With integrity & conviction, President Clyde Cook guided Biola to national prominence.
Blessings of the Presidency

As I look back on my more than 24 years as president of Biola, I have had so many blessings. Here are three that come to mind.

The first blessing is that I have been involved in a significant work of touching the future for God. More than 53,000 men and women have been equipped at Biola to make an impact on the world for our Lord Jesus Christ, and Anna Belle and I have been allowed to be part of this effective ministry.

The second blessing is the opportunity to serve God, our students and our colleagues. Being the president of Biola has given me the opportunity to do this in a tremendous and substantive way.

A third blessing is that I have felt neither underutilized nor bored. This job is so demanding that it stretches every gift, talent and energy I have. Every day has brought new challenges and deepened my dependence on God.

Next May 30, Lord willing, I will have completed 25 years in this role. This is unusual, as the average tenure for a university or college president in the United States is now seven years for a private institution and five years for a public institution. I think this speaks to the pressures and increased complexity of the job.

How did this happen? First of all, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. All the credit goes to the One who formed me in His image, redeemed me with His precious blood and has sent His Spirit to enable me.

Secondly, the experience God has given me in various leadership capacities through the gift of leadership. Throughout my life He has shaped me to be able to do this job, which would include the ability to live with ambiguity, a tough skin and a sense of humor.

Thirdly, the support of so many: my dear wife, Anna Belle, my family, the crucial support of the Board of Trustees, my staff and faculty colleagues at Biola, those who reported to me — including several executive secretaries, assistants and vice presidents — and all of the wonderful friends, who support Biola through their prayers and gifts.

Without the commitment, competency and love of these wonderful people, I never would have lasted. I am so grateful for all of them.

As I leave, I continue to be reminded by God’s Word from Psalm 78:72, “God presented David to His people as their shepherd, and he cared for them with a true heart and skillful hands.”

What a privilege being the president of Biola has been, for which I thank our God, and I trust that my leadership these 24 years has reflected these values.

President

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Join us for these events.

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Founders Week Legacy Gala
February 24, Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach

Clyde Cook Basketball Game
February 20, On Campus

Historical Exhibition “25 Years of Service”
May 1–31, Biola University Art Gallery

President’s Circle Farewell Concert
May 3, La Mirada Performing Arts Center

“Last Chapel With President Cook” and Community Picnic Farewell
May 16, Chase Gymnasium and Metzger Lawn

For more information on these events, call (562) 903-4727.
The New Horton Hall

Hundreds of Biolans have called Horton Hall “home” through the years — sharing fond memories of the small dorm that was short on amenities (like air conditioning!), but big on community. Before the wrecking ball came, loyal former residents gathered to say one last goodbye. Now, 436 new residents are experiencing a new and improved Horton. Completed during the summer, the 89,000-square-foot building has the same name and location, but lots of new perks: five floors, a large kitchen in the basement, wireless Internet access throughout the building — and, of course, air conditioning. Residence life staff, who helped draw up the blueprints, made sure Horton’s community will remain close by designing community living rooms in the center of each floor.
Debt of Gratitude

I just received the latest copy of Biola Connections. What a privilege to read! I was encouraged to find more than one of the recommended books on my shelf, though not fully read [“12 Must-Read Books Recommended By Biola Faculty”]. My family owes a debt of gratitude to Biola and a debt of several thousand to student loans for the education my daughters received from the same. At the end of the day, these formative years are some of the most important in life. Thank you for providing such an excellent environment in which they could learn and grow.

Keith Cox
Lynden, Wash.

Not Just For Christians

I read the article dealing with Ahmadinejad’s statements and views with much interest and appreciation for its insight. However, the article should have alerted “everyone” to Ahmadinejad’s views, not just Christians. While I am sure the intent was for your readers to share it with people of all persuasions, the title implies that it is only Christians who are at risk or able to perceive the threat. You will agree, I hope, that this is far from the case.

Michael L. Stern
Poway, Calif.

A Breath of Fresh Air

What a gem was tucked in behind the back cover of the fall issue of Biola Connections! Since becoming a Christian many years ago, I’ve heard innumerable sermons and teachings based on John 21. In nearly every case, great efforts were made to distinguish between *agape* love and *phileo* love. My personal study led me to the conclusion that the distinction was completely artificial. What a breath of fresh air it was to read Dr. Black’s scholarly handling of the passage in his “Sloppy Agape” article. What a wonderful reminder to let the Bible say what it says, not what we’d like it to say.

Mark Burket (’75)
Maumee, Ohio

Interesting and Insightful

I found this article [“What Should Christians Know About the Religious Views of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad?”] to be very interesting and insightful. The common thinking on the Arab street is that Mr. A is resorting to these speeches to gain some respect in the Muslim world. This respect he thinks can be gained by defying the U.S.A. and destructive remarks against Israel. If you follow the media in the Islamic world, this strategy seems to be working, but again in some parts he is laughed at. I would also like to add that Saudi Arabia’s hatred of Israel far exceeds that of Iran. This is something most Christians (especially in the United States) need to know. This is a sensitive issue because of the fact that Saudi Arabia is a close ally of the United States and the largest “giver” of oil to the U.S.A. This hatred of the infidel (U.S.A.) and Israel is taught in the educational system in Saudi Arabia and is apparent in its strong Wahhabism theology (contrary to the Iranian educational system which is more advanced and liberal). This was evident in the 9/11 attacks when most of the hijackers were of Saudi descent.

Samuel S. (’95)
Seattle, Wash.

Alarmed and Disappointed

I just read the fall edition of the Biola magazine and the brief input by associate professor of psychology Todd Hall. Having been a Christian and a Bible student now for 50 years, I can only say I was somewhat alarmed and certainly disappointed by the statement he made concerning “advice to students.” If spiritual growth is messy and unpredictable, my Bible never states anything as such. When I first came to Christ, I was told from the scriptures that I should desire the sincere milk of the Word and the result would be spiritual growth. Guess what, that’s exactly what happened. Yes, it was a slow process, but it was a predictable outcome, not an unpredictable one as Mr. Hall states. However, coming from a psychologist’s way of thinking, I can somewhat grasp his “fuzzy” statement. I think his statement would only hinder young people in their walk with the Lord and leave doubt in their mind about how to mature in Christ. Growing in Christ is not an option but a command, and you don’t leave it up to the student to select his or her own method of development with or without psychology.

John Hoyt
Fountain Valley, Calif.

Keep Up the Good Work

I don’t read many magazines because of time, but yours is an exception. It is very well done, and I appreciate the quality of which it is put together. Keep up the good work.

Karen Hopson
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
What Should Christians Know About Israel and the End Times?

Historically, many evangelicals have believed that Israel has a God-given right to its land and that the nations that support Israel will be blessed. During the present Middle East crisis, however, some evangelicals have begun to rethink their support of Israel. To find out how the Bible addresses this issue, Biola Connections spoke with Dr. Alan Hultberg, who teaches a class titled, “Expositional Methodology in Daniel and Revelation.”

What are Biola’s views on Israel and the end times?
Biola affirms “dispensationalism,” the view that Scripture teaches a distinction between the Church and Israel, and that ethnic Jews still have a place in God’s prophetic plan as His covenant people. Thus, Biola is also “premillennial”—we affirm that Jesus will return physically to earth to set up a kingdom centered in the nation of Israel. This kingdom will fulfill God’s Old Testament promises to Israel of a worldwide rule and a worldwide ministry of blessing as part of His larger purpose to reconcile all of creation to Himself. Biola also affirms that the Church will be “raptured” before the establishment of the millennial kingdom and that the timing of this event is unknown.

Does the current Middle East crisis relate to Bible prophecy?
The Bible prophesies about “wars and rumors of wars” (Matthew 24:6) — presumably focused on the land of Israel — and it prophesies a final assault of the nations against Jerusalem (Ezekiel 39:2, 4, 17; Daniel 11:45; Joel 3:9–16; Zechariah 12:1–9). But these “wars and rumors of wars” are explicitly not signs of the end — that is, Israel (if not the entire world) will experience many wars throughout time, starting with the primary “war” for Jesus’ listeners, the first Jewish revolt against Rome and subsequent subjugation of Israel and destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. Thus, what we see in the Middle East today may merely be one in a long series of disturbances in Israel and so does not, in itself, signal the end. On the other hand, the current crisis could lead to the final war, the gathering of the nations to Har-Magedon (or “the mount of assembly,” Rev 16:16; Isaiah 13:4; compare Isaiah 14:13). Before it were to do so, however, I would expect to see the “abomination of desolation” that Jesus referred to (Matthew 24:15; Daniel 7:25; 8:13; 11:31; 12:7, 11) and that Paul apparently understood to be “the man of lawlessness” (or Antichrist) taking his seat in the Jerusalem Temple and proclaiming himself God (2 Thessalonians 2:3–4; Daniel 11:36). Until that event takes place, I attach no particular significance to the current crisis.

Should Christians support Israel in the Middle East crisis?
On the one hand, we are exhorted in Scripture to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6) and told that those who bless Abraham (and by extension Israel) will be blessed (Genesis 12:3). As a dispensationalist, I believe that God still has a covenant relationship with Israel, and I thus support Israel by default and, in particular, its right to the land. On the other hand, this doesn’t mean that the current government, people or policies of Israel are beyond fault. We can and should judge their actions against biblical principles in the same way the Old Testament prophets did.

What’s the most common misconception about end-times prophecy?
A common misconception is that all biblical prophetic language is to be taken at absolute face value, that is, a “hyper-literalism.” Such an approach is wrong because it fails, at least, to take into account the various literary genres in which the prophecies are found. For example, someone may mistakenly expect everything in the book of Revelation to find a literal fulfillment. Everything in Revelation will be fulfilled, but the genre indicates that not everything will be fulfilled as portrayed in the visions.

Alan Hultberg (M.Div.’89), Ph.D., is an assistant professor of Bible exposition and New Testament in Biola’s seminary, Talbot School of Theology.
Professors Speak Out on South Dakota’s Failed Abortion Ban

During the November election, South Dakota — where Biola graduate John Thune (’83) serves as a senator — was engulfed in heated debate over the possibilities of a statewide abortion ban. A law, passed by the South Dakota legislature last February and signed by Governor Mike Rounds (R) in March, banned most abortions — except to save a pregnant woman’s life — and directly challenged the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling in the 1973 Roe v. Wade case, which legalized abortion. The ban was overturned in the November election.

Abortion-rights advocates, like the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, challenged the ban, saying that it was unconstitutional and violated the rights of women and families to make private decisions about whether, and when, to have children.

"These abortion bans, and the politicians supporting them, are far outside the mainstream of America," Sarah Stoesz — the president of the Planned Parenthood chapter that covers Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota — stated in a March press release posted on the chapter Web site. "Outlawing health care for women goes against the basic values of South Dakotans, the vast majority of whom support legal access to abortion."

But, Dr. Scott Rae — a Biola professor and author of several books on ethics, like Moral Choices (Zondervan) — disagrees with Stoesz. Rae believes the South Dakota ban was closer to mainstream public opinion than some might think.

"Most people are uncomfortable with how frequently abortion occurs and with abortion being used as the birth control of last resort," Rae told Biola Connections. "They are particularly outraged by the partial-birth abortions that occur late in pregnancy."

Dr. David Horner — who also teaches ethics classes at Biola — told Biola Connections that, although he opposes abortion, he had concerns about South Dakota’s ban. Horner feared that it was too sweeping and would backfire against the anti-abortion movement.

"I would absolutely love it if the ban had worked," Horner said.

But he believes it would be wise for the pro-life movement to take a more modest approach, one that allows exceptions for cases of rape and incest. Such an approach would be received more favorably by the public and the Supreme Court, ultimately saving more lives than a complete ban that would be quickly shot down, according to Horner. Horner said the anti-abortion movement is split when it comes to “hard cases,” like rape and incest.

"This is a major divide within the pro-life movement, when what we really need to have is a united front," he said.

Despite his misgivings about the ban, Horner strongly opposes the Roe v. Wade ruling, calling it “a terrible decision” and “seriously flawed.”

"There is nothing about abortion in the constitution, but somehow a right to privacy was discovered and then stretched and tortured in order to be applied to include abortion," he said.

Since 1973, more than 46 million abortions have been performed in the United States, and 24 percent of all pregnancies end in abortion, according to the Guttmacher Institute, an abortion-rights research agency.

Thune, a Republican, supports the anti-abortion movement, though he did not play a part in South Dakota’s abortion ban because he deals with federal, not state, issues, according to his spokesman, Kyle Downey, who spoke with Biola Connections. — Joel Bergman

Students Visit the Other ‘Bible Lands’

When you think of a Bible land, Israel is, likely, the first place to come to mind. But many of the Bible’s famous sites are actually located in other countries. Forty students in Biola’s seminary, Talbot School of Theology, are finding that out this interterm, as they follow the apostle Paul’s footsteps on his missionary journeys through Turkey, Greece and Rome.

The 26-day trip — to be held Dec. 28 to Jan.
Alumni Band Featured in Los Angeles Times
Cold War Kids — a four-member band with three Biola alumni — was featured in the Los Angeles Times, Sept. 21, as one of “L.A.’s favorites.” Last summer, they signed with Downtown Records and, on Oct. 10, they released their full-length debut, called “Robbers & Cowards.” The Biola band members are Matt Maust ('01), Nathan Willett ('03) and Jonnie Bo Russell ('05).

New Legislation Won’t Affect Biola
Biola will not be affected by Senate Bill No. 1441, passed by the California State Legislature, Aug. 11, because the University does not accept any direct government funding. The bill amends Section 11135 of the Government Code by adding “sexual orientation” to the existing law that prohibits any institution that receives direct state funding from discriminating on the basis of, among other things, race, gender and religion. It was signed into law on Aug. 28 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. The bill will not affect Biola University’s admissions standards or prevent its students from receiving the Cal Grant, which provided Biola students with $6.5 million in government-funded student aid last year. This is because the Cal Grant is issued to individual students, not to universities.

Biola Unveils Centennial Seal
Biola has released its centennial seal, in anticipation of the University’s 100th anniversary in 2008. The seal features an olive branch, a biblical symbol of faithfulness. On the seal, the branch represents both God’s faithfulness to Biola for the past century and Biola’s faithfulness to its founding mission to impact the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. The olive branch also represents the olive grove on Biola’s campus and the olive wreath crown awarded to ancient Olympians (since Biola’s centennial falls during the 2008 Olympics). Biola’s yearlong centennial celebration will begin July 1, 2007. Watch future issues of Biola Connections for details. www.100biola.edu

Another Film Student Wins Award
Joel Nassan, a senior film student, won the Jimmy Stewart Memorial Crystal Heart Award for best dramatic short film at the 15th annual Heartland Film Festival, held Oct. 19-23, in Indianapolis, Ind. This is the highest award that a student can win at the festival. Joel was flown out, put up in a hotel and included in two press junkets, where he represented Biola as a student filmmaker. Past Biola winners at this festival include Scott Derrickson, co-writer and director of The Exorcism of Emily Rose (Sony Pictures). Nassan’s eight-minute, inspiring film is titled Wednesday. “It’s about an elderly gentleman as he goes about the simplicity of his life amongst the complexity of Los Angeles,” Nassan told Biola Connections.
Leaving A Legacy

During his 25-year presidency, Clyde Cook overcame obstacles, changed minds & transformed Biola into a leading Christian university.

by Holly Pivec
Cook became president in 1982, a year after Biola transitioned from a college to a university. At that time, Biola was facing serious challenges. It had just entered a decade of declining enrollment and dwindling finances. Department funds were being slashed, and staff and faculty salaries were frozen. Discouragement set in across campus.

"That whole decade, Dr. Cook was very challenged because Biola is such a tuition-driven school," said Dr. Harold Dollar, who joined the School of Intercultural Studies in 1983. "But he never stumbled or lost any confidence."

Most universities saw sharp declines in enrollment in the 1980s, after the number of Baby Boomers peaked. Biola’s enrollment dropped from 3,181 in 1980 to 2,566 in 1989 — 615 students. On top of that, the year before Cook took over, the University received about 20 percent less donations than it had planned for; yet, it adopted a 17 percent higher budget, creating about a 37 percent shortfall. Cook had to quickly cut $1.3 million.

Meanwhile, as the president of any new university will know, people clamored around Cook for their causes — some hoping to change Biola’s direction. Cook recalls one man who told him, "Clyde, you need to bring Biola back to its founders. You need to teach a 24-hour, seven consecutive-days creation, and if you don’t, then you don’t believe in the Word of God."

Cook disagreed and informed the man that some of Biola’s first professors, including James Orr — who contributed to The Fundamentals (a classic defense of the Christian faith) — taught the day-age view, a theory that the days of creation in Genesis weren’t literal, 24-hour days, but ages. Historically, Biola hasn’t taken a stance on the earth’s age, focusing on God as the Creator rather than on how He carried out creation. The statement of faith, however, rules out evolution.

"Everybody has their agenda for Biola," Cook told Biola Connections. "People are telling me all the time how I should run this place."
To withstand the pressures, Cook has often quoted a maxim by Herbert Swope, the first Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter: “I cannot give you the formula for success, but I can give you the formula for failure: try to please everybody.”

Underneath the Swope maxim — which Cook made into a placard for his office — he has added Jesus’ words: “For I always do those things that please Him.”

“That has to be foremost, my pleasing Him,” Cook said, a personal conviction that has won the admiration of staff and faculty.

“Dr. Cook is really a man of the Lord. That came out early in his presidency,” said Dr. Ed Thurber, who has served as a math professor at Biola since 1971. “There was no doubt about how he loved the Lord and how that was central to everything.”

Cook also faced an unforeseen obstacle two years into his presidency. At age 49, he had a major heart attack, a type so serious that it’s called “the widowmaker” — 100 percent blockage of his heart’s left main artery. Cook remained in critical condition for five days and was hospitalized for 24. Many people feared that his term as president would be cut short.

But Cook recovered and became Biola’s longest-serving president and one of the most beloved. He also became one of the longest-serving university presidents in the nation, in a career where the average tenure is seven years at a private school and five years at a public one, according to the American Council on Education.

“Clyde Cook persevered and was a steady hand through those difficult years,” said Wes Willmer, the vice president of university advancement.

Yet, perseverance was nothing new to Cook, who faced adversity at an early age.

Cook, a fourth generation missionary, never aspired to be a university president, but, instead, always saw himself as a missionary. Born in 1935, Cook grew up in Hong Kong. When the Japanese invaded in 1941, he, his parents and five siblings were imprisoned for six months in three separate concentration camps. They nearly starved to death — as many of their fellow prisoners did — on a diet of rice and soup made with only a few Chinese greens.

They later settled in Laguna Beach, Calif., where Cook excelled on his high school basketball team. As the 1953 California Interscholastic Federation’s “Basketball Player of the Year,” Cook received lucrative scholarship offers from 13 colleges and universities. He planned to play for the University of Southern California, but, two weeks before classes started, he began to rethink his priorities.

“I wanted to invest my life in something that would last for eternity,” Cook, now 71, said.

So, he enrolled at Biola Bible College to prepare for professional Christian ministry. There, he met his wife, Anna Belle Lund (’55), and earned three degrees: a bachelor’s degree in Bible, a master of divinity and a master of theology. After a five-year stint as Biola’s athletic director and coach of the men’s sports teams, he, Anna Belle and their two young children, Laura and Craig, left as missionaries to the Philippines. But they returned four years later for Cook to head Biola’s missions department, which he did for 12 years. In 1979, Cook was appointed the president of Overseas Crusades, a missions agency (now called O.C. International), succeeding evangelist Luis Palau.

Biola’s Board of Trustees watched as Cook grew Overseas Crusades and increased its financial stability. So, when then-president Dick Chase left in 1982 to become the president of Wheaton College, the
Board invited Cook to be Biola’s seventh president.

After praying about the offer, Cook felt he could do more to influence world missions as the president of a Christian university than he could as the president of a missions agency. So, with the blessing of the Overseas Crusades board, he accepted their offer.

When Cook stepped into his new office, he knew, first off, that he needed to change some minds. Now a university, Biola needed to start seeing itself as one.

Many people on campus still thought of Biola more like a Bible college—or even a church—than an academic institution, and it was run accordingly. An incident early in Cook’s presidency illustrates this mindset.

One of Cook’s first actions was to get women on the Board of Trustees. Although more than half of the students were women, some Board members felt that the Bible prohibited female leadership of a Christian institution. Cook felt otherwise. When he broached the issue, however, there was stiff opposition.

Still, the issue kept bugging him. So, a year later, he brought it up again.

“For the Board, it wasn’t a bias against women; some members felt it was compromising with the Bible,” Cook said.

The dawning realization that Biola was a university helped change their minds. A year later, they voted to bring Carol (Carlson) Lindskog onto the Board.

“Carol has done such a good job,” Cook said, adding that, since then, three more women have joined her.

Lindskog told Biola Connections that she accepted the invitation because she felt that Biola’s female students and faculty should be represented. “I have loved serving Biola, and it’s been a very positive experience,” she said.

Cook also began to set up a university structure for Biola, under the direction of then-provost and senior vice president, Dr. Robert Fischer. The entire advancement division—including student recruitment, marketing and fundraising—was created under Cook’s watch.

“Before President Cook came, Biola had modest efforts in these areas,” said Willmer, who was hired by Cook to head the advancement division in 1989. “During the Cook era, they’ve grown substantially.”

Under Cook, Biola also added graduate programs that strengthened its academic profile, including three new schools: the School of Intercultural Studies, the School of Professional Studies and the Crowell School of Business.

During the changes, Cook always listened to dissenting voices, according to Jennifer (Cowen, ’95) Fitzgerald, who served as the student body president from 1994 to 1995. When the administration proposed a policy change that would require students to pay more for taking 18 units, Cowen sat down with Cook and shared the students’ concerns.

“He was really receptive, and they ended up dropping the proposal, which, to us students, meant a lot,” said Cowen, who now owns her own political consulting and fundraising business in Fullerton, Calif.

Cook’s warmth and sense of humor also won over students. In 2003, they
dedicated their yearbook to him.

“Dr. Cook treats everyone the same. It doesn’t matter if they’re a tenured faculty member or a first-year student,” said Cook’s close friend, Chuck Swindoll, the founder of Insight for Living radio ministry and the chancellor of Dallas Theological Seminary. Even the timing of Cook’s retirement has been viewed as an example of his humility, since it will give the new president the limelight during Biola’s centennial celebration.

Under Cook, and at the urging of Willmer, the University Planning Group was also launched, which has helped define Biola’s niche in higher education as Protestant, evangelical, non-denominational and theologically conservative. As Biola has honed in on these distinctives — especially in communicating its conservative evangelical stances — enrollment and financial support have gone up, according to Willmer.

The University Planning Group also has helped formulate Biola’s vision to become “a global center for Christian thought and spiritual renewal.”

Yet, structure and strategy weren’t the only issues Cook tackled. As a new Christian university, Biola also needed a philosophy of the relationship between faith and academics.

**Faith and Academics**

Many secular universities have treated faith as antagonistic to academics, or at least as periphery to it. But, for Cook, Christianity has always been the core of an education.

“I don’t think you can be properly educated when you exclude Jesus Christ, the Source of all knowledge and truth,” Cook said. “So, I think you get a better education here than you would at Stanford or any other school that excludes the Source of all knowledge and truth.”

Cook kept the requirement that all undergraduate students take 30 semester-units in Bible, making Biola one of only two schools to require this many units in the 105-member Council for Christian Colleges & Universities. Cook — with then-provost and senior vice president, Sherwood Lingenfelter — also encouraged faculty to teach every discipline from a biblical worldview by introducing “faculty integration seminars,” where faculty are taught how to combine their faith with their disciplines. A “seventh-semester sabbatical” was also created, which allows professors to apply for a research leave every seven semesters — if they are doing research that combines their faith with their fields — instead of waiting seven years for a sabbatical.

“Some would say, in mathematics, how can two plus two be spiritual?” Cook said. “Well, if you talk to our math professor Dr. Ed Thurber, he’ll give you a great lecture on how mathematics shows the intricacies of God’s creation and how it ties into philosophy. So, every discipline can be seen through the eyes of faith.”

Cook hired faculty who would strengthen Biola academically, but who were also ministry minded, according to Dollar.

“Schools tend to go in one direction or the other, but Dr. Cook moved the school in both of those directions at the same time,” Dollar said.

Cook, himself, believes one of his biggest achievements has been “maintaining Biola’s spiritual dynamic and not compromising it for the sake of secular academic respectability.”

The key for keeping Biola on track, doctrinally, is its faculty, according to Cook.

“One of the reasons schools have left their Christian moorings is because they build up a critical mass of faculty who do not believe the values and biblical commitment upon which the school was founded,” he said. To make sure that each faculty member shares Biola’s evangelical views, Cook’s administration has required each prospective professor to undergo several interviews, including one with Biola’s seminary, Talbot School of Theology, and another one with Cook and provost and senior vice president, Gary Miller.

“Dr. Cook carefully reviews the candidates’ responses to the
doctrinal portion of the application and often inquires about certain issues for clarity,” Miller told Biola Connections.

One of the most trying times of his tenure, according to Cook, was in 1997, when concerns arose over three faculty members who were part of the Antiochian Orthodox Church (a Christian church that is historically outside Protestantism). The faculty members had signed Biola’s statement of faith, but their church affiliation caused a controversy across campus that was even featured in the Los Angeles Times. To help resolve the matter, the professors were put through multiple interviews to gauge their adherence to Biola’s doctrinal stances.

“I tried to formulate the boundaries of our doctrinal statement, using Talbot School of Theology’s input,” Cook said.

In the end, Cook was satisfied that the professors upheld the statement of faith, and he felt it would be wrong to dismiss them since, during the hiring process, they had been open about their church membership. However, to clarify Biola’s doctrinal stance, he had the word “Protestant” added to the statement of faith and stated that church affiliation would be looked at in future hiring.

Another one of Cook’s doctrinal legacies is his commitment to inerrancy — the teaching that the Bible is without error in its original manuscripts. Though some Christians have urged Cook to drop this doctrine — considering it unimportant — many Biolans have applauded Cook for his staunch stance.

“Of the Christian colleges that have been around for a century or more, Biola is among a minority that has truly stayed on the classic fundamentals of the faith, including inerrancy,” said Dr. Robert Saucy, who has taught theology at Biola for 45 years and served as a past president of the Evangelical Theological Society.

Many alumni agree.

“It’s very reassuring to alumni out there, knowing that Dr. Cook is holding Biola to the foundational Christian doctrines,” alumnus Eugene Levert (’75), the father of a current Biola student, told Biola Connections.

As a missionary, Cook also saw everything in light of the Great Commission. To keep Biola’s historical thrust on missions, he turned the small missions department into an entire school — the School of Intercultural Studies — and he fought to keep the annual missions conference, even though it takes away three days from classes.

Cook also broadened Biola’s understanding of missions, urging all students to see themselves as missionaries — not just those headed for cross-cultural ministry. During graduation ceremonies, he often reminded them that they were entering their mission fields — in the boardrooms, public schools and film studios.

This missionary zeal, applied to all careers, has resulted in a new era of impact for Biola.

Progressive Evangelicalism

Cook’s mainstreaming of missions has led Biola to new ways of influencing the culture. The film program, for example — known as one of the nation’s top Christian film programs — has produced graduates like Scott Derrickson (’89, ’90), the co-writer and director of the successful, spiritually themed Exorcism of Emily Rose (Sony Pictures, 2005).

The Torrey Honors Institute, an honors program for undergraduate students, was started in 1996. Phillip Johnson — a retired University of California, Berkeley, law professor and the father of the Intelligent Design movement — said: “The students enrolled in the Torrey Honors Institute at Biola University are getting a better education than the students at Harvard and Yale.”

The Master of Arts in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics Program is viewed widely as the leading one of its kind, and it boasts more than 100 graduates in top Ph.D. programs for philosophy, including the University of Notre Dame. Biola’s faculty includes “very powerful philosophers.”
Alvin Plantinga told Biola Connections. Plantinga is perhaps the most influential Christian philosopher alive.

The growing reputations of programs like these has caused major media outlets to seek Biola for an evangelical perspective, including, in recent years, The New York Times Magazine, ABC News’ Nightline and the BBC.

These programs have also contributed to several years of record enrollments at Biola.

Unprecedented Growth

Since Cook’s arrival, Biola’s enrollment has nearly doubled to 5,752—a growth that has outpaced public, private and most other Christian colleges and universities.

The campus also has been built up, including the purchase of 20 acres that adjoin the campus in 1988 and the additions of a state-of-the-art athletic field, a tennis complex, two new residence halls and a new library. Construction is underway on a 32,000-square-foot classroom building that will house Crowell School of Business.

Off campus, Biola has added six extension sites throughout Southern California and three overseas: in Chiang Mai, Thailand; Klaipeda, Lithuania; and Kiev, Ukraine. Another one is planned for Manhattan, New York.

The profile of incoming students has also improved, with the average GPA going up from 3.15 to 3.53 and the average SAT going up from 1025 to 1125.

The endowment, virtually non-existent in 1982, is now over $43.5 million. And the budget has grown nearly ten times, from about $13 million to over $125 million. Net assets have grown from $33 million to $115 million.

“By virtually all measures, Biola’s financial footing is stronger today than at any other time in its history,” said Carl Schreiber, the vice president for financial affairs and information technology.

What’s Next

After his retirement, Cook will take the office of president emeritus to serve Biola however the new president desires, perhaps helping to raise funds. Cook believes the biggest challenge for his successor will be fundraising for the nearly $200 million in new buildings, including a larger building for Talbot School of Theology; expansions of Sutherland Hall, Crowell Hall, Bardwell Hall and the Student Union Building; a four-story classroom building; a five-level parking garage and a convocation center.

Cook also plans to spend time with Anna Belle, their children and six grandchildren, including their oldest grandchild, Candace, who is a freshman at Biola. He and Anna Belle will celebrate their 50-year anniversary on June 7.

Cook said he doesn’t know what else the future holds for him and Anna Belle, but perhaps they will be involved in missions.

“I still have my Hong Kong ID card,” he said, adding that he feels like he has a lot left to contribute.

Some of his best memories are commencement ceremonies, seeing eager graduates going out to fulfill Biola’s mission of impacting the world for Christ.

“Biola is a place like Biola that does not compromise, that’s rigorous in its academic programs—a place where parents can send their children, not to have their values undermined, but built up,” Cook said.

Many Biolans say they can’t imagine Biola without Cook. But Cook said he’s always reminded himself that he’s the temporary office holder and to hold his work at Biola lightly.

“It’s so easy for me to think I’m Mr. Biola,” Cook said. “But there were presidents before me and presidents will come after me,” he said. “This is God’s work and it’s His mission, and He’s going to see it through.”
Prominent Christians, like Rick Warren, have recently taken up humanitarian work — to the delight of some Christians and to the chagrin of others. When it comes to the Church’s role in humanitarian efforts, Christians often seem to divide into two camps — spiritual and physical ministries.

One camp believes they shouldn’t get involved in humanitarian issues, but, instead, should focus on sharing the gospel with people. Their motto is, “What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his own soul?” The other camp believes their main role is to help the poor and sick. Their reply to the first group is, “But an empty stomach has no ears.”

I pitch my tent where the two camps meet. I grew up observing that the most loving and strategically effective ministry is not either-or. It’s both-and.

My parents were missionaries in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Often I tagged along with Dad when he traveled to remote villages to share the gospel. When I was eight, we discovered a village in mourning. Children were dying, and no one knew why.

My father met with the village chief, who held a very sick young boy in his arms. His mother wept in despair that she had already lost her two younger children to this mysterious illness. My father’s tears fell with hers. He knew that the message we came to deliver would fall on deaf ears.

He asked the chief, “Where do you get your water?” The chief led us to the village water hole. Animals roamed around the mouth of the well, and signs of their waste were everywhere. The ground around the well sloped so that spilled water ran back into the well. It was a health hazard of gigantic proportions.

"I think I can help you with the problem of your sick children,” my father told the chief. Along with some of the village men, we got to work cleaning out the well. A thorn bush barricade was raised to keep the animals from roaming nearby. The mouth of the well was raised so that spilled water ran away from it. Meanwhile, a mission hospital provided medicine for the sick children.

As the children’s health improved, my father’s credibility grew. Now when he spoke at the village meetings, people leaned forward to hear his words. At one of the gatherings, the chief asked my father, “What was it about us, sir, that so pleased you that you did for us this great kindness?”

Even as a young boy, I sensed this was a divine moment, a breakthrough. Here was the opportunity to reach the village for Christ. Physical needs had
opened the door to spiritual ones. My father’s demonstrated love for these suffering people had illustrated his God’s love for them. Dad shared the gospel that night. It wasn’t long before many of the villagers became Christians.

But when Dad told the story in our family newsletter to financial supporters, he left out the part about the well. When I challenged him on it, with downcast eyes he explained, “Wess, the people who sent us to Africa expect us to do spiritual things, like preach the gospel and translate Scripture. I don’t think they would understand my spending three weeks deep in the mud digging a well.” That was my earliest realization that a false dichotomy existed between spiritual and physical ministries.

Certainly, headway has been made since then. Formal declarations were drafted by the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization and others emphasizing the value of holistic ministry. But sadly, the ministries of relief, development and social justice are still viewed by a number of churches and mission organizations as a lesser priority.

Meanwhile, other groups are quite willing to feed the hungry and bind up the wounded, but they get skittish about using the “J word”: Jesus. They are afraid to clarify their motive for humanitarian assistance. In contrast, our official tag line at Compassion International is: “Releasing children from poverty in Jesus’ name.” Children need not be Christians to receive Compassion’s assistance. It is our privilege to serve everyone, with dignity and respect, through indigenous churches that are challenged and equipped to live out the whole gospel. And last year alone, 102,159 people who were helped by these churches gave their lives to Christ.

To present a gospel that does not integrate the whole of our beings as God created us — spiritual and physical — is shortsighted and often unproductive. The most compelling reason why we should minister to the whole person is because that’s what our Lord taught us to do, by modeling this in His own earthly ministry.

Wess Stafford (’75), Ph.D., is the president and CEO of Compassion International, one of the largest Christian child development agencies, and is based in Colorado Springs, Colo. Stafford earned a degree in communication at Biola.
Road Trip

14 HOURS OF PLAYS, 24 HOURS OF DRIVING ADD UP TO LOTS OF BONDING FOR SHAKESPEARE CLASS

ew people, today, have time for great works of literature, let alone to watch 400-year-old plays on stage. Few people including Dr. Aaron Kleist and his class of English majors, who were determined to give William Shakespeare his due.

Kleist and 12 students in his "Introduction to Shakespeare Class" gave up their last week of summer vacation and packed into a van, Aug. 17, for a 12-hour drive north to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, in Ashland, located on the Oregon border. In five days, they watched about 14 hours of plays, including A Winter's Tale, The Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Merry Wives of Windsor and King John — plays they read during the semester.

Kleist told Biola Connections that the reason Shakespeare's works have endured all these centuries is because they have "captured fundamental truths of the human experience in arrestingly elegant language."

Shakespeare is regarded as a rare playwright, having mastered both tragedy and comedy. Many of his lines have become famous quotations, such as, "Why, then the world's mine oyster," which the students saw the character Pistol deliver, live, in The Merry Wives of Windsor.

This was the second year that Kleist took his students to the festival, which Time magazine has called one of the nation's "top five regional theaters." The festival runs each year, February through November, and one of the main attractions is an outdoor Elizabethan-style theater.

"The actors, costumes, sets and interpretations of Shakespeare's works were absolutely phenomenal," said Aimee Ganyo, a student who went on the trip. "And those visual depictions of the texts we study in class are indispensable to our understanding and discussion of the material," she said.

As to why he takes his students on this grueling road trip, Kleist said, "Shakespearean plays, to begin with, are more than words on a page. The plays were meant to be performed."

The group used the time in between plays for discussion, working on gaining a deeper understanding of what they watched while getting to know their fellow classmates. Even though classes hadn't officially started yet, the students eagerly jumped into discussion, forgetting that everyone else back home was celebrating their last week of freedom, according to Ganyo.

"If the students have bonded together outside of class, when actual discussion begins they are much more open with each other and the discussion of the texts gets deeper than it ever could have been," Kleist said.

Four plays in five days — even with discussion in between — leaves plenty of downtime, which is exactly what Kleist looks forward to.

"What do I get out of a grueling 24 hours in the car and 14 in the theater? A deeper knowledge of and appreciation for an exceptional group of men and women," Kleist said. "And talk about bonding. After you've seen your professor in his pajamas and white-water rafted with your classmates, you're no longer a random assembly of students: you are a team. And that leads to some amazing class discussion."

That's right, white-water rafting. On their day off this year, the group took a trip to the Rogue River.

"Rafting with Dr. Kleist was hilarious. He jumped out of the raft during a very calm part of the river so he could grab a paddle from the other raft," said student Stephen Muff. The most memorable parts of the trip were these moments of downtime, according to Muff.

Ganyo said she enjoyed the trip so much that she never felt like she sacrificed her last week of summer vacation.

"I would love to close every August in exactly the same way," Ganyo said.

Taylor Bell ('06), served as a Biola Connections intern. He graduated this winter with a degree in English.
In Print
BOOKS BY BIOLANS

Yoga: The Truth Behind the Posture, Dr. George P. Alexander (chairman of the missions department and professor of intercultural education), Stonewood Publishing Company, Oct. 2006; This well-researched book explores the significance of mantras and the differences between Hindu and biblical teachings on the nature of God and man, life and death, meditation, prayer and morality.

Africa Bible Commentary: A One-Volume Commentary Written By 70 African Scholars, Edited by Dr. Tokunboh Adeyemo (M.Div. ’76, Th.M. ’76), Zondervan, July 2006; The Africa Bible Commentary is the first one-volume Bible commentary produced in Africa by African theologians to meet the needs of African pastors, students and lay leaders.

Heat: A Graphic Reality Check for Teens Dealing With Sexuality and Buzz: A Graphic Reality Check for Teens Dealing With Drugs and Alcohol, Marcus Brotherton (M.A. ’97), Multnomah Publishers, July 2006; These books unashamedly tackle pressing issues that teens face every day. After pinpointing God’s solution, they offer practical steps that will help teens take their lives in the right direction.

Finding Your Greater Yes: Living a Life That Echoes in Eternity, Dr. Dan Erickson (D.Min. ’86), W Publishing Group, May 2006; Every life matters, and Erickson seeks to show readers how to discover and develop their God-given purpose — finding that “Greater Yes” — so as to make the greatest possible impact on the lives of everyone around them.

Two Nations Under God: Why Should America Care About Israel and the Middle East?, Tom Doyle (’79), B&H Publishing Group, July 2004; Though off to a shaky start, America made a conscious effort to bless Israel and since that time has enjoyed the promised blessing of God.

Connecting With Your Kids: How Fast Families Can Move From Chaos to Closeness, Timothy Smith (’73, M.A. ’80), Bethany House Publishers, Nov. 2005; Timothy Smith challenges life’s frantic pace and offers helpful solutions to developing the perfect pulse for individual families.

Can You Keep Your Faith in College?: Students From 50 Campuses Tell You How — And Why, Abbie Smith (current student), Multnomah, April 2006; Can you keep a God-centered, adventure-based, Christ-driven life through college? Abbie Smith discovered “yes,” and this book provides encouragement from many other students on your same journey.

Evangelism for the Rest of Us: Sharing Christ Within Your Personality Style, Dr. Mike Bechtle (M.A. ’76), Baker Books, May 2006; Evangelism for the Rest of Us shows you how to witness in ways that are compatible with who God created you to be.

Event Calendar

January 16
Biola Basketball vs. Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, Calif.: Meet up with other Biola alumni from the Fresno area at the Special Events Center on the FPU campus. Women play at 5:30 p.m., and the men play at 7:30 p.m. Join us for dessert after the game!

January 19-22
Biola Baja Cruise: Departs from Long Beach, Calif., and travels to Ensenada, Mexico

January 23
Young Alumni Basketball Game and Café Night, Biola Campus: Join young alumni and help cheer on your Biola Eagles in a game against rival Azusa Pacific. Join us before the game for dinner in the Café at 5:30 p.m. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

February 2
Washington, D.C., Chapter: Dr. Cook and Anna Belle will stop by, on their goodbye tour around the country. Visit the alumni Web site for more details.

February 8
Alumni Board Meeting, Biola Campus: All alumni are invited to join this quarterly board meeting at 6 p.m. in the Café Banquet Room. Dinner will be provided.

February 10
Seattle, Wash., Chapter: Dr. Cook and Anna Belle will stop by, on their goodbye tour around the country. Visit the alumni Web site for more details.

February 17
Orlando, Fla., Chapter: Dr. Cook and Anna Belle will stop by, on their goodbye tour around the country. Visit the alumni Web site for more details.

February 23-24
Alumni Weekend 2007: See ad on page 31 National Chapter Leaders Conference

March 9
ComedySportz, Biola Campus: ComedySportz will be back for their annual improvisational comedy show in Sutherland Auditorium at 7 p.m. Alumni are invited to join students for this free event.

Please RSVP for events. Call (562) 903-4728 or e-mail alumni@biola.edu. Visit the alumni Web site at: www.biola.edu/alumni.
Winter Preview

BIOLA SIGNS TOP O.C. ATHLETE

After a few months in school, DeLuca still has no regrets about her decision to attend Biola.

“I love being at Biola,” DeLuca said. “I really enjoy the people the most. I feel that God is alive in everyone I’ve met here.”

Team Outlooks

Women’s Basketball
Coach: Ken Crawford (2nd year at Biola, 10-19)
Last Year: 10-19 (6-14, ninth in GSAC)
Outlook: Crawford and Co. expect to see continued improvement, as the players learn his new system and develop. An excellent recruiting class will help strengthen the team’s depth, but the team is still quite young with 10 freshman and sophomores.
Top Returners: Guard Rochelle Ransch, Sr.; Guard Rachel Dulin, Sr.; Center Megann Alberts, So.
Top Newcomers: Guard Elise Paty, Fr.; Guard Chelsea DeLuca, Fr.
Strengths: The Biola women’s squad has developed a strong work ethic over the summer and has been enthusiastic about the upcoming season. This has translated into the team easing into Coach Crawford’s new system.

Men’s Basketball
Coach: Dr. Dave Holmquist (27th year at Biola, 679-205; and 29th overall, 705-248)
Last Year: 19-12 (11-9, fifth in GSAC)
Outlook: With three senior returners and a solid recruiting class, Biola has a strong combination of youth and experience. The Eagles’ size up front should make for a tough inside game, while a new class of accurate shooters should balance out Coach Holmquist’s inside-out game.
Top Returners: Forward Spencer Foster, Sr.; Guard Kevin Cook, Sr.; Guard Solomon Mercado, Sr.; Forward Danny Jones, Jr.
Top Newcomers: Guard Matt Emadi, senior transfer from NCAA Division I Weber State; Forward Lafayette Lofton, junior transfer from NCAA DI Georgia Southern; Forward Rocky Hampton, redshirt freshman.
Strengths: A great combination of size and

One of the off-season’s biggest stories for the Biola women’s basketball team was the signing of one of Orange County’s best point guards, Rachel DeLuca. And while basketball fans excitedly wait to see how she will contribute as a part of a new team, she is by no means new to the University itself.

As a home-schooled student, DeLuca’s parents decided to take advantage of two Biola Youth programs: Biola Youth Theatre and STAR (a program that offers college preparatory classes for home-schoolers).

In elementary school, DeLuca was a part of the Youth Theatre productions of Scrooge and The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. She joined the STAR program in sixth grade and, as a sophomore, she joined the Torrey Academy (a program of advanced classes for high school students).

During her high school years, DeLuca was able to play basketball at Calvary Chapel High School in Costa Mesa. On the court, she proved to be one of the best players in Orange County, averaging 17 points per game as a senior. Overall, she earned all-CIF honors twice and helped advance her team to the CIF Southern Section playoffs.

Additionally, DeLuca played with an elite traveling basketball team that featured some of the most talented high school prospects in the country. DeLuca received numerous offers to play basketball at schools across the country, including offers from a number of NCAA Division I and Division II schools. In the end, she chose to continue her education and play basketball at Biola.

“I never wanted to go to Biola when I was younger because I have always been around it,” DeLuca said. “But, when it came down to it, I really didn’t want to go anywhere else.”

DeLuca hasn’t wasted any time since coming to Biola, enrolling in the Torrey Honors program and continuing to push herself academically, while saving time for basketball.

“It has been hard and sometimes I get overwhelmed,” DeLuca said. “God’s been helping me handle it for the most part. I think if I can make it through this year, I will be alright.”

Head women’s basketball coach, Ken Crawford, is pleased to have DeLuca as part of the 2006-07 squad. “Chelsea has already demonstrated the abilities that will make her an important part of our success in the upcoming years,” Crawford said.
quickness should help the Eagles on both sides of the ball this season.

**Men’s Swimming and Diving**

**Coach:** Eddie Shepard (4th year at Biola)

**Last Year:** Placed 10th at NAIA National Championships

**Outlook:** The men’s team is very young, but the new additions to the program should help them improve on their performance from last year. With the addition of a well-rounded group of incoming freshmen, the men should easily place much higher at both Conference and Nationals than the previous year.

**Top Returners:** Jeremy Davidson, So., 100, 200 Back; Erik Scott, So., 100, 200 Breast, 200 IM

**Top Newcomers:** Ben Oviedo, Fr., 100, 200 Back, 200 IM; Zachary Perkins, Fr., 50, 100, 200 Free

**Strengths:** With the addition of some well-rounded swimmers, the men’s team has picked up some depth that it has lacked in previous years. Their strength in the strokes will also make them formidable in the medley relays.

**Women’s Swimming and Diving**

**Coach:** Eddie Shepard (4th year at Biola)

**Last Year:** Placed sixth at NAIA National Championships

**Outlook:** The Eagle women are looking to improve on the previous year’s performance again this year with a strong group of returning swimmers and divers. With the returning women, plus the new additions to the team, the women could place better at both conference and at the NAIA National Championships again in 2006-07.

**Top Returners:** Shannon Lawrence, Sr., 50, 100 Free; Ashley McLaughlin, Sr., 100, 200 Breast, 200 IM; Christina Piakak, Jr., 50 Free, 100 Fly

**Top Newcomer:** Megan DeForest, Fr., 100, 200 Breast, 200 IM

**Strengths:** The women have strong swimmers in all four of the disciplines this year, as well as having a lot of depth in the sprint freestyle events. Also, Biola has two returning divers plus an additional rookie. Combined, this should make for new individual records and some extremely fast relays. — Jeff Hoffman

**Eagle News**

In mid-November, Biola unveiled a new look to its athletic department Web site, including a number of new features. The Web site can now be found at http://athletics.biola.edu. …

In late June, the women’s tennis team was one of 12 NAIA squads to be named an All-Academic Team by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA). It was the fifth straight year Biola has earned the honor, the longest streak in the NAIA. In addition, four individuals earned ITA Scholar-Athlete honors. They were Ginny Bradshaw, Kristen Kelsey, Brianna Meister and Rebecca Nations. … Sophomore outside hitter Meghan Scheenstra became the first volleyball player in school history to record 30 or more kills in a three-game match when she pounded out 31 kills, as Biola swept the Master’s College on Sept. 9. She also reached the 30-kill plateau again on Sept. 21 at Vanguard, recording 32 in a 3-1 Biola victory. … The annual rivalry men’s and women’s basketball games between Biola and Azusa Pacific will be on Tuesday, Jan. 23. Contact the sports information office soon, as tickets for this exciting match-up go quickly. Call (562) 903-4889 …

The softball team will be traveling to our country’s 50th state from Apr. 9-11 for competition and outreach. The Eagles will take on BYU-Hawaii, Chaminade University and Hawaii Pacific University, and then spend some time working with YWAM (Youth With a Mission) … After a 10-year hiatus, Biola’s men’s tennis team will take to the courts again this spring, under the direction of head coach Jim Emerson … Jonathan Zimmerman took over the reigns from Leroy Neal as Biola’s head cross country and track and field coach in September. Neal, who had coached for 17 years at Biola, will remain with the University as a physical education instructor until his retirement at the end of the school year … The Biola baseball team hits off its 2007 campaign with the annual alumni game on Saturday, Jan. 27. All baseball alumni who are interested in playing in the game should contact the baseball office for more information. Call (562) 903-4887.
How to Build a Classical Music Library

One of the delights of being a music educator is the opportunity to introduce young musicians to great musical works of art. The students’ eyes widen as they begin to take in a great piece of music for the first time. It’s like sharing a rare jewel, an experience that they will not soon forget.

I encourage everyone, not just my students, to build his or her own classical music library. But with so much music to choose from — over 600 years’ worth, from a multitude of Western countries — where should you begin? Here are seven tips for starting a collection.

Start with what you’ve heard. We’ve all heard classical music in a variety of venues, like movies, television and commercials. Let’s say that during the movie Master and Commander you were moved by the music that played as the HMS Surprise cut through the rolling sea. Or, perhaps you were attracted to someone’s cell phone ring tone, proclaiming a digital rendition of a classical piano piece. In each case, you may have thought, “What is that tune? I really like that.”

Next, locate the name of the piece and its composer. Begin with the Internet. If you were moved by the music in Master and Commander, visit the Web site About Classical Music (http://classicalmusic.about.com), which features hundreds of references to classical music used in films, television and commercials. On this site, you will discover that J.S. Bach composed the beautiful, unaccompanied cello music in Master and Commander and that the piece is the Prelude from the 1st Cello Suite.

Now, visit classical music Web sites like BMG Music Service (http://bmgmusic.com), where you can listen to Bach’s music online and, if you desire, purchase it. A good Web site to find discounted recordings is Your Music (http://yourmusic.com). If you own an iPod or if you store music on your computer — and if you prefer purchasing single selections rather than complete albums — try browsing eClassical (http://eclassical.com).

To sample a variety of classical music, try listening to an online radio station. Beethoven.com offers a continuous stream of music and, if you like what you hear, you can immediately purchase it online. K-Mozart (http://kmozart.com) also streams 24 hours a day (and airs in Southern California on 105.1 FM). It provides an online log so you can see titles of pieces that have recently aired or will air in the near future. You may also try visiting the Biola Conservatory of Music Web site (http://biola.edu/music), where you can listen to six hours of uninterrupted performances by faculty and students.

If you’d prefer not to explore online, or if that resource is not available to you, visit your local public or university library. Most libraries have audio collections and listening stations, so you can sample music before checking it out.

Consider purchasing a classical music CD collection. Time-Life’s 100 Masterpieces of Classical Music — advertised in newspapers and on television — includes the works of many great composers on five CDs. Or, visit a music shop that specializes in classical recordings. Classical music on CD has become more affordable due to advances in technology and the flooding of the market with recordings from Eastern European and former Soviet Union countries. So, if cost is an issue, don’t be apprehensive if you see a recording for less than $10. Take a chance and buy it. It is probably a very good recording.

For those of you with digital cable television, don’t forget to sample the classical music channels.

To grow in your appreciation of classical music, attend a concert. Most areas have performing groups, and many universities offer inexpensive venues for hearing musical masterpieces. Also, read about the composers you enjoy listening to. As you learn more about their personal lives, your appreciation for their music will grow. A wonderful book to begin with is Harold Schonberg’s The Lives of the Great Composers. If you are interested in learning more about great Christian composers, Spiritual Lives of the Great Composers by Patrick Kavanaugh is a must read.

George Boesflug, D.M.A., is the director of Biola’s Conservatory of Music and holds a doctorate of musical arts in piano performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music, Rochester, N.Y.
Robin LaBarbera (M.A. ’00), a new full-time assistant professor of education at Biola, began her teaching career in Watts, one of the poorest communities in Los Angeles. LaBarbera worked among the neediest students for eight years, without receiving any pay, but she said what she earned in love and student admiration were more than any paycheck could provide.

LaBarbera didn’t always plan on being a teacher. For years, she worked in property management, never feeling quite like that was the right fit for her talents.

Her husband, Carl, had long served as a board member for World Impact, a Christian missions organization that works in the inner cities. During a board meeting in the LaBarbera house, she listened as they discussed the need for teachers at a World Impact school. At that very moment, LaBarbera felt like the Lord was telling her that she needed to go there.

After much prayer, she ended up teaching elementary-aged students. She said, “When I decided to teach, the minute I walked on campus the very first day of school, I thought, ‘This is it. I love this.’”

LaBarbera stayed for eight years, never receiving a penny for her work. “I couldn’t tear myself away. Everyday, when I would drive to school and get out of my car, 20 kids would run up to me, hug me and say, ‘Mrs. LaBarbera, what are we going to do today?’”

The job wasn’t an easy one, considering the lack of involvement from parents. Many of the students came from broken homes, had family members in jail or on drugs, and several students had even seen family members killed.

“There were quite a few times when I thought, ‘Is there something else I should be doing? This is really tiring and, by the way, I am not getting paid,’” LaBarbera said. But every time she thought this, a student would come up to her and say, “I love you Mrs. LaBarbera,” and she would think, “This is why I am here.”

LaBarbera loves her new role in Biola’s education department, teaching “grown-up” college students, but she often thinks about the children she taught in Watts. She now trains future teachers to work with the underprivileged. LaBarbera tells her students who want to teach in the inner city: “This is real teaching when you teach there. The reward makes it worth it.” — Rae Lynn Rucker

Faculty Highlights

Erik, Ph.D. [biblical studies and theology] and Donna, Ph.D. [Torrey Honors Institute] Thoenness spent the spring semester in Cambridge, England, as visiting scholars at Tyndale House, an international research center and library for biblical studies. Donna was on research leave from Biola, researching the emotions that Paul expresses in his New Testament letters, as part of a thesis she is writing for a master’s degree in New Testament. Erik was awarded a sabbatical from Biola to research a “theology of play” (as a means of enjoying and honoring God). This is part of his broader project on a Christian view of “sport.”

Jonathan Kim, Ph.D. [Christian education] is conducting research on the high attrition rate among Asian American pastors, with funding from Biola’s Provost’s Office, the Association of Theological Schools and the L² Foundation, an Asian American leadership development organization. Kim’s study seeks to identify and analyze factors that contribute to the early burnout of Asian American pastors. It will also look at the impact of their departure on Asian American churches, and it will seek to find ways to better educate the pastors to lengthen their ministries.

Glen Kinoshita [multiethnic programs] wrote an article for PRISM Magazine titled, “On Earth as it is in Heaven” (September/October issue). It addresses the segregation that exists in the church, despite the values of equality and justice that Christians profess. PRISM is published by Evangelicals for Social Action. Among the experts Kinoshita interviewed for the article is Dr. Brad Christerson, an associate professor of sociology at Biola.

Daniel Christensen, Ph.D. [European and world history] wrote an article for Sacred History Magazine titled, “The Politics of the Plague: Church and State in Early Modern Germany” (November/December issue). Based on primary source research in archives in Germany, Christensen explained political and Christian attitudes to epidemic diseases in the 17th century. He argues, against much secular historiography, that — while the state reformed and modernized its approach and interest in public health concerns — understandings of health issues, and especially epidemics, continued to be rooted in a Christian worldview.
'President’s Circle Legacy’ Starts With One Family

September 1980 was memorable for Harold and Doris Camp of Downey, Calif. As the end of the summer approached, their youngest son, Joel, announced he had enrolled at what was then called Biola College. This came as a surprise because Joel, at age 20, hadn’t given any indication he was interested in college.

Harold and Doris were pleased about their son’s decision because they were well aware of Biola’s excellent reputation. Also, one of Biola’s highly regarded professors, Dr. Louis Talbot, was a frequent speaker at their church. When September arrived, Joel started college.

So began a long-term partnership between the Camp family and Biola University — a partnership that has shaped many lives and benefited scores of Biola students over the past quarter century.

The first month Joel started at Biola, Harold Camp was introduced by Louis Talbot to Biola’s then-president, Dr. J. Richard Chase, during Parent’s Day on the lawn in front of Metzger Hall. Looking up to his office on the second floor of the recently built structure, Chase shared with Harold the pressure he felt to bring in sufficient scholarship money to meet students’ financial aid needs. “The burden I carry on my shoulders is enormous,” confided Chase.

That conversation spawned an idea that developed into a small group of faithful people banding together to share Chase’s burden to support students’ scholarship funding needs. The “President’s Circle” began with Harold Camp and seven other willing families who committed to support the Biola Scholarship Fund on a regular basis, giving a minimum of $1,000 a year. The group also gathered with the president on a regular basis to pray for and support young Biolans, as they prepared academically and spiritually for careers to impact the world for Christ.

Harold’s son, Joel, is one of those students. Joel earned his undergraduate degree in Christian education from Biola in 1984 and his master’s degree in Christian education from Biola’s Talbot School of Theology in 1988. He pastored youth in several West Coast churches, and, today, is a juvenile probation officer for the county of San Bernardino. In this role, Joel brings the hope of Christ and a heart for the lost to young people who are desperately in need of direction and guidance.

What began almost three decades ago with a small group, today has grown to hundreds of faithful friends in the President’s Circle. During Dr. Clyde Cook’s 25-year presidency, the President’s Circle has contributed $12 million to the Biola Scholarship Fund.

“The ongoing, faithful support of these dear men and women who are making an impact on the world through our students has been a source of strength and encouragement to me,” shared Dr. Cook, at the recent Prism Concert dinner, an annual President’s Circle event.

The need for scholarship assistance has grown every year, as tuition costs continue to climb. Today, 79 percent of Biola’s undergraduate students rely on financial aid, making the commitment of the President’s Circle more important than ever before.

Biola students are the fuel that powers Biola’s mission to be a global center of Christian thought and spiritual renewal that is making a difference in the local, regional, national and global cultures. Simply put, they need your help in achieving their goals — and you can come alongside with support and encouragement to them, just as the original President’s Circle members did in 1980.

As Biola celebrates Cook’s presidency, would you consider standing with him in the President’s Circle as the University prepares for a new season of service? “As I pass the presidential baton to God’s choice for Biola’s second century, a strong President’s Circle team will be crucial to our new leader’s success,” Cook said.

Harold (who currently has two grandchildren studying at Biola) summed up his involvement with the President’s Circle in this way: “Using what God has entrusted to me to make a difference in the lives of Biola students gives me great satisfaction. When the students tell us how their studies are going during President’s Circle events, I am blessed. Biola is making a difference, and it feels good to be a part of that.” — Don Bernstein

For information on joining the President’s Circle, call (562) 906-4523.
President’s Circle Events

With every new year, opportunities come for our President’s Circle members to connect to Biola. President’s Circle events have always been special to President and Mrs. Cook because they give them the opportunity to personally interact with the ministry partners who have contributed so much to the University.

LEGACY GALA  
February 24, 2007

Mark your calendars for the first Biola University Legacy Gala at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach during Founders Week. Enjoy an elegant evening and celebrate those who have been a part of Biola University’s legacy.

TRIBUTE CONCERT  
May 3, 2007

The Conservatory of Music will present a very special tribute concert to President Cook, celebrating his many years of faithful ministry to Biola University.

To register, call Ann Shepherd at (562) 906-4523 or register online at www.biola.edu/pc.

If you’re not currently a President’s Circle member and would like information about this dedicated group of Biola supporters, please use the contact information above.

‘Crowell School of Business’ Building Nears Completion
Great Expectations

When President Clyde Cook read the Presidential Search Team’s qualifications for Biola University’s new president, he quipped, “Wow, I’m not even qualified for this job.”

We all know Cook is a humble man, but in all seriousness, the bar has definitely been set high for Biola’s eighth president. In fact, the expectations for the position are so extensive that they needed to be grouped into five sections in the Presidential Opportunity Profile, a publication given to prospective candidates. The sections included: 1) Christian Commitment, 2) Commitment to Scholarship, 3) Institutional Leadership, 4) Relational, Influencing and Communication Skills, and 5) Management of the Vision, Strategy and Plan Execution.

Space prohibits even listing half of the qualifications outlined in the document. But one qualification that has been emphasized by the search team is fundraising. It may come as a surprise to some Biolans to learn that, when Cook was hired as Biola’s president, the Board of Trustees did not want him to focus entirely on fundraising, although that was certainly part of the job. Instead, they wanted to be sure that he kept Biola true to its doctrinal position and provided spiritual leadership. He did both well.

But times have changed, and fundraising is now a higher priority than it was when Cook became president 25 years ago. And with an estimated $200 million in building projects on the horizon, and a possible plateau in enrollment due to a slowing high school graduation rate, it makes sense. So expect the future president to come to the position capable of raising lots of money.

You can also expect the new president to follow Cook in his steadfast commitment to a conservative, evangelical perspective on faith and learning. In fact, as Biola enters its second century, concerted efforts are being made to emphasize and strengthen the University’s commitment to biblically centered education. Expect the new president to be someone who has a demonstrated history of living out and defending a biblical worldview in line with Biola’s doctrinal statement, as all faculty and trustees are required to do.

Diversity must also be on the candidate’s agenda. According to the Presidential Opportunity Profile, the new president “must make progress in building a university that attracts a more diversified student body, faculty, staff and Board of Trustees.” According to the 2000 U.S. Census, La Mirada is 33.5 percent Hispanic. Biola’s current Hispanic population is 9 percent.

Of course, some qualifications will come as no surprise to Biolans. The new president will be an accomplished academic with an earned doctorate and a history of published works. The candidate will also have demonstrated experience leading a large, complex organization. Biola is the largest private employer in La Mirada with nearly 1,000 staff serving more than 5,700 students. Its operating budget exceeds $125 million with investment assets near $107 million.

To assist the nine-member Presidential Search Team in selecting a new leader, the Search Advisory Committee was formed, which is made up of faculty and staff from across campus. The 18-member Advisory Committee will not have a vote in the final selection, but it will provide input as the pool of candidates is narrowed. The Advisory Committee will also meet and interact with the final candidate during a campus visit.

The Presidential Search Team began viewing applications in late November and plans to conduct interviews in January and February. Their hope is to have a new president in place by July 1.

To find out more about the presidential search process, visit the Presidential Search Web site (www.biola.edu/presidentialsearch/) where you can download the Presidential Opportunity Profile, see who’s on the Presidential Search Team and Search Advisory Committee, and read commonly asked questions about the presidential search process. And, if you think you’ve got what it takes to be Biola’s next president, you can even download an application.

Rob Westervelt  
(M.A.’97), Editor
BIOOLA SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND YOU
Enabling students to study truth, experience life transformation in Christ, and become a testimony

Donte Apperwhite came to Los Angeles three years ago from Boston with his mother, homeless and on welfare.

Donte struggled from day to day with hardships most people never face. Although he had missed more than a year of high school, Donte enrolled and finished, graduating with high honors.

He wanted to attend Biola. This desire demonstrates Donte’s strong faith, because there was no way he could afford it.

But thanks to the generous support of donors in the President’s Circle, Donte’s dream became a reality. Today he is a promising sophomore studying Vocal Performance in Biola’s Conservatory of Music.

Onstage as a bass voice in the Biola Chorale, Donte has blessed audiences with his passionate and powerful voice. He also is a living testament to the power of God in one young man’s life and the value of investing in the Biola Scholarship Fund.

THE PRESIDENT’S CIRCLE AND YOU

If you meet Donte, you will clearly understand why investing in young lives is so fulfilling. For the past thirty years, members of the President’s Circle have assisted deserving students by pledging $1,000 per year ($84 per month) to the Biola Scholarship Fund.

Please consider joining the President’s Circle today.
Phone 1-800-632-4652 or online at www.biola.edu/presidentscircle.

There, you’ll enjoy an audio clip of Donte’s magnificent voice as well.
Dr. Cook’s Farewell Tour

Probably the No. 1 question I’ve been asked in the last few years of chapter events, alumni correspondence and visits has been, “When is President Cook going to retire?” Usually, the question was followed by a statement like “I can’t imagine Biola without him,” and then a story about Clyde or a recollection of something that he did or said that has left an indelible mark on the lives and ministries of countless alumni around the world.

Well, the question has been answered. We now know when Clyde Cook will retire. What we don’t yet know is what Biola is going to do without him!

Alumni have shared with me their recollections of taking Professor Cook’s class on the book of Acts and crafting maps of the missionary journeys of Paul. Many of Biola’s international field missionaries have said that his Acts class — and the challenges of Clyde’s passionate missions heart — were the turning point in their decision to go into full-time missions.

The coming months will be a great opportunity to see President and Mrs. Cook as they travel with us to many of the alumni chapter events and activities around the world.

Others recall “Clyde’s Slides” along with the “Pineapple Story” that Clyde enacted in chapel once a year. The house was always full for his classic missionary slide show, when Clyde entered — dressed in missionary shorts, shirt and pith helmet, dropping the slides on the gym floor and entertaining the students with his humor. The hilarious show was always followed by a serious challenge to missions and ministry.

Many alumni have shared their own stories of Clyde’s encouraging words to them, wise advice and prayers, as they have faced difficult decisions and crises in their lives. Even today, President Cook’s calls and visits — to those who have lost loved ones, who are recovering from illness or surgery, or who are facing the final days of their lives — continue to impact generations of alumni and friends of Biola university.

All of us who have had the privilege of working with Dr. Cook during his presidency have learned much about leadership, service and ministry. We have been truly blessed to have Clyde and Anna Belle as president and first lady. From all of us, thank you, Clyde and Anna Belle.

For all of you alumni and friends, the coming months will be a great opportunity to see President and Mrs. Cook as they travel with us to many of the alumni chapter events and activities around the world. To find out if they will be at a chapter event in your area, see page 21 or visit: www.biola.edu/alumni. To learn more about Dr. Cook’s retirement events, see the ad on page 3. You can also create your own message of thanks and recollection to President and Mrs. Cook at www.biola.edu/alumni.

Want your questions answered? Rick would like to hear from you (rick.bee@biola.edu).
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About 150 alumni from the classes of 1994 to 1998 attended a reunion on Oct. 27 and Oct. 28 on Biola’s campus, held in honor of the class of 1996, which was celebrating its 10-year reunion. Events included a formal dinner and beach day. At the Friday night dinner, Provost Gary Miller gave an update on Biola, followed by a time of open microphone for alumni to share their memories. On Saturday, alumni met in the Café for brunch and then headed to Huntington Beach. Thanks to Beth (Wachsmuth, ’96) Teran, who helped organize the reunion.

Founders Week Legacy Gala at the Hyatt Regency in Huntington Beach

Alumni Awards Chapel featuring guest speaker Scott Derrickson (’89, ’90), director and co-writer of the highly acclaimed film The Exorcism of Emily Rose.

Biola/Azusa Pacific Second Annual Young Alumni Golf Classic

Golden Eagles Breakfast and Luncheon, honoring the class of 1957

To RSVP, call (562) 903-4737 or e-mail: alumni@biola.edu
Where Are They Now?

**Publishing the First African Bible Commentary**

Dr. Tokunboh Adeyemo (M.Div. ’75, Th.M. ’76) — former general secretary of the Association of Evangelicals in Africa for 25 years and now the executive director of the Centre for Biblical Transformation — served as the general editor of the *Africa Bible Commentary*, published by Zondervan in July. Written by 70 African scholars and produced in Africa, this 1,600-page work is the first one-volume commentary created to help pastors, students and lay leaders in Africa apply God’s Word to distinctively African concerns. It contains 70 articles dealing with African realities, like HIV/AIDS, poverty and debt. “It is our prayer that God may use the *Africa Bible Commentary* to put an end to ignorance and the lack of understanding of God’s Word,” Adeyemo said. The commentary will soon be published in French and then be translated into seven other languages: Portuguese, Arabic, Amharic, Swahili, Hausa, Yoruba and Zulu. Tokunboh and his wife, Ireti (’01), have two grown sons.

**Networking With Christian Artists**

Bonnie-Kate Mancini (’04) has a fellowship at the New York Center for Art and Media Studies, located at Chelsea, a famous art district in Manhattan. Bonnie-Kate assists the students at the center and will have the opportunity to curate a show there in April, in line with her goal of becoming an established curator. Bonnie-Kate recently assisted well-known curator John Silvis with an art show at the center, titled SWELL, which ran Sept. 28 to Nov. 2. It featured five Christian, Los Angeles-based artists working in painting, sculpture, drawing, photography and video. Among them was Biola professor Dan Callis. Their works addressed the theme of human potential, through portrayals of nature, water and childhood. Bonnie-Kate described the exhibit as refreshingly playful and upbeat. “A lot of art shows are sort of dark, even vulgar. This work was all very bright and positive, which can be rare in the contemporary arts,” she said, adding that it was encouraging to see so many Christian artists together in New York, an epicenter of contemporary art. Bonnie-Kate earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in art and design from Biola. bonniekate@gmail.com

**Equipping Christians in Scotland**

Alex McLellan (M.A. ’02) founded the apologetics organization Reason Why in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 2005. Reason Why provides people of all ages with training in a reasoned communication of the Christian faith. It is the only prominent Christian apologetics ministry in Scotland, where many of the people have never heard rational arguments for Christianity, according to Alex. He speaks at Bible colleges, churches, parachurch ministries, and schools around the country. “It is my hope that Reason Why will become an epicenter of Christian communication in Scotland and impact the entire nation,” Alex said. He and his wife, Sheryl, have two daughters, Sophia (’04) and Moriah (’02). Sheryl teaches in the public school system. Alex earned an M.A. in philosophy of religion and ethics from Biola’s seminary, Talbot School of Theology. www.reasonwhy.org, alex@reasonwhy.org

**Supporting Women in Crisis Pregnancies**

Julie Neiggemann (’87) became the head of the new worship leadership program at Huntington University in Huntington, Ind., in August 2005. The program trains undergraduate students to lead corporate worship music for churches and other ministries. Since Bob’s arrival on the faculty in 2005, the program’s enrollment has doubled. “Currently, the most pressing challenge is to develop opportunities for the students in practical worship leadership within the university community and in local churches,” Bob said. He and his students help serve local churches by providing free worship seminars on a range of topics, such as cross-cultural worship and effective hymn treatments of contemporary church. Bob earned a bachelor’s degree in music at Biola and was part of the Biola Chorale. He and his wife, Diane (’78), have two grown children. bmyers@huntington.edu

**Training Worship Music Leaders**

Dr. Bob Myers (’78) became the head of the new worship leadership program at Huntington University in Huntington, Ind., in August 2005. The program trains undergraduate students to lead corporate worship music for churches and other ministries. Since Bob’s arrival on the faculty in 2005, the program’s enrollment has doubled. “Currently, the most pressing challenge is to develop opportunities for the students in practical worship leadership within the university community and in local churches,” Bob said. He and his students help serve local churches by providing free worship seminars on a range of topics, such as cross-cultural worship and effective hymn treatments for the contemporary church. Bob earned a bachelor’s degree in music at Biola and was part of the Biola Chorale. He and his wife, Diane (’78), have two grown children. bmyers@huntington.edu

“Ring, Ring.” It’s *Biola Connections*. We surprised these alumni with a phone call. Who knows, you may be the next alumnus to be featured in “Where Are They Now?”
The Real CSI

Greg Thompson (’70) serves as the director of forensic services for all of San Diego County in Southern California. He oversees the San Diego Sheriff’s Regional Crime Laboratory and directs a staff of 60 forensic scientists and field evidence technicians. Recently, he started a cold case unit — California’s first one — to examine unsolved murders and sex crimes. Biola Connections caught up with Greg to find out how his work compares to TV crime dramas, like Cold Case and CSI.

My job is extremely satisfying and rewarding because what you’re talking about are the pursuit of truth and the delivery of justice — fundamental human aspirations.

People think my work is glamorous. It is exciting, but I don’t drive a Hummer like Gil Grissom on CSI, and our investigators have to crawl under cars and in bushes. A lot of the work involves pretty grim and even disgusting stuff, like analysis of body fluids.

The highest-profile case I have been involved in was the prosecution of David Westerfield for the killing of 7-year-old Danielle van Dam. The case was entirely dependent on forensic evidence — Danielle’s blood in his motor home and her hair in his home.

Statistically, crime has gone down in California over the past 10 years. However, the levels of cruelty and perversion in today’s crimes are greater, like the willingness to sexually abuse children of a young age. I think the prevalence of Internet pornography contributes to that phenomenon.

Shows like CSI are very good in their portrayal of the forensic science. But, they create composite characters — so someone in the show goes to a crime scene and he or she gathers paint chips, glass, some blood and hair, and maybe shell casings. Then, he or she goes back to the lab and does analysis on all those things. In reality, each of those types of evidence requires a separate discipline with different qualifications.

No one person does all of them.

The other thing shows like CSI do is compress time. They have a 52-minute TV hour, so they obviously move things rapidly. In comparison, for a current murder case I’ve had one person working full time on the fingerprints for five months.

Human beings are hardwired for justice. It’s the way God made us — we cannot stand to see a crook get off. I think that really contributes to the popularity of those shows.

There is a negative side to TV crime dramas: they create an unrealistic expectation in the courtroom. They refer to this as the “CSI effect.” Jurors come in expecting a level of evidence, for every case, that is impossible to do because of the time and costs involved. If we do every possible test for evidence in Case A, then Case B doesn’t get done.

The power of forensic science is at an all-time high, in large measure because of DNA. It used to be, just a few years ago, when we were looking for biological evidence, we were looking for a drop of blood or, in a sex crime, the presence of semen. But, today, many of our criminals are getting DNA evidence from chewing gum, cigarette butts and opened soda cans. There’s also what we call “grunge DNA,” which can be found on the sweatbands of ball caps, shirt collars and car steering wheels.

My years at Biola were some of the best of my life, and I’ve carried the experience into my profession. I saw professors who modeled intellectual integrity and abiding faith, and those two things never seemed in conflict.
fourth grade at Portland Christian Elementary School. Their daughter, Brianna, is in the second grade at the same school. launclark@qwest.net

Nathan (’84) and Glenda Lewis are raising five children in Portland, Ore. Nathan is the pastor of Evergreen Church, a multi-site congregation in Beaverton, Ore. Nathan’s brother, Stephen Lewis (’90), leads one of the five congregations in this group of churches. evergreen@evergreenpca.com

Kim Stephens (’86) works as a grief counselor for Royal Caribbean Cruise Line in Miami, Florida. She attends Hands Raised in Praise of Jesus Pentecostal Church of the Holy Spirit in Little Havana, Miami, Fla.

Rev. Albert Ting (M. Div. ’87, D. Min. ’92, Th. M. ’96) was appointed the president of Singapore Bible College in July. His wife, Rebecca (’95), earned an M.A. in Christian theology at Talbot and is now teaching part time at the college. They have two children, Jeremy (’14) and Adeline (’10).

1990s

Carl (’93) and Jennifer (Dorman, ’93) Schnabel moved to Lancaster, Penn., where Carl is the head men’s and women’s track and field coach at Franklin and Marshall College. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom for their four children: Grace (’9), Beth (’7), Noah (’5) and Mary (’3). Carl also teaches at Lancaster Bible College and in the college and career Sunday school class at Grace Baptist Church. Jennifer leads music for the church’s Awana program and teaches in the children’s church program.

Ken (’94, M.A. ’96) and Pat Grimes are serving in the rural areas of Jalisco, Mexico, teaching an evangelism course to pastors and lay leaders of small churches. Jalisco and the five adjoining states have less than 2 percent evangelical Christians living among the 20 million or so people.

Christopher Albers (’95, M.A. ’95) left Biola in February of 2005 as deputy chief of campus safety to assume the chief of police position with Georgia Perimeter College in metro Atlanta, Ga. Christopher works with the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators and the Department of Homeland Security as a national instructor, teaching the concepts of critical incident management to campus administrators. Christopher and his wife, Debbie (who worked at Biola for over 10 years), have three sons: Nate (’9), Matt (’7) and Ethan (’4). They attend Bridge Atlanta Church. Christopher is starting an Atlanta chapter of the Biola Alumni Association. calbers@gpc.edu

Bertram (’95) and Yin-Ju (’95, ’96) Wang affirm God’s goodness and provision as Bertram completed the ordination process for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is called to the organizing pastor position of South Bay Cornerstone New Church Development in Lomita, Calif. The worship service of ordination and installation was held Oct. 8, with a reception following the service.

Tim (’96) and Wendy (’96) McMahen hosted an informal 10-year reunion at their home in Orange, Calif., on Aug. 9 and 10. About 60 friends and family members from the class of 1996 attended. Events included a Saturday morning breakfast, a Saturday dinner at the McMahan’s house, and a Sunday afternoon picnic at Irvine Park.

Jeremy Rhyne (’97) has joined Ross, Dixon & Bell, LLP’s, Orange County office. Rhyne’s practice focuses on general commercial litigation. Jeremy received his J.D. law degree in 2001 from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law.

2000s

Emily Neimeyer (’04) is pursuing graduate studies at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York to receive a master’s degree in forensic psychology. She hopes to become a criminal profiler. emkaybiola@yahoo.com

Marriages

Colleen (Anderson, ’84) married Ervin R. Starwalt, Ph.D., in May 2006. Ervin teaches at the University of Texas at Arlington, and Colleen is a doctoral candidate there in linguistics. She hopes to finish her dissertation in 2007 and plans to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators as a linguistics consultant.

Kristiaan Habacon (’98) married Nahomi Watanabe on May 3, 2006, in Hiroshima, Japan. Yoshiko Sawada (’99) attended the ceremony. kristiaanh@hotmail.com

Sara Cherry (’99) married David Evans on Nov. 5, 2005, in Covina, Calif. The wedding included Biolans Trisha (Hopper, ’99) Wynn and Jenny Nickel (’01). Sara received her master’s degree in marriage and family therapy from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., in 2003. She is currently working on her hours toward licensure at Fuller Psychological and Family Services. David is a 911 radio dispatcher for the San Bernardino Police Department. They live in Grand Terrace, Calif. scovanso@gmail.com

Adam Lake (’02) married Monica Lee of Grant, Neb., on Nov. 12, 2005, in Fresno, Calif. Other alumni in the wedding were Dan Benson (’02), Dan McNeely (’02) and Jeff Krueger (’02). The ceremony was officiated by Cliff Carey (’92). They couple lives in Clovis, Calif. adamlake@gmail.com

Emily (Cardoza, ’03) married Tony Dual on Aug. 4 at Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier, Calif. Annie Huhnerkoch (’03) was a bridesmaid in their wedding. The couple lives in Whittier, Calif. biolaem@yahoo.com

John and Rachel (Johnson, ’04) Hughes were happily married on Nov. 26, 2005, in Turlock, Calif., and now live in Irvine, Calif. Biolans in the wedding were: Amy Johnson (’06), Monica Zouras (’04), Katie Mitchell (’04), Kelly Hughes (’01), Cliff Carey (’03), Rich Ferreira (’05) and Jordan King (’09).

Daniel (’06) and Katie (Critchell, ’06) Lamb were married on June 3 in Riverside, Calif. Biolans in the wedding were Joseph Lamb (’06), Deidre Ytreeide (’06) and Marlene Tapia (’05). Just a few weeks later,
Daniel’s twin brother, Joseph Lamb (’06), and Amanda (Paulson, ’06) were married in San Diego, Calif., on June 24. Biolans in their wedding were Jaclyn Veenema (’06), Becky Hope (’07), Jason Gallagher (’06) and Daniel Lamb (’06).

**Births**

Tim (’86) and Ashleigh Anderson are delighted to welcome their third child, Ellie Ruth, born Oct. 5. Ellie joins her older siblings, Charlie Kenneth (’06) and Lucy Annette (’02). The Andersons live in Auburn, Calif. Tim works as an occupational hearing conservationist, and Ashleigh works as a part-time dental hygienist.

Andy (89) and Emily (Martin, ’96) McCargar are delighted to announce the birth of their fourth baby boy, Kolby Lee, born on Aug. 22. His big brothers — Braden (’03), Tyler (’02) and Zachary (’04) — welcome Kolby to the McCargar team.

Debra (Heiser, ’90) and her husband, Lt. Col. Mark Ramsey, join their eldest son, Joey (2), in welcoming their newest addition to the family, Joshua, born March 17, 2006. Debbi is in the midst of successfully fighting an advanced and aggressive form of breast cancer that was diagnosed when she was 36 weeks pregnant with their youngest child. Debbi volunteers at her church, gives free piano lessons to home-schooled children, and is her neighborhood playgroup coordinator. Mark was recently promoted to second in command of the squadron they moved to earlier this year at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, N.M. mndramsey@comast.net

Tricia (O’Connor, ’91) and Chris Elisara (’90) are proud to announce the birth of their second son, Elliot Mitchell. He was born on Dec. 28, 2005, and joins his big brother, Ethan (6).

Chad and Laurie (Vaira, ’92) Downum are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Ruth Meilli, born on Aug. 9. The family lives in La Habra, Calif. Chad works at Turning Point Christian Fellowship, and Laurie teaches part time at Troy High School. www.downum.net

Kevin (’94, ’00) and Sara (’92) Allen joyfully announce the arrival of Joel Howard, born Feb. 9, 2006. Joel was named in honor of his grandfather, Howard Clyde Allen. Joel is welcomed by his older siblings, David (8), Elizabeth (6) and Hannah (4). Kevin serves as associate pastor of family ministries at Grace Christian Fellowship in Riverside, Calif. Sara enjoys her role as pastor’s wife, homemaker and home-schooling mom.

Matt (’94) and Bethany (Levering, ’93) Mowad announce the arrival of their second child, Brooke Leann, born June 26. Brooke joins her sister, Marin (1). Bethany stays at home with the girls. Matt flies the C-130 aircraft for a Navy test squadron and will complete his master’s degree from the University of San Diego next March. Matt and Bethany also lead a young married couples’ home group at Calvary Chapel of Camarillo, Calif. matt.mowad@roadrunner.com

Scott and Vanessa (Meekhof, ’95) Miller welcome their fourth child, Kaatje Valentine, into their family. Kaatje was born Jan. 14, 2006. She joins her two sisters — Anneka (9) and Elise (7) — and her brother, Jarrett (4). The Millers live in Cypress, Calif. scottandness@yahoo.com

Eric (’95, ’03) and Mandi (Cox, ’98) Twisselmann celebrate the arrival of Sarah Kathryn, born June 13. Sarah joins her proud twin siblings, Colin and Lauren (3). Eric has begun his fourth year teaching at Biola as an adjunct professor in the philosophy department. Mandi has been a full-time mom and homemaker since the twins’ arrival in 2003. Mandi and Eric live in La Mirada, Calif. eric.twisselmann@biola.edu

Brian (’97) and Katie (Wood, ’98) Orr had their first child, Wes Garrett, on Oct. 31, 2004. theorr@sbcglobal.net

David (’97) and Veronica (Shufflefield, ’96) Pearson are excited to announce the birth of their twins, Alexis Marin and Luke David. Veronica spent nearly a month on hospital bed rest before the twins were born three months premature, at two pounds, three ounces and two pounds, two ounces. Thanks to God’s grace the twins are very healthy and continue to amaze everyone with how great they are doing! Veronica is busy taking care of the twins as a stay-at-home mom, and David works as a research director for Lieberman Research Worldwide in Los Angeles. The Pearsons live in San Dimas, Calif. veronica.pearson@verizon.net

Louisa (Wiebe, ’97) and Doug Stringer welcomed their third girl into the family on Sept. 5. Sephine Louisa. She joins her sisters Kora Leneta (2) and Jilly Merril (1).

Becky (Muscovitch, ’98, ’00) and Sean (’02) Chenier announce the birth of their second son, Benjamin Jake, on Feb. 24, 2006. Benjamin was welcomed by his brother, Ethan Anthony (2). The Chenier family has just relocated to Nevada for Sean’s job. bchenier@earthlink.net

Baby Biolans

01) Abby McGuyre
02) Austin Hill
03) Devlyn Mahan
04) Elliot Elisara
05) Gabriella Warkentin
06) Javan Kingsley
07) Kaatje Miller
08) Laekin Wheeler
09) Nathaniel Jacob
10) Pearson Twins
11) Providence Joy Cross
12) Ruth Downum
13) Sarah Twisselmann
14) Wes Orr
15) Kellen Fogarty
16) Sebastian Amos
Merina (Thomas, ’99) and Brent Amos joyously announce the birth of their first child, Sebastian Wayne, born Oct. 30, 2005. Merina has served as an elementary music teacher near Dallas, Texas, but is now a stay-at-home mom with their new son. The family moved to Visalia, Calif., just before Sebastian’s birth, where Brent is now a loan officer with Bank of the Sierra.

Bobby and Carolyn (Crandall, ’99) Jacob celebrate the birth of their second child, Nathaniel Dietrich, born on Jan. 10, 2006. He joins his big sister, Layna (2). The Jacob family lives in Stockton, Calif., where Bobby works for the Social Security Administration. Carolyn loves being a stay-at-home mom and also works occasional shifts as a registered nurse.

John-Mark (Ang, ’99) and Jim Kingsley announce the birth of their son, Javan Michael, on March 4, 2006. He joins a proud sister, Emily Hope (2). The Kingsleys live in Laguna Niguel, Calif., and own Kingsley Audio Video, a custom electronics company.

Kenny and Kelley (Box, ’00) Fogarty joyfully announce the birth of their son, Kellen Cash, born on Nov. 3, 2005. Kenny works for Shea Homes of Southern California, and Kelley is a stay-at-home mom. The Fogarty family lives in Ladera Ranch, Calif.

Bryan (’01) and Cara (Boersma, ’98) Hill welcomed a baby boy to their family on Aug. 4. Austin Brandt. He joins his big brother Ethan (2). The family lives in Corona, Calif. Bryan works as a supervisor at Genzyme Genetics in Orange, Calif., and Cara is a stay-at-home mom to their two little boys. chill276@sbcglobal.net

Brent (’01) and Jill (Rouwenhorst, ’01, M.A. ’04) McGuyre celebrate the birth of their first child, Abby Rose, born Jan. 19, 2006. Brent and Jill live in Garden Grove, Calif. Brent works in law enforcement, and Jill is a stay-at-home mom after five years of teaching. www.mcguyre.com

Bryan (’02) and Gloria (Scott, ’04) Mahan welcomed their first son, Devlyn Michael, on May 26, 2006. The family lives in Cerritos, Calif. www.babiesonline.com/babies/m/mahanbaby

Jeremy (’02) and Jennifer (McLaren, ’02) Wheeler had their first child, a baby girl named Laekin Joy, on Sept. 10. The family lives in Mission Viejo, Calif. Jeremy is a certified public accountant, working for KPMG. Jen is a stay-at-home mom.

Jonathan and Amie (Greenfield, ’03) Cross announce the birth of their children, Marylou Janice and Providence Joy, born April 27, 2006. Marylou Janice was called home to Jesus the same day, but Providence Joy (born at two pounds, six ounces) is now at home doing well.

Emeriti Faculty

Dietrich (history, 1966 to 2005) and Miriam Buss have been transitioning from full-time work to retirement, joining the Teen Community Bible Study in Fullerton, Calif., in December 2005. Miriam serves as a girls core group Bible study leader, and Dietrich is the prayer chairman. Since January, Dietrich has spent most of his time helping his son, Eric, get his business off the ground and cheering for their youngest granddaughter as she plays soccer. Miriam and Dietrich enjoy excellent health and daily thank the Lord for His many blessings.

Robert “Bob” (provost and senior vice president, distinguished professor, 1979 to 1989) and Mary Ellen Fischer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. Their five children and many of their grandchildren joined them in California for recognition and celebration of this milestone.

Wayne Flory (biblical studies and theology, 1974 to 2004) was invited to be the guest speaker at the Southwest Bible Church men’s retreat in Beaverton, Ore., in May 2006. He was able to share God’s Word and enjoy the fellowship and, especially, the worship as 200 male voices sang out to Christ, helping to work against the ideas of the feminization of the church.

Deaths

Margery Ruth (Walker, ’36) Crider passed away on Oct. 25 in Spring Valley, Calif. She is the granddaughter of Biola co-founder T.C. Horton and the widow of Rev. Norman Crider (’34). Margery and Norman both studied biblical studies at Biola. Margery was an active member of Mount Miguel Covenant Church, serving on its missions board at the time of her death, at the age of 90. She is survived by three children and eight grandchildren.

Robert C. Kliewer (’55) died on Jan. 27, 2006, at the age of 75. He was in the first graduating class from Talbot. Robert lived in Cherry Valley, Calif. A celebration service of his life was held at Community Grace Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif. Robert is survived by his wife, Lillian; their children, Lynne and Jan; four grandchildren and a great-grandson.
A Warning Against Philosophy?

COLOSSIANS 2:8 IN CONTEXT

Biola’s commitments to missions and evangelism necessarily entail training students in philosophy at a fairly high academic level. Not every Christian has a favorable stance on philosophy, however. I recently had a student in my office, for example, who belongs to a denomination that frowns on higher education in general and philosophy in particular. This student related to me his sincere desire to reach his Gen-X peers with the gospel, and he recognizes that he needs to understand the philosophical underpinnings of their worldview to do so, but his own church has virtually disowned him as a result of his educational choices. Their warning to him, citing Paul’s admonition in Colossians 2:8, was, “Beware of philosophy!”

Christians, historically, have been unsure of what to do with philosophy. Some have followed the church father Tertullian in demanding, “What concord is there between the Academy and the Church?” Most Christian thinkers, however, have followed Thomas Aquinas and seen philosophy as a useful “handmaiden to theology.” A correct understanding of Paul’s warning regarding “philosophy” is, of course, crucial to this discussion.

Those who are familiar with first-century Hellenistic philosophy often observe that Paul also seems to have been highly familiar with it. His lists of hardships (e.g., 2 Cor. 6:4–10) and his dialogical form of argumentation (especially in Romans) reveal that he knew the themes of its discourse. His use of concepts such as “inner man” (Rom. 7:22; 2 Cor. 4:16) and “self-sufficiency” (2 Cor. 9:8; Phil. 4:11), along with his fondness for body imagery (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12), reveal that he also knew the terminology of its discourse. In his address to the intellectuals in Athens (Acts 17:28), Paul actually cites the Stoic philosopher Aratus.

Also, the similarities between Paul’s letters and the writings of the great Stoic philosopher Seneca convinced many in the early church that Seneca must have been a convert to Christianity and a disciple of Paul.

So, in Paul’s mind, there does not seem to be a necessary conflict between the gospel and philosophy. Paul seems, rather, to acknowledge philosophical concepts and language and to use them to further the gospel.

In Colossians 2, Paul addresses a Christian assembly that had been infiltrated by a form of false teaching. There are some clues that the “philosophy” he is describing was a syncretistic hybrid of Jewish mystical practices and popular pagan folk-belief. It is impossible to identify it with any of the major schools of philosophy known to us from the Greco-Roman world. In fact, the Greek word philosophia (and its Latin cognate) had a variety of meanings in this period, and, depending on the context, might be translated “religion,” “speculation” or “investigation.”

Further light is shed on this false teaching by considering Paul’s description of it in verse 8: it is based on “human traditions and the elemental powers of the world, and not on Christ.” Any philosophy or religious system that is not rooted in, governed by and directed toward Christ is necessarily a false philosophy or religion. Paul’s primary target, then, is “philosophical” speculation whose foundation is merely human wisdom.

That Paul could refer to this syncretistic Jewish speculation as a “philosophy” is in keeping with how Hellenistic Jews of the period sometimes referred to their faith, including the historian Flavius Josephus. So, it may well be that in Colossians 2:8 Paul uses the terminology of the false teachers he was countering. If so, we might accurately paraphrase the verse as: “See to it that no one takes you captive through this so-called ‘philosophy,’” which is hollow deceit, founded, as it is, on merely human traditions and the elementary powers of the world, and not on Christ.”

Paul cannot be said to be rejecting the study of philosophy per se, but, even so, this passage contains an important caution for Christians. We need to understand the arguments of our detractors and be ready to engage the world of ideas, yet we also need to be careful lest we take our eyes off the author and perfector of our faith (Heb. 12:2).

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