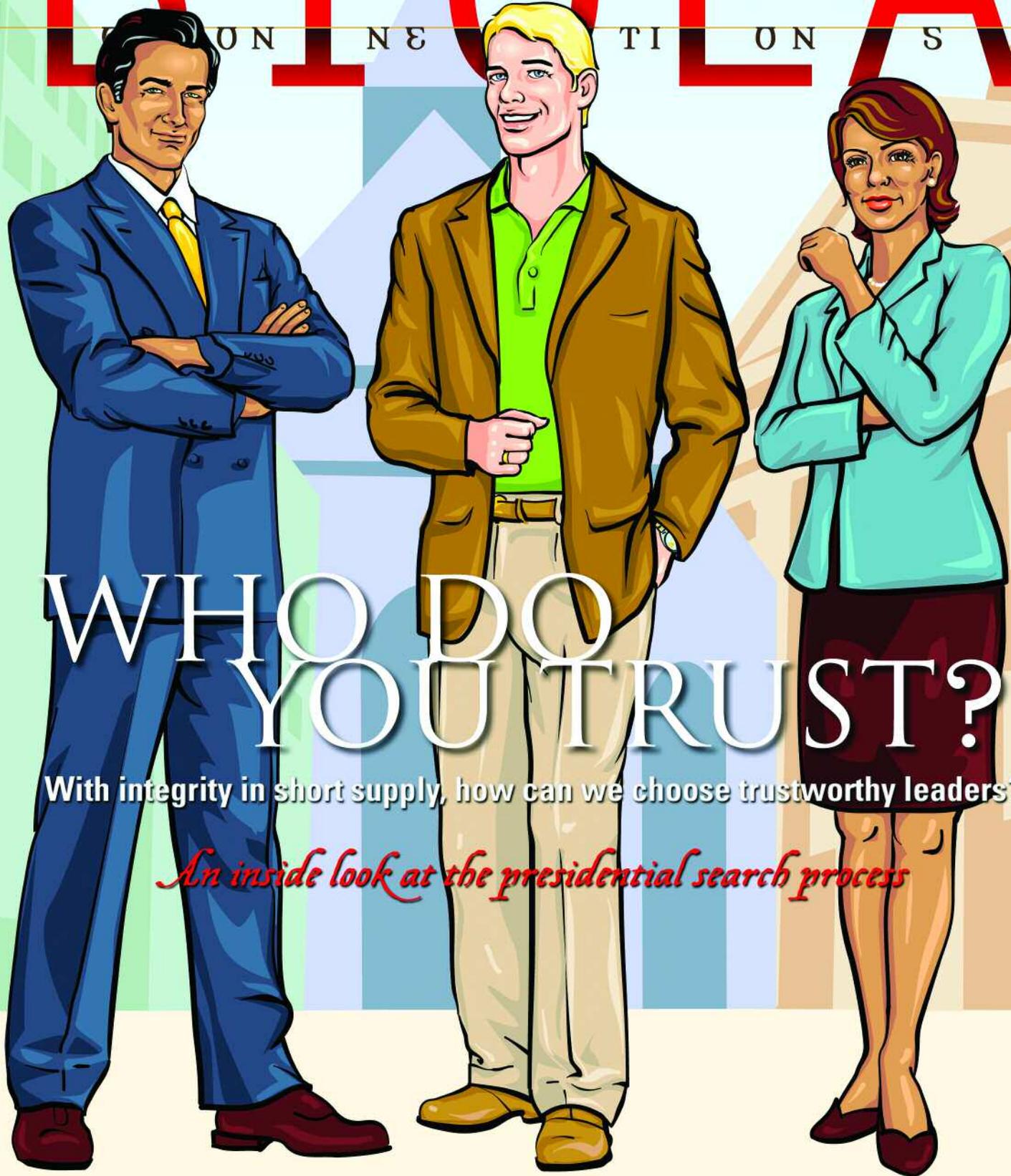


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## Reflections on Leaving Biola

I remember hearing a sermon years ago by Haddon Robinson, one of the great preachers of our generation. In his introduction, he referred to Anton Chechov's play *The Cherry Orchard*, which makes the point that the great tragedy of life is not that men or women get cut down in the prime of life, but that men and women grow old and they grow old for nothing. When they die, hardly anyone notices that they are gone.

I don't think anyone wants this to happen to him or her. We are all interested in making a difference with our lives. We want to leave a legacy from which others will benefit.

As I leave this position, I have often been asked what my legacy will be. This is a very difficult question, as how can one really know? It is a question best left for others to answer.

However, if you asked me to name one accomplishment for which I would like to be remembered, it would be that, on my watch, Biola did not compromise its spiritual commitment — that we have stayed true to the fundamentals of the Word of God, upon which Biola was founded.

Some have felt that in order for a Christian university to get academic respectability, you have to sacrifice, or downplay, your original mission. Yet, Biola has debunked that supposition. I feel that Biola has never been more respected academically, as evidenced last year by our re-accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for the maximum 10 years. We were also re-accredited for the maximum length by the Association of Theological Schools (10 years) and the American Psychological Association (seven years).

While this has happened on my watch, it has been because of the hundreds of committed, competent and professional men and women who make up Biola. To them I give my thanks and love.

I close my time at Biola with words from Psalm 78:72: "God presented David to His people as their shepherd, and he cared for them with a true heart and skillful hands." My tenure has been all about God. He is the One Who presented me to Biola, and I trust that I have cared for those in my charge with a true heart and skillful hands.

When I was appointed as president in 1982, the former president, Dr. Samuel Sutherland, said to me, "I think that Biola's best days are ahead." To the Biola community 25 years later, I would say the same. May God continue to bless you.

*Haddon Robinson*  
President

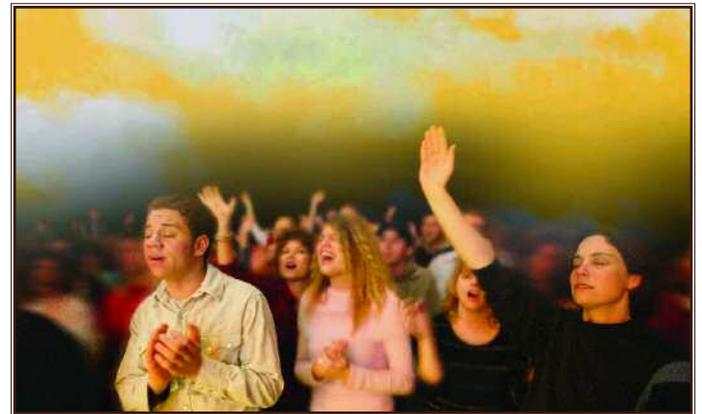
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# A TRIBUTE TO



## President & Mrs. Cook

Photographs and mementos from the Cooks' 50 years together and 25 years of faithful service as President and First Lady of Biola University will be featured in the Biola University Art Gallery during the months of May and June.

*'25 Years of Faithful Service' Exhibit*  
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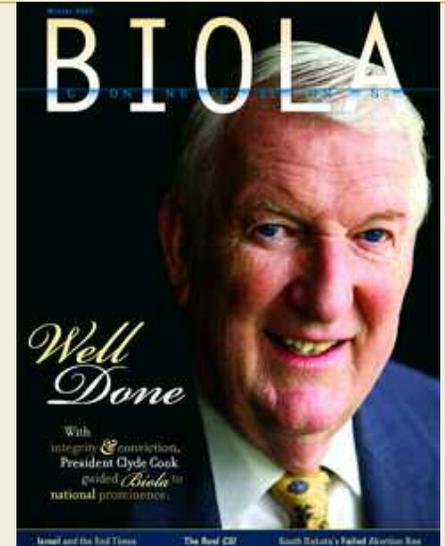
## Causing A Scene

In February, Biola University's Opera Theatre and the Symphony Orchestra presented George Bizet's *Carmen*, one of the most popular operas ever written. The French story — performed by the students in English — tells of a young soldier, named Don José, who is seduced and then abandoned by a beautiful, self-serving gypsy, named Carmen — but only after she leads him down a path of ruin. Biola's Conservatory of Music stages an opera or musical each winter in Crowell Hall. This year's production was directed by Dr. Jeanne Robison and conducted by Marlin Owen.

## Not Just For Adults

I just finished reading your article about Israel and the end times ["What Should Christians Know About Israel and the End Times?" Winter 2007], and I found it very informative. At first, I picked it because I'm just very interested in opinions on the end times. But when I started reading the article, I immediately started learning things that I didn't know. The most helpful part, at least I thought, was the part about misconceptions about the end times. I read it, and I realized that I fit the category of "confused people." It now makes more sense about what Revelation was talking about when John saw the visions. Although I'm only 13, I plan on applying to Biola in five years when I start to finish school at Big Valley Christian High School. And I made that decision after starting to read my mom's issues of *Biola Connections*. I realize that now that you know that I'm only 13, you probably won't publish this, and that's okay. I just wanted to let you know my opinion and let you know that your readers are most likely not just the adults, but also children.

Bethanie Lane  
Modesto, Calif.



### The Timing is Sure

I'm thankful that Biola still believes and teaches the Bible from the dispensational understanding of Scripture. Dr. Hultberg states in his article ["What Should Christians Know About Israel and the End Times?" Winter 2007]: "I would expect to see the 'abomination of desolation' that Jesus referred to and that Paul apparently understood to be the 'man of lawlessness' taking his seat in the Jerusalem Temple and proclaiming Himself God. Until that event takes place, I attach no particular significance to the current crisis." Evidently he expects the Antichrist to be revealed during the church age before the rapture. 2 Thessalonians 2:6-8 tells us *when* it (the revealing of the Antichrist) will happen. The Holy Spirit indwells us as believers and restrains evil. When the church is raptured, the restraining power of the Holy Spirit is lifted with the believers. It's *then* that the man of sin is revealed. The event is sure! The timing is relevant! God bless both Biola and Talbot.

Henry Dalke ('48)  
Alhambra, Calif.

### Article Suggestion

I really appreciate your magazine and look forward to when it arrives in the mail. My family appreciates the updates about Biola and the articles about Christianity and culture. I would be very appreciative if you

were to encourage the Biola faculty to respond to Richard Dawkins' new book, *The God Delusion*. This book attacks the idea of God and religion and, because of its potential popular appeal, Dawkins was on *The Colbert Report* promoting the book. So far (I am in the midst of reading it), he takes a strong approach toward God being an utter delusion (as the title implies). Interestingly, he dissects commonly taught church arguments for the existence of God (Aquinas' proofs, ontological argument, etc.), which were all taught to me in "Foundations of Christian Thought" at Biola. I would love to have Biola profs respond to the content of the book!

Ryan Paterson ('02)  
San Jose, Calif.

**Editor's note:** Thanks for the suggestion. See the opposite page for a response to *The God Delusion*.

### Holmquist Hitched?

It's going around that Dr. Dave Holmquist is getting married. I was just wondering if this is a rumor or if it is true. Thanks!

Anonymous E-mail

**Editor's note:** The rumor is confirmed in "Eagle News" on page 23 of this issue. But we're glad you checked with us, given the "Exposing 'E-Rumors'" article on page 33.

### Why I Will Remember Dr. Cook

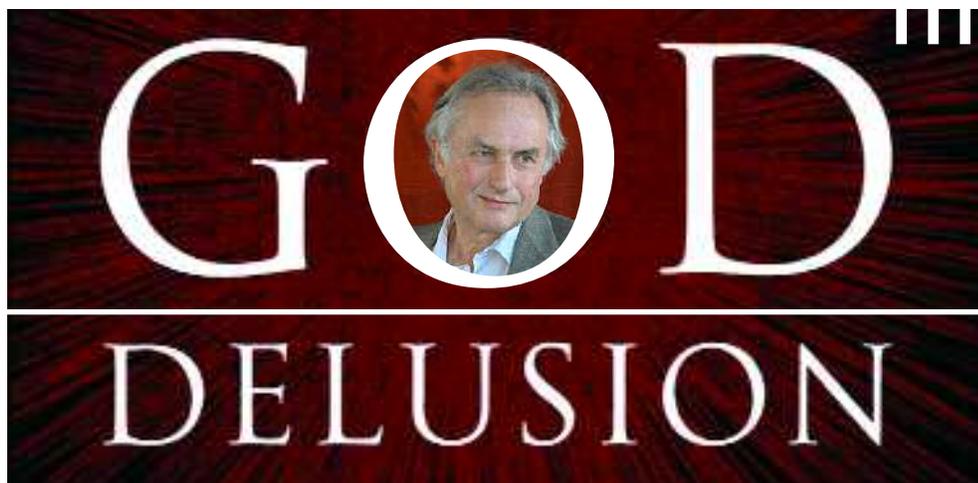
Twas the night before retirement	Did he follow all his leadings
Dr. Cook's mind couldn't sleep	Did he reach the high and low
There was a speech to give tomorrow	
He had to make it deep	I for one can give an answer
	To the influence he did have
There were students past and present	On my life past and present
Colleagues, pastors, to be sure	He became a healing salve
Don't forget the missionaries	
Who serviced for the poor	When my health was in the balance
	A surgery soon to be
Was he ready for the talk	He became my prayer warrior
An impact would he make	To God he remembered me
He was given one more chance	
To further the Kingdom's sake	So now this journey's over
	Biola has been blessed
He had memories of China	For me and countless others
And basketball galore	I wish you all the best
Of Anna Belle and children	
And friends by the score	We'll meet again in heaven
	Rejoicing with our friends
The years have gone so fast	Our friendship is forever
People come and go	From beginning to the end.

Bob Bellinoff ('76)  
El Dorado Hills, Calif.

Recovered fully from brain surgery Dec. 21, 2005

## What Should Christians Know About *The God Delusion*?

In *The God Delusion* (Houghton Mifflin, 2006), Oxford biologist Richard Dawkins argues that belief in God is delusional and deadly. The book reached No. 2 on the Amazon.com best sellers list in November. It ridicules Biola University in a footnote on page 84 that notes former atheist Antony Flew's acceptance of Biola's "Phillip E. Johnson Award for Liberty and Truth." *Biola Connections* asked Dr. Douglas Geivett — a Biola philosophy professor — to comment on the book.



### What's Dawkins' take on religion?

Dawkins believes religion promotes immorality and threatens human survival — including hindering science, fostering homophobia and kindling fanaticism. The final chapters read like a manifesto for the eradication of a disease. The book is filled with scornful remarks against religion, like: "The God of the Old Testament is arguably the most unpleasant character in all fiction: jealous and proud of it; a petty, unjust, unforgiving control freak; a vindictive, blood-thirsty ethnic-cleanser; a misogynistic, homophobic, racist, infanticidal, genocidal, filicidal, pestilential, megalomaniacal, sadomasochistic, capriciously malevolent bully" (page 31).

### How have people been "deluded" by religion, according to Dawkins?

Dawkins claims that religious beliefs emerged through the evolutionary process, serving certain survival goals. Now, however, they have outlived their usefulness. He believes the brain constructs sensory experiences that people mistake as God.

### How does Dawkins respond to the traditional arguments for God's existence?

Dawkins responds with glib comebacks and simplistic arguments. He objects to cosmological arguments, suggesting that if God is required to explain the existence of the universe, then something else is required to explain the existence of God. But this is a mistake since God is self-subsistent, whereas the universe is not. Dawkins calls the ontological argument "infantile." But he hasn't shown that the existence of God is

impossible, and he doesn't seem to understand that, according to contemporary versions of the ontological argument, if the existence of God is possible, then it's also necessary.

### What does he do with the currently popular "Intelligent Design" arguments?

Dawkins says the appearance of design in the universe is an illusion that can be explained by evolution, with one important qualification. At least three crucial gaps in the progress of evolution — between non-life and first life, between cell bacteria and organisms containing the all-important eukaryotic cell, and between non-conscious life and first consciousness — all apparently must be bridged by sheer luck! Dawkins also claims that the designer hypothesis "raises an even bigger problem than it solves: *who designed the designer*?" (page 121; italics added). If the existence of a universe with the appearance of design is statistically improbable, he says, then any Being who could qualify as the designer must be much more improbable. But his argument doesn't even come close to proving that God does not exist. The existence of our universe, with all of its apparent design, is "statistically improbable" precisely because it could have not existed (and, indeed, has not always existed). But if God is the designer who created the universe, and He has always existed and could not have not existed, then there's

nothing statistically improbable about His existence; the Designer doesn't need a designer.

### What's the most serious flaw in the book?

Dawkins is a scientist, not a philosopher — and it shows in his reckless forays into philosophy. He ridicules one argument for the existence of God without naming a single individual who actually endorses that argument — or even stating the argument clearly. He simply says it's a "popular strand of argument" that links "the existence of great art to the existence of God" (pages 86-87). Dawkins doesn't understand Pascal's wager, which doesn't seek to convince people of God's existence, but simply invites reasonable agnostics to "bet on God" by living their lives as if God exists. And Dawkins miscasts C. S. Lewis's "Liar, Lord or Lunatic" trilemma as an argument *from Scripture* for God's existence. Lewis's famous argument doesn't come from Scripture, and it doesn't seek to prove God's existence. It's an argument for the deity of Jesus Christ — an argument that presupposes reasonable belief in God.

### R. Douglas Geivett, Ph.D.,



teaches in Biola's seminary, Talbot School of Theology. He is the author of *Evil and the Evidence for God* (Temple University Press).

## Divorced American Film Explores the Emotional Pain of Divorce



Alumnus Trevor Downie ('01) pauses on the Las Vegas Strip during the filming of *Divorced American*, directed by Biola film professor Michael Gonzales.

A new documentary about divorce was directed by Biola film professor Michael Gonzales and cast several Biolans as experts. The film, *Divorced American*, tells the story of former Biola student Trevor Downie ('01) as he searches for answers after going through a divorce.

Produced by Love That Lasts, a non-profit organization that conducts marriage seminars, the feature-length documentary explores the question, "What happens to a person when his or her world is shattered by divorce?" according to Gonzales.

Downie, 27, was divorced at 25. Regretful of his decisions — which included dating his girlfriend for only four months before getting engaged and ignoring problems that surfaced during their engagement — Downie allowed his story to be told so other people won't repeat his mistakes.

The documentary follows Downie, who lives in Hollywood, Calif., as he travels the country to find out what makes a successful marriage. He interviews religious leaders, psychologists, politicians and everyday people — including people with good marriages and

broken ones. Along the way, Downie speaks candidly about the painful emotions he's experienced after his divorce, like when he tells Dr. Keith Edwards, a professor in Biola's Rosemead School of Psychology: "You can't just start over. I mean, you're supposed to, but I haven't figured that out yet... This depression is with me every moment of the day."

The documentary stresses the importance of compatibility, communication, conflict resolution skills and commitment. Its inspiration came to Jay Kim — the founder and president of Love That Lasts — after seeing the popularity of the documentary *Super Size Me* — an exposé on the fast-food industry. Kim wondered if the same genre could be applied to a subject like divorce. He approached Gonzales with the idea, and the project grew from there. Other Biolans featured as experts in the documentary include Dr. Tim Muelhoff, a communication professor; Dr. Doretha O'Quinn, an education professor; and John Mosqueda (M.Div. '81), a pastor from Las Vegas, Nev.

Mosqueda says in his interview that he requires all couples he marries to take part in counseling, "so they can think through what it

means and, if necessary, postpone the wedding or, at times, forget about the wedding."

Several Biola alumni and students also took part in filming and editing the documentary.

Gonzales told *Biola Connections* it was "heartrending" to see Downie go through the grieving process. During the documentary, Downie, speaking of himself, turns to the camera and half-jokingly says, "It's a new type of singleness: 'Look out ladies, he's got baggage.'"

Gonzales said divorce has started to take on a normative role in American society. "The attitude has become, 'Divorce is common. What's the big deal?' It's now become part of our social fabric," said Gonzales, who hopes the documentary will provoke discussion about an oft-ignored subject.

*Divorced American* has been submitted to numerous film festivals where it awaits approval. But, according to Gonzales, it already has had positive effects. One film critic approached him after taking part in a selective screening and said that, after viewing it, she decided not to leave her husband. Gonzales believes the documentary has the potential to save more marriages. For more information on the documentary and to watch a trailer, visit the Web site: [lovethatlasts.org/DA](http://lovethatlasts.org/DA). — Joel Bergman

### Alumnus Locates Famed 'York Spot' of World War I

Kory O'Keefe ('88) — an independent contractor working with the military in Heidelberg, Germany — and three friends, on Oct. 21, located the exact place in France where Sgt. Alvin York performed his World War I exploits and became one of America's greatest war heroes. The team's find was featured in the *New York Times* on Oct. 26.

On Oct. 8, 1918, York assumed command — after nine of 17 members of his unit were shot or killed — and led an attack on a German machine-gun position. As a result, York was credited with capturing 132 German soldiers, leading to the end of German occupation of the French Argonne Forest.

York earned the Medal of Honor for his actions, and his story is told in *Sergeant York* —

## John Thune Appointed Chief Deputy Whip



a 1941 movie starring Gary Cooper, just released on DVD. In brief, York — a new Christian who faced the draft — wrestled with God's views on killing. But the Army didn't let him register as a conscientious objector. He eventually worked through his questions, with the help of other Christians, and went on to perform one of the most famous military feats in American history. York always gave God the glory.

Before now, the battle site had never been found. Also, some historians questioned whether York's written accounts had been embellished. O'Keefe told *Biola Connections* that he joined the team because of his desire to vindicate York and his Christian testimony.

"Among other artifacts, the one piece of evidence that would convince the critics were the .45 caliber shells from York's automatic pistol," O'Keefe said.

O'Keefe joined the search in December 2005, and he and the team made 34 visits to the Argonne Forest and spent almost 1,000 hours searching the battlefield with metal detectors. On Oct. 21, 2006, he and his friends — NATO officer Doug Mastriano and his son, Josiah, and retired military veteran Gary Martin — found what are believed to be all 21 of the .45 caliber shell casings that came from York's Colt and four of the bullets. (York was the only person known to have fired a pistol in the battle.) Twenty yards away, they found a trench used by the Germans, .45 slugs, unexpended German rifle rounds and "bits of gun belts and debris consistent with soldiers surrendering," according to the *New York Times* article.

"It was God who made it possible for Alvin York to do what he did 88 years ago, and it is God who made it possible to find the evidence needed to prove York's testimony is accurate and true," O'Keefe said.

For more information on the discovery, visit the team's Web site at: [www.sgtYorkdiscovery.com](http://www.sgtYorkdiscovery.com). — *Holly Pivec*



On Dec. 6, Senator John Thune ('83) of South Dakota was appointed by Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi to serve as Chief Deputy Whip in the Senate Republican Whip organization for the 110th Congress. Lott said, "In his first term in the Senate, John has demonstrated outstanding leadership skills, and I want to put his clout to work in developing the whip strategy to get the votes for our priorities." On Jan. 10 — after President Bush's speech to the nation — Thune was interviewed from Capitol Hill about Bush's revised Iraq War strategies on *The News Hour With Jim Lehrer* (PBS). Thune said he supported Bush's decision to increase troops, saying, "We have a window of opportunity to get this right."

### Talbot Alumnus Wins Victory in the 'Religious Language Debate'



Chad Vegas (M.A. '04) — a pastor in Bakersfield, Calif., and member of the Kern High School District's Board of Trustees — recently led a successful campaign that changed the school district's language from "winter break" to "Christmas break" and "spring break" to "Easter break." On Dec. 21, the board voted 4-1 to accept Vegas' proposal, going back to the district's original religious language that was changed in the late- 1980s. "I don't buy the secular atheist agenda that we should expunge all religious dialogue from the public forum," Vegas told the *Los Angeles Times* on Dec. 22. The school district represents about 36,000 students.

### Alumnus Turns Trial Into Testimony



CBS News and the *Orange County Register* (Calif.), in December, featured the touching story of Biola graduate Nathan Robertson ('05), who received a kidney from his father, Biola alumnus and employee Tim Robertson ('74). In February 2006, 25-year-old Nathan Robertson, of Aliso Viejo, was rushed to the hospital with kidney failure, where doctors discovered that he had been born with only one kidney. For the next nine months, he underwent dialysis for four hours a day, three times a week, while the family sought a donor. Tim Robertson, who works in Biola's BOLD adult degree completion program, was selected. During the ordeal, Nathan Robertson kept a blog, updating friends and family on his condition and sharing his desire that the trial become a testimony for God. The blog received many hits after the media attention, fulfilling his desire. He is recovering successfully from the transplant. Read his blog at: [nateskidney.blogspot.com](http://nateskidney.blogspot.com).

### President's Jersey Retired

President Clyde Cook's basketball jersey was officially retired, Feb. 20, during a halftime show at the last home game of the basketball season. Students wore "I Love Clyde" shirts to the men's game against Fresno Pacific University, which Biola won 62-50. An announcer recounted Cook's basketball career as a Biola student, which included setting still-standing, single game records in the 1955-56 season for points (48) and field goals (18). His framed No. 9 jersey will be displayed in Chase Gymnasium.



# WHO DO

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*An inside look*

# YOU TRUST?

With integrity in short supply, how can we **choose** trustworthy leaders?



at the presidential search process \* \* \* \* \*

# Who do you trust, and why do you trust them?

Most of us think we have reliable “trust detectors” — the built-in ability to sense trustworthy people. Yet, so often we are wrong. Visible examples of this fact surround us.

When Ted Haggard — a megachurch pastor and president of the National Association of Evangelicals — was first accused of illicit behavior, many of his church members responded with shock, saying, “No way he did that. I’ll never believe it.” Even James Dobson, a professional psychologist with years of experience, didn’t believe it. Yet, less than a week later, Haggard admitted he was a “deceiver and a liar.”

In the business world, Enron CEO Kenneth Lay lied to employees and investors and told them to continue to buy the company’s stock, knowing the company was about to report a \$1.2 billion loss.

In these cases, following the wrong people led to emotional and financial devastation. Not to mention lost public trust. Ninety-five percent of respondents to a 2005 “Fast Track Leadership Survey,” conducted by *Fast Company* magazine, said integrity is key to effective business leadership — yet they believe most CEOs don’t have it.

So, how do we identify trustworthy people? This question is especially important for Biola University right now as it seeks to hire a new president. In June, Clyde Cook will retire after leading Biola with integrity for the past 25 years.

The new president will wield great power — managing a \$125 million budget, guarding Biola’s doctrinal commitments and 100-year Christian legacy, and overseeing the education of more than 5,700 students. He or she will also have final say in hiring professors to teach those students. Cook took these responsibilities seriously, always referring in his speeches to the students as “sacred trusts” that had been committed to him.

Throughout the presidential search, the Presidential Search Team, made up of members of the Board of Trustees, is evaluating many candidates, including people they don’t personally know. All these people are qualified on paper. But how will the Trustees know if a candidate is a person of integrity, a person who can be trusted with the present — and future — of Biola?

For that matter, how can anyone determine if a job applicant, or other type of leader, is worthy of trust?

## TRACK RECORD

For answers, we could start by asking how People Management International — the firm Biola chose to lead its presidential search — goes about this. But, first, we should back up a step and ask how Biola chose People Management. Of all the consulting firms, why did the Trustees think this one was up for the job?

Stan Jantz (M.A. ’05) — the chair of the Presidential Search Team — said People Management’s track record gave the Trustees confidence in the firm’s process. Besides finding executives for Pillsbury Company, British Petroleum, IBM and other corporations, People Management has led 15 presidential searches for Christian colleges and universities and is now leading four more, including Biola’s. All but one has ended well. (One university president had an integrity lapse a year after he was hired, and People Management helped replace him.) It’s an added bonus that all 19 of the firm’s partners are Christians, giving them extra insight into the type of person Biola wants.

But how does People Management evaluate integrity? Meet Robert Stevenson and Dr. Tommy Thomas, the two People Management consultants working with Biola. Stevenson told *Biola Connections* that getting at a candidate’s character can be tricky.

“A lot of people look pretty wonderful on the outside,” he said, which is why he defines integrity as being “the same person in a hotel room on a five or 10-day trip as you are in a church pew” (an apt example given that presidents travel a lot).

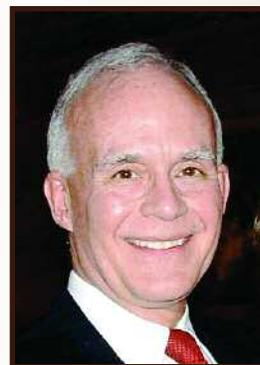
In other words, integrity involves doing what’s right when no one’s looking. It’s the opposite of pretense, which Jesus was critical of, calling the Pharisees “whitewashed tombs” — beautiful on the outside, but dirty within. The word “integrity,” itself, comes from the Latin *integer*, which means “whole.”

“A person with integrity is whole, not divided, not one thing on the outside but another on the inside, or one thing to one person, but entirely different to someone else,” said Dr. David Horner, who teaches classes on ethics at Biola.

When looking for integrity in candidates, People Management looks closely at their track records.

‘A lot of people look pretty wonderful on the outside, [but integrity is being] the same person in a hotel room on a five or 10-day trip as you are in a church pew.’

— Robert Stevenson



**That’s the best place to start because “past performance is the best indicator of future performance,” according to Dr. Henry Cloud (Ph.D., ’87) — a nationally syndicated radio host and clinical psychologist who graduated from Biola’s Rosemead School of Psychology.**

Cloud should know something about hiring leaders. He’s served as a consultant for Fortune 500 Companies and non-profits that were hiring executives. In his new book *Integrity* (HarperCollins), Cloud says all people have a track record — which he calls a “wake” (like a boat wake) — that they leave behind them as they move through life, including the places they’ve worked. Their wakes include not just their job performance, but also their relationships — how they treated the people they worked with.

**Cloud tells organizations to look at both when hiring. After all, he said, everyone probably knows someone — they may have even worked with a person — who was smart and talented, but was destructive to the organization because he or she couldn’t get along with anybody.**

## DIGGING DEEPER

One of the most revealing parts of People Management’s process is the reference checks, according to Stevenson. These aren’t the typical pick-up-a-phone-and-chat-for-two-minutes reference checks. They go deeper.

People Management requires each candidate to list five to 10 people as references, who People Management conducts hour-long phone interviews with. But this is only after extensive interviews with the candidates — about their faith, abilities and past experiences. In a case like Biola’s, where doctrinal issues are crucial, the candidates aren’t just asked what they believe, but also how those beliefs have been practiced in their lives — “because many people can write a beautiful essay about some particular theological idea,” according to Stevenson. “The hard part is living it out,” he said.

References are then asked the same questions. People Management wants to make sure the candidates’ statements about themselves match the references’ statements about them — and that all the references’ statements match each other’s.

“The whole idea is consistency of information,” Stevenson said.





‘During a job search, it’s like everybody’s on a date. They’re trying to look good. ... Ultimately, self-centeredness is what you want to protect your organization from.’  
— Henry Cloud

The candidates’ pastors — a mandatory reference — are also asked for examples of the candidates’ spiritual maturity and faith practice. If a pastor doesn’t know a candidate well, “that’s a huge red flag,” according to Stevenson.

People Management then asks the references for the names of others who can serve as “secondary” references. They want to talk with people who’ve worked with the candidates or supervised them, but whose names weren’t supplied by the candidates.

**“Secondary references are a major way to check integrity,” Stevenson said.**

And it helps that the Christian higher education network — from where Biola’s president will most likely come — is very active, he added. “This makes it easier to learn candidates’ reputations and histories,” he said.

People Management also looks at candidates’ personal relationships. They require spouses to take part in two of the final interviews.

“Meeting the spouse with the candidate will show a lot about the relationship between the two. That’s very important,” Stevenson said.

In all, People Management conducts an average of about six interviews with the final candidate. That’s critical, Cloud said, because one or two isn’t enough.

“During a job search, it’s like everybody’s on a date. They’re trying to look good,” he said.

## ASSESSING MOTIVATIONS

Ego often drives people to seek positions of power — even in Christian ministry.

*Fast Company’s* survey showed that Americans believe being selfless is important to leadership, though they see most leaders as selfishly motivated.

Fred Smith Sr., the author of *Leading With Integrity* (Bethany House Publishers, 1999) who has been mentoring leaders for over 65 years, said Christian leaders need to ask themselves if they’re making decisions based on their egos or their sense of responsibility.



**In his book, Smith said, “Ego-driven people satisfy their ego from the cause, while responsibility-motivated people sacrifice their ego to the cause. Ego-drivenness lacks Christian integrity.”**

Cloud agrees, saying, “Ultimately, self-centeredness is what you want to protect your organization from.”

In a letter to his church in Colorado Springs, Colo., Haggard admitted that “pride” kept him from seeking help for his sexual struggles and led to his fall.

“When I stopped communicating about my problems, the darkness increased and finally dominated me. As a result, I did things that were contrary to everything I believe,” he said.

But Cook, whom many Biolans uphold as a model of integrity, has openly admitted times when he’s blown it. Several years ago, for example, Cook confessed that he lied to a judge during jury duty for a lengthy murder trial in Santa Ana Superior Court.

The judge warned the jurors not to read anything about the case. But, a day before the trial went to jury, Cook was flipping through the newspaper and came across an article about it. Cook quickly turned the page, but then his curiosity got the best of him. He read the article, thinking nobody would find out.

To his surprise, the next day the judge called the jurors, one by one, into his chambers and asked them if they had read the article. Cook — who was taken off guard and afraid to tell the truth — said, “No sir.” After he went home, however, he felt guilty and couldn’t sleep. Here he was, the president of a Christian university, and he had perjured himself. Yet, the consequences were less important to Cook than being a person of integrity. So, the next morning, he made a humbling trip back to the courthouse to tell the judge the truth.

“Every step felt like I was hauling lead. Would I be put in jail? Would I be fined?” Cook thought. He had to make a confession before the judge, attorneys, defendant and courtroom reporter.

“I told the judge I was a Christian, and I just had to confess my lying. I said my job depends on my relationship to God and my integrity, and that is why I am here telling you what I did,” Cook said.

In the end, Cook wasn’t removed from the case and, in fact, went on to be chosen as the jury foreman.

Instead of trying to hide the incident, Cook did the opposite. He wrote an article about the lessons he learned for his church’s newsletter — revealing his mistake to thousands of his fellow churchgoers.

People Management looks for specific examples of integrity in candidates, like this example from Cook, according to Stevenson.

**Since it’s hard to know applicants’ inner motivations — whether they’re driven by ego or a desire to serve — Cloud advises hiring committees to look at how applicants have spent their time and what causes they’ve given themselves to.**

**“Did they serve when there weren’t selfish benefits in it for them?” Cloud said.**

Cook recalls a time when he and Provost Gary Miller were conducting a final interview with a potential professor. The applicant

had glowing credentials, but they didn’t hire him because they sensed he was more concerned about his own career advancement than Biola’s students. They were tipped off by the fact that the applicant — who had worked at another Christian university — had never spent time with students outside the classroom.

Committees also should ask applicants if they’ve ever made hard decisions, based on their values, that cost them personally, according to Cloud. This shows if someone will put an organization’s values and mission above his or her own interests, Cloud said.

Selfish motivations are grounds for compromising integrity, yet leaders are often unaware of them, according to Dr. Steve Cappa (M.A. ’90, Psy.D. ’94), another Rosemead graduate and the clinical director of Marble Retreat — a counseling center for clergy in Marble, Colo. Many of the church leaders Cappa has counseled have had an integrity lapse of some sort. Looking back, they see that false motivations were at work in them.

“There’s a great capacity for self-deception in all people. It’s an extension of our fallenness,” Cappa said. “When everyone is staring at you, the leader, you’re vulnerable to feeling god-like, powerful. That’s when you start eating the forbidden fruit.”

**In contrast, healthy leaders have a good dose of humility, according to Cappa. “They have a sense of the magnitude and seduction of power,” he said.**

Mick Boersma (M.Div. ’74), for example, served as an associate pastor for four years and as a senior pastor for 11. Boersma now teaches in Biola’s seminary, Talbot School of Theology, and co-directs Talbot Support Ministries to assist about 900 alumni pastors and 450 pastors-in-training. He told *Biola Connections* that, as a pastor, there were times when he was in the pulpit — all eyes on him — and he became acutely aware of his influence. He believes the Holy Spirit brought this to mind so he wouldn’t abuse it.

“Some pastors can certainly be tempted to be in ministry to build their own little kingdom,” Boersma said.

Yet, false motivations in leaders aren’t always sinister. Dr. Judy Ten Elshof, the director of Biola’s Intentional Character Development Program, told *Biola Connections* that Christian leaders — like all people — need and want acceptance. And they sometimes enter leadership thinking they’ll find it there.

“It can give a false sense of being loved,” she said.

But they don’t see how their neediness controls them, according to Ten Elshof. And this blindness, she said, puts them at risk for failure. The Intentional Character Development Program seeks to address this by requiring all Talbot students to take part in “exercises designed to open their hearts to see the blind spots, including taking tests, receiving mentoring, and spending time alone with God for prayer and the Holy Spirit’s transforming work,” according to Ten Elshof.

Finally, to get at candidates’ motivations, Cloud also tells hiring committees to listen closely during interviews. See how much time applicants spend trying to sell themselves versus how much time they spend trying to understand the organization, its values and goals.

**Unselfish people will want what's best for the organization — even if that means admitting they're not the person for the job, Cloud said.**



## KNOWING THEIR WEAKNESSES

Another challenge People Management will have is assessing candidates' weaknesses.

**Leaders who can be trusted know both their strengths and weaknesses, according to Cloud. So, during interviews, he asks candidates to share theirs.**

"You're looking at somebody's self-awareness, how involved they've been with personal growth and development," Cloud said. "You are also able to feel out what their humility is, and defensiveness and narcissism."

Cloud remembers a time when he asked a candidate about his weaknesses.

"The candidate looked at me like, 'What are you talking about?' It's like he had never even thought about it," Cloud said.

Finally, the candidate came up with a weakness, which, Cloud said, was really a strength he tried to disguise as a weakness. His "weakness" was that he achieved so much that other people couldn't keep up with him.

Cloud went on record as voting no for the man, who was still chosen as president. In a couple of years, "he had an absolute train wreck," Cloud said, adding that it's an organization's "biggest nightmare" to have employees who don't know their weaknesses.

But Cloud remembers another time when a candidate was very open. He willingly revealed that he had little hands-on experience fundraising — that he didn't even like to fundraise, Cloud said. This was no small admission since fundraising is an important part of most presidents' roles.

"You got a great feeling of the guy's trustworthiness and what he'd be like when there are other forks in the road," Cloud said. The man — who was strong in casting a vision and creating an organizational culture — was still hired, and he built a team of people who could raise money. Knowing his weakness let him work around it.

People Management has created an assessment tool, called SIMA, that's designed to pinpoint candidates' strengths — and, by contrast, their weaknesses. The assessment takes 12 hours, and candidates are asked about the times in their careers and outside when they've been the most productive and fulfilled. SIMA then reveals the common factors that contributed to their successes. For example, were they working as a team or independently? Were they motivated by deadlines or head-to-head competition? The assessment has proven so helpful that Christian author Max Lucado, who is one of the firm's clients, has written a book so more people can benefit from its principles, called *Cure for the Common Life* (W Publishing Group, 2006).

"SIMA gives a very clear understanding about what motivates people and what their gifts and talents are," Stevenson said.

This will help Biola's Trustees, who've created the president's job description, know if a candidate is a good fit — weaknesses and all.

All employees, not just presidential candidates, should know their weaknesses, according to Mike Patterson (M.A., '00), a graduate of Biola's master of arts in organizational leadership program. Patterson has hired about 200 sales representatives as a former regional sales manager for TAP Pharmaceutical, a leading U.S. pharmaceutical company. He's now the company's national manager of management development. In Patterson's profession, sales representatives have relatively little oversight. So, their integrity was crucial to Patterson. A question he asked applicants was, "Tell me about a major mistake you made in your professional life."

He was looking not only for honesty, but also for maturity.

"I believe you learn a lot from how people deal with their mistakes when they happen," Patterson said, like, "Do they address them head-on or ignore them?"



## FOLLOW UP

People Management's Stevenson says that once a leader is chosen, there must be follow-up — frequent, formal evaluations to make sure his or her integrity stays intact. This is best done by the board, he said.

"A strong board recognizes that there is an evil force in the world. Satan knows that if he can take out the leader with some sort of lapse, then it will take years for the organization to get over it," Stevenson said.

Cloud said he knows of a megachurch that has a six-person committee whose sole mission is the growth, care and development of the senior pastor. They mentor him, find resources and training to support him, and they report directly to the board of elders.

"So there won't be any surprises," Cloud said.

When people work with a leader, they may think they know him or her well, making a formal evaluation unnecessary. But that's not true, according to Stevenson.

In the aftermath of the Haggard scandal, New Life Church's overseers began a formal evaluation of all the church staff, resulting in the resignation of another pastor — Christopher Beard, the director of a leadership-training program for young adults. Beard was found guilty of "poor judgment in several decisions" and sexual misconduct, according to a press release on the church's Web site. These lapses were revealed only after a formal evaluation process was put into place, which includes an invitation for church members to e-mail the overseers if they have first-hand knowledge of a misdeed committed by a church leader.

Cappa said follow-up with leaders must also include accountability and mentoring.

**"Having at least one person outside of one's marriage to walk through life and freely share one's struggles and uncertainties with is most crucial," he said.**

‘I believe you learn a lot from how people deal with their mistakes when they happen. Do they address them head-on or ignore them?’

— Mike Patterson



Cloud agrees, saying, “The best way to grow in our integrity is to really be under the X-ray machine with a handful of people who know all areas of our lives — and who have the experience, wisdom and permission to speak into our lives — that we submit to.”

That goes for everyday people, not just high-up leaders, according to Cloud. He suggests that every person have the equivalent of his or her own personal board of directors — people we submit our lives and missions to.

Of course, no plan is foolproof. Boersma said he knows of one fallen pastor who was part of three different accountability groups. After his affair came out, the shamed pastor told Boersma, “I just decided to hide it from all of them.”

But, for leaders who are committed to the process, their integrity can be not only maintained, but also strengthened, according to Dr. Scott Rae, who teaches classes on ethics at Biola and has provided ethics consulting for corporations. And Christians, he said, have the benefit of having Jesus as the “perfect model of virtue.”



## BIOLA'S NEXT PRESIDENT

There’s another vital step for ensuring that Biola’s Trustees — or any organization that is hiring — make the right choice, according to Cappa.

“As Christians, we shouldn’t underestimate the value and power of prayer for all parties involved and the potential for the Holy Spirit to quicken and illuminate the people involved in the decision-making process,” he said.

Stevenson agrees, saying, “Prayer is critically important.”

By the end of Biola’s search process — after all the interviews, reference checks and seeking God’s will — the Trustees will be in a good place to choose a trustworthy leader for Biola’s next president, according to Stevenson.

“If all these elements are pointing in the same direction, if they’re all describing the same person — that’s as close as you can come to discerning a person’s integrity,” Stevenson said. **Bc**

# Worship Leaders Can Cloud Our

“Let’s just bring down that glory cloud!”

We were listening to a worship band play at a local coffeehouse. The leader was urging the people to participate, trying to stir up their enthusiasm for worship.

As a worship leader, I fully sympathize with his plea. However, I was a little surprised by the language he employed. Was he really asking for the unshielded glory of God — the unapproachable light Moses experienced — to come and visit us in these humble surroundings? At a similar experience, Isaiah fell down and cried out, “Woe is me!”

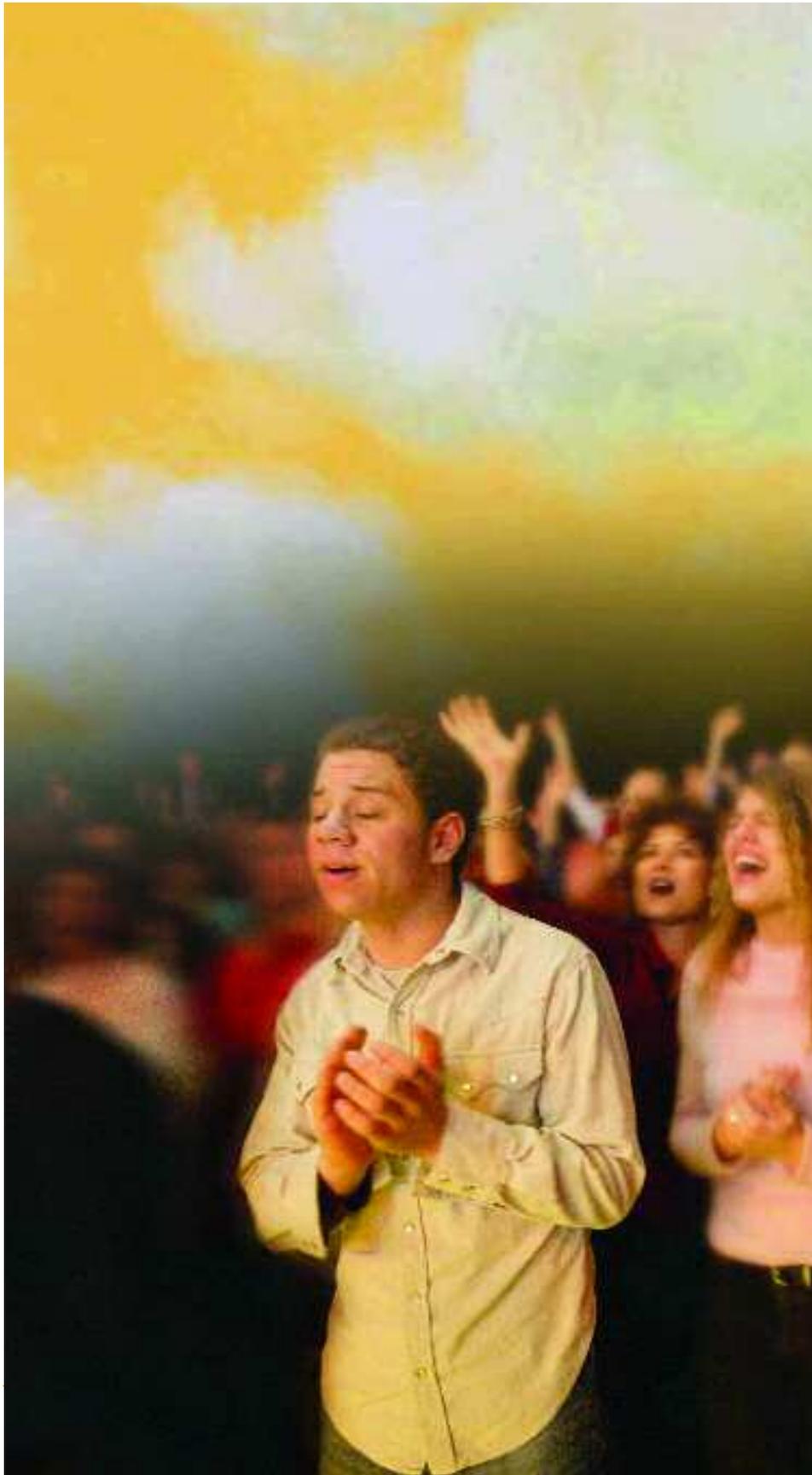
But, as I looked around, no one was hiding under his or her chair. Clearly, our expectations were muted.

Misunderstandings about God’s presence are prevalent these days, particularly in the worship community, and are often reflected in the words that we choose when we speak or sing about it. For example, you may have heard the term “manifest presence” tossed around, without much clarity regarding what it actually means. Typically, it is used to suggest a kind of immediate, dynamic experience of God’s presence that is sensed through one’s emotions or spiritual perception. In this understanding, we encounter God’s presence in a special way as we worship together.

Some of the confusion is created by importing Old Testament ideas and language about God’s presence into the New Testament era in which we live. Clearly, a great deal about worship changed between the Old and New Testaments, particularly the manner in which we approach God and experience His presence. While all heaven and earth are certainly “before God’s face,” in the Old Testament era there was a special manifestation of His presence — a glory cloud, if you like — that resided in the innermost court of the Hebrew temple. Because the glory of God was instantiated in that place of worship, His presence there was *experientially* different from anywhere else.

Fast forward thousands of years to current times, and you will find many worship leaders continuing to employ this same idea, claiming that “God inhabits the praises of His people” in a unique way as they worship together. As I mentioned, however, much has changed in worship between the Old and New Testaments — in a word, Jesus. The glory of God left the temple in Ezekiel and is never said to have returned. Instead, it reappeared in the person of Jesus, the incarnate glory of God. When He ascended into heaven, Jesus sent His Spirit to dwell in our hearts, and there His presence remains for those who believe in His name.

God’s presence now dwells within us in a special way, regardless of whether or not we find ourselves in a conventional worship setting. According to Corinthians,



# Understanding of God's Presence



our bodies are now the temple of God in the Spirit, and our experience of His presence is no longer tied to a particular time or place. Because of the Spirit's indwelling, we carry a temple around within us, making our entire lives into dynamic venues of worship. A glory cloud is a step down from what we have been given.

We are tabernacles for God's glory in the world, and so both our praises and our actions become offerings designed to bring glory to His name. That is, after all, the primary purpose for worship: we are composing a declaration of God's greatness for Him and for all those around, drawing attention to who He is and what He has done. In this manner, we bring Him glory.

While worship is about God's glory, it is, however, also about our transformation. God could reveal Himself in a glory cloud every time we worship, just as He did with the Israelites, and that would certainly be a thrilling experience. However, I question whether it would create lasting spiritual growth in our lives. The fiery pillar never seemed to impact deeply the hearts of the Hebrews wandering in the wilderness. Would we respond differently? We are probably far more interested in God revealing Himself in a sensational way than He is. Indeed, our desire for His "manifest presence" in worship might have more to do with our appetite for experience than with His glory or our growth.

Still, I can't believe that it is wrong for us to desire God to manifest Himself in our worship. Perhaps we are simply using the wrong yardstick to measure His presence, expecting feelings of exaltation as the only proof or residue of His genuine activity. For myself, I find that the work of the Spirit in my worship is as often about convicting me of sin as it is wowing me with wonder.

While God will occasionally empower our worship in an exhilarating way, making us all aware of His presence in a more dramatic fashion, I believe that the work of His Spirit is usually quiet and internal — a still, small voice inside. It is this kind of "manifest presence" that I desire and expect to see on a regular basis and, I believe, is the manifestation that we should pray and hope for in our gatherings.



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## Students Leave Their Hearts With Ukraine Orphans



Senior Patricia Milhiser plays with children at an Eastern European Outreach camp for at-risk youth.

**K**neeling in prayer at the bedside of Ukrainian orphans can change your life. That's what junior Christine Hayner's missions team learned last summer when the five women went to Ukraine.

Sponsored by Biola's Student Missionary Union, the team set out to minister to some of Ukraine's 125,000 orphans. Many of these children are malnourished or disabled and have never received personal attention or affection from adults.

Wanting to change that, the women went on the month-long trip, June 6 to July 4, which included staying at an orphanage in Motovilivka for nine days. Their only agenda was to show the children love, including telling them about Jesus' love for them.

Each night, the team — led by Hayner — prayed with the children before they went to sleep through the help of a translator. Two or three children would pray out loud.

"Hearing their prayers was both comforting and heartbreaking," said team member Lisa Miller, a sophomore. "The kids had so much love to give, yet so much heartbreak in their lives."

One boy's prayer especially touched Miller. The boy prayed for his younger brother's hair to grow back — which was likely lost from malnutrition — so that he would no longer be made fun of and could be comfortable at the orphanage.

After prayers, the team members sat on the edges of the children's beds and told them stories until they fell asleep.

Sensing the children's hopelessness, the women also wanted to bring some fun into their lives, so they planned an activity that all children love—a carnival. One afternoon, they transformed the orphanage's front yard into booths made of bed sheets and string and created a lollipop tree, beanbag toss and cakewalk. Yet rain — which had gone on for days — threatened the event.

But the rain let up just long enough for the carnival, according to Hayner. She believes it was a miracle, saying, "God held back the rain."

The most memorable moment of the carnival for team member Patricia Milhiser, a senior, was seeing the glowing young faces at the face-painting booth.

"It seemed like all the kids wanted soccer balls and Ukrainian flags on their faces since the

World Cup was going on and Ukraine was in it," Milhiser remembers.

Team member Yuliya Semenova, a senior, dressed as a clown, passed out candy and allowed the children to chase her all over the orphanage yard.

"Even though the carnival was very simple, the children had a wonderful time, judging by their expressions," Hayner said.

After experiencing so much love and joy — some for the first time — the children quickly grew attached to the women. So, it was especially hard saying goodbye to them, said senior Julieanne Mooradian.

"It felt like we left our hearts at that little orphanage," Mooradian said.

The team continued from the orphanage to work as counselors at an Eastern European Outreach camp for at-risk youth, located on the outskirts of Kiev. They each watched after about 12 children — taking them to chapels, playing games and making crafts.

Though the women couldn't speak Ukrainian, they found other ways to connect with the children — through hugs and laughter.

"In that way, we communicated our love to them, and they communicated their love to us," Milhiser said.

The last day of the camp, after the children left, the five women gathered together and shared tears of joy and sadness.

"There were tears of joy that we felt so fulfilled with what we had been called to do in Ukraine, and there were tears of sadness because we had grown to deeply love the people the Lord allowed us to meet in our short stay there," Milhiser said.

Since their return to the United States, team members have expressed a desire to go back to Ukraine's orphanages, possibly for full-time ministry, Hayner said.

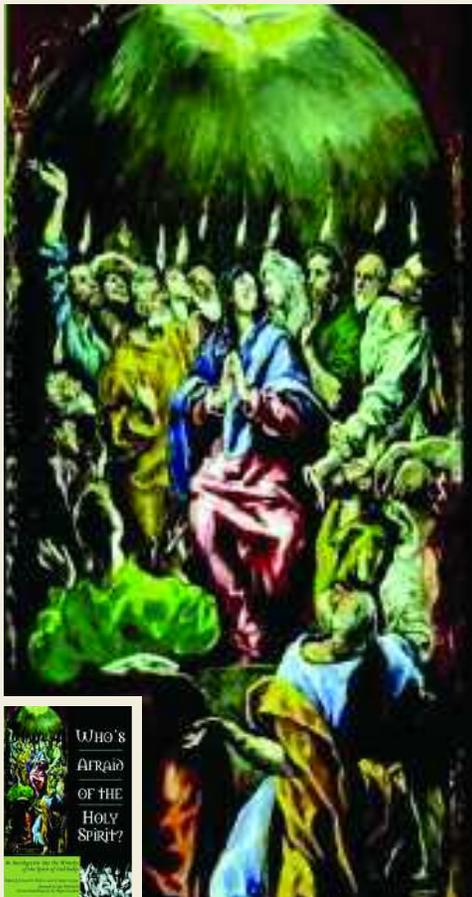
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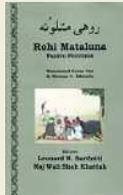


**Who's Afraid of the Holy Spirit?: An Investigation Into the Ministry of the Spirit of God Today**, Co-edited by Dr. Daniel B. Wallace ('74), Biblical Studies Press, Nov. 2005; The origins of this book came in the early 1990s when both editors (Jim Sawyer and Dan Wallace) were facing trauma in their lives and in the lives of their families — traumas that their rationalistic theological training had left them unequipped to deal with. While not endorsing what they consider to be the excesses of Pentecostalism, the charismatic movement and the Third Wave, Sawyer and Wallace have embraced what they have tentatively called pneumatic Christianity. They contend that the way much of evangelical cessationism has developed is reactionary and reductionistic. Rather than focus upon scriptural images of the Holy Spirit as a presence deep within the soul of the believer, many cessationists have reactively denied experience

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**What Are Spiritual Gifts?: Rethinking the Conventional View**, Dr. Kenneth Berding (M.A. '96 and associate professor of New Testament), Kregel, Oct. 2006; In this groundbreaking work, New Testament scholar Kenneth Berding suggests that we have misunderstood the spiritual gifts themselves and how they function and thus have embarked on a misplaced search to find individualized spiritual gifts. Berding reconsiders, at a fundamental level, what spiritual gifts are and argues that the Holy Spirit does not give personalized abilities or elements, but rather ministries to be undertaken.



**Rohi Mataluna (Pashto Proverbs)**, Co-edited by Dr. Leonard N. Bartlotti (associate professor of intercultural studies), Pashto Academy/InterLit Foundation, 2006; *Rohi Mataluna* is a selection of 1,350 Pashto proverbs, with English translations and cultural annotations, providing insight into the world of the infamous Pashtun people of the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier, who comprised the ethnic core of the Taliban movement. This second edition has been completely revised and expanded. It is available on the Pakistani publisher's Web site ([www.interlitfoundation.org](http://www.interlitfoundation.org)) and will become available through Amazon.com.



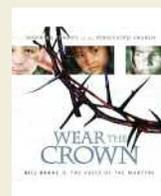
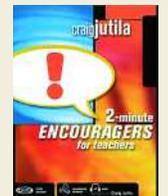
**Beyond the First Visit: The Complete Guide to Connecting Guests to Your Church**, Dr. Gary McIntosh (professor of church growth), Baker Books, Sept. 2006; All churches like to think that theirs is the friendliest in town. But do visitors see it that way? Church consultant Gary McIntosh invites readers to take a look at their church through the eyes of visitors and potential visitors. A complete guide to new member assimilation — the best ways to invite, greet and follow up on guests to a church.

**The Rhythm of Prayer: A Forty Day Experience**, Mark A. Moore (M.A. '02, M.A. '05), Wesleyan Publishing House, Nov. 2006; Many Christians struggle to create a consistent and satisfying



experience of prayer. This artistically crafted, theologically accurate outline for daily prayer will transform your prayer experience by providing a comfortable, reliable framework for creative expression.

**2-Minute Encouragers for Teachers**, Craig Jutilla ('88), Group Publishing, Jan. 2005; These 52 encouraging messages are proven to inspire your teachers and volunteers — and it's easy! With two reproducible audio CDs and reproducible handouts, it's simple to give your teachers a boost that's engaging, empowering and equipping. Craig Jutilla field-tested these encouragers with his children's ministry staff at Saddleback Church, one of the fastest-growing ministries in America.



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**Take Flight!: A Sisterchicks' Devotional**, Robin Jones Gunn ('75), Multnomah, Nov. 2006; Spread your wings and really go places with *Take Flight*, the first devotional/ponder/prayer/make-it-what-you-need book in the Sisterchicks in the Word series! Robin Jones Gunn and her sisterchick, Cindy Hannan, offer a collection of fresh, insightful devotions that will rejuvenate the quiet time gone dry.



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## Spring Sports Outlook



Junior Jimmy Johnson is expected to be an important part of Biola's pitching rotation this year.

### Men's Tennis

**Coach:** Jim Emerson

**Last Year:** Team didn't exist

**Outlook:** After a 10-year hiatus, Biola has once again added men's tennis to the list of varsity sport. The Eagles are working on numerous aspects of their game as they prepare for their return to the courts and are looking forward to representing Biola in intercollegiate tennis once again.

**Top Newcomers:** Tyler Jung, So. (Irvine Valley College); Justin Mart, Fr.; Joel Huibregtse, Fr.

### Women's Tennis

**Coach:** Dee Henry (36th year at Biola; 271-390 overall record)

**Last Year:** 6-15 (5-13, 8th in GSAC)

**Outlook:** The 2007 Biola squad includes three players with two years of experience and five who will be playing their first year of intercollegiate tennis. What the Eagles lack in experience will be made up for in energy and commitment.

**Top Returners:** Megan Shore, Jr.; Marisa Flores, So.; April Schiller, So.

**Top Newcomers:** Marvy Beckman, Fr.; Christine

Garner, Fr.; Christine Humphrey, Fr.; Molly McMullen, Fr.; Ellen Monkemeier, Fr.; Katie Schaller, Fr.

**Strengths:** Two of Biola's three returning players picked up plenty of experience in 2006, which should help steady the young team through the early part of the 2007 season.

### Baseball

**Coach:** John Verhoeven (10th year at Biola; 333-137 overall record)

**Last Year:** 38-15 (22-10, 2nd in GSAC); Advanced to NAIA Region II Finals

**Outlook:** The Eagles' offense will be much improved from last year while the defense — the best in the NAIA in 2006 — will once again be one of the team's biggest assets. While Biola will have plenty of fine arms on the mound, the starting rotation lacks experience and the bullpen is mostly untested. If the pitching staff continues to develop and improve, then it should be another fine year for Biola baseball.

**Top Returners:** 3B — Hawkins Gebbers, So.; 1B — Nick Dietzen, Sr.; LHP Jimmy Johnson, Jr.; RHP — Jonathan Young, Sr.

**Top Newcomers:** SS — Danny Morrow, Jr. (Saddleback College); OF — Scott Nelson, Jr. (Bellevue Community College); OF — David West, Jr. (Wheaton College); OF Matt Smith, Jr. (Fullerton College); RHP — Jordan Litle, Jr. (Napa Valley College); C — Daniel Bodemer, Fr.

**Strengths:** Biola will score a lot of runs in 2007, as hitting and power will be its biggest strengths. The defense looks solid again this year, and the team has incredible depth.

### Softball

**Coach:** Carissa Millsap (3rd year at Biola; 66-30 overall record)

**Last Year:** 32-14 (32-11, 4th in GSAC); Reached NAIA Region II Tournament

**Outlook:** With a wealth of returning talent and a strong freshman class, the Eagles look to be solid in every facet of the game. Biola was second in the conference in offense last season and should be near the top again this year as the team looks to break into the top three sports in the GSAC after three-straight fourth place finishes.

**Top Returners:** LHP — Tatiana Garcia, Sr.; RHP — Katie Gustaveson, Sr.; CF — Amerra Kesterson, Sr.; 2B — Lindsay Nuckolls, Sr.

**Top Newcomers:** Holly Jackson, Jr. (Penn State); Brittany Bury, Fr.; Erin DaSilva, Fr.; Morgan Facchini, Fr.; Krista Johnson, Fr.

**Strengths:** The Eagles have all of the pieces necessary for success in 2007, including speed, solid contact and power hitting, pitching and a strong defense.

### Track and Field

**Coach:** Jonathan Zimmerman (1st year at Biola)

**Outlook:** Biola's track and field team is ready to embark on a new era under the direction of its first-year head coach.

**Strengths:** While Coach Zimmerman continues to make final roster moves in preparation for the 2007 season, the distance running events look to be strong. Senior Brian Ball, coming off an All-American performance during the cross country season, anchors the squad and could repeat as an All-American in track. — *Jeff Hoffman*

## Where Are They Now?

### Volleyball Record Holder



Twenty years ago, Becky (Miller, '86) Smith capped off an impressive collegiate career by becoming Biola's first athlete to be a four-time All-American in two different sports.

From 1982 to 1986, Smith — still a record holder — was a dominant force for the women's volleyball and basketball teams. In 1985, she helped the volleyball squad to a second place finish at the NAIA National Championships, the best finish in the program's history. Smith led the nation in kills per game as a senior that year and finished her career with an impressive 1,622 kills.

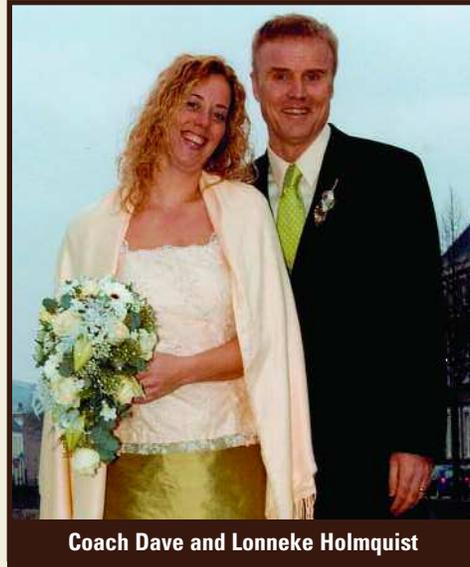
On the basketball court, Smith simply took over games. She finished as the career leader in scoring (2,411 points), total rebounds (1,492), rebounds per game (12.5) and was second in points per game (20.3).

Smith is now living as a single parent of four boys. Her oldest son, Trevor, is 17 years old, and she has 12-year-old triplets, Logan, Boone and Cameron (who is severely handicapped). She works full time at Grove Community Church in Riverside, Calif., where she teaches a weekly women's Bible study, helps with the outreach department and mentors and counsels women.

Last summer, Smith created Recapture Ministries to extend her speaking ministry to include other churches and women's groups. Smith uses examples of God's love and the hope he has given her in her own life — in the midst of the challenges of being a single mother with a handicapped son — to help reach out to other women who are struggling with life issues.

"There is something so healing about understanding how to take hold of, and love, the dreams God has for you when your own dreams no longer apply to the realities of your life," Smith told *Biola Connections*. [recaptureministries@earthlink.net](mailto:recaptureministries@earthlink.net) — Jeff Hoffman

## Eagle News



Coach Dave and Lonneke Holmquist

**M**en's basketball coach and athletic director, **Dr. Dave Holmquist**, who recently coached his 900th game at Biola, was married on Dec. 20 in the Netherlands, where his new wife, Lonneke, grew up. The Holmquists (pictured above) had a week for celebration before the **men's basketball** team participated in the Grand Canyon Classic in Phoenix Dec. 28-30 ... In mid-January, Biola announced that it will add **men's and women's varsity golf** starting in the fall of 2007. The addition brings the total number of sports at Biola to 17 after men's tennis was added to the slate last year. Fourteen athletes received conference and national honors during the fall season ... Men's soccer player **J.T. Searles**, volleyball player **Meghan Scheenstra** and cross country runner **Brian Ball** were named NAIA All-Americans with Searles earning *ESPN The Magazine* CoSIDA Academic All-Region honors ... The 2006-07 **swimming and diving** season is just two months old (at the time of writing this), but already a number of school



Zachary Perkins

records have been broken by a pair of freshmen. **Zachary Perkins** broke the record in the 50 free with a time of 22.26 in mid-November, while **Ben Oviedo** has set two new marks in the 100 Butterfly (53.25) and the 400 Individual Medley (4:29.63) ... Women's basketball player **Megann Alberts** (pictured below) scored 36 points and had 19 rebounds to lead Biola to a 73-66 victory over California Baptist University on Jan. 6. It was the most points in a game since the 2000-01 season and the most rebounds since the mid-1980s ... Freshman **Rocky Hampton** has had a strong showing during the first half of the 2006-07 **men's basketball** season, averaging over 14 points and eight rebounds a game through the middle of January ... The **men's soccer** team returned to the playoffs for the first time since the 2002 season, earning a berth in the NAIA Region II tournament. The Eagles suffered a tough 1-0 loss to Concordia in overtime during their first-round game despite a strong showing ... Three **cross-country** runners represented Biola at the NAIA



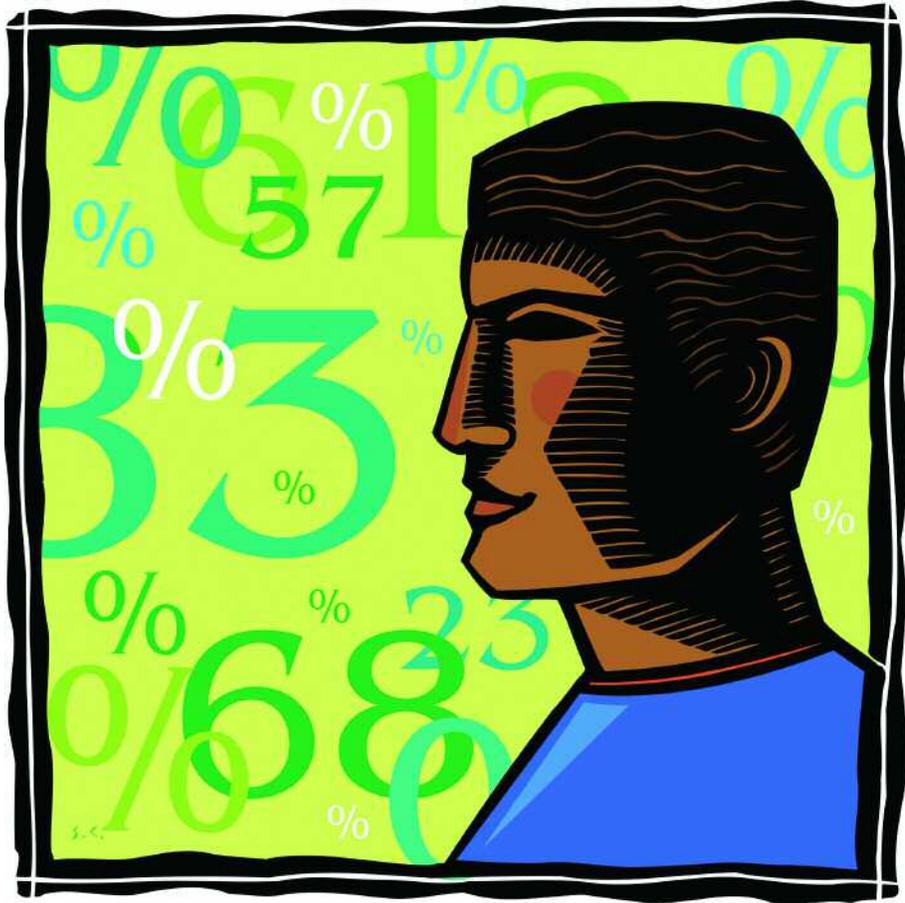
Megann Alberts

National Championships. Senior **Brian Ball** earned NAIA All-American honors with a 26th place finish, while junior **Anna Thibodo** and senior **Brittany Gomes** placed 64th and 109th overall, respectively. Ball, who was an All-American in 2004, is one of just three Biola men to ever earn the national honor in cross country.

For more information, visit the athletics Web site: [athletics.biola.edu](http://athletics.biola.edu).

**Correction:** In the last issue, Chelsea DeLuca's name was reported incorrectly. We apologize for the error!

## How Can Math Reveal the Wonders of God?



**I**s 91 a prime number? The question alone is enough to make some people's eyes glaze over. You may be thinking, "Math was never my thing."

But wait. Before you stop reading, let's look more closely and leave any bad memories that some might have of math classes behind. Mathematics — like all disciplines of study — reveals the wonders of God.

Of course, we could ask how Beethoven's Ninth Symphony relates to God or how the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel relates to God. A musician might answer indignantly that Beethoven's music lifts one into the heavenly realms, and an artist could say that Michelangelo's painting of the finger of God almost touching the finger of Adam points to the relationship between God and man. The feelings that come from hearing and seeing these great

works of art can leave one speechless — even sensing the presence of God.

We will attempt to show that, believe it or not, the surprising and unexpected properties of prime numbers can leave one marveling at the wonders of God's creation and produce in one a feeling of reverence for our Creator.

Of course, we first need to know that a prime number is a number greater than 1 that can be divided only by itself and the number 1 without yielding a remainder. Since 7 and 13 divide 91 without yielding a remainder in addition to itself and 1, this answers my first question. 91 is not a prime number. Here are the first 25 prime numbers:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97.

There are, in fact, an infinite number of prime numbers. If you are good at math, this is

all wrapped up in the expression  $n! + 1$ , but we need not elaborate on that. Now for some amazement.

Even though there are an infinite number of prime numbers, if you pick any large number, say 1 trillion, there are stretches of 1 trillion consecutive numbers (that is, one number after another) where no prime number occurs. And if you multiplied 1 trillion by itself 1 trillion times (a number so large we could never hope to write it down), there are stretches of consecutive numbers that long where no prime number occurs. So, the question is how can there be an infinite number of prime numbers when one can find a stretch of consecutive numbers *as long as you would like* where no prime number occurs?

But there's something even more surprising about prime numbers. If you add up their reciprocals, you will find that the sum is infinite. What I mean by this is that if you add  $1/2 + 1/3 + 1/5 + 1/7 + 1/11 + 1/13 + 1/17 + 1/19 + \dots$  and keep going through all the prime numbers, the sum will approach infinity — even though the numbers you are adding are getting smaller and smaller, and there are arbitrarily long stretches of numbers where no prime number occurs.

So, if we pick a number like 1 trillion, this sum will eventually exceed 1 trillion as we keep adding on reciprocals of primes. This is particularly surprising given that the sum is little more than 3 after using the first 5 million prime numbers!

So often we put God in a box. But, as we look at prime numbers, we realize that the unexpected surprises He has for us are amazing. This increases our awe of Him in worship.

Just as Beethoven's Ninth Symphony and Michelangelo's painting on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel point to the glory of God, so do the amazing properties of mathematics. There is wonder in the universe that God has created that can be found in all areas of study, even math!



**Ed Thurber, Ph.D.,**  
has served as a professor of mathematics at Biola University since 1970. He has a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Southern California.

## Up-and-Coming Philosopher Joins Faculty



In the world of philosophy, when Alvin Plantinga talks, people listen. So when he told *Biola Connections* that Thomas Crisp (M.A. '97) was "as fine a philosopher as he'd run into anywhere," we thought it was worth telling readers that he now works at Biola University.

In August, Crisp, 36, left a tenure-track position at Florida State University to come to Biola where he could teach and discuss philosophical ideas more openly as a Christian. He joins a growing undergraduate philosophy department that boasts 65 eager philosophy majors.

"In a secular context, you have to be careful about what you say," Crisp said. "I want to talk to my students and colleagues openly about these issues and work collaboratively with them."

The integration of philosophy and the Christian faith is of special interest to Crisp, who earned a master's degree in philosophy of religion and ethics from Biola. He then went on to earn a Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame.

But Crisp is also interested in engaging the larger philosophical world. He's published articles in competitive journals like *Noûs* and *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, and he was recently invited to the invitation-only Arizona Ontology Conference, attended by leading philosophers in metaphysics.

Crisp is working on his first book, *No Time Like the Present: The Case for Presentism*. Presentism is a theory that God operates in present time, which challenges the classic view of God's relation to time, supported by Augustine of Hippo, that God exists simultaneously in the past, present and future.

"It has implications with how we think about God in our day-to-day devotional lives," Crisp said. "God literally grieves and rejoices. He experiences the flow of time, and his mental life changes as time passes."

Crisp said he approaches his work in an attitude of prayer and believes that exploring philosophical questions benefits the church and believers.

"Ideas float around and often times are seen uncritically. Some of the ideas undercut the vitality of the church," he said. "The job of a Christian philosopher is to critically examine ideas and determine if they fit with the world we know through faith."

Crisp shares this approach with his students and believes his zeal for philosophy fits with his love for Christ.

"Being passionate about growing in wisdom fits well with being an apprentice to Jesus," Crisp said. "It's living life with Jesus, in his presence, learning from him and growing into his heart, habits and character." — *Julia Nicholls and Rob Westervelt*

## Faculty Highlights



Dr. **Katrina Greene** [intercultural studies/anthropology] is researching economic opportunities for women in South Africa. She lived in Cape Town, South Africa, on a Fulbright Scholarship in 1999 and 2000 and then returned in 2005 with funding from a faculty development grant from Biola. During both trips, Greene looked at post-apartheid economic development. She is now comparing her findings to uncover if the lives of women changed over the five-year period. Greene is planning to publish an article, which shows that various opportunities had mixed results for participants. She hopes her research will be used to create more opportunities for women.



Dr. **Todd Pickett** [dean of humanities and social sciences] was interviewed for an article that appeared, Dec. 15, in *The Ottawa Citizen*, a newspaper in Canada, about the presence of Christian themes in recent children's films such as *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *Charlotte's Web*. In the article, titled "Weaving a Christ Story," Pickett was quoted saying, "Many stories find redemption in sacrifice — in that something has been learned or given back to the community in spite of a great loss."



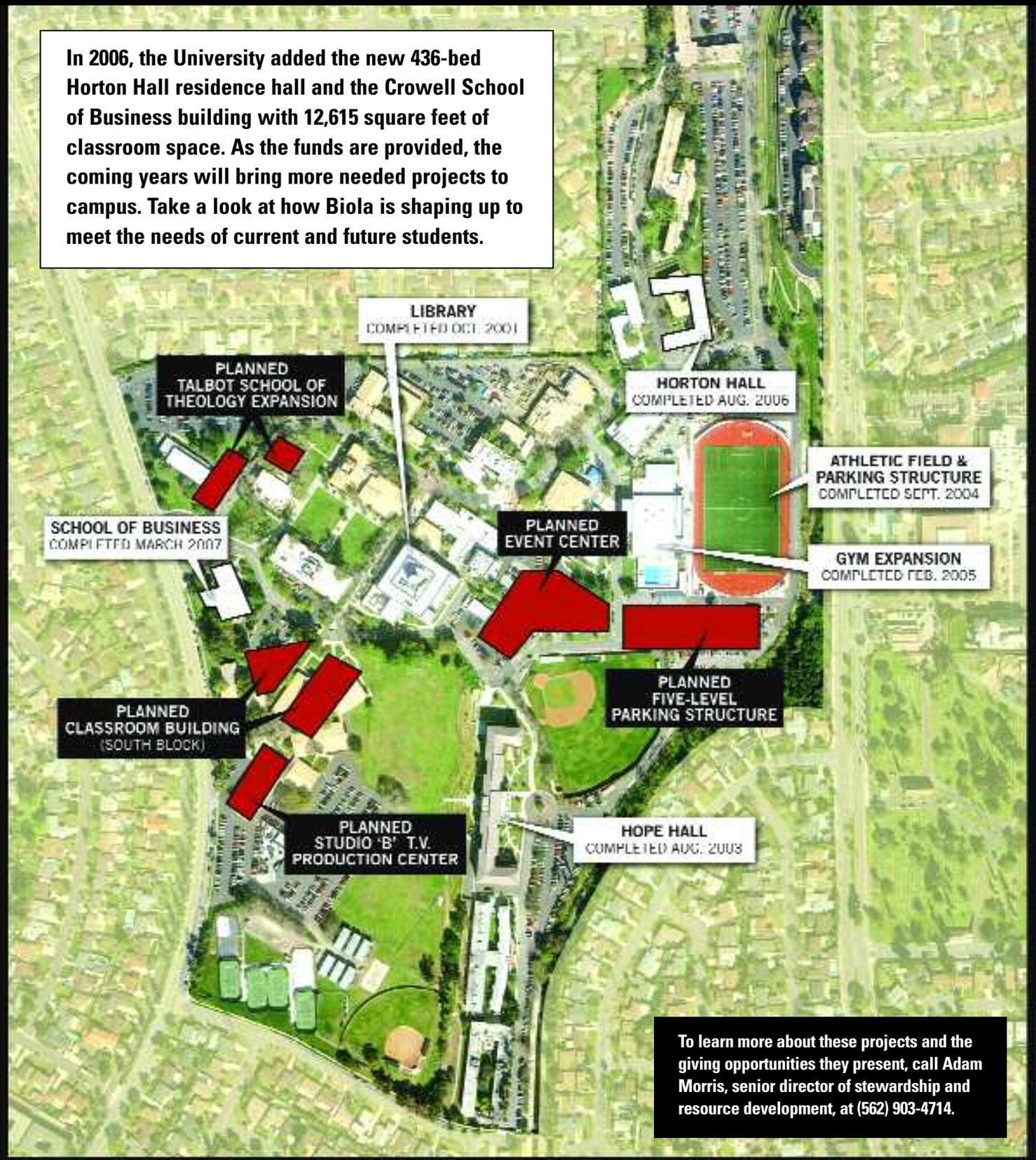
**Mick Boersma** [Christian ministry and leadership] took a sabbatical in spring 2006 to complete a book he co-authored with Talbot professor Michael Anthony, titled *Moving On, Moving Forward: A Guide for Pastors in Transition* (Zondervan). The book, which will be released in May, helps pastors navigate the difficult issues that surround their decisions to stay in their current ministries or move to new ones. Boersma's contributions to the book came from his interaction with hundreds of pastors as the co-director of Talbot Support Ministries, which he and his wife, Rolane, co-founded in 1991 to serve graduates and students of Biola's seminary, Talbot School of Theology.



Dr. **Aaron Kleist** [English] was recently accepted in the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program. The five-year program matches U.S. scholars with overseas academic institutions. During trips that last up to six weeks, the scholars provide their expertise to various institutions that call upon them. Kleist plans to help manuscript libraries preserve their unique, and often priceless, artifacts through the production of digital editions of texts. In 2006, he received a \$100,000 award from the National Endowment for the Humanities to direct the three-year "Aelfric of Eynsham Project," in which a team of international scholars are publishing — in print and electronic form — Anglo-Saxon homilies by Aelfric of Eynsham, a 10th-century abbot.

## Building a Campus for Biola's Second Century

In 2006, the University added the new 436-bed Horton Hall residence hall and the Crowell School of Business building with 12,615 square feet of classroom space. As the funds are provided, the coming years will bring more needed projects to campus. Take a look at how Biola is shaping up to meet the needs of current and future students.



To learn more about these projects and the giving opportunities they present, call Adam Morris, senior director of stewardship and resource development, at (562) 903-4714.

# President's Circle Events



The spring months are full of celebration this year, as the University community marks two important Biola milestones — the 25-year presidency of Dr. Clyde Cook and the grand opening of the building for the Crowell School of Business. Please join Biola for these events!

## Crowell School of Business Building Dedication

*April 27, 9:30 A.M.*

**Biola University**

Join the celebration as Biola opens the Crowell School of Business building. The uniquely designed structure features sweeping views of Biola's campus and will house faculty offices and 12 new classrooms. Join Dr. Cook, the Board of Trustees and members of the Crowell family in a time of grateful appreciation for God's provision through the gifts of many generous donors.

## "25 Years of Faithful Service" Exhibit

*May 3 - June 29*

**Biola University**

The Art Gallery will feature a tribute exhibition of photos and memorabilia of President Cook and First Lady Anna Belle, depicting moments from their personal lives and leadership service.

## A Tribute to President Clyde Cook

**"A Musical Celebration of God's Faithfulness to Biola"**

*May 3, 7 P.M. \$25*

**La Mirada Theatre for the Performing Arts, La Mirada, Calif.**

The Biola University Conservatory of Music will present an evening of music in tribute to President Clyde and Anna Belle Cook, for their many years of faithful service to the University. Groups that will perform include the Symphonic Winds, the Biola Jazz Band and the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, featuring some of Dr. Cook's favorite songs through the years.

**For more information or to register for the concert, visit [www.biola.edu/tribute](http://www.biola.edu/tribute). If you're not currently a President's Circle member and would like to join, use the contact information above.**

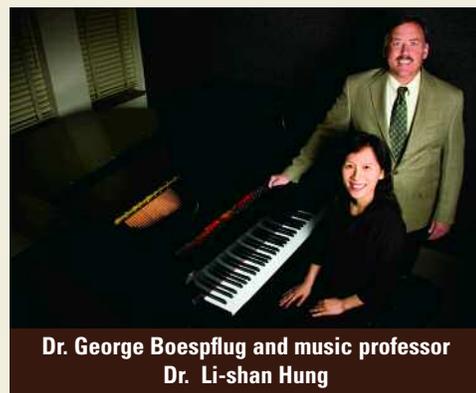
## Project Updates

### 'Crowell School of Business' Building Opens for Business

It's beautiful — and it's almost ready! Thanks to the support of many generous Biola friends, the funding for the new business building is complete. Construction is also almost finished, and the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony is scheduled for April 27.

The \$12.5 million facility features 12 new classrooms wired with technologically advanced capabilities, ensuring excellent academic preparation for students. The building also houses a faculty office complex and café. The first classes will meet in the building on April 16.

Special appreciation goes to the many donors who gave sacrificially to make this dream a reality, allowing the Crowell School of Business to equip tomorrow's business leaders with minds for business and hearts for the world.



**Dr. George Boespflug and music professor Dr. Li-shan Hung**

### Conservatory of Music Receives Two New Steinway Pianos

Two beautiful new Steinway pianos are now resident in the Conservatory of Music, thanks to donations, large and small, to the Steinway Fund project. The purchase of one of the pianos was made possible with significant gifts from John and Katie Withers and Don and Jo Bishop.

The Withers are the parents of graduating senior Carolyn Withers, a vocal performance major. They were moved to give in response to their daughter's growth in her faith and music during her time at Biola. The Bishops are long-time friends of Biola, and their equally significant contribution completed the Steinway Fund goal. Dr. George Boespflug, chair of the Conservatory of Music, applauded the many supporters who made the pianos possible saying, "We are blessed to have a supportive constituency that values the work of our faculty, staff and students ... and is willing to express that support in very tangible ways."

## Renewed Skepticism



Judith Carlson / San Jose Mercury News

Princeton religion professor Elaine Pagels, author of *The Gnostic Gospels* and *Beyond Belief*, was among those honored at the "Scripture and Skepticism" conference held in January at the University of California, Davis.

Just prior to the 2004 presidential election, I was walking with my wife through a popular mall in Orange County when I noticed something strange about the music that was playing. It sounded like any other pop song, only the lyrics were clearly about repentance and forgiveness. The song, it turned out, was "Between You and Me" by the band "DC Talk" (which stands for "Decent Christian Talk").

The song was just one of many popular tunes being played by a cable music provider. Yet I couldn't help but be struck by the mainstream acceptance it seemed to have. Meanwhile, Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ* was playing in the mall's movie theater and was fast becoming one of the biggest blockbusters in movie history, eventually grossing more than \$370 million in domestic receipts.

After the presidential election, my mouth dropped as I watched reporters on *The News Hour With Jim Lehrer* seek advice from megachurch pastor Rick Warren on how

Democrats could better connect with evangelical voters. Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, was the fourth highest-selling book in 2004.

By all accounts, evangelicals had become the culture's new power brokers, being credited with determining elections, box-office hits and No. 1 best sellers. In 2005, *Time Magazine* featured a cover story entitled "The 25 Most Influential Evangelicals," in an attempt to identify who was leading this wave of cultural and political influence. In 2006, evangelicals continued to make headlines, often appearing at center stage in debates on traditional marriage, immigration and the war in Iraq.

The sudden rise of evangelicalism took many by surprise, especially liberal scholars and atheists who were now being asked, for the first time, to be more tolerant of religious views. After the 2004 election, the Society for Values in Higher Education began writing what is now called "The Wingspread Declaration on Religion and Public Life: Engaging Higher Education," which calls for, among other things, increased

religious literacy in students' education, civility in religious discussions and helping students connect their spiritual development with their intellectual growth.

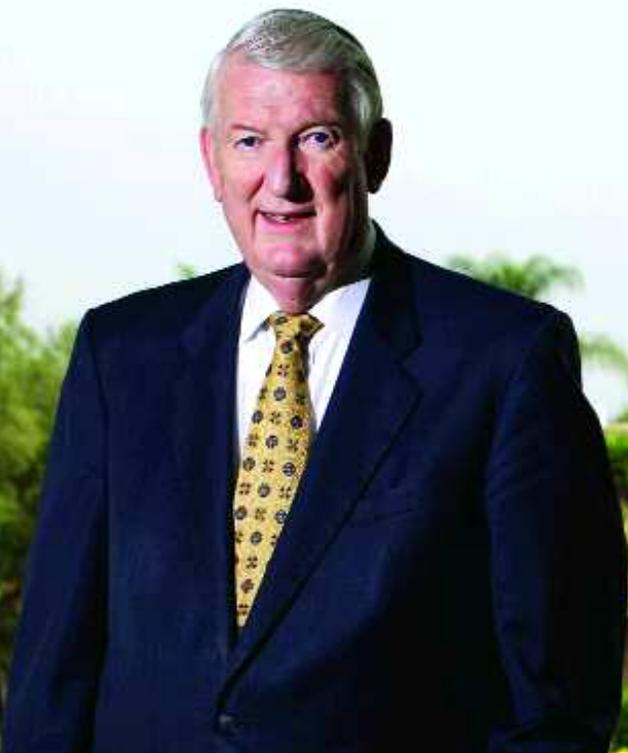
This mainstreaming of religious tolerance has led to renewed efforts to undermine the validity of Christianity as an acceptable worldview. One such effort is the "Scripture and Skepticism" conference held at the University of California, Davis, on Jan. 25-28. The conference, sponsored by The Committee for the Scientific Examination of Religion (CSER), aimed to use the historical-critical method to challenge the historicity of both biblical and koranic texts, and attempted to lump evangelicalism together with radical Islam.

During the conference, CSER announced the launch of "The Jesus Project" — not to be confused with its cousin, "The Jesus Seminar" — to examine the evidence for the historical Jesus, using skepticism as a way of demythologizing the gospel accounts. CSER plans to release its findings to universities, colleges and seminaries beginning in March 2007 in hopes of taking back some of the turf lost to evangelicals in recent years.

The renewed skepticism brewing in academia — including books like Dawkins' *God Delusion* (see page 7) — will be among the many challenges facing Biola University as it enters its second century of educating students to impact the world for Jesus Christ. But its faculty of engaging scholars, who led the evangelical response to "The Jesus Seminar" with the publication of *Jesus Under Fire* (Zondervan, 1996), has never been more ready for the challenge. Since the publication of that book, Biola has added 65 full-time faculty to its academic community from a variety of disciplines. With all the energy and scholarship taking place on campus, and with theological skepticism on the rise, the coming years are sure to be invigorating.



Rob Westervelt  
(M.A. '97), Editor



## WHY SOME PEOPLE DON'T JOIN THE President's Circle

As president of Biola University for 25 years, one of my highest priorities has been to encourage people to join the President's Circle, a group of supporters who give \$1,000 or more to the Biola Scholarship Fund annually. **I haven't had as many join as I would like, and I've noticed three reasons why.**

**Reason #1: Many assume tuition covers the cost of a Biola education.**

The reality is tuition only accounts for 75 percent of Biola's budget. Like many private universities, we rely on the generous support of our alumni and friends, like you, to make a Biola education more accessible to deserving students.

**Reason #2: Some are convinced government money offsets costs.**

People often confuse financial aid with institutional government funding. Financial aid is not given to colleges; rather, it's given to students in the form of grants or loans. Unlike other universities, Biola has never, and will never, accept government funding so that it can continue to provide biblically centered education without government interference.

**Reason #3: Perhaps you believe there is enough scholarship money for all who need it.**

I wish this were true, but it is not. Biola through generous donors, must make up the difference in the cost of educating its students. That's why the President's Circle was created. We must raise enough money for the Biola Scholarship Fund so that all deserving students can receive a Biola education.

Maybe some of these reasons have kept you from joining the President's Circle. Or maybe this information has caused you to see the Biola Scholarship Fund in a new light. Either way, **I want you to join me today as a member of the President's Circle by filling out the form enclosed in this magazine.** With your support, we can together strengthen Biola for its second century of service to our Lord Jesus Christ. **Thank you.**

## An Alumni Call to Service

A question that has surfaced from alumni, which was presented to the alumni board for direction and implementation was, "How can Biola students and alumni put their faith and training into action and demonstrate the love of Christ to the local community and beyond?" With this in mind, your alumni board has created a new sub-committee focused on service and missions projects that are promoted for alumni involvement.

I believe Biola alumni are especially prepared and trained to service action around the world in missions and outreach — whether through business as ministry, medical service or teaching and preaching. I was recently honored to join a group of eight Biola alumni that included a dentist, physician, several nurses and other professionals to minister to more than 1,500 Dalit people, the "untouchables" of India. As alumni, we were reminded how well prepared we were by Biola for this type of service.

As students, you and I were involved with outreach and service. When I attended Biola,

**'How can Biola students and alumni put their faith and training into action and demonstrate the love of Christ to the community and beyond?'**



**Biolans serving the Dalit people in Andhra Pradesh, India: (Front row, L to R) Rick Bee ('79, '90, '01), Russ Engevik ('79), Breanna Bee (student), David Hill ('94) (Back row, L to R) Mike Winter ('80), Amy Engevik (student), Julie Bee ('80), Lauren Hiskey (student)**

every semester we had our "Christian Service Assignment," and it was a mandatory part of a Biola education. Those programs still exist today for Biola students, and research would tell us that the students serve literally hundreds of thousands of hours every year in local, national and international ministry and service.

Why not integrate the same kind of service program opportunity for our alumni who are interested in serving our communities with other Biola graduates? With this in mind, the alumni board organized the first "Biola Service Day."

On Feb. 24 during alumni weekend, local alumni and their families joined with Biola students to serve the La Mirada community by helping our elderly neighbors, local businesses and community for the Lord Jesus Christ. For more details, check out our Web site at [www.biola.edu/alumni](http://www.biola.edu/alumni).

And, if you live out of the area and weren't able to come back for alumni weekend, and would like to replicate the Biola Service Day in your neighborhood and community, we would love to hear about it and might even use a photo of your service in an upcoming issue of *Biola Connections*. And, watch the magazine for future opportunities to serve together in short-term missions and ministry.

I hope you will consider how you might serve your neighbors and extend what we learned so well as students of Biola. I look forward to visiting with you soon to hear what difference you have made for the kingdom!



**Rick Bee ('79, M.A. '90, Ph.D. '01)**  
*Senior Director of Alumni and Friend Development*

## 'Legacy Gala' Draws Sold-Out Crowd



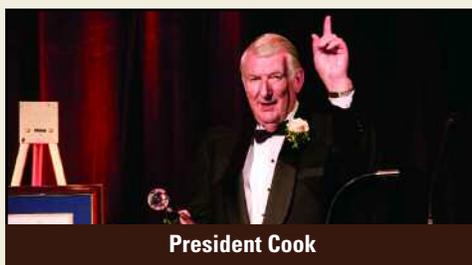
Film director Scott Derrickson ('89, '90) received a "Legacy Award" on Feb. 24.

Over 370 Biola friends, supporters and alumni attended the University's first "Legacy Gala," Feb. 24, where guest speaker and alumnus Scott Derrickson ('89, '90) shared about his experiences directing the films *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* and the upcoming *Paradise Lost*.

The sold-out fundraising event — held at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach — included dinner, music performed by the Biola Jazz Ensemble, and a presentation of the inaugural "Legacy Awards" to three recipients who exemplify Biola's mission of impacting the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

President Clyde Cook received the "Lifetime Legacy Award for Leadership and Service." A video presentation featured Christian leaders reflecting upon Cook's 25 years of faithful and godly leadership of Biola, including Josh McDowell, Dr. James Dobson, Dr. Charles Colson, Dr. Lloyd Ogilvie, John Thune ('83) (senator of South Dakota) and Dr. Paul Corts (president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities).

The "Legacy Award for Professional Excellence in Media" was presented to Derrickson. During his acceptance speech, Derrickson —



President Cook

who also received an "Alumni Award" the day before — spoke of the value of his Biola education, especially the theological training, which he said helped prepare him to tackle important issues on the big screen.

The "Legacy Award for Faithful Stewardship" was presented to Suzanne Crowell, whose late husband, Donald Crowell Sr., served as the managing partner of Crowell, Weedon & Co., the largest independent investment firm in the Western United States. Donald Crowell Sr. modeled integrity and character, and he respected those same qualities in other businesspeople.

After his death in 2004, Suzanne — along with her sons, Andrew and Donald Jr. — gave a large financial gift to Biola University's School of Business building project.

## 2006 Alumni of the Year Awards

THESE ALUMNI WERE RECOGNIZED DURING ALUMNI WEEKEND, AT A CHAPEL SERVICE ON FEB. 23.

### *Christians in Culture Award* Scott Derrickson ('89, '90)

*In grateful recognition of his outstanding contribution to impacting culture for the Lord Jesus Christ*



Scott Derrickson co-wrote and directed *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*, a 2005 film based on a true story about the failed exorcism of Anneliese Michel, a college freshman who was, at one point, recognized by the Roman Catholic Church as being demon possessed. Derrickson is currently directing *Paradise Lost*, a big-screen adaptation of John Milton's 1667 epic poem about Satan's rebellion against God and the fall of man. Derrickson graduated from Biola with degrees in communication and humanities.

### *Christians in Leadership Award* Gregory Thompson ('70)

*In grateful recognition of his leadership in impacting the world for the Lord Jesus Christ*



Greg Thompson serves as the director of forensic services for all of San Diego County, overseeing the San Diego Sheriff's Regional Crime Laboratory. Thompson is responsible for the oversight of a full-service forensic laboratory, including crime scene investigations. He directs a staff of 60 forensic scientists and field evidence technicians. Among his initiatives is the creation of a "cold case unit" — California's first one — to examine unsolved murders and sex crimes. He earned a degree in social science from Biola.

### *Lifetime Achievement Award* Ethel Wallis ('38)

*In grateful appreciation for her years of service, spreading the gospel to the lost as she continues to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ*



Ethel Wallis has served with Wycliffe Bible Translators for 37 years and helped translate the Bible into two languages: Otomi for an indigenous people group in central Mexico and Circassian for a people group in the former USSR. Wallis also has written over 20 books about missionary work, including *God Speaks Navajo* and *The Dayuma Story: Life Under Auca Spears* (both published by Harper & Row). She took a two-year course in Bible and Christian ministry at Biola.

## Where Are They Now?



### Teaching Handicapped Children

**Karl Simmons** (M.A. '03) is in his fourth year of teaching handicapped children at Norwalk-La Mirada Unified School District in Southern

California. Karl has about 10 students — grades kindergarten through fifth grade — whose handicaps range from moderate to severe, like cerebral palsy and spina bifida. Many of the students have multiple impairments, both mental and physical. Having earned a master's degree in philosophy of religion and ethics from Biola, Karl is especially concerned about ethical issues related to the treatment of the handicapped. He believes a functional view of personhood is forming in America — promoted by abortion-rights advocates — where a person's value is determined by his or her ability to contribute to society. As a result of this, Karl is afraid that handicapped people will start to be seen as non-persons — as the unborn already are seen. "Somebody's got to be on the front-lines protecting these people," Karl said. On Aug. 11, he will marry Crystal Bowlby, who will graduate from Biola in May with a Ph.D. from Rosemead School of Psychology. [karl.m.simmons@biola.edu](mailto:karl.m.simmons@biola.edu)



### Working in Professional Sports

**Benson Bird** ('05), last June, began working as an account executive with the Chicago Fire, a Major League Soccer team, based in Bridgeview, Ill. Benson

sells season tickets, luxury suites and major sponsorship deals. He also attends events around Chicago to promote the team, including youth soccer tournaments and player appearances. During the games, he helps with the half-time contests. Benson was offered the job after

attending Game Face, a sports executive training academy in Beaverton, Ore. There, he was given hands-on experience by working on a marketing project for the Cincinnati Reds, a Major League Baseball team. Benson, who majored in media management at Biola, sees his future in sports. "I believe God has called me to be here, and it is something I am very passionate about," he said. In January, he enrolled in a master's degree program in sports marketing at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. [benson.d.bird@biola.edu](mailto:benson.d.bird@biola.edu)

### Ministering in the Middle East



**Tom** ('79) and **JoAnn (Renda, '79) Doyle** serve as missionaries to the Middle East, with "e3 Partners," a non-denominational church planting ministry based in Dallas, Texas. The Doyles have seen many Jews and Muslims become Christians, including former terrorists. After taking his first trip to Israel in 1995, Tom became hooked. "It was life changing. Just seeing where the Bible was lived out and understanding more of the context behind it opened up a whole new realm for me," Tom said. He became a licensed tour guide with the State of Israel, and he and JoAnn have been leading tours there ever since. In the summer of 2001, the Doyles sensed God's call to the mission field, after Tom had been pastoring for 20 years. As e3 Partner's Middle East Director, Tom leads mission teams to the Middle East and connects U.S. churches and Middle East churches. JoAnn leads women's conferences throughout the

Middle East for former Muslims, including a conference this March. One of the women who attended is the wife of one of Osama bin Laden's former assistants (both she and her husband are now Christians). Tom has authored a book about America and Israel titled, *Two Nations Under God* (B&H Publishing Group). He and JoAnn met at a Biola basketball game while Tom was majoring in biblical studies and JoAnn was studying nursing. Tom also earned a master's degree in biblical studies from Dallas Theological Seminary. They have six children, one son-in-law and two grandchildren. Their son, Josh, has applied to Biola. [doyle\\_tom@msn.com](mailto:doyle_tom@msn.com)

### Providing Character Education to Elementary School Students

**Bill Holeman** ('50, '53) travels to public schools throughout Kentucky using ventriloquist acts to deliver the gospel and character education. Each year, Bill and his wife of 56 years, Joyce — and Bill's dummies Homer and Henry — travel to 135 schools in 24 counties, reaching nearly 40,000 elementary school students and 3,000 teachers. For over 50 years, Bill has been appearing in public schools and at Youth Haven Bible Camp in Beattyville, Ky. — entertaining and challenging generations of children. He said he loves his life work. "I can't quit, and I'm not going to quit until my health breaks," Bill, age 77, told *Kentucky Living* magazine, which featured him in its October issue.

"If I had life to live over again, I'd start a little sooner, I'd work a little harder, and I'd do more for God," he said. At Biola, he earned a certificate and a bachelor's degree in biblical studies. Bill and Joyce have four children.



Karen Combs

## Exposing 'E-Rumors'

Rich Buhler ('68) — a broadcast journalist — founded TruthOrFiction.com in 1998 to give people a quick way to check out the accuracy of forwarded e-mails (which he calls "e-rumors"). Buhler's Web site receives up to 11 million hits a month and has been featured on television news outlets, including CNN, MSNBC and BBC. Buhler shared his e-rumor experiences with *Biola Connections*.

**With the advent of e-mail**, the e-rumor has become the underground news service of the world. An e-rumor can be established as fact in the minds of millions of people in a matter of hours.

**E-rumors are what I call "wow stories,"** and we all share them. Often bizarre, funny, inspiring or scary, they are fascinating reflections of people's hopes, fears and beliefs.

**The granddaddy of all Christian e-rumors** is the one about Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the famous American atheist, who allegedly filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission to remove religious programming from radio and television. She never filed such a petition, but this rumor refuses to die (even though she has). The FCC has received tens of millions of complaints about the phony petition.

**The subject of rumors, hoaxes and urban legends** is an entertaining one. The lessons learned, however, are important to life.

**E-rumors aren't just silly stories.** They can damage reputations, spread misinformation about people or products, and some can be scary — like those claiming medical information.

**Many of us have had the experience of forwarding an e-mail** and then feeling the sting of several replies telling us the story is hogwash.

**One recent e-rumor that turned out not to be "hogwash"** is that a 1,000-pound feral hog was killed by two men on a plantation in Georgia. The hog didn't turn out to be 1,000 pounds, but it was a huge one at about 800 pounds.

**Some people create e-rumors to cause harm** to a specific person or group by spreading misinformation. For example, a national restaurant chain has been fighting a false e-rumor that claims that a chef intentionally contaminated a steak with body fluids after a customer complained about how it was cooked, causing the customer to get sick. It's caused loss of business for the restaurant.

**Many e-rumors are created or embellished** by a part of us that wishes they were true.

**One e-rumor that was probably created this way** is about a store clerk who contracted a serious virus by coming into contact with soft-drink cans with dried rat urine on them. The story isn't true, and the virus couldn't be contracted that way, but somebody who has an obsession with cleanliness would find it satisfactory to create this story.

**The angriest feedback I've received** was when I exposed an e-rumor that circulated shortly after 9/11 known as "The Photo of the Last Tourist From

On Top of the World Trade Center." The photo, taken by an Eastern European prankster, obviously wasn't from the same time of day as the 9/11 attacks because the angle of the sun was wrong and the type of airliner in the background was wrong. But some people who had cried for the tourist and prayed for his family wrote us saying that we shouldn't discredit this young man's memory.

**The study of e-rumors helps us be more alert** to false information we might be guilty of believing and passing along to others in our everyday lives — at home, with friends or at work.

**The study of e-rumors can strengthen our Christian faith.** It's very important to me that Jesus is not an urban legend. Whereas rumors lack first-hand sources, the number of first-hand stories about Jesus from people who knew him is enormous, and the kicker is how many of them were willing to die for it. Critics can speculate whether his followers were misled, but nobody can accuse them of participating in a hoax.

### Rich Buhler At A Glance



Thomas Fluharty

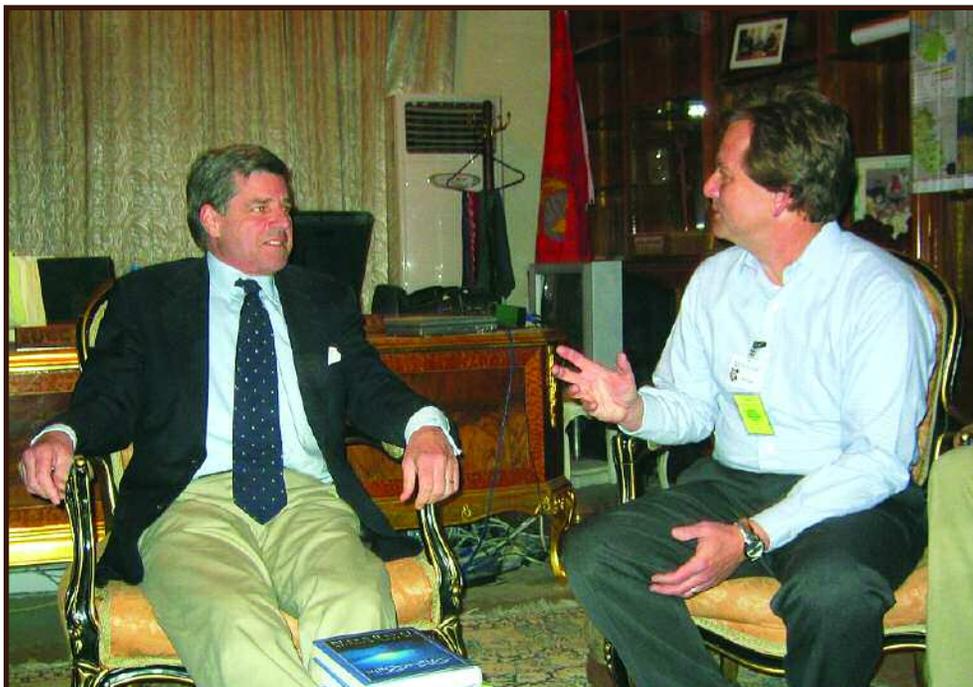
**Hometown:** Villa Park, Calif.

**Family:** Wife, Dianne (Folkerts, '67); 10 children (four of whom graduated from Biola); seven grandchildren

**Education:** B.A. in psychology, Biola; honorary doctor of laws degree, Biola; honorary doctor of humane letters degree, Trinity College

**Business:** Rich is the president of Branches Communications in California, a Radio-Television-Film production company.

## News & Notes



Tom Doyle ('79) is pictured here (right) with L. Paul Bremer, the former U.S. ambassador to Iraq, in Saddam Hussein's palace and former office. Doyle visited Iraq during a recent missions trip. Read more about him in the "Where Are They Now?" section on page 32.

### 1960s

**David** ('66) and **Nancy (Fields, '65) Coats** recently started teaching at Hopi Mission School on a reservation in Arizona. They are job-sharing the 4th grade and also teaching art and music. It is turning into quite a challenge after semi-retirement for a few years. Life on the reservation is a lot like their teaching in Yemen and Venezuela. There is indeed a mixture of the old and the new, isolation from others, and a definite resistance to the gospel among the Hopi people. They said, "We are learning a lot." Missionaries have been on the reservation for over 100 years, but there is still no Hopi pastor. They ask for prayer that God will open the people's hearts!

**Joe** ('69) and **Ruth (Gregg, '67) Coney** live in the Atlanta, Ga., area. Joe has served with Crown Financial Ministries in the ministry advancement department for 18 years, and Ruth teaches gifted children in a public school. They have two grown children, with one on the mission field in Croatia. They also have six grandchildren.

### 1980s

Rev. **Bob Fritch** ('81) has gone on part-time staff with a Christian ministry called Victorious Christian Living International in Phoenix, Ariz. Bob does discipleship training with the organization. [revbfritch@cox.net](mailto:revbfritch@cox.net)

**Deborah L. White** ('81) earned a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma last October. She works for the University of Oklahoma as an instructional designer and teaches part time for Mid-America Christian University in Oklahoma City, Okla. [dlw@ou.edu](mailto:dlw@ou.edu)

**Randy** (M.A. '87) and **Jan (Peterson, '76) Kent** are missionaries with Global Outreach Mission in Alsace, France, pastoring a French church. This is their 18th year living overseas. [kentsfrance@yahoo.com](mailto:kentsfrance@yahoo.com)

### 1990s

**Darren** ('90) and **Cheryl (Speight, '91) Macdonald** are pleased to announce the adoption of Svetlana, age 11. Originally from Penza, Russia, Sveta joins



Emily (10), Maggie (8) and Trevor (3).

**Chad** ('95) and **Kendal** ('95) **Owens** are serving as Wycliffe missionaries in Papua, New Guinea, as an information technology specialist and elementary school teacher. Their children, Calvin (5) and Sydney (7), attend school in Ukarumpa and live with their parents on campus as they help support the Bible translation work. [owens@gimpel.tv](mailto:owens@gimpel.tv)

**Dana Turell** ('95) was promoted to vice president at CAWOOD, a marketing agency in Eugene, Ore. In her new position, Dana, formerly an account manager, will launch an interactive marketing initiative, as well as supervise and manage accounts. She is also vice president of communications for the southwest Oregon chapter of the American Marketing Association and serves on the board of the Emerald Executive Association.



### 2000s

**Joseph J. Mellema** ('02) recently joined the Law Offices of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP, based in Wilmington, Del. Joseph serves as an associate in the firm's Intellectual Property Law Group, based in the Los Angeles office. He earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Biola, a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Southern California and a J.D. from Loyola Law School.

### Marriages

**Charise (Davis, '91)** married John Cole on July 15, 2006.

**Wes Hansard** ('93) married Sandi Jadach on Nov. 4 in Foster City, Calif. Wes is a financial analyst for Novellus Systems in San Jose, Calif. Sandi is a flight attendant for United Airlines, based out of San Francisco. The couple honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii, and live in Foster City.

**Michael Applegate** ('96) and **Krista Rojas** ('01, M.A. '04) were married at Hosanna Chapel in Bellflower, Calif., and the reception was held at Los Coyotes Country Club. Other Biolans in the wedding were Jon MacDonald ('96), David Bosch ('97), Melanie (Kent, '01) Strople, Rebecca (Roach, '00) Nicholas, Jennifer Lopez ('02) and Kallie (Bell, '02) Carpenter.

**Jeffrey Hachquet** ('00) married **Amy Dye** ('02) on Sept. 16 in Las Vegas, Nev. Biolans in the wedding party included Jill Mattinson ('00), Johnny Hachquet ('99) and Beau Pignatello ('00). Jeffrey works in commercial real estate, and Amy works in public relations for a media group. The couple lives in Las Vegas, Nev. [JeffNAmyHash@hotmail.com](mailto:JeffNAmyHash@hotmail.com)

**Christina (Anderson, '00)** and **William Martinez** married on Oct. 22. They traveled with Talbot Israel last winter and were engaged at the Sea of Galilee. Biolans in the wedding were Sharon Campbell ('02) and Deborah (Price, '99, '05) Feely. The couple honeymooned at Niagara Falls, Canada, and lives in Rialto, Calif. [promised1@gmail.com](mailto:promised1@gmail.com)

**Anney Tate** ('01) was married to **Daniel Snyder** on Oct. 14. Bridesmaids from Biola included Kelly (Husmann, '01) Garman. The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico, and returned to Colorado Springs, Colo., where Anney works as a mental health therapist, and Daniel works as an engineer contractor for the Air Force. [anneysnyder@gmail.com](mailto:anneysnyder@gmail.com)

**Shannon (Aucutt, '02)** married **Konrad Malkowski** on Dec. 23 at the Eisenhower All-Faith Chapel at Pennsylvania State University in University Park, Pa. Shannon graduated with a bachelor's degree in music performance from Biola and a master's degree in musicology from Penn State in 2005. She works for Lamar Publishing House as the coordinator of marketing and communications. The couple lives in State College, Pa., where Konrad, a native of Poland, is

finishing his Ph.D. in computer science and engineering at Penn State.

**Ruby Burgan** ('03, M.A. '05) was married to Steven Lin on July 9, 2006, in Anaheim, Calif. Biola alumni in the wedding were Julie Neiggemann ('04), Jamela Marte ('03) and Jenny Holdzkom ('03). Ruby teaches in Downey, Calif. She received her master's degree in education from Biola in 2005. The couple lives in La Habra, Calif.

**Kacie Campbell** ('04) married Greg Macdonald on Oct. 28. Biolans in the wedding included Amber Padgett ('02), Koryn (Jagich, '02) Parker, Erin Broughton ('04) and Caleb Campbell ('07). Greg and Kacie met through their church, Christian Assembly, in Eagle Rock, Calif. They live in Pasadena, Calif., where Greg attends Fuller Theological Seminary and works for Parsons Corporation, and Kacie works for Fuller Theological Seminary and Christian Assembly Church. [kaciecam@yahoo.com](mailto:kaciecam@yahoo.com)



**Ryan** ('06) and **Katie (Erwin, '06) Scott** were happily married on March 11, 2006, in Yorba Linda, Calif. The wedding included Biolans Terri Hewko ('06), Carli Aanderud ('06), Marilou Stoltenberg ('06), Johanna Carrico ('06), Madeline Hodge ('06), Brandon Olney ('05), Doug Roush ('06), David Koch (student), and Greg Stump (resident director). Katie is pursuing an M.A. in family therapy, while Ryan is pursuing his dream of becoming a medical doctor. They live in Newport Beach, Calif.

### *Births*

**Dan** ('91) and Sarah **Babb** are extremely proud to announce the arrival of Cole David, born on Oct. 10. Cole is their first child and has put a constant smile on his parents' faces since the day he arrived. The Babb family lives in Highlands Ranch,

Colo., where Dan is a store team leader for a Super Target, and Sarah has just "retired" from teaching in Denver Public Schools to be a full-time mom and homemaker. [www.milehighbabblan.com](http://www.milehighbabblan.com)

**Todd L. Smith** ('91) and his wife, Kimberly, are proud to announce the birth of their first son, Noah LaVern, born on March 26, 2006. His Aunt Cheri (Smith, '89) Coulter and Uncle Jesse Smith ('95) are also Biola alumni. Todd works for CalPERS (the California Public Employees' Retirement System) in Sacramento, Calif.

**Elizabeth (Tucker, '92)** and **Will Goulding** officially adopted Charity Rose into their family in February. Charity is welcomed enthusiastically by her brother Tucker (9), Chloe (8), Ellie (4) and Harrison (1). Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom who loves the fact that she gets to home school her children. Will works for a small advertising agency, handling the sales, marketing and management of several projects. The Gouldings live in San Jose, Calif. [gouldingfamily@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gouldingfamily@sbcglobal.net)

**David** ('93) and **Stefani (Leafblad, '94) Massongill** announce the birth of Elizabeth Joy, born Sept. 25. Elizabeth joins her sister, Emily (4), and Robby (2). David works for AIG Financial Advisors as an independent financial advisor, while Stefani is a busy stay-at-home mom.

**Drake** ('94, M.A. '00) and **Christina (Adelseck, '95, M.A. '98) Levashoff** are thrilled to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Jessie Lynn. She was born Aug. 19, 2006, and regularly receives kisses from her big brother, Jud (2). Drake is the director of graduate admissions at Vanguard University and is writing his dissertation for a Ph.D. in early Christian history from UCLA. The Levashoff family lives in Costa Mesa, Calif., where Christina stays at home with the kids.

Flint and **Patti (Sandez, '95) Crane** celebrate the birth of their second child, Haley Sara, born on Aug. 8, 2006. She joins her big sister, Hope Lauren (5). The Cranes live in Chandler, Ariz., where Flint is an accountant, and Patti stays home with their girls.

Rick and **Julie (Lehmann, '95) Martinez** welcomed their third child, Nicole Marie, into

their family on Jan. 18. Nathan (5) and AJ (3) are excited to have a baby sister and are well on their way to spoiling her. Julie stays at home with the children and continues to complete freelance work for Thomson Higher Education, where she worked before having children. She is active in women's ministry at her church in Chandler, Ariz., where she serves as a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) coordinator and leads Bible studies. [martinezmommy@yahoo.com](mailto:martinezmommy@yahoo.com)

**Eric** ('97) and **Heidi Anderson** announce the birth of Elijah Cade, born on Dec. 8. He joins his big sisters, Shelbi (3) and Maggie (2).

**Chris** ('97) and **Susan (Stark, '97) Tweedy** are excited to announce the arrival of Ashley Noelle, born May 30, 2006. She joins her big sister, Savannah (2). The Tweedys live in Germany and serve as missionaries with Greater Europe Mission. [stweedy@gemission.com](mailto:stweedy@gemission.com)

**Todd** ('97) and **Gina (Nastase, '98) Williams** were blessed with the birth of their first child, Jordyn Solana, on July 3, 2006. The Williams family lives in Huntington Beach, Calif., and enjoys traveling, boating, triathlons and living by the beach. Todd is a certified public accountant, working as the vice president of finance and accounting for Claim Jumper Restaurants, and Gina is also a certified public accountant, working at a small firm. [toddginawilliams@yahoo.com](mailto:toddginawilliams@yahoo.com)

Keith and **Madison (Brunckhorst, '99) Kimball** welcomed home their first child, a baby boy. Saxon Kana'i was born April 18. The Kimballs live in Kapaa, Kaua'i, where Keith is a supervisor for a construction company, and Madison is a full-time mom. [kdakimball@yahoo.com](mailto:kdakimball@yahoo.com)

**Bill** ('99) and **Amy (Smith, '01) Leonhardt** announce the birth of their son, Simon James, born March 17, 2006.

**Amy (Phillips, '99)** and **Jamey Sotis** joyfully welcomed their son, Braden Nicholas, on June 30. He is little brother to Toby (2). Amy is a stay-at-home mom, and Jamey is a family practice doctor in Minneapolis, Minn.

**Greg** ('00) and **Amy (Warmerdam, '98) Collard** announce the birth of their first child. Emma Claire was born on May 10, 2006. Greg and Amy live in Seattle, Wash., and are preparing to move overseas to assist with a church-planting ministry in Croatia.

**Josh** ('00) and **Wendy (Becker, '99) Neal** announce the birth of their first daughter, Cosette Elise, born on July 2, 2006. Connor (3) is a gentle and affectionate big brother to Cosette. This is Josh's fourth year as band director at Whittier Christian High School in Whittier, Calif. Wendy is a stay-at-home mom and recently started a home-based business, called "Wee Toes and Noggins," selling custom, handmade baby booties and hats. [www.weetoessandnoggins.com](http://www.weetoessandnoggins.com)

**Josiah** ('00) and **Brandy (Allen, '00) Vencel** welcomed their daughter, Quinnlyn Eve, on Dec. 31. She joined her big sister, Avery (2), and big brother, Everett (4). The Vencels live in Bakersfield, Calif., where Josiah is employed in the marketing industry, and Brandy is a home-schooling mom. [vencelfamily@gmail.com](mailto:vencelfamily@gmail.com)

**Josh** ('00) and **Emily (Dunbar, '02) White** and their first son, Joel, welcomed baby Seth Monroe on Aug. 8. The Whites live in Idyllwild, Calif., and run the family business — the Idyllwild Inn. [josh.white@biola.edu](mailto:josh.white@biola.edu)

**Mindy (Pierce, '01)** and **Nathan Dunn** are happy to announce the birth of their son, Caleb Nathanael. He was born Oct. 28. Nathan works as a science teacher at Downey High School in Downey, Calif., and Mindy enjoys staying at home with Caleb. [welldunns@hotmail.com](mailto:welldunns@hotmail.com)

**Nick** ('01) and **Becky (Polk, '00) Fisher** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Reagan Dorothy, born May 31, 2006. The Fishers live in Huntington Beach, Calif., where Nick is the youth pastor at Central Baptist Church, and Becky works in the office of a group home organization. [www.beckyfisherphotography.com/reagan](http://www.beckyfisherphotography.com/reagan)

**Steve** ('01) and **Rachel (Holm, '01) Loth** announce the birth of Jayna Renae. She was born July 8, 2006, and joins her big brothers, Noah (4) and Caleb (2). Steve is a branch manager of a national bank, and

Rachel is busy being a mother and wife. They are involved in different ministries at Hope Church in Fort Worth, Texas. [www.lothfamily.com](http://www.lothfamily.com)

**Chris** ('01) and **Kelly (Stark, '01) Petinak** are happy to announce the birth of their son, Cameron James, on Aug. 30, 2006. Chris and Kelly live in Beaumont, Calif., where Chris owns and operates a graphic design firm. Kelly quit her job as a high school counselor at Gahr High School in Cerritos to be a stay-at-home mom. [chris@thrivestudios.com](mailto:chris@thrivestudios.com)

**Zac** ('02) and **Abby (Erickson, '01) Hicks** are excited to welcome Jesse Coupland into the family. Jesse was born on Aug. 24, 2006, and joins his big brother, Joel, who was born Dec. 21, 2004. Zac and Abby live in Denver, Colo. After both graduating from Denver Seminary, Zac is working as an assistant pastor at Rocky Mountain Presbyterian Church, and Abby is working part time as a counselor in private practice and staying home with the boys.

**Benjamin** ('03) and **Ashley (Curtis, '02, '03) Cain** joyfully announce the birth of their son, Ethan Edward, born Sept. 1. The family enjoys serving the Lord in Shingle Springs, Calif., where Ben is a junior high band teacher, and Ashley is a part-time guest teacher.

**Steve (M.A. '03)** and **Jennifer (Sorensen, '98) Earle** welcomed the charming Miss Lucy Elizabeth into their family on Jan. 27, 2006. It was a particular joy to have Lucy delivered by her maternal grandfather (yes, he's a doctor!). Steve continues to manage the computer support department at Biola. Jennifer left her job of nearly eight years running the operations for the Biola M.A. in organizational leadership program to run the Earle home operations.

**Daryl** ('03) and **Becky (Ahern, '04) Spradley** announce the birth of Claire Christine on May 22, 2006. Claire joins her older sister, Natania Providence, born Feb. 12, 2005. The Spradleys serve with SEND International (a mission agency) in Eastern Europe.

**Michael** ('06) and **Jessie Dunn** ('03) had their first child, Samuel Richard, on July 7, 2006. Jessie decided to give birth to Sam at home, and since he

# Baby Biolans



01) Ashley Tweedy  
 02) Braden Sotis  
 03) Caleb Dunn  
 04) Cameron Petinak  
 05) Claire Spradley

06) Cole Babb  
 07) Cosette Neal  
 08) Elizabeth Massongill  
 09) Emma Collard  
 10) Ethan Cain

11) Haley Crane  
 12) Jayna Loth  
 13) Jesse Hicks  
 14) Jordyn Williams  
 15) Jessie Levasheff

16) Lucy Earle  
 17) Noah Smith  
 18) Quinnlyn Vencel  
 19) Samuel Dunn  
 20) Saxon Kimball

21) Seth White  
 22) Simon Leonhardt

decided to come quickly, Mike delivered him by himself since the midwife didn't arrive in time! They call Sam "a wonderful joy and blessing." The Dunns live in Irvine, Calif., where they live on campus at Concordia University as part of Mike's new job in residential education. He works with undergraduate residents to foster the community. Jessie said she is blessed to be a stay-at-home mom. [jessie.dunn@biola.edu](mailto:jessie.dunn@biola.edu)

### Deaths

**Kathleen "Kay" (Nakane, '37) Kane** died on Nov. 24 at the Presbyterian Manor in Sterling, Kansas. She was 93 years old. Kay was secretary to the first three presidents of Westmont College in Santa Barbara, Calif., before moving to Sterling, Kan., in 1951. She was executive secretary to three presidents of Sterling College before retiring in 1978. Kay taught adult, college and high school

Sunday School classes at the United Presbyterian Church in Sterling for many years and worked in the church's nursery for 16 years. She was a dedicated prayer warrior and an accomplished artist, hostess and author. She published her first novel, *The Courageous Doctor*, at age 87. She is survived by her brothers, Richard Kane and Maurice "Maury" Kane.

**Sylvelyn "Helen" Catherwood ('39)** passed away March 2, 2006. She studied biblical studies at Biola and went on to earn a B.A. at Wheaton College.

**Willis Carrico ('49)** went home to be with his Savior on Oct. 13. He was 85 and had suffered from Parkinson's Disease for many years. Willis and his family served the Lord as missionaries in Japan for 18 years with TEAM. In the days when few missionaries could speak Japanese well, God gave Willis the ability to read and speak the language as if he had been born and raised in Japan. He was a church planter, traveling evangelist and later had a daily radio program, which included working with Far East Broadcasting Company. In the United States, Willis pastored churches in Arizona, Idaho and California, and he also pastored in British Columbia, Canada. Many people received salvation through his ministries. Willis' wife, Doris, and one of their children predeceased him. They are survived by nine children.

**Robert Carl Kliever ('52, M.Div '55)** was brought peacefully into the presence of the Lord on Jan. 27, 2006, while at home, surrounded by his family. At Biola, Bob was active in varsity basketball, intramural football and music. He worked with the Student Missionary Union, was editor of *The Chimes* student newspaper and served as president of the Biola Men. He was also a member of Talbot seminary's first graduating class. Bob felt a deep, lifelong connection with Biola. He was part of the Biola Alumni Board, was a "Golden Eagle," and even had a "Biola alumni" license plate proudly displayed on his car. Bob served the Lord for more than 50 years, pastoring many churches throughout Southern California, including Orange Grove Chapel in Redlands. During his years of ministry, he touched the lives of many people. He had a presence, elegance and humility that

attracted people instantly, and many people loved him. Bob and his wife, Lillian (Theisen, '53), were blessed with two daughters: Lynne (Kliever, '78) O'Brien, who married Steve O'Brien (M.A. '85); and Jan Hunt. Bob is also survived by four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

**John Charles Baker ('65, M.Div. '69, Th.M. '81)** went home to glory on Nov. 2, 2006. John pastored five churches in Southern California and had been pastor of First Baptist Church of Glendale, Ariz., for 10 years when he was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor in October 2005. He served on the adjunct faculty of Biola and Southwestern College. He also served on the boards of Conservative Baptist Association of Southern California, Southwest Conservative Baptist Association, Mission to the Americas and World Venture. He had been telling his family since January 2006 that he was going home on a Thursday — and he did! His wife, Sandra (Horn, '65), can be e-mailed at: [sbaker224@aol.com](mailto:sbaker224@aol.com)

**William Carden (M.A. '80 and emeritus faculty member)** died Jan. 11 at the age of 94. Bill served as the dean of admissions and records at Biola from 1965 to 1979. He is survived by his wife, Betty ('50), who taught in the education department from 1952 to 1985, and his sons: Allen ('71), who also taught at Biola, and Joel ('79). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be given to the Carden Scholarship Fund at Biola.

**Kathryn J. Smith ('80)** passed away Sept. 18 after a courageous, nine-year battle with breast cancer. Kathryn majored in liberal studies at Biola and sang in the choir. She always spoke fondly of her time at Biola, according to her husband of 17 years, Clint. She received her teaching credential and graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary with an M.A. in theology. She worked at Fuller from 1986 to 1993 as the coordinator of academic affairs. Kathryn is survived by her husband, Clint; her daughter, Victoria; her stepchildren, Ryan, Brooke and Chelsea; her brothers, Bruce and Ron Ralston; her sisters, Patricia McDonald and Sharon Ralston; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her parents, Kenneth and Lois Ralston.

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## Proverbs 22:6 – A Promise to Parents?

*Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. (NASB)*

Parenting is not an easy task. But Proverbs 22:6 is an easy verse from which to find hope that our children will turn out OK if we train them well. It's often misquoted as a command with a promise: "If we train our kids correctly in the Lord, then, when they are older, we can be confident that they will walk with the Lord, no matter what happens in the volatile teenage or young adult years."

The verse has been used by some to heap guilt upon parents whose adult children are not walking with Christ, suggesting that the parents did not work hard enough to "train up" their children. It also has been used by well-meaning folk to provide hope that ungodly children will return to a godly lifestyle at some point in their lives. However, both of these usages are incorrect and can cause great discouragement. The passage does, in fact, express hope, but no promise.

Proverbs 22:6 is a "proverb" — no more, and no less. OK, maybe a bit more, as it is an inspired proverb contained within the Holy Scriptures. But, in understanding Scripture, one must take into account many things, such as the context, author, historical setting and literary genre.

The Bible features many literary genres, including narrative (like Genesis), poetry (like Psalms and Song of Solomon), wisdom literature (like Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes), prophecy (the major and minor prophets), apocalyptic (like Revelation), parables (Jesus' parables within the gospels) and epistles (the New Testament letters). Each genre serves different purposes, which the reader must keep in mind to correctly understand it.

In the case of Proverbs, one needs to understand the genre of "wisdom literature" and, more specifically, the "proverb." The wisdom literature of the Bible contains wise sayings, poetry and teachings that give guidelines for people to follow. The book of Proverbs is a collection of pithy, wise sayings that harbor general truths, but not necessarily



promises. A proverb is brief and poetic to be memorable, enabling it to be handed down from generation to generation, providing a form of wise and moral grounding.

An example of a popular proverb that is not from the Bible and that we use today is, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Of course, when we repeat this proverb we don't actually believe that eating an apple every day guarantees excellent health. But we do believe that, in general, healthy eating contributes to physical health.

In the same way, biblical proverbs contain general truths, but not promises. The general truth contained in Proverbs 22:6 says that if a parent works hard to train his or her children to live a godly lifestyle, then it is likely that the children will continue to walk in those ways throughout their lives. The phrase to "train up a child in the way he should go," contextually, in the proverbial genre, means that parents need to be dedicated to teaching their children to live moral and godly lives.

Training involves more than instruction — it also includes living out our lives in front of our children, modeling godly morals. It

includes giving children practice and correction to help them learn the godly lifestyle. It requires dedication on the part of parents. In fact, the whole focus of this proverb is on the parent, not the child.

It's *generally* true that a child raised by godly parents to live a godly lifestyle will continue to live out this lifestyle. I believe that many students at Biola are here because they have been trained well by godly parents. But it is not a guarantee. There are many children who have been raised well by godly parents who have bought into the ways of the world and no longer follow Christ. Proverbs speaks to this as well. But this specific proverb challenges parents to raise their children well and offers hope that the probable outcome will be glorious.



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