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# CANADIAN CAMPUS

For Alumni and Friends of Burman University and Parkview Adventist Academy



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Get to know our newest faculty member on campus.

## HOMECOMING 2017

Our theme for this coming Homecoming is Hilltop Industries.

## NEW BUILDING

Our Facility Maintenance building is finally unveiled.

## A Message From Your Alumni President

# Change

Have you noticed as you mature in life you don't really like to see change? I am finding I like the good old ways, so I notice the changes around me more and more. If you have been up on the campus of our school in the last number of years, you will have noticed significant changes – welcomed by just about everyone.

The spiritual goals of our school have had some changes as well through the years...not many, but these may cause a little more controversy among our alum.

But the changes that cause the greatest divide are the changes of behaviour among our new students. We, who are older, look at those changes as leaving the good old ways behind.

How do we face change in our life, our school, our family?

Some time ago while preparing a sermon I came across a Lutheran theologian from the 16th century, who had a beautiful saying. While his name, Rupertus Meldinius, is not very well known, he had something tremendous to say when dealing with change in our lives and we can apply it as we view changes to our Burman University.

Rupertus said that in the church (in our case, the university) there must be “unity in the essentials, freedom in the non-essentials and love in all things.”

I have to go back to that statement time and time again as I deal with change. Somehow I think that if I don't agree with something, then it shouldn't be.

I have always loved that statement because that's how relationships should be. I find myself forgetting that others have a right to their own non-essentials. There should be freedom where things like that are concerned.

But essentials are different. They do matter. In fact, they are the basis of our unity. Essentials which are non-negotiables of our faith, are our foundation – the reason we exist, infallibility of the Bible, etc.

Well, we could go on, because there are lots of grey areas in life; areas where we disagree on the essentials. To me the interesting thing about this is the fact that these lists have changed over the years. I mean, there are things that used to be on the essentials list and are either now on the non-essentials list or aren't on either list. White shirt day on Sabbath was one, movies for Christians, guitars in church. Going back further – did you know that in the Middle Ages it was considered immoral to charge interest on a loan? Back then that was an essential. That was something Christians did not do.

So freedom in the non-essentials, unity in the essentials. Rupertus reminds us that “in everything we do – even in the disagreements we have – be it over essentials or non-essentials – in everything there must always be love.” Jesus said it best when He said we are to be known for the way we love each other. Our love is what identifies us as His followers. Christ-like love must be evident in all our interactions. Especially in our disputes.



Lee Patterson  
Alumni President

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### On The Cover:

Students at the launch party for the student newspaper, the *Aurora Chronicles*.

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One of the opening events of the year was a campus-wide haystack potluck!

# In Need Of Heroes

As I write this column, more than 200 students are at Galaxy Cinemas in Red Deer for a special student association sponsored showing of Hacksaw Ridge, Mel Gibson's new movie about Desmond Doss. I know those of us who went to CUC in the 50s, 60s and 70s find it ironic that a school that once firmly disciplined students for sneaking off campus to watch something as innocent as Ben-Hur is tonight providing free transportation to Red Deer's best theatre! All irony aside, I think what Burman University and the student association did tonight offers us three important lessons to consider.



First, we should have done a better job of picking our discipline battles in the 50s, 60s and 70s. I believe most faculty and staff acted in good faith when they disciplined students for sneaking off to a movie or hockey game. But, often the punishments were far too harsh and entirely unredemptive. If you were unfairly disciplined by this institution, I ask for your forgiveness. I am very sorry we hurt you. I'm so very glad we now carefully pick our discipline battles and that we try to be as redemptive as possible.

Second, now more than ever, students need to be exposed to positive role models. They need heroes, men and women who do the right thing, who help others, who do not compromise their values. There is something powerfully inspiring about Desmond Doss' courage and character that makes us want to be better people. While none of them may have risked their life or won the Victoria Cross, there have always been, and are now, faculty and staff at Burman University who I believe are true heroes. People like Victor Fitch, Karen Bottomley, Denise Herr, Keith Leavitt, Tennyson Samraj and Howard Smith who quite literally saved struggling and discouraged students. The help they gave, their words of encouragement, the example they set make them Burman University's heroes.

Finally, all of us need to be regularly reminded that there are certain things worth making great sacrifices in order to achieve. All of us need to systematically reflect on those values and beliefs about which we simply will not compromise. Sending our students to watch a movie about Desmond Doss is just one way we invite our students to think about those things that matter most. Through big- and small-group worship experiences, in classes and conversation with faculty and staff, we daily invite students to live in harmony with the principles of the Kingdom of God and model their life after Jesus Christ.

I am very grateful some of the things done on our hilltop in the 50s, 60s and 70s that needed to be changed, have changed. I am also proud that those things that should never change are still present in full force: Faculty and staff "heroes" who are outstanding Christian role models and an institutional focus on becoming faithful followers of Jesus Christ who lovingly serve humanity.



James Ng (Biology Lab Tech, Burman University) enjoys reading the *Canadian Campus* in front of the Ghost Tower that marks the tomb of the 3rd Ming Emperor. This picture was taken at the Ming tombs, Beijing, China in May 2016 during his 13-day tour of China with his wife Patricia (Associate Professor Emeritus, School of Business, Burman University).



Mai-Rhea (Odiyar) Whitty (C '06) and Matt Whitty (C '03) read their *Canadian Campus* at the foot of the Cristo Rei statue in Timor-Leste, where Mai-Rhea is the Principal/Founder of a new SDA elementary school and Matt is the ADRA Country Director.

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# Community

Does a person who has had conversations with Jesus (Acts 9), and in vision been to heaven (2 Corinthians 12) still need community and friendships? “Oh, yes,” the apostle Paul would testify! Being part of the body of Christ is absolutely essential for Christian growth and maturity.

In the last chapter of the book of Acts, a book centered around the ministry of the Holy Spirit leading the growing New Testament church through its transitions, Luke shares a beautiful insight into how Paul was able to endure the many challenges leading up to his martyrdom. “And the brethren, when they heard about us, came from there as far as the market of Appius and Three Inns to meet us; and when Paul saw them, he thanked God and took courage.” (Acts 28:15)

Please note, the great apostle, on his way to Rome for the last months of his life, was blessed and encouraged when the community of fellow believers came out to express their love and concern for him. In Paul’s last book he would request that Timothy would come and visit him, and be sure to “come before winter,” which would delay his trip. (2 Timothy 4:21)

I pray that you too have discovered the essential blessings of “community.” That none of us are meant to walk the pilgrim pathway alone – I am aware of the challenges that come with a community – but they do not outweigh the blessings on any level. The following, well known, words apply not only to local churches, but to institutions as well. “Enfeebled and defective as it may appear, the church is the one object upon which God bestows in a special sense His supreme regard. It is the theatre of his grace, in which He delights to reveal His power to transform hearts.” (Acts of the Apostles, p. 12)

We are sometimes prone to see only the “enfeebled and defective” part of this quotation. But, friends, we are not called to highlight the weaknesses of our community. Instead, let us highlight the transformations that are happening around us. May we, like Paul and many others, press together, thank God and take courage within our growing, sometimes struggling, but always uplifting community.



Ron Sydenham is the Lead Pastor of the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist Church.

## Pekka Määttänen, Assistant Professor of Biology

A quick glance at Dr. Pekka Määttänen's professional experience and you will see over 10 years of research experience. With a PhD in Biology from McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Dr. Määttänen's research experience ranges from neuroscience and basic biochemistry to nutrition and host-pathogen interactions. In his own words he is "highly motivated to uncover safe and cost-effective prevention and treatment strategies for chronic diseases." Armed with this wealth of academic knowledge and coupled with his aim to serve God, this is why Dr. Pekka Määttänen is a professor at Burman University.

Pekka and his wife Sarah (Picknell) alongside their son Isaac (3 years old), and daughter Lilja (8 months old) are the newest members of the Burman University family. Heading into his first year of teaching at Burman, Pekka is beyond eager to get into the groove of teaching. "I'm really looking forward to getting to know my students better and working with them more. I've already been inspired by them. I'm also excited because I have a lab where I can do some research projects I have been thinking about for some time. I have some talented students I'm working with now on two projects, and I'm already excited about these studies," says Pekka.

As he looks at the experiences his students receive in his classes one theme stands out, the integration of faith in learning. "Of course I want my students to learn the basics of biology not just by memorization, but through application. I want my students to have a faith building experience, and to learn to apply the knowledge they gain to health ministry or any ministry they enter in the future, no matter what occupation. Through their studies, I want them to understand the unique opportunities we as Adventists have to connect science with faith and inspiration. This experience, coupled with critical thinking, will help them tackle any challenges they face as they put their full trust in God."

Pekka continues, "I believe, as inspiration states, that education is the harmonious development of the physical, mental, and spiritual powers. I want my students to learn deeply about life and how it works, but most importantly, through this, I want them to be introduced to God, the Author of Life! I want them to grasp their infinite value, and the incredible love and plans that Jesus has for them! I think it is very easy to get caught up in the mass of information that students are required to learn, without recognizing the connections between these concepts and Seventh-day Adventist faith. I believe that the book of nature is in many ways uncharted territory that speaks of deep spiritual lessons that connect with God's Holy Word. Mining this deep storehouse of treasures is fascinating and rewarding. I hope to inspire students to set out on this quest for themselves to uncover new beautiful gems!"

In and out of the classroom Pekka is here at Burman to serve. "My highest aim is to serve God wherever He calls me. I never saw myself as a teacher when I was younger – in fact I was very shy and nervous in front of people. However, God often has unexpected plans for us, and God led me to enjoy research, health ministry and eventually teaching, through events too many to describe in a short profile. I have a passion for health ministry, youth ministry, and studying the wonders of God's Creation, and I feel that these fit well with the vision and mission of Burman."





### KATY HUTCHISON SPEAKS AT THE HERR LECTURE SERIES

The Herr Lecture series is off to another strong season. The first event of the year featured Katy Hutchison who spoke about the need for restorative justice. Katy told the story of her husband’s murder and her own remarkable quest to reconcile with the man who killed him. The 2010 movie *Bond of Silence* was inspired by her powerful story.

Hutchison has appeared as a guest on numerous local and national television and radio programs including *Montel*, *Canada AM*, *The Gill Deacon Show*, *Omni’s People Uncut*, *Breakfast Television*, *Vicki Gabereau*, *Fanny Kiefer*, CBC’s *Sounds Like Canada*, the *Bill Good Show*, the *Rafe Mair Show*, *KALW Public Radio* in San Francisco, *Moe Sihota* on *VIsland* and *Kathy Lynn’s Parenting Today*.

The Herr Lectures feature presentations by highly qualified speakers on issues of public interest. The lectures provide a forum for dialogue, open discussion, and reasoned debate in Central Alberta.



### BURMAN FACULTY RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

On October 5, 2016, the Honourable Lois E. Mitchell, Lieutenant Governor of Alberta, recognized Craig Gerst, Burman University Aquatics Program Director, for his valuable service to the Royal Life Saving Society. The Commonwealth Awards “recognize a volunteer’s length of noteworthy service and dedication to the Society’s mission and mandate.” In addition to this award, Gerst also received a certificate of appreciation from Blaine Calkins, Member of Parliament for Red Deer-Lacombe.



### HAYSTACKS ON THE HILLTOP

The brainchild of Tchiana Augustin, one of Burman’s Campus Ministries leaders, “Haystacks on the Hilltop” was a throwback to fellowship events of yester-year. On September 24, 2016 members of the College Heights Seventh-day Adventist church teamed up with Burman University and Parkview Adventist Academy to feed as many people as they could! The event was a success with almost 500 people gathering together for a haystack potluck.





## God Answers Prayers...Immediately



Parkview Adventist Academy takes pride in preparing students for the challenges they will face beyond the classroom. Teachers activate critical thinking and problem solving to complete math problems and find evidence for essays, and in doing so hone these same skills for personal finances and moral decision-making. Some classes offer a more concrete connection to the real world by introducing the inner workings of a vehicle engine in Mechanics or certifying students with Standard First Aid and CPR in Workplace Safety.

In addition to the courses and grades, PAA teachers and staff are very aware of the school's role in living out Psalm 144, where David writes: "Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle" (vs. 1). As a Christian institution, this campus becomes a training ground for the spiritual battles of this life, and an unexpected readiness test recently hit a class of about 10 students, revealing a deep understanding of who God is to them.

It is the practice of PAA's teachers to begin each class with a spiritually-uplifting thought and a prayer to invite God's presence into the classroom and the lives of all who learn there. Often, students will share prayer requests and reveal a few of the daily struggles they encounter. In this particular room, one student felt she could share some of the frustrations she had in praying to God and how the challenges in her life were increasing, but she didn't feel as though her prayers were heard. At that moment, the teacher could have stepped in to offer some perspective and adult platitudes reminding the student that God's timing is perfect, but because this is a fact, the instructor never had a chance to respond. Instead, the students, soldiers of Christ who had spent the first two months of this school year sharpening their understanding of the Bible and God's many attempts to communicate love, spoke up.

"I promise you," one friend shared, "that every answer you are looking for is in God's word. If you feel as though you can't hear Him, just go start reading. Find a story like yours and see how good He can be." Another student jumped in to say, "Yeah, I've been in tough places too, but if I can encourage you with one thing, it's that you should be patient. God has His way and might be trying to teach us something." A third student offered, "We've heard you pray because you're going through a tough time, but have you taken a moment to look around at your life and see what support or opportunities He is providing as an answer?" "What about us sharing with you right now?" another asked. "We care and we want to continue to pray for you."

In the middle of big, exciting, campus-wide programs and academically challenging courses, rigorous athletic schedules and so many of the other things that occupy the time here at school, there are small, significant moments like that one to remind us of why this mission matters more than any of that other stuff.

Because of PAA's focus and invitation to students to use these three years of high school to train their hands for a war they are already part of, the promised fulfillment of Psalm 144 has come true on our campus this year: "Our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace" (Ps. 144:12). While many wonderful things continue to happen at PAA, none is more beautiful or valuable than the growing, active faith of our students.

by Katelyn Ruiz

# New Facility Maintenance Building

Two years ago, a buildup of snow and ice collapsed the roof of the Facility Maintenance building. The building, formerly the dairy barn, mainly housed storage and transportation vehicles. The decision was made to replace the aging structure with a purpose-designed building to house Facility Maintenance and meet vehicle storage needs. The project was presented to the board and approval was given to leverage the insurance settlement from the collapsed building and self-fund the additional funds necessary to build the new Facility Maintenance building.

The building was completed this summer and was officially opened at a ribbon cutting on September 23, 2016. The event coincided with the Burman University Board meetings. Mark Johnson, SDACC President and Burman Board Chair, attended the event alongside other Board members as well as Steve Christie, Mayor of Lacombe; Paula Law, Lacombe County Reeve; and Ron Orr, MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka. The ribbon cutting was followed by refreshments as well as a tour of the new building. The Facility Maintenance staff are all smiles as they now have a top-notch work environment that they, Burman University, and all of our constituency can be proud of.





## Alum Notes



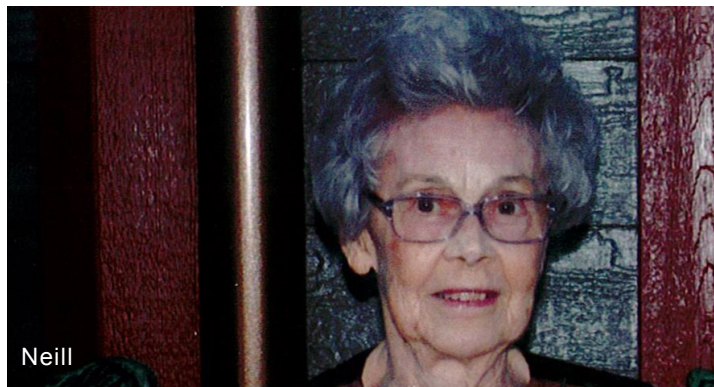
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### **Edward Reimche** (C 1956)

Edward resides in Lacombe, AB with his wife Marion. They have 4 adult children: Carolyn, David, Laura, and Ronald. Edward was a teacher for 40 years and is now retired. Since Edward and Marion moved to Lacombe he has kept busy serving in the Lacombe Community SDA church, assisting with Lacombe's Meals on Wheels program, the city's Backyard Friends community suppers and working with the Lacombe food bank. Edward delights in serving the Lord in the church and city and anxiously awaits His return.

### **Larry Milliken** (HS 1956, C 1960)

Larry resides in Calhoun, GA with his wife Joyce. They have 3 adult children: Kathleen, Joan, and Carol and 4 grandchildren. Larry and Joyce met and dated at CUC and have been married for 56 years. Larry is now retired from gospel ministry and volunteers as a chaplain at the Gordon Hospital. He and Joyce have been on 12 mission trips to India.

### **Michael Humenny** (HS 1956)

Michael resides in Quill Lake, SK with his wife Helen. They have 3 adult children: Rhonda, Lorne, and Dwayne and 6 grandchildren. Michael is a retired farmer and is presently serving on several community boards and volunteers as the ADRA coordinator and Canadian Foodgrains Bank volunteer coordinator. He and Helen are very involved in their church and enjoy spending the winter months in Phoenix. They have been on 6 international Maranatha church and school building projects in various countries.

### **Mary Jane Neill** (HS 1951)

Mary Jane resides in Longwood, FL. She was married to the late Carl Neill. Together they have 3 adult children. Mary Jane has her BSc in Medical Record Administration and has taught in 2 state universities. She later received her Masters in Public Health. She was also a part of a hospital accreditation survey of Adventist hospitals from Manila to Tokyo. Mary Jane is now retired and thanks God for all His many blessings.

### **Florence (Johnstone) Schaffer** (C 1956)

Florence resides in Warden, WA with her husband Ben. They have 2 adult children: Shellie and Marty. Florence spent 27 years teaching and is now retired. She presently volunteers 2 days a week as a librarian at their church school in Moses Lake.

### **Edna (Smith) Crombie** (HS 1964, C 1966)

Edna resides in Salmon Arm, BC with her husband Robert. They have 2 adult children: Crista and Kevin and 6 grandchildren. She has had various jobs over the years; home economics teacher, drapery seamstress and designer, farmers' market manager, gardener, interior decorator and home maker. Edna is now happily retired.

### **Roger Oslund** (Att. 1963-1966)

Roger resides in Creston, BC with his wife Mavis. They have 2 adult children: Melanie and Denise and 2 grandchildren. Roger has had numerous jobs. He was a colporteur for 20+ years, he drove a cement truck for 9 years, and did renovations for 10+ years. Roger and Mavis are enjoying retirement living near their grandchildren.



Oslund



Grabo



Densmore



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**Barry Grabo (HS 1966)**

Barry resides in Strathmore, AB with his wife Gail. They have 2 adult children: Shannon and Brad and 4 grandchildren. Barry is a farmer. He has served 8 years on the Alberta Pulse Commission board and was the Alberta rep to the Pulse Canada board. He has made many trips to Ottawa representing agriculture. Barry and Gail enjoy travelling and spend 2-3 weeks each winter in Mexico. They have also travelled to Australia, New Zealand, and Europe. They remain very active in their local church where Barry has served as treasurer for nearly 20 years.

**Carol (Horne) Tataryn (HS 1961, C 1992)**

Carol resides in Lacombe, AB with her husband Russell. They have 3 adult children: Londa, Carmelle, and Shellie. Carol is a retired teacher.

**Debbie (Martin) Densmore (HS 1976)**

Debbie resides in Terrace, BC with her husband Mel. They have 3 adult children: Stephen, Aaron, and Nathan and 2 grandchildren. Debbie worked as a dental receptionist and is now retired. She and her husband own a firewood business as well. Debbie enjoys quilting and rug making and recently found an organization who will send her quilts to orphanages. Debbie and Mel are enjoying retirement and spending time with their family.

**Cindy (Bechthold) Brucks (HS 1976)**

Cindy resides in Vernon, BC with her husband Brian. They have 3 adult children: Matthew, Sarah, and Michael and 4 grandchildren. Cindy has held various administrative jobs, most recently as a medical office assistant for a general surgeon. She looks forward to retiring in less than 2 years. Cindy and Brian enjoy travelling and have been on an Alaskan cruise and have also vacationed in Mexico.

**Kevin McKay (HS 1986)**

Kevin resides in Hubbards, NS with his wife Janet. Kevin worked as a finishing carpenter for 18 years until 2015 when he started a new career in operations management for the Parker Street Food & Furniture Bank in Halifax. He also serves on the Burman University Board of Trustees where he feels blessed to continue to serve the school. Kevin and Janet have been involved in mission trips to Guatemala and Mexico and are heavily involved in their local Fox Point church.

**Jacqueline McCarty (HS 2011)**

Jacqueline resides in Ponoka, AB. She graduated from CUC with her BA in English. Jacqueline currently works at A Better World Canada.

**Brad Glover (HS 2011)**

Brad Glover resides in Calgary, AB. He currently works for Cargo Jet at the Calgary airport as an aircraft maintenance technician where he works on Boeing 767's, 757's, and 727's. He is working toward obtaining his aircraft maintenance engineering license. Eventually he would like to become a pilot so that he can serve God overseas.



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**DAVIS, THOMAS ATWOOD C 1951**

*b. Feb. 9, 1920, Safe Harbour, NF;  
d. July 30, 2016, Kelowna, BC.*

Thomas Atwood Davis started his ministry as a singing evangelist, then pastored in the Sault Ste. Marie and Ottawa churches in Ontario. He was called to be an assistant editor of the Bible Dictionary at the Review and Herald in 1958. From there Davis served as editor-in-chief of the Philippine Publishing House and the Oriental Watchmen Publishing House in India. Returning to the Review and Herald, he served as associate editor of what is now called the Adventist Review, as well as a book editor, and Vibrant Life magazine editor. He also wrote many books on practical Christian living. Thomas is remembered by his wife Margaret and children, Arlen, Cheryl and Lorna, as well as many other family and friends.

**FERGUSON, CALVIN JOHN HS 1950**

*b. June 23, 1925;  
d. Oct. 15, 2015, Hillsboro, OR.*

Calvin was a longtime resident of the Grandview Flats area near Armstrong, BC, and had spent the last few years near Portland, OR. He is survived by his wife Ellen, and many other family members.

**KELLER, RUTH KOSTYK HS 1955**

*d. Aug. 4, 2016, Glendora, CA.*

**KRIVOSHEIN, ALVIN HS 1955**

*b. May 5, 1935, Struan, SK;  
d. Aug. 29, 2016, Abbotsford, BC.*  
Alvin "Al" Krivoshein, formerly of the Arelee, SK district, passed away unexpectedly on August 29, 2016. He was born to Phil and Olive (Koleada) Krivoshein near Struan, SK. He loved the land and farmed for over 50 years. Al loved everyone and there were no strangers to him. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Linda and sons, Todd and Mark, as well as numerous other family members.

**KUTZNER, AGNES HETKE C 1951**

*b. Nov. 3, 1930, White Mouth, MB;  
d. July 18, 2016, Caldwell, ID.*

Agnes and Arno Kutzner returned to CUC in 1958 to be on the faculty until 1961 when they left to work in India for 5 years. After they returned from India they lived in Riverside, CA, moved to Scottsdale, AZ and then on to Collegedale, TN. Their last move was to Loma Linda, CA, where Agnes worked as the Coordinator for Research and Grants at Loma Linda University. Agnes and Arno lived in Loma Linda for 40 years. When Arno

died in 2011, Agnes kept living in Loma Linda until she could no longer stay alone. In 2015 Agnes moved to Idaho to live with her daughter and son-in-law.

**MCQUAY, JUDY att. 1966-1968**

*b. May 4, 1950, Stettler, AB;  
d. Oct. 5, 2016, Stettler, AB.*

Judy spent many years helping others as a nurse. She is survived by Doug Cook, her children Dean, Jodie, Darle and Corrie, as well as many other family and friends.

**RADCLIFFE-MOORES, IRENE ROSS**

att. 1939-1942

*b. Jan. 29, 1922, Brandon, MB;  
d. June 27, 2016, Loma Linda, CA.*

**SCHMIDT, KEVIN FLOYD HS 1972**

*d. June 5, 2016.*

**SHAW, EILENE (ILENE) FROSTAD**

att. 1963-1965

*d. High Prairie, AB.*

**WALKER, MERVYN ELERY C 1965**

*b. 1935, Matsqui, BC;  
d. Mar. 28, 2016, Napa, CA.*

Mervyn Elery Walker, 81, of Napa, CA

passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 28, 2016, at the Queen of the Valley Medical Centre in Napa, CA. He was born in Matsqui, BC, to Elery and Elsie Walker. He lived the first part of his life in Mission, BC. In 1965 he moved with his wife to southern California where he attended Loma Linda University and became an X-Ray Technologist. He worked at St. Helena Hospital for over 20 years, and at Napa Valley Medical Group. In his spare time he enjoyed family outings, camping trips, and gardening, especially vegetable gardening. He was a faithful member of the Napa Seventh-day Adventist church and looked forward to the second coming of Jesus. He is survived by his wife Ann, and numerous other family members.

*Ziprick, Lydia (Lottie) Charlotte*  
att. 1929-1931

*b. June 29, 1915;  
d. Aug. 17, 2016.*

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## Committee of 100

June Homecoming saw a great group of Committee of 100 members gather in the Administration Building Chapel to discuss and select the next project to undertake. Under the leadership of Cliff Tym, the group was challenged with several worthy projects and came to the decision to direct funds towards the "goat trail" project. The goat trail is the last area at the heart of campus that needs serious attention. It is the area between the Administration Building, West Hall and PAA. This back access has remained a gravel area and is highly used for loading access and handicap parking and sees plenty of foot traffic. The area is muddy when it rains or when the snow melts and requires much attention to be useable. The project approved was to raise \$150,000 in a 1-2 year period to regrade, pave, curb and deal with drainage, as well as build needed retaining walls.

The Committee of 100 was revitalized 9 years ago under the leadership of J.D. Victor Fitch and has seen over \$700,000 donated by its members towards campus-changing projects. From paving and lighting the PE Centre parking lot, to remodeling both dorm lobbies, to the McKibbin building amphitheatre remodel, to helping purchase buses, to the most recent project underway



now—a new professional block and stone entrance sign coming up College Avenue, similar to the one on Maple Drive; all projects have made a significant positive enhancement to this campus.

Burman University is very grateful to the 130+ current members who commit to a gift of \$500 or more per year for capital projects. Cliff Tym, the Committee board and members encourage many more to join, as the benefits to Burman University and the students served are huge and enduring! For more information and to see how you too can be a part of this amazing group, contact Diane Southcott at the Advancement Office – 403.782.3381, extension 4010. Your gifts are tax deductible and used only as the Committee of 100 board chooses and members approve.

## Into All the World

Fall is always an exciting time as we have the opportunity to welcome back many returning students as well as a great group of eager first-year students. Perhaps you recall that feeling yourself, of facing a challenge and not being sure how it will turn out, meeting new teachers, new friends, starting new courses, and making new plans. There is a sense of energy and excitement at what lies ahead and what will be achieved and experienced.

Burman University is a campus that was founded on educating for service—and that is still our mission. Early in the school year we have a service day where many students take a day to help make a difference in the local community; from cleaning and repairing trails, to singing at the hospital, to washing windows and helping prepare homeowners yards for winter—taking time to care and serve is what it is all about.

Recently there was a special *Mission Emphasis* weekend held where experiences were shared and encouragement was given by some of our students who have been year-long student missionaries around the globe. The recurring theme was the benefit gained by the experience

of serving others and that the need to trust in God was life changing. The challenge was given for others to step out in faith and serve.

Friends, as long as there are youth who come to Burman University to learn and become better equipped to serve, be it at home or around the world, there

will be a need for your support. Your financial gifts are gratefully received, needed and well used. As 2016 comes to a close, please continue to uplift Burman University, it's awesome students, faculty and staff in prayer and in your conversations with each other. Also, where appropriate, do consider Burman in your estate charitable giving plans.



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Participants during the *Mission Emphasis Vespers*.

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