

Upward

Thy towers are pointing upward toward God and heaven and Light.

From the Alumni Association of Columbia International University



SUMMER 2006

The “Praying Women” *The Legacy Continues*

By Venice Whitaker Inabinet

We all know the history of CIU’s beginning – through the vision and prayers of “the praying women.” Yet, how many of you know that we still have a group of women praying for CIU? Shortly after becoming a part of the Alumni Ministries team last summer, I received an invitation from one of the members of this ministry to join her and others in prayer. I was elated to find out that there is still a group of women praying for all facets of CIU, Ben Lippen, the radio stations, and ALUMNI! Being an alumna, a student, and a staff member, I consider myself triply blessed! It excites me to know that women of wisdom, love, and fervent prayer are still remembering the needs of CIU!

While there is no formal history of this current group of praying women, and no recollection of when they first met, the earliest guess is between 1975 and 1980.

Some of the first members included Mittie Hatch (CBC ’41), Sara Petty (CBC ’39), Nell McQuinn Petty (CBC ’31), Elizabeth Sessions (CBC ’43), and Ruby Wilcox (CBC ’37). These ladies were led to continue the prayer ministry after the original praying women could no longer actively serve. It began as an informal, occasional gathering that evolved into a once a month regular meeting, usually during the school year.



The Original Praying Women (left to right): Mrs. T. Hal Dick, Mrs. Guy Tarrant, Emily Dick, Margaret Childs, Mary Dibble

Today’s membership consists of (sitting in photo left to right) Ruby Wilcox (CBC ’37), Alleene Petty Kracht (CBC ’68), Mary Lee

Walker (CBC ’52), Cheryl Bowdon (wife of Mickey Bowdon, vice president for Christian School Education) and Helen Goodwin (CBC ’62). Standing left to right in the photo are: Venice Inabinet (BC ’02), Dot Weeber (CBS ’52), Prudence Bedell (wife of Professor Cliff Bedell), Debby Reichel (CBC ’70), Anne McQuilkin Priest (CBC ’52), Betty Dent (CIU Board Member; wife of Harry Dent, CBS ’82), Marion Merry (widow of Frank Merry Sr., CBC ’61), Elizabeth Sessions (CBC ’43) and Betty Yount (CBC ’55). Delaine Blackwell (CIU/Ben Lippen School board member) and Annette Murray (CBC ’69) are not pictured.

When asked why they had become members of the prayer ministry, their answers exuded with love for and loyalty to CIU, commitment to prayer,

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Faith — Mighty Faith!

Homecoming 2006

Faith Mighty Faith The Promise Sees
(Charles Wesley)

*Faith mighty faith the promise sees
And looks to God alone.
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries it shall be done.
And cries it shall be done,
And cries it shall, It shall be done,
And cries it shall, It shall be done.
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries it shall be done.*

(Public Domain)

Do you remember singing this song? Where were you the first time you sang it? Maybe you have never sung it! Come to **Homecoming 2006** and let's sing it together!

We have approximately 15,000 alumni in over 130 countries. As I get to know so many of our graduates I feel honored to be counted among you. Many CIU alumni live each day in a manner that leaves a God-honoring legacy. So many of you live by faith. You focus on the promises of God, yield to His loving will and in trust, you step out. No matter the odds against you, you choose to believe God! What a great group of folks to join. That is why we are starting a new Homecoming event – the **LEGACY REUNION**.

What is the LEGACY REUNION?
This September the class of 1956 celebrates their 50th year reunion. We invite all who attended CBC in 1955 and earlier, to come

and welcome the class of 1956 into the Legacy Family. We are excited and expect to hear the legacy stories! Be sure to **bring your photos, letters, and scrapbooks**. We will scan them and **send every alumnus who attends Homecoming a CD collection**. This collection will include many photos from the CIU archives and photos made during Homecoming as well! For more **Legacy Reunion and Homecoming 2006** details, be sure to look on pages 7-8 to see the wonderful activities we have planned for you! Be sure to go to **NetCommunity** to register. Speaking of which, one of our big goals for the CIU Alumni Association is to have us connect more often than just at Homecoming or when we come to your local area. The new online **NetCommunity** allows us to connect, encourage, and pray for one another from anywhere in the world! The Internet is now a "gathering place" for CIU alumni. Have you joined NetCommunity? You can join today – and **vote for Alumni Association Leadership Council candidates, register for the Thursday LEGACY REUNION** (for those who attended from 1923 to 1956) and for **Homecoming 2006** (for all who



attended CIU 1923 to 2006). With NetCommunity, you can search the alumni directory and find classmates! You can even download free articles and sermons! **Join the CIU NET-COMMUNITY!**

**Remember, "Faith – Mighty Faith!"
See you at Homecoming!**

Roy King
Director of Alumni Ministries
CBS '85

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FROM THE EDITOR



BLOG, BLOG, BLOG!

That's my way of introducing you to Alumni Ministries' new "Prayer Blog!" Now you can include the most urgent prayer requests of fellow alumni in your prayer time. Just log onto www.ciu.edu, and click "alumni," then "prayer connection." There you will find the link to "alumni prayer requests." Also, if you have an immediate prayer request, please e-mail me at alumni@ciu.edu.

Speaking of prayer, Prayer Partnership time will be here before we know it! Each year, we find alumni prayer partners for current students. Many friendships and mentoring relationships have been forged by praying for and with students. Last year, we had many more students than alumni to sign up. Students recognize that they need prayer. They often ask for prayer for school-related needs. However, there are some who need prayer for personal issues that may interfere with their studies and even their relationship with the Lord.

It is encouraging for students to know that someone is praying for them. Please take time now and fill out the application online on the alumni page of ciu.edu. If you do not have online capability, just call us at 1-800-777-2227, ext. 3500, and we'll be glad to send you a sign up form.

There are other ways for you to get involved with Alumni Ministries. Our "A Team," as we are sometimes affectionately called, is working hard on events and activities for the Legacy Reunion and Homecoming this fall. However, with only a staff of six, we need your help. There are many opportunities to volunteer from now until Sept. 23, including:

- Phone callers
- Registration
- Decorators/artists/painters
- Cinema photographers
- Set up displays
- Servers
- Digital photographers
- Babysitters
- Games at carnival
- NetCommunity sign ups

We are also putting out a call for volunteers in another area. We need people who are very detail oriented and patient to organize CIU's archives. You must be interested in preserving the history of CIU and willing to follow specific, strict instructions.

Well, those are my thoughts. I pray that you will give them some thought – and prayer. Let me hear from you real soon. May the Lord's Sonshine fill your heart and keep you in His perfect peace!

Venice Whitaker Inabinet, BC '02
Upward Editor

Your Time at CIU Might Just Pay Off!

Consider this: Passing on your CIU legacy to your children and grandchildren!

In December 2005, CIU's Student Financial Services announced the addition of a new grant. The *Legacy Grant* is a \$1,000 grant toward the cost of tuition at CIU for incoming undergraduate students who are the children or grandchildren of CIU alumni. To learn more about the Legacy Grant, just e-mail the Student Financial Services Office at finaid@ciu.edu.

First R.C. McQuilkin Leadership Scholarship Awarded

The first R.C. McQuilkin Leadership Scholarship was awarded to David Strobolakos Jr. of Bath, N.Y. This new scholarship is a full tuition scholarship, renewable for up to four years to attend CIU. The scholarship is presented to a student of high academic ability who best embodies the mission of the school, "To Know Him And To Make Him Known," and will carry that mission for many years to come.

David was one of 51 students from 13 states who competed for the scholarship during a weekend of events. He plans to enroll at CIU in the fall of 2006. His desire is to study the Bible and use his Bible training to help him make a difference in other people's lives. David and his family lived in Columbia from 1990-1993. His father, David Strobolakos Sr. earned an associate degree from CIU in 1993.

Congratulations to David and his family! We look forward to welcoming David into the CIU family this fall.

For more information about the R.C. McQuilkin Leadership Scholarship, just e-mail the Student Financial Services Office at finaid@ciu.edu.



CORRECTION

In our last issue, we erroneously printed incorrect contact information for Janine Bryan's book, *Holding on to Matthew*. Please note the correct information: J9bryan@aol.com or Matthewsinheaven@aol.com. We apologize for the inconvenience.



From the Alumni President:

Welcome to our newest CIU alumni! You've just graduated from CIU with a fresh vision for GOD'S work in YOUR world. Will it be as a teacher? Serve well! Will it be as a wife and mother? Serve well! Will it be as a pastor or youth worker? Serve well! Will it be in the marketplace? Serve well! Will it be on a domestic or foreign mission field? Serve well!

While you are serving, remember that the Alumni Ministries office and the Alumni Association Leadership Council are here for you! We pray for you when you send prayer requests to us. We provide encouragement and resources when you need those. We share your joys when you announce them to us. We schedule events to reunite and refresh you. No matter where you serve, we are your

"Aaron" holding up your arms in biblical support and love. I want to remind all CIU alumni that it's almost time for "the annual return to somebody's old school or college for celebrations with other alumni." That's right. Homecoming!

But... **Some of you left and have never come back!** We want to see you this year! This is not just an event for "successful" graduates to slap each other on the back. If you have traveled a difficult road since you left CIU, this can also be an event for healing. Alumni and current students want to know how you are doing. Great lessons are learned from struggling through the "faith classes" of real life. We need to share those lessons with each other. **Please come this year and celebrate with us what God is doing and has done through you!**

We have made some changes to Homecoming this year. First, this edition of *UPWARD* has everything you need to

On the Road Again

President George Murray's Speaking Itinerary (June–October 2006)



October 1

Chapin PCA Missions Conference, *Chapin, SC*

October 8

Lexington Baptist Church, *Lexington, SC*

October 15

Virginia Beach Community Chapel, *Virginia Beach, VA*

October 21-22

Believers Church Missions Conference, *Chesapeake, VA*

Prayer Requests from CIU President George W. Murray PLEASE PRAY FOR ME AND CIU!

• In May, over 300 new graduates launched out from CIU. Pray that God will help each one of them to find that vocation and location, where He can best use them to fulfill His worldwide redemptive purposes.

• I was recently the keynote speaker at the Teen Missions International Boot Camp in Merritt Island, Fla. Please pray that among the nearly 1,000 high school students who attended, some will sense God's hand on them for missionary service, and some of them will seriously consider enrolling at CIU after high school.

• We have a committee of CIU staff who help me sort out speaking engagement invitations. Instead of saying 'Yes' or 'No' based on available times we have begun asking ourselves, "Where

are the most strategic places, CIU-wise, for the president to minister publicly?" Once we identify such places or groups, the committee offers them the opportunity to have me speak without any financial obligation. Most of the groups have accepted the offer and some have voluntarily covered expense and provided an honorarium. All of the honoraria go to CIU. Pray for wisdom for the committee and for us to be good stewards of the gifts, energy and time He provides.

• Two huge items that are key to CIU's success are: 1) strong enrollment and 2) good gift income. Please pray that we will see significant increases in both of these areas during our 2006/07 fiscal year.

Yours for His glory,

know prior to Homecoming, including the very important registration information and the ballot for new AALC members. (A separate mailing of Homecoming materials costs around \$7000, and this money was instead allocated to making *UPWARD* a larger and more colorful publication.)

Also, we have added more events to Saturday's Homecoming schedule. Many of you who are in the marketplace, and others with weekday responsibilities, have told us that Saturday is the only day you can attend. Therefore, we felt that both Friday and Saturday should have full and balanced schedules with a variety of events.

Finally, we have assembled a strong slate of candidates for AALC this year. All these individuals have cared for and prayed for CIU since their graduation. All have shown godly leadership wherever God has called them to serve. We ask you to prayerfully read their bios and consider which candidates will best serve as your representatives on the AALC. Thank you to each candidate who is willing

to serve. We look forward to serving with you.
See you at Homecoming 2006!

Because He lives,
Domna Colepaugh, CBC '82

Alumni Association Leadership Council Members (AALC)

President: Domna Colepaugh
Vice President: Jeff Coberly
Faculty Representative:
Stephanie Bryant
Robert Weeber
Pete Cannon
Stephen Reel
Brian Bohlman
Karl McCallister

**Senior Vice President for
Development and Operations**
Keith Marion

CIU Board of Trustees Member
Adrian Despres

**Student Representatives
to AALC**
Barrett Bullock
(Undergraduate)
Catherine Watts
(Graduate School)

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS . . . ? *(Send a classmate a note!)*

David (CBC '75) and Debbie Frank
Spain

David and Debbie have great family news! Contact them at davidf@larcada.com and www.larcada.com. They'll be happy to share!

Michael R. Liss (CBC '82)
Huntingdon Valley, PA
mrliss@coomcast.net

Dore & Karen Schupack
(both CBS '86) Tulsa, OK
After a year of furlough and a short leave of absence from their mission, they are preparing to go to the Caucasus region of Russia. To learn more about how you can pray for the Schupacks, contact them at schupacks@yahoo.com. "We'd be glad to hear from you. Thanks and God bless!"

Mrs. Sarah L. Smith Cogswell
(BC '92) Alexandria, NH
"Just looking to get in touch with some old friends."
sarah332003@yahoo.com

John F. Kress (CBS '96)
Bozeman, Montana
jfredkress@netscape.com

Mr. Darwin K. Stoesz (CBS '98)
Tokyo, Japan
darwinstoesz@hotmail.com and
www.stoesz.com

James (CBS '99) and Beth C. Almack (BC '94) Madrid, Spain
jbalmack@cs.com

Dr. Samuel "Sam" Rubinson
(CBS '00) West Columbia, SC
Sam received his D.Min. from EBTS in Ministry to Marriage and Family in May 2005. Drop him a line and find out about his new non-profit ministry called Zaolife! zao-life@gmail.com

Mrs. Rachel Vitollo (BC '02) and Dennis Gardner
Ravena, NY
Ask Rachel about the exciting ministry that she and Dennis are involved in at

their church in Troy, NY!
yellowisahappycolor@yahoo.com

Hrach and Susan Phelps (CBS '06)
Bedrosian
Wynnewood, PA

Susan and Hrach recently made a move! E-mail them and see what the Lord is doing in their lives. Susan is especially looking forward to meeting other alumni in the area.
hsbedrosian@yahoo.com



'30s

With the Lord:

The Rev. Erik S. Barnett (CBC '31)

Minneola, FL

The Rev. Barnett passed away on Jan. 22, 2006 at the age of 96. His wife, Emily Sterrett Barnett (CBC '32), entered the presence of the Lord in 1996. The Rev. Barnett was an "MK" who spent a lifetime in missions on the field, and as an administrator. He served 56 years in Africa, primarily in Kenya.

With the Lord:

The Rev. Claudon Stauffacher (CBC '32)

Russellville, AR

The Rev. Stauffacher died Aug. 2, 2005, at the age of 94. Born an "MK" in Kenya, he spent his life in Africa as a missionary. His wife, Gladys, preceded him in death 22 years earlier. He leaves two sons, Bill and Richard, and a daughter, Faith, with a legacy of faithfulness. "Claudon did not wish to be referred to as a great man because of his work, but rather as a man who talked about a great God." (Son-in-law, David Hoult)

With the Lord:

Martha Bingham Belote (CBC '35)

Richmond, VA

Mrs. Belote died in September 2005.

With the Lord:

Harriet Orr (CBC '35)

Signal Mountain, TN

'40s

With the Lord:

J. Radar Hawkins (CBC '41)

Brazil

Mr. Hawkins died Dec. 1, 2005 at the age of 87.

With the Lord:

The Rev. Kenneth Neuenschwander (CBC '41)

Angola, IN

With the Lord:

The Rev. Howard T. Cross Sr. (CBC '46)

Ringgold, GA

The Rev. Cross died Jan. 13, 2006 at the age of 82. He was a U.S. Army chaplain for 28 years, participated in the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and retired in 1980.

Class NOTES



Upon this retirement, the Rev. Cross became the pastor of Lakeview Presbyterian Church in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, and a son Howard T. Cross Jr.

With the Lord:

Dr. George Dollar (Faculty)

Winter Haven, FL

Dr. Dollar was laid to rest on Friday, Jan. 20, 2006.

'50s

With the Lord:

Grace Elizabeth Howell Frizen (CBC '50) Orlando, FL

Grace went to be with the Lord on Dec. 27, 2005.

Grace and her husband of 55 years, Edwin "Jack" Frizen (CBC '50), met at Columbia Bible College. They were in missionary service for 42 years, with Grace working in various administrative and board positions for numerous Christian organizations. Since April 1993, Grace and Jack served as valued consultants to Pioneers and the North American mission community.

Harold (CBC '51) and Virginia "Ginny" Sells

Lake Elsinore, CA

Harold and Ginny report that they are doing well. Harold completed 17 neighborhood parenting classes and will conduct children's Bible classes in his neighborhood this summer. He is also having a neighborhood meeting with 19 families to point out the errors in the book *The Da Vinci Code* and explain the truth of the gospel. Pray for continued good health, and for God's Word to move mightily in the hearts and minds of their neighbors.



With the Lord:

The Rev. Edward N. Harrell (CBC '51) Ansonia, CT

The Rev. Harrell went to be with the Lord on Oct. 26, 2005.

Nona Platillero (CBC '51)

Spain

Nona writes: "It was such a blessing to see 26 young people, the average age of 19, here [Bible school] studying the Word of God together and going forth to the four corners of the earth to spread the good news. Pray for them as they go home and other places. Here at Rio Vida there will be camps and conferences all summer.

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“You have given me the heritage of those who fear your name”

Psalm 61:5 NKJV



Much about CIU has changed over the years. The campus has moved locations. Many professors and students have gone on to faithful service for the Lord. Although the names and faces have changed, the passion of CIU students has remained consistent. It's a heartbeat that carries a familiar rhythm, regardless of your generation. We strive to be authentic, passionate followers of Jesus. Prayer drives us to act. When the Bible says to go and make disciples, we respond, no matter where God has placed us. This “Faith, Mighty Faith” is what energizes us and links us together. This is what makes us a family!

Faith Mighty Faith

Across the Generations

First Annual Legacy Reunion

- ☞ Downtown Campus “Re-creation”
- ☞ Dinner Reception at the Mills Building with an address by Dr. Robertson McQuilkin.
- ☞ Lots of time to catch up with old friends and share your stories with a new generation.



Homecoming 2006

- ☞ Pastor Steve Estes, speaker for Christian Life Conference and Homecoming '06.
- ☞ Presentation of the Alumnus of the Year, Titus Kivunzi. Missiologist, Educator, Mobilizer.
- ☞ “Big Top” Reunion Luncheons and family carnival for children of all ages.



Steve Estes



First Annual Legacy Celebration Schedule

Thursday, September 21, 2006

Morning:

- ☞ Optional Breakfast at CIU, \$3 per person
- ☞ Check in and receive packet at the Rossi Student Center
- ☞ Worship Chapel with songs from the 1930s, '40s and '50s
- ☞ Workshop on "PASSING THE TORCH" – Partner with us in preparing CIU to continue sending workers into the harvest! Dr. Roy King, director of Alumni Ministries

Noon:

- ☞ Luncheon at CIU
- ☞ Dr. Jack Layman, professor of Bible and Education, Class of 1960, will interview Dr. Arthur Barnett, retired missionary doctor to East Africa, Class of 1930

Early Afternoon:

- ☞ Class Reunions (Various locations on campus)

Late Afternoon:

- ☞ Legacy Celebration Reception at the Robert Mills House, downtown Columbia, with Dr. Robertson McQuilkin, president emeritus of CIU, Class of 1947



Jack Layman



Homecoming 2006 Schedule September 22 – 23, 2006

Friday, September 22

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast (optional meal, \$3 per person, CIU Cafeteria)
- 7:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Check in at the Rossi Student Center
- 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – “Knowing Him & Making Him Known” Workshops with CIU professors
- 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. – Reunion Choir Practice
- 10:50 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Chapel Distinguished Alumnus Award presented to Dr. Titus Kivunzi, Class of 1976
- Christian Life Conference Speaker – The Rev. Steve Estes, Class of 1974 (pastor, author)
- 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Alumni Association Business Meeting and Luncheon “Faith, Mighty Faith – the story of Emily Dick”



- 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Worship Chapel Dr. Larry Shackley, professor of music
- Titus Kivunzi’s testimony and stories from other Distinguished Alumni
- Portraits of Faith, phone calls from around the world
- 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Homecoming Banquet
- 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Dessert Reception

Saturday, September 23

- 7:00 – 9:30 a.m. – Check in at the Rossi Student Center
- 9:30 -11:30 a.m. – “Big Top” Worship Chapel (outside CIU Cafeteria) Dr. George Murray, president of CIU, Class of 1981
- 12:00 noon – 2:30 p.m. – “Big Top” Reunion Luncheons *** (outside CIU Cafeteria)
- 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – CIU Roots Tour with a stop at the historic Mills House (Leaving from the Rossi Student Center)
- 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. – “Big Top” Carnival (outside CIU Cafeteria)

*** Meal Included in Registration

Event Information

Legacy Reunion Participants

Bring your CBC pictures with you!!! In conjunction with our University Archival Project, we would like to collect as many pictures and stories as possible during the Legacy Reunion. We will have stations set up where we can digitally scan your CBC pictures. Then, we will put all the photos that we collect onto a CD and hand these out on Saturday. You'll be able to take home hundreds of one-of-a-kind pictures to enjoy with your family and friends!



Robertson McQuilkin and former Board Chairman Ian Hay. Ridderhof Building groundbreaking 1985.

Registration for the Legacy Reunion and Homecoming '06 is REQUIRED

At CIU, we want to be good stewards of God's resources. You can help us toward this goal by registering early for the Legacy Reunion and Homecoming '06. A great deal of planning and preparation goes into these events, including catering and setup. It is necessary to know who is going to be in attendance well ahead of time to be able to properly inform our partners. We cannot guarantee any part of the Legacy Reunion or Homecoming '06 without advanced registration. Thank you for your assistance.



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Hotel Accommodations

We have negotiated a special rate with the Marriot Courtyard NW Columbia. The Courtyard is a nice hotel approximately eight minutes away from CIU, with easy access on and off the highway. Rooms with one king-sized bed or two double beds are \$62 with breakfast and \$52 without breakfast. You must call the Courtyard direct at (803) 731-2300 before Sept. 6 and indicate you are a CIU alumni or spouse to receive this special rate. These rates are valid only for those participating in the Legacy Reunion (Sept. 20-21) or Homecoming '06 (Sept. 22-23). You will not be able to get this rate after Sept. 6 or through the Internet.

Private Accommodations

Several Alumni in the Columbia area have graciously offered to host fellow alumni at their homes during the Legacy Reunion and Homecoming '06. Please contact the Alumni office at (800) 777-2227, ext. 3500 for information.

Childcare

We are excited to be able to offer childcare for children four years old and under during the Friday Workshops, the AALC Luncheon, all Chapel sessions, and the Annual Alumni Banquet. There is no additional cost for this service. We will only be able to provide childcare to those who contact us before Sept. 20. To sign up for childcare please call (800) 777-2227, ext. 3500.

Registration

For easy registration for the Legacy Reunion and Homecoming 2006, visit www.ciu.edu/alumni/events. Not online? Fill out this form and send it to: Columbia International University, Alumni Ministries, 7435 Monticello Road, Columbia, SC 29203. Or call us at 1-800-777-2227, ext. 3500.

First Annual Legacy Reunion

Special pre-Homecoming event for classes of 1923-1956

Thursday, 9/21

Individual FREE x ____

Couple FREE x ____

Homecoming 2006

DAY PASS — Friday, 9/22

Includes all events and two meals as indicated on the schedule for Friday only (*Item Cost x Number = total cost*)

Individual \$30.00 x ____ = ____

Couple \$50.00 x ____ = ____

Per Child (2-18 yrs) \$7.50 x ____ = ____

DAY PASS — Saturday 9/23

Includes all events and two meals as indicated on the schedule for Saturday only (*Item Cost x Number = total cost*)

Individual \$25.00 x ____ = ____

Couple \$45.00 x ____ = ____

Per Child (2-18 yrs) \$7.50 x ____ = ____

ALL ACCESS PASS — BEST DEAL

Includes all events and four meals as indicated on the schedule for Friday and Saturday

(*Item Cost x Number = total cost*)

Individual \$50.00 x ____ = ____

Couple \$80.00 x ____ = ____

Per Child (2-18 yrs) \$10.00 x ____ = ____

About You (Please Print): Miss/Ms Mrs. Mr.

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Maiden Name: _____

Class Year: _____

E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Register me for NetCommunity using the e-mail above.

Someone in my family is handicapped and will require physical assistance while at CIU.

About Your Family (If Attending):

Miss/Ms Mrs. Mr.

Spouse Name: _____

Names and Ages of Children Attending Homecoming:

Check enclosed Pay upon arrival Credit Card:

Master Card Visa AmEx Discover

Credit Card # _____

Expires: ____/____

Signature: _____



CIU Alumni Association 2006 AALC BALLOT

President-Elect

- Joan Dorman

Member at Large

Choose just TWO:

- Dell Brabham
- George Cail
- Betty Jackson
- Elisabeth White

How to Vote

Please note that by voting for the AALC and registering for Homecoming online, you are helping Alumni Ministries to save approximately \$8,000 in printing/postage costs.

EZ Online Option: Simply go online to www.ciu.edu/alumni/vote and submit your choices by July 22, 2006. You will also see a link to register for the Legacy Reunion and Homecoming online.

Mail Option: Tear off the attached ballot and mail it in along with your Homecoming 2006 registration by July 22, 2006 to:

Alumni Ministries
Columbia International University
P.O. Box 3122
Columbia, SC 29212

— **Deadline is July 22** —

Vote for your Alumni Association Leadership Council

President-Elect Nominees (only one candidate)

JOAN DORMAN

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – B.S. Nursing 1982

Columbia Biblical Seminary (CBS) 1986

Joan lives in Myrtle Beach, S.C., along with her husband, Doug, and their seven children. (Doug and Joan met in 1985-1986 at CBS.)

The Dormans home-schooled for nine years. Their children are currently attending public schools. Joan loves being at home and managing the “tribe.” She has served in various arenas over the last 20 years with her husband. Their ministry has included church planting, youth ministry, education, small groups and short-term mission trips.

Joan has a passion for discipling and mentoring, and has a heart for pastoring pastor's wives. Joan and Doug lead “Your Next Step,” a conference ministry (www.yournextstep.ws). “Your Next Step in Prayer” is a conference that Joan leads. Her vision is to be a catalyst for the launching of a “prayer epidemic.”

Members at Large Nominees (Choose Two)

DELL BRABHAM

Dell Brabham is a native of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. She received her Bachelor of Business degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta and received her MAT from CIU. Ms. Brabham also graduated from the University of South Carolina with a master's degree in Educational Leadership.

She is married to DeAndre Brabham Sr. and has three children, DeAndre II, Dargen and Dione.

Dell has worked in Richland School District Two in Columbia for 11 years. As one of the original staff members, she opened Round Top Elementary and currently serves as assistant principal. She and her family attend Francis Burns United Methodist Church, where she has been a member for the past 18 years.

GEORGE CAIL (CBC '79, CBS '88)

George and his wife, Kathy, served for 20 years with SIM in Burkina Faso (West Africa), church planting among a Muslim people group, the Fulani. There they raised their five children: Brent -24, Karissa -22, Benjie -20, Joseph -18, and Jeremie -14.

They returned to the United States in 2003 to help their older children transition to adulthood and to help Kathy's parents. Since their return, they have been working in the SIM USA office. George is transitioning into a new ministry with SIM, SIM-TEC, helping local churches and denominations in Africa establish small, university-level schools to train Christian leaders in every walk of life.

BETTY JACKSON, M.Div.

Betty is a native South Carolinian. She and her husband, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Jackson, reside in Gaston, S.C. They have seven children and 13 grandchildren. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies in 1996 and her Master of Divinity in Pastoral Leadership in 2000 from CIU. She works alongside her husband to accomplish God's will in building His Kingdom. She is an intercessor at heart. She continues to uplift women by organizing inspirational women's conferences. She has traveled abroad to minister as a short-term missionary. She envisions taking advantage of every opportunity to work toward alumni's 100 percent participation and support of CIU. Her ultimate goal is to achieve unity and fellowship between the faculty, alumni and students.

ELISABETH WHITE (CBC '02)

Elisabeth has lived near Charlotte, N.C. for the past three years. She works as the full-time children's ministry director at Siler Presbyterian Church, where she coordinates volunteers for children's programs, leads Children's Church and the Children's Choir, directs the Adult Hand Bell Choir, and teaches piano lessons.



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Please pray that the Lord gives wisdom and strength to the staff, and that lives will be touched for Jesus.”
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With the Lord:

Duane Kruger (CBC '53) Colorado Springs, CO
Mr. Kruger's home going celebration was March 1, 2006. Duane and his wife, El, had gone to visit their daughter, Sher, and family in California before Christmas. Duane was hospitalized there with heart problems and was unable to return home. Please pray for El and the family. They not only mourn the loss of Duane, but also the recent loss of their son, Phil. Pray for their peace and comfort. Pray also for wisdom for El as she makes major decisions. elkruger@juno.com

With the Lord:

The Rev. Eugene Paul Thomas (CBC '54)
Lordstown, OH

The Rev. Thomas died peacefully at his home on Dec. 21, 2005, at the age of 70. He and his wife, Madeline

“Sandy” (Wacker) Thomas (CBC '53), served 42 1/2 years as missionaries in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, doing literacy, translation work and establishing a four-year Bible school to train young Congolese for the pastorate. They built an extensive medical mission, including a small leprosy hospital. Pray for peace and comfort for Sandy and other family members including three children: Joy, Patricia and Steven.

With the Lord:

Harlon Drew (CBC '55) Columbia, SC

The Rev. Robert and Janet (Amundson) Aldrich (both CBS '55) Geneva, NY
The Rev. & Mrs. Aldrich celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 21, 2005. Let's rejoice with them for God's goodness! Pray for peace and strength as they go through health issues.

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With the Lord:

Carolyn Suda Kammerer (CBC '54)
Cayce, SC

Carolyn passed away March 8, 2006. She died from a heart attack while in the hospital. She and her husband, Henry (CBS '55) had been married for 50 years. Several of their children graduated from CIU as well. They served with SIM in Nigeria.

Clinton (CBC '46) and Avis Marshall (CBC '43) Phelps
Aiken, SC

Avis and Clinton celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 10, 2006. Congratulations! Avis and Clinton also have the distinction that four out of their five daughters attended CBC and three of their four sons-in-law attended as well! (Donna and Phil Cook, Beth and Douglas Watson, Sylvia Phelps, and Sharon and Keith Doster)

Joan (Ninneman) McCreary (CBC '56) Suffolk, VA
Mrs. McCreary passed away March 27, 2005. She is survived by her husband of nearly 45 years, Mr. Byron McCreary.

With the Lord:

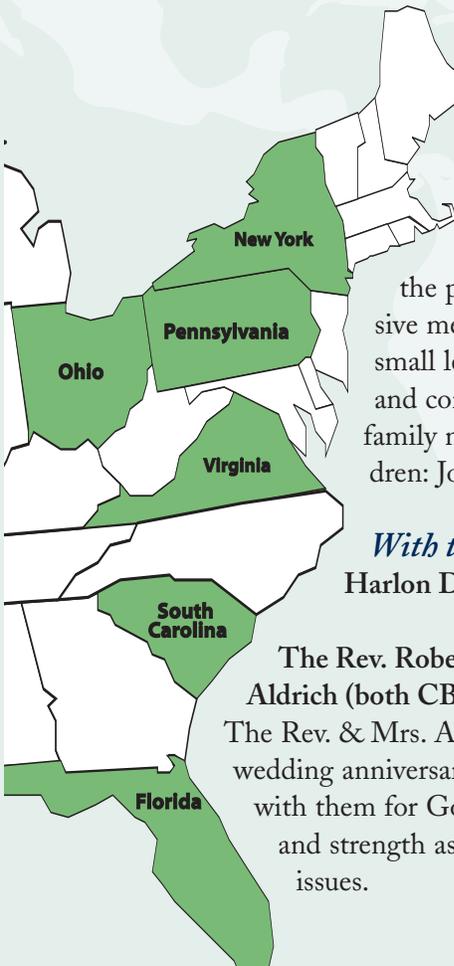
Douglas R. Miller (CBC '57) Myerstown, PA
Doug went home to be with the Lord on June 18, 2005 shortly after returning from Ache, Indonesia where he was ministering to those in the tsunami-devastated area. Doug, along with his wife, Julie, enjoyed a fruitful ministry in Papua/Irian Jaya, Indonesia for nearly 30 years. For the past 15 years Doug served as associate director of Gospel Furthering Fellowship. He loved young people and his joy was to point them to the harvest fields of the world.

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Sylvia Lombard (CBC '61) The Villages, FL
Miss Lombard passed away in 2005.

Paul and Julie (CBC '63) Zimmerman Minneola, FL
Julie and Paul are very grateful to the Lord for their beautiful new home since retirement, and treasure the rich friendship and fellowship with the other AIM missionaries in the community. In answer to many prayers, the Lord is opening up opportunities for Paul to teach

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the Word. Please pray for the Lord's illumination as he studies; for effectiveness and fruitfulness as he teaches; and for spiritual needs to be met in the lives of the hearers. Julie has been plagued by a "water on the knee" condition for many years. Flare-up episodes have been much more frequent. Pray for healing in Julie's knee and immediate relief from the pain. Julie and Paul are seeking to devote ourselves more fully to prayer since retirement. "Please send us your prayer requests. Better yet, come visit us in our new home: 1216 Media Drive, Minneola, FL 34715! (352) 241-0341." paul-julie.zimmerman@aimint.net

Grace (CBS '68) and Joy (CBC '75) Young Newberry, SC

Grace and Joy rejoice as God continually answers prayers! They see God's hand and His glory in their prison, nursing home, Bible club, and Sunday school ministries. Their ministries also span the globe to include Ukraine and South Africa. Please pray for good health and strength as Grace and Joy continue very active schedules. Pray that their vehicles remain in good working condition. Also pray for an increase in attendance at their Bible club ministry. lafiesther@yahoo.com

With the Lord:

M. Pauline Peters (CBC '68) Towson, MD
Miss Peters died July 20, 2005.

With the Lord:

Joseph "Joe" Pearo (CBC '68) Erie, PA
Joe went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 8, 2006, after a lengthy illness. He had just turned 65 on Feb. 2. He served as a missionary with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Brazil for seven years. Joseph was also a computer consultant. He was very active in amateur radio with the call letters WB2ICS, and was a storm spotter in Dallas, Texas and Erie, Penn. He is survived by his wife, **Christina "Tina" Ayrault Pearo (CBC '68)**. tpearo@adelphia.net
You can read his obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/ErieTimesNews/Guestbook.asp?Page=Guestbook&PersonId=16663537>

Darryl (CBC '68) and Becky Jordan Papua New Guinea

Darryl and Becky are bringing the Good News to the villagers in their own language! About 30 villagers were

coming for two hours of teaching four days a week – rain or shine! At the last meeting, there were over 100 attending! There are now about 10 new believers with whom Becky and Darryl have new believer's lessons twice a week. Pray for these believers to understand the Word of God and be effective in ministering to their fellow villagers. Pray for the Lord to give the Jordans wisdom, knowledge, and understanding in effectively teaching the villagers.

With the Lord:

Robert McGhan (CBS '69)

Melbourne, FL

Mr. McGhan died Feb. 7, 2006. He was married to **Marion Hart McGhan (CBC '68)**.

'70s

With the Lord:

Jeanne Marie Ropp Ahlberg (CBS '76) Magee, MS

Jeanne went into the presence of the Lord on July 26, 2005. She taught "MKs" in Paramaraibo, Surinam and worked with the Trio Indians. Later she taught in a Christian school in Mississippi, where she met and married her husband, Mike (1986). Jeanne and Mike went on to serve in the pastorate at Presbyterian churches in Mississippi and South Carolina. In December 2003, doctors discovered that Jeanne had breast cancer. Pray for peace and comfort for Mike and their two teenage sons, Michael and Daniel. Pray also for wisdom for Mike as he continues as a single parent.

With the Lord:

Stephen Chatfield (CBS '77) Orange Park, FL

Mr. Chatfield died in early January 2006.

Curtis (CBC '78) and Karen (CBC '75) Jodry

Roslyn, PA

Curtis and Karen's oldest son, Sheldon, is with the Lord after a tragic accident April 1, 2005. He would have been 27 on May 1, 2005.

'80s

James "Jim" (CBS '85) and Elaine Dressner

Bangladesh

Jim and Elaine are giving thanks to the Lord for the baptism of their daughter Julie last November. They are also excited about how God is moving in their ministry in Bangladesh! Please pray that the Lord provides the contacts for Jim as he continues to network and plan for future events, workshop, meetings, etc. Pray that the Lord will direct their steps for effective ministry. dressner@motimail.com

Scott and Sharon Gruber MacLean (BC '88) Italy

Scott and Sharon's beautiful daughter Karis was born Feb. 3, 2005. They ask us to pray for God's continued provision and for more prayer partners. Also, pray for the Lord to direct them toward "thirsty souls" whom He has prepared to hear the Good News of His Son. www.snsMaclean.net or Scott@snsMacLean.net

'90s

Dr. Howard (CBS '91) and Trudy (CBS '86) Owens

Madison, MS

Howard was finishing his Ph.D. at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary when Hurricane Katrina struck and took away all of their earthly belongings. They evacuated to Jackson, Miss., where they stayed with family. Their three children, one a senior in high school, had to abruptly change schools and make new friends. "Through it all, the Lord has been so faithful. Our walks with Him have been strengthened through the dark days, and He has provided for all of our needs." Howard DID graduate in December 2005, and is now the Chair of Missions and Christian Education at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn. Praise the Lord for His faithfulness! Please pray that the Lord continues to bless Howard and Trudy and their children as they continue to do His Kingdom work.

Brent (CBS '98) and Stacey-Jean (BC'98) Inion

Leola, PA

Brent and Stacey-Jean have been living and ministering among the Old Order Amish and Mennonites in Pennsylvania for over four years. Brent is the editor for Amish Mennonite Missions. They have five children, ages seven and under, three of which were adopted and

are of Chinese, Egyptian, and Korean descent. Praise the Lord for diversity! Pray for wisdom and strength in their ministry, and in their parenting as well.

Sean (CBS '98) & Heather (CBS '97) Christensen

Janesville, WI

Sean and Heather are excited! Many of you know their passion for missions. After eight years of waiting on God's timing, God has spoken to their hearts to actively pursue full-time ministry roles overseas. They learned that there is a great need for training and mentoring pastors in Haiti. This kind of ministry has been on Sean's heart for some time. They have been accepted into World Team's missionary candidate school in Philadelphia from July 20-28, 2006. This is just the first step of the training process which they must successfully complete to begin full-time ministry in Haiti! They ask for prayers for their family (three children) as they begin this "big venture." Pray for provisions, smooth transition, and traveling grace. Send them words of encouragement at palmwarbler@sbcglobal.net, or visit their blog, *Haitian Trainin'* at <http://360.yahoo.com/seanchr>.

'00s

Michael (CBS '01) and Gail (CBS '04) Purath

Budapest, Hungary

Michael is the executive pastor at Danube International Church and Gail is doing women's ministry. They praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunities He has given them to minister. Their church ministers to expatriates, American missionaries, refugees, and English-speaking Hungarians. Other opportunities come from Hungarians hoping to improve their English skills. Gail has had health problems and they suspect that it is Satan's attempt to discourage them. Health care is a challenge due to the language and the austere medical practices. Please pray for their protection and strength during spiritual warfare. Also, pray for healing for Gail, and good health for them both. Pray that they remember their first love and draw strength from their knowledge of Him. puraths@yahoo.com

Sandy Wensley (BC '02)

Roanoke, VA

Sandy has a burden for France. She is training and preparing to go as soon as she reaches her support goal. Right now, she has 25 percent of her needed support.

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Please pray for the Lord's provision financially. Also pray that as she waits on the Lord, He continues to grow her and prepare her spiritually. www.sandywensley.com

Beau (CBS '02) and Erika Arroyo Eckert (CBS '01)
Lancaster, PA

Beau and Erika are the proud parents of two daughters, Ana (2 1/2) and Mary (1). They are both serving at Calvary Church.

John and Erin Barbour (BC '02) Von Fange
Fort Mill, SC

Erin and John are the proud parents of Emma Grace, born Feb. 27, 2005. Congratulations to the proud parents! erinbarbour@aol.com

Bill and Ashley Newton (BC '04) Hoard
West Columbia, SC

Ashley and Bill were married in May 2005. ashleyhoard@gmail.com

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and dedication to one another. These ladies are still very active in various ministries, whether in church, missions, or teaching in retirement homes, small/cell groups, or anywhere the Lord provides an opportunity! Yet, they are dedicated to the ministry of praying for CIU, and are excited about God's answers to many of their prayers!

Although names and faces of students, faculty and staff are not always known, the women's prayers are offered up as if they are interceding for their own family members! Their heart for prayer always humbles me as I hear "the fervent prayers of the righteous" and see that it does indeed "availeth much!" I thank God for our original "praying women," and praise Him for our current praying women. I thank God that the legacy continues.

The Legacy of Mittie Hatch

As I write about the "Praying Women," I must include the impact Mittie Hatch had on my life. Considered the matriarch of the current praying ministry, Mittie had a godly influence on all who knew her.

Before meeting these women of prayer, I did not know what to expect. However, from the first prayer session, I immediately felt as if I was in the presence of royalty! These are seasoned women – women of grace and exuding with the rich legacy of Columbia Bible College (CBC) and CIU. Yet, I was made to feel very welcomed from the beginning.

As the ladies introduced themselves, I quickly discerned that there was one woman the rest seemed to hold in high esteem – Mittie Hatch. Mittie went home to be with the Lord and her beloved husband, Buck in January 2006. In the short time I knew her, I could see why she was loved and so highly esteemed. She had a wonderful sense of humor and a warm, pleasant smile that went with her hearty laughter. Her eyes twinkled as



Mittie Hatch

if she knew some wonderful secret. When she spoke, she was sure to include everyone.

When I asked the ladies their fondest memories of Mittie, each response was full of love.

Ruby Wilcox: "There were many. Mittie and I were suite mates in the dormitory at CBC. She was an inspiration, and model to emulate. I thank God for her testimony and influence in my life."

Anne Priest: "Her sweet, gentle spirit and smile. Her concern for others and not ever thinking of groaning about her own aches and pains."

Aleene Kracht: "One of my fondest memories is sharing books. We had our own book club. Also, she always liked you to look sharp and would keenly notice whatever new you had to wear. She always commented on how nice you looked."

Marion Merry: "Taking her shopping last fall and realizing here was a woman I could shop with! (Sales racks, etc.)"

Elizabeth Sessions: "Mittie Hatch has been an example to me through the years of her faithful, consistent prayer life. She was always concerned about the needs of others."

A note from Betty Yount after Mittie's memorial service reveals more of her character: "She would have been embarrassed with all the attention." Although ill in recent years, sometimes very close to death, Mittie loved and she loved hard. Mittie loved life, laughter, but most of all, she loved God! I thank God for the legacy of love in the life of His servant, Mittie Orr Hatch (CBC '41).



Mittie Hatch (sitting) with some of the Praying Women

Alumni Project Update

by Morgan Jones, *Associate Director of Alumni Ministries* CBS '93

THE CIU ALUMNI PROJECT IS MOVING RIGHT

ALONG! In fact, the progress and results are both real and quite exciting! You may recall the current project has three phases. I would like to share with you the progress on each.

Phase 1 – Alumni Center Enhancements: When you arrive at Homecoming this year, you will find



Morgan Jones

new communications technology is available to you in the Alumni Center. Because of your gifts, the building now has wireless Internet access for visitors with laptops. New equipment that enables voice to be transmitted over the internet (VoIP) opens the opportunity for missionaries using telephone technology like Skype to contact the Alumni Ministries team with no long distance charges. That means CIU can now conduct joint meetings with our Korntal campus in Germany. New audio capabilities will allow the CIU Board of Trustees to record meetings. A permanent video projection system will enhance training programs, including satellite broadcasts.

Phase 2 – Pamplin (Grad) Auditorium Refurbishment: Students and professors are both thrilled about the coming improve-

ments to the Pamplin (Grad) Auditorium this summer.

Technology similar to that installed in the Alumni Center will ensure a more comfortable and efficient learning environment. The original, 30-year-old theater-style seating is being replaced with laptop-ready tables and desk chairs. Please pray for God to supply the remaining \$10,582 needed to push us over the \$100,000 goal.

Phase 3 – Student Dorms and Parking Lot Improvements: God has graciously supplied the funds for this phase from another source. Due to safety concerns, this project was prioritized and is already complete.

We will provide details about a new Phase 3 project at Homecoming.



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One of the best things about going to a school like CIU is the bond that remains years after you've moved on into the next stages of your life. It's amazing how you can re-connect with people you haven't seen for years, or how much you have in common with a brand-new friend who is also a CIU grad.

Visit the newly updated CIU alumni website, and request your alumni account. Keep up with old friends. Make new ones. Stay connected . . . for life.

If you have questions, give the Alumni Ministries team a call: (803) 754-4100, ext. 3500, or send us an e-mail: alumni@ciu.edu





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