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Like countless other Biola graduates, my first introduction to Clyde Cook came during my first night on campus as a wide-eyed freshman. That year, as in so many others, the longtime president welcomed all of the new students to Biola at a Bell Tower communion service. He cracked some of his trustiest jokes, shared about his own Biola journey and offered some words of advice as we began ours.

And though — a decade later — I don’t recall many of the specifics of what he said that night, I do remember quite clearly the impression that his words made on me. Walking back to my dorm room, I silently thanked the Lord for bringing me to Biola — and thought about how I wanted to know my God and His Word as deeply as this man so obviously did.

That’s the kind of man Clyde Cook was. So evident was his passion for Christ — and, in turn, Biola’s mission of impacting the world for Christ — that even a brief first encounter could be both contagious and convicting.

Since his sudden death from a heart attack on April 11, I’ve read dozens of letters and e-mails from people around the world who were touched by this man who faithfully led Biola for 25 years before retiring in June 2007.

In almost every case, whether the writer had met him only once or knew him closely, the themes remained the same: Cook modeled humility, humor and integrity, and was always looking for ways to serve and encourage others. As his good friend Charles Swindoll put it: “I do not know in my lifetime if I’ve met anyone more Christlike than Clyde Cook.”

To get the full picture of what Cook meant to Biola and to the Kingdom, I encourage you to read the lengthy profile in the Winter 2007 issue of Biola Magazine, written just months before he retired. That article — which can be found with the past issues online at biola.edu/biolamag — offers a complete look at his background and accomplishments as president.

Rather than repeat that in-depth effort, we’re devoting a good portion of this issue’s cover story to a collection of brief memories from students, employees and friends, as well as excerpts from Cook’s own farewell message. Together, they offer glimpses into the life of a man who lived for eternity.

Whether you knew Cook well or not at all, I hope this issue encourages you and gets you thinking about your own faith. And if you’ve got any of your own memories to add, please do so. A memorial site has been set up at clydecook.biola.edu, where you can join Biolans around the world as we pay tribute and thank God for the impact that Cook made in our lives.
Rosemead’s Military Connections

I found it gratifying and heartwarming to read of the seven Rosemead School of Psychology graduates currently serving in the military (“Rosemead Graduates Care for Soldiers’ Mental Health,” Spring 2008). Unknown to many, a tradition of students entering the military began in Rosemead’s early Biola years. I came to Rosemead, joining the faculty in 1978 after being the second-ever female Air Force psychologist. I began to encourage students to consider this route — which offers some of the finest training for mental health practitioners in the world — while providing scholarships that defray the heavy costs of graduate education. I don’t know how many there have been, but Joanne Hedgespeth, Ph.D., now a full professor at Pepperdine University, who served in the Air Force, and Dale Levandowski, Psy.D., who was one of the first psychologists trained to prescribe medications, were two early trend-setters. Dale went on to earn his M.D. while serving in the Army. I would encourage anyone in a health care profession to consider serving, and those training for pastoral ministry to consider military chaplaincy. It was a priceless privilege and gift from God to serve. I am certain that none of the Rosemead students will ever regret their experience.

Martha L. Rogers, Ph.D.
USAF, Biomedical Corps, 1976–78
Associate Professor, Rosemead School of Psychology, 1978–83
Forensic Neuropsychologist
Orange County, Calif.
Biola’s largest-ever graduating class prepares for the undergraduate commencement ceremony on May 24. In honor of the University’s centennial year, each graduate was given a copy of the most important textbook they’ll ever use again: a Bible with a Biola-red bookmark. Read more on page 17.
The deadline was approaching for me to submit an article from the presidential pen for the next Biola Magazine. I was mulling over a thought while trying to find some time to write, a discipline that seems elusive this first year on the job. Then came April 11 and the thousands of astonished “oh no’s” in the ensuing days as word spread around the world. Clyde Cook has passed away.

I was at home about 9 p.m. when the phone rang. Brian Shook, who works in the Office of the President and had been Dr. Cook’s assistant for many years, broke the news. Within a half hour, a few of us gathered together. Brian and Becky Shook, Irene and Brett Neller and Brian Miller huddled with me and demonstrated their love for Clyde Cook through their quick response and detailed planning. That Friday night began an outpouring of tributes to a man who had made an impact in the world by making an impact on people, one at a time.

“He sat with me in the cafeteria.”
“He remembered my name.”
“He saw me at a restaurant and paid for my lunch.”
“He came to my daughter’s hospital bed, my husband’s funeral.”
“The Cooks sang ‘Happy Birthday’ to my home answering machine every year, without fail.”

When someone once asked Clyde Cook why he and Anna Belle were attending the wedding of a Biola employee, he responded, “Because we were invited.”

How about that! There’s a virtue in honoring someone by saying “yes” to an invitation.

For so many of you who are part of the Biola alumni family, the only president you have ever known is Clyde Cook. He exhorted you in chapel and in the classroom. He talked with you on the sidewalk. He ate with you in the Café. He modeled for you the love of a husband for his wife, Anna Belle, a father for his children, Laura and Craig, and a grandfather for his six grandchildren.

Clyde Cook prayed for you and prayed with you. He made you think and he made you smile. He was approachable. He was funny. He was there. He was predictable in the best sense of the word. That is a reflection of his integrity. He pointed your horizons beyond the petty stuff and challenged you to think of the big world outside of Biola as a place God wants to redeem. He believed in you and he loved you.

For 25 years, he gave of himself for Biola. Clyde Cook embodied Biola, its heritage, its values, its high calling as a biblically centered university. When people across the country and around the world saw Clyde Cook, they saw Biola.
That Monday after the Lord called him home we gathered in our morning chapel service and cast our eyes to the seat he occupied in Chase Gymnasium year in and year out when this community gathered for worship. The men from facilities services that morning directed a spotlight on the plaque installed a few months ago in his honor, now remaining there in his memory.

“Knowledge without action can be deadly,” Dr. Clyde Cook stated with conviction 25 years ago in that very gymnasium when he was inaugurated as Biola’s seventh president.

“One of the great dangers in a place such as Biola is complacency — to know what to do and yet not to do anything,” he went on to say. “It is my dream for Biola … that our faculty, staff, students, graduates and board will be committed to … attempting great things for God.”

These words drove his agenda as president of Biola. These words shaped his own life and decisions. And these words were at the core of his convictions, even to the very end.

Speaking in Houston for several days, he gave his final address on Thursday night, the evening before he passed away. He wasn’t feeling well, Anna Belle told me, but he stepped up to the microphone and — with the strength that could only come from the Lord — he shared from his heart a message that ended with words that went something like this:

The final quality I believe every student must have to make an impact is to endure constantly. We want our … students to hang in there. We don’t want them to quit. We want them to persevere. To keep moving. Or as the apostle Paul has written, ‘And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.’ If we are normal, we will have moments when we want to quit. My word to all of us is, ‘Don’t quit.’ The Lord will help you through the crisis or pressure.

Clyde Cook lived the words he proclaimed on Thursday night; he persevered to the end. And on that Friday night, after a lifetime of attempting great things for God, he heard, “Well done.”

It is with profound sadness that we mourn the loss of our beloved friend and leader, President Emeritus Clyde Cook. This news of his passing away has stunned us all. We grieve deeply with Anna Belle, Laura, Craig and their family. I promised Anna Belle on that Friday night that their Biola University family would prayerfully stand with them through these days of extraordinary loss.

Dr. Cook was long loved by this community and has truly impacted the world for the Lord Jesus Christ through his influence on countless lives. We will miss him dearly. I will miss him, and he was a new friend for me.

I imagine how much more he will be missed by the Board of Trustees and senior leadership of this institution who worked so closely with him, and by students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have spanned years and even decades serving with the inimitable Clyde Cook, a man of conviction and courage.

One day last summer when Dr. Cook and I were talking about my stepping in after his faithful 25 years of leadership as president, he told me his hope was that a year from now people would be saying, “Clyde who?”

I replied by saying something like, “Clyde, your life has influenced tens of thousands of students over the years. You’re unforgettable.”

But as I have come to know Dr. Cook in these months since, I know what he meant.

What he meant was that Biola wasn’t about him. He was but a faithful caretaker and visionary for this community.

It was never about Clyde. It was always about Jesus.

So to each of you reading tributes on his life in these pages and reflecting on his influence, as you listen to the voices remembering Dr. Cook, let me invite you to do what I believe he would want. He would want each of us to say, “Lord, challenge me today to live for you in new ways. Lord, remind me that the Good News of your Son Jesus still needs to be told to the countless who have yet to call him Savior.”

He would want you today to live a courageous life of faith, to attempt great things for God, as he challenged students a generation ago with those very words. And when you put this magazine down, may you not find yourself saying, “What a great man.” But may you instead shake your head and marvel, “What a great God.”

That’s all that Clyde Cook would want.

Barry H. Corey
President of Biola University;
Visit his office online at biola.edu/president.

“Clyde Cook pointed your horizons beyond the petty stuff and challenged you to think of the big world outside of Biola as a place God wants to redeem.”
Based on the icy reception that his Darwinism-confronting documentary has received so far from secular media critics, it’s not likely that Ben Stein will be winning an Oscar anytime soon.

But if there are any surprises, the writer and star of “Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed” has already had at least one chance to practice his acceptance speech.

In March, Stein — widely known as an actor, television show host, financial columnist and eye-lubricant pitchman — took center stage in Biola’s Chase Gymnasium to accept the University’s Phillip E. Johnson Award for Liberty and Truth, given to him for his role in championing the intelligent design movement.

“Darwinism is a brilliant theory; we have no doubt that it is correct on microevolution within species,” Stein told an audience of more than 1,000 at the March 27 award presentation, which also offered a “backstage pass” to the film.

“But when it comes to the big questions — existence, meaning — it adds nothing. Under the Darwinist paradigm, life is meaningless. Under the Darwinist paradigm, we are just mud.”

In the documentary, released in mid-April, Stein spotlights scientists and professors whom he says have lost their jobs or faced hostility — or in other words, have been “expelled” — for questioning the ability of Darwin’s theory of evolution to explain the existence of life.

He then sets out on a trip around the world, interviewing scientists and philosophers who argue that scientific evidence points away from Darwinian evolution and toward an intelligent designer.

Biola makes a brief cameo at one point. Early into the film, Stein is shown walking across the campus, where — after making himself comfortable in a science class — he questions adjunct professor Paul Nelson about the concept of intelligent design.

Stein is the third recipient of the Johnson award, which is given out once every two years by the University’s master’s program in science and religion. The program established the award in 2004 to honor legal scholar Phillip E. Johnson, who is considered the father of the intelligent design movement. In 2006, the award was given to British philosopher Antony Flew, a prominent atheist who changed his mind in 2004, claiming that the natural sciences supplied evidence for the existence of a designing intelligence.

In his appearance at Biola, Stein said he has faced a “vile torrent” of e-mails since the documentary was announced.

“Why do I get these letters?” he asked. “Because people are afraid that if we disprove Darwinism — if you even question Darwinism — if you assert that there’s a God, that we’re going to be held responsible.”

He likened his work on the film to his days as a civil rights demonstrator in Maryland decades ago, when he was spit at, cursed at and pelted by rocks. Only now, he’s fighting for academic freedom, he said.

“People don’t like to be pushed around,” Stein said. “People don’t like to be told what’s obviously true is not true. We don’t like to be told that the God who made us in a loving way… doesn’t exist.” — Jason Newell
Seeing Disabilities Through God’s Eyes
Biola ‘Suffering’ Class is First of its Kind in the Nation

At night, when visiting hours were over, a paralyzed Joni Eareckson Tada wrench-ed her head back and forth against her pillow, hoping to break her neck again and end her life.

Why, she thought, would God allow one of his believers to become a quadriplegic, to suffer?

Eareckson Tada’s question from more than four decades ago is one of the fundamental theological queries explored in an innovative Biola biblical studies course called “The Theology of Suffering and Disability.”

The class, the first undergraduate course of its kind in the nation, helps prepare Biola students to minister to the disabled community, which churches have long neglected. It is also designed to help students understand and find common ground with people with disabilities.

And the course allows students to make sense of their own suffering, whether it’s suffering from a broken heart, a broken home or another form of anguish.

“This course will mean that so many more disabled people like me will be reached with the good news of Jesus,” Eareckson Tada, a leading Christian speaker and writer, said during a chapel service in which she announced the formation of the class. “Because I tell you what, the statistics are skyrocketing. Disability is on the rise. What do you do with those kids with autism in Sunday school who keep screaming and jumping up and (down)? What do you do with elderly people who have Alzheimer’s? How are churches going to be prepared?”

Biola professor Kathy McReynolds, bioethicist and director of public policy at the Christian Institute on Disability, teaches the course and developed the syllabus. During the class, students hear from numerous guest speakers and spend a weekend at the Joni and Friends International Disability Center. They also stay with a family impacted by disability to get a first-hand glimpse into their lives and serve them.

Many people are uncomfortable being around those with disabilities because they appear to be so different, McReynolds said.

“There is a fear of the unknown,” she said. “Once you break down those walls and those barriers, what ends up happening is they begin to realize that the plight of people with disabilities really parallels the human condition and the Christian journey in many ways. It’s eye-opening.”

B.J. Walton, 22, a biblical studies major who graduated in May, enrolled in the class because he wanted to throw himself into something beyond his comfort zone. Before the course, he always appreciated hearing about someone doing disability ministry or teaching a special education class, but never had the strength or desire to do it himself.

“It’s really reshaped my worldview and quite honestly, how I see people with mental and developmental disabilities,” he said. “It’s made me a lot more comfortable interacting with them.”

Although Walton said he is not in a place where he’s thinking about pursuing full-time disability ministry, he said the class has deeply affected him.

“I have a real heart for people who are more of the outcasts, more on the fringe, and people with disabilities are in that category quite frequently,” he said.

From the start, the thought-provoking class proved popular. It filled up within the first two hours of registration and had a wait list of 30 students. McReynolds decided to allow 47 students in her classroom. She has since received inquiries from numerous colleges interested in replicating the course, fielding calls from as far away as Egypt, India and China.

Churches haven’t been good at talking about suffering or reaching out to people with disabilities, McReynolds said.

“There’s fear and ignorance of a difficult mandate,” she said, adding that churches are also concerned about the costs and liability.

“We get so many calls and e-mails from people who have been shunned by the church,” who are no longer welcomed because of their child’s disabilities, she said. “It breaks your heart.”

Nursing major Kaitlyn Carey, 21, said what she’s learning in the class is pertinent to her chosen field, where she deals with suffering and disability.

“It’s an amazing course,” she said. “It’s helping me integrate my Christianity into my practice as a nurse more than I ever thought imaginable.”

Carey said students and McReynolds have talked about the value of suffering.

“There’s an immense value to suffering in this world from a spiritual point of view,” she said. “It’s one of the fastest ways people can identify with Christ.”

More than 650 million people around the world are suffering with disabilities, about 51 million of whom are Americans. With disability on the rise, education and ministry are vital, McReynolds said.

“There are very few Americans who are not touched in some way by disability,” she said.

—Lisa O’Neill Hill

To watch Eareckson Tada’s announcement of the “Theology of Suffering and Disability” class at Biola, visit www.biola.edu/news/centennial-chapels.
‘Steps’ Event Offers Hope on Skid Row

B ringing games, food and thousands of free shoes with it, the Biola community returned to its downtown Los Angeles roots on April 5 to throw a block party for needy families.

Hundreds of people lined up along Sixth and San Pedro streets — just blocks from Biola’s original campus — early in the morning for “Steps from Hope,” the last major event held in commemoration of the University’s centennial year.

Alumni, employees and their families volunteered for the day, wearing “Jesus Saves” T-shirts to proclaim that the message of 1908 is still at the heart of Biola in 2008 — as is the desire to serve the city.

“When the founders of Biola started the institute, they were committed to making a difference in the city,” said President Barry H. Corey, who participated in distributing shoes and food with his family. “The city is still a place in the need of the gospel. Needs haven’t changed in 100 years and neither has the gospel message. We are able to reach out in a way that I think is going to make a difference in the lives of these men and women. We are still all about making a difference for the cause of Christ.”

For the event, Biola partnered with the Union Rescue Mission, which was founded by Biola’s co-founder, Lyman Stewart, and is now one of the largest missions in the United States serving the homeless community.

City streets were closed to traffic for the festivities, which included various Biola and Union Rescue Mission musical groups and a presentation of the gospel message.

Carnival games, clowns, mimes and jugglers entertained children and adults as they enjoyed the free hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones and cotton candy. The Dolores Canning Co. of Orange County served free chili and chips after reading about Biola’s outreach program in the newspaper.

Though the carnival and music provided an entertaining atmosphere, the highlight was the free shoes. Barrels of different styles and sizes were distributed to the hundreds who eagerly lined up for a new pair. With the donation of 1,500 pairs of shoes from Vans shoes, thanks in great part to an alumnus, Biola collected over 2,500 pairs of shoes throughout this year to distribute to those in need.

“Sock the Homeless,” a Whittier, Calif.-based ministry also founded by Biola alumni, partnered for the event and gave new socks to accompany the shoes.

Biola and URM officials said they were grateful for a renewed relationship to bring one day of hope to a community in need. Future service opportunities are in discussion to continue the momentum of the sister organizations.

“Our guests received not only shoes, a meal and some fun; they also received a gift of God’s grace from the students, staff and alumni who participated,” said Steve Borja, Union Rescue Mission chaplain. “As a Biola alumnus, I was proud. May we have many more joint ventures in the future.”

― Brenda Velasco and Irene Neller
Contest Brings Alumna’s ‘Lofty’ Dreams Into Reach

Beth Jones was a self-proclaimed cubicle refugee for the past five years, working various corporate jobs simply because she thought it was the “smart thing to do.”

But deep down, she felt a secret passion tugging her away from life behind a desk: fashion.

“I had a lot of aspirations and creative energy but somehow kept trying to do the ‘corporate’ thing, the realistic thing,” said Jones, who graduated from Biola in 2006. “I was dying from not doing what I loved.”

So when one of the nation’s top clothing companies handpicked her for the opportunity to occupy a spacious Los Angeles loft for free and pursue her dreams of opening her own clothing store, the choice was easy.

Since January, Jones and five other “Visionaries in Residence” selected and sponsored by the fashion company Quicksilver have been using the loft — dubbed “siteLA” — to showcase their individual talents as artists, entrepreneurs and designers. Their personal journeys are being chronicled on a companion Web site, www.sitela.org.

A small-town girl from South Carolina, Jones grew up loving fashion. But moving to California to attend Biola was a real “eye-opening experience,” she said. Suddenly, she had access to vintage stores and more freedom of expression. She was hooked.

As a transfer student at Biola — where she met her husband, Brian Jones (’02) — Jones studied in the radio-television-film program with an emphasis on media performance, but by the end, she was not sure that was what she wanted to pursue as a career. Instead, she decided to enter the world of sales.

But in 2007, she’d had enough. Weary of her job, Jones began to toy with the idea of opening her own vintage clothing store — a place for girls to come together, hang out and swap ideas and clothes.

With the store as her ultimate goal, Beth began writing a fashion blog in March 2007 to start getting her ideas out and connect with other like-minded women who loved fashion. The blog, named “The Vintage Society,” became an instant success, visited by thousands of young women around the globe each day.

Months later, she stumbled across the opportunity with Quiksilver. The Huntington Beach, Calif.-based company, known for its young-surf image, was planning to launch a new women’s clothing line with a more grown-up feel. As part of the launch, it planned to sponsor six young women who fit the new image: 20-something, professional, stylish and ambitious.

Jones, one of hundreds to apply, hardly expected any sort of response. But after a series of interviews, she learned two days before Christmas that she was selected as one of the women to occupy the space in L.A.

Catlin Rawling, marketing manager of the Quiksilver women’s line and a member of the selection committee, said Jones’ personality, fashion sense and entrepreneurial spirit made her a great fit.

“Beth’s passion shines through, and you can tell she is in love with what she is doing and has a plethora of ideas,” Rawling said. “We knew that whether she was with Quiksilver or not, she would make her dream happen. We are more than happy to be on this journey with her.”

During her first several months at siteLA, Jones has filled her section of the loft with some of her own fashion inspirations. A collage of images of clothing and fashion is on one side, and hanging from the closet are some of her sample vintage fashion pieces.

The other women who share the space are diverse. One is a musician. Another is a bicycle enthusiast. Another has come up with the design for the perfect custom-female car.

“It has been really exciting working with the other girls at siteLA,” Jones said. “It is amazing to meet other women who are very passionate and pursuing what they love, all with very different ideas and interests. It has opened my eyes to what others are passionate about and willing to pour themselves into.”

For an entire year, the girls get to use the workspace however they want, such as holding events to help promote their projects. Jones planned to celebrate the debut of her Web site, www.thevintagesociety.com, with a large party at the loft in June.

She also plans on hosting other events, such as a “Society Swap,” where young women come with their old clothes and swap them with others.

Jones said the experience has taught her the importance of following the dreams placed in her by God. Her message to others who might be “cubicle refugees”: “If you have a dream, don’t just go for your dream, but start doing something to make it happen. Even if nothing comes, just do it for yourself.” For her, it began with blogging, an on-the-side hobby that allowed her to explore her creativity and put down her ideas.

Jones said she isn’t sure where her current opportunity will ultimately lead her. But one thing is guaranteed: She won’t be sitting back in a cubicle, trying to “keep up with the Joneses.”

This Jones will be out there making her dreams come true. — Rae Lynn Rucker
Biola Honors Women With First-Ever Ruby Awards

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ith help from a Grammy Award-nominated singer, an on-the-rise author and a few dozen glittery red shoes, Biola paid tribute to women with a first-of-its-kind event in March.

The Ruby Slippers Luncheon – scheduled to coincide with National Women’s History Month – brought more than 300 guests to Metzger Lawn on March 5 to celebrate the role of women in Biola’s 100-year history and spotlight the service of three in particular.

Anna Belle Cook, Shelly Cunningham and Tanya Walters each received a Ruby Award, a new award that will be given out annually to recognize women who reflect godly traits and values exemplified by key women in the Bible. The award gets its name from Biola’s school color.

Cook, Biola’s first lady from 1982 to 2007, was honored with the “Esther Award for Obedience and Servanthood” for her years of service to God and Biola alongside her husband, President Emeritus Clyde Cook. Cunningham, who has taught at Talbot School of Theology since 1989, received the “Priscilla Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring.”

Walters, a 2004 graduate of the University’s BOLD program, was given the “Deborah Award for Leadership and Wisdom” for her role in founding the Godparents Youth Organization. The nonprofit group works to improve the lives of underprivileged youths in inner-city Los Angeles.

The luncheon, part of the University’s slate of official centennial celebrations, opened with a performance by Dove Award-winning artist Crystal Lewis. The singer entertained the crowd with some of her popular contemporary Christian hits, including “People Get Ready.”

Talbot School of Theology alumna Jonalyn Fincher, author of the book that inspired the luncheon, offered a keynote address following the awards ceremony. Fincher’s book, Ruby Slippers: How the Soul of a Woman Brings Her Home, explores the idea of femininity and God’s design in creating women.

Borrowing on that theme, each table at the luncheon was decorated with different types of glitter-covered shoes – sneakers, high heels, sandals and cowboy boots among them – symbolic of the qualities that make each woman unique.

Biola plans to host a similar event each year.

Moreland Book Gets Christianity Today Award

Biola professor J.P. Moreland’s acclaimed recent book, Kingdom Triangle, has been named among the best books of 2007 by Christianity Today.

The book, which encourages Christians to break loose from the influence of naturalism and postmodernism and “recapture the drama and power of kingdom living,” was one of 21 honored in the magazine’s annual book awards in the April 2008 issue.

Out of 359 nominees, editors of the magazine selected the top book in each of 10 categories, ranging from apologetics to spirituality. Moreland’s book was one of 11 additional books to receive an award of merit.

Biola Professors Speak on Capitol Hill

Several Biola professors have been invited to Washington, D.C., over the past year to offer their perspectives on political and cultural issues to Christians serving in politics.

In March, Craig Hazen, director of Biola’s master’s program in Christian apologetics, spoke to senior Bush administration staff in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on “Reasonable Faith in an Uncertain World.”

Paul Spears, an assistant professor in the Torrey Honors Institute, also spoke in March, in a U.S. Senate office building.

Other speakers have included Talbot School of Theology professors J.P. Moreland and Scott Rae, Torrey Honors Institute director John Mark Reynolds and adjunct professor Greg Koukl.

The speaking appearances have been hosted by Faith & Law, a nonprofit organization that helps congressional staff to understand the relationship between the Christian worldview and their calling to the public square.
Wilkins Receives Top Faculty Honor
Michael Wilkins, who has served on the faculty at Talbot School of Theology for more than 25 years, has been recognized with an honor reserved for only a select few of Biola’s professors.

Wilkins was promoted earlier this year to the position of distinguished professor of New Testament — making him just the fourth of the University’s faculty members to receive the title of “distinguished professor.”

The rank is highly selective and is granted only in exceptional circumstances to nationally recognized scholars who are making outstanding contributions to the University. Biola’s other distinguished professors are Robert Saucy, J.P. Moreland and Bruce Narramore.

Wilkins joined Talbot’s faculty in 1983 and has served as dean of the seminary’s faculty since 1992. He has published numerous articles, commentaries and books, and is widely known for his expertise in the New Testament and discipleship.

Forensics Team Honored at National Tournament
The Biola Forensics team made a typically strong showing at the National Christian College Forensics Association’s national tournament in March, taking first place in the Division II Individual Events Sweepstakes.

Additionally, freshman Jennifer Martin won first place in two novice individual events, while senior Kyle Danielson finished sixth place overall in the open division.

Other Biola students who were recognized for their achievements were senior Megan Burbidge, junior Scott Munekawa and sophomore Travis Rasmussen.

The event, held at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., featured participation from over 20 schools from across the country.

A
n anonymous donor has given $1 million toward the remodeling of the University’s production center, a gift that will fund remaining construction costs.

The renovation of the center will enhance Biola’s journalism and cinema and media arts programs, giving students the hands-on training they need to enter the workforce. It will feature a convergent newsroom-instructional lab, where students can learn about video, print and audio journalism in one setting; an expanded checkout room that will house lights, cameras and microphones; and a new lobby. Other upgrades include new offices and an outdoor workspace at the doors to Studio A.

Crews will be working during the summer break to get the remodel finished by the end of August.

Doug Tarpley, dean of fine arts and communication, said the donor understands the impact of media on culture all over the world and saw Biola as a good place to make an investment to help educate and train people in media.

“There was a day in American culture when family and the church had more of a direct opportunity to help shape character and develop the whole person,” Tarpley said. “But if I believe what sociologists are telling me today, the influence of both of those very important social institutions may be waning somewhat.

“That makes the entire media experience, whether it’s entertainment or information, really important.”

And, he said, it makes the mission of training and educating young people to know their craft while developing their minds, spirits and character all the more vital.

Biola previously received more than $1 million for the production center project from the estate of Joanne and Pepito Perez. A well-known vaudeville clown, Pepito Perez was good friends with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz and appeared on the “I Love Lucy” show.

The focus now is on finding funds — about $800,000 — for new equipment.

Tarpley said he appreciates the donor’s spirit of humility.

“We’re very excited about God’s provision through this gift,” said Rick Bee, senior director of alumni and friends development. “It allows us to continue to lead the way in preparing alumni and friends development. “It allows us to continue to lead the way in preparing Christian men and women to have an impact for the kingdom both in secular and Christian media.” — Lisa O’Neill Hill
Athletics Roundup

From Breaststroke to Golf Stroke, Eagles Have Strong Spring

Clockwise, from top left: Mendoza and Smith swim to record books, Gebbers launches a home run, Jones drives to the basket

Freshmen Break Swimming Records
A pair of freshmen led the way for Biola’s swimming and diving team at the NAIA National Championships at the end of February. Freshman Paul Mendoza placed second overall in the mile swim, the highest finish ever by a Biola swimmer at the championships. Mendoza also shattered the previous records in the 400-meter individual medley (4:13.89) and the 500-meter freestyle (4:42.74), placing fifth and 10th, respectively. Freshman April Smith also established a pair of new school records in the 200-meter individual medley (2:14.26) and the 100-meter breaststroke (1:08.04) as she finished 10th and seventh in the respective events.

Basketball Players Earn All-Conference Honors
A pair of Biola basketball players repeated as All-GSAC and honorable mention All-Americans. On the men’s side, senior Danny Jones wrapped up the season averaging 14.6 points and 9.3 rebounds per game to lead the Eagles in both categories. He also finished third in the conference in rebounding and fifth in scoring. For the women, Megann Alberts, a junior from Colorado Springs, Colo., finished the season ranked fourth in the conference in scoring with a 16.0 points-per-game average and fifth in rebounding with 8.2 per game. It was her third-straight season earning all-conference honors.

Track Team Makes Strong Showing
Biola’s track and field team sent its biggest contingent ever to the NAIA Indoor Championships in February with two Eagles walking away with All-America honors. Freshman Natasha Miller kicked off the championships with a fourth-place finish in the pentathlon. Miller won two of the five events, including the 800-meter run and a first-place tie for the high jump with a season-best leap of 5 feet 5 inches. Sophomore Kristin Schmidt earned All-America honors for the fourth time in her brief collegiate career, finishing fourth in the 5,000-meter run.

For Baseball Team, The Hits Keep Coming
The Eagles’ baseball team earned its sixth-straight trip to the NAIA Region II tournament in May, where it finished in fourth place. Junior Hawkins Gebbers was named to the All-GSAC team after leading the conference with a .418 batting average. Gebbers recorded a 22-game hitting streak during the middle of the season, which was the longest at Biola since 2003. However, junior Nick Rotkowitz was able to eclipse that with a 25-game hitting streak to close out the regular season, setting a new school record. Rotkowitz wrapped up the season with a .398 average, good enough for second on the team.

Softball Team Scores Tourney Appearance
The Biola softball team reached the NAIA Region II Tournament for the fourth-straight season, finishing in third place. Biola has reached the regional tournament seven times in the last nine years. Seniors Jacqie Hudson and Sarah Jensen were named to the All-GSAC team.

Golfer Gets Biola’s First Ace
Justin Halverson became the first Biola golfer to record a hole-in-one as he aced the 11th hole at Crystalaire Country Club in Llano, Calif., on April 1. Halverson’s ace came as Biola was closing out the regular season at The Master’s College Spring Invitational, where the team finished fourth overall.

— Jeff Hoffman
Biola bid farewell to the largest graduating class in its 100-year history in May at a pair of ceremonies that brought the University’s centennial year to an official close. A record 366 graduate and BOLD students and 599 undergraduate students were awarded degrees.

Influential evangelical author and pastor Rick Warren, who offered the keynote address at the May 24 undergraduate ceremony, urged students to yield themselves completely — their identity, income and influence — to God as they left Biola.

"My prayer for you," Warren said, "is that when you walk up here, you’re saying, 'God, you’ve put this (diploma) in my hands. I’ve studied at one of the finest schools in the world. I’m not going to misuse this. I’m going to use it for the global glory of God.'"

Al Mijares, vice president of the Western Region of the College Board and a former superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District — the fifth-largest district in California — provided the commencement address to graduate students on May 23. He encouraged graduates to live up to their calling as the “salt of the earth” by demonstrating love to others and by living a pure life.

"As a Biola grad, you are uniquely prepared to meet the unchanging need for salt," he said. "especially in a changing world."

In commemoration of the historic year, a Bible with a 100th anniversary bookplate was given to each graduating student.
A Life Well Lived

by Jason Newell
A week after his death, he was at it once more — this time in a taped farewell to the thousands of people who had gathered for a memorial service to honor his remarkable life.

As his familiar, soothing voice filled the auditorium, Cook marveled at the wonders of his new home: the fine gold, the precious gems, the thunderous worship, the brilliant glory of God.

"Believe me, it’s tearless here," he told a weeping audience. "And it is all true, every word in the blessed Book. Trust it, and trust our beloved Savior. Don’t be weary in well-doing, as you will reap if you don’t faint."

Cook’s death of a heart attack on April 11 — less than a year after he retired as the longest-serving president in Biola’s history — may have come as a shock to many, but he was ready for it. He had spent a lifetime preparing for it.

As a missionary, an educator and ultimately an influential university president, it was his oft-stated goal to invest his time in work that would last for eternity. He yearned for that city whose architect and builder is God, and his life was staked on that hope.

"Clyde knew that once he was with Jesus, there was no way he would want to come back," said Brian Shook, Cook’s assistant for 14 years. "He lived every day of his life in that expectancy — that every minute mattered, because once his race was finally run he would be in the presence of the Almighty God."

In his 25 years as the public face of Biola, Cook was an instrumental force in transforming the school from a small Bible college to one of the fastest-growing universities in the nation.

Clyde Cook could not stop preaching the gospel, even after he was gone.

WORDS OF COMFORT

My 23-year-old son, Brandon Lange Garcia, graduated from Biola in December 2006. He went to be with the Lord on June 14, 2007. A few days after his passing I received a condolence call from Dr. Cook; he also attended Brandon’s memorial service and I was able to speak with him briefly to express my thanks. Afterwards, Dr. Cook sent me a note telling me how much he was moved by the service; I will treasure it always. Now, I don’t know if this is something Dr. Cook always did, but it meant so much to my family and me. It was truly a blessing in the midst of the sorrow.

Barbara Lange
Irvine, Calif.
SOMETHING TO WRITE HOME ABOUT

Every time I was on campus (normally speaking at events), Dr. Cook would not only go out of his way to speak to me and ask me how I was doing, but I could also count on a follow-up personal letter from him restating the outline of one of the messages I had given on campus, and telling me how the Lord used me to minister to him. Now I speak a lot of places, but rarely do I get thank-you notes from university presidents concerning my messages. Either those messages were nothing to “write home about,” or Dr. Cook was just an incredibly unique and gracious man. I choose to believe the latter!

Bryan Loritts (M.A. ’98)
Lead pastor, Fellowship Memphis
Memphis, Tenn.
THE HUMBLE PRESIDENT
My first semester as a student at Biola I led the hymn “He Leadeth Me” during the chapel worship time. Dr. Cook briefly thanked me after chapel and explained it had been an important song to him growing up. Being brand new to Biola, I had no idea who this man was. So I politely asked, “Are you visiting this morning or are you a professor here, sir?” Dr. Cook gently leaned down to me and said, “I’m Dr. Cook, but it’s OK … I’m a humble president.”

Jeff Urke ('04)
Youth & Worship Coordinator, Biola Youth

GOD’S SLIDING GLASS DOOR
Finally our chance to meet Dr. Cook had come! My husband and I had been nominated to be the honor guards for the graduation ceremony in May 2006. We were to lead the procession and Dr. Cook would be following close behind. We lined up as the music began and, just then, Dr. Cook came and introduced himself. After a brief chat, he asked the dreaded question. “So,” he said, “what are your plans after graduation?”

I remember thinking, “This isn’t what was supposed to happen! Any question but that one!” He could sense our uncertainty and quickly came to the rescue. His response was kind and caring: “I have to tell you how God has often worked in my life.” He proceeded to explain that sometimes God waits until what we feel is the last minute to reveal His will. “It’s like walking up to a sliding glass door and right before you slam into it, it opens!”

That moment time stood still. Dr. Cook’s words to us have remained as a constant encouragement. He always looked to encourage and uplift others.

Abby Clark ('05, M.A. '06)
Coordinator of Special and Off-Campus Graduate Programs, Office of the Registrar
Under his watch, Biola’s size and academic reputation grew dramatically. Enrollment doubled to nearly 6,000 students. Twelve new buildings were added to the campus. Four new graduate schools were launched. The grade point average and SAT score of the average incoming student improved significantly. The operating budget grew by nearly 10 times, putting it among the largest in the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.

Yet for all the accomplishments, what mattered most to Cook was that Biola held fast to its founding mission of impacting the world for Christ. One of his biggest achievements, he said as he neared retirement, was "maintaining Biola’s spiritual dynamic and not compromising it for the sake of secular academic respectability.”

That steadfast commitment to Biola’s mission of biblically centered education was seen in the major choices Cook made as president: faculty selection, launching of new programs, maintaining of doctrinal standards. But it was also illustrated quite simply in the way he modeled faith and integrity on a daily basis, colleagues said.

“He had a Great Commission perspective that he was able to translate into his daily walk with Jesus,” said Erik Thoennes, a theology professor at Biola. "He was a man who lived for the gospel and lived it in very practical ways. Dr. Cook clearly saw the connection between walking humbly and obediently with his God and being used by him in reaching the nations for Christ.”

Cook quoted Scripture from memory, naturally and spontaneously. He sought out opportunities to encourage people — from writing personal notes and making phone calls to filling out comment cards at restaurants.

He dedicated time each week to pray with his leadership team for the University’s employees individually, using a printout of names and photos as a guide; more than once, he was able to greet a staff member by name, though they’d never met — and remember that name from then on.

He maintained a self-deprecating sense of humor, and had a knack for making others laugh. He loved students and let it show.

"It was common knowledge that Clyde and Anna Belle showed up at nearly every wedding, funeral, play, ball game, recital and musical performance they were invited to,” said Biola chaplain Ron Hafer, who retired this year after 42 years at the University. "Hundreds of students told the story of eating at a local restaurant, then learning from the manager that Clyde had quietly picked up the tab for their meal.”

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**DINNER, PIE AND THE TIP**

My wife and I were dining at Polly’s Pies in Fullerton one evening a few years back, where we ran into Clyde and Anna Belle. They were so gracious and talked with us for a while, then left. When the time came to pay our bill, our waitress informed us that it had been taken care of, including two pieces of pie for dessert, along with the tip. It didn’t take me long to figure out who the benefactor was. A few days later, I ran into Clyde on campus, and he wanted to make very certain that in addition to the bill being paid, the pie was covered — and the tip. “You’re sure she told you the tip as well?” “Yes, Clyde. She said it was all covered, including tip.” If I was a bit quicker, I would have replied: “Pie? What pie, Clyde?”

John C. Schmidt
Associate Professor, Cinema and Media Arts
Cook’s own half-century relationship with Biola began when he arrived as a student in 1953, having turned down athletic scholarships from 13 major schools in order to pursue a life in professional Christian ministry. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Bible in 1957, and days after graduating, married Anna Belle, his wife of more than 50 years. He soon became the school’s athletic director, a position he held while earning his Master of Divinity and Master of Theology degrees from Biola’s seminary, Talbot School of Theology.

After serving as missionaries in the Philippines for four years, the Cooks and their two children, Laura and Craig, returned to Biola once again, where Cook served as director of the missions department for 12 years — regularly leading teams of Biola students on mission trips to different countries around the world. In 1978, Cook accepted the presidency of the missions organization Overseas Crusades — now OC International. Four years later, Biola’s Board of Trustees invited him to be Biola’s seventh president, a position he held for more than a third of his life.

By June 2007, when he stepped down to allow for his successor, Barry H. Corey, to lead Biola into its second century, Cook had come to be known as the “dean of Christian colleges” by colleagues around the country, and had earned the respect of evangelical leaders the world over.

"His influence extended throughout Christian higher education and to the cause of Jesus Christ around the world,” said James C. Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family. "This [world] is a far better place because of the life and Christian witness of Dr. Clyde Cook."

Even in retirement, Cook did not let up.

In the nine months after he left office, he journeyed to Indonesia, Singapore, Korea and Hong Kong, bringing the gospel with him. He journeyed to cities across the United States, including Houston, Texas, where he preached on the night before his death.

And then came his final journey — the one he’d spent his life preparing for.

In the crowded church the week after his passing, as he delivered his last message — declaring himself to be more alive in that moment than he had ever been — his was the voice of a man who had been sure of what he hoped for; he was certain of what he had not seen. **Biola**

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**LONG-DISTANCE PRAYERS**

I had gone to El Paso, Texas, in August 2004, because my father was ill. Dr. Cook called me there and prayed with me. A week later my father died and Dr. Cook called and prayed with me again. I will never forget that he took time out of his very busy schedule to call me twice and pray with me.

Carolyn White
Auxiliary Operations Manager

**LUNCH WITH A STRANGER**

I was at the Café senior year and Dr. Cook was in line behind me. We made typical conversation and jokes. He then pointed over at a young student sitting at a table eating lunch. “Do you know him?” he asked me.


He then suggested to me, “Go over there and eat lunch with him. No one should ever eat by themselves. Especially here.”

I was hesitant at first to walk over to a stranger and sit down to have a meal with them. However, I realized what Dr. Cook was teaching me: to be kind and to build community and fellowship wherever I went. His suggestion showed me his heart and character and how much he cared about Biola students and the community we should always have.

Mia Blessing (’06)
You might think it is a bit strange to be listening to me now; but wasn’t it Dwight L. Moody who said, “One day you are going to read that Dwight L. Moody is dead. Don’t believe it.” And he was right. I am more alive now than I have ever been.

It is so wonderful where I am. What’s it like? Well, for starters, I have a marvelous inheritance. Usually the ones left behind get the inheritance, not the one who dies. But I received one, and it was incorruptible and undefiled, and it was reserved for me — had my name right on it.

And where am I staying? Wow! Talk about posh! A mansion constructed by the Lord Himself.

The city is fascinating. It is illuminated by the glory of God. The brilliance of the city is like the most costly gems you have ever seen. Like crystal-clear jasper. Then there is a huge, great wall with 12 gates around it, three on each side; and the wall has 12 foundation stones with the names of the 12 apostles of the Lamb. The material of the wall is jasper, and the city is made out of such fine gold, it is like clear glass; and the foundation stones are adorned with every precious kind of gem.

And there are no churches or temples, for the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are its temple. There is no need for sun or moon, because the glory of the Lord illumines every single part of the city; and we walk by that glorious light, and it is always day.

Besides not having any night, there is nothing here that is unclean, and no one who practices abomination or lying. And there are no more tears and no more death or mourning and no more crying or pain. But there is a river of the water of life, and the tree of life is here.

Oh, and the music. I thought the Biola Chorale was fantastic, as well as the other musical groups we have, and then there are the various choirs at the First Evangelical Free Church of Fullerton; but, let me tell you, it is unbelievable here. When you hear that voice of the great multitude singing praises to our wonderful Lord and Savior, it is as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peals of thunder. Can you imagine a huge, roaring cataract where you can actually hear it sound like “Hallelujah, for the Lord our God, the Almighty reigns!”

We are always worshiping; it is tremendous. It is hard not to, as there are so many reminders of God’s love and our Savior’s sacrifice.

When I am not worshiping, I am asking questions. All those hours as an undergraduate in the Biola residence halls, staying up late to discuss the sovereignty of God and the free will of men and women. The answers are so simple once you get here. Oh, yes, and predestination. Wish you could have seen the twinkle in John Calvin’s eye as we discussed it.

I even was able to get five minutes with Moses. (Well, I really don’t know if it was five minutes, as a day here is as a thousand years — it just seemed like five minutes.) Anyway, I asked him about Genesis 1 and 2. It really happened just as he wrote it.

And I cannot believe I struggled with understanding some of Paul’s concepts while on earth. He explains them so simply here.

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Sorrow, but not for me. Grieve for those who have loved me and will miss me. Encourage and strengthen them. Not only now, but also in a month or six months or a year, when the loss is still felt but no one seems to care much anymore. And while you are at it, reach out to others who have been bereaved, even if it was months or years ago. God has a special place in His heart for the widow and the widower, and the fatherless and motherless. He needs you to touch them.

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Believe me, it’s tearless here. And it’s all true, every word in the blessed Book. Trust it, and trust our beloved Savior. Don’t be weary in well-doing, as you will reap if you don’t faint.

May He strengthen you in His glorious might, with ample power, to meet whatever comes with fortitude, patience and joy.

I’ll see you at the trumpet blast — and wow, you should see the size of the trumpets they have ready — or if you too should pass through the valley of the shadow of death before He returns, I’ll meet you here.

And if you happen to be listening to this and have never trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, oh, I urge you to do so today. What better time to number your days and apply your hearts to the wisdom of the Good News of Jesus Christ than at a service like this. I want to see you again.

I love you. Goodbye for now.

‘I Am More Alive Now Than I Have Ever Been’

Clyde Cook’s last message was delivered eight days after his death, in a recording made specifically for his memorial service. Here are excerpts of his final words:

Michael Musser
For decades, universities across the nation have seen achieving greater campus diversity as a noble goal.

But now — with a significant shift coming over the next decade in the ethnic makeup of the nation’s high school graduates — many are taking even greater steps to ensure the populations on their campuses more closely resemble the population of the country.

So what is Biola doing to attract and encourage an ever-more-diverse student body? Biola Magazine asked two on-campus experts about this issue and others that universities face on the topic of diversity.

As associate provost for diversity leadership, Pete Menjares leads Biola’s efforts on issues of diversity and also oversees the Office of Multi-Ethnic Programs.

**Pete, what has Biola’s attitude been historically on issues of diversity?**

Historically, we know that Biola’s founders were very aware of the rich ethnic, cultural and economic diversity that existed in early Los Angeles. This is evident in Lyman Stewart’s bold vision of an inclusive institute cast at the dedication of the cornerstone of the original Bible Institute on Sixth and Hope streets in 1913 with the words, “For the teaching of the truths for which the Institute stands, its doors are to be open every day of the year, and all people, without reference to race, color or class will ever be welcome to its privileges.” Interestingly, that vision was tested in 1924 when the leadership of the Institute was approached by representatives of a local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan who were asking for recognition and use of the auditorium. To their request the board of directors gave a resounding “no” and in the process sent a clear message that the Institute was to stand apart from the racism of its day.

**What is the biblical basis for encouraging diversity?**

In Revelation 5:9–10 and 7:9 Scripture reveals the eschatological vision of “men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” as well as the great multitude “from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.” This reference is a beautiful vision of heaven and an image of the people of God that moves one to pray, “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). On the other hand, there are scriptural injunctions throughout the Bible that speak to issues of justice (Micah 6:8), caring for widows and orphans (James 1:27), avoiding partiality (James 2:1–9), and which clearly demonstrate the message and work of the Kingdom of God as central to the mission and ministry of Jesus himself (Luke 4:18–21).

**What are some of the things Biola is doing to encourage and reflect diversity around campus?**

The development of my office was a significant commitment to realizing diversity on our campus. However, I believe that this commitment was motivated by a conviction to take the Bible seriously on matters related to diversity and justice. Philosophically, the university has made the commitment to be intentional in its efforts to diversify the campus since one of the lessons we’ve learned from the past is that diversity does not happen on its own. Programmatically, in the last few years new scholarships for students from diverse backgrounds have been established or increased, new positions have been added to assist in recruiting and retaining a more diverse student body, a “cultural attitudes and climate study” was conducted in the spring semester to
help us determine where we need to improve in serving and supporting a diverse student body, and the University has heightened its commitment to recruit and develop a more diverse faculty. We certainly have a long way to go in these areas, but we are making marked and steady progress.

The term “racial reconciliation” gets used a lot in evangelical circles. Biola regularly has “reconciliation chapels.”

What does this term mean?
Evangelicals such as David Gushee and Brenda Salter-McNeil have written on this topic and basically describe “racial reconciliation” as the process of bringing healing or restoration to broken or damaged interethnic or interracial relationships — a process that includes forgiveness, repentance and justice. Calls to racial reconciliation also include the commitment to build new relationships across racial and ethnic lines where they currently do not exist. The implication of this term for Biola is that racial reconciliation is not simply a sociological or psychological process, but rather it is a spiritual and theological process that reflects the love of God for all people and that motivates us to work for the reality of the “one new man” spoken of in Ephesians 2:15.

A student group recently launched an independent Spanish-language newspaper on campus. Do you see this as a valuable step for Biola?
Yes, I do. I believe that efforts such as this are consistent with Biola’s desire to be a global center for Christian thought and spiritual renewal by encouraging students and faculty to utilize their bilingual abilities to not only educate, but also to prepare our students to impact a world that is becoming increasingly multilingual. Most may not realize that in Los Angeles County, over 54 percent of its 9.5 million residents speak a language other than English in the home. How are we preparing our students to meet this challenge if we do not provide opportunities for them to speak and write in a second language while in school? The Spanish-language news insert is one way to prepare our students, as are the Spanish chapels offered during the year, in addition to the many student ministry opportunities that exist in the communities surrounding the campus.

As Biola’s director of undergraduate admissions, Andre Stephens oversees the recruitment and admission of the University’s undergraduate students.

Andre, should ethnic and socioeconomic diversity matter in a student body?
Absolutely! Having diversity helps us all — students, staff and faculty — to learn, to develop, to value and to be challenged by different perspectives. Student diversity helps to give voice to a variety of viewpoints that may not have otherwise been considered, allowing students to expand their worldview and to gain a better understanding of who they are. If we believe that higher education is not just training for a vocation but the shaping of character, the development of the whole person and preparation for life, then diversity is essential to the goals of the university.

Still, why shouldn’t universities just aim to attract the best-qualified students regardless of race or class?
Again, if we believe in the mission of the University and the idea that diversity actually benefits the learning process, then we need to look beyond grades and test scores to include and give opportunity to those who will add thoughtful dialogue and — as a result of differing perspectives and insights — meaningful critique in the classroom, residence halls and other co-curricular activities. The notion that grades and test scores alone determine the merit or qualification of an applicant is a myth. Many factors beyond grades and test scores are reviewed, including — but not limited to — spiritual fit, course curriculum, strength of references, essays, activities and talent areas. We review past achievements and consider student potential in making decisions. Race and ethnicity play only a limited role in this process.

What do high school graduation forecasts tell us about the practical need to attract more diversity?
The WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education) data that was released in March identify two important trends. One, the number of high school graduates per year in the West will decline after 2009 through 2015 before we see increases again. Two, the number of white students graduating from high schools will decline while the number of Hispanic/Latino students graduating from high schools will increase for the foreseeable future. Interestingly, Biola enrollment patterns have mirrored the high school graduation rates. What this means for Biola is that we need to “beat” the trend in order to meet our future enrollment goals and we must make inroads primarily in the student populations that we are not currently reaching to encourage students to apply and to enroll at Biola.

Diversity can be a touchy issue. How does Biola go about increasing the representation of minorities without unfairly penalizing other qualified students?
Currently, every student who is eligible for admission — spiritually and academically — is admitted to the University. We have not excluded some in order to include others.

Any final thoughts?
If we truly are preparing students to impact the world for Christ, what better way for them to be prepared than by active engagement with students, staff and faculty of different backgrounds who hold in common core beliefs about who Christ is? This variety of perspectives adds to the richness of their academic experience in addition to preparing them spiritually and academically to be relevant in a world that needs Christ.

Pete C. Menjares is Biola’s associate provost for diversity leadership and an associate professor of education. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Southern California.

Andre Stephens (’91) is the director of undergraduate admissions. He also currently serves as president of the North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals.
Be it Food or Faith, Our God Provides

When I was a young child, one of my favorite Old Testament stories was how God fed the Israelites with manna as they wandered in the wilderness (Exodus 16:35). I wanted to be an Israelite, at least for a day, so I could get up in the morning, run out of my father’s tent and collect some manna in a basket.

Equally fascinating was the New Testament story of the feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14). I identified with the young child who brought all he had — five loaves and two fishes — and was awed that Jesus had the power to multiply the boy’s meager amount of food to feed the crowds.

My friend Virginia had a similar experience in Papua New Guinea. Eighteen people had arrived at her home unexpectedly. They stayed for the evening to visit and pray. Everyone was hungry. She had little food in the house. She took rice and prepared one dish. She threw in everything she had — an egg, a radish, an onion.

It was delicious, but there was so little. The rice bowl was passed. Each person dipped in and the bowl continued being passed around the table. Her prayer was, “Lord, let the rice multiply because I know there is not enough!” Everyone ate. The rice bowl was passed around a second time. Everyone ate until they were full. It was truly the miracle of the multiplying rice.

Our God is like this. He is our Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. In II Kings 4:42–44, a man brings Elisha 20 loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain. Elisha tells the man to feed the 100 men who were there. The man doubts, but Elisha repeats, “Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left’” (v. 43, ESV). And the men ate until they were full and there was food left over.

God’s provision was just as miraculous for the poor widow in II Kings 4:1–7. She had lost her husband and the creditors were coming to take her two children as slaves for debt payment. Elisha asks her what she has in her house and she replies, “I have one jar of oil.” Elisha tells her to borrow vessels from her neighbors and she borrows all that she can. From her one vessel of oil, she continues to pour oil, filling all the borrowed vessels. From the sale of the miraculous provision of oil, her children are saved from enslavement and her debt is paid.

Never doubt that God will provide for His children. Our Muslim friend from Africa had converted to Christianity. Out of necessity, he left his community as his family had disowned him and his employer had fired him for embracing Christianity. Exhausted and out of resources, he found himself starving and weak from hunger. On a scorching afternoon, he dropped to his knees and begged God, “Please … You know your servant is hungry. Please … provide food.” When he opened his eyes, he saw a woman walk out of her house, carrying a dish of food. She walked directly to him and gave to him a freshly prepared tajine.

God not only provides physical food for His children, but He provides spiritual nourishment as well. Another Muslim friend had been a leader in his local mosque, but continued to find emptiness as he continually feared whether or not he was good enough to earn his way to Paradise. He prayed one night, “Jesus, if you are real, reveal yourself to me.” In the night, Jesus came to him in a dream, just as he had prayed. When he woke up the next morning, he knew he had met Jesus, the Bread of Life, the spiritual nourishment for which he had hungered.

Indeed, our God hears our prayers, whether we are in Israel, the United States, Papua New Guinea or Africa, and He delights in providing for His children. Whether it is food, bills or questions of faith, go to God with your struggles. Invite Him to demonstrate in a tangible way who He is and His provisions for you as you come to know Him more deeply as your Jehovah Jireh, your Provider, remaining confident that “your God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19 ESV).

June Hetzel (’78)

Dean of the School of Education; Hetzel has a Ph.D. from Claremont Graduate University, has taught two decades in public and private K–12 schools and is in her 12th year at Biola.
Books By Biolans

Passionate Conviction: Contemporary Discourses on Christian Apologetics, co-edited by William Lane Craig (research professor of philosophy), contributions by Douglas Geivett (professor of philosophy), Craig Hazen (associate professor of comparative religion and apologetics), Sean McDowell ('98, M.A. '03), J.P. Moreland (distinguished professor of philosophy), Harold Netland ('78) and R. Scott Smith (associate professor of ethics and Christian apologetics), B & H Publishing Group, October 2007; Passionate Conviction brings together the most popular and heart-stirring presentations in defense of Christianity from the annual fall conference on apologetics held in association with the Evangelical Philosophical Society, the C. S. Lewis Institute and the Christian apologetics program at Biola University. Applicable to pastors, serious-minded lay people and university and high school students, these 20 essays are grouped into six dynamic categories: Why Apologetics?; God; Jesus; Comparative Religions; Postmodernism and Relativism; and Practical Application.

The Message/REMIX: Solo, co-authored by Katie Peckham ('01, M.A. '05), NavPress, September 2007; This Christian devotional uses passages from Eugene Petersen’s paraphrase of the Bible, The Message, to engage readers in contemplative prayer and practice. Loosely based on the ancient prayer rhythm of lectio divina, or “divine reading,” the daily devotional experience provided by Solo takes the reader through a learning process of contemplative reading, meditation, listening prayer and rest (or silence), but interprets these practices for a modern audience not familiar with the ancient tradition. There are 312 daily devotionals, enough for six devotionals a week, with a seventh day for reflecting back on the past week.

Finding Faith: The Spiritual Quest of the Post-Boomer Generation, co-authored by Richard Flory ('80), Rutgers University Press, March 2008; Despite the masses still lining up to enter mega-churches with warehouse-like architecture, casually dressed clergy and pop Christian music, the “Post-Boomer” generation — those ranging in age from 20 to 40 — is having second thoughts. In this perceptive look at the evolving face of Christianity in contemporary culture, sociologists Richard Flory and Donald E. Miller argue that we are on the verge of another potential revolution in how Christians worship and associate with one another. The authors suggest that this generation represents a new religious orientation of “expressive communalism,” in which they seek spiritual experience and fulfillment in community and through various expressive forms of spirituality, both private and public.

Conceptions of Parenthood: Ethics and the Family, Michael Austin (M.A. ‘00), Ashgate Publishing, August 2007; Our parents often have a significant impact on the content of our beliefs, the values we hold and the goals we pursue. Becoming a parent can have a similar impact on our lives. In Conceptions of Parenthood, Michael Austin provides a rigorous and accessible philosophical analysis of the numerous and distinct conceptions of parenthood. Issues considered are the nature and justification of parental rights, the sources of parental obligations, the value of autonomy and the moral obligations and tensions present within interpersonal relationships.

Culture Makers: A Worldview Approach to Re-engaging the World, Josiah Vencel ('00), Xulon Press, March 2008; God did not call Christians to sit on the sidelines of society. But for nearly a century, believers have remained ignorant of Christianity’s historical and biblical role in society. As a result, we have unknowingly neglected our God-given calling to be restorative culture makers. Written for worldview novices, Culture Makers seeks to awaken, inspire and equip believers to re-engage the world by adopting and applying a biblical view of all of life.

Five Sacred Crossings: A Novel Approach to a Reasonable Faith, Craig Hazen, Harvest House, January 2008; Hazen’s first novel follows professor Michael Jernigan, a Christian who is teaching a religious course at community college. Following a local, barely halted act of terrorism, his students begin to grapple seriously with difficult religious questions. Jernigan teaches from a rare text he obtained while in Cambodia — The Five Crossings. Each “crossing” unveils a universal spiritual question that only Christianity can satisfy.

“In Print” features books by Biola alumni and faculty. Send submissions to: Biola Magazine, 13800 Biola Ave., La Mirada, CA 90639. Self-published books must have a back cover endorsement from a known name in the book’s field.
1960s

Larry Helyer (‘65) recently received the 2007 Forman Distinguished Faculty Award at Taylor University in Upland, Ind. Helyer, who joined the university’s faculty in 1979, planned to retire from his position as a biblical studies professor in May. His wife, Joyce (Smith, ’66), retired from her role as the university’s vice president for development last year.

1970s

Chris (’71, M.A. ’74) and Marcia (Mordhorst, ’74) Braun live in Dakar, Senegal, in western Africa. They serve as the regional director couple for Africa for the Christian and Missionary Alliance. They have been missionaries to Africa since 1978.

1980s

Chris (’80) and Kristine (Naas, ’82) Lowder celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on May 7 at Mount Rainier National Park in Washington. Their trip included a vow renewal ceremony amid the world-famous flower fields of Paradise at sunset. They have four sons, Daniel, Nathan, Samuel and Josiah, and serve as children’s ministries directors at their church, Immanuel Baptist. Kristine’s latest book, Guys and Other Near Humans: True Life Tales from the Testosterone Farm, is scheduled for release this summer by Uncial Press. For more information, visit: www.uncialpress.com.

1990s

Tory Fulwider (’95) was recently promoted to senior associate partner at MVE & Partners in Irvine, Calif., one of the 10 largest architecture firms in the state. Fulwider, who holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Biola, is responsible for the firm’s accounting, budget and tax systems, financial forecasts and other statistical reports.

2000s

Rick Oakes (M.A. ’04) is undertaking a course of work in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Edinburgh leading toward a Ph.D. He will be translating several medieval Muslim commentaries’ explanations of the Qur’anic denial of Jesus’ crucifixion, then comparing these stories.

William Casey Wells (’06) was accepted to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will pursue a Master of Science in Real Estate Development. William will be finishing an MBA at USC before he leaves for Cambridge to begin his second graduate program in the fall. william.c.wells@biola.edu

Carolyn Withers (’07) has been accepted to the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, where she plans to pursue a master’s degree in voice performance beginning this fall. Carolyn, who received a bachelor’s degree in voice performance at Biola, said she hopes “to impact the city and bring the light and love of Christ to my colleagues, roommates and fellow city-dwellers.”

Marriages

Sarah Mehrer (’00) married Tim Jackson on March 30, 2007, at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina, Minn. Dear Biola friends in the wedding party were Gina (Remigio, ’00) Reeves, Hannah (Palmer, ’00) Bailey and Becca Austen (’00). In August 2007, the couple moved from Minneapolis, Minn., to Lawrence, Kan., for Tim’s new job as an assistant professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas. They’re grateful for the warm welcome from the body of Christ in Lawrence and are beginning to feel at home in their new community. sjackson0330@gmail.com

Bob and Jessica (Noone, ’03) Paris were married on July 7, 2007, in Redondo Beach, Calif. Tina Khiatani (’03) was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Bob works at the Exxon/Mobil refinery in Torrance, Calif., and Jessica teaches fifth grade in El Segundo. jessica.noone@gmail.com.
For those of you who attended one of the chapter events with President Emeritus Clyde Cook last year, you know the value of gathering together to enjoy each other and the unique relationships and experiences we share as alumni and friends of Biola University.

Little did we know as we hosted the 20-plus events with chapters around the world in 2007 that it would be the last time that many alumni would have to greet and thank Clyde Cook, with his wonderful wife, Anna Belle, in person. I wouldn’t trade those experiences for anything! And I know the other alumni who attended would agree!

If you haven’t been out to a reunion or chapter meeting in a while, you won’t believe some of the changes we have made in programming and events. The alumni office is pleased to announce that for the coming year we have a full schedule of unique chapter activities, amazing events and select entertainment that will not only provide a great opportunity to reconnect with other alumni and friends, but also meet the University’s top-tier faculty and enjoy some amazing professional performances.

In the next few weeks the alumni office will be sending to all alumni the schedule of events for the coming year. The activities will include:

- “Les Miserables” at the Hollywood Bowl;
- A Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim baseball game and barbeque;
- The Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore.; the “Body Worlds 3 and The Story of the Heart” exhibit at Los Angeles’ California Science Center;
- The Marcel Duchamp Redux exhibit at the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, Calif.;
- “A Chanticleer Christmas” and Esa-Pekka Salonen conducting “The Rite of Spring,” both at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles;
- “Wicked” at the Pantages Theater in Los Angeles;
- The Long Beach Aquarium;
- and The Oberammergau and Church Reforma-

Best of all, you can attend with alumni and friends of Biola. And if you’re afraid you’re not going to know anyone who comes to the event you attend, we can help you track down those friends you want to invite!

Speaking of which: Do you ever wonder how many alumni Biola has and where they live? Perhaps even how many alumni might live close to you? There are probably more than you think. At chapter events and activities around the country, I hear stories all the time about alumni who had lived blocks from one another, gone to the same church and known all the same people, but had never met until they came to a Biola event!

We hope you will join us in the coming months at a new and improved alumni event in your hometown. And, check out the map up above to see how many alumni live where you do.

Can’t wait to see you and your friends soon!

Rick Bee
(‘79, M.A. ‘90, Ph.D. ‘01)
Senior Director of Alumni and Friends Development

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**Births**

Jeff (‘93) and Kathy (Bontrager, ‘93) Benjamin announce the birth of their son, Joshua Ryan, born on Dec. 7, 2007, at home in Reidlingen, Germany. He joins his siblings Jacob, Anna and Sarah. The Benjamins are missionaries serving at Black Forest Academy teaching missionary kids. Jeff serves as principal and Kathy currently is a stay-at-home mom. The Benjamins will be on a year of home assignment beginning in June 2009 after nine years on the field. fivebenjamins@hotmail.com

Jeff (‘94) and Stacey (Ristagno, ‘04) Mako are happy to announce the birth of their second son, Keegan Ryder Mako, on July 10, 2007. Big brother Kieran is excited to have a new baby at home. Jeff graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in May 2008. The family is living in Portland, Ore., where Jeff is beginning a five-year combined residency/fellowship in anesthesiology and critical care medicine at Oregon Health & Science University. Stacey stays home and wrangles the two boys, along with two big, lovable, geriatric rescue mutts, Lucky and Jock.

Nate (‘96) and Amy (‘05) Hamlin are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son. Ari Robert was born Jan. 15, 2008. The family lives in Boise, Idaho.

Doug (‘98) and Danielle Adams announce the birth of their son, Joshua Ryan, on Dec. 12, 2007. They live in Concord, Calif. Doug is a Bible teacher in a Christian high school and Danielle signs to middle school children.

Matthew (‘98) and Janette (Zavala, ‘98) Bogdanov announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Joy, on July 30, 2007. The Bogdanovs are living in Castro Valley, Calif. Matthew is a IT manager for a company based in Livermore and Janette enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. www.the-bogdanovs.blogspot.com

Kristiaan (‘98) and Nahomi Habacon are pleased to announce the birth of Kyoehei on Oct. 31.

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Where Are They Now?

Supporting Worldwide Evangelism

Jay Fordice ('02) has served with the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association for the past five years, working as the director of foundation relations and editorial director for the president. As a key team member for this worldwide evangelistic organization, Jay has had the opportunity to work in more than eight countries and serve in several cities throughout the United States, helping to cast the vision and raise support for their innovative evangelistic festivals. He recently helped edit and manage the release of Palau’s latest book, A Friendly Dialogue Between an Atheist and a Christian. The book, written by Palau and Minister Zhao Qizheng, a top Chinese government official, was first published in China in 2006 — receiving rave reviews for its open and honest dialogue. In March, Jay was with Palau in New York City for the U.S. release of the book, where its authors were greeted with a reception by media giant Rupert Murdoch and an interview with Dan Rather. Prior to taking his current position, Jay worked as a communications director and short-term team coordinator for HCJB World Radio in Quito, Ecuador. He first learned of the organization through a short-term marketing mission trip led by Biola professor Les Harman in 2002 — a trip on which he also met his wife, Michele (Cirimele, ’03), whom he married in 2004. Michele served with her husband at the Luis Palau Evangelistic Association for three years, working as the director of operations for U.S. festivals, but left the team late last year to raise the couple’s son, Carter Andrew Fordice, born Aug. 4, 2007. Jay, Michele and Carter make their home in Portland, Ore.

Performing the Gospel in Africa

Gerald Mittmann (M.Div. ’86, D.Min. ’05) recently led a mission trip to the Democratic Republic of Congo with a drama team from Calvary Church of Pacific Palisades, Calif., where he serves as pastor for families and outreach. During the two-week trip, the group traveled from village to village, presenting the gospel twice each day in the form of a play that they wrote, “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.” “Entire villages would stop what they were doing to come and see our biblical drama,” Gerald said. “We were completely shocked to see literally thousands fill the market places or soccer fields where we set up our drama staging.” After a special performance for Congolese leaders — including mayors, lawyers, the governor, police and military officials — 64 policemen came forward to commit their lives to Christ, including a police chief. A local radio station even recorded the group’s drama and played it repeatedly, commercial-free, because people were calling in to request it. Gerald said. By the end of the trip, more than 3,000 Congolese people had come to salvation, he said. Gerald also had the opportunity to attend a local evangelical church service during the trip. More than 1,000 people worshiped with singing, skits and inspirational testimonies for three full hours before the pastor even began to preach the sermon, he said. “Our eyes were newly opened to the lack of spiritual fervor in our country,” Gerald said. Gerald lives in Porter Ranch, Calif., with his wife, Laura.

Supporting the Troops

Laurie Fulton (’97) is the founder and program coordinator for Support Our Troops, an organization run through Grace Community Church of Seal Beach, Calif. Since its creation nearly five years ago, the organization has shipped more than 5,000 care packages and 60,000 cards and letters to military personnel deployed around the world. Laurie felt called to start the program in late 2003, she said, and slowly began to develop relationships with chaplains and commanding officers who serve with deployed units in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. The organization now regularly ships phone cards, homemade cookies, toiletries, hand-knitted blankets and other items to the troops, along with toys, school supplies and food to be handed out to the local people. Support Our Troops also works with local elementary schools, passing on notes and drawings from children. Laurie said the response from the troops has been overwhelming, with many of them sending deep thanks for the encouragement. In January 2007, Laurie left a 15-year career with Toyota Motor Sales to devote herself full time to the military outreach. fulton@grace-sealbeach.org

Praying for Peace in Israel

Rev. Robert Fritch (’81) is the state coordinator for Arizona for the Day of Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem (www.daytopray.org) which is part of Eagle’s Wings Ministry headed up by Robert Stearns. As state coordinator, he builds support and participation for the prayer day, which is held annually on the first Sunday of October, by contacting churches, Messianic congregations, radio stations, newspapers and other groups. He also works with church and civic leaders to explain why it is important for Christians to pray for Jerusalem daily, and to share about the Jewish roots of Christianity. In his spare time, Robert is also an affiliate with an international discipleship ministry in Phoenix, Ariz., called Victorious Christian Living International (www.vcli.org). Using the group’s “SALT” materials — which stands for Seven Areas of Life Training — he leads weekend events and trains church leaders in how to effectively disciple others. Robert lives in Surprise, Ariz., with his wife of 10 years, Debbie, and their three daughters, Meghan, Alaina and Hannah. yeshuawarrior@cox.net

We surprised these alumni with a phone call or e-mail. Who knows, you may be the next alumnus to be featured in “Where Are They Now?”
Jered (’99) and Heather (Miller, ’99) Wood are blessed with a new addition to their family. Zane River, born on Dec. 11. Zane joins his excited big brother, Zeke, 3. The Woods live in Encino, Calif., where Jered works in finance and Heather is a busy stay-at-home mom and has a health and wellness business on the side. heatherwood520@hotmail.com

Jeremy (’06) and Kimi (Kleist, ’00) Copeland are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter. Joy Cara Copeland was born Jan. 11, 2008, making the couple’s 4-year-old daughter, Hannah, a big sister. The Copelands plan to move from Yucaipa, Calif., to Durham, N.C., this summer to plant a church. jandkcopeland@verizon.net.

Timothy (’01) and Kelly (Feenstra, ’00) Pinkham joyfully welcomed the arrival of their first daughter. Elyse Raine on Dec. 4, 2007. Elyse joins her affectionate big brothers, Tidus, 4, and Tristan, 2. Timothy continues in his sixth year working for the IT department at Biola, and Kelly stays home with the children. The Pinkhams live in La Palma, Calif., and attend Grace Evangelical Free Church of La Mirada.

Rian (’02) and Meghan (Wallace, ’02) Kennedy announce the birth of their son, Wallace, born July 22, 2007. The Kennedys live in Orange County, Calif., where Rian works in sales and Meghan is a stay-at-home mom. www.rianandmeg.blogspot.com

Ryan (’02) and Jenn Zeulner gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Taylor Ashlynn, on April 28, 2007. Taylor was 22.5 inches and weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Ryan is director of operations for the mentoring ministry Project Hangout in Orange County, Calif. Jenn helps him and takes care of Taylor.

Matthew (’03) and Wyndi (Chambless, ’02) Gelvin are pleased to announce the birth of their little girl, Olivia Simone, on Dec. 14. The family lives in San Marcos, Calif. Matt works as a zookeeper at the San Diego Wild Animal Park and Wyndi teaches second grade in Oceanside.

Jesse (’03) and Kelly (McGirr, ’02) Torgerson welcomed their third child, Edmund Mark, on July 11, 2007. Jesse is currently working on a Ph.D. in Byzantine history at UC Berkeley and Kelly is a stay-at-home mom training to be a birth and postpartum doula.

Henry Alconz (’06) and his wife welcomed their second daughter, Jewelisa Amalia, on Oct. 25. Henry is living in Whittier, Calif., and working as media supervisor of Calvary Chapel Diamond Bar. In addition, he continues to expand his personal editing business. He and his wife are homeschooling their older daughter, America, who is now 5 and in kindergarten. Henry would love to hear from any old friends. halconz@hotmail.com.

Deaths

C. Joyce (Gilgert, ’41) Hightower passed away on Nov. 17, 2007, in Morrison, Colo. Born on July 18, 1921, Joyce trained for the mission field during her years at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. After graduating, she went to work in factories to support the war effort and joined a growing ministry, The Navigators, in San Diego, Calif. In 1946, she moved with her husband, Richard, to the Tanganyika Territory in eastern Africa under the African Inland Mission. There they operated a Christian bookstore and discipled indigenous Christian ministers. After returning to the United States in 1955, the couple again worked with The Navigators. In 1961, they joined up with The Fellowship Foundation, an organization that conducted Bible studies and one-on-one discipleship for business and political leaders — including congressmen, senators and governors. The couple traveled to Africa again in 1967, spending two years in Ethiopia and three in Kenya. They returned in 1973, ministering in West Chester, Pa., until Richard’s death in 1981. Joyce lived her remaining years in California and Colorado, doing occasional ministry. She is preceded in death by her husband; brother, Leroy; sister, Jean; youngest son, Rick; and oldest son, Gary. She is survived by her brother, Irving, and sister-in-law, Janice; sons Ron, Jack and Bill; and various grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jered (’99) and Heather (Miller, ’99) Wood
If it’s true that the pen is mightier than the sword, it’s especially true when Jake Weidmann (‘08) is the one doing the writing. Not only is the recent Biola graduate on track to become a “master penman” — a title reserved for just a handful of the world’s top calligraphers — but he’s also a bodybuilder who can bench-press 400 pounds. He told Biola Magazine about his unusual combination of hobbies.

My appreciation for calligraphy began when I was very young. My mom has always had beautiful handwriting. I remember admiring her notes that she would write to me and so I took it upon myself at a very early age to work tirelessly on my own handwriting.

During the first semester of my junior year I began searching the Internet for calligraphy styles and I found The International Association of Master Penmen, Engrossers and Teachers of Handwriting (IAMPETH). It was through this association that I discovered the methods of script calligraphy and thus began my love affair with the pointed pen.

I attended my first IAMPETH conference last summer and had the pleasure of meeting some of the most talented penmen in the world. Since the average age of the penmen at this conference was around 50 years old, I felt more than a little out of place as a young college student.

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I am currently working on a pen for the calligrapher to the White House, which will be called the ”presidential pen.”

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Biolans Up Close  
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Elden Unruh (’45), a pastor, husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, colleague and friend, died peacefully at home in Graham, Wash., of cancer on March 2. He was 83. Elden lived a good, faithful, loving and caring life. He answered a calling to ministry, received blessings and openly passed the blessings on to others.

Robyn (Smyth, ’80) DeHaan went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 17, 2008, after a massive stroke in Gig Harbor, Wash. Robyn, who earned a nursing degree at Biola, spent the first four years after graduation working as a nurse for the Veterans Administration in Prescott, Ariz. She met her husband, Randy, while he was attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute in Prescott, and they were married in 1982. After the birth of their son, Dustin, in 1985, Robyn continued to work as a nurse off and on as needed at the local hospital near their new home in Castro Valley, Calif. In 1990, the family moved to Springfield, Ore., where Robyn ran a horse boarding facility. Robyn had a love for kids and used her horses as a way of talking to children about who created them and why. Over the years, she touched many children’s lives and, in turn, their parents’ hearts. Most of Robyn’s horses have been used to supply the summer camps at Camp Harlow in Eugene, Ore., where children can go and learn to ride safely while living temporarily in a Christian environment. Beside her husband, Randy, and son, Dustin, and his wife, Kati, Robyn leaves behind: her mother, Nellamae Smyth Hussey; brother, Harold Smyth (’75, M.A. ’77); sister Melody (Smyth ’76) Wallace; and sister Holly (Smyth ’87) Tomlin.

Steve Combs (’90) entered into God’s presence on April 11 after an extended illness. He was 40 years old. Steve had been born with transposition of the great arteries and had corrective surgery at the age of 2. He ultimately succumbed to heart failure in the presence of Biola friends Joel Lingenfelter (’93) and Fred Wilson as they were about to enter a Durham Bulls baseball game, kicking off a weekend full of events intended to celebrate their friendship. He is survived by: his wife, Renée Combs (’93); their three young daughters, Melanie, Natalie and Stephanie; and his parents, Ev and Marty Combs. Steve had a love of history, which he passed onto his students as a social studies teacher in the Durham School District from 2005 to 2008. Steve is remembered by loved ones for his contagious laughter, his knack of parodying song lyrics on the fly, and an ability to make friends quickly. rensteco@nc.rr.com

William G. Siemens, dean of students at Biola during the 1960s, died April 16, 2008, in Parksville, British Columbia, Canada, after suffering a stroke. He was 89. Siemens was born Feb. 15, 1919, in Morden, Manitoba, Canada. His family emigrated to California in the early 1920s. He grew up near Orland, Calif., and later lived in San Jose and Los Angeles. He married Louise Wiebe in 1944, and they had one son, William Paul, in 1945. He was a mechanic for many years. In midlife, he earned a bachelor’s degree (summa cum laude) from Wheaton College in 1957, a master’s degree from Pepperdine University in 1958 and a doctorate in psychology from Claremont Graduate School in 1968. He was appointed dean of students at Biola in 1962. He moved to Anchorage in 1970 to teach psychology at Anchorage Community College until retiring in 1981.
Baby Biolans

01) Ari Robert Hamlin
02) Elyse Pinkham
03) Jewelisa Amalia Alconz
04) Joshua Ryan Adams
05) Joshua Ryan Benjamin
06) Joy Cara Copeland
07) Katelyn Joy Bogdanov
08) Keegan Ryder Mako
09) Kyohei Habacon
10) Olivia Simone Gelvin
11) Taylor Ashlynn Zeulner
12) Wallace Kennedy
13) Zane River Wood
Back to the Future

The cast and crew of Biola’s spring-semester production of “The Star-Spangled Girl” got a visit in February from a special group — a trio who helped to produce the same play for the University 35 years earlier.

Bobbie Valentine, who directed the original in 1973, Trudi (Lewis ’77) Parker, who worked on its costumes and makeup crew, and Richard Parker (’77), one of the actors, appeared at a special performance of the play in February, where they were acknowledged.

The production was selected for performance this year by the Department of Communication Studies as a way of looking back on the past for Biola’s centennial year. The comedic play, written by Neil Simon, follows two leftist writers in 1960s San Francisco and the mayhem that unfolds when a conservative Southern girl moves into the apartment next door.
1 Corinthians 7:12 in Context

In 1 Corinthians 7:10, Paul writes: "But to the married I give instructions, not I, but the Lord, that the wife should not leave her husband." But only two verses later in verse 12 he writes: "But to the rest I say, not the Lord, that if any brother has a wife who is an unbeliever, and she consents to live with him, he must not divorce her" (emphasis added).

What is going on here? Does Paul issue the Lord’s command in the first instance, but only offer a personal opinion in the second? Do we have to obey the first instruction but not the second since Paul says that the second comes from him rather than from the Lord?

New Testament scholars on the whole are in agreement that the distinction Paul is making here is not between his own personal opinion and God’s authoritative instruction; rather, he is contrasting the source of authority for each instruction. Both statements are fully authoritative, but the source of authority differs in each instance.

In the early second century, Polycarp of Smyrna, one of Christianity’s most famous martyrs, lists three sources of authority for early Christians. He writes, “So, then, let us serve him with fear and all reverence, just as he himself [Jesus] has commanded, as did the apostles, who preached the gospel to us, and the prophets, who announced in advance the coming of our Lord” (Pol. Phil. 6.3).

The three sources of authority for the earliest Christians were: (1) the teachings of Jesus passed on orally by the apostles; (2) the instructions of the apostles (cf. Acts 2:42); and (3) the words of the prophets, that is, the Old Testament Scriptures. These three streams of authority were different from each other stream, but each of the three was binding on early Christians.

So in 1 Corinthians 7, Paul distinguishes between source-of-authority No. 1 and source-of-authority No. 2. When Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7:10, “not I, but the Lord,” he is appealing to the specific teaching Jesus gave about divorce when he was on earth.

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So Paul gives authoritative instructions as God’s appointed apostle about what to do in this particular situation. In this case, his appeal is to source-of-authority No. 2, the authority of the apostles (of which he is one). His instruction is still a “trustworthy” word of the Lord, even if Jesus didn’t teach about it during his earthly ministry (1 Corinthians 7:25), because, as Paul says about himself, “I also have the Spirit of God” (1 Corinthians 7:40). Paul is a divinely appointed apostle who has authority to give such directions to the churches (1 Corinthians 7:17).

So despite the common assumption that Paul is just giving his personal opinion in 1 Corinthians 7:12, there are good reasons — as a glance at almost any good commentary on this passage will show — that we should not take this instruction, or indeed, any of the teachings of the apostles, as somehow lacking in authority. 1 Corinthians 7:12 is not just Paul’s personal opinion; it is the authoritative instruction of an apostle of the Lord.

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