College moves academic program to Big Sandy

By Jeff E. Zuehr

PASADENA—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach announced the consolidation of Ambassador College's four-year liberal arts programs in Big Sandy and a satellite facility in Pasadena during a meeting with the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 14. The move will be fully implemented in August 1990.

We regret that we will lose students, faculty and Pasadena-based church employees. Local church elders attending the 21st session of Minis­
terial Refreshing Program V watched on closed circuit television.

Students in Big Sandy listened to Mr. Tkach's address by audio hookup in the convention center.

The Pasadena campus continues as an international headquarters for the Church, the Ambassador Foundation and the performing arts program.

Writing to ministers in the Dec. 19 Pastoral Letter, Tkach's Repor­t list Larry Salyer, associate director of Church Administration for inter­national areas, said: "Most of you will immediately see the benefit of setting up the campus before entering into the process of accreditation.

"It certainly makes sense to con­solidate the strengths of both ac­ademic programs and provide the best possible educational opportu­nity for our young people."

Under the auspices of the college in Texas, an extension program on

the Pasadena campus is planned for about 200 freshmen and selected upperclassmen, according to Dr. Ward.

After a year in Pasadena, these students will transfer to Big Sandy as part of their academic career at Ambassador.

"We regret that we will lose even a small part of Ambassador," said Pasadena Mayor William Thomson, who added that he recog­nized the college's limitations on expansion," the Los Angeles Times reported Dec. 15.

"Ambassador College can be built anywhere," Dr. Ward said at a

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Dear Brethren,

For some time now, I have been asking for the prayerful and financial sup­port of the brethren in ad­dition to what we are doing re­garding important deci­sions about the immediate and long-range future of the college.

In a meeting of all Pasada­nen employees and Ambas­sador College students Dec. 14, I was able to announce certain exciting decisions that I believe will put the college in very positive steps forward for the long-term effective­ness of Ambassador College and the Church in general.

After months of extensive re­search and investigation by the college administration and vari­ous other administrative and fi­nancial personnel of the Church, it has become clear that the sup­port of two separate college cam­puses in the United States is an inefficient use of funds and facil­i­ties.

Maximum benefit of available personnel, facilities and funds can be obtained by consoli­dating our Ambassador College academic programs on one cam­pus.

But these factors are only part of the background. Ambassador College is facing a crisis because of the legal require­ments governing higher educa­tion in both California and Texas.

In order to grant degrees we must receive state approval. Moreover, the State of Texas re­quires a minimum number of ac­creditation within eight years af­ter initial certification is granted.

Our deadline in Texas is July 31, 1991.

In other words, we must at least achieve candidacy by then or be left with the alternative of granting religious degrees only. This means that Ambassador College Texas would have to be­come strictly a Bible college.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong's vi­sion of Ambassador College from its inception was a conform­ational, liberal arts college. He never intended that Ambassador become just a Bible college. He knew that a broadly based liberal arts education was essential in developing balanced leadership for the Church and society.

The State of California passed a new law in October of this year that does away with the religious category for nonaccredited col­leges. Beginning Jan. 1, 1991, all nonaccredited colleges in Cali­fornia must apply for approved status. The requirements for this status are essentially the same as for accreditation.

In addition, it is expected that it is only a matter of time before California also passes legislation that will require nonaccredited schools to become accredited.

So the legal environment of both states now demands that both campuses move to another status.

We believe that we must seek accreditation or close the col­leges, since the alternative of be­ing only a Bible college does not conform to the historic mission of Ambassador College. The div­idends of an Ambassador educa­tion for the individual and the Church of God are too great to consider closing the colleges.

However, we believe that our resources are stretched too thin to try to accredit two separate colleges.

Therefore, in a recent meeting of the college's board of direc­tors, the decision was made to combine the Pasadena and Big Sandy academic programs of Ambassador College on the Texas campus.

The transition will be in place for the fall of 1990, and the accredit­ation process with the Southern As­sociation of Colleges and Schools will continue uninterrupted under the new configuration.

Although this decision is vital to the long-term efficiency of the college as well as its value to the Church, the consolidation will initially require construction of adequate dormitory and instruc­tion space in Big Sandy.

Freshmen in Pasadena

We will continue, however, to have a freshman class in Pas­adena as an extension of the Big Sandy program. This can be done at minimal cost and will provide us with the opportunity to attend Amba­sador.

The additional freshman class in Pasadena will also provide the student work force necessary for the upkeep of the grounds and buildings here. We are also for­mulating plans to have a one-year work-study program for se­lected upperclassmen in Pas­sadena to give them experience in college operations.

Under careful study is also the possibility of moving one or more major departments of the Work to Big Sandy, where build­ing costs for the Work and hous­ing costs for our employees are considerably less than in South­ern California.

If God leads me to see that some parts of the Work should be relocated, then the opportunity of any resulting unused facilities here would also help in the costs of

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First Shovelful—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach breaks ground for the new administration building on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus Dec. 7. At right are evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador Col­lege president, and Rick van Pet, director of Facilities Services in Pasadena. (Photo by Jason Frantz)

Officials break ground for building in Texas

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach broke ground Dec. 7 for the new administration building on the Big Sandy campus. The building is scheduled to be completed by late spring 1990.

Evangelist Donald Ward, Amb­assador College president, opened the groundbreaking ceremony. Dr. Ward introduced guests Steven Rogers, president and chief execu­tive officer, and Patrick O'Brien, vice president and chief operating officer, of the construction company Rogers & O'Brien; and the mayor of Big Sandy, Johnny Baird.

"Through the years this beautiful campus has been carved out of the natural beauty of the East Texas woods," Dr. Ward said.

"Ambassador College believes that education will shape the course of the future, and we're committed to helping the world to become a better place for all of mankind." Dr. Ward introduced Mr. Tkach to conduct the ceremony. Mr. Tkach said that the new building would not only be beautiful but also functional.

"We want to make it appealing to the eye and certainly reflect every­thing that we say and do and are striving to accomplish in all our ef­forts here," Mr. Tkach said.

Faculty members, administrators and guests joined Mr. Tkach at a re­ception in the faculty dining room.

Mr. Tkach flew to the Big Sandy area Dec. 7 on the Church's British Aerospace Corp. (BAC) 1-11 jet. He was accompanied by Gary An­tione, Big Sandy dean of students; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's executive assistant; evangelist Leroy Neff; Church treasurer; Michael Ras­musen, Mr. Tkach's administra­tive assistant; Michael Snyder, as­sistant director of Public Affairs; and Julie Stoker, administrative as­sistant.

WASHINGTON VISIT—First Lady Barbara Bush welcomes Pastor Gen­eral Joseph W. Tkach Dec. 3 at a White House reception before the Kennedy Center Honors. (Photo courtesy White House Photo Office)

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1989 will be known as year of Europe

PASSAIGNE—More than 16 years after Secretary of State Henry Kissinger predicted that 1973 would be the year of Europe, Hopeless, 1973 never quite got off the starting line, if anything, the year of war in the Middle East followed by a boycott of Western nations by oil-producing nations.

Instead, 1989 has been the true year of Europe. It was the year in which Europe's seemingly endless Cold War finally ended.

Some say the European Union was laid in years past. But the climax occurred in a crescendo that the Dec. 17-18 meeting in Moscow provided so many Western nations by oil-producing

The big problem, he said, was the one sentence, straightforward and for the year 1995. But it also reiterated that the long-term objective in Europe—what President George Bush calls a “Europe whole and free”—would not depend on short-term developments.

Mr. Bush's superpower rivalry, so near and so dear, is equally challenged to give direction to the changes he himself has been instrumental in bringing about.

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leaders to the breaching of the Berlin Wall Nov. 9. The beatings and deaths of East Berliners by secret police led to moral outrage, resulting in ever­­growthing meetings and rallies at Lutheran churches and places beginning last spring. The East Berlin government then asked for Soviet troops to quell the protests. "That became the essential question," according to Sen. Lugar. But leading that Mr. Gorbachev may grow imp­­atational of nationalism in various sectors of the country and seek to repress its citi­izens.

Questions and answers

In response to a question about U.S. presence in Europe, Sen. Lu­gar said that suddenly the United States was involved in less than we have been in some time. "The Germans can't conceive of a Europe that is not a united, united, united, European, and the French and the Soviet Union, too. But that genie back in the bottle."

Big Sandy

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Dr. Ronald Reagan will be a welcome pres­i­dent. Richard Thompson will be dean of student services; Gary An­thony Taylor, director of academic affairs; William Stenger, dean of instruc­tion. Richard Thompson will be named dean of students in Big Sandy administration.

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"On our side, we have 310,000 Americans in Europe, so we'd be bringing them down in kind.

The thought is that we try to reach parity with troops and like­wise equipment, to bring forward to aircraft, armored car­­nations to the many hundreds of hours of de­­instructor. Thomas Kirkpatrick, business administration and economies;

Crisis for Freedoms

About Poland's efforts to become democratic the senator said: "No state has ever moved from a socialist state has ever moved from a socialist
to a free market system. There's no historical map.

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U.S. SENATOR—Richard Lugar, the senior senator from Indiana, speaks to Ambassadors to the United States Foreign Relations Com­mitee during the Reagan administration. [Photo by Mike Bedford]

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The issues of German unity and
German identity," reported the
Defense Secretary in New York, "has
plagued this union for almost a
decade, as nationalist feelings and
German romanticism. Taking a
suppressed on a succession of at-
ttempts to bring the states together.

This tortured history, the
Secretary continued, has left the
Germans with a fear of their own
his life, and the need to build
ahead.

Kohlgelob Kohnle, one of
East Germany's top film scriptwriters,
expressed this fear most eloquently in
a costumed role as a young

"What is important is what
consider for the next few years," said
Mr. Kohnle. "Germany is a sleeping
dog today, a barking dog tomorrow, and
day after that, a biting dog. It worries me.

It worries others too, despite
sinace assurances from leading fig-

One obvious reason for the
concern is that the wealth of the
Federal Republic has at its disposal,
ready to be influenced in an unexpected
manner, the political events in
Europe and all of Eastern Europe.

On a state visit to Poland, Chan-
celler Helmut Kohl offered the Poles
a $2 billion aid and investment
package, surpassing by several times
what the United States offered last
year, the cash-strapped U.S. Congress.

But even this offer is
considerably less than what Mr. Kohl,
on the eve of his year-end trip to
East Germany, announced this
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Gold awards presented to youths in Australia

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—Gold achievement awards were presented to 10 youths in the Australian Youth Opportunities United art and photography contests. Art: Danielle McDermott, 15, Bundaberg; David Loelei, 15, Linton; Anthony Mew, 16, Boonah; Serena Moore, 17, Revesby; and Leszek Banham, 18, Oakleigh. Photography: Karen Barbour, 17, Eaton; Bobby Fasey, 17, Eloanore; Richard Thornton, 16, Wariewood; Robi Sonderregger, 16, Kambah; and Sharon Anne Morris, 15, Ringwood. The entries were judged in September by regional office staff members Aub Warren and Naomi Finch, and three artists from the Gold Coast, Australia, church: Karen Warren, Gwen Allen and Mona Archer.

Philippine youths enter national photo contest

MANILA, Philippines—Results are in for the 1989 Philippine Youth Opportunities United (YOU) national photography contest. "This year we received about three times as many entries as we did last year, when we began this annual project," said Ruel Guerrero, YOU activity coordinator for Ministerial Services in the Philippine Office. First, second and third places in each category are as follows. Family (black and white): Golda Freires, 18, Davao; Maresciel Ocampo, 14, San Pedro; Adelle Grace Laureano, 14, Davao. Action (black and white): Cathrine Amodia, 15, Cebu; Theodore Albert Lim, 17, Davao; Alice Banila, 15, Cebu. Landscape (black and white): Maresciel Ocampo, Adelle Grace Laureano, Hanz Concepcion, 14, Davao. Family (color): Jared Santibanez, 18, Bacolod; Lester Santibanez, 16, Bacolod; Maresciel Ocampo. Action (color): Sherri Ong, 18, General Santos; Andrew Jef Alaza, 16, Cebu; Cathrine Amodia. Landscape (color): Golda Freires, Adelle Grace Laureano, Edenzer Mainung, 17, Baguio City.
BIRTHS

ANDERSON, Chris and Jeanette on Sept. 15, of Pasaden, girl, Lindsey Michelle. 7:35 a.m., 5 pounds, 15 ounces, new 2理工大学.

BUCK, Jonathan and Berri (Jung), of Dayton, girl, Amarah Kay. 11:15 p.m., 7 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

CAHANER, Jim and Lisa (Dyson), of onion, girl, Teagan Ann. 12:43 a.m., 8 pounds, 3 ounces, new 2理工大学.

CYR, John and Shelly (Simpson), of Columbus, girl, Adina Lee. 8:39 a.m., 6 pounds, 13 ounces, new 2理工大学.

DICKEY, Stephen and Karen (Tompkins), of Columbus, boy, Martin Thomas. 11:59 p.m., 7 pounds, 13 ounces, new 2理工大学.

OZRESHEL, Nicholas and Jen (Newby), of New London, girl, Alanna Nicole. 7:32 a.m., 8 pounds, 11 ounces, new 2理工大学.

HADSON, Nath and Mary (Campbell), of Dayton, girl, Layne Marie. 6:25 a.m., 7 pounds, 8 ounces, new 2理工大学.

HOPPE, Donald and Pam, of Mansfield, girl, Kaelin Elizabeth. 2:17 p.m., 8 pounds, 11 ounces, new 2理工大学.

HUMBLE, Denver and Darby (Berry), of Van Wert, girl, Dover Delilah. 5:24 p.m., 8 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

KREIS, Peter and Sharon (Roberts), of Columbus, boy, Nolan Ryan. 6:34 p.m., 7 pounds, 9 ounces, new 2理工大学.

LAWRENSS, Charles Lee and Leigh (Mackenzie), of London, girl, McCray Dene. 9:07 p.m., 8 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

LEHMAN, Steven and Joan (Holmes), of Columbia, boy, Ethan John. 7:08 a.m., 9 pounds, 15 ounces, new 2理工大学.

MERRIN, John and Lynne (Breakfield), of Worthington, girl, Brooke Leann. 2:00 a.m., 7 pounds, 9 ounces, new 2理工大学.

NORD, Robert and Patricia (Shaw), of Dublin, boy, Cameron Lee. 2:03 p.m., 7 pounds, 12 ounces, new 2理工大学.

WOLFF, Michael and Susan, of Wellington, girl, Gracie Elizabeth. 4:10 a.m., 7 pounds, 4 ounces, new 2理工大学.

WOLTER, Sean and Cathy (Wooldridge), of Dayton, girl, Victoria Lila. 10:42 a.m., 6 pounds, 5 ounces, new 2理工大学.

PRICE, Peter and Barbara (Taylor), of Elyria, girl, Jennifer Kay. 12:43 a.m., 8 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

RASMUSON, Gun and Carol (Engberg), of Beavercreek, girl, Reese Rose. 7:48 a.m., 7 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

STEPHENS, Robin and Beth (Brown), of Hilliard, girl, Emily Elizabeth. 1:10 a.m., 7 pounds, 10 ounces, new 2理工大学.

TANNERBERRY, Amanda and Donna (Clay), of Whitehall, girl, Lily Pia. 7:30 a.m., 5 pounds, 8 ounces, new 2理工大学.

TURKIRCHWORT, David and Shelly (Bennett), of Marysville, boy, Thomas Robert. 4:42 a.m., 8 pounds, 7 ounces, new 2理工大学.

WENDEN, Edward and Sharon (Williams), of Cincinnati, boy, Jesse Williams. 6:01 a.m., 8 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

WOODWORTH, Sondra and Travis (Fitzgerald), of Cincinnati, boy, Ethan Shane. 10:13 p.m., 6 pounds, 2 ounces, new 2理工大学.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Johnner Klawer of Steen, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracey Lee Klawer, to Mr. Robert Paul Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wanda Murphy of Black Mountain, N.C., a student at Abilene Christian University. The couple plan to marry Aug. 13 in Dahlonega, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland B. Fairman of Milford, Conn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Fairman, to Mr. Arnold F. Stearns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stearns of Milford, Conn., a sales representative with Lysol Company. The couple plan to marry Aug. 9 in Milford, Conn.

Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Kline of Monkton, Md., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Zuckerberg, to Mr. Howard Zuckerberg, a student at the University of Maryland. The couple plan to marry Aug. 2 in Monkton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Gerald Anderson of Lansing, Mich., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Anderson, to Mr. John Anderson, a student at Michigan State University. The couple plan to marry Aug. 10 in Lansing, Mich.

WEDDINGS

MRS. AND MRS. S. MARSHAK

Sarah Ann Sparks, daughter of John and Elizabeth Sparks, and John M. Marshak, son of Barbara and Robert Marshak, both of Dayton, were married June 14, at the Village Christian Church. Officiating were Fathers Robert Marshak, a clergyman at the church, and Father J. P. Doughty, a cousin of the groom. The couple live in Dayton. 

MRS. AND MRS. JAMES FRANK PARSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parsons, of Dayton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Parsons, to Mr. James Parsons, a student at the University of Dayton. The couple plan to marry Aug. 15 in Dayton. 

MRS. AND MRS. MAYNARD B. CURRY

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Curry, of Dayton, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mrs. Curry, to Mr. Robert Curry, a student at Miami University. The couple plan to marry Aug. 15 in Dayton.

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Now I know that some might say, "Yes, but we must be willing to prove our point in the Work of God." That is true, but God still holds me responsible to explore every avenue to make that burden lighter.

I have often said, as I should be, because our employees rely on the Work for their livelihood. And as I have often said, I must think about the long-range future of the Work as well, not just the immediate present.

You have all heard me say that we must work smarter, not just harder. I try to practice what I preach. I am constantly asking for ways to maintain the positive vision for the future. I am always on the lookout for ways to help the Work and help our employees at the same time.

Even when I visit the local congregations around the world, I solicit input and ideas. The idea of building appropriate new facilities on our own property in Big Sandy is instrumental in consolidating all feasible operations of the Church, college and Ambassador Foundation. This has been suggested repeatedly, both on these visits and by me in Passaden.

It is clear to me that to see how do God's Work effectively and relieving some of the mounting financial pressure on our employees is a vital concern.

Detailed study
A little more than a year and a half ago, after much prayer and counsel, I commissioned a careful and detailed feasibility study to cover all the various aspects of this and related ideas. That study is not yet complete, and no final decisions have been made.

But since the conclusions of this feasibility study could ultimately affect the Work in a major way, it is important for me to share this option with everyone.

Now I realize that such moves may sound drastic at first to some (those who understand more outstanding ideas are the positive aspects one begins to see.

The location of our property in Big Sandy is also a plus. It is on major east-west highway. It is sufficiently near major population centers not to be isolated, yet far enough away to avoid the drawbacks of downtown traffic, pollution and problems.

"God's guiding hand"
In many ways, we can begin to see more clearly God's clear in leadership in Mr. Armstrong's leadership in Big Sandy, in the Feast of Tabernacles and an Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy more than a quarter century ago.

Mr. Armstrong wrote several years ago an article titled "Pre pare Now to Reduce Your Standard of Living." I believe God is now leading me to see that a consolidation of as many of our resources, personnel and operations, even if not all, is possible at our less expensive facility may make good sense in preparation for the bumpy economic times ahead.

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NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA—Five members in Panama City, Panama, are safe after U.S. military action Dec. 20 to apprehend Panama's strongman, Gen. Manuel Noriega, to protect American lives, according to Mr. Kelly, ambassador here for the San Jose, Costa Rica, church.

Three other members live in the countryside.

"The phone lines were busy this morning, so there was no contact," Mr. Perez told The Worldwide News Dec. 20. Members were waiting in their quarters until further notice.

"They are nervous and edgy, but safe," said the pastor.

Mr. Speaks said he hoped brothers would pray for the safety of the Panamanian members and that the Panamanian economy would recover.

"We depend on the mailing systems in this political situation is important to us."

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PASADENA—The Church will not produce a 1990-91 Holy Day wall calendar, according to evangelist Ronald Kelly, booklet coordinator.

"A 1990 pocket calendar was sent out with the 1989-90 wall calendar," Mr. Kelly said, "so members will be able to use the pocket calendar for the Holy Days."

Members who have misplaced the 1990 pocket calendar may request replacements from Pasadena or the regional office nearest them.

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PASADENA—A fire destroyed an old condominium and one unit of a new condominium across the street from the Ambassador College campus here Dec. 6. News sources reported more than $5 mil-

lion in damages.

The fire began with an explosion at about 11:20 p.m. Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, several college students and others hosed down roofs and walls of campus buildings threatened by the blaze.

Although some cinders landed in trees lining the campus, the view was quickly cleared, and how fire was no damage to the campus.

The fire damaged both condominiums, the fire destroyed seven units of an existing condominium. Arson is suspected as the cause of the fire.

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PASADENA—Editorial Services announced that a new brochure, Babylon Past, Present, Future, is available. It can be purchased by World Tomorrow telecorder Jan. 13 and Dec. 8.

The brochure will also be offered in the February issue of News of the World.

Church members should not re-


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