

The Wonder of Science

As society becomes more secular, the Word of God is increasingly attacked from all directions, especially by academic and scientific “experts.” It is refreshing to study the Word of God at a Seventh-day Adventist school and to have teachers present the Christian perspective on science, which, instead of evolution, speaks volumes in favor of creation and the wonders of God’s creative wisdom.

Ben Roy of Science Zone (gosciencezone.com) based in Tennessee, recently presented a program at Blue Mountain Academy (BMA) emphasizing the balance that exists in the physical universe. Roy’s presentation also

challenged us to try to imagine the wonders God has planned for us. What a wonderful, creative God we serve!

As BMA’s motto emphasizes, “They shall be all taught of God” (John 6:45). BMA teachers use the book of nature and the Word of God to teach students about Him. Just imagine that in the Earth made new, we will be taught face to face by our loving Creator! May our faith be strengthened through the Bible *and* science. They both tell us of an amazing God.



Ben Roy recently illustrated God’s power by means of a variety of scientific experiments.



Craig Ziesmer
Principal

Training Inspires Students to Fly for God

Rudolph “Mo” Pelley, a former mission pilot and recently retired treasurer of the Pennsylvania Conference, is teaching the first formal ground school session since Adventist World Aviation took over BMA’s flight training program in 2007.

At a recent session, Pelley told students of one of his experiences flying doctors on a mission to a remote airstrip. There was no windsock at this grass strip, but someone lit a fire in a barrel by the runway when the airplane approached so the smoke would provide the needed wind direction. However, the fire quickly spread from the barrel to the grass of the runway! And to make matters worse, one of the passengers was airsick and was filling sick sacks as they flew around waiting for the fire to be put out so they could land!

With that backdrop, the discussion got around to lift, weight, thrust and drag, and to Bernoulli’s principles. Ground school serves to prepare the young people for the Federal Aviation Administration Knowledge Test, but it also inspires them to see the blessings and joys of working for the remote and forgotten people groups of the world.—*Eric Engen*



Aviation students Kelsey Landa, Ricardo Antron and Uhursu Godlieb listen to the mission experiences of instructor Mo Pelley, who holds pilot licenses from Malawi, Rhodesia, Congo, Canada and the United States.

NEWS

Learning Specialist Completes Master's Degree

Congratulations to Renee Whiting (below), BMA's learning specialist, for completing her master's degree in School Counseling for grades K-



12 through Southern Adventist University (Tenn.). She joined the BMA teaching staff last July.

When she accepted the position, Whiting needed to take five hours of comprehensives. Chuck Castle, vice principal, agreed to proctor the exam. She says she appreciated his willingness to help and is "thankful that I work at an institution that values its employees."

Girls' Dorm Renovations Continue

The renovations in the girls' dorm are helping to build a future filled with hope and opportunity.

"Living in the dorm is like being



Allison Landry ('11) checks out the work being done in the dorms.

part of a huge family," said Joanna Fils-Aime ('11). "As a family, we like our home to look its best, and we are seeing our dreams come true daily. It's exciting to walk down the hall and know that the work being done will affect not only us, but generations to come."

Staff agree that with every brick and pipe that is installed, they know their prayers are being answered.

To financially support the renovations of the dorms visit bma.us, email kathys@bma.us or call (610) 562-4214.

Students Participate at Bucks County Church

Seniors Jenna Dawson and Rebecca Ducharme and freshman Amber Enochs participated in the Bucks County church program as



part of BMA's annual InReach Sabbath, when students minister at Pennsylvania Conference churches.



Choir and Orchestra Present Annual Concert

BMA presented Vivaldi's *Gloria*, performed by Bel Canto and accompanied by an orchestra made up of students, staff and guest musicians. Juniors and LaSonette Ensemble members Madeline Bornman and Kristen Engen (inset) shared the holiday spirit as they performed at the concert.