La Sierra University (LSU) and Pacific Union College (PUC) beat their previous enrollment records this year. LSU received their highest number ever, 2,478 students, who enrolled for the Fall 2013 term. This is the fourth year in a row that LSU has seen an enrollment increase. Over that time, the student body has grown by 33 percent. The H.M.S. Richards Divinity School experienced a 29 percent jump in undergraduate majors and a 16 percent increase in graduate students. Biology students have enrolled in such large numbers that the university has outfitted two new labs to accommodate demand. The year-old film and television program more than doubled in enrollment and the criminal justice program has grown to 183 students and expanded to a second campus in Ontario.

PUC received the highest enrollment in 24 years, with a total enrollment of 1,678, an increase of 62 students over the 1,616 students at this time last year and the exact same number enrolled in 1989. The college realized both an increase of new students and growth in retention. Between freshmen and transfers, PUC has 503 new students this year. The freshman to sophomore retention rate grew from 77 to 84 percent.

Jerry Lutz, MDiv, has been elected as Chesapeake Conference executive secretary by the conference Executive Committee. Lutz replaces Kleyton Feitosa who accepted a call to serve as president of the Egypt-Sudan Field. Lutz has been senior pastor of the nearly 1800-member Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Md. since 1996. Before then he pastored several churches in central California. He has served on the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee and on various NAD and GC boards and committees. He hosts and moderates the weekly, nationally broadcast television program, The American Religious Town Hall Meeting, on which expert panelists of various faiths and religions discuss and debate current events as they relate to matters of religious liberty.

Gone but not Forgotten - Don Gray, March 19, 1926 to January 11, 2014, has died at age 87 in Portland, Ore. Longtime visionary and evangelist, he and his wife wrote seven books, as well as a set of 24 Bible lessons that were translated into more than 76 languages. They traveled the world promoting evangelism for the Adventist church in Russia, China and Europe. They worked closely with George Vandeman and It Is Written, the Voice of Prophecy, Mark Finley, Pacific Publishing Press, and many of the church’s organizations in a worldwide witness, and evangelistic effort. Don was one of the pioneers in multimedia approach to communication and witnessing.

A memorial service is scheduled for February 8. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations in Don's memory be made to the Portland TV Ministry Fund of the Oregon Conference.
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Submissions are now being accepted for the 2014 SONscreen Film Festival, Mar. 20-22, at Southern Adventist University. Submissions deadline: March 7. This year films can be entered in the student categories of Drama, Documentary, Animation, Public Service Announcement and High School. Professionals may also submit films that will be considered for showing at the festival, but won’t be eligible for prizes. A new category this year that is open to both students and professionals is titled “Seventh-day Adventists: United for Mission,” and is sponsored by the GC Communication Department.

SONscreen Film Festival, now in its 12th year, was started as a way of encouraging and promoting the work of Christian young people who are studying the art of film making. The festival was expanded to include high school students who compete for the Jonathan Dulan award and a college scholarship. MORE

Children's Leadership Conference will be held March 28-30. If you or someone you know loves teaching kids about Jesus and need ideas, inspiration or encouragement, then this event is for you! Come learn and grow from the best trainers in Adventism, including Richard Aguilera, Miss Brenda, and Phyllis Washington. Full Adventurer Basic Staff Training and Hispanic Workshop Tracks (Basic and Advanced) will be available. Other workshops include Kids' Health Expo, Creative Prayer Ministry, Children's Ministries basics, and much more. Several of the workshops will be great for kids who would like to learn more about ministry. It will be held on the campus of Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich. Register before February 28 for the best rate. MORE

Attend the 2014 PSI Fundraising Conference, June 24-27 in Baltimore, Md. Held only every three years, the Philanthropic Services for Institutions Conference is the premier fundraising conference in the church. At previous conferences 96% of survey respondents have said that the PSI conference was very good; 89% said that they would likely attend the next conference. Register, get track, speaker and session titles. You can also learn more about networking events and other great things that will occur during your stay in Baltimore. MORE

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Small Groups Fair - Something for Everyone

Groups for fun and hobbies such as running, biking, tennis, photography, or just eating out occasionally, were organized at a Small Groups Fair held at the University Parkway Church in Pensacola, Fla. More than 100 people signed up for the various groups.

"The goal is connecting with others through fellowship. We hope to invite many others from the community to connect with the church and Jesus through these activities," said Pastor Jeffery Crain.

To follow up on the success of this kick off event, members plan to repeat a Small Groups Fair every 90 days. It will give people opportunities to change
groups and get to know more people. The fairs help to promote community awareness and increase their connections. “The hope is that sharing our interests in the small groups will help build relationships for eternity,” said Crain. MORE: Southern Union Tidings, April 2013, p. 22
La Sierra University Reaches Another Record Enrollment

By Marilyn Thomsen

La Sierra University has reached the highest enrollment in its history, with 2,478 students enrolled for the Fall 2013 term as of Oct. 4. This is the fourth year in a row that La Sierra has seen an enrollment increase. Over that time, the student body has grown by 33 percent.

"We are especially pleased with the large number of returning students," says President Randal Wisbey. "I believe this reflects their satisfaction with the quality education they are receiving at La Sierra."

The H.M.S. Richards Divinity School saw the largest growth this fall, with a 29 percent jump in undergraduate majors and a 16 percent increase in graduate students. Biology students have enrolled in such large numbers that the university has outfitted two new labs to accommodate demand.

The film and television program, launched last year, has already more than doubled in enrollment. The criminal justice program has grown to 183 students and expanded to a second campus in Ontario. And residence halls are filled nearly to capacity, continuing a trend from last year.

“We are excited to see this record enrollment,” says Wisbey. “It is our honor to be able to provide a strong academic environment within a context of Christian faith and service to our growing student body.”
Jerry Lutz Elected Executive Secretary

January 30, 2014

The Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee elected Jerry Lutz, MDiv, to the position of conference executive secretary at its January 28, 2014 meeting. He replaces Kleyton Feitosa who accepted a call to serve as president of the Egypt-Sudan Field.

“We’re delighted to have Pastor Lutz joining our staff at the Chesapeake Conference. His many years of capable and effective leadership in various congregations have prepared him well to be a strong support to our churches and schools,” said Rick Remmers, conference president. “We look forward to working more closely with him.”

Lutz, an ordained minister, has been senior pastor of the nearly 1800-member Spencerville church in Silver Spring, Maryland—Chesapeake Conference’s largest church—since 1996. Prior to moving to Maryland, Lutz was the senior pastor of several churches in central California. He has served on the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committee and on various North American Division and General Conference boards and committees. Until recently, he also taught church leadership and administration classes as part of Washington Adventist University’s graduate program. He has authored articles published in Adventist Review and other Adventist publications, and has designed and taught a Bible-marking course to help church members share the Good News. He hosts and moderates the weekly, nationally broadcast television program, The American Religious Town Hall Meeting, on which expert panelists of various faiths and religions discuss and debate current events as they relate to matters of religious liberty.

Jerry Lutz and his wife, Janet, met while attending graduate school at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. Janet Lutz is the director of Institutional Advancement and Philanthropy at the University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. The couple has one son, Jarrod, a teacher of English and history at Spencerville Adventist Academy in Spencerville, Maryland.

“I love the Chesapeake Conference, believe in its mission and vision, and with the Lord's help will do my very best to aid and assist the advancement of the work in our part of the Columbia Union,” Lutz said after accepting the call. “The Lord is coming soon and we have much to do to get people ready.”

He will assume the duties of his new position on April 1.

- Samantha Young
Donald Leroy Gray: An exceptional life of service to God

1926 to 2014

Don Gray, long-time evangelistic visionary for the Seventh-day Adventist Church, died Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, in Portland, Ore. He was 87. Memorial services have been scheduled for the Rockwood Adventist Church in Portland, Ore., on Feb. 8 at 3 p.m.

Gray, Northwest born, raised and educated, was well-known throughout the Adventist world church for his tireless work in soul-winning and evangelism.

He was born in Klamath Falls, Ore., on March 19, 1926, to Irving Ellsworth Gray, and Ethel Rhodes. Ethel died of cancer when Don was only seven. At age 13, Don went with his two younger brothers, Bucky and Herby, to live with their uncle Herbert Rhodes in Portland, Ore. Herbert and his wife Edith, raised Don, Bucky and Herby as their own children. Don graduated from Portland Union Academy in only three years, and went on to Walla Walla College, in College Place, Wash., where he thrived as a straight-A student. In just three more years he earned a bachelor’s degree in theology.

While at Walla Walla College, Don met Marjorie Mason in the library, and it was love at first sight. Don and Marjorie were married shortly after he graduated from college and spent the next 65 years of their life together doing the Lord’s work.

Don was ordained as a minister of the Seventh-day Adventist church — the youngest man at that time to be ordained as a minister in the Oregon Conference. During the next few years Don pastored a number of small churches in rural Oregon. A number of these churches needed new structures, or physical improvements, which Don, with the help of the members, undertook with the sort of zeal and enthusiasm he carried throughout his life.

Don and Marjorie welcomed a daughter, Donna, in 1950, followed soon after in 1953 by a son, Randy.

Don developed into an excellent public speaker, and the desire to expand his ministry toward soul-winning took him into the next phase of his life. Desiring to reach larger groups of people, he began to hold evangelistic meetings in air tents, due to the lack of adequate auditorium space. Don incorporated visual media with his sermons and found it was a very effective tool in capturing the minds and hearts of those in search of a better life.

Throughout the next few decades Don’s zeal for public speaking and evangelism grew. The hope of eternal life became the main focus of his life. Don and Marjorie wrote seven books on witnessing and the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. But the development of their most effective tool began in the early 1960s when they wrote a set of 24 Bible lessons. During the next few decades these lessons were translated into more than 76 languages, eventually produced as CDs and DVDs with animation and graphic illustrations. These sets were distributed throughout the world, reaching millions of lives with one simple message: Jesus love you and me, and is the way to salvation.

Don and Marjorie traveled the world promoting evangelism for the Seventh-day Adventist church in Russia, China and Europe. They worked closely with George Vandeman and It Is Written, the Voice of Prophecy, Mark Finley, Pacific Publishing Press, and many of the church’s organizations in a worldwide witnessing, and evangelistic effort. Don was one of the pioneers in multimedia approach to communication and witnessing, at one point overseeing the It Is Written Advent Digital Media project to produce cutting edge evangelistic graphics.

At all times, Don’s tireless dedication to soul-winning was paramount. The North Pacific Union and Oregon conferences once mutually awarded him a plaque of accomplishment in which they referred to him as “the unstoppable Don Gray.”

Don is responsible for the origination and establishment of a number of Seventh-day Adventist churches. Perhaps one of the most notable such projects began in collaboration with Dr. Robert Nutter in Grand Terrace, California. They purchased a bankrupt country club and its nine-hole golf course, and turned it into a church complex.

In June 2010, Marjorie passed away from complications of Alzheimer’s. Heartbroken, Don lived on with his continuing passion for witnessing, but health issues began to erode his physical stamina and mobility. His son Randy remembers clearly a conversation a few months before his father’s death when Don said he needed to get out of his care home so that he would be able to help others. His heart was bigger than his strength. Don closed his eyes for the last time Sabbath morning, Jan. 11. There is no doubt that Jesus will say to him “Well done thou good and faithful servant.”
Randy says, “he was a devoted husband, loving father, and a true witness for Christ. I am proud to call him my father. He was truly a great man.”

Don is survived by his son, Randy, of Chico, Calif.; sister, Helen Winkle, of Ukiah, Calif.; and one granddaughter, Mindy Stannard, of Portland, Ore. His daughter, Donna Stannard, died in 2007.

Details provided by Randy Gray.
Health Matters: Chaplain follows God’s call to ministry

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Submitted column February 3, 2014 2:50PM

Cristina Grys has joined the staff as a hospital chaplain at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. | Submitted

Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital Chaplain Cristina Grys heard the call to ministry when she was 17 years old, as a high school student in Portugal.

At that time, she wasn’t sure what she wanted to do. All her career testing was pointing her to civil engineering, but her passion for the field wasn’t there.

“So I started praying and asking God to guide me,” she said.

During her senior year of high school, Grys found her way. She had viewed an environmental documentary and was touched by the difficulties the planet faced.

“Right then and there, I prayed to God that I wanted to do something for my life that will matter for eternity,” she said. “I wanted to help tell about Jesus.”

Shortly after, she learned about an Adventist college in Spain where she could study theology. “I told my parents, ‘I know what I’m going to do. I’m going to study theology in Spain,’” she said.

Today, Grys is spreading God’s word at Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital. After just a few short months, she knows she is doing just what God called her to do.

“I’ve met people who are struggling with addictions, at the end of their rope, with tears in their eyes,” Grys said. “Some of my best visits have been with people where I needed to give some advice, and pray with them, and listen to their stories, listen to how they got there. It’s a very meaningful ministry.”

Grys traveled a long road before finding herself in Bolingbrook. Upon receiving her pastoral assistance degree in Spain, she attended Walla Walla University in Washington, to finish her theology degree and to study music.

Grys’s background and talents make her a perfect fit for the hospitals, said John Rapp, vice president of ministries and mission.

“Her theological background is impressive, but Grys has so many talents that go beyond that,” Rapp said. “She’s speaks four languages, speaking English, Portuguese, Spanish and French. Her musical background adds such an important part to her ministry. She is the perfect addition to our team.”

Grys uses her musical talents to work with behavioral health patients.

“I bring my guitar and song lyrics,” Grys said. “And the whole time I’m there, I help these patients … We talk about the music, and what it means to them, and then we sing.”

Grys believes God has called her to work with Adventist Midwest Health. “When God calls, I go,” she said. “I feel like he opened the right doors at the right time for me to do this job. I’m very thankful.”

Health Matters is an occasional column courtesy of Fox Valley health organizations. This installment was submitted by Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital.
The College Mill in Takoma Park once made ironing boards, chairs, bookcases and more

By John Kelly, Columnist

What can you tell us about a wooden ironing board that was purchased at the Eastern Market flea market more than 10 years ago? It is of an interesting design. A stamp on the back reads “Manufactured by The College Mill, Takoma Park, Washington, D.C.” This was apparently part of Washington Adventist University.

— Delores Bushong

Best news photos of the week

A look at some of our favorite images of the week.

and Gloria Kim, Washington

There’s something fitting about a Christian college having an active woodworking program. After all, wasn’t Joseph a carpenter?

Answer Man should say a once-active woodworking program, for the College Mill no longer turns out ironing boards, which were just one of many items that students built between 1928 and 1960 on the campus on Flower Avenue in Takoma Park.

The university itself dates back to 1904, when it was founded as the Washington Training College, an affiliate of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In 1907, it became the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, the name reflecting a narrower focus. Seven years later the name was changed again, to the Washington Missionary College. Long-time Washingtonians may know it by the name it had from 1961 to 2009: Columbia Union College. Five years ago the name was changed again, to Washington Adventist University.

But about that mill: Peruse copies of the college yearbook, Golden Memories, and you will come across numerous references to this interesting industrial operation. A little poem in the 1929 yearbook proclaimed: “Three grown men and thirty-seven boys/ All making ironing boards, and a terrible lot of noise.”

In that year alone, more than 40,000 ironing boards were made at the College Mill. And nifty ironing boards they were, too, with legs that folded neatly into the base. A patent on the design was issued in 1934 to Robert Van Seyle, Leslie Leroy Smith and Edward Judge Barnes, who assigned it to the college.

The ironing board was sometimes referred to as the Plymouth, with labels proclaiming, “Solid as a rock. Opens and closes with one motion.”

Other items of furniture made at the mill included ladders; bookcases; a low-slung, canvas-covered rocker called the Takoma Chair (Patent No. 1986381); and an Adirondack-style design called the lawn chair.

In 1942, 35,000 chairs rolled off the assembly line. In 1949, you could buy a four-shelf corner bookcase for $11.95 — assembly required. In 1955, 20,000 stepladders were churned out.
That year, the College Mill introduced a pricier product: a 14-foot, $525 mahogany boat suitable for an outboard motor. “It is practically impossible to upset it,” read a description. “Some idea of the amount of labor needed to turn out the runabout may be gained from the fact that some 1,400 brass screws are used to hold it together.”

One might wonder why a college would have a shop that built ironing boards, ladders and boats. Answer Man supposes that there are a few reasons. First, it provided income for the school. In 1929 the school reported a profit from the mill of $10,000.

“In 1930s dollars, that was some money,” said Lee Marie Wisel, director of the Weis Library at Washington Adventist and a graduate of the university.

Student wages were plowed back into tuition. But surely just as important was the notion that work is ennobling. Does not the Bible sing the praises of honest toil? As the Washington Adventist yearbook noted, “judicious labor is a healthful tonic for the human race.”

For many years, the Seventh-day Adventist Church had an even bigger connection to furniture. In 1951 the couple that owned Oregon-based Harris Pine Mills, one of the country’s largest manufacturers of unfinished furniture, bequeathed the company to the church. Students who attended Adventist boarding schools on the East and West coasts often worked at Harris Pine factories. (Harris Pine declared bankruptcy in 1987, a decision that rankled some church members.)

The College Mill ceased operations in 1960. The space it once occupied is now home to facilities services, IT, campus security and WGTS, the university’s contemporary Christian radio station.

Today, College Mill ironing boards routinely show up on eBay. There’s one in the university’s collection, too. “I know its provenance,” librarian Lee told Answer Man. “My mother purchased it in 1947 or ’48. She used it for 20 or 30 years.”

Then she gave it to Lee. “I ironed a lot of shirts on that board,” she said.

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Choice week: Parents looking at alternatives to public school

Sarah Rafique | Herald staff writer
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Marie Maillard grew up in public schools. As a teenager, she decided to enroll in a private Adventist school.

Maillard, principal of Killeen Adventist Junior Academy, said it’s important for children to have the opportunity to choose where and how they want to get their education.

“Adventist education is not just sitting in a classroom, taking a test and then going home,” Maillard said Thursday during an open house event at the school. “We feed them if needed. We talk to them. We invite them to church with us.”

Maillard’s school was the only one in Killeen registered to participate in “Texas School Choice Week,” which began Sunday, according to a news release from Gov. Rick Perry. More than 460 events were planned statewide, with the final events wrapping up Saturday.

The movement aims to spotlight the different types of educational options for families, including traditional public schools, public magnet schools, charter schools, private schools, online learning and home-schooling, said Andrew Campanella, president of National School Choice Week.

“Texas families know that when parents have the freedom to choose the best schools for their children, great things happen,” he said. “Student achievement increases, graduation rates rise, and children are better prepared for real life.”

At the open house in Killeen, local mother Georgione Gaither said her friends kept raving about the Adventist school, so she decided to check it out.

Gaither hopes to enroll her 5-year-old Lincoln in the school next fall when he starts first grade.

“The most important part for me is that it’s a Christian school,” she said.
Baltimore, MD — The Daily Record has named William G. “Bill” Robertson, president and CEO of Adventist HealthCare in Gaithersburg, to its 2014 list of “Influential Marylanders.”

Robertson is one of 53 honorees selected by the editors of The Daily Record for their significant contributions to their respective fields and for their leadership in Maryland in the following areas: civic leadership, communications, education, finance, health care, law, philanthropy, real estate and technology.

“While it is an honor to be recognized, this award is really a credit to the team of executives, physicians, nurses and employees across Adventist HealthCare who each day helps fulfill our organization’s mission. Their unflagging efforts to provide world-class care reflect our commitment to demonstrate God’s care by improving the health of people and communities through a ministry of physical, mental and spiritual healing,” Robertson said. “I am also blessed to be able to partner with many business, civic and political leaders across Maryland who strive to make this state a great place to live and do business.”

Besides being the head of Montgomery County’s first and largest health-care provider, Robertson has been involved with a wide range of community organizations, including the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, the Governor's P-20 Leadership Council of Maryland, the Maryland Workforce Corporation Board; the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce Board and the Strathmore Hall Foundation Board.

The Daily Record launched Influential Marylanders in 2006. Elected officials are not eligible because they are, by nature, influential. To see a list of this year’s honorees, go to thedailyrecord.com/influential-marylanders/current-winners

Two of the honorees, Chet Burrell, president & CEO of CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, and Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, president of University of Maryland Baltimore County, were named to the Circle of Influence. Honorees who have been selected for the third and final time join the Circle of Influence.

“The Daily Record’s 2014 Influential Marylanders focus their attention on what really matters. What they say and what they do make a difference for many of us in Maryland and often beyond our state’s borders,” said Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of The Daily Record. “They are leaders in their respective fields. They challenge us to realize our hopes and dreams and to meet our own goals. We at The Daily Record are proud to recognize their achievements.”

The winners will be honored on Thursday, March 27, at a reception at The Grand Lodge, 304 International Circle in Cockeysville. Winners will be profiled in a special magazine that will be inserted into the March 28, issue of The Daily Record and available at www.TheDailyRecord.com.

The title sponsor of The Daily Record’s 2014 Influential Marylanders is Stevenson University.

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Adventist Hospital, Shady Grove Adventist Emergency Center in Germantown, Washington Adventist Hospital, Adventist Behavioral Health, Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, Adventist Home Care Services, Adventist Medical Group and the Reginald S. Lourie Center for Infants and Young Children.
Submissions for the 2014 SONscreen Film Festival will be accepted starting February 4, 2014. The regular submission deadline is March 1, 2014 and the late fee deadline is March 7, 2014. You can register your SONscreen 2014 entry here at Withoutabox.

Registration for SONscreen 2014 is now open.

You can register here to attend the festival. We are offering registration for the full festival, a day pass and an option to purchase a viewing block pass.

Festival Housing - Reservations can be made at the Hampton Inn Hotel in Ooltewah, Tennessee. The rate is $79 a night and includes a room with two double beds, breakfast and free internet. You can call 1-423-305-6800 to make your reservation. Use the rate code "SFF" to get this special rate. This rate will be good until March 6, 2014.

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Huntsville Members Turn Copper into Gold

Pennies seem to be worth less and less these days, and yet at Huntsville, Ala., Central Church the members have found a way to turn them into “gold!”

In 2012 the junior/earliteen Sabbath School class conducted a mission “Penny Project,” asking the congregation to bring in penny collections large or small so that the church could buy Navajo-language hymnals for Diné Outreach Ministries in Page, Ariz. Diné is a ministry close to Central Church’s heart, since it was started by previous Central members Allen and Kelley Fowler.

Under the leadership of Sandy Acevedo, the junior class collected, counted, and wrapped $135 worth of pennies. With donations from two other contributors, the final total was more than $300, enough to order 25 hymnals for the growing Diné congregation. Not only were the hymnals delivered right before Christmas, but...