

Connection

A graduate in a black gown and cap stands on a rooftop with arms raised, overlooking a city skyline. The graduate is seen from behind, wearing a black graduation cap and gown, and black high-heeled shoes. Her arms are raised in a gesture of triumph or joy. The background shows a dense urban skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings under a clear blue sky. The overall mood is one of accomplishment and hope.

The Class of 2013

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Prepared and Ready for Impact

I love celebrating the season of spring on the campus of Columbia International University. Scented blossoms appear on the trees, brilliantly-colored flowers bloom and our carefully manicured lawns turn bright green — inviting our students to kick off their shoes and take a break from their studies to play a little Frisbee.



Spring also means graduation and another class of CIU students prepared and ready to impact the nations with the message of Christ. In this issue of "Connection" we feature members of the Class of 2013 and give you a flavor of their plans as God leads them to places near and far — in various forms of ministry, and in a variety of careers.

We also introduce you to a trio of Ben Lippen School alumni who make an impact both here and overseas. One ministers to "the least of these" in an orphanage in Europe, another among youth in the United States, and a third glorifies God through her practice as an attorney. You will also meet a CIU alumnus who has taken a unique entrepreneurial approach to serving gourmet coffee while serving others, and receive an update on WMHK radio's ongoing sponsorship of needy children in Bangladesh.

On the field and on the court, the CIU Rams continue to charge. We look back on a successful beginning to our first-ever season of intercollegiate athletics — soccer and cross country — and look ahead to men's and women's basketball scheduled for this fall.

Speaking of the Rams, after publishing the fall 2012 edition of "Connection" magazine featuring the Rams' first soccer match, we received a phone call from former CIU (then Columbia Bible College) student Lucille Hampton who attended in 1948. She went on to become an accomplished sculptor in New York City, and now at age 90, has donated to CIU her sculpture of two rams locked in battle. Read her story and the influence CIU had on her life.

A CIU professor instrumental in preparing hundreds of CIU students for impact retires at the end of the spring semester. Dr. Bill Larkin taught his first class in 1975. Two of his students reflect on what he has meant to them — one of his first students, and one of his last.

Also, the influence of another recognizable CIU figure — President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin cannot be overstated. His multi-faceted ministry over decades has had such an impact on many (including me), that a new book currently being written will honor and preserve his life's work for future generations. See details on the Resources page.

Finally, check out two very timely essays by CIU Professors David Cashin and Harvey Payne on one of the top issues in the news this spring: homosexuality. They will challenge you to take a straight-forward biblical look at the topic.

One more thing about our beautiful CIU campus this spring. Our grounds crew won an award from the city of Columbia for their work! Read about it in the "Around Campus" update.

Prepared and ready to impact — on campus where the natural beauty glorifies our God — to the remotest parts of the world where the Class of 2013 will employ our purpose:

CIU educates people from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ.

Yours for His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "William H. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive.

William H. Jones, President

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Around Campus

2012 R.C. McQuilkin Scholarship Winner

Imagine getting a call on your cellphone from the president of a university. He tells you that you've been awarded a full-tuition scholarship to his school. Then you lose the cellphone signal.

If you are like Drew Lindman of Farmington, Mich., you say, "I've got to hear that again!" and quickly hit redial on your phone. After reconnecting with CIU President Bill Jones, Drew was reassured that the offer was real. The 18-year-old senior at Farmington High School is the 2012 winner of the R.C. McQuilkin Scholarship from CIU.

Drew was among 45 high school seniors from 13 states and South Korea vying for the prize Nov. 30-Dec. 1 on the campus of CIU. The Eighth Annual R.C. McQuilkin Scholarship Weekend included intense interviews, interactive group activities, panel discussions and just plain fun.

Drew says he is unsure of his exact major, but wants to be in the ministry. He says he was attracted to CIU because of its ministry majors and new intercollegiate cross country program.

"That's an interest of mine — running for the honor and glory of God," Drew said. "God has given me an ability to run so I feel I need to use it."



Drew Lindman



Peter Spencer discussed being CIU's first black student on WIS TV in Columbia

First Black Student Admitted to CIU Recounts His Experience 50 Years Later

When Peter Spencer enrolled at Columbia Bible College in 1963, he made history. Spencer is black. His admission to CBC, now Columbia International University, made CIU the first institution of higher education in South Carolina to voluntarily admit a black student.

Spencer, a Jamaican who attended CIU from 1963-1965 for graduate studies, returned to Columbia to address a Chapel service on Feb. 7 as part of CIU's commemoration of Black History Month.

In an interview during his return to Columbia, Spencer said he got along "splendidly" with his fellow CIU students, but there was "a little tension at first."

"But even those who may have had some reservations at the beginning became my best friends," Spencer recalled.

It was different for Spencer off campus. Etched in his memory was the day he went to town with his white classmates and was refused service at a restaurant being told, "We don't serve your kind here." His classmates tried to intervene to no avail. So they ordered for him and they ate in the car. Spencer, who was not discriminated against in Jamaica, called that experience, "Shocking. Humiliating. I felt insulted."

But in his Chapel address to the CIU student body, Spencer said, "These experiences were allowed by God to mold me and to make me strong to face the challenges of life, so I am grateful."

Spencer would go on to become a pastor and missionary statesman in his home country, currently serving as a member of the board of Jamaica Theological Seminary and chairman of the board of the Jamaica Bible College and Community Institute.



Peter Spencer in 1964

The CIU Campus: "a pleasing and colorful view"

Columbia International University is a winner in the 2012 Columbia Choice Awards recognizing landscaping and beautification.

The awards are presented by Columbia Green and the city of Columbia's Tree & Appearance Commission. Columbia Green is a non-profit organization promoting beautification of the Columbia area through landscaping, gardening, horticulture, education and conservation.

The judges noted that the CIU landscaping is "planned to present a pleasing and colorful view no matter what the season."

CIU Grounds Superintendent Norm Stewart says winning the award means a lot to the CIU grounds crew.

"We go to a lot of effort to make this school a beautiful and safe place to study and work, but ultimately it is for the Lord that we do this," Stewart said. "We enjoy what we do."

CIU Grounds Superintendent Norm Stewart holds the Choice Award at the entrance to CIU.



Community Center Opens at Pine View Apartments

Residents of Pine View Apartments at Columbia International University now have a place to gather for social events, group studies, or a game of table tennis.

A new community center at the apartments includes club rooms with conversational seating areas, large-screen televisions, a coffee bar and a fireplace. A game room features table tennis, video games and a variety of board games. A kitchenette has all the appliances needed for whipping up goodies for a party.

Outside, a patio includes two large grills and the perfect view of the CIU soccer field. Rocking chairs on the porch encourage residents to slow down for a neighborly chat.

The Pine View Apartments are open to CIU upperclassmen, graduate students, faculty, staff and alumni.



Bottom: CIU Senior Vice President for Development & Operations Keith Marion meets with international students at the Pine View Apartments Community Center.



Salute! Student Veterans Volunteer for Flag Duty at CIU

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light ...

By the dawn's early light, on a near-freezing morning in November, seven military veterans, most of them CIU students, filed out of the CIU administration building and with resolution in their step, gathered at the CIU flagpole. It was the start of a new day of education from a biblical worldview at CIU, but not without these veterans first ceremoniously raising the flags of the United States of

Gary Hartman plays the National Anthem as other veterans salute the flag.

America and the state of South Carolina.

The new ceremony was initiated by CIU staff member Gary Hartman who served in the U.S. Army as a musician. As the flag was raised and the other veterans saluted, Hartman played the National Anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner" on the trumpet.

The raising of the flag used to be a daily duty of an employee of CIU's Physical Plant, but Hartman, who works in CIU's IT department, thought that more honor was due the flags, and the nation and state they represent. So he began contacting CIU students who served in the military and asking for volunteers for the ceremony.

"Veterans have a passion to be involved in CIU and are looking for a way to give back to CIU in at least some small capacity," Hartman said.



Baron O'Neal

CIU Student Honored for Volunteer Work

CIU student Baron O'Neal was named "Volunteer of the Quarter" by Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands (STSM) in Columbia. O'Neal is a senior majoring in Psychology.

As a volunteer, O'Neal provides service to survivors of sexual assault during hotline calls and at the hospital. While it is unusual for a man to counsel victims of sexual trauma, O'Neal encourages more men to volunteer.

"It is a myth that women will be afraid of a man being there after a sexual assault," O'Neal said. "It has been my experience that the survivor, male or female, cares less about who you are and more about how well you are doing what you are there to do."



The Rev. James Dixon



Chikong Shue



Chip Jones



Heather Shelley

Saying Hello. Who's New at CIU?

The Columbia International University Board of Trustees added two members with diverse backgrounds in ministry. They are **The Rev. James Dixon**, the president of the National African American Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and **Chikong Shue**, the chairman and president of SDSC Global Foundation and CentriHall Chinese Christian Education Services, non-profits focusing on high-quality evangelical theological education through e-learning.

A 33-year veteran of Christian education has been named the new headmaster of Ben Lippen School. **Chip Jones** has been an administrator, teacher and athletics coach who has worked with students of all ages from kindergarten to college. He most recently served as secondary campus principal at Presbyterian Christian School in Hattiesburg, Miss. He replaces Mickey Bowdon who is retiring.

In February, veteran radio personality **Heather Shelley** became co-host of "It's A New Day" morning show heard on CIU radio stations 89.7 WMHK in Columbia and New Life 91.9 WRCM in Charlotte, N.C. Shelley teams with Eric Calhoun on the show which is also syndicated to WORD-FM in eastern Pennsylvania.

Shelley has been heard on a variety of radio station formats in a number of cities in her career including Chicago, Cincinnati, and most recently in Asheville, N.C. She is also a recognizable voice on the commercials of national companies including Procter & Gamble, State Farm, McDonald's and JCPenney.

Saying Good-Bye

Jo Ann Rhodes never wanted to work at CIU. Not that she did not like CIU. Her goal after graduating from Nyack College was to serve the Lord overseas. And while she did plant churches and disciple women in the Middle East, the Lord eventually closed that door and guided her into library work, including a total of 28 years at CIU on three different occasions. She served as a circulation supervisor, book processor, cataloger, archivist, periodicals librarian and finally in 2001, she became library director.

Rhodes says one of her fondest memories of CIU is being a part of the opening of CIU's G. Allen Fleece Library — twice. She was employed at the library when it first opened on the Monticello Road campus in the 1960s, and was library director at the reopening of the library following a devastating fire in May 2010.

Recalling the long process of rebuilding the library, Rhodes said: "In the weeks and months following the day of the fire, many faculty, staff and deans came by my temporary office and prayed with me and for me. That, I must say, is one of the greatest blessings of working at a place like CIU — we are not afraid to stand by one another for encouragement, but those first hours were difficult, to say the least."



Jo Ann Rhodes passes on some words of advice at a retirement reception in her honor. Her husband Russ looks on.



Prepared to Impact



the Nations



Meet the Class of 2013

Frew wants to make sure pastors in his home country are well-trained. Tim has a passion for God's Word. Phoebe plants churches. Nate ministers to his co-workers. Jo and Bre want to introduce Muslims to Jesus. Some will enter the ministry. Some will cross a culture to share the gospel. Others will make a difference in the marketplace. But they all have one thing in common. They represent the Columbia International University class of 2013, educated from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. Here are their stories.

Opposite page, top to bottom: Frew Tamrat chats with CIU education professor Dr. Milt Uecker; Phoebe Liu; Joe and Bre look to the future together.

*By Bob Holmes
"Connection" Editor*

Tackling Heresy, Poverty, Islam

It has been said that the church in Africa is a mile wide and an inch deep – that is, while many Africans come to Christ, few are deeply rooted in their faith. Frew Tamrat says that's all too true. And he is doing something about it.

Tamrat is the principal of the Evangelical Theological College in Addis Abba, Ethiopia. As he graduates from CIU with a Doctor of Education degree, Tamrat has a vision for his own school to produce well-trained pastors who will properly disciple the rapidly growing church in Ethiopia so they can stand against three destructive challenges: heresy, poverty and Islam.

"Because most of the people are not disciplined well, they often fall into false and heretical teaching," Tamrat laments.

"I also want the church to play a vital role in eliminating poverty," he continues. "That can happen only when we have educated people."

Meanwhile, Tamrat says nearby Arab influences are "trying to make Ethiopia an Islamic nation."

"If we don't train and equip the church, it will be a challenge to serve and function in an atmosphere where Islam is growing fast," he concludes.

Through the Lens of God's Word

Lt. Col. Tim Brown doesn't know where God may lead him after graduation, but he knows he wants to teach God's Word in his second career. Brown is retired from the U.S. Army

after 32 years of service. He'll graduate from CIU with a Master of Divinity degree.

While in the military Brown taught Bible studies wherever he was assigned including the Pentagon. Now, he wants to do it full time.

"I have this real desire to help people deal with the issues of life before they have to face them." Brown explained. "Scripture takes a lot of issues and deals with them."

For example, he says the root of sexuality problems and addictions should be addressed from the pulpit.

"Before people come into the counseling clinic we can explain those things before they become a problem," Brown said. "We need to convey these types of things through the lens of God's Word."

An Urgent Call to 1-1-9

For seven-and-a-half years, Phoebe Liu of Hong Kong helped plant churches in China. But now she has received an urgent call from 1-1-9.

That's the number you dial in Taiwan for an emergency. It's also a new initiative among missions organizations to plant 60 new churches along the west coast of Taiwan where highways 1 and 19 are major thoroughfares.

"I will be helping them do church planting and evangelism, but at the same time I will go back to China to follow-up on the house churches that I have helped establish and develop," Liu explains.

So why did someone with years of experience on the mission field come to CIU for a Master of Divinity degree to focus on Ministry Leadership? Liu says one big reason is that she'll graduate having her skills sharpened by her classmates. ♦

Prepared to Impact the Nations

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“At CIU I learned my identity is in Christ.” – Nate Thompson

“In my classes there were students who were promoted from undergrad, and there were students who were already directors of missions organizations,” Liu said. “There was a great integration, and I love that because whether we have a little experience or a lot of experience we learn from one another.”

“(Leadership) is a passion of mine,” Thompson continues. “I am a leader, and I want to continue to be one.”

Making Friends with Muslims

At first glance you may think Joe and Bre are still in high school. The newlyweds have a youthful look about them that defies their mature outlook on life. They plan to become teachers, perhaps in the Middle East, a place where they can share their lives and the gospel with Muslims. That’s why we can’t print their full names.

Joe, from South Carolina, is graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Intercultural Studies and Bre, from California, with a bachelor’s degree in Teacher Education. While graduate work at CIU is likely in their near future, they are looking beyond that.

“Because we have this specialty of being teachers, we can get into places other missionaries would not be able to,” Joe said. “We want to go in as teachers — teachers who are sharing their faith with close friends, just as a Christian would here.”



(Left) Lt. Col. Tim Brown and his wife Laurie “a spiritual support and blessing” to him during his time at CIU.



(Right) Nate Thompson

“I am a Leader.”

The most important lessons that Georgia native Nate Thompson learned at CIU were not just in the classroom, but in the residence hall. Thompson, who is in management training at a Chick-fil-A in West Columbia, S.C., learned to lead as a resident assistant (RA) in a freshman residence hall at CIU. That is carrying over to the young people he leads in the marketplace.

“At CIU I learned my identity is in Christ,” Thompson explains. “When you’re a leader you need to know who you are so that you’re not worried about the opinions of others defining you. I coach (co-workers) from Christian values to develop these young men and women.

Moving Forward

CIU President Bill Jones often reminds students of the school’s desire that everyone hears the Good News so that everywhere the nations worship Christ, and of his concern of the drift of a post-Christian America. The class of 2013 understands.

As CIU continues to add new programs, initiatives and strategies, all plans are undergirded by the same firm foundation of core values that has guided CIU for 90 years, graduating students who desire to live the motto of their alma mater: “To know Him and to make Him known.” ♦

Ben Lippen School Alumni Prepared for Ministry, Missions, Marketplace

By Abbey Le Roy, CIU Student Writer

For seven decades, Ben Lippen School has provided over 3,300 alumni with the spiritual, academic, and social training necessary to make a difference for Christ. The context of their impact varies as graduates serve the Lord in ministry, missions, and marketplace roles. But one common thread binds their stories together: a Ben Lippen education prepared them for real life as followers of Jesus.

Ministry

Tamra Roland notes the importance of the strong biblical foundation she gained at Ben Lippen as preparation for her ministry to adolescents. Roland, a 2007 Ben Lippen graduate, is on staff with the Thomas County, Ga. office of Young Life, a worldwide ministry dedicated to introducing youth to Jesus Christ through relational evangelism. Roland intentionally pursues relationships with students who are disconnected from a Christian community or indifferent to the gospel.

High school students often approach Roland with difficult situations. It is during these times that she recognizes the importance of calling to mind portions of the Bible she memorized while attending Ben Lippen.

"Being armed with God's Word is so valuable," Roland said. "I'm grateful that Ben Lippen made it a priority in our biblical education."

Missions

Phillip Hilderbrand, a 2005 graduate of Ben Lippen lives in Miskolc, Hungary where he serves in a variety of roles. Employed full time as an English teacher in a bilingual high school, Hilderbrand has the opportunity to share openly about his faith during lessons on foreign cultures and world religions.

Hilderbrand credits Ben Lippen faculty for teaching him what it means to be in the world but not of it — a message that helps him keep things in proper perspective, especially when it comes to his involvement with sports. When he's not teaching, Hildebrand wears many hats with GoodSports Hungary, a nonprofit organization that uses athletics to share God's love with children. GoodSports also ministers through orphanages, camps, coffee houses, and a language institute. Hilderbrand's primary responsibilities include leading weekly

Bible studies, teaching English classes, and spending time at the orphanages.

Coaching the Miskolc Renegades, an American football team, provides Hilderbrand with one more opportunity to model Christlikeness on a regular basis. Although this is a demanding platform for ministry, Hilderbrand desires to invest in his players by demonstrating godliness and challenging them to grow in their personal lives.

Marketplace

Michelle Kelley, a 2000 Ben Lippen graduate, believes she has been called to serve the Lord with excellence. This mentality shapes the way she views her career as a litigation attorney with Richardson, Plowden & Robinson, PA of South Carolina. She explains that serving the Lord in the marketplace includes hard work and great integrity.

"As Christians, our work ethic should be of the highest standard as we are called to work as though we are employed by God Himself," Kelley said.

She adds that grace and kindness, are also necessary as she represents corporations, nonprofit organizations, and governmental bodies in civil court. As Kelley seeks to offer her clients outstanding service, she draws from her Ben Lippen education regularly, especially excellent research and writing skills she developed as a student. More than that, she recognizes the biblical perspective through which she evaluates her life and work was instilled in her at Ben Lippen.

No two stories are the same, but the commonality of a Christ-centered education is an unmistakable component of the worldwide impact of Ben Lippen graduates — whether in ministry, on the mission field, or in the marketplace. ✦



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1. Tamra Roland;
2. Phillip Hilderbrand
and friend;
3. Michelle Kelley

CIU alumnus has a “calling to serve”

Serving Coffee, Serving People, Serving God

By Bob Holmes

Beach Loveland describes himself as the new, modern day bartender. The 2009 graduate of Columbia International University is a barista — a person who brews and sells coffee — and offers a listening ear to those in the community who stop at Loveland Coffee, a drive-up kiosk stationed in a shopping center parking lot in Irmo, S.C., a suburban area northwest of Columbia.

On an unusually warm January morning, Loveland caught a refreshing breeze as he stood between the open drive-up windows that flank both sides of his tiny kiosk. It's just big enough to house the brewing equipment, a kitchen sink and a refrigerator.

Between customers Loveland described how coffee is his “ministry avenue” to fulfill his “calling to serve people.”

“I want to engage the community and be a light ... and I believe business is a great way to minister to people,” Loveland said.

The “FACE” of Business

Even though Loveland majored in the Family and Church Education (FACE) program at CIU, the coffee business is not a default career. It was his plan all along. He calls the FACE program “very flexible” allowing him to use 16 open credit hours to plug in courses from the CIU Communication program that would benefit his business (he designed his own corporate logo), and business classes from a local community college (classes that are now available from CIU's new Business and Organizational Leadership program). But mostly CIU helped Loveland do what he was called to do — serve people.

“People come in and share things with you, you see them day in and day out, they come here every week, if not every day and you get to know them,” Loveland said.

An SUV pulls up to the window. At the wheel is local resident Grace Allen. In the back seat are two pre-schoolers. She orders “The Adjustment” described on the menu as “A Maximized Living Latte crafted with Rich Espresso, Cinnamon, and Vanilla Almond Milk.”

*“The Rosetta”
A signature of
Loveland
Coffee made
with steamed
milk.*

Allen is a regular. Loveland, considered an artisan of his craft, raises his voice over the whirring of the equipment as he and Allen discuss a social event both of their families will attend. Loveland also greets the kids.

"Wow, that's awesome," Allen exclaims as she tries "The Adjustment" for the first time. "Bye, Beach!" yells one of the kids as the car pulls away.

A Kickstart

Loveland is 33 years old and married to Jessica (Hughes) Loveland, a 2002 CIU graduate. They have two children. He left what he calls a "comfortable 8-5 job" to follow his coffee dreams. But the Lovelands needed a "kickstart" to get into business — that is, the website kickstarter.com. It's a funding platform for new businesses and creative projects — sort of an online meeting place for lower-income venture capitalists who are rewarded with various perks for their investment.

The Lovelands found 93 kickstarter.com backers in 40 days who gave them a total of \$8,500 to get the kiosk going in late 2012.

"It's a humbling experience," Loveland says referring to the kickstarter.com response. "We're just managers of money and God provides what we need."

"As relationships and friendships are made people will allow me to listen to their story and in time they in turn will invite me to share mine."

talk and dialogue," Loveland explains. "This (Irmo) area is hungry for that. People are looking for that third place."

Loveland describes the "third place" as a coffee house where "craft, culture and community converge all in one place." In other words, an atmosphere for dialogue and what he calls "intentional listening."

"As relationships and friendships are made people will allow me to listen to their story and in time they in turn will invite me to share mine," Loveland said. "This happens now at my drive-thru location. While making coffee I ask questions and listen. In return customers ask about me and I'm able to share how the Lord is working in my life."

So as Beach and Jessica Loveland save their money and look for affordable storefront property, Beach is becoming known as more than the guy who serves lattes from a kiosk. He prays for people in the community, and encourages them from the Word. Such as the man who found out his son in the

"The Third Place"

Loveland Coffee also includes an espresso bar catering service for events such as wedding receptions and bridal showers. A local middle school has hired Loveland for events. But the big dream is to open a local coffee house, what Loveland calls "the third place."

"You have work and you have home. The third place where people can meet to

The Loveland Coffee logo, which Loveland created himself, includes a coffee filter used in his preparation, the crescent from the flag of South Carolina, and rays of light symbolizing his outreach to the community.



armed forces had just been deployed to Afghanistan.

"He came to me and said, 'I know you are a praying man, would you please pray for my son?' I've never told anyone I would pray for them — they just know," Loveland said with a little smile.

"I pray every day that the Lord would send someone I can serve (in a way) that would be honoring to Him." ✦

Beach Loveland discusses spiritual matters with a walk-up customer.



CIU Rams Charge Ahead



Cross Country and Soccer a Success; Basketball Moving Forward

By Melissa McCutchan, CIU Student Writer

It takes courage to start something new; but it takes greater courage when starting something new means breaking completely new ground. Such is the story of Columbia International University's first season of intercollegiate athletics that included the fall sports of cross country and soccer. These were the first teams that CIU fielded in intercollegiate play in the school's 90-year history.

"Everything was a first," Athletics Director Kim Abbott said. "First marketing efforts, first students, first team, first game, first win, first loss."

Men's and Women's Cross Country: We Are Family

The men's and women's cross country team bravely faced its own set of firsts. Most of the team's roster consisted of current CIU students, many of whom had never run competitively before. Still, the team trained hard and ran countless miles in preparation for their first meet.

"As far as experience goes, we didn't have a lot," head cross country coach Jud Brooker said. "My main expectation was just to see them grow and improve."

Abbott agrees that though the team was not as well-established as their competitors, they did their best every race and saw significant improvement as the season progressed.

"I can't say we ranked in the nation, but it took courage for them to step to the starting line and finish every race," Abbott said. "The victory came in that every single runner improved from start to finish."

"At our home meet, our women finished the race ... in pain, and they went back onto the course to cheer on the other teams," Abbott said. "I applaud Coach Brooker and the runners."

Through the many miles run, and time together off the course, Brooker says the

team grew into a family, seeking to glorify God through their running, praying before meets, and taking time to encourage other teams.

"I never imagined I'd get a team that would be so close in their first season," Brooker said. "They became a tight-knit family. For prospective students to see that in CIU is a huge draw."

Men's Soccer: Freshmen Rule

Men's soccer saw a strong foundational season, finishing with an 8-9-2 record overall. Their roster had a much different makeup than that of the cross country team: two thirds of the players were freshmen.

"We didn't have one guy who had played a game of college soccer," men's soccer head coach James Whitaker said. "(The team) really grew in terms of understanding what it takes in college soccer."

Of course, it took awhile to build the soccer team's roster. Coaches had to find strong players with an interest in CIU, and explain to them their vision for the soccer program.

"When you don't have a team, and you're building something brand new, it's tougher to sell in terms of getting guys to come in," Whitaker said. "We had to cast a vision of what we wanted to do."

The coaches also poured extensive time into building the culture of their program. Their goal was not just to build strong athletes, but also to disciple their players on and off the field. Through this discipleship, players have also started to encourage each other as well.

"It's been great to see the team challenging each other spiritually," Whitaker said. "They are starting to go deeper."

Planning for Ministry

With the cross country and soccer teams now in the off-season, the coaches and athletes are devoting more time to planning future ministries. Plans for summer training camps and team missions trips are in the works.

"When you start something new, it takes time to develop the infrastructure to do (ministry)," Whitaker said. "This year, we hope to take the next step on and off the field. We want to play better overall. Off the field, we want to continue the discipleship of our players and the opportunities for ministry."

Basketball Recruiting: A Full-Court Press

As cross country and soccer look to build on positive first seasons, men's and women's basketball are in the beginning stages. Men's coach Kyle Mendenhall and women's coach Tammy Holder are recruiting and building their rosters in preparation for the 2013-14 season.

"They have the challenge of being given one year to recruit," Abbott said. "In a period of 16 days, (Tammy Holder) went on nine recruiting trips. This is what it takes."

Building on Success

While the basketball program is just starting, the athletics department is making preparations for the next steps in their five-year plan. Women's soccer is scheduled to be the next program in 2014, followed by baseball and softball.

"It was an amazing experience to be part of starting something new," Whitaker said. "It wasn't without its challenges, but through challenges you experience growth. It's been fun to depend on God and trust Him for the next step." ♦

Opposite page, clockwise: The men's soccer team finished with an impressive first-year record of 9-9-2.

The men's and women's cross country teams pray after their first home meet.

Georgia high school basketball standout KaRa (CAR-ah) Thompson is CIU's first women's basketball signee. She is flanked by CIU Athletics Director Kim Abbott on the left and CIU Women's Basketball Coach Tammy Holder on the right.

CIU Men's Basketball Coach Kyle Mendenhall keeps busy on the phone talking to potential recruits.

Renowned Artist Donates Rams Sculpture to CIU

By Bob Holmes

When Lucille Hampton was a little girl, she used to spend summer days at the beach sculpting row boats in the sand and pretend she was floating far out in the Atlantic Ocean. But when her mother said it was time to return to their New York City home, she would look back at the beach with sadness as she saw the tide wash away her sand sculpture. But she was not deterred. She would return to the beach the following week and her hands would sculpt another dream in the sand, the beginnings of an art career that continues today at age 90.

A recent benefactor of her talent is Columbia International University, a school she attended in 1948, when it was known as Columbia Bible College (CBC).

In November, Hampton received CIU's "Connection" magazine in the mail and read that the CIU athletics mascot is the ram. That reminded her of a sculpture she created in 1977 – two rams butting heads on a mountaintop. Made of pewter, it stands eight-and-a-half inches high and just over a foot wide. She decided CIU should have it.

"It's a good time to donate something (to CIU), and it fits in," Hampton said in a telephone interview from Connecticut where she resides in an assisted living facility.

Hampton has garnered more than 20 awards for her work, has exhibited in galleries nationwide and accepted many commissions. Despite the accomplishments, Hampton is a woman with a dry, self-deprecating sense of humor when it comes to her work.

"(CIU) can use (the Rams sculpture) on a desk to hold a book up or something," Hampton said with a chuckle in her voice.



Fond Memories of Columbia Bible College

Hampton became a believer in her early 20s at a New York City crusade led by evangelist Jack Wyrztin.

"I just loved the Lord – I was on fire for the Lord," Hampton said about her conversion. "He started something in me when he saved me."

That "something" included a desire to be a missionary to South America, and the need for biblical training at college. She heard about Columbia Bible College in South Carolina and was considering CBC and another Christian college when she met famed Bible teacher and pastor Dr. Donald Gray Barnhouse and asked him in which school she should enroll. Imitating Barnhouse's booming, deep resonate voice, Hampton recreated Barnhouse's advice to her: "Columbia, 10 thousand times over!"

Hampton recalls her days at CBC with fondness, saying "I was in glory there."

She says she especially enjoyed it when she and her fellow students took the gospel to the streets of Columbia, remembering a time when she heard a person with a Bible on a street corner preaching a false gospel.

"Boy, I raced down there with my Bible," Hampton said, as she proceeded to publicly correct the person's theology. "(My friends) all laughed at me, but I said, 'no we have to put a stop to this.'"

Back to the Big Apple

But money was tight for Hampton and she could only afford to stay at CBC for one year. She returned to New York City to continue her studies, graduating from Brooklyn College with a diploma in General Studies, and later adding a business degree from New York University. In 1964, she began a 20-year career as an administrative assistant at American Electric Power Service Corp. in New York City.

In the late 1960s, unable to work while battling a health issue, Hampton concentrated her efforts on the talent she honed as a little girl on the beach, trading sand for clay as she sculpted a horse, eventually having it cast in bronze. Then she worked up the courage to put her sculpted horse in a shopping bag and take it to the Rockefeller Gallery in New York City to see if they would be interested in buying it.

"Can you imagine, I had it in a shopping bag," Hampton laughs recalling with amusement what would become a watershed moment in her life.

As she looked around the gallery she saw works of the great sculptors of the era such as Frederic Remington and Charlie



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Russell, who like Hampton, specialized in art that portrayed the Western United States. She assumed she was out of her league. But before she left the gallery, Hampton says the receptionist encouraged her to have the curator take a look at her work in the shopping bag.

"He asked me, 'How much do you want for it?'"

"I said, 'I don't know how to price anything, it's my first go.'"

"He gave me 24 hundred dollars. I said, 'Gee that sounds good. My stuff can sell.'"

A Missionary, After All

But in a way, Hampton also became that missionary she always wanted to be. When she left CBC and returned home to New

York City, God opened her eyes to see that the world was coming to her in the form of immigrants of various religious backgrounds. And just like in Columbia, she found herself back on the street corners sharing the gospel.

"I was in the best mission field ever in New York City," Hampton said.

On Display

Hampton's rams sculpture will be housed in the CIU administration building.

When informed CIU intends to prominently display the sculpture, Hampton's reply was, "As long as it gets dusted it off once a year, that's OK." ♦



Lucille Hampton

What if...

an alumnus had not referred Laura Story to CIU?

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God used a CIU alumnus to introduce Laura to Columbia International University. He may use you in the same way. What young person do you know who has a heart for God, a heart for the lost and understands that he or she can make an impact for God in whatever career path God leads them?

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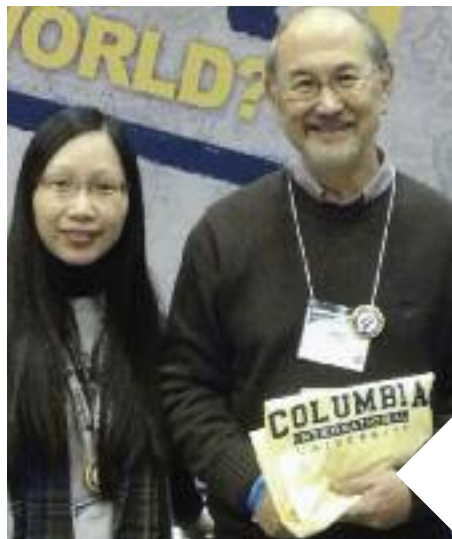
By Bob Holmes

Columbia International University seminary student Phoebe Liu had just arrived on campus in 2010 when she read a fellow student's post on Facebook: "I'm sitting with a world-class scholar and reading one of his books in the library." Liu later found out that the world-class scholar was Dr. William Larkin, CIU professor of biblical studies — a man who would become her own professor, advisor and encourager. She will also be one of his last students. Larkin retires from CIU at the end of the school year.

But long before there was such a thing as Facebook, let alone the Internet, Larkin was making an impact on students at CIU. Liu discovered that recently when she met CIU alumnus Leiton Chinn, a former missionary to Korea, at the 2012 Urbana Missions Conference in St. Louis. Chinn was in one of Larkin's first classes when he began his teaching career at CIU in 1975.

"Dr. Larkin introduced himself as just beginning his teaching ministry," Chinn recalls. "His humble spirit was not perceived as nervousness or feeling intimidated. As he reviewed the course expectations, it was clear that though he was a 'rookie' instructor, he assumed his responsibility in the confidence of the One who called him."

After 38 years of teaching and scholarship, Larkin's resume includes a long list of accomplishments. He is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church in America, and joined the faculty of CIU after a year of pastoral ministry in Philadelphia and the completion of graduate study in



Phoebe Liu and Leiton Chinn compare their days at CIU.

England. He has authored or co-authored six books, including Bible commentaries. He has contributed numerous articles to a variety of scholarly publications and is recognized by his peers as a leader in evangelical missions and biblical societies.

Chinn says he was a benefactor to Larkin's diligence to the Word of God.

"I was impressed with Dr. Larkin's focused desire that we learn how to study the Scripture and glean from its depths," Chinn said. "While he fulfilled his professional responsibilities as an instructor, I felt that his teaching was a ministry rather than a job, and that his personal passion for understanding the Bible exuded in his teaching."

Liu agrees that Larkin teaches his students to be careful expositors of the Bible.

"He teaches us to understand the Scripture within its context and communicate its message faithfully," Liu said. "His teaching style is more lecture-oriented, but he always allows his students to raise questions and share different views."

But it is perhaps how Larkin related to his students that they will remember the most.

"(He had) a gentle seriousness with high expectations," Chinn remembers. (But) more than what he said or taught was his humble and meek spirit."

Liu says that spirit was often on display, not in the classroom, but in the dining hall.

"He is actually very personal and cares very much about his students," Liu says. "He would find students at the cafeteria during lunch, and sit with them and get to know how they were doing in their personal, family, study, work and ministry life. He has encouraged me a lot through these little talks and prayers at different times. I am going to miss him dearly and am sincerely praying that God will continue to strengthen him physically and use him to bless many others spiritually even after his retirement." ♦



Dr. Bill Larkin

The Hammer and the Anvil

By Dr. David Cashin
CIU Professor of Intercultural Studies

Future trends are notoriously hard to predict. But those of us who have lived in Europe have noticed that, in the area of social trends, the United States tends to follow Europe's lead, with perhaps a 10 to 20 year delay. For example, homosexual marriage has been the law of the land in numerous European countries; in some cases for more than a decade. What do European trends tell us about the future of evangelical Christianity in Europe, and by analogy, in America?

What I call the Hammer and the Anvil, identify two social trends that have strongly marginalized and stereotyped Christianity in European public opinion and are likely to do the same in America.

The Anvil is terrorism.

How do Europeans explain terrorism? "Fundamentalist religion." I watch Swedish television regularly and the monikers of "bokstavstrogn" (literalists) and "fundamentalister" (fundamentalists) are ubiquitous in explanations of terrorism. The specific religion is usually not named, and so the attitude tends to be generalized to all "fundamentalists." Pragmatically, discussions have sounded like this one from American writer and poet Bruce Bawer in "Partisan Review:"

"One night over dinner, a Dutch writer of my acquaintance — a maverick gay conservative who could usually be counted on to speak his mind unflinchingly — insisted proudly that the Netherlands, unlike the U.S., had no Religious Right. I knew very well, of course, that the Netherlands did indeed have a Religious Right; that it consisted of Islamic, not Christian, fundamentalists."

In European media, evangelicals (fundamentalists) are considered, potentially, no different than terrorists. This

explains the assiduous search of journalists for "Christian" terrorists. There have been numerous articles in Europe that identified Anders Breivik, the Norwegian mass murderer, as a "Christian," despite all contrary evidence. It fits the stereotype. One might even say that Christianity is blamed for Islamic terrorism, not as causing it, but because their belief structures are superficially similar thus they must be capable of the same things. As Christian thinker Donald Hank wrote in the "Worldview Times:" "The clear implication is that deeply held faith is dangerous."

The hammer is homosexuality.

A self-identified Christian in Europe today will often be asked first, "What do you think of homosexuality?" If the Christian says anything other than total acceptance and "celebration" of the lifestyle, he or she is immediately branded a bigot. Try this with someone on a train in Europe and you'll see what I mean. The results of these two trends can be seen in Pew Foundation public opinion polls in Europe concerning views on religions. Islam and Judaism have both seen a gradual increase in negative public views amounting to a 20-25 percent increase over the past seven years. While the negative views of Christians are still at a lower level they have been increasing at a much faster rate in some countries, in some cases doubling or more than doubling during the same period. Spain, for instance, went from 10 percent negative view of Christians to a 25 percent



Editor's Note: This spring, the U.S. Supreme Court is deliberating two cases involving homosexual marriage. In May, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America is expected to consider a proposal to ease its ban on homosexuals. It's the issue that won't go away. How should evangelical Christians respond? Consider these two essays on the subject from CIU professors Dr. David Cashin and Dr. Harvey Payne.

rate in three years. This rise seems to have corresponded to the introduction of homosexual marriage in Spain.

How should biblically-minded Christians respond to being caught between the hammer and the anvil? First, keep the main thing, the main

thing. The main thing is Jesus. Second, when questioned on either of these topics, we speak the truth as it is stated in Scripture. We don't demonize, nor do we stereotype, but we speak the truth. The Bible defines homosexual behavior as sin, period. I am

not here to judge people who engage in that behavior pattern, but someday God will. Muslims, who deny the cross and the sonship of Jesus, are lost, period. That is true whether they are terrorists or not. I am responsible to share the good news with both groups. Finally, recognize and submit to the sovereignty of God. We are not in control of this culture, we never were and we never will be. God will accomplish His purposes in the midst of this corrupt and dying generation. We will seek the lost, we will persuade the lost and we will trust God to supply the fruit. ✦

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Overcoming Same-Sex Attraction

By Dr. Harvey Payne
Dean, CIU College of Counseling

Have you ever tried to change a habit? Especially a habit deeply embedded in your life for years? Not easy. Have you ever made a lot of change, but still struggle with thoughts and even some behaviors related to the habit? Change is hard, and until the final consummation of the Kingdom, never finished. For individuals struggling to overcome same-sex attraction, and for their families and loved ones, the issues of prejudice and misinformation often compound the pain and devastation they feel in their attempt to change.

While some Christians have almost instantaneous life changes and have victory over various sins, for most of us change comes through the process of sanctification. We change slowly by God's work of grace through the instruction of His Word, in deep relationships with other believers, through the work of His Spirit in our hearts and as He orchestrates events in our day-to-day life. The focus is not being sinless, but being transformed through redemptive relationships with God and others.

Even though today's sociopolitical climate questions the possibility of change for those struggling with same-

sex attraction, and even their right to seek counseling for change, the gospel of Jesus Christ provides hope.

At the same time, those of us in the church need to be sensitive to the struggles of believers who have same-sex attractions. We have not always lived out the truth that each individual is created in the image of God, loved by Jesus to the point of death on the cross, and pursued by the Holy Spirit. This truth should compel us to treat every individual with respect and dignity.

Unfortunately at times the church has made it hard for individuals to express their struggles and still be loved and accepted.

In addition, we the church need to understand the complexity of sanctification in the area of same-sex attraction. Scripture and science teaches us the causes of human behavior are multifactorial, difficult to fully understand, and often not easy to change.

For believers in Christ struggling with same-sex attraction, the counseling process starts with helping them understand their beliefs, values, and

identity in Christ. In his book, "Homosexuality and the Christian," Dr. Mark Yarhouse presents a helpful model of understanding homosexuality based on a three-tier distinction: attraction, orientation, and identity. One may experience an isolated or occasional attraction to the same sex without having a same-sex orientation. One may have a same-sex orientation, yet choose not to accept a gay identity. Christians struggling with same-sex attractions do not have to base their identity upon sexual desire, but can be grounded and strengthened by the Spirit in their identity in Christ (see Ephesians 3:16-19).

Change begins with strengthening our relationship with and identity in Christ to bring our behaviors, thoughts and feelings in conformity with our beliefs and values. For most people struggling with same-sex attraction this necessitates a comprehensive treatment model that includes the support of a loving church family. It also requires professional help through individual and group counseling for

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both the same-sex attraction and possible associated difficulties such as substance abuse, physical and mental health problems, and marital difficulties.

This is not an easy path, but the hard work of intense discipleship. As with Christians who have suffered with various addictions, some who struggle with same-sex attraction require lifelong support in this difficult journey of change — just like all committed followers of Jesus require lifelong vigilance and discipleship in our journey of God's progressive sanctification. ✦

WMHK Listeners Spread "Compassion" in Bangladesh



My wife Tamara and I had the privilege of traveling with nearly a dozen 89.7 WMHK listeners to northern Bangladesh in January to minister at a development center attended by children sponsored by WMHK listeners in conjunction with Compassion International. Compassion International is a Christian child advocacy ministry that works to release children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty, enabling them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults.

Our trip was a follow-up to a successful January 2012 journey to Bangladesh with Pastor Don Brock of Gateway Baptist Church in Ballentine, S.C. At that time we

gathered information, met the children and attended the opening of the center. Upon returning to Columbia, Gateway members along with 89.7 WMHK listeners joined together to sponsor ALL 150 children who attend the center!

We are pleased to report that after a year of the opening of this center, 22 people from five sponsored families have made decisions for Christ! This is in a

John Owens of WMHK, and his wife Tamara with a Bangladesh family. John is holding the child he and Tamara sponsor. The dad makes \$300 a year as a day laborer.

country where less than one percent of the people are Christians.

I once thought Compassion paid a local church for the buildings, the land and the staff at the development center, but I was mistaken. Instead, just like 89.7 WMHK comes alongside the local church in South Carolina, Compassion does the same thing worldwide. Compassion International works exclusively with a local church that supplies the land, the buildings, and the volunteers. Compassion finds sponsors for the children attending the center who are supplied with coats in the winter, food at the center (sometimes it's the best meal they get all day) and so much more!

Visit the 89.7 WMHK Facebook page or our website at www.wmhk.com to see photos from our recent visit and find out more about our partnership with Compassion International. Please pray for another 89.7 WMHK team scheduled to travel to Colombia, South America in August to launch another Compassion project. That will be followed by an on-air campaign in September urging families in the Midlands of South Carolina to sponsor Colombian children. ✦



*By John Owens
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New Book to Honor CIU President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin

A book in honor of the life and work of Columbia International University President Emeritus Robertson McQuilkin is being written. Organized and edited by CIU professor Christopher R. Little, the book will include chapters by such well-known figures as Ralph Enlow president of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), long-time CIU professor William Larkin, apologist Paul Copan, and Hanz Finzel the former president of the missions organization WorldVenture.

CIU dean of the College of Intercultural Studies Mike Barnett says the goal of the book is to use McQuilkin's legacy and writings as a foundation and springboard to carry forward discussions on various topics of fundamental importance for a new generation in the 21st century. These topics include hermeneutics, world missions, spiritual living, Christian ethics, and church leadership.

Robertson McQuilkin served as CIU's third president from 1968 to 1990. Prior to becoming president of CIU, McQuilkin served as headmaster of Ben Lippen School, then for 12 years as a missionary in Japan. Today McQuilkin is a speaker and writer, engaging in an extensive conference ministry across America and overseas.

Publication of the book is expected by the end of 2014.



Robertson McQuilkin

Inspired People Produce Results

Columbia International University alumnus Jeremy Kingsley is one of the most sought after inspirational speakers in the United States, motivating people in business and other organizations to fulfill their personal and professional dreams. Since 1995 he has spoken to over 500,000

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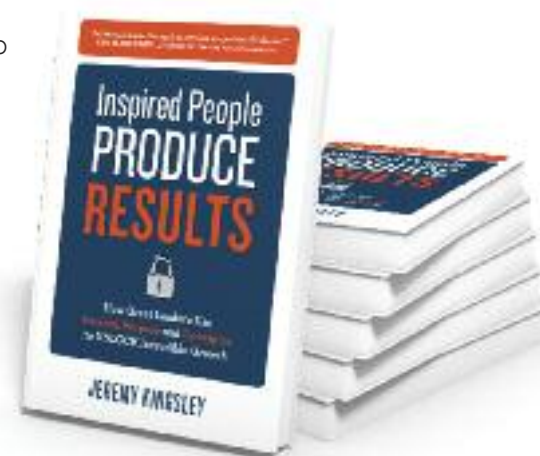
Kingsley is a master storyteller and connects with audiences through the perfect blend of humor, inspiration, and relevant principles to help each individual.

His new book, "Inspired People Produce Results" offers motivation and insight into effective leadership based on passion, purpose, patience, loyalty, understanding, communication and integrity, creating a culture of caring in the work place.

The book is published by McGraw-Hill. Check it out at www.jeremykingsley.com. ✦



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