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Ambassador starts new year after consolidating in Texas

By Kerri Dowd and David Bensinger

BIG SANDY—Orientation week, Sept. 3 to 7, began the 1990-91 academic year here—at what is now Ambassador College's only campus. Activities progressed as scheduled in spite of challenges presented by an increased student body and unfinished buildings.

David Bensinger is the Big Sandy correspondent for The Worldwide News.

Ambassador College Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach and his traveling group flew over the campus here in the Church's BAC 1-11 jet before landing at the airport in Longview, Tex., Sept. 2.

The next morning, after evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, greeted the students and read welcome messages from Johnny Baird, mayor of Big Sandy, and William Clements Jr., governor of Texas, Mr. Tkach addressed more than 1,170 students.

He began his address by thanking students and employees for their part in the construction of new campus buildings, calling those who

were involved "miracle makers."

Mr. Tkach also expressed concern about those buildings that are not yet completed, which he toured the previous night. Mr. Tkach said his heart went out to students who had to endure some of the dorms that don't have air conditioning, hot water and screens on windows.

He asked that the campus guest homes and trailers be opened to the students living in those buildings. "I will be opening my home—the executive home—for a number of students that Dr. Ward can assign to live there," the chancellor said.

Arrangements for the temporary relocation of the students in those dormitories were made the next day.

New way of thinking

In his address Mr. Tkach stressed that the purpose of Ambassador College is to teach a new way of thinking. "Six thousand years of human history have proven that the old way of thinking has brought nothing but all of the kinds of corruption, the heartache, the suffering, the pain and the tears and the diseases that we experience in the world today."

The chancellor told the students they are at college to experience a revolution of the mind. "A revolution of the mind and a revolution of the behavior and the attitude will change anything, but it does require a little outside help from some source, and that source is available to everyone in this gymnasium."

Mr. Tkach talked of how society values material gains while "the kind of vision that God is concerned about always deals with life's qualities, not its quantities."

After his address Mr. Tkach presented plaques and scholarship checks to students who served on the Ambassador Foundation projects in Sri Lanka, Thailand and Jordan.

After Mr. Tkach's address, Dr. Ward addressed the students. "Am-

bassador College will be what we make it," he said. "It's not Ambassador College Pasadena or Ambassador College Big Sandy."

He encouraged the students to set right priorities for the college year.

The chancellor also attended a faculty luncheon and greeted each of the freshmen Sept. 3.

After meeting and talking with faculty members at a reception in the dining hall, the freshmen joined the rest of the student body for a dance in the college gym.

Students transferring from Pasadena and incoming freshmen (See **BIG SANDY**, page 3)



FRESHMAN RECEPTION—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach (right) and evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, greet freshmen at the annual freshman reception Sept. 3. [Photo by Kerri Dowd]

Tighten belts, says pastor general

Mr. Tkach reviews 5-year plans

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—"We're going to have to tighten our belts further," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told operation directors and department managers Sept. 11 after reviewing their five-year plan presentations.

Bill Palmer is assistant editor of The Good News.

Mr. Tkach explained that the present financial climate makes it impossible to approve any of the options proposed by Church managers.

Each department manager had been asked to propose at least three options: one if funds allowed for aggressive growth, one if a lack of funds meant negative growth and one if enough funds were available to maintain the status quo.

"Learn to live within the resources God has provided for us," Mr. Tkach continued. "And if he's narrowing that down, we're going to

have to pare down accordingly."

Even if Mr. Tkach had selected the negative growth options for all departments, the 1991 budget could exceed projected income by an estimated \$9 million to \$15 million.

"Everyone is going to have to go back to the drawing board," he said. "We need alternate suggestions."

Mr. Tkach pointed out that not only are plans being affected that involve future spending, but that present spending must also be reduced.

Income is less than anticipated compared to last year, so the 1990 budget exceeds available income. The budget was based on a 3 percent increase in 1990 income compared to 1989 income. When Mr. Tkach spoke Sept. 11, income was 0.3 percent less than the figure at the same time last year.

If each department had spent the budgeted amount this year, the Church would be about \$5 million in the red. But income was low all year, so Church managers didn't (See **PLANS**, page 3)

Church brethren in Kuwait

By Paul Suckling

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The British Office is still unable to make contact with members and prospective members in Kuwait.

Paul Suckling, director of Ministerial Services in the British Office, made this report Sept. 7.

A member who lives on Failaka Island, a 30-minute boat ride from Kuwait City, and away from the center of the conflict, works as a senior nurse at a government hospital. He and his family were planning to return to India this Feast, after 25 years in the Persian Gulf region.

Another member is an accountant in Kuwait City. He has a wife and two young children. His whereabouts at this time are not known.

No members or prospective members live in Iraq.

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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

This will be the last issue of *The Worldwide News* before the Feast of Tabernacles. I again want to remind you to pray regarding the general finances of the Work.

As I wrote last time, we are preparing for long-term budget cuts because of the increasing costs of doing the Work combined with a static income.

This is a period of economic recession for the United States, and it is therefore no great surprise that our income has not increased, though it is disappointing.

But one thing we must never lose sight of is that God is our Father and Jesus Christ is the

Head of the Church. We do not always get what we want, but as a loving Father, God does give us what we need.

It is our responsibility to continue to move forward in faith and confidence, knowing that God will see us through and strengthen us as we go. Economic shortage forces us to see things we would not otherwise have to look for, and in that way, it is a profitable, even valuable, exercise.

One important thing to understand, though, is that we should not assume that when we get over this immediate financial hump that everything will be fine. Even though we do need to get over this hump, unless we make decisions now to greatly revise certain of our administrative approaches, we will simply (See **PERSONAL**, page 3)

Brethren look to God for protection in Africa

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—"During these nights of terror and stress God's people switch off all lights and remain quietly in their homes, praying that the danger will pass them by," said Sydney Hull, pastor of the Johannesburg West and Klerksdorp, South Africa, churches.

Burning, pillaging, looting and killing have lately become the order for a number of mainly black townships near Johannesburg.

Mr. Hull told *The Worldwide News* Sept. 14 that a member and his family from Natalspruit near Alberton had fled their home the day before because of dangerous rampaging youths.

"The mob had come to force him to join them in fighting, killing, arson and looting," said Mr. Hull.

He was not home when the militant youngsters arrived.

Three weeks earlier a mob set a black man on fire and left him at the member's bedroom window, where he burned to death. The man, who was returning home after a day's work, pleaded for his life but to no avail.

A few days later a truck was set on fire and gutted near the member's front door.

Mercy does not exist

"It's a most frightening thing to have rampaging mobs armed with

pangas [sharp knives used for cutting sugarcane], knives, axes and guns on the rampage in certain suburbs," Andre van Belkum, South African regional director, reported.

"You never know when they will select a home for pillaging and burning," Mr. van Belkum said. "Our member was in a state of shock for days after she witnessed the brutal killing."

A widow and her children from the Thokoza township are also in extreme danger. Violent, uncontrollable mobs go from house to house, forcing residents to march with them on killing rampages.

"When people refuse to join them, their houses are burned down and they are sometimes hacked to death," said Mr. Hull. "Mercy simply does not exist."

Sept. 10 and 11 were terrifying for our member, as the house next to theirs was burned down.

Several times angry mobs have burned down houses near members' homes. The warring factions can be hostile toward members because they view noninvolvement as disloyalty.

Why the bitter hatred?

"It happens that one of the fundamental causes of this black-on-black violence in South Africa is the (See **AFRICA**, page 3)

New age dawns for Germany, Europe

PASADENA—With the world preoccupied with troubles in the Persian Gulf, extremely important events foretelling the emergence of a new European order, to be dominated by a unified Germany, have not received sufficient news media attention.

In Moscow, Sept. 12, the book was finally closed on the Second World War. The foreign ministers of Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union, together with their counterparts from East and West Germany, put their signatures to a treaty restoring full German sovereignty when that divided nation becomes one Oct. 3.

In doing so, the four victorious World War II Allied powers relinquished the last of their residual rights and responsibilities in Germany, principally the city of Berlin.

In return, the representatives of the two German states renounced all claims to former German territories lost to the Poles and the Soviets in the aftermath of the war.

The treaty also sets a ceiling of 370,000 on the size of the future German military and requires that united Germany renounce the manufacture, possession or control of nuclear weapons, just as West and East Germany did years ago.

A new age?

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze told reporters after the historic ceremony, "We have drawn the line under World War II, and we have started counting the time of the new age."

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



But the coming order in Europe is destined to be different from the one that is passing away, one in which the United States and the Soviet Union had been the dominant players.

At the Moscow meeting, reported Serge Schmemmann in the Sept. 13 *New York Times*, "the European powers were laying the groundwork for a new European order, with a potent, wealthy Germany at its heart."

This is the part of the equation that leaves other Europeans uncomfortable, even with restrictions on the German military. And on top of this, the pace of German unification has moved faster than anyone envisioned—or wanted. Unity will have been achieved less than one year after East Germany's borders were thrown open Nov. 9.

What altered this timetable radically were economic and political conditions careening out of control in East Germany. An East German official I interviewed in East Berlin last spring referred to the uncontrolled process as a *Schweinegallop*—like the half-crazed darting of an excited pig.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has said that unification represents "the fulfillment of a dream for Europe and for Germany." But other European leaders displayed great reservations about this dream-come-true after the dramatic events in November.

Shortly after the Berlin Wall was breached, Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher remarked that unification was "not on the agenda."

And to the East, Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev brushed off talk about unification for the foreseeable future. He added that membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) alliance for a united Germany was "absolutely out of the question."

Yet, once it gathered its own momentum, unification became impossible to stop. The turning point came in mid-July when Mr. Gorbachev reversed his position on the NATO question, clearing the last major hurdle toward German unification. In return, the Germans promised to expand their ties with the Soviets, and to provide for increased

trade and economic assistance.

Significantly, this relationship was ratified in a separate treaty initiated in Moscow the very day after the so-called "two-plus-four" agreement was signed.

Be nice to the Germans

Not everybody in Europe seems happily reconciled to what appears to be the inevitable—a bigger Germany, with its capital once again the proud metropolis of Berlin, becoming the dominant economic power in an expanding Europe.

Earlier this year, Prime Minister Thatcher convened a one-day private conference, March 24, to assess how a united Germany was likely to behave in the future.

Experts on German history from Britain and the United States were summoned to London for the closed-door session. However, a memo summarizing the day's discussions leaked to the press.

The conferees reportedly acknowledged that the West German

state in place since World War II has been vastly different from the unsuccessful Weimar Republic installed after the First World War. At the same time, they claimed that certain historical German national characteristics have remained, such as "aggressiveness, assertiveness... a capacity for excess... a tendency to overestimate their own strengths and capabilities."

The memo also took note of, with admiration, all that the Germans had accomplished in the past 45 years, but said that German institutions "had not yet been seriously tested by adversity such as a major economic calamity."

No one present had serious misgivings about Germany's present leaders, the memorandum continued. "But what about 10, 15 or 20 years from now? Could some of the unhappy characteristics of the past reemerge with just as destructive consequences?"

The memo concluded: "We should be nice to the Germans. But even the optimists had some unease, not for the present and the immediate future but for what might lie

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Middle East oil fuels existing tensions, crises

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Saddam Hussein and his war machine did not appear out of nowhere. The West encouraged Iraq to buy armaments to continue its war against Iran. France is Iraq's biggest supplier of arms. The enemy of that moment was the ayatollah in Iran. After the truce with Iran, a war-devastated Iraqi economy could not cope.

Oil prices were too low for economic recovery, and Iraq had accumulated huge war debts (including \$10 billion from Kuwait). Iraq reacted according to its style of leadership—not academics, but dictatorial, military men.

About 200 million Arabs live in a score of nations between Morocco and the Persian Gulf, from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. The overwhelming majority are of the Muslim faith (with a Christian minority).

Culture and family tradition too are different to what we have grown used to in the West. The rules are strict; the bond of duty impressive. Many strongly reject what they see as Western, and particularly, American permissiveness. They shun our society as a corruptive influence.

But two opposite cultures must come together to survive. Oil replaced coal as the biggest source of industrial energy in the 1960s. And Europe is particularly dependent on Middle East oil.

Nonetheless the United States is still the world's biggest oil-consuming nation. Five percent of the world's population is responsible for using 25 percent of the world's oil production, and this makes them vulnerable to producer nations.

As we all know, the gulf is a hotbed of religious, economic and political problems, a maelstrom of present and future crises. Middle East oil has made it even more so.

Of course, the Iraqi tension may be just one more dispute in a perpetually troubled region. Perhaps peace (of a sort) will eventually be resumed (for a while).

But we have all had a warning. One power-hungry dictator with chemical or nuclear weapons could

banish the relative stability we live with to the pages of history.

And the time will come when everyone's lives will be disrupted by events in the Middle East and in Europe.

We should never forget that the Bible, in its origins, stems from the Middle East. The Garden of Eden, according to Genesis, was somewhere near the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. This is in southern Iraq. Also, Abraham received his call from God in lower Mesopotamia.

And interestingly enough, it is not from Europe or America that long-term solutions to Middle Eastern problems will finally surface. As the Arabs themselves stress (although for different reasons) the roots of the dilemma are there and that is where it will be solved.

Much of the Arab world stems from Terah, Abraham's father, mostly through Abraham himself, but at least two ethnic groups owe their ancestry to his nephew Lot. In addition there are Arabs who descend from the family of Ham.

Even the present hostilities have their origins in ancient times—old tribal hatreds whose flames have been fanned again and again through millennia. Genesis 16 contains the sad story of how a major part of the problem started. Daniel 11 is a detailed prophecy of that area of the world.

However, this Middle Eastern book of books, the Bible, is filled with solutions to problems indigenous to that area.

Of course, the ultimate solution involves the coming of peace predicted by the prophets. The time will come when men will no longer learn war and military academies will close their doors for good.

Men and women will surrender their lives to their God. The word *Muslim* means one who surrenders himself to God. The whole Arab world will eventually become one with each other, one with the world and one with God.

In the meantime the world has to cope with the gulf crisis. Right now the Middle East seems set for some major changes.



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Why love is so vital

Returning from Sabbath services some friends of ours saw a man walking along the hard shoulder of a busy road. He had just passed an emergency telephone and there was no parked car in sight, which seemed odd.

As they passed they could see that he was an older man, dressed a little strangely and shuffling with a short stride rather than walking.

They stopped and asked if he was OK. Where was he going? Did he need a lift? When he said, "Leavesden," they recognized it as the location of a hospital for the mentally handicapped.

They invited the man, called Francis, to get in the car so they could take him home. He accepted, admitting he was a patient.

They told Francis that a friend of theirs had done the paintings in the corridors at Leavesden. "Philip," said Francis, his eyes lighting up with keen interest.

Philip attends the Watford, England, church and is a nursing officer at Leavesden. He teaches art as therapy as part of his duties. He was given a year's commission and a free hand to decorate the hospital corridors—any artist's dream, he told me.

Philip explained to my friend that many patients spend their entire lives lonely and to a large part unloved at Leavesden (despite the best efforts of the staff).

It was a small thing for my friends to have stopped for Francis, but it did show love and concern for others, something sorely lacking in society today.

Rediscovering love

One of the most amazing modern

discoveries or rediscoveries is that giving and receiving love is essential for human existence. It's a scientific fact that love is a key to life. Sociologists tell us this from the standpoint of society and the community. Biology and medicine have proven that love and loving relationships are necessary for the physical growth of a baby.

Research shows that a baby can be fed, clothed and kept warm and

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comfortable, but if it isn't held, cuddled and given love, real love, it may die. Love is crucial to human existence—physically, emotionally, spiritually.

Through every stage of human life, we have to have love. We're made for love. We can't be healthy without it.

Love is not just a sentimental feeling. Love is not a luxury option added on to life, like you add a stereo system to your car. Love is vital for the proper functioning of a human being.

God's people have always said it. But today secular non-Christians, agnostics, even atheists are saying it.

Our human experience of love, the bond of love between two friends, the flame of love binding a man and woman together, the unfathomable love of a mother for her baby, love in every shape and

form—do not exist by chance.

They exist because love is fundamental to the nature of God the Father. He passed it on to his Son and he passed it on to us.

Jesus Christ said to us, his disciples: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (John 13:34, New King James throughout).

New way of thinking

Christ brought a new way of thinking to this earth that places love in the highest position it deserves. He set forth a series of spiritual principles that most men and women had never considered before.

The sermon on the mount requires men and women to love their enemies; to pray for those who use them to gain advantage; not to seek praise from men to gain status; not to commit adultery even in their

hearts; to settle any differences quickly; and to become perfect.

All of these maxims are against our old human nature. But this new way of thinking has everything to do with loving our fellow men and women.

All the commandments are fulfilled, as Jesus taught us, in the great commandments to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40).

Why? Because loving another person is the only way you can really know your spiritual Father.

As I John 4:8 says, "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love." Love is God's identity. If you are to be in his family, you must share that quality.

We must love our fellow men and women as Jesus Christ loved us. It is the sort of thinking that will transform this world.

Big Sandy

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weren't the only ones faced with new surroundings as orientation week activities continued.

Because the College Administration Building, lecture hall and student residences are not yet complete, students, some of the faculty and some classes are temporarily located.

A few students from the Big Sandy area are staying with their parents until the residences are ready for occupation. In some cases their future roommates are staying with them, according to Richard Thompson, dean of student affairs.

The students, for the most part, were in good spirits and retained a sense of humor.

One student joked about the situation this way: "I'm at the corner of Chaos and Pandemonium. I'm sitting in the middle of the street and both lights are green."

Junior Todd Perrine said, "You just have to keep in mind what it's going to look like when it's finished—not its present state."

Senior Jerome Merriweather said: "I'm excited about the way the College is growing because it will be really attractive to the youths in the Church. I like the idea of being centralized on one campus."

Dr. Ward said: "I think we're off to a wonderful start, considering what we've had to contend with. The students seem to be very responsive and very cooperative. We've tried to prepare them up front to realize that there are going to be a lot of sacrifices this year, that there are unusual circumstances that they wouldn't normally have to contend with, and we want them to meet it as a pioneering challenge. And they're doing pretty well, I think."

Big Sandy ministers and faculty members served a chicken dinner to about 2,200 students and area Church members after Sabbath ser-

vices Sept. 8. Entertainment followed in the field house.

Outdoor activities scheduled for Sept. 9 were canceled because of rain, which continued throughout the first week of classes Sept. 10 to 14.

Plans for the year

Mr. Thompson, dean of student affairs, described how his area will serve a larger student body: "We are going to continue to emphasize a very strong faculty-student relationship. I have asked the Women's Club directors to make a special effort to show concern for each member of his club."

Faculty members will also visit the student residences. Each residence should be visited about twice a week by different faculty.

"Our major effort right now for our Student Services area is to carefully consider each student request. We do not want in any way to allow a student to have a situation arise that is not dealt with promptly," Mr. Thompson said.

Although some adjustments have been made in meal schedules, and half of the students will attend Sabbath services in the morning and half in the afternoon, the Col-



SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS—Top photo: Students brave rain on the first day of classes in Big Sandy Sept. 10. Bottom: incoming freshmen meet Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach at the freshman reception Sept. 3. [Photos by Kerri Dowd]



lege will still offer the same activities as in past years.

Other than some minor changes, college policies will also remain the same.

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find ourselves facing this same difficulty again and again.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and let you know that God is already beginning to show us the right answers about how to effectively revise some of our methods in ways that will not only allow us to operate within our means, but increase the impact of the gospel message to those God enables us to reach!

Please continue to pray earnestly that God will lead us according to his will, that we might proclaim his glorious good news around the world and teach his way of life to all whom he calls.

In the meantime, let's do all we can in prayer and in generous offerings to help the Work through the remainder of this year. I hope to announce some major decisions, which I believe you will find exciting and meaningful, shortly after the Feast of Tabernacles. Let's continue to look to God for his blessing and direction in all that we do.

Celebration of joy

As we prepare for the Feast, let's keep in mind the joyous future age that it foreshadows. The

Feast is a time for great jubilation, because it portrays the climax of human experience—the ushering in of the reign of Jesus Christ over all nations, the ultimate hope of every Christian.

The Feast, along with the Last Great Day, is a wonderful celebration of joy, a grand opportunity to look ahead to the glorious fruit of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection being ultimately and fully realized.

Feast sermons project that joy, that enthusiasm, that hope! Let us rejoice in our calling, realizing the steadfast faithfulness of God who will never forsake nor leave us, who will see us through all trials, all pain, all suffering, bringing us safely and securely to our inheritance in Jesus Christ.

There is much for God's Church to do. God is leading us into the future with renewed commitment and vision concerning his magnificent calling and our lifelong commission as servants of Jesus Christ.

Let's cling tenaciously and fervently to the new way of life into which he has called us, growing through the Holy Spirit in the fullness of his boundless and unquenchable love.

My prayers are with you daily. Have a wonderful Feast!

Africa

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intense conflict between the African National Congress (ANC), led by Nelson Mandela, and the Zulu Inkatha movement under Chief [Mangosuthu Gatsha] Buthelezi," Mr. Hull explained.

The carnage in black townships has been shocking. Innocent, helpless people are being victimized, terrorized and killed.

On Sept. 15 the police and defense force began "Operation Iron Fist," in which all terrorist gangs are to be rounded up. Those involved in attacks will be marked with a colored dye so that they cannot blend into the masses.

Violence in Eastern Cape

An early August hike in rents in the residential areas north of Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape sparked off a demonstration by the tenants, reported Ronald Stoddart, pastor of the Port Elizabeth and East London, South Africa, churches.

Those involved went to a school

and demanded that the headmaster allow pupils to join in a march to the local authorities.

When the headmaster refused the school was burned down.

This marked the beginning of violent clashes between the police and demonstrators, according to Mr. Stoddart.

Six Church families live in these areas. One woman lives in the most affected area, where roadblocks are created out of tires and trash and set on fire.

The violence had been moving to new areas daily. The government has now introduced strict curfew measures in the affected black areas to control the situation. One woman and her four children live in an area not badly affected by the violence, but were disturbed by noisy demonstrations one night.

They stayed with another member until the violence was over.

Mr. van Belkum instructed Mr. Stoddart to rent accommodations for these families if necessary.

"This proved very helpful," said Mr. Stoddart.

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Ambassador College admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletics and other school administered programs.

Plans

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make all budgeted expenditures.

Complicating the problem of reduced income were a number of unexpected and unbudgeted expenses. For example, new building codes in Pasadena required the Church to reinforce some buildings for earthquake safety. And state laws have also made it necessary for the Church to launch an extensive asbestos-removal program.

Combined costs for these unbudgeted expenses is \$2.5 million, which came out of cash reserves. Other large expenditures that couldn't be delayed without causing serious problems were the purchase of a new computer system and construction in Big Sandy.

For these reasons, Mr. Tkach asked the operation directors and department managers to cut expenses immediately.

"I'm calling for serious and immediate budget cutbacks in 1990," he said. "I'm asking each of you to carefully and prayerfully go over your short-term budgets and long-term plans."

Explaining that having less

money doesn't necessarily mean the Work will be less effective, Mr. Tkach mentioned cuts in the number of television stations airing *The World Tomorrow*. Although the Church has reduced the number of stations by 50 percent, the viewing audience is only slightly less than it was before those stations were cut.

Mr. Tkach said he is committed to balancing the budget in the short term as well as the long term. Pointing out the decision to reschedule the Ministerial Refreshing Program as an example of cost-cutting, he said delaying the first session nearly six months will save \$300,000 in 1990 and 1991.

In addition to asking for immediate cuts in the 1990 budget, Mr. Tkach asked each department manager and operation director to submit a new five-year plan option to Bernard Schnippert, five-year plan task force leader.

Concluding the meeting, Mr. Tkach restated his belief that the Work must continue to look ahead in prayer, trying to foresee difficulties and doing its best to plan for the future.

"We must trust in God," he said. And "trusting in God includes good stewardship and planning."



BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach tells operation directors and department managers to submit new five-year plans Sept. 11. [Photo by Thomas C. Hanson]

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Youths at summer camps: 'God's way of life can be fun'

PASADENA—Teenagers in God's Church attended Summer Educational Program (SEP) camps in the Northern Hemisphere this summer.

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Orr, Minn.

More than 1,110 teenagers attended the SEP in Orr, Minn., June 5 to Aug. 29.

"I'm glad I came to camp," said Bathsheba Spitz, a camper from Doniphan, Neb., "because it's been the most fun-packed, exhilarating three weeks of my life, and I wouldn't have missed it for anything. I want to come back!"

Kermit Nelson, who coordinates Youth Opportunities United and serves as camp director in Orr, said: "We want to show them that God's way of life can be fun and that it is the way to conduct our lives."

Said evangelist Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration International: "I was delighted to spend a few days observing and participating in the activities, classes

Each girls dorm joined its brother dorm for a three-day backpacking trip along the rugged shoreline of Vancouver Island known as the West Coast Trail.

Campers trekked along 50 kilometers (30 miles) of paths, sandy beaches and tidal pools teeming with sea life. They climbed ladders,



Karen Wilson
Loch Lomond, Scotland

crossed swing bridges and pulled each other across creeks in manual cable cars. Many watched seals and schools of whales. Some saw what is considered to be the largest tree in Canada and others swam near spectacular ice-cold waterfalls.

On the Sabbath, July 14, evangelist Frank Brown, Canadian regional director, and his wife, Sharon, came to Camp Shawnigan. Kermit Nelson, who coordinates the YOU Office in Church Administration, visited July 17.

Vendee, Que.

One hundred ten campers gathered at this campsite beside Lake Windigo between July 15 and Aug. 15.

Campers were organized into 10 teams with 12 monitors and 19 instructors. Twenty-one campers represented other areas of Canada such as New Brunswick and Ontario, as well as Guadeloupe, Haiti and France.

The land for the campsite was purchased by area members. Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal

North and South (French), churches, directed the camp.

Loch Lomond, Scotland

The 23rd Scotland SEP took place July 22 to Aug. 12. The camp in Scotland has undergone many changes and improvements since its beginnings in 1968.

Greeting youths from 18 countries, director Paul Suckling spoke about order, opportunity and oneness.

SEP concentrates on "creating a greater family atmosphere by encouraging the dorms to produce the best for each other with the right spirit of competition," according to Mr. Suckling.

In light of this the obstacle course is now called the initiative training course. Instead of it being a race, the course is designed to emphasize teamwork in rescuing a victim.

Because the campsite is leased from a sheep farmer no permanent facilities are allowed to be set up except for a barn, which contains a fully equipped kitchen, cold storage room and dishwashing area, according to Jane Suckling, wife of the camp director.

Voehl, West Germany

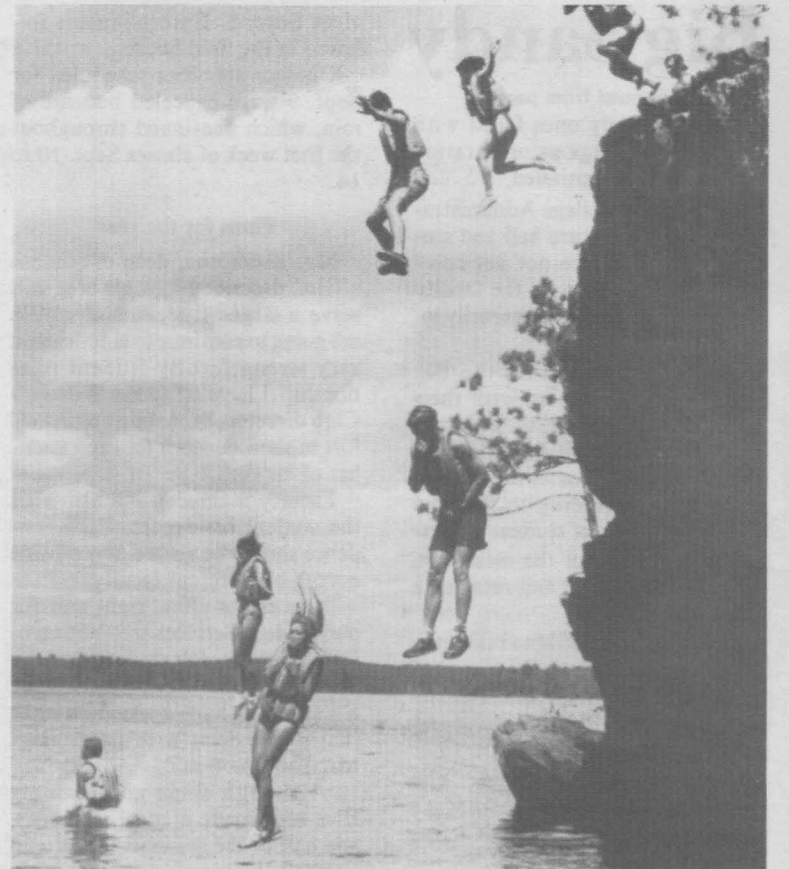
West Germany was the site of an SEP July 19 to 31 with 51 campers present.

Wade Fransson, assistant pastor of the Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, and Stuttgart, West Germany, churches, and camp director, commented: "Winter camp's main activity is skiing, which does not



Brenda Zehrung

Vendee, Que.



Hal Finch

Orr, Minn.

serve all the YOU members. Summer camp had something for everyone."

Camp took place along the Edersee, a site accessible to campers from East and West Germany, Austria and Switzerland.

Because each German state has a different vacation schedule, the camp only lasted 12 days, at a time when all the German states had vacation.

Although most of the campers came from German-speaking areas, three came from Pasadena, and one was from England.

The camp was at the Jugendherberge youth hostel. Most of the ac-

tivities took place on the main campus, but activities such as volleyball and basketball were conducted in a school gymnasium in Voehl.

Dabo, France

Sixty-five campers and about 20 staff participated in this year's SEP, in the Alsace-Lorraine region, July 15 to July 29.

The camp was directed by Olivier Carion, department manager of the French Office.

Mr. Carion said that the size of the camp gave campers a chance to open up and discuss with the staff the pressures they experience.

Also included in the camp was a two-day *randonee*, a 50-kilometer (30 miles) hike through the mountains and Vosges forest surrounding the camp.

Other events included an etiquette dinner, two dances and entertainment provided by the campers for Church members visiting the camp.

Campers came from France, Luxembourg, Belgium, England, Ireland, Wales, Cameroon, Switzerland and the United States.

Mikhael Coulin, Severine Horrenberger, Alexandre Bonfils and Aurore Duchemin received awards as the outstanding campers of each dormitory for the session.



earson
Shawnigan, B.C.

and administrative meetings. I was impressed with the marvelous atmosphere of peace and cooperation that has been developed within this virtual small city of teenagers.

"In conducting the Christian living class on friendship and dating, I found the teenagers willing to open up and share their hopes and fears," Mr. Salyer said. "As a group, they were clearly committed to the values taught by the Church, but painfully aware of the conflict with their worldly peers."

"The precious youths God has given us represent a special portion of the Church and Work of the future."

Canada

Synergism was a key word at the third annual Canadian SEP, which took place at Shawnigan Lake, B.C., July 9 to 27.

"It means the effect of the whole is greater than the collective effort of the individual parts," explained Douglas Smith, camp director and Kitchener, Ont., pastor.

Ninety campers from across Canada and a few from the Western United States attended the camp at Shawnigan Lake on Vancouver Island.

New activities this year were an evening equestrian program at a riding school and sailing on a 50-foot ketch called the *Meriah*.

Yes, teenagers really are good people

By Rick L. Shallenberger

ORR, Minn.—Several staff members from Editorial Services visited the Summer Educational Program (SEP) here this summer.

Rick Shallenberger is an associate editor of Youth 90.

We came to Orr to introduce ourselves to the campers and high school workers, to spend time with them, to find out what's on their minds, what they talk about, what pressures they face at school, at home and at church.

We were all impressed. Not just with the camp and the way things are run, but we were especially impressed with the teens. Kathy Johnson, an associate editor of *Youth 90*, put it well when she said: "I won't underestimate our teens again. I was really impressed by their openness and honesty."

I think we all tend to underestimate the youths in the Church. We look at our teens in the same light as we look at the average teenager in today's society, but they are not the same.

We also tend to look at our teens as products of "Satan's society," and it's a mistake to do so. Our teens

have an understanding other teens don't have. Many of the teens told me about the difficulties they face trying to explain things to friends who do not have the same background in God's truth.

Teens like to talk

Talking to the teens at camp reinforced the idea that teens really are special people.

The teens were open and approachable. I was a little skeptical about going to camp and trying to talk to teenagers. After all, everyone knows teens don't like to talk to adults. We know that when we do try to talk to them, they just tune us out. So I expected it to be difficult getting the teens to open up.

The problem was, it seems someone forgot to explain these difficulties to the teens. What I found at the SEP was a terrific group of young people eager to talk and eager to listen.

When they found out that I was not there to preach at or lecture to them, that I wanted to hear their ideas and comments, they opened up. And it was quite enjoyable.

Teens really do care

It didn't take long to realize that

our teens are on the ball. And they really do care, about a lot of things.

Teens care about their parents. One of the biggest requests for *Youth 90* articles is on teen-parent relationships. Our teens want to be able to talk to parents, confide in them and develop close personal relationships with them.

Many of the teens asked if we could write more articles on how to talk to parents, in particular, how to break down communication barriers and become close.

They also asked if we could write to parents, telling them that they care, that they want to do what is right, that they are not rebelling against their parents. Sometimes they want to go out and test the waters of life themselves, but they don't mean it as rebellion.

One teen said: "How can I convince my dad I really do love him? Every time I do something wrong or stupid, he seems to take it as a personal affront against him. I don't mean it as such, I'm just learning as I go."

"Certain mistakes I will never make, like taking drugs or premarital sex, but other mistakes I have

to be allowed to make as I test what I have been taught all these years. No matter what I do, I still love him, but I can't seem to convince him."

Many of the teens identified with this camper's dilemma. They love their parents, but feel that parents aren't convinced of this love when they make mistakes.

Teens care about their friends. A common question was, "How can I help my friends avoid making mistakes in their lives?" or, "I have a friend who is in trouble, what can I do to help him or her?"

This is a good question. We can't say leave your friends, let them make their own mistakes or find other friends. These are unrealistic answers.

Our teens care about their friends, they want to help their friends with the truth that they have. They want to give answers based on godly principles but without quoting the Bible or being preachy. It's up to us as parents and adults to help them help their friends.

Teens care about current events. Teens care about what is happening in the world. Many teens asked (See TEENS, page 5)

AC students unearth history at archaeological dig in Israel

By Kerri Dowd

HAZOR, Israel—For more than five weeks 30 Ambassador College students watched the sun rise over Mt. Hermon as they uncovered ancient pottery and walls at archaeological excavations July 1 to Aug. 8.

The goal of the excavations in Hazor, which began this year and are projected to last five seasons, is to uncover an archive (library of clay tablets) from the second millennium B.C. If found, it will be the first find of its kind in Israel.

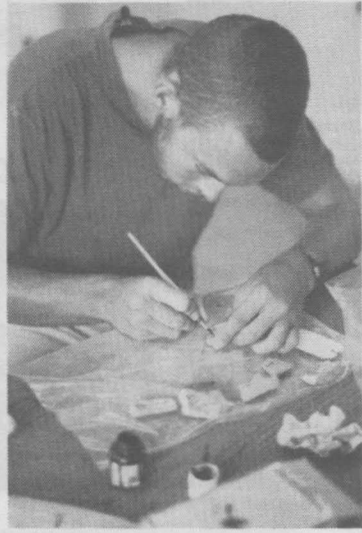
Amnon Ben-Tor, professor of archaeology at Hebrew University and director of the Hazor dig, feels certain that the archive will be found, but he does not expect to uncover it until the fourth season.

Excavations were carried out in Hazor in 1928, 1955 to 1958 and in 1968 and 1969. It is Israel's largest tell (ancient mound composed of remains of successive settlements), and "for my generation this [Hazor] was the school of archaeology," said Professor Ben-Tor, who worked at the site in 1957 and in the 1968-69 season. Many of today's prominent Israeli archaeologists first worked at Hazor.

"We have taken only the first step on a very long route," Professor

Ben-Tor said about the 1990 season. "There is a lot of pottery, which is very important because we have a good and datable assemblage of pottery. But what is more important than movable finds is the general layout of this part of the city.

"We have a hold on the plan, and



RECORDING HISTORY—Allen Bryce labels pottery unearthed at the dig site. [Photo by Kerri Dowd]

we know where we are going. And after 30 years of digging, we are in it again. We are in the beginning of the race, and that's the most important part."

Daily life

The Ambassador College group was accompanied by Richard Burky, an administrative assistant in U.S. Church Administration, and his wife, Carol. Raymond Dick, the Church's public information officer in Jerusalem, and his wife, Norma, joined the group when they arrived in Israel. (Mr. and Mrs. Dick have since returned to the United States because of political tension in the Middle East.)

Students from the University of Madrid, Spain, and Hebrew University in Jerusalem along with a few participants from other countries, including West Germany and Sweden, also worked at the excavations.

On a typical day the group worked at the dig site from 5 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a break for breakfast at 9 a.m. Work stopped on the dig site in the early afternoon because of the intense afternoon heat.

Afternoon and evening activities included washing pottery found on the site, shopping in town, swimming in Hazor's public pool, catch-

ing up on sleep and attending lectures given by the archaeological staff of the dig.

The dig staff conducted four half-day and two full-day trips to places of interest in northern Israel. Diggers were also invited to watch while the archaeologists sorted and identified pottery and other finds.

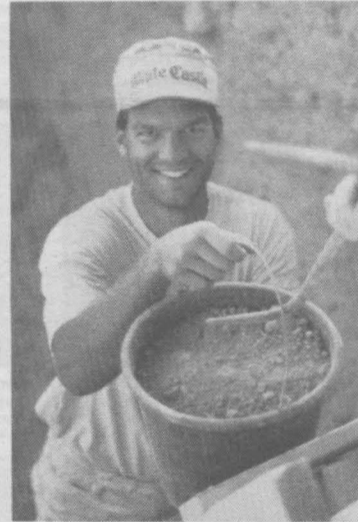
Each Sabbath one of the students or Mr. Dick gave the sermonette, and Mr. Burky usually gave the sermon. Peter Nathan, an Ambassador College faculty member who accompanied eight Ambassador College students on a dig in Syria, gave two sermons.

Bible studies were given by one, two or three of the college men. Group discussions followed their presentations. "I thought it gave them good experience, and it seemed to be received well by the other students," Mr. Burky said.

On Friday evenings some of the students had dinner in the homes of Jewish families. "It was very eye-opening," said senior Matthew King. "They're much more family oriented than I ever thought. The whole family that's in the area will come and sit at the *Shabbat* meal."

Although it prompted many conversations, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait did not interrupt the dig and its activities.

Senior Theresa Yoha said: "I've talked to a lot of Israelis just to get their opinions on what they think of the country, and then just lately



UNEARTHING HISTORY—Peter McNair hands a bucket of dirt to another digger. [Photo by Kerri Dowd]

with the Iraq-Kuwait affair, and so many times the opinions are just a lot different than what the newspa-



TAKING A BREAK—Jag Bhathal takes a break during the archaeological dig in Hazor, Israel. [Photo by Kerri Dowd]

pers print, and it's interesting because you get a new perspective, and it's not something that's regulated by the media."

A party with entertainment from each of the college groups ended the dig season Aug. 7, and the Ambassador College group returned to the United States Aug. 9.

Mr. Burky said that a couple of women on the dig were *Plain Truth* and *Good News* subscribers and that "one German couple asked if their 14-year-old son could attend Ambassador College when he was older because of the example of the students."

Mrs. Burky added: "The students have really made us proud. They have kept up their enthusiasm. They have just been outstanding in every way."

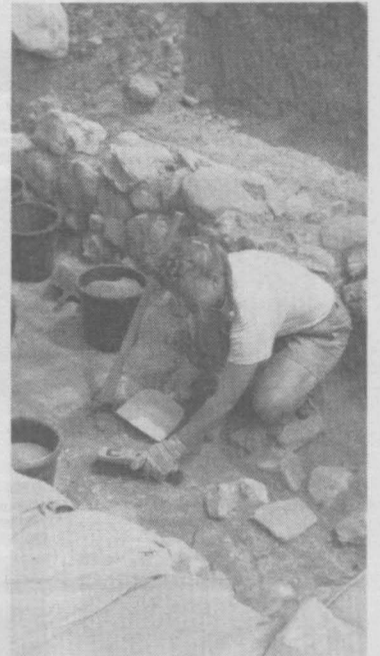
Senior Dominique Alcindor said, "One of the key aspects of the dig experience here in Hazor was the genuine spirit of camaraderie, which prevailed not only among us, the Ambassador College students, but also among the staff team led by Amnon Ben-Tor."

Pre-dig activities

The group left the United States June 21 and toured Israel for one week before the excavations began. According to Mr. Burky the group couldn't go to the Mount of Olives because of unrest there, and there was a curfew in the City of David area because of a disturbance a few days earlier.

Although someone threw a stone that hit their tour bus "in no case did we feel threat of physical harm or danger," Mr. Burky said.

Said Senior Carolyn Clark: "I think coming over here has helped me appreciate the struggles the everyday Israeli faces, not only in terms of economics, but in terms of politics—how divided they are as a country and what they want to do."



CLEAN SWEEP—Heidi Johnston carefully brushes a floor. [Photo by Kerri Dowd]

"I just think if I could sum this up," said Alan Gustafson, "it's been a chance of a lifetime, and it's also been a challenge of a lifetime. It's something that I'm never going to forget. It was sure something special here that, you know, you can't describe in words."

Teens leaders of future

By John Halford

ORR, Minn.—My experience of being an instructor at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) gave me a new appreciation and respect for the young people of the Church.

John Halford is a senior writer for *The Plain Truth*.

I think that many of us underestimate the commitment of many—probably most—of our youths. Even the expression "second generation Christian" tends to have a rather negative connotation—like artificial flowers or nondairy creamer.

We tend to think that because our children were not called from out of the world directly, their experience is somehow less real.

On the contrary, the teen scene today poses a great challenge to anyone who is trying to live up to the Church's teachings. I heard some heartrending stories of frustration, loneliness and rejection.

I wonder how many of us would wilt under the constant barrage of temptation that so many of our youths face because they won't join in.

The SEP experience helped me to be less judgmental, more supportive and I hope more helpful to the Church's teens. I had not fully realized to what extent so many of them have made a commitment to God and his way. They may not do it perfectly (who does?), but they are trying.

I began to see them as younger versions of myself—ordinary human beings who are facing the challenge of resisting the world and striving for the kingdom.

I found it encouraging to know that there are so many hundreds of young people who fully intend to become members of the Church when the time comes. They are a wonderful asset to the Church now, and for the future. God obviously takes them very seriously, and we must also.

**SEP Orr, Minn.
Typical Day's Menu**

Breakfast

Eggs (scrambled)—120 dozen
Pancakes—1,200
Maple syrup—16 gallons
Assorted cereal—48 family sized boxes
Milk—54 gallons
Fruit—3 cases (apples, oranges and bananas)
Fruit juice—75 gallons

Lunch: Fajitas

Flour tortillas—1,200
Red meat—150 pounds
Bell peppers—2 cases
Onions—25 pounds

Dinner (Sabbath)

Turkey—22 (24-26 pounds each)
Cranberry sauce—3 industrial sized cans
Stuffing—180 pounds
Green beans—80 pounds
Dinner rolls—750
Pumpkin pie—60 (nine-inch diameter)

**The biggest-selling items
from the camp store are:**

Ice cream bars—60
Frozen yogurt—750 (cones and cups)

Teens

(Continued from page 4)

about the volatile conditions in the Middle East between Iraq and Kuwait. And we think the teens don't care about current events. They wanted to know! Not only about what was happening, but how it was going to affect the world.

Teens care about the Church. They care about Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and about the SEP. They care about the knowledge they have and want to know how to use it properly.

Our teens know more than most of us think they know. Even when they don't appear to be paying attention, things are sinking in. They want to know right from wrong. They want to know how and why, not just "Thou shalt not."

A main concern of theirs was that so many of the sermons and YOU Bible studies were over their heads. They want to understand, and when they can't, they get frustrated and tune out.

Teens care about themselves. They want to make right decisions in their lives. They care about their future. They want to be good friends and be able to help others. They want to please their parents. And they want to please God.

They care about how others view them. One camper asked that we

tell parents and other adults that teens are not bad people. She said: "I get the impression that most adults feel we are all rebellious and disrespectful. That it's a natural stage we go through, a sort of necessary evil. I think that's why so many adults avoid contact with us."

Another camper said: "It seems like everyone thinks we are generally bad. That we are all going out partying all we can, drinking, smoking, taking dope and sleeping around. We're not like that. We have our moments, but we are generally good people.

"None of my friends smoke, drink, take drugs or have had sex. We know better. How do we convince others that we are OK?"

Yes, they care about how others view them. They, too, live in a world of stress and pressure. They, too, see what pressures their friends face, their parents face, their countries face and the Church faces.

And they, too, are a part of the Church. They, too, are part of God's family. They want to grow, learn and help, but don't quite know how.

Our teens are a mature group of young people. As I told the teens, they are the future, and after meeting so many at camp, I feel confident that our future is in pretty good hands.

I also told them I would do my part to help others understand that "teens really are good people."

Valedictorians

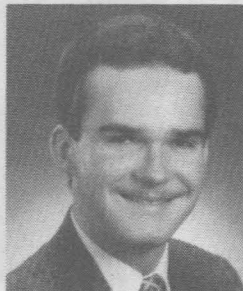
The Worldwide News congratulates the following youths who were valedictorians or salutatorians (or ranked first or second) in their graduating classes.



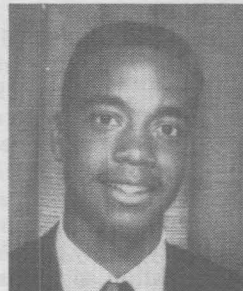
Leonor C. Alquiza
Salutatorian
Antonio High School
Pagadian, Philippines, church



Lisa Arnold
Valedictorian
Simon Kenton High School
Erlanger, Ky., church



Stephen Bierer
First in class
Stevens High School
Rapid City, S.D., church



Kwan Borden
Ninth grade valedictorian
Caledonia Junior High School
Halifax, N.S., church



Becky Brandon
Salutatorian
Oakville High School
Olympia, Wash., church



David Bryce
Valedictorian
Haughton High School
Shreveport, La., church



Lavon L. Carignan
Valedictorian
Clio High School
Flint, Mich., church



Angela M. Corbett
Eighth grade valedictorian
Charlo Junior High School
Kalispell, Mont., church



Lisa Coston
Valedictorian
Brazos High School
Houston, Tex., West church



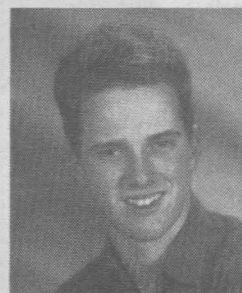
Lisa Ann Curb
Salutatorian
Wimberley High School
Austin, Tex., church



Michele Lynn Gannon
Valedictorian
Kettering Fairmont High School
Dayton, Ohio, A.M. church



Donnetta L. Haskell
Salutatorian
George Wythe High School
Richmond, Va., church



Steve Henness
Salutatorian
Sheridan High School
Butte, Mont., church



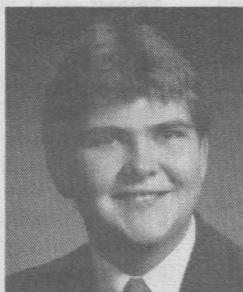
Melissa DeAnna Hill
Salutatorian
Greenville High School
Montgomery, Ala., church



Mary Ann Humphreys
Valedictorian
Kossuth High School
Tupelo, Miss., church



Janet Marie Jaeger
Valedictorian
Mellen High School
Duluth, Minn., church



Timothy R. Jenkins
Valedictorian
Jackson High School
Chillicothe, Ohio, church



Angela Knutson
Valedictorian
Medelia High School
Mankato, Minn., church



Jean Ann Laughlin
Salutatorian
Hobbs High School
Hobbs, N.M., church



Melanie Mayer
Salutatorian
New York Mills High School
Brainerd, Minn., church



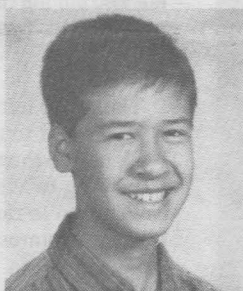
Kimberly Ann McCorkle
Valedictorian
Unioto High School
Chillicothe, Ohio, church



Jennifer Midkiff
Valedictorian
Hurricane High School
Charleston, W.Va., church



Dinah Miles
Valedictorian
East Clarendon High School
Sumter, S.C., church



Mark E. Oakleaf
Eighth grade valedictorian
Chase Middle School
Topeka, Kan., church



Jarrod Orr
Salutatorian
Yuba City High School
Chico, Calif., church



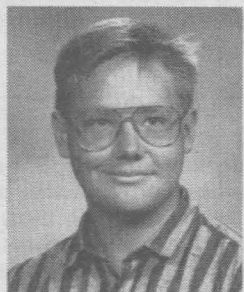
Jennifer L. Overman
Sixth grade salutatorian
Rosman Elementary School
Asheville, N.C., church



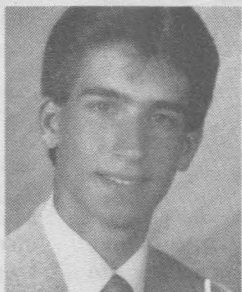
Alice D. Parnell
First in class
Ramona High School
Escondido, Calif., church



Karissa Jill Reese
Valedictorian
Imperial High School
Pasadena East A.M. church



Kris Reid
Valedictorian
Kate Andrews High School
Lethbridge, Alta., church



Christopher Rowland
Valedictorian
Northwest High School
Indianapolis, Ind., church



Afrika A. Russell
Second in class
Bishop Loughlin Memorial
Brooklyn North, N.Y., church



Libby Russell
First in class
Henderson County High School
Evansville, Ind., church



Cheryl S. Rustia
Valedictorian
Infant Jesus Montessori School
Santiago, Philippines, church



Cindy Rhea Sadler
Valedictorian
Aurora High School
New Bern, N.C., church



Catherine J. Self
Salutatorian
Hornbeck High School
Alexandria, La., church



Cheryl Smith
Salutatorian
Calhoun Academy
Tupelo, Miss., church



Daniella R. Spitz
Salutatorian
Doniphan High School
Grand Island, Neb., church



Brenda Szymkowiak
Valedictorian
Dover High School
Canton, Ohio, church



Dallis Vance
First in class
Pawnee High School
Enid, Okla., church



Sonia Vandersteen
French valedictorian
Legal School
Westlock, Alta., church



Pamela Warren
Valedictorian
Days Creek High School
Roseburg, Ore., church



Christina Wheeler
Valedictorian
Topeka High School
Topeka, Kan., church



Vicki Whitehead
Salutatorian
Sidney High School
Omaha, Neb., church



Matthew G. Woicik
Salutatorian
Freeman High School
Spokane, Wash., church

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

UPDATE

PASADENA—Joe Costantino, Gary Werings and Don Conard traveled to Europe Aug. 18 to cover five interviews for a *World Tomorrow* program on the German and Japanese economies.

Meeting with Dexter Faulkner, European bureau chief, in Brussels, Belgium, they conducted interviews with Martin Bangemann, vice president of the European Community (EC), second in command to Jacques Delors. While there they also interviewed Heinrich Mattes of the EC Economic and Foreign Affairs Office.

Mr. Faulkner and the television crew then traveled to Bonn, West Germany, to interview Marlene Lenz, a member of the European Parliament, Uwe Jens, a Bundestag (West German parliament) member from the Social Democrat Party and an economics expert, and Gerd Tigges, a German journalist specializing in economics.

Mr. Tigges is a correspondent for *Wirtschaftswoche*, the German equivalent of *Business Week*. The interviews were arranged with the assistance of the German Office.

The crew also shot footage of daily life in Germany and Belgium and of the EC headquarters in Brussels and the new headquarters building under construction.

Television sent David Albert, Mary Shaner, Tina Kuo, Tom Ivicovic and Mark Broadwater, to Washington, D.C., Aug. 22 to 24. They interviewed William Van Dusen Wishard, director of World Trends Research, a futurist who believes that man's problems stem

from his way of thinking; and Andrew Bard Schmoekler, author of *Out of Weakness*. Mr. Schmoekler believes that man's nature is the basis for much of the aggressiveness and destruction in the world.

Aug. 29, Television sent Dr. Albert, Mr. Costantino, Jerry DeGier, Mr. Broadwater and Mr. Conard to interview Chalmers Johnson, professor of Pacific international relations at the University of California San Diego. Mr. Johnson is an expert on Japanese-American relations and is frequently interviewed on major national news programs. The interview will be used in the program about the German and Japanese economies.

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PASADENA—In June Pastor General Joseph Tkach asked Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations, to produce an idea form that Church and Ambassador College employees could use to submit ideas for improving the operation of the Work.

"Mr. Tkach continually encourages employees to submit ideas for improving the Work," Mr. Schnippert said. "He wants them to find better ways of doing things."

Administrative Systems, a section of Media Operations, distributes the forms. The section collects completed forms and submits the ideas to Mr. Tkach in an organized format.

Mr. Schnippert reviews each of the ideas with Mr. Tkach. Managers whose areas are affected by an idea also assist in the decision-making process. Administrative Systems notifies employees whether or not their ideas will be implemented.

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WINDSOR, Maine—Ethan Cook, 16, received a grant from the Maine Department of Education and Cultural Services to study thunderstorms.

The \$645 grant went to buy

weather instruments to measure wind speed and direction, atmospheric pressure, temperature and humidity. Ethan plans to study meteorology after high school.

After spending the summer collecting data, Ethan will spend the fall and winter putting together a report of his findings. He submitted his first progress report in August, and is required to submit additional reports in October and December.

The chairman of the Science Department at Ethan's school must also evaluate Ethan's work.

Ethan was one of six Maine high school students to receive such a grant. He is the son of James and Theresa Cook, members who attend the Portland, Maine, church.

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BIG SANDY—Six chefs from the Food Service Department at Ambassador College competed in the Texas Chef Association state culinary arts competition in Dallas, Tex., June 24.

The competition included chefs from Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Those competing were Stephen Sparks, food service manager, Kurt Murrow, Tony Contos, Rex Ulmer, Willie Coats and James Turnblad.

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MILWAUKEE, Wis.—A bullet struck the steering wheel of a car driven by Zack Guererro, a Milwaukee Church member, June 16.

Mr. Guererro said: "As soon as I got behind the wheel, I heard two firecrackerlike sounds. Something came into my windshield at a very high velocity. I thought it was kids throwing firecrackers or something at my car."

Mr. Guererro continued: "As I drove off, I noticed a bump in the steering wheel. That bump turned out to be a bullet, a .32 or .38 caliber as police estimate.

"I went home and thanked God for saving my life."

Eugene Noel, Milwaukee pastor, commented: "I've seen some remarkable things happen in people's lives, and this was amazing. We can be truly thankful for God's intervention for Mr. Guererro."

In the days following, two people were shot and killed in their cars in Milwaukee.

TELEVISION STATION UPDATES

New Stations

Station/Location	Air Time	Contract Period
KCRG Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Sept. 2, 1990 to Aug. 25, 1991
WKBW Buffalo, N.Y.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.	Sept. 30, 1990 to Sept. 22, 1991
WTFX Philadelphia, Pa.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.	Sept. 9, 1990 to Sept. 1, 1991
KDAF Dallas, Tex.	Sunday, 12:30 a.m.	Sept. 9, 1990 to Sept. 1, 1991
KRIV Houston, Tex.	Sunday, 6:30 a.m.	Sept. 9, 1990 to Sept. 1, 1991
KFVS Cape Girardeau, Mo.	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.	Sept. 30, 1990 to Sept. 22, 1991
KTTV Los Angeles, Calif.	Monday, 12:30 a.m.	Sept. 9, 1990 to Sept. 1, 1991
WATL Atlanta, Ga.	Sunday, 8 a.m.	Sept. 9, 1990 to Sept. 1, 1991
WJTV Jackson, Miss.	Saturday, 12 midnight	Sept. 15, 1990 to Sept. 7, 1991

Renewals

KTBS Shreveport, La.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Sept. 23, 1990 to Sept. 15, 1991
WOTV Grand Rapids, Mich.	Sunday, 10:30 a.m.	Sept. 16, 1990 to Sept. 8, 1991
WNYW New York, N.Y.	Sunday, 6 a.m. (time change)	Sept. 9, 1990 to Sept. 1, 1991
KHTV Houston, Tex.	Saturday, 7:30 a.m.	Sept. 22, 1990 to Sept. 14, 1991
WGN Chicago, Ill.	Saturday, 6:30 a.m.	Sept. 1, 1990 to Aug. 24, 1991

Additional airings on existing stations

WRC Washington, D.C.	Saturday, 7 a.m.	Oct. 6, 1990 to Dec. 29, 1990
WGN Chicago, Ill.	Monday, 5 a.m.	Sept. 10, 1990 to Sept. 2, 1991
	Thursday, 5 a.m.	Sept. 6, 1990 to Aug. 29, 1991

One-time-only promotional airings

WTVJ Miami, Fla.	Saturday, Sept. 1, 1990, 1:30 p.m.
	Saturday, Sept. 29, 1990, 2:30 p.m.
	Saturday, Dec. 22, 1990, 2 p.m.
KCNC Denver, Colo.	Saturday, Oct. 27, 1990, 11 a.m.
	Saturday, Nov. 3, 11 a.m.
	Saturday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m.

Last Telecast

WJRT Lansing, Mich.	Aug. 26
WIVB Buffalo, N.Y.	Sept. 16
WPSD Paducah, Ky.	Sept. 23

Computer

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ager. "The more I work with [the new system], the better I like it."

TEAMS also benefits students. The student advisement module, scheduled for the 1991-92 school year, will allow students to use networked personal computers for academic advisement. For example, a student considering a change in majors could inquire from his personal computer about the necessary courses needed to fulfill the requirements of a new major.

After reviewing the AS/400 installation in Big Sandy, Mr. Peoples said: "The implementation has gone very smoothly and we're very happy with this first stage of the conversion. The College personnel have done a very fine job."

New age

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further down the road than we can yet see."

Looking at events today, Germany is being irrepressibly forced into a more up-front role in world affairs.

Partly under prodding from the United States, which has been seeking broad international support in the struggle against Iraq, the German government has announced it will consider scrapping its constitutional prohibition against sending its armed forces outside the immediate NATO area.

This was good news to Washington, which has generally been more openly supportive of unification than Germany's European neighbors. Secretary of State James A. Baker replied: "We think as Germany unifies and becomes larger and greater, its responsibilities also increase. Being more means doing more."



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—The British Office reported that the last Church family in Liberia, the Barbleys, left the country and are now living in Ivory Coast.

Rebel forces in Liberia are attempting to overthrow the government of slain President Samuel K. Doe.

No members or prospective members live in Liberia.

Nairobi riots

Riots broke out in Nairobi, Kenya, July 7, as brethren were returning home after services.

"Many families had to walk home avoiding stone-throwing mobs along the way," said David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa in the British Office.

For three days the city of Nairobi and its environs experienced rioting, looting and violence. Along with other offices in the city, the Church's Nairobi suboffice was closed July 9.

No brethren were injured in the

disturbances, but two members were traveling on buses that were hijacked and subsequently burned.

In one suburb where a member and his family live, anti-riot personnel forced open doors and beat up residents. But they passed by the member's home.

Nigeria

Rains this year have caused heavy erosion and flooding in Owerri, reported Josef Forson, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City, Enugu, Jos and Owerri, Nigeria, churches.

Because roads deteriorate and become difficult to use, fewer people attend Sabbath services, and some arrive late. Sometimes services start a half hour late.

Public transit vehicles charge exorbitant fares because of the failing roadways.

The bad weather has also hit Enugu, but in contrast to the Owerri church, attendance has increased.

"What accounts for this upswing

is the reopening of universities, which were formerly shut because of student unrest," said Mr. Forson. "A number of our members come from the university towns."

Farther west, in Lagos, the number of those asking to attend services and be baptized has increased.

"After years of reading *The Plain Truth* and maybe taking it for granted, it appears many have been stirred into taking life seriously after their subscriptions were stopped," Mr. Forson observed.

(*Plain Truth* circulation is being canceled in some parts of Africa.)

Benin is also showing signs of growth. More are counseling for baptism.

South Pacific, Asia

Timothy Grauel, pastor of the Townsville and Cairns, Qld., churches, visited brethren in the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea July 2 to 19.

During the trip he baptized a Solomon Islander and two Papua New Guineans, bringing to 23 the number of members in the Solomons and 16 in Papua New Guinea.

Mr. Grauel reported that members in Papua New Guinea experience many difficulties because of the deteriorating economic situation and breakdown of law and order.

They remain faithful to God in the face of these adversities, Mr. Grauel said.

He was unable to visit Bou-

gainville Island, where a prospective member lives, because all services to the island (including mail) have been cut off.

The island is completely isolated, after demands for independence by local leaders.

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