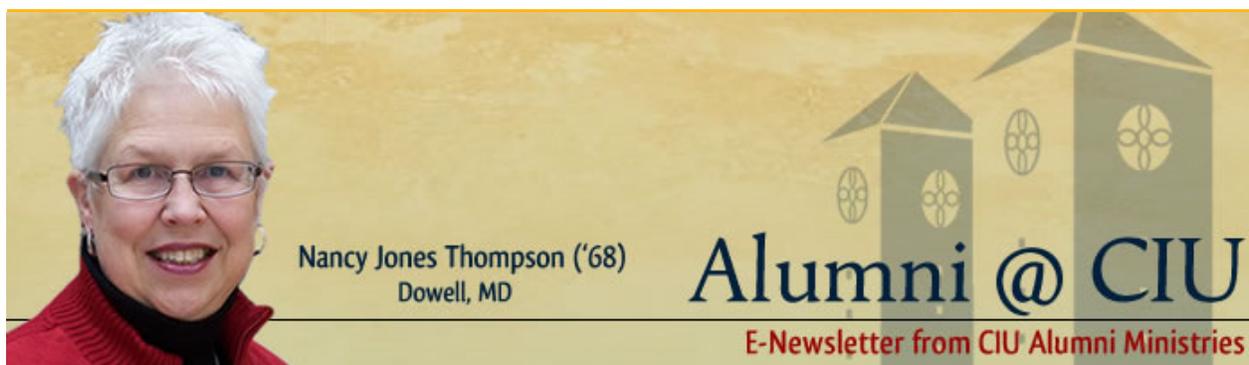


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Alumni spotlight:

Nancy Jones Thompson is the artist behind the Heritage Series -- four watercolor paintings featuring CIU's original downtown campus. Nancy and her husband, Dick, reside near Solomon's Island, Md.

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Homecoming 2008 -- A Time of Encouragement

Almost 100 Ambassador Reunion Choir members, four former choir directors, three Alumni of the Year, and the 1970s Spyders/Buzzards soccer teams -- all made Homecoming 2008 very memorable.

View Homecoming 2008 Memories video:

http://www.ciu.edu/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=5490



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Click here for a **news article** about Homecoming:

<http://www.ciu.edu/news/newsitem.php?id=301>

View a **sampling of homecoming photos:**

http://www.ciu.edu/gallery2/main.php?g2_itemId=5452

Coming soon: We will soon be posting a gallery with many more Homecoming photos. Also, an Ambassador Choir reunion concert video will be made available soon on the CIU website at <http://www.ciu.edu/resources>. Check back later this month. A DVD of the concert is also being produced.

Watercolor Prints Help Students Stay Enrolled

You can help provide scholarships for new CIU students, and receive one or more exclusive, ready-to-frame watercolor prints portraying icons from CIU's historic past in downtown Columbia. Alumna Nancy Jones Thompson (featured in this month's e-news header, above) has painted the Heritage Series, which has been used to honor the 50th reunion year class at Homecoming the last four years. The prints are available with a donation to the CIU Alumni Scholarship Fund, and would make a great gift for you or for someone who has a connection with the original downtown campus.



Read more, and download an order form:

<http://community.ciu.edu/NETCOMMUNITY/Page.aspx?pid=298>

An Important Letter from Bill Jones

Dear CIU Alumni family:

We want to inform you that we have been contacted by a group called Soulforce, an organization whose stated purpose is "freedom for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender [LGBT] people from religious and political

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oppression." The stated purpose of their contact was to request permission for their 2008 Equality Ride to visit our campus on Oct. 6, 2008. We are one of 15 colleges and universities in the Southeast that they will be visiting.

The President's Cabinet and President's Advisory Council weighed our available options, talked with other colleges and universities, and researched Soulforce's historical record regarding visits to other campuses. Once we considered the ramifications for and against allowing them on campus, we concluded it would not be in the best interest of CIU and our students to provide them a forum on campus. The presence of Ben Lippen School students (K-12) and so many young college freshmen was of particular concern.

Rick Swift, the CIU dean of students, and I communicated this to the student body in a chapel earlier this semester. We assured them that we are not moving from our historical biblical standards or policies in this area, but that we desire to use this as a ministry and teaching experience, and as a way to practically demonstrate Christ's love. In that spirit, we have offered to bring a group of faculty and student leaders to meet with the Soulforce visitors at an alternative venue downtown.

Historically, Soulforce's Equality Ride visits campuses even when they have been asked not to do so. In these circumstances their goal is to generate publicity. Please pray that if this happens, we will have the opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ to everyone during this potentially difficult situation.

Dr. Bill Jones
CIU President

Young Alumni Reunion Day -- Nov. 8

Friendships, food, football and more will make for a great day! The sizzling **Chili Cook-off** was such a huge hit last year that we are bringing it back. Bring your friends to the Y.A.R.D.!

Details and registration: www.ciu.edu/yard

Contact us with any questions at alumni@ciu.edu.



Listen to Christian Life Conference Podcasts

Barry Winchell (1978) spoke powerfully into the lives of students, faculty, staff and alumni alike at this year's Christian Life Conference. You may listen to the podcasts and also download the series' outline guide titled, *Ancient Tools for Life Today*.

Ancient Tools for Life Today pdf download:
<http://www.ciu.edu/resources/displaypdf.php?552>

Podcasts (Sept 9-12): <http://www.ciu.edu/rss/index.php?feed=chapel>



Campus Bookstore Now Online

The campus bookstore now offers your favorite CIU apparel, chapel CDs, books by faculty and alumni authors, and much more ONLINE. You can even customize your own CIU apparel with logoware.

Check it out:

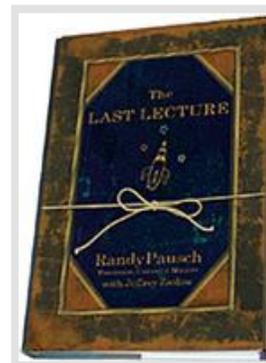


<http://www.ciu.edu/bookstore/>.



The Last Lecture -- Series Begins Oct. 17 @ CIU

On September 18, 2007 Carnegie Mellon University professor Randy Pausch stepped in front of an audience of 400 students to deliver his last lecture called "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dream." Less than a year later he passed away from pancreatic cancer. *The Last Lecture* (www.thelastlecture.com) captures his final words.



The CIU student senate is hosting a series of lectures this year based on *The Last Lecture*, featuring CIU professors. **All alumni and friends are invited to attend.**

The series begins on **October 17, from 7:30 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m in Hoke Auditorium.**

Professor **Cliff Bedell** will be sharing from his heart, experiences, and life wisdom. It's something you won't want to miss.

Future dates (speakers TBA) are Nov. 21, 2008; Feb. 6, 2009; Apr. 24, 2009. For more information contact Jason at Jason.Koshy@ciuonline.com.

Attention, Prospective Students!

Come and experience CIU during one of our exciting Preview Days. You'll tour CIU's beautiful campus, sit in on a class, connect with professors and students in your area of interest, interact with other students, and attend a chapel service.



October 24 -- Grad/Seminary Preview Day -- Details and to register: <http://www.ciu.edu/undergrad/campusvisit/visit.html>

November 13-15 -- RC McQuilkin Scholarship Weekend for high school seniors: www.ciu.edu/rcmweekend

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