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Acquiring knowledge,
enriching teaching

president's message



D. MERRILL EWERT, PH.D.

Learning by doing applies to swimming and scholarship

While teaching at another institution, my exercise regimen involved swimming laps over the noon hour. One day, I saw an older woman flailing her arms in the shallow end. I looked over to see what was happening; she quickly stopped so I concluded everything was fine and kept swimming. Later I saw her leaning over the pool deck flailing her legs as well as her arms. Assuming she swallowed some water, I got out (I was done and nobody else was around) and went over to see if she was okay.

I found her staring at a piece of paper on the pool deck; it was diagrams of several swim strokes. She was teaching herself to swim by reading about it. Although I subsequently saw her studying the paper on the deck and splashing around the edge of the pool, I never saw her actually swim. That didn't surprise me because people learn to swim by getting in the water, receiving some instruction and then actually trying it—not by reading words on a paper.

In the same way, we become scientists by doing science. Though we can learn a lot by reading and listening to lectures, we become scholars when we use our disciplinary tools to explore the interesting questions in our fields. Most of what I know about sociology I learned by doing sociology. Scholarship is the coin of the realm in higher education; that's how professors become experts in their fields. But they do more than just engage in research, they also share what they learn with colleagues through conferences and publications.

This *Pacific* highlights some of our faculty who take this a step farther by engaging undergraduate students in their scholarship. This process helps transform students into "junior colleagues" who catch their professors' excitement about the big ideas and important questions in their fields. Fresno Pacific students are presenting papers at research conferences such as Alpha Chi and co-authoring articles with their professors. That experience not only helps our students dig more deeply into their disciplines but gives them a leg-up when they apply to graduate school.

Though I love the classroom, the best part of being a professor has always been drawing students into my work. I'm a better scholar today because my students became part of my research. Although they learned the tools of my discipline through their work with me, I also learned through their great questions and keen observations.

Fresno Pacific's vision is to become a leading Christian university, known for academic excellence, innovative programming and spiritual vitality. In this issue, you will learn more about the research of our professors and see how they are mentoring students to become Christian scholars.



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ENOUGH WITH SCHOOL ALREADY! So I thought when I walked down the steps from my commencement stage, bachelor's degree in hand. Actually, that idea had lodged itself in my mind a good while before. No matter how boring summer vacation became, the phrase "back to school sale" struck terror in my heart.

Fortunately, not everyone feels the same way.

Some people can't stop being students. Education is so important they spend their life in school, making acquiring—and sharing—knowledge their vocation.

I admire their energy, I admire their tenacity and I admire their patience, both with students who don't share their enthusiasm and with people like me who seek to tell others what they're doing and end up saying "huh?" a lot in interviews.

But what I admire most is their generosity. H. L. Mencken got a laugh with, "Those who can—do. Those who can't—teach," but he was wrong. We don't learn entirely on our own any more than we live entirely on our own.

At FPU, our foundation is Christ. Our heart is the interaction between student and teacher, and our spirit is the curiosity that characterizes all students—whichever side of the classroom they inhabit.

—Wayne Steffen

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Honoring Roy Klassen's career

PERFORMANCES OF MUSICAL MASTERPIECES

by Felix Mendelssohn and Johannes Brahms celebrated Roy Klassen's career April 25 in the Paul Shaghoian Performing Arts Center.

Klassen conducted about 120 singers from the Concert Choir and San Joaquin Chorale in Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and Brahms' *Requiem*. (See more about Klassen on page 12.)

Elijah depicts events in the life of the prophet, taken from First and Second Kings in the Old Testament. *Requiem* is sacred but non-liturgical.

Soloists included Aaron Bryan (BA '03), Marc McAlexander (BA '04), Melinda Ramos (BA '02), Krista Moore (BA '08) and student Thou Yang. An instrumental group of about 50 student, alumni and community musicians supervised by Wayne Huber, music faculty, accompanied the performance.



Aaron Bryan (BA '03)

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Washington trip encourages students to be citizens of the Kingdom

BY AMANDA STRAW (BA '10) AND
DANI DICKIE (BA '10)

On January 18-22 we attended the National Association of Evangelicals' 2010 Christian Student Leadership Conference, "Citizens of the Kingdom." About 100 college students from around the country participated in this seminar, packed with speakers, tours and interactions.

In only the second week of the semester, we quickly packed our bags and jumped on a 4:30 a.m. flight to Washington D.C. We rushed to the hotel, in awe of sites along the way, just in time for the welcome dinner. Finding we were the only two representatives from the West Coast, we heard the stereotypical questions: Do we live on the beach? Do we know any movie stars? Do we surf? To their dismay we explained we were from Fresno, but that became important when we began real discussions on immigration and agricultural issues. After dinner, we jumped into bed and crashed, preparing for our 6:00 a.m. start the next morning.

Bundling up for the cold East Coast weather, we grabbed a map and experienced the first taste of D.C. culture: business suits, brief cases and Starbucks. Outside the White House for our first tour, we enjoyed the sunrise over the Capitol building. After three security checkpoints, we were able to enjoy the paintings, furniture and history behind one of the most important

houses in the country. Unfortunately we missed meeting the First Lady by half an hour.

Rushing to our next session, we made it just in time to hear keynote speaker Ron Sider. The fact that he's Mennonite is something we bonded over. We met at Central Union Mission and discussed the importance of being involved in politics. We need to go back and look at what the Bible says about the issues. Sider commented politicians and voters get too caught up in party politics and forget about the core of the issues. This speech shaped the days to come, challenging us as Christians to look beyond party lines and focus on the issues, becoming true citizens of the Kingdom.

One day was blocked off to meet with our representatives. Sitting down with Devin Nunes, we discussed water, immigration and what a typical week looks like for someone in office. He confessed he did a lot of traveling, and missed his family deeply, especially since he has small children. We met some of his staff, who are from the Central Valley and around our age. We kept thinking this could be us, walking around the Capitol, working for politicians or running for office ourselves. However, we both agreed that this is not the direction we were being called to, no matter how interesting the job seemed.

Another thought-provoking speaker was Jenny Hwang, director of advocacy and policy for the Refugee and Immi-

gration Program for World Relief. She helped us realize that not only were all our ancestors immigrants, many important people in the Bible were, as well. From Moses and the Israelites to Joseph and Mary fleeing with Jesus, almost every major character had a migration experience. Our eyes were opened to new biblical foundations that support immigration from Genesis 1:26-28, where God made every human being in his image, to the people of the Old and New Testament who were pushed off their land and had to develop new lives in foreign cities.

Being social science secondary teaching majors, our passion is history. So the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum was one of our most memorable experiences. The most empowering display was the pile of shoes taken from holocaust victims. Seeing these takes the history book and brings it to life. This encouraged a lot of the students to become involved in service and promote awareness about other genocides throughout the world.

As the conference came to a close, we toured the White House, Smithsonian museums, the Capitol building and much more. We met senators and White House staff. The conference challenged the way we thought, giving us a renewed perspective on what it means to be a Christian in politics and in our community. We had to think biblically about issues and form opinions based on Scripture and not on partisanship. We will take this with us forever.

Catlin joins FPU as VP, Ward goes to Fuller Seminary



Diane Catlin joined the administration team as vice president for business and finance April 1. She replaces John Ward, who left FPU to become CFO for Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California.

"Diane brings strong financial management training and skills developed through experience in the corporate world," President D. Merrill Ewert said. "She under-

stands these challenging economic times and can help us adapt to and thrive in the new business climate."

Catlin's more than 20 years of professional experience includes corporate posts at Trane air conditioning and the restaurant chains Pei Wei Asian Diner (part of PF Chang) and Darden Restaurants, the world's largest casual dining company and owner of Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze and Season's 52. She is a Certified Management Accountant and Certified Business Manager who earned a master of science in accounting from Roosevelt University and a bachelor of science in finance from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Ward came to FPU in 2002 as director of accounts for the School of Professional Studies and was promoted to vice president the next year. "I deeply appreciate John's strong leadership during a period of significant expansion and growth at Fresno Pacific. I know he will bring that same steady hand to Fuller," Ewert said.



John Ward (left) receives a gift from Athletic Director Dennis Janzen at a farewell reception.



COMMUNITY AUTISM PARTNERSHIP

An estimated 600 teachers, parents and others concerned with autism attended the Community Autism Partnership April 30 in the Special Events Center. The keynote address was "Advances in Diagnosis and Treatment of Young Children with Autism" by Sally Rogers, Ph.D., from the M.I.N.D. Institute at the University of California, Davis. Breakout sessions ranged from the connection between autism and ADHD to help for teachers and parents. There was also a Vendor Faire offering educational and professional materials. (Pictured: Bev Long during her breakout session, "Using Picture Books to Stimulate Language.")



ROUNDTABLES ADDRESS BUSINESS ISSUES

Encouraging and developing employees were topics addressed by the Luncheon Roundtable Series hosted by the regional centers in North Fresno, Visalia and Bakersfield. The series is a community outreach that brings together businesspeople to form connections and discuss topics of interest. "Transforming Organizational Morale: The Power of Encouraging the Hearts of Your Employees" took place in February and featured speaker Don Crites, director of regional operations at Pregis Innovative Packaging. Panels of local professionals spoke on "Doing More With less: Professional Development on a Limited Budget" in April. For more on this continuing series, check out fresno.edu/roundtable.

STUDENTS SEE THE CITY

A group of students learned about loving God and loving their neighbors in the city through the Fresno Urban Ministry Project, a leadership training program through InterVarsity's Fresno Institute for Urban Leadership (FIFUL). The 13 participants lived from March 7-11 in downtown Fresno, studying the Book of Amos in the morning, touring and working in poor neighborhoods during the day and being part of training sessions in ethnic and racial reconciliation in the evening. (Photo provided by FIFUL)



Alpha Chi members garner regional, local honors

Spring brought many honors to FPU's chapter of Alpha Chi, the academic honor society.

Fay Nielsen was elected president of Region VII. Nielsen, associate dean of mentoring and retention, and Marshall Johnston, history and classics faculty, sponsor the FPU chapter. Each



Nielsen

region has one student and three faculty officers. The election took place during meetings March 25-27.

Melanie Greaver Cordova was selected first alternate for a \$2,500 Benedict Fellowship. A senior English major, she presented an original short story at an Alpha Chi convention. Cordova is the only person from California or the region on the short list of recipients and potential recipients. Each year 10 Benedict Fellowships are awarded to seniors planning to attend graduate or professional school. The fellowships honor Harry Benedict, Alpha Chi's first president.

On April 20, the FPU chapter honored six faculty as members' most inspirational teachers. The teachers and students

who nominated them are: Don Stillwell, education, nominated by Melanie Cordova;

Pamela Johnston, history and classics, nominated by Daniel Crosby; Priscilla Ewert, natural science, nominated by April Fujihara; Steve Pauls, natural science, nominated by Jennifer John-

son; Dieter Wulfhorst, music, nominated by Emily Lyons; and Patricia DeBenedetto, music, nominated by Matthew Michal.

Several Alpha Chi members also received top honors in their field at the FPU honors convocation April 23. They are: Paige Abeytia, business; Jeff Friesen, pre-health science; Cordova, English; Meredith Wing, music; Crosby, history; and Ericka Statema, psychology.

Keri Herbert received a \$1,000 Alpha Chi Regional Scholarship toward FPU's credential program.

Alpha Chi is active at 300 colleges and universities. The society admits no more than the top 10 percent of juniors, seniors and graduate students.

HUNTINGTON HONORS WILLIAMS

Herma Williams, provost and vice president of academic affairs, was honored by Huntington (Indiana) University during its commencement. Williams received an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters. Among Williams' efforts have been 23 trips to South Africa, where she addressed women's education and the fight against AIDS. She has served on the boards of HOPE Hispanic Institute, the Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative and the Women's Foundation of California. See more on the website at fresno.edu/news



'WHISPERS' PUTS FACE ON HOMELESSNESS

FPU art faculty and McLane High School art students and teachers created the exhibit "Whispers from the Streets." The mixed media show was the culmination of two years of research and art production by over 300 student artists, teachers and local individuals associated with the homeless. Some 70 door panels became canvases for works depicting homelessness in Fresno through portraits, homeless architecture, personal items and writings. The exhibit was FPU's first contribution to ArtHop, a community art series. The reception was April 1 and the works were on display in the McDonald Hall foyer, the AIMS Hall foyer and the Steinert Campus Center lounge through April 21.



faculty & staff focus

**NEW ROLES AT HIEBERT LIBRARY**

In May Kevin Enns-Rempel (BA '82), M.A., became interim director of Hiebert Library. Anne Guenther, who had served as interim director since 2008, returned to her role as associate director, overseeing circulation, interlibrary loans and education and instructional programs. Enns-Rempel remains as archivist with the Center of Mennonite Brethren Studies,

located in the library, and is keeping his office in the center.



Bruce Boeckel, Ph.D., English faculty, presented "Domestic Bliss and Tormented Chemistry: Ambivalence about Traditional Marriage in Goethe's Elective Affinities" at the meeting of the West Regional Conference on Christianity and Literature, California Baptist University, Riverside, in March, and published "Reading Jane Eyre with Would-Be Janes: Christian Identity and Gender Identification in British

Romantic and Victorian Literature," in *The Word in the English Classroom: Best Practices of Faith Integration*, edited by Jamie Dessert and Brad Gambil, published by Abilene Christian in 2009.



Ron Claassen (BA '67), D. Min., director, Center for Peacemaking & Conflict Studies, gave the keynote address and two follow-up workshops, "Discipline That Restores—Building Character to Restore Respect, Cooperation" and "Responsibility," at the Baltimore County Public Schools Character Education Conference in February 2010. Also in February he presented "Promoting Shalom: Healthy Conflict Management our Lives

and Congregations" at the El Camino Real Spring Clergy Conference, San Juan Batista. In 2009, Claassen gave the keynote address and follow-up workshop, "Restorative Justice and the Classroom Elementary: How the Administering of Discipline with Students can be a Teaching Moment about Peacemaking and Faith" in October at the School Religious Conference, Loyola Marymount University. In September he gave a training session for trainers at Lima (Ohio) City Schools. In June he gave talks on restorative justice at the Bakersfield Bar Association and Boalt Law School, U.C. Berkeley.



Gehrett



Harris

Matt Gehrett (M.A. '98), executive director of continuing education, and Breck Harris, Ed.D., business faculty, co-presented "Discovering the New World: A Journey into Online Education" at the 2010 Lilly Conference

on College & University Teaching -West in Pomona, California, in March 2010.



Chris Janzen, M.F.A., art faculty, presented *Dinner*, a collaboration with Jesse Nathan, three times during Fresno's Rogue Festival in March 2010. The piece was performed in October at the Alphonse Berber Gallery, Berkeley; at First Mennonite Church, Reedley; and on the FPU main campus as part of the Pacific Artist Series. Exhibits of paintings includes "Healing the Whole Part I," "Healing the Whole Part II,"

"Collective Memory" at Art by Hand, Fresno, in February 2010; "Peeve Pet and Hula Therapy" at Fig Tree Gallery, Fresno, in January 2010; "Frosty Cowgirl" at Chris Sorrensen Studio, Fresno, in January 2010. The "New Old" was chosen for the cover of *Rhubarb magazine* (Winter 2009) and was published in the *Pacific Journal* (2009). "Consumption Theory III" and "Consumption Theory IV" were exhibited at Art By Hand in November 2009.



P. Johnston



M. Johnston



Camp

Pamela Johnston, Ph.D., and Marshall Johnston, Ph.D., both history and classics faculty, and Greg Camp (BA '82), Ph.D., biblical and religious studies faculty, participated in the Association for Core Texts and Courses conference April 15-17 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The Johnstons were on a panel on advice-giving in the ancient world, where Marshall presented "Nestor's Advice" and Pamela presented "Advice-Giving in Plautus." Pamela Johnston also chaired the session "Constructing Our World: The Role of Environment-Shaping Arts in Liberal Education." Camp chaired "Religious Thought of the 19th and 20th Centuries: Consequences for 21st Century Thinking" and "An African-American Core of Texts."



Jay Pope, Ph.D., psychology faculty, published two articles in *Valley Health Magazine*: "Your Own Worst Enemy: The Madness of Self-Defeating Choices" appeared in the May/June 2010 issue and "Unspoiling Your Child: Why Some Kids are Brats and What You Can do About it" in the November/December 2009 issue.



Duane Ruth-Heffelbower, J.D., peacemaking and conflict studies and business faculty, published two articles, "Alternative dispute resolution" and "Mediation," in *Praeger Handbook of Victimology*, edited by Janet K. Wilson, Praeger Publishing, 2009.

ACCEPTED DAY SEALS THE DEAL

The first Accepted Day brought 154 admitted students and their families to an evening of entertainment and information March 29. “The purpose was to help students make the decision whether or not FPU was going to be the right place for them,” said Rina Campbell, undergraduate admissions director. “This was our chance to address any issue they had.” Activities included a dinner catered by Chick-fil-A and a version of The Price is Right game with prizes such as computer equipment and free housing. Turnout was higher than expected, and several students confirmed their plans to attend FPU next fall. “For many of them, yesterday’s events confirmed that this is where they ought to pursue their college experience,” according to Campbell.

President D. Merrill Ewert enjoys talking to prospective students and their families on the Campus Green.



EVERY BIT HELPS

People came to do good and did very well at the 43rd Annual West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction for World Relief April 9-10 at FPU. Known as the “MCC Sale” since proceeds go to Mennonite Central Committee for international relief efforts, the event brings together thousands of people for food, fun and fellowship. An upturn in quilt sales brought the total raised to more than \$220,000, according to estimates. Highlights included the auction in the Special Events Center (pictured), food on the Green and an art show in Ashley Auditorium.



CONFERENCE INCLUDES DEBATE

The second annual Sunbird Conservatives conference, “Renaissance of American Principles,” featured a debate between conservative Victor Davis Hanson and progressive Michael Parenti as part of the activities April 17. The Sunbird Conservatives student group hosted the daylong event, which included politicians such as Congressman Devin Nunes and presentations addressed issues from water to the War on Terror. About 500 people attended the sessions in the Special Events Center. (From left: Hanson, Parenti and Stephen Varvis, FPU vice president of enrollment management and conference presenter.)



HISTORY DAY RETURNS TO FPU

More than 500 elementary, middle and high school students participated in History Day March 20, hosted by FPU and sponsored by the Fresno County Office of Education. Of the 200-plus volunteers, 70 were FPU students, faculty, staff and alumni, including event director Mary Janzen (BA '97, MA '06). Participants put on performances, made posters and exhibits, gave papers and created documentaries and websites for judging. Stacy Hammons, dean of the School of Humanities, Religion and Social Sciences, and Stephen Varvis, vice president for enrollment management, spoke, as well as representatives from the history department and the admissions staff. Marshall Johnston, history professor, served as academic coordinator. This is the third year the event has been on campus.



MBBS-Fresno transfers U.S. seminary program to FPU

On June 1, the Fresno operation of the MB Biblical Seminary moved under the structure of Fresno Pacific University. The transfer increases the seminary's capacity to fulfill its mission while reducing operating costs. "Forty percent of small denominational seminaries like ours have sought similar arrangements in the last two years," said Lynn Jost, former seminary president who will oversee the seminary as an FPU vice president. "We are delighted to be completing such a merger within the Mennonite Brethren family."

The two schools share more than a denominational link. Fresno Pacific helped create the seminary 55 years ago. Today more than 1,500 seminary alumni serve around the world as pastors, missionaries, church planters, counselors, chaplains, professors and ministry leaders. "We celebrate a successful and ongoing mission," Jost said.

The transfer preserves the seminary's theological perspective; the quality of the courses, faculty and degrees; and financial aid. Distance education, including online and modular courses, will expand to serve students who prefer to study from their current home or ministry location. On-campus teaching technology will also improve.

"We welcome and invite your questions and comments as much as we do your prayers and support. We are here to serve the Lord and the church for many years ahead," Jost said.

DONOR AND ALUMNI INFORMATION

- **Gifts**—Contributions to the seminary continue to be vital to the mission of training pastors and ministry leaders for the U.S. and for the world. Gifts directed to the seminary will be used exclusively for the seminary. The university will receive and acknowledge gifts for the seminary. Send gifts to: MB Biblical Seminary, 4824 E. Butler Ave., Fresno, CA 93727. Donors who already support both FPU and the seminary may send one check to Fresno Pacific University, 1717 S. Chestnut, Fresno, CA 93727, and identify separate amounts for "seminary" and "university."
- **Endowments**—Endowed gifts will continue to be managed on behalf of the seminary by the Mennonite Brethren Foundation.
- **Transcripts, records and alumni services**—Records from the MBBS-Fresno campus will be transferred to Fresno Pacific University. Request transcripts through the FPU Registrar's Office. Mark Isaac will continue to work with seminary alumni as seminary advancement director.

MBA discount for FPU students, program expands to Bakersfield

The Global MBA program is celebrating one year of success by beginning classes in Bakersfield and offering a 10 percent tuition discount to FPU graduates who enroll in the fall 2010 or spring 2011 cohorts.

Classes meet one night a week and students study together. The 41-unit program takes 16 months (summer included), so those who join a cohort at the end of August 2010 could graduate in December 2011.

Like all FPU programs, the Global MBA offers quality academics, expert faculty with a passion for helping students succeed and a focus on ethics, values and leadership. Students will also see the world they're learning about, with international travel included in the tuition: Because what happens in Asia and Europe affects the Valley.

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LYLES LIKES THE LONG VIEW

Government, business and individuals must plan beyond the next election, the next quarterly report or the next paycheck, entrepreneur and philanthropist Bill Lyles told business students and faculty February 23 in Steinert Campus Center. Lyles, founder of the video and security systems company Pelco, is or has been on boards ranging from the National Association of General Contractors and the California State Chamber of Commerce to the Fresno Economic Development Corporation and Fresno Philharmonic and Opera associations. (Left to right, business faculty Roy Vasquez (BA '96), M.B.A., and Peng Wen, Ph.D., chat with Lyles)

Faculty retirees

brought gifts in education, science & music

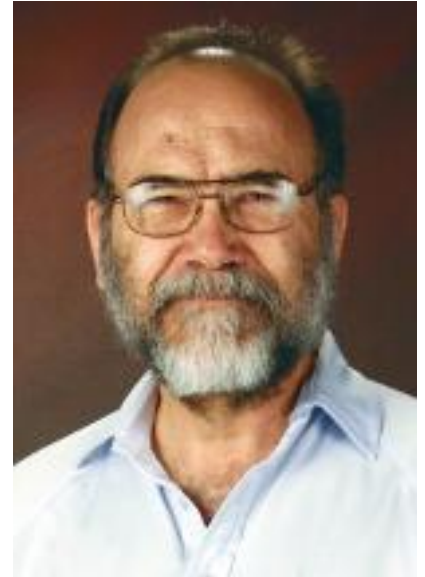
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KAREN NEUFELD

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LORIN NEUFELD

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M.Sc., Western Michigan University
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KAREN AND LORIN NEUFELD

Karen and Lorin Neufeld have been struck by physical and organizational changes at FPU. "The campus has basically grown up," Karen says. McDonald Hall, AIMS Hall, East Hall and Steinert Campus Center were all built after the Neufelds arrived in 1990. "All the education faculty were together in Bartsch Hall," she adds. Just as people were concentrated in one location, job titles were combined into one position: Karen was director of teacher education, director of liberal studies and director of the multiple-subject credential program. "That was one job. Now its three people," she says.

For Lorin the most significant change has been the establishment of the four academic schools. "The School of Natural Sciences provides opportunities

to advocate in ways that had not been possible before," he says. "This has been motivation to build ourselves some, and improve ourselves."

Among the improvements have been added faculty and strengthened programs. Kinesiology, for example, has gotten more credibility. "That program has really grown in recent years," Lorin says. Events such as Undergraduate Research Day (started while he was interim dean) have interested more students in research, he adds.

Both Neufelds say working with students is what they loved most. Teaching lab sections allowed Lorin to get acquainted with small groups of students. He also taught support classes in fields ranging from chemistry to computer science. "I saw my role as being available to fill in where needed and be flexible," he says. His other teaching assignments have included the graduate mathemat-

ics program, a computer in education program, a computer science major and an information science emphasis in the business program. He was named interim dean when the School of Natural Sciences was created in 2005.

Karen has especially enjoyed the education program's mix of traditional and non-traditional students. While fashion and other trappings change, students are still same in ways that matter. "Students still have the same desire to find their place in life and understand what it means to be called to do something," she says. She'll also remember her colleagues, "because of their commitment and passion."

"I hope I've made a difference," Karen adds. "I hope there are some teachers out there who are passionate about literature and how it connects us with the human condition."

Lorin appreciates having been a



JOE TAYLOR

Special education

A.A., Jones County Junior College
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ROY KLASSEN

Music

Attended Pacific College (now FPU)
B.A., Occidental College
M.A., California States University,
Los Angeles
D.M.A., Arizona State University

part of FPU and Tabor, two schools he believes in. "I was working at something bigger than myself. I've been a part of a group of people who are working at the Kingdom of God," he says.

The couple met and married while students at Tabor College. Before coming to FPU, Karen taught elementary school and directed the teacher education program at Tabor and taught at Hope College. Lorin taught chemistry and physics at Tabor and served as academic dean and chair of the division of natural and mathematical sciences there. He was also a consultant to businesses.

Neither Karen nor Lorin have to-do lists for retirement—and they're both good with that. "I am comfortable going into the coming year thinking about what to do with my free time," Lorin says.

"The discipleship doesn't change," Karen says, "the words like 'stewardship' and 'doing God's work' are still there. I'll be looking to continue to be a God person in the world."



JOE TAYLOR

A lot of people will miss Joe Taylor when he retires—gas station owners among them. Since joining the faculty in 1990, Taylor has commuted from his home in Wishon, about an hour from Fresno, as well as visited teachers from Modesto to Bakersfield. "I was driving five or six days a week for 16 years," he says. "We've covered some territory."

Taylor has covered some territory in life, as well. Born and raised in Mississippi, his first view of the Valley was Lemoore, where he served in the Navy during the Vietnam War. A local girl named Jone caught his eye and they married, first returning to Mississippi, then moving to California for good in 1981 to teach at North Fork, where Jone (MA '97) is a library media teacher. Before FPU, Taylor taught regular and

special education and served as an administrator at North Fork.

"It's been interesting to watch the university mature," Taylor says of the changes at FPU. "We've gone from a small-school mentality to a comprehensive university." Buildings have improved and programs have evolved. "When I came here special ed was Peter Kopriva and myself, with a few adjuncts," he says. Diana Taylor-Gillham, Donald McHatten and Susanne Peterson have since joined the faculty.

Special education has also matured, the focus shifting toward including students with disabilities in regular classrooms as much as is appropriate. "The special education field has moved from a field of isolation to a program much more in the mainstream," Taylor says. Inclusion gives special education students higher expectations and increased social skills. "Some of the special ed students who have been in regular classes for several years are hard to tell from the regular ed kids," he says.

Faculty retirees brought gifts in education, science & music

Inclusion of perhaps a different kind is something Taylor has always loved about FPU. "The unique community that is Fresno Pacific," he says. The Christian foundation he saw as a student earning his administrative services credential drove him to apply for a job. "There's a certain special kind of joy being associated with Fresno Pacific," he says. In his first years Taylor recalls regularly stopping by the Warkentin Prayer Chapel to say "Thank you, God."

Much of that joy has come from people. Taylor counts friends among the administration, faculty and staff. "I could not ask for better," he says.

As for his contribution to FPU, "I think that I was known by our students as a very supportive person who worked hard to help them achieve their goals in the classroom and in the profession," Taylor says. He is also proud of his organizational work as president of the division of physical and health disabilities for the Council for Exceptional Children, historian for Phi Delta Kappa (a professional association for educators) and vice chair of the FPU Faculty Session.

For the future, Taylor plans to continue as an adjunct faculty in the special education, clear credential and early childhood degree completion programs. "I have plenty to do," he says.

VICKY BIGLER

Before Vicky Bigler was an FPU faculty member, before she was an FPU graduate, she was an FPU mom. In fact, she finished her master's the same year as son Daniel earned his bachelor's: 2001. Her other son, Matthew, graduated in 2000.

Previous to joining the faculty in 2002, Bigler was a math coach for Visalia Unified School District, working with a National Science Foundation grant that supported various aspects of teaching math. "I taught, modeled and coached VUSD classroom teachers about mathematics," she says. FPU was a grant partner.

Highlights for Bigler at FPU include the development of the teacher education program in the Visalia Center. "We

grew from one office and borrowed classrooms at El Diamante High School to a center on Cypress Avenue to a larger facility on Plaza Drive. Our teacher education program doubled as the size of our center facilities grew," she says.

The best part, though, has been the people, both colleagues and students, she has met. "I have most enjoyed working with all the wonderful Fresno Pacific faculty and staff that support student learning throughout the San Joaquin Valley," Bigler says. "I hope that I have been a part of preparing the best educators for our Valley's children."

Bigler is putting her retirement plans "in the Lord's hands." "My husband John and I look forward to doing his work where ever he leads us," she says.

ROY KLASSEN

In 33 years, Roy Klassen didn't expect things to stay the same.

The biggest difference between 1977, when he joined the faculty, and 2010 is the university's growth, which Klassen says provides "more opportunities to influence the community and the churches."

Facilities must keep pace with the number of students, according to Klassen, who, understandably, is a supporter of a new performing arts center, the centerpiece of the \$36 million *Building on Excellence* campaign. He's sure the center could attract 200-300 more students and complement FPU's strengths. "I think we draw from our reputation, we always have," he says, "in music and in all areas."

Klassen admits he's changed—and he's glad. "I'm better at what I do, if I may be so bold," he says. "I trust I have grown in my abilities to communicate spiritual and musical ideas. My understanding of how to make choral music more exciting...continues to be something I work on. My knowledge of literature has grown and my sense of how to help students reach some of their musical goals is clearer. After another 30 years of teaching I'll finally understand how to do it better."

Thankfully for Klassen, something

hasn't changed: students. While he hears some at other schools complain students aren't what they were, Klassen says that reflects the attitude of the teachers, not the taught. While many young people face different circumstances today, "they're still as personable and ready to work," he says. "The music is higher quality than ever before and students are rising to that."

In addition to the students, Klassen will miss his fellow faculty. "The professionalism we've strived for here," he says.

Colleagues and students will still have a chance to see Klassen as he continues to direct the San Joaquin Chorale, the campus-community choir he founded. Many members are alumni now working as music educators. The School of Education also hired him to mentor students.

There has been talk of a show on KVPR public radio. "I have so many CDs I could do it for about seven years without repeating," Klassen says. Then there are HO-gauge train sets to build, "and my wife, Paula, has a whole list of things she wants me to do."

There's one other change. In Klassen's office generations of students have sung, not just for his ears, but for another, iconic pair. Gone from the shelves, walls, desk and floor are 400-500 Mickey Mouse figures and images.

Fun as it was for awhile, Klassen doesn't want Mickey as his legacy. "I hope that my time here has elevated the university to a more respected place in the local musical community and, specifically, to those who dedicate themselves to choral excellence. I've done what I can to supply the larger community with teachers," he says.

Klassen believes passionately that music can change all who participate. "If I've accomplished anything at FPU, it would hopefully be that my students have taken and given gifts of lifelong appreciation to listeners and themselves—and that the source of all music is the God who gave his only son to give us eternal life."



Scholarly Faculty

by Conlan Spangler

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TEACHER AND STUDENT IS THE HEART OF FPU. Faculty work diligently and creatively to be at the forefront of their fields. Their expertise enriches their teaching and helps students succeed.

FPU created the Provost Research Grant in 2008 to encourage faculty to develop their scholarship. Awards have been given in fields from science to religion and have funded the creation of new music and the translation of ancient languages. Here are the winners and an overview of their work.

THE LEARNING NEVER STOPS FOR THOSE WHO VALUE TEACHING



PEGGY DIANE AVAKIAN, Ph.D.

Peggy Diane Avakian, director of the leadership and organizational studies program, wants to tell the stories of some preeminent women of Central California. In the study “Storylines: Leading Women, Crossing Cultures, Changing Communities,” Avakian examines the lives of nine women.

“The purpose of the research was to uncover and document their truths through the interpretation of their stories expressed in words, poems, dreams and art,” Avakian says.

The women include a judge, a former bank vice president, a professor and a former mayor. “These ladies became the social architects of the Central Valley,” Avakian says.

The research was presented locally and at an international conference in Norway. “In many ways, the voices of the community’s leading women of the past have been silenced, erased, marginalized and forgotten,” Avakian says. “Through dialogue, narrative and witnessing, the life stories of these leading women take the proper place in the history of this community.”



JIM AVE, Ph.D.

“Professional socialization is a process that newcomers experience to become a member of an organization, profession or a group,” says Jim Ave, kinesiology program director. Ave set out to examine how professional socialization is used in athletic training education programs to prepare students.

Both novice and experienced athletic training students were polled using the Athletic Training Professional Socialization Inventory (ATPSI) to determine professional socialization. The results show no significant difference in levels of professional socialization between novice and experienced students.

“This means that either students were already socialized to the profession before they entered into the athletic training education program, that the athletic training education programs

are teaching the skills and professional qualities early in the educational program or that students weren't taught anything about becoming a member of the profession during the their education," Ave says.

These results, Ave says, will assist athletic training educators in designing professional development curriculum.



GREG CAMP, Ph.D.

As general education coordinator, Greg Camp (BA '82) seeks to broaden and improve interdisciplinary instruction. By altering the format of the current Focus Series—two courses linked by a common topic; one from a theological perspective and one from another

discipline—Camp hopes to “expand our current offerings, not just with more courses, but with an expansion of the type of courses that fulfill our goals of integrative thinking.”

Camp proposes to embed two or more disciplines in one course based around a single topic, text or significant figure. This honors-level course will be team-taught.

The new format will address a number of concerns. It will increase upper-division honors courses, as well as provide students with scheduling alternatives. Team-teaching will encourage discussion among faculty of different disciplines, allowing them to test new ideas. Most important, students will engage subjects from multiple perspectives.

Integrated courses “allow the students to examine contemporary issues from multiple perspectives with a goal of seeing the complexities of the issues and in finding more satisfying and effective approaches,” Camp says.

ALLEN CARDEN, Ph.D.

Allen Carden, director of liberal arts, is investigating slavery in the United States, from the Declaration of Independence



through the adoption of the thirteenth amendment, which ended slavery in 1865.

The Declaration of Independence states, “all men are created equal.” Carden addresses what this meant to the founders in regards to slavery, and the slow process toward emancipation.

The final, book-length manuscript (working title: *Freedom's Long Road: The Slow Death of American Slavery 1776 - 1865*) will examine the parallel intensification of slavery and growing emancipation movements in early America, the role of compromise and the perspectives of individuals and governments in the building controversy.

Carden sees this work as his contribution to a “scholarship of justice,” he says.

KAREN CROZIER, Ph.D. & ANGULUS WILSON, M.Div.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV). How is this commandment understood, experienced and practiced at FPU? That is the question asked by Karen Crozier, special assistant to the provost for spiritual engagement and diversity, and Angulus Wilson (BA '89), university pastor and dean of spiritual formation.

“We endeavored to explore...the spiritual and theological ethos of FPU so that we could be more informed to serve,” says Crozier.

Crozier and Wilson surveyed students, staff, faculty and administration. They also conducted a focus group interview with spiritual formation staff and interviewed faculty. Crozier presented preliminary findings as “Pedagogies of Love in a Mennonite Brethren University” at a conference at Calvin College.



Students succeed academically

A culture of research benefits students as well as faculty. Here is a sample of academic activity by current students and new graduates:

- **Marissa Juarez**, senior, is the second FPU student to score a 1 above Mode on the Putnam Exam, a national competition against schools like MIT, Harvard University and the California Institute of Technology.
- **Tim Kahn**, senior, and **David Fujihara**, junior, received funded summer research positions at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, to work with Dr. Dean Lee (BA '87), professor in the pediatric cell therapy section.



RUTH DAHLQUIST, Ph.D.

Integrated pest management (IPM) has been an interest of Ruth Dahlquist, biology professor. By combining different pest management techniques, IPM reduces reliance on conventional harsh pesticides.

In collaboration with the University of California Cooperative Extension in Parlier, Dahlquist is testing alternatives to fumigation with methyl bromide, an ozone-depleting chemical used in California farming. Solarization, Dahlquist explains, is a chemical-free alternative. By watering the soil and sealing it under a tarp, the sun heats the soil temperature enough to kill pests.

Although this solution is potentially less expensive than chemical fumigation, there are hurdles to its adoption. "Chemical fumigation comes with a whole package of technical support," Dahlquist says. "It's a system that everyone knows how to use."

Dahlquist hopes to help farmers use IPM. "Our research is focusing on how long it takes to kill different types of pest species," she says.

DON DIBOLL, Ph.D.

Kinesiology professor Don Diboll is evaluating the overhead squat fitness test.

During the test, the subject stands up with arms overhead and squats down. The test-giver then observes signs of inflexibility. "If somebody has some tight muscles or inflexibility in the calves, you might see their toes point out as they try to squat down," Diboll explains. "Or if they have some issues in their hip, you might see their knees buckle in."

While the test's anatomical principles are sound, Diboll says there was not much published research to support it. This is in contrast to other tests like the sit-and-reach flexibility test, which has been studied extensively.



Through video recording and a new scoring rubric, Diboll hopes to come to a better understanding of how total-body flexibility is measured.



LINDA HOFF, ABD

The research of Linda Hoff (MA '94), director of teacher education, centers on student teaching, specifically the work of those teachers who guide student teachers—often called "cooperative teachers" or "master teachers."

"I am interested in learning how these teachers are selected to work with student teachers," says Hoff, herself a former public school teacher and educational consultant, "and what criteria each decision-maker uses in identifying potential master teachers."

The study includes interviews, surveys and secondary analysis. Hoff hopes the study will reveal "how educators view teaching expertise." She is also exploring these master teachers' perspectives on working with student teachers.



W. MARSHALL JOHNSTON, Ph.D.

At Fresno Pacific, "we see our scholarship motivated by our teaching," says Marshall Johnston, director of the history and classics programs.

"There is this very productive feedback loop," he says. "As you teach the students, they give you new insights."

This feedback loop inspired Johnston's presentation on advice-giving in the ancient world at the annual conference of the Association for Core Texts and Courses. Johnston examined the role of Homer's grandfatherly character Nestor in Greek oral poetry.

"In the ancient world, you always wanted to know what your elders said, what your community of friends said. I want to talk about how Nestor speaks to the Greeks' understanding of their legendary age and of advice," Johnston says.

This updated understanding of ancient advice-giving may, in turn, become a useful tool for classroom instruction.

- **Latrissa "Trish" L. Neiworth** (MA '10) was accepted into the doctoral program in organizational leadership at Pepperdine University.

- **Jeff Friesen** (BA '10) was accepted into Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and is on the alternate list at the UC Irvine School of Medicine.

- **April Fujihara** (BA '10) was accepted into the Southern California School of Optometry.

- **Jennifer Johnson** (BA '10) was accepted into medical school at St. Louis University.



PAMELA JOHNSTON, Ph.D.

Near the ancient town of Migdal, Israel, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, Pamela Johnston, attended a 10-day workshop where participants spoke only Koine Greek—the original language of the New Testament, and a precursor to modern Greek. The 20 attendees had likely never experienced anything like it.

“I was able to improve dramatically my spoken skills in Koine Greek and practice teaching skills in the total immersion method,” says Johnston.

For Johnston, a professor of history and classics, one aim of the workshop was to develop an immersive Koine Greek course at FPU. Instruction almost entirely in Koine Greek allows students to learn Biblical language as they would their native tongue, and begin thinking in the original language, not in English translations.



MICHAEL KUNZ, Ph.D.

Michael Kunz, director of the biology, environmental science and environmental studies programs, is excited about plants—specifically, the plant ecology of the Sierra Nevada. Kunz finds common ground between plants and people. “They all have genes,” he says. “They all have DNA.”

In his research, Kunz uses DNA analysis techniques “that are the same ones used in forensic science,” he says.

The focus of his analysis is the tree anemone, or *carpentaria californica*, which grows only in the foothills of Fresno County. “It’s a beautiful plant,” Kunz says.

Kunz employs techniques to purify the DNA to determine the plant’s genetic diversity. “Unlike animal tissue, which is fairly straightforward,” he says, “plants have all sorts of different compounds in them.”

The research will provide data to help manage the species, as well as insight into that genetic diversity. “How did it manage to keep its genetic diversity over long periods of time when the population is fairly small?” Kunz asks.



JAY POPE, Ph.D.

Jay Pope, director of the psychology program, explored the ethnic identity and religious orientation of second-

third- and fourth-generation survivors of the 1915 Armenian genocide.

“I am particularly interested in how this population is functioning in our society, exploring the nature of their religious identity, and how the genocide may be affecting their livelihoods to this day,” Pope says.

Armenians in Beirut, Lebanon, and Fresno, California (two cities with large Armenian communities), were surveyed. The study examines the importance of cultural and personal religious faith, generational differences among genocide survivors and differences between those living in the United States and those in the Middle East. Pope will ultimately be able to assess how the genocide still affects Armenians in specific ways.

It is part of what Pope sees as his contribution to the narrative of “the Armenian diaspora.”



DUANE RUTH-HEFFELBOWER, J.D.

“All the theories of criminology—all of them—assume a ruling class, and the purpose of the criminological theory is to allow the ruling class to control the social deviancy of some other class within society,” says Duane Ruth-Heffelbower, director of the graduate peacemaking and conflict studies program. “None of those theories of criminology really speak to restorative justice.”

So Ruth-Heffelbower is investigating a theory of criminology that offers something new. Anarchist criminology takes its name from the Greek meaning “without a ruler.”

According to Ruth-Heffelbower, it is “criminology without reference to a ruling class, which oddly enough is kind of what restorative justice is. Anarchist criminology would say it’s not the ruler who’s harmed. The offense is against the community and particular individuals within the community. And restorative justice tries to return the right to decide what justice is to the community.”

He will present his findings in an article to be published in a collection. “This would be the first time that the concept of anarchist criminology has been tied to restorative justice,” he says.

WALTER SAUL, D.M.A.

Walter Saul, music faculty, arranged his “Prelude and Fugue in C# Minor” for the FPU Wind Ensemble’s April 2009 Carnegie Hall concert.

Saul had three goals in mind: “to provide a new and significant piece of literature for wind ensemble, to provide an added ‘cachet’ for the Commu-



nity Wind Ensemble's Carnegie Hall debut, and to provide an example and model of scoring for my Music 411 Scoring and Arranging class," he says.

The work is used in Saul's class for discussion and to illustrate how students may create similar arrangements.



BRIAN SCHULTZ, Ph.D.

In several texts predating the New Testament, according to Biblical Studies professor Brian Schultz, "there are descriptions that reveal how the Jewish community understood world geography, having been influenced by the Table of Nations in Genesis, Chapter 10, and a Greek understanding known as the Ionian tripartite division of the world." He is interested in the Genesis Apocryphon (part of the Dead Sea Scrolls) and the Book of Jubilees (part of the Ethiopic Canon).

Schultz is taking a fresh look at these texts in light of recent scholarship, and addressing how each one adapts or elaborates on the Genesis 10 Table of Nations to meet its own agenda, specifically as it relates to Israel's eschatological hopes (the area of theology concerned with death, judgment and the soul's final destiny).

"The World as it was Meant to Be: A Common Early Jewish Conception of the World as Reflected in the War Scroll, the Genesis Apocryphon, and Jubilees," is the title of Schultz's article, which will be submitted to the *Journal of Jewish Studies*.



RICHARD UNRUH, Ph.D.

Richard Unruh (BA '67), chair of the social sciences division, sees a disparity in U.S. foreign policy.

"The U.S. has generally favored and supported the transition of Eastern European countries, which once constituted the Warsaw Pact, from communism to democratic capitalism," he says. "But it has been less

certain about supporting such transitions in the newly created countries that were once part of the U.S.S.R. itself."

Using Ukraine as a case study, Unruh is exploring why this may be the case, what the implications are for these countries' politics and the implications for American foreign policy. He is preparing lectures and an article for publication and presentation at academic conferences.

In addition, the research provides an enhanced understanding of the transition from communism to democracy and capitalism for Unruh's classes, giving students "a more first-hand understanding," he says.

SHERRY WALLING, Ph.D. & ELIZABETH LAKE, ABD

Psychology faculty Sherry Walling and Elizabeth Lake worked with the City of Fresno on the developmental needs of young children in Fresno's impoverished Lowell neighborhood.

"We're most interested in looking at what life is like in that neighborhood for parents of children who are under the age of five," Walling says. "A lot of the recent research, both in neuropsychology and developmental psychology, is pointing to an emphasis on really early childhood development."

Through focus groups and a survey, Walling and Lake are identifying the risks and protective factors in the community. The city government will then work to limit the detrimental factors and bolster the healthy aspects.

"Our thought is, the community is not going to be healthy if it's not an attractive, safe place for very young children," says Walling. Jay Pope, psychology program director, is contributing.



Lake



Walling

The Provost Research Grant

The Provost Research Grant supports scholarly or creative work that develops faculty as teachers and scholars while strengthening FPU and enhancing its voice in the academy, church and culture. Seven to 10 grants of \$500-1,500 each are awarded in each academic year.

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- Have possibilities for publication and development
- Be relevant to community development

Recipients are asked to present findings at a public forum.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Marlon Hall, MA '97

Associate dean of educational services at West Hills Lemoore

Hall uses early challenges to guide others

by Kristin Deffenbacher

MARLON HALL (MA '97) HAS DEFIED THE ODDS AND DEFINED HIS LIFE.

As a boy, Hall grew up in Chicago but dreamt of going to college in California. When he graduated high school in 1976, he found a college, got a bus schedule and saved money for the ticket. "I got on the Trailways bus and made the two-and-a-half-day trip. I haven't looked back since," Hall says.

Neither family nor classmates supported Hall's plans at first. He told his grandmother: "Look, you are either with me or not with me. I will either do this with your help or without your help," he says.

After earning an associate degree in journalism from West Hills College in Coalinga, Hall enrolled simultaneously at West Coast Christian College and California State University, Fresno, earning B.A.s in biblical studies and journalism/English. After finishing a credential in English, Hall completed an M.A. in education administration from Fresno State before starting a second master's degree, in reading, at FPU.

"Fresno Pacific pointed me in the right

direction. Being in the program at Fresno Pacific opened a lot of eyes to what was going on in Fresno's diverse, urban schools. (Jean) Fennacy, Linda Hoff, (David and Yvonne) Freeman, Pam Smith and Bobbie Mason gave me the push to expand what I was doing," Hall says.

Today Hall is associate dean of educational services at West Hills Lemoore, where he is division dean over arts and letters, has charge of the educational programs at the Lemoore Naval Air Station and directs community and contract education classes. Hall also oversees 2 + 2 articulation, where high school students can get credit if they go on to Lemoore Community College, is involved with an accreditation committee and teaches when he can.

Before beginning his present assignment five years ago, he spent four years teaching English and reading at the Coalinga campus. "I came back to West Hills because I wanted to give back to the community college that gave so much to me," he says.

Hall had much to give back to West Hills by the time he returned. He taught and coached for 17 years in Fresno Unified Schools and one year each in Chowchilla

and Tranquility. In his teaching, Hall felt frustrated because of the "drill and kill" of workbook-based lessons. He credits Fennacy with helping him expand what he was doing in his classroom, from rotating groups to silent sustained reading.

Hall's passion was evident to Fennacy, then director of the reading and language arts program at FPU. "He saw many of his peers succumb to drugs and gangs, but he chose a different path for himself," she said. "He strives to help community college athletes succeed and is a strong advocate for developing support systems for those students. His is a wonderful story of family support, personal determination, hard work and caring for one's students."

Mary (BA '03) Hiebert-Hall, his wife of 16 years, believes Fresno Pacific changed her husband's entire approach to education. "I could see the changes in how he educated his kids," she says. "When I think about Marlon, I think about commitment and dedication, which were two of the qualities that attracted me to him. That commitment carried over to our marriage," she adds.

A sign of that commitment to students at West Hills is Hall's implementation of





learning communities to assist athletes in need of help with basic skills. Hall taught reading and writing and the head football coach taught physical education and health. A counselor taught a college success course and another football coach taught humanities. All courses were thematically linked to sports and all participating athletes moved up in their studies.

The learning communities became the subject of Hall's doctoral dissertation. He earned his doctorate in education leadership from Fielding Graduate University in 2007. "It took me about five years to complete it. When I started I was a faculty member at West Hills in Coalinga. I was teaching English at West Hills and I was an assistant men's basketball coach," he says.

Looking back, Hall knows his life could have turned out much differently. He grew up in a neighborhood surrounded by gangs and remembers waving to a friend walking down the street one afternoon and finding out that two hours later the same friend was shot in the back by a rival gang. "I'm proud that I was able to get out of the neighborhood and accomplish something," he says. "Even though I wasn't a deprived child, I am proud of the fact that I didn't go the wrong direction and made the proper choices in life."

Hall remembers Wakefield Everett, one of his professors at West Hills, telling him, "You have the ability to think. Use it." Hall has lived up to that challenge.

Trio of FPU grads among 40 Under 40

Three FPU graduates are among the 40 Under 40 Class of 2009, sponsored by BusinessStreetOnline.com and the Fresno Grizzlies.

Charity Brown (BA '01), director of alumni and church relations; James Collier (MA '08), a former staff member who is the founder and head of Paprika Studios; and Dawn Steele (BA '09), management analyst, City of Fresno Downtown and Community Revitalization Department, are all on the list.

"I am honored to be part of the 40 Under 40 Class of 2009, but especially to share it with FPU alumni like James Collier and Dawn Steele," Brown said. "I truly believe this recognition reflects the quality education we received while studying at Fresno Pacific. The university provided expert faculty who challenged me both academically and spiritually. I learned how to be a servant leader and how to bring a Christian worldview into my profession."

Steele is also proud to be one of the many leaders that have been given this award. "I attribute this honor to the exceptional education and op-

portunities I received during my time at FPU. There I learned basic business, marketing and networking skills that helped me hit the ground running as I started my career," she said.

When he moved to Fresno in 2005, Collier committed to engaging the region. "The FPU leadership and organizational studies program helped me to think through and plan for many of the challenges I've faced in my first year as a business owner," he said.

"Though I'm not sure they're deserved (yet), as a young entrepreneur, it's an honor to be recognized for my successes, not only by Business Street, but by my peers. That's what I appreciate about the awards—they're driven by the community," Collier said.

Nominated by top professionals, 40 Under 40 honorees are people to watch in Central California. "It is always our pleasure to honor young, remarkable professionals in central California who have already made an impact in our communities, and will no doubt continue to do so in the future," Lance Cardoza, president and publisher of Business Street Online, said in a media release.



Charity Brown (BA '01)



James Collier (MA '08)



Dawn Steele (BA '09)



General Announcements

Elizabeth Isais-Serrato (MA '10) received the 2010 Excellence in Education Award for Teaching by the Visalia United School District. She teaches eighth grade English at La Joya Middle School. Elizabeth will represent the district in the Tulare County Excellence in Education Awards.

Melissa (Walterscheid) Culver (BA '00) was published in *The Old Schoolhouse Magazine*. This globally distributed magazine can be found online or on Facebook. To see Melissa's recent homeschool adventures visit melissaculver.blogspot.com.



Marriages

Mike Fishback (BA '08) married **Erica Rodriguez (BA '08)** on September 19, 2009, at the Visalia Methodist Church. Mike is co-owner of Mid Valley Storage and Switch Authority Screen Printing and Erica is an assistant regional manager at Oak Liquidators. The couple resides in Visalia.

1 Carol (Froese) Nicolet (FS '70), San Jose, married Don Victor Loewen, Atherton, January 25, 2010 at Half Moon Bay. Carol and Don met in a widow/widower grief recovery group two and a half years ago after both lost their first spouses. Carol is grateful for friendships developed and maintained since Fresno Pacific days, which have been part of her supporting village in the loss of her husband, Jerry Nicolet, and the growth of this new marriage.

Births

2 Dan and LeAnn (Morine) Baker (BA '99, TC '00) of Washington, Illinois, announce the birth of son Josiah Barrett Baker on December 14, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. He joins sister, Kayla, 2.

3 Jeremy Pusey (TC '01) and Marcy (Walters) Pusey (BA '02) announce the birth of daughter Hannah Moriah Pusey on April 30, 2009.

4 Jesus "Chuy" Ortuno (BA '02) and Jessica (Hackler) Ortuno (BA '02) announce the birth of son Jeran Argen on June 24, 2009. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. He joins sister Kira Isabel, 3.

5 Larkin (Hand) McGowan (BA '02) announces the birth of son Eli Jonathan McGowan on May 27, 2009. He joins sisters Cella, 11; and Seanna 2.

Andy and **Raquel (Moreno) Garcia (BA '05, MA '08)** announce the birth of son Andy Matthew Garcia, Jr., on December 19, 2009. He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 21 ½ inches long. He joins sister Sophia.

Andy and **Chandra (Friesen) Johnson (MA '01)** announce the birth of son Owen Ross Johnson on April 9, 2010. He weighed just under 6 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Deaths

Susan Harper (FS '00) died March 27, 2010. She was born July 15, 1956. Survivors include her husband, George.

Jason Blanchard (BA '92) died May 1, 2010. He was employed as a technical recruiter at West Valley Engineering. At FPU he was student body vice president, a member of student executive and a residence counselor. His interests included soccer, intramurals and the yearbook. Survivors include his wife, Marian, and mother, Nancy; stepsons Brandon, Joey and Nico; sisters Robin and Lisa; his stepmother, Hannelore; and nieces and nephews.

William T. Closer (TC '91) died February 21, 2010. A Porterville resident, he was born October 8, 1944.

Patrick Hasty (FS '82) died January 1, 2010. A Glendora resident, he was born October 21, 1931.

Connie Ellenberger (BA '79) died April 10, 2010. She was born May 8, 1957. She majored in music and belonged to the Concert Choir. Survivors include her husband, John; children Rachel, Andrew, Anna, Katherine, Sarah and Mary; parents Albert and LaVerna Pauls; and sister Gail Pauls (BA '80).

Ken W. Isaak (BA '76) died April 15, 2010. He was born March 12, 1951, in

Chilliwack, British Columbia. He served FPU as sports information director and director of student financial services. His majors were social science and biblical studies and he was a member of the track team.

Survivors include his wife, **Esther Klassen-Isaak (BA '77)**; son Jonathan; mother Kay; brother Bob and his wife, Julia. For a tribute to Ken, go to fpuathletics.com.

Gerald S. Cederquist (BA '73) died April 3, 2010. He was born December 31, 1949. He majored in contemporary ministries.

Milton D. Miller (BA '71) died March 13, 2010. He was born July 30, 1949. He majored in business and enjoyed soccer, tennis and basketball. Survivors include his wife, **Sharon (FS '74)**; children Matthew, Marissa and Maegan; and sister **Georgia Acker (BA '75)**.

DeLoris Vogt (FS '68) died January 28, 2010. She was born April 30, 1931. Her husband, Robert, was campus pastor. She is survived by two sons, Keith, Fresno, and **Randall (BA '96)** and his wife, **LaVonne (BA '87)**, Clovis; two daughters, **Cyndi Isaac (FS '74)** and her husband, Stan, and **Denise Bese (BA '85)** and her husband, **Terry (BA '86, MA '98)**,

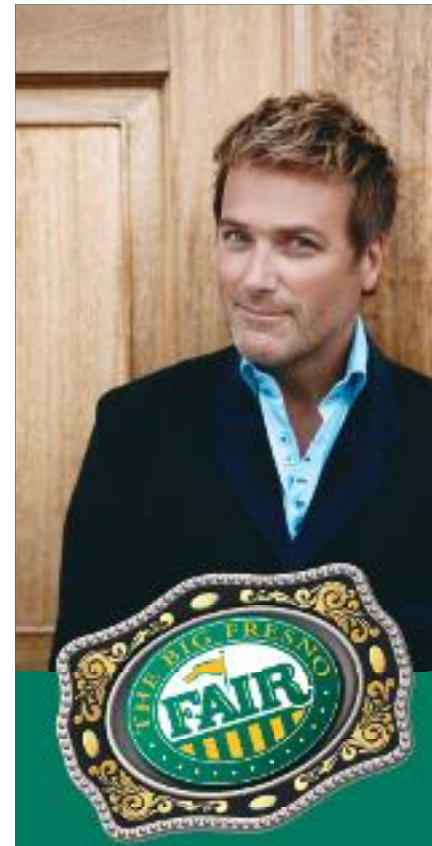


all Dinuba; one brother, Vic, and his wife, Jo, Hutchinson, Kansas; and 10 grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to Mennonite Brethren Board of Missions and Services, Inc. (MBMSI).

James D. Rockholt (BA '52) died January 1, 2010. He was born November 21, 1930. Survivors include his wife, Julia; children Sandra and Jimmy Rockholt; and brother **Ronald Rockholt (PBI '53)**.

Karl V. Avakian (PBI '57), 74, died May 30, 2010. He was born

January 23, 1936, in Alexandria, Egypt. He completed his B.A. at Tabor College in Newton, Kansas, and a master of divinity degree from the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. Karl served as the children's education director of Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church, pastor of the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus, N.J., and as the minister to the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America. He was a FPU Trustee from 1990 until his death and received the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1990. Karl is survived by his wife, Nancy (Malootian) and two children, Laura and David.



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Board reappoints Ewert, sets budget

The FPU Board of Trustees reappointed D. Merrill Ewert as university president, heard some good budget news for 2010-2011 and selected a new board president.

Completing his eighth year as president, Ewert was unanimously reappointed for five years, the maximum possible. As part of a five-year review, an outside panel gathered input from faculty, staff, students, alumni, donors, community leaders, church officials and others and reported its findings to the board. The reviewers were David Brandt, former president of George Fox University and Tabor College, and Doug Penner, president of the Kansas Independent College Association, former president of Bethel (Kansas) College and former executive director of the Associated Colleges of Central Kansas.

“It was clear that Merrill’s leadership of the university enjoys broad respect, and that his achievements during an extraordinarily challenging period in higher education were both widely recognized and deeply appreciated,” said Board President Ken Fransen.

As part of the review, it was noted that FPU’s transition to university had formalized structures, decision-making and communication. While this was necessary, Fransen announced steps to build informal communication: Ewert and Fransen will host monthly conversation sessions, a task force will review and clarify proper protocol with regard to communications between board members and the FPU community and plans will continue to convert the Faculty Session into a Faculty Senate.

The board approved a budget of \$38.7 million for 2010-2011. Among the provisions:

- A 2.5 percent salary increase pool effective November 1, the first general increase since fall 2007.
- Further restoration of the retirement match. January 1 saw an increase from 1 percent to 2 percent. Additional 1 percent increments are planned for July 1 and January 1, 2011. The goal is to restore the match to 6 percent in 2012.
- Increases in professional development and marketing.

Ewert praised the work of faculty and staff. “We are in a very different place this year than we were 12 months ago, thanks to your hard work, creativity and sacrifice. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for helping us navigate these difficult times,” he said.

Fransen, board secretary and local attorney, assumed the role of FPU board chair for one year after Larry Martens stepped down following six years at the helm. Vice Chair John Thiesen will become president in 2012.



RESEARCH CENTER HONORS STEVE BRANDT

Friends, colleagues and family members of Steve Brandt gathered March 26 to dedicate the Steven R. Brandt Research Center on the mezzanine at Hiebert Library. Ceremonies began in Shehadey Dining Hall, then proceeded to the library. Speakers included Steve’s father, Jake; his daughter, Hannah; former teacher and longtime friend Paul Toews, history faculty and director of the Center for Mennonite Brethren Studies; and Kevin Enns-Rempel, archivist and history faculty. “It was said of Solomon that he built a temple for his people,” Toews said. “We might say of Steve that he built his people a temple of learning.” Born in Kansas, Brandt earned a B.A. from FPU in 1971 and joined the library staff in 1980, becoming director in 1982. He was also a member of the history faculty. He earned a master’s in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and both a master’s in library and information studies and a doctorate in historical bibliography from the University of California, Berkeley. Brandt died in 2004 at age 55. (Pictured from left are Jake Brandt and Steve’s children Peter Brandt and Hannah Brandt Pult.)

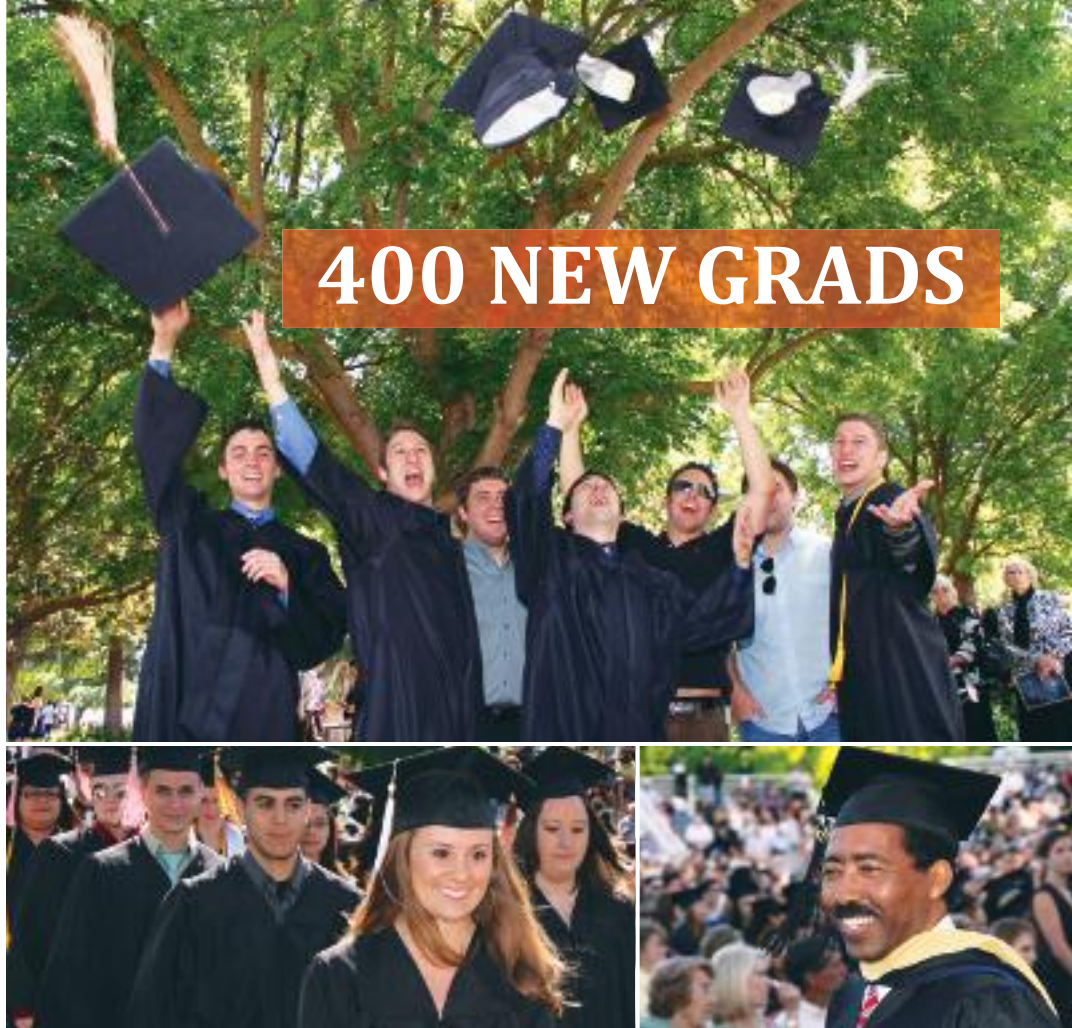
About 400 students graduated during commencement Saturday, May 8.

Traditional undergraduate ceremonies began at 10:00 a.m., and degree completion and graduate ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. on the East Hall Green.

Approximately 150 degrees were awarded in the morning and 250 in the evening. The morning address was "Marshmallows, Commencement and the Kingdom" by Karen Cianci, Ph.D., dean of the School of Natural Sciences. Ron Claassen (BA'67), D. Min., director of the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies, gave the evening talk, titled "Power, Process and Doing the Right Thing."

Highlights included:

- Perfect grade point average awards to Ericka Statema, psychology, and Meredith Wing, music/mathematics. Robert Jost, psychology, won the Harold Haak Academic Achievement Award.



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- Presentation of the Nickel Excellence in Teaching Award (NETA) to Roy Klassen, music, and Joe Taylor, special education. Both are retiring from FPU.
- Grads, family and friends had the opportunity to make short videos. See them on Youtube at youtube.com/user/whyfpu.
- Ceremonies were live-streamed on the Web and viewed in Peru, Japan and Washington state. See ustream.tv/recorded/6773258 (morning) or ustream.tv/recorded/6783531 (evening). Twitter fans can see tweets and photos at #fpugrads.
- Posthumous awards to Myoshi Smith, criminology and restorative justice, who died of the H1N1 virus, and Nancy Guzman, liberal arts, who was killed in a car accident.
- Christian Garza was the youngest guest, having been born the previous day. He and his mother, Nory Garza, were released from the hospital at 2:00 p.m. Saturday so both Christian's parents, Nory and Juan, could receive their degrees in leadership and organizational studies.





Kahn wins top NAIA award

Tim Kahn received the A.O. Duer Award, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics' highest honor for student-athletes. The pre-med major is a member of the swimming and water polo teams.

The award was established in 1967 to recognize one male and one female student-athlete who excel in character, playing ability and scholarship. The award is named after former NAIA executive director Al Duer.

Candidates must achieve a minimum grade point average of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale. FPU will receive a \$1,000 scholarship award from Daktronics in the name of the winner.

Kahn has a 4.0 GPA and a Paragon Scholarship, FPU's top academic award. Through World Concern, Kahn created a volunteer position in Bolivia to run a public health campaign.

Steven W. Pauls, math and science faculty, called Kahn a highly motivated and dedicated student-athlete whose work ethic and intellectual intuitiveness separates him from the rest. "Tim knows where he is headed in terms of a career and one of his greatest attributes is his ability to recognize and integrate topics from different courses, which helps to further his understanding, retention and goal of becoming a doctor," Pauls said.



NEW COACHES LEAD BASKETBALL TEAMS

Both the men's and women's basketball teams will start the season with new head coaches.

Chris Wright (MA '08) will lead the men's team, while Erin Scholz takes over the women's squad. They replace Jim Saia and Meredith Pulliam, respectively.

Before coming to FPU as an assistant coach three years ago, Wright was director of basketball operations at Texas State University, assistant at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, and coach at Prestonwood Christian Academy in Plano, Texas. Wright earned a bachelor of science from the University of Texas at Austin.

Wright praised Saia, who left to build a basketball program at Cal State San Marcos. "There's no one in college basketball at any level that I would rather have learned from," he said. "The last three years we turned FPU basketball into a nationally prominent program and I look forward to the challenge of keeping it there."

A former assistant at UCLA, USC and Fresno State, Saia took the Sunbirds to the NAIA national tournament the past two seasons. FPU won the Golden State Athletic Conference season title in 2008-2009.

Saia expressed gratitude for the personal and professional success he enjoyed at FPU. "We made something out of nothing," he said of the Sunbirds. "And I felt FPU increased my faith as a Christian. I met my wife at FPU, I have a have 4-month-old baby boy and two stepchildren. That's

the greatest blessing from being at Fresno Pacific, more than winning basketball games," he added.

Scholz, most recently assistant women's basketball coach at Utah State University in Logan, Utah, is a former professional and collegiate player. As an NCAA Division I All-American at the University of Colorado, she played in a school-record 132 games and helped guide the Buffaloes to two regular-season conference championships and three conference tournament championships.

After college, Scholz played with the Colorado Chill of the National Women's Basketball League and the Lakeside Lightning of the Western Australia State Basketball League. In addition, she was a part of USA Basketball for four years, a member of the USA Select Team and the 1995 USA Jones Cup team that captured the Bronze medal.

"I am excited and incredibly honored to assume the position of head women's basketball coach for Fresno Pacific University," Scholz said. "I am confident that the Lord has prepared me to lead this team well and...fuel us to a new level of excellence."

Pulliam resigned as women's coach after three seasons. "The timing is right for me to make a change," she said. "I have a young family and I really want to have more time to spend with them." Pulliam and her husband, Shannon, have three children.

BASEBALL HOSTS REGIONAL

FPU hosted its first NAIA regional baseball tournament May 18-20. The Sunbirds, who reached the NAIA World Series last year, were second-seeded in a field that included British Columbia, Point Loma Nazarene,

Ohio Dominican and Houston-Victoria. The Sunbirds opened with a 14-12 loss to defending national champion PLNU, then defeated Ohio Dominican 15-1 before being eliminated by British Columbia 6-3.

The Sunbirds end the season 36-17, finishing runner-up in the GSAC behind Cal Baptist. This was the second season in a row the Sunbirds qualified for the NAIA National Championship Opening Round.



National champion women's tennis team



Sara Celma

Women's tennis gives FPU its third national title of 2009-2010

Men first runners-up

by Ken Robison

For four seasons—ever since its inception—the women's tennis team reached the NAIA national championship match. For four years the Sunbirds came up short to powerhouse Auburn Montgomery. But freshmen made the fifth year the charm for Neil Castro's crew, which finally brought home a national championship with a 5-2 victory over AUM in Mobile, Alabama, May 22. (The men fell to AUM in the final.)

"We talked about this match all season," said senior Vanessa Heroux, a transfer from Fresno State. "We predicted this would be our year."

The tennis championship was Fresno Pacific's third national title this school year, joining volleyball and men's

swimming. FPU was national runner-up in men's tennis and third in women's swimming. (The men also fell to AUM.)

All season Castro had been touting his talented freshmen. In the tournament final, they justified that praise: Sara Celma and Cristina Valladares, both from Spain, sealed the deal.

First, they were part of a doubles sweep that gave the Sunbirds a 3-0 lead entering singles play. Then the pair provided the two singles victories that put FPU over the top.

"We needed both of those (singles wins)," Castro said. "Those two freshmen have been tough for us all year and they were huge today. And our No. 3 doubles team (senior Yulia Blinovskaya and freshman



Katia Sabate

Erika Januskova) really came through. We had never won No. 3 doubles (against Auburn Montgomery.)"

This team had the depth to be the best, according to Castro. "Top to bottom, the best team. Winning teams are always good 1 through 6," Castro said.

Castro couldn't help looking ahead. "With our freshmen, having them for three more years, I have to find a way not to screw it up."

USA Volleyball honors FPU for "Three-Peat"

USA Volleyball honored the Sunbirds' "Three-Peat" national volleyball title.

Coach Dennis Janzen was invited to the 65th Annual Dorothy C. Boyce Awards for Recognition Banquet May 27 in Phoenix, Arizona. FPU's three consecutive NAIA volleyball championships (2007-2009) were celebrated as part of the Boyce Moment, a segment of the banquet reflecting on an important event or individual in volleyball.

"Any time honors such as this occur, it represents the culmination of outstanding efforts from many people. We are thrilled, and humbled by this recognition from USA Volleyball," Janzen said.

In fact, The Boyce Moment looked at three volleyball "Three-Peaters": FPU, Penn State University (NCAA Division I champion) and Concordia-St. Paul University (NCAA Division II champion). "The Three-Peat is such a rare accomplishment in American sports—professional or college," Doug P. Beal, USA Volleyball CEO, wrote to Janzen.

Until December 2009, no NCAA Division I or II schools scored three volleyball championships in a row, and only one other NAIA team had the distinction before FPU—so three of the four "Three-Peats" occurred in the same year.

Hear Janzen's "Three-Peat" reflections at vimeo.com/12052017.



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