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Rick Reilly

SPORTSWRITER RICK REILLY AND COMMENTATOR DICK ENBERG HEADLINE AT WRITER'S SYMPOSIUM BY THE SEA

Adventures in Writing is the theme of this year's event which will also feature author Lauren Winner

Rick Reilly, senior writer for *Sports Illustrated*, is slated to head an impressive lineup for Point Loma's ninth annual Writer's Symposium by the Sea, Feb. 24-26. This year's symposium, which will also include NBC commentator Dick Enberg, humorist and author Roy Blount, Jr., former New York Yankees pitcher-turned-writer Jim Bouton and bestselling author, Lauren Winner, will also include a panel of sports writers from around the country at a session at the Sports Hall of Champions at Balboa Park.

Reilly is scheduled to speak on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall. He has been voted National Sportswriter of the Year eight times. *Publishers Weekly* has called him "an indescribable amalgam of Dave Barry, Jim Murray and Lewis Grizzard, with the timing of Jay Leno and the wit of Johnny Carson." His latest book is *Who's Your Caddy?*, a collection of his misadventures caddying for tour pros like Jack Nicklaus and David Duval. He has also written seven other books, including *The Life of Reilly* and the cult classic golf novel, *Missing Links*.

The lunch forum, on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sports Hall of Champions at Balboa Park, will be moderated by Enberg, and will feature top sports writers from around the country who will discuss the growth of sports journalism. Following the forum will be break-out sessions with participants—Roy Blount Jr.; Jim Bouton; Jackie MacMullan, columnist, the Boston *Globe*; Howard Bryant, columnist, the Boston *Herald* and author of *Shut Out*; Tim Sullivan, columnist for the San Diego *Union-Tribune*; Molly Yanity, sports writer for the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* and a PLNU alumna.

After 25 years with NBC Sports, Dick Enberg joined CBS Sports in 2000 where he serves as play-by-play announcer for The NFL on CBS, as well as college basketball and the U.S. Open Tennis Championships. He also contributes to The Masters and the PGA Championship. Over the span of his long career, Enberg garnered a series of national honors and awards, including nine Emmy Awards and nine Sportscaster of the Year Awards.

Jim Bouton and Roy Blount, Jr., will share a session on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall.

Nationally known humorist and sportswriter Roy Blount Jr. is also a poet, performer, lecturer, dramatist, and author of 12 books. Blount's writing has appeared in numerous national publications, including *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair* and *National Geographic*. His most recent book, *Roy Blount's Book of Southern Humor*, contains over 150 short stories, sketches, essays, poems and memoirs.



Dick Enberg



Jim Bouton



Roy Blount, Jr.



Lauren Winner

An all-star pitcher for the New York Yankees in the 1960s, Jim Bouton changed the way the world wrote about sports when he wrote, *Ball Four*, the only sports book selected by the New York Public Library in its "Books of the Century" collection. He has since written several other sports-related books, including, *Foul Ball* (2003).

"A Conversation with Lauren Winner" is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 26 at 9:00 in Crill Performance Hall. Winner got attention in 2002 when she published *Girl Meets God: On the Path to a Spiritual Life*, a memoir about making a transition from Judaism to Christianity. Winner has recently published *Mudhouse Sabbath*, in which she reflects on how Jewish religious practices shape her Christian faith.

Winner also contributes to numerous magazines. Her work has appeared in *Christianity Today*, *Christian Century*, *New York Times Book Review* and many other journals.

Dale Fetherling will lead, "How to Write a Winning Book Proposal," on Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Crill Performance Hall. Fetherling is a full-time author, editor and BooksPartner literary collaborator. Formerly editor of the San Diego County edition of the Los Angeles *Times*, he has written or edited seven books in the past five years and produced or "doctored" numerous book proposals. His books include *The Privacy Rights Handbook* (with Beth Givens) and *Comrades In Ink: How to Work with a Co-Author to Make Your Book a Reality*.

For more information about the Writer's Symposium, visit the web at www.ptloma.edu/writers or call 619.849.2695.

HUGH HEWITT FEATURED SPEAKER AT PROFESSIONALS IN THE MAKING BREAKFAST

Radio host and columnist Hugh Hewitt to address students and business leaders on "being in the world, but not of it."

Is it possible to be in the 21st century world but not of it? Hugh Hewitt, host of the nationally syndicated radio program, "The Hugh Hewitt Show," thinks so.

Hewitt, a columnist for WorldNetDaily.com and *The Weekly Standard*, has won three Emmys and is author of *The Embarrassed Believer: Resurrecting Christian Witness in the Age of Mockery*. He is a political and social commentator on *Nightline*, the *Today Show* and *Larry King Live*. His latest book is titled *In but Not Of*.

Hewitt will be guest speaker at PLNU's annual Professionals in the Making Breakfast on March 18 at 7:15 a.m. at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in downtown San Diego. The event, sponsored by the department of Accountancy, Business and Economics, and the Fermanian Business Center, brings together PLNU students and working professionals for networking and inspiration.

Hewitt says his presentation will center on how to be successful professionally without compromising Christian principles.

“For years and years, young people have asked me how to achieve positions of influence in the world. Many of these questions have come from young Christians eager to impact their world for Christ and to spread the Gospel where it hasn’t yet effectively been preached,” said Hewitt.

“There are no big secrets to success in the world and professional accomplishment consistent with biblical values. Rather, there are many, many lessons that, if practiced, add to the probability that an individual will reach their goals and do so consistent with Scriptural guidance,” he said.

“It is possible to be ‘in the world, but not of it,’ to be successful without sacrificing Christian beliefs or principles. I’ll be talking about how that is done, and taking questions, hopefully some hard ones, on how the world might ask for compromise at the wrong moments,” he adds.

For tickets or information about the Professionals in the Making Breakfast, go to www.ptloma.edu/probreakfast or call 619.849.2564.

PLNU SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM EARNS RECOGNITION FOR TOP NATIONAL SPOT

“The kids from Point Loma Nazarene University are giants” in forensics, says local newspaper

A few weeks after the National Parliamentary Debate Association ranked PLNU’s speech and debate team no. 1 in the nation for the second year in a row, the university’s forensics program was profiled by the local San Diego *Union-Tribune* newspaper. The feature appeared the morning of one of intercollegiate parliamentary debate’s most important tournament weekends, hosted at Point Loma.

“In the weighty world of parliamentary debate,” wrote *Union-Tribune* staff writer Jeff McDonald in the Feb. 6, 2004 issue on page B-1, “the kids from Point Loma Nazarene University are giants.”

The 48-inch story captured the pressure faced by the student communicators and their achievements under the direction of Skip Rutledge, director of forensics and associate professor of Communication and Theatre.

“Many Point Loma Nazarene debaters are English or communications majors; others study business, political science or the life sciences. Almost to a person, they talk about how the experience will help them find a rewarding career,” wrote McDonald.

The Point Loma Round Robin Tournament of Champions was a one-day competition pitting the top two person teams from the top 20 college and university parliamentary debate programs in the nation. Registered for the two-day Sunset Cliffs Classic Invitational Tournament, which followed, were 200 teams from 90 schools, most of the country’s top college debate clubs.

While PLNU is currently top in the nation, rankings aren’t final until the end of the academic year. Last spring, PLNU held on to its slot and was named the top team in the nation.

POINT LOMA PRESS RELEASES FIRST MONOGRAPH OF POETRY

Professor of Literature Rick Hill writes of his sometimes circuitous journey toward God.

Rick Hill may claim that “no grownup on earth is less articulate than a poet trying to explain his or her own work.” Luckily for his readers Hill takes a stab at in his new collection of 32 poems, *No Hands?*, published as part of Point Loma Press’s Monograph Series.

Carol Blessing, professor of literature, writes in the book’s foreword: “He gives us his life, without pretense, showing us his growing spiritual awareness and relationship with the Divine, and asks, to all who are courageous enough, for us to see ourselves in the work.”

An expert on C.S. Lewis and Mark Twain, Hill came to Point Loma in 2000 after seven years at Taylor University in Indiana. His Ph.D. is from the University of Louisiana, where he was a fellow in literature and creative writing. “The spiritual takeaway value of this collection,” Hill says, “might be the notion that even the chronically sardonic may come to love God, and by His grace, be happy in His service.” Following is a sample from *No Hands?*

Enemy-occupied territory. That is what the world is.
— C.S. Lewis

This prologue follows the spiritual landscape of the C.S. Lewis epigraph above and is an answer of sorts to the Deist notion that God doesn’t concern Himself with everyday human suffering..

If God Has No Hands—

no armies no clear voice
behind this opaque crust

this static zone where quisling
is king where anything goes

so long as we deny we are here
so long as we are cajoled coerced

and denied God

then in this occupation behind
block walls where winter falls

forever within us waiting
in lines past despair we are

generations born prisoner but
we are mourned and each escapes

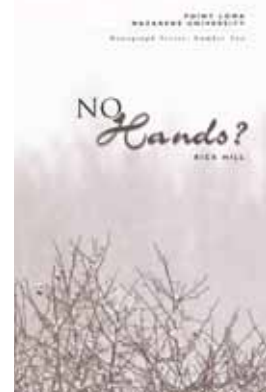
and none is handed back.



Hugh Hewitt



Rick Hill



To order a copy of *No Hands?*, visit the web at www.ptloma.edu/plp or call 619.849.2788.



Helyn Fay

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY GRIEVES THE DEATH OF COUNSELOR HELYN FAY

Helyn Fay, 53, passed away in her home on Jan. 31 after a courageous three-year battle with cancer. A 1972 PC/PLNU graduate, she served hundreds of students as lead counselor of the university's Wellness Center from 1995-2002.

"She was my closest colleague for the past nine years. We blended physical and mental health services to begin a wholistic outreach to students," says Wellness Center Director Jean Benthien. "Professionally, she came along beside me and caught my dream for the incorporation of true college health into the broader campus life and community."

"Many students have been touched by her tender heart and wise guidance," recalls Benthien. "She was witty, supportive, extremely intelligent, self-effacing and my dear, dear friend. The last three years have been a long journey. She wanted to travel this road with dignity and give Christ the glory. She did a good job."

Born Sept. 9, 1950, Helyn Sammon Fay earned a B.A. from Pasadena College in 1972 and an M.S. from Cal Poly in 1991. She worked as a school counselor and teacher until she joined PLNU in 1995. She is survived by her husband, Ron, PLNU director of Church Relations, whom she married in 1971; daughter Emily, son Timothy, her mother, two sisters, and many friends.

Her deep compassion, delightful sense of humor, and perceptive wisdom endeared her to students and colleagues alike. Even after her diagnosis, she continued to express concern for others.

"She loved and cared for her family literally until she breathed her last breath," said Ron. "Because of her sensitivity and compassion for those who felt unloved, a memorial project has been established at PLNU for a Pastoral Care Center to help in recovery of ministers who have experienced failure physically, emotionally, mentally, morally or in any other way."

"She was a loved child of God. She did not want to die but died peacefully without the fear of death because Jesus conquered death in His resurrection."

Donations may be sent to Helyn Fay Memorial in care of the Development Office at PLNU, 3900 Lomaland Drive, San Diego, CA 92106.

BRIEFLY...

Health Promotion Center featured in article after Open House

The San Diego community recently learned more about PLNU's Health Promotion Center when the San Diego *Union-Tribune* newspaper published a feature story in December about the outreach effort.

The center, founded in the Mid-City area of San Diego by Margaret Stevenson, former chair of the nursing department, offers free health screenings, education and referrals to an underserved community. Originally the center has been staffed by PLNU student nurses and faculty. Recently PLNU joined forces with the San Diego Health and Faith Alliance, which involves participation of medical and pharmacy programs at the University of California San Diego, the counseling program at the University of San Diego, a pastoral training program, and St. Vincent de Paul Village, a social services community outreach program.

An open house in October also made new friends.

"We were excited to show people our operation," said Mary Margaret Rowe, associate professor of nursing and HPC director.

The center is planning its annual community-wide health fair for March, which draws hundreds of vendors, service providers and community residents.

Commander of Naval Air Forces Addresses Institute of Politics and Public Service

Vice Admiral Michael D. Malone, Commander, U.S. Naval Air Forces, addressed a PLNU Institute of Politics and Public Service dinner in November in Colt Hall.

Malone is commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and head of all Naval Air Forces. He is responsible for the training and combat readiness of 12 aircraft carriers, 3,000 state-of-the-art aircraft and 90,000 personnel. His speech, on leadership and ways of making the military more efficient, was one in a series hosted by the institute entitled "Beyond the Ordinary: Avenues of Consequence in Public Service."

Malone, a veteran of Operation Desert Storm, assumed command of the USS Enterprise in 1996, which supported Operation Joint Endeavor off the coast of Bosnia and Operation Southern Watch in Iraq. He commanded Carrier Group Eight and the Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group before taking on his present responsibilities.

Poet Annie Finch Gives Reading

Nationally known poet Annie Finch visited Point Loma for a poetry reading in late October. Termed a "central force in contemporary American poetics" by the Dictionary of Literary Biography, Finch teaches in the graduate creative writing program at Miami University of Ohio. She has published numerous books of poetry, including *Calendars*, *Season*

Poems, Catching the Mermother and Eve, and has translated poems by French Renaissance poet Louise Labe. In addition, Finch has written librettos for contemporary operas. She holds degrees from Yale, Houston and Stanford.

Faculty and staff notes

Dean Nelson, professor of journalism, has been appointed by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities as a Senior Fellow in journalism for 2004. He will be one of 10 Fellows, whose role is to provide expertise to the council, volunteer to work with key CCCU programs and projects, and lend expertise to further Christian higher education through the efforts of the council.

Michael Lodahl, professor of religion, has published *God of Nature and of Grace: Reading the World in a Wesleyan Way* (Abingdon Press). The book is fruit of a Wesleyan Center scholar award and related lecture series on "Why the World Matters to Wesleyans."

Juliette Singler, assistant professor of music, assumed the position of president of the San Diego Chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing in October. She also gave a concert with a vocal quartet at a San Diego County Presbyterian church.

Victor Labenske, associate professor of music, recently published *How Great Our Joy: Christmas Classics for Solo Piano* (Lillenas Publications), *Ocean Dreams: Early Intermediate Piano Solo* and *Great Things He Has Done: 10 Sacred Arrangements in a Variety of Styles* (book and CD), both from Alfred Publishing Company.

Maggie Bailey, associate professor of business, recently returned from a two-month trip to Nicaragua, Armenia, Ukraine and Russia. The purpose of the trip was to examine "best practices" in economic development in underdeveloped economies and to identify partnerships for students wanting to intern with international humanitarian agencies. Bailey also led the first Work & Witness team into Armenia, to build a community center in Akhuriyan.

"The highlight was attending the first Nazarene service ever held in Armenia," she said. She also met with Nazarene missionaries, Compassionate Ministries staff, Nazarenes in Volunteer Service and national leaders to discuss their needs in the area of economic development.

G.L. Forward, professor of organizational communication, recently had an original case study published entitled "Dr. Jekyll and Pastor Clyde." The study detailed the results and controversy arising from a church communication audit published in a volume titled *Case Studies for Organizational Communication: Understanding Communication Processes* by Roxbury Press.

Forward also presented a paper last summer he co-authored with **Kathleen Czech**, assistant professor of communications, and Provost **Patrick Allen** entitled "Discovering the Spirit in Higher Education Administration:

Leadership, Communication, and Religiosity." The paper has been selected for publication in a book to be produced by the Christian Educator's Association International.

Christie Marie Pearson has been named 2003-2004 president of the California Association for Employment in Education, a professional association whose members include California college and university career services staff and school district personnel administrators. Pearson is credential analyst and coordinator of educational placement for PLNU's department of teacher education.

CROYS GUESTS ON 'DR. PHIL'

Adjunct professor and daughter appear on episode discussing stay-at-home moms versus working mothers

When **Kasey (Croy) Johnson (98)** impulsively answered a website poll on working mothers, she never imagined that she and her mom, PLNU adjunct education professor **Katie Croy**, would appear on the "Dr. Phil" television talk show. Two months after she e-mailed her opinion, Johnson received a call from the show's producers.

Pregnant with her second child and debating about whether to keep the junior-high music teaching job she loves or to stay at home, Kasey was just who they wanted.

"They said they were looking for someone on the fence, and wondered if they could send someone to our house to tape me the next day," she said. Less than a week later, Johnson was on a plane from Kansas City to Los Angeles.

Katie came from San Diego to meet her daughter at the studio. Theirs were among the few calm voices on a contentious November 11 episode entitled "Mom vs. Mom." Dr. Phil interviewed both Croy and Johnson during the show. Johnson told him that her husband was supportive and they would decide together what was best for their family. She added that she was proud of the fact that her mother earned graduate degrees, sparking audience applause. Croy told the audience that she had stayed at home while her children were young, and, as they grew older, worked while husband Dan, now a PLNU professor, finished his Ph.D.

Johnson thought the entire experience worthwhile. She said she was able to share with the show's producer her belief in God and how her family's values are based on Scripture.

"I was really impressed with how professional [the television staffers] were," Johnson says. "I probably spent about 10 hours on the phone with the producer... I walked her through how God provided when we didn't have the finances [when Johnson was young] but my mom wanted to stay home. Before the show started, the producer said she felt like she knew Mom and hugged her, and said she was an incredible mom."



Last year, more than 130 families took advantage of PLNU's unique **Vacation by the Sea** program. Open to alumni and members of the Church of the Nazarene, *Vacation by the Sea* offers guests the chance to stay on campus at a reasonable rate, making it a great alternative for family vacations or a welcome break from work. Take advantage of the many attractions San Diego has to offer like Sea World, the world famous San Diego Zoo and the Wild Animal Park. For information, call the office of Conference Services at 619.849.2511.