germany.

In addition to leading the string quartet, Wulfhorst teaches music history and research, cello performance and directs Musica Pacifica Baroque Orchestra, FPU's chamber ensemble of strings, winds and harpsichord.

FPU is really behind the string quartet, according to Wulfhorst. "I can't believe the kind of commitment the university made," he said. "It's just spectacular."



Student body president Nayely Arreola reads Scripture

## Students can help put the world on a better path

Students from FPU are part of transforming the world.

That was the message from President D. Merrill Ewert at the opening convocation August 31. Students, faculty and staff gathered for the annual event, which marks the end of the first week of classes.

Today is a time of dishonesty by politicians, athletes and celebrities. "Society, it would appear, has lost its way," Ewert said. The answer lies in the words of Psalm 119, part of which was read by Student Body President Nayely Arreola; in the opening hymn, "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior"; and in the theme for the 2007-2008 school year: "Make a Difference. Think. Choose. Change."

"There's a way to fill our lives with the law of God," Ewert said. "Fill ourselves with the word."

Filling ourselves with the word of God allows us to stay pure, find direction, understand what we're to do and discover hope and true happiness, Ewert said. This foundation—combined with work, study and connections with faculty and other students—prepares graduates to lead in churches, professions and communities. "God's message in our lives transforms us so we can transform our world," he said.

Equipping leaders with character as well as competence will help society find the proper path. "That's what we're doing here," Ewert said.

## Roundtable series links business, FPU



Hansen, Bray, Padilla, Vasquez and Varvis

The experience and expertise of FPU faculty and local business leaders come together in the 2007-2008 Business Luncheon Roundtables at the North Fresno Center.

Now in its second year, the series offers a convenient format—buffet lunch, presentation by an expert or panel and conversation—so speakers and guests can address important issues. “We’re looking for ways to be helpful for business,” said Stephen Varvis, university director of business and civic relations.

Three roundtables were scheduled:

- “Stop Multi-tasking and Focus: Managing Technology and Information” with Janita Rawls, dean, School of Business, September 28
- “Developing Leaders Within” with Peggy Avakian, business faculty, February 15
- “Finding Common Ground: Effective Multi-generational Workplaces,” April 2008

Roundtables begin at noon. To register, call 559-453-3440 or email [mary-anne.douglas@fresno.edu](mailto:mary-anne.douglas@fresno.edu). Also check the Web at [fresno.edu/northfresno](http://fresno.edu/northfresno).

Topics are suggested by businesspeople. At last spring’s “Finding and Keeping the Employee of the Future,” for example, about 40 visitors met with Kathy Bray, president, Denham Resources; Kim Hansen, human resources manager, Provost and Pritchard Engineering; Kacie Padilla (BA ’07) regional recruiter, Fastenal; and Roy Vasquez, business faculty.

Young workers are fast-paced, ambitious and tech-savvy. To be competitive, companies must:

- Find employees in new places: BMW seeks potential workers in BMW Internet chatrooms.
- Understand today’s work ethic no longer means spending a career at one company. Prepare people to leave your firm on good terms so they send other bright people to you.
- Always be on the lookout for talent, whether or not openings exist, then streamline hiring to catch the right person before he or she goes somewhere else.
- Be clear about what your company is in order to find good workers who fit.
- Individualize compensation: Some people would rather have an increase in vacation or flexible hours than a raise in salary.

Other 2006-2007 seminars were “Do Ethics in Business Pay?” and a discussion of Dennis Bakke’s book, *Joy at Work*.

“Those who came to the seminars went back to work with knowledge they could use,” Varvis said. “That kind of immediate application is the hallmark of FPU’s business luncheon roundtables.”

Roundtables will also be scheduled in 2008 in the Visalia and Bakersfield centers.

## Grad, DC lead overall enrollment increase

Graduate and degree completion students are the story of this year’s enrollment increase.

There are 652 students in bachelor’s degree completion programs, 32 percent more than the 494 at the same time last year. Graduate enrollment is up 9 percent, to 781 from 719. Traditional undergraduate enrollment is 944, down 5 percent from 998 in fall 2006, in accordance with national trends. All figures are as of the 16-day census, the official counting date for the fall semester.

“We celebrate our success among adult and working students. These people are crucial to the future of our re-

gion, which has a great need for the kind of professionally prepared and ethical leaders FPU is known for producing,” said President D. Merrill Ewert. “We expected challenges with traditional undergraduate enrollment, due to a declining number of graduating high school seniors. Many colleges and universities are feeling the pinch, and we are working on new ways to address the issue.”

Graduate and degree completion students balance work and family life with study. FPU offers weekly evening classes at centers in Bakersfield, Visalia and North Fresno, as well as the main campus.

# *Global MB educators gather for first time*



## Alumni among those taking part in event at FPU, MBBS

by Dora Dueck

MENNONITE BROTHERS INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION around the globe are significantly closer because of a historic gathering June 4-9 at Fresno Pacific University and MB Biblical Seminary.

"I'm very glad I came," said Ernst Janzen (MA '04), professor at Faculdade Fidelis in Curitiba, Brazil. "The world has gotten smaller."

"Shaping Mennonite Higher Education for the 21st Century" is the first consultation bringing together representatives from some 23 schools in MB conferences worldwide. Several schools connected, though not directly affiliated, with the denomination also participated.

These educational institutions ranged from the old, such as Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kansas, (founded 1908) and MB Centenary Bible College in Shamshabad, India (founded 1920) to the very young, such as Faculdade Biblica Paulistana in São Paulo, Brazil. Some are liberal arts universities; some focus on teaching trades or training pastors. They vary widely in size, national context and economic circumstances.

In spite of differences, a strong sense of connectedness emerged, which delighted—and even surprised—many participants.

"I've seen a level of humility and belonging I had somehow not expected," said Johann Matthies (BA '89), who represented both Lithuania Christian College and St. Petersburg Christian University. "It makes me hopeful—that we can grow and support one another."



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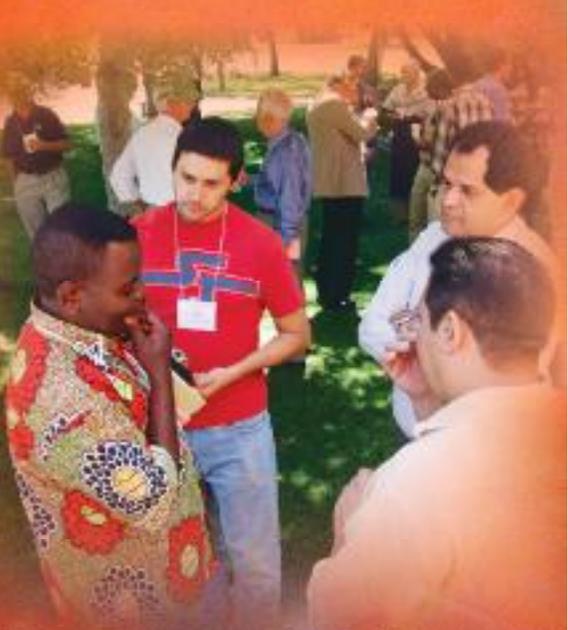
## Carefully planned

International Committee of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB) sponsored the consultation. The university and seminary, together with the Council of Senior Professionals, hosted events on their campuses. The event was intended to respond to “felt needs” in the MB global community, planners said; needs such as questions of identity many MB schools are facing, as well as the changing face of global education.

Each day contained worship, plenary sessions, discussion groups and workshops related to practical concerns such as finances and curriculum. Additional networking happened over meals and breaks for drinks and fresh California fruit.

In the opening address, ICOMB executive director Victor Wall (BA '81) issued a seven-point call to MB academic leadership to:

- center education in Kingdom politics (allegiance to God's reign)
- engage in mission-motivated and mission-motivating education (as a consequence of being centered in God's Kingdom)
- build up leaders in Jesus' terms (rather than contemporary leadership gurus)
- seek, learn and teach truthful knowledge (embodied in life)
- become faithful stewards of our resources (“making space for knowledge” in relating to each other and the world)
- practice international solidarity (putting the global church high on our agenda)
- become high-tech Anabaptists (not fearing but using the tools God has provided for our generation)

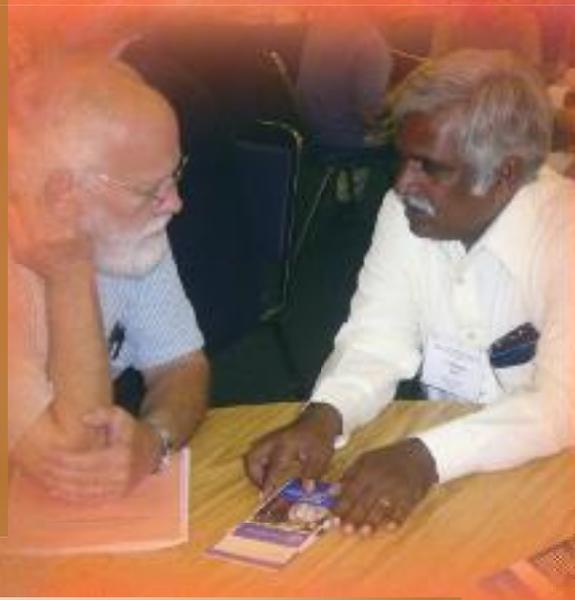


## Setting the stage

The plenary topics began broadly, with worldview. Eloise Hiebert Meneses, professor of anthropology at Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania, drew on the work of philosopher Michael Polanyi and missiologist Lesslie Newbigin to consider how “we know what we know.”

Believing is at its foundation, she said; knowing necessitates choice between competing visions of reality. The ultimate commitment of a Christian is to “Jesus as Lord, as master and authority over one’s own understanding of the truth,” she stated. From that stance then, Christians witness and, in a variety of disciplines, engage with “penultimate truths.”

I.P. Asheervadam, a professor at MB Centenary Bible College, traced a specifically Anabaptist view of education. Anabaptism, he said, is both a spiritual and social movement. He drew parallels between Anabaptism’s rise within the peasant classes of 16th century Europe and how the missionary movement’s emphasis on education empowered India’s Dalits (communities marginalized and de-humanized by the caste system). Outlining 11 core beliefs of Anabaptism, he called for MB schools to embrace this identity, to offer it to the wider Kingdom of God.



## School and church

Alfred Neufeld, dean of the faculties of theology and of education and social work at the Evangelical University of Paraguay, considered higher education’s role for church. Christian higher education that is shaped *by* the church, *towards* ministry and service, requires “something like a theology of denominationalism and also a theology of conference loyalty,” he said.

Furthermore, we cannot evade the “ambitious and urgent task” of doing “responsible theological work,” especially the work of contextualized or “little theologies” for specific situations (when culture changes due to migration or technological innovation, for example). The real challenge for future Christian higher education, Neufeld concluded, “will be the ability to have faith in the church.

“If the church is the body of Christ, then all we do in the name of Jesus, we do in the name of the church,” he said. Ideally, the relationship of church and school should be one of interdependence. “But,” Neufeld said, “in times of crisis, church leadership must prevail.”

This statement was probably the consultation’s most provocative in terms of the conversations it unleashed. Discussion revealed that the rub between church and school is often very real. What if church or conference leaders have little understanding for higher education? How can the school’s submission and prophetic voice be held in tension?

Suggestions for ways through possible impasse were also shared: don’t make the local too determinate for one’s idea of church, but think of it on a national or global level; give more loyalty to the church, feel a part of it; theologize together to find coherence; seek to serve.





## Looking outward

D. Merrill Ewert, FPU president, drew attention outward, to how Christian higher education can be shaped towards service in the community and world. He called schools high in reflection “cloister,” those high in action “activist.”

Ewert called for engagement high in both reflection and action. Scholarship of engagement, he said, quoting Ernest Boyer, means “connecting the rich resources of the university to the most pressing social, civic and ethical problems...” Ewert gave examples of how this plays out at FPU, as it attempts to see the world through the lens of faith and to assist locally with various programs, such as helping children learn to read and victim-offender restoration.



## Steps forward

If the Fresno consultation demonstrated the continuing maturation of ICOMB as the body that connects the global Mennonite Brethren family, it also revealed gaps. The transition from a North American mission agency (referring to Mennonite Brethren Mission and Service International) with mission “fields” to a body of equal conferences is still in process, especially when it comes to the financial struggles of institutions in some Majority World conferences.

An “economic missiologist” is needed “to help us deal with the disparities,” said Dalton Reimer, FPU professor emeritus and a consultation organizer.

Reimer was encouraged by MBMSI spokesperson Ray Harms-Wiebe’s acknowledgement that the agency’s response to the matter of school support has been “ambivalent,” and further by Harms-Wiebe’s call for all parties to “sit down together” to find solutions.

This was just one of the steps into the future envisioned at the consultation’s close. Participants clearly wanted follow-up. “I enjoyed what took place so much,” Nzuzi Mukawa, academic dean of University School of Missiology, Kinshasa, DR Congo, said. “I wonder when we’re going to have the next one!”

Priorities included: meeting again (perhaps in 2010 or every five years), faculty exchanges, scholarships for students from developing countries, globalizing FPU’s Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies and sharing written materials, fundraising ideas and online library access.

Consultation findings were to be presented to a meeting of ICOMB leaders in Kinshasa later in June. But, Ewert reminded, relationship building could be done in small steps and doesn’t need “official sanction.”



Dora Dueck, former associate editor of the *MB Herald*, covered the consultation for several publications. Plenary papers are published in *Direction*. Worship and plenary sessions can also be viewed at [www.fresno.edu/icomb](http://www.fresno.edu/icomb).

# Victor Wall, B.A. '81

## The foundation Victor Wall built at FPU stretches to Paraguay

President's family attends church Wall helped found

by Katie Fries



"I believe that the school is a very important arm of the church to impact society."

For many grads, time spent in college is more than just the sum of classes and extracurricular activities. Some students look back at Fresno Pacific University as time spent sowing the seeds of ministry and building a foundation upon which to develop world-views and philosophies.

One such alumnus is Victor Wall, who—after receiving his B.A. in 1981 and his M.Div. from MB Biblical Seminary in 1982—returned to his native Paraguay, where he is an educator and pastor and, since 2005, executive secretary of the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB).

His education was an inspiration. "It helped build me up in the profession of church leadership and education. The personal contact with teachers [and] the leadership of the school...meant a lot to me," Wall says.

Dalton Reimer—then academic dean—remembers Wall and his wife, Margarita (Neufeld '81), as "students who came with experiences and insights beyond most of their fellow students at the time, particularly in reference

to the Latin American scene," he says.

"While statistics show that many international students who come to the United States to study stay in this country, Victor...models the ideal of returning to serve [his] home [community]," Reimer says.

Returning to Paraguay was a "very intense period of ministry," Wall says. He taught high school and worked with church youth, taught in the Bible Institute of Asunción, pastored the German-speaking church and chaired the German-speaking MB Conference. Wall was a founder of Evangelical University, where he also founded and led the teaching school from 1999 through 2005. During this time he and Margarita also raised children Sebastian, 24; Marcelo, 21; and Debora, 19.

The ICOMB position came naturally. "First, because I was chairing the MB Conference in Paraguay, I participated in the ICOMB meetings," Wall says. "And, I suppose, being fluent in three languages, having an international 'feeling' and understanding, plus some other factors, helped people [see] in me the person they wanted as executive secretary."

A highlight of Wall's career has been helping found Iglesia Raíces (Roots) Hermanos Menonitas, a Mennonite Brethren church plant in Asunción that sought to reach out to the upper- and middle-class Spanish-speaking community. The church

is attended by the family of the current Paraguayan president, Nicanor Duarte Frutos. Wall baptized first lady Gloria Penayo de Duarte.

A leader in the church until her duties as first lady added to her load, Gloria Penayo de Duarte remains a committed and active member, according to Wall. "Also, she is willing to share her faith with other first ladies, when the opportunity arises," he adds.

Wall also has had a quasi-government role on the board of the National Council of Education and Culture. He describes it as "a kind of advisory board to the Minister of Education."

In the future, Wall plans to continue with ICOMB and develop new programs for the Evangelical University teaching school. Beyond that, he continues to "dream of a stronger relationship between school and the spiritual impact [it has] on society. Needing a strong confirmation from the Lord, I dream of starting a new church in the next few years."

With roots planted in the soil of FPU, Wall has successfully combined his passion for education with his desire to grow the church. "I believe in the international character of the church and also in the church as God's chosen instrument to be active in society," he says. "I [also] believe that the school is a very important arm of the church to impact society." 🏠

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Alma Elrich (PBI '47)

returned from Africa after four weeks of evangelism in Malawi and South Africa this summer.

### Dennis (BA '68) and Lorena (Quenzer BA '68) Fast

retired from teaching. He worked in the Moreno Valley Unified School District for 35 years, teaching choral music for 16 years at Moreno Valley High School and computer programming for 19 years at Valley View High School. She was an elementary school substitute teacher for 20 years. Following graduation from Pacific College they spent two years as elementary teachers in Newfoundland with Mennonite Central Committee. He is worship leader and choir director for a traditional worship service at the Evangelical Free Church of Moreno Valley. They have two children and six grandchildren.

**Lynn Roth (BA '68)** began as executive director at The Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University August 13, 2007. Roth has been east coast executive director of Mennonite Central Committee since 1989, directing 35 staff and service workers throughout the eastern U.S., administering a \$1.6 million budget and overseeing an agency that receives \$9 million in annual contributions. He and his wife, **Kathleen (Brandt BA '73)**, have four children: Rachel, Zachary, Adam and Sarah.

**Stephen Penner (BA '71)** published a book, *Tea in*

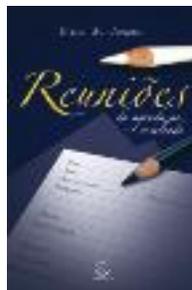
*the Desert*, a memoir of the years he spent in Chad working with Mennonite Central Committee.

**Efren Iglesia (BA '72)** was appointed Monterey County Superior Court judge by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger August 20. He has been with the Monterey County Counsel's Office since 1983. Prior to that he worked for Imperial County and was in private practice.

**Sheila Wiebe (BA '81, MA '89)** is principal of McCord Elementary at the Kings Canyon Unified School District in Orange Cove.

**Michael (BA '99, TC '00) and Sarah (Watters BA '00) Johnson** have been accepted as members of Wycliffe Bible Translators again. They served in Wycliffe from 2003-2005 as specified term members and then returned to the U.S. They plan to return to Papua, New Guinea, in the summer of 2008, where Michael will teach missionary kids and Sarah will serve in support roles. They have three children: Isaac, Alina and Hannah.

**Douglas Noll (MA '02)** has started a new radio talk show called "Fix Your Conflicts," which focuses on helping people solve everyday conflicts. Each week, Noll speaks with guests of different backgrounds. Listeners are welcome to call in with questions, conflicts or stories at 866-613-1612. Visit online at [lawyertopeacemaker.com](http://lawyertopeacemaker.com) where he shares thoughts and writings on pragmatic, practical ways of transforming conflicts.



**Ernst Janzen (MA '04)** published his second book, *Meetings – from the agenda until the result*, as a tool to help people deal with conflicts in meetings.

**Jennifer McCarty (BA '05)** is a resident director at William Jessup University in Rocklin. She oversees 45 girls and helps direct campus ministries.

**Leigh Carter (BA '07)** was selected for a California State Assembly Fellowship. She intends to come back to FPU for the teacher education program next year.

## IN THE NEWS

*This new category celebrates alumni featured in newspapers and broadcast media.*

**Bob and Mary (Voth) Wiens (PBI '49)** were included in *The Fresno Bee* August 21, 2007. Their collection of 200 vintage radios was part of an article called "The Sounds of Nostalgia."

**Paul Meadors (BA '94)**, aka Art Farkas, was in *The Fresno Bee* August 28, 2007, for publishing his first book, *Letters to eBay*. Release parties took place at bookstores in Fresno, Visalia, San Luis Obispo and Citrus Heights. Visit [letterstoebay.com](http://letterstoebay.com) for more.

**Josh (BA '97) and Maren (Hvass BA '95) Vance** were in the *Foothills Sun-Gazette* August 22, 2007, regarding Travel China Roads, the non-profit corporation they direct. The group took 17 people to China to teach conversational English in July 2007. Read the article titled "Taking English to China" in the *Sun-Gazette* and visit TCR's website, [travelchinaroads.com](http://travelchinaroads.com), for photos.

**Morgan Doizaki (BA '07)**, president of Fresno Chinatown Revitalization and manager of Central Fish Company, was part of a September 2, 2007, *Fresno Bee* article about exploring the tunnels beneath Fresno's Chinatown.

## MARRIAGES

**Jacob Carter (BA '00)** married **Ivana Francesconi (BA '04)** on October 7, 2006. Jacob is employed by Children's Hospital Central California and Ivana is employed by Fresno County Department of Children and Family Services.



**Ger Vang (BA '01, TC '02)** married **Tosh Demsey (TC '06)** on November 18, 2006. They both teach in Clovis Unified School District.

**Christina Perreault (BA '05)** married **Brian Piercy (FS '03)** on December 16, 2006. Brian is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and Christina

completed her first year of teaching in Bakersfield.

**Jason Ekk (BA '05)** married **Alicha Kennedy (BA '06)** on July 14, 2007.

**Jennifer Barnett (BA '05)** married Nathan Rike on March 31, 2007.



**Will Dyck (BA '97)** married Allison Ruddell on July 7, 2007, in North Fresno Menonite Brethren Church. Will is the owner of Summa Development Group and Allison is a news anchor at KMPH-TV.

**Becky Tillery (BA '05)** married Adam Field on September 22, 2007 in San Simeon. The couple resides in Fresno. Becky is assistant to the dean of the FPU School of Humanities, Religion and Social Sciences.

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Greg (BA '84)** and **Geena (Bruno FS '84) Stobbe** celebrated 21 years of marriage on June 21, 2007. Greg teaches English and journalism at Fresno Christian High School, and is the advisor of the high school newspaper. Geena is an R.N. at Kaiser Permanente. They have three daughters: Brianna, 19, an FPU student; Brittany, 16; and Brooke, 13; and are members of North Fresno M.B. Church. Contact them at [gstobbe@fresnochristian.com](mailto:gstobbe@fresnochristian.com).

## BIRTHS



**Julie (Cripe AA '86) Jessup** and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of daughter Angela Joy Jessup on June 9, 2007.

**Scott (FS '93)** and **Chelle (Friesen BA '92) Sugimoto** announce the birth of daughter Tiffany Elise on May 29, 2007.



**Bernie (BA '94, MA '06) and Angela (BA '04) Esau** announce the birth of son Eben Elijah on June 20, 2007. He weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. and joins brothers Benjamin and Nathan.

**Melissa (Whaley, BA '95) Kisich** and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of daughter Katelyn on October 12, 2006. She joins brothers Alan-Michael, Nolan and Derek. Melissa is now staying home to raise her family, and she'd like her friends to contact her at [classylis@aol.com](mailto:classylis@aol.com).

**Alyson (Shropshire BA '96) Brewer** and her husband, Josh, announce the birth of daughter Eva Sudie on April 10, 2007. She joins sister Elyse Nicole, 5, and brother Seth Alexander, 3.

**Eric (BA '97) Snook** and his wife, Tara, announce the

birth of daughter Taylor Lauren on May 5, 2007. She weighed 8lbs., 4oz. and was 20 inches long. Eric is in a residency for veterinary pathology at Louisiana State University and Tara is an assistant professor in veterinary dermatology at Louisiana State University.



**Todd (BA '97, MA '03)** and **Sarah (Steckling BA '97, TC '98, MA '03) Friesen** announce the birth of son Levi Jerel on July 6, 2007. He weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. He joins brother Paul Todd, 4.



**Vanessa (Allen BA '97, TC '98) Kennelly** and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of son Luke on July 21, 2007. He weighed 8lbs., 5oz. and was 21 inches long. Vanessa has been home for five years after resigning from teaching. She and Steve own Usana Health Sciences and Juice It Up. Steve is also a high school teacher, worship leader and coach for their kids. They will celebrate their seventh anniversary in November.

**James (BA '98)** and **Mary (McKinzie BA '99) Konow** announce the birth of twins Seth James and Ellie Sara on June 3, 2007. Seth

weighed 6 lbs., 12 oz. and was 19.5 inches long. Ellie weighed 6 lbs., 11oz. and was 18.5 inches long. They join Ainsley, 2½.

**LeAnn (Morine BA '99, TC '00) Baker** and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of daughter Kayla Joy on August 1, 2007. She weighed 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 19 inches long. The family resides in Washington, Illinois.

**Sarah (Holmen BA '99, MA '01) Enns** and her husband, Phil, announce the birth of daughter Kanada Joy on June 27, 2007. She weighed 7 lb., 13 oz. and was 19.75 inches long.

**Vickie (Ochsenbein BA '00) Robberstad** and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of daughter Skylar Maci on August 16, 2007. She weighed 8lbs., 10oz. and was 22 inches long. She joins big sister Rylee, 2.

**Sabrina (Nelson BA '01)** and **Brent (BA '00) Sawatzky** announce the birth of son Matthew Parker on March 12, 2006. He joins Tyler, 4.



**Andre (TC '03)** and **Carrie (Koop BA '99, TC '00) Martinez** announce the birth of son Ezra Joseph on September 25, 2006. He weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 21 inches long.



**Tiffany (Kliewer BA '06) Champness** and her husband, Danny, announce the birth of daughter Karly Lynn on February 12, 2007. The family resides in Bakersfield.

## ADOPTIONS

**Julie (De Tienne BA '92) Huffman** and her husband, Robert, announce the adoption of daughter Ashtyn, 6, on May 31, 2007. Julie is in her eighth year of teaching at Meadow Lane Elementary School in Lemoore and Robert is a firefighter at Lemoore Naval Air Station. The Huffmans reside in Caruthers.

## MOVING

Robert and **Wanda (Collins PBI '49) Kroeker** moved to Palm Village in Reedley.

**Adonijah (PBI '59) and Eva (Reimer BA '86) Pauls** moved to McPherson, Kansas, and invite friends to come visit.

**Peter (BA '94) and Cheryl (Dueck BA '93) Smith** and sons Brendan, 6, and Jason, 4, moved to Kitwe, Zambia, in August 2007 to begin an assignment with Mennonite Central Committee. Peter will teach peace education courses at Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation and Cheryl will contribute her skills as a marriage and family therapist.

## IN MEMORIAL

**Andy (BA '81) and Lynette (Bitikofer BA '82) Stoeppler** announce the death of their son Nathan, 14, of a brain tumor on May 15, 2007. Seven sisters survive.



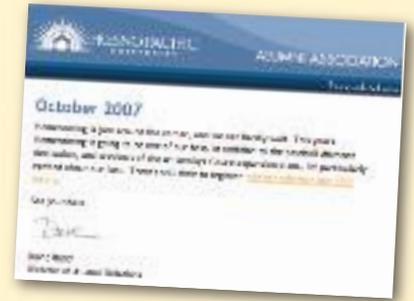
**Rusty DeRuiter (FS '78)** died while race-walking in Woodward Park on March 17, 2007.

**Lawrence Day (TC '98)** died December 17, 2006.

**Abe Ediger** died July 7, 2007, at the age of 101 in Salem, Oregon. A farmer in Wasco, he was a strong supporter of MB higher education when Fresno Pacific University, Tabor College and the MB Biblical

## Do you get eNews?

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Seminary were all governed under a combined board of education.

**Sophie Enns** died in Reedley on September 13, 2007. She and her husband, the late Peter A. Enns, owned and operated Enns Packing Company/Wespack Sales. She was a volunteer and

supporter of FPU, and Peter was a member and chair of the Board of Trustees. Among her survivors are sons Kenneth (BA '75), Eugene (current trustee and former board chair) and Melvin as well as daughter Virginia Wiens (FS '61).

## 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.*

**Email**  
[alumni@fresno.edu](mailto:alumni@fresno.edu)

**Mail**  
David Bacci  
Director of Alumni Relations  
Fresno Pacific University  
1717 S. Chestnut Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93702

**Fax**  
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.

## Fresno Pacific Alumni Business Network

The Fresno Pacific Alumni Business Networking Group launched this July as a resource to alumni active in the business community.

Founded by members of the alumni advisory board, networking group members meet each month over breakfast to share information and encourage one another. The Career Services Center helps connect current students with area businesses.

**Gaston Cignetti (BA '05)** and **Fabricio Codeceira (BA '05)** co-chair the Fresno chapter. Plans for the future include business networks in Bakersfield and Visalia.

"We're off to a great start in Fresno, and we're looking forward to growing in the South Valley. The alumni association is actively seeking leaders in the areas," said David Bacci, director of alumni relations.

**Check Alumni eNews! for meeting information.**

For more on FPU's business network, or if you or someone you know would like to volunteer to help lead networks in Visalia and Bakersfield, please call us at 559-453-2237 or email [alumni@fresno.edu](mailto:alumni@fresno.edu).

# Cruisin' 2008 with FPU

Travel the Mediterranean and Mexico with alumni, parents and friends of FPU.



There's still time to join the fun and cruise with FPU in 2008. Join friends, alumni and families for fantastic getaways to Ensenada in January and the Mediterranean—Italy, Croatia, Greece and Turkey—in June.

## Mexico

**January 11-14, 2008**

starting at \$246.76 per person

Registration deadline extended to November 11, 2007!

The ideal weekend escape: a three-day cruise to Ensenada, the most popular seaport on the Baja Peninsula. During your daylong visit, marvel at local attractions like La Bufadora, take a cooking class or just relax on the beach.

## Italy, Croatia, Greece & Turkey

**June 21-July 3, 2008**

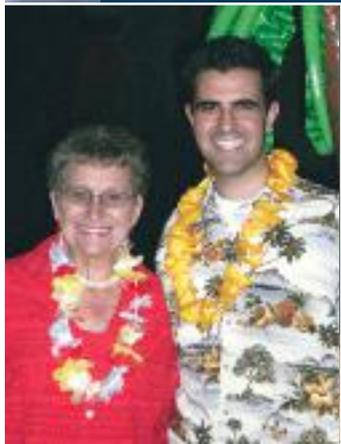
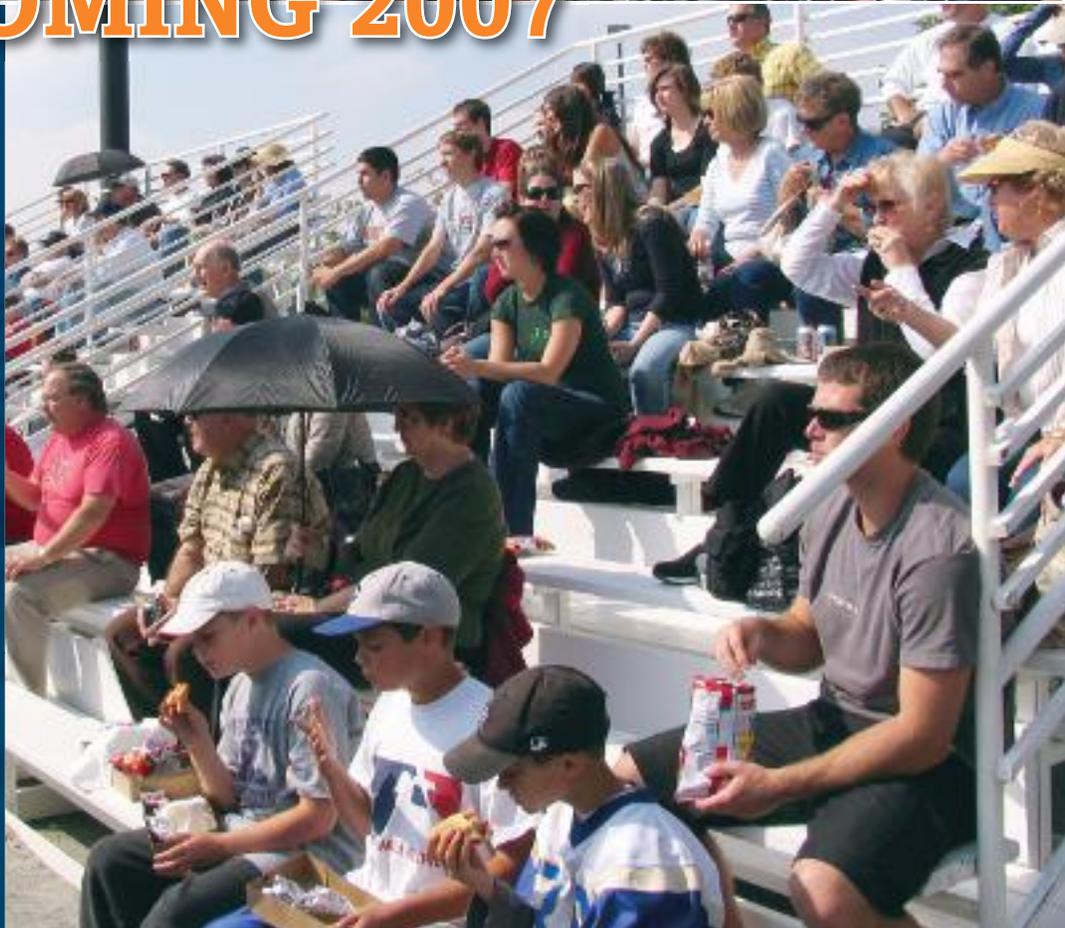
The adventure begins with a seven-night cruise around the Mediterranean and concludes with a four-day land tour of Tuscany. Cruise the Adriatic and Mediterranean Seas, climb the leaning tower, marvel at Renaissance masterpieces, follow Paul's footsteps in Ephesus, walk the bazaars in Istanbul. Each day brings new adventures and each evening a table to share discoveries.

**View the full itinerary and print your Mediterranean cruise registration form online at [fresno.edu/alumni/cruise](http://fresno.edu/alumni/cruise)**



# HOMECOMING 2007

**HISTORY AND FUN** were on the schedule for Homecoming 2007 October 13. In the morning the baseball diamond was dedicated (above: coach Oscar Hirschhorn speaks and the Sunbirds wait to take the field) and about 400 fans (right) enjoyed a game between the Sunbirds and the alumni as well as free hot dogs, sodas and Cracker Jack. The evening saw a luau (below right and center) featuring entertainment from the Polynesian Club of Fresno. Homecoming was lucky for Arlene Klassen (FS '77), who won a cabin on January's alumni Ensenada cruise. (Bottom left with David Bacci, director of alumni relations.) Arlene's husband is Abe Klassen (PBI '45).



# SUNBIRDS TAKE TO THE WATER

The FPU men's water polo team started its inaugural season September 1 at the Sunnyside High School pool in a scrimmage with Chapman College. Thirteen days later, in just their second match of the season, they earned their first win, 11-9 over Whittier College in the California Lutheran Invitational in Thousand Oaks.

For more see [fresno.edu/athletics](http://fresno.edu/athletics)



## Janzen, Ramirez rack up major victories

**Two long-time head coaches have reached career milestones.**

On September 15, the men's soccer team defeated Dominican University of San Rafael 2-0 at Ramirez Field, handing head coach Jaime Ramirez his 200th victory.

Nine days earlier, on September 4, volleyball coach Dennis Janzen earned his 700th win when the Sunbirds defeated Azusa Pacific University in the Special Events Center.

Ramirez paid tribute to long-time FPU head coach Ben Norton. "It is a privilege to follow Ben. We try to follow his example: to give people an opportunity to play soccer at a high level and change lives in the process. He set the standard," Ramirez said.

From 1974-1989 Norton compiled a 154-140-32 record that included the school's first NAIA District Championship in any sport. That came in 1980, when the then-Vikings defeated Westmont 2-1 in Santa Barbara. And by the way, Ramirez, a senior, scored the winning goal.



DENNIS JANZEN



JAIME RAMIREZ

The victory over Dominican pushes Ramirez's coaching record to 200-90-23 in his 17th season as head coach. This does not include 31 wins as women's soccer coach from 2001-2005.

Janzen credited the FPU administration and a succession of talented student-athletes and assistant coaches for his success. "FPU gave me a unique opportunity way back in 1983, and I'm very appreciative of that," he said. "I've been fortunate to work with some of the best folks I could ever imagine. We've been blessed with some great athletes over the years too, which has enabled us to build something special here."

Following the win over APU, Janzen's record stood at 700-163, in addition to 33 wins as head coach of the women's and men's volleyball teams at Columbia Bible Institute in Clearbrook, British Columbia.



MICK RUPCICH



MICHELLE EDIGER



RUSTIN PICKETT

## Athletics adds associate AD, media and office assistants

There are three new faces in the Athletics Office.

Mick Rupcich is the associate athletics director, a new position. Rupcich spent 30 years at California State University, Fresno, before coming to FPU in August. At CSUF, he spent five years as the director of events and

25 years as assistant baseball coach. Rupcich earned his master's and bachelor's degrees at Arizona State in kinesiology and was with the San Francisco Giants minor league system for two years.

Michelle Ediger (BA '03) is the new administrative assistant. Ediger worked two

years at Fresno City College before returning to FPU as the assistant to the dean of the School of Natural Sciences. Ediger follows Claudia Unruh, who retired in May after 24 years.

Rustin Pickett is assistant director of sports information. A recent graduate of Bluffton

University, Pickett competed in football, baseball and track and field, while working in the BU sports information and public relations offices. Pickett also spent one season as media coordinator for the Dubois County Bombers of the Central Illinois Collegiate Baseball League.

# Student Award Winners 2006-2007

### Outstanding Freshman



**Danielle DICKIE**

Hometown: Clovis  
Sport: Soccer  
Danielle started each of FPU's 17 soccer matches as defender along the back line.

### Outstanding Senior



**Jelena PANDZIC**

Hometown: Split, Croatia  
Sport: Tennis  
Jelena was 91-1 in singles matches in two years at FPU. The two-time NAIA First Team All-American and 2006-2007 NAIA National Player of the Year is now on the ITF Professional Tour.

### Outstanding Scholar-Athlete



**Marin (Shilling) CANADAY**

Hometown: Clovis  
Sport: Volleyball  
Marin has earned a perfect 4.00 grade-point average last season while appearing in 112 of the team's 126 games. She hit .345 while averaging 2.62 kills and 0.94 blocks per game.

### Sunbird of the Year (shared by two)



**Natalie FRIESEN**

Hometown: Reedley  
Sport: Track & Field  
Natalie overcame a muscle-pull in April to earn All-American honors by finishing fourth in her specialty, the triple jump, at the 2007 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in May. It was her ninth NAIA national honor.



**Michelle NACHTIGALL**

Hometown: Fresno  
Sport: Track & Field  
Michelle qualified for, and completed in, the 2007 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in her specialty, the 400 meter intermediate hurdles. She has been the driving force in the emerging campus chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



## Home is where Olive Hiebert's heart is

*Served Fresno Pacific over 50 years as student, staff, volunteer*

by Kristin Deffenbacher

Olive Warkentin Hiebert has thought of Fresno Pacific University as home for more than half a century. To show that, she gave the university her house.

Recipient of Fresno Pacific's 1983 Distinguished Alumni Award, Hiebert (BA '52) dedicated her time, energy and prayers to FPU as a student, employee and alumni volunteer.

"I prayed for the school all the time. Fresno Pacific was a part of my life and I thought, they have been so good to me," she says. "I was praying about what I should do with my house and with so many years with Fresno Pacific, that is what I wanted to do with it."

Growing up on a farm in the small town of Joes, Colorado, Hiebert felt a call to Christian service. From an early age, her parents emphasized church and religious education, right down to the language they spoke: Low German to each other but High German to their children. "My parents knew English, but at that time there were German churches and they wanted us kids to be able to go to Sunday school and understand what was being said," she says.

After graduating high school, Hiebert got a scholarship to Colorado State University in Fort Collins. This was during the

Depression and she had to work in homes for room and board. Today Hiebert values the experience and laughs at the memory of trudging to school in snow up to her knees.

With no financial aid available at the end of her freshman year, Hiebert decided to go to work and continue her education later. In Los Angeles she heard about Pacific Bible Institute. Hiebert wanted to continue her education in a Christian setting and the new Bible institute seemed perfect.

"They took all my credits from Colorado State so I started ahead," Hiebert says of PBI. "I was a home economics major at Colorado State, but they weren't teaching home economics at PBI so I got my degree in biblical studies."

Among her teachers were President G.W. Peters and future president R.M. Baerg. Former president S.W. Goossen was registrar. She would work alongside these and other leaders as a student and graduate.

"Olive transitioned from a student employee to a regular employee. She worked with every president," says Kevin Enns-Rempel, archivist and history faculty. "Olive was a fixture around here for many years."

Appointed registrar in 1963, Hiebert also served as administrative assistant to presidents Peters, Baerg, B.J. Braun, Arthur J. Wiebe and Edmund Janzen. Her duties included working with many trustees. "It really was an honor to work with all those well-educated people in the positions they were in on the board of directors," she says.

The close of her working days was not the end of her involvement with FPU. "After she retired, Olive spent many years working for Fresno Pacific but not getting paid," says Mark Deffenbacher, vice president for advancement and university relations/executive director of the Fresno Pacific University Foundation. "Olive helped out as a volunteer and stayed involved with the school by helping out where she was needed. Olive and her friends use to come to the school to stuff envelopes for mailings, especially for the Advancement Office."

Church has also been central to Hiebert. While she now attends Reedley Mennonite Brethren Church, she is still a member of Butler Church and warmly remembers her time as part of other Mennonite congregations. "At Butler Church I was a greeter and I gave out bulletins. That was a real joy to me because I learned to get to know people better. At Bethany I worked in the Sunday school department and with Harold Gaede on the building program," she says. Hiebert credits her work at

## PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The following families became first-time members of the Fresno Pacific University President's Circle between April 30 and September 15, 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.

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Fresno Pacific with helping prepare her for committee positions.

An avid reader throughout her life, Hiebert has many books. It is when she begins to think of her vast book collection that Hiebert's thoughts turn to her late husband, Cornelius Hiebert, a driving force behind what would become Hiebert Library. A furniture builder by trade, he "firmly believed that Fresno Pacific needed a library," she says.

Among the many fond memories of Fresno Pacific friends and events, one highlight was spending two weeks in Europe with the Concert Choir. "That was the thrill of my life," she says. Hiebert picked up sketches of some of the places she visited, and those pictures now hang on her wall.

Over the years, Hiebert touched many lives in her roles at Fresno Pacific. She saw the transition from PBI and PC to FPC and now FPU. She cared for the spiritual well-being of the school and its employees. She prayed for the construction of specific buildings, including the cafeteria, gymnasium and administration building, before plans were even in motion.

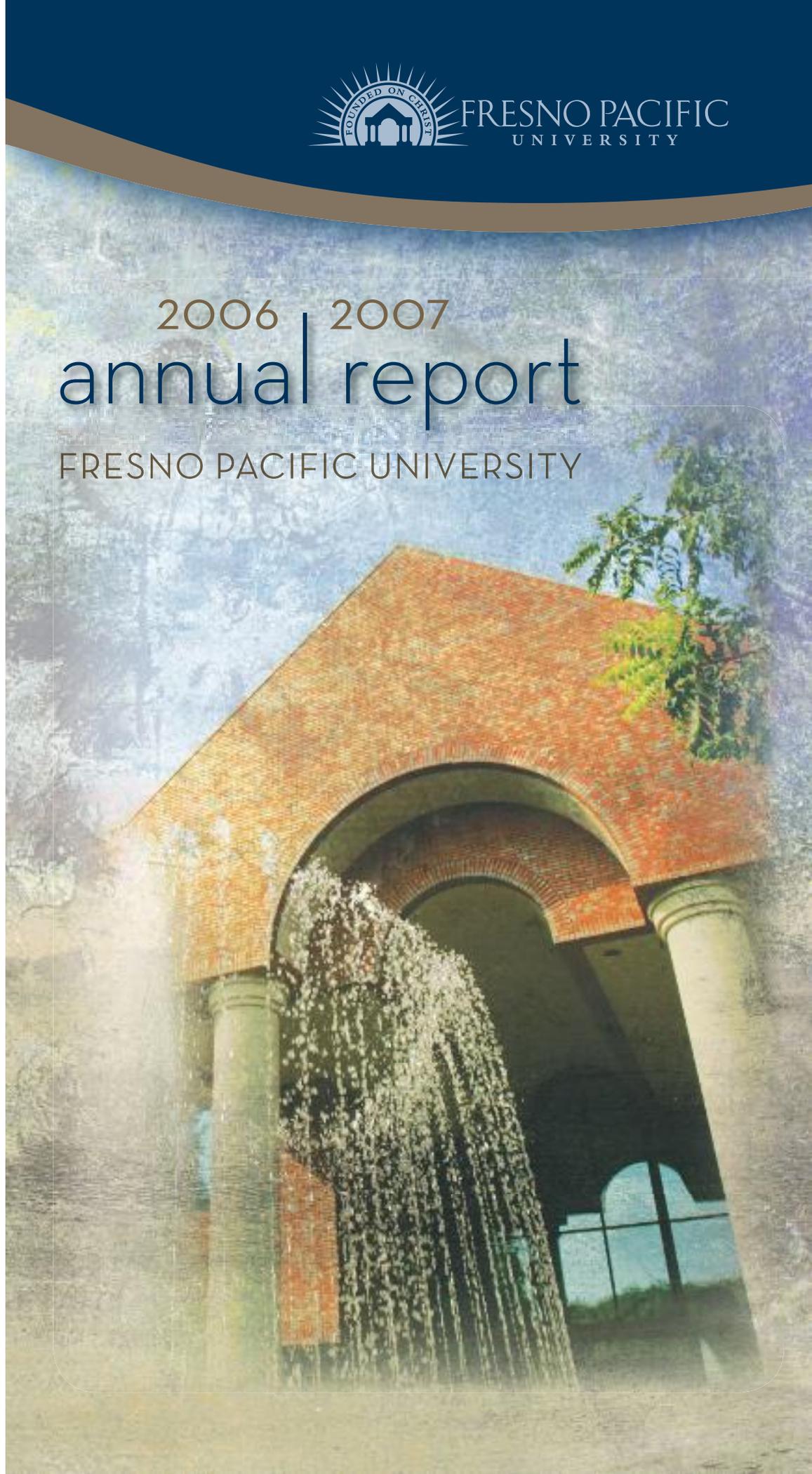
"I just thank the Lord for His blessings on the college, now the university, and I feel strongly about that to this day," Hiebert says. "Now Dr. Ewert is there and he is doing such a fine job. I think about how I used to be a part of that."

Wherever she lives, FPU will always be home to Olive Hiebert. 🏠

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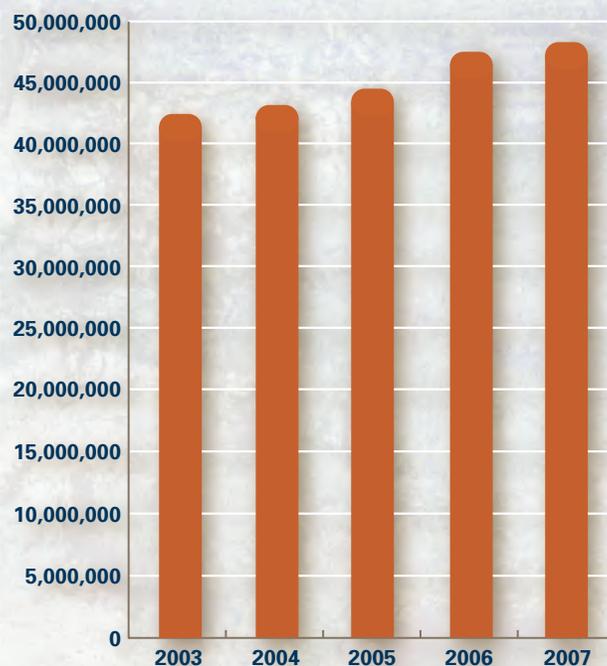
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| <b>Assets</b>                             | <b>2007</b>       | <b>2006</b>       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Current assets                            | 5,518,285         | 6,800,302         |
| Property & equipment, net                 | 34,903,561        | 32,317,803        |
| Other assets                              | 7,899,983         | 8,454,395         |
| <b>Total assets</b>                       | <b>48,321,829</b> | <b>47,572,500</b> |
| <b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>       |                   |                   |
| Current liabilities                       | 6,877,782         | 5,441,179         |
| Long-term debt                            | 12,520,713        | 12,777,671        |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                  | <b>19,398,495</b> | <b>18,218,850</b> |
| <b>Net assets</b>                         | <b>28,923,334</b> | <b>29,353,650</b> |
| <b>Total liabilities &amp; net assets</b> | <b>48,321,829</b> | <b>47,572,500</b> |

## University Summary Statement of Activities

|   | <b>2007</b>       | <b>2006</b>       |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total revenue, gains, losses and reclassifications</b> | <b>33,377,888</b> | <b>34,812,183</b> |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                     | <b>33,808,204</b> | <b>32,510,588</b> |
| Change in net assets                                      | (430,316)         | 2,301,595         |
| Net assets, beginning of year                             | 29,353,650        | 27,052,055        |
| <b>Net assets, end of year</b>                            | <b>28,923,334</b> | <b>29,353,650</b> |

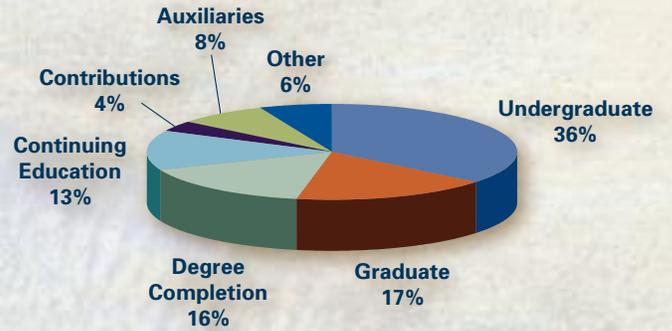
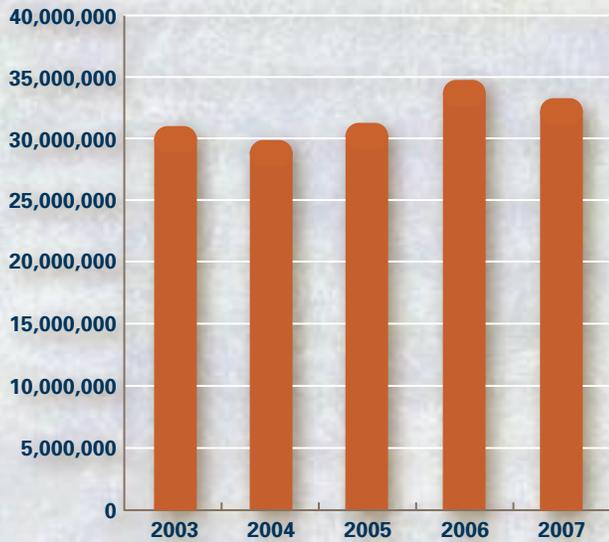
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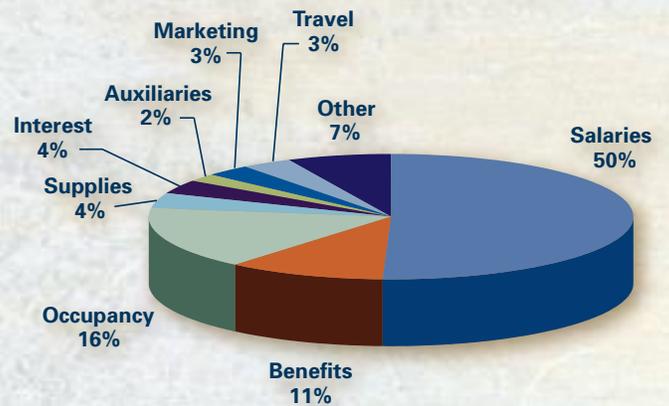
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## University Sources of Revenue

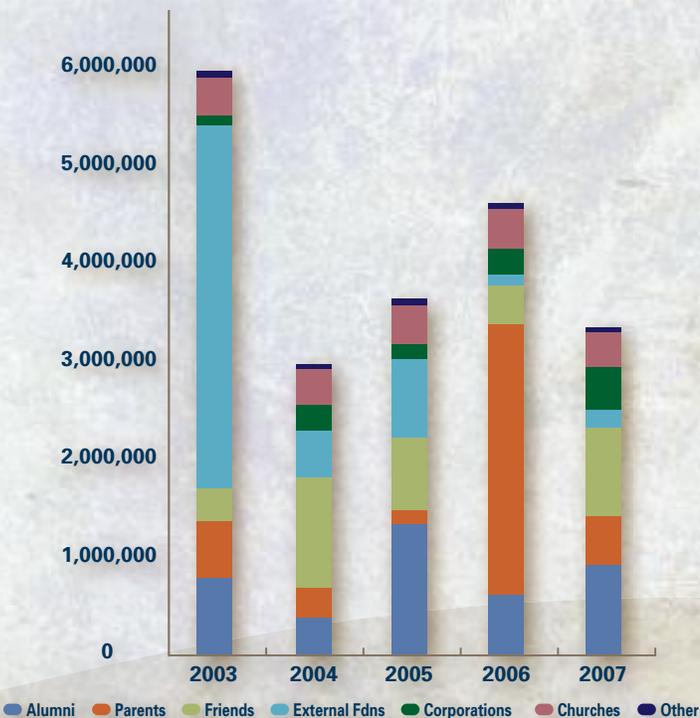
### Total University Revenue



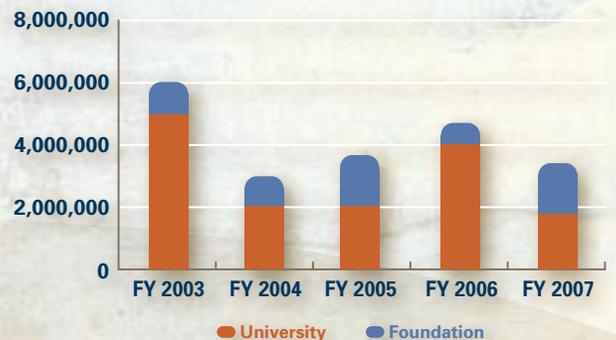
## University Expenses by Category



## University and Foundation Donor Groups

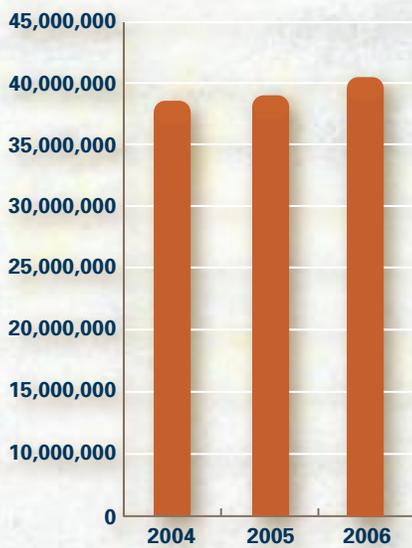


## University and Foundation Giving

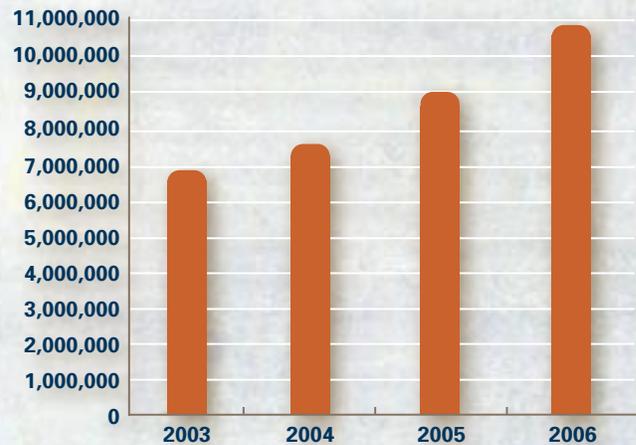


# foundation financial report

## Foundation Managed Assets



## University and Foundation Endowment



## Foundation Report

### Foundation Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and other Changes for the year ended December 31, 2006: statement of activities

|   | 2006              | 2005              |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Revenues, gains and other support:</b> |                   |                   |
| Total revenues, gains and other support   | 1,827,581         | 1,292,996         |
| <b>Expenses and losses</b>                |                   |                   |
| Total expenses and losses                 | 1,037,235         | 1,064,257         |
| <b>Change in net assets</b>               | <b>790,346</b>    | <b>228,739</b>    |
| <b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>    | <b>22,762,546</b> | <b>22,533,807</b> |
| <b>Net assets at end of year</b>          | <b>23,552,892</b> | <b>22,762,546</b> |
| <b>Trusts/annuities/liabilities</b>       | <b>16,859,048</b> | <b>16,418,063</b> |
| <b>Total managed assets</b>               | <b>40,411,940</b> | <b>39,180,609</b> |