WWU Welcomes New Instructors

Walla Walla University (WWU) has eight new teachers occupying classroom lecterns this year. They include: Conna Bond, assistant professor of business; Karen Clausen-Brown, assistant professor of English; Emilie Butler, Portland (Ore.) campus instructor in nursing; Denise Dunzweiler, professor of education; John Foster, assistant professor of mathematics; Gerry Larson, athletic director; Joel Libby, instructor in art; and Kirt Onthank, assistant professor of biology. In addition to these eight, Brant Berglin joined the School of Theology in January as an assistant professor. These new instructors bring both academic and industry experience to WWU classrooms for the 2013–14 school year. Read more about each teacher online.
**Huge Mission Challenges Ahead**

Mark Kellner, *Adventist Review* news editor, reports that the Seventh-day Adventist Church has reduced its ratio to world population from 1 in 360,000 at the movement’s founding to 1 in 396 today. Yet according to the church’s Urban Mission Conference held this week in Silver Spring, Md., huge outreach challenges remain in many countries of the Middle East, East and Southeast Asia. There are 126 urban areas with a population of 1 million or more where there are 125 or fewer Adventists in each area. During the event, Ted N.C. Wilson, world church president, urged members to reach out to the great cities of the world. Read more from the *Adventist Review*. (Photo of Ted N.C. Wilson by Mark Kellner)

**High Marks for Transparency**

More and more people are going online to research health care before they select a health plan or physician. This helps them make more informed decisions about their own care. Adventist Medical Center (AMC) in Portland, Ore., has achieved national recognition for credible online transparency about quality outcomes. It recently received the Excellence in Hospital Website Transparency Award. AMC was one of only seven hospitals in the nation to receive this recognition. Read more details about the award at the AMC website.

**The Manager and the Mayor**

Spokane, Wash.’s mayor, David Condon, took time out of his busy schedule this week for an interview with Darin Patzer, general manager of Positive Life Radio KEEH 104.9FM. Condon and Patzer visited about the mayor’s presentation at the recent Spokane Christian Summit. Patzer also discovered that the 39-year-old mayor was born and raised in the Inland Northwest and has nine other siblings. Raised in a Catholic family, Condon has spent time at the Upper Columbia Conference (UCC) Camp MiVoden where, he said with a chuckle, he’d tried his first taste of vegetarian hot-dogs. Read more at UCC online.

**Livingstone Student Takes the Prize**

Tristan Loop, first-grader at Livingstone Adventist Academy in Salem, Ore., recently won a contest in his local newspaper, the *Statesman-Journal*. He received a poster-sized color print of the original drawing he inspired with his answer to the SJ Kids question, “What new and exciting challenge did you conquer this summer?” Tristan’s teacher Bev Laabs and first-grade classmates joined in the celebration for his winning answer, “I learned how to drive a
Video App Features Bible Heroes
Concerned about the negative effect of video games? Here’s an alternative. The first Seventh-day Adventist game for iPhone and iPad was downloaded 3,000 times in the first 48 hours of its release, tripling the benchmark analysts say a mobile app should meet in its first week to be considered successful. “Heroes” is a comic book style trivia game based on the lives of Abraham, David, Esther and other prominent biblical characters. Players can learn their stories and test their Bible knowledge by answering as many questions as possible within sixty seconds. Correct answers earn players “manna,” which they can trade for game helps, or “effects” as they level up. Watch an introductory video via Adventist News Network.

Moody Drops Alcohol/Tobacco Ban
Adventists who have long campaigned against the evils of substance abuse will be interested to know that a venerable evangelical institute has dropped its ban on alcohol and tobacco use by its faculty and staff. Chicago-based Moody Bible Institute says the move illustrates its effort to create an environment which focuses on values, not rules. Read more from the Adventist Review.

Seattle Needs Your Prayers
Don't forget to Pray for Seattle, as 100+ Reach Seattle Metro meetings begin this weekend around the metro area. This is the first Northwest push to reach our largest cities. Read how you can be a productive part of this important effort with your prayers. Refer your Seattle-area friends and family to the online site for more information and event locations.
Looking Ahead

October

4–31: Reach Seattle Metro Meetings
4–6: UCA Alumni Homecoming
10–12: WWU Fall Classic Tournament
5: OAMC Presents Brethren in Concert
11–12: Milo Alumni Weekend
18–20: NPUC Health Ministries Weekend
25–27: UCC Christian Women's Retreat

More Events

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While no one looks forward to a hospital stay, sometimes you need the care a hospital provides. And when you need that care, you want the best available. Adventist Health operates three hospitals, and multiple clinics, throughout the Northwest. This month’s GLEANER looks at how they are ministering to both body and soul. Read more in the October GLEANER.
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New Faculty 2013-14

By: Camlynne Waring

Photo by Chris Drake

Walla Walla University is proud to welcome eight new instructors for the 2013-14 academic school year. These instructors bring both academic and industry experience to the classroom and will help encourage excellence in thought at WWU.

Brant Berglin joined the School of Theology in January as an assistant professor in New Testament studies and Greek. Berglin is a 1995 WWU theology graduate. He received a Master of Divinity from Andrews University and is currently working on his doctoral degree. Berglin has spent 10 years pastoring and church planting in several Alaskan locations, including Anchorage, Dillingham, Fairbanks and the North Pole.

Conna Bond is joining the School of Business as an assistant professor of business. Bond taught a class on business ethics last year with excellent student reviews. Previously, Bond served as editorial and marketing director at Bond Communication and Design, in addition to serving as communication director for Adventist-Laymen’s Services & Industries. Bond is a Whitman College graduate with a law degree from the University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law.

Karen Clausen-Brown is joining the English Department as an assistant professor of English after completing her doctoral studies at the University of Notre Dame. Clausen-Brown is a 2007 WWU graduate.

Emilie Butler joins the Portland campus School of Nursing as an instructor in nursing. A 2010 WWU graduate, Butler previously worked as a staff nurse at Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Denise Dunzweiler comes to WWU from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies in the Philippines where she was the dean of graduate studies. Dunzweiler joins the School of Education and Psychology as a professor of education. She obtained her master’s degree at Sonoma State University and a doctoral degree at Andrews University.

John Foster is a 2007 WWU graduate joining the Mathematics Department as an assistant professor of mathematics. He comes to WWU after completing doctoral studies at the University of Oregon.

Gerry Larson is the new athletic director, in addition to a new instructor in health and physical education. Larson is finishing his master of education at University of Idaho. Previously, he worked in WWU’s Marketing and Enrollment Department.

Joel Libby is a 2004 WWU graduate joining the Art Department as an instructor. Libby’s artwork has focused on portraiture and the human form, though he has woodworking and sculpture experience as well.

Kirt Onthank comes to WWU as an assistant professor of biology after completing his doctoral studies at Washington State University. Onthank obtained his undergraduate and master’s degrees from WWU.

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Adventist Health Recognized for Transparency in Quality

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Healthcare Consumers are doing their homework these days. Before selecting a health plan or physician, they are going online to study hospital outcomes and evaluating which hospital provides the safest care. Once they’ve done their research, they are better equipped to make intelligent decisions about who should navigate their care. Adventist Medical Center (AMC) has recently achieved national recognition for providing credible online transparency about quality outcomes.

URAC, an independent organization evaluating health care quality through its accreditation, education and measurement programs and The Leapfrog Group, an organization examining national healthcare standards of safety, quality, and efficiency awarded AMC the Excellence in Hospital Website Transparency Award. The award identifies outstanding hospital websites that promote transparency of quality measures in a manner that is useful and user-friendly for consumers. Hospitals websites were evaluated for communicating patient care results. Criteria included credibility, literacy, connectivity, and design as well as evaluation of the Leapfrog’s Hospital Quality Results.

“We’re transparent with our outcomes because we want to keep the community well informed about the care being provided by our team of 2,000 employees who are committed to make patient safety a priority,” states Carolyn Kozik, RN, director of Quality Resources at Adventist Health. 59% of adults in the United States say they have looked online for health information in the past year. “By viewing our online data, the public can evaluate our ability to prevent complications and re-admissions, while providing safe, timely and appropriate care for their loved ones. Our goal is perfect care, every patient, every time,” continues Kozik.

The hospital believes that consumers should know how they are performing and that by tracking this information they have improved as an organization in establishing processes which lead to better outcomes. It’s all part of the hospital’s continual process improvement plan. To learn more visit AdventistHealthNW.com

About Adventist Medical Center (AMC)

Adventist Medical Center (AMC), located in southeast Portland, is a nonprofit, 302-bed acute care facility, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency services throughout the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area. It is ranked in the top 5% of hospitals nationwide for patient safety. Adventist Health Medical Group represents more than 100 primary care and specialty physicians who treat and admit their patients to Adventist Medical Center.

Adventist Medical Center is part of Adventist Health, a faith-based, not-for-profit integrated health care delivery system with nearly 21,000 employees serving communities in California, Hawaii, Oregon and...
Washington. Founded on Seventh-day Adventist health values, Adventist Health provides compassionate care in 18 hospitals, more than 135 clinics (rural health and physician clinics), 14 home care agencies and four joint-venture retirement centers. We invite you to visit AdventistHealth.org for more information.

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Spokane Mayor Visits Positive Life Radio, 104.9 FM

by Jay Wintermeyer

Mayor Condon and Darin Patzer talk about ways Christians can make a difference in the Spokane community.

Spokane, Wash., - Spokane Mayor, David Condon, visited the Upper Columbia Conference office October 1, 2013. He took time out of his busy schedule for an interview with station manager, Darin Patzer, that will air on Positive Life Radio, 104.9 FM.

Condon and Patzer visited about the mayor’s presentation at the recent Spokane Christian Summit. At that meeting, community leaders met and looked at ways Christians can partner together to better serve and heal the downtrodden in the city, rather than duplicating efforts.

Following his interview with Patzer, Condon took a tour of the UCC office as well as the ABC Christian Bookstore.
Livingstone first-grader receives custom cartoon inspired by his writing
Written by Michael Davis
Oct. 15

Railroad enthusiast Tristan Loop received a poster-sized color print this morning of the original drawing he inspired with his answer to the SJ Kids question, “What new and exciting challenge did you conquer this summer?”

Teacher Bev Laabs and first-grade classmates at Livingstone Adventist Academy joined in the celebration for Tristan, who answered the question with, “I learned how to drive a train.”

Each week, SJ Kids gives area children a chance to have their writing published in the newspaper and online.

Also: Award-winning cartoonist Dave Sattler creates an original cartoon illustration inspired by one student’s response. The cartoon – and a selection of responses to that week’s question – are published in the Mid-Valley section of the Wednesday paper. Every entry appears online at www.StatesmanJournal.com/SJKids.

The question for this week is “Would you rather be a good singer or a good dancer and why?” Answers due 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2. Publication date is Oct. 9. Submit your response at www.StatesmanJournal.com/SJKidsform