Hurricane survivors find a home at FPU
Bulls coach remembers lessons learned
Campus to host track and field nationals

Oh, the places we go!
Higher education and international travel combine for a powerful learning experience

Several weeks before my own college graduation, (then) Pacific College Dean Melvin Loewen spoke on the Tabor College campus. Addressing a group of young people on their way to Congo, I among them, Dr. Loewen said, “The Congo doesn’t need you as much as you think, but you need the Congo.” Initially, that made little sense to me because political turmoil in the Congo had created enormous human suffering in that central-African country. Those of us on our way overseas had worked hard and prepared well for our assignments as teachers and relief workers. We were committed to making a difference!

Only later did I understand what Dr. Loewen meant.

Two years in Congo, transformed my worldview and enriched my life. I learned a new language and culture. I built relationships with people whose experiences were different than mine. I gained insights that helped me understand my own background, culture and experience. I hope I did a little good, as well. Although I went to Africa in order to serve, the most lasting changes undoubtedly occurred within me because of what I learned. Those lessons not only stayed with me, they placed my life on a different trajectory by preparing me to live more effectively in a multicultural world.

This issue of Pacific documents the experiences of some of the FPU students who studied and traveled abroad this past summer. Having seen how my years of living overseas transformed my own life, I believe deeply in the importance of international travel and service programs. Some of these students participated in service projects; others engaged in research with their university mentors. As you will see, all learned and grew in ways that they could never have imagined. These students took with them the academic tools they received at FPU and returned to our campus with new insights and greater understanding, not only of the places they had visited, but of their culture and themselves. They are better prepared—academically and personally—to live out the words of our mission statement, which calls us “to strengthen the church and improve society through scholarship and service.”

Celebrate with me these stories of lives transformed through learning and service.
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From the Central Valley to the world—and back

What does the soil of the Central San Joaquin Valley send the world? I’d never be fool enough to attempt a complete list, but the rolls of the United States Department of Agriculture ring with apples, oranges, plums, prunes, table grapes, wine grapes, cheese (what else with wine?), almonds, walnuts, rice, sudan, seed corn, field corn, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, sweet peppers, sugar beets, bittermelon, wintermelon, cantaloupe, cilantro, dill, dates, dry beans, long beans, green beans, green onions, mustard greens, peaches, pistachios, persimmons, pears, pomegranates, figs, head lettuce, seed lettuce, quince, squash, broccoli, onions, garlic, bell peppers, chili peppers (Jalapeno, Serrano and Thai), cherry tomatoes, lemon grass, strawberries, eggplant, basil, leeks, parsley, turnips, cucumbers, yams, swiss chard, bok choy, ong choy, moqua, opo, donqua, okra and olives.

To name a few. If your mouth fills with cotton just thinking about it, there’s milk to wash it down and mint to freshen your breath.

That same soil produces another export listed nowhere in the USDA database: academics and ethics, in the form of Fresno Pacific University students. And the best part is that when students go away, adults come back, bringing more knowledge, a wider worldview and the maturity of those who have lived their lessons. They come back to become leaders and benefit their professions, churches and communities.

—Wayne Steffen
A dozen students from areas hit by Katrina start classes at FPU

A dozen college and university students displaced by Hurricane Katrina continue their education this fall at FPU.

FPU waived tuition and housing costs for students enrolled in colleges affected by Hurricane Katrina and is raising funds to help with other needs. Pioneer Catering, the university’s food service provider, donated meal plans, and Founders Bookstores, a division of College Bookstores of America, provided school books at cost.

Kimberly Sanders, a Fresno resident who had been a senior at Xavier University of Louisiana, was one of the first two students enrolled, starting classes September 7 amid a fanfare by local news media. N’Kenge Marcelin, from Slidell, Louisiana, who had been a sophomore at Delgado Community College, started classes September 8.

Sanders, an Edison High School graduate, came back to Fresno via Baton Rouge, Houston and Oakland. Heavy, stop-and-go traffic in Louisiana and Texas doubled the drive time. The drive to Houston, for example, took seven or eight hours. “That was a long ride,” she said. “But we really didn’t see any accidents or road rage.”

A relative of a friend told Sanders about FPU’s offer. The senior psychology major said she is adjusting well. “I’m just thankful I made it out and I have a home to go to,” Sanders said.

Marcelin, her husband and three children were reunited after several days apart and four days of no contact of any kind. She left New Orleans August 28, and her husband stayed in the area to help his family. She also went to Houston, then stayed with cousins in Los Angeles until she heard about FPU through friends.

Waves destroyed the bridge between Slidell and New Orleans Marcelin crossed daily. “It was like dominos falling,” she said. The experience decided Marcelin on a social work major. “I just want to know how to help people.”

In addition to Sanders and Marcelin, the other students now at FPU are: Kelvin Esemomoh, a Nigerian international student enrolled as a sophomore from Southern University New Orleans (SUNO); Kia Thomas and Amanda Milano, both freshman from Xavier; Christopher Vincent and Kalona Johnson, both seniors from Xavier; Matthew Mitchell, a senior from SUNO; Patrick Jewell, a freshman from the University of New Orleans (UNO); Danielle Robinson and DeJeune Craft, both juniors from Dillard University; and Amandine Ferot, a French international student enrolled as a freshman from UNO.

Admissions and financial aid staff worked with each student to qualify them for admission, transfer any federal and state aid they had and assess other needs. “They’ve had to do everything it takes three-and-one-half-months to do in half a day,” said Yamilette Rodriguez, director of transfer admissions.

Donations are still being gathered by faculty and staff through a community care fund, and the student government, which is matching total donations up to $1,500. Any contributions not used by displaced students at FPU will go to help other students affected by the hurricane.

“People ask why we’re getting involved—that’s easy, it’s who we are,” President D. Merrill Ewert said. “The extraordinary destruction of Hurricane Katrina has disrupted the lives and plans of many students and shut down whole universities. This created great needs. Our mission is to respond to human need.”

The program will be offered again for the spring 2006 semester. To apply, students, parents or guardians can call 1-800-660-6089. For donation information, contact the FPU Advancement Office: by mail at 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno, CA 93702, by telephone 559-453-2110, or on the website at www.fresno.edu/disasterrelief

Several students from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina share a laugh to lighten the paperwork while enrolling at FPU. The clothes shown are among the donations received from students, faculty and staff. Left, at the head of the table is Yamilette Rodriguez, director of transfer admissions.
Richard Rawls has taken on the duties of director of Hiebert Library. Rawls joined the faculty in 1997 as history and philosophy faculty and will continue to teach in the programs. Rawls has associate and bachelor’s degrees from FPU, a master’s in divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Emory University.

Rawls worked at Princeton University’s Firestone Library and Woodruff Library at Emory. His goal for Hiebert Library is to make it even more central to FPU and Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary. “I hope to increase the library’s ability to support academic and teaching aspirations of both faculties, to make the library feel more accessible to people and to have the library become a real center of intellectual and artistic activity,” he said.

Peter Wasemiller, director of university grants and research, wrote the lead article in the winter 2005 issue of 221-B Baker Street, the newsletter of the California Advancement Researchers Association. The article is titled “Is it Possible to View a Copy of Someone’s Will Online? The Simple Answer is: ‘No.’” He also served the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement on a committee creating skill sets for members, and on a subcommittee setting up advanced skill sets.

Peter Kopriva, special education professor, had two articles accepted for the Encyclopedia of Special Education: A Reference for the Education of the Handicapped and Other Exceptional Children and Adults, third edition, edited by Cecil R. Reynolds, Ph.D., and Elaine Fletcher-Janzen, Ed.D. The articles are titled “Independent Living Centers” and “Move International.”

Robin Dolarian, art professor, donated a painting (Natalie, left) to Children’s Hospital Central California. The piece was sold as part of the hospital’s Harvest Ball September 17. Dolarian also exhibited his work in June and July at Stephan Cori Fig Garden.

Breck Harris, business professor, gave two presentations in July at the 2005 Christian Adult Higher Education Association (CAHEA) Conference in Detroit. The two presentations were titled “Applying Principles of Servant Leadership with Adult Learners” and “Storytelling by the Christian Adult Educator: A Way to Create Transformational Learning.”

Scott Key, education and history professor, was a presenter on a program on Channel 49, KNXT-TV in August and September about alternatives to military recruiting at public schools.

Duane Ruth-Heffelbower, director of training and services at the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies, published “Direct and indirect speech in family mediation” in the summer 2005 issue of ACRResolution. This is the magazine of the Association for Conflict Resolution, the largest conflict resolution professional organization. He also presented at the ARC national conference in September in Minneapolis.

Billie Jean Wiebe, communication and English professor, was featured speaker at the Maple Scholars Banquet August 4 at Goshen College. The banquet is part of the Maple Scholars Program, which brings together selected GC students for summer research. Her title was “Notes from a Narrative Researcher: Every Study Tells a Story.”

Jean Janzen, English professor, was one of about a dozen area writers featured August 11 on Words In Motion, part of the Art Textures series on KVPT, Valley Public Television.

Misakian again honored for her part in bringing The Outsiders to film

Jo Ellen Misakian went to Hollywood—last time Hollywood came to her.

Francis Ford Coppola credits Misakian, now interim dean of the School of Education, with bringing the book The Outsiders to his attention. The Academy Award winning director liked her pitch and made a film of S. E. Hinton’s classic coming-of-age novel that put the words “greaser” and “soc” in the mouths of a generation.

Then a library technician at Lone Star School, Misakian organized a petition to make the movie because the book was popular with young people, especially boys. The 1983 film launched, or boosted, Tom Cruise, Rob Lowe, Patrick Swayze, Emilio Estevez, Matt Dillon, Ralph Macchio and C. Thomas Howell. Several of those stars visited Lone Star and attended a special screening at an area theater.

To quote another Hinton, title: That Was Then, This is Now. Fast forward to September 2005, when an anniversary DVD of The Outsiders is released, and Misakian is invited to attend a private showing at Pixar Studios. Still in the final cut is the dedication: to the folks at Lone Star School.
New faces
FACULTY FROM MANY DISCIPLINES AND PLACES CAME TO FPU THIS FALL.

Bruce Boeckel teaches English. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska, Kearney, and a master's from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His doctorate is from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He spent the last three years in Germany writing a book on German and British moral philosophy and literature.

Vernon Carter is director of cataloging at Hiebert Library. He has a bachelor's degree from FPU, master's degrees from Central Baptist Theological Seminary and Temple University and a master's in library science from the University of Denver.

Marshall Johnston teaches ancient history and classics. He has a bachelor's degree from Davidson College and completed his master's and doctorate at Bryn Mawr College.

Elizabeth Lake teaches psychology. She has a bachelor's degree from California State University, Stanislaus, and a doctorate from City University of New York.

Jay Pope teaches psychology. He has a bachelor's degree from Westmont College, and masters' and a doctorate from Fuller Theological Seminary.

New programs mix academic strength and professional preparation

Two new majors are making an impact in their first semester. A bachelor of arts in communication and a master of arts in kinesiology build on long-standing academic strengths to add to the breadth of professional offerings.

M.A. in kinesiology

The first kinesiology class netted 31 students. That proves the need to program director James Ave. “Our target audience is the working professional,” said Ave, who is also head athletic trainer.

Advertising for the group began in March and attracted interest from 100 potential students. A second group will start in May of 2006. “There are still people contacting us,” Ave said.

Program strengths are experienced faculty, practical curriculum and flexible format. Other FPU faculty involved are Dennis Janzen, athletic director and national champion women's volleyball coach, and William Cockerham, biology professor and experienced track and field coach. Some adjuncts have 30-40 years in the field.

Participants will be able to use what they learn immediately. Their master's thesis, for example, can be on developing a conditioning program or team manuals. “Students can tailor the program to fit their needs,” Ave said.

Instruction is online and in-class. Some parts of the program are available at the Bakersfield Center, with plans to use video broadcast and expand to the Visalia Center.

The goal is to produce quality educators. “For me it's a passion to continually prepare professionals,” Ave said.

B.A. in communication

The communication major marries theory and practice to prepare students for many kinds of life after graduation. “You can move in a variety of directions,” said Billie Jean Wiebe, program director.

There are 25 majors in the program, but FPU is no newcomer to the field. Communication has long been a popular personalized major and English emphasis, with Dalton Reimer, emeritus communication faculty, as its guiding spirit in the 1970s. Several current faculty are communication alumni: Billie Jean Wiebe, communication and English; Richard Rawls, director Hiebert Library/history and philosophy; and Richard Wiebe, philosophy and history. Others have gone on to careers in public relations, corporate communications and other areas.

Core classes provide an academic look at history, theory and language. “This encourages theoretical studies that give students a background,” Billie Jean Wiebe said.

Emphases are offered in communication studies, media and film, multimedia production and theater performance. Electives come from advertising, business, leadership, marriage and family, multimedia, writing and other areas. All majors put their skills into action in internships. “There are certain aspects of this that are extremely pragmatic,” Wiebe said.

Wiebe looks forward to the future of this major. “I'm extremely excited. I had three majors walk in the door the first week of school and sign up,” she said.
Lencioni advises vulnerability in leadership

FPU BUSINESS FORUM DRAWS RECORD 1,200

Leadership means you have to say you’re sorry. Or worse yet, you’re wrong.

That was the advice Patrick Lencioni gave 1,200 business leaders September 28 at the 2005 FPU Business Forum. Lencioni, best-selling author of *The Five Dysfunctions of a Team*, led the audience through the pyramid he laid out in the book.

Lencioni spent the rest of his day at FPU. He spoke of his faith and its place in business during College Hour, then spent time with students during a roundtable hosted by the School of Business. He also had lunch with forum sponsors, such as Bank of the West, Beechwood Advisory Group, The Business Journal, Dumont Printing, KIEWEL 99.3 FM, Wells Fargo Private Client Services and Quiring General.

In healthy organizations, Lencioni said at the forum, trust leads to productive conflict leads to commitment leads to accountability leads to results. “It’s simple in theory,” he said. “It’s hard to do day in and day out.”

Trust comes from the willingness to be vulnerable. Once everyone on a leadership team trusts, then they can argue. People who have had their say will commit to a decision, whether they agree or not. Committed people hold themselves and others accountable for results.

Luckily for any queasy audience members in the Fresno Convention & Entertainment Center, Lencioni’s style featured humor, not group hugs. Describing the importance of dissent, Lencioni noted his Irish-Italian parents, who were present, argued “once or twice” during his Bakersfield childhood. While his wife did not come from such a home, he assured the crowd she is now quite willing to disagree. “She’s a convert,” he said with one of his frequent smiles.


Valley can be center for restorative justice

Conference at FPU shows the way


In the traditional system, police, courts and society find and punish criminals, and survivors fend for themselves. “There’s a huge bias toward the offender in the system,” said Fred McElrea, New Zealand district court judge. New Zealand has made restorative justice the law of the land.

Restorative justice includes the victim by looking at crime as damage to relationships as well as life and property. Methods include voluntary meetings between victims and offenders and agreements on restitution.

A community could be organized around restorative justice, according to Dan Van Ness, executive director of the Prison Fellowship International Centre for Justice and Reconciliation. Van Ness calls his vision Restorative Justice City. “The community can’t just leave crime and punishment to the government,” he said.

Sue Solis illustrated the importance of the victim’s voice by sharing her story of survival. About 20 years ago a man shot her in the stomach at her home while her seven-year-old son was in the backyard. During the shooter’s trial, Solis felt as though she were hovering over the courtroom, not sitting in it. “I was so terrified. I was not present in my body,” she said.

Solis met the man convicted of trying to kill her 12 years after the shooting, when he was in jail for another offense. “He walked in the room and we both started crying,” she said.

More about restorative justice on the Web at http://peace.fresno.edu/
Armenian pontiff lauds diversity, calls for unity among faithful

Aram I includes FPU in his California visit

A leader of the worldwide Christian church brought a message of unity in faith and diversity in practice to FPU October 11.


President D. Merrill Ewert echoed this theme during an ecumenical worship service at Butler Church. This day is a way to foster friendships within the larger church and to educate FPU students, themselves members of more than two dozen denominations. “This visit has an academic meaning,” Ewert said. “It helps prepare our students to be leaders in a diverse world.”

The first Orthodox and youngest moderator of the WCC, Aram I was also a founding member of the Middle East Council of Churches. Born in 1947, in Beirut, Lebanon, he was elected Catholicos (head of the church) in 1995.

Worship is where Christians come together, Aram I said during his homily. “The church becomes the church when it becomes a praying community.” His Holiness led worship, joined by Larry Martens, chair of the FPU Board of Trustees, and Most Reverend John Steinbock, bishop of the Fresno Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, as well as faculty and students.

The catholicos wore his traditional black garb and jeweled icons, holding a staff during worship. He approached Butler Church under a ceremonial canopy as doves were released. Inside the aroma of incense mixed with the sound of the Lord’s Prayer sung in Armenian.

Outer trappings are not the church, however. “They are the symbols of the church in time and space,” he said.

About 300 people filled Ashley Auditorium for the pontiff’s lecture: “Challenges Facing Christianity in the Middle East.” Aram I repeated his call for unity and diversity in sentiments that resonate beyond the Middle East. The church must reach beyond its walls, he said, to bring a time of “recovery, rediscovery and renewal.”
Time in state politics strengthens desire to educate

by Linda Montemayor

Who could ask for a more beautiful place to work than the State Capitol building? I am one of 18 fortunate individuals who shared that honor as a 2004-2005 California Senate Fellow.

Every time I talk about my political experience with people, they are amazed to find out that I worked in the actual building itself. In fact, I walked past the governor’s office every morning as I made my way to my office on the fourth floor.

Oftentimes, I would look back at the end of the day and say “Did I really do all that?” There were definitely days that seemed endless. My responsibilities as a full-time Senate staffer often required me to complete a multitude of tasks, which required long hours. Before beginning my day, I took the opportunity to spend time in prayer as I made my way to my office on the fourth floor.

Education policy was my main interest when I began the fellowship. As part of my assignment with Senator Elaine Alquist (D-San Jose), I staffed the Senate Education Committee and regularly met with constituents and lobbyists on education issues. My dual placement with the Senate Committee on Public Safety provided me the opportunity to delve into a new area of policy that I have grown to respect. The committee worked on legislation that involved criminal procedure, such as background checks, enhanced sentences, inmate services, gun laws, sexual offenders and the like. I served as a committee consultant and analyzed a few bills set for hearings.

Early in the fellowship I toured the California Highway Patrol facility in Sacramento and visited three state prisons. I got a glimpse of our state correctional system and came to realize that punishment is not the only solution to society’s ills. In fact, rehabilitation and reconciliation are key elements in lowering California’s large inmate population.

Spending nearly a year in Sacramento confirmed my decision to pursue a teaching career. I recently returned to FPU to begin the teacher credential program. While in Sacramento, I learned about several key education issues that face our schools, teachers and children. My goal is to live out my calling as a teacher and to become an advocate for my colleagues, my students and their families. I plan to continue being a public servant and will work to become a dynamic citizen of our great state.

As I reflect on my experience as a Senate Fellow, I realize my experiences were invaluable. Growth was inevitable—as a professional, an individual, a scholar and as a follower of Christ.

Linda Montemayor (BA ’04) is a student in the teacher credential program.
At 7 a.m. on the Monday following the May commencement, 13 students and I boarded a Lufthansa flight to Kiev, Ukraine, and began a journey that would challenge us all emotionally, spiritually, physically and intellectually. This two-week (May 9-June 17) service/learning trip had a dual purpose: to serve among the Ukrainian orphans and for the students to get research training for Psychological Research Practicum, an upper-level psychology course.

We had been meeting regularly since the beginning of the spring semester to prepare for the trip. Sessions always included planning, seminars on intercultural experience and Ukrainian culture, psychological research training and prayer. To raise money, the team sponsored a raffle, a car wash and a Valentine-babysitting service and presented the need to their churches, small groups, workplaces, family and friends. We raised enough to cover expenses and give $9,300 to the orphanage.

Oh, the places we go!

FPU students bring home lessons from all over the world from summer study-service programs. If travel broadens the horizons, then our students have a wide worldview indeed after study-service trips to Europe and Asia. Lessons taught in this summer school will stay with not only those who learned them, but those who gave them—and in the end, it may be impossible to tell the difference.

Practicing psychology in the Ukraine

BY COSETTE CHOEIRI
Participants brought varying levels of travel experience. One had never been outside of California, but three had immigrated to the United States from a Slavic country within the last 10 years and could serve as translators. Andrew Gedert, an FPU social work/psychology graduate who has been a missionary in Ukraine for three years with Mennonite Central Committee, met us in Kiev and helped us throughout our stay in Ukraine.

It took three days, including the flight and an overnight train ride, to get to the orphanage in Makeevka. We were exhausted and in desperate need of a shower, but none of that mattered once we met the children. The welcome was warm and marked by Christian songs and Ukrainian traditions. We started connecting with the kids and that bond just became stronger day after day.

“Going on the trip to the Ukraine was a great experience for me. I got to enjoy another culture, and eat some great food. The host family that I stayed with was great. They treated us like we were their children. I believe that God hand-picked the team because we were all different, but we worked very well together. Before the trip these were people I just said hello to at school, but now I can truly say that they are my friends. The thing that touched me the most was the children at the shelter and center. From the moment we arrived they opened up to us. Their love for God was evident. I never knew that it was possible to start caring for people in so little time, but it happened.”

—Vester Bradshaw, junior

Our days were full of games and sports with the children as well as physical work around the orphanage. Most of the activities had a psychological purpose and were based on biblical truths in the hope of being beneficial to the well-being of the children. Due to their past and the maltreatment or neglect from parents, some of these kids suffer low self esteem, depression, attachment disorders and behavioral disorders. We encouraged them to participate in a writing therapy where they were asked for three consecutive days to express their deepest thoughts and feelings concerning the trauma of being separated from their parents. A Russian test for depression in children that was administered prior to and following the therapy showed that the intervention did decrease the symptoms of depression. The leaders of the orphanage welcomed us to come back next year.
and continue the research activities with the children. Results of such research activities are not only beneficial for the Ukrainian kids but, if validated next year, can be published in a scientific journal and serve for the well-being of all orphans.

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n the end, my travels to the Ukraine confirmed an infallible truth: That spiritual and intellectual growth is dependent, almost entirely, on embracing something different. Ukraine was about piercing geographical and personal boundaries to find that a kind people, in a faraway land, though different in culture and economy, share impermeable values of love, spirituality and a thirst for life."

—Lindsey Yohma

Exchanging cultures in Japan

BY BRIAN POPE

This summer I learned that visiting another country is not something one should do on a whim. From May 10 to June 1, I spent 21 days in Japan and left with a greater appreciation for the education I have received at FPU and the preparations of faculty trip leaders Doreen Ewert, Intensive English Language Program director, and Chris Braun, IELP adjunct faculty. They prepared me and the six other FPU students for a world different than anything we had known before.

To make the transition from America to Japan feel at least somewhat seamless, we had several group meetings to discuss different aspects of Japanese culture, including the expected assistance with widely used Japanese words and phrases and the unexpected instructions on things such as the proper way to use the Japanese shower and bath. This, along with discussions on religion, family situations and the Japanese way of life, provided a great foundation. Although my knowledge of Japanese language was still very, very minimal, I knew enough to get by most of the time. With that and a little help from my host family I was able to find my way around Japan, including the complex mass transit system. Getting lost, however, was a fun experience for some members.
I quickly learned about Japanese culture as we visited many Buddhist temples, shrines, gardens, museums, castles and a baseball game. Although the trip was not focused on missions, I learned a lot about Japanese Buddhism, and a trip to Toyota City and missionaries Laurence and Leona Hiebert taught me more about the continuing struggle of Christianity in a thoroughly Buddhist country and expanded my knowledge of Christianity in the world.

Towards the end of our trip and on the last day of a busy week of travel (we had a one week pass on all Japan Railways Group transportation, including the expensive Shinkansen, otherwise known as the bullet trains) our group visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum. The somber time spent by myself at the museum, combined with the group’s discussion afterwards and my own discussion with my generous host family made me realize that the true meaning of this trip was the learning experience involved. I saw many new things about Japan and its culture, talked them over with other FPU students and faculty, then tested my experience with my Japanese host family to better comprehend what I had seen. The trip was a true cultural exchange. Learning about another culture in such a direct way is something all college students should experience, as it greatly enhances the extensive education received at the university.

I know 21 days spent in Japan will have a lasting impact on my life. Days of traveling and hours of conversation with my host family allowed me to think more about why I do things the way I do. More knowledge about the Japanese culture, and also about myself, allows me to better understand this diverse world.

I have jumped into a place known only through images of despair, disunity, disharmony and destruction to find a place filled with real people and a beautiful landscape. These people have a history of enduring great cruelty brought upon them over centuries, yet always deciding to fight back and win.
This place is green and prosperous, with many crafts and gifts to be proud of, admired by the rest of the world. It is Vietnam, known to most Americans as a war. I have, however, seen the country, eaten the food and danced with the people. It is a real place that is working hard to make a name for itself in an advanced world that is fast paced and feels like it shows no mercy.

It is hard for me to pick out one particular thing our group of 14 did, or one specific experience I had that can sum up the whole trip. We did so many things and saw so many wonders between May 31 and June 24. At times I felt like I was walking into one of my old history books. The Vietnam War for example, known as the American War in Vietnam, is still recent to many Americans. While in the country I was able to actually see weapons that were used, airplanes and helicopters that were flown and pictures of physical deformities that were caused by chemical warfare. I even crawled through a real tunnel used by the Viet Cong to fool so many soldiers.

Even farther back in time, when emperors ruled, I was fortunate to venture through temples that were built for them, see the thrones where they sat, and the libraries where they read. But nothing can compare to our hike through the ancient Champa ruins. These massive creations were built in Vietnam thousands of years ago, before the Mayans constructed their pyramids in North America. They are just now being recovered and restored for the world to see and learn about this great civilization.

Having been to a country with so much history, I feel like I have seen more than most people will see in a lifetime. I have been to those places some people may only ever read about. While traveling I had the great privilege of meeting new people and making great friends. Led by Ken Friesen, political science and history professor, and assisted by Doreen Ewert, English professor, the rest of us followed, eager to learn and take in as much as possible. I feel I can come back now with so many stories that I cannot wait to share in the future with the students I will one day be teaching. I can now say to them I have walked the footsteps of famous and heroic people during a time of horrific events in our country’s history that happened half way around the world—in Vietnam!

Cosette Choeiri is a psychology professor at FPU. Brian Pope is a senior majoring in social science. Kristin Nolte is a senior with an interdisciplinary major.
Ron Adams lives what most sports enthusiasts can only dream. As an assistant coach with the Chicago Bulls, Adams can count on a courtside seat as he watches—and coaches—some of the world’s most talented basketball players dribble, shoot and rebound their way into history.

Adams’ journey to coaching in the big leagues began on a much smaller court. Raised in a farm family four miles outside Laton, he grew up amid cotton, alfalfa, corn and livestock. But he soon developed a liking for basketball. “I got a great sense of accomplishment when the ball went in the hoop, and I liked competing,” Adams said.

A self-professed “young, country bumpkin,” Adams found his way to Fresno Pacific University in 1965. Recruited out of Laton High School by Men’s Basketball Coach Gary Nachtigall, Adams chose to bypass San Francisco State University. “Having someone show interest like Gary did made the difference,” Adams said, noting Nachtigall’s humor and personable nature.

While the ins and outs of his college basketball games have melded together in Adams’ mind, his former coach remembers well. “From the very beginning, Ron was a real student of the game. He had the ability to break down elements into smaller components. He worked to understand the game,” said Nachtigall, who also served as athletic director and geography faculty before retiring in 2004.

Adams approached the classroom with that same analytical nature. He chose to major in social science, and is quick to pinpoint faculty forever etched in his mind: Peter Klassen, Henry Krahn, John Redekop and Paul Toews. “For a school of very few students and faculty, we had marvelous professors,” Adams said—teachers he remembers for broadening his realm of thinking.
“These people were not only good scholars, they exuded something great for people at the time: a mastery,” he said.

After graduating in 1969, Adams chose to pursue coaching and returned to FPU as an assistant men’s basketball coach. In 1972, he was promoted to head coach. From there, he moved onto a series of assistant coaching roles, including time at California State University, Fresno, where he later served as head coach (1986-90).

Coaching also took Adams to work on an international level. He served as a consultant with the Canadian National basketball program, two Japanese professional basketball clubs and the Belgian Basketball Federation.

In the early 1990s, Adams went to the National Basketball Association, working with the Portland Trailblazers, Philadelphia 76ers, San Antonio Spurs and Milwaukee Bucks. In 2003, he moved to the Chicago area with his wife, Leah, and two children, Jerid and Hayley, to join the Bulls as assistant coach. In making the announcement, Bulls Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations John Paxson said Adams, “brings a teaching approach that will help us become an improved basketball team.”

But much as Adams has honed his teaching skills through coaching, he is quick to credit those before him who modeled true teaching on the court and in the classroom.

“The education I was exposed to at Fresno Pacific...these people who guided me were very instrumental.” he said. “I’m very appreciative of them.”

IT’S A BRAND NEW DAY

That was the theme of the 2005 Homecoming celebration October 12-15. New and renovated facilities, new programs and a new academic structure were among the changes commemorated. Events included reunions for the classes of 1955, 1965, 1975 and 1995, as well as young alumni as a group. Alumni-student sports contests covered powder puff football, men’s flag football and women’s basketball, while alumni men played soccer against California State University, Fresno. On the intercollegiate side, the men’s and women’s soccer teams defeated San Diego Christian and women’s volleyball scored a victory over Vanguard. The Battle of the Bands and Candlelight Concert provided musical entertainment.

Sarah Friesen (BA ’97, MA ’03) and son Paul enjoy the Young Alumni Pizza Party Friday.

Great Britain Choir Trip, June 12 – 27, 2006

The 2005 Europe tour was such a hit we’re ready to do it again. Join faculty guides Roy Klassen and Larry Warkentin along with current choir students, alumni and friends on a trip to Great Britain. Stops include London, Bath, Chester, Edinburgh, York and Cambridge. Cost $3,500 per person (based on double occupancy.) For more information, please contact Roy Klassen, D.M.A., at rlklasse@fresno.edu or 559-453-2029.
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Bob (BA '63) Friesen showed his favorite pictures from his international portfolio during July at Kern Street Coffee Company.

Wally Kroeker (FS '74) published a book, An Introduction to Russian Mennonites.

Steve (BA '76) and Janice (BA '77 Reamey) Friesen moved to Austin, where Steve accepted the position of Louise Farmer Boyer Chair in Biblical Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

Victor (BA '80) and Margita (BA '81) Wall would like to announce their change of address: C.D.C. 166 / Asunción / Paraguay. Margita writes: We thank you so much for sending us the magazine of FPC and then FPU. After (graduation) we went back home to Paraguay. All these years we have received Pacific. It is a good way to stay in touch. This way I know about many of the changes that took place during these years. I would love so much to go back and see again Fresno—and at least some of the people that meant so much to me back then. I wish you so much wisdom, success and God’s blessings in the future! In 1982 we went to Filadelfia, Paraguay. We lived and worked there for two and a half years. Then, we moved to Asunción. Victor was teaching in the Bible institute and I was teaching music there and leading the choir. Now I am teaching voice in the Evangelical University, giving piano lessons in a music institute and leading a small choir in our Mennonite Brethren church. I’m also helping out in the music classes in the education department of the Evangelical University. That means we are pretty much settled here. In 2004, Victor graduated with a Ph.D. in history.

Stephen (BA '83) Hanselman launched a new venture, LevelFiveMedia, LLC, with partner Cathy Hemming. They have also just published their website at www.15m.net and invite you to visit and take note of their new professional coordinates.

Sheila (BA '87 Whiting) Henne and husband Rod moved from Lodi to San Antonio in November 2004. Sheila began an online resale business through “The Red Brick House” stores that she has on eBay and ioffer. Rod is a shareholder accounts representative for American Funds.

Lynette (BA ’88 Eason) Muscio and husband Greg now live in Grover Beach, where Greg is a general contractor and Lynette serves as the executive director of foundation & public affairs for Marian Medical Center in Santa Maria. They have three boys: Clay, 6; Jack, 3; and Wade, 1. In their free time they enjoy waterskiing at Lake Nacimiento.

Scott (BA ’95, TC ’97, MA ’03) and Malisa (TC ’02 Driskill) Johnson moved from Fresno to Columbia, South Carolina, where Scott accepted a graduate assistantship to work on a Ph.D. in language and literacy. Scott will teach courses at the University of South Carolina while pursuing the doctorate.

Mark (BA ’95) Willems received his master of divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary on May 14, 2005.

Joseph (BA ’96) Coppola is the director/dean of the new DeVry University campus in Fresno. He is married to Noelle Schwartz (FS ’96). Their son Jared has entered kindergarten and brother Caleb has turned 1.

Maribel (BA ’97 Ramirez) Hinojosa graduated with a Ph.D. in clinical psychology in May of 2005. She will do her postdoctoral residency in Houston, where husband Felipe (BA ’99) is pursuing his Ph.D. in history.

Mike (BA ’97) McBride completed his multiple subject teaching credential from Chapman University in 2004. He is also excited about another grandson, Mason David McBride, born on May 10, 2005.

Dora (BA ’98 Zaragoza) Childers, taught kindergarten for six years in Chowchilla and is now teaching kindergarten at Millview School in Madera for Madera Unified School District. Her email has changed to dorachilders@yahoo.com. Her husband is David.

Lisa (BA ’03) Freeman moved to Kyrgyzstan with the Peace Corps on September 13, 2005. She is teaching English and learning Russian in preparation for graduate school and a career in international relations.

Michael (BA ’05) Hopkins has been appointed an associate pastor at the Believer’s Christian Center in Fresno.

Roger (BA ’83) Nord and Kristie Hoover married March 5, 2005. Roger is pleased to add two step-daughters to his family: Jennifer, 16, and Melissa, 4. They plan to make their home in Fresno and attend Mountain View Community Church in Clovis.

Ara (BA ’00) and Tricia (BA ’00 Wichert) Anspikian married on May 14, 2005.

Larkin (BA ’02 Hand) and Jonathan McGowan married May 14, 2005. Larkin is pleased to inherit a daughter, Maricella McGowan, 61/2 years old.

Derek (BA ’02) and Julie (BA ’02 Uhl) Stutzman married December 17, 2004, in Bakersfield. They live in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Karen (BA ’02 Crockett) and Steven Madden married September 2, 2005. Karen graduated with her M.A. from CSU Fresno in piano performance. She plans to teach in her private studio and continue in church music. Steve is a full time music teacher in Central Unified School District as well as a professional musician.

Asa (BA ’04) and Karen (BA ’03 Veenendaal) Belt married July 23, 2004. Asa works as a home mortgage consultant and Karen is a sixth grade teacher at Jefferson Elementary in Hanford.

Ann (BA ’03 Kaufman) married Michael Hilton July 16, 2005, in Sanger. They moved to San Diego, where Michael is a software engineer.

John (BA ’03) Wiebe and Katie Fast (BA ’04) married July 16, 2005, at Rosedale Bible Church in Bakersfield. They now live in Shafter.

Jennifer (BA ’93 Plinck) Wall and husband Michael announce the birth of Justin Caleb Wall on February 1, 2005. He joins older brother Joshua, 2.

Bernie (BA ’94) and Angela (BA ’04) Esau announce the birth of Nathan Daniel Esau on May 11, 2005.

Suzanne (BA ’96 Mendrin) Kobzeff and husband Matthew announce the birth of

Nicole (BA ’97 White) Allen and husband Justin announce the birth of Isaac Deane Allen on their seventh wedding anniversary, July 18, 2005.

Sybil (BA ’97, MA ’99 Blaauw) Kolbert and husband Matthew announce the birth of Emilia Leeann Kolbert on April 9, 2005.

Maribel (BA ’97 Ramirez) and husband Felipe (BA ’99) Hinojosa announce the birth of Samuel Alejandro Hinojosa on May 7, 2005.

Anne Marie (BA ’98 Rosenfeld) Dueck and husband Jeremy announce the birth of Seth Michael Dueck on April 5, 2005.

Trish (BA ’99 Woods) Hirschorn and husband Oscar (FPU baseball coach) announce the birth of Houston Randall and Holden Parks Hirschorn, twin boys, on August 31, 2005.

Dave (BA ’01) and Erin (O’Hare) Obwald announce the birth of Kirrah Michelle Obwald on January 19, 2005.

Sarah (BA ’01 Jacks-Hutchins) Talley and husband Quentin announce the birth of Micah Talley on April 19, 2005.

Genae (BA ’02 Pratt) Herion and husband Austin announce the birth of Brysen Herion on July 8, 2005.

Aleksey (BA ’02) Tyannikov and wife Olga Kosachevich announce the birth of Eva Tyannikov on June 3, 2005.

Nick (BA ’03) and Karin (BA ’00 Stukey) Olson announce the birth of Ava Olson on April 15, 2005.

**DEATHS**

Moises (TC ’05) Caluya and wife Kim announce the death of their son, Dan Philip Caluya, on June 26, 2005.

Brandi (BA ’05 Rose) Hennessy and husband Neal announce the death of their baby, Sophia Rose, born and died on June 24, 2005. She delivered early and didn’t make it full term.

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**CALLING ALL ALUMNI**

**Phonathon for scholarships**

*Students are calling to support the Alumni Scholarship Phonathon. Last year, alumni generously gave over $50,000 in gifts and pledges.*

*Your gifts make a difference in the lives of students who depend on these scholarships, just as you may have, to make possible their dream of an education that challenges them academically, prepares them professionally and develops them ethically and spiritually.*

*Listen to what one alumni scholarship recipient has to say:*

“I am tremendously grateful for your kindness because I have the opportunity to obtain an education in this amazing country. I am originally from Bolivia and came to this country seven years ago with one thing in mind: to be successful... I am the first in my family...to go to college. I am having a wonderful experience at FPU and also developing my relationship with God.”

—Erlan Zuniga

Senior, majoring in business administration/management

*Every gift counts. If each alumnus/alumna gave $10 a month, FPU could award 80 full-tuition scholarships. Alumni financial participation is looked upon favorably by many foundations that donate to higher education, and by U.S. News & World Report, which annually ranks colleges and universities.*

*Please respond generously.*
Ewert appointed to five-year term as president
Board chair cites vision, dedication

D. Merrill Ewert has been appointed to a second term as president of Fresno Pacific University.

“We concur with Dr. David Brandt and Dr. Levon Balzer that Merrill is the right person to lead FPU at this time,” university Board Chair Larry Martens said November 4 during a public announcement to faculty and staff.

Brandt, president of George Fox University, and Balzer, former president of John Brown University, were the off-campus team charged by the board to lead the evaluation. They interviewed faculty, staff and others and submitted a report and recommendation to the university board. The board voted unanimously to appoint Ewert to a five-year term during its regular session November 4-5.

Ewert became the university’s 10th president in June of 2002, coming from Cornell University, where he served as professor, director and associate dean of Cornell Cooperative Extension. At FPU presidents are initially approved for three-year terms and can be reappointed for five-year terms. Presidents are evaluated annually by the board, with major performance reviews at the end of each term.

Praising his vision, dedication and grasp of the issues both on campus and in higher education, Martens said Ewert is also willing to deal with difficult challenges. “This illustrates Merrill’s strength as a leader,” Martens said.

Both men spoke of how much has happened at FPU during Ewert’s first term: enrollment increases, a reorganized academic structure and new or expanded buildings, facilities and off-campus programs.

For his next five years, Ewert outlined an agenda that included maintaining the Christian character of FPU, building financial stability, strengthening scholarship and promoting a culture of inclusiveness and collaborative leadership.

The evaluation was very useful for Ewert, who said it will help make him a more effective leader. “I learned again how deeply committed our trustees, faculty and staff are to Fresno Pacific University,” he said.

Spirit of courage, faith alive in scholarship
Mary Ann Larsen-Pusey 1937-2005

Mary Ann Larsen-Pusey was the person she wanted students to be: quick to confront injustice, compassionate to the weak, certain in faith, courageous in action and committed to a better world—now.

“She learned every day of her life,” Ellen Reed, sister.

“Students have caught her passion,” Katrina Poetker, biblical and religious studies faculty.

“Mary Ann gave us her friendship, she gave us her courage and she gave us her hope,” Hope Nisly, Hiebert Library.

“We were friends, and sometimes partners in going against the flow of the status quo,” Scott Key, education and history faculty.

The Pusey Family Community Endowed Scholarship

This scholarship affirmed Mary Ann Larsen-Pusey’s deep interest, love and concern for the community surrounding Fresno Pacific University. The fund is designed to encourage potential students to prepare for a life of service through education at FPU.

Eligible recipients will:
• Be in good standing and demonstrate a commitment to benefit from and complete a full course of study at FPU
• Accept the moral and ethical standards of FPU
• Demonstrate financial need
• Demonstrate the potential and commitment to make a positive contribution to the church, university and larger community
• Reside within the Roosevelt High School attendance area
• Be a member of an ethnically under-represented segment of the campus population

To support this scholarship, contact the FPU Advancement Office at 559-453-2110.
FPU TOPS 1,000 IN UNDERGRAD ENROLLMENT — RETAINS STRONG U.S. NEWS RANKING

FPU reached a happy milestone this fall—traditional undergraduate enrollment topped 1,000 for the first time. Enrollment is up in all categories and records were set for both new freshmen and transfers, bringing the total student population to 2,261. According to the 16th-day enrollment report, the 1,047 traditional undergraduate students represent a 7 percent increase from last fall’s 977. The 406 students in degree completion programs mark a 94 percent hike over this time in 2004 and 808 students are studying in graduate programs, up 6 percent. Traditional students are usually recent high school graduates or community college transfers. Degree completion students are adults with some previous college.

New sports are a major draw. A total of 65 new students came in response to the addition of baseball and the return of men’s and women’s tennis. The expansion of other teams added 20.

A new center and expanded programs drive the rise in degree completion and graduate enrollment. The North Fresno Center opened in August, and offerings have been expanded at the Visalia and Bakersfield centers. Scheduling has also changed, with classes organized into a fall session (August-January) and a spring session (February-July), rather than beginning several times during the year.

The number of students from other countries also nearly doubled this year. In addition, the university welcomed a dozen students from areas hit by Hurricane Katrina.

FPU is doing well in another popular measure of success: The U.S. News & World Report rankings. The university is again in the top tier among Western region master’s universities, and a top-10 best value in the category.

The National Research Center for College & University Admissions also ranked FPU’s website among the top 10 in the West. Nationally NRCCUA rated more than 3,000 sites by how well they provide information to potential students.

FPU is happy to receive outside affirmation, but rankings are one part of a broader success. “We opened academic centers and expanded programs, started a B.A. program in communication and an M.A. program in kinesiology and attracted another group of incoming freshmen who continue the high academic standards of the past several years,” President D. Merrill Ewert said. High school grade-point averages among traditional students continue to average above 3.6, and SAT scores for the top 25 percent average 1,220.

Degree-completion class gets early start at giving

Many FPU students don’t wait for graduation to become donors, and one degree-completion cohort found a way to give that was as creative as it was painless. Organizational Leadership 4 at the new North Fresno Center decided to contribute $1 per person per week for a year toward a display case in the renovated Alumni Hall on the main campus. Member Coleen Hoskins counted heads and counted dollars and figured the 20 students could do the job easily. “We just decided one less snack or one less soda a week and we’re there,” she said. And, since the gift will be more than $1,000, the class will have its name on the gift wall to inspire others.

HONORING ORRIN BERG

Family, friends and colleagues of Orrin Berg gathered August 26, 2005, to plant a tree in honor of the man who created the psychology program at FPU. Berg came to campus in 1966 and remained head of the psychology department for nearly 27 years. In 1993, Orrin and wife Ruby moved to near Salem, Oregon, where Orrin continued his interest in nature and trees. He died in 2003. Speakers included Dalton Reimer, emeritus communication faculty; Wilfred Martens, emeritus English faculty; Esther Klassen-Isaak, FPU Counseling Office director; and Ruby Berg. Here, Ruby and the Bergs’ grandchildren—Andrew, Ruth and Jonathan Reimer-Berg—help plant the tree.
Cockerham Track will be the site of the 2006 and 2007 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) National Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

The announcement was made by Roger Montero, Fresno deputy mayor, and Ruth Feldblum, NAIA championships event administrator, at a July 25 news conference.

The Fresno Sports Council, FPU and the City of Fresno teamed up to land NAIA’s largest championship competition. Events will be May 25-27, 2006, and May 24-26, 2007.

“The NAIA looked at several sites for this championship, including Indianapolis and the current home, Louisville. Fresno stood out as the city with the ‘total package.’ It was clear as we went through the bid process that Fresno has all the right people on its team to create a phenomenal experience for athletes, fans and this community,” Feldblum said.

“We are expanding,” Athletic Director Dennis Janzen said of the university athletic department. “I think this just makes sense. It fits in well with the direction our program is going. It is a huge challenge, but we are delighted for the opportunity,” added Janzen, who is also a member of the Fresno Sports Council board of directors.

The NAIA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships, which consist of 52 separate events, has the largest participation of any NAIA national competition. Over 1,000 athletes from 100 teams nation wide are expected to participate each year, bringing more than $500,000 to the city in hotels and meals. Transportation, entertainment, shopping and other expenditures are expected to put the total amount at one million dollars.

A leader in the development of student-athletes, the NAIA is committed to changing the culture of sport through its Champions of Character program. Founded in 1937, the NAIA continues to be a pioneer in implementing exceptional standards for academics, diversity and character. Today, the NAIA sponsors 23 collegiate championships in 13 sports for nearly 300 member institutions throughout the United States and Canada.

The Fresno Sports Council is a non-profit organization. The council board of directors consists of private citizens and members appointed by city institutions.

After 22 years Sunny, the Sunbird mascot, needed a face lift. What he got was more like a complete overhaul.

The new logo was introduced to faculty and staff August 18 at an unveiling in Steinert Campus Center. Cake, a video and free T-shirts for all present lent a celebratory air to the day.

“We needed to update,” said Athletic Director Dennis Janzen. “So we formed a committee that represented our major constituencies and went to work with an open mind.

“We sought input from several different sources,” Janzen continued. “And when the dust had settled it was clear that people wanted to two things: first, the majority wanted to retain the uniqueness of ‘Sunbirds’ and second, they wanted a different design.”

FPU contracted the services of Rickabaugh Graphics of Gahanna, Ohio, and in short order had their new look. “We tested the new design internally,” Janzen said. “It had a lot of support. It is a big improvement, and hopefully will serve us for a long time.”
Sunbirds sweep Fresno State in volleyball exhibition match

It was 15 years in the making, but over in just 71 minutes.

The Sunbirds used a balanced attack to sweep the California State University, Fresno, Bulldogs 30-21, 30-28, 30-8 in an August 30 exhibition match in the Special Events Center.

Lorena Zuleta led a balanced FPU attack with nine kills and added four blocks. Thais Julio and Lira Xavier had eight kills apiece, while Marin Shilling chipped in with six kills and five blocks. Julio matched Shilling with five blocks.

Freshman setter Shu Liu made her presence known with 29 assists, four kills, four digs and a pair of service aces.

"I thought we were ready to play and played well," said a satisfied FPU head coach Dennis Janzen. "I was pleased with our aggressive serving and our play at the net."

It was the first time the two schools had faced each other in the fall season and occurred before a standing room only crowd of 1,500. A few fans turned away at the door watched the game on a monitor provided by Comcast TV Cable 14, which broadcast the game.

Soccer women score once against CSUF in exhibition

Sunbird soccer women showed some "flashes" before falling to California State University, Fresno, in an exhibition match August 20 at Steinert Field.

The Bulldogs scored first 25 minutes into the game, then nine minutes later for a 2-0 lead in the first half.

Elizabeth Burns got the Sunbirds back in it when she hammered home a loose ball high in the box. That made it 2-1 just eight minutes into the second half. CSUF then scored in the 73rd and the 84th minutes.

"I was pleased with our effort," said FPU head coach Jaime Ramirez. "We made some costly mistakes that they capitalized on, but we showed some flashes."

See and hear the Sunbirds

Experience the 2005 NAIA National Volleyball Championship, Nov. 30-Dec. 3 in San Diego, on the World Wide Web. A streaming video of each match will be available at http://athletics.fresno.edu

Catch all the action of men's basketball and baseball. Robert Langpaap has the call on KXEX AM 1550, Sporting News Radio.
Keep your FPU family up to date on your family.

Keep Fresno Pacific University close to your family’s heart with this T-shirt especially for future Sunbirds. The shirt is free to alumni who submit a birth announcement to Pacific magazine. And don’t forget to update FPU on other events in your life: new jobs, new homes, professional honors, travel and more. Fill out an alumni update on the Web at http://fresno.edu/dept/alumni/ or mail to: Fresno Pacific University Alumni Office, 1717 S. Chestnut Ave., Fresno, CA 93702. T-shirts are available in 6- and 12-month sizes. Please specify size when ordering.

Kirra Michelle Obwald, 10 months, left, and Morgan Jacob Yoder, 15 months. Kirra’s parents are Dave (BA ’01) and Erin (BA ’00 O’Hare) Obwald. Morgan’s parents are Jeanine (biblical and religious students faculty) and Greg Yoder.