A CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

The Master's College is a very distinct place, very different from other educational institutions. First of all, because we have the Christian worldview. That is that we view everything that occurs in the world through a Christian perspective. The Christian worldview is based upon theology. The reigning paradigm, the reigning discipline, the discipline that governs all intellectual work, all science, all philosophy and all psychology is naturalism.

That is today the queen of sciences. Naturalism, materialism, the evolutionary worldview, but for us, the queen of sciences is not naturalism, the queen of science is theology. At The Master's College, the governing principle, the queen of sciences, the dominating paradigm is theology. Our theology is not the product of tradition, nor the product of majesterial or church dogma, our theology is the product of the Scripture. Our understanding of Scripture comes from an expositional, exegetical interpretation. Putting that together, we would say this: we have a Christian world view based upon theology, based on a true and accurate understanding of the Word of God. We view the world and everything in it through the eyes of a biblical understanding. To put it in another way, the great goal of education at The Master's College is to see the world exactly the way God sees it, not the way Charles Darwin or Sigmund Freud saw it, nor the way any man sees it, but the way God sees it.

Theology informed by the Bible interpreted accurately by sound hermeneutics produces the Christian worldview. Let me give you the five salient elements of the Christian worldview you bring to bear everywhere you go. Your years at The Master's College have not just taught you speech and grammar and science education, your years at The Master's College go way beyond that. They have given you a Christian worldview and this is how you view the world:

1. You understand God is the Creator of everything the way it currently exists. That is unique. There aren't many absolutes in the godless world we live. In fact, they would like to think there aren't any except one—the one great absolute that exists in modern culture is evolution. With that you are not permitted to argue, but because you have a biblical and Christian world view, you reject evolution because the Bible says, "in the beginning, God created it". The Bible says He created the entire universe the way it is, right now, in six 24-hour days. That is a Christian world view. God is the Creator. So you view everything as a point of praise, don't you? You see the creation completely different than a godless world sees the creation.

2. Because you have a Christian world view, you understand that God is Creator, and that Scripture is absolute truth. This world wants to deny God as Creator. Part of the reason they want to do that is in order to deny Scripture as truth. If the God of the Bible is the Creator, He is also the moral law giver and the judge. That's more than a sinner can bear. We go into the world with a very different perspective. We understand that there are absolutes, that there is a standard of life, that there is morality, it's not a matter of personal values, nor a matter of values clarification, as we hear so much in education today. It is a matter of establishing absolute truth from the One who designed it, namely the eternal God. God is the Creator of everything as it now exists. Scripture is the absolute truth on everything to which it speaks. You understand that. Of all people, you are the truly educated.

3. You understand that sin is the source of all human problems. You don't doubt that, you understand that. The world doesn't understand that. I was in Alabama recently for a college golf tournament fundraiser. In the middle of the golf tournament, the local NBC sportscaster began to...
I like to remind the environmentalists, if you think we are messing up the planet, wait until you see what Jesus does to it! We understand the issues before us, we understand that there is a document given by God himself that establishes truth and we understand that sin is the source of all human problems.

4. We understand that God saves sinners. That is what we live and breathe for, young people. Wherever you go, I don’t care whether you are going on to graduate school, a business career as an accountant, or whether you’re going to medical school, or off to any realm of human endeavor, you bring to the world the saving message. The most deadly virus in the world is not the H.I.V. it’s the S.I.N. and you have the cure. God saves sinners, that is a world view, isn’t it? And we’re out there to bring the saving gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world. God will forgive sin even though none of us deserve that forgiveness. We have the gospel of grace to tell.

5. The summation of our Christian world view is that the goal of life is to be like Christ. That’s how we avoid legalism, that’s how we avoid license, that’s how we avoid ceremonialism, sacralization, and externalism.

That’s how we avoid libertinism, because we are driven by New Testament instruction to be like Christ. That’s the goal of your life. Those five features sum up a Christian worldview. You understand the world completely as to these matters, you therefore, bring true education into your environment. You understand what the princes of this world and the rulers of this age don’t understand. If they had, they wouldn’t have crucified the Lord of Glory, and they wouldn’t still be crucifying Him and putting Him to an open flame. You understand more than anyone understands because you view the world through theology that has become clear to you out of the text of Scripture. What you bring is absolutely the most critical truth the world could ever know. So I am going to pray that God will use you to do exceeding abundantly above all you can ask or think.

Editor’s Note: Dr. MacArthur presented this message as the charge to the graduating class of 1999. This powerful message was given limited editing. As you can see—it stands alone and needs no editing.

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The Reverend James W. Watkins is pastor of Old South Church, ordained to the gospel ministry in the United Church of Christ. Jean-Paul Sartre, was a philosopher and author, an avowed atheist, and passionate adversary of historic Christianity. Yet strange as it may sound, these two men share a fundamentally similar view of the world. Indeed the interpretative grid by which these two men evaluate information, and determine what is true and false, valuable and useful, wise and unwise, is virtually identical. One who believes in God, accepts the Scripture as the Word of God, celebrates Jesus as Savior and Lord. The other rejects even the possibility of God, labels as myth the whole of Scripture, and views the story of Jesus as fantasy, imaginative and inspiring perhaps, but unbelief theologically misguided. How could two men who seem to share so different a common a bond? The answer is not to be found in a common theology, rather in a common set of presuppositions about the nature of the world and truth.

As an atheistic existentialist, Sartre clearly understood the dark implications of scientific naturalism. He recognized that if life is simply the result of random chance then human beings are nothing but complex, biological machines without purpose, or personal value. His response to that belief system was to acknowledge the objective, material universe and the seemingly inexorable laws that governed it, but then to place over against that objective reality the subjective world of the mind. James Sire makes an interesting observation in his book, The Universe Next Door, when he notes that for Sartre

"Science and logic do not penetrate this realm (the subjective realm)... but that is all right because value and meaning and significance are not tied to science and logic... Our significance is not up to the facts of the objective world. It is not in control, but in the consciousness of the subjective world over which we have complete control."

Essentially Sartre separated reason from belief. He concluded that how we live our lives has nothing to do with objective reality and everything to do with the subjective reality we create in our minds. In other words, he called people to abandon reality, then so create an illusion within which to exist. He apparently reached that conclusion because he understood that the true implications of naturalism were too horrible to consider.

While rejecting Sartre’s atheism, theistic existentialists have embraced Sartre’s disjunction between the objective and subjective worlds. As Mere Kiburg confirmed once observed, "...the point is to find the truth for me, to find the ideal for which I am ready to live or die." Truth, then, is not really "Truth," but truths. Objective facts are not important, subjective responses are.

Matthew Arnold captured this idea well when he wrote that Christianity,

"...will live, because it depends upon a true and inexhaustibly fruitful idea, the idea of death and resurrection as conceived and worked out by Jesus... The importance of the disciples belief in their Master’s resurrection lay in their believing what was true although they materialized it. Jesus had died and risen again, but in his sense not thet."

James Sire correctly sees the great error in this kind of theology. He observes that for an existentialist “if objective truths could not be found, no matter, Real truth is potentially contained in the story the narrative.” With that idea as foundational, the Scriptures then become a collection of heroic stories, that contain elements of truth from which one can gain insights into the life in the here and now. Objective reality and historical accuracy are not important. Rudolf Bultman made this clear when he bluntly stated that "There are no historical facts that insured resurrection from the dead is utterly inconceivable!" The lack of confidence in the reliability of Scripture revealed in that statement is not, however, a problem for theistic existentialists as they are always in pursuit of the meaning behind the myth.

That brings us back to the Reverend Watkins. He, like so many others in the contemporary church, are deeply troubled by people who persist in believing that the Bible is a historically reliable and accurate account of God’s dealings with mankind. Rev. Watkins would have us believe in God, but a God fundamentally displaced from a world and a people whose existence He apparently initiated on a whim in ex nihilo past, and over whom He exercises virtually no oversight.

In an article published in the Detroit Free Press he writes,

"The creationist theory is motivated by an ultra-literal view of the Genesis accounts and by the desire for a simple system to explain the world. Creationism is, right or wrong, a matter of religious faith. Faith is not required to be rational (my emphasis) or scientific, but science it. Evolution alone is the currently accepted scientific explanation of the rise and dispersal of life on Earth. In our public schools, evolution alone—the scientific explanation—must be taught and taught well."

What is so deeply troubling to me is Rev. Watkins’ apparent inability to see the tragic implications of what he sincerely believes to be true. Surely he understands, that without a transcendent point of reference there are no real answers to life’s most perplexing questions such as Who am I? Why am I here? Where am I going? How do I live? But then again, perhaps he doesn’t understand. If that is the case then I believe it appropriate to ask how a man normally prepared for the gospel ministry can come to such a hostile position regarding the Scriptures and the nature of God.

For the majority reading this editorial the answer is obvious. You would suspect that in some manner during the course of Rev. Watkins’ educational preparation, he was taught to doubt the veracity and reliability of the Scripture.

Unfortunately, you would probably be right in your assertion. Please be assured of one thing: That will never happen at The Master’s College or The Master’s Seminary. We will certainly make every effort to ensure that our students understand the various philosophies and worldviews that compete for dominance in our culture. In fact, we want our students to have a thorough understanding of the various systems of human thought as well as the implications that arise from those worldviews. But, in that process, we will never create a climate of distrust about the Scriptures. Indeed it is our express desire to effectively prepare students for a lifetime of commitment to Christ and confidence in His Word.

We live in a day and time when our cultural norms, the way we determine what is right and wrong, arise from a worldview that is fundamentally hostile to historic, biblical Christianity. If we are to fulfill our calling as ambassadors of Christ, if we are to respond effectively to that challenge, we must develop our ability to think clearly and biblically. To do that, we must be fully equipped to tear down the ideological strongholds of contemporary, secular man and at the same time work with diligence to bring "...every thought captive to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

Dr. MacArthur’s address at last May’s graduation ceremony was a pointed reminder of the importance of this issue. We have reprinted that address in this issue of The Master’s Current with the belief you will find profit in his observations.

This issue of The Master’s College Current is dedicated to that purpose. I believe you will find it eminently helpful.


Consider the example of the United States Department of Agriculture. It informs the consumer which food products are acceptable for consumption and meet the stated standards of health. This is communicated to the consumer by the stamp "USDA Choice." When the stamp of approval no longer means that this product has been assessed and meets those standards, our health is placed at risk. Lives depend on the authenticity of the product. That same principle holds true for the church, and for Christian colleges. It is the goal of every Christian college to produce graduates who meet the explicit standards of Scripture for character and truth. That, unfortunately, doesn't always prove to be the case. When the church or college fails in this task, however, people are put at risk. That is why an attitude of casual non-compliance toward biblical standards in a student's life, should be taken seriously.

It is because this is such a critical issue that the entire faculty and staff at The Master's College is committed to a shared vision of equipping our students to live an authentic Christian life. Whatever our tasks—be they teaching, administrating, groundskeeping, or coaching—we are committed to modeling and contributing to that vision. This is a critical element of any successful community. The reason we come to work must be the same reason students choose to study here. At The Master's College, we have identified several Distinctives that we consider the standards of authenticity. Each of these distinctives, are a practice clearly defined in Scripture as characteristic of a faithful believer. Realizing that college is a training ground for life, and that the institution God has ordained is the church, we believe that those who attend The Master's College are being prepared to lead the church for the next generation. Indeed we believe that when you look at our student body you are looking at the future of God's church. Our programs are built around that realization.

In 1985 we had the chance to sweep the slate clean regarding policies and programs. We had the opportunity to reconsider what was meant by Christian Higher Education. During that process we came to recognize that there must be a partnership between the classroom in which we seek to integrate biblical truth with each academic discipline, and student programs which are specifically designed to help students internalize Christian character. We realized that every activity, program, and relationship provided a venue for fostering truth and character. Prior to this time we were sound theologically, but rather legalistic in practice. We needed to understand that when a higher value is placed on external practice, the issues of the heart often go unaddressed. Our desire then became to motivate each student's heart to godliness, believing that choices and behavior which flow from a heart properly developed will result in godly actions.

David Moore, has recently written a book entitled Five Lies of the Century. In this book he suggests that American culture has rejected absolute truth and in turn has adopted the following fallacies:

- Evolution is an established scientific fact.
- The traditional family is irrelevant.
- The sexual revolution has set humanity free.
- Entertainment is harmless.
- America never was a Christian nation.

While Diversity, Multiculturalism, Pluralism, Humanism, Existentialism, all have their basis in secular humanism rather than in biblical authority, there is just enough truth in each philosophy to make them powerfully deceptive. These philosophies have become the defining framework for most post-modern higher education.

At The Master's College we believe absolute Truth exists and that it is to be found in God's revealed word, the Bible. We are intentionally shaping a biblically based learning community that enables a student to do the following:

- Understand truth (biblical worldview)
- Discern deception (man centered worldview)
- Model the character of Christ (wisdom living)

As one means to help us to accomplish this goal, we reach our students what we refer to as The Master's Distinctives. We believe that these distinctives are modeled in the life of the Master, Jesus Christ. As students of the Master we want to demonstrate the characteristics and commitments in a very public manner. We have arranged The Master's Distinctives carefully under four broad headings: Biblical Foundation, Enjoying God, Authentic Relationships, and Community Outreach. Under each heading, we define more clearly what each distinctive is to look like in our life. Following is an overview of these distinctives:

Biblical Foundation (results in) Worship Worldview Wisdom living

Enjoying God (is to be) Spiritually intimate Spiritually disciplined Spiritually responsible (freestanding moral agent)

Authentic relationships (are) Restoring Reproducing Respectful (to authority)

Community Outreach (is) Church-based Cross-cultural Citizenship (moral)

A residential Christian college like The Master's College is one of the few settings in contemporary society within which a true biblical community can be fully developed. The pressures of the modern commuter lifestyle make it exceedingly difficult for relationships to develop and deepen among the majority of people in our churches. Such relationships do exist, but they tend to be an exception to the rule. Because this is true, we walk with diligence to make full use of the opportunity we have.

In following issues of The Master's Current, it will be my intent to more fully explore each of the distinctives we have identified. Then I will attempt to describe the strategies we utilize in helping to develop within our students an awareness of these distinctives, and the implications for life.

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distinguive (distingk'tiv), n.
1. different in quality or kind.
2. special quality or feature.
3. unmistakable characteristic.
4. having the qualities and features that set it off from others. Additionally the word of distinctive can connote a quality product or authentic product meeting a stated set of standards. Failure to meet those standards would allow someone to determine that the product is inferior or a substitute.
This definitive statement comes from Richard Riddle, who holds the honorary title of Chairman of The Master's College and Seminary Board of Directors.

"In my college experience, in the classroom, they always had this saying on top of the chalkboard which said, "The Greatest Ability is Dependability." That's a motto that I live by and follow."

A member of the board for about four years, Riddle has been involved at The Master's College for about five years. He attended Bob Jones University in order to obtain his undergraduate degree in business. Riddle serves on numerous boards affiliated with the Christian world, and is currently the president of Rich Ray Industries, where he feels this principle has especially shown itself to be true.

"When I have employers that work for me that I can count on, that's a very important trait," said Riddle, adding that it is a principle which he strives to maintain in his own life when dealing with people.

"In the very boards that I serve on... people can count on me," he said. Riddle bases the standards that he lives by according to his faith in Christ. Riddle came to a saving knowledge of Christ 49 years ago at the age of five.

"I came to know the Lord at... a Sunday night service. I always sat in the front row and there were some things said by the pastor that in my child-like faith I understood. After the service I asked my parents some questions and they led me to the Lord," said Riddle. He added that he later dedicated his life to Christ at a Christian camp (Hume Lake) when he was fifteen years old.

Riddle was born in Pasadena, California in a Christian home as the middle child of three. He has since spent most of his life in Arcadia, California, attending Bethany Bible Church of Sierra Madre.

After cementing his commitment to Christ during his youth, Riddle then went on to attend a Christian college, fulfilling his calling with a life of Christian service. He has since held several positions of leadership at Bethany Bible, including serving as an elder, deacon, and trustee.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

Riddle met his wife Nancy while obtaining his undergraduate degree. They have been married for 32 years. The have one married daughter who is 30 years old, and a son who is 24 years old. Through their daughter they also have three grandchildren, ages five to six months.

It was not until fairly recently that Riddle became involved at The Master's College. He believes that Christian education is an important factor in a Christian's life. This is something that he was taught growing up in a home that put Christ in the center of life.

"My parents went to a Christian college, as well as my brother and sister. Going to a Christian college was a growing experience for me," said Riddle, adding that he felt that Master's has a reputation that he could believe in.

Riddle was first introduced to The Master's College through John MacArthur himself. The two met through their connections in the Christian world.

"I was invited by John a number of years ago to a basketball game, and I watched the modeling of the students and players," he said.

Riddle then had the opportunity to be a part of a trip with the basketball team. "I went [into the locker room] and watched the players and we spent [time] together," he said, adding that he believes sports is a tremendous vehicle to reach people for Christ.

Riddle became involved in the various aspects and ministries offered by the college and was eventually asked to serve as a member of the board of trustees.

"The board is basically a policy maker and we... spend a lot of time with strategic planning, facilities, and teachers. We [work on] the vision for the school [and] the direction that the school is going to continue to go," said Riddle.

"I think that if you look at the mission statement [of the school], it is a key guiding force. We empower students for a lifetime commitment to Christ. [Students] can make a lasting contribution to society. The board focuses on these things particularly. [We ask ourselves] how we can make this school a better place, academically and spiritually. The board is a group of men who spend a lot of time in prayer, and we make a lot of decisions. We have a sense and a desire to make [the students'] education a very, very positive experience."

Riddle feels that his position as chairman of the board has affected his spiritual life in a very positive way, helping him to trust in Christ and be humble. "I think any time when you get into a position of leadership, you mature you're really trusting in the Lord. It's important to put your trust in Christ... [the board members] get together and pray for God to help us, give us wisdom, and continue to help this institution. We know we don't have all the wisdom in our own ability," said Riddle.

Perhaps this, his tremendous life of service, is indicative of his serious commitment to Christ and humbleness through Him. Riddle claims Proverbs 3:5-6 as the verse that summarizes this:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
Majesty and The Master's Chorale Tour Highlights
By Michelle Wozniak, member of The Master's Chorale and Majesty

The school year has just begun, with many exciting opportunities to come, yet we cannot help but look back with joy at the abundant blessings bestowed on The Master's Chorale and Majesty on their tours this summer. For those who kept us in prayer during those tours, we offer our gratitude and acknowledgement that all glory must be given to God for any good thing that happened. Over and over, we were humbled with the reminder that God does not need to accomplish His work, yet chooses to use us as mere tools in His capable hands.

Chorale Tour – May 9-24

Our tour, which included approximately 5 states (Ohio, Illinois, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Indiana) and was focused, for the most part, in and around Toronto, Ontario, began in Ohio at North Olmstead Baptist Church. One highlight demonstrating the Lord's faithfulness was a van made available to us for the entire tour. This was an answer to prayer and met our need, because our bus couldn't hold all of us! The Van Wingerden family (whose son, CJ, attends TMC) graciously met this need. Some other highlights included music exchange with the Cedarville Chorale, a wonderful opportunity to share in a common ministry, the opportunity to visit the AWANA International Headquarters in Streamwood, IL and sing for their employees, several concerts in churches with TMC alumni in attendance and often in ministry, the chance to worship with our Canadian brothers and sisters in Christ, and a visit to the spectacular Niagara Falls. We were able to be in the churches of Seth Rigozew and Scott Ardavias – Grace Church, Dupage, Ed Willis – Grace Fellowship Church, and Paul Martin – Westmont Park Church, all of whom graduated from The Master's College and are serving the Lord in ministry. An issue of much importance and concern to us was the recent shootings at Columbine High School and in particular, the witness of Cassie Burnall. Whether her story has been heard before or not, it made an impact on those who heard it. Many Chorale members remarked that they were more challenged every time it was shared, and it opened eyes to see how crucial it is to believe in God, but live it out and be willing to stand up and even die for our faith in Jesus Christ. One or our songs, called "Here I Am Lord" was particularly

Giant's Causeway castle to historic churches to public school assemblies, the opportunities were practically handed right over to us, and we were humbled. The people of Northern Ireland impacted us profoundly, as well. Although we went to encourage them and build them up, we found ourselves being challenged by their faith and encouraged by their love. This tour will remain in our hearts for the rest of our lives. Although California might not be as green as Northern Ireland, we still enjoyed continuing our ministry once we returned. It was such a meaningful illustration of the unity we as believers have in the body of Christ! And it made us excited for Heaven, where we will once again see the faces of saints.

Majesty Tour – May 27-June 26

Although some time has passed since we have returned from the land of Northern Ireland, the memories and friendships still remain. God humbled us and gave us so much during our time in this beautiful province. We learned much about hospitality from our host families and from the churches, and were completely unprepared for the welcome we received. Another way God provided beyond expectations was the multiple opportunities to share the gospel in song in some very different environments. From Parliament Buildings to the we knew here on earth. Our last week was a wonderful time of learning and growth, as we ministered in a slightly different fashion as counselors at the IFCA Youth Conference in Newberg, OR. The Lord allowed us to develop some meaningful relationships and share a little of what we have learned about the Christian walk in our relatively short existence. We were also able to share about our favorite college, The Master's College.

As the summer has come to an end, we thank you again for your support and your prayers. To God be the glory!
A Work in Progress...

With the completed acquisition of the New Academic Center, located at the Northeast corner of the existing campus, our facilities now consist of four new buildings which provide approximately 45,000 square feet of floor space to use as faculty offices and new classrooms. The renovation of the four buildings has allowed for 15 additional classrooms, four of which are fully wired for computer enhanced presentations and 32 offices which provides for a far more comfortable and professional environment for our faculty. This has allowed us the ability to renovate and better utilize already existing academic facilities on campus. During the summer most of the faculty were able to move into their new offices and only a few decorating projects remain incomplete. In addition, the exterior of all the buildings are being painted and the final phase of the landscaping plan will be completed.

Many other restoration projects took place during the summer of '91:

These included:

- The John R. Dunkin Student Center, which houses our Student Center, Cafeteria, and the Canyon Café, has undergone a major renovation. This now provides indoor seating for 125 and outdoor seating for an additional 50. With food service having been enlarged, students will now have shorter lines at lunch, increased flexibility in meal choices, and a more enjoyable environment for conversation in the evenings.
- Plans for the Fitness Center are still underway.
- Most of the design work on our new dorm has been completed. We are now in the midst of the approval process.
- Renovation work continues in the dorms. Specifically, much has been accomplished in the bathroom facilities in Waldock and Slicht.

Biological and Physical Sciences Update

Dr. Ross S. Anderson, of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, has recently had a manuscript titled Pyrophosphoryl and Thiophosphoryl Diimidation of Oligonucleotides by Terminal Deoxynucleotide Transferase accepted for publication in Nucleic Acids Research, an international journal published by Oxford University Press. The paper should appear sometime in late summer or early fall.

Scholarship Awarded...

Lana Kennedy, a single working mother, was the recipient of the Virginia Wragge Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Zonta Club. The award is presented to women who want to continue their education. Kennedy is pursuing her degree in Organizational Management in our continuing education program, Center for Professional Studies, and hopes to manage a children's school or work as an administrator of a domestic violence center. Congratulations Lana!

IBEX Update

IBEX, the Israel Bible Extension campus of The Master's College, is now in its fifth year of operation. Three Master's College faculty members and their families staff the campus, located in Israel just eight miles west of Jerusalem. Each fall and spring forty students spend an entire semester there "studying the Bible in the Land of the Bible." As one might expect, there are long waiting lists for the privilege of participating in this once in a lifetime experience. In addition to classroom lectures, students spend 25-30 field trip days each semester exploring the hills and valleys that contain hundreds of Biblical sites "from Dan to Beersheba." A limited number of students from other Christian colleges also attend each year. Every IBEX grad can attest to the transforming influence that the semester has had on their understanding of the Bible and on their own spiritual growth. Furthermore, after the semester students depart, IBEX conducts a number of three-week study trips. This past year, IBEX Staff taught six of these "field courses" to college age and adult students from the United States. Nearly three hundred students received some sort of instruction at IBEX this past year. IBEX is one of the many reasons that students desire to attend TMC - the only Christian college in America with its own campus in the Land of the Bible.

Congratulations!

Dr. Diana Watkins, Director, Institutional Research and Assessment, and faculty member of the new Computer and Information Sciences major at TMC presented a paper entitled "Vital Communities: The Paper was presented at the annual Communications and Technology Conference of the CCCU (Council for Christian Colleges and Universities) at Seattle Pacific University in June of 1999. Attendance at the session was good, with approximately 30 attendees from various CCCU schools with technical educational backgrounds.

The paper was built upon Dr. Watkins' expertise in distance learning (distributed learning) at Nova Southeastern University, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and at The Master's College. The CCCU has created a spin off institution of distributed learning named the CUGN (Christian University Global Network). The emphasis of the paper was aimed at members of CUGN who are beginning their own campus wide distributed learning programs.

Webmaster Goes the Distance

Barbara Ingram, Director of Internet Development and Communication Department adjacent faculty for The Master's College for the past six years has been accepted into Regent University's School of Communication Ph.D. distance education program. Located in Virginia Beach, VA, Regent's distance program has been called a model for distance learning by its accrediting association, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). According to Barbara, that is precisely why she chose the Regent program, because it offers her the opportunity to continue her study of the Internet while using it to accomplish her coursework. Hoping to build on her Master's Degree thesis of private college use of the Internet for public relations and marketing purposes, Barbara plans to move to the next level and focus her studies on using the Internet to build the university's virtual community.

Congratulations!

Dr. Patricia Ennis, Chairman of Home Economics Department, has been selected for inclusion in the Millennium Edition of Who's Who in the World. Her dedication and hard work has earned her a spot in one of the most referenced biographical publications of its kind.

For additional information visit the CIS majors on The Master's College Web site at www.masten.edu/academics/departm ent/cis/main.html.

For application information contact the Office of Enrollment at (800)568-6248, extension 347.
Zane & Judi Easter '90 are still living in San Diego, CA. They have a daughter, Ashleigh (4) and they just had their second, Alexandria, on December 18, 1998.

Cliff '89 & Debbie '88 (Sullivan) McFarland are residing in San Antonio, TX. Cliff is the Associate Pastor at Believer's Fellowship Church in San Antonio overseeing youth and children's ministry. Debbie serves as a third grade teacher in the Elijah Lucke School. They have three children, Chelsea (6), Brian (3), and Taylor (1). They have just spent many months in a home with a 15-20 year old in the back yard and took for ways of using it to minister to them.

Damon & Judi Beck '89 are still in Grants, NM. Damon is the Parish Minister at their church and has been doing most of the preaching while their Senior Pastor is on getting a liver transplant. Damon has done some work as an independent contractor for a company who makes clothing accessories.

Emer & Denise Boardman '89 continue to reside in Macao, CA. Emer is still the Head Golf Professional at Maiden Club and Country Club. Denise is his bookkeeper/accountant. Their little girl, Tina, is now eight and enjoys gymnastics, piano and softball.

Cindy (Alphonso) Cross '89 is now located in Yucaipa, CA and excited to celebrate three years of marriage.

Dirk & Michelle (Spink) Darrow '90 are now located in Rowlett, TX. Dirk is presently working for the Idaho Industrial Commission as a vocational counselor. They will be celebrating 10 years of marriage this December. They have 4 boys, D.J. (7), Tommy (5) Joshua (4) and Revel (2). Dirk says, "The most important thing I can say to all of you is that Michelle and I are very much serving the Lord, and doing our best to follow His lead.

Amy & Laura (Eckhart) Dicken '87 relocated to Pleasanton, CA. Amy works in the media department for Pacific Bell in San Francisco, while Laura is busy home schooling their oldest daughter, Lauren (6). They have three other children, April (4), Andrew (2) and Maximilian (15 mos.). They are settling into Pleasanton yet still looking for a good church and new friends.

Rosie & Lisa '90 (King) Digiacomo have settled down in Wilmington, Del. They were married this past year and are expecting their first baby this coming June. Lisa is a Secretary at Emmanuel Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Dave & Donna '80 (Ludziejewski) Favelley and her husband have moved back to the U.S. after 3 years of youth ministry in Taiwan. They have settled with their children, Lauren (6) and John (2), in Portland, Oregon. This past year, Donna had the joy of home schooling her daughters and sons, "It has been a great experience and I thank the Lord that I have had the honor to raise and teach them."

Marcy Distl '81 is now located in Santa Barbara, CA. She has recently completed her first marriage. She is in the process of loving new friends about serving overseas with Conservative Baptist International. Marcy's ministry at the moment is 5th grade Awana girl.

Donny '80 & Jeannette '86 Evanson are still located in Santa Clarita, CA. Dennis began his 5th year at the head Librarian at The Master's Seminary. Jeannette began her 6th year at the Malmath Supervisor at The Master's College. They have been married for 22 years and have 2 children, Andy (16) and Amy (14).

Lauretta (Penington) Tutor '80 is now located in Kalamazoo, MI. She is a Legal Assistant for a worldwide manufacturer of windows and doors. Having found a wonderful church, she serves faithfully in their youth department. She says, "It has been a very painful, but tremendously encouraging and growing year for me, yet God has been so faithful!"

Jeff & Darla (Bergen) Wurden '80 have just recently moved to Delano, MI. They just had their third child, Lauren Gabrielle, on Father's Day of this past year. The other two children are Austin (6) and Ashley (2).

Tim & Brenda (March) Barrick '91 have moved to Michigan, MD. Brenda has served as a volunteer budget counselor for an organization serving military families and is a certifiedior counselor through Christian Financial Concepts. They have 2 boys, Justin (5) and Ryan (4).

Steve & Shari '81 (DeBakey) Griffin are still in AUBURN, CA. Their family has started a Creative Ministries home-based business in their home as they prepare to have their second child in November. Hannah (2) is learning creative ways along with her parents in Bible Study Fellowship.

Mormin '81 & Rebeka Hovratice are serving the Lord in Kansas, California with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Momin and Rebeka have been married for two years. Their passion is to impact a country with 62 million people in an area smaller than the state of West Virginia by taking the gospel to the nation's children. At the moment only 1% of Iranians are Evangelical Christians.

Hurt '81 & Beverly '82 (Young) Rogen are located in Fort Collins, CO since 1993 when they moved there to start their own company called Spa World Inc. where they sell and service hot tubs and spas. They have 2 children, Kristal (6) and Christopher (3), and expect their third child sometime this summer.

Linda '81 & Teresa '81 (Ward) Martin are now living in Fort Worth, TX. David is a Junior High Pastor in Rockwall, Texas and now serves as a Youth Pastor at First Baptist Church, Corinth, Texas. Teresa is finishing up her degree at Simpson College so that she can substitute teach. They have 2 children, Andrew (8) and Ashley (13).

Nicole Rehmann '83 is still living in Sugar, CA. Nicole teaches at LaMesa Junior High and had the opportunity to help train a student teacher from The Master's College. Tracy Twombly.

Tim '81 & Angela (Brown) Rue are still living in Vacaville, CA. They have been married for 5 years and have just celebrated the birth of their son, Austin Philip Rue last year. Tim works as a police officer. Angela began raising sheep from working part-time and produce some audios for her family by using her home. They are very involved in youth ministry at Trinity Baptist Church.

Tim '81 & Tracie '81 (Hill) McWhorter have been in Emont, NJ since 1993. They are working a few days a month as a Registered Nurse and Tim is running his father's trucking company. They have two kids with their oldest starting school this year. They are also heavily involved with a ministry to children that finds themselves in different cultures because their parents are missionaries or employees who have relocated overseas. They went to the Dominican Republic last year. They are going to Japan in the summer and possibly the Philippines or Germany in the spring.
Doug Nick '91 is now located in Medford, OR. After graduation, Doug served 6 years in the US Navy. Now he works as a Service Technician for a Dodge Dealership in Medford.

Glen Duganick '91 will still be serving the Lord through AmesBible (Ames, Iowa Campus Mission; Inc.), in Rapid City, SD. Glen has been working with the San Joaquin Field Director to establish a church that is self-governing and self-supporting in Pinon, AZ.

Evan Fletcher '12 is now located in Spokane, WA. He is an Admissions Director for Spokane's Saint Joseph's High School.

Dwayne & Mauna (Wife) Lowe '92 were married this past January and have recently moved to Amarillo, TX. Dwayne is working on his Master's degree in International Development. They would like to live experiences and work with an organization such as USAID by next year. Mauna is doing a break from teaching in order to work as the Director of Electives for Tyler Learning Center.

John '12 & Christine '93 (Brant) Parker and her family have just moved into a new home in Thousand Oaks, CA. They are attending Agape Bible Fellowship and are now preparing to go to the mission field. Christine is using her degree to run a home business and is enjoying being able to work with her children and is careful for God's blessings in their lives.

Dan and Friends '92 (Father) Pratt have purchased a home this year and are really enjoying decorating and entertaining. They are involved in their church and have enjoyed this past year. This year, Rhoda used her degree as she teaches Homes Economics to Middle School students.

Ande '12 & Julie (Park) Tallman are living in Grenville, TN. Ande has been a general manager for the Taco Bell Corporation now for 3 years. Julie says at home with her 3 children, Julian (5), David (4), and Matthew (1). They praise God for bringing little Matthew through a difficult battle of respiratory problems, bronchitis, and pneumonia.

Kurt & Danielle (Frieds) Andrews '92 are living in Vancouver, WA. Kurt is a graduate of the DePaul Theological Seminary and works as a Financial Planner with American Express Financial Advisors. Danielle works in administration at a small company in the medical field. After two years of marriage they along with four other families have moved to Vancouver to start a church plant.

Rosa '53 & Tammy '91 (Oris) East just moved to S. Ogden, UT. Tammy is a MAPS Volunteer. Rosa and Tammy have two kids, Allie (5) and Kaden (3). They are celebrating 8 years of marriage in August, and Tammy comments, "We thank God regularly for our training at TMC and for bringing our lives together there."

Diane & Michelle Ferguson are now married and living in Nicosia, CA. Diane, a graduate of The Masters Seminary, is the senior pastor of Community Church of Nicosia.

Kirk & Natasha '91 (Dr. Wesley) Johnson have been in New Haven, EN for 3 years now. Kirk is a youth pastor at Grace Fellowship Church and is currently leading worship as well.

Michael & Casey (Lauraan) Madson '93 have made their new home in Ojai, CA. Mike continues to enjoy music in his voice over career and Casey has been at William Mertin for over a year now. They are expecting their first child in September.

Rick & Melissa (Marigold) Moore recently moved to Northridge, CA. They have two boys, Julian (4) and Justice (18 months) and are expecting their third this summer. The Lord has blessed the work of Rick's hands in his pool service and his new business as a Certified Water Conservation Consultant.

Hamilton & Holly '12 (Marshall) Monroe are now in Willow Springs, NC. Hamilton is working for Enterprise and Holly now has a house with their second child Elizabeth Carmen Monroe, born February 26, 1990. They are also very involved with their youth groups.

Paul '93 & Amy '94 (Chuckie) Mcduffy have recently moved to Portland Hills, CA. The move has brought many opportunities to witness to our new neighbors. They are still a family of 4 including Robby (9 1/2) and Elie (1 1/2) yet would not mind a new addition next year.

Jill (Hatfield) Swyden '93 just moved into her first home this year in Napa, CA. She has four children and is preparing to educate them at home. Her and a friend have recently formed a co-op program with 10 other families that meet once a week to study certain subjects together.

Jennifer Westphal-Peterson '93 is now located in Yorka, Iowa. She is finishing her third year of teaching third grade in Ames. Her son Jacob was born in August of 1999.

Kreton & Denise Welch '95 are now located in Stockton, CA. Kreston is the Director of Senior High Ministries at Quail Lakes Baptist Church. They have a daughter, McKenna Joy (3) and a son, Ethan Jacobdon (1).

Paul & Laura '94 (Ericsson) Gaith have recently moved to Cayson, Country, CA. Within about a 2 week time period Paul and Laura found their dream home and purchased it. They hired their house and sold it, and in turn their all off found their house was purchased. Prairie Sage was born this December. Lauren has returned from working vacation in Valentina High School in order to raise their little girl.

Tony & Rachel (Casey) MacCraith '96 and moved in November of 1996 and settled in Modesto, CA. Tony is a Senior Therapist for a communications company and Rachel teaches Kindergarten. They have 2 children, Kyle (10) and Ali (3).

Jeff & Jennifer '96 (Elliot) Myers are still living in Haverstraw, NY. Jennifer is working out of her home doing creative direction. She is also working as an administrative assistant for their church until they have someone full time. God has blessed them in so many ways, namely, with their son Ian Jeffery (1). They are very involved in ministry in their church and their neighborhood. Jennifer says, "I have been making a conscious effort to develop my Attitude of Gratitude in worship, as well as in my dealings with others."

Paul & Karen '94 (Harwood) Roberts are living in Lakewood, CO. Happy little Catherine Roberts was born on August 13, 1998.

Paul '94 and Dawn '66 (Ligga) Prew have recently purchased a house in the Newport area. Paul was blessed with a new job and is now making his love of the Fine Arts channel and living it! Dawn is enjoying teaching cooking part-time and says, "The Lord blessed us by taking Paul out of the tight shift and back on day - we have the exact same schedule and it absolutely wonderful!"

Lee '94 & Erika '97 (Korea) Smith are now living in Beaverton, CA. Lee and Erika have been attending San Diego State pursuing Masters Degrees. Lee will get his degree in US History and Erika will get her in English literature. Lee will also earn an MA in Theology from Westminster Seminary. Lee hopes to find a teaching position that will support the family so Erika has her supervision position at Starbucks in Oakland.

Phil & Rachael '97 (Ronelle) Starke are living in the Bay Area in San Jose. Rachael is working as a Marketing Program Manager for Hewlett Packard. She married Phil, who also works for HP after being involved with some mutual friends (friend who knew they were both Christian) in 1997. They are serving at Beam Church in Belmont where Rick Carver works in the pastorate (former a pastor at Grace Community).

Kristina (Baker) VanderHeide '94 is now located in Harvard, CA. She was married in August '97, and is currently finishing her third year of teaching English and music at Redwood Christian Junior High School. She hopes to move out of her present occupation and be more involved at their church, where her husband is the Children's Pastor.

Robert & Sharon (Ross) Wettore '94 now live in La Cresta, CA. Robert graduated from The Master's Seminary in '94 and is the Associate Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Lancaster, CA. At the moment he is functioning as the Senior Pastor until God provides someone to fill this roll. Sharon is spending the majority of her time with their daughter Madison (1).

Mikal '95 & Summer '94 (Oakes) Deltos have just recently moved into their new home in San Diego, CA. It is new beginnings for the Delotos family as Mikal has a new career as an ocean officer and Summer has become a stay at home mom.

Jonathan '96 & Heather (Brooks) Shaw are now living in Maryville, TN. They attend Grace Church and are heavily involved in the ministry of the school there. Both study and Jonathan is the Basketball Coach.

Rodney & Gena '96 (Bell) Anderson are living in Valiema, CA. They were married 2 years ago and have recently enjoyed the addition of Ian Arthur, born May 1996. Gena is a stay at home mom and Rodney is a Sanitary Engineer for the city of Burbank.

Kendall '96 is now located in Canyon County, CA after spending one year in WA. He is currently a substitute teacher in the public school system in Santa Clarita.

June Blasingame '96 is still living in Dallas, TX. She was recently promoted to Senior Community Services Officer in the Second Division of the Newport Beach Police Department. She also involved in a single group as her husband and two kids, which functions a deaconship.

Rosa Delany '96 has relocated to Downers Grove, IL. She will begin studies in the Physician Assistant program at Midwestern University in June. The program will last for 27 months and will lead to a Masters Degree.

Erik Hair '96 is serving his second year on staff here at The Master's College as Resident Director of Discern Dormitory. She is directly responsible for 84 women, providing a continual opportunity to invest in her life in the ladies around her.

Randy Ogbu & Susan '96 Erickson are engaged to be married this fall and are living in Canyon County, CA. Susan was in Los Angeles for E! Entertainment Television Newsroom, but specifically for E!'s new network called Style. She is their Twerk, Legal, Editor, which schedules commercials and ensures that the network's programming airs correctly. She says, "My job is to Television Broadcasting is fun and interesting but it takes a back seat to my ministry at Campus After Dark." CAD, is a ministry to highschool moder and mach anies. Randy works on staff as C.A.D., as well and works as a Graphic Artist for an advertising agency in Burbank. They are also involved at Northpark Community Church in Valencia.

Mike '96 & Jill '97 (Gaddie) Saad are residing in Northridge, CA. They were married recently in Corneld, CA. Jill just accepted a promotion in catering. She is thankful for her training at TMC and says she really helped her in her organizational skills at the plans various events.

Mark & Jennifer '96 are now located in Sierra Valley, CA and are now working on staff at Growing Families International. John is reaching 6th grade at a local elementary school. They are attending Living Hope Evangelical Fellowship in Grants Pass, OR. pinned by Diner Maddox.

Matt Surowieck '96 has moved in El Centro, CA to patrol the US Mexican border. He took the job as a Patrol Agent for the INS in October of last year.

John '96 & Eric '98 (Johnson) Whitt were married in May of '96 and had Hannah Renee in March '97. They now live in Santa Rosa, CA. John works for a Volvo Dealership.
November

1  Day of Prayer  (No Classes)
   Men’s Soccer Regionals 2nd Round (1:00 p.m.)
2  Women’s Basketball vs. Fresno Pacific University (7:30 p.m.)
   Women’s Volleyball Regionals 1st Round
3  Men’s Basketball at Fresno Pacific University (7:30 p.m.)
4  Women’s Volleyball vs. Hope International University (7:30 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball vs. Simpson College (7:30 p.m.)
   Women’s Basketball at Northwest Nazarene Tournament
5  Missions Expo (10:15 a.m.)
   Women’s Basketball at Pacific Union College (2:00 p.m.)
   Women’s Volleyball vs. Fresno Pacific College (7:30 p.m.)
   Sharon Moorhead Recital at Recital Hall (7:30 p.m.)
6  ASB Fall Banquet
   Men’s Soccer Regionals Semi-Finals (1:00 p.m.)
   Women’s Basketball at Bethany College (5:30 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball vs. Christian Heritage College (7:30 p.m.)
9  Women’s Volleyball at Azusa Pacific University (7:00 p.m.)
   Women’s Basketball vs. California Baptist University (7:30 p.m.)
13  College View Weekend
12  Opera Scenes (7:30 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball Master’s Fall Classic
13  Men’s Soccer Regionals Finals (1:00 p.m.)
   Women’s Basketball vs. Biola University (2:00 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball Master’s Fall Classic
   Opera Scenes (7:30 p.m.)
14  Opera Scenes (3:00 p.m.)
17-23  Men’s Soccer NCAA Nationals
19  All Campus Men’s Retreat
   Women’s Basketball at Point Loma Nazarene College (5:00 p.m.)
   Women’s Volleyball Regionals Final Four
20  Men’s Soccer NCAA Nationals
   Men’s Basketball vs. Westmont College
   Women’s Volleyball Regionals Final Four
   Angie Nelson and Natalie Smith Recital at Recital Hall (7:30 p.m.)
23  Men’s Basketball at Hope International University (7:30 p.m.)
27  Men’s Basketball at Cal Poly Pomona (7:30 p.m.)
   Women’s Basketball at Northwest Nazarene Tournament
30  Women’s Basketball vs. Christian Heritage College (5:00 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball vs. Biola University (7:30 p.m.)
November 30 – December 4  Christmas Concert (7:30 p.m.)
31  Thanksgiving Break  (No Classes)

December

4  Christmas Concert Mainee (2:00 p.m.)
   Women’s Basketball at Biola University (7:30 p.m.)
7  Women’s Basketball at Fresno Pacific University (7:30 p.m.)
10  Men’s Basketball at Christian Heritage College (7:30 p.m.)
   Last Day of Classes
11  Women’s Basketball vs. Point Loma Nazarene University (7:00 p.m.)
13-17  Final Exams
17  Women’s Basketball vs. Azusa Pacific University (5:00 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball vs. Indiana Wesleyan University (7:30 p.m.)
18  Women’s Basketball vs. California State Los Angeles (5:00 p.m.)
   Men’s Basketball vs. California Baptist University (7:30 p.m.)
29  Women’s Basketball at Campbellsville University, Kentucky (6:00 p.m.)
30  Men’s Basketball at California State Los Angeles (7:30 p.m.)
31  Women’s Basketball Master’s New Year’s Classic