

Madison Survey

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ALUMNI NEWS



Alumni Association short of money

The alumni association needs an additional \$4,000 a year to operate, according to a close look at the books for the fiscal year from May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2008.

Running the alumni association for one year costs around \$11,000. Income for the past year totaled about \$7,000. The treasurer had to transfer \$2,000 from savings to pay all the bills.

Dues and subscriptions account for the largest amount of income, or \$3,630. Those attending Homecoming 2007 gave \$1,427.

Printing the Survey costs the most, slightly over \$2,000 including postage. Utility services are the next highest expense. Food and catering for the Homecoming 2007 cost \$1900.

A leftover fund from a large McKee Foods gift to restore the Heritage House has enabled the association to remain financially solvent.

The alumni association almost broke even in 2006-2007, taking in \$11,798 and spending \$12,353. This past year of 2007-2008 had less money given but more spent. We took in \$7,599 and spent \$11,081.

The 2008 alumni weekend generated \$1,687 in donations for the food and a bill of \$1,820.76, leaving us \$133.76 short.

One cost cutting measure will be to send no receipts for money received in checks unless someone specifically requests it.

The next major expense will be \$4,144 needed to paint the outside of the Heritage House.

We thank you for your financial support and urge you to continue.

From Here and There

Elsie Blair-Davis writes, "My husband, Larry Davis, and I (And his mother who lives in our basement apartment) moved a year and a half ago from Atlanta to Collegedale. However, Larry is still working at the Southern Union Conference Office in Decatur, Ga. He will retire from that, after about 16 years, the end of June. He has been commuting. I did that for a year and a half after we moved, but finally quit in January of this year. However, I am back here for a couple of weeks working on a project they asked me to do."

Crystal M. Morgan writes, "I came to Madison College in August, 1946, and took courses in Elementary Education and later Medical Records. I continue to visit the Madison Campus Church where my mother Mollie Morris always had her membership. God has blessed me with good health as I am now an L.P.N. working fulltime in a Nashville nursing home. I live in Eagleville, Tenn.

Elden Wilson writes, "It is always a treat to receive the Survey but sad to see so many in the obituary column.

"I have sold my place where we lived for 15 years and moved into a small double-wide on my daughter's place. My new telephone number is (423)-339-8045."

Aaron J. Harder of San Diego, Calif., writes, "I am not an alumni of Madison but have been reading the Survey since the summer of 1935 when I was in my junior year of academy. In the fall of 1939 I applied for admission (had two years of college under my belt) but was turned down because the college was full.

"In December of 1942 I spent about three weeks at Madison taking the first Medical Cadet Course expecting to be drafted. I then moved to Washington, D.C. but was never drafted because I failed my physical.

"We have received the Survey all our married life of 67 years and enjoyed reading it. We have known and met some of the former students of Madison."

Clyde P. Holland, president of the class of 1959, writes, "2009 is 50 years for the Class of 1959. Make plans for a reunion in June."

Influence of early Madison school still lives

By Albert Dittes

RIDGETOP, Tenn.--A friend in the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference office called me one day asking if I knew about one of the first schools started as an extension of Madison.

Though Terri Jenks, secretary to the conference president, had grown up as an Adventist in Ridgetop, Tenn., she had never heard of the Oak Grove Garden School, started there around 1906. Betty Davis of nearby Hendersonville, Tenn., called her asking for information about the school. This lady's aunt had attended there and always referred to it as an excellent school. She had a picture of the student body taken in 1918 with some of her relatives in it.

I was glad to tell Mrs. Jenks and Mrs. Davis that Charles F. Alden and Braden Mulford, two charter students of Madison College when it began in 1904, started it probably around 1906. Betty Davis also had a list of the students and a picture

taken of them in 1918. Her relatives were Dorrises and McMurtrys. I recognized the Adventist names of Alden, Ashton and Haugsted.

I told her what I knew about it; mainly that Alden and Mulford went there from Madison probably in 1906 and encountered a community rather hostile to Adventists.

William Sandborn, in his dissertation on the history of Madison, wrote that they earned the respect of the Ridgetop community by teaching them better farming methods, mainly that plowing alfalfa under increased the productivity of the soil.

A year later, Braden Mulford bought a farm in Fountain Head, Tenn. and founded what has since developed into the Highland Adventist community with an elementary school, academy, nursing home and publishing house.

I also knew that Charles and Laura Alden later accepted the invitation of the Sumner County School Superintendent to make their school part of its system by teaching regular subjects during the day and the religious subjects to their own children after hours. Then after a fire destroyed their building, they closed the school and taught in the Sumner County school system. Professor Alden, as he is referred to in the early Madison literature, ultimately became a high school principal.

A property title check in the Sumner County Administration building produced several names such as C.F. Alden, Y.G. Haugsted and Mary Ashton. These families were prominent in the church. Ned S. Ashton was a president of the Southern Union. The Y.G. Haugsted family moved to Ohio, and their son and his wife started Your Story Hour, based in Medina, Ohio.

Mrs. Davis told me that a cemetery was near there and that the county archives would have a directory of all cemeteries in Sumner County. I found it listed as the Alden Cemetery 3/10 of a mile west of the White Hill Community on Bethel Road. The Ashton and Haugsted families suffered infant deaths during those years, one in 1919 and the other in 1921, according to this record. The small cemetery is still there and discloses the site of the school.

I checked on Professor Alden in the Sumner County school archives, and saw a composite of him as principal of nearby Beech High School in 1918. The archivist also showed me composites of him as principal of the high school in Portland, Tennessee, his final year being 1934-35.

It's hard to determine exactly when this school opened and closed according to the records.

It is gone but not forgotten.

The Roy Bowes Family



Dena Bowes posed with her four children, Bob, Karyn, Liz and Larry at her 90th birthday party on February 8, 2006.

“We don’t look that well-fed now,” she writes. This year has been most disturbing for our family. I have wished for Roy’s expertise so many times. Our sons, Bob and Larry, have never been hospitalized in all their 63 and 61 years but now succumbed to illnesses, both of which shocked and overpowered us. When Karyn had a MRSA serious staph infection and was in the hospital, Bob was diagnosed with the lymphoma and Larry had his heart attack—all four of the children were in LLUMC the same week as Liz was recovering from her hip repair. I said to myself, ‘is this why I was left behind??’ Bur God is ever near and He is concerned about His creatures. His grace is sufficient if only we believe. We are most grateful for their degrees of recovery and appreciate all your prayers.

“I’m not getting any younger, but God has supplied our needs, and that is what He has said He would do. Yes, I too have been very thankful for the support of our foursome. It has been very difficult at times, but disagreeeables are not what

we dwell on, it’s the many blessings. We must enjoy the bounties of His providence.

“Bob and I are here at our home in Santa Ana. Much of our time the last three months we have been in Palm Springs. We still have the mobile home there, and it is closer to the place where Bob gets his chemo-therapy. About once a month he is hospitalized for intensive chemo through the PICC entry. He gets quite ill after that, very nauseated and weak. Food does not taste natural, but he is brave and obeying orders (other doctors). Larry is on a rigid program but back to work. He had a stint put in.”

Resting until the resurrection

Elfa Lillie Edmister (RN '43, BSN '44) died at Parkridge Hospital, Chattanooga, Tenn., on June 26, 2008, about two weeks before her 88th birthday. She suffered a prolonged illness involving myeloma of the blood plasma and finally succumbed to pneumonia.

For several years, she assisted Dr. Lester Littell and her mother-in-law, Edna Edmister, in operating a small nursing home-clinic at Altamont, Tenn. She then earned a Master’s degree in public health nursing at Emory University in Atlanta and served as a public health consultant for the state of Tennessee and teaching in the schools of nursing at Southern Adventist University (then Southern Missionary College) in Collegedale, Tenn., and at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga campus.

Her husband, Arthur Edmister, died in 1992. Survivors are her son, Jim Edmister of Chattanooga; daughters, Mary Cates of Ringgold, Ga., and Mabel Simons of Jasper, Tenn.; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild and one sister, Mary Lillie Everett of Dunlap, Tenn.

New address

The postal box number of the Madison College Alumni Association will change on January 1, 2009. After that, the address will be P.O. Box 1735, Madison, TN 37116-6303.

Snapshots of 2008 alumni weekend



Dr. Billy Burks played familiar religious songs



Bob and Stella Sutherland came to alumni weekend although health issues have sidelined them from their customary active role in the alumni association. Skyline Medical Center, which absorbed Tennessee Christian Medical Center, recently honored Stella with a Frist Humanitarian Award for logging over 11,000 hours of volunteer service with the hospital.



Lillian Gray McKinney '43 and Doyle Martin '43 and school of anesthesia, '52, went to a North American Division Youth Congress in 1947 and shared a group picture in the newspaper of young people including Lillian and other Madison students Ruthe Jewell, Genevieve Martin and Doris Iles.



Luther May inspired the group by participating in the worship service at the age of 92, possibly the oldest alumni in attendance. Here he sits with his wife Eunice and Eileen Manzano.

A note of regret

After alumni weekend this year, two of the people pictured here, Bob Sutherland and Doyle Martin, passed away. We will print obituaries of them in the next Survey.



Carol Taylor Hite of Madison, Tenn., and Margie Hancock Scoggins of Friendsville, Tenn., represented the Class of 1963.



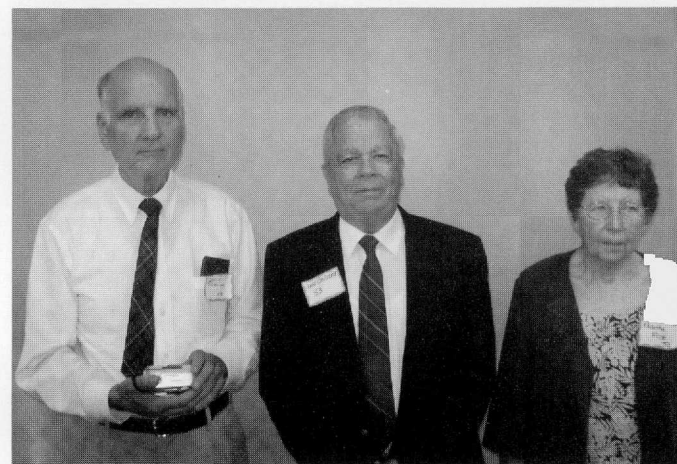
Dr. Bill Dysinger talked about his new book, Health to the People, chronicling the medical outreach ministry of Loma Linda University from 1905 to 2005.



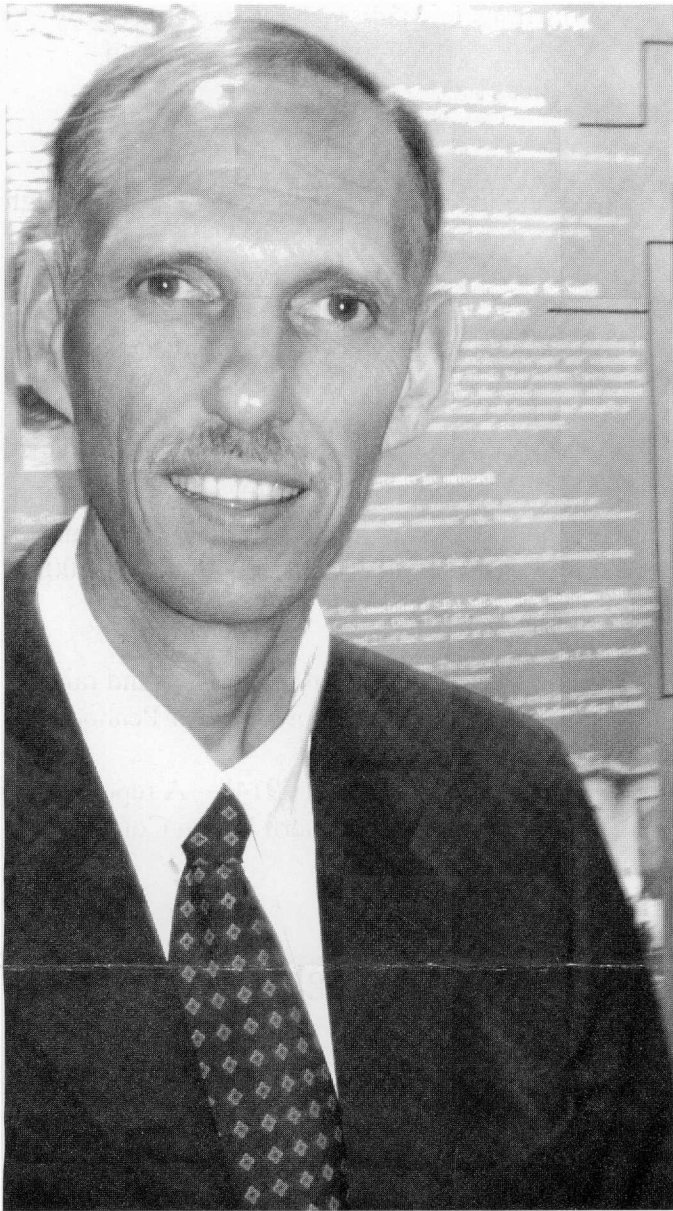
The Bryant Brothers both met their spouses at Madison College. Starting from left, Daisy Gullett Bryant '52 and L.J. Bryant live in Charlotte, N.C. James Bryant, who studied trades and auto mechanics at Madison, and Peggy Larcom Bryant MCA '48, live in Hobbs, N.M.

Mark your calendar

Alumni weekend next year will be June 26-28, 2009.



David Patterson of Ooltewah, Tenn., Don Owsley of Mulberry, Ark., and Martha Fast of Portland, Tenn., represented the Class of 1953.



David Gates inspired the congregation Sabbath morning to continue the Madison tradition of self-sacrifice in sharing the gospel with the world. He flew his airplane in for the day from his base in Collegedale, Tennessee.



Glenda Sheffield Clark '62 of Old Hickory, Tenn., and Margaret Ridler Chamberlain (attended, 1960-61) enjoyed socializing once again.



The Class of 1958 had an impressive turnout with, left to right, George and Joan Perkins Roach, of Booneville, Ark., Paul Blankenship of Madison, Tenn., Marilyn Campbell Gunderson of Whites Creek, Tenn., Carlos Quevedo of Hernando, Fla., and Mickey Rabuka of Calhoun, Ga.



Everett and Eva Siewert of Berrien Springs, Mich., seated in matching T-shirts, submitted this family photo. On the front row are their grandchildren, Joshua and Betty Siewert. Seated next to them is their son Peter and daughter Sue Woods. Standing on the back row are Christine Siewert, wife of Peter, Michael J. Woods, son of Sue, Daniel Siewert, son of Everett and Eva, Scottie Woods and Michael R. Woods, husband of Sue. Everett Siewert graduated from Madison College in 1951 as a maintenance engineer.

Madison items available

The Madison story is never fully told and will keep growing. We at the alumni association are dedicated to telling the Madison story and are continually bring out new things. Some of these items are for sale. We would appreciate a donation to help pay for the leaflets. Here are a few things you might enjoy.

CDs featuring Dr. Billy Burks.

Gospel accordion: "What a Friend" and "Precious Memories"

Gospel vibraharp: "He Touched Me" and "I Walked Today"

Christmas vibraharp: "O Holy Night," and "Silver Bells."

Christmas accordion: "Silent Night"

Accordion and Piano: "White Christmas"

Send \$15/CD to Evangelism Partners International, P.O. Box 1401, Hendersonville, TN 37077.

Profiles of Madison College Pioneers by Albert Dittes, sketches of the great Madison personalities, \$15.

Letters from Dr. Percy Magan by Albert Dittes, an untold story of early Loma Linda through letters between Percy Magan and Lida Scott, \$15.

God's Beautiful Farm by Don Christman and Ira Gish, a popular history of Madison College, \$15.

Health to the People by P. William Dysinger, stories of Public Health, preventive and lifestyle medicine, and medical evangelism training and outreach, Loma Linda, California, 1905-2005, \$20.

"Madison College in 1929"—a fund raising letter from Lida Scott to George Foster Peabody.

"Madison College in 1914"—A report by Bessie DeGraw to the Southern Union Conference constituency session.

What brought them?

The majority of alumni filling out a survey form came to Madison College because they wanted an education. One third of them—Daisy Bryant, Evelyn Meyer, Eileen Gill Manzano and June Kirkwood—came to study nursing.

William McKinney wanted to learn industrial arts. Charles P. (Buddy) Harris desired learning how to work and be self supportive, Herb Hewitt, Louis Meyer, Doyle Martin and Elden Wilson wanted a college education.

Billy Burks and Clifford Ahlberg were attracted to an Adventist Christian college.

Affordability brought Sue (Devan) Owsley, Vera Noss Hewitt and Carlos A. Quevedo. Donald Owsley, Duane L. Brown and Orvan Thompson came because they could work their way through college at Madison.

"My Sabbath School teacher thought a little country girl like me needed a Christian education,"

wrote Lillian Gray McKinney. "She and her husband brought two other girls. They went back, and I stayed."

Ginger Larcom Kenyon came because she knew the dean.

Parents moving to Madison brought along Elizabeth Cothren, David Manzano, Bobby Jean Moore Harrison, Margaret Chamberlain Ridler and Mickey Rabuka.

Madison College shaped several of their careers. Mickey Rabuka served as a hospital administrator for 35 years. David Manzano felt called to the Adventist ministry at Madison. Donald Owsley became a pharmacist, thanks to tuition support from Madison Hospital. Sue Devan Owsley worked as a registered dietitian in Florida, Massachusetts and California. Carlos A. Quevedo served as assistant lab director of Florida Hospital for 29 years.

They all left their mark.

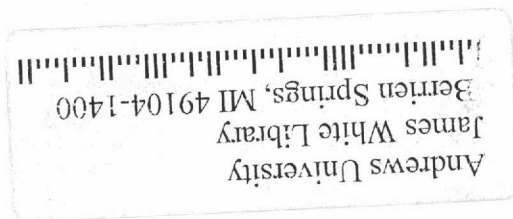
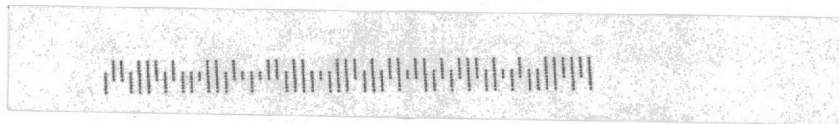
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