

IN MEMORIAM:

DR. EDWARD “CHIP” ANDERSON



The PLNU community is mourning the loss of Dr. Edward “Chip” Anderson, a 1964 graduate of Pasadena College and a dedicated, passionate leader. Dr. Anderson passed away on July 5, 2005.

In a letter to Dr. Anderson’s wife, Irma, President Bob Brower wrote, “Chip was one of the most vibrant, energetic, creative and fun individuals I have ever met or worked with.”

There are many at PLNU and in the wider education community who couldn’t agree more. In fact, in 1995, Dr. Anderson received the distinguished Alumnus of Point Loma Award for his impressive academic and professional accomplishments as well as his commitment to Christ and his impact on others, especially students.

According to Alumni Director Sheryl Smee, Dr. Anderson’s testimony upon receiving the award, which was given before an audience of 1,800 people, mostly students, was “powerful and transparent...I’m convinced that lives were changed that morning as he spoke in chapel.”

Changing hearts through testimony was a common occurrence in Dr. Anderson’s life. In fact, President Brower emphasized, “Few people could captivate an audience or an individual person like he could.”

Dr. Anderson was born February 15, 1942, moving to Riverside, California with his family during his high school years. His graduation from Pasadena College was especially significant not only because Dr. Anderson was the first person in his family to go to college, but also because he had to overcome a learning disorder. Attributing his success to the kindness and support of his Pasadena College professors, Dr. Anderson eventually became a highly influential educator and counselor himself.

After college, Dr. Anderson went on to earn his Ph.D. in counseling psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles where he worked in a number of capacities for 28 years. He became a professor in the doctoral studies in education program at Azusa Pacific University in 1999. Throughout his career, Dr. Anderson became known for his commitment to “strengths-based” education, advocating a focus on student gifts rather than on remediation. He presented and published on this and other topics.

When he received the Alumnus of Point Loma Award in 1995, Dr. Anderson told the *Viewpoint*, “My work is merely a reflection of what I experienced at Pasadena College. My professors activated my interest and transformed me from a person who was taught to a person who was a learner.”

Dr. Clari Kinzler, interim pastor of San Diego First Church of the Nazarene, former chairman of PLNU’s board of trustees, and Dr. Anderson’s friend, put it best, “The impact of his life will be a lasting one. He wanted to make a difference and he did.” ■



10-YEAR GOAL ACHIEVED

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES ACHIEVES 10-YEAR GOAL OF AMERICAN DIETETICS ASSOCIATION ACCREDITATION

In a major milestone for PLNU, the university’s Department of Family and Consumer Sciences has been granted Developmental Accreditation by the American Dietetics Association (ADA). This significant accomplishment enables current and future students in the dietetics major to participate in accredited internships after graduation. These internships are a mandatory prerequisite for the Registered Dietician (R.D.) exam. In the past, PLNU dietetics students had to attend accredited master’s programs in order to be eligible. Accreditation marks a turning point for the program and reveals the academic strength of the department.

Dr. Kay Wilder, chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Cindy Swann, director of dietetics, co-wrote the accreditation proposal and helped tailor the PLNU dietetics major to meet the ADA’s strenuous requirements. Both agree that developmental accreditation will help with recruitment to the department, especially since only one other area school, San Diego State University, and only one other Christian university in the West, Seattle Pacific Christian, have accredited dietetics programs.

For current and prospective dietetics students, graduation from an accredited program means greater career opportunities. Dr. Wilder explains that all of the department’s efforts have been about providing their students with such opportunities, saying, “We do it because we desire to have the very best for our students. We want them to have the very best futures possible.”

Dr. Becky Havens, vice provost for educational effectiveness and dean of the College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, has been one of the project’s avid supporters. Dr. Havens notes that accreditation is “a significant step forward in quality for our dietetics students” and explains, “I’m just very proud of the department. The American Dietetics Association is a very, very rigorous accreditation process.”

The accreditation process requires that the major address 100 specific competencies. How these competencies are covered through coursework has been painstakingly planned out by Dr. Wilder and her department. The process is complex enough that gaining ADA accreditation started out as a 10-year goal. The actual program development, curriculum review, and proposal writing took five years. Dr. Wilder notes the importance of the department’s “team approach” in making the accreditation possible. Similarly, Swann credits PLNU’s unique achievement to “tremendous support throughout the whole chain of command.”

PLNU’s Department of Family and Consumer Sciences currently serves over 130 students with more than 20 in the dietetics major. ■