

SETTING THE COURSE

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but also for alumni as they grow and flourish professionally. Since PLNU now extends well beyond San Diego into greater Los Angeles and the Central Valley, the safety net extends over a growing geographical area.

WHAT PROGRAM CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS ARE PLANNED?

We're assessing and refining program priorities, organizational effectiveness, candidate advising and use of technology. We're looking at our recruitment methods and how we stay in touch with graduates. We're launching a focus on special education, an area of great need in schools today. And we're looking at reaching out to communities so that the working adult student doesn't have to travel large distances to study with us. For instance, last spring Dr. David Haney successfully launched two programs in Corona and Chino, and we're looking at other locations.

In San Diego County, we're expanding a unique K-12 Partnership Program with local school districts, where PLNU provides research-based program support integrated with state requirements for credential candidates and other young educators. Also, a new educational leadership program, under [Coordinator of the Administrative Service Credentials Program] Beverly Foster's guidance, provides a powerful postgraduate course of study to help prepare professional educators to address many of society's needs.

WHEN YOU THINK OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, WHAT EXCITES YOU?

We want to be recognized for graduate and credential programs that are demanding, rigorous and relevant to the needs of the community. But more significantly, we want to be known as a beacon of Christ's love. We want to successfully prepare teachers, counselors and school administrators who will bring Christ's nurturing love to the children they will impact in their careers. We want to successfully prepare school personnel who, in the shifting sands of a post-modern pluralistic world, have come to recognize that there really is a rock-solid foundation of Truth. It is our hope that the School of Education will be a lifelong learning community founded on the two great commandments: to love God with our entire heart, soul, strength and mind and to love others—especially the children and teenagers whose futures are affected by the quality of our work—as we love ourselves. That says it all. ■

PLNU COMMUNITY MOURNS THE DEATH OF CLARA COLT

Mrs. Clara Elizabeth Colt, primary benefactor of the history and political science department, passed away on July 9, 2005.

Clara Colt had a special place in her heart for Point Loma Nazarene University. Former PLNU President Bill Draper's wife, Francis, was her niece.

Clara's love for God and commitment to PLNU's students led her to give significant gifts to the university. Her donations funded the construction of the history and political science building, Clara Colt Hall. She also gave to the department's academic programs and established an endowed scholarship for departmental majors. These contributions have made her legacy one that will impact PLNU students for generations to come.

Political science professor Ron Kirkemo remembers Clara Colt fondly and with deep gratitude.

"Diminutive in stature but with a large spirit, she was a happy lady who enjoyed being called 'Aunt Clara.' I told her that her donation was an answer to my prayer for funding this building, and she was very pleased to hear that," Kirkemo reported. "Also important," he continued, "she represented both achievement and service, the very model I try to promote in my students."

Clara delighted in contributing to the furthering of God's Kingdom. A member of many community organizations and an active volunteer in her church, Clara will be remembered for her love of others and her Lord.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri in 1906, Clara was the fourth of nine children. After graduating from Central High School in Kansas City, she worked for Millinery Manufacturing Company and John Taylor department stores. She married Leonard Colt in 1950. She and Leonard lived in Chicago, where he ran the Laurel Rug Company, until 1966 when the couple moved to San Marcos, California.

Fittingly, Clara Colt Hall is a versatile, vibrant place. In addition to the main office of the history and political science department, the building includes two classrooms, a spacious meeting room called "The Forum," eight faculty member offices, the Institute of Politics and Public Service, the Women's Studies Center, a pre-law room, a student research room, and a student lounge. Equipped with the latest technology, Clara Colt Hall is an immeasurable asset to Point Loma students and a reminder of what God can do with the gifts of a willing servant like Clara Colt. ■



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