



U.S.A. *Re* Echoes

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President's Message

David Cady, '82
Alumni Association President

I recently had the distinct honor of playing two concerts with the Atlantic Union Conference Music Festival Clinicians. Our USA students represented our school admirably. I was proud to see how they added to the high quality of music presented. This is what each of us needs to be on the lookout for. Our USA is producing the same high quality students that the school has produced since opening in 1921. When you look at today's leaders, not only within the Seventh-day Adventist denomination but also throughout the world, you find our graduates actively involved in making our world a better place.

The world today is a different place than it was when I graduated in 1982. The economy is in constant turmoil. Our once relatively constant feeling of safety has been replaced with the stark reality that terrorism has struck and will more than likely strike again. Our country is at war with Iraq. It is because of all of these things that we need to help our students enter the workforce prepared to deal with these issues and prepared to lead Christ centered lives.

That is why our school is so important. Union Springs Academy is leading the way in preparing students for whatever God has in store for them. In order for this vision to continue however, our school needs our help. I applaud the efforts each of you has made over this last year, in support of our school. I look forward to our annual Alumni Reunion with anticipation and excitement.

We are preparing a weekend, for your reunion, that will rejuvenate, reconnect and recharge you for the whole year to come. Make your plans now because the weekend will be here before you know it and we want each and every one of our valued Alumni to be in attendance.

Editor's Note

For the past four years David has served our association well. His vision and support have been greatly appreciated in the office. I look forward to working with Janica as she takes the reigns in May.

What Gift Has USA Given You?

Janica Peppard, '90
Alumni Association Vice-President

Greetings fellow alumni! Three years ago I attended USA's Alumni Weekend for my tenth reunion. My class had such a wonderful weekend spending time with each other. We talked and laughed remembering the good times spent and also discovered where our lives had taken us over the past ten years. Many of us had lost touch and hadn't seen each other since graduation. Each of our lives has taken us down different paths leaving our footprints across the country as we aspire to fulfill our different dreams and goals. Although we may have different dreams, we all have one common bond that will connect us forever—whether we are a part of the class of 1923 or the class of 1993, each one of us has been touched by Union Springs Academy. A touching that comes with a love and appreciation for a school that gave us so much more than just our high school diploma.

What is the greatest gift USA has given you? I suppose your immediate answer might be that you received a good quality high school education. I think that the greatest gift that would come to most of our minds would be the lifelong friendships we made during our days at USA. I recently spoke with a friend who attended a public high school, about the trip to my tenth reunion at USA. After telling her about the wonderful time I had at my reunion she remarked, "Wow! I just can't even relate to your school! My high school didn't even organize a reunion. Our class was so big that we aren't close at all!" She told me she wished she could have been given the opportunity to attend a school where she would have not only gained similar lifelong friendships but more importantly been given the chance to meet Jesus while learning in a Christian environment.

Think for a moment about your closest friends, the ones who have stuck by you through thick and thin throughout your life. I can almost guarantee that at least one of these friends went to school with you at USA. Whether they are former classmates or a teachers they are your friends and always will be. I hope that the greatest friend you were

introduced to at USA was Jesus and that He not only impacted your life while at USA, but that he is still touching your life today. He is the one true Friend you can *always* count on that will not lose touch with you over the years. He is the same Friend you had back in academy and wants to continue being your Friend today.

What gift is Union Springs Academy giving to its students in 2003? The tradition carries on. USA is providing a place where lifetime relationships will be made not just between students and faculty but most importantly with a caring and loving God. He is changing the lives of our students in amazing ways. Many of these students have YOU, the alumni, to thank for allowing them to attend USA this year. Some of you are giving back to the school by sponsoring a student that could not otherwise afford a Christian education. I believe when we are given a gift and feel blessed by that gift we should give back in gratitude. If your life has been touched by Union Springs Academy won't you give back in some way today? Whether it be through spending time in prayer, daily uplifting the school for continued blessings on our students, teachers and staff—this is so important and greatly appreciated. You might feel impressed to help sponsor a student that would like to attend next year but needs financial assistance. The school is also blessed by your general financial support and has you to thank for helping keep its doors open these past two years. It is because of YOU that USA can look to the coming school year not just as only surviving, but moving on to become a school of great success. Thank you for believing in USA and for your continued support.

Remember, one of the easiest and enjoyable ways you can support USA is by coming to alumni weekend. **I hope to see each of you at this year's Alumni Homecoming Weekend ~ May 2-4, 2003!** Don't miss it—you'll be so glad you came!

Alumni Vice-President

On the last page of this newsletter there are two names of people that have been nominated by the Alumni Committee to become the new Vice-President. Your vote is important. Please take the time to register your vote with the alumni office.

Alumni Weekend Schedule

At the writing of this column alumni weekend 2003 is just two months away. I can't wait to see each of you! An outline of the weekend is given to help you with your planning.

Friday

Registration 3:00 PM
Supper* 5:30 PM
Meet & Greet 6:00 PM
Vespers 7:30 PM

Sabbath

Breakfast* 8:00 AM
Sabbath School 9:15 AM
Worship Service 11:00 AM
Lunch* ½ Hour after Service
Concert 4:00 PM
Supper 6:00 PM
Vespers 7:30 PM
Business Meeting/Basketball Following

Sunday

Golf Tournament 8:00 AM
Brunch* 10:00 AM

* Please call or email for advanced sales of meal tickets.

Honor Classes

Everyone is invited to attend alumni weekend and we hope that you will. This year the classes that will be honored will be: **1923, 1928, 1933, 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973, 1978, 1983 and 1993.** If you are a member of one of these honor classes and would like to reserve a classroom to meet with your classmates for lunch please contact the alumni office. Space is limited. If you would like to make arrangements to have a partially catered meal contact Sandi Pratt, food service director.

Missing Members

The following members of the Honor Classes are listed as missing. If you have updated information please contact the alumni office at USA.

1928

Ruth Chapin-York

1933

Joseph Baroudi

Ruth Dickinson-Tyler

Alice Hill

Claudia Rodier-Hilliard

Esther Solomon

1943

Genevieve Genovese-Gish

Donald Gerald

Bernadine Halifax

Julia Thompson-Roger

1953

Margaret Andrews-Burkhardt

Judson Jamieson

William VanDyke

1963

Paul Armstrong

Betty Bird-Chrysler

William Buck

Earnest Burton

Richard Cihl

Kenneth Cobb

Benjamin Comfort

Wayne Day

Glenn Goyton

William Jones

Malcolm LeBrun

David Loveless

Howard Miller

Sharon Myers-Lighthall

Karen Peters-Hudson

Gayle Rathke

Elizabeth Updyke-Williams

1973

Darnell Champen

Joe Ferra, Jr.

Kenneth Hillock

Kenneth Hollingsworth

Terese Kinney-Dale

Cathy Parker

1978

Patrizia Caterino

Thomas Chase

Lynn Hammer-Statt

Lisa Heining-Klamut

Jeanette Johnson-Packard

Tamara Kinney-Smith

Darlene LaRock-DeLong

David Lay

Karen Mullins

Carole Nickels-Garoutte

Susan Scott

Kevin Stevenson

Larry Zeiders

1983

David Clarke

Julia Frank

Jeffrey Gadway

Victor Gadway

Rhonda Graves

Karen Hammer

Lori Lanyi-Sylvester

Stephen Miller

David Nowakowski

Frank Rice

Shari Rosekrans-Huff

Tomothy Scott

Howard Whitehurst

Denis Williams

1993

April Bechta

Sirkku Laine

Sonia Larrivee

Marion Miller

Ken Reinhart

Rhonda Rossier

Missy St.Clair-Rivas

Kara Wright

Lodging

Rooms are available in the dormitories on a first come first serve basis. To avoid confusion, please contact the deans directly. Mike Boyd, boys' dean and Susan Walter, girls' dean can be reached at (315) 889-7314. Men not arriving with a spouse should make arrangements to stay in the boys' dormitory.

Hotel Accommodations

The following hotels are located in Auburn, approximately 15 minutes from the academy. Please call directly for room reservations.

Days Inn (315) 252-7567

Holiday Inn * (315) 253-4531

Microtel Inn & Suites ** . . . (315) 253-5000

Super 8 Motel (315) 253-8886

Alumni Weekend

Sabbath Afternoon Concert

The **Master's Touch Chorale** from Syracuse, NY will be performing a sacred concert on Sabbath, May 3 at 4:00 p.m. This choir of nearly 40 dedicated Christian singers, from some 19 denominations, are united by their common faith in Jesus Christ to spread His good news in the ministry of music. This is their ninth year of ministry under the direction of Warren Ottey. Mr. Ottey is also the conductor of the Syracuse Chorale, celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, making it the oldest continuous community choir in Syracuse. Recently, the group performed two concerts at the White House on December 21st. The Alumni Association is pleased to have the opportunity to present this concert for Alumni Weekend. The choir charges no fee but we will be taking a love offering to help with their expenses.

Members of the choir include Dr. Beth Cady-Burghardt, '79 and her husband Fred. Other Adventists currently singing with the group are Carrie Goettsch, Holly Costello and Ani O'Connor. A special thank you to Beth for helping to make arrangements.

This truly is an event that you will not want to miss. Plan to attend and bring a friend!

Attention Golfers

Don't forget to bring your golf clubs along with you to alumni weekend. Sunday morning we will meet for our annual alumni golf tournament. The cost will be \$50.00 per player. If you are not a golfer, but would like to help sponsor the tournament contact the alumni office.

At Rest

Marion S. Simmons, 95, class of 1923, of Fletcher, NC, died Tuesday, June 11, 2002, in Flesher's Fairview Heath Care Center following a brief illness.

She was a native of Rochester, NY, and lived in Fletcher for the past 20 years. She was the daughter of the late Frank Albert Seitz and Edith Briddon Seitz, and the wife of James Douglas Simmons, who died in 1963. She was a member of the Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church and was an educator throughout the world doing the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Survivors include her grandson, James Simmons of Spartonsburg, SC; her great-granddaughter, Virginia S. Hakes of Hutchenson, MN; two great great grandchildren, Mary Anna Hakes and Robert Lamson Hakes of Hutchenson, MN; and two nephews, Jack Bohner of Banning, CA and Melville Seitze of Ringold, GA.

Gladys Edna Gallinger-Adams, 82, class of 1936, born on Nov 8, 1918, in Syracuse, NY, passed away at her home in Fredericksburg, VA on Oct 24, 2001.

Gladys particularly enjoyed her years as a student at "good ole' USA".

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Kenneth; two sons, Dr. Dale Adams and Kenneth Adams, Jr; a daughter, Connie Sue Horton; and multiple nieces and nephews.

A point of interest is that early in the marriage of Gladys and Kenneth the couple resided in the childhood home of Ellen G. White in Gorham, ME.

Services were conducted by her nephew, Donald Wright, at the Silver Spring MD Seventh-day Adventist Church with interment at the George Washington Cemetery in Adelphi, MD.

Mabel Jeanette Gallinger-Conner, 78, class of 1941, was born on August 3, 1923. Jeanette, as she came to be known in her later years, passed away on July 16, 2002, in Cleveland, TN at the home of her daughter, Jackie McCallum. Her husband, James, had pre-deceased her by just a few months, May 9, 2002.

Jeanette attended SUA for a number of years. She spent her earliest years of employment as a secretary in the NY Conference office when it was located in Union Springs.

She leaves to mourn, her daughters, Jackie McCallum and Jeanne Purdy and four grandchildren.

Robert M. Ruprecht, Sr., 80, class of 1941, passed away Oct 10, 2002 at South Lyon Medical Center in Yerington, NV. He was

born on Feb 12, 1922 in Palermo, NY to William Burt and Hazel Switts Ruprecht.

Robert was a veteran of the Army Air Force having served 1943 until 1946. He married Audrey Liese on Sept 13, 1945.

He was the owner of Hawthorne Funeral Home from 1968 until 1979 and served as Hawthorne Justice of the Peace from 1975 until 1987. He was a member of the Hawthorne Volunteer Fire Dept where he also served as an EMT. Upon retirement he and Audrey moved to Yerington where they have since resided.

Mr. Ruprecht was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonita Louise Meyers and grandson Randall S. Ruprecht. He is survived by his wife, Audrey; son, Robert Jr. and his wife Denise all Yerington; daughter, Rebecca Proffitt and her husband Stephen of Leucadia, CA; granddaughters Rachel Proffitt of Orange; sisters, Arlene Fuller and Marie Putman of Fulton, NY.

Greetings

In response to an invitation to meet with the coast chapter of the USA alumni.

Dear Friends,

I am sure I would enjoy attending the celebration at Loma Linda and hopefully meeting class-mates, but it's 450 + miles from my home in Paradise, CA. So, I'll say hello with this note.

My twin brother, Kendall & I graduated in the class of 1929. At 92 years of age we are enjoying fairly good health. We both live in our individual homes. Kendall lives in Glendale, CA where we practiced together for a combined time of more than 70 years. We are able to drive to church, stores, etc.

Sending my best wishes, hope you have a wonderful celebration.

Yours in the blessed hope!

J. Bruce Brown

Special Weekend

A special weekend, July 11-13, 2003, is being planned by Debbie Lloyd Foote, '73 for those that graduated or would have graduated in 1972, 1973 and 1974.

For more information contact Debbie at (518) 793-5828 or at davefoote@bigfoot.com or Lynee Hamm at abcshopgirl@yahoo.com.

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Fund Raising at USA

Rob Raney '84,

Director of Development/ Alumni Relations

It has been three and a half years since I have taken over the responsibilities of fund raising at Union Springs Academy. In that time I have found the alumni to be very supportive. As an alumnus, I know why you all keep giving and giving. I too, love this school. The following report is just some observations that I have noticed.

First of all, I must give credit where credit is due. My predecessors, Carol Cabrera and Clarice Coston have created the success that the fund raising program has today. Even with the success of the fundraising program, the number of alumni that are contributing is actually declining. In 1997-98 there were just over 400 alumni that responded to the call and in 2001-2002 just over 300. Even though comparing the two years, the amount donated increased nearly \$100,000.

We currently have active addresses for about 1700 alumni. Based upon these figures, we have approximately 17% - 24% of the addresses that are returning a gift. Imagine what could happen if the other 1,300 - 1,400 were to give just \$25 a year. That would be an nearly \$35,000 a year.

So far this year we have received \$36,855 from 110 alumni. Yes, there are pledges that have not been made as of yet, but not 200 pledges. I would like to challenge each of you to give a gift to USA. Mail your gift to the alumni office at USA.

Investing in Adventist Education

I have talked with several alumni who have told me that I just don't understand. When you retire, you begin to live on a fixed income and it only stretches so far. I agree, it only stretches so far, and I do understand, I live on a fixed income as well. No matter how hard or long I work, I get the same amount in my paycheck. It is fixed. For those of us in this situation, I would like to offer some ideas of how we can invest in Adventist Education at USA without pulling actual dollars out of our pockets.

1. Do you have an item sitting in your attic or basement that you would be willing to sell? If so, take some good pictures of it and send the information along with the pictures (take detailed pictures) to the alumni office. We will sell the item for you on *e-bay*.
2. Did you know that if you are a Verizon phone company customer you can have 5% of your long distance calls donated to

school of your choice. They will do the work and send the check. All you have to do is give them a call and let them know to whom you would like them to donate your five percent. The number is (877) 927-3348.

- For those interested in changing phone companies—there is a Christian based company called LifeLine. They will donate 10% to your choice school. The number to call is (800) 841-5980 or visit them on the web at www.mylifeline.net.
- Do you shop at LL Bean or WalMart or JCPenny? Ever wanted to buy a new DELL computer? If you make your purchase on-line through schoolmall.com a percentage of your purchase can be donated to Union Springs Academy.

George M. Kretschmar Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Born on May 16, 1964 in Salvador Bahia, Brazil, George died on December 19, 2002 in Baltimore, Maryland.

George taught Bible and served as chaplain at USA from 1994-1997. He also served as pastor of the Union Springs church. After leaving USA, George became the NY Conference Youth director.

In recognition of his love for students and teaching, Union Springs Academy would like to give a scholarship to a current student in his memory. Please mark your gift **George Kretschmar Memorial Scholarship**.

Vice-President Elections

The following people have been nominated by the Alumni Committee to fill the position of Vice-President. Please vote for your choice of new Vice-President by either mail, email or phone call.

Yvonne Cox Edison '56

by Anita Ballweber '05

Yvonne Edison, my grandmother, is an extraordinary person. She is one of the most caring and dependable people I know. Throughout the years she has been a very important role model for me and others as well.

For many years she has adopted and fostered 24 children including her own, one of which was my mother. She has always been willing to have little children all the way to teens stay with her. She has made it possible for 8 of the kids she has adopted, fostered, and that are her very own, to come here. She has helped make it possible for 8 grandchildren to attend an Adventist school. She helps out with financial aid, living conditions, or just plain spending money. She is always there to help family members and non family members alike.

I know that my grandmother would be a great choice to be Alumni Vice President because I could never think of a better person to do the job and do it well. She has put a lot of time into this school and helping her children and grandchildren, one being me, make it through the years.

I know it would be hard for me without her and I feel that without her I would not be able to make it as well as I am. If she is elected I can promise you that she will get the job done and get it done right no matter what the circumstances. She puts everything in God's hands and that's what I feel we need in a strong leader.

Chary Cook Pack '77

by Aubree Pack '04

There are so many wonderful things about my mother, Chary Pack, but this is supposed to be short. 😊 I've not known any one who she did not get along with and she works great no matter with whom. Mom is always willing to stop whatever she is doing to help me with homework or just talk with me.

The role of a mother is one that is hard all on its own. Even just a regular house wife has it tough. My dad is a Physical Therapist and Mom takes care of most of the paperwork, so she is like a secretary. Not only that, but she breeds dogs as well to help put my sister Dori and I through school. The time that she puts into those dogs amazes me. I could never have the patience or endurance to deal with puppies like she does.

My parents are like my best friends. We have so much fun together, whatever we're doing. I couldn't have asked for better parents. Mom can make any situation that seems terrible or stressful seem less so. I always call Mom from school when I'm stressed, feeling down, or feel alone. I always feel better when we're finished.

Never could any one ask for a better person to do a job. Even when Mom is faced with something that she doesn't like to do, she will give it all she has. My Mom rocks!

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