

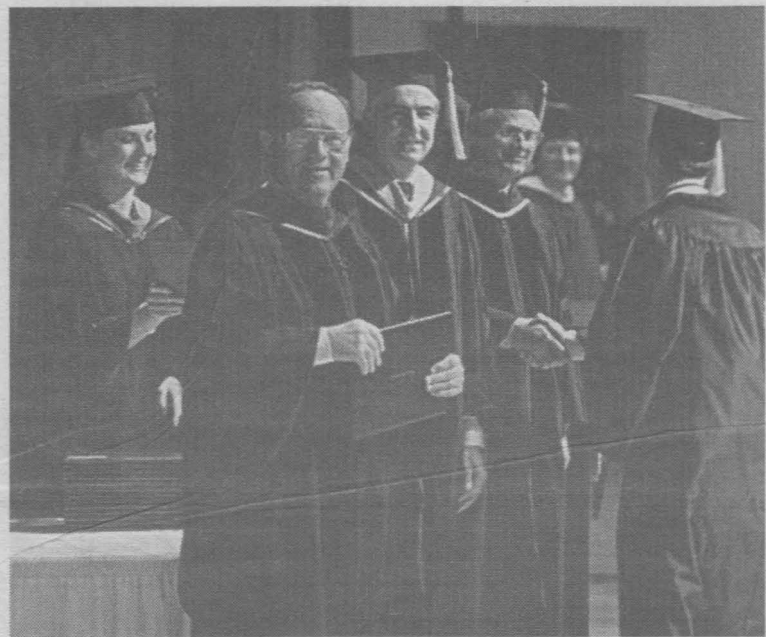
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FINAL STAGE—College Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach, President Donald Ward and administrators present diplomas May 15 in Big Sandy. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

Cornerstones of success are not at the corner store, grads told

By Becky Sweat

BIG SANDY—“USA Today does not print a colorful, detailed lifetime forecast of how much heat, cold, rain or sunshine we will be confronted with on our journey of a lifetime.”

Kevin Epps, 1991-92 associated student body president, was accenting his discourse May 15 to the Big Sandy graduation day audience.

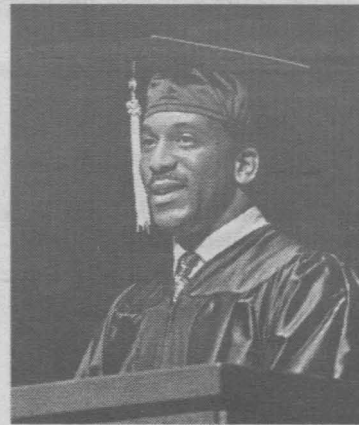
He told the audience a person becomes successful not by merely controlling his own destiny, but by being in control.

“Being in control,” Mr. Epps said, “means actively creating an environment for success, through

planning, preparation, praying and working.”

Day of days

Planning. Preparation. Praying. Working. These had already been in evidence on this the



LOOKING OUT—“Our theme, confirming the vision, indicates we are actively moving ahead pursuing our goals, as opposed to just looking back at events,” Kevin Epps said to graduates.

graduates’ day of days.

An hour before, the campus had been busier than usual. Parking attendants directed drivers unfamiliar with the campus. Graduates lined up for the processional and received final instructions.

Freshmen and juniors ushered guests, handed out programs, set up for the reception and seated

2,200 family and friends of graduates in the Field House and another 1,000 in two lecture halls to view the ceremony on television.

Two hundred six seniors would receive bachelor’s degrees and 178 sophomores would receive associate’s degrees. Of those, 70 seniors and 52 sophomores would graduate with honors.

After evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, gave the invocation and welcome address, Mr. Epps spoke.

“The future events of our lives are not clearly defined,” he said. “We cannot go to the nearest corner store and purchase a map showing us exactly the quickest route, the safest route, with benchmarks specifying our choice of rest areas.”

He reminisced about the questions going through his mind before coming to Ambassador College: What should I do with my life? What will happen to me next? Will I be happy at Ambassador College?

He told the degree candidates they were today confronted with the same questions they faced four years earlier. “There is a fundamental difference between a journey one may take as a means of transportation and a journey of Ambassador College for a lifetime.”

Mr. Epps continued: “We cannot clearly confirm the visions of our lives until we first determine (See FOUNDATION, page 5)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

Instead of writing a regular letter this time, I would like to share with you an edited version of my commencement address at Ambassador College. Graduation was Friday, May 15.

President Ward, College

administrators, faculty, students and especially families and friends, welcome once again to Ambassador College. We are here today because of a vision fulfilled in part.

Beginning a little more than four decades ago, a man and his wife, with a very small group of believers, set out to establish

what they hoped would become an institution that would set an example for all other institutions on the face of this earth. In some ways, the fact that we are here today demonstrates that their vision is now a reality.

In other ways, the vision of what Ambassador College can truly become is still future! And you graduates are going to be the movers and shakers to establish that future! You are very much a part of that vision—everyone sitting here today, and especially the graduates of '92.

Four years ago, when many of you came to Ambassador Col- (See PERSONAL, page 3)

Jackson Hall builds on a vision

BIG SANDY—Construction began on the new Harold L. Jackson Hall of Humanities at Ambassador College May 17, two days after Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach and Helen Jackson, widow of evangelist Harold Jackson, ceremonially broke ground.

At the ground-breaking ceremonies Mr. Tkach described the physical vision of Ambassador College and proclaimed the College’s academic hub the Herbert W. Armstrong Academic Center. Jackson Hall is the next addition to the developing academic center.

“With Mr. Armstrong’s name on these new main facilities, we shall always be reminded of his unswerving dedication and toil in making a values-based education possible,” Mr. Tkach said. “It is but a small token of our undying

respect for Mr. Armstrong’s vision and commitment.”

“Given Mr. Jackson’s deep love of the humanities, I can only think it fitting that this building be dedicated to the memory of his superb help and service to the members of the Worldwide Church of God and students of Ambassador College,” Mr. Tkach said, as he presented Mrs. Jackson with a framed rendering of Jackson Hall.

The 25,300-square-foot building will contain 10 classrooms on the first floor, and 26 offices and study and tutorial areas on the second floor.

Jackson Hall will house the English, Foreign Language & Literature, History, Speech and Philosophy departments.

Projected completion of the classrooms is late August.

As the May 5 *Worldwide News* reported, Mr. Tkach approved on-site plaques to acknowledge congregations’ and individuals’ contributions to the Church’s Building Fund.

All donations to the Building Fund in 1992 will be applied to the Jackson Hall project.

Those who donate from \$200 to \$999 will be considered Silver Circle members; \$1,000 to \$4,999 will be listed in the Golden Circle; \$5,000 to \$9,999, the Platinum Circle; and \$10,000 or more, the Ambassador Circle.

Alternatively, if a congregation, group of congregations or individuals donate \$50,000, a plaque will

be placed on a classroom acknowledging the group’s or individual’s contribution.

Individuals who prefer to make a cash donation rather than participate in a congregational fundraiser may do so.

However, we ask that you send that donation directly to Pasadena. You may include it with your regular tithes and offerings and indicate how much you wish to be applied to the Building Fund, or you may make your contribution with a separate check or money order.

Regardless of the method you choose, all individual Building Fund donations should be made by check or money order made payable to the Worldwide Church of God. Also, please indicate that your contribution is for the Building Fund.

Should more Building Fund contributions be received in 1992 than can be used on Jackson Hall, the extra money would be applied to other construction needed by the Church or College.

All Building Fund contributions in 1992 in excess of \$200 will be listed on the plaques in Jackson Hall, however.

International donations should be sent to regional offices for processing and receipting. Regional offices will forward funds to Pasadena.

International currencies will be converted into U.S. funds and be acknowledged in accordance with equivalent spending power rather than currency exchange rates.



LOOKING ONWARD—Ambassador College Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach and Helen Jackson at a May 15 ground-breaking ceremony for Jackson Hall in Big Sandy. Right, evangelist Donald Ward. Mrs. Jackson is the widow of evangelist Harold Jackson, who “assisted Herbert W. Armstrong in building his vision of Ambassador College,” said Mr. Tkach. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

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U.S. vice president assails moral vacuum

"The failure of our families is hurting America deeply," said Vice President Dan Quayle in a major address at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco, Calif., May 19. "When families fail," he continued, "society fails."

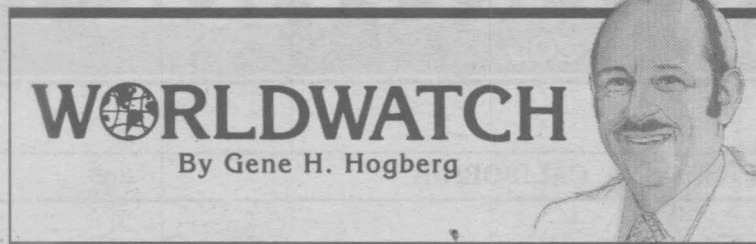
Referring to the April-May riots in Los Angeles and a few other cities, the vice president added, "The anarchy and lack of structure in our inner cities are testament to how quickly civilization falls apart when the family foundation cracks."

Mr. Quayle said governmental policies, however well intentioned, can in no way substitute for the family roles performed by loving parents.

"A welfare check is not a husband," he said, "the state is not a father. It is from parents that children learn how to behave in society [and] come to understand values."

Marriage and the two-parent family, he continued, are indispensable to hopes for economic success as well.

"Marriage is probably the best anti-poverty program of all," he said. "Among families headed by married couples today, there is a poverty rate of 5.7 percent. But



33.4 percent of families headed by a single mother are in poverty today."

This leads, naturally, to the issue of inner-city gangs, which gang members admit function as a type of pseudo-family.

"Nature abhors a vacuum," emphasized Mr. Quayle. "When there are no mature, responsible men around to teach boys how to be good men, gangs serve in their place."

Overall, said America's second ranking political leader, the real poverty afflicting much of urban life today is "predominantly a poverty of values."

Stepping on Hollywood's toes

The vice president next addressed an area that was to arouse ire from the nation's powerful media and entertainment elite.

"Bearing babies irresponsibly is simply wrong. Failing to support children one has fathered is wrong. We must be unequivocal about this," he said.

"It doesn't help matters when prime time TV has Murphy Brown—a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid, professional woman—mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone and calling it just another 'lifestyle choice.'"

"I know it is not fashionable to talk about moral values," he continued, "but we need to do it. Even though our cultural leaders in Hollywood, network TV, the national newspapers, routinely jeer at them, I think most of us in this room know that some things are good, and other things are wrong."

The jeering began almost im-

mediately after the speech. Mr. Quayle was lampooned by scores of comedians and political pundits.

Mr. Quayle, however, held his ground. Two days later he told reporters: "I'm sure that the media elite and Hollywood didn't like the speech that I gave.... I'm talking about family, I'm talking about... personal responsibility, and Hollywood and the media may not understand that but... [the public] does."

A 30-year breakdown

The "poverty of values" we witness today did not descend on the nation suddenly, of course.

In a guest column in the May 25 Los Angeles Times, lawyer Daniel Kolkey observed that "this breakdown in order is largely a product of a philosophy... hammered into the nation's consciousness over 30 years."

"Partly derived from Marxism's economic determinism, it ignores—indeed belittles—the role of individual responsibility,

preaching that one's economic and social environment determines behavior.... Under this philosophy, the criminals become the victims.... It is a society gone mad."

Far more important than the physical reconstruction necessary after the riots, continued Mr. Kolkey, "Los Angeles and the rest of the country have work to do on strengthening America's moral and philosophical foundation. Otherwise, we will merely have rebuilt the very edifice that collapsed on April 29."

Even the physical repairing will, at best, be spotty. Says one Los Angeles realtor with holdings in the south central area: "It will take years, if it happens at all.... The crime rate was very bad before. I expect it to be as bad or worse now. What are the insurers going to do?"

Store owner Doll Daniels formerly sold cards, Bibles and gospel music in her establishment, now rubble. "As many Bibles as I had in that store," she told the Los Angeles Times, "if someone had stopped to pick up just one, maybe they would have stopped."

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Watch the little things

I read a story about the late Clare Booth Luce, who was named U.S. ambassador to Italy. She had been in the country only a few weeks when she became ill.

Her hair began to fall out and her nails began to loosen. She had all the symptoms displayed by victims of arsenic poisoning; however, no one imagined this to be the case.

She lived miserably day after day in her stylish apartment with its ornately carved ceilings and magnificently sculpted cornices.

Doctors had almost exhausted their abilities to diagnose her illness when they decided to examine the environment in her apartment.

They discovered a fine, almost invisible, dust coming from the walls and ceilings. The dust was falling into Mrs. Luce's food and drink, into her cosmetic creams and into her clothes.

These tiny dust particles, which came from the paint used to decorate her apartment, were slowly poisoning her. The paint had a high lead and arsenic content.

This story highlights how important it is not to neglect little things.

Too often we are impressed with size. If something is small or quiet, we may think it is unimportant; if it is big or noisy, we may assume it is important.

God does not measure things the way we do. The large things do not always impress or excite him. In fact, some of the little things in the Bible teach big lessons, such as the mustard seed and the ant.

A sage person once wrote, "He that despises small things shall fall by little and little."

Small things are not to be despised.

From tiny acorns...

We started out in this world as babies, totally dependent on our parents.

Spiritually, we start as babes too. Upon repentance, baptism and the laying on of hands, God gives us a small measure of his Holy Spirit.

He places us in his "little flock" that has comparatively little strength. But with God the Church can do mighty things.

God used Moses' rod to defeat the army of Egypt. He used David's sling and one small stone to conquer the giant, Goliath.

Gideon, with 300 soldiers, defeated the huge Midianite army. And Jesus fed thousands of people with a few loaves and fish.

Moses' rod and David's sling were small, but through God's

power they did mighty things. As an English proverb says, "From tiny acorns, great oaks grow!"

A lesson from Jesus Christ

Jesus was a sharp-eyed observer of the world around him. Quick to notice small things, incidents and details.

When the disciples asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?", Jesus called to a nearby child and, when he came, said, "Look at this small child." There were qualities in the child that Jesus thought had huge importance.

God not only uses small things, but he also uses small acts that seem insignificant to us.

Remember the widow who brought to the temple just two mites—small but so important. Jesus said she gave more than all the rich put together.

How many in God's Work

today have also given what some might consider a small offering, but, because of their faithfulness have made it possible for others to receive God's truth?

God always notices our efforts. No sincere act of worship or service is overlooked by God. Men may despise small things but God is continually aware of their importance.

It is in the small things that a person's faithfulness is really seen.

How many times have you done something admirable and thought, Well, nobody knows about that little effort or action, so it won't accomplish much.

Don't kid yourself. No deed or kindness goes unnoticed by God. In whatever degree, small kindnesses do help others; they also help us to develop true character. We can use these small acts of Christian love and accomplish great things.

Some big 'little things'

Here are some examples of small things: Starting a conversation with a lonely person at church or sending a thank-you

card or note of encouragement

can mean a world of difference to someone who needs a kind word.

A husband could take the children out for a walk to allow the wife a little quiet time on the Sabbath.

The Bible teaches that the Christian who cannot be trusted with small things can never be trusted with big things.

Jesus said: "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much" (Luke 16:10).

To God and Jesus Christ, the least is important because faithfulness in the small things will lead to blessings in the big things: the kingdom of God.

For the present, no work is too small if it is God's work. No gift is too small if it is given in faith and love. No act of service is too small if it is done to honor God.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Belgium dividing?

BOREHAMWOOD, England—A London Times story April 1 reported that Belgium might be dividing, with Flanders joining the Netherlands.

I believed the story because it seemed another piece was being moved in the European jigsaw puzzle.

But my face became various colors of red when a friend told me I'd just been "had"—a victim of British humor. The British make a big thing of pulling practical jokes on the morning of April Fool's Day.

So why does someone who has been studying Britain's newspapers for years fall for such a story?

Simply because the strange has become normal in European news. Old rules are broken every day!

The strange now normal

Europe is so bristling with change we expect almost anything. Currents and crosscurrents contradict each other. The forces of unity and division are both at work.

What began with the fall of the Berlin Wall soon spread to the rest of Eastern Europe. The Soviet Union disintegrated. The Ukraine and the Baltics are independent. All incredible!

The fires of nationalism prove exceedingly hard to control and confine behind artificial borders. Political agreements of long duration are being questioned as never before. Ancient bloodlines and languages are back in fashion.

This in spite of Europe's attempt to unite under the aegis of the Common Market.

A leadership gap

In times of crisis and change people look to their governments for stability and security. But do they look in vain?

As a person from Hungary wrote to us here in the British Office: "My generation does not know what to believe, whom to believe. Like the weather and the seasons of the year there are different economic and political circumstances in our country. We

never could follow and judge which is the most correct direction in our lives."

Europeans want to know what is happening to their troubled continent. They look for leaders who know how to inspire them to face the future: leaders like the late Winston Churchill whose inspirational speeches motivated the British and their allies during World War II.

Europe needs leaders who can perceive the basic problems—the depressed economy, rising crime, honesty at work—and find solutions.

Yet despite elections in many European countries, we still see a leadership vacuum on important moral issues. The Bible is not on the agenda.

A voice from the past

President Abraham Lincoln in his annual message to the U.S. Congress in 1862 said:

"Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We... will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance or insignificance can spare one or another of us."

As the gospel is preached across Europe, individuals will have to make historic decisions about whose way they will follow. Will they accept the leadership of Jesus Christ?

The World Tomorrow is now on several European stations, including the Astra satellite directed at the United Kingdom.

Audience response to the program has been encouraging, and the number of people watching continues to grow.

God's Work is a voice crying out in the European moral and leadership wilderness. As it becomes louder, we need to pray that the men and women of this continent will listen to what is being said.

The citizens of Europe have basic choices to make—as nations and as individuals. In the words of Deuteronomy, let us fervently hope and pray that they "choose life, so that you and your children may live" (30:19).

Imperial Schools scores in European contest

High school team finishes ninth in two-round event featuring writing essay, fielding questions

By John Halford

Imperial Schools students participated in a two-round "Ambassadors to Europe" competition, sponsored annually by the Los Angeles Times and Lufthansa German Airlines.

The spring competition, open to all Southern California area high schools, is to further knowledge of European affairs.

John Halford is a senior editor for the Plain Truth magazine.

Though the competition is designed primarily for the junior and senior level, Jim Petty, an instructor at Imperial High School, encouraged some in his ninth-grade geography class to enter.

Scott Darden, David Grabbe, Kirsten Hulme, Amy Johnson and Shauna Sadowski formed a team to take up the challenge.

First round: teamwork on essay

The first round of the competition was writing a four-page essay on this year's assigned topic, "Moscow and Eastern Europe."

After a panel of experts judged the essays, Imperial Schools was selected as one of 12 schools for the final competition.

Then followed several long days of preparation. The five students studied late into the

night with Mr. Petty, loading up on facts and figures, becoming thoroughly familiar with the complicated affairs of Eastern Europe.

Final: detailed questions

The final took place May 6 in Los Angeles, where 12 teams answered several rounds of questions. Imperial finished ninth.

"Our team did a great job, and we came very close to winning," said Mr. Petty.

"We were in with a chance until the last two rounds of questions. Then we drew questions that were highly detailed, and our preparation had concentrated on the overview."

He added: "Considering our team was the youngest, I am very pleased we made it through to the final 12, out of the 800 schools competing."



IMPERIAL TEAM—High school students relish a ninth-place finish in a Los Angeles Times contest. From left, Shauna Sadowski, instructor Jim Petty, Amy Johnson, Kirsten Hulme, David Grabbe and Scott Darden. "We were in with a chance until the last two rounds of questions," said Mr. Petty. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

PERSONAL

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lege, the world was a different place. As I look out over the sea of faces, some of you look older than you did last year. [Laughter]

When you came to Ambassador four years ago, the world was a different place. Millions of people were still enslaved by totalitarian regimes. America was still experiencing the warm glow of the economic boom of the 1980s. The major political powers were led by people named Reagan, Gorbachev, Thatcher and Kaifu.

Today is dramatically different, as all of us should be aware. The Berlin Wall has tumbled down. Germany is united—as we had been preaching for decades, that it would take place one of these days. Communism in Eastern Europe is dead. So there are some major changes in our world today.

cal arena have been replaced by new faces, such as Bush, Yeltsin, Major and Miyazawa. And perhaps nowhere is the present crisis greater than in the field of education today.

I was criticized when I made the decision to keep Ambassador College in Big Sandy open—just as Mr. Armstrong was criticized when he decided to move the Church headquarters from Eugene, Oregon, to Pasadena, California. The movers and shakers will always be criticized for the things they attempt to do.

A few years ago the United States National Commission on Excellence in Education released a landmark study. Its shocking contents included the following:

"If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on these United States of America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an

the not-too-distant future.

That is why I warned everyone and cautioned everyone that we should not become polarized in any way that man is going. If we're to be polarized, we should be polarized with God, looking forward for him to fulfill the destiny for all mankind.

The study says, "As it stands, we have allowed this to happen to ourselves." That's quite a statement. I sing the song "America the Beautiful" with a great deal of gusto and pleasure as an American citizen.

I love my country, and I know I speak for everyone sitting here today. But it's a shame that we have to sit back and witness what obviously is going to have to come to pass, because people are incapable of properly governing themselves and living at peace with their neighbors.

We have, in effect, been committing an act of unthinking unilateral educational disarmament.

in Pasadena, California. Shortly after succeeding him just over six years ago, I directed that the same be done here on the Texas campus.

This involves something as simple as erecting a plaque for everyone to see. What Mr. Armstrong did in Pasadena, California, I am perpetuating here in Big Sandy, Texas. I asked that a plaque be placed near the library building as a reminder.

Our library is up-to-date. It contains modern works to support all disciplines of life. But I wanted everyone here to constantly be reminded of what comes first on the Ambassador campus. The words on the plaque are simple, yet profound. The inscription reads, "The Word of God Is the Foundation of Knowledge."

Here at Ambassador we educate our students in much more than everyday facts and knowledge. And this is where they have the advantage over graduates from other institutions. Like other universities, we do train our students in the arts and the sciences.

But Ambassador also focuses on a core group of values. We build on solid ground—on the Rock (if you please), Jesus the Christ. That's what we have built on. And it is this focus that we believe is a missing element in modern education.

But this is not a new concept. The focus on religious education and thought was once prominent. Something dramatic occurred to change this in the early part of the 20th century.

Those profound changes have persisted to challenge and mold our society today. The law of cause and effect has brought the results.

The British historian Paul Johnson sums it well in his book *Modern Times*. He tells of Albert Einstein, who, in 1905, at the age of 26, published a paper that would turn the scientific world on its ear—known today as the "Special Theory of Relativity."

It forever transformed the concepts of Newtonian physics, which for many formed their understanding of the world about them. The new scientific theory did far more than dethrone the simple lines and

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When events seem unsure, can we be sure? The answer is emphatically yes. Here at Ambassador College we build on a foundation that can never be cracked or moved.

Millions are free from totalitarianism. And the world is dramatically different.

But we face an uncertain future. Not only you graduates, but every human being on the face of the earth faces an uncertain future. Yet, for those who have been enlightened, who understand the plan of God that he placed in motion to fulfill the destiny of all mankind, today should not be uncertain.

The Cold War is over, and we talk of a new world order—but it is not going to be done by humanity's doing. U.S. President Bush makes reference to a new world order on numerous occasions, talking about a new age. You are going to help establish the new age—you graduates of '92.

Brisk economic expansion has collapsed into massive layoffs and downsizing of corporations worldwide. Something is happening out there. The unraveling of nuclear security threatens to give weapons of horrible destruction to despots in various parts of the world.

And those firmly in the politi-

act of war because we would not have appreciated it. As it stands, we have allowed this to happen to ourselves."

It reminds me of what I believe now has become a prophetic statement, made by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. He said: "At what point in the history of this nation can we expect any danger to come? Will some transatlantic nation crush us with a blow?" He says, "Never!"

And he said it, I'm sure, with a great deal of feeling. "Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined," he said, "could not take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge Mountains in the span of a thousand years."

"Then at what point can we expect danger to come? If destruction be our lot," he said, "we ourselves [the citizens of the United States] will be the authors and finishers of it."

We have already witnessed anarchy take place in Los Angeles two weeks ago. And I believe this is just the precursor of what is going to take place in

In the face of decay, could it be that the ancient philosophers were right—that nothing is permanent except change?

To confront uncertainty and seeming chaos, is there an anchor to which we can hold fast? Absolutely! And I believe that anchor has been given to every graduate of Ambassador College—a sturdy post that will not yield, that will not budge, that will not give.

When events seem unsure, can we be sure? The answer is emphatically yes, beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Here at Ambassador College we build on a foundation that can never be cracked or moved. For nearly half a century Ambassador students have learned that there is one source that never fades, one source that has all power. This source—the light of God—illuminates where others are dark. And it (that light of God) never fails.

Herbert W. Armstrong, the founder and first chancellor of Ambassador College, directed that this foundation be plain for all to see at the original campus

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Prejudice: Are you prejudging by seeing what isn't there?

How quickly prejudices melt away when we get to know people well

By Ted Johnston

It begins early in life. We form opinions about those who appear different. Those opinions become stereotypes that are self-fulfilling prophecies.

Because we have prejudged, we see what we want to see and gather evidence to support that belief, while we ignore other facts to the contrary.

Ted Johnston pastors the Grand Junction and Craig, Colo., churches.

But so often what we dislike and fear about others is nothing more than an illusion.

In addressing the Israeli Knesset, Anwar Sadat, late president of Egypt, identified this aspect of prejudice: "There remains a wall. This wall constitutes a psychological barrier between us, a barrier of suspicion, a barrier of rejection, a barrier of fear, of deception, a barrier of hallucination without any action, deed or decision."

Prejudice: Seeing what you want to see—sometimes seeing what is not even there. It is a wall that separates people, families and whole nations.

God loves all. He gave his Son for all. And we are called to develop God's nature. Are we overcoming prejudice? If so, here is a plan of action to help.

Does the barrier of prejudice stand between you and a loving relationship with any person in God's Church?

Paul told Timothy to conduct himself "without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality" (1 Timothy 5:21, New King James). God calls on all of us to heed this command.

Prejudice means to prejudice or form an opinion before the facts are known. Paul shows that the cousin to prejudice is partiality—being biased either for or against others. Prejudice includes intolerance, bigotry and racism. It means being clannish and opinionated. God condemns these qualities because they separate people.

Perceived differences

Where does prejudice originate? Largely from *perceived* differences. We are prejudiced toward those who are different from us, whether racially, ethnically or economically.

We look down on those with a different educational level, occupation or social status. We prejudice people because of their sex, personality or even because of their past sins.

Prejudice looks down at others and says: "You're different. I'm uncomfortable being around you. I don't think I really like you, in fact, I don't want anything to do with you!"

But where do these attitudes come from? No matter how you dissect it, prejudice comes back to the heart of man.

Our carnal minds operate on the basis of selfishness. We think the world rotates around us and our

needs, our interests, our desires, our group and our race.

We relate to those who make us feel comfortable, and we fear and are prejudiced toward the rest. That's human nature.

This prejudice that lies deep in our nature is the opposite of God's nature: "For everyone who does right there will be glory, honour, and peace, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. God has no favorites" (Romans 2:10-11, Revised English Bible).

Strategies

● Go out of your way to get to know those who are different from you. Most prejudices are based on misinformation, ignorance and fear of the unknown. It is amazing how quickly prejudices melt away when we get to know people well.

Put this principle to work in your congregation. Get to know all your brethren as individuals and don't prejudge them because they happen to fall into some category that you don't like.

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.... Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality" (Romans 12:10, 13, New International Version).

Fellowship widely. Go out of your way to invite to your home people you don't know—who don't circulate in your group, who are different.

That might mean swallowing some pride, overcoming some fears and associating with people you might at first look down on.

"Live in agreement with one

another. Do not be proud, but be ready to mix with humble people. Do not keep thinking how wise you are" (Romans 12:16, REB).

Yes, pride is often at the heart of prejudice. We think our ways are best, our race or personality or life-style is best.

Pride and prejudice walk hand in hand and God says he hates a proud look (Proverbs 6:16-19). Appreciate and respect differences.

● Don't label others. God calls people of many cultures, races and backgrounds. Yet God intends that we become one—a united body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

But some destroy the unity God wants by labeling others. "They're weird" or "strange" or "different," they say. And they callously hang a label on others—a label that may never be lived down.

You've heard it said, "Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me." A cute rhyme, but it's a lie. Names (labels) do hurt; they hurt deeply and they divide people.

● Appreciate each person as a unique individual. Avoid lumping people into categories and groups. It takes effort not to, because it is so common in the world.

Surveys show, for example, that people in the business world are often evaluated on the basis of their physical stature. Tall people are perceived as smart; overweight people as lazy. But we all know many exceptions to these stereotypes. Each person is unique; learn to see them that way.

● Don't blame other people for your problems. Can you accept blame for your own shortcomings? Many people lay blame for problems somewhere else. Minority groups are convenient targets.

Take a good look at self. We need to correctly measure ourselves in comparison to others.

When we see ourselves, others don't look so bad in comparison.

That's humility. And even when others do have faults and weaknesses, Christ tells us to focus first on our own (Matthew 7:1-5).

● Consider each human as equal in potential before God.

All humans have an awesome purpose, even though many may not be living up to it yet.

Our differences are of no consequence compared to the potential we share. We are one in God's sight—one with all humanity: "And He has made from one blood every nation of men ... so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him" (Acts 17:26-27, New King James).

None of us can say we are better than someone else. We are brothers and sisters with God-given potential. This truth is a great equalizer, tearing down the petty differences that appear so important but in God's sight are so meaningless.

Looking down on others is the opposite of what Christ stands for. His example is to care for others, not despise them. "In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself" (Philippians 2:3).

● Love all others. There is one sure antidote to prejudice: brotherly love. "Let no offensive talk pass your lips, only what is good and helpful to the occasion, so that it brings a blessing to those who hear it. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, for that Spirit is the seal with which you were marked for the day of final liberation" (Ephesians 4:29, REB).

"Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind" (Philippians 2:1-2).

When we love others, when we esteem all as better than ourselves, prejudice simply disappears.

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"But these people had no God in them. There's a whole lot of headaches and misery, and people got hurt and died. And for what? I wish someone would preach a sermon on what happened. Because I would like to know."

This woman's pleas are similar to words in Romans 3:15-18: "Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes."

Speaking at commencement exercises at Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind., May 17, President George Bush called for Americans to equip their families with "a sound moral compass."

While the President did not elaborate, we know the Bible represents such a compass. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105).

But Western man and his churches have largely discarded this guide to human conduct.

As the April 22 issue of Britain's *Special Office Brief* reported: "Almost all the world over, people say they are concerned about crime, AIDS, drugs, family break-ups, sodomy, terrorism and cynicism.... What they cannot agree upon is the basis upon which conduct should be founded."

Letters to the Editor

The *Worldwide News* welcomes your comments. Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space.

MLK day can bring down walls ...

Your Feb. 17 "Personal" in the *WN* about Martin Luther King day is very good and heartrending. Just like the Berlin Wall, it is time for this wall to come down. Only the love of God can lead us to see and change such things. Thank you!

You are helping to build God's temple. One building fitly joined together (no walls dividing it—especially because of color or race).

And how can we as Christians fulfill Christ's command, "love your neighbor as yourself," if the wall of racism separates? Thanks again, Mr. Tkach.

Rose Lazaro
Eugene, Ore.

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... reflect God's love for humanity

I believe your decision to respect Martin Luther King day is excellent. As you explained, so much deep meaning is associated with this day.

I'm finding in my studies of the Bible the great, great number of times throughout the Bible that God lovingly pleads with man to respond to his ways that are so full of blessings. This shows me how deeply God loves man.

Douglas H. Fieldman
Duluth, Minn.

Blessings counted

I am overwhelmed at times with the power of our great God to bring his people through so much.

How the brethren in remote areas keep faithful in so many trials and hardships just to get to services, particularly during the Holy Days.

How so many of them do not have contact with a minister but maybe once or twice a year. What the ministers must do to reach their people. God forgive me when I complain!

"Into all the world..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

PT has taught thousands

One of the most important issues about this magazine, I would point out, is that it has taught thousands (if not millions) of people who have never read or even touched a Bible. I am one of them.

But since becoming a reader, I have had a strong tendency to open the Bible and do more research on what has been said in *The Plain Truth*.

J.T.G.

Birmingham, England

We have just kept the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread in peace. We are blessed with a minister living in our town. We can phone him anytime, go see him when needing anointing or counsel.

We can go to services every week, and all the Holy Days throughout the year, with very few miles involved.

God help us all grow in love for each other in our own church areas. And to the scattered brethren I say, "Hold fast! and To the Kingdom!"

Clyde W. Mottin Jr.
Grand Island, Neb.

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Members list

Thank you for the list of baptised

members around the world. However, we have had information of members being added on the islands of Yap, Reunion and the Azores. Why are these not included?

D.B.

Nottingham, England

Members living in the above-named places were included under other areas. Our source material, based on postal codes, puts members living on Yap under the United States, those on Reunion under France and those in the Azores under Portugal. Some other locations may not have been separately listed either.

Baptism booklet not watered down

Many thanks for the new baptism booklet. Its 11 pages say so much about the gospel message, with economy, careful choice of words, vital scriptures and gentle but pointed lead-in for heavier truths—yet it in no way weakens the message.

F.K.

Dunedin, New Zealand

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Seeing the Bible as a real book

Although I am a new subscriber, I have been a reader for almost four years. I used to read my fiancée's issues. She has been a subscriber for a long time.

I thank you for the service you offer and for dealing with topics which allow readers to understand and draw near the Bible, helping us realize it is real. Now I see things in a different perspective, thanks to God's word, the Bible.

A.G.

Gallico, Italy

P.E.

Bahrain, Arabian Gulf

Building on a foundation that can never crack

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what we are willing to sacrifice in the pursuit of those visions.

"If you give all you can, then you won't be disappointed in what God gives you," he said. "We cannot receive answers to questions such as what should we do? What will happen to us next? and Will we be happy?"

Mr. Epps concluded: "Being in control means much more than just sitting back and waiting to see what will happen next.

"We can be in control by first determining we'll sacrifice whatever it takes to be successful."

'Today should not be uncertain'

The Ambassador Chorale, directed by Roger C. Bryant, followed with "I'll Walk With God," before Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach addressed the graduates.

Mr. Tkach followed the graduation week theme, "Confirming the Visions," in his commencement address. He reminded the audience that mankind faces an uncertain future.

"Every human being on the face of the earth faces an uncertain future. Yet, for those who have been enlightened, who understand the plan of God that he placed in motion to fulfill the destiny of all mankind, today



LINED WITH SMILES—From left, Zephani Santibanez, Carolyn Macaraeg and Mary Ann Baylosis celebrate the day with sophomore graduates Kathleen Melendez and Michael Delote. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

should not be uncertain," Mr. Tkach said.

"Here at Ambassador College we build on a foundation that can never be cracked or moved. For nearly half a century Ambassador students have learned that there is one source that never fades, one source that has all the power.

"This source—the light of God—illuminates where others are dark. And it (that light of God) never fails."

(The text of Mr. Tkach's commencement address appears in this "Personal," page 1.)

After the awards presentation (see box), Michael Germano, dean of academic affairs, presented the graduates to Mr. Tkach and Dr. Ward for the conferring of degrees.

Graduates receiving associate's degrees followed those receiving bachelor's degrees.

After the recessional, students and the audience gathered on the plaza lawn south of the College Administration Building for a reception.

Mr. Tkach offered the 1992 graduates a toast as about 5,000 gold, white and purple helium balloons were released.

"As you leave here today to take your places in the world, you are no longer students of Ambassador College, but graduates of Ambassador College," he said. "You are now the illustrious alumni of this institution."

Mr. Tkach continued: "As the apostle Paul wrote in II Corinthians 3:2, 'You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men.' May God bless you in the years ahead. Hear, hear, to all the graduates!"

Not easy to say good-bye

The usual emotions mixed in

with the hugs and handshakes. "It's not going to be easy saying good-bye to everybody," said Kimberly Clark, a senior from North Carolina.

"When you live with so many people in the dorm and you are with them every day, you really get to know one another. My friends here are more than just friends, they're like family."

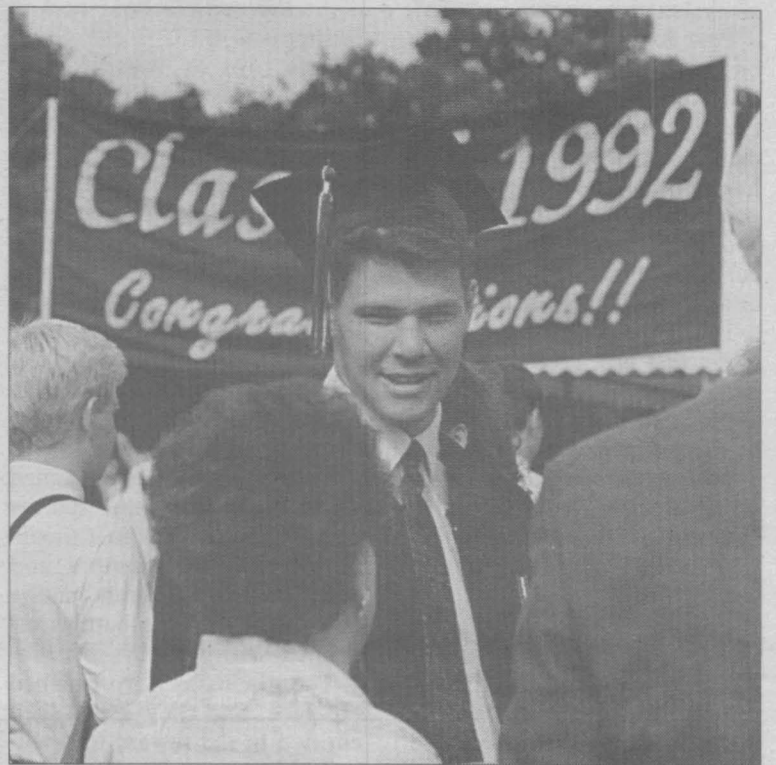
Ben Szymkowiak, a senior from Ohio, said Ambassador College helped him learn how to better interact with people.

"I learned to accept others for who they are and deal with them in a close relationship as a roommate, friend or study partner," he said.

"Sometimes you get upset with each other, but you have to deal with it. You just can't walk away from the situation like you could with something else. You may not become best friends, but you still have to learn to work with each other."

Added Susan Thomas, a senior from Alabama: "You get to know people from so many different parts of the world. Each culture has a unique perspective to offer. I've become friends with people from a lot of different countries."

Some students are headed for graduate school, while others have accepted positions with the Church. Most are returning home to find jobs.



CAPPING OFF—Senior David Capo makes final exchanges with a well-wisher after commencement exercises in Texas, where 206 seniors received bachelor's degrees. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

Rod McNair, a senior from Arizona, will be going to Thailand to be an assistant to the director of the Ambassador Foundation project there.

"I worked on the Thailand project from 1990 to 1991 as a student and I really liked it there," Mr. McNair said.

"The overseas project helped me focus more on others rather than on myself. It helped me learn to approach life from a more outward perspective and to be more receptive to the needs of others.

"I really appreciate having the chance to continue on with the project," he added.

Maudi Zorn, a senior from Washington, will be returning to her hometown to work for Marriott Educational Services in Seattle.

"I will be running their faculty dining at Seattle University and be doing the same type of work I've been doing the past three years at Ambassador," she said.

"On my job interview I talked about setting up for speech banquets, Women's Clubs and all the different activities we have here, and Marriott was really impressed.

"They liked the fact that AC

teaches us to be service-oriented and our education here is more than just classroom work," she said.

Education will benefit others

Patrick Bloise, a senior from New York, will become a full-time employee of the Church's Italian and French Department, where he worked as a student. He said the main reason he came to Ambassador was because he wanted to help the people in Italy.

"When I was in my home church area back in Brooklyn, I learned about the Work in Italy and I wanted to help," Mr. Bloise said. "My family emigrated from Italy and I really love the Italian people."

"I talked to Mr. Carn Catherwood (Italian and French regional director) and he said before I could work in the Italian Department, I had to come to Ambassador College.

"I'm really happy I did. I wouldn't have wanted to go to any other college in the world."

Now, with the ceremonies fulfilled, we wish the graduates success with their own plans, preparation, prayers and work for their future.

Honors

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach presented awards in the following categories:

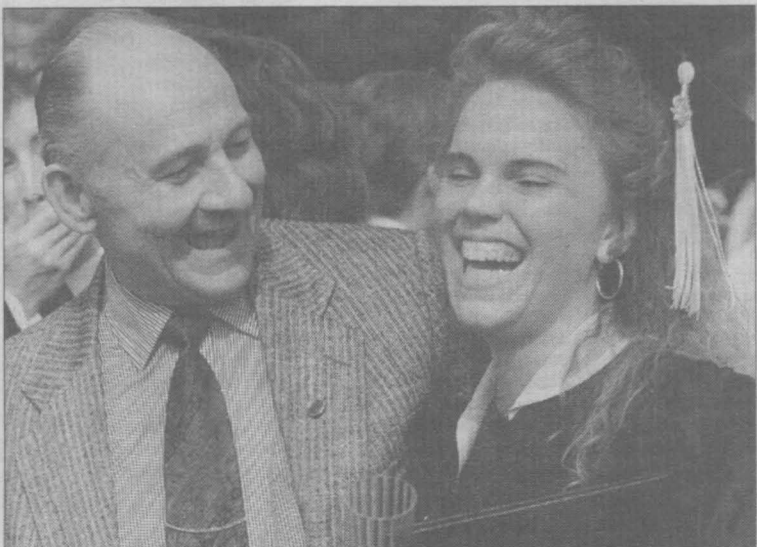
Business Administration: Fiona Dougall, Scott McKeon and Tyson Wood; **Leon Ettinger Music:** Lorelle Demont and Curtis Bush; **Sportsmanship:** Susan Thomas and S. Michael Smith; **Watson Wise Incentive:** Fiona Dougall and Gary Staszak.

Herbert W. Armstrong Achievement: seniors Susan Antion, Kevin Epps, Paul David Kurts and Angela Quesinberry.

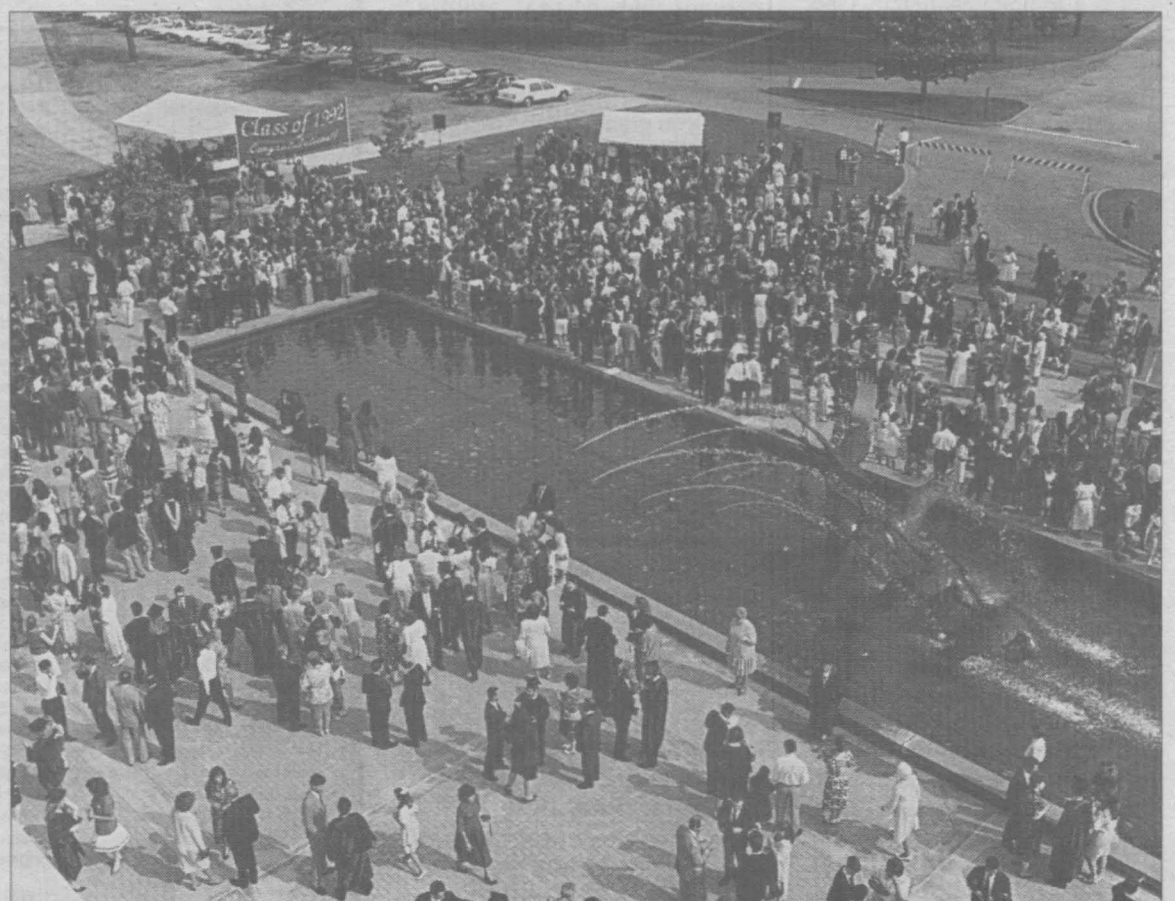
Shari Lee Seltzer: Lee-Ann Heim and Joel Nickelsen, in recognition of exemplary character, persevering attitude and a love of recapturing true values.

Russel Shiver: Jade Witte, given annually to a student displaying an unselfish attitude of Christian service.

Academic Excellence: seniors Susan Antion, Lisa Kissel and Tyson Wood; sophomores Sheleen Daly, Brian Krueger and Vincenzo Scannapieco.



SOMETHING HE SAID?—Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse shares a jubilant moment with graduating senior Rhonda Dickey. [Photo by Barry Stahl]



HIGH CLASS—The festive spirit of alumni, family and friends flows around the swan fountain after graduation ceremonies in Big Sandy. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

PERSONAL

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angles of Newton's world; it generated great unease.

Paul Johnson writes: "At the beginning of the 1920s the belief began to circulate for the first time at a popular level that there were no longer any absolutes of time and of space, of good and evil, of knowledge—above all, values. Mistakenly, but perhaps inevitably, relativity became confused with relativism."

Einstein was profoundly distressed that his theory was being applied in such a fashion in philosophical and moral circles.

Johnson points out that Einstein did acknowledge God. "He believed passionately in absolute standards of right and wrong."

Today I submit to you that the idea that morals can shift, that our behavior is only relative to the situation, is an idea that has directly produced much of the chaos and upheaval that we have experienced in this century.

If there is one thought or point that the faculty and administrators stress here at Amba-

sador, leave these premises with a can-do attitude. Not a defeatist, negative spirit, but a can-do attitude!

As the apostle Paul said in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things [not by myself, but] through Christ, who strengthens me."

And it's that same Christ that strengthened the apostle Paul, who will walk where you walk, who will fill you with the strength, with the courage, to be able to face the challenges in life, to be with you during troublesome years, years of trial that will test your mettle to determine indeed whether you are what you claim to be.

The young men and women who sit here today have run the course. And that's why it should be an exciting moment and experience for the parents sitting here today, popping buttons off their chests.

The graduates have finished the race, and they are indeed entitled to the reward that will be handed out today. What they have accomplished is much more than merely receiving a diploma or a certificate.

They have completed the ini-

tial process of becoming educated people, armed and equipped to face the challenges of life.

Why is this so important? As I reflected earlier in my remarks, we live in an uncertain age. And the more you are equipped to face those challenges of life, the better you will be prepared to be successful.

If we, in 1988, knew what life for some of us would be like in 1992, we would've been amazed. Now we must ask the question: What will life be like in 1996? Will I even be here in 1996? I know I just look like a teenager, but I hope I will be here. What about the year 2000?

The answer is that these soon-to-be graduates sitting here today will have a say in what life will be like over the next few years, the next decade and perhaps into the next century. We expect you students to be the movers and the shakers of future years. So I want to challenge you graduates today.

The historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. warns all of us: "Humanity has never needed great leadership more urgently than it does now in the nuclear age, for the infinitely powerful engines which humans have recently invented are moving beyond their strength and wisdom to control. And leadership has never more urgently needed the collaboration and criticism of an ardent and informed people"—which role you graduates of '92 will help fill.

I would like to emphasize that humanity urgently needs informed and educated people who know and apply true and eternal values, being part of the solutions and fashioning resolutions to conflict and strife. We need moral leaders.

As I look out over the 300-plus graduates, I say here are the ambassadors for God. That is the thought going through my mind. "We need moral leaders."

one that less-educated minds turn to, will look to for direction or for assistance. They'll be turning to each of you individually as one who is fit to lead, who is qualified.

Ambassador graduates, you have received such an education—there is no doubt in my mind—with the qualified staff and faculty that we have here before us, you have received such an education.

You have everything you need to be successful. Now you must choose. We as administra-

tors believe you have already made one of the right choices by coming to Ambassador College, and now what remains to be done is to put what you have learned into action. Don't let the grass grow under your feet.

Graduates, take this vision that has been confirmed here for you—by sharing it, giving it, helping and serving others, and show this world what it really means to be an ambassador. Continue to grow and you will indeed be one of the truly "greats."

Ambassador College Class of 1992

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We expect you students to be the movers and the shakers of future years. So I want to challenge you graduates today.

sador over everything else, it is that there are absolutes. These are truths that are eternal. Therefore, we build on solid ground—the Rock, Jesus the Christ. Is this a dangerous concept?

If you were accused of being a Christian, would accusers be able to convict you? I certainly hope they would—that all the evidence would be in favor of the fact that you are indeed a Christian. This has happened in the past.

At Ambassador our collegiate motto is not an empty platitude. We teach our students to "Recapture True Values." Recapturing true values is not easy or an effortless task. It requires hard thought. It requires testing—just as all of you experienced here at Ambassador College.

It is a lifelong challenge. God himself in his word challenges the believer. He says, "Prove me now herewith."

Ambassador students must confront their innermost selves to see whether their beliefs and their values are indeed solid or whether they are found wanting or lacking in any way.

Today we are here as part of a victory celebration. And that is why I say this is a time for great joy and excitement—next to marriage and baptism, one of the most exciting experiences that you will ever go through.

We are here to recognize the long hours of study and the countless pages of notes, hard questions, difficult exams. Oftentimes students wonder, Is this necessary?

But we are here first and foremost to honor those who have fulfilled that vision that began with two individuals and a small handful of supporters—the vision of the pioneers of this institution, and the vision of the potential that now lies ahead for every one of the graduates of Ambassador College, who, we

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

UPDATE

Mr. Tkach meets Reagan and Gorbachev

VAN NUYS, Calif.—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and evangelist David Hulme were among 200 guests at a May 4 luncheon with past presidents Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Center for Public Affairs.

Mr. Tkach met both former presidents and exchanged comments in Russian for a few moments with Mr. Gorbachev.

Foundation host to Gen. Chuck Yeager

A Pasadena Boy Scout council honored Air Force Gen. Chuck Yeager May 8 for his commitment to serving young people through the Scout organization.

The award was made during a luncheon in the executive dining room in the Employee Center.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach attended the event. Guests included Charles Wick, a former member of the Reagan administration; Reg Holloway, British consul general; and Vern Orr, former secretary of the U.S. Air Force.

Personnel changes at Ambassador College

BIG SANDY—Gary Richards was named dean of students at Ambassador College. He will also assist Dick Thompson, dean of student affairs.

Mr. Richards, former associate dean of students in Pasadena, served as an associate pastor in the Pasadena West A.M. congregation while finishing his master's degree with an emphasis in college student affairs from Azusa Pacific University.

Gary Antion, former dean of students, will direct a new Counseling Services Department. Bryan Hoyt and Ed Mauzey, both of whom have master's degrees in counseling, will assist Mr. Antion in forming this new department.

Randy Duke, former associate dean of students, will no longer be in the employ of the College. Mr. Duke will go to Missouri to pursue full-time graduate education in music.

Roger Widmer will transfer from Student Housing to direct the Financial Aid area. He will replace Byron Griffin, who is pursuing a master's degree in mathematics.

Youths can sharpen basketball skills at Ambassador camp

BIG SANDY—The Ambassador Royals basketball camp will take place July 26 to Aug. 2. Tuition will be \$195 and include housing, food and travel to and from the Dallas-Fort Worth, Tyler or Longview, Tex., airports.

This camp will be for intermediate to advanced YOU basketball players to sharpen their skills and gain additional experience.

The camp will be conducted by the College coaching staff, assisted by players from the men's and women's teams.

The camp will provide in-depth basketball instruction based on Christian principles.

Campers will be housed in College student residences. They can tour the campus and meet faculty and staff members. Space will be limited, so apply early.

Boston singles hosts for time machine weekend in July

BOSTON, Mass.—Singles here invite other singles to a holiday weekend July 4 and 5.

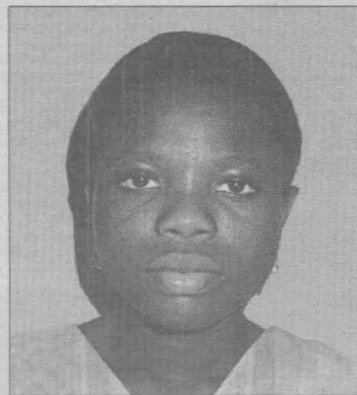
The theme for the weekend is The Time Machine. Activities will include a Sabbath brunch, Bible study, Sabbath services, dinner dance, a volleyball tournament, pool party and tours of Boston's historical district and Newport, R.I.

Cost for the Sabbath brunch and dinner dance is \$39 for each person. For further information about activities or hotels, call John Farley at 1-617-497-4291 or Audrey Monsalvo at 1-508-744-4570.

Ghanaian youth wins prize in nationwide essay contest

ACCRA, Ghana—High school student Susan Deku won sixth prize in the 1992 national essay competition organized by the Ghana National Commission on Children.

Susan wrote on the topic, "Giving Children a Future: What Should Adults Do?" Her prize was a book award, which she



SUSAN DEKU

received at a Heroes Day ceremony March 5 marking the 35th anniversary of Ghana's independence.

Susan attends the Accra church with her parents, Winfred and Elizabeth Deku, two sisters and a brother.

Member in Phoenix named city's Most Outstanding Employee of 1991

PHOENIX, Ariz.—The City of Phoenix presented member Bob Gladding with its Most Outstanding Employee of 1991 award.

Mr. Gladding is a production supervisor in the Technical Department of the Phoenix Civic Plaza.

The award is presented to employees who excel in job performance, show exceptional service skills and set an overall example as a city employee.

Mr. Gladding attends the Phoenix North congregation.

Feast Update

The Rättvik, Sweden, site on Lake Siljan, three hours northwest of Stockholm, has room for another 40 people.

Prices for chalets range from 250 Swedish krona (\$42) a night for two people to 417 krona (\$70) a night for a six-person chalet. Prices at the Scandic Hotel are about 373 krona (\$63) a night per person for dinner, bed and breakfast.

Feastgoers eat meals together in the typical family tradition that has become characteristic of the Scandinavian Feast sites.

The address and phone number for Thomas Hammett, special music coordinator for Jekyll Island, Ga., were listed incorrectly in the Festival Housing Guide. Dr. Hammett's correct zip code is 37415. His correct phone number is 1-615-877-7270.

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

"That He would gather together in one the children of God who were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

BURLEIGH HEADS, Qld.—Rod Matthews, regional director for Australia, Asia, New Zealand and the South Pacific, spent the first day of Unleavened Bread with brethren in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

"I had never before visited the Solomons and much enjoyed the

ership code of ethics.

"The trip was an experience!" Mr. Matthews said. "Two hours in an open canoe—one hour in the open sea and the other negotiating coral reefs as we passed around the northern end of Gizo to head west to Ranongga."

The weather was heavily overcast with dark near-purple clouds and some showers. The 10 miles of sea between the islands swelled heavily.

"We got thoroughly soaked with the spray as the boat, about 20 feet long and three feet wide, plowed diagonally across the swells, rising and falling in the choppy sea.

"After getting used to the movement of the canoe, the experience was one I enjoyed immensely."

On Ranongga, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Hunting stayed in the home of Timothy Nake, the leader of a village called Qiloe.

"We were welcomed warmly and the following morning at a luncheon banquet were joined by dozens of children and family



STILL SEAWORTHY—Solomon Islanders unload the canoe that brought Rod Matthews, Chris Hunting and Moses Pitikaka through 10 miles of heavy seas to Ranongga.

four days there, together with Chris Hunting, who pastors that area from Ipswich, Qld.," said Mr. Matthews.

Mr. Hunting conducted the Passover for 13 members who live near Honiara on the island of Guadalcanal. On the first Holy Day 55 brethren met for two services.

Sunday, April 19, Mr. Matthews and Mr. Hunting took a Solomon Airways Twin Otter aircraft to the island of Gizo in the Western Province.

"From there we continued that same afternoon by motorized canoe to the neighboring island of Ranongga, where we have six members and their families," Mr. Matthews related.

They were accompanied by Moses Pitikaka, a member in Honiara who speaks the dialect of the island of Ranongga.

Mr. Pitikaka is also chairman of the government committee responsible for establishing a lead-



FAMILY SETTING—Chris Hunting speaks on Ranongga, home to six members and their families. Now 22 members live in the Solomons.

members while we enjoyed the local dishes," Mr. Matthews recounted.

"We were entertained with singing and dancing, including accompaniment on a bamboo drum set, an instrument of hollowed out bamboo trunks cut to differing lengths, lashed together and played with a paddle by beating them over the open end.

"The instrument was devised by Mr. Nake and has become a feature of musical life on Ranongga," said the regional director.

Later Mr. Matthews and Mr. Hunting baptized Ellen Lelo Nake, Mr. Nake's wife, in the tropical sea.

During the baptism a school of dolphins leapt from the water about 100 meters away, as if joining in the rejoicing, said Mr. Matthews. "It was an experience to be etched in the memory forever."

The Solomon Islands now has 22 members and nine prospective members. The Feast of Taberna-

cles will be conducted in Honiara again this year, with David Austin, pastor of the Bundaberg and Kilivan, Qld., churches, and his wife, Karen, coordinating the event.

"Since the brethren there normally only see a minister twice a year, it is a time much to be anticipated," Mr. Matthews said.

He added that Unleavened Bread services also took place in Myanmar (formerly Burma), "but it takes some weeks for the mail to reach us from minister Saw Lay Beh with the report of events there."



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HAPPY MEMORIES—During Ellen Nake's baptism off Ranongga a school of dolphins leapt out of the water "as if joining in the rejoicing—an experience to be etched in the memory forever," said Rod Matthews. From left: Timothy Nake, Moses Pitikaka, Mrs. Nake and Chris Hunting.