“Festival of Faith” sets spiritual tone

COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES

The passion and enthusiasm of speaker Pastor David Hall inspired students attending Festival of Faith on Avondale College’s Lake Macquarie campus, from March 26 to 30.

In reference to the proverbial caged bird singing, Pastor Hall, enrolment coordinator at Andrews University (USA), said, “God saw fit to bring me back. How can I not sing in a strange land?” He began the first of 11 presentations by declaring, as he stood before the audience, “I am in awe.”

Classes were shortened each morning during the week to allow time for the Festival of Faith meetings. Meetings were not compulsory, but many staff members and students attended.

“I’m hoping there’ll be a lot more people this week who will bring a smile to God by dedicating their lives to him,” Pastor Hall said after his first presentation on Monday morning. Organisers gave students that opportunity during the evening meeting on Friday. In response to the call for commitment, 20 students made decisions for baptism, 58 for Bible study and 144 for Jesus.

Second-year biology major Jodie Beecroft described it as “uplifting and thought provoking.”

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Signs seeks your story for Ordinary People sequel

WARBURTON, VICTORIA

We are looking for your stories of choosing to put God first in your life, of living a life of Christian stewardship and living by the priorities of the kingdom of God,” explains Nathan Brown, editor at Signs Publishing Company and compiler of the first volume Ordinary People—Extraordinary God. “It isn’t just about money but can relate to any aspect or experience in your life that involved a conscious decision to follow God and the consequences—both positive and negative—that flowed from that.”

Ordinary People—Extraordinary God was launched in 2005 as a joint project between Signs Publishing and the South Pacific Division’s Stewardship Department. The collection features 55 real-life stories from church members in Australia and New Zealand. It has been one of Signs Publishing’s most popular titles in the past 18 months and now only a few copies remain in stock in Adventist Book Centres.

According to Elizabeth Dunstan, book department manager for Signs Publishing, people connected with Ordinary People—Extraordinary God for two reasons. “First, people everywhere like inspiring stories, and these stories reinforced what they believed,” she says. “And, second, it was about real events in people’s lives—some of whom they knew—and not just abstract theory without any real application.”

Signs Publishing is planning a further collection of these stories not just as a business project but because of the benefits and encouragement that come from church members sharing their stories and reading the experiences of others. “It’s great we have been able to sell the book because this makes another volume financially viable,” says Mr Brown. “But the exciting aspect of this is the opportunity to share more of these stories. We have received some great feedback from the first volume and a number of people have said they would love to contribute a story if we decided to do another collection. And this is that invitation.”

So what is a stewardship story? “A stewardship story”—as defined for the original collection—“is a personal experience from your life in partnership with God: the journey, the disappointments, the joy, the struggles, the blessings, and the hope in Jesus.”

“We are looking for stories of people choosing Jesus as Lord of their real-life situation,” adds Mr Brown. “Last time, I think some people struggled to understand what we were looking for. But, having seen the first book, we hope there will be many more who will be encouraged to share their experiences.”—RECORD staff

For more information on submissions, see advertisement on page 30.

A few of the contributors to Ordinary People—Extraordinary God at its launch in 2005.

Mother’s Day: Songs of a mother

BY MALCOLM FORD

That day you sang
The melodies of your songs,
The songs still linger on;
The poetry of your trials
Has left its wounds,
Yet cleansed the flimsy sentiments
Of our tinsel-tarnished
Mother’s Day.

So different from
The usual Mother’s Day:
The sweet bouquets,
And lulled with lullabies,
Cradled and cosseted
In the safe, warm arms
Of mother memories:
Our model Mother’s Day.

But what of Mother’s Night?
Searching in a tear-wet
Winter’s darkness;
Groping in the feeble light
For sons and daughters
Wandering in that far country
Of squandered hopes
And empty husks.

Oh! “Light of the world!”
Let the fanning beams
Of your searchlight
Be dimmed for these
Near blind of You,
And let the flickering candle
Of a mother’s hope
Be flamed anew.

Malcolm Ford writes from Whangerei, New Zealand.
Lecturer studies Anzacs in film

**COORANBONG, NEW SOUTH WALES**

An Avondale College lecturer has published the first study of how the Anzac legend has been portrayed in Australian film and television over 80 years. Dr Daniel Reynaud’s study, published as a book called *Celluloid Anzacs*, traces the evolving image of the Anzacs from pro-British city boys to anti-British bushmen.

The Anzac legend began as a derivative of British military myths before adopting, during the interwar years, the comic, lean bushman as its hero. It acquired its exclusively Australian identity and sharp anti-British edge in the nationalistic fervour of the 1980s. “A one-sentence summary could be, ‘A digger is always a trooper, never an officer,’” says Dr Reynaud.

Actor Alan David Lee, who played a noncommissioned officer in the television miniseries *1915*, presented the keynote speech at the April 23 launch of *Celluloid Anzacs*. He described film as conveying “emotional truth” and films about Anzacs as “Australian versions of the Knights of the Round Table.”

Dr Don Hansen, a former senior history lecturer at the college, spoke of the influence of Dr Reynaud’s father, John, also a former Avondale lecturer: “He ensured history was a regular topic of discussion in the home.” Dr Reynaud acknowledged this in his speech, saying, “History isn’t facts; it’s the engagement of people with each other. It’s dynamic, it’s fascinating.”

A senior lecturer in the Faculty of Arts, Dr Reynaud has also restored Australia’s first Gallipoli movie, *The hero of the Dardanelles*, a 20-minute silent film made in 1915. His interest in the box-office resulted from research for his thesis, “Celluloid Anzacs: representations of the Great War in Australian cinema and television drama.” Dr Reynaud discusses the historical and sociopolitical context of the film in a monograph called, *The hero of the Dardanelles and other World War One silent dramas*, which the National Film and Sound Archive released in 2005 to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.—Brenton Stacey/Steve Davis

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**“Festival of Faith” sets spiritual tone for college**

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About 200 viewed the internet site MySpace to read a letter from Pastor Hall. “I have never had a more powerful preaching experience [in almost 20 years of ministry],” says Pastor Hall in his letter. He describes the students as “some of the best Jesus lovers” he has met. “My prayer . . . is that there is no spiritual let-down.”

“Festival of Faith reminds first-year students and re-minds returning students about the real reason they’re at Avondale,” says Lake Macquarie campus chaplain Dr Wayne French. “They’re here to not only improve their knowledge but also their relationship with God.”

Thirty students helped set the spiritual tone for Festival of Faith earlier in the semester by joining Dr French on the annual Prayer Walk around the Lake Macquarie campus. The walk dedicates to God the major buildings used by staff members and students throughout the year.

Prayer was also a focus of the Festival of Faith with Avondale College church’s prayer room open 24 hours a day during the week, with staff and students praying continuously.—Ursula Borgas

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◆ Young people from Carmel church, WA, conducted a free car-wash day on April 22, on the Advent Park camp-ground. The day started with thunder and lightning, but after prayer the weather soon cleared. In total, the young people washed 20 cars while the drivers were offered drinks and given business cards that read, “No strings attached” and included church details on the back.—Shea Adams

◆ Three students from Prescott College, SA, have visited Government House to receive Merit Certificates for achieving 20/20 in Year 12 certificate subjects. The students were Kristian Stefani (left), for Religions in Australia; Bianca Mihaia (centre), for Chemistry and Biology and Adrian Kiratidis, for Chemistry and Mathematical Studies. They received tertiary entrance rankings of 99.5, 99.65 and 99.55 respectively. In Prescott College’s centenary year, it was a great achievement for 100 per cent of students to achieve their South Australian Certificate of Education for the fifth consecutive year. In total 30 distinctions were received across the class.—Pam Oliver

◆ The Virginia Tech Adventist Christian Fellowship, Virginia Tech University, United States—a student organisation officially recognised by the university—held a “time of prayer” to remember the victims of the April 16 school-shooting rampage. Pastor Daniel Royo of the Radford church led out in this prayer vigil. Pastor Royo reports that as many as 200 Adventist students currently attend Virginia Tech, but he knows only a small percentage.—Jeanie Allen

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**DAYS AND OFFERINGS:◆ MAY 12—HEALTH OFFERING**
Praising “Lament”

ELIZABETH OSTRING, NZ

I really appreciated “Lament” (Editorial, April 7). Where did we get the idea that this world was all joy, and becoming a Christian sped all sorrows from our eyes now? That is a recipe for atheism.

Some time ago, I was asked to offer a prayer for my country at camp-meeting. Now my country is beautiful, and I guess it was meant to be a prayer of praise. But while I was praying, I was suddenly overwhelmed with all the sickness and sadness and dying and badness and, yes, madness that walks through my general-practice doors. I broke down and wept publicly. I was mortified at my own reaction and, of course, I pulled myself together. But it was too late.

You could feel the wall of shock. Not a single person came to “comfort” me or anything like that, either immediately or at any time after. I learned forcefully that church is not the place to be sad.

Thank you so much for your wonderful thoughts. Of course I know Jesus came to bring joy and I have had my share of that. But we better start acknowledging the pain before we can really appreciate what God has done for us.

Where did we get the idea that this world was all joy, and becoming a Christian sped all sorrows from our eyes now?

Thank you for “Letters”

GREG KLEINIG, WA

One of the things that first impressed me about the Adventist Church was a willingness to discuss issues. One of the great avenues for this discussion is the “Letters” section in RECORD. Surely our growth in grace and knowledge will always be somewhat proportional to our willingness to question our past that our future might be different and hopefully more mature. No-one becomes a new Adventist Christian without going through this process, and we must resist the urge to have prescribed thinking once a person becomes a Christian.

Perhaps many painful backdoor departures could have been avoided if there were more safe places where issues could be openly discussed in a non-threatening way. Maybe we can find ways to build other venues for this online.

In my personal journey, I have often wished there were more venues for a dialogue of ideas. Thank you, RECORD, for “Letters.”

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**Weddings**

**Harders—Buchanan.** Brendon Mark Harders, son of Mark Harders (United States) and Hazel Harders (Perth, WA), and Jodie Nicole Buchanan, daughter of Peter Buchanan (Armadale) and Jodie Nicole Buchanan, daughter of Brian and Kaye Pitt (Albany, WA), were married on 07.4.07 in the Fay (Bathurst, NSW) and the late Paul and Angela Fay Grady, daughter of Brian and Kaye Pitt (Albany, WA), and his parents, Ray and Maureen (Tumut, NSW); and sister and spouse, Samantha and Benjamin (Glen Waverley); and his stepson, Russell Stennett (Berri, SA); died suddenly 13.2.07 at Monbulk, Vic. He is survived by his wife, his children and their partners, Jenny (Kilby), Glen and Jenni (Glen Waverley), Doug and Carol (Bendigo); Naomi and Paul Lennin (Charnside Park); and his four grandchildren. Russ was an older stepbrother to Sue Hobbs (Mackay, Qld), Robyn Stuart (Sydney, NSW) and Nelson (Sydney). His 73 years can be summed up by his love for God, his family and friends. He enjoyed working with trucks and was a loyal and valiant soldier of the cross and will be missed by many. He left the world richer than he found it. Meet you at the throne, Russ.

**Morrie King**

**Work.** Evelyn Jane (nee Briggs), born 30.11.1909 at Toodyay, WA; died 04.07. at Elanora Villas, Bunbury, WA. She was baptised many years ago into the church. On 19.6.34 she married Egbert Harold Adderton, who predeceased her in 1975. She is survived by her children and their spouses, John and Joyce, Warren and Laurie, Jocelyn and Doug Gosling, Yvonne and Doug Bayles, and Irene and Robert Webber.

**Robert Adderton**

**Crook.** Eunice Ethel (nee Staplehurst), born 3.12.1915 at Stratford, London, UK; died 27.07.1997 at Goodwa, SA. On 19.4.56 she married Leonard (Len) Crook, who predeceased her in 1976. She is survived by her sister, Gordon Staplehurst (UK); her son, Roger (Morritt Vale, SA); her daughter, Janet (Goodwa, SA); three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was employed by a London Court dressmaker prior to marriage and was baptised by Pastor John Colheine in 1964.

**Allan Croft**

**Lloyd.** Roger Idris, born 15.10.1931 at Belview, WA; died 11.07.1997 in Freeman Nursing Home, WA. On 20.7.1960 he married Dulcie Elizabeth Stennett. He is survived by his wife (Perth); his sons, Peter (Katanning) and Stephen (Mandurah); his daughters, Cheryl Lloyd (Perth) and Emma Saituk (Perth); and his stepson, Russell Stennett (Kalgoorlie). A faithful Christian, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Ashes in Christ, awaiting the Resurrection.

**Phil Rhodes**

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**Obituaries**

**Adderton.** Mavis Amelia May, born 22.9.1945 at St Marks, Tax; died 30.3.07 in Esther Somerville Nursing Home, Sydney. On 19.6.34 she married Egbert Harold Adderton, who predeceased her in 1975. She is survived by her children and their spouses, John and Joyce, Warren and Laurie, Jocelyn and Doug Gosling, Yvonne and Doug Bayles, and Irene and Robert Webber.

**Robert Adderton**

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**Page-Dha.** Ronald Bruce, born 6.1.1918 at McClean, NSW; died 3.4.07 at Mountsman, Qld. He is survived by his children, Royce, Bonnie and Gloria; his three sisters, Alison, Marie and Beverley; and his brother, Alan. Bruce was baptised many years ago into the Mount Isa church and was best known for his love of the ocean and his work with the coastguard.

**Roger Ward**

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**Pringle, Russ.** born 06.11.1933 at Cooranbong, NSW; died 18.3.07 at Kildy, Vic. On 15.12.63 he married Eleanor Davis. He is survived by his wife (Kildy); his children and their partners, Jenny (Kildy), Glen and Jenni (Glen Waverley), Doug and Carol (Bendigo); Naomi and Paul Lennin (Charnside Park); and his four grandchildren. Russ was an older stepbrother to Sue Hobbs (Mackay, Qld), Robyn Stuart (Sydney, NSW) and Nelson (Sydney). His 73 years can be summed up by his love for God, his family and friends. He enjoyed working with trucks and was a loyal and valiant soldier of the cross and will be missed by many. He left the world richer than he found it. Meet you at the throne, Russ.

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**Ann Landers**

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**Finally**

If you have love in your life, it can make up for a great many things you lack. If you don’t have it, no matter what else there is, it’s not enough.—Ann Landers
Second National Conference on Spirituality & Health

Lifestyle, Culture & The Workplace
27-29* August 2007, Adelaide Festival Theatre, SA
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The 2nd National Conference on Spirituality and Health provides a unique opportunity to explore important themes arising from current research that investigates the relationship between spirituality, lifestyle, cultural diversity and the workplace.

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