

Notables

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCHERS PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL

Eight undergraduate researchers joined professors of chemistry Vic Heasley and Dale Shellhamer in a paper published in the October 2004 issue of *Environmental Science and Technology*, the most cited journal in environmental engineering and environmental science.

The study, "Investigations of the Reactions of Monochloramine and Dichloramine with Selected Phenols: Examinations of Humic Acid Models and Water Contaminants," looked at factors involved in drinking water becoming contaminated. The publication is important because "it's significant to be the author of something to be read by chemists in every industrialized nation in the world," said Heasley, who began his teaching career more than 40 years ago. The second reason, he said, is being published aids students in being accepted into graduate or medical programs as well as compete for fellowships. "Being an author distinguishes you. And that's not just theoretically. I see our students and I know that they do very well when they leave here."

Heasley said that student research has been published about 80 times since he began leading undergraduate researchers, but the difference in *Environmental Science and Technology* is the number of students involved—and the success they've been having since graduating.

HEALTH PROMOTION CENTER DEDICATED, SCHOOL OF NURSING AWARDED \$122,000

The School of Nursing has been granted approximately \$122,000 from the Alliance Healthcare Foundation of San Diego for the university's Health Promotion Center.

The center, staffed by nursing students and located at the Church of the Nazarene in Mid-City in a low-income area of San Diego, provides free health screening, education, and referrals. Medical, pharmaceutical and counseling students from the University of California San Diego and the University of San Diego also participate.

"This is wonderful news," said Dottie Crummy, dean of the School of Nursing. She applauded the efforts of Margaret Stevenson, HPC founder and professor emerita of nursing; Mary Margaret Rowe, professor and HPC supervisor; and other nursing faculty, as well as members of the San Diego Health and Faith Alliance as being instrumental in working toward the grant.

Alliance Healthcare Foundation is a private, nonprofit foundation that works to increase access to healthcare for medically under-served populations through grant making, education and advocacy, primarily in San Diego County.

The center was dedicated in the afternoon of Dec. 12, after a combined worship service of Mid-City's French Creole, Cambodian, Samoan, Spanish-speaking, Sudanese and English congregations. A potluck followed the services.

BILL MOYERS TO HEADLINE 10TH ANNUAL WRITER'S SYMPOSIUM BY THE SEA

The next Writers Symposium by the Sea will be held Feb. 23-26, 2005. Headlining the event will be veteran newsman, broadcaster and commentator Bill Moyers.

Moyers will be speaking publicly for the first time since his retirement Dec. 17, 2004.

The "Bill Moyers Reports" program and "NOW with Bill Moyers" on Public Television have been some of the most highly regarded broadcasts because of their thoroughness, creativity, accuracy, and craft of storytelling. Before entering broadcasting, Moyers was deputy director of the Peace Corps, and was the press secretary to President Lyndon Johnson.

An Evening with Bill Moyers will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, in Crill Performance Hall.

Four other writers, including one alumnus, will be part of the symposium.

An Evening with Jim Wallis will be held Wednesday, Feb. 23, 7 p.m., Crill Performance Hall.

Wallis is a writer and leader for social change. He founded Sojourners, Christians for Justice and Peace in Washington D.C. more than 30 years ago, and is editor of *Sojourners* magazine, which covers faith, politics and culture. Wallis's columns appear in major newspapers and he was widely quoted during this past presidential election as an expert on justice, poverty and faith issues.

On Thursday, Feb. 24, *An Evening with Peter Matthiessen* will be held at 7 p.m. in Crill Performance Hall.

Matthiessen has written nearly 30 books, which include novels, collections of short stories, and nonfiction. Much of his writing explores natural environments and human cultures threatened by encroaching development and technology. His highly acclaimed book, *The Snow Leopard*, won the National Book Award.

Two guests will visit on Friday. At 9 a.m. Deborah Starr Seibel will speak about "Covering Culture." Alumnus Doug TenNapel will speak on "Storytelling Every Which Way" at 10:15 a.m. Both will be in Crill Performance Hall.

Seibel writes for *TV Guide*, *Broadcasting & Cable Magazine*, and the *New York Post*. She has also written for television programs, and in the 1990s she covered the media for the Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times.

TenNapel, a 1988 PLNU graduate, has several graphic novels out, including *Creature Tech*, which is being made into a feature film and *Tommysaurus Rex*. His video game, "Earthworm Jim," was made into a television show, and he is a regular speaker at ComiCon in San Diego.

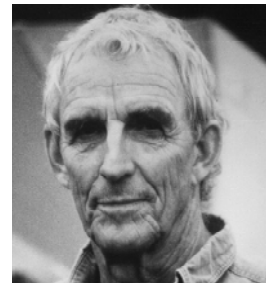
Tickets for all events are \$40, or separately as follows: Matthiessen, \$10; Moyers, \$15; Seibel, \$5; TenNapel, \$5; and Wallis, \$10. Members of the Society of Professional Journalists receive a \$5 discount on any one event. Students from all schools are free for all events. For information call 619.849.2695 or go to www.ptloma.edu/writers.



Bill Moyers



Jim Wallis



Peter Matthiessen



Deborah Starr Seibel



Doug TenNapel



Erik Wahl

Professionals-in-the-Making Breakfast

Drawing Inspiration from Artist-Speaker at 10th Annual Professionals-in-the-Making Breakfast

The 10th Annual Professionals-in-the-Making Breakfast March 17 will feature Erik Wahl, a former corporate businessman who now uses his artistic gift to inspire professionals toward greater creativity.

The breakfast, held at 7:15 a.m. at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in downtown San Diego, is an annual event that brings together an average of 600 area business people and Point Loma Nazarene University students for a morning of networking and inspiration.

With paintbrush in hand, Wahl will literally draw parallels between his topic, “The Art of Leadership,” and entrepreneurship. His San Diego-based consulting firm, The Wahl Group, challenges organizations to implement breakthrough thinking techniques to accomplish extraordinary results. His client list includes top corporations, health care organizations and educational institutions such as State Farm Insurance, FedEx and the National Parent Teacher Association.

For tickets or information about the Professionals in the Making Breakfast, go to www.ptloma.edu/probreakfast or call 619.849.2564. The breakfast is March 17, 2005 at 7:15 AM at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in downtown San Diego.

THE NEW RUGGED CROSS

The old rugged cross that for years reminded students, staff, faculty and visitors of Point Loma’s commitment to Christianity is gone. In its place is a beautifully crafted brass cross sculpted specifically for PLNU and paid for by an anonymous donor.

The new cross was created by Gilad Ben-Artzi of Creative Enterprises, Culver City, Calif. It stands 6 feet by 10 feet and is shaped of what’s called naval bronze, whose patina will weather over time. Its base was custom-designed and built by PLNU carpenter Marty Coon.

The sidewalk in front of the cross, which sits near the new outlook close to Mieras Hall, was relaid to match the outlook’s style. These projects were designed to enhance the “view corridor” to the Pacific Ocean our visitors encounter when they first enter the campus.

In addition, PLNU’s 90 acres in Point Loma is known for its lush and unique horticulture. Now the school has added a few more trees to adorn the campus and its newly finished construction sites.

According to Kathy Conner, grounds manager and master gardener, *Chamaerops humilis* or Mediterranean fan palms were replanted at the new Fermanian School of Business site.

A *Washingtonia robusta*, or Mexican fan palm, was planted at Colt Hall. Another Dragon tree and two Altos Blue redwoods were planted at the site of the new Draper Hall administration building.

POINT LOMA COMMUNITY RESPONDS TOTSUNAMI DISASTER

The office of Spiritual Development is spearheading a campaign to raise funds for the victims of December’s earthquake and tsunami in South Asia.

Michael Pitts, PLNU’s vice president for Spiritual Development, appealed to students, staff and faculty during the first chapel of the spring semester. He invited those who had not already chosen a relief organization to consider contributing to Heart to Heart International, an agency that specializes in medical supplies.

Checks should be made out to Point Loma Nazarene University. All donations will be presented to Heart to Heart founder Gary Morsch on Jan. 24, when he speaks in chapel.

“I am excited about what we might be able to do to support the effort,” said Pitts. “Thank you for digging deep. Students can help by donating the equivalent of meals through their food plan.”

BRIEFLY...

Music Major Wins Hyperscore Contest

PLNU composition major Christopher Tweedy, a junior from Arizona, was one of five winners of the La Jolla Music Society’s unique Hyperscore music composition contest.

His short piece, entitled “The Stagger,” was performed Oct. 9 by the nationally known Ying Quartet in a concert presented by the society. Now in its second decade, the Ying Quartet is known for developing ways of making artistic and creative expression a part of everyday life.

Tweedy wrote the piece using Hyperscore, a software program created at the MIT Media Lab. Hyperscore was developed to encourage non-musicians to create music in a fun, graphic environment. Users simply “draw” their composition on a computer screen, using different colors and shapes. Tweedy was unique among the winners in being able to transcribe his piece to standard notation.

An “A+” for No-Smoking Campus

PLNU has always been a smoke-free environment, and that has garnered it an “A+” from the Tobacco-Free Communities Coalition and the American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties.

The coalition issued its first Tobacco-Free College Report Card in December, in which it graded the colleges and universities of San Diego County on their tobacco control policies. The aim is to reduce tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. PLNU received the highest grade among 13 area institutions.



Film Night Funds Cancer Camp

For a significant part of his sophomore year, testicular cancer put Jared Callahan on the defensive in a painful battle for his life. After two years of remission, the PLNU senior was ready to fight back.

On Dec. 10, Callahan, a media communications major from Lodi, Calif., organized the Cancer Killers Benefit Film Festival with the help of Wellness Center's student Cancer Support Group. The event raised \$2,000 for the American Cancer Society's Camp Reach for the Sky.

Callahan said his experience showed him how the disease affects people on many levels. "It's not just about finding a cure," said Callahan. "You also need qualified care workers and a patient support system. There are so many aspects that need to be funded. If the money we raise can go to buy rec equipment for one day camp, then that's great."

—Grant Binasz, Marketing and Creative Services assistant

FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES...

Several PLNU students and faculty had dinner with the British Ambassador to the United States, Sir David Manning, in December. **Alan Hueth** (Communication and Theater) also helped PLNU students make connections with a summer group to meet influential public relations professionals and politicians.

The Center for Justice and Reconciliation hosted **Rev. Michael Mata** Nov. 18, in Colt Forum, as part of its ongoing "Brewed Awakening" series on social issues. Mata is the Mildred M. Hutchinson Assistant Professor of Urban Ministries at Claremont School of Theology.

The office of Spiritual Development and the Women's Studies Center scheduled a week of "**Celebrating Women in Ministry**" in November. Speakers included Stacey Eggers, youth minister at San Diego First Church of the Nazarene and a PLNU alumna; PLNU theology professor C.S. Cowles; and ReeAnn Hyde, a Nazarene elder. The week was wrapped up by Janine Metcalf, senior pastor of El Cajon Church of the Nazarene and former PLNU adjunct professor.

More than 300 students, faculty and staff attended an evening discussion forum on the "Faces of War" on Oct. 28. **Bill Wood** (History), **Gerard Reed**, and **John Wright** (both Theology and Christian Ministry) were the panel. **Kevin Modesto** (Sociology) facilitated the discussion.

The **Speech and Debate Team** competed successfully in a major fall championship tournament at Cal State Long Beach in December. Although half the size it has been during the past two years, the team managed to win first place in senior and novice divisions of debate, top speaker in junior debate, and third place overall.

Skip Rutledge (Communication and Theater) was interviewed by the local CBS news affiliate about the presidential debates. He wrote chapters in two books: *Argumentation and Debate: Taking the Next Step* and *Teachers' and Coaches' Guide to Argumentation and*

Debate: Taking the Next Step. Rutledge and **G. L. Forward** wrote an article published in *Parliamentary Debate: The Journal of the National Parliamentary Debate Association*.

A paper by Forward, colleague **Kathleen Czech** and **Patrick Allen**, PLNU provost and chief academic officer, was chosen one of the top five presented at the annual convention of the National Communication Association.

In October **Dean Nelson** (Literature, Journalism, and Modern Language) was keynote speaker at the Arizona Interscholastic Press Association's annual meeting at Arizona State University.

Dan Nelson (Music) was honored as Alumnus of the Year at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

Brad Strawn (Psychology) had articles published in the Summer 2004 *Journal of Psychology & Christianity*.

In September, **Paul Kenyon** (Music) gave a major recital as part of the Guest Artist Series at Cal State Northridge.

John Wright (Theology and Christian Ministry) organized a symposium and then contributed the lead chapter and co-edited the resulting book, published by Brazos Press: *Conflicting Allegiances: The Church-Based University in a Liberal Democratic Society*.

Jim Jackson, professor emeritus of communication, was honored for his work with the San Diego Rescue Mission in November from a downtown revitalization organization presented him with its Humanitarian Award.

PLNU MOURNS THE DEATH OF GARTH MORSE

Garth Morse, professor of physics for three decades until retiring in 1985, died Dec. 4, 2004, in Pasadena. Dr. Morse taught at Pasadena College and PLNU. Services were Dec. 7, 2004, at Pasadena First Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Morse was born in South Dakota in 1921, the youngest of six children. Throughout his life Dr. Morse relied upon his deep faith in Jesus Christ, his remarkable intelligence, and his ever ready wit to overcome adversity. As a young man he survived a harrowing plane crash in World War II that put him in the hospital for two years. After the war he changed his desired vocation from attorney to professor. He graduated in 1950 with a bachelor of arts degree in physics from Pasadena College. He earned a master's in physics from the University of Southern California in 1952, the same year he began his teaching career at Pasadena College. He went on to earn his Ph.D. in physics from the University of California Riverside in 1966.

He and his wife, Fern (Kettelhut) were married in 1948 and had two children, Ruth, and Allen, and two grandchildren. After a long and distinguished career Dr. Morse retired in 1985. He and Fern returned to Pasadena where he supervised the building of their home.

