Counseling Psychology: Building a Base for Professional Life
“Visions are born in the soul of a man or woman who is consumed with the tension between what is and what could be.” (Andy Stanley in his book *Visioneering*) He goes on to say, “Vision is a clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it should be.”

William Jessup University is the result of this tension between “what is and what could be.” It was in Dad’s heart over 65 years ago and continues on today. Northern California needed a place where the Bible was taken seriously and young people were spiritually, emotionally, and academically prepared to go forth and serve with excellence in the church and society. The need for committed and trained servant/leaders who have connected with God’s heart was evident then and has only increased through the years.

We want to do it right...the message never changes but the delivery systems must always be changing in order to get a hearing in an ever changing world. We are fueled with the conviction that God has re-created SJCC into WJU “for such a time as this.” We believe that what can take place to make a significant difference in the world should take place...and thus we are eager to take the risk and give our lives to bring it to pass.

Now is not the time to step into our comfort zone and relax. The tension between what is and what could be must continue to drive us to higher levels of excellence, deeper levels of insight, and broader levels of achievement.

We are blessed with over 100 acres of land on which to expand. In addition to our church vocational degrees, we have added new academic programs in business, teacher education, counseling psychology, and many more are on the drawing board to help effect change at every level in our world.

The power of vision is that God is in it! He is willing to show Himself strong to those who dream big dreams. He wants His world to look different, to be changed, to be prepared for His return, and we partner with His dream. Thus we move forward, confident that our new beginning is laying a foundation for an awesome future. A future that will accelerate WJU to become a premier Christian university.

We have just completed our first semester on our new campus with the largest enrollment in our history, and we are just beginning. The spirit of our university community continues to be one of joy, celebration, service, and great expectation toward all that is happening in our midst. Our prayer is that God will help us to energetically fill the gap between what is and what should be in our world in our generation...and we are starting to see the vision unfold.

It has been said, “dream a dream and build a team,” and so we thank everyone who has dreamed with us and joined the team! So many have sacrificed and “given beyond their ability to give.” We continue to stand in awe with the emerging vision of usefulness born of our desire to impact the nations of the world.

Pray for us that we will effectively communicate and create within every student at WJU a compelling vision of their usefulness for the future. They are highly gifted, dedicated, and willing to serve. Our call is to love them, teach them, and consistently challenge them to a clear vision of God, a Christian world view, and their unique usefulness in touching a hurting world. Our students are strong creators of hope within the hearts of those who are discouraged with the condition of our world. We are proud of them and are so grateful for the privilege of giving to them our best.

A clear vision for this generation of WJU has emerged! Thank you for your faithfulness to us during our long journey through the wilderness...the Promised Land is even better than we could have imagined!
Two Premier Coaches

William Jessup University is blessed with not one, but two former college presidents. Presidents who serve in important roles at WJU to move us forward.

Dr. Glen Basey, a former SJBC student in the ‘60s, served as President of Puget Sound Christian College in Edmonds, Washington, for 12 years from 1984 - 1995. He is now chair of our Teacher Preparation Program. He has led in the development of the department, hiring of the personnel, development of the curriculum, prepared the documents and done the research to attain program approval from the State of California. His many years as a college president have equipped him to be a coach not only to his own department, but to other areas of the college when called upon.

We are fortunate to have these two gifted men of experience as a part of the WJU team!
Counseling Psychology:

Building a Base for Professional Life

“H ow can I prepare to help people from a Christian perspective?” “What can I do to prepare for a graduate program in counseling?” Our Counseling Psychology degree program addresses these two frequently asked questions in both the traditional undergraduate format and now in our Degree Completion Program format for adults. Whether one is planning for a career after high school graduation or a mid-career shift, this degree offers a strong base for a wide range of career options.

The declining stability of family structures and an increasing need for mental health and social services in our culture are matched by a corresponding need for training at a time when governmental support is decreasing. As the costs for these services in the private sector are increasing, we face the challenge to make effective counseling affordable and accessible to greater numbers of people. Faith based counseling could be a significant force in improving mental health services.

The Counseling Psychology major at William Jessup University is designed as an applied program combining foundational and theoretical knowledge with practical and applicable counseling skills. The counseling faculty seeks to integrate their professional capabilities in clinical, testing/research, social work, and educational settings with their student’s classroom and fieldwork experiences. For example, Professor Ken Logan brings current and relevant experience he receives from utilizing Parent-child Interactive Therapy with families in need to his classroom instruction of students.

The competencies learned in WJU’s Counseling Psychology program begin with a broad knowledge of human growth and development. The program seeks to integrate the student’s educational setting with faith centered instruction while utilizing methods that are clinically relevant, biblically sound, and culturally sensitive. Students learn to interview, listen, critically assess, develop treatment plans, carry out interventions, and evaluate progress in helping relationships both within their own and across cultural boundaries.

The program strives to prepare students to be relevant in the helping professions while upholding the fundamental truths present in our Judeo-Christian heritage. “It is our job to examine the wisdom of our day accumulated through research in the field of psychology,” explains Dr. Bev Wiens, chair of the department. Students “are challenged to weigh research results on outcomes effectiveness and to consider the role of Scripture in defining goals and procedures for change as they prepare for the work of assessment and treatment of individuals.”

Graduates and current students demonstrate the advantage of the new skills and theoretical perspectives learned in the program. Whether choosing to continue their education at the graduate level or providing direct counseling in a community college, serving as a dispatcher for 9-1-1, or working in a youth ministry, the sensitivities developed in this program assist both individual and group communication at home and abroad.

Bev Wiens, Ph.D.
Chair, Counseling Psychology Department
William Jessup University

Dr. Wiens has been teaching at WJU for 23 years and brings to the University a keen appreciation for the freedom to integrate her faith with the study of psychology in the classroom. Prior to joining the WJU faculty, she taught in the Family Life Science department at West Valley College, and in the Child Development departments at San Jose City College and San Jose State University. In addition to her teaching at WJU, Dr. Wiens has served as an adjunct faculty member at Western Seminary.

Dr. Wiens earned her bachelor’s and master’s degree in Child Development/Family Relations from San Jose State University, a master’s in Counseling from Santa Clara University, and her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the Northern California Graduate University.

Cover Photo:
Debbie Akers is a 9-1-1 dispatcher for Santa Clara County Communications and a student in the Degree Completion Counseling Psychology program.
A Relevant Approach to Helping:

A Student’s Experience

Unlike many of my fellow faculty and staff members, I only recently joined William Jessup University in August and was determined to familiarize myself with the culture and find my place. I came to understand the heartbeat of what WJU is through stories like the one that follows of the “WJU experience.”

Adriana Casas, a senior in the Counseling Psychology program, is currently enrolled in fieldwork experience as a suicide prevention crisis line counselor in Sacramento. An “A” student, Adriana, who is presently applying to graduate programs in clinical psychology, has been interacting with people in intensive crises and suicidal situations since October. As she takes calls from people in desperate need, she listens, reassures, and refers people to services that can better meet their needs. Working in a secular setting, she has “learned the value of imaging Christ to others in their time of need.” Adriana finds that “skills learned from classes in the counseling psychology major at WJU have placed me far ahead of many of the students I work with from other schools.”

The WJU counseling psychology major is a more applied degree than traditional undergraduate psychology programs, which allows students to develop counseling skills that are typically not learned until graduate level training. Preparing students in the art of soul care from a Judeo-Christian perspective is one of the hallmarks of the counseling psychology degree, by maintaining both clinical relevance and biblical integrity at the same time.

Adriana is an obvious fruit of this mission of the program. “My WJU experience has been awesome and my classes have benefited me greatly.” Adriana finds that her faculty “focus on showing me how to be a counselor who stands on Christian conviction and is able to understand and apply relevant counseling skills.” The program aids students in becoming a more effective and relevant source of help to those in need. From her experience at suicide prevention, Adriana has found that, in addition to the obvious value in the clinical setting, “caregivers in the church would benefit greatly from learning more about suicide prevention, especially when working with teens and seniors,” her most frequent callers.

Adriana cites her education at WJU with providing her an integrated perspective which undergirds her actions. “I know God better and I have become more aware of how much He loves His people. I now know how much He has done for us because of this love. This has caused me to value people more.” I have found this theme throughout the campus and, as a result, I have easily come to find my place in this family. Students at WJU talk about passion and calling. It is a blessing and honor to be here, working with the next generation of human service leaders — students with the heart of Christ, like Adriana.
Alumni Profile

Curt Palmer, 1979

When asked to write up a short article about myself, and my memories and experience at SJBC, I thought, “Sure, no problem.” Then it hit me - that was 25 years ago!

I remember praying as a young man that God would lead me to a place where I could be prepared to serve His kingdom. It was a short time later at a “Crossbearer’s Crusade,” that I was first introduced to SJBC. I knew immediately that SJBC was the place where I needed to be. Debbie and I were only married for about a month when we arrived at the college the following year. We attended back in 1975 – 79, the “glory days” and studied under folks like Woodrow Phillips, Dallas Meserve, George Alder, Willard Black, Reuben Ratzlaf, Jim North, Mike Bowman, a young Bryce Jessup and even younger Jim Crain. Christian rock music was just beginning to explode. Long hair and beards were still in. The Spirit was moving in exciting ways.

Our first year at college was quite a roller coaster ride. We struggled to find jobs, buy groceries, pay rent, establish a home, and balance a full load of classes. During that first quarter we both were sick, out of school for about a month, and our apartment was broken into. But, despite the struggles, God provided us with some deep and lasting friendships which have endured and grown over the last 25 years. Through our 4 years at SJBC we learned two great lessons. First, that ministry is about being connected as a family, loving and serving each other, with love enduring through the tough times, and second, that our faith must be solidly grounded and growing in knowledge of God’s Word.

After college, I served as youth and associate pastor in a small church in San Leandro. We took the lessons learned at SJBC into the ministry and served there for 13 years. We were blessed with two wonderful, handsome and intelligent sons, Chris and Andy. In 1990, I returned to school for a Masters in Counseling, fully intending to enter the world of Marriage and Family Therapy, especially counseling children. After graduation, I had the great opportunity to work with the wonderful people at Christian Counseling Center for a few years. But, God had other plans, and gently guided me into the public school system, where I have worked as a School Psychologist, providing assistance to children and families with special education needs, for the past eight years.

It is amazing how the LORD answers prayers. Over the last few years our prayers have been for Him to lead us to another level of service in His kingdom. He got hold of our son’s heart (Andy) and drew him to San Jose Christian College, which gradually opened up a chance for me to return to what is now William Jessup University, as an adjunct professor. What a treat! I am thrilled that the LORD has equipped me to do my part for His kingdom. It feels like we’ve come home, full circle. I can’t wait to see what God has in store for us here.

Facts & Folks is now online! There are many alumni and former students that have posted info about their lives, ministries, and families! It is so great to keep in touch this way! Go to www.Jessup.edu and click on Alumni and Supporters then click on Alumni/Former Student Directory. Add your name and summary of life experiences since your days at SJBC/SJCC/WJU. Classmates and friends would love to hear what you have been up to and you can have a lot of fun catching up with old friends! Check it out!
Where in the world are the Warrior Alumni?

Broadcaster readers want to know! Beginning this issue, you will find an Alumni Update Form in each Broadcaster. Take some time to fill it out, then simply mail it back to the WJU Advancement Office in the enclosed Business Reply Envelope. This is a great way to find out what other alums are doing, and they can know more about you!

Warrior Alumni Update

Please fill out this form and mail back in the enclosed business reply envelope or to:
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Note: Unless the box below is checked, this information will be published in the WJU Broadcaster and on the University website.

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General information (employment, hobbies, graduate studies, community activities, etc.):

Comments on family, job, community involvement, ministries, other:

Weddings (include bride/groom hometowns; spouse's WJU/SJCC class year, if applicable, wedding location and date):

Births (include baby's name and birthdate, and spouse's maiden name and WJU/SJCC class year, if applicable):

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William Jessup University
Rocklin, California campus
Our ability to build a learning environment relies on a balance of intellectual pursuits, tempered by the bedrock of our faith,” states Rhonda Capron, adjunct faculty member in the Degree Completion Program (DCP).

The appointment of Ms. Capron illustrates the value WJU places on the critical importance of the selection and assignment of faculty. Since it is true that a student will be like his/her teacher when fully equipped, we look at the lives of our present and prospective faculty members to be sure they are modeling what we want our students to become both professionally and as committed Christians. The selection process requires documentation of previous achievements, academic credentials, and personal lifestyle. It also requires that the prospective faculty person demonstrate competence in teaching adults while integrating faith as the students learn.

Ms. Capron, who is teaching in the area of management, comes with a strong background in management and organizational leadership. Currently Vice President of Oracle Support for the Oracle Corporation, Ms. Capron has over 20 years of experience in information technology, having progressed from a technical background to selling and managing multimillion dollar projects. In addition to her corporate experience, she brings significant military experience as a long range planner at the Pentagon to bear in her teaching and leadership.

Please join us in welcoming two new members to our University that will be serving in our Advancement office: Kathleen Tucker has agreed to shoulder the responsibilities of the Director of University Fund and Christy Jewell the Assistant Director of University Fund.

Kathleen comes to us after working most recently in marketing, public relations and as General Manager/Limited Partner at Sunset Whitney Country Club here in Rocklin. She and her husband live in Rocklin and are members of Adventure Christian Church. Kathleen has served the University well this past year on our Sacramento Advisory Committee and brings a wonderful skill set to our efforts in annual giving and community relations.

Christy brings to us a wonderful background of program coordination and community partnerships. She will work on a number of tasks related to our direct mail, the Broadcaster, and special projects within the office. Her background has primarily been in the areas of education and workforce development, career planning and training. She most recently has worked as an Associate with a management consulting group, the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools, and the Ventura County Workforce Development Division. Christy and her husband live in Rocklin with their 3 year old son.

The University’s need for financial partnership has never been greater. As WJU continues to expand, the need for financial assistance has increased greatly. We also desire to thank those who give willingly from their hearts to support Christian higher education. In the future, we will use this page to share how many have and will help WJU become a premier Christian university.
Cross country runners can appreciate how life and sport can be a journey.

Traversing over long distances can provide a unique metaphor for the miles of experiences one covers through the years.

For Sara Kelly, she only recently slowed down to take pleasure in the view of what God is doing in her life. Kelly, a freshman Counseling Psychology major at William Jessup University and a graduate of Del Oro High, in Loomis, enjoyed success in cross country in the University's inaugural season of competition and the freshman's second year as a distance runner.

On November 8, 2004 in Elsah, Illinois, Sara made history by becoming William Jessup University’s first individual national champion by winning the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Championship. Kelly, also a freshman All-American, took an early lead, and held off challengers Elena Yates, defending champion (University of Dallas) and Kim Anderson (Southern Virginia University) throughout the challenging 6-kilometer course at Principia College. Kelly finished the race in a time of 24:52, 27 seconds ahead of Yates.

“It was a great honor to compete at the Nationals,” said Kelly, “My focus was to rejoice in the Lord throughout the race no matter what the outcome; and yet it’s so unbelievable to finish in first, knowing that there were several competitors ranked ahead of me.”

Kelly has been a bright spot for the Warriors all season, recording a personal best 5-kilometer at the UC-Davis Invitational with a time of 19:40 and winning the first annual William Jessup Invitational to set the course record.

William Jessup University also sent three men to compete at the USCAA Championships, as the Warriors set numerous milestones in their first season. All three men finished in the top 16 positions (out of a field of 65 runners) on the 8-kilometer course. Freshmen Tom Harrer and Tim Steele took 11th and 12th place with times of 29:59 and 30:05 respectively, while Jacob Rydman, a junior, finished in 16th with 30:47 clocking.

“Tom, Jake, and I worked really hard this year in order to share this experience,” said Steele, “I’m also glad to see Sara finish her season well, because she trained right along with our top men’s group the whole year.”

Coach Nick Vogt remembers watching Sara compete last year as a senior for Del Oro High School at the Cross Country State Meet in Fresno, CA where she ran a season best of 21:08 for 5K and later ran some decent 800m & 1500m times in track.

After graduating last year, Sara planned on taking courses at Sierra College or American River College and figured that her running career was done. But, during the summer, she learned that Tim (Steele), a friend from church, was going to go to William Jessup on a cross country scholarship. Kelly applied online and then called and met with Coach Vogt.

Coach Vogt recalls, “With her work ethic, I knew she would continue to improve at the college level. It has been a pleasure to work with her as well as the other runners on the team who were very supportive of one another, both on and off the track.”
By Dr. Paul Blezien

Paul Blezien
Vice President for Student Development

Below: WJU Christmas Tree in the Village

Blending Old Traditions with New Directions

So much of the transition to our new space at William Jessup University has involved determining what of the best things about San Jose Christian College can be incorporated or adapted to who we are now and who we are becoming as a premier Christian higher educational institution. The Israelites lived very different in the Promised Land than they did in the desert and yet there were elements of their wilderness existence that carried over and were adapted to their lives in Canaan.

One example of this is the annual lighting of the Christmas tree that was a tradition that helped solidify the feeling of family at SJCC. Many hours of effort were put forth by Tom Stephens, Associate Dean of Students, and Billy Maus, Maintenance to put up the tree shown in the photo below. The scene in the photo illustrates how the Christmas tree itself, as well as the lighting ceremony that occurred on Friday, December 3, 2004, served the traditional purpose of building community at our school.

The Campus Activities Board (CAB) and the students who volunteer their efforts, Cabbies as they are affectionately called, is responsible for programming social activities at WJU. Under the leadership of P.C. Walker, Student Activities Advisor and RD for Gamma Hall, they have demonstrated a real sensitivity to integrating the best of our past with the quality of our future. For example, CAB was the group who put together the program for the Christmas tree lighting ceremony. They have also worked hard to transform the Commons (see photos at left) area adjacent to the Library into a space that fosters community. Combining the tradition of the Godly Grounds coffeehouse (see photo: above, right) at SJCC with frequent live entertainment has lent itself to that goal quite well.

Is there a tradition or aspect of our SJCC heritage that you believe should not be lost in the transition? The calendar included with this issue of the Broadcaster provides a list of many of the other programs being planned for this spring. Have we missed anything? Feel free to contact us with your ideas for activities and functions that you believe can help us strengthen the bonds of our campus community. Call us in Student Life at 916-577-2321 or email Tom Stephens, tstephens@jessup.edu, or P.C. Walker, pwalker@jessup.edu.
A recent census stated that 72 percent of the British population claim Christianity. Only 16 percent, however, consider religion to be very important in their lives, compared to 53 percent of US participants in the same survey. One could safely say that Christianity has statistically been on the rapid decline in Western Europe’s main hub of London. This is just a small taste of the mission field to which our first WJU mission team of 2005 has been called.

Nineteen of us (17 students, 2 staff/administrators) departed from SFO January 5th for a winter break adventure we’re not likely to forget! Once in London, we transported our team and gear to the Chester House on the north side of London city. After originally exploring the option to travel in and around 2 or 3 hostel facilities, we opted to stay at one home base instead. From here, we have launched into the city to various ministry locations including Crisis, local churches and the hostel where we’re staying.

The first two days were spent with a ministry called Crisis, which operates several temporary shelters around the city during the holidays. The need for the homeless during this time is great, as many of the year-round shelters shut down over Christmas. The team split into two groups - one which helped with sorting and arranging donated goods in a large warehouse, and the other with helping to close down a shelter after the holiday season.

Those directing the Crisis shelter were so blessed by our willingness to serve, as many of the local volunteers had stopped coming towards the end of the project. We were often asked, “How long have you been in London?” Upon discovering our recent arrival here, most volunteers were shocked that we were willing to serve so soon after coming!

We spent Sunday at a local Anglican church called St. James, where we had a wonderful worship experience with a congregation that blends traditional with contemporary elements. We shared Communion with them and were reminded of Christ’s love which compelled us to come here and to share ourselves with others. Our team also returned in the evening to share music and drama at their evening service.

We will wrap up our stay by giving a concert in the Chester House. This will be a great time to share our faith with many who are not followers of Christ. We look forward to reporting in the future about how God’s Kingdom is being advanced through WJU students like these!

By Daniel Gluck

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Campus Highlights:

Music and Worship Department
Spring Semester 2005 Schedule of Events
The students and faculty of the Music and Worship Department at William Jessup University are preparing for another exciting semester of Performance and Praise. We hope you’ll mark your calendar with the dates of our afternoon recital series, our Spring concert, music and worship chapel and our first Senior Recital at the New Campus. Come and be blessed!

Music and Worship Calendar Events
Performed in The University Lecture Hall

Music Chapel
Thursday, April 14th
9:30-10:30am
7:30 pm

Spring Concert
Thursday, April 21st
7:30pm

Afternoon Recital Series
Performed in the Music Bunker
Afternoon Recitals
3:15 - 4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 8th
Thursday, February 24th
Thursday, March 3rd
Tuesday, March 8th
Thursday, March 17th
Thursday, April 7th
Tuesday, April 12th
Thursday, April 28th
*Tuesday, May 3rd
* (Optional date if needed for overflow)

SPRING 2005 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

February 4-6
Youth With A Mission
WJU & YWAM will be in San Francisco doing hot chocolate evangelism and bag lunches to minister to the homeless and serve the Lord.

March 4-6
Christian Encounter Ranch
WJU will serve this residential youth counseling/discipleship ministry in Grass Valley by interacting with the students, working on the “WJU Trail” and doing simple maintenance projects on the ranch.

March 18-19
30-Hour Famine
Initiated by World Vision, this is a 30-hour period of fasting to taste hunger as much of our world does every day. During the fast we will pray, serve, and do other activities focused on helping world hunger, as well as some fundraising. This will be an intense and unforgettable activity, held on campus, and open to students, staff, and faculty.

April 22-23
Habitat for Humanity
Put on your grubby clothes and get ready to build a house! We will drive to Sacramento, stay overnight, and work all day Saturday.

Music and Worship students perform Fall Concert in November.
Each summer WJU attends Camp Koinonia in Sweet Home, Oregon as part of its summer camp recruitment program. WJU’s Summer Camp Teams work to represent the University to recruit students, and minister to the needs of high school students. Every March the University begins organizing a team of students who must demonstrate leadership skills, sound academic credentials, and who have attended the University for at least one academic year. Each of the representatives attended mandatory training sessions to equip them to represent the University, its mission, and programs. In the middle of June, the teams are sent out to impact youth in Northern and Southern California as well as Oregon. In the summer of 2004 teams attended fifteen different camps.

WJU students not only represented the University, but led bible studies, small groups, counseled cabins full of youth, used their musical abilities, gave personal testimonies, and of course spend lots of time investing in the youth. Some of the camps we attended in the past and are planning to attend this coming summer are: Camp Koinonia, Spirit West Coast, Christ In Youth California conferences, Mt. Gilead, Rodeo Bible Camp, Winema Week of Missions, and many more.

Joe Presler, youth pastor at Monmouth Christian Church in Oregon, wrote the Admissions Office regarding his encounter with WJU Student Representatives in the summer of last year:

“I have just returned from directing High School camp at Camp Koinonia in Oregon. I wanted to thank you for helping make this camp possible by sending some representatives from your school, specifically Charles Ho and Sami Keen.

If they are an example of the quality of students you have on campus then every student should go to WJU!

From the time I met them I was impressed; they showed themselves to be true servants to our God. They did everything asked of them and more with a willing heart and cheerful attitude.

Charles was a leader among the male staff and liked by the campers. Sami, was open and genuine; the campers flocked to her because of her warm personality. They led a family group, chaperoned a cabin, counseled, played guitar, gave testimony, and spent time getting to know campers, and much, much more.

In closing thank you again for sending such fine, quality representatives of your school. I look forward to the opportunity to have reps from WJU at camp in the future.”

Student Representative Program Going Strong

Rob Jones
Director of Admissions

The WJU Student Representative Program is a student led program organized by the Admissions Office under the direction of Rob Jones as an outreach and recruitment tool for the University. Jessica Kessler served as the program’s coordinator for 2004 and managed a team of six student representatives.

If you have any questions about this program, admission to the University, or programs offered you may contact the Admissions Office at 916-577-2221, admissions@jessup.edu, or University Admissions, 333 Sunset Blvd., Rocklin, CA 95765.

Jessica Kessler

WJU students Ann Prevedelli and Jason McJunkin at the Spirit West Coast and Sierra Christian Service Camp

(From left to right) Jason McJunkin and Ann Prevedelli with two summer camp interns from Western Baptist School
On November 6th, 2004, WJU hosted its fall campus Preview day. Over 250 prospective students and parents attended a day long program designed to allow prospective students the chance to experience the University. It was the largest event of this nature the University has ever hosted. Prospective students were given tours of the campus, sat in on classes, and attended chapel. After lunch they were able to meet with faculty from each of the University’s academic departments. The students concluded their day with a question and answer discussion with a panel of WJU professors, administrators and students.

While prospective students enjoyed the day on campus, 30 high school college guidance counselors were treated to a luncheon and campus tour. This meeting was organized to introduce the counselors to WJU and to answer any questions about the University. The University will host its spring Preview Day on Feb. 17th, 2005.

WJU named testing site for ACT and SAT Exams

Seeking to provide resources for the local educational community the University was recently named a regional/national testing center for the SAT and ACT exams by the College Board. Beginning in the spring of 2005, Rocklin/Roseville area high school students headed to colleges and universities all over the country will visit the campus to take college entrance examinations. Look for specific dates to be published on the University’s web site (www.Jessup.edu) soon.
I’m writing this article at the time of Christmas celebrations, tinsel, and gifts. Though this won’t be read for a couple of months, I hope these reflections will help us move into the new year, as well as reflect on the old. Sometime in December I like to return to the gospel accounts of the birth of Jesus Christ our Lord. I usually use a new translation and try to allow the words of Luke and Matthew to wash over me afresh. I want the message to awaken and renew me. I want to experience the wonder of the gospel events, to be moved, to be astonished, to be changed. The only alternative it seems to me, especially for some of us “old” Christians, is to have the greatest miracle somehow become less. Not that we would say it, but that somehow in the midst of this sometimes crazy time we would end up not being touched by the miracle of God coming to man, Immanuel. God with us. What an amazing truth. What an indescribable gift! And now with a new year before us, my prayer is that our lives will continue to be full of the wonder of God-with-us!

So maybe February is not a bad time to remember again and enact a little spiritual discipline that causes us to take from the joy and wonder of Christmas and let it move us into the new of 2005. Let me share a couple things about “the wonder of Christmas” that impress themselves on me. For one thing, the faith of Mary and Joseph always amazes me. Who were these remarkable people? For them to be able to receive this miracle of miracles in the midst of their simple, ordinary lives is so extraordinary. What grace! And what kind of trust in the God of the impossible that made possible the entrance of the Son into this earthly sphere? It always challenges my faith in the invisible God who still orders the heavens and does all things well. Here in our extraordinarily ordinary lives, we have the privilege of trusting our God to do the impossible and make our lives new. In the midst of our war-torn world, we see His light breaking through. The people living in darkness have seen a great light!

Another thing that renews me is brought to mind by a Scripture outside of the gospels. Paul writes, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich” (2 Cor. 8:9). This remembrance of Christ takes us back again to the manger in Bethlehem and reminds us of the amazing fact of the poverty of His coming; the astonishing humility of His entrance into our success-driven world. Many have sought to describe this great action of God, to little effect. This One through whom all things were made, lays the glory down, and becomes the servant of all. We learn so much from this about our wonderful God and about His mission to save His broken world. And we learn much about how He calls us to follow. As the celebration has passed for another season, may the wonder of it continue with us, as He himself does, and may we clearly be the servant people of the baby born in the manger, born to seek and to save the lost.

May you have a New Year full of the Wonder of His coming!!
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