Phil Follett Remembered
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**Is Pacific Union College Selling Off Land?**

A recent report from The Napa Valley Register reports Pacific Union College, based in Angwin, Calif., has listed for sale more than 1,500 acres northeast of its campus deemed “non-essential” to the educational mission of the college. The article indicates proceeds from the sale would go directly to the college’s endowment fund. Is this true? Get the real scoop from a PUC website FAQ and an OPEN LETTER from Heather J. Knight, PUC president. Avoid adding misinformation to the rumor mill. Check the facts.

**New Challenges for Atlantic Union College**

A statement published by the Columbia Union Conference indicates the Atlantic Union College board of trustees has voted to suspend any further negotiations with Washington Adventist University after the institutions were unable to reach an operating agreement. WAU had hoped to oversee classes
at the AUC South Lancaster, Mass., location this fall. AUC has been largely non-operational since a decision by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges to discontinue AUC accreditation for financial reasons. AUC faculty and staff were let go as of July 1. AUC constituents are now challenged to find alternate ways to maintain the mission of Seventh-day Adventist Christian higher education in the Atlantic Union Conference territory, which includes the New England states, New York and the island of Bermuda.

Adventist Health News Notes

For the sixth year in a row, Adventist Medical Center, in Portland, Ore., has been recognized as a Community Value Five-Star hospital based on a Community Value Index score. In addition, the Northwest Regional Heart Center at AMC is one of the few heart centers in the nation to receive the American College of Cardiology Foundation’s National Cardiovascular Data ACTION Registry-Get with the Guidelines Gold Performance Achievement Award. Tillamook County General Hospital demonstrated its Telemedicine robot at the recent Huckleberry Health Fair. The robot allows patients with stroke symptoms to have immediate 24/7 consultation with a neurologist, minimizing death and disability.
Remembrance: Follett, 79, was an Adventist Church vice president

Helped lay groundwork for TV ministry now called Hope Channel

11 Oct 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Megan Brauner/ANN

Philip Stanley Follett, 79, a former vice president for the Seventh-day Adventist world church, died in his hometown of Collegedale, Tennessee on October 7. He had battled cancer, family members said.

As vice president from 1992 to 2000, Follett oversaw leadership development systems for the church’s then 12 world divisions.

His daughter, Lorraine Ball, said her father had a gift for “seeing the big picture” that made him a sounding board for the many young people he mentored throughout his life.

Born March 15, 1932, Follett served as a pastor and conference secretary in Southern California from 1953 to 1967. He also served as president for the Ohio, Chesapeake and Northern California Conferences before he was elected president of the Atlantic Union in 1986.

Follett earned his undergraduate degree from La Sierra University, his master’s degree from Andrews University and was later awarded an honorary doctorate from Atlantic Union College.

Follett first hired Juan Prestol, now world church undertreasurer, as a union treasurer. Prestol remembers him as “one of the best administrative leaders the church has had.”

“Because of him, I’m a better man, a better leader, and better Christian,” Prestol said.

Seventh-day Adventist world church President Ted N. C. Wilson remembers Follett as a great source of encouragement for church members. Wilson said Follett’s “untiring efforts for media development at a formative period some years ago greatly helped Hope Channel become what it is today.”

After his retirement, Follett worked as president for LifeTalk Radio, located in Simi Valley, California, until 2008, and part-time in various capacities until 2011.

Follett was preceded in death by his wife Bernardine DeFehr Follett in 1985. He is survived by two adult children, Lorraine (Scott) Ball and David Follett, two grandchildren, Jonathan and Jessica Ball, and a sister, Barbara Connel.

A memorial service will be held on Sabbath, October 15, at 3 p.m. in the Collegedale Church of Seventh-day Adventists with Southern Adventist University President Gordon Bietz officiating.

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8 Comments

The passing of Phil Follett is a reminder to me of why I’ve been in various ministry positions for nearly 40 years now. Elder Follett, as I knew him, offered me a pastoral position and sponsorship to the Adventist Seminary when I was still a Junior Theology Major at Columbia Union College. Only later did I come to understand that Follett’s hiring practices of interns was ahead of his time; he was snapping up promising pastoral interns before other conferences even began to look or interview.

His mentoring of me and my many intern colleagues in the Ohio Conference during that era of his presidency there has shown itself in the majority of us continuing our entire careers in denominational employment.
Praise God for his leadership style and mentoring spirit - what a terrific example for current and future church leaders.

Richard Trott, D.Min. | October 12, 2011 7:54 PM | Reply

My condolences to the family. I know him personally because he came to train us in Senegal some few years back. I really appreciated his seervices for the church and assure you that we lost a great man. We shall meet at the feet of Jesus in God's kingdom.

Aliou Bâ from Senegal

Aliou Ba | October 13, 2011 4:30 AM | Reply

I am truly in sorrow about Phil's passing, and yet I will strive to meet him in New Jerusalem. I met him when I was the President of the Seminary Student Forum, without a Pastoral "Call." He facilitated my first ministerial position of which I am forever gratefull. I also Praise God for the life of the man Phil Follet.

Dr. Norman G. Knight
Outreach Chaplain
Pacific Union College

Norman Knight, D. Min. | October 13, 2011 11:40 AM | Reply

Elder Follett called me from Scotland to be a pastor in the Ohio Conference. He was also the Personal Ministries Dir of the Southern Calif Conference when he interviewed me as a summer extern pastor in the Burbank Church. Then I served with him at the General Conference. I greatly appreciated his leadership and his great Christian spirit.

J David Newman | October 13, 2011 2:10 PM | Reply

While working at the Northern California Conference Office I was one of the secretaries who transcribed Elder Follett's dictation. I would leave work each day feeling so blessed and spiritually fed. His letters were like beautiful sermons---full of hope, courage, wisdom, and the love of God. Praise God for his leadership in God's work.

Joyce Solazzo | October 16, 2011 3:05 AM | Reply

My friend Phil Follett...he was a man with a passion for the Lord, always pointing others to Jesus in and through all things. He always saw the potential in every person, as God valued each one. To him it he couldn't do enough for the Person that he loved with his life. Brother Phil was a piece that God gifted me with in my rebaptized and recommitement to the Lord in 2004. Praise the Lord for His testimony! May the Lord raise up young men to do the same! To each, keep looking to Jesus, He is the Author and Finisher of our faith!

J. Ferguson | October 16, 2011 9:35 PM | Reply

Elder Phollet was one of those people whom when you met once you'd never forget thereafter. He always will remember his sense of humour which came out even through his normal speeches. I remember Elder Thorp and Kandus cracking jokes with him both in South africa during 1998 Satellite campaign and Toronto GC Session...He talked to us many times.. May the LORD comfort his family, colleagues and friends. He is already missed!

Pr Robert E Tuvako | October 18, 2011 2:44 AM | Reply

While Pastor PHIL S. FOLLETT is resting from a hard evangelical labor, I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere condolences to the President's Office at General Conference of SDA and the Executive/General Secretariat at GC of SDA on the loss by death of this father in Israel. Brother Follett will be particularly remembered in the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists' territory where, under his witty leadership as AUConference of SDA President, The Literature Evangelists Institute and Club at Atlantic Union College (LEIAUC and/or LECAUC) officially started during the 1990-1991 academic year, and where he granted a personal interview in his Office aside from having returned some phone calls to me. He also, among other things,
personally called me from the Office of the General Vice Presidents at GC of SDA while I was hospitalized and communicated with me by emails until he told me for the first time many weeks ago in a telephone conversation "I am sick..." May GOD greatly bless his Family!

Cordially,

Romel Viel

SDA Ministerial Student and Elder ROMEL J. VIEL | October 19, 2011 1:11 PM | Reply
Indianapolis Returns as 2020 Adventist General Conference Session Location

Thirty years after last hosting, Indiana's capital celebrates 'quality' convention

12 Oct 2011, Silver Spring, Maryland, United States
Mark A. Kelner, Adventist Review

Thirty years after its last stint at hosting a Seventh-day Adventist Church world business session, Indianapolis, capital of the state of Indiana, will welcome the 61st General Conference Session in 2020. The Lucas Oil Stadium, home of the Indianapolis Colts football team, and the Indianapolis Convention Center, will host the event.

"It's important to have groups that are quality people come into Indianapolis," declared Leonard Hoops, president and chief executive of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Association. He led a delegation of Hoosiers, as the state's people are known, in making an earnest presentation before delegates to the 2011 Annual Council at the movement's Silver Spring, Maryland, headquarters.

Hoops, a Presbyterian, was born in Trinidad and said he has Seventh-day Adventist relatives, including an aunt who is a church member. "I know enough about Adventists to be dangerous," he quipped.

The convention is expected to bring approximately $45 million in revenue to Indianapolis, a 372 square-mile city with a 2011 metro area population of 1.7 million. It is the 34th largest metropolitan area in the United States, according to the federal Office of Management and Budget.

A similar team from Atlanta, Georgia, site of the 2010 GC Session, also presented and asked for delegates for a repeat visit.

After world sessions in Utrecht, Netherlands (1995) and Toronto, Canada (2000), the last two General Conference sessions have been in the United States -- St. Louis (2005) and Atlanta (2010). The 2015 General Conference Session will also be in the U.S., in San Antonio, Texas, July 2-11.

According to Sherri Clemmer, the world church's top meeting planner, several factors come into play in recommending that the 2020 General Conference session again be held in a U.S. city.

To have a successful GC Session, she said, it's important to have a stadium staff that is fluent in English; a nearby airport large enough to handle delegate travel; hotels close to the convention venue, and an enclosed stadium with seating for 70,000 adjacent to a convention center. Very few venues can meet all those requirements, Clemmer said, and they tend to be in the United States.

The session, held once every five years, is expected to draw as many as 100,000 people on the peak convention days, as well as approximately 3,500 voting delegates, their family members, church employees and others during the event, in which world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are elected and policies are decided.

A "Parade of Nations," in which Adventists march in national costume, carrying their country's flags, is seen as a highlight of the meetings. These meetings also usually feature service projects in the local community, cultural and musical events for the public, as well as outreach programs offering educational services on health and other matters.

Combining business with a general celebration of Adventism, the 2020 convention will have both official business meetings and exhibits for Adventists and those interested in the church. It is anticipated that the convention will also operate, for the 11-day duration, as the largest vegetarian restaurant in North America, feeding tens of thousands of meat-free meals.

Adventist Pastor Van Hurst, president of the Indiana Conference, was on stage with the convention bureau staff, holding one of a number of multi-lingual placards asking for a "Return to Indiana." Hurst, who said he is excited about the Session's return, prefaced the Indianapolis presentation with a prayer.

For Hoops, divine intervention may well have been a factor: "We have tried for the Session in 2005, 2010 and 2015 - this is the first time we've got it." Indeed, the "Circle City," as Indianapolis is also known, was a losing finalist for the 2013 selection, which was made at the 2006 Annual Council.
Members of the Indianapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau celebrate after being selected by the Adventist Church's Executive Committee to be hosts of the 2020 General Conference Session. Their signs read "Back to Indiana" in several languages. [photo: Ansel Oliver]
I went to the 1990 GC Session when I was 14 years old. I thought it was a neat city to be in. I wonder what it will be like 30 years later? As for the session itself I wasn't all that interested, being a young teen at that time. But I did go to the one in St. Louis and enjoyed the session, especially the Division Reports.

Sean Boundy | October 13, 2011 8:55 PM | Reply

Ever since becoming a Christian Seventh-day Adventist, I have been amazed at how there is an overwhelming tendency for so much to revolve around America when it comes to Adventism. For example, in 150 years, only 2 or 3 GC presidents have been non-Americans (and none have ever been anything other than American or Nordic). Then, there's the fact that the GC Session has always been held in America with the exception of Utrecht and Toronto (albeit the latter still in North America!). I can remember the sheer delight of those years (which not by accident were around the time of our youngest GC President in a long, long time). Since then, GC Sessions can seemingly only happen in America. What are the reasons we are given for this?

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Try telling that to the sophisticated, fully integrated cities of many western democracies, particularly in Europe. Given that capacities have only increased since Utrecht and Toronto and that some of these considerations were unnecessary back in previous decades when attendances were far smaller, but that all GC Sessions were nonetheless held in America, such claims as made in this article ring particularly hollow.

Complex logistics play a part, but if World Cups and Olympic Games can be held successfully elsewhere in the world, what makes us think that GC Sessions can’t?

Additionally, many would like to know when GC Presidents (and the majority of General Vice-Presidents) will reflect the face of the world church and no longer be simply an older, male Caucasian American.

I am a deeply loyal Seventh-day Adventist, but on these and closely related issues, I have gone from amazed to appalled. We are a world church, aren’t we? On issues like these, let’s act like one.

Hugh Heenan | October 14, 2011 5:23 AM | Reply

Hello

Greetings from Sydney, Australia. It is a shame that other countries are not considered which would also mean cheaper costs for many Adventists living outside of the USA. The reasons given for having the meeting in the US are not entirely convincing.

Possible venues would be: Sydney Olympic Park, South Africa which hosted the World Cup very well, London which will have major infrastructure setup for their Olympics, Brazil where we have a major Adventist presence or even New Zealand who are hosting the current Rugby world cup.

Each of these would provide an ideal and suitable venue and meet the requirements for such a meeting. As I said earlier, it is a shame that Adventists in these countries do not get the chance to host the general conference meeting.

Robin

Robin H | October 14, 2011 6:51 AM | Reply

Back to Indianapolis again? Can’t we find another place even somewhere out of North America.

After all, the church is global, not North American.
Hi,
I do think that other countries have definitely been passed by in favour of America again. Melbourne cricket ground in Australia has a capacity of 100000, and Webley stadium UK can house 90000, old trafford 75000. Obviously Holland speaks dutch, with english as a second language, so surely other countries with english as a second language can also be considered in future, such as: Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata india can house 120000, Estadio Azteca in Mexico 110000, Bukit Jalil in Malaysia 100200, Camp Nou 99354 in Spain (could be dicey with the language I admit for the last 3), and FN stadium with 94000 in Johannesburg.
By having it in a location outside America, I think it shows that we are a global church, and are really serious about being missionaries. The expense of big american shows can be done for a fraction of the cost in India for example, and we will soon see who is serious about doing evangelism there, by how many people come.
I am glad that the Indianapolis team is spiritual and open to Adventism though, and after doing my research I agree that most large stadiums that have english are all in USA. Kind of sad I think...the world needs to be salted.

Stephen de Bruyn | October 16, 2011 4:42 PM | Reply

I am very sad because I know a few adventist people here in brazil who are very poor and do not have money to pay a trip to US and go to the GC. Brazil is the country with most adventist in the world. Very dedicated people are here and the only thing they know about the GC is when the pastor preach in the church and say that they went to US, made some shopping, got know very nice places and enjoyed the GC. Why is that only in US? Is it just about money and tourism in US? Or is that something about the remant people? I really do not know. I am adventist since I was a child and I will always be one. It is the church which is the closest to the truth. But I am so sorry because the Leadership seems me to think just about money and development and proudness, but dot not think about the million of people who can not attend this event. I am one of them. In 2005 I was so sad coz I saw a few friends from the college going to GC and I could not go to have fun together. It is very sad that we can not make any 45 million dollar to anywhere and I am glad that I depend only on Jesus to have life and not the unfair GC. Please, do not take that as personal or heretic, it is just to think about it. I love our adventist community, I just think that something is not right.

Wendel | October 17, 2011 1:50 AM | Reply

Hi folks,
I appreciate that you're reading ANN and that you're passionate enough to offer feedback. I'd like to clarify and highlight a few things.

While we also would like the General Conference Session to be held in various world regions, it's just not an option now because of the requirements of the Session Planning Committee, which is comprised of people from around the world.

I am aware of various venues you mentioned in your comments, but as we highlighted in the story, there aren't many cities that offer the committee's requirements -- specifically, the most critical one: a venue that features indoor seating for 70,000 that is adjacent to a convention center.

While many cities offer a covered stadium and a large exhibit hall, most don't offer both within a reasonable walking distance. A few divisions' presidents from regions mentioned above have previously commented on possibilities in their region, but after learning of this requirement, they withdrew their requests.

Several cities that have hosted the Olympics do not have an adequate number of hotel rooms within a reasonable distance of the meeting venue.

Also, two cities that could meet requirements said they are unable to fit the GC schedule because of ongoing sports team schedules -- both in Melbourne (football/soccer) and Toronto (The Blue Jays baseball team isn't interested blocking off 17 days of days off and road games as they did in 2000).

At ANN, we know this is a sensitive issue. We wanted readers to be aware of these details. That's why we highlighted in the story the Planning Committee's rationale and requirements.

Whether or not Sessions need to be as big as they are or have a large exhibit space is another
It remains to be seen if administration will choose to continue with the present large format for 2025, should the Lord not have returned by then. That might open the possibility of holding the event in mid-sized arenas instead of stadiums, which could allow for cities outside the U.S. to host Session. Session has only been held outside the U.S. three times -- 1975 in Vienna, 1995 in Utrecht, and 2000 in Toronto.

For now, though, the world denomination has made this decision and I wanted you to be aware of these details that led to the decision. Our goal at ANN is to help build trust among groups of people (church leaders, church members, community members) by sharing accurate information. Please let us know if there is anything else we may share to further enhance this trust.

Thanks for reading.

Ansel Oliver
Assistant director for news
Communication department
General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

I find it difficult to comment on the destination for the 2020 GC session?

I wish to suggest that the venue must be rotated just as the FIFA World Cup is being rotated in the various continents. The entire world saw how South Africa hosted the rest of the world. People thought nothing good could come out from Africa since there are several negative perceptions about Africa.

I hereby suggest that, after Indianapolis, the next venue must be Johannesburg in South Africa. Followed by Sydney in Australia, then London in UK, followed by Brasil in South America etc.

America should not be Mecca for Adventists or Rome for the Catholics. Sorry, I am not criticising anybody.

Frank Kwadwo Boateng
Ghana, West Africa
frankboat99@yahoo.com

I am somewhat amazed at the underlying accusations that are inherent in some of the comments about the location of the 2020 GC session. I would simply like to remind us that the group who made the decision was made up of leaders from around the world. If I am not mistaken that group has a majority of members from outside North America. If there are concerns about the decision why not contact the leaders from your area and ask them why they voted the way they did? I too would like to see the pleasure and responsibility for hosting the session spread around. However, it isn't always as easy as "want to" and "we should". Hendersonville, North Carolina - US

Gary Strang

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Indianapolis Returns as 2020 Adventist General Conference Session Loc...
Medical Professionals and Clergy Team Up

by Jay Wintermeyer

Dr Wendell Heidinger, of Whole Person Care Family Practice, shares with conference attendees.

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Another highlight featured Dr. Wendell Heidinger who gave specific ways that healthcare professionals can integrate spirituality into caregiving. After Heidinger’s presentation, one doctor said, “I’m encouraged to try a new approach of spiritual care of patients.”

A common theme throughout the conference was how physical and spiritual wellness are clearly connected. Addressing the whole person leads to far greater success physically and provides real opportunity for ministry. Dr. Brian Schwartz, cardiologist at Kettering Medical Center underscored this theme with his personal testimony of praying for his patients.

Cindy Williams, Upper Columbia Conference health ministries coordinator, said, “It was neat to see the medical professionals and pastors visiting over lunch, discussing and sharing ideas. This is the first step toward building a strong working relationship between pastors and healthcare professionals.”

Upper Columbia Conference hopes to hold more conferences and expand the invitation to include other healthcare professionals as well.
Celebrating 400 years of the KJV

By: Becky St. Clair

On Oct. 22, Walla Walla University will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible, the translation that changed the world. Events include presentations on the literary, historical, and theological significance of this specific translation, completed in 1611 by 47 scholars in England. All events are free and open to the public.

At 9:30 a.m., Dan Lamberton, professor of English, presents, “The Memory Book: The KJV in Mind” in Village Hall, located at 207 S. College Ave. At 11:30 a.m., Alex Bryan, senior pastor of the University Church, presents, “The Most Beautiful Language” in the University Church, located at 212 SW 4th Street, at the corner of 4th and Bade.

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Since Oct. 1, university departments, classes, and individuals have signed up to read through specific portions of the KJV. A large Bible, donated to the church several years ago, was placed in Heubach Chapel next to the University Church, and readers went in at their assigned times to read their portion of the Bible. They were not required to read aloud, but many chose to do so.

"Reading out loud to an empty room was a unique experience and was actually fun," says Steve Davis, director for student information at WWU. "I had not read the KJV story of Abraham’s call to murder Isaac for some time and occasionally wondered what the translation would be in another version."

During the 11:30 a.m. service on Oct. 22, the final verses of the KJV will be read from the front of the church, read from the same KJV that individuals and groups have been reading from in Heubach Chapel this month.

For more information call 509-527-2541.
Safe Houses Help Women Escape Abusive Relationships

Jeff Humphrey | KXLY4 Reporter

Posted: 4:52 pm PDT October 11, 2011
Updated: 6:25 pm PDT October 11, 2011

SPOKANE, Wash. -- There are shelters across Spokane that can't advertise their location in order to protect the women living in them from the husbands and boyfriends they're seeking to escape from.

The Women's Healing and Empowering Network provides housing and counseling at three private homes scattered around the city and has helped dozens of women escape abusive relationships.

The network provides a safe haven for wives and girlfriends who finally realized they'd had enough.

“We had been married about a year and a half before he hit me the first time,” one woman, who was a victim of spousal abuse, said.

This victim, who asked not to be identified, is like many women who have stayed in an abusive relationship so their children can have a father. But her children are the very reason she ultimately left.

“He's 6'6" and he held my daughter up like this and dropped her into the bathtub and it was like I can't do this," she said.

So she and her kids moved in one of the shelters for a minimum two-month stay. Being around other abused women helped her realize her violent marriage wasn't her fault.

“Individual counseling to deal with your specific issues, just to talk things through and one of the parts of abuse is that you're so isolated you can't talk to anyone," she said.

Doctor Mable Dunbar is the director of the three healing centers here in Spokane. The licensed therapist and counselor said too many women stay in abusive relationships because of their faith.

“Because they feel if they leave an abusive relationship or get a divorce or end a marriage they incur the wrath of God and in my experience as a Christian and a pastor's wife the bible does not condone any kind of abusive relationship," Dunbar said.

But because religion is one of the tools Dr. Dunbar is using to help these women, her organization is ineligible for many government grants.

“We say that we are a Christian country and I just believe there are people out there who when they hear what we're trying to do they will definitely support us," Dunbar said.

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Riding In Cars With Boys Or Girls

Why Does My Car Repair Cost So Much?

The Most And Least Expensive Vehicles To Insure

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Symptoms Of Alzheimer's?
What property have you listed for sale?
We have listed all property east of the airport and Belleau Field (adjacent to the northwest end of the airstrip). This is land that is non-essential to the core educational mission of the college and is currently not in use by the college. Also, this land is not being planned for use in our long term Campus Master Plan, which extends to 2050.

Is it true that you are selling 1,500 acres?
The property listed amounts to about 1500 acres, but the college's intention is to only sell a portion of the land. The seller will determine which portion is sold. At the advice of our broker, we have listed all available property east of the airport and Belleau Field (adjacent to the northwest end of the airstrip) to allow a potential buyer better flexibility.

As PUC grows, how do we know whether or not we’ll need more land to expand the campus?
PUC has completed a Campus Master Plan that takes into account all short-term and long-term growth. From classrooms to employee housing to residence halls and parking, the Campus Master Plan covers all the possibilities for a student population of about 2300. Currently, PUC has 1,500 students on campus. The SWA Group, the landscape architect firm with which we have been working, has determined that PUC will have more than enough acreage for expansion even if we sell some land. This also holds true when comparing the core campus acreage of most colleges and universities across the nation.

Additionally, the listed land could never be used for expansion of the main campus as all of it is zoned agricultural or ag/watershed, which does not allow for institutional, commercial, or multi-family residential development.

Who is SWA?
The SWA Group is a highly reputable, award-winning landscape architect firm that has worked on master plans for multiple higher education campuses. Clients include Harvard University, Stanford University and the University of the Pacific.

Will the sale of the listed property cause PUC to be surrounded by housing and commercial ventures?
No. All the listed property is zoned agricultural or ag/watershed, which means the land is solely for agricultural purposes. The development of multi-family dwellings and commercial ventures would not be allowed. PUC will retain its pristine look and character.

What does it mean for the land to be sold “as is”?
The property is listed without lot line adjustments or zoning changes. The buyer will have to handle any necessary entitlements after the purchase.

Will there be any restrictions on the sale of the property?
We will encourage easements or covenants for access to water, roads, and trails. For a large portion of the property listed (900 acres of forest land), we are planning to protect...
and preserve the property in its natural state through a land trust or mitigation bank. We will address and evaluate offers, which have this feature, as we receive them.

**Do you have a broker?**
We have listed our property with Cornish and Carey Commercial Newmark Knight Frank.

**What do you expect to get out of the purchase in terms of dollar amounts?**
The PUC Board of Trustees has a goal in mind, which it is premature to share at this time.

**Is it true that a group of area Seventh-day Adventist businessmen have made a specific and detailed proposal to PUC offering to assume responsibility for College lands?**
No, the college has not received a solid business plan from local Adventists. The president has had meetings with several concerned citizens who have made general suggestions, but the college has not received a detailed proposal that outlines a concrete and viable plan for financial viability and future sustainability. Furthermore, the mere assumption of responsibility for college lands or businesses does not guarantee a successful solution. It is important to also note that the members of our Board of Trustees include several highly experienced, successful Seventh-day Adventist businesspersons—all of whom have intensely studied PUC’s situation for years.

**What will you do with the funds if the property is sold?**
If the property is sold, 100% of the net proceeds will go into our endowment in order to provide financial viability for the future. This is a long-term investment for our future, and not a quick fix for the immediate situation.

Some of PUC’s financial goals include the expansion of scholarships for students, increased faculty and staff compensation, debt reduction and improved campus facilities and infrastructure.

**Will you build 191 homes? Where will they be built and when and for whom?**
The county approved PUC to build 191 homes back in 2004. We still have the county’s approval, but the specific property zoned for the 191 units are not listed for sale. Currently, the college is not working on development plans for the 191 units. PUC President Heather Knight will need to analyze the housing needs for the college and St. Helena Hospital before embarking on any plan to build.

**Why don’t you keep the property and grow orchards?**
This would require the college to take valuable attention away from our core educational mission.

**With PUC’s enrollment and finances back on the rise, is it necessary to still sell land?**
Despite a growing enrollment and a dramatic financial turnaround in the past two years, PUC still needs to be proactive about securing its financial viability for the future. Increased enrollment and philanthropy alone will not be enough, and we must work to grow our endowment. One hundred percent of the net proceeds from the possible land sale will go into the endowment.
A letter from President Heather J. Knight

For the past two years, Pacific Union College has been on an upward trajectory with an increasing enrollment, multiple on-campus renovation projects and a general positive atmosphere on campus shared by faculty, staff and students. Most exciting is the spirit and commitment of our students, who are eagerly engaged in service projects, locally and globally, as well as leading multiple Bible study groups. This generation of Seventh-day Adventist young people is truly inspiring in their motivation to serve their community and to serve their God, and it is a privilege to be part of a distinctive Seventh-day Adventist learning community that is preparing them to, indeed, change the world.

Yet even as we are on a path of growth and progress, PUC must make some important decisions in the next few years to ensure our fiscal viability for future generations of PUC students. In truth, we are asset rich but resource poor. Among the pressing issues that we need to address is the need for more scholarships for our students, our institutional debt, many years of deferred maintenance ($49 million worth), and an inadequate compensation plan for our dedicated faculty and staff. In the end, increased enrollment and philanthropy alone will not correct these long-standing systemic problems. Additionally, while PUC alumni have great affection for the “College on the Hill,” perhaps due to the current economy, less than 10% give annually.

While many colleges face similar financial challenges as PUC, fiscally healthy colleges and universities invest in their endowment, a fund that will provide steady income to an institution for perpetuity. An endowment alone is not a solution, but it is a long-term investment in fiscal viability and sustainability along with continued sound financial management of the College.

In the effort to be good stewards of the College’s assets, the PUC Board of Trustees voted in 2002 and again recently to liquidate property that is non-essential to our core educational mission. If land is sold, 100 percent of the net proceeds will go into the college’s endowment—another board voted decision that will ensure that the investment is secured for posterity and not simply utilized on immediate operational needs.

The property listing encompasses the property east of the airport and Belleau Field—all of which is zoned agricultural or ag/watershed, so the main campus could not ever expand into this area. This property has not been used by the College, is currently not in use by the College and is not being planned for use in our long-term Campus Master Plan, which was completed in June 2011. We have listed all available property in order to give a possible buyer flexibility, but the College, like any other potential seller, reserves the right to determine which portions will ultimately be liquidated.
Furthermore, one important aspect of our listing is the stated desire of the PUC Board of Trustees and the College administration to preserve and protect into perpetuity the 900 acres of wonderful woods and trails enjoyed now by faculty, staff, students, as well as our local community. In considering our stewardship of this resource, we are examining different options on how this goal can best be accomplished. Surely there will be disagreements about this decision, but if you are concerned, I urge you—in the spirit of Christian fellowship—to first ascertain the accurate facts so as not to inadvertently share any misinformation.

As president, I care deeply about PUC, and the decision to list a portion of our property is not something I take lightly. It is also important to understand that this decision is very important for the PUC Board of Trustees, most of whom are alumni, and they have a deep connection to the property as well. We have thoughtfully examined the situation and prayed for months—some even years—and we feel that at least exploring this opportunity is the right decision for PUC at this critical time.

Please continue to pray for the College and for God to guide us in His infinite wisdom. I have faith that the Lord will open or close doors, depending on what is best for our dear College. Ultimately, I leave the final decision in His wonderful Hands.

Sincerely,
Heather J. Knight, Ph.D.
President, Pacific Union College

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