

CLASS NOTES

1940s

MILDRED McCONNELL (att.) lives in Citrus Heights, Calif. She is a retired medical transcriber. Her husband, John, retired from teaching math and science at academies in California and Hawaii.

1950s

ARDIS BECKNER (AA '55, BS '59) writes, "good school, good teachers, keep up the good work! God Bless!" She has retired from Kaiser Medical Group as diabetes educator

after more than 22 years and lives in Redlands, Calif. She now teaches skiing at a local resort and is nationally certified as an adaptive blind instructor. Ardis also volunteers for the San Bernardino National Forest as fire tower lookout, trail patrol, and at the local ranger station. "Life is good and the daily challenges keep us young."

EDWARD NORTON (MA '58, BD '59, EdD '85) and his wife, Esther, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 24, 2001. Congratulations! They live in Boring, Ore.

JOHN PLAKE (BA '50) is a pharmacist and

owns his own pharmacy in San Bernardino, Calif. John has served his local church as a deacon and an elder. He and his wife, Lorraine, enjoy traveling. They have two children, Tammy and John, Jr.

SPENCE REID TAIT (BA '55), a consultant experienced in analytical chemistry, quality assurance and quality control, was awarded the ASTM (the American Society for Testing and Materials) Award of Merit. Until his retirement, he was a senior research associate at Dow Chemical Co. He worked for the company for most of his career, first working as an organic laboratory chemist and then as a research associate. He also helped

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Barry Black, a 1973 graduate of the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Berrien Springs, Mich., is the highest ranking chaplain in the United States serving, as the head of all Navy, Marine and Coast Guard chaplains, who represent more than 100 different faiths.

Nominated by former President Clinton and Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig, Black assumed the prestigious post in August 2000, following his confirmation by the U.S. Senate. By most accounts, Naval Chief of Chaplains Rear Admiral Barry Black has reached the apogee of his career. He was nominated for his prestigious position by President Clinton and is the highest-ranking Seventh-day Adventist chaplain in history. Despite these impressive professional achievements, Black says that earthly accomplishments, fame and wealth pale in comparison to the favor bestowed upon us as Christians. "No matter how rich you are, there are too many things money can't buy," he said in a sermon to a standing-room-only crowd of more than 1,000 at the 20th annual Black Students Christian Forum Alumni Reunion. His sermon, titled "The Lifestyles of the Righteous and the Highly Favored," was based on the now-defunct television program, "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous."

The limitations of the glamorous life were clearly shown to him when he officiated at the burial-at-sea for the late John F. Kennedy, Jr., Kennedy's wife, Carolyn, and her sister, Lauren Bessette, victims of a plane crash in July 1999.

"I held the remains of John F. Kennedy, Jr. in one hand and the

remains of his wife, Carolyn, in the other. Here was a ship of multi-millionaires, and I thought of how they'd give up all their wealth to bring them back," he said.

As an admiral, Black said he has privileges given to only a few, including first-class accommodations and having his car saluted when he arrives at a military base. But he feels it is spiritual wealth, available to all, that makes a person rich.

"You and I have favor that rank and degrees can't give," he said. "We are surrounded by the favor that comes from knowing Jesus Christ, the favor of the righteous. The death, sacrifice and crucifixion of Christ makes us righteous, not vegetarianism or tithe paying. Each of us can live the lifestyles of the righteous and the highly favored. Whatever your dreams are, God's got bigger dreams for you. Just learn how to praise Him and how to trust Him. He will give you the dreams of your heart."

A native of Baltimore, Black also earned master's degrees in counseling and management and doctorate degrees in ministry and psychology. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, numerous unit awards, and campaign and service medals. He was also selected from 127 nominees for the 1995 NAACP Renowned Service Award for his contribution to equal opportunity and civil rights.



Barry Black

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organize a joint ASTM Environmental Protection Agency task group focused on developing new standards in the area of environmental sampling.

ROYCE (BA '51 MBA '69) and **ELAINE** (BA '52) **THOMPSON** have recently returned from a missionary trip to Thailand to help organize a hospital. The Thompsons live in Redlands, Calif.

1960s

LEONA ALDERSON (MA '69) has published two cooking books entitled *Healthy Food Choices 1 & 2*. Each book has about 240 pages and has a nutritional breakdown of each recipe.

RICHARD G. HABENICHT (BA '67, MA '95) is trust and stewardship director for the Wisconsin Conference. The Habenicht family holds six degrees from Andrews University: **RICHARD** (BA '67, MA '95), his wife, **CHERRY** (BA '68, MA '72), daughter **LISA ISENSEE** (BA '96) and son, **HANS** (BS '00). Thanks to the Habenichts for their support of Adventist education at Andrews University.

PAUL HORTON (BA '63, MA '64) served as a pastor and missionary for 21 years. He and his wife, Jan, now own *Devine Printing* in Newbury Park, Calif.

ELAINE (ENGLISH) MYERS (MA '68) is a classroom music teacher and lives in Chesapeake, Virg. She recently earned gifted endorsement to teach in the gifted elementary program and is also working on Family Life certification from Andrews. Elaine's husband, Don, is an electrical engineer for the Navy, as well as a lay pastor for the Chesapeake SDA Church. The Myers have two children, Diana and Paul.

ROY B. NABORS (MA '68) is employed at the Community Baptist church of Greater Milwaukee. He also holds degrees from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Roy has three adult children.

1970s

LYNN GRAY (BA '71) was recently elected to the Board of Michigan Academy of Family Physicians. Of his election he said, "It is an honor to receive this recognition from my peers. I am looking forward to working with other members of the board to help promote and maintain high standards among physicians who practice family medicine." He has worked as a family physician in the Twin Cities for 15 years and also spent six years doing family medicine in the emergency department of Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich. He has been an active member of the Michigan Academy for the past several years and is also on the Board of Lakeland's Long-term Acute Care Hospital.

BARBARA SMITH HOWE (BSN '71) works as a researcher with anticoagulants at the Veterans Hospital in Loma Linda, Calif. She is helping develop home monitoring instrumentation so that patients can more efficiently and regularly monitor the level of anticoagulants in their bloodstream.

FORREST L. HOWE (MDiv '74) has recently accepted a position with the American Bible Society as Regional Director of Major and Planned Gifts for California and Arizona. The Howes reside in Yucaipa, Calif. and have three sons, Jeremy, Zachary, and Judson.



Jose E. McLaughlin

JOSE E. MCLAUGHLIN (MDiv '76) is pastoring the Mira Loma Church in the South-eastern California Conference. In addition to other pastoral appointments, Jose served in the United States Navy Chaplain Corps, commissioned as a Lieutenant in 1983. After retirement from the Navy in 1998

he worked as a hospice chaplain. His hospice training skills were a tremendous help when his wife, Donna, died in the spring of 2000. Jose has two sons, Scott and Keith. His hobbies include walking, detailing his cars and swimming.

LELI PEDRO (BS '79) is assistant professor of nursing at Loma Linda University. She received a doctor of nursing degree from University of San Diego in August 1998. She married Michael Galbraith in June 1998. Michael is a professor of research and health psychology at Loma Linda University. Leli and Michael live "high above the Southern California smog in the local mountains in a grove of towering cedars." They volunteer for the American Red Cross, Inland Chapter, as board members and try to experience something new each year. "This year it will be traveling to China together to present nursing research and health promotion at the China Nurses Association in December," they wrote.



Leli Pedro and Michael Galbraith

GARY E. RUSSELL (BA '72, MDiv '74, DMin '93), after two years at Broadview Academy, is back full-time in the pastoral ministry. "Would love to hear from AU school-mates!," he wrote. His e-mail address is: classyGTO@aol.com. Gary has four children, Chad, Kurt, Tara and Bret.

ALLEN STEELE (MA '77, EdD '84), after working for 21 years for Adventist World Radio, accepted a call to be senior lecturer in communication at Avondale College. They are starting a new bachelor's degree program in communication. Allen's wife, Andrea, was formerly the director of public relations at Andrews.

DAVID R. WILLIAMS (MDiv '79) is a senior research scientist and professor of sociology at the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, the world's largest academic survey and research organization. In addition to his ongoing research on the effects of racism on health, David is involved in several landmark studies, including a national study in the U.S. of the ways forgiveness can affect health. He is co-directing the largest study to date of African American mental health, which will include a sample of 1000 blacks of Caribbean descent. His work also includes directing a

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national study of mental health in South Africa, which is funded by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health and sponsored by the World Health Organization. This study will assess the long-term health consequences of exposure to physical and psychological torture during the apartheid era. David recently provided Congressional testimony of social disparities in health and served on the social science advisory panel for President Clinton's Initiative on Race. David is married to Opal (Reid). They have two daughters, Delia and Alysia.



David R. Williams

1980s

HAROLDO BARCELO (MDiv '81) and his wife, Judy, are directors of the education and counseling department at Antillean Adventist University in Puerto Rico. In July 2000 they graduated their first class from the master's in education program.

CHRISTIAN DUPONT (BA '89) is curator for special collections for University Libraries, University of Notre Dame. His wife, Silvia, is adjunct instructor in the department of Romance Languages also at University of Notre Dame. They have one daughter, Marta, born July 1999.

DEREK (MDiv '80, DMin '87) and **BODIL** (BS 79) **MORRIS** live in Ooltewah, Tenn. Derek completed a second doctoral degree in 1998, a doctorate of ministry in preaching from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Bodil is a family nurse practitioner.

PHILIP HERBERT (MA '84, MAT'87) recently conducted an 18-piece ensemble which he composed for the first annual memorial lecture of The Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust, given by Prince Charles. The title of the piece is *Elegy, in memoriam Stephen Lawrence*. Herbert is a member of the Leicester Central SDA Church in England and a lecturer at the University of Leicester.

1990s

TODD CHOBOTAR (BBA '95) is manager of mission development for Florida Hospital in Orlando. As such, Todd is

responsible for developing ways of teaching and practicing the mission of health and healing to 20,000 Florida Hospital Employees. His wife, Jeannine (MSPT '96), is a physical therapist at Florida Hospital Outpatient Clinic.



Todd and Jeannine Chobotar

ARTHUR (BA '96) and **ASHLEY** (BS '93 MSPT '94) **GIBBS** live in Jacksonville, N.C., where Arthur pastors the Jacksonville and the Kinston churches. Their first child, Laura Catherine, was born October 2000.

ALIPIA R. GONZALEZ (MA '92) is a computer coordinator for the Board of Education in New York City. She and her husband, Nelson, have started a family life ministry called "Love Matters." They work with families in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.



Nelson and Alipia Gonzalez

BARRY KIMBROUGH (MDiv '92) was a youth pastor in Hemet, Calif., from 1997 to 2000 and just moved to Southern New England Conference in June to pastor the Taunton and Foxboro, Mass., churches. Last March Barry traveled with six members of the Hemet church to Malandag, Sarangani province, Mindanao, Philippines, to conduct an evangelistic campaign.

2000s

LINDA (MA '00) and **MARK** (MBA '00) **HADDAD** both graduated in August and are headed to Thailand to teach at a Seventh-day Adventist college there.