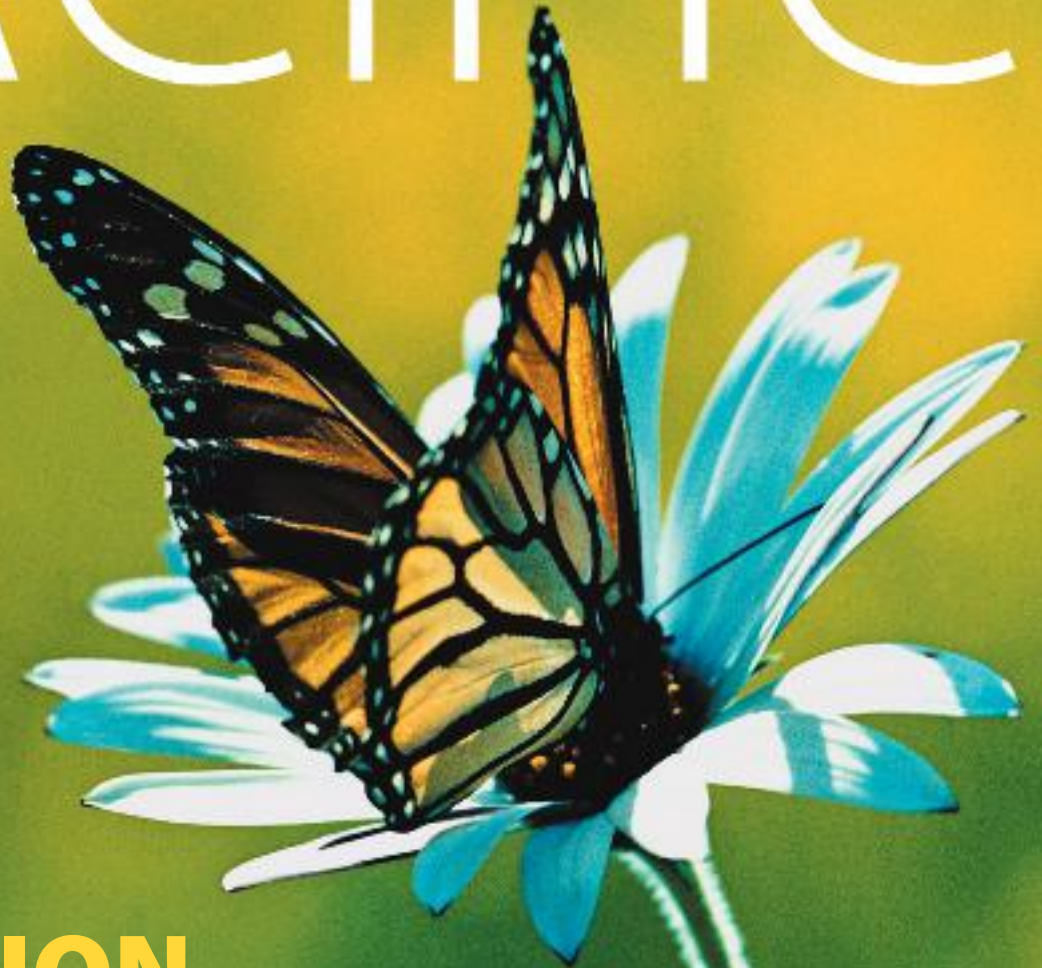


# PACIFIC



**EDUCATION**

*as transformation*

Graduates begin new voyage

Contemporary building  
continues classic ideals

Athletes enter hall of fame



Commencement at Fresno Pacific University marks a turning point for our students and for faculty and staff. The university “prepares students for faithful and wise service” and at the end of their undergraduate studies, students become alumni and move on in order to use the skills they developed here.

At graduation our students are, in a sense, commissioned to perform certain duties or tasks. In Matthew 28:20 the disciples were given what has been called The Great Commission. “Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All

## COMMENCEMENT COMMISSIONS GRADUATES TO change the world

authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.’” Thus they were authorized to act in His name and commanded to make disciples of all nations.

Our graduates were likewise commissioned with these words: “By virtue of the authority vested in me by the board of trustees and with the approval of the faculty who have taught you, I confer upon you the degree of bachelor of arts with all the rights and responsibilities that such a level of learning carries.”

Being commissioned means our graduates were asked to do certain things, namely to use their education to be wise and faithful servants of God and to make a difference in our world for the Kingdom of God. This commissioning also means they were asked to be stewards of their time, talents and possessions and to promote live, vibrant communities.

In Luke 6:40 we find the admonition of our Lord that “A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.” Our faculty has faithfully sought to prepare students for their callings and for lives as disciples of Christ. I am fully confident that they will reflect their training through faithful and wise service and that they indeed will make a difference in our world for the Kingdom of God.

# TURNING POINT



## EDUCATION AS TRANSFORMATION

The real turning points are the personal ones, places where the intellectual, professional and spiritual come together to make us each who we are. When education meets life is when education matters most. This is what education means at Fresno Pacific University.



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## LESSONS RIGHT OUTSIDE THE WINDOW

I admit to ambivalence about pigeons.

I'm not talking doves. I'm not talking birds bred for beauty or trained for tasks. I'm talking about garden variety, gray pigeons. Not coy, but carp.

On the one hand, they are dirty of feather and dim of mind and deserving of the epithet "rats with wings." On the other, I remember as a boy awaking to the cooing of a couple nesting in our eaves, and the sound still brings me peace.

But whether I like it or not, there they are—mama and papa pigeon, moving into the topmost seat in a stack of once-white resin chairs on the balcony outside my workplace window. They started cuddling in the spring, within a few days they gathered sticks into a nest and as I write this the second of their two eggs has just hatched.

All in all, the whole scene strikes me as dingy. But the settlers have attracted the attention of several of my co-workers, and their cult is growing. They see the miracle of life and a young couple struggling against the odds—cats shouldn't be a problem at this height, but who knows what will happen if we ever need those chairs—to raise a family.

I see two flying manure spreaders raising two more.

But maybe my colleagues see something I don't. Jesus loved birds that neither sowed nor reaped, as well as flowers that neither toiled nor spun, and never specified a species. According to artists, there was a glow in the stable around another poor family that may or may not have been visible from the street, at least not to the hurrying masses crowding Bethlehem to be counted. As I hurry to finish today's important task, putting together a magazine, with my mind already turned toward all that needs to be done tomorrow, I stop long enough to wonder if I am missing the glory of the little picture.

This issue is about turning points. In these pages are the stories of personal, spiritual and professional transformations, as well as the mass transformation of commencement. But becoming a couple is a turning point, too. So is having and raising children. In that cooing is there a still small voice I should heed?

Maybe. My inborn skepticism isn't so easily overcome. But this summer I promise to pay attention.

—Wayne Steffen

# LOEWEN SHOWS GRADS signposts *for their journey through life*



DIPLOMAS ARE NOT ONLY SYMBOLS OF AN EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY completed, graduates were told May 5—they are guides for the journey of life that lies ahead.

In “Signposts for the Journey,” Howard Loewen’s commencement address, the university provost laid seven navigational aids before the 416 graduates of the undergraduate college, graduate school and Center for Degree Completion. Ceremonies took place in the campus Special Events Center.

## LOEWEN TOLD HIS AUDIENCE:

Learning is a life-long journey toward growth, and growth means change. The journey of life involves growth of the whole person—body, soul, spirit—and that such growth inevitably involves pain, resistance and conflict.

During the journey growth occurs at a maximum when we, as individuals and community, openly respect and interact with each other.

The journey of life involves both/and thinking, not just either/or thinking.

You have to strike a balance between doing and being.

The journey of growth involves service to others.

This journey requires having a vision for your life.

“Honored graduates,” he concluded, “today I have good news and I have better news for you. The good news is that you’ve arrived. The better news is that the journey has just begun.”

Student addresses were given by Cathy Taylor, undergraduate student body president; Renee Soto for the Center for Degree Completion; and Vicki Bigler for the graduate school.

Academic awards went to Douglas Noll, Jaime Huss, Sarah Brown and Marla Ernest. Noll received the Graduate Dean’s Award. Huss and Brown were named outstanding graduates of the college. Ernest earned the highest grade-point average in the college.



## FAITH UNBOUND

For Jody Bahl, Christianity is no longer narrowly defined or easily confined.

Raised in a small community south of Anchorage, Alaska, Bahl's family—his mother, his father and himself—were part of a congregation Bahl describes as extremely fundamentalist and charismatic. "We always grew up believing that the rapture was going to happen any day now," he said.

Members needed to separate from the world, so there was no participation in school dances and holidays were celebrated only within the congregation. Those who began the church say they felt called to Alaska, and Bahl suspects they intentionally wanted to get away from human contact.

The atmosphere was very pro-family, as long as everyone followed the rules. Those who questioned authority or stopped attending were ostracized. Bahl saw this as the way Christianity ought to be. "I felt like our belief system was the most enlightened, the most advanced," he said.

Coming to FPU began a search for truth between the extremes. Bahl completed his bachelor's degree in 2000 and plans to enter the teacher education program in August. The change began his sophomore year when he noticed others were also committed to their faith but had a different understanding of Scripture. "I had to recognize that people around me were doing as well spiritually as I thought I was," he said.

Each class was an eye-opener. Richard Rawls in history and philosophy and Devon Wiens in biblical and religious

studies were particularly important teachers, along with Phillip Collier in psychology. Despite the evidence of his eyes and experience, Bahl still anguished over putting away old beliefs. "What if this is the truth and I'm throwing it away?" he asked.

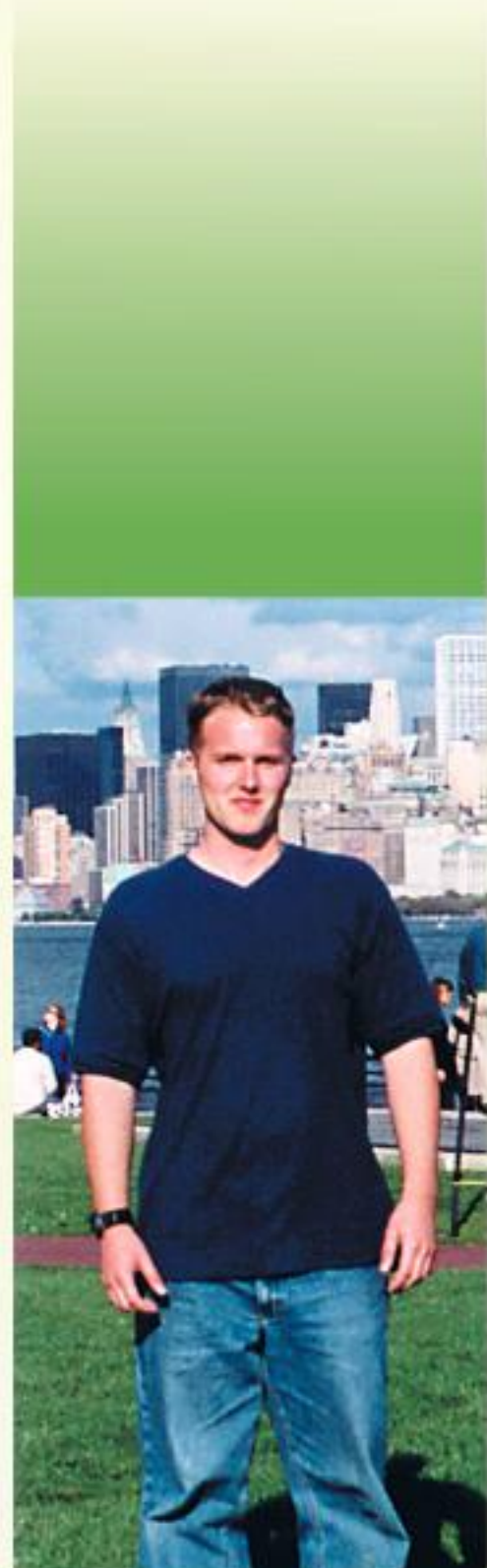
Adding to Bahl's anxiety was that his wife grew up in the same church and retained some of the beliefs he was shedding. She has made friends in California, however, and recognizes others as legitimate Christians. "We're committed to staying together," he said.

Bahl came to a point where he was sick of religion, doubtful of God and unsure of life's meaning. "I wondered why, if God was good, was there all this confusion in Christianity," he said. "There were so many ways of looking at the Bible, which one was right?"

Today Bahl sees that he was looking for instant meaning and realizes faith can't be rushed. "Just being able to share the experience has been helpful to me," he said, noting he met others at the university going through similar searches.

Group Bible study with Greg Camp, biblical and religious studies faculty, helps Bahl find a personal relationship with God. "I'm not particularly interested in orthodoxy or specific doctrines," he said.

Though Bahl knows he is still a work in process, he understands the world and people better. He broke him out of "the bubble" he was in for his first 18-19 years. "I would never want to go back to the way I was before," he said. "I don't have a condescending opinion of people any more."



# ON AS TRANSFORMATION

*Preparing students for life means preparing them for change.*

FROM  
KNOWLEDGE  
TO  
WISDOM



Math taught Jacques Katanga about life and God.

First there was confusion. A bad classroom experience with the subject in Katanga's native Congo led him to switch majors from physics and mathematics to biochemistry. Now entering his junior year at the university, the international student plans to pursue either medical school or graduate studies in chemistry after graduation.

Once at Fresno Pacific College, the university's traditional undergraduate program, Katanga joined the mob of struggling math students saved by faculty legend Wil Reimer, who made him see the discipline as more than  $2 + 2 = 4$ . Activities such as figuring out how to best cram the most books into the available space at the annual Mennonite Central Committee Relief Sale made math meaningful. "I discovered it was more than being in class and solving a differential problem. It was things I was doing in life," Katanga said.

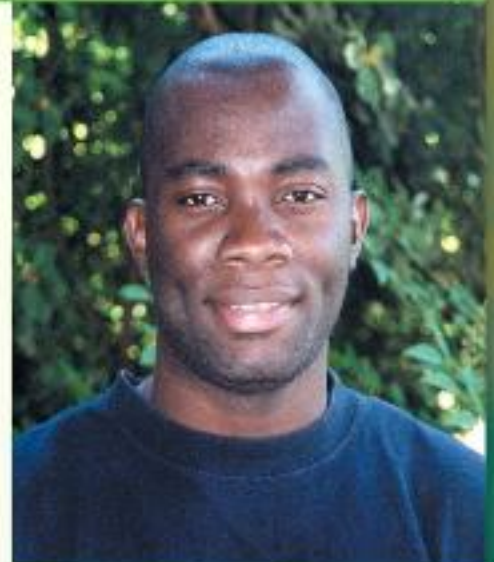
Education brought understanding. As a sophomore last year, Katanga joined a program sponsored by Fresno

Pacific School of Professional Studies, to tutor at Cambridge Completion School. Cambridge is a place for young people who have difficulty in conventional high schools to earn their diploma. Leading twice-weekly sessions in math and science allowed Katanga to pass on what he had learned about the importance of practical application. "I was trying to do the same thing with the kids as I was doing for myself," Katanga said.

"We do math every single day," Katanga continued. "But the way we present it to the kids it seems like it comes from another planet and they don't want to wrap their minds around it." So Katanga had his students imagine themselves owners of a business selling CDs and computing paychecks for employees. "The kids are willing to open their minds. It's how we present it that matters a lot," he added.

Finally came enlightenment as Katanga realized math speaks on many levels. "It tells us how things function, including God," he said.

God is like the poles of an axis, eternally unmoving amidst the fluctuating functions of life. The universe is the place between the axes, where constant change gives people opportunities to learn and grow. While equilibrium, the



stationary state of no movement or growth, may seem comforting, it is death. "Life is a challenge, to be happy, to be sad. God is always there and will never leave," Katanga said.

Katanga grew and changed at Cambridge. "It's been an adventure," he said. But a rewarding adventure when he sees his students doing well. "You feel the consideration they have for you," he added.

Knowing the poles of his axis helps Katanga see what God is doing in his life and the lives of those he helped. "I think it's important for everyone to know where their center is," he said.

# KINDLING A FLAME



For Susan Lopez, a graduate school program to help Hispanic and Hmong paraprofessionals become teachers is doing more than helping her reignite a dream—it's allowing her to see herself in a new light, and others are doing the same.

"I had forgotten that I was a pretty intelligent person," Lopez said. Her first class after admission to Project VOICE (Valuing Owning Identity through Collaboration and Excellence) was California History and Politics, taught by Richard Unruh and considered among the more challenging on campus. The experience lit a fire Lopez hadn't felt for a long time. "It made me feel like a whole person again," she said.

Family responsibilities forced Lopez to drop out of college during the winter of her senior year and dampened her dream of being a guidance counselor. Still, Lopez longed to work in education and spent several years in Sanger Unified School District as a special-education aide and attendance clerk.

An attempt to restart her schooling at California State University, Fresno, proved "miserable," Lopez said. The school was too big and her family was not ready to give her the time she needed to invest. "I felt lost," she added.

Though unsure how, Lopez knew she needed to jumpstart her career. Too long at a job can make it routine and automatic. "I had reached that point," she said.

The spark came from a former Sanger administrator who had moved to Fresno Unified. This administrator did more than just tell Lopez about Project VOICE. "She called me, faxed me the notice and made me swear that I would come—at least to the information meeting," Lopez said.

Lopez joined the first group of Project VOICE students in the fall of 1998, finished the program in May and plans to finish her teaching credential this summer. Though many of her classmates are the same age as her children—"in fact, three of them graduated high school with my daughter," she said—and of different backgrounds, neither age nor ethnicity has been a problem. "That's what made it so easy," she said.

Not that her return to school has been without friction. "It was very stressful at home, especially for my husband." He left college when his wife did and has not returned. Time has also been a challenge. "The first semester I was working full time and carrying 13 units," she said.

More important has been how her colleagues, both those she's leaving in the office and those she's joining in the classroom, see her. "Faculty don't treat me like a new teacher, they say I know the score," Lopez said.

On the other hand Lopez is building a fire under support staff members, three of whom have now enrolled in community college. "I kept telling them waiting won't accomplish anything—I waited 24 years," she added.





# UNITING SPIRIT AND SERVICE



Nicole Vezikov is learning to share her caring.

A junior in the traditional undergraduate program, Vezikov is getting an education inside and outside the classroom. She picked up the violin she had not played since her family came to the United States from her native St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1992. She began running track. She figured out how to manage her money and her spiritual life. Most important, she came to see college as something valuable to her, rather than an obligation to her parents. "I'm not going to school for them, I'm doing it for myself," she said.

That's a big string of discoveries for someone originally planning to stay close to home in Federal Way, Washington, and study at the University of Washington. Childhood friend Natasha Vezikov, whose family immigrated to California, started an e-mail campaign to persuade her to consider

venturing a little farther. "I decided to just come here for a week and check it out," Nicole said. "I fell in love with Fresno Pacific."

In addition to the size, friendliness and active Slavic Club, Vezikov was attracted to the idea of studying at a Christian school. "You can grow spiritually," she said.

Classes such as Jesus and the Christian Community with Devon Wiens and Acts with Edmund Janzen expanded her spiritual vision from individuality to outreach. "Taking Acts made me want to go on a mission to Siberia," Vezikov said. The annual trips, organized by the First Slavic Baptist Church in Sacramento and supported by other congregations and groups, last from June through August. The groups tour orphanages and set up day camps for children in cities.

When she returned to campus, her newly energized spirit of service led

Vezikov to a Fresno Pacific School of Professional Studies program that provides tutoring for students at J.E. Young Completion School in Fresno. Math is a struggle for many of those she worked with. "Lots of them don't know how to add," she said.

But unraveling the mysteries of numbers was not the tough part for Vezikov, who majors in business administration with an emphasis in accounting. Most of the 14-17 year-olds braved difficulties not directly related to academics that nevertheless affected their ability to learn or their interest in education. One was raped, some have children of their own and many have suffered from substance abuse. "Most of them didn't have good attendance in school," she said.

As happens to those who teach, Vezikov was also taught. "I didn't know there were kids like that. I thought everybody learned basic stuff," she said.

Leaving home helped her learn to reach out to others, according to Vezikov, who admits she never thought about mission trips and tutoring before coming to campus. "It was just never in my mind." She needed FPU. "It just improved me totally," she said.



TAKING A

# NEW TRACK

Marcia Thomas says the Center for Degree Completion (CDC) and teacher education program put her on the road to redemption.

“By that I mean the movement toward wholeness, toward finding one’s capacity and toward finding a place in the world where I can benefit others,” she said.

Defined on financial aid forms as a “displaced homemaker,” Thomas knew it was time to demand growth in herself. She was already taking community college courses when she heard about the CDC. Though the program is aimed at people like Thomas, working adults with some college credit, it still looked like a long shot. “I lived an hour and 20 minutes from where classes were to be held. My two part-time jobs were already spread over many miles and often over seven workdays,” she said. “I had no support people around to help.”

But Thomas recalled a tract, given her by a good friend, titled “When God Gives You the Go-ahead, Put Your Track Shoes On.” “When times were very rough, I chose to believe that I had been

given the go-ahead and that my feet should keep moving,” she said.

CDC writing assignments such as an autobiography were Thomas’s first steps toward reexamining her life and rearranging her priorities. “That was the beginning of moving myself from where I was to where I needed to be as a person craving wholeness, independence and a sense of how I could contribute,” she said.

The CDC curriculum provided Thomas the skills she needed to proceed professionally, while the structure, which keeps the same students together throughout the program, allowed her to grow within a group. “It was an experience of community as 12 of us went through 13 months of class work together,” she said. “An astounding outcome for me was not only that I began to see the value of my ideas within our group, but I discovered the creative and tempering process of group solutions.”

Receiving her bachelor’s degree in 1997 was not the finish line, however. A year later Thomas was going through a time of severe self-doubt when she got a

nudge from Karen Neufeld, teacher education faculty. “Unbeknownst to her, she said just the words I needed to see my life in a fresh way,” Thomas said. With positive outlook restored, the way opened for Thomas to enroll as a full-time teacher education student. “Once again, when I was willing to do the work, a great opportunity to proceed was available,” she said. She completed her program in 2000, winning the Elias Wiebe Award, the teacher education program’s highest honor.

Thomas completed the program equipped to tackle new territory. “I left FPU prepared and eager for the responsibility of working with my own students,” she said. As she helps create a middle-school program at Cascadia Montessori and Middle School in Vancouver, Wash., Thomas calls the last five years “a transforming spiritual journey.” “FPU has been there to match any step I have been willing to take. This university is a place where students are supported in their chosen direction.”



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helping people in their educational endeavors isn't simply an act of kindness for Wendy Wakeman—it is her calling. “I have a specific ministry to help people find educational opportunities and be successful once they find these opportunities,” said Wakeman, dean of the school of professional studies.

Over the last several years, Wakeman has channeled that mission into improving Christian higher education in Slavic countries. This ministry began in 1996, when members of her church, First Baptist Church of Cambridge, Minnesota, traveled to Kremenchuk, Ukraine, to establish a sister congregation, Spring of Life Church. Its pastor, Alerader Zigalenko, was also the director of Kremenchuk Regional Bible College (KRBC). Soon after, Wakeman, then dean of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota, began her service in KRBC's Christian education major.

Christianity and higher education go hand and hand with Wakeman's involvement with KRBC. “I'm working with them on issues of what it means to be a Christian higher educational institution,” she said. Wakeman's relocation to FPU four years ago has not interrupted her involvement with Kremenchuk. She treks to the Bible college about twice a year for one-week stays. Wakeman's work typically centers around curriculum organization. She also introduces new teaching techniques such as class discussion, group projects and the application of theory.

The Christian education major at KRBC has approximately 20 students, mostly women in their twenties who come from small villages by bus or train. Classes are intense: one-week blocks in which sessions run five days a week for 10 hours a day, along with half-days on Saturday. For employed students, these study leaves



## Wakeman's calling

*to Christian higher education doesn't stop with FPU*



by Jaime Huss

are typically permitted through their employer. During class most students live with church families and all tuition fees are funded through donations. After eight week-long visits over about two years, students earn the equivalent of an associate degree. Most graduates continue working with their local pastors to develop Sunday School and youth programs.

Wakeman is also developing a foundation called Gift of Learning, which will provide educational opportunities for Slavic students from elementary school through college both in the former Soviet Union and America. Wakeman hopes this can be an eye-opening opportunity for Ameri-

cans, as well. “I want to get Americans to realize the resources they have and share,” she said. She envisions the foundation as a sort of clearinghouse. “We're trying to match educational needs with people who can meet those needs,” Wakeman added. Providing scholarships for materials and sending teachers to the Ukraine to teach are just a few of her hopes.

Wakeman sees learning as a two-way process that is selfless and seeks to enrich others; a process she said we often take for granted in the United States. “Learning shouldn't be for your own benefit, but should be used to serve others.”



Staley lecturer  
Calvin Morris  
and Campus  
Pastor Rod Reed

## King colleague preaches, challenges church during Staley Lecture

by Jaime Huss

**D**uring the week preceding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, the university welcomed King colleague and representative Calvin Morris for its annual Staley Lecture Series.

Morris is the executive director of Community Renewal Society, a faith-based organization that works to empower the disadvantaged by eliminating racism and poverty. He has also served at Interdenominational Theological Center, Howard University School of Divinity, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Equipped with training as a historian and minister, Morris was primed to bring his audience moving messages. Grasping the podium as if it was a pulpit, he came to preach.

"Events do not occur in vacuums," said Morris, referring to the context of the Civil Rights movement. Turning points included: desegregating the armed forces, Jackie Robinson's admittance into major league baseball, the cases of Plessy vs. Ferguson and Brown

vs. Board of Education and Rosa Park's refusal to give up her bus seat.

America's social history towards racial minorities has been anything but noble. "The contours of American history are such that we ebb and flow," said Morris. "Ours is a history of the continuation of a struggle." The struggle is for one great sisterhood and brotherhood, he said, adding that America has been more concerned with freedoms outside its borders than within.

The church isn't blameless, either. "Much of the Christian Church has not been a leader in the pursuit of freedom," said Morris. Instead, acquiescence in slavery, segregation and Jim Crow laws made up much of the church's stance in the late nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries.

In closing, Morris challenged the church. "It's easy to be a Christian if you're on top," he said. "Our unity's in Him [Jesus Christ]." And with the commanding words only a preacher can deliver, Morris ended with a lasting thought. "We don't get to the crown without the cross."

## TEN STUDENTS EARN GOVERNOR'S TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS

Ten teacher education students won \$20,000 scholarships through a new state program.

Amy Friesen, MaLee Her, Angel Krause, Brad Krause, Amy Penner-Burton, Sarah Pullen, Mary Bishop, Heather Rocha, Rhyanna Rios and Jessica Uhl are among 250 students statewide who received Governor's Teaching Fellowships. The fellowship awards \$20,000 apiece to full-time students preparing to teach in low performance schools in California for four years.

Word reached Friesen in her fourth grade classroom. "All I could say was 'Oh my gosh,'" she said. After hearing of Friesen's windfall, Pullen was certain she had not been successful. "I was shocked because I thought I'd been passed over," said Pullen.

While Friesen and Pullen were surprised at their good fortune, Linda Hoff, director of the teacher education program, was not. "I expected it," she said. There is a need for highly qualified teachers, and many schools in the Valley have low test scores. "At FPU, we're doing a good job of helping students understand the dynamics of low income schools," she said.

These dynamics include the effects of second-language issues and poverty on student performance. Hoff believes the honors these students earn illustrate the education all teacher education students receive. "This is a compliment to the cross-cultural language and academic development (CLAD) program, teacher education and the university," she said.

**Robin Dolarian**, art faculty, participated in "Pleasures of Sight/States of Being," an exhibit at Gallery 25 during March and April.

**Roy Klassen**, music faculty, traveled in March and April with the Concert Choir to San Luis Obispo for the Central Coast American Choral Director's Association Festival for High School Choirs. Klassen judged and the FPU concert choir served as resident choir. Klassen's other activities include serving as judge/clinician for the Fresno Unified Junior/Senior High School Choral Festival, the Fresno Choral Artists Choral Festival, Hanford West High School Chamber and Women's Choirs and the Fresno Christian High School Choirs.

**Wayne Huber**, music faculty, and **Laurell Huber**, organ and harpsichord instructor, were judges in the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra Young Artist Competition in March. Wayne also spoke at Fresno City Hall and presented the Fresno Arts Council's Horizon Award to Bob Boro, landscape architect.

**Larry Warkentin**, music faculty, served in March as an evaluator for the CMTA regional and state composition competition. His "Sonata for Flute and Piano" was performed at the regional conference of the Christian Fellowship of Art Music Composers in January. He judged for the California Music Teachers Association (CMTA) Concerto Competition in Fresno earlier this year.

**Arlene Steffen**, director of the Women's Chorale, judged piano performances for the Fresno Music Teachers Association Conference (MTAC) Piano Celebration in March at California State University, Fresno. More than 300 students, elementary- through high-school age, participated.

**Fay Nielsen**, coordinator for mentoring and retention, and **Isolina Sands**, Spanish faculty, in conjunction with Phyllis Kuehn from California State University, Fresno, presented "Preparing Students With CLASS: College Language and

Academic Success Strategies" at the Association of California Colleges for Tutoring and Learning Assistance Annual Conference in March. The CLASS is based on material developed by Kuehn and is offered at FPU as a way to help incoming students prepare for college.

**Duane Ruth-Heffelbower**, on leave from the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies, published a book in February. *Pemberdayaan untuk Rekonsiliasi Edisi kedua direvisi dan diperluas* (Empowering or Reconciliation, 2nd Edition revised and expanded) supports training projects in Indonesia (where Ruth-Heffelbower is currently working) including cross-cultural and reconciliation issues. The book was edited by Ruth-Heffelbower and is published by Yogyakarta: Duta Wacana University Press.

**Janette Erickson**, director of Flautas Pacifica, received a grant from the Brandon-Cooper Foundation to assist with the FPU Flute Festival. The festival was in February.

**Allen Carden**, Center for Degree Completion, spoke to the Rotary Club of Fresno in February. His topic was the life of Abraham Lincoln.

**Fred Mora**, Center for Degree Completion and business faculty, and **Diana Bates Mock**, director of media and community relations, gave presentations at the 2001 Advanced Educational Conference for Small Business. Mock's presentation was titled "Doing Your Own Public Relations" and Mora's was titled "Human Resources in the Next Decade." The event was sponsored by the Entrepreneurial Resource Center.

**Harry Siemens**, facilities staff, was inducted into the Tabor College Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Richard Rawls**, history and philosophy faculty, and **Janita Rawls**, business faculty, were cited by the series editor of Gethsemani Studies in Psychological

and Religious Anthropology, University of Notre Dame Press, for their contributions to the series. W.W. Meissner noted their counsel in the editor's preface to the book *Freud and Psychoanalysis*.



Members of the legal, court, probation, law enforcement, youth and church communities gathered to celebrate a peacemaker March 9 as **Ron Claassen** was honored for his 18 years as founder and director of Fresno Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP). Above Claassen, right, receives a commemorative plaque from Michael Blue, vice chair of the Fresno VORP board.

**Rod Reed**, campus pastor, was quoted in an article titled "Young lovers still want marriage for life" in *The Fresno Bee*. The article emphasized the importance of commitment in relationships.

**Breck A. Harris**, Center for Degree Completion and business faculty, had two articles accepted for publication in Lamb, Hair & McDaniels 6th edition book, *Great Ideas for Teaching Marketing*. These two articles explain innovative teaching techniques Harris created and uses in his classes. Harris also presented a paper titled "Transferability of Curriculum Learning Outcomes from an Adult Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program by Alumni Leaders to Their Workplace Setting" at the 20th Annual Alliance/ACE Conference. In addition, Harris presented a workshop titled "Malcolm Knowles' Six Assumptions of Andragogy and Presentation of Management and Organization Development (MOD) Program Alumni Research Findings" at the 2000 Council for Adult and Experiential Learning's (CAEL) International Conference. Both conferences were in Chicago.



## Micu brings ability, understanding to role as alumni/church director

The university welcomes back one of its own with the addition of Paul Micu as director of alumni and church relations.

In this role, which he began March 1, Micu will build supportive relationships for the university with graduates and members of the Pacific District Conference of the Mennonite Brethren Churches, which operates FPU, and other congregations.

“Paul is everything we want in this position,” said Mark Deffenbacher, vice president of advancement and university relations. “His deep feeling for the university and the mission it shares with the denomination, combined with the skills he learned in the larger educational sphere, will help us create leaders in church and society.”

Micu returns to FPU after four years as outreach coordinator for the University of California’s Office of the President, where he promoted connections with middle schools, high schools and community colleges throughout the Valley. Prior to that Micu spent more than five years as an admissions counselor at FPU, where he was also a freshman mentor. He earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from the university. Micu’s church work includes managing a traveling music ensemble and speaking to congregations, youth groups, camps and retreats.

Micu and his wife, Amy, have three children and attend Riverpark Bible Church.



## Woods resigns as dean of students, campus pastor to take interim post

Shirley Woods closed a seven-year career in the Student Life Division this June. The announcement came at the March 2-3 meetings of the university board of trustees.

Woods served as dean of students since 1996 after joining the

division in 1993 as director of the career resource center. During her tenure the division created programs and services for disabled students, developed a plan to cultivate student leaders and expanded services for commuter students.

“Shirley has served as a model in providing leadership,” said Provost Howard Loewen. “She has taken the student life division to the next level, and created a viable unit that the university can be proud of. It has been a distinct pleasure for me to work with her, and we wish her much success. We will miss her dearly.”

Among Woods’ professional and community activities are memberships on the board of directors of Children’s Services Network and the Chief Student Officers Council of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities. She was also involved in the Legal Issues in Higher Education Annual Conference, the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Annual Conference and the Council of Independent Colleges Dean’s Institute.

Before coming to FPU, Woods was director of career and student services and director of summer studies at H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh. She earned a bachelor’s degree from Florida A and M University and a master’s from Tennessee State University.

Rod Reed, campus pastor since 1997, will serve as interim dean. Woods plans to return east to be closer to family.



## ▲ SPRING PLAY

*Much Ado About Nothing*, William Shakespeare’s comedy of bickering lovers and dastardly deeds, was presented March 22-24. In a new twist, the cast portrayed players in “The King’s Company,” a national repertory theater on tour. After complaining of a broken down bus and too many days on the road, then arguing about where they were and what play they were to perform, members concluded the whole thing was much ado about nothing, and the show was on. Cast members included Megan Steinert, Bakersfield, as Beatrice; Allen Schwamb, Selma, as Benedick; Don Sparks, university faculty, as Leonato; and Hanna Nielsen, Kingsburg, as Dogberry. Calvin Hoff was guest director.

## ▼ AMIGOS UNIDOS

A student club brought an early taste of Cinco de Mayo to campus April 24. Amigos Unidos, an organization of Latino students hosted Folklorico (pictured) a dance group from Tranquility High School and a Mariachi group from Parlier (Calif.) Junior High School. Other activities included a salsa eating contest and tricycle races.





## ◀ UNCONCERT

The university and Sunnyside High School joined forces January 26-27 for Unconcert. Jazz and swing was the theme of this year's edition, which took place at the high school auditorium and featured students from both schools. Highlights included an all-choir version of "It Don't Mean a Thing if it Ain't Got That Swing" and a special number for three sets of siblings—Jeff and Julianne Jones, Allen and Robin Schwamb and Steven and Krista Zook. Soloists included university students Mindy Del Giorgio, Aaron Bryan and Asia Smith. Allen Schwamb was FPU student director and Robert Bullwinkel directed the high school choirs.

## Andresen Completes Education Career



**A**dozen years at FPU round out a 38-year education career for Anita Andresen, who retired July 31.

Joining the faculty in 1989, Andresen served as dean of the school of professional studies for seven and one-half years and as faculty in the administrative services program for four and one-half years. She was the first woman to serve as an academic dean at the university.

Faculty, staff and administrators have been invaluable, and students enriching. "I have been surrounded by supportive,

caring and competent people, and I want to say thank you to all of them," she said.

While Andresen was dean of professional studies, the school moved forward technologically, expanded local outreach and gained national exposure. In administrative services, she helped establish a non-credit program, develop and supervise the tier two program and write a handbook for the internship program. She also supervised interns and field projects.

In honor of these and other contributions, Andresen was named a faculty emerita by the university board of trustees in June. In 1996 she received the President's Distinguished Service Award.

Professional activities include stints as past president of Region IX of the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA), past president of Phi Delta Kappa and ACSA student charter adviser. She also worked with many area schools on projects and courses and served on numerous school and community advisory committees.

Before coming to the university, Andresen served as educational coordinator for National University in Fresno and adjunct faculty for the University of San Francisco. She was also director of educational services, coordinator of curriculum and public information officer at Central Unified School District and a superintendent and principal in Houghton-Kearney Union Elementary School District.

She earned a bachelor's degree in education from California State University, Fresno, a master's in educational administration from Fresno Pacific College and an Ed. D. in organization and leadership from the University of San Francisco.



David and Yvonne Freeman, graduate school faculty, were honored with a reception April 18. Though the occasion was the publication of the second edition of their book, *Between Worlds*, the event commemorated the couple's 14 years of publication, including seven books and numerous articles, and their international reputation in second-language education. Yvonne Freeman directs the literacy for multilingual learners and bilingual cross-cultural programs and David Freeman directs the language development and teachers of English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) programs. Speakers included Provost Howard Loewen, Graduate Dean John Yoder and fellow faculty Jean Fennacy. The reception took place in the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary Lounge and was hosted by the graduate school. Above, Fennacy (standing far right) describes working with the Freemans (seated far left).



## Trustees take action on math/science and commons buildings

Decisions on two major building projects dominated recent sessions of the Fresno Pacific University Board of Trustees.

Ground was broken for the mathematics and science building and a design was approved for the commons during March meetings. AIMS Hall of Science and Mathematics provides improved facilities for math and science education (see story page 15). Formerly known as the university commons or the dining commons, Steinert Campus Center is named for Marvin and Nadene Steinert. The single-story structure will include general dining for students, faculty and staff as well as separate space for special events. A student development leadership center, offices for the student life division and an adjacent outdoor amphitheater are also planned. Groundbreaking for the \$3.5 million center, to be located between Alumni Hall and Holman Park, will be in the fall.

In June, a \$21,004,286 budget was approved for 2001-2002, representing a 7 percent increase over 2000-2001. The board also set tuition at \$16,200 for the new school year, an increase of 8.72 percent. Room and board were raised 4.73 percent.

A presidential search committee was established to find a successor to Harold Haak, who will complete his term in the summer of 2002. Members come from the faculty, administration, staff, students, the board and the Pacific District Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

Ken Fransen, a Clovis attorney, and Dick Johanson, former CEO of Johanson Transportation, joined the board for two-year terms.



## New scholarship open to music students

One woman's love for music found expression in student scholarships.

Laverne C. O'Bryant left \$160,000 in her estate to create music scholarships. The gift comes through the Fresno Pacific University Foundation.

"Mrs. O'Bryant's generosity allows us to continue to build on our traditional strength in music and give greater assistance to the talented students who choose FPU as the place to develop their gifts. Here we see music as a ministry as well as a profession and source of joy," said Mark Deffenbacher, vice president for advancement and university relations and executive director of the foundation.

The gift will be held by the foundation as an endowed fund scholarship, with interest income supporting several annual scholarships. Music faculty will be involved in deciding the number and amount of scholarships, as well as determining individual recipients.

O'Bryant was a native of Parlier and a lifelong Valley resident. She sang in church choirs for many years and wished to further young peoples' interest in classical and Christian music. Her brother, James Gregory, a longtime FPU supporter and executor of her estate, was instrumental in setting up the gift.

## New scholarships benefit Mennonite Brethren students

A new scholarship program at Fresno Pacific University reaches out to students from the Mennonite Brethren tradition. Beginning this fall, up to \$7,450 per year in aid will be available to qualified students entering the traditional undergraduate college. Participants must be members of a Mennonite Brethren congregation, or consider such a congregation their home church. Freshmen must have a high school grade-point average of at least 3.1 and transfers must have a GPA of at least 2.4.

FPU scholarships and federal financial aid (for U.S. students) may count toward the total, but loans will not be included. California residents with a Cal Grant receive a minimum of \$14,900, which is full tuition for 2001-2002.





EAST ELEVATION

## AIMS Hall of Science and Mathematics reflects university ideals

A slight hitch in the scissors lift didn't slow the celebration during groundbreaking for AIMS Hall of Science and Mathematics.

Harold Haak, FPU president; Richard Thiessen, AIMS president; and university mascot Sunny the Sunbird took to the air during the March 2 event. Board members, faculty, staff and students also participated, some even grabbing shovels to get a start on construction. (See photos on page 14.)

The two-story, 20,097 square-foot building will feature laboratories for computers, general science, physics/electronics, chemistry and research as well as classrooms, offices and other facilities. The project is estimated at \$9 million, with \$6.8 million for construction and the rest for equipment and a maintenance endowment. Building is set to begin next fall and classes are to open in the fall of 2002.

With his feet back on the ground, Haak called AIMS Hall an expression of the Fresno Pacific Idea, the institution's philosophy statement. The idea calls students and faculty to be partners in a search for truth and wholeness and the campus to be an academic community centered upon Christ. "The idea commits us to the ideals of God's kingdom and to the perspective of the liberal arts in which integration of faith, learning and action is a primary goal," Haak said.

Arthur Wiebe, AIMS (Activities Integrating Mathematics and Science) co-founder and FPU president emeritus, connected the building with the foundation's vision of "a society where the curiosity of early childhood is constantly nourished, where all children continue to develop their early love of mathematics, where all of us seek to understand the wisdom of God as embedded in His creation."

AIMS Education Foundation provided the major gift to finance the project. Born of a graduate math/science program launched by Wiebe and graduate faculty Larry Ecklund in 1975, AIMS was originally part of the university. In 1986 the foundation became a non-profit corporation and continues to create curriculum and other tools to help teachers interest students in science and mathematics.

In addition to offering facilities equal to the best of those at similar schools, the hall's design promotes the university's sense of community. "All faculty offices are in a common area, rather than scattered throughout the building," said Michael Kunz, chair of the division of natural sciences and mathematics. "There is a student study lounge/tutorial room, an attractive atrium and conference/library room for faculty and students."

AIMS Hall also extends the university ideal of being a place of reconciliation between the scientific and spiritual, which are commonly seen either

as at odds with or unrelated to one another. "If our human perspective of God and of nature is still too fragmented and incomplete to accomplish such a grand task, at least we can pursue...that they be in dialogue," Kunz said.

Scientists who are Christians still experiment and observe, but may ask different questions. Kunz describes his field of ecology, for example, as a place where "usually environmental issues are cast in a framework of opposition, such as protecting jobs versus protecting the environment," he said. The biblical focus on Shalom means finding ways human and non-human creation can flourish. "I should be asking the question not only of how to preserve succulent owl's clover, but what to do about global hunger," Kunz said.

Though the traditional undergraduate college will host the bulk of classes, AIMS Hall will benefit all three schools in the university. The graduate school's popular summer festivals, which draw 150-180 area teachers each year, will have a new home. "This will allow us to have a really nice place," said Thiessen, head of the Mathematics, Science, Educational Technology Education Division as well as AIMS president. The school of professional studies will use the computer labs for short courses on specific computer applications, the Internet and other topics for area school districts and firms.



## Paden plays for family as well as fame

An appearance on “Wheel of Fortune” resulted in more than lovely parting gifts for graduate alumnus and student Travis Paden.

Paden completed the teacher education program in 1996 and is now earning a master’s degree in integrated mathematics and science. He teaches math and science at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School in Hanford. Paden managed to mention both schools on the air. “It’s been a God-send,” he said of his time at FPU.

Being on “Wheel of Fortune” was a way to honor his grandmother, who lived with his family for several years. “I’d come home and we’d watch the show. We saw Vanna turn her first letter,” he said. “That was our special time together.” Strengthening that sense of tribute was the fact Paden taped the show on December 7, 2000, the anniversary of his grandmother’s birthday.

Once in the studio, Paden put his years as a viewer to work, solving six of seven puzzles and winning \$25,650. He recalls no nervousness as the answers seemed to pop into his head. “I’m just thankful for the over-

whelming calmness God gave me,” he said.

But the bonus round brought him up short. The phrase was “Fits like a glove.” “I’ll never forget it,” Paden said.



“I kept saying ‘hits like a ...’ I was all around it.”

Though he missed an extra \$25,000, Paden enjoyed the experience, from seeing famous folk on the Sony studios lot to watching the rest of the week’s episodes tape prior to his own time in the spotlight. During the entire eight-hour day, Paden could speak only to a couple of program coordinators, who made sure at least one of the two outfits he was asked to bring would look good under the

lights, and an attorney, who explained the rules. “The rest of the staff knew the puzzles,” Paden explained, “and they wanted to make sure we didn’t hear them.”

More nerve-racking was the selection process, which began in March 2000 at Sierra Vista Mall in Clovis. The 3,000 people who auditioned there were among the one million who try out for the show each year, Paden said. One hundred of those at the mall were selected for a second audition two weeks later. “We played the game hundreds of times, it seemed like,” he said, as ‘Wheel’ staffers gauged individual skills and personalities. “They were just stone-faced,” he said of the program employees, “if they liked you, you didn’t know; if they didn’t like you, you didn’t know.” Of that 100, 30 were selected, then narrowed down by demographics. Those selected to be on the show were notified by letter.

Finally, on March 2, 2001, Paden gathered with 150 friends, family members and colleagues at a restaurant to watch the broadcast, and he felt the excitement all over again. “The whole thing was just a blessing,” he said.

## FORMER STUDENT HONORS TEACHER WITH

*piece of the heavens*

It's one thing to claim your name is written in the stars. Pacific Bible Institute graduate Ronald Rockholt Sr. has a star named after him.

All right, it's an asteroid. But for Rockholt (PBI '47-50) it's a piece of heaven. "To me this is as valuable as the Nobel Prize," he said.

The plaque that makes the honor official reads: "The lifelong affection of Ronald Rockholt Sr. (b. 1928), for the stars led him to pursuits in aviation, rocketry, telescope making, and astronomy. Most importantly, he is recognized for inspiring two generations of rural California students to love science through his innovative, hands-on teaching."

This honor is a direct result of the impact Rockholt had on one member of those two generations of students. In 1963, Kelly Beatty was a member of Rockholt's class at Howard Elementary School. Beatty grew up to be editor of *Sky & Telescope* magazine and a member of the board of the directors of the International Astronomical Union which, among other things, names asteroids.

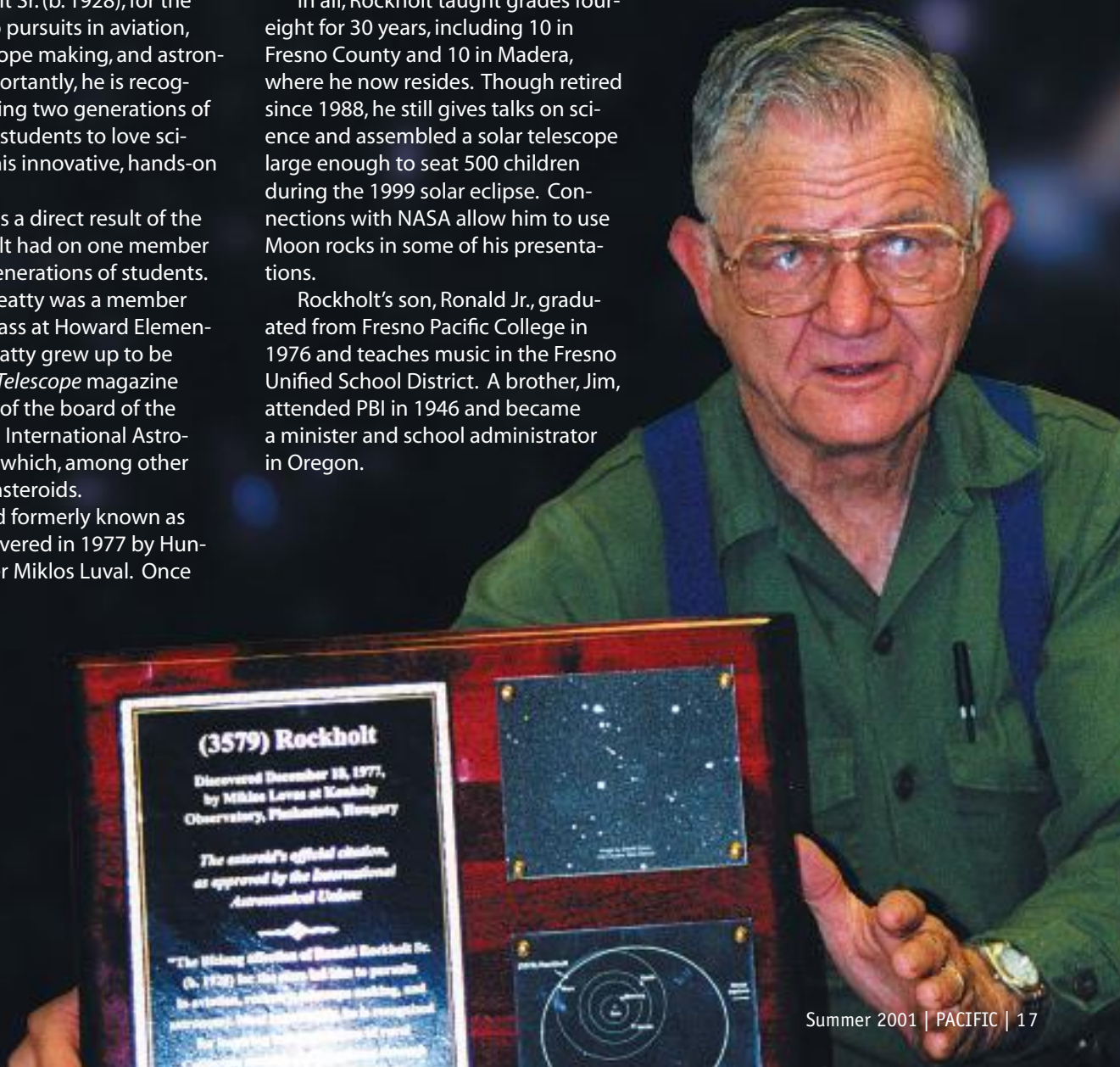
The asteroid formerly known as 3579 was discovered in 1977 by Hungarian stargazer Miklos Luval. Once

part of the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter, it fell into its own orbit. The presentation was made in October at a meeting of the Central Valley Astronomers, an area club. At the time, Rockholt wasn't sure it was for real. "I thought I was in for a hazing," he said. "Then one of the professional people raised his hand and said it's as official as Mount Everest."

In all, Rockholt taught grades four-eight for 30 years, including 10 in Fresno County and 10 in Madera, where he now resides. Though retired since 1988, he still gives talks on science and assembled a solar telescope large enough to seat 500 children during the 1999 solar eclipse. Connections with NASA allow him to use Moon rocks in some of his presentations.

Rockholt's son, Ronald Jr., graduated from Fresno Pacific College in 1976 and teaches music in the Fresno Unified School District. A brother, Jim, attended PBI in 1946 and became a minister and school administrator in Oregon.

PBI prepared him for college and his teaching career, according to Rockholt. When he came to the school he was a Navy veteran and trained optician but not a high school graduate. PBI brought him up to speed, Rockholt said. "PBI was the rescue."



## GENERAL NEWS

**Jim Barnes (BA '71)**, a third-grade teacher at Hurley Elementary School, was recently awarded the *Visalia Times-Delta/Tulare Advance-Register* Publisher's Community Spirit Award 2000 for Man of the Year.

**Vic (BA '80)** and **Marty (BA '80) Wiens** continue as missionaries for Mennonite Brethren Mission and Service International in Brazil. "We enjoyed visiting FPU at Thanksgiving. The trees were more beautiful than we had remembered and we appreciated the way we were received. We still pray for you there and remember our time there very fondly. We hope that our oldest, Beth, will be going there next year."



**Bruce L. Thiessen (BA '83)** and his wife Roxie Frausto-Thiessen live in Sacramento, where Bruce continues to promote his new CD "The Truth Hurts" with

live performances. Bruce also teaches university classes in psychology and writes articles and poems integrating psychology and spirituality for religious magazines such as the *Mennonite Herald* and *Vocations and Prayer*. Roxie, a published artist, works with Bruce on a variety of projects combining art, music and psychology.

**Greg (BA '89)** and Susan **Sommers**, along with their children, Christian, Peter and Phillip, moved to 4794 Nugent Drive, Columbus OH, 43220-2958. "With Greg needing another year at Ohio State University, we decided we just couldn't survive until August 2002 in our little apartment. The boys now have a playroom in the finished half of the basement, Greg has a dishwasher and I no longer have the washer and dryer in the kitchen. We love it!"

**Silas Langley (BA '93)** was awarded a \$10,500 dissertation fellowship from Fordham University. The grant is to help him finish his doctoral dissertation in philosophy, which discusses the views of Thomas Aquinas on the afterlife.

**Rhonda (Warkentin) Langley (BA '92)** is a full-time mom to the couple's 2 1/2-year old son, Peter.

**Linn Cruickshank (PPS Program '97)** and her family moved from Visalia to Sacramento in August 1997. She is a school psychologist with the San Juan Unified School District and serves schools in Sacramento, Citrus Heights and Orangevale.

**Sean (BA '97) Peifer** graduated from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2000 and accepted the senior pastor position at both First Baptist Church of Churdan, Iowa and First Baptist Church of Lake City, Iowa. He and his wife, Kristi (Blankenship BA '96), became the parents of Jeremy David October 30, 2000. Kristi directs drama at the local middle and high schools. Their new e-mail address is [peifer@wccta.net](mailto:peifer@wccta.net).

**R. C. Griffen (BA '99)** works as the youth pastor at Christ Evangelical Free Church in Saegertown, Penn. His position includes working with college students at Edinboro University and high school students at Christ Evangelical Free Church.

## MARRIAGES

**Michelle Heinrichs (BA '90)** married Curtis Carty December 2, 2000. Michelle works as a legal secretary at Wilson, Soncini, Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto and Curtis is the assistant media director at South Hills Community Church.

## BIRTHS

**Derek (BA '89)** and **Renee (BA '93) Singh-Boucher** announce the birth of Joshua Luke January 11, 2001. He joins his sister, Tatiana Noelle, 4.

**Steve (BA '91)** and **Jennifer (BA '91) Brandt** announce the birth of Rowan Matthew September 4, 2000. The baby boy joins his brother, Spencer, 4. Jennifer also completed her master's in curriculum and instruction at FPU.

**Lowell (BA '93)** and **Melissa (Krause BA '94) Ens** announce the birth of Mikaela Renee. Lowell works for Fresno Housing Authority and Melissa is a stay-at-home mom.

**Bruce (BA '93)** and **Terri (McCarron BA '93) Evans** announce the birth of Chandler Vance December 23, 2001. He weighed 10 pounds, 6 ounces and mea-

sured 22 inches. Chandler joins his sister, Mikhayla, 3 1/2.

**Mason (BA '93)** and **Jennifer (Isaac '94) Williams** announce the birth of Noah Dean June 13, 2000. Jennifer is enjoying staying home with Noah while Mason works as an accountant for Finch, Ochel-tree & Co, Fresno. The family resides in Coarsegold.

**Tiffini C. (Saude) Ball (BA '95)** and her husband, Shaun, announce the birth of Tyler Eric Saude Ball December 22, 2000. Tiffini teaches kindergarten in the Tulare City School District.

**Mike (BA '95)** and **Robin (Guhr BA '95) Bartell** announce the birth of Sophia Renee June 8, 1999. Mike received his master's degree in public health in health administration at Loma Linda University in 2000 and is currently employed at Stanford University.

**Stephanie McCann (BA '96)** and **David Castro Jr. (BA '96)** married December 21, 1996. David has been teaching sixth grade for four years at Jefferson Elementary School in Sanger. Stephanie taught fifth grade for two years and is now a stay-at-home mom since the birth of daughter Breanna Nicole September 5, 1999.

## DEATHS

**Leonard V. Avedian, M.D. (PBI '53)** died March 11, 2001. Avedian graduated from the University of Wisconsin Medical School with honors and practiced plastic and reconstructive surgery in Newport Beach from 1977 to 2001. Before entering medical school he earned a degree in music from Fresno State University. Avedian used his musical gifts throughout his life in church choirs, the theater, as a tenor in the Pacific Master Chorale and as a composer of sacred songs. He is survived by his wife, Boni L. Avedian; daughters Krystianne E. and Gabrielle S. Avedian; and brother Raymond V. Avedian. Remembrances may be made to the Leonard V. Avedian Fund at the Hoag Cancer Center Cancer Foundation at One Hoag Drive, P.O. Box 6100, Newport Beach, CA 92658-6100.

# Alumni Plaza

*Project is in full swing*



As many of you know, Alumni Plaza will transform the eating area outside Alumni Hall into a beautiful park-like setting. In addition to aesthetic enhancement, the plaza will meet practical needs for both formal and informal gatherings. Most of all, Alumni Plaza will recognize and honor former students. The layout, divided into four components, will represent each era of the university: PBI Court, PC Plaza, FPC Way and FPU Walk. Within each section markers will commemorate each class year.

This area has served throughout campus history as a place for fellowship among students, employees and friends. This project will beautifully commemorate alumni as well as make the campus a more attractive gathering place in the future. Whether you're a graduate, a former student, or a friend, your support is appreciated.

For more information regarding Alumni Plaza, please contact Alumni Director Paul Micu at 559-453-2058.


## Connect with your former classmates...

Whether you're PBI, PC, FPC or FPU, the Alumni Office is looking for your e-mail. Send us your address so we can connect you with fellow former students. Send to: paulmicu@fresno.edu Just type "connect" in the subject line.

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## Women's indoor track & field

### NAIA ALL-AMERICAN

Sophomores **Jennifer Toler** and **Chrisie (SP) Gregory**, both of Fresno, made a little history March 3 at the NAIA National Indoor Track & Field Championship in Johnson City, Tennessee. Gregory finished sixth in the 3,000 meters in an FPU-record time of 10:24.38, while Toler finished fourth in the 5,000 meters with an excellent mark of 18:18.16. With those efforts both women earned NAIA All-American honors. It is the first time in school women's track and field history (dating back to 1986), that any female track athlete has earned All-American honors in indoor competition. All-American honors are awarded to track and field athletes who place in the top six places in each event. Those placing seventh, eighth or ninth receive honorable mention.



Athletic scholarship funds are \$18,000 richer thanks to the participants and sponsors of the 8th Annual Sunbird Golf Classic, May 11 at Belmont Country Club. About 80 golfers competed, with the winning foursome—Tim Quinn, Barry Smith, Max Higley and Brian Leighton—scoring a 59. Jay Johnson won a trip to Hawaii during the awards dinner at the home of Adina Schmidt, registrar emeritus. Major sponsors included Sanwa Bank, Hammond Family Vineyards, Cal Fed Bank, Quiring Corporation, Enns Packing, Inc., Doug Hampson and Malcolm Ghazal. Above, Frank Vargas (BA '76), of First Union Securities, tees off.



Rick Penner, Jerry Huhn and Roger Trujillo are the newest members of the Sunbird Hall of Fame.

## Sunbird Hall of Fame

### Trio inducted into hall of fame April 6

Roger Trujillo graduated in 1974 and is a school principal in Orange Cove, California. During his FPU career he set records in the long jump and triple jump that still stand. He was NAIA District Three triple-jump champion 1972-74, Mexico triple-jump champion 1971-74 and came in third in the triple jump at the 1972 NAIA nationals.

Rick Penner graduated in 1973 and is a Chemist at BC Laboratories, Bakersfield, California. His FPU records in the 440-yard and 400-meter intermediate hurdles have yet to be surpassed. He was NAIA District Three 400-yard intermediate hurdles and mile relay champion in 1970 and 400-meter intermediate hurdles champion in 1972. He came in third in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles at the 1972 NAIA nationals.

Jerry Huhn coached track from 1969-73 and cross country from 1968-72. Career highlights include second place (school best) finish in the 1969 NAIA District Three championships, ninth place (school best) team finish at the 1972 NAIA National Outdoor Championships. Under his direction the university defeated California State University, Fresno, March 17, 1973. Today he is a school administrator and associate pastor at Life Christian Center in Aloha, Oregon.

### CORRECTION

The volleyball round-up in the Winter 2001 *Pacific* contained incorrect information.

The Sunbirds won their fifth Golden State Athletic Conference championship in seven years this season, finishing fifth at the NAIA National Championship Tournament after losing a five-game quarterfinal match to eventual national champions Dickinson State University.

We apologize for the errors and regret any inconvenience they may have caused.

## Women's Basketball

### NAIA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR ATHLETES

For the first time in Sunbird history three members of the same team have been named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) All-America Scholar Athletes in the same season.

#### Kate Charleston | Senior

Intellectual history (GPA 3.63)

Madera, California

Charleston was named to the NAIA All-America Scholar Athlete team for the second consecutive season.

She appeared in all 33 games this season, averaging 11.6 points, 5.7 rebounds and establishing a new season field goal accuracy record of 61 percent.

#### Teresa Kamps | Junior

Business management (GPA 3.94)

Ripon, California

Kamps started all 33 games this season and led the team in both scoring (17.8 per game) and rebounding (9.4 per game). She also rewrote the Sunbird record book by surpassing Erica John's career scoring record of 1,475 points. John set the record over 115 games in four seasons from 1990-94. Kamps has totaled 1,567 points and 808 rebounds in 99 games over just three seasons. She is poised to become the first FPU player to reach 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

#### Annie Taylor | Junior

Liberal Studies (GPA 3.6)

Visalia, California

Taylor appeared in 31 games this season, averaging 9 points and 5.9 rebounds per game while shooting with 55 percent accuracy from the field.

### HONORABLE MENTION

**Kate Charleston** and **Teresa Kamps** both earned honorable mention for the NAIA All-American squad. This was the first award for Charleston, and the second consecutive nod for Kamps.

## COCKERHAM TRACK FULFILLS PROMISE AND OPENS DOORS TO THE FUTURE



Bill Cockerham (left) and Don Gregory

Some 250 people gathered April 7 to see a promise fulfilled as the Bill Cockerham Track opened for business.

During the sixties and seventies the Fresno Pacific College Vikings put up some great marks on the old dirt oval, but track was disbanded in 1979 and a year later the Special Events Center was constructed on the site. Officials promised a new track—someday. The school is now Fresno Pacific University and the team is now the Sunbirds, but someday has come for the athletes and for Bill Cockerham, who coaches here.

During the dedication ceremony Sal Quintero, Fresno city council member, proclaimed Bill Cockerham Day and remembered his own childhood, when the site was only a field of weeds. Mark Deffenbacher, vice president for advancement and university relations, thanked those responsible for the new facility, including Marvin and Nadene Steinert and Don and Karen Gregory. The Steinerts, along with their three sons, purchased the land and donated it to the school in the mid-1970's. The Gregorlys provided the lead gift for track construction.

Don Gregory, a cross-country and track alumnus and respected Fresno cardiologist, saw the project as a way for history to repeat itself. "God brought (former assistant coach) Jerry Huhn and Bill Cockerham here, and they assembled some students and

developed them into athletes. Through God, they developed them into athletic student Christians who left the program and went on to become community leaders. Now (current coach) Eric Schwab is on board. He has recruited some outstanding students. He is developing them into fine athlete student Christians."

Cockerham was next to speak. "I haven't done any of the things that people do to have things named after them. I'm humbled, honored, overwhelmed ... and embarrassed. It is my prayer that this track will bring honor and glory to our Lord and will create the kinds of experiences for people that will last forever."

President Harold Haak had high praise for both Gregory and Cockerham. "The two of you represent the quality of this university; your concern for students, your concern for the love of Christ, your concern for the community. Two such outstanding people standing up here together represent the Fresno Pacific Idea at its very best."



# August

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26				27 Classes Begin

# PACIFIC standard time

This calendar is designed to present an overall view of activities at Fresno Pacific University. Individual events may be aimed at a specific audience, carry a fee and require advance registration. All events subject to change. For the latest information, contact the sponsoring university department.

“Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”  
—Romans, 12:2



# October

				5 Candlelight Concert 6 University Jazz Band Concert
7				
14				14 Concert Choir 18 H.S. Choral Festival at First Presbyterian Church
21				24 Pacific Brass & Flautas Pacifica Fall Concert 26-27 Homecoming
28				30-31 NAIA Men's and Women's Soccer Regional Quarterfinals

# September

2				7 Covenant Players 7-8 FPU Men's and Women's Soccer Tournament
9				10-14 Service Emphasis Week 13 Service Fair
16				19-21 Relationships Emphasis Week
23				
30				

# November

				3 NAIA Men's and Women's Soccer Regional Semifinals
4				8-11 Fall Mainstage 10 NAIA Men's and Women's Soccer Regional Finals
11				13 NAIA Women's Volleyball Regional — 1st Round 16-17 NAIA Women's Volleyball Regional Championship
18				
25				28-Dec. 1 NAIA National Women's Volleyball Tournament



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