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## Senior Perspectives — a Realistic View From the Inside of Weimar College

During the last few days before graduation, ten of the twenty-two seniors were asked to share with the WEIMAR BULLETIN readers something of their personal experience at Weimar College. Following is a collage of their comments and suggestions.

When asked what they were looking forward to during the graduation weekend, one was looking forward to "spending the last precious moments with fellow seniors." Others said, "nothing really," "having my friends and family and those who I care a lot about so they can experience what I've experienced here as far as the program is concerned," "Graduation? I'm just ready to go." Another said, "A message that truly represents the class. A

real revelation of the people in the class, and the things they value." One was even looking forward to "my wedding!"

With the seniors now leaving, it was fitting to ask them why they came to Weimar College in the first place.

"Because I knew Weimar College had a work-education program."

"I was interested in the health aspect, because I had a vision or a dream of this kind of work even before I became an Adventist. I wanted to fulfill that dream."

"After I came up to visit and I saw the people that were here and what they had to offer, I said, 'That's where I want to be!'"

"I liked the sounds of the educational experience described in the BULLETIN. I wanted to learn the nitty-gritty of health. And I was tired of the dating scene. I really

wanted to go to a different social environment."

"It appealed to me because I felt like if I was going to put money into a Christian education, that Weimar College stood behind its name as an Adventist Institution. I felt like this would be a place to come and be a Christian and not be put down for being one."

It was interesting to study the different reactions to the question of what happy memories they had of their time spent here. Some of them had spent their happiest moments enjoying weekend backpack trips with their friends. They also enjoyed their church groups and the lovely families they were able to meet in their churches. Others really enjoyed their work experience. Summarizing her feelings, one female expressed herself this way, "I'll remember the crazy times climbing trees with my friends. Sleepless, studyless evenings, making noise in the hallways, and getting to know people. And actually learning a lot (scholastically)."

With so many ideas circulating about the Weimar College experience, the seniors were asked to comment on the years they had spent here.

"We eat more than peanut butter. I think the diet is pretty well balanced, the large majority think it is pretty good. (We could use some help on the recipes, though.) I think the social relations are healthy."

"I would say it was a positive experi-

ence. I wasn't put into a mold in any shape or form and I was able to develop my individual personality."

"I've heard all kinds of thoughts about Weimar, but after being here, I think it's the only place to go for a four-year college if there is a major you're interested in here."

"There are so many preconceived ideas about Weimar. I even had some when I first came. My actual experience has been quite different. Mostly you hear that it's a stodgy, self-supporting place that doesn't know how to get along in this real world. I've not found that experience here at all. I found rather that it's more realistic than other college campuses that I've visited in the sense that here we get into the principles of life, having to do with social relationships, diet, and life-style in general. That's an advantage. I've gotten a lot of freedom to develop in the areas where I've needed to develop. I'm not the kind of guy that is led by the expectations of others. I think that's a common thread among students that come to Weimar. There's a willingness to pioneer, to develop and become self-made, if I may use that expression, and not have to fit into a certain mold."

One question that really threw the seniors off was when they were asked what they thought their own contribution had been to the Weimar College environment. (Continued on Page 3)

## Academy Graduation - A Celebration



1984 Academy Graduates and sponsors, the Allen family and Nancy Lee.

Weimar Academy's 3rd annual graduation exercise was a joyous celebration of God's blessing. Like a festival of friendship, a banquet of appreciation, the service evoked a positive, thankful response. It was a high, happy time for par-

ents, teachers and students to pause and reflect upon the good things God had given. And like always, when good things end, there was a touch of sadness, the sadness of parting from friends who had become like brothers and sisters.

The services, conducted by the nine graduating seniors, began with prayer offered by James Thomas and a welcome by Karen Lewis. To set the tone of the evening, Monty Snyder sang "Friends are Friends Forever", a tribute to the familial tie the class had shared. His song, so expressive and full of heartfelt feeling, was a sampling of the bond of brotherhood the class had shared throughout the year.

Dennis Cline and Becky Gardner, in behalf of the class, paid special honor to parents and loved ones who had made it all

possible. The Academy Choir then sang "My Eternal King", a stirring composition.

As keynote speaker, Elder Dick Winn pointed out and affirmed the special uniqueness of each class member. He gave thanks for their growing knowledge of God and their commitment. He re-echoed the call to service the seniors sense in their own souls, the call to go and share good news. He reminded each one to continue in the spirit of cooperation and avoid the competitiveness that leads to failure.

A lovely violin duet by Marlene Johnson and June Neil contributed to the positive, festive atmosphere of the evening. Carey Gates then presented the class gift, a new bench for the look-out point beside the water tower. The class warmly bestowed special gifts and thanks upon Randy and Vicki Allen, and Nancy Lee, the 1984 senior class sponsors. Robert Rasmussen then challenged the next senior class in their role as leaders.

Finally, Bob Fillman, principal of the Academy, and Carol Kruger, Academy Registrar, presented the diplomas. In all, the evening was a time for celebrating the abundant blessings of accomplishment, health and friendship enjoyed by the graduates.

## Not Finished: Just Begun

A mini-celebration on Wednesday night officially opened the Weimar Graduation weekend. Staff, parents, and students met in the campus chapel to acknowledge and celebrate the elementary school's Eighth Grade Graduation. The eighth grade students picked the motto: "Not Finished: Just Begun", to characterize their class. Elder Dick Winn, who gave the graduation address, compared their motto and their young lives to a polaroid picture — just taken, developing, but not really finished. "What will be their future possibilities with God," he asked? Their choices and cooperation with God's desires and power for them would decide the answer. Surely, here's a group of students who hold much potential for helping our world to a better vision of God and His love.

Congratulations to Cory Bell, Rachel Gerbozy, Mike Henderson, Heidi Kruger, Donald Lorenson, Tom Murdoch, Laurinda Sample and Jeffrey Winn for successfully completing their elementary years and preparing to enter Weimar Academy next fall.

# Roger Coon Speaks on Prophetic Guidance



Dr. Roger Coon, an enthusiastic speaker.

Dr. Roger W. Coon, an associate secretary of the Ellen G. White Estate at the General Conference world headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Washington, D.C., was a guest speaker and classroom lecturer at Weimar College May 6-11. He made 15 presentations during this six-day visit, his first to our campus.

At the Sunday evening worship exercise he spoke on "Ellen White and the SDA Health Message" to introduce his series. At the morning and evening devotional services he presented "The Great Controversy Vision of 1858" (Monday), "Ellen White and the 'Integrity' Issue" (Tuesday), and "Is Ellen White's Eschatology (study of the last day events) outmoded for 20th Century?" (Wednesday).

Thursday morning and evening he answered written questions from students and staff. Friday morning he gave his personal testimony "Why I Believe Ellen White is a True Prophet of the Lord," and Friday evening in a sermon entitled "Eyewitnesses" he told the experiences of two indi-

viduals of his acquaintance (both now deceased) who had dramatic confrontations with Ellen White in their lifetimes.

Dr. Coon also met with Dr. Murdoch's class in research technique and methodology at its weekly Wednesday evening session, and with Elder Hancock's Prophetic Guidance class at its three appointments that week, speaking on "Ellen White and the Question of Doctrinal Authority," "How The Desire of Ages was Written," and "Inerrancy and Infallibility: Does a True Prophet Ever Err?"

Dr. Coon not only was of great service to the Weimar community, but he himself had a positive experience during his stay. And he was anxious to share his observations. "I was very impressed with everything I saw on your campus. I couldn't get over how friendly everyone was, especially your students! And your musical groups — the college choir and 16-voice men's chorus — perform in a very professional manner. I was surprised that a

school as comparatively small as yours could have as many accomplished musicians on the campus as you have!"

Dr. Coon smiled when he remarked, "I must admit that I came here on this first visit to Weimar with some rather strong suppositions concerning what I would find here. But some of the odd quirks I had been led to believe I would encounter were totally absent. Now the food in the cafeteria was a little different; but I love to experiment with new and different dishes, and I had a field day in your dining room, trying out things I had never tasted before. I discovered that appetite is often a question of education and training; and I truly learned to enjoy, as well as appreciate, some of the new food combinations I first tried here at Weimar. In fact, I am taking some recipes back to my wife. I want to try these things again!"

Dr. Coon especially appreciated the fact that Weimar staff and students alike had avoided a certain spirit, which as he put it, "seems almost like a magnet to attract and draw malcontents and dissidents who can turn a place into a hotbed of negative criticism of denominational leaders, members, policies, etc. Now this is not to say that church leaders — or their policies — are perfect all the time," he was quick to add. "Manifestly they are not. But brooding over shortcomings and faults in others is usually a futile and self-destructing activity that does nothing to uplift the spiritual condition of the critic. I didn't see that at Weimar, and I think it is to your

credit that you seem to have avoided this very destructive spirit."

"I find the prevailing atmosphere and spirit at Weimar like a breath of fresh air — optimistic, upbeat, friendly, outgoing, and with an amazing amount of loving concern for one's fellow students, the staff, and the non-SDA guests who come here to find new health. Indeed, the creative, innovative approach toward those not of our faith is absolutely delightful," he stated.

Dr. Coon earned his B.A. in history and religion at Loma Linda University, his M.A. in religion at Andrews University, and his Ph.D. in speech (rhetoric and public address) at Michigan State University.

He has been an SDA minister for 36 years, 21 of which have been spent in the college, university, or seminary classroom, both in North America and overseas. His ministry has taken him to five continents and now, with the White Estate (where he has served for some three and one half years), his travels take him fifty to sixty thousand miles each year, in commercial airplanes alone. Previously he served three years as senior pastor of the world "headquarters" church in Takoma Park, Maryland, and 11 years as professor of religion at Pacific Union College. He was also a missionary 12 years in Nigeria.

Dr. Coon and his wife Irene, who serves as staff auditor in the General Conference Auditing Service, have two grown children Susan and Donald.

## An Old-fashioned Outreach Revived

*"No one was inviting me in one particular day, yet I had asked the Lord to lead me to at least one special person! At the last house I came to, I found the answer to my prayer. At first the lady wasn't going to let me in, so I started my canvas outside. Soon, she was interested and invited me in. We spent an hour and a half together, although originally she said she didn't have time! She bought nearly every book I had, to send to her grandsons, who are Sunday School teachers. It encouraged me to know God was using me to spread His truth."*

That was one of Gale Brawand's experiences recently when the new Literature Evangelism team went on its weekly community outreach session.

This year one of the college students, Dick Bullock, a colporteur zealot, has led in developing an outreach program for those interested in the canvassing work. Dick has a burden that others share in the meaningful, exciting experience of Literature Evangelism. He believes "colporturing is invaluable experience for any student, but especially for those entering the ministry. Learning how to meet people, learning tact and courtesy, and learning how to win hearts to God's truth are priceless experiences."

Numerous topics have been covered in the classroom. An overview of the printing work and its timely appearance commenced the lectures. The different aspects of canvassing work; selling technique, demonstration, closing, qualifications, were also discussed. In the field, students used both health and religious literature. Attractive, inexpensive health material paves the way for introducing such books as *The Desire of Ages* or *Cosmic Conflict*.

Encounters with the local residents have been exciting, but the greatest source of joy has been the growing enthusiasm and confidence of the students. They've become enthusiastic about and interested in the publishing ministry. Some have even asked where to purchase the books so they can continue this summer. That's been a rewarding achievement!

Let's examine some of the students' reactions to their experience this year:

Shervin Marsh said "I've learned how to express myself more easily and be more at home with people. I have grown as a result of the experience."

"People are not all Adventists out there," Ki Chul Kim began, "I had known that intellectually, but when I went out, I began to perceive the reality of the situation. People are turned off by religion. In fact, non-Christians were more receptive than Christians who tended to be exclusive. My experience colporturing has opened my eyes and broadened my perspective."

Jim Martin shared how his formerly negative view of the canvassing work changed. "My opinion of colporteurs before I went out was not good. I thought of them as high-pressure salesmen more interested in money than in reaching people and distributing books. With that view in mind, I never saw myself becoming a salesman. But I've learned it's possible to go out with a certain attitude of mind, an attitude of service, in which selling books can be a comfortable experience."

Results like this have been inspiring. Many class members have been moved to continue door-to-door work this summer. Other students look forward to the class next year. And all at the college are happy to have this latest addition to the Outreach department.

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## Bypassing the Bypass

By Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins  
NEWSTART Guests  
March 18-April 12 Session  
as told to Robert Nordman



John and Jennie Watkins

### Physician's Observations

John and Jennie Watkins called from their home in Australia before coming to Weimar. It was a step of faith involving such distance and travel expense to a new country for an untried health lifestyle program differing markedly from current Australian lifestyle and dietary practices and nutrition counsel.

Their past practice of asking God to guide their lives enabled them to follow His leading to His NEWSTART program. Seeking dietary improvement in the year prior to coming, John had lowered his cholesterol from 230 to 152 mg/dl. Within two weeks here, it decreased to 134. This serum cholesterol level places John below the normal range of 140-250 for U.S. citizens, a population at greatest risk of death from cholesterol and fat occlusion of coronary arteries. While at Weimar his blood fat (triglyceride) level decreased from 105 to 50, and his walking ranged from 2 to 16 miles per day.

John had his first heart attack at age 38. The leg veins were used for his 1982 coronary artery bypass, and they occlude at an even faster rate than the original arteries if no diet and exercise changes are made after surgery. Now at age 50, with cholesterol low at 134, and 40 mg/dl of high density lipoprotein to carry cholesterol out of the artery walls, John trusts God's method for healthy heart function. And John's heart is so important to Jennie!

God wants all of Australia to prepare for heaven's lifestyle of whole plant food and outdoor living in a garden environment, and reap the tremendous blessings of present physical health and happiness. We rejoice as nurses and therapists have come from Cedarvale and Sydney, Australia, to train in the Weimar NEWSTART program, "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." Psalm 67:2.  
Sidney Nixon, M.D.

### (SENIOR PERSPECTIVES — Continued from cover)

One male, with tongue-in-cheek, replied, "Have you got half an hour? Let me tell you all about it!" Others were more baffled. "I don't know. I don't know if I could answer that." Along the same line another wondered "I don't know if I've made any big contribution to the environment." One of the seniors who has been hired by the Greater New York Conference said, "I've been here for four years and that has given some stability to the program. I think the biggest aid I've been to the environment is the fact that I'm going to go out and work from here. When new students come to Weimar College in the future, they will see there is placement for the students and there's good reason to stay here for four years." A Health-Science major saw herself contributing by "being normal and not going to extremes." She has had people tell her "they've really appreciated her consistency in dress and lifestyle."

In the area of social relations, the seniors generally supported the existing system and some saw that there were still improvements to be made.

"I don't understand American culture so much, but some people are getting too much into having 'special friends.'"

"I think the environment is healthy. Even though sometimes I feel we're a little narrow minded as far as the male-female relationships go."

"There are few places where you have such a broad spectrum of people with similar values and interests. In that respect, it's a good place for social development."

"It is not a pressured atmosphere where you have to be in a certain group to be 'in.' It's just a very accepting and loving atmosphere where you can feel comfortable even though you're not around your closest friends."

Said a senior about to marry, "I suppose the thing I think is most significant about the social policies and such is that Susan and I had opportunity to get to know each

I first became acquainted with NEWSTART through my friend, Ern Baxter, who wrote *I Nearly Died*. I had read this book, but decided to talk to him and get more details about the NEWSTART program after finding out I had some kind of difficulty. I saw Ern at Christmas time, and he urged me to come right away, unless I had a drastic need for surgery right then.

My purpose for coming was to avoid another bypass surgery. I had one heart attack some time ago, and then a bypass surgery in 1981. The bypass was not as successful as it could have been, and soon the doctors were scheduling me for another. There are two reasons why I don't want another bypass. I don't like to be sawn open and stitched up. And it was obvious from angiograms that surgery did not cure the problem. It was only delaying the day when something drastic would happen. The angiogram showed a degeneration of 50 to 80% on one particular artery. I realized from those pictures that I needed to do something about what was causing the trouble. I am not opposed to bypass, but it only fixes up or maintains something that

is not working very well anyway.

I have been impressed with lots of things here. I have been impressed with the quality of people. The improvement that I have seen in many of the people has also encouraged me. I have received some of those benefits myself. My blood fat levels have dropped. My cholesterol level has come down some 40 points, and my triglycerides have dropped nearly 50%. I can walk much farther and I have improved on my treadmill test. I am encouraged and pleased.

The quality of the medical lectures has convinced me that there is a great deal of truth in what's happening here. What I have heard seems so practical and sensible. It just seems to be the way God has ordered things. I am persuaded about these principles of diet and exercise, and I am hopeful that my practice of them will, at least to some degree, unplug the blockages in my arteries.

I have got enthusiasm within me to go and pass on to others what we have learned. There has been quite an interest among our friends. My wife will cook, and I'll give lectures. We anticipate at least some measure of success.

### 1984 NEWSTART Schedule Following are the dates for Weimar's NEWSTART Health Center Programs:

JUNE 24-JULY 19

JULY 22-AUGUST 15

AUGUST 26-SEPTEMBER 20

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October 28-November 22

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One spoke to the issue of leadership.  
"We really haven't had a strong spiritual leader this year. I perceive this com-  
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# Weimar College Grad

By Kelvin Clark

Like a tidal wave that sweeps toward a tiny island, so it seemed that graduation weekend was rushing towards the seniors at Weimar College with awesome speed. The arrangements being made with employers, intense conversations with students and faculty by those still searching for jobs, last-minute details of the graduation services, and the anticipation of family and friends, all increased the intensity of the coming event.

As cars began arriving from as far away as Toronto, Canada and Florida, family groups sprang up all over campus. At 5 p.m., Friday, the Parent-Senior Banquet began, tossing the 22 Seniors to the crest of the wave; the weekend was on.

Like a cozy nest, the newly redecorated NEWSTART dining room provided a comfortable, quiet environment for the Seniors to have personal time with their folks. The subdued music, the fruit heaped on a center-plate around a glowing candle, the courteous waitresses and waiters, and delicious, catered food, prepared by Mr. Clyde Sample, all heightened the pleasure of those moments.

Traditionally, the weekend ceremonies have been held in the open air in front of the NEWSTART Lodge facing the Gazebo. Rainy weather during the week threatened to rule out this possibility. To the delight of many, Friday turned out crystal clear, sunny and comfortably warm. Beneath the towering Ponderosa pines and surrounded by green lawns, people began gathering for the evening meeting. In his thought-provoking, sensitive way, Prof. Cossentine led song service. Senior class introductions were next. Each senior had picked a partner to introduce to the audience and after all had lined up on the platform, each pair walked up to the microphone and shared something special about their friend. Some were shocked to find out how much or little their partner actually knew about them. The humorous, spontaneous sharing delighted everyone.

The Weimar Male Chorus sang, "I Would Be Like Jesus," in preparation for the evening talk. Then, in dialogue fashion, Pastor Dick Winn and graduating student Shaun Lemnah together traced the events, ideologies and convictions that had pulled those in the Senior class to this event. It was evident that the fascination with the Person of God by this teacher and student has had a tremendous impact upon the class.

Sabbath morning came with a cool crispness. As Sabbath School time approached, families gathered in the outdoor auditorium. Gina Husted led the song service. Dr. Henri Wiebe, medical doctor at the SDA hospital in Banepa, Nepal, addressed the Seniors, challenging them to go where the need is tremendous. Then the lesson study found groups of people spread out across the campus, as Seniors and Juniors led the discussion.

In a unique call to worship, Steven Sciliano recited Psalm 138, directing people's minds to God's mercy and reliability. Weimar College was honored to have Dr. Herbert Douglass, Vice-President of Pacific Press, present the morning message. In his practical appeal, he pointed out that only those who prove themselves credible will be trusted and listened to. He urged the Seniors to lend support to their verbal testimony by developing well their individual gifts. He pointed forward to future events when God's true name would be verified through the attitude and activity of such people.

Sabbath afternoon had been purposely left free from planned activities so fami-



## To Reveal God's Healing in

*The 1984 graduating senior class of Weimar College, in summary of the growth we have received, in God's favor and Institute.*

*We genuinely value and embrace the Person of God, revealed in all the Bible, and supported by the Seven Principles of Weimar College, is worthy of our highest affections and prayers.*

*As a class, we value people. We value God's principles and methods the authoritative procedures for sharing His love, to adopt God's methods; truth, love, freedom, and tireless ministry, we are drawn by the need of the world.*

*We are a class committed to modeling the ideal we see in this world. We recognize our great need to daily behold Him and His love, by the Person and life of Jesus Christ, the essential person in this world. Therefore we wish to be found ready to share His love.*

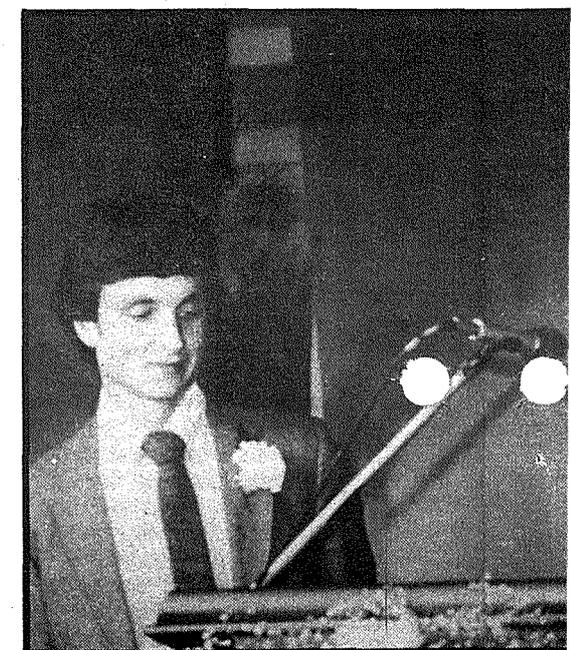
*Mentally and socially; to shape thought and circumstance, physically; to demonstrate that God's ways of living are wise, and spiritually; to clarify for the world the truth about God.*

*Because we value people, we choose to assimilate God's ways of living these are the modality by which the truth is best shared.*

*Our mission field is people. We long to draw each person to Christ by helping them see the need to realize life's opportunity, spiritual enlargement, and eternal preparation.*

*We desire to accomplish this ministry by effectively demonstrating the character of God through each unique person in our class.*

*All of this reflects the profound expectation and joy we venture to continue our witnessing to "God's healing power."*



# Graduation: 1984



## Healing in Man's Life

Class of Weimar College presents this statement in God's favor, in the time spent at this College

the Person of God. We affirm that His character, as portrayed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and His best affections and loyalties.

Value God's principles of lifestyle and esteem His gifts for sharing His qualities. Because we have begun freedom, and time, which are His keys to our success in the need of the world mission field.

Living the ideal we behold and pursue. In order to daily behold Him and choose to be changed. For we know Christ, the essence of ministry is to live as a whole person, ready to be found, as was Christ: in any circumstance while carefully protecting

God's ways of living promote health and reveal His

world the truth about God in word and deed. We seek to assimilate God's method for relationships, realizing that the truth is best expressed and extended. We strive to draw each person into a relationship with God, utilizing life's opportunity for happiness, health, educational preparation.

Ministry by effectively giving instruction in and demonstrating each unique personality and life-work represented

Expectation and joy of the graduating senior class as they go to "God's healing in man's life."

lies could be together. A short baptismal service found family and friends sharing great joy as Paul Coneff and Dawn Nelson recommitted their love and resources to God.

A special musical program by graduates introduced the evening meetings. Sarah Bennett's father, Jim Bennett, and Dawn Marie Nelson shared some beautiful vocal solos. Alexandra Wiebe and Helene Monier played a recorder duet of Bach's "Air." Then the program was turned over to the Weimar Male Chorus. Choral numbers included, "He's got the Whole World in His Hands," and "Without the Love of Jesus"; they concluded with the powerful Schubert composition, "The Omnipotence." As they faced the beautiful sunset, it was a moving moment for the Men's Chorus themselves, since this was the last program they would present together, testifying to the beauty of God through music.

After a short break, the Commencement service began. Elder Lester McSherry, in his welcome, told of the close ties that had developed between the surrogate "parents" on the staff and the student "sons and daughters" about to leave. Dan Eveland revealed the practicality of the class gift — a set of redwood benches for those who enjoy outdoor dining. President Bob Fillman spoke, reminding the Seniors of their class statement and calling them to remain true to their stated mission in life. Dr. Howard Hardcastle expressed the deep feelings in his heart to this group of students he had grown to love. Then as the diplomas were issued, the place came alive with bright flashes, purring movie cameras, and clapping hands.

As a parting gesture, the Weimar Men's Quartet shared the farewell song, "Shalom, My Friend." Immediately after the meeting ended, the Seniors were inundated with hugs, kisses, best wishes, cries of joy, and a few tears. Those who weren't too distracted by the festivities began to notice something: some raindrops were falling...God had honored the many prayers for a dry graduation weekend. Now the showers could come.

Captions, clockwise from top-center.

1. The joy of friendship: Marti Breakie and Jeannie Carr introduce each other, as Alexandra Wiebe looks on.

2. Dr. Herbert Douglass.

3. Herb Kruppa and Susan Claridge Kruppa, who were married the day after graduation.

4. The Weimar Men's Quartet: Robert Nordman, Steve Thulon, Lyndon Dieter, and Dan Wirsz.

5. A thought-provoking discussion between Elder Dick Winn and Shaun Lemnah.

6. Alexandra Wiebe and Helen Monier playing a duet.

7. A happy Suzanne Tabacchini receives her diploma. Bob Fillman and Dan Eveland share the moment.

8. Dr. Hardcastle tries to pronounce Wilton Remigio's middle names.

## Congratulations! Herb and Susan

Herb Kruppa and Susan Claridge shared probably the most exciting and significant 3 days of their lives this graduation weekend. On Sunday, June 10, the day after their college commencement, they dedicated their lives to each other in matrimony. The Weimar Family wishes them God's blessing as they go out to serve in New York State.





## Van Ministry

Last Sunday one of our Van Ministry teams assisted Rocco Sarli with a "Heart Chec" program at the "New Woman Health Spa" in Auburn. The morning went smoothly and many expressed their interest in health, and appreciation for the service. As one client was leaving she turned and said, "I've met you before on the Health Van. I think it's just wonderful what you are doing. I really liked the health counseling and read everything that you gave me. The little pamphlet on smoking has helped me almost completely stop. I'm down to only 1 or 2 cigarettes a month now! I hope the van will be back in Auburn soon and I can visit you again."

Often we sense that angels surely must guide certain people to certain technicians and just as often we are amazed at the similar experiences of client and technician so the one is thoroughly equipped to understand and empathize with the other. These encounters are quickly bonded with appreciation for such tender insights into what is happening to these people who come on the Van with special burdens. This really hit home when we finished one day's work and one of the Vanguard's shared this experience with his fellow team members. "A young man about 26 walked in, filled out his form and sat down. Before taking his blood pressure I listened attentively to the story of his younger brother's death. They had recently returned from Honduras and shortly after entering the States his brother was killed. His brother's name was Charlie and he was 19. I was nonplused, for my brother Charlie was 19 when he committed suicide nearly 7 years ago. This I related to him, seeking to identify with him. I could readily detect his sorrow about the incident, and sought to express to him that the origin of sorrow and mishap was not God. He agreed, stating that he would not charge this tragedy to God but accept it as a part of life. God comforts us in all our sorrows that we might comfort those about us. (II Cor. 1:4) I love Van Ministry!"

A well-dressed woman came aboard while we were parked at the Foothills Shopping Center. Since the Vanguard's were out on their lunch break, Bev was filling in for the receptionist while Connie was taking blood pressures. Somehow Bev was impressed that she should take this lady to a station and take her blood pressure. They went to the last booth in the Van and the woman began to talk. Once again Bev realized how the Lord had prepared her for this person. With her past experience in Crisis Intervention and Marriage and Family Counseling, Bev was able to share the encouragement she needed. Then the lady said she was a Christian and she had some Biblical questions. Before leaving she requested the literature on health, the "Power to Cope" series with Scripture references, the "Weimar Kitchen Cookbook" and invited further contact for Bible studies.

"The Night is coming when no man can work." We are so thankful we still have the liberty to go out and freely proclaim a message of health and its Author. Come with us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
Beverly Lee, Director  
Connie Hutson, Van R.N.  
Weimar Van Ministry

### GRACE DEFINED

Grace is...

*the perfume of pink blossoms*

*by the walkway,*

*the sunlit sparkle of clinging dew,*

*the soothing song of a sparrow.*

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*heard its melody one morning*

*and paused —*

*to consider the comforting call,*

*behold the diamond-like droplet,*

*and breathe deeply the refreshing fragrance.*

*Satisfied, that same one strolled on,*

*displaying a smile.*

S.G.S.

## Cooking Class Instructor's Course

Have you ever wished you could conduct your own cooking classes using a wholesome, vegetarian style of meal preparation? This may be your opportunity!

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If you wish to have meals and lodging at the Institute, you may reserve rooms for \$10 per night (\$15 for a couple) and meals at the rate of \$7.50 per day person.

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## In Loving Memory

A MEMORIAL GIFT TO WEIMAR  
INSTITUTE HAS BEEN MADE :

In Memory of: Larry Ludington  
from: Vivian L. Ames

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munity needs a core of spiritual leaders to maintain more focused spiritual growth. We've lacked that this year and I'd like to voice my concern."

Accreditation and non-accreditation have been issues that Weimar College graduates have had to deal with since the founding of the school. Quite frequently friends and family of a student coming here will say, "You can't go there. Weimar College isn't accredited!" The seniors were asked how they were dealing with the problem since they have been looking for jobs.

"My employer has been looking for qualities in a person rather than a degree."

"I don't think it affected getting hired at all."

And speaking about transferring to a non-SDA college, one said, "I don't know if my credits will transfer or not. Until I get there, I don't know how it's going to work."

Transferring to a SDA college a senior commented, "It won't matter because PUC will be accepting all my credits when I go to take my student teaching there. It doesn't bother me that Weimar is not accredited."

Others seemed even more convinced accreditation meant little in practice.

"I really see that we have something substantial to offer. Mainly, it's a matter of seeing that vision and selling yourself on it. We have been trained here to meet prominent needs people have."

"It hasn't affected me in the least. In some sense, it's made me work harder and be more self-initiated and look out for my own skin and not rely on how little I can do, but develop all that I can do. I've let what the Lord has been able to develop sell me and I've gotten a job. The lack of accreditation hasn't affected me."

Most of the seniors were very direct in clarifying and enunciating what they felt had been the central theme of their stay at the college.

"Three things: my conception of God, my work experience and my fiance. Hopefully, I can communicate a right image of God. I want people to understand Him as an accepting God. The practical experience I've received has put me farther ahead in what I'm learning. And about my fiance, I could talk a long time..."

"I have come to realize how Christ is the core of everything. As long as He's the center of everything, and (we're) living according to His direction, it will have a big impact on our futures."

The character of God. I don't understand Him fully right now, but He gives me direction as far as where I should go, who I should depend on, and how I should live."

"My faith. I came here three months after I was baptized. It gave me the understanding and laid the foundation for my Christian life. I'm going to be a pastor; it's hard to be a pastor and not have a Christian foundation!"

"A central core has been theology, the understanding of God I've been able to glean. I believe if you're living your theology it can't help but touch every aspect of your life. God is personable; His characteristics meet personal needs. It is the message of truth about God found in all the Bible; it has changed my life; it will touch my ministry and my daily life."

Perhaps by now, as the seniors have gone and are beginning a new phase of life, the awesome reality of graduation is settling in. Maybe they would express themselves as one senior did during the interviews, "I'm going to miss just sitting out on the lawn and talking; I'm going to miss the support of the students."

And even though the memories will get rosier as recent events fade into history, the seniors are not confused about the reality of their experience in their Weimar college life. As one said it so well, "It's not perfect, but we're trying to do it right. The focus of the campus on the whole is growth. Even though it's not perfect, it's positive."

The curious fact that those graduating seemed to be somewhat unaware of their contribution to the college environment this last year does not negate how largely Weimar College was affected by their personal input. Often the seniors put into words how much Weimar College had nurtured them, but a majority of that very support was due to their own individual commitment to let God make it work, which made the real difference.

Indeed, they have "laid the foundation for Christian life." Content with their lives now, they "have a lot to look forward to in the future."

God be with you, Class of 1984!

# Adventures With God

By Len and Barb Tatom

Sell our business and go back to school...after 30 years? Move out of our big home into one room with a bathroom down the hall? Our friends thought we were crazy!

A year and a half ago Barb and I were married, and we rededicated our lives to the Lord. Soon after, it became obvious to us that I had to buy my business partner out or sell to him. We knew God would lead. After several weeks of negotiation with my partner, we decided, through much prayer, to sell our portion of the business. The business had meant everything to us, and perhaps this is why the Lord led in selling it. Now we had decided what to do. Where was God leading?

Barb and I were both interested in Christianity and health; that's what brought us together in the first place. My interest in health sprang from some heart trouble I had 11 years ago when I was 36. The doctors gave me little hope, so I began to look for ways to help myself. This was before I was a Christian, but even then God was tugging. I began to study nutrition and made efforts to take the responsibility for my own health.

Barb started taking me to health lectures at her church. I devoured everything I heard. I knew there was room for improvement, because I still had digestive disturbance and weight problems. We promptly implemented our discoveries. Within a few weeks I felt like a new person. Eventually I lost 50 lbs. I had new energy, new reasons for living. Barb, too, began to realize good results from new practices.

God was leading me spiritually also. I continued to visit Barb's church, soon accepting the Biblical view on man's state in death. The Sabbath was the last thing I ac-



Len & Barb Tatom in Action.

cepted. God was leading me through the power of the written Word.

All this made me feel so good that, after the business sold, my main desire was to go out and motivate people by sharing with them what the Lord had done for us. I knew there were many people who were hungry for good news about God and his lifestyle.

Before we could go out and share, however, we realized we needed further training. We began calling different

places, seeking a suitable place for training. Among the places we phoned was Weimar. A week after the business sold we were at the institute for a visit. When we walked on the grounds, we knew God wanted us there. After spending time with many students and faculty, we applied. We were the first married students accepted at Weimar.

I have changed management jobs in a major way many times and found that there is always something annoying wherever one goes. We were expecting a negative side to show up sooner or later, but we've been here 10 months and have not encountered it. Weimar has been better than we ever expected.

We came to Weimar expecting to learn primarily about the health message. In fact, we thought there would probably be an imbalanced emphasis on health here. We thought we might be told what we could

eat and when we could eat it. We were surprised when we got here and found the principles presented in a loving, sensible way. I was very skeptical that this motivational approach would work for young people; but when I thought about it, I realized that is the way God works. He has given us His Word and shown us the best way, but He doesn't zap us if we don't do it. The power of his wooing lies in the fact that His love is changeless. The young people are learning that they are responsible for their own decisions. They must learn to practice the principles from their own choice.

We have appreciated the young people immensely. They have shown us that we are part of the family. There have been no barriers between us. Being able to talk with the NEWSTART guests has also been a big help. Hearing their testimonies lauding what this program has done for them has given us great impetus. Before, it was just our own experience, but now we have heard all these other affirmations of God's lifestyle.

Our immediate plans for this summer are to work in the Eugene, Oregon area with two health educators. We have been hired to help start a program similar to Weimar's outpatient clinic which will include aiding a cardiovascular surgeon in the rehabilitation of his patients. We will present HEALTHYOURSELF programs, Breadmakes, and cooking schools. Ultimately we hope to see Weimar graduates fit into this program. After our Eugene experience we are planning to travel with our health ministry to various parts of the country using our motorhome as a base.

Both Barb and I are grateful for our experiences at Weimar. We have also learned a great deal from our Marriage and Family class, and Life and Teachings of Jesus class. The former gave us insights that are helpful in our new marriage while the latter gave us a new focus on God. We feel that God's purposes for our lives have been promoted here and that he has prepared us to do that to which He has called us. We ask for your prayers as we share with others the great things God wants to do for them.

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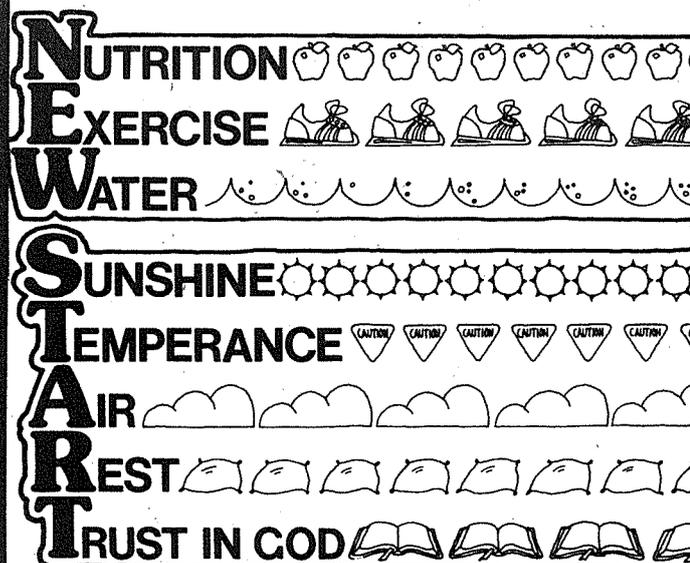
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# From our Chaplain

## Seven Propositions About Justification

By Dick Winn

Stimulating conversations among friends can sharpen all our minds in understanding important issues in our faith and experience. I send forth these seven propositions about justification to invite reflection and dialogue. Do they fit in a coherent theology and an inspired view of God?

1. Justification doesn't do anybody any good. It's just a technical, theological word. Justification by faith — now that comes one step closer. At least the word "faith" implies a relationship with something beyond ourselves. Justification by faith in Christ — this is the answer. The good news is not that I am forgiven; the

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good news is that Christ is a Forgiver! If the gift of forgiveness is good, isn't the Giver of the gift even better? To seek justification is to seek only the gift; to be drawn into justification by faith in Christ is to celebrate a relationship with the Giver! And that's the power! It's the relationship that is the solving of the sin problem.

2. Faith does not earn justification. Faith discovers that God is a Justifier. God does not decide at a point in time to pardon us, as a reward for our faith. Rather, our faith (our informed trust in Him) believes His pardon. We come to believe His posture toward us is revealed in Jesus' announcement, "Father, forgive them; they know not what they do."

3. God does not use this pardon as an enticement or incentive for us to obey; nor does He use the withdrawal of His pardon as punishment for disobedience. And there are two equally important reasons for this: (A) God has much better reasons for us to obey Him than to draw us into groveling after His blessings, as a disinherited son would fawn over his father to receive his estate. Obedience is itself the great blessing. And (B) this "reward-punishment scheme" would turn all our obedience into selfishness. It would be but a price paid to obtain a favor for ourselves. Now selfishness can produce outward compliance to law. But since true obedience is the action of a loving heart, it cannot be produced by selfish bargaining. Love springs only from a gift of unconditional love!

4. God doesn't have to make us worthy before He can forgive us. Not because He isn't able, but because He's never been impressed with "worthiness." A God who "justifies the ungodly" doesn't have to wait until we're virtuous, and all our motives are pure, before He can say, "Neither do I condemn you." Justification is not a statement about us; it's a statement about God. It's not an announcement of our holiness, but of God's graciousness — of His willingness to love us the way He loves the angels who have never sinned. Be-

lieving and receiving this love heals us. Some call this "legal fiction," claiming that God can only declare righteous those who first are righteous. But that problem arises from trying to push legal terminology into what is essentially a relationship problem.

5. Justification is a part of the solution to a relationship problem. The sin problem is that we are estranged, and God wants us back. It's God's way of announcing that we'll be welcomed when we get there — that He's "not counting our trespasses against us," but is through Christ reconciling us to Himself. (2 Cor. 5:19). In this sense, justification is the easy part of the redemption process. It flows from God's heart; we don't have to coax Him to change toward us. God takes on the hard part of getting us to change our attitudes toward Him. He's trying to get us to believe Him when He says, "I sent not my Son into the World to condemn the world."

6. Jesus bore our sins on the cross, not to appease His Father's wrath, and not to balance law books, but to uphold reality. God spoke absolute truth when He warned Adam and Eve that, should they separate from the Lifegiver, the result would be the second death. They separated; they broke faith. And God's truthfulness was at stake. Had they died, God could have said, "See! I tell the truth." But those who needed to hear the truth wouldn't have been around to benefit from the lesson. So Jesus died in their place. Thus He bore their guilt and its destroying power and in so doing, revealed

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both His love and His truthfulness. This gave sinners time to respond to His love and truthfulness.

The point is this: justification (or pardon) does not mean that God has decided not to be angry when previously He was angry at sinners. It doesn't mean He is no longer vengeful because He took out His vengeance on Jesus. Justification means that Another has already borne the consequences for our separation, therefore, we don't have to! This self-sacrifice draws us into heart-loyalty to Him.

7. All people are offered free pardon. But not all people will be saved. As such, pardon or justification is not salvation. But those who will be lost, will be so not because God did not pardon them, but because they have rejected the Pardoner. His universal offer of pardon makes a relationship with Him not only possible, but wonderfully inviting. The sinner who turns down such amazing grace is hopelessly hardened, or willfully blind. He refuses the relationship which — alone — can make him whole. And for this he shall be lost.

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