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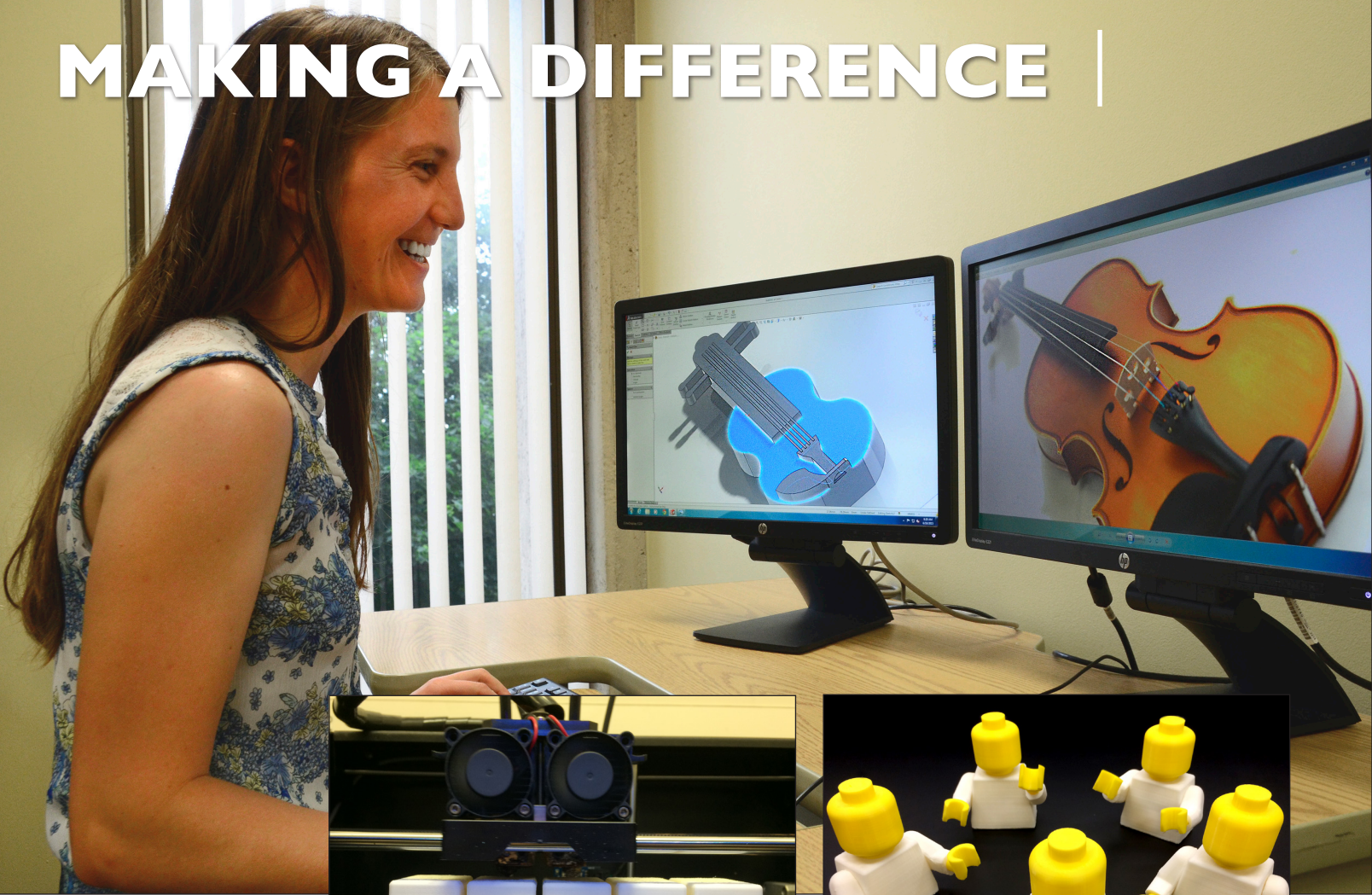
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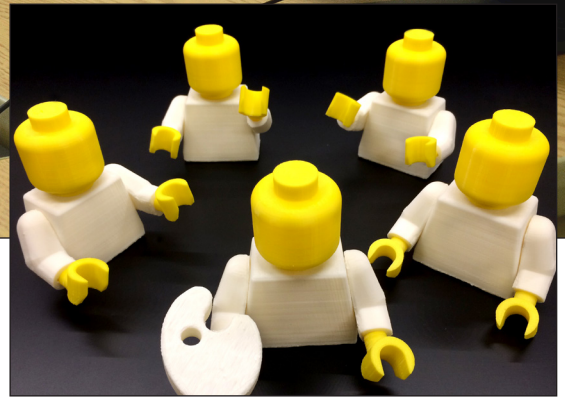
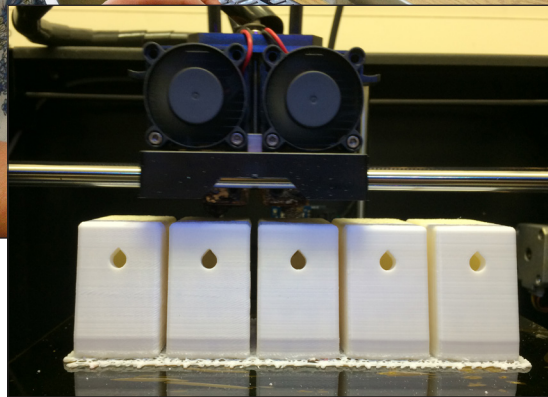
## Still smiling at 125

The campus may look a little different after 125 years, but the Union spirit is as recognizable as ever.

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE |



*Alina Matheson, who graduated in May 2016, created computer models of a variety of giant Lego-like accessories. After the models were printed, she and several other students painted them for display in Union's "Build Your Future" display at the 2015 General Conference Session.*

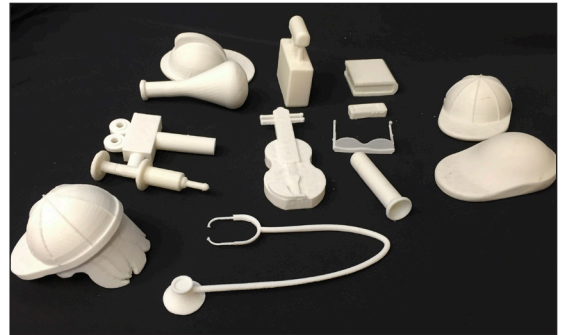


## 3D printing a Lego® world

When Union College decided to help attendees "build their future" using Lego® bricks in the Union booth at the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, the engineering department offered the use of a 3-D printer to create 6 1/2" tall Lego®-like figures representing the many career choices for Union graduates.

In a joint effort, Steve Nazario, director of visual communication, and several graphic design students designed the figures and created computer models of the accessories for the 3D printer.

Projects like this are only possible thanks to your gifts to the Union College Fund, which allow Union to purchase technology such as 3D printers and modeling software so students can develop the skills to be successful in today's high-tech workplace.



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## ABOUT THE COVER

We are celebrating Union's 125th birthday with a look back at Union through the years. We don't know the story behind this photo, but it was taken in front of South Hall (women's residence at that time) likely sometime near the turn of the 20th century.

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## How did I get here? I followed my wife. And God.

THAT CAN BE AN ADVENTURE.

Dr. Seth McNeill joined the Union College faculty in 2015 to teach engineering and computer science.

**F**all 2012—I found myself transitioning from self-employment to a postdoctoral research position at the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Gainesville, Fla., as my wife, Corraine, finished her doctoral studies at the University of Florida.

Corraine knew she wanted to teach. Even at four years old, she practiced teaching her stuffed animals, and now she hoped to impart her love of biology to students at a small liberal arts college. One Friday evening as I perused some Adventist magazines, I noticed an ad for a biology teaching position at Union College. She turned in her application by Sunday night, had a video interview within a couple days, and an offer by the time we landed in Gainesville from an on-site interview. That is the whirlwind that brought me to Lincoln, Neb.

When we arrived in Nebraska for the on-site interview, Keith Riese, Union's engineering professor, picked us up at the Omaha airport—some 60 miles from campus. On the drive to Lincoln, he discovered I had a Ph.D. in electrical engineering. I could see the wheels turning in

his head as he discussed who might teach engineering at Union when he retired.

This topic came up again the next day at a potluck lunch, but I assured the questioners that we were in town for Corraine's interview, not mine. I had also pursued a Ph.D. so I could eventually teach engineering at an Adventist school—but not yet. Keith assured me he planned to stick around another three or four years, which fit my plans well since I had lined up an interesting postdoctoral research position studying drone technology at the University of Nebraska.

We were only a few months into our new jobs that school year when Keith announced his plans to retire at the end of the school year. He decided to retire earlier than planned so his successor could set up the lab and classrooms as they saw fit in the new Krueger Center.

This job was last open 33 years ago, so I felt I had to apply. And that is how I came to teach engineering and computer science at Union. As I have gotten to know other college employees, I have heard many similar stories of unusual—and even miraculous paths leading to Union.

Teaching at Union has been a pleasure. My students have worked on many different projects including printing 3D clock towers, animating plastic figures, mass manufacturing paper airplanes, designing new IT systems for Union, and programming autonomous quadcopters that react to QR codes they read. I find that I get to know my students better than I did at my previous teaching positions. The nature of our school allows me to spend more time with students, and I see many of them in multiple classes across multiple years, too.

I also enjoy getting to know them outside the classroom, either around campus or at church. I enjoy watching them mature and then leave college to be profitable members of society.

Four years ago I would not have predicted I would be teaching at Union College, but I have no doubt Union is where God wants us to be. **A**

## Alumnus gift creates cash award for top investment student

Like most college students, Jesse Dovich '99 lived on a tight budget while studying at Union. When he discovered a passion for investing while taking Kent Stahly's investments class, Dovich didn't have the funds to put his newfound knowledge to work right away.

Hoping to encourage a new generation of students to become passionate about investing, Drs. Jesse and Mila Dovich have created the Kent Stahly Excellence in Finance Award, a \$1,000 cash prize to be used to start or expand the winner's investment portfolio in stocks, bonds, or other investments.

Joseph Murray, a junior business major with an emphasis in finance and management, won the inaugural award by earning the top grade in Stahly's investments class in 2016.



*Joseph Murray won the first Kent Stahly Excellence in Finance Award—a \$1,000 prize for the top grade in Stahly's class.*

In his award application, Murray said his investment philosophies are to invest in large and financially stable companies, diversify his investment portfolio, and hold steady to his investments for the long haul. With the prize money, he plans to buy shares of Johnson and Johnson, AT&T, and Walmart, primarily because they are established, have decent dividends, and have historically done well in long-term investments.

"This award created excitement and drove students to do their best," said Barry Forbes, chair of the Division of Business and Computer Science. "We hope this Excellence in Finance award will build interest in taking the investments class in the future."

*Read more at [ucollege.edu/stories2016/investments](http://ucollege.edu/stories2016/investments)*

It's Union's birthday!

Join us for a 125th birthday celebration during Parents Weekend on Friday, September 30, 2016.

Learn more at [www.ucollege.edu/celebrate125](http://www.ucollege.edu/celebrate125)

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## Bedbug color preferences become international news story

When biology professor Corraine McNeill's doctoral research on bedbugs was printed in the *Journal of Medical Entomology*, the news travelled around the world—literally.

Corraine McNeill's doctoral research had come to a dead stop. She loved studying insects and their medical significance at the University of Florida, but the chemicals she tested on pepper weevils made her so sick she couldn't continue.

Then God led her to bedbugs in the Urban Entomology department. Far away from chemicals, her research team investigated what colors attract the tiny, bloodsucking pests.

It turns out bedbugs favor red and black. "I always joke that people should only use green and yellow sheets, but that would be stretching the research a little too far," said McNeill, who now teaches biology at Union College. "We are looking at ways to enhance bedbug traps by using a specific color that is attractive to the bug in combination with other things such as pheromones or carbon dioxide to potentially increase the number of bedbugs in a trap."

When her research was published in an April 2016 issue of the *Journal of Medical Entomology*, the story was picked up by news outlets around the world. She and her team did interviews with CNN, Newsweek, CBC, The Times (London) and many more.

"God will put you in the most unexpected places and you will find it's where you were meant to be," McNeill said, happy to now be sharing her love of bugs with Union College students.

Read more at [ucollege.edu/stories2016/bedbugs](http://ucollege.edu/stories2016/bedbugs)

## PR class works strengthens local nonprofits

Pat Maxwell believes a skill is best learned by doing. So when the new communication professor arrived at Union last fall, she decided to give her fall PR principles class a dose of the real world.

She divided her 10 students into three groups that each completed a public relations project for a local nonprofit organization. According to Maxwell, this is a win-win scenario. "Nonprofits generally do not have the resources to accomplish all they want and need to do," Maxwell said. "Working with these organizations can be very rewarding."

The teams worked with three agencies, Constru Casa, a nonprofit that builds homes for impoverished families in Guatemala; the Lincoln Interfaith Peacemaking Coalition; and Domesti-PUPS, a nonprofit that organizes community services with service and therapy dogs.

The class managed social media campaigns and wrote stories for placement in local publications. "Our committee would not have been able to reach any of the organizations and younger generations without [the student] Facebook and website designers," said Martha Gadbury, a member of the Lincoln Peacemaking Coalition. "The analytics were invaluable. Their need for information forced us to focus on our message and project. They taught us valuable lessons on the use of a variety of technologies in promoting our project."

Read more at [ucollege.edu/stories2016/PRPrinciples](http://ucollege.edu/stories2016/PRPrinciples)



New communication professor Pat Maxwell gave her PR principles students a real assignment: build a communication plan for a real organization with real needs.



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## Nursing grads post perfect first-time pass rate on licensure exam

When all of Union College's 2015 graduates passed the NCLEX-RN® national nursing licensure exam on their first attempt, graduate Amber Alas knew it wasn't a fluke.

"I knew the material. I remembered learning it in class," she said. "I talked to friends from other schools, and they told me they hadn't seen half the stuff on the test."

Nationally, only about 85 percent of nursing graduates pass the NCLEX-RN®—an exam all nurses must pass to receive a license to practice—on their first attempt. Union's first-time pass rate for 2015 is the best in the state of Nebraska.

"This achievement demonstrates the hard work of our students as well as the high quality professors who teach in the Union College nursing program," said Nicole Orian, chair of the Division of Nursing. "The NCLEX-RN® is a challenging exam and we are very proud of all our students."

Although she struggled with her studies at times, Alas found the academic support she needed at Union to succeed. Now she is set to start her dream job in the neonatal intensive care unit at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital.

For Alas, a first generation college graduate, the small classes and personal attention from the instructors made all the difference. "I didn't realize how important my professors would be until I was in the program," she said. "They really care about you as a person. That makes a difference, because when you're struggling, they will encourage you, help you and pray with you. I don't think I would have been able to graduate if I didn't have their support."

*Read more at [ucollege.edu/NCLEXScores2015](http://ucollege.edu/NCLEXScores2015)*

## Union honors People's City Mission with Community Partnership Award

For some, Lincoln's People's City Mission is a place of hope when they have nowhere else to turn. For others, the Mission is a place that brings out the best in people. For Union College students, the Mission is a place to serve, to share Christ, gain medical experience and learn to lead.

In January Union College presented the Community Partnership Award to the mission that serves Lincoln's homeless. "The Community Partnership Award was created to demonstrate how much Union College appreciates organizations

and businesses in the Lincoln community that have consistently shown their dedication to helping provide the best possible education for our students," said Scot Coppock, Union's director of leadership giving and coordinator of the event. "People's City Mission has proven their commitment by providing Union's nursing and PA students an opportunity for clinical rotations, mentoring our social work students, and allowing our students to serve at the Mission and coordinate Bible studies and prayer meetings."

Elizabeth McDonald, a sophomore theology major at Union, organizes bimonthly Friday ministry trips to People's City Mission. "When we go to the Mission we work in the kitchen serving food. The head cooks are Randy and Mike. They cook up great meals for the community and we get to serve them and help out."

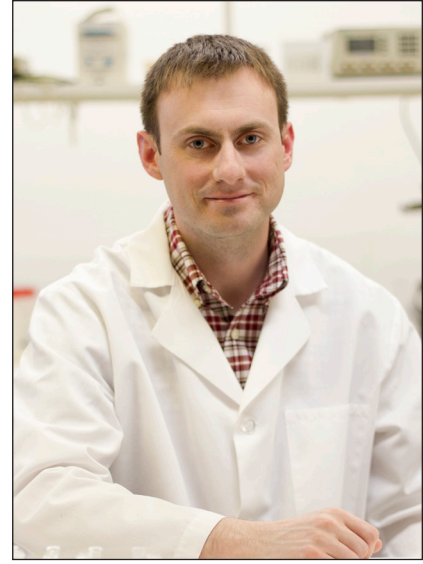
There are only seven spots available each trip, and McDonald says that sometimes they have to turn students away. "Students love going to People's City Mission," she said. "It's a place of peace for so many. Their ministry is so powerful."

*Read more at [ucollege.edu/stories2016/CommunityPartnership](http://ucollege.edu/stories2016/CommunityPartnership)*

## TRANSITION

by Pablo Colindres '15

This summer Union's administration received a moderate makeover as one third of the vice presidential team retired and were replaced by internal candidates who are already infused with a healthy dose of the Union spirit.



**Dr. Frankie Rose, incoming vice president for Academic Administration**

### Kim Canine, incoming vice-president for Student Services

I met Kim Canine in line at the Mill one muggy afternoon. Her hand outstretched in greeting almost immediately. Her disarming smile instantly made me comfortable, a quality that has obviously helped her in the eleven months she has been at Union.

Canine arrived at Union in July 2015 to serve in the newly-created position as associate dean of students. She helped manage student government, student life activities, campus clubs and launched Squirrel Hub, a internal communication platform designed to more effectively connect

Union students and employees.

While she rapidly felt the Union spirit upon arrival, Canine can't point to a single outstanding experience to sum it up. She recalled a student who didn't correct her for calling her the wrong name all year, the 20 people who helped unload their moving truck on Father's Day, and students' concern about potential backlash from disciplinary decisions as a few examples of the people who make Union special.

After a career's worth of experience in student services on both college and academy levels, the La Sierra graduate credits mentors at Union and in previous jobs for helping her grow as a leader. Now in her new role, Canine hopes to pass that blessing on to others.

As vice president she will oversee all aspects of student life at Union—including residence halls, athletics and student government. When asked about her vision, Canine produced a pile of papers outlining plans for the future, including an organizational chart and a communications plan. "I'm super excited about what's going to happen," she said, smiling. "We have an amazing foundation built by Dr. Linda Becker's 15 years of leadership, and we will continue to build on that foundation."

Read more at [www.ucollege.edu/stories2016/Canine](http://www.ucollege.edu/stories2016/Canine)

As I waited to begin our interview, I witnessed classic Dr. Frankie Rose. In the ten minutes it took for him to get from the door to my table at the Mill, he didn't even make it to the counter to order because current and former students stopped him to chat.

Quiet, but teeming with ideas and always open to discussion, Rose became a popular professor during the past six years teaching biology and advising future medical students.

When he returned to his alma mater after completing a doctorate in genetics, he never expected to become an administrator. But, after becoming Faculty Senate president, the faculty representative on President's Council, he met with the president and vice presidents and learned the decision-making process. Since, he has enjoyed the challenge of solving problems and finding ways to improve the college.

As a Union student, Rose felt he received an outstanding educational experience that prepared him to be successful, and he wants to share that same experience with as many students as possible. He particularly remembers the impact of the late Charles Freidline's constant interest in his students and the late David Show's mentoring.

"Dr. Show would not tolerate bad reasoning, and he sharpened and transformed me and my mental habits," he said. "I couldn't assume a vice presidential role at the age of 37 if it hadn't been for the experiences in and outside the classroom."

Union's reputation has been built primarily around a friendly atmosphere and a spirit of service, but Rose sees no reason academics should not be on that list. "My predecessor Malcolm Russell has grown Union's academic reputation," he said looking forward. "In the future, I hope Union's academic reputation can be on par with the friendliness the Union Spirit embodies."

Read more at [www.ucollege.edu/stories2016/rose](http://www.ucollege.edu/stories2016/rose)



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## Dr. Linda Becker, retiring vice president for Student Services

When Dr. Linda Becker became vice president 15 years ago, she knew the job would be difficult. But it wasn't the tough decisions that caught her off guard.

"I didn't realize I would receive so much fulfillment," she told me. "This job has given me so many wonderful moments I wasn't expecting."

Rather than disclosing specific stories, Becker used "my students" more often, revealing a pride in the young people with whom she has worked.

"When a student makes a change in their behavior for the better, it is very rewarding," Becker continued. I ask her what impact she believes she's made at Union. "I don't know that I have had any impact," she answered. "God has all the impact."

Her philosophy stems from a desire to "see people as God sees them," always giving respect and encouragement. "Some of the students who grew the most while at Union have become some of my dearest friends."

Becker launched and led Union's leadership minor program in addition to her vice presidential duties. The program uses a variety of classroom and practical courses and activities to help students strengthen leadership skills—including summer trips to different parts of the country.

"Everywhere I go I hear good things about my students, and that's what the Union spirit is all about," she said. Event venue hosts commenting on the politeness of students or tour guides who declare "this group is the best group I've taken on a tour" are familiar stories to her.

For Becker, retirement will mean continuing to direct

Union's leadership program, running a half-marathon and writing a series of children's stories called "Grandma Sally's Stories," in addition to spending time with grandchildren.

"I hope Union is and will be a place where students can make a mistake, but it isn't final," she said. "It is only the beginning—an opportunity to grow."



## Dr. Malcolm Russell, retiring vice president for Academic Administration

When considering the job offer as vice president at Union 13 years ago, Russell hoped to work with a group of vibrant Christians. And he realized that opportunity at Union

"from discussions with faculty to friendly students—even a student cashier who offered to pay for my lunch when I had forgotten my ID."

During his tenure at Union, Russell tirelessly sought to improve academic standards. He is most proud of hiring outstanding faculty—now more than 50 percent have terminal degrees—and watching graduates succeed in jobs and post-graduate programs.

He continually demonstrated his ability to see values in the ideas of others, and his leadership facilitated the launch of several new programs at Union—including the popular international rescue and relief program with Dr. Michael Duehrssen, the biomedical science program with Dr. Frankie Rose and the international relations program with Christopher Banks.

For me, it's Dr. Russell's diplomatic savvy that is most memorable. "It's hard to engage in a bitter disagreement with someone whom you jointly approached at the throne of God," he said.

When looking at his career in retrospect, he still leans on all that surrounded him. "The average lifespan of a chief academic officer today is approximately five years," he said. "To enjoy 13 years says something exceptional about the faculty and students at Union."



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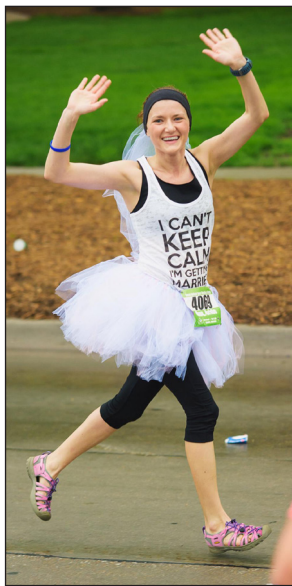
# WHAT'S ONLINE



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## Graduation 2016

On May 8, nearly 180 graduates from December 2015, May 2016 and August 2016 marched across the stage into the next phase of their lives at Union College's graduation commencement. Check out the Facebook photo albums at [ucollege.edu/photos/graduation2016](http://ucollege.edu/photos/graduation2016)



photos: Scott Cushman/Union College

## Union's still running

Even though it is not a college event, many students, employees and alumni participate in the Lincoln Marathon—both as runners and as volunteers at the large water station set up in front of Union's campus on 48th Street. Tabitha Schumacher, a 2015 graduate, found a unique way to tell the world she is getting married. Check out the Facebook photo album at [ucollege.edu/photos/lincolnmarch2016](http://ucollege.edu/photos/lincolnmarch2016)

## Warriors come home

Union College Homecoming 2016 featured a reunion celebrating 30 years of Warrior varsity athletics at Union College. The weekend included golf, volleyball and basketball games and a lot of great fellowship. Check out the Facebook photo album at [ucollege.edu/photos/warriorreunion2016](http://ucollege.edu/photos/warriorreunion2016)



## Thanksgiving in March

Every year Union College celebrates Tuition Freedom Day, when students' tuition no longer covers the cost of their education and alumni gifts cover the rest—this year it was March 4. Watch the video at [youtu.be/wr3l8SdWHy8](http://youtu.be/wr3l8SdWHy8)



## Christmas year 'round

It may be summertime, but it's never too late (or early) to get into the Christmas spirit. Check out our Christmas video featuring the Union College Singers. [youtu.be/5mtbLzWEzVA](http://youtu.be/5mtbLzWEzVA)



## Empowering leadership

If a student has an idea for way to serve at Union College, the Campus Ministries students will help make it happen. Watch the video at [youtu.be/jMpsqNbB7sc](http://youtu.be/jMpsqNbB7sc)

# WHAT'S ONLINE



## UCLive

### Positive decisions

In March, former NFL couple Reggie and LaChanda Dupard visited Union to share their story about finding God and learning to make positive relationship

decisions. Their visit, along with several other spring speakers who spoke about making life choices, were made possible thanks to a gift from a generous donor. Watch the Dupards chapel talk at [livestream.com/uclive/chapel-ReggieandLaChandaDupard](http://livestream.com/uclive/chapel-ReggieandLaChandaDupard)



### Leaders building leaders

For the second year in a row, the Division of Business and Computer Science hosted the Leaders Building Leaders Conference, featuring presentations by Union alumni covering various business topics. This year they were joined by the social work program that added several social work speakers. Watch the presentations at [ucollege.edu/video/1b12016](http://ucollege.edu/video/1b12016)

## Instagram

### #WhyILoveUnion

The last *Clocktower* (student newspaper) of the year featured a collection of students essays titled #WhyILoveUnion. Check it out at [instagram.com/p/BEwb-Hega7M/](http://instagram.com/p/BEwb-Hega7M/)



### #SeniorFeature

Leading up to graduation, Union posted several #SeniorFeature posts—including this one about senior education major Rosten Dieter: [instagram.com/p/BFFSGE2Aa4H/](http://instagram.com/p/BFFSGE2Aa4H/)



### Hanging around

When they are not out saving the world, IRR majors just like to hang around. [instagram.com/p/BEWwUkKga-U](http://instagram.com/p/BEWwUkKga-U)



### The music of spring

The Division of Fine Arts held their annual spring concert in the atrium. Many of the college's vocal and instrumental groups performed a wide variety of sacred and secular selections. Watch the concert at [livestream.com/uclive/fine-arts-spring-concert](http://livestream.com/uclive/fine-arts-spring-concert)

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# ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



*Lisa Ngenye recently published Honest Words, the story of her battle with cancer and the ensuing depression it caused.*

## Cancer survivor authors book about her experience

Lisa Ngenye '11 went to bed one night a healthy, 21-year-old graduate student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

She woke up unable to breathe—fighting for her life.

Ngenye recently published a book about her experience—"Honest Words." The book is less a chronicle of the physical rigors of surviving cancer and the required treatment, and more about overcoming the mental anguish of battling the disease so far from her family in Kenya and her friends in Lincoln. The writing itself became part of the healing process.

"It was an assignment from God," she said. The idea to write a book had started as a tongue-in-cheek catchall for the numerous questions people would ask her about cancer: "I'll just have to write a book," Ngenye would tease. But the idea took root as she tried to deal with the depression that followed her illness. "I still had cancer even after I was declared cancer-free," said Lisa. "It is a disease

of the brain and soul. Unless we are confident enough to deal with it, it will always haunt us. Until I wrote the book, the cancer refused to leave me."

Now back home in Kenya, Ngenye teaches young people at Strathmore University in Nairobi, where she tries to instill in her young students the importance of never giving up. "I feel bad for people who succumb to defeat," she tells her students. "There is more on the other end, you just need to keep going. I expect nothing but success from you." The message is finding its mark with her students, because she is a living testament to its veracity. And with her easy smile and infectious joy, Ngenye is the ideal gatekeeper of such wisdom.

*Read more at [ucollege.edu/stories2016/ngenye](http://ucollege.edu/stories2016/ngenye)*

## PA grad continues the fight against HIV

Sampath Wijesinghe '10 dreamed of becoming a physician after a childhood friend suffered irreversible brain damage from an accident due to a lack of adequate medical care in his native Sri Lanka.

When he came to the U.S. to study, he realized he couldn't afford a medical degree. He completed a biology degree and then a master's in management information systems before deciding to follow his original calling to the medical field.

The PA program at nearby Union College provided the perfect opportunity and he was drawn to Union's focus on compassionate care. "I think that is one of the most important characteristics of a clinician," he said. "I am honored to be a graduate of Union College because the program prepared me so well to be a compassionate and competent PA."

Now Wijesinghe practices family medicine at Adventist Health Central Valley Network in Hanford, Calif. After completing a fellowship in HIV studies at the University of California in San Francisco, he focuses a significant portion of his time on treating and creating a greater awareness about HIV. "I saw this as an area where I could make a palpable difference," he said.

According to Wijesinghe, there are 1.1 million cases of HIV in the U.S., with nearly 50,000 new infections per year. "One of the biggest challenges now is with youth between ages 15 and 39—approximately 60 percent of those infected don't know they have the disease," he said. "That's a big number, especially when they act as though they don't have it and engage in risky sexual behavior so that it is transmitted to others."

He intentionally sees fewer patients so he can provide more personal attention and follow-up. "I think people recognize when you care," he said. "And they know when you treat them like a number. I try to show them my genuine compassion, what is coming from my heart, and they know that and feel it. When they understand you're treating them like a person with personalized care, that alone improves their health."

*Read more at [www.ucollege.edu/stories2016/wijesinghe](http://www.ucollege.edu/stories2016/wijesinghe)*



*Union PA graduate Sampath Wijesinghe treats HIV patients in California—pictured with his wife, Nuwan, and children, Rynee and Rylar.*

# half a CENTURY at Union

by Trina Peterson Cress '08

For half a century Archie Hilliard played a pivotal role in Union's growth—personally installing and maintaining much of the campus infrastructure that supports the school's educational mission. Even though he spent most of those years working with brick and metal, he believes Union's people are what make this a special place.

"You always have to start out at the very beginning of everything," he said.

But he hated being stuck inside and a shortage of funding for tuition forced him to look elsewhere for a future career. About that time, Union offered him a full-time position in Plant Services.

Union's business manager wanted his employees to learn a trade and, thanks to this emphasis in continuing education, Hilliard eventually trained as an electrician, learned how to weld and mastered other trades throughout his time at Union.

"I was thankful they were always so helpful taking me on as a full-time worker and letting me go to special schools and learn all the different trades," Hilliard said. "That, to me, is worth a million."

During his 45 years of employment, Hilliard was involved in just about every building on campus. "If you look around the campus, you can see it's beautiful. The buildings are beautiful," Hilliard attributes that to the teamwork of the employees and students. Most of the buildings built during his time at Union utilized employee and student labor, and many of the actual bricks even laid by students.

Over the years, Hilliard noted big

changes not so much in the layout of the buildings, but in the needs for education. He recalled the simpler sciences and the department having a single microscope for biology students to share.

It's the continued growth of students that holds a special place in Hilliard's heart. When he became an electrician, students helped him do electrical work in many of the buildings. Students also helped with one of the projects that makes him most proud: updating the 49ers Athletic Field.

"We did it all," Hilliard said. "The lights, the buildings, the sprinkler system, the fence around it. We had help, but we did it all, and it's one of the finest ball fields in Lincoln."

Beyond the physical labor done on campus, one of Hilliard's biggest blessings was watching God work in students' lives. Many students came to Union "with no idea what they were going to do," he recalled. "But with the Lord's and teachers' help, they've all become successful, every one."

Success through teamwork prevailed during his time in Plant Services, too. He talks fondly of the times students and full-time employees united to finish projects. "It always amazed me how everyone at Union College worked together," Hilliard said. **A**



*During his 50 years at Union College, retired Plant Services worker Archie Hilliard had a hand in building or renovating just about every facility on campus.*

Hilliard first arrived at Union to study at the high school—then located right on campus. He took a break after graduation to help his parents build their home and sell books before returning to campus to study engineering.

After taking a drafting course, Hilliard got his first taste of a potential engineering career as he drew bridges and pillars in the basement of the state capitol building.

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# MARK

by Ryan Teller '98 and Linda Skinner '71

Every graduating class wants to leave their mark on campus, and some classes found a uniquely memorable way to do so. Starting with a lilac bush in 1894, most classes left something to make the campus better. In our humble opinion, these are the seven most memorable class gifts from Union's 125-year history.

*(Note: In some cases, several classes gave a similar gift or an updated gift, so we grouped those together.)*

## 7. Mission giving—classes of 1933, 1951 and 1962

Throughout Union's history, an emphasis on missions played a significant role in the life of the school—so much so that three classes chose to give money directly to mission projects, including one to establish a medical station in Egypt and another for a project at Antillian Adventist University in Puerto Rico.

## 6. Union College missionary roster display—classes of 1920 of 2013

The original gift from the class of 1920 funded the development of a display to commemorate the overseas missionaries who attended Union. A new display was built on the first floor lobby of the Everett Dick Administration Building after construction, but in intervening years, the wall outside the Campus Ministries office filled with names.

The class of 2013 gave funds to purchase software to power a new electronic mission display mounted next to the elevator in the Everett Dick Administration Building Lobby. The large touch screen allows visitors to search for missionaries by name, class year or location.

## 5. Forty-niners Athletic Field—class of 1949

The class of 1949 prepared an athletic field in a space west of and running parallel to 51st Street and dubbed it the Forty-niners Field as a class gift. Over time, the space became more valuable for other uses and the athletic fields were relocated in 1967 to an area north of Calvert Street between 53rd and 56th Streets. The class of '49 re-dedicated the new Forty-niners Field in 1989 with a new flagpole, and it now houses softball, football and soccer fields.

## 4. Sidewalk entrance arches—classes of 1929 and 1935

After the class of 1929 gave funds to construct two brick arches over sidewalks entering campus from 48th



Street, the class of 1935 funded an additional arch over the sidewalk on Prescott Street facing the College View church. In 2007, the Prescott Street arch was destroyed in an accident, but has been rebuilt with the original keystone honoring the class of 1935.

## 3. The Rock Pile—class of 1898

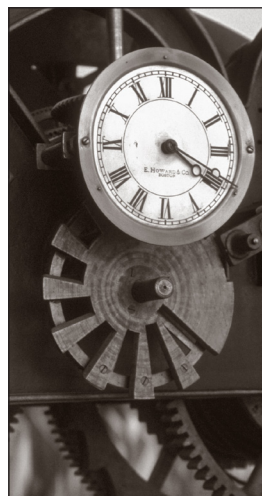
In the 1880s and '90s, college students around the country began leaving a large stone on campus as memorial to their class—and Union was no different. In 1898, the seniors decided to outdo all the others by creating a pile of rocks, one stone for each student in the class. They discovered the perfect centerpiece for the pile, and after considerable effort, moved the 3,670 pound boulder, affectionately named "Mammoth" to campus.

Fifty years later the class rebuilt the somewhat scattered pile into a cement foundation forming the familiar shape we know today.

## 2. The Golden Cords display—class of 1906

In a search for a meaningful class gift, the class of 1906 settled on a device that would commemorate alumni who served overseas as missionaries. The large map mounted in the chapel featured yellow strings connecting Union to countries served by alumni, and ultimately became a symbol for "the college of the golden cords."

The display has been updated and redesigned several times over the years—most recently in 1989 by Victor Issa '80. The large bronze and ivory sculpture mounted in a wooden frame hangs in the Everett Dick Administration Building Lobby opposite the electronic mission display, and is moved to the church for the annual golden cords ceremony.



## 1. Clock works for the clock tower—class of 1922

The clock faces on the original tower in the College Building had no hands—they merely acted as masks to cover an empty tower. The class of 1922 made it their mission to raise money to install clock works in the tower. Each class member pledged \$10, and they launched a community campaign at the end of their senior year to raise the rest.

When the original College Building was torn down, the class of 1922 spearheaded another fund raising campaign to build the current 100-foot steel clock tower—dedicated on their 50th anniversary during Homecoming Weekend in April 1972.



# cinn-anonymous with Union

## Buell Fogg retires (but not completely)

by Natalie Bruzon '16

When Union sent me an official acceptance letter, I called my friend who attended Union at the time and drilled her on all I needed to know as an incoming freshman.

"You have to have Instagram," she said. "And everyone goes to Buell's house on Friday nights, so you have to go."

"Who's Buell?" I asked.

I quickly learned that Buell is a man who "kinda looks like Santa without the beard," and that his wife makes "the best cinnamon rolls in the world."

After four years of walking past Buell's office in Campus Ministries and eating Kathy's cinnamon rolls, I can say there's more to the Fogs than Santa and cinnamon rolls.

I recently had the opportunity to talk with Buell about his time at Union. "I love this family," he said. "God brought us here and this is definitely where we're supposed to be."

Buell worked in Enrollment Services for most of his 16 years at Union. He enjoyed it because he could "combine two things that I love and have passion for—working with high school kids and preaching."

Anyone who knows Buell can see the spark in his eyes when he shares Jesus with students. In his own words, "It's really a passion of mine, being able to hang out with kids, to do ministry with kids and to open up before them the realm of possibility of what life is like with Jesus and knowing Him, experiencing Him in his fullness and walking with Him."

In 2010, Buell transferred to Campus Ministries to serve as associate chaplain, but still hit the road sharing Jesus—and Union—with teens around the country.

One of Buell's favorite jobs has been running UCrew—a group of students who visit camp meetings and summer camps each year. "Brian Adams '02, who is now CEO of Florida Hospital Tampa, had that brainchild when he was here at Union and I worked in enrollment," said Buell. "I saw how effective it was and I thought, 'Oh, we just gotta keep that.' So I took it under my wing and ran with it for about 15 years."

Over the years he saw how UCrew impacted future Union students and the crew themselves. Students told him, "I saw how cool those kids were and how much they loved Jesus and I wanted to come to Union because of that," said Buell. "That was special. Through the years I've

had kids on UCrew who I ended up doing weddings for because they married each other," Buell laughed.

And Buell and Kathy's ministry to Union students isn't limited to on-campus. For as long as I attended Union, almost every Friday evening Buell and Kathy opened their



home to hundreds of college students and our endless hunger for Kathy's cinnamon rolls. We'd hang out, talk, sing and just let loose after a week of exams and papers.

"Kathy and I have enjoyed our cinnamon roll ministry so much," said Buell. "We are glad they feel like they have a home to go to when Friday night comes and they get to wind down."

Buell and Kathy's ministry at Union College has been all about reaching students, and Buell says they will continue to minister in coming years. And he's not retiring completely—he'll still work part-time in Campus Ministries.

"We've been really excited and proud to be a part of this college because it's a college we both attended and love. God called us back here for a reason for this time, and we're really grateful for that. We're glad to have the opportunity to share a little bit of who we are and hope God shows Himself through us to reach lives for Him. **A**

*Buell Fogg—who's name is synonymous with Union College and Friday night cinnamon rolls, retired this summer. But his friendly smile and boisterous greeting will still welcome students across campus.*

# Union College

## 125 YEARS of GROW

Union's campus has changed a lot in 125 years. While the physical campus may be barely recognizable, the spirit and mission of Union remains unchanged from those first days of class in September 1891.

### FORTY-NINERS FIELD

**Description:** Athletic field for softball, football and soccer

**Years used:** 1967-present

**Former uses:** College farm

**Fun fact:** The new fields were dedicated in 1989 by the class of 1949, who cleared the original athletic field (east of Prescott Hall) as a class gift.

### LARSON LIFESTYLE CENTER

**Use:** Division of Nursing, health and human performance program, pool and weight room.

**Years used:** 1981-present

### DON LOVE BUILDING

**Description:** What is now the Don Love Building was once industrial buildings. Now home to the Campus Store, Woods Auditorium, National Honor Society, international rescue and relief program, and previously housed a printing press, furniture store, and a restaurant.

**Years used:** 1939-present

### COLLEGE VIEW ACADEMY (FORMERLY HELEN HYATT ELEMENTARY AND CVA)

**Description:** K-12 school run by local Adventist churches

**Years used:** 1958-present

**Former uses:** College farm

**Fun fact:** The academy and elementary school were originally operated by Union College, but were moved to this sight in partnership with College View church.

### KRUEGER CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

**Description:** This high tech facility provides modern teaching and research facilities and houses the Division of Science and Mathematics.

**Years used:** 2014-present

### REES HALL

**Description:** The current women's residence hall was expanded in 1965.

**Years used:** 1958-present

### PRESCOTT HALL

**Description:** Built in 1965, Prescott Hall houses the student suites—two room and four room.

**Years used:** 1965-present

### NORTH HALL



**Description:** Originally designed as a residence for Scandinavian and German students, North Hall was also owned by the Nebraska Sanitarium at one point before becoming the women's residence.

**Years used:** 1891-1958

### ENGEL HALL

**Description:** Originally two separate buildings—Engel Hall and the library were joined in 1966. The combined building now houses the Division of Fine Arts.

**Years used:** 1947-present

### COLLEGE BUILDING - EV





# WTH

*This aerial shot of the campus was likely taken sometime around 1950. It shows the locations of the original buildings, as well as some buildings still standing—such as Engel Hall and the library, the gymnasium, and the north end of the Don Love building.*



Don Love Building started out as several to the library, student center, offices, Camursing Annex, physician assistant and programs, the individual buildings originally factory and broom and mop shop.

### ADVENTSOURCE

**Description:** While no longer run by Union College, AdventSource provides jobs for students and many services to campus. Formerly in the Don Love Building, AdventSource built this new facility to make room for more classroom space.

**Years used:** 2013-present

**Former uses:** Parking

### GYMNASIUM

**Description:** Nicknamed "The Thunderdome," the gym is used for indoor sports of all types including basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, dodgeball and gymnastics.

**Years used:** 1943-present

**Former uses:** Site of the old gym

### CARNEGIE BUILDING

**Description:** Now housing the Marketing Communications department, this building was originally a city library built on land donated by Union College. It is currently the oldest building on campus.

**Years used:** 1915-present

**Former uses:** Midwest Computer Systems, KUCV radio station, public library

### JORGENSEN HALL

**Description:** This building housed the Division of Science and Mathematics, and the Plumb Laboratories addition was added in 1965.

**Years used:** 1946-2014

### COLLEGE VIEW CHURCH

**Description:** With a membership of nearly 2000, the church has always had a close connection to Union. The original building was built in 1894, and replaced with the current facility in 1978 (with a major addition in 2007).

**Years used:** 1978-present

### HALL

built as a men's residence with all rooms with a bathroom between.

7-present

### EVERETT DICK BUILDING

**Description:** The first building built on campus, the College Building housed offices, classrooms, a chapel and the original clock tower. It was replaced by the Everett Dick Administration Building—housing classrooms and offices—in 1975.

**Years used:** 1891-1975

### CULVER HALL/ ORTNER CENTER

**Description:** The men's residence was expanded in 2004 to include a conference center and remodeled dining services—Union Market. It was originally called New South Hall.

**Years used:** 1953-present

### SOUTH HALL



**Description:** One of the original campus buildings, this residence housed both women and men (sometimes at the same time) throughout the years. It burned down in 1953, shortly after completion of New South (Culver) Hall.

**Years used:** 1891-1953

# UNION THROUGH THE DECADES

by Lauren Bongard Schwarz '04

Graduates from the  
50s, 70s, 90s and 2010s  
reflect on their college days

## Returning from war—1950s

**F**rank De Haan '50 was discharged from the Army in January 1946, married his sweetheart, Dolly, and enrolled in Union College. The couple lived on 46th Street, close to campus and Dolly's job at St. Elizabeth Hospital. "After the war, you couldn't buy a car," he said. "We went everywhere by bus; it cost us a nickel!"

De Haan studied agriculture. Since Union didn't have a full agriculture program, he split his time between Union and the University of Nebraska. De Haan recalls taking one bus downtown and another to UNL. Eventually, he saved enough money to buy a scooter for a faster commute.

Many of his fellow students had also been in the service. "We were quite a group," he said. "Most of the male students in my class were veterans. A few had been part of the D-Day Invasion, and some had been injured. A lot had seen serious battles." He recalls school leadership struggling to adjust to the realities of enrolling veterans. "They were used to teaching kids," he said. "It was a shocker for them to deal with grown men who had already experienced so much."

Jorgensen Hall was brand new the year De Haan enrolled, and there was a large campus vegetable garden. He remembers going to school in the original College Building and attending services in the newly-remodeled original College View Church. "That church is gone now, but we loved it," he said. "We used to laugh about walking to church with the wind blowing in our faces, and when we turned around to go home, the wind would still somehow be blowing in our faces."



*Frank De Haan '50 (pictured with his wife, Dolly) was one of many veterans who attended Union College after a tour of duty in the U.S. Army during the second world war.*



*Terry '74 and Brenda Voth '75 Owen's children all attended Union College. Now they are promoting Union College to another generation of Owens.*

After graduation, his growing family moved to Maryland, where De Haan managed a farm in Gaithersburg for the next 30 years. Now at 90, he remains loyal to the school that was so good to him. "I was there on the GI Bill. We lived on that, and I graduated with no debt." He says his years at Union provided him with a good foundation. "We had a great experience at Union as a young couple. We'd like to go back again." De Haan and his wife remain in touch with the school and support its mission. "Our schools are so important," he said. "We are proud to be Unionites."

### Spanning old and new—1970s

"I loaded up my 1967 Chevelle and moved into South Hall in fall 1970," Terry Owen '74 recalled. It was an era of change for the school. East of Calvert Street, 56th Street was still gravel. Students went to classes in the original College Building, as the Everett Dick Administration Building was still under construction. He remembers seeing the old clock tower being replaced with the current landmark in 1971. The original Valentino's restaurant on Holdrege Street was a popular student destination, and he swam laps and played water polo in the metal pool building. "It was drafty," Owen says. "Icicles would form inside in the winter."

Owen is the middle of three family generations to attend Union. "My dad went to classes in the original College Building, so it was a neat experience to go to school in the same rooms," he said. His daughter, Lacey Owen Merkel ('01), and sons, Jonathan '06 and Zachary

('00), attended classes in the Everett Dick Administration Building, completed the year after their father graduated.

"We were at Union during a time of political and cultural upheaval," he remembered. "It was early in the space age, women's lib was a big deal, the country was at war, and it was the dawn of the computer age." He remembers the clash of new and old Adventist values, too. The Wedgwood Trio visited campus, singing sacred music on Sabbath and popular music on Saturday night, including John Denver cover songs. "The college president got up at chapel on Monday morning and apologized that the music was so wild," he laughed. "It was the start of a new era."

He married Brenda Voth '75 in 1973 and the couple lived in Kern Court apartments on campus. After Owen finished dental school, they moved to Chadron, Neb., and founded Owen Dental Care. The family practice now includes his wife, who is the office manager, and their two sons, who are both dentists.

Union holds a special place in the Owens' lives. "Regardless of all the political, social and cultural issues going on, and whether we were getting our education in buildings new or old, there was always a spiritual component that spoke to our hearts and made impressions that bore fruit later in life," he says. "We recognized our need for a relationship with our Savior, and that's what really mattered most about our years at Union. It's our prayer that will never change."



*Paul '99 and Jenney Flanagan '99 Britain came to Union at a time of growth and recovery—right before the turn of the century. Now back home in Wisconsin, they have a family of their own: Luke, Elle, Dane and Abby.*

### Student population explosion—1990s

When Paul '99 and Jenney Flanagan '99 Britain arrived at Union in fall 1995, there were fewer than 500 students on campus. But that wouldn't be true for long. By the time they graduated, the student body nearly doubled.

By 1999, the school boasted its popular Best of Both Worlds program, in which students could enroll at Union and attend classes at UNL for majors not available at Union, the PA and nursing programs were hitting their strides, and the English as a Second Language program drew exchange students from other countries.

Jenney recalls the early days. "Freshman year, we knew everyone. Union was friendly and easy to come into as a freshman. Staff and students were accommodating and wanted everyone to be involved." Despite the rapid population growth, they say the school maintained its personal feel. "It took a few years for the student body to grow; it kind of crept up on us," Paul said. "It was still easy to get to know people. Class sizes didn't change much, and it wasn't hard to get into classes you needed. There were just more people to get to know."

Sports and leisure were big on campus and for the Britains. Paul played basketball and Jenney joined the

inaugural women's volleyball team. "It was fun, but we weren't very good," she laughs. They remember eating in the Chat, where big screen TVs showed football games, and watching cartoons projected onto the cafeteria wall on Fridays.

Jenney recalls that her first email address was one assigned to her by Union, and technology was an attraction. "Union was the first college west of the Mississippi to have a computer terminal in every dorm room, and that was a big deal," added Paul. "We were coming into college as technology was changing. It was an interesting time to be a student."

The Britains live in Evansville, Wis., with their four children. Jenney, who studied psychology, is a physical therapist, and Paul, who graduated with degrees in communication and public relations, is a firefighter. He says his on-campus job at Marketing Communications offered practical applications. "My classes were good and I learned a lot, but my job was just as important. It was where I applied my skills and helped me get a job," he said. Paul shared that the roots of his education still run deep. "I do quite a bit of writing in my job, and some of the Blakeisms [referring to

Chris Blake, associate professor of English and communication] still come out; I also remember things that Karl-Heinz Schroeder [retired professor of history] said. That stuff is still with me, and it helps make me who I am.”

## The age of technology—2010s

Social media and technology defined the college experience for Unionites who attended in the 2010s, like communication major Teddy Griffin '13.

“By the time I got to college, Facebook was starting to gain popularity with groups. It had always been used for one-on-one personal connections, but we started seeing Facebook explode into featuring events, pages created for student groups from ASB to clubs, and even graduating classes. For the first time, we were able to keep connected as a large group.”

This meant more exposure to events and happenings, and a way for students to share their point of view. “Everyone was a part of it together, and that meant we could all contribute and see how everyone else saw events from basketball games to commencement,” he said. “It was a deeper point of connection for students.”

Technology also changed the way students related to classes, professors and each other: “The number of binders and legal pads was dwarfed by computers and tablets,” said Griffin, who is now the manager of strategy activation at Sonora Regional Medical Center in California. “The flow of information changed.” Students found easier ways of taking notes—like taking photos of PowerPoint presentations rather than hand writing—and teachers used more technology in classes. It was easier for students to share notes and for teachers to distribute lecture notes and example problems worked out in class. Even relating to each other changed. “We went from having to wait for office hours to talk with teachers to being able to email them to being able to text them,” Griffin shared. “We didn’t have to worry about hours of operation—we could get quick feedback, and that changed the way we went to school.”

Despite technological advances, the human connection still remained. “A pervasive theme of Union is that it’s a family,” Griffin said. “There’s a special bond that happens when you’re in a school of this size. You aren’t necessarily meeting new people in every class or every semester. Instead, the people you work with and go to school with become family. We’re working together to benefit each other and help support one another. When one succeeds, everyone succeeds. Union encourages inclusive, selfless action and spirit. Everyone is in it together. It’s a special bond that Union creates, and we’re all part of it.” 🏠



*Teddy Griffin '13 experienced a significant change in the educational experience at Union—but not the spirit—thanks to the infusion of new technology.*

# THE ADAMS FAMILY UNION EDUCATED SINCE 1915

by Brittany Wren

**S**haryn Adams '16 strolled past the Carnegie Building, past the grassy site where Jorgensen Hall once stood, and headed home after work. She is confident, cheerful and filled with a sense of purpose.

A fifth generation Union College graduate, Sharyn completed her Bachelor of Social Work degree in December 2015, and now works as assistant to the vice president for Academic Administration. But her history at Union College is much greater than her diploma.

## Legends learned from childhood

One of Sharyn's earliest memories were bedtime stories told by her grandmother, Donna Adams Gibson '65. Donna studied English education at Union where she met her husband, Paul Gibson '66, a theology major.

Donna recounted stories of her days at Union when a matron seated students in the dining room as they arrived. Whenever Donna's favorite meal was served in the cafeteria, she felt bad that the big, burly guys seated at her table had to wait for her to finish eating all of her food. At the time, it was common courtesy to wait for everyone to finish eating before excusing yourself from the table.

Men were allowed to walk the ladies only partway to the dorm. But late one winter night, Paul broke the rules to escort her to the front door. "I think she got into trouble with the dean because he walked her to the door," Sharyn laughed. "Rules have definitely changed through the years."

Tammy Adams '89, Donna's daughter and Sharyn's mother, graduated from Union College with a nursing degree and now works as Union's Student Health Director. She remembers Donna's stories of working multiple jobs to pay for her tuition—in the boiler room, the laundry and the Carnegie Building (when it was the public library) because of her strong belief in education.

## Laying down roots

Donna's father and grandfather—Laurice and Cecil—also graduated from Union. Cecil's father, John, moved his wife Vesta and their family to College View in 1915. All three of their children graduated from Union.

"He was a farmer and always carried a pocket dictionary," Tammy said. Education, specifically Adventist education, proved important enough to uproot his family and call Union College home.

Cecil '16, and his wife, Zibah Beaman, '17 Adams, both graduated from Union with teaching degrees and taught in Kansas and western Nebraska. Their son, Laurice Adams '52, the oldest of four children, continued the tradition and sent his daughter, Donna, to Union as well.

Sharyn Adams '16 and her siblings are the fifth generation to graduate from Union College on her mother's side of the family—starting with John and Vesta Adams (right). The couple moved to Lincoln so their children could attend Union College.



John and Vesta Adams with their future Union graduates.



Cecil '16 and Zibah Beaman '17 Adams



Laurice '52 and Fonda Adams

## Returning Home

The day after graduating from Union, Tammy married fellow classmate Peter Adams, a freshly graduated teacher who grew up on the East Coast. They lived in several locales when their children were young, including Iowa and Virginia. Tammy kept her nursing license current and spent many years focused on being a mom to Michael, Sharyn, Shaina and Stacy.

When there was an opening for an middle school teacher at College View Academy (then Helen Hyatt Elementary School), the family chose to return to their roots. Today, Peter teaches seventh and eighth grades at College View, from where his four children graduated.

## Passing the torch

The positive, supportive atmosphere at Union created the perfect environment for Tammy's family to form lasting relationships. "The effect that our choices make in our lives ties into our spirituality and our legacy," she said. Many of Donna and Paul's lifelong friends were classmates at Union, and she wanted a similar experience for her own children.

Beyond meaningful friendships, Tammy believes that college opens the mind to new viewpoints and that a God-focused worldview is vital. This spiritual aspect of education is why she and Peter encouraged their children to attend a Seventh-day Adventist college. "The spiritual foundation has made a significant impact on their lives," said Tammy. "I can see it in them today."

Growing up, Sharyn had no doubt about where her family stood on Adventist education. She remembers her grandmother Donna advising her to get an education—that it was worth it, no matter what. "That's just the mindset I grew up in," Sharyn recollected.



Paul '66 and Donna Adams '65 Gibson



Peter '89 and Tammy Gibson '89 Adams

## Helping Hands

As her college years approached, Sharyn wanted to strike out and find a new experience. But as doors opened at Union, she didn't forget the family atmosphere her family loved. "Union was a place where my mom and grandma felt supported and valued," she recalled.

Sharyn experienced that support firsthand when Lisa Forbes, associate professor of business and a neighbor, stopped by to help Sharyn register for fall classes. Amazed by that level of service, she was hooked.

Forbes' academic advice and the financial advice she received from Taryn Rouse in Student Financial Services proved to be the rule, not the exception to her experience at Union. "Most people bend over backwards to help," Sharyn admitted. The rest of her siblings felt it, too. Michael, now in dental school at the University of Nebraska, graduated from Union in 2012. Her younger sisters, Shaina and Stacy, are both students at Union.

## Continuing the legacy

After spending a year as a taskforce dean at Upper Columbia Academy, Sharyn felt drawn to serve others. When she returned to Union, she changed her major to social work. Her social work advisor, Shawna Herwick, took time to mentor her in finding a niche: creating policy.

That discovery ultimately led Sharyn to intern for a lobbyist organization and then to complete her social work practicum under the supervision of State Senator Kate Bolz. The ability to assist others through helping shape public policy was extremely rewarding for Sharyn and she believes it made her choice of education worthwhile. "God worked it out."

Now Sharyn feels more connected to Union because of her family ties. Her grandparents come to Union for reunions and share their special connections to the campus and its history. Her family even signed a brick from Jorgensen Hall and gave it to her grandpa Paul for his birthday. Today when Sharyn thinks about being a fifth generation Union College graduate, she feels "it's pretty remarkable."



Sharyn Adams (top right) and family—Tammy Adams (mom), Shaina Adams (sister), Nancy Moon Meier '75 (cousin), Evelyn Adams Moon '50 (great-great aunt—Laurice's daughter), Stacy Adams (sister) and Donna Gibson (grandmother)

photos courtesy Tammy Adams

# how to live a **GOOD LIFE**

by Michael Rohm '14

Three of Union's oldest alumni took different paths but shared common values of service and dedication

**W**ell into her 90s, Ida Hanson Roberts ('38) continued delivering quarterlies to the members of her church who missed a service. "I have to take the message to the old people," her son, Byron, recalls her saying. Now 103, the oldest alumna of Union College still feels convicted to share her faith. When she finally agreed to move into assisted living at the age of 100, Ida did not spend time bemoaning her age or infirmity. Instead she brought pamphlets to fellow residents and shared with them the tenets of her Adventist beliefs.

"My faith in God is very important," said Ida. "We have a lot of work to do in this world."

Ida knows a thing or two about work, an education that reaches back more than nine decades. The second youngest of twelve siblings, Ida stayed behind to work the family farm in Iowa while, one by one, her older brothers left for medical school. As the number of able bodies

diminished, the list of chores increased until she had time for nothing else. But she never complained.

"I did what needed to be done," Ida said. "I never thought about not working. I never said 'I can't work.'"

Apart from the occasional watermelon seed spitting contest, there was no time for hobbies. Ida kept her head down and her hands busy. But when it was her time to go to college, Ida knew exactly where she wanted to go.

"Union College is a famous school," she said. "Of course I wanted to be there."

Ida joined the Union College freshman class in 1935 and began her pre-nursing degree. The following year she moved to Loma Linda to continue her education. It was

there she met and married Gilbert Roberts. Because of a now-defunct rule that prohibited married women from receiving an education, Ida was forced to drop out of the nursing program. She gave birth to her only child, Byron, and embraced her role of caretaker and homemaker in Hood River, Ore.

"She wasn't bitter about leaving school," said Byron. "She was very content with her life."

*Until April 2016, Ida Hanson Roberts ('38) was the oldest living Union College alum at age 103. She dropped out of school after one year to get married and raise her only child, Byron.*

photo: Michael Rohm





Contentment did not mean idleness, however. Ida never ceased working with her hands. Even now she does not use her age as an excuse. "Am I getting lazy or what?" she laughed. "I wish I could do more for everyone else. We have a lot to do."

The spirit of Ida Roberts is representative of the spirit embodied by others among Union College's oldest alumni. Those blessed to live 100 years or more possess indomitable faith and unflagging work ethics.

*Editor's note: Ida Roberts passed away April 15, not long after this story was written and only 13 days before her 104th birthday.*

### A soldier for Christ

Orason Brinker '39 was convinced he would go to West Point. As a direct descendent of an officer in the Revolutionary War, getting in was a breeze, and getting through was sure to be one as well. Young Orason had no doubts. But then Dr. Everett Dick, famed Union College pioneer, visited Campion Academy from which Orason was soon to graduate.

"Dick came to get me in spring '34," said Brinker. "'You're going to come to Union College,' he said. 'We need you.'"

Dr. Dick had a special responsibility in mind when he invited Brinker to attend Union: championing the Medical Corps that would eventually become the Medical Cadet Corps. Brinker entered the freshman class in September 1934 as a student and cadet officer tasked with training new recruits under Dr. Dick, a former Marine.

"The men's dorm ran like the military," said Brinker. "Every male student had to join the medical corps."

The militaristic expectations for a cadet at Union College were upheld both on and off the training ground, beginning with 6:00 a.m. reveille and ending with taps at 9:30 p.m. In addition to the regular curriculum, students learned Army organization, first aid and military strategy, among other specialized courses.

The purpose was to give potential draftees an alternative to armed combat. From his personal experience in World War I, Dr. Dick felt strongly about Adventists in the Army, and sought to provide every advantage to young men wishing to abstain from acts of violence.



"I don't recommend that students join the Army," said Brinker. "They have to teach their consciences to shut up."

After he graduated from Union in 1939, Walla Walla University offered Brinker a position as head of their own branch of the Medical Cadet Corps. For the next twenty years he trained cadets and taught PE and mathematics, the latter of which he was department chair for 13 years. His relationship with Dr. Dick remained strong; Brinker continued to serve as his second-in-command at Camp Doss, a training camp for medical cadets.

"If I tell you to jump in the lake," he said, recalling his post at Camp Doss, "you jump in the lake. You don't stop to think."

Brinker's assessment of his long and storied career, including working as a fire chief, a first aid instructor and trainer, and the first college-level ski class teacher in the whole Pacific Northwest, is rooted in such discipline.

"We taught discipline for a reason," said Brinker. "That reason was war. There is nothing good about war, but if the recruits didn't have discipline, they wouldn't have success." Brinker credits his ability to teach discipline to others to the time he spent as a student at Union.

*At age 100, Orason Brinker '39 is still passionate about many things—including skiing, photography and the Medical Cadet Corps. Here he shows off a turn-of-the-century camera once owned by his father.*



*At age 101, Ann Gruzensky Bauer '40 stays nearly as active as she did during most of her lifetime as a nurse, wife and mother.*

### An education and a husband

In fall 1935 Ann Gruzensky Bauer '40 traveled from Grassy Butte, N. D., to Lincoln, Neb., with \$100 in her pocket and a suitcase on her arm. The money was just enough to cover tuition at Union College for the first year. It was all her father could spare. The family had never been wealthy, and now, gutted by the drought of the Great Depression, there was even less to go around. However, this was the firstborn child pursuing a good Adventist education. The choice was obvious.

"When you know that your parents have worked hard to provide an education, you value it," said Ann, who studied pre-nursing for two years at Union College before transferring to Boulder, Colo., for her RN. "I kept my nose to the grindstone."

An after school job in the college's laundry room covered her second year of pre-nursing and when she

transferred to Boulder she was debt free. The laundry room also provided the backdrop for a romance that would result in her marriage to Al Bauer '40 on September 2, 1940, the day after she graduated as an RN from University of Colorado. Held by the same antiquated standard as Ida Roberts, this timing was no coincidence: Ann wanted both education and marriage.

Together they made a life in Fargo, N. D., only hours from the childhood home where her mother had once futilely defended the family garden against a plague of grasshoppers so vast that the sun was obscured by their voracious migration. It was in Fargo that her husband built a church for the community in the same way the men of her Grassy Butte community had raised a country church nearly a decade prior, all the families gathered in work and festivity for the holy blessing of a spiritual community.

"In my early years we worshipped in homes," Ann recalled. "There was quite a celebration when that church was built."

After nine years in the North Dakota conference, the family—now six members strong—moved to Michigan to continue building country churches. Though she no longer worked as a nurse, Ann never stopped being a caregiver:

"I didn't mind that I couldn't be out there in the hospital," she said. "It was lots more fun taking care of everybody at home."

Her husband has since passed away, but Ann is still matriarch of a family that seems only to increase in number. Two of her four siblings are still alive, plus four children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren with another on the way. And perhaps most amazing of all, Ann Bauer, 101 years old, still lives by herself. She gardens, cooks, regularly meets with friends and family, and hosts dinner parties.

"I have someone who mows my lawn in the summer and plows my snow in the winter. I can do the rest myself," Ann said. "I've slowed down a little, but I enjoy doing everything at my own pace."

"I've had a good life," she added. "God has been very good to me." **A**

# a strand of **GOLDEN** string

**U**nion College's long history of supporting mission service—both at home and abroad—is probably best represented by the golden cords hanging in a special display in the administration building—one for every missionary who has attended Union College.

## A golden opportunity

The class of 1906 came up with the first display, originally known as “map and strings” as a way to honor graduates who became overseas missionaries. Featuring a



map of the world with strings from Nebraska to every location served by Union graduates, the first display was hand built by class members.

## Too many cords

The hanging of the golden cords became a yearly tradition. For many years, only one string was hung for a couple, but the weight of all the strings became too great for the original map. The display underwent several revisions over the years—in 1936, 1949, 1972 and then



the current bronze and ivory sculpture by Victor Issa '80 in 1989.

## College of the golden cords

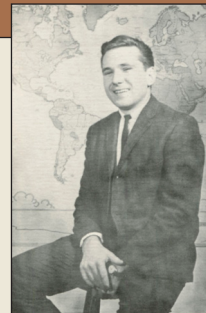
At the golden cords service in 1936, President M.L. Andreasen made two suggestions:

- Each missionary should be sent a section of their golden cord.
- Union College should become known as “the college of the golden cords.”

The latter suggestions' long-term effects are evident in many college traditions, including the Golden Cords yearbook; the college magazine, CORD Magazine; and the Golden Cords musical ensemble.

## Mission education

In 1965, Union College started the student missions movement when Jerry Lake '66 took a year away from his studies to serve in South America. Others soon followed, including current Union College chaplain, Pastor Rich Carlson '73, in 1970. “I raised \$535 for the trip to Peru from my home church in one offering,” he said.



Student missionaries did not receive golden cords until 1980, but each previous missionary received one retroactively. All alums who served outside the United States for at least 10 months earned a cord.

## Supporting a sentiment for service

Today, Union typically sends 18-20 students overseas as missionaries each year. However, in 2016-17, more than 30 are planning to volunteer. “The school had some sort of an approval process in the early days,” said Carlson. “Now we have extensive vetting and support for every student who wants to serve overseas.” Each year he has a team of former student missionaries who promote student missions and support the overseas students through extensive communication, care packages and more.

## How many cords?

How many cords hang on the Golden Cords display? Only Pastor Rich Carlson knows, and he's not telling—yet. So send your guess to [news@ucollege.edu](mailto:news@ucollege.edu) or mail to CORD Magazine, 3800 S. 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506. Pastor Rich will reveal the answer at the 125th birthday celebration on Sept. 30, 2016.

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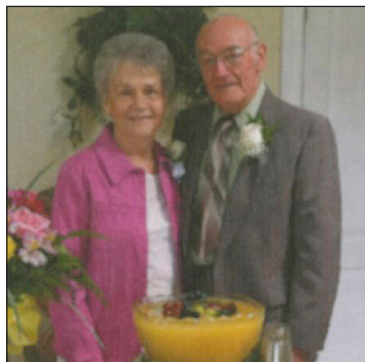
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### 1950s

**Mildred Mattison Case ('52)** and her husband Charles recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. They were married in Loma Linda, Calif., on May 29, 1955 when Millie was finishing a nursing degree. In 1956, they went to Brazil to serve as missionaries and Iquitos, Peru, in 1959. In 1965, they organized the Adventist Welfare Society, which later became ADRA. Returning to the states in 1967, Chuck was director

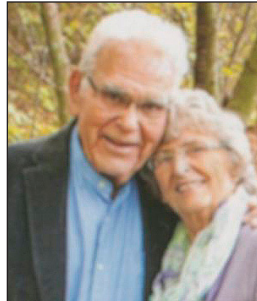


Mildred and Charles Case

of public relations for Loma Linda University, and Millie taught a nurse aide program for the San Bernardino schools. They also served in Kansas, Massachusetts and Michigan. Chuck completed an Ed.D. and Millie completed a master's degree at Boston University. They have been happily retired since May 1997. They have two adult children, three adult grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

**Ben '54 and Elaine Evanenko '55 Brown** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in fall 2015 with their family in Columbia Gorge, Ore. Ben met Elaine while enrolled in Union nursing program on the

Denver campus. They were married Sept. 15, 1955, in Butte, N.D. In 1962, they moved to Moses Lake, Wash., where they raised three daughters. Ben retired from his anesthesia practice in 1999, while Elaine retired as head of the nursing department at Big Bend Community College in 1986. They have eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Ben and Elaine Brown

### 1980s

**Ken Bacon '89**, president and CEO of Shawnee Mission Health, was selected by his colleagues to receive the Crystal Angel Award for contributions he has made toward advancing the mission of Adventist healthcare, including creating a global health initiative to help clinics in Nepal, Peru and Rwanda become financially stable and enhance the quality of care they are able to provide to their communities.

**Reginald Burton '83** was recently inducted in the American College

of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM) at the ACCM Awards Presentation held on Feb. 22, 2016, in Orlando, Fla. During this ceremony 81 Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) members were honored with the prestigious designation of fellow. The ACCM honors practitioners, researchers, administrators and educators who have made outstanding contributions to the collaborative field of critical care.

### 1990s

**Danita Bland Mullins '99** was named emergency department director at Washington Regional Medical Center in Fayetteville, Ark. She was previously assistant director of the emergency department and chest pain center coordinator. Danita earned a master's degree in nursing with emphasis in leadership in health care systems from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix. She serves as government affairs chairman for the president of the Emergency Nurses Association's state board of directors, is a member of the American Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau nursing honor society.

### 2000s



Sage Alexander Penix with mom and dad

Sage Alexander Penix was born Sept. 9, 2015, to **Patrick Penix '02** and his wife Kimberly. He weighed 9 lbs 7 oz and was 21 inches long. Patrick is a PACU RN (post anesthesia care unit registered nurse), and Kimberly is an appellate attorney. They live in Denver, Colo.

**Rick Dodds '03** has been named one of the 2016 Forty Under 40 winners award-

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ed by the Dayton Business Journal. Rick is president of Soin Medical Center and Greene Memorial Hospital in the Kettering Health Network. He lives in Spring Valley, Ohio, with his wife, Victoria and their two children, Addy and Ryan.

Nora Ajaaja Andersson was born Aug. 26, 2013 to **Erik Andersson '05** and his wife Helle. Erik earned an orchestral master's degree in 2010 before marrying Helle



Nora Ajaaja Andersson

and moving from Denmark to Asiaat, Greenland for three years. Now they live in Copenhagen, Denmark. Erik has freelanced as a musician and taught high school music. Since his daughter's birth, he has been a full-time dad. Helle is completing a specialty in orthodontics.

**Jonathan Hilliard '05** and his wife, Jeneé, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Levi Louis Hilliard, on March 7, 2016. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 21 inches



Levi Louis Hilliard

long. Jonathan is a self-employed online ticket broker. Jeneé is a partner at Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP in Portland, Ore.

Wesley Drew Orrison was born March 12, 2016, to Alan and **Rachel Turner Orrison '07**. He weighed 8 lbs 14 oz and was 21 inches long and joins his brother, Elliot, age 2, at home. Rachel is lead creative services



Wesley Drew Orrison

designer at Deloitte. Alan is technology and digital media instructor at Atlanta Adventist Academy and adjunct teacher at Southern Adventist University. They live in Marietta, Ga.

**Paula West Reynolds '07** and her husband, Paul, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Adam West Reynolds, on Dec. 8, 2015. He weighed 9 lbs 4 oz and was 21.75 inches long. Paula is program coordinator for the Maryland Office of Home Energy Programs. Paul is a residential account specialist for American Pest. They live in Westminster, Md.



Adam West Reynolds

**Kevin '07** and **Chelsy Jourdan ('08) Schauer** welcomed their first



Emma Elizabeth Schauer

child, Emma Elizabeth Schauer on Nov. 11, 2015. She weighed 8 lbs 6 oz and was 21 inches long. Kevin is boy's dean and work coordinator at Wisconsin Academy. Chelsy is a stay-at-home mom.

Silas Gabriel Howard was born on April 24, 2016, to **Amy Carlson Howard '08** and her husband, Dave. He weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 19.5 inches long. He joins his sister, Allyson, age five, and brother, Lincoln, age three, at home. Dave is a construction manager at GRAPH building green homes in Newcastle Australia. Amy is a



Silas Gabriel Howard

stay-at-home mom. **Zachary '08** and **Sarah Heinrich '08 Timothy** welcomed Liesel Ada Timothy on May 3, 2016. She weighed 7 lbs

and was 20.5 inches long. They both work at the American School of Kuwait. Zach teaches high school math, and Sarah teaches third grade.



Liesel Ada Timothy

**Beth-Anne Laspe Wasemiller '08** and her husband, David, are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauryn Joelle Wasemiller, on Sept. 8, 2015. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Beth-Ann is a nurse practitioner at Urgent Care Centers of Kentucky. David is pursuing a master's degree in biomedical engineering at the University of Kentucky. The photo of Lauryn was taken by King Arthur Photo, owned by **Arthur Pangemanan '01**.



Lauryn Joelle Wasemiller

**Stephanie Krueger Ponce '09** honored her family roots in the construction business, starting Third Generation Builder after graduating from Union College in 2009. Ponce and her subcontractors built 16 homes last year when the local Realtors Association reported 600 sales of new homes in Lincoln, Neb.

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**Eric ('04) and Marla Neisner '09 Hawronsky** welcomed Quinton Lee Hawronsky on Aug. 18, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs 4 oz and was 19.75 inches long and joins Juliet, age four, at home. Marla works as needed as a registered nurse for CHI St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck, N.D. Eric and Marla own B.C. Bagels in Bismarck and Eric runs the business and bakes for it as well.



Juliet and Quinton Lee Hawronsky with their parents

**Kurt Rudolph ('08) and Tracy Christian '11** were married June 28, 2015, in Kansas City, Mo. Kurt is a research scientist and does quality assurance for SynTech Research. Tracy is a nurse educator at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. They live in Lee's Summit, Mo.



Kurt and Tracy Rudolph

**Rachel Stapleton Kettner '09** and her husband, Chad, welcomed Everett Anthony Kettner on Feb. 27, 2016. He weighed 6 lbs 6 oz and was 19.5 inches long. Rachel is a registered nurse in the high acuity unit of Abbotsford Regional Hospital. Chad is marketing director for Drumeo. They live in Abbotsford, British Columbia.



Everett Anthony Kettner

## 2010's

Mia Rose St. Bernard was born March 20, 2016, to **Brittany Miller St. Bernard '10** and her husband, Reggie. Mia weighed 5 lbs 9 oz and



Mia Rose St. Bernard

was 19 inches long. Brittany is a financial analyst and Reggie is a respiratory therapist. They both work at Sanford Health and live in West Fargo, N.D.

**Tiffany Keller Lam '12**, and her husband Alberto are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Mackenzie Jade Lam. She was born Nov. 23, 2015, at Mayo Clinic



Mackenzie Jade Lam

Hospital, weighing 7 lb 3 oz and was 21 inches long. Tiffany is a physician assistant at Mayo Clinic in the orthopedic surgery department. Alberto is an electrical engineer at Benchmark Electronics in Rochester, Minn.

Braden Christopher Michels was born May 4, 2016, to **Ryan '13** and Natalie



**Michels.** He weighed 7 lbs 7 oz and was 20.25 inches long. Ryan is an emergency room and clinic physician assistant and Natalie is a pre-op and post-op registered nurse at Scott County Hospital. They live in Scott City, Kan.

**Kelsie Wadle Morgan '14** and her hus-



Adleigh Elizabeth and Landon Matthew Morgan

band, Matt, are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Adleigh Elizabeth and Landon Matthew, who were born Nov. 18, 2015. Adleigh weighed 5 lbs 6 oz and was 18 inches long, and Landon was 5 lbs 13 oz and was 19 inches long. Kelsie is a PA-C for Children's Hospital and Medical Center Urgent Care in Omaha, Neb. Matt is creative arts director for Bellevue Christian Center in Bellevue, Neb.

**Rayshaun Williams ('14)** and his wife, Jael, welcomed Jasmine Karen Marie Williams on Sept. 23, 2015. She weighed 7



Jasmine Karen Marie Williams

lbs and was 21.5 inches long. Rayshaun is associate pastor of Chapel Oaks Seventh-day Adventist Church in the



Union College was built on the strength and the sacrifice of those who have gone before. We thank God for the blessed hope that we will see them again soon.

Death dates and/or obituaries have been received for the following individuals.

## 1940s

**Frances Miler Brown '40**, Barbo-  
ursville, W.Va., died Oct. 24, 2015,  
at age 97. She was born Sept. 18,  
1919, in Woodburn, Iowa, to Law-  
rence and Ida May Arnold Miler.  
She attended Union College and  
graduated from Boulder  
Sanitarium. She also earned a  
degree from Walla Walla College.  
At Union she met **Bob Brown**  
'40, who later became president  
of the college. They were married  
for more than 70 years before his  
death in 2013. Frances worked as  
a nurse for many years, spending  
22 years on the alcoholic detoxifi-  
cation and rehabilitation wards in  
veterans hospitals. After retirement,  
she put in more than 6,000 hours  
at Loma Linda University Medical  
Center and ran Freedom from  
Smoking clinic. Her hobbies includ-  
ed knitting, crocheting, gardening,  
stamp collecting and genealogy. She  
is survived by her daughter, Judy  
Silver; three granddaughters, one  
grandson and five great-grandchil-  
dren.

**Anna Litvin Krassin**  
'40), Breckenridge, N.D.,  
died Feb. 22, 2016, at  
age 95. She was born  
Dec. 10, 1920, in rural  
Killdeer, N.D., to Daniel  
and Jenny Klocho Litvin.  
She met **Charles**  
**Krassin '42** while at-  
tending Union and they  
were married on Aug. 9,  
1940, in Wibaux, Mont.  
After Charles graduated,  
they returned to the  
Litvin farm in Killdeer,  
where Anna taught  
school for several years.  
Then Charles gradu-  
ated from the Illinois  
College of Optometry  
in Chicago in 1948. The  
family moved to Breck-  
enridge, N.D., in 1949  
and were active in the  
Wahpeton Seventh-day  
Adventist Church. After  
Charles died in 1997,  
she continued to live  
alone and enjoy her  
vegetable and flower  
gardens. She is survived  
by her son, **Don '71**;  
daughter, Margie Heath;

five grandchildren; two  
great-grandsons and  
one step-great-grand-  
son.

**Homer Larsen ('41)**,  
Viborg, S.D., died Nov.  
13, 2015, at age 93. He  
was born Aug. 19, 1922,  
to Joseph and Olive Kier  
Larsen in Viborg. He  
attended Union College  
for two years. Although  
he was accepted  
into dental school, he  
returned to Viborg to  
work on the farm due  
to hard times—where  
he worked the rest of  
his life. On Oct. 3, 1950,  
Homer married Ethel  
Mellegard., and they  
were baptized together  
at the Yankton Adventist  
Church. He served on  
the Viborg School Board  
for 11 years and always  
encouraged his children  
and grandchildren to get  
a good education. Sur-  
vivors include his wife,  
Ethel; two sons, Jimmie  
and Lee; one grandson  
and two granddaughters.

**Mardell Potter White ('41)**,  
Collegedale, Tenn., died Jan. 2,  
2016, at age 94. She was born  
July 12, 1921, and is survived  
by her son, Floyd; daughter,  
Ladonna Gryte; four grand-  
children and six great-grand-  
children.

**Charles Tidwell '46**,  
Collegedale, Tenn., died Jan.  
5, 2016, at age 93. He spent  
over 40 years in Asia as an  
Adventist educator and  
church administrator. He is  
survived by his wife, **Evelyn**  
**Graves Tidwell ('46)**; five chil-  
dren, ten grandchildren and  
four great-grandchildren.

**Alice Spilman ('45)**, Mason City, Iowa,  
died Feb. 5, 2016, at age 89. She was born  
Sept. 3, 1926, to Tom and Winnie Frye  
Spilman in Clear Lake, Iowa. After studying  
at Union, she accepted a job with the  
Agricultural Stabilization and Conserva-  
tion Service, where she was a secretary  
for 35 years. Alice enjoyed working  
with young people of the church. She is  
survived by her sister, Norma Howell, and  
numerous nieces and nephews.

**Lorraine Davis Juberg ('47)**, Gladstone,  
Ore., died Feb. 1, 2016, at age 93. She is  
survived by sons, Terry and Randy; five  
grandchildren and three great-grandchil-  
dren.

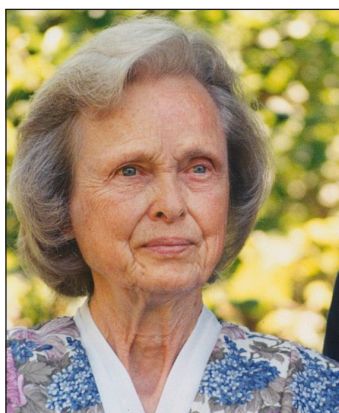
**Harold Maddox '47**, Lakeland, Fla., died  
Nov. 30, 2014, at age 100. He was born in  
Grandview, Ore. on Aug. 8, 1914, to Frank  
and Winnie Maddox. After high school  
he was employed by Boeing in Seattle,  
Wash., making from plywood the “mock-  
up” of the first B29 bomber. After the  
war, he came to Union College. In 1959  
he oversaw construction and became  
administrator of the first retirement and  
nursing home in the Adventist healthcare  
system. In 1965 he helped start a chain of  
nursing homes in Alabama and Georgia.  
He retired to Asheville, N.C., in 1970, and  
volunteered as an accountant in a rehab  
hospital until 1985 when he moved to

Florida. He enjoyed classical and southern gospel music, travel, jumble puzzles, and hiking. Survivors include his wife, Roberta; daughters, Sharen Custer and Phyllis Whiting; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**James Berton Rhoads ('47)**, Weston, Mo., died April 7, 2015, at age 86. Bert was born Sept. 17, 1928, in Sioux City, Iowa, to James H. and Mary Keenan Rhoads. He attended Southwestern Junior College and Union College, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of California—Berkeley. He later earned a doctoral degree from American University. He married Sadie Angela Handy on August 12, 1947, in Lincoln, Neb. He was the archivist of the United States with the National Archives and Records Service in Washington, D.C., from 1952-1979. He also played a key role in establishing the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., and the Johnson and Kennedy Libraries. He is survived by his son, James Berton Rhoads, Jr.; daughter, Cynthia Neven; brother, Donald; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Steeves Roy ('47)**, Parrish, Fla., died Sept. 7, 2015, at age 94. She was born June 13, 1921, in Patterson, N.J. She attended Madison College in Tennessee and then moved to Washington, D.C., to be a secretary at the Potomac Conference. She returned to school at Union College, where she met **Norman Roy '47**, and they were married on Aug. 31, 1947. Throughout her life, she served as secretary to academy principals, five different presidents at Atlantic Union College and several at Andrews University until her retirement in 1987. She was ordained as an elder at Berrien Springs Village Church. In 1994, they moved to Hendersonville, N.C., where she continued to live after Norman's death in 1998. She was an active volunteer at Park Ridge Hospital for many years. Survivors include two daughters, Sherryl Rampton and Sandra Schmid; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Mildred Christiansen Tillotson ('47)**, Grants Pass, Ore., died July 19, 2013, at age 88. She was born Nov. 14, 1924, in Cuba, and she grew up in Costa Rica. After attending Union College for two years, she married **Merle Tillotson '47** in Onawa, Iowa. They served the Adventist church in



Mildred Tillotson

various capacities in the Southern New England Conference before moving permanently to Oregon in 1951 where they volunteered in the Grants Pass Adventist Church. For many years she was co-director of the New Start health program and co-authored a cookbook titled *Leaves from the Tree of Life*, which is still in print. She is survived by her husband Merle and several nieces and nephews.

**Mary Dona Ball Bothe ('48)**, Keene, Texas, died May 12, 2015, at age 87. She was born July 2, 1927, in Mobile, Ala., to James and Lena Callicott

Ball. She married Jim Bothe on June 18, 1950, in Keene, Texas, and was a homemaker and a member of the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church. She is survived by her husband, Jim; son, Richard; daughter, Jan Gibbons; brother, Clyde Ball; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Harold Phillips ('49)**, Howey in the Hills, Fla., died July 9, 2015, at age 86. He was born Nov. 6, 1928, to Alfred and Ada Thompson Phillips, in Savannah, Ga. He started his career with Florida Hospital System and, after earning additional degrees, had a distinguished teaching career with the University of Florida, Arizona State University, Andrews University and Loma Linda University. After retiring in 1995, he continued to minister to his church and its choir. He is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Karen Ellis and Dennis Phillips; and five grandchildren.

**Arva Quance '49**, Rumford, Maine, died Jan. 31, 2016, at age 88. Arva graduated from Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minn., before graduating from Union College. She served in the U.S. Air Force as a 1st Lieutenant.

**John Stevens '49**, Riverside, Calif., died Nov. 27, 2015, at age 87. Born

Velimir Bogdanovich in 1928, he and most of his family became Adventists in 1942. After graduating from Union, he attended seminary at Washington Missionary College. John earned a Master of Divinity degree as well as a master's degree in speech. He married Wyn McKee and the couple pastored in North Carolina, Georgia and Arizona before he became president of the Arizona Conference in 1968. In 1974 he became religious liberty director of the Pacific Union. When his wife was diagnosed with brain cancer in 1993, he retired to take care of her until her death in 1994. Survivors include his son, Johnny; daughter, Linda Spady; and three grandchildren.

## 1950s

**Melvin Bergvall ('50)**, Loma Linda, Calif., died Oct. 16, 2015, at age 90. He was born July 23, 1925, in Hibbing, Minn., to Sigvald and Erma Bergvall. Melvin was a general contractor for over 50 years. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Gary; daughter, JoAnn; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Charles Read '50**, Ooltewah, Tenn., died Dec. 10, 2015, at age 92. He was born Aug. 6, 1923, in Washington, D.C., to Roland and Alvirta Read. After serving in WWII, he earned a bachelor's degree from Union College and a master's degree from Indiana University. He was a business education teacher for 36 years at several colleges and Collegedale Academy in Collegedale, Tenn., from 1970 until his retirement in 1986. He enjoyed seeing his former students who still lived in the Chattanooga area. Survivors include his children: Brent, Brenda Thornton, Lisa Cavin and Tricia Burgess; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



**Ivan Hansen ('51)**, Nevada, Iowa, died Nov. 30, 2015, at age 86. He was born Feb. 12, 1929, in Atlantic, Iowa. Ivan graduated from Oak Park Academy in 1947, and attended Union College during the 1947-1948 school year. He operated a dairy farm at Nevada until 1971 and then worked for a fertilizer company and was a painting contractor. He is survived by his sons, **Delvin '75** and Eugene; and daughter, **Yvonne Losey ('74)**, seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Alvin Opp ('52)**, Lincoln, Neb., died Dec. 23, 2015, at age 86. He was born June 26, 1929, in Hazelton, N.D. Alvin served in the U.S. Army and worked at American Stores and Lincoln Regional Center before retiring in 2000. He was a member of the College View SDA Church. He loved camping and traveling with his family. Survivors include his wife, Ella; sons, David and **Darvis ('78)**; daughters, DeAnn Eastin and **Doreen ('78)**; two grandchildren and one great-grandson; sister, Esther Keller; and brother, **Robert Opp ('55)**.

**Richard Barrett '53**, Harrah, Okla., died Oct. 4, 2015, at age 90. He is survived by his wife, **Anna Mae Houghtling Barrett ('48)**.

**Don Halsell ('53)**, Keene, Texas, died Nov. 28, 2015, at age 86. He was born Jan. 13, 1929, in Iraan, Texas, to Robert and Willie Mae Eubanks Halsell. He married **Marilyn Nixon '54** on Jan. 23, 1954. Don joined the Army from 1950-1952 and during Vietnam in the Navy Seabees in 1969. He served as president of the Brick Institute of Texas for 30 years. Together with his wife and daughter, he founded the North Texas School of Swedish Massage, which still operates today. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; daughter, Nilda Tull; son, Eric; brother, Jim Bob; sister, Mollie Sue Prowant; and four grandchildren.

**Delaine Carlson Morford '53**, Clovis, Calif., died Jan. 22, 2016, at age 86. She was born March 14, 1929, in Buchanan, N.D., to Roy and Lydia Carlson. She grew up on a farm with her three siblings, **Carol ('49)**, **Wallace ('50)** and **Ron ('55 Honorary**



Delaine Carlson Morford

**graduate)**. She attended Walla Walla College and majored in elementary education. After two years, she switched her major to nursing and came to Union College, where she met **Ivan Morford '56**. They were married Aug. 29, 1954, and were blessed with three children: Dave, Tim, and Sue. Delaine was a pastor's wife for 44 years. She worked part-time as a registered nurse on several different units, including ICU. She was a very proud grandmother of seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Jerry Coyle '54**, Maryville, Tenn., died March 20, 2016, at age 85. He was born Nov. 30, 1930. After earning a bachelor's degree from Union College in 1954, he earned a master's degree in religion from the seminary in Washington, D.C. He pastored and taught in Fergus Falls and Blackberry, Minn., before

marrying **Virginia Durichek '57**, on Aug. 18, 1957, in Minneapolis. Jerry pastored churches in Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, and Illinois before retiring in 1996 in Crossville, Tenn. For

one year, he pastored the church in Pikeville, Tenn. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; daughter, **Sharon Johnson ('80)**; son, Larry; and two grandchildren.

**Richard Macri '54**, Niles, Mich., died Dec. 4, 2015, at age 83. He was born in Chicago to Frank and Elizabeth Messina Macri on Sept. 6, 1932. After his undergraduate degree from Union, Richard earned a D.D.S. degree from the University of Illinois dental school. As a captain he served as a dentist in the United States Air Force. He spent his entire professional life as a dentist in Niles, Mich. Richard loved to fish with his family and friends on his boat on Lake Michigan. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Hanson Macri, and his children: Craig, Cheryl and Diane.

**Milan "Mike" Boulette ('55)**, Lander, Wyo., died

March 26, 2016, at age 85. Mike was a Lander, Wyo., native and life-long resident, who was born in the family home. He graduated from Fremont County Vocational High School in 1948 and then joined the U.S. Army. After serving and receiving an honorable discharge in 1952, he attended Union College for two years before returning to Lander. Mike was employed by U.S. Steel until his retirement. He is survived by his brother, Andy; and sisters: Zorka Myles, Mish Homec, Jeannie Skorcz and **JoAnne Hoyt ('55)**.

**Richard Burton '55**, Lincoln, Neb., died March 3, 2016, at age 84. Born in Des Moines, Iowa, on May 17, 1931, to Harold and Laveta Boal Burton, he graduated from Beebeetown High School in Iowa. After graduating from Union College he earned a master's degree from University of Nebraska—Lincoln with a minor in art. Dick taught in Spangle, Wash., for five years and at Union College in the business and art departments. He owned and operated Burton's Flower Shop until selling the business and retiring. He is survived by his wife, **Amy Sundberg Burton '80**; children, Marcia Holder, Doug, Julie and David; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; and sister, Darlene Killpack.

**Norma Wilson Hall '55**, Simi Valley, Calif., died Nov. 4, 2015, at age 83. Born Jan. 21, 1932, to Paul and Dorothea Boden Wilson, she completed two years of college at Southwestern Junior College before transferring to Union College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in nursing. After graduation she moved to Los Angeles, Calif. and while working at White Memorial Hospital, she met the love of her life, Fred Hall. She also

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worked at Simi Valley Hospital and for Livingston Visiting Nurses Association of Ventura. She is survived by her husband, Fred; children: Dorothy Nelson, Frederick Hall Jr., and Melanie Brown; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and one brother, Donovan Wilson.

**James Krueger '59**, McKenzie, N.D., died Aug. 12, 2015, at age 78. He was born Oct. 12, 1936, in McClusky, N.D., and attended school in Carrington and Harvey, N.D. After one year of college, he returned home and began his farming career in Carrington, Steele and McKenzie, N.D. He is survived by his wife, **Judy Wolfe Krueger '70**; sons, Walter, James and **Jay '98**; daughter, **Jayna Kack '94**; seven grandsons and two granddaughters; and three brothers and one sister.

## 1960s

**Harold Reeder '61**, Puerto Penasco, Mexico, died June 16, 2015, at age 76. He was born June 26, 1938, in Alamosa, Colo., to Clarence and Ethel Lane Reeder. After graduating from Union College, Harold traveled to Europe selling books to raise money for medical school. He graduated from Kansas City Osteopathic Medical School in 1966 and opened his first medical practice in Grand Junction, Colo., in 1968. He moved his practice to Phoenix, Ariz., in 1984 and remained there until his retirement in 2011. He and his wife, Ann, then moved to Puerto Penasco, Mexico, where he served the community through medical missions. Survivors include his wife, Ann; children: Cheri Reeder, Cindy Indegard, Cathy Murray, Sundae Breen, Sean and Mark; and ten grandchildren.

**Jane Reding '63**, Grand Forks, N.D., died June 3, 2015, at age 79. She was born Aug. 20, 1935, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Harvey and Mable Baer Reding. Jane graduated from Sunnysdale Academy, Union College and Andrews University. She then began a 41-year career in teaching at Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools in Missouri, Colorado, Nebraska, Maryland, Virginia and California. Jane retired from teaching

in 1998. She enjoyed traveling, crafts, music, crocheting, knitting and sewing. But service to others was the most important to her. Survivors include two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

**Arlene Altstadt Dennis '66**, Cheyenne, Wyo., died March 14, 2016, at age 69. She was born Sept. 27, 1946, in Cheyenne, Wyo., to Clifford and Lone Altstadt. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Arlene was a faithful member of the Cheyenne Seventh-day Adventist Church. Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Cherry; son, Brian Dennis; eight grandchildren; and sister, **Judy Herbel '67**.

**Heidi Nuessle '66**, Loveland, Colo., died April 5, 2015, at age 72. She was born at home in Bad Aibling, Germany on Jan. 24, 1943. She is survived by two brothers, Walter and Helmut.

**Daniel McAdoo '68**, Rockwell, Iowa, died Dec. 15, 2015, at age 70. Born Dec. 21, 1944, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Samuel and Maxine Wright McAdoo, he graduated from Rockwell City High School with the class of 1963. He graduated from Union College with a business degree in 1968. Daniel worked

as an accounting clerk for the Union Pacific Railway in Omaha until his retirement in 2005. He is survived by his twin brother, **David '68**, and other relatives and friends.

**Jerald Gottfried '69**, Jefferson, Texas, died Nov. 28, 2015, at age 70. He was born July 12, 1945, in Jamestown, N.D., to Gilbert and Grayce Viola Brown Gottfried. On July 14, 1966, he married the love of his life, Donna Hicks, in Lincoln, Neb. He worked for Adventist Health Systems in business administration for 40 years before retiring in 2009. While working full-time, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Avila University. He is survived by his wife, Donna; children, Scott, Shawn, Shane and **Sheree Schrader '98**; siblings, Joyce Fischer, **Eugene '70**, **Marvin '72**, **Merlyn '75**, and Wesley; and ten grandchildren.

## 1970s

**Duane Hilliard '70**, Calimesa, Calif., died March 12, 2016, at age 67. He is survived by his brother, **Dennis Hilliard '72**.

**Larry Zuchowski '71**, Everett, Wash., died Dec. 19, 2015, at age 68. He was born Nov. 19, 1947, in New Castle, Pa. Larry attended Mile High

Academy in Denver, Colo., before graduating from Union College. He earned a M.Div. degree from Andrews University in 1973 and a D.Min. from Northwest Theological University in Seattle, Wash., in 1993. Larry started his ministry in Oklahoma but spent most of his career pastoring in Washington. On September 22, 1996, he married Gloria Zuchowski. Together they raised two children. Survivors include his wife, Gloria; daughter, Sunny; and son, David.

**William Mansker '72**, Boise, Idaho, died July 7, 2015, at age 65. He was born Aug. 7, 1949, in Cleburne, Texas, to W.K. and Jewel McCormick Mansker. At Union, Bill met Shirley Lindbo, whom he married while in school. After graduation, he was assistant administrator of Walter Knox Memorial Hospital in Emmett, Idaho. Other positions included manager of the Adventist Book Center in Anchorage, Alaska, and assistant treasurer of the Alaska Conference. After Bill and Shirley divorced in 1984, Bill moved to Angwin, Calif., and managed the businesses owned by Pacific Union College. Bill met and married Alix DeChenne in 1988. They soon moved to Idaho where Bill was associate treasurer of the Idaho Conference and then at Pacific Press as treasurer of the retail operations. When it closed last year, Bill retired. He is survived by his wife, Alix, son Bill, and one grandson.

**Norman Finch '77**, Lincoln, Neb., died April 30, 2016, at age 67. He was born in Lincoln Sept. 2, 1948, to Arthur and Mavis White Finch. Norman is survived by his wife of 47 years, **Marlene Van Tuyl Finch '68**; daughter, **Heather '03**; son, **Brad '01**; two grandchildren; and brother, Mark Finch.

## 1980s

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**Fred Ress '85**, Omaha, Neb., died Feb. 2, 2015, at age 73. Born May 6, 1941, in Lincoln, Neb., to Fred and Leona Germer Ress, Fred graduated from University High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska and a master's degree in psychology from Indiana University—Bloomington. He was a school psychologist in Rock Hill and Florence, S.C., before returning to Lincoln to complete another bachelor's degree from Union College and to assume control of the Ress Insurance Agency. After selling the family business, he worked for ADT-Tycho in Omaha for 20 years. Fred is survived by his wife, Pat; son, Eric; daughters, Wendy Dutton, and Cindy; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

### Notice of the following deaths has been received:

**Lillian Luke Kearbey ('37)**, Chico, Calif., died Aug. 8, 2015, at age 96.

**Norman Doss '51**, Bridgman, Mich., died Jan. 15, 2015, at age 91.

**Eleanor Coen '52**, Ottawa, Kan., died Dec. 11, 2015.

**Bernita Ortner Wallar '52**, Lakewood, Calif., died March 9, 2015, at age 87.

**Karen Furman Mock '66**, East Helena, Mont., died Jan. 5, 2016, at age 72.

**Jerry McHenry '75**, Siloam Springs, Ark., died April 8, 2016, at age 67.

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