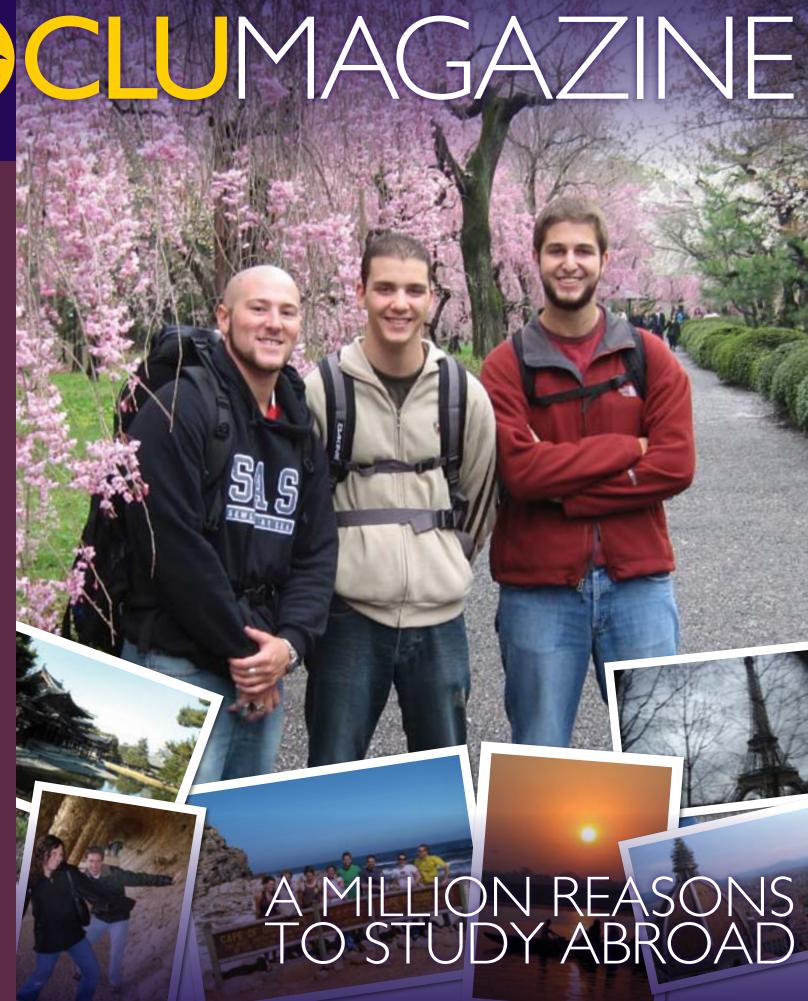
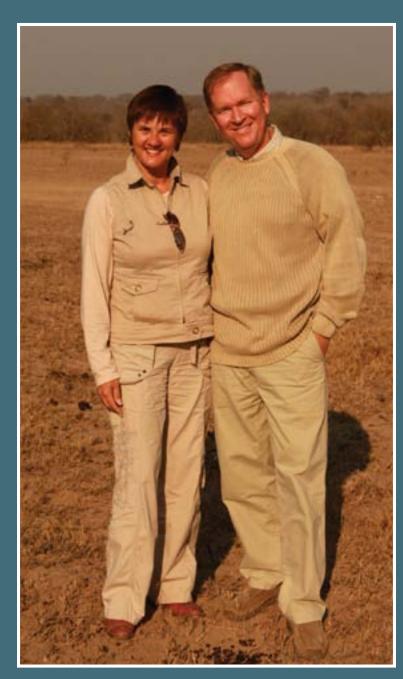
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# Larry and Jane Lee '78 Winter Believe in CLU's Mission



Larry and Jane Lee Winter have been engaged with California Lutheran University for nearly four decades. Larry's father, Ole Winter, a Lutheran minister, first introduced him to California Lutheran College in the 1960s. Larry later completed his CFP at CLU and served as chairman of California Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF), lane Lee has served as a member of the Board of Regents and as president of the Alumni

Upon completing their estate plan, Larry and Jane made a commitment to assist organizations that were important in their lives – and CLU is an integral part. They support CLU because its mission to create leaders for a global society speaks loudly to them, and they love giving students the opportunity to attend CLU. Larry and Jane cherish their bond to CLU and strongly encourage others to get involved and to remain connected.

The Orville Dahl Society was established to honor those who provide for the University in their estate. It was named in recognition of CLU's founding president Orville Dahl, who gave life to CLU (then CLC). As envisioned by Dahl, a key element to fulfillment of our mission is the continued growth of the University's

The Orville Dahl Society gives everyone the opportunity to carry on Dahl's work. Membership in the society is open to all who have made some form of estate or deferred gift commitment of any amount to CLU.

If you believe that you qualify for membership or would like information on how to become a member of the Orville Dahl Society, please call the Office of Estate and Gift Planning at (805) 493-3166 or visit our website at www.callutheran.edu/giftplanning.



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# Letters to the Editor

# Lamenting passing of the Blue Slippers

Just read the letter to the editor titled "Blue Slippers Mystery Solved." I have to say that I was saddened to hear that the Blue Slipper tradition met with such a sad end. As a former CLU player, I think the Blue Slippers were as big a part of CLU football as the Kingsmen Wall. It would have been better if Coach Harper had just retired the slippers at the end of that '91 season. My last season was in '82; that was the last team that made it to the NAIA playoffs. I don't know if any of the players on today's team know the history and tradition of CLU football and its past glories. I think for us to really rise and blaze a new path to glory we need to embrace our past. One of the things that Coach Bob Shoup was really good at was bringing in former players to visit with the team and give pre-game talks about what it was to be a Kingsman.

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### **Mission of CLU**

California Lutheran University is a diverse, scholarly community dedicated to excellence in the liberal arts and professional studies. Rooted in the Lutheran tradition of Christian faith, the University encourages critical inquiry into matters of both faith and reason. The mission of the University is to educate leaders for a global society who are strong in character and judgment, confident in their identity and vocation, and committed to service and justice.

# **CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS**

# CLU Literary Magazine Wins Award



orning Glory, CLU's literary and visual arts magazine, has won a prestigious Magazine Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press.

The University is one of only six universities in the country receiving the award for literary magazines. Judged by the *American Poetry Journal*, the Magazine Pacemaker honors general excellence in collegiate magazines. Given annually since 1927, these coveted awards are unofficially known as the "Pulitzer Prizes of student journalism."

This is the second time *Morning Glory* has won a Pacemaker, also having been honored in 1982. In 1990, the magazine was inducted into the College Media Association's Hall of Fame. The American Collegiate Press has presented 26 All American Awards to *Morning Glory* through the years.

Moming Glory showcases the best creative endeavors of students, faculty, staff and alumni of CLU. The glossy publication features poetry, stories, photographs, paintings and multimedia images. It also includes a CD featuring original music compositions.

The editor-in-chief of the 2009 Morning Glory was Katherine Rose Bierach, a Campbell resident and valedictorian of the Class of 2009. Corey Vickery, a Goleta resident who also graduated in

May, was art editor. The faculty advisor is Joan Wines. Emeritus English professor J.T. Ledbetter started the magazine in 1971 and still contributes poetry to it.

To view past issues of Morning Glory, go to www.callutheran.edu/mg 🌔

# Pro Vocal Ensemble Debuts

n innovative professional vocal ensemble based at California Lutheran University gave its premiere concert in November and will conclude its inaugural season in March.

Areté, a group of professional artists in residence at CLU, was designed to fill a

need in Southern California for groups that can perform the many vocal works that visionary composers are creating today. The focus is on performing the new, the unknown and the unconventional with energy, passion, expertise and virtuosity.

Music Director and Conductor Wyant Morton, CLU's Music Department chair and conductor of the annual New Music Concert at the University, created the ensemble to perform and record the widest possible choral repertoire. Special attention is given to contemporary, experimental, improvisatory, crossover and ethnic music.

Areté takes its name from the Greek word meaning striving for excellence. Consisting of 32 handpicked artists and three apprentices, the ensemble is the second professional performance group in residence at CLU. The Kingsmen Shakespeare Company became the professional theatre company of the University last year.

The vocal ensemble will perform a program of modern masters on Sunday, March 28, at 2 p.m. in Samuelson Chapel. 🗘

# President Named Man of the Year



The Thousand Oaks-Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce honored CLU's President Chris Kimball as their Man of the Year during the 2010 Recognition Dinner and Gala held in January.

This distinguished award is presented annually to an outstanding man who demonstrates high standards, ethics and service to the

Chamber of Commerce and the community.

Rick Lemmo, Vice President of Community Relations for Caruso Affiliated, Man of the Year sponsor, presented the award to Kimball.

# New Doctoral Program Begins in Fall

Center.

alifornia Lutheran University will launch a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) in Clinical Psychology program this fall at its Oxnard Center.

Under the leadership of Mindy Puopolo, Psy.D., Director of Graduate Programs in Psychology, the program integrates theoretical and practical approaches to prepare graduates for careers as licensed clinical psychologists. The curriculum includes sequential research courses, three years of practical training and an internship in the field.

For additional information about the Psy.D. program, please contact Julius Munyantwali, Graduate Admission Counselor, at (805) 493-3020 or jmunyant@callutheran.edu

# Swensen Center Takes Shape



The Swenson Center for the Social and Behavioral Sciences is on schedule for completion for the fall semester. The center, CLU's first LEED-certified building, will house nine classrooms, 43 offices, two computer labs, a psychology lab, a conference room and a faculty/staff lounge. The building, located on the site of the old tennis courts near the corner of Faculty and Pioneer streets, is named in honor of Jim and Sue Swenson of Dana Point, who donated \$5 million toward the project. Groundbreaking for the \$8.5 million building was held last June.

# Football Stadium Coming Soon

William Rolland of Westlake Village has donated \$5 million for a new football stadium at California Lutheran University.

His irrevocable pledge of \$5,000,001 is the largest single gift in the history of the University. The money will be used in the construction of a first-class \$8 million stadium.

The more than 3,000-seat facility will include locker rooms, coaching offices, meeting rooms, a press box, VIP lounge and clock tower. Construction will begin this summer with the installation of artificial turf and should conclude in time for the opening of the 2011 football season.

The stadium will also house an art gallery where Rolland's extensive collection of bronze statuary and other works will be exhibited.

Rolland, who played football in the Army, rose from humble beginnings to achieve great success. A native of Southern California, he spent four decades as a real estate developer in Ventura County and was a founding resident of Westlake Village.

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Rolland served for 17 years as a Los
Angeles City firefighter and received the
Medal of Valor for his efforts during a
mudslide rescue in Hollywood Hills. As
president of the William Rolland Firefighters
Foundation, he has helped direct its
philanthropic efforts to aid the families of
firefighters injured or killed in the line of duty
and facing life-threatening medical challenges,
and to provide reward money for arson
crimes. He also founded the William Rolland
Firefighter Educational Institute in Hollywood.

"I'm so pleased to be able to contribute to the growth of CLU in this lasting way," said Rolland. "This is one of the most exciting ventures I've ever undertaken."

"Bill is an extraordinary man who has provided CLU with an extraordinary gift," said President Chris Kimball. He has expressed his sincere enthusiasm for making a difference and contributing to CLU's rapid progress."

See the next issue of CLU Magazine and visit **www.callutheran.edu** for complete information on the stadium and the man who is helping to fulfill a long-held dream.

# Music Pioneer Honored

LU music professor emeritus Elmer Ramsey was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for his nearly 30 years of service to the University and more than 50 years devotion to the arts in Southern California as a composer, conductor, musician and educator.

The honorary degree was conferred by President Chris Kimball and Board of Regents Chair Karen Bornemann '70 Spies on behalf of the faculty and Board of Regents during a "Beethoven Extravaganza" concert Founders Day weekend.

Ramsey, 79, joined the faculty at California Lutheran College in 1965. He founded and conducted the CLC-Community Symphony, gradually transforming it into the Conejo Symphony Orchestra. He created arrangements for and conducted the University's orchestra on tours with the CLU Choir and in performances at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. He retired in 1992.



In addition to the Conejo Symphony Orchestra, Ramsey also launched the Conejo Pops Orchestra and co-founded the Oakleaf Music Festival. He still directs the Conejo Pops Orchestra and Sherwood Singers.

The son of a church organist and fiddle-playing father, Ramsey grew up in a musical home in North Dakota. A professional musician from the age of 14, he began playing trumpet in Los Angeles in 1956. His numerous gigs included performances for the Ernie Ford Show, Jimmy Durante Show and 20th

Century Fox Studios. He also conducted concerts at the Hollywood Bowl and Los Angeles Music Center.

Ramsey has received many honors for his contributions throughout the years from groups including the Conejo/Las Virgenes Future Foundation, Thousand Oaks Arts Commission and American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers.

# Buildings, Programs, Research Receive Funding at CLU

S everal grants and awards ranging from capital funding to support of academic programs and individual research have been received at California Lutheran University.

### Grants

**A National Science Foundation** grant of \$171,280 to professors Grady Hanrahan, Chemistry, and Dennis Revie, Biochemistry, will allow the acquisition of state-of-the-art instrumentation and equipment for the separation and determination of biologically – and environmentally – relevant compounds for interdisciplinary teaching and research efforts on campus.

**Edison International** has awarded \$100,000, payable in \$25,000 increments over four years, to the Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math and Science programs. Part of TRIO Programs funded through the U.S. Department of Education, Upward Bound helps high school students who meet eligibility requirements successfully prepare for their post-secondary education. Since there has been no increase in federal funding for the programs in eight years, the Edison grant ensures that the present level of services will be continued.

**Verizon** is funding a \$200,000 two-year program at CLU's Oxnard Center to assist victims of domestic violence. Group intervention/counseling sessions and individual counseling will be offered utilizing MFT and Psy.D. students with the goal of helping victims change their patterns of relating to others.

# Awards

Morris Eagle, Ph.D., a prominent psychoanalyst and clinical supervisor in CLU's graduate Psychology Department, was honored in January as the 2009 recipient of the Sigourney Award. The award, which includes a \$40,000 cash prize, is psychoanalysis' most distinguished recognition, made annually to individuals and institutions around the world, but only once every three years in the United States. A former president of the division of psychoanalysis of the American Psychological Association as well as co-founder of the New York Attachment Consortium, Eagle's work on attachment theory has garnered his reputation as a preeminent scholar in the field.

Jennifer Arceo, an undergraduate student at CLU, has received a \$46,500 fellowship from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support her research and educational activities during her junior and senior years. Under the guidance of chemistry professor Grady Hanrahan, she is studying the transport and transformation of environmental contaminants in terrestrial and aquatic systems in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. The study aims to improve understanding of the physical and chemical makeup of these systems, which in turn enables authorities to produce better regulatory guidelines and management strategies.

# Get Your Clear Credential Online New program receives education grant

LU's School of Education is developing a program for new teachers to earn their clear credentials online with funding from a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Only 30 colleges received a Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Grant for Graduate Programs at Institutions of Higher Education Serving Hispanic Americans. CLU was one of two receiving the highest award amount.

Scheduled to begin this fall, the program will include an innovative online mentoring component, with CLU faculty and alumni providing timely, individual advice and assistance to beginning teachers. It will also include online resources such as classroom management tips, lesson planning and standards-based content information.

Under the direction of Assistant Dean Deborah Erickson, the program is being designed to address the needs of Latino teachers and students in grades kindergarten through 12. Representatives from Las Virgenes Unified, Conejo Valley Unified and Ocean View school districts are helping to design the courses.

For additional information, contact the School of Education at (805) 493-3422.

# School of Education Granted State, National Reaccreditation

Professional accreditation is one way to ensure that universities are graduating well-qualified teachers and educational leaders ready for today's schools. Accreditation means that the school underwent rigorous review by an external group of professionals and that programs meet standards set by the field. For credential and graduate candidates, accreditation means that they will be well prepared to help all students succeed and meet the challenges of the future.

Last spring, a team of 18 evaluators assessed California Lutheran University's School of Education (SOE) through intensive document review and 600 interviews with students, school partners and the campus community. As a result, the School of Education received reaccreditation from both the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). Both state and national reviewers found that all standards were met.

"The reviewers especially noted the high quality and accomplishments of the faculty, the extensive use of technology, personal attention provided to candidates and strong collaborations with school partners," said Carol Bartell, Dean of the School of Education.

The School of Education must be approved by the CCTC in order to recommend individuals for California teaching and other credentials, Bartell explained. NCATE is not required, but is a special mark of distinction, since only five other private universities in the state have obtained national accreditation. NCATE is recognized nationally, so teachers and other educators who seek employment outside of California are able to demonstrate that they have completed a high quality standard-based program and that their performance has been assessed.

# Peace Pole Dedicated

Chumash Indian Gil Unzueta performs a traditional Chumash ceremony to purify the new Peace Pole at the dedication ceremony on the CLU campus. The pole containing the phrase "may peace prevail" in nine languages stands in the Samuelson Chapel rose garden. It is one of more than 200,000 Peace Poles in more than 200 countries. The Peace Pole Project was started in Japan in 1955 by the World Peace Prayer Society, which now is headquartered in New York and recognized by the United Nations





Periodically, CLU Magazine prints a column titled "Writers Block," which features published books written or illustrated by alumni and

If you are an author or illustrator whose book has been published since Jan. I, 2009, you are invited to submit information about your book for possible inclusion in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

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- 1) your name as it appears on the book cover;
- 2) title of the book;
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- 5) a brief description of the contents (no more than three sentences); and
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# Christus Award Goes to President Emeritus

The Rev. Howard E. Wennes, D.Min., was presented the Christus Award during the 2009 Founders Day observance in recognition of his contributions to strengthen the bridge between the Church and the University and for his continued



Chair of the Convocation Frank Nausin '70, right, congratulates Howie Wennes, 2009 recipient of the Christus Award.

support of higher education in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

A former bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA, Wennes came to CLU in 2005 as Director of Church Relations and Assistant to the President for University Ministries. He subsequently served two terms as interim president and was named President Emeritus following his second term.

Prior to starting his work at CLU, Wennes served as interim pastor for congregations in California and Arizona and played an active role in international and ecumenical alliances including hunger and humanitarian relief efforts in Africa and Asia. He has served as chair of the Board of Lutheran World Relief, a staff member of ELCA Hunger Appeal, a visiting professor in South Africa and a delegate to international assemblies of the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches. ()

# In Memoriam



Donald E. Garrison passed away Oct. 21, 2009, in Surprise, Ariz., at age 79. He came to California Lutheran College in 1964 as assistant football coach and served as defensive coordinator until 1978. In 1965 Garrison started the wrestling program, leading his team to three consecutive NAIA District 3 wrestling championships in 1967, 1968 and 1969, and was named NAIA

District 3 Coach of the Year in 1968 and 1969. Garrison retired from coaching in 1978 but continued to work at the University until 1987. He was named an honorary alumnus in 1987 and was inducted into the CLU Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, daughters, Julie Ervin and Tricia Larson '87, and son, leff.

The Rev. Robert Lawson, former Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at California Lutheran College, died on Nov. 18, 2009, at the age of 90. Lawson came to California after receiving his Master's in Divinity at Augustana Lutheran Seminary (Illinois) in 1959. He was called to form a mission congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Thousand Oaks. The first service for the newly formed church was held in a converted chicken coop on the CLC campus, forming a strong bond between the two startup institutions. Following eight years of service as pastor of Holy Trinity, Lawson accepted the position at Cal Lutheran and took an active part in the school's formative years. In 1970, he left CLC to begin another mission congregation, Westlake Lutheran Church in Westlake Village, where he served as pastor for nearly 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and daughters Roxanne Shires '71, Kirsten Beaulieu and Karis Booth '92.

# **Fourth Annual Festival of Scholars**

Monday, April 26, through Friday, April 30

The Festival of Scholars showcases scholarly work of undergraduate and graduate students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Business. Broadly

defined, scholarship includes scientific experimentation, creative works community-based inquiry and other investigations. This year's event will include more than 200 faculty-mentored student presentations and several special alumni presenters in celebration of CLU's 50th Anniversary.

The festival is sponsored by the Office for Undergraduate Research, and admission is free. For details on specific events, visit www.callutheran.edu/our. For more information, contact Michele LeBlanc at our@callutheran.edu or (805) 493-3276.

Visitor parking is available in the parking lots on Mountclef Boulevard north and south of Olsen Road. Street parking is by permit only Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

# Fall Sports Wrap Up



Ray Ostrander

Men's Cross Country – The men's cross country team finished in fifth place at the SCIAC Championships and 11th at the NCAA West Regional. With his 10th place finish at the NCAA West Regional meet, junior Ray Ostrander became the third Kingsman ever to qualify for the NCAA Division III National Championship and the first to do so since 1996. He finished 144th out of the top 276 runners in NCAA Division III. Ostrander was an allregion and all-SCIAC performer for the second consecutive year with



**Nicole Flanary** 



a fifth place finish at the SCIAC Championships.

Football – The football team secured its first outright SCIAC title in CLU history with a 6-0 conference record and finished 8-2 overall, its second eight-win season since 1983. With the conference crown, the Kingsmen made their first ever NCAA postseason appearance facing No. 5 Linfield (OR) in the opening round. A program record 15 Kingsmen were over NCAA Division III topnamed to the all-conference team with senior running back Brian Stuart voted as the SCIAC Offensive Player of the Year, becoming only the second player in CLU history to earn the distinction. Head Coach Ben McEnroe has taken the Kingsmen to two SCIAC titles in his first three seasons, including a co-SCIAC Championship in his rookie year.

Men's Soccer – The men's soccer team continued its tradition of a winning SCIAC record posting the 19th consecutive .500 or better season since joining the conference in 1991. In 2009 the team closed out its campaign with a 2-1 victory over No. 19



UC Santa Cruz. Kingsmen freshman Raul Yepez (13) and senior Ryan McDermott (10) were the

top two SCIAC goal scorers and honors along with teammate Jorge Martinez.

Men's Water Polo - The men's water polo team equaled its best SCIAC record in program history going 6-4 in 2009. CLU's highlight win was an 11-10 victory ranked Whittier College early in the season. Sophomore Brandon Gross and junior Wes Lewis earned first and second team all-SCIAC selections, respectively. Senior Matt Heagy finished his



CLU career as the program's leader in goals (274) and assists (98), and finished second in drawn exclusions (122) and third in steals earned second team all-conference (141). He earned an honorable mention all-region selection in 2009.

# Women's Cross Country -

The women's cross country team ran to a sixth place finish at the SCIAC Championships and wound up 12th at the NCAA West Regional. Sophomore Toccoa Kahovec earned All-SCIAC First Team honors with a ninth place standing at the conference championships while junior Nicole Flanary earned a spot on the second team after running to a 17th place finish.

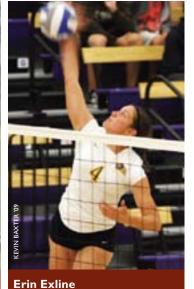
# Season at a Glance

Kingsmen Cross Country Football Soccer Water Polo	Overall 1-6 8-2 9-10-1 9-18	SCIAC 1-6 6-0 7-6-1 6-4	Conference Standing 6th 1st 5th 5th
Regals Cross Country Soccer Volleyball	Overall 2-5 13-6-2 21-12	SCIAC 2-5 6-5-1 11-3	Conference Standing 6th 4th 2nd



Women's Soccer – First-year
Head Coach Frank Marino led the
Regals to the most victories since
the 2000 campaign posting a 136-2 mark this season. CLU finished
in the top four of the SCIAC for
the fourth straight year earning
another SCIAC tournament playoff
appearance. Sophomores Jennifer
Jones and Aubrie Smith and freshman Mayra Virgen each earned an
all-SCIAC first team selection with
junior teammate Brittany Clark
taking a second team bid.

**Volleyball** – The volleyball team qualified for the NCAA



Championships earning its fourth trip in the past five years, advancing to the second round in 2009. CLU finished runner-up in the SCIAC standings posting a 21-12, 11-3 SCIAC mark. Regals newcomer Jackie Russell was named West Region and SCIAC Freshman of the Year after leading the conference in assists per set (9.91) and was chosen as an honorable mention all-American. Junior Erin Exline also earned third team all-American recognition while junior Allison Kerr notched all-West region honors. ()

# Five Sports Fielding Junior Varsity Teams

At a time when college athletic departments across the country are cutting teams, Cal Lutheran has added some.

The University created junior varsity teams last fall in five sports – men's and women's basketball, women's soccer, baseball and volleyball. The JV teams play shorter schedules against mainly local community college and club teams.

CLU has fielded JV teams in the past, but they went dormant for many years. President Chris Kimball reinstated the program last summer.

"It [JV program] really brings us closer to the philosophy of Division III, which is to provide students with more opportunity," CLU athletic director Dan Kuntz said. "The idea of cutting kids is something we just don't like doing. It really flies in the face of what we hope to accomplish in terms of participation."

Junior varsity teams are attractive to athletes needing more experience to make the varsity team, students wondering if they can balance athletics and academics, and students who want to remain active without the full demands of a varsity program.



# Post-Season Recognition

SCIAC Player of the Year Brian Stuart, Football

SCIAC, West Region Freshman of the Year Jackie Russell, Volleyball

### **All-SCIAC First Team**

Matt Allen, Football
Jordan Barta, Football
Jackson Damron, Football
Erin Exline, Volleyball
Brandon Gross,
Men's Water Polo

Justin Haulcy-Bateman, Football
Cori Hayes, Volleyball

Jennifer Jones, Women's Soccer Toccoa Kahovec.

Women's Cross Country
Eric Lopes, Football
Ray Ostrander,
Men's Cross Country

Men's Cross Country

Matt Rosen, Football

Jackie Russell, Volleyball

Aubrie Smith, Women's Soccer

Rachel Smith, Volleyball

Marc Valdez, Football

Mayra Virgen, Women's Soccer

All-SCIAC Second Team
Brittany Clark, Women's Soccer

Nicole Flanary,

Women's Cross Country
Roland Jenkins, Football
Allison Kerr, Volleyball
Wes Lewis, Men's Water Polo
Jorge Martinez, Men's Soccer
Ryan McDermott, Men's Soccer
Josh Oosterhof, Football
Garrett Redd, Football
Eric Rogers, Football
Derek Wilson, Football
Jeff Wurts, Football
Raul Yepez, Men's Soccer
Rian Younker, Football

# All-Region

Erin Exline, Volleyball Justin Haulcy-Bateman, Football Matt Heagy, Men's Water Polo Toccoa Kahovec,

Women's Cross Country Allison Kerr, Volleyball Ray Ostrander,

Men's Cross Country
Jackie Russell, Volleyball
Brian Stuart, Football
Derek Wilson, Football

### All-American

Erin Exline, Volleyball Jackie Russell, Volleyball

For up-to-date news and scores and to subscribe to the CLU Sports E-Newsletter, go to www.clusports.com

# Paralympian Jordan Is Swimming in Silver

LU swim team member Cortney Jordan earned six silver medals at the 2009 International Paralympic Committee Short Course World Championships in Rio de Janeiro. The international competition was held Nov. 29-Dec. 5 at the Julio Delamare Aquatic Center with more than 30 countries represented.





During the six-day championship schedule, the CLU freshman from Henderson, Nev., competed in five individual events, including multiple distance freestyles, the 100-meter back and 200-meter individual medley, finishing second in all five events. She won her sixth silver medal in the 4×100 freestyle relay. She also swam the leadoff leg for the U.S. 4×100-meter freestyle relay team, which just missed earning the bronze. The United States finished third in the overall medal competition behind Russia and Australia.

Jordan, who has established herself as one of the U.S. women's top freestyle swimmers, won a gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle

along with two silver medals and a bronze at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

The hard-working athlete was born with cerebral palsy that affects the left side of her body. She can't move her left leg at all in the water. She couldn't move her left arm either when she started swimming I I years ago. Now she can use her left arm, although it is not as strong as her right arm.

Jordan competes at the S-7 level in the Paralympics. Quadriplegics are in S-1 and those with minimal nerve damage are S-10.

# Freshman Biker Wins National Title

Blake Carney captured a national championship last fall while representing California Lutheran University. The 18-year-old freshman competed in the USA Cycling National Collegiate Mountain Bike Championship in Lake Tahoe and won the Division 2 men's Four-Cross title and the Stars and Stripes jersey.

"I have been trying to win a national championship in mountain biking for five years and it just never happened, so this was way awesome to finally get the jersey," Carney told the *Ventura County Star*. Competing in four-cross is not for the faint of heart. The event features four riders racing downhill on a track filled with obstacles like jumps, bumps and turns.

Riders need to be a member of a club to compete in events, but the new champion was allowed to race at nationals this year because he was in the process of starting a bike club at CLU and



Blake Carney competing in the semifinals at the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in Canberra, Australia.

was awaiting approval from the Student Programs Office.

"I just want to have a club where it doesn't matter what bike you use or whether you race or don't race," said Carney, who started racing BMX bikes when he was 5 years old and switched to mountain bikes when he was 12.

Carney was one of three American riders selected to compete in the UCI Mountain Bike World Championships in September in Canberra, Australia. He finished eighth overall in the Elite Men's Four-Cross, which was a 23-spot improvement from his World Championship debut in Italy in 2008.

Carney is hoping that CLU's bike club comes to fruition and a few other CLU

riders might join him at the collegiate championships next year. 🜔

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California Lutheran University student Nick Magaurn traveled to Haiti with Medical Teams International. He filmed the group working at a hospital in Port-au-Prince.



A young Haitian boy is treated by Linda
Markee in the hospital in Port-au-Prince.



CLU student Nick Magaurn shot footage of a group of children living on the grounds of a Baptist mission after the earthquake in Haiti.



# Witness to the Devastation in

# Haiti

By Rachel McGrath

22-year-old senior at California Lutheran University returned recently from Haiti, where he was documenting the work of medical teams helping in the relief effort.

Nick Magaum, working for his father's video production company based in Portland, Ore., was hired to accompany a group of doctors from the Christian global health organization Medical Teams International. He arrived in Haiti on Jan. 18 and returned to Oregon Jan. 22.

"I was shell-shocked, I guess," he said when asked about his first impression upon arriving in the disaster zone. "I had never been in a Third World country before. I had never seen so much suffering."

The team of orthopedic specialists he followed was based at King's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, treating hundreds of people who suffered crush injuries and broken bones in the Jan. 12 earthquake.

"They basically showed up and relieved the nurses that had been

working at this hospital that was still standing," he said. "They had nurses there who hadn't slept or eaten in two days and they didn't have medical supplies."

The patients were sitting out in the sun on the road, just waiting until the doctors could get to them, said Magaurn, who's a business major.

He said he watched many medical procedures as the doctors worked to set broken bones and carry out orthopedic surgeries.

Magaurn filmed a 25-year-old man, who worked as a car mechanic, having the lower part of his leg amputated because his foot had become too infected.

I kept telling him how brave he was," Magaum said. "The hardest part of that wasn't watching the procedure or watching this guy get his leg cut off. The hardest part was hearing him trying to rationalize some of the ways he could keep his leg because he was the only working person in his family."

"They are stoic, patient people.

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They are just waiting patiently.

They are a very beautiful people."

Magaum has only admiration for the Haitian people's patience and graciousness in a terrible situation.

"I want to let people know the suffering and the strength and the courage and the spirit of the Haitian people," he said

Magaum said he was frustrated by some of the American media coverage that portrayed people in Haiti as potentially violent and fighting over food and resources. That was not his experience.

"They are stoic, patient people. They are not complaining. They are not crying. They are just waiting patiently. They are a very beautiful people," he said.

The experience made him realize how much we take for granted — stable power supplies, running water, flushing toilets. "It just opened my eyes and I'd like to go back to Haiti and continue to help," he said.

Sally Lorentson, assistant director of Student Life at CLU, has known Magaum since he was a freshman. He regularly works at the Student Life office helping with marketing and video projects.

"We talked before he went to Haiti about his excitement about going and what an eye-opening opportunity it would be," Lorentson said. "No matter what he had prepared himself for, this was more than he would have imagined."

Describing him as "driven" and "a free spirit," Lorentson said Magaurn is someone who is "grateful for all the wonderful things in his life, which I am sure has only been heightened by his time in Haiti."

Magaurn stressed that Haiti will need help for many months to come. "If I can get one message across in all this, it is don't forget the people in Haiti," he said.

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(CLU students, headed by senior Casey Kloehn, held a Haiti Relief Concert on Feb. 18 that raised nearly \$1,000. The students are raising additional money through the sale of rubber bracelets that read "CLU Helps Haiti.")



# LU TURNS



Starbursts of balloons, food representing five decades and peals of laughter filled the Gilbert Arena for the Oct. 22 Anniversary Bash celebrating CLU's first 50 years. More than 450 supporters gathered to mark Cal Lutheran's progress over the last half century. Attendees were entertained by music, stories and a fashion show provided by alumni and faculty. The bash was made possible through a donation from CLU's first employee, Ethel Beyer.

























- Donna Day, left, visits with CLU's first employee Ethel Beyer and the Rev. John Simmons, a member of the founding committee.
- 2 Jim Day '69 relives his days as a CLC yell leader during the fashion show.
- **3** Faculty member Tim Hengst '72 shows off the football uniform he wore during CLC's 1971 national championship game.
- 4 Junior Chaz Hodges models campus attire from the 1980s.
- **5** Raymond Michael Hebel '75, T.C. '87, performs as Elvis.
- 6 Pat and professor emeritus Lyle Sladek view the 50th Anniversary display.
- Michael Amdt, CLU Turns 50 program creator and director, enjoys the festivities with former president Mark Mathews.
- Presidents who have served CLU through the last four decades, from left, Howard Wennes, Luther Luedtke, Chris Kimball, Mark Mathews and Jerry Miller.
- **9** Enjoying the evening, from left, are Nelson Dodge, Executive Director of the New West Symphony; Westlake Village councilmember Philippa Klessig; and Charles and Eloise (Olson '70) Cohen.
- 10 Jack Gilbert, left, chats with regent Jim Swenson and his wife, Sue.
- Leonore Arata (left) and Jean Dahl, daughter and widow of founding president Orville Dahl, join the celebration.

# Students Mark 50 Years with 50 Service Projects

# Goal surpassed after just one semester



Students at California Lutheran University decided to celebrate the University's 50th birthday by undertaking 50 service projects during the 2009-2010 academic

"CLU's mission includes a commitment to service, so it seemed fitting to celebrate the ways we have fulfilled our promise by expanding our efforts to provide service in the community," explained Sally (Sagen '03, M.S. '05) Lorentson, Assistant Director of

Student Life. Although at the outset 50 seemed like a lofty goal, more than 50 projects have already been completed and new projects are continually being added to the list.

Working with Ben Hogue '10 and Senior Coordinator for Community Service Stine Odegard '03 to plan the service projects, Lorentson noted that the staff continues to plan and implement projects that are favorites among students, as well as those that are new, innovative or motivated by a particular immediate need in the community.

"As a planning group, we have sought out opportunities to involve the larger campus community through efforts such as food drives and family friendly projects that allow for faculty, staff and alumni involvement," she explained.

Thus far, projects have ranged from CLU's annual Service Day, which takes 200 students and faculty into the community to do service, to providing needy families with gifts and food for the holidays, to rebuilding homes in Texas damaged by Hurricane Ike. Although the majority of the participants in these projects are students, several faculty, staff and alumni have participated as well.

"This attitude toward service has been beautifully modeled by our students, and they recently amended their ASCLU constitution to include a percentage of their student fee designation to be dedicated toward service efforts," Lorentson said.

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# College of Our Dreams: The First Fifty Years 1969-2009

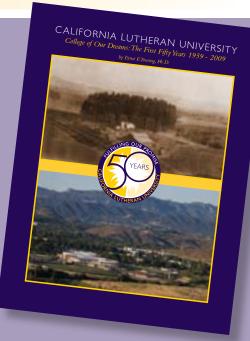
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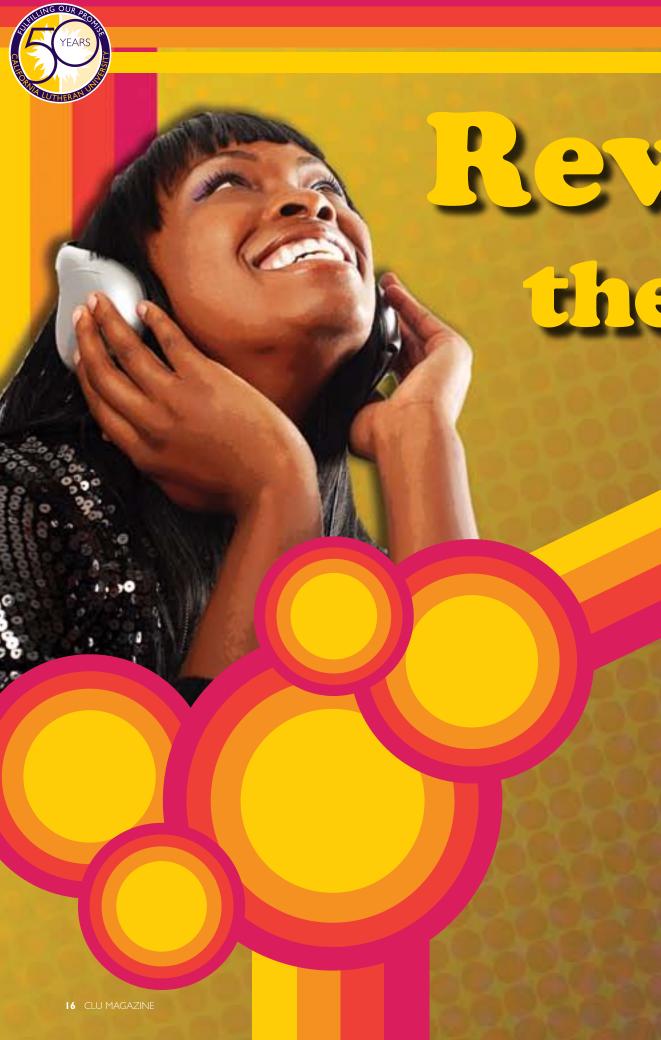
Dahl had received a communiqué from a rancher, Lawrence Pederson, in the Conejo Valley northwest of Los Angeles, but he had laid aside the message until he had visited the other sites. Pederson had contacted Dahl because he was considering donating his land to CLEF as the location for the new college. A visit was arranged, and the possibilities of the ranch immediately became apparent. But, they could not come to any agreement. As he was about to across the fields on a dirt road...

# Page 29 - The Elephant Race

There were two iconic events that brought national attention to the students of CLC those first years. The zaniest the first year was the "First Annual Elephant Race" hosted by the new Orange County State College at Fullerton. Unable to rent an elephant for the contest yet still wanting to take part in the fun, the California Lutheran College Elephant Racing Association was ... able to raise one hundred-fifty dollars, enough to rent a ninety-six year old, fiveleave, Dahl saw a 1936 Ford pickup truck coming hundred-fifty-pound turtle from Thousand Oaks' Jungleland ...

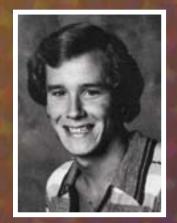
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# Rewinding the Memories to Music

By Bruce R. Stevenson '80, Ph.D.



Author's Note: The following retrospective contains scenes involving nostalgia and occasional poetic license which may not be suitable for those with either good taste or good sense. Reader discretion is advised.

Tennessee Williams wrote the line, but I wish I had:

"In memory everything seems to happen to music."

Music can have a profound influence on the way we organize our memories, which is why in memory everything seems to happen to music. Most of the details of my four years at Cal Lutheran have songs attached to them, and the titles just seem to

weave their way through the sinews, into the words, and out the syntax.

I arrived at California Lutheran College on Aug. 28, 1976. I was 18 years old, and I looked like I was only 16. It was an especially auspicious year in the academic calendar: our nation's bicentennial, Jimmy Carter's election to the presidency, and Viking I's landing on Mars. Truth is, though, Carter and Mars had nothing on what may have been the most important contribution to the annals of dance-music history:



Yea, she's a brick---house

She's mighty mighty just lettin' it all hang out . .

And that's where it starts. I conjure up memories of Cal Lutheran, and "Brick House" – along with myriad other tunes of the time – pulses away in the background:

The lady's stacked and that's a fact

Ain't holdin' nothin' back.

As my students today might say, "Don't judge me."

Funk was great, despite its typically sexist lyrics, which by today's standards read like closed captioning for a babyGap commercial. Besides, funk had a good beat and was easy to dance to; and, dear readers, thanks to the Commodores even yours truly could do The Bump.

But the music was evolving. Disco lay in wait like a barracuda, ready to play that funky music right off the soft shoulder like a convoy. Elvis Costello's new "cool" would chill to less than zero, the B-52s were close to cracking "Rock Lobster," and we teetered on the new wave of an era navigated by "My Sharona" and "Whip It."

Whatever happened, there were songs worth remembering it to. They modulate my memories and regulate my recollection; like of that less complicated time, back when the cost of tuition, room, and board the morning, the spectacle of which persisted for about 11 minutes – hovered around a mere \$4,000 per year, a figure that would inspire any freshman's parent today to sing a song.

These were the times at Cal Lutheran when you didn't have to be a star to star in a play. No one was slip slidin' away with being "überstressed" about employment, stock options, or salary comps. It was a time when crises of faith far outnumbered don't-cry-out-loud meltdowns, and the guest for self was more a spiritual journey than speed-Facebooking at the Copacabana Internet café. The Echo serialized a feature called "Nick Danger: Third Eye," and it was not uncommon to see people like me – all by myself – reading selected gems like of embarrassment. A few years later, however, we grimaced as the The Undiscovered Self, The Last Unicorn, or On Becoming a Musical, Mystical Bear.

In those stylish '70s, fashion followed one and only one mandate: tight; and the rule of thumb for jeans was, with a little luck, to contour

as much pelvic topography as possible (take it to the limit, you sexy thing!). And despite the fact that nearly all of our cramming was entirely blinded by the light of Roots, at any other time studying was an afternoon delight. On any given Saturday, for example, Kierkegaard students could be seen reading their existential homilies, sunning themselves by the pool, while history majors read Hegelian theory, looking down upon the rest of us from the omniscient rooftop of the Kramer apartments.

Even the 17-year-old campus, while not exactly built like an Amazon, held a quietly sexy charm all its own. Dusty, brown, and architecturally challenged, CLC of the '70s could easily have been mistaken for ... well ... a mistake. The administration buildings – avec those oddly retro-futuristic, semicircular crew-tops – would have better served as an establishing shot for a really bad B-grade sci-fi movie (which they eventually did, and the movie justly appeared decades later on the television show Mystery Science Theater 3000).

Nygreen epitomized high-tech state of the art, it being the only building on campus with an automatic screen for slide projection. Classes met in chicken coops (a few still do), the Music Department resided in the ranch house (still does), and the too hot meeting place on campus for makin' it was The Barn.

Homecoming back then boasted an eye-opener parade at 10 in attendance dotting Memorial Parkway usually the result of a series of loosely synchronized afterthoughts. Odds favored either two or three float entries, each constructed entirely of Charmin and a 12-pack of creativity, and the Homecoming Queen waved regally from the back seat of a Ford Falcon convertible that someone had left stranded in the Mount Clef parking lot the night before.

Ragtag and slapdash though it may have been, it was still our parade, and we were proud of it the only way we knew how, our muffled sense of celebration tempered only by our muted sense parade faded from the University's view, a lost tradition at a time when there were nearly none.

In those days at CLC, entertainment was pretty much what you made it, just the way you are: poetry readings in The Barn; Open

Mike in the student center; Rob and Doug's "save-that-puppy/kill-thatpuppy" call-in-count-down from the student-run radio station in the Mount Clef lobby; and jerry-rigging the tennis coach's VW through the fence and onto the courts on Faculty Street, just to name a few of the many venues.

A couple of Susan B. Anthonys bought you the lowdown at the British Pub and Grub, followed by a slow ride back to campus to catch tain future back then as I sense it is today. Nevertheless, despite our a movie in the gym. And without doubt, the Sadie Hawkins dance was for some of us (knock on wood) the main event, which was about as close to night fever as Peg and I were ever going to get.

But the magic couldn't stop there: boogie nights on the hill behind Mattson House; cars driven down staircases; a huge playoff deficit overcome in the fourth quarter in front of nearly empty bleachers because everyone had gone back to their rooms in defeated dismay; unpredictable relationships that, despite the name of the game, turned you upside down, with one of the two of you inevitably saying to the other either "go your own way" or "baby come back"; and Buth Park built in a day, as if Creation was just another weekend homework assignment.

All of it was part and parcel of a spontaneously unyielding spirit of adventure, something we didn't yet know we had until maybe 25 to 30 years later, when we would realize that that was what it was we didn't know we had.

This shining star of an era might come across as either too much heaven or just four cheesy head-in-the-sand golden years. Fair enough, since one thing the '70s have never been accused of is not being a whole lot of fun. But let's get serious for a moment. It wasn't as if we were unaware or ill equipped to deal with what was at stake in the real world at the time. We were all pretty fidgety about the neutron bomb, Jonestown, the Hillside Strangler, Three-Mile Island, and the hostages in Iran – not to mention the incomparable idiocy of

We were also the tip of the tail end of the Baby Boomers; our scar had come second-hand, caused by the open and honest necessity of witnessing our generational forebears die in the name of protecting the very innocence we were already losing in the act of watching them on the evening news. As we graduated to junior high school,

lackson Browne tried to cure the myopic loop with "Doctor My Eyes," but within five years he had to refocus. Now he was reminding us that all of the craziness felt a lot like running on empty.

By 1980 the halcyon days were nearing an end. Ronald Reagan began his gallop toward the presidency, and I found myself actually ready to leave Cal Lutheran. It wasn't as difficult to accept an uncerbeing generally prepared for it, graduation still arrived sooner than

It is now 29 years after graduation, and even though I am in my 13th year as an English professor at Cal Lutheran, it still feels like the first time. As with the music, my alma mater has changed and grown up over the years. But, in many more nebulous and ineffable ways, it is still the same. I miss what my CLC was, but I am excited to see where

As a freshman in 1976, I could not fully appreciate the significance of "alma mater" meaning "nourishing mother," but today the translation makes all the sense in the world. Always and forever will I be grateful for the educational, spiritual and personal opportunities my alma mater offered me, as I will continue to be grateful for the professional opportunities she offers me today.

And while I still know the words to "Oh summon your sons and daughters" by heart and I sing them confidently at every campus convocation (much to the chagrin of whoever is standing next to me), only one song could ever affirm my legacy, situate my being, and make this old man wish for younger days.

Cal Lu is a "Brick House." So if you feel like I feel, and if in your memory everything happens to music too, then turn the beat around, walk this way and come sail away, because I'm in you, and I'd really love to see you tonight.

(This retrospective goes out to the class of 1980, especially to the Mattson men of 1979-80. "Moose" hopes to see you all in October. Even you, Lipley.) 🜔







MILLION REASONS TOSTUDY ABROAD

Alumni kick off campaign to create \$1 million study abroad endowment

By Jean Kelso '84 Sandlin, M.P.A. '90

CLU alumni are giving students a million reasons to study abroad.

As its contribution to CLU's 50th anniversary celebration, the CLU Alumni Board is spearheading one of its largest fundraising efforts to date - a \$1 million Study Abroad Endowment Fund. With contributions just beginning to come in, the campaign has raised more than \$250,000, and the board is now inviting alumni to contribute to the endowment's completion. The money will be used to fund scholarships and programs that enhance student opportunities for international study experience.

"We know it's an ambitious project," said Angela Card '01, M.B.A. '03, "but supporting study abroad brings with it such added value. We want to open up international study opportunities for more students because not only is it a life-changing experience, but those students come back better able to contribute to campus life, their community and, ultimately, the world."

Malika Rice '02 agrees. She calls her study abroad trip to Thailand transformative.

"It was one of my most defining experiences, both personally and spiritually," said Rice, who participated in an ethnographic study of a Thai village. "It opened up my world view. I was totally immersed. It was so challenging."

Rice came to California from Lincoln, Neb., hoping to work in Hollywood, which she did after graduation as a celebrity publicist, working in television on shows like American Idol and as an associate producer on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. "I gave up one dream to pursue another," explained Rice, who now serves as Director of Admissions and Student Affairs for Pepperdine University's International Programs.







Rice and a group of her CLU classmates are planning to donate to the endowment. 'I want to help other students have international experiences," she said. "I know how hard it was, and I don't want it to be that way for students. I'm still paying off my loan, but it was totally

worth it. You can't put a price on it."

Kelly Tiller's study abroad experiences were not only life changing but also gave her the confidence to take on a service project that is changing the lives of children. As a CLU student, the 2006

graduate studied in Australia, Belgium and Costa Rica, and currently serves as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Chile.

In addition to her studies, Tiller founded a volunteer-based mentor program in Valparaiso, Chile, called Tias y Tios. The program serves foster children, many of whom have been abused or neglected, and pairs them with volunteer mentors.

"It's been amazing to watch the kids come out of their shell, rebuilding their self-esteem and trust," said Tiller.

The Rotary Scholar credits her study abroad experience for giving her the confidence to live, study and work in a different culture.

"I look back to when I was a freshman and I was a totally different person," said Tiller.

### **Better World Citizens**

Increased confidence, independence and selfassurance are byproducts of study abroad, according to Lisa Loberg '98, CLU's Director of Study Abroad. However, she adds, the campus benefits as much as the students.

"Returning study abroad students enrich the campus community in so many ways," she explained. "They make their experience part of the CLU experience – sharing new perspectives, demonstrating global awareness, gaining appreciation for service. It strengthens the whole CLU community."

Loberg also sees a shift in returning students' attitudes, especially those who study in developing countries.

"Many come back and ask themselves, 'How can I help the world be a better place?" she noted. "They recognize they are world citizens.

They realize they can get by with less and don't need to be such consumers. They often have a strong desire to serve."

Recent research unveiled at the Association of International Educators conference shows that even short-term study abroad seems to lead to improvements in students' sense of "global citizenship" and their attitudes, knowledge and skills about cross-cultural issues. In addition to semester-long programs in 71 different countries, CLU also offers shorter travel seminars during spring, summer or winter

CLU's own research, recently presented at a conference, demonstrates that returning study abroad students reported improved abilities in several key areas that correspond with CLU's desired learning outcomes for all students: understanding and respecting people of different cultures; demonstrating

compassion toward others and a commitment to justice; demonstrating strong cross-cultural, analytic, and communication skills; and understanding and expressing a sense of responsibility to the community and world.

### More and More Students Studying Abroad

The number of CLU undergraduate students who are studying the number is still below many of CLU's sister institutions. Nationally,

> Cultural Affairs Goli Ameri said the increase interdependent. He added that international and provides students with direct knowledge and career relevant skills.

"I could write volumes on both the

Volk spent a Semester at Sea before he is currently pursuing a master's in econom-

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abroad is steadily rising (from 53 in 2005 to 135 in 2008); however, the number of U.S. students studying abroad is also on the rise, up 150 percent from 1997 to 2007, according to the Institute of International Education. Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and

> is recognition that our world is increasingly experience increases mutual understanding

practical reasons [to study abroad] as well as those reasons that can't be quantified," said Grant Volk '07, a CLU economics graduate. "I think everyone should study abroad, if not to become more globally aware, then think of it as a business decision. It really does help on a

heading to a rural Japanese fishing village to teach English. In keeping with his interest in the intersection of business and economics, ics with an emphasis in business economics.

Randy Duarte '08, who studied in Spain and the Netherlands, said his experiences "changed my life and my outlook completely." Now a project manager for an energy consulting company, he believes that international experience is becoming even more important as we become a global economy. Duarte plans to pursue an MBA in inter-

"To become leaders in a global world, students must understand and experience other cultures," said President Chris Kimball. "This

makes providing opportunities for everyone to study abroad key to the University's mission.'

Loberg emphasized that although \$1 million is a lot of money, it's a small investment when you think about the outcomes – more engaged, global citizens and stronger lives of service.

"That's our goal. That's worth the investment," she concluded.

# OXFORD STUDY PROGRAM

By Lynda Paige Fulford, M.P.A. '97

One of CLU's newest study abroad programs takes students to Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

With its "dreaming" spires and historically renowned Bodleian Library, its alumni roster of Nobel Laureates, archbishops, saints and authors, and of course its academic reputation, Oxford offers a unique opportunity for CLU students to learn from the masters in a city that has been a leading educational center since the 12th century.

Created by Michael Brint, CLU's Uyeno-Tseng Professor of International Studies, the program pairs a traditional study abroad model with extensive European travel seminars. A doctor of philosophy alumnus of Oxford, Brint says he started the program two years ago to let students experience Oxford's renowned tutorial system in one of the university's most distinguished colleges.

At the core of Oxford's teaching method, the system offers rigorous courses where students meet one-to-one with dons to discuss and debate writings or a set of problems prepared in advance. Students often find themselves talking about a topic with the person who wrote the seminal book on the subject.

For Nicholas Muller, a veteran of study abroad, the Oxford Program provided an incredible educational experience.

"I enjoyed the tutorial teaching style because it maximized what I could get out of a subject," said Muller, a senior from El Paso, Texas, who is majoring in international business, political science and marketing communication. "You get immediate feedback from the dons," added Muller, who admits that he was nervous at first but guickly became comfortable with the intimate

"Our students have done exceptionally well in their tutorials," Brint explained, adding that they are taught with the same standards and requirements endured by all Oxford undergrads.

The CLU Program to Oxford is unique in that it is faculty led and offers both a study component at a premier university and extensive travel seminars throughout England, France, Italy and

"It's drawing the attention of both current and prospective students," says Stephanie Shaker Sullivan, Programs Specialist in the CLU Study Abroad Center who provides logistical support for the program. "It's an extraordinary opportunity."

Preparation for the courses starts prior to September with extensive readings and assignments that must be completed

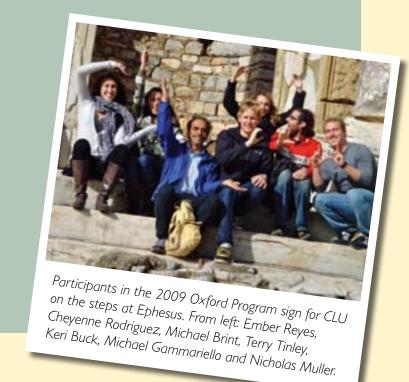
before departure. While living a few blocks from Balliol College in a modern residence hall, students work with dons in their chosen fields of study.

Next, it is off to travel and focus on politics and the arts. Students experience theater in London and Stratford; art in Paris and Nice; architecture in Florence, Rome and Venice; and music and dance in Greece. The final two weeks of the program are spent at sea, visiting Mediterranean ports and participating in field excursions in conjunction with seminar lectures.

The influence of history and culture is boundless. "You cannot experience that feeling unless you are there in person," said Kailyn Ellison, a first-time study abroad participant, who admits she only dreamed of experiencing so many different countries.

"It seemed too good to be true – the opportunity to study at Oxford and travel for the price I would normally pay at CLU," explained the junior political science major from Olympia, Wash., who is interested in environmental law. "I would go again in a

"Through the integration of study and travel, my hope is that our students return with deeper insights into themselves, their sense of vocation, and their place in the world," said Brint.



# AFOOt

In a diminishing job market, internships provide the leading edge

By Carol Keochekian '81

eadlines blare it. Commentators scrutinize it. Bloggers blast it. And, most Americans worry about it.

Unemployment in the United States has reached the highest rate in 25 years. But despite the dreary job outlook, California Lutheran University graduates are finding employment.

Surveys of CLU alumni earning bachelor's degrees in 2008 (the most recent figures available with 68 percent responding) show that 94 percent found jobs or entered graduate school within nine months of graduation.

According to Cindy Lewis, Director of CLU Career Services and a firsthand observer of the job market, the recession has not hit everyone as hard as she anticipated.

"I can only speak for CLU students and alumni," she explained, "but I thought that there would be many more people coming in last summer after being laid off, and that just wasn't the case." She is still seeing people become employed but the job search is taking twice as long.

### **Internships Open Doors**

One of the proven avenues to finding jobs for CLU students, Lewis has found, is through internships. This supervised work program gives students hands-on experience to augment classroom learning, allows them to interact with professionals in their chosen disciplines, enables employers to evaluate students while on the job and, in some cases, helps students discover that they are not really interested in a particular career after all.

Internships have proven to be so effective that most undergraduate departments encourage them, and three – Communication, Criminal Justice and Multimedia – require an internship to graduate. CLU's master's degree program in public policy and administration also makes internships a requirement.

"Internships are crucial at helping students to develop the skills that they need to be successful in the world of work," Sharon Docter, a professor of communication and chair of the department, stressed.

"Moreover, in today's competitive work environment, internships help students to make valuable contacts which may help them secure jobs upon graduation."

Sean Pelton '09 of Thousand Oaks is one of several recent graduates who quickly secured a job following graduation because of an internship. He is now a digital media coordinator for



Sean Pelton '09 is a digital media coordinator at SmithGeiger in Westlake Village.

SmithGeiger, a Westlake Village online and traditional media research and strategy firm that helps large and small media outlets succeed.

"After interning at SG for a few months," Pelton recounted, "they talked to me about possibly working there full time after I graduated."

The multimedia major has found that his job, which extends from creating custom presentations for clients to editing videos, has enabled him to utilize many of the things he likes to do in life.

"Before interning here, I didn't know how these random interests I had could fit together, but here at SmithGeiger they have," said Pelton, who credits Career Services for helping him find an internship and ultimately a job.

"The CLU postings list was the only way I would have been able to get the internship that led to my job. It's great that as a university CLU puts in so much of an effort for the students' futures after their time at Cal Lu. They truly have the students' best interest as their interest," he concluded.



### The Right Fit

Accounting major Allison Floyd '09 interned for eight months at CBIZ, an Oxnard firm that provides financial, employee management, and technology services ranging from accounting and tax to valuation services and business consulting. She began a full-time position in October as Accounting Associate I, which entails both auditing and tax

"My internship led me right into the job I have now because they were able to see



accounting associate at CBIZ

during my internship if I was a good fit for their company," the Ventura resident explained. "They were able to see how efficiently and effectively I completed my work ... and my determination to be part of their company."

Floyd had completed an internship previously at a small accounting firm thinking that was the type of career she wanted. But she was wrong.

"When I did my internship at CBIZ, which is a mid-sized firm, I loved it. A mid-sized firm was the best fit for me, and I wouldn't have found that out or even appreciated working in a mid-sized firm as much if I didn't have the other internship experience."

Both Floyd and Pelton found that they learned much from their

"The most valuable experience I had as an intern was actually working in the real business world and applying the knowledge I learned in the classroom," Floyd stated. "It was such a great feeling to know that all the hard work I did in college will pay off and benefit me in my future."

For Pelton, going into an office, seeing how everything is run, and getting to know how the different departments all fit together and what his roles were with each one of them was very informative.

### **Connecting Theory and Practice**

Criminal justice professor Robert Meadows is a strong advocate of the value of student internships.

"An internship provides the student the opportunity to connect theory with practice," he said. "As an intern, students learn day-to-day duties and may participate in many functions, including various organization/agency training sessions.'

For those students not pursuing employment immediately, Meadows continued, an internship is a valuable addition to a graduate or law school application because it indicates service and learning beyond the classroom.

"As an intern in the Special Investigations Unit, I was able to incorporate many investigative measures that I had learned through course studies, guest speakers, former law enforcement officers and most of all my own instinct," stated Rene Martinez '08, a criminal justice major now working as a business systems analyst at WellPoint Inc. in Thousand Oaks, where he interned for one year.



Rene Martinez '08 proudly displays the 2009 Harvard Medical School Blue Works Anti-Fraud award with Alan Tomich, Senior Investigator at WellPoint.

While working as an intern investigative analyst for the nation's largest health benefits company, Martinez had the opportunity to learn the primary objectives of how an investigator should initiate, gather and obtain vital information in an effort to conduct and carry out solid cases among suspected individuals.

The Simi Valley resident performed his internship well and, as a result, he received an award from the 2009 Harvard Medical School BlueWorks Anti-Fraud judges' panel. He and another investigator were recognized for deterring fraud and prevent-

ing millions of dollars of misdirection of medical funds.

In his present position, Martinez oversees local, state and federal pricing regulations through a database network.

## **Change of Direction**

Marketing communication major Lauren Glass '09 thought she wanted to become an entertainment publicist when she started an internship at Overture Films. During her semester stint there, she interned in both the publicity and marketing departments. In marketing, she oversaw creative, strategic collegiate and "tween" outreach and assisted with new media initiatives including Facebook and Twitter.

For the publicity department, Glass assisted in the planning and execution of the world premiere of Sunshine Cleaning, assisted with the awards outreach and comprehensive academy initiatives on behalf of The Visitor and Last Chance Harvey as well as special projects and national promotions for these three films and Law Abiding Citizen and The Men Who Stare at Goats.

But despite the glitter and glamour of the publicity department, the internship taught Glass that her interests were elsewhere.

"During my internship, I discovered publicity wasn't for me. I grew a very strong passion for new media. I love ad sales! I wanted to be able to have a lucrative career that did not impede on my personal life, but still work in the entertainment industry."

Glass was one of 325 job applicants who sought a sales coordinator position at Premiere Radio Networks in Sherman Oaks, a subsidiary of Clear Channel Communications, which syndicates 90 radio programs and services to more than 5,000 radio affiliations. She believes that her semester-long internship at Overture Films and the personal recommendation of her supervisor helped her land the very competitive job.

# **Making Connections**

Andrew Brown '09 completed his internship at Bunim-Murray Productions, an entertainment production company widely credited with creating the reality television genre, when he was halfway through his

junior year at CLU. But keeping in touch with his supervisor helped him to secure a full-time job at the Van Nuys company after graduation.

Brown's internship covered various facets of the entertainment business.

"The first half of the internship I shadowed various departments ranging from pre-production, production, post-production, story and music," he said. "The second half I was able to narrow my experience down to a specific area and chose to remain in post production.'



Lauren Glass '09 landed a sales coordinator position at Premier Radio Networks in Sherman Oaks

Like the other interns, Brown, who lives in Calabasas, found being able to learn in the actual work environment was extremely valuable.

"Television is extremely hands on, and without the experience of working on an actual television show, I wouldn't have truly understood the magnitude of the television-making process," he stated.

Now an assistant story editor for MTV's The Real World, Brown edits scene work pertinent to story arcs (extended or continuing storylines), composes scripts and outlines for current episodes, and assists in finding relevant scene work and interviews to support and strengthen story arcs.

"We have had numerous students participate in internships that lead directly into job opportunities," related Tim Hengst, CLU's Director of Multimedia. The professional internships provide students the chance for in-depth immersion into their chosen area of specialty, he continued. "The student has a unique opportunity to learn from industry professionals and also provide valuable contributions to the employer."



Andrew Brown '09 edits a scene for the upcoming season of MTV's The Real World with the show's producer Kim Beyer-Johnson.

resume when applying for jobs."

"Definitely do internships," chimes in Floyd. "You don't know what career path you will like until you experience it. So apply for any internship in your profession that you might possibly like if only so you can narrow down what will be the perfect job for you."

"Get as many internships

into your schedule," advises

Brown, "You will never

regret being able to add

another bullet point on a

"Try and work someplace where there are opportunities for you to learn new skills," Glass suggests, adding that sometimes it is better to intern at a smaller company and get more hands-on experience versus interning with a larger company and not really getting the opportunity to get your hands dirty.

Once in an internship, Pelton encourages students to observe everything in the business environment because so much can be learned just by watching others.

"Do your best work possible," he stressed, "because if they want you as an intern, there's a good chance that if you do well, they'll want you there full time."

# The Job Market Outlook

In 2009, the job outlook seemed to get grimmer each month. By the end of October, the national unemployment rate had spiked to 10.2 percent, the highest since 1983. However, although unemployment continued to increase, there appears to be a glimmer of hope on the

Most economic indicators show that the rate of increase will begin to slow down sometime this year and continue through 2011, according to Jamshid Damooei, CLU professor of economics. In fact, he continued, noting a January drop in unemploymet to 9.7 percent, "Some economists are of the opinion that the recovery is well under way and the outcome will be seen much sooner."

According to Damooei, the consensus is that the recovery in California is likely to come later, similar to the recessions of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

"Some states have lower unemployment but not much is going on in those states any time of the year," the economist pointed out. "Others have high unemployment but at the same time their economies are more vibrant (California is a good case)." In Damooei's

opinion although having a lower unemployment rate is a good indicator of economic stability, it is not necessarily a good signal that a state is doing well in terms of creating business and other economic opportunities. However, a prolonged period of unemployment that mostly emanates from structural unemployment brings economic instability and lack of prosperity to a region or state.

By the end of the year, states posting 10 percent or higher unemployment included California, Florida, Kentucky, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Tennessee. States that experienced less than 7 percent unemployment are Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Utah and Vermont.

As the job market picks up, the economist has no doubt which industries will be doing the most hiring in the near future. Healthcare, education, firefighting, fundraising, lobbying and political campaign specialization, bioengineering and biochemistry, regional planning, energy-related professions and engineering are on the top of the list.



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or Joy Hoffman, pursuing her doctorate is not simply an intellectual exercise in chasing down the answer to a perplexing question. It's a personal journey that is taking her back to her Korean roots and an exploration of her own identity.

"It's research as 'me' search," said the 42-yearold CLU graduate student who, as an Asian adopted by white parents, is investigating how the life experiences of Asian adoptees raised in white families promote or hinder their ethnic identity development.

It's a question of considerable scope. The U.S.

State Department reports that from 1971 to 2001 Americans adopted nearly 157,000 Asian children. Between 1989 and 2008, 34,080 South Korean children received orphan visas to come to America. And published studies estimate that between 110,000 and 150,000 adoptees from Korea, ranging in age from infancy to 50, now live in the United States.

"Transracial adoptees are on a constant journey," said Hoffman. "They might go through times where they don't think of it at all, but there are reminders that you have no biological family that can speak to ancestry."

Hoffman's desire to better understand that journey inspired her quest for a doctorate in higher education and leadership. Already, she has successfully defended her dissertation proposal and is the first in ner Higher Education Leadership cohort to do so.

"What makes Joy's proposal so engaging is that she is intimately connected to this topic," remarked Edlyn Peña, an assistant professor of education and Hoffman's adviser. "Her work has important implications for college students across the nation who are transracial adoptees, as well as for her own development.

"As a whole," Peña added, "the dissertation committee feels privileged to guide Joy on this important study. We have learned a great deal from her."

Hoffman's blend of personal passion and a topic that will benefit others is a winning combination, according to Michael McCambridge, an associate professor in CLU's School of Education who teaches Hoffman's qualitative research class.

A doctoral study should contain four elements, explained McCambridge – personal passion, solid research, adding to the body of knowledge, and assisting others.

McCambridge was so impressed with Hoffman's scholarship and passion that he recommended her for participation in CLU's annual Festival of Scholars, a weeklong event that provides a forum for both graduate and undergraduate students to present their research. Hoffman won a place in last year's conference and presented a poster session on "The Ethnic Identity Development of Asian Adoptees Raised by White Parents."

The Festival of Scholars helped Hoffman focus her dissertation and move it along, said McCambridge, adding that that is the point of the festival. "It helps [students] focus on the research, the quality, the protocols and the whole concept that if you have to present it publicly, you are going to take it more seriously. It's one thing to do a class project; it's another thing to present it to the public."

For Hoffman, the experience brought more clarity to her doctoral study—and to the journey she embarked on at age 8 months.

### Born in Korea, Raised in America

A wide-eyed baby with a short brush of dark hair sits swaddled in a baby seat, a note resting on her chest: "Song Elizabeth #5294," the note reads. Hoffman has this picture of herself taken at the Holt International Adoption Agency, but it's about all she knows of her Korean origins. She knows nothing about her birth parents and has never been curious about them.

Adopted at 8 months by a white American couple, she grew up in a loving, Christian home, the middle of three children who included a biracial adopted brother and another brother born to her adoptive parents.

"I grew up in Orange County. My mom was a teacher at a Lutheran school and my dad was a financial analyst," she said, adding that it was a "non-diverse environment." Still, she was so secure in her family (she calls her mom her best friend) that it never occurred to her that she looked different from them.

"I never really thought of not looking like my parents or looking like my brothers," she said. "I never felt out of place when I was younger, even though my cousin once said I wasn't part of the family."

When she got to college and a roommate told her, "You're not really Asian; you're white," Hoffman took it as a compliment.

It wasn't until she began working in higher education that she began considering her Korean background. As director of the Cultural Center at Whittier College in Southern California, Hoffman interacts daily with students from divergent cultural backgrounds, many of whom deal with prejudice, a sense of isolation, and clashing cultural issues.

"I realized that they were marginalized, and I hadn't really had the experience they had," Hoffman said. "They were coming to me for advice and I would listen to them, cry with them and feel for them, but when they asked me, 'How did you get through this?' I had to say, 'I've never had this experience.' I've always acted white."

She noticed that this was sometimes true even of some Asian Americans with very cultural families. Once on campus, they acted white

She began to wonder what being Asian meant to them—and to her. "In my work, I am always challenging students to self identify," she said, adding that she tells them: "Race unites you, but it doesn't have to define you."

Her job propelled her into an organization—the National Association for Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)—and another route on her identity journey. The organization has a subgroup, the Asian Pacific Islander Knowledge Community, which "basically educates professionals about issues faced in higher education, such as stereotypes," Hoffman explained.

Although she didn't identify with the Asian community, she attended a meeting of the subgroup and, surprisingly, felt very welcome. Hoffman quickly became involved. With a friend, she presented several

seminars, including one on "The Asian Adoptee Experience: Ethnic Identity Formation," but she yearned to do better, deeper research.

That inspired her doctoral journey, Hoffman said, adding that a friend introduced her to the CLU doctoral program.

She is focusing her research on college-age Asian adoptees from Korea. "My hope is to connect with Korean adoptee networks. Those networks will help me identify former students, Korean adoptees five years out of college who were raised by white parents in the United States," Hoffman said.

"My main thing is figuring out how life experiences [of Koreans adopted by white American parents] specifically influence their college experiences," she explained, noting that peer groups, neighborhood ethnic schools and dialogue all influence cultural development.

"I am not trying to make a hypothesis using a grounded theory approach. There's research, but no theory. I'm basically building a theory from the ground up," she said.

It will be exciting to see what that theory looks like when the research is complete, Hoffman said. She is well aware it might not be as she expects.

Indeed, while noting the research is "me" search, Hoffman recognizes that she must maintain some objectivity.

"The emotional connection makes it harder," she said. "I'm going to really have to stay very unbiased and unemotional."

To give her an outlet for her own feelings as she conducts her research, Hoffman will be journaling – a crucial key to maintaining her objectivity.

"I anticipate certain things because of my experience," she said, "but I have to step away from that. Their experiences may be different than I have had, and I have to be OK with that."

For example, in a pilot study she did last year, Hoffman discovered that for many Asian adoptees there is a grief component tied to the absence of biological parents. That has not been her experience, but she wants to find out "what kind of healing takes place and how do you heal?"

Hoffman, who hopes to receive her doctorate in 2011, would ultimately like to do another seminar for NASPA, present at faculty research conferences, submit her research to a scholarly journal and possibly get it included in a book—or even write a book in collaboration with someone else.

Peña believes Hoffman's dissertation could have far-reaching effects.

"Joy's study will definitely contribute important knowledge to the higher education literature that will lead to improving practices on college campuses with transracial adoptees."

That is one of Hoffman's desires for her work.

"I would really hope to influence higher education, to have more student networks," she said. "How do we encourage [students] to explore their ethnic identity? Start an adoptee network on campus."

Already, a Whittier alumnus who wants to start an adoptee network has contacted her, she said.

"I feel like I have been given a gift," Hoffman said about her work toward her doctorate. "I think there's a journey ahead—an ongoing journey."

Susanne Hopkins is a longtime professional journalist and Director of Lay Ministry/Pastoral Care at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

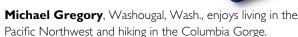
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**Nels E. Olsen.** Mankato. Minn., has worked for the U.S. Post Office for 33 years, 27 as a letter carrier and as a tax preparer for H&R Block for the last 23 years. He hopes to retire from at least one of these jobs in the next few years. He is planning to attend the class reunion in October.

Bryan Spafford, Mission Viejo, Calif., retired from teaching in 2000. He and Roxanne (Larson '68) celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary in August. Bryan is a member of the facilities committee and chairs the travel committee at Casta del Sol retirement community.



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Barbara Wold, Fountain Valley, Calif., is CEO of Wold International in Los Angeles. Barbara is an international business speaker who has shared her expertise on marketing,

# Clark Named Alumni Assistant Director

The Alumni and Parent Relations team is pleased to welcome Lana (Howard '06) Clark as Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations. Clark accepted her new position in November after serving as a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans since graduating. Her focus will be the development of current student programs,

representatives.



sales, customer service and tourism across the country and in Asia, South America, the Middle East and Canada. She delivered the keynote address at the fifth annual Recapturing Your Downtown conference in Wausau, Wis., in October.

the Student Ambassador Circle, GOLD (Graduates

of the Last Decade), alumni employees and class

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Paul Gebhardt, Kalispell, Mont., retired from the Los Angeles Police Department and currently works at Costco. He has a daughter who graduated from college last spring and a son who is a junior at CLU.

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Team Nausin participated in the Inaugural Seattle Rockn-Roll Marathon run on June 27. Tim '97, left, Frank '70 and Jeremy '03 ran the half-marathon (13.1 miles), and Linda '70 served as Pit Crew Chief.

# Homecoming and Family Weekend 2009



President Kimball speaks at Saturday morning's Breakfast with the President event.



Anthony Salvatore '13. his mom. Lisa, and dad, James, get cozy with the Kingsmen mascot during Friday night's Carnival.



Clint Elsemore '99, left, Jarrod DeGonia '98, Shaun Blumfield '01, Patrick Barwick '00, Scott Barwick '05, Dave Bayles '02, Chris Richardson '02 and Jason Cowels hit the links at the Alumni and Friends Golf Classic.



Sarah (Lavik '99) Holmes with Landon, left, (Class of 2027) and Jadon (Class of 2030) in the kid's zone.



More than 1,000 people attended the 2009 Alumni and Family Festival.



The Kingsmen led CLU to a 21-14 victory over Claremont- Mudd-Scripps.



Jonathan Gonzales '04, M.S. '07, Michael Gonzales '08, and Christy Sutphen '08, MBA '09, reunite at the festival



CLU parents Hazel and Johnny Johnson enjoy a frothy delight.

# 45-Year Reunion



Back Row: Bill Ewing '65, Richard Amrhein '64, Linwood Howe '65, Allen Gildard '64, Carole (Dahl '64) Pollard, Karsten Lundring '65, Kathy (Gammell '64) Borrund, Barry Wohrle '65, Joni (Osterli '64) Dibble, Carole Scott '65, Bryan Spafford '65.

Middle Row: Lynda (Benton '64) Elmendorf, Judy (Gray '64) Ashmore, Margaret (Ronning '64) Schwalm, Sandra (Deukemejian '64) Frandsen, Allen Leland (Professor).

Front Row: Jim Schaff '64, Kirsten (Kim Bodding '64) Lundring, Linda (Gulsrud '64) Harris, Cari (Kempel '64) Sauer, Dinah (Korb '65) Baxter, Ruthanne (Croom '65) England.

# Cindy (Beery) and Paul '67 Hasselbach,

Naples, Idaho, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary last June. They have four married children and 11 grandchildren. Cindy is a health coach with Take Shape for Life with Medifast and a wellness coordinator for Juice Plus.

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Thomas McGarvin, Tucson, Ariz., retired in 2006 after 34 years with the Arizona Geological Survey.

Susan (Templeton) Wenger, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., is founder and administrator of Pathway School in Laguna Hills. The school, which was established to serve the needs of intelligent children who learn differently, now includes grades one through nine. Grade 10 will be added this fall, and a grade will be added each year through 12th grade. To learn more about the school, visit www.pathwayschool.net

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Eloise (Olson) Cohen, Westlake Village, Calif., and her husband, Chuck, received the Lifetime Achievement for the Arts Award in November from the Alliance for the Arts of Thousand Oaks. Eloise is a member of the Alliance for the Arts Founders Circle and served on the Board of Directors. She is immediate past chair of the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza Board of Governors and worked with the American Association of University Women and KCLU to bring the first jazz concerts to the Civic Arts Plaza. She also volunteers with the Museum of Ventura County and the CLU Alumni Association and is assistant director of the Harold Stoner Clark Lecture Series.

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Mike Tracy, Ventura, Calif., was elected to the Ventura City Council in November and appointed Deputy Mayor by his colleagues in December. Mike was a member of the Ventura Police Department for 30 years

and served as Police Chief for six. He was a founding father of the Ventura Police Activities League. He and Linda (McLaughlin '72) have been married almost 40 years. She is a retired teacher.

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Michael Lynn Adams. Woodland Hills. Calif., CLU Director of Publications, has a solo show of still life paintings at M Gallery of Fine Art in Sarasota, Fla., during the month of March and will teach a five-day workshop on creating a visual statement through the art of still life painting at the gallery from March 8-12. Visit the M Gallery website at www. mgalleryoffineart.com and Mike's website at michaellynnadams.com. American Art Collector Magazine ran two articles on Adams, an Artist Profile and Show Preview in their February and March issues respectively.

Susan (Scott) Baker, Hayden, Idaho, is a second grade teacher in the Coeur d'Alene School District. She has a granddaughter, who was adopted from Russia in December 2007, and a grandson, born in June 2008.

Rich Carter, Reno, Nev., is a retired high school administrator. His motor home travels have taken him to California, Oregon, Idaho and Arizona.

Rhonda Bierma, Seattle, Wash., is a health services consultant for the Washington State Department of Health, HIV Program. She and her life partner, Virginia "Kim" Kimball, celebrated their 20-year anniversary last fall.

Mattia D'Errico, La Porte, Texas, is a contractor and home inspector in Houston. He has two grown children and two grandchildren.

Robert Hamilton, Lakeport, Calif., and Laisné (Smith '74) are both special educators with Lakeport Unified School District. Bob is a high school Resource Specialist and Laisné is a middle school Special Day Class teacher. Both are active with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and California Organization for Special Educators.

Gail Small (M.A.), Thousand Oaks, Calif., released a new book last fall. IOYFUL



Hank "The Hammer" Bauer '76, T.C.'78, Oxnard, Calif., was selected as one of the 50 Greatest Chargers of all time during the San Diego team's 50th

Bauer joined the San Diego Chargers as a running back in 1977 and was named Most Inspirational Player in 1978 and Special Teams MVP in 1980 and '81. He was selected NFL Special Teams Player of the Year by Cable News Network of Atlanta in 1980. He led the team in special teams solo tackles and plays and s the current NFL record holder for most special teams tackles (52) in a single

Forced to retire in 1983 due to injury, Bauer coached running backs and special teams for the Chargers before moving into sports broadcasting. Currently, ne is a Chargers color commentator broadcasting on television and radio.

The 50 Greatest Chargers were officially introduced on Nov. 27 at the 50th Anniversary Block Party in Downtown San Diego and were honored during

pre-game festivities on Nov. 29 at Qualcomm Stadium. More than 400,000 votes were cast online during the popular fan campaign, presented by Pepsi and AT&T.

VOLUNTEERING Together We Can celebrates volunteering and shows the ins and outs of volunteering at its best. Gail is a six-time published author, international motivational speaker, Fulbright Memorial Scholar and an awardwinning educator.

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Doug Clark, Greensboro, Md., and his wife, Rachel, report that daughter Kristy's family was named Family of the Year by the National Military Family Association in October. Kristy is married to Marine Sgt. Dennis Leanes and they have six children. There were seven finalists for the award – one from each of the military services.

Gretchen Glick, Solvang, Calif., received two Cambridge Who's Who invitational listings because of her long-term career in fundraising and public relations for nonprofit organizations. Grethcen was nominated for the Woman of Worth Award, sponsored by L'OrealNY, specifically for her awareness advocacy for Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) disease.

**Raymond Hebel**, Moorpark, Calif., was honored by the High Street Theater Foundation as

Moorpark's Champion of the Arts in November, Ray has long been an active force in the musical environment of

Ventura County as a versatile performer, educator and director. His Elvis performances as Raymond Michael are world famous, and Dick Clark called him "one of the best Elvis tribute acts in the world." Ray teaches chorus and musical show production at Moorpark High School and was honored with NBC4 Television's Crystal Apple Award for Teaching Excellence.

Kris (Grude) Kirkpatrick (MBA '82), Folsom, Calif., is a fundraiser with the Sacramento affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. "Finding a cure for breast cancer has been something I've actively supported for many years, so this is truly the job of my dreams," says Kris. Husband Michael `76 works for the law offices of Robin Bevier and started law school in January.

Dan Weber, San Diego, Calif., is an attorney and the father of two adult daughters. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of San Diego for more than 30 years.

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Ginny (Jannotto) Schramm (T.C. '78), Simi Valley, Calif., a former teacher, is now a staff representative for the California Teachers Association, representing the teachers in Simi Valley and Moorpark.

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John "Butch" Eskridge, Rowlett, Texas, writes that his son, Zach, was one of nine national finalists in regional voting for NCAA Division II Football Player of the Year. Zach is quarterback for Midwestern (Texas) State University, region 4.

Joyce (Ramsey) Howard, Richmond, Ky., is a registered nurse working in labor and delivery. Husband **Douglas '74** retired from Mendocino College in 2002 after working there for 25 years as an athletic trainer. The couple traveled around the country in a travel trailer before settling in Kentucky.

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Lana (Howard '06) Clark Assistant Director

and one grandchild. Gary is a high school assistant principal in the Hughson Unified School District, and Kathleen is in her 18th year of teaching general classroom music and choir to fourth, fifth and sixth graders in Oakdale.

Jerry Lenander, Marina del Rey, Calif., is President and CEO of SYNCOMM Management Group, Inc. Jerry established SYNCOMM in 1990 to provide comprehensive public relations, marketing communications and business development services to corporate and not-for-profit organizations primarily in the security industry.

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Marty Rouse (M.P.A. '84), Moorpark, Calif., has worked for the Ventura County Sheriff's Department for 31 years. As Chief Deputy, he has oversight of the Support Services Bureau, which includes Professional Standards, the Training Academy and department budget. During his career, he has also served as Moorpark's Chief of Police and Commander of the Regional Training Center. Marty volunteers for the Moorpark Track Club and is a member of CLU's Community Leaders Association.



# **Class Representative** Rhondi (Pinkstaff) Durand rpm@hartdistrict.org

**Dann Ettner**, Fort Hood, Texas, an active duty chaplain in the U.S. Army, lost five members of his division during the Nov. 5 shootings at Fort Hood that left eight others dead and 42 wounded.

Ilajean Kragthorpe, Thousand Oaks, Calif., was an English instructor at Moorpark College for 17 years before retiring. Her novel, The Blood of the Innocents, published in May 2007 is available at BarnesandNoble. com, Target.com and amazon.com. llajean and her husband, Ron, celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in December. Ron was Dean of Students at CLU from 1972-1993. Their daughter, Kristin, graduated from CLU in 1981.

# 25-Year Reunion



Left to right: Eric Jensen, John Stendahl, Jay Neuhaus, Jon Uhler, Mark Walter, Mel Fleeman, Steen Weber, Bob Freeman, Linda (Dewalt) Demartini, Joan (Embick) Bohnstedt, Elizabeth Dalgleish, Mike Engstrom, Ralph Werley.

# **Class Representative** Ginny Green

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Allen Cudahy, Port Orchard, Wash., is leaving First Lutheran Church after 20 years as its pastor. According to an article in a local newspaper, the congregation quadrupled in size under his leadership. Allen told the reporter that a slower pace of work is now in store for him, and he expects that to include activities abroad with missions and a retreat center.

# **Class Representative** Tori Nordin vnordin@austin.rr.com

Steve Graf, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., is the Athletic Director for Cranbrook School in Detroit. He has a teenage daughter.

# **Jamie Casillas (M.A.)**, Oxnard, Calif., was named Dean of Economic Development for the Ventura

County Community College District in November. He previously served as interim Vice President of Instruction at Oxnard College. Jamie is a member of the Professional Latino Advancement Network of Ventura County and the Commission for Farm Workers' Rights. He received the Educator of the Year Award from El Concilio Del Condado de Ventura in 2005.

David and Connie (Hovland `83) Puls, Kingwood, Texas, recently returned to Texas after II years working in Azerbaijan and

Qatar. They look forward to re-connecting with friends, including CLU alums in the

# **Class Representative** Tony White

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# Joan (Regan) Lansing-Eigenhuis (M.A. '93), Ventura, Calif., is a child development

instructor at Ventura College.

Anthony White, Leesburg, Va., joined Parsons Corporation as Business Development Director in the Energy, Systems & Security Division of its Infrastructure & Technology group in August. In this role, he is responsible for expanding the company's focus in the area of mission-critical facilities for the U.S. intelligence community.

# **Class Representative** Mike Engstrom

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Jeffrey Baarstad (T.C.), Ventura, Calif., has been named Superintendent of the Conejo Valley Unified School District, effective July 1. He has been Deputy Superintendent for two years and was Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for four years before that. leffrey was a classroom teacher before moving into school administration.

George Sweat, Monument, Colo., manages a Walgreens drug store.

# **Class Representative** Diann (Colburn) Spencer galenaspencers@gmail.com

Thomas H. Christensen, Washington,

D.C., is a senior associate with Dewberry, a nationally recognized consulting firm based in Fairfax, Va.

# Lauren Godfrey, Thousand

Oaks, Calif., recently founded Vocare, a faithbased networking group for those searching for career direction and support. Vocare (pronounced vo-karay) is a Latin verb that means "to call."

# Christopher Meaney (M.P.A),

Huntersville, N.C., has taken a new position as Vice President of Marketing with Grupo Invalar, based in Honduras with a subsidiary location in Miami.

# **Class Representative** 286 Amy Lee kenamylee2@sbcglobal.net

Kristi (Allsop) Ernenwein, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., is Cheer Director for the Palos Verdes Youth Football and Cheer Association.

Susan (Pekrul) Somers, Las Vegas, Nev., is founder and managing member of FM Marketing LLC, a marketing and public relations company. She volunteers at the Las Vegas Valley Humane Society and is a member of the Business Advisory Executive Committee for Faith Lutheran Junior and Senior High School.

# **Class Representative** Franc Camara

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Lisa Allison, Agoura Hills, Calif., is a partner at Lippe, Hellie, Hoffer and Allison LLP. She is also an adjunct instructor of accounting and auditing at CLU.

Carrie (Brown) Flint, Redondo Beach, Calif., an adapted physical education teacher for Lawndale Elementary School District, was recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for her work in physical education. Carrie was recently selected by Head Start as a physical activity consultant for the HeadStart BodyStart Program, and she served on the committee to write the newly adopted California State Physical Education Curriculum Framework, Carrie also serves as a consultant

# 2009-2010 Outstanding Young Alumnus

The CLU Alumni Association Board of Directors has presented Gabriel Laizer '00 with the 2009-2010 Outstanding Young Alumnus

Having devoted his career to addressing world hunger, Laizer is currently Strategic Partnerships and Outreach Coordinator at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations based in Washington, D.C. The FAO helps developing countries and countries in transition modernize and improve agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices and ensure good nutrition for all.



Before joining the UN-FAO, Laizer was Manager of Member Services with the Alliance to End Hunger. Prior to that, he worked at Bread for the World as an assistant in the Organizing Department and as an assistant policy analyst with the Government Relations

While a student at CLU, Laizer served as an ASCLU-G Senator for two years and as ASCLU-G President his senior year. He also headed the International Student Club and was a member of the Kingsmen soccer team.

Laizer's parents and seven of his siblings live in Arusha, Tanzania.

and trainer for Peaceful Playgrounds and travels across the country to deliver presentations on quality physical education and the importance of recess.

# **Class Representative** Debbie (Elliott) Sellers debsell06@live.com

Mark Bashforth, Houston, Texas, and his brother Jayson will operate Stratus Building Solutions of Panama. The St. Louis-based franchisor of branded building service and maintenance operations in the United States, Canada and Europe recently expanded to Central America. Mark and Jayson previously operated the Houston franchise which opened early last year.

Erik Tiller, Hamilton, Bermuda, is managing partner in Amerscan Capital Management.

Mary (Koblentz) Ward, Irvine, Calif., left the corporate world of homebuilding and her position as Assistant Controller to volunteer and ultimately work for her church. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors of Thrivent South Orange County and as Treasurer of BrewCommune, an Orange County-based homebrew club. She has also become a Creative Memories consultant. She and her husband, John, celebrated 10 years of marriage last March.

Liza (Quinn) O'Neal, Clarksville, Tenn., is a major in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. She will be redeployed to Afghanistan this summer.

# Rachel (Caudill) Smith (T.C. '91),

Newbury Park, Calif., is a second grade teacher at Cypress Elementary School. Rachel has two sons, ages 12 and 10.

# **Class Representative** Julie Donaldson-Prince jprince007@sbcglobal.net

Michael Demeter, Lake

Elsinore, Calif., is President/CEO of Orange Restoration Inc. dba ServiceMaster AAA Restoration, and partner of Disaster Resources International LLC. Michael has two sons, ages 6 and 3.

**Jeff Leaverton**, Madisonville, La., owns a mortgage finance company and a solar power company. Jeff has a personal trainer's license and has competed in body building contests and a masters class for veteran body builders. He volunteers at the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans as a docent, often sharing history he learned from Dr. Leonard Smith at Cal Lutheran.

**Class Representative** Carrie (Jurgemeyer) Fick carriefick@sbcglobal.net

# **CRIB NOTES**

# Aschbrenner, Camden

**Jeffrey** was born May 27, 2009, to Marcie (Hegebush '95) and Jeff '94 Aschbrenner.

**Barkhuff, Bijou Annabelle** was born Dec. 11, 2009, to Gemma (Anderson '03) and Justin '03 Barkhuff.

**Barkwill, Liam Francis Valdez** was born Oct. 30, 2009, to Carla and Alan '08 Barkwill.

**Franano, Lauren Amanda** and **Brooklyn Irene** were born Sept. 3, 2009, to Renee (Steiner '00, M.Ed. '05) and Mark '99, M.Ed. '04 Franano.

**Glesne, Ethan David** was born Dec. 7, 2009, to Corissa (Gall '05) and Mark Glesne '03.

**Harvey, Carson Lee** was born March 2, 2009, to Kim (Allen '05) and Tim Harvey.

**Henning, Grace** was born Nov. 2, 2009, to Laree Reynolds '94 and Francisco Henning.

**Johnson, Leila Beth** was born July 13, 2009, to Katie (Bashaw '03) and Wes '03 Johnson.

**Kiefer, Aaron Daniel** was born May 13, 2009, to Diane (Royer '99) and Andrew '98 Kiefer.

**Lembke, Ace Merica** was born Oct. 8, 2009, to Amanda (Horn '02) and Neal '03 Lembke.

**Lindgren, Hazel Ronning** was bom Nov. 24, 2009, to Rachel (Ronning '99) and Brian '07 Lindgren.

Miller, Corbin Isaac was born Dec. 7, 2009, to Heather (Busby '01) and Art '01 Miller.

Moe, Espen Richard was born March 3, 2009, to Vicky (Lenhard `02) and Erik '02 Moe.

**Montijo, Jonathan Eric** was born March 9, 2009, to Cristina (Mata `98) and Eric `96 Montijo.

Moyer, Ryan Christopher was born Nov. 17, 2009, to Irene (Tyrrell '00) and Steve Moyer

**Pidge, Molly** was born Feb. 15, 2009, to Katie (Hunt '04) and John Pidge.

# MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Katelin Barrow '04** and Mike Blum were married Aug. 7, 2009.

**Jody Biergiel '04** and Renny Colclough were married Oct. 11, 2008.

**Laura Brummer, M.Ed. '04**, and Jonathan Konrade were married Nov. 7, 2009.

**Lisa Castro-Conde '97** and Matthew Reichert were married Oct. 31, 2009.

**Korey Finstad '99** and Alison Martinez were married Aug. 1, 2009.

**Cheryl Heck '87** and George Trapani were married July 18, 2009.

Michele and **Tyler Holmes '01** were married Jan. 20, 2008.

Nicole Klein '02 and Geno Sullivan '02 were married August 8, 2009.

**Emma Kolden '09** and Josh Jorstad were married Aug. 8, 2009.

**Luke Lundmark '03** and Kaleena Reichert were married May 22, 2009.

**Bryant McKinley '04** and Amy Singer were married Oct. 23, 2009.

**Laree Reynolds '94** and Francisco Henning were married June 21, 2008.

**Jan-Erik Sand '06** and Maggie Barth were married Oct. 17, 2009.

**Diane Scrofano '98** and Ramón Novoa were married June 6, 2009.

**Kristen Smith'04** and Joel Tolson were married Oct. 9, 2009.

**Jim Spach, MBA '09**, and Charissa Anne Gordon were married Sept. 18, 2009.

### IN MEMORIAM

James Bauer '72 passed away Nov. 27. 2009.

**Craig L Bondar**, former student, passed away Sept. 18, 2009.

**Raymond K. Braaten '74** passed away Sept. 11, 2009.

Mary Burkhardt '73 passed away lune 29, 2009.

**Susan J. Clemmer '98** passed away July 6, 2009.

**Evelyn M. Coren '02** passed away October 2009.

**David J. Foege '66** passed away April 18, 2009.

**Donald E. Garrison, H'87**, passed away Oct. 21, 2009.

**Jukka Hellsten '93** passed away Nov. 1, 2009.

**Vikki Lewis-Kates '04** passed away Sept. 26, 2009.

**Sharon Kathleen Magruder '74** passed away Nov. 5, 2009.

**Thomas Scott Minke '70** passed away Nov. 16, 2009.

**Carole A. Purdie '82** passed away July 15, 2008.

**Gay M. Salisbury '79** passed away Aug. 15, 2009.

**Lawrence Robert Savokinas Sr. '82** passed away Nov. 13, 2009.

**Donald E. Skoe '74** passed away Sept. 21, 2009.

Arthur Thorsen Jr., MBA '81, passed away May 21, 2009.

**Gregory Glenn Turnbull `04** passed away Nov. 12, 2009

**Richard Watkins '93** passed away Sept. 20, 2009.

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Tracy, Melissa, **Corrin '12** and Susan Fox at Hume Lake Christian Camp in Hume, Calif. (August 2009)

# The Aschbrenner Kids



Jace, left, Camden and Kaylee, children of Jeff '94 and Marcie (Hegebush '95) Aschbrenner.

**Todd Arrowsmith**, Saugus, Calif., is the Director of Student Activities at West Ranch High School and a member of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Federated Council. The Federated Council is made up of superintendents, principals, athletic directors and leaders from allied organizations

throughout the state. Todd represents the state's Directors of Activities.

**Danielle Elton**, Heber City, Utah, owns Doolan's Sports Bar & Grill in Park City.

**Shelly (Hall) Estacion**, Leonardtown, Md., is a piano teacher and composer. Her piano music CD "The Journey" will be released this year. Shelly also became a fourth degree black belt in taekwondo in November.

Mary Rupprecht, Port Angeles, Wash., has been a corrections officer with the Clallam County Jail since 2001. She also volunteers with the Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports Club at a local ski area.

**'92** 

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**Grace Jackson, M.D.**, New Bern, N.C., is a board certified psychiatrist who recently released her second book on psychiatric drugs titled *Drug-Induced Dementia: a perfect crime*. The book is a-first-of-its-kind resource for patients and clinicians. A former staff psychiatrist at Bethesda Naval Hospital and with the North Carolina prison system, she

has lectured widely in the United States and Europe and has testified as an expert witness in forced medication trials.

**Jerry Lukiewski**, Camarillo, Calif., is CEO, President and Director of Ventura Business Bank. He is a member of the Camarillo Breakfast Rotary Club, the Oxnard Ambassadors, the Ventura County Taxpayers Association and the Boy Scouts of America, Ventura County Council.

**'93** 

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Armida Colmenares-Stafford, Winnetka,

Calif., is Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer at El Camino Bank (in organization), having been a part of putting together the new institution for the past two years. Armida has held leadership positions at Bank of America, USBank and Citibank.

**'94** 

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**Andrew Gordon**, Bloomfield, Colo., is Director of Operations at E.A.R. Inc, a provider of custom hearing protection products. He traveled to Brazil last year.

Laree Reynolds Henning, Newbury Park, Calif., has taught middle school for 12 years and is currently pursuing a master's in counseling and guidance at CLU. Laree lived in Venezuela from 2003 to 2007 and met her husband, Francisco, there. They were married in Samuelson Chapel in 2008 and are the parents of a 4-month-old daughter.

Nicole (Anderson) Love, Aurora, Colo., is a fourth grade teacher.

John Oberg, Arroyo Grande, Calif., is Director of the Grizzly Youth Academy, which serves 16- to 18-year-old at-risk youth at Camp San Luis Obispo. John, who has worked at the academy since 1998, was a major in the Air National Guard when he retired after more than 26 years of service.

Jeanne (Rowan) Ricci (M.A.), Thousand Oaks, Calif., is an instructor in CLU's School of Education. Jeanne worked as a teacher program coordinator and project director for Moorpark Unified School District and is the former principal of Walnut Canyon, a visual and performing arts magnet school.

Shaun Travers, San Diego, Calif., completed his doctorate in education with a focus on higher education leadership at University of California, San Diego.

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# Carol (Durham) Cook,

Fremont, Calif., is a consultant with the firm C<sup>2</sup> Marketing Consultants, in the high tech industry. She also volunteers with children's ministry at Fremont Community Church.

Rosa (Padilla) Lopez, Fillmore, Calif., is the Supervising Deputy Probation Officer for the Ventura County Probation Agency. She supervises the Juvenile Placement Unit that oversees probation foster youth.

Michelle (Mauriello, T.C. '96) O'Berg, Redwood City, Calif., is Administrative Assistant at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in San Carlos.

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Brad Bjelke, Thousand Oaks, Calif., Vice President and General Counsel of Rapattoni Corp., was a member of a legal panel at the Council of Multiple Listing Services 2009 Conference in Lake Tahoe. The panel of four MLS experts discussed the hottest legal issues facing the MLS and the real estate industry. Brad is an adjunct faculty member in CLU's MPPA

Matt Powell, Cedar Park, Texas, was elected to a third term on the Cedar Park City Council and named Mayor Pro Tem. He is Director of Foundations and Community Relations at Concordia University in Austin.

Jody Bender, Waynesville, N.C., is a systems administrator at National Nati Hospital. In November 2008, she and her mother opened Women in the Moon gift shop in a historic medical office in downtown Waynesville.

Jeffrey Calnitz, Thousand Oaks, Calif., is Executive Technical Director of the Conejo Players Theater. He received a master's degree from Middlebury College in 2005 after spending a year in Paris at the Sorbonne.

Kent Oslund, Moorpark, Calif., is a financial analyst manager at WellPoint of California. He and his wife, Lina, have an II-year-old daughter.

Krista (Andrews, T.C. '00) Ramirez,

Sun Valley, Calif., teaches at Montague Charter Academy in Pacoima. She has a 6-year-old daughter and 2-year-old son.

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Nikki (Panasci) Armstrong, Ph.D.,

San Diego, Calif., is a clinical psychology post-doctoral fellow with the V.A. San Diego Healthcare System. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Hawaii in August.



Pictured in Kingsmen Park in January from left: Art '01 and Heather (Busby '01) Miller with Corbin; Mark '03 and Corissa (Gall '05) Glesne with Ethan; Justin '03 and Gemma (Anderson '03) Barkhuff with Bijou; Rachel Ronning '99 Lindgren with Hazel. Not pictured: Hazel's dad, Brian Lindgren '07.

**Class Representative** Kim (McHale) Miller clugal02@hotmail.com

**Tyler Holmes**, East Elmhurst, N.Y., is a statistical datacaster with Major League Baseball.

Io Ann Malter, Henderson, Nev., retired in June after working at Westlake High School for three years and is looking forward to a new chapter in her life. Her son and daughterin-law, Alexander and Kristin Russell, received their MBAs from CLU in '06 and '07 respectively and son **Brandon Russell** 

received his bachelor's in '08, making them a legacy family with "lots of Cal Lu pride!"

Paige Maxwell-Reitz, Ph.D., Ontario, Canada, is Associate Clinical Director for a children's mental health agency in Toronto. She earned her Ph.D. in Behavior Analysis at Western Michigan University.

Jennifer Taylor, Garden Grove, Calif., is a resource developer for the San Gabriel/ Pomona Regional Center creating resources in the community for developmentally disabled children and adults. She is pursuing an MSW at University of Southern California.

Laura Waayers, Alexandria, Va., is an archivist with the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C.

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Amanda (McClendon) Clark (M.Ed. '06), Brenham, Texas, is Director of Institutional Research at Blinn College.

Luke Lundmark, San Diego, Calif., received his California Teaching Credential from San Diego State University last May.

Ernst F. Tonsing, Ph.D., H'03, Thousand Oaks, Calif., was named 2010 Outstanding Scandinavian American by the Scandinavian American Cultural and Historical Foundation. Fred taught religion, religious arts and Greek at CLU from 1974 until his retirement in 2003. He celebrates and shares his Swedish heritage through his travels, lectures, collections and research. He is author of the book College of Our Dreams chronicling CLU's first 50 years.

Curtis Wood, Kaiserslautern, Germany, was recently promoted to colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and is on a three-year tour serving with the Defense Logistics Agency supporting Europe and Africa. This past summer Curtis completed a master's in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College. Curtis has been deployed on active duty since graduating from CLU and has served two tours in Iraq along with commanding units at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Stewart, Ga. He has been awarded two Bronze Star Medals, two Army Meritorious Service Medals and the Joint Commendation Medal.

# Wounded Marine Meets True Love



released to the outpatient clinic where he met Maggie, an Army nurse. A Marine sergeant and Director of Finance and Forward Planning at Aldersgate Investment LLC in Oxnard, Jan-Erik is serving two years in the inactive ready reserves. Maggie, also a sergeant, is on active reserve and will be eligible to deploy in 2011.

The couple met in 2008 while on duty in

lan-Erik was selected Marine of the Year for his reserve unit in 2006 and earned a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. He later earned a second medal and a Combat Action Ribbon for achievement in combat operations during a firefight in Iraq where he was a machine gunner.



Standing: Kristen (Smith) Tolson, Jonathan Gonzales, Matt Anderson, Robert Munguia, Ryan Hodges, Marina Julius, Cory Hughes, Claire (Hillard) Matney, Heath Williams, Erik Hagen. Seated: Becky (Badertscher) Anderson, Jessica Helms, Holly Halweg, Ryan Palmer.

**'04** 

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Rachelle Berglund, San Diego, Calif., is an event coordinator for Rock 'n' Roll Marathon Series, Competitor Group Inc. The Rock 'n' Roll Series offers marathons and half marathons that meld the excitement of a rock concert into an endurance event.

### Gina Mandell (T.C., M.Ed. '06),

Thousand Oaks, Calif., teaches sixth grade English and social studies at Los Cerritos Middle School. She also volunteers as an adviser with the community service organization Brain Connection.

**Andrew Palmer**, Burbank, Calif., is a property manager for Avalon Bay Communities in Newport Beach.

'05

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**Michael Cabral**, Orlando, Fla., is Marketing Coordinator at Walt Disney World Parks and Resorts.

**Benjamin Campanaro**, Studio City, Calif., was nominated for a Primetime Emmy by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

# Online Option Works for Soldier



How many people can say they completed their MBA from a war zone? **Wallace Larson** can.

Lt. Col. Larson's service in the U.S. Army began in 1987 after he earned his bachelor's degree in aviation management and flight technology from the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT). He had enrolled in the ROTC program at FIT, which funded his education, and he had an obligation of four years of active duty following graduation. Those four years turned into a 22-year career.

Larson spent a year and a half at Fort Rucker, Ala., training as an Army aviator specializing in helicopters before being sent overseas for the first time to an

American Army base in Mannheim, Germany. There he served as an Aero Scout platoon leader with the 8th Infantry Division.

For the next 10 years, Larson held several positions in the Army, traveling back and forth from stateside assignments to overseas duty. He served as helicopter pilot, flight instructor and aviator logistician in Germany, South Korea and the former Yugoslavia. In 2003, Larson received orders to report for duty in Iraq. During his first tour of duty in Iraq, he spent part of his time in Kuwait working in aviation maintenance with the 3rd COSCOM (Corps Support Command).

Larson then returned to Germany and decided to go back to school.

"I knew the Army was going to end at some point," he said. "It does for everyone, and I was thinking about my future."

Searching for online master's programs, the soldier came across CLU's MBA in Financial Planning and enrolled.

In January 2006, he was sent to Iraq for a second deployment at Camp Victory, located on the outskirts of Baghdad, where he served for 12 months.

"I was lucky the second time because I had an office job and a boss that gave me time to do my class work," he said. "I would go to work and have my books there ready to study when the work day was through."

Larson completed his MBA in October 2008 while still on active duty in Germany. One year later, he retired from the Army and moved back to the United States. He resides in Chicago with his wife, Laura, and their young son, Ryan.

# Sullivan Wedding



Wesley Sullivan '07 and Stephanie Shaker '07 Sullivan with members of their CLU family at their wedding July 11, 2009.

Top: Daniel Stubblefield '07, Christopher Leland '07, Dustin Friedman '07, Colter Fleming '06, Pastor Scott Maxwell-Doherty '76.

Middle: Brett Waverly '08, Ben Hogue '10, Adrian Velasquez '07, Daniel Liles '10, Ryan Riddle '07, Coryell Holmes, Jennifer Fornadley '07, Micah Peterson '09, Alexandra Conway '09, Lana Lile '09, Roberta Gaugert '09, Pastor Melissa Maxwell-Doherty '77, Stefanie Lucas '08.

Bottom: Kirsten Lindholm '09, Aarika (Lim '07) Riddle, Blythe Cherney '09, Wesley, Stephanie, Carmen (Knight '07) Wyttenbach, Tessa Carletta '07, Kimberley Aguirre '07.

# Former Football Player Turns MMA Pro

By Scott Chisholm

Joe Henle '06, Thousand Oaks, Calif., used his experiences at CLU and guidance from a coach and professor to pursue his dream of becoming a professional mixed martial arts fighter.

As a high school student searching for a school to provide academic, athletic and social fulfillment, Henle was immediately drawn to Cal Lutheran.

"I loved the atmosphere," he remembers.
"Everyone was smiling and seemed like they were enjoying life at CLU."

During his four-year career with the Kingsmen football team, Henle learned lessons on and off the gridiron from his position coach and CLU alumnus Will Plemons '97.

"Coach Plemons took our nonstop energy and harnessed it by showing us how to be disciplined and detail oriented while providing a solid work ethic and attitude of how to approach the game," Henle said of his playing days at CLU. "Those attributes translate into various aspects of life including MMA."

Following the completion of his undergraduate degree in business, Henle visited a Westlake Village gym where he witnessed his first MMA training session – an experience that would ultimately alter his career path. Henle couldn't wait to try out mixed martial arts. After taking his lumps and still wanting more, he was hooked and began his own training.

Henle also returned to CLU to pursue his MBA and served as a graduate assistant coach for the CLU football team. During this time, his graduate adviser, business professor Somnath Basu, was a key figure in helping Henle focus on his goals. It was Basu who asked his young advisee a simple yet challenging question: "What do you really want to do?"

After completing his MBA and considering all the factors, Henle concluded that his next big step would be pursuing a career in MMA. After eight amateur bouts, Joe "Leonidas" Henle turned professional last July and went undefeated in his first three fights.

In addition to maintaining a hectic training regimen, Henle is Head Coach of the Thousand Oaks High School wrestling team and an assistant on the high school football coaching staff.

"The experiences at Cal Lutheran have allowed me to mature emotionally, earn a solid education and provide the opportunity to succeed at whatever I ended up pursuing," Henle said.

For more information on the career of Joe Henle, visit www.leonidasmma.com.

for his work as visual effects compositor on the hit CBS television series *Ghost Whisperer* starring Jennifer Love Hewitt. He is on staff at the visual effects house Eden FX and has composited shots on 41 episodes of *Ghost Whisperer*. He has also worked on visual effects shots for *Army Wives*, *Pushing Daisies*, *Lost* and others as well as feature films including *Get Smart*, *Nim's Island* and the upcoming *Miss Nobody*.

**Jennifer Newbert**, Redondo Beach, Calif., is an occupational therapist at Masada Homes in Gardena. She received an M.S. in Occupational Therapy from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Mark Nielsen, Ventura, Calif., is a firefighter/paramedic with the city of Ventura. He and his dad, Carl '76, went on a cruise through the Panama Canal in November with stops in Mexico, Guatemala, Panama and Colombia.

**Meredith Petit**, Westlake Village, Calif., is Recreation Supervisor for the City of Agoura Hills.

**Ryan Petitfils**, Weed, Calif., is a full-time, tenure-track instructor in the Mathematics Department at College of the Siskiyous. He received his M.S. in Mathematics at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 2008.

**Michelle Rey**, Nevada City, Calif., is a physical therapist at Wildwood Physical Therapy in Penn Valley.

Alex Mallen, Newbury Park, Calif., is Regional Sales Manager for Athena's Attic, a premier distributor for Nfinity Shoes. The shoes are the first women's basketball and volleyball shoes to be designed specifically for the female physiology. In conjunction with her role at Athena's Attic, Alex also works part time as an outside

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Amy (Bates) Markenson (M.S. '08),

Valencia, Calif., is an education and training specialist at Medtronic Inc.

**Crystal Robinson**, Moorpark, Calif., owns Tire Busters tire and wheel center with her uncle. They opened the business last March.

**Christine Waldersen**, Simi Valley, Calif., is moving to Thailand to be a missionary with OMF International. To learn more about her ministry, visit **christinerakthai.blogspot.com**.

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**Christopher McGuinness**, Palmdale, Calif., is a staff reporter with the *Antelope Valley News*.

**Steven Peterson (MBA)**, Austin, Texas, is a senior investment manager, equity trader with Teachers Retirement System of Texas. He has passed level one of the CFA and holds the CFP® designation. He has two sons, ages 4 and 6.



Robert and Marianne Mason, parents of Andrew Mason '13, on St. Kitts Island, West Indies. (November 2009)

# **ALUMNI** NEWS

Haiyan Schoeple (MBA), Reno, Nev., is a Chinese linguist who owns her own business. She and her husband, Edward, have a 7-yearold daughter and a 2-year-old son. Haiyan was born and grew up in China and hopes to visit her homeland next year with her family.

Chelsea Taylor, Denver, Colo., is a member of the class of 2010 at the Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver. She volunteers at the Denver Adult Down Syndrome Clinic and is an intern with Adoption Alliance. She plans to travel to Beijing to take a class in social work from a Chinese perspective.

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# Fulfilling Our Promise



Ryan Cudahy, left, Class of 2010, and Patrick Cudahy, Class of 2012.



At the top of their high school classes in Gig Harbor, Wash., brothers Ryan and Patrick Cudahy had their pick of almost any college in America. They chose CLU based on the University's academic reputation, commitment to spiritual growth and small, family environment.

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# 50TH ANNIVERSARY SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Festival of Scholars Monday, April 26, through Friday, April 30
- Yam Yad May I
- Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner & Induction Ceremony November 13
- Homecoming & Family Weekend October 21-24

### March

- 12-13 CLU on the Road, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Symphonic Passion, University Symphony, 2 p.m.
- Artists and Speakers Series: Saakumu Dance Troupe,
- Center for Equality and Justice Faculty Lecture Series: "ThickCulture: Constructing a Civic Rationale for Diversity and Multiculturalism," Jose Marichal, Ph.D.,
- Areté Vocal Ensemble, Modern Masters, 2 p.m. Scandinavian Lecture Series
- Strindberg Players Offer Dance of Death, 2 p.m.

### **April**

- Reel Justice Film Series: The Yes Men Fix the World, 7 p.m. CLUFest 2010 Opening Reception, 3-5 p.m. Exhibition runs April 9-23
- 15-25 Mainstage 3: Generations April 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 24, 8 p.m.
- April 25, 2 p.m. 17-18 Scandinavian Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Bon Voyage Concert, Choral Ensembles, 2 p.m.
- New Music Lecture by Libby Larsen, Composer "The Concert Hall that Fell Asleep and Woke Up as a Car Radio," 10 a.m.
- Eighth Annual New Music Concert The Music of Libby Larsen, 8 p.m. CLU Faculty and Student Soloists, Choral Ensembles

- Honors Convocation, 10 a.m.
- 26-30 Fourth Annual Festival of Scholars
- Dedication of Geeting Hall, 11 a.m.
- Wind and Jazz Ensembles Play Favorites, 8 p.m.

- Yam Yad
  - Senior Art Exhibit Opening Reception, 3 p.m. Exhibition runs April 29-May 15
- Graduate Commencement, 6 p.m.
- Baccalaureate, 8 a.m.
  - Undergraduate/ADEP Commencement, 10 a.m.
- Scandinavian Lecture Series: "Amelia Earhart -My Cousin," Ernst F. Tonsing, Ph.D., 2 p.m.

6-10 Ninth Annual International Conference Globalization for the Common Good: An Interfaith Perspective

# July/August

14th Annual Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival The Comedy of Errors, 8 p.m. July 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18 The Winter's Tale, 8 p.m. July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, Aug. 1, 6, 78

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