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Proud to be a Kingsman

I am a 1990 graduate and played three years as the men’s basketball team. I just read where the school is thinking about changing its nickname. Personally, I am against changing the name of any of our sports teams. The examples you give regarding nickname changes are like comparing apples to oranges. Those nicknames supposedly “offended” someone and therefore were changed. If the politically correct zeal of our country did not put pressure on those institutions they would not have changed their nicknames.

I am proud to be a Kingsman. I do not want to be a bulldog, lion, bull, gator, lily, tree hugger, etc. If a change is made, I will understand but will never call CLU sports teams by any other name than Kingsmen and Regals.

I find it interesting that you mention “our focus on a stronger CLU brand…” This was the same reason greens to all the athletes back in 1990 as one of the reasons to lower our athletic programs to NCAA Division III. Not one athlete that I spoke with during the transition back then wanted to lower our athletic standards.

I want to thank you for letting me share my opinion with you. I will always support CLU no matter what, as it is and always will be a great place to grow as a student and person.

David Rovold
Englewood, Ohio

Dear Editor,

I saw in the last alumni newsletter that CLU is looking for a new mascot that is both male and female. I see no problem with both using Kingsmen, but I have thought of some other ideas.

I think we should use something that reflects either Christian or Lutheran history. Christian warriors were Knights Templar, but Knights has the male problem. Templars is a possibility.

The first Christians used the fish sign, so we could be the CLU fishing fish.

Another possible nickname refers to [Martin] Luther’s German heritage...CLU German? Or Teutonics?

We are all God’s creation. How about CLU Creatures. Swim creatures for the swim team. Run creatures for the track team. Math creatures for the math club. Tall creatures for the marching band. Getting a little purple and gold unisex glob-like creature that can be modified for the area you are working with.

Kathy Vindspiel
71 Central Point, Ore.

We’ve All God’s Creatures

T he start of classes each fall launches a distinctive cycle of events. Although reminiscent in some ways of previous years, this fall radiates extraordinary promise and exhilaration for California Lutheran University.

Looking around our beautiful campus, one feels the same sense of vibrancy and expectation. We see new faces and richness in our student body, we welcome new faculty and staff, and we explore new courses and fields of study. As we cycle into this academic year, we fortuitously build on the significant achievements that marked 2003-2004. The clouds of dust and carnivals of construction vehicles crossing campus are obvious testimony to our forward motion. The groundbreaking of the North Campus Athletics Complex on Oct. 22 are from left: Jack Gilbert, President Luedtke and Bob Samuelson. For more groundbreaking photos, see page 12.

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... the University's next decade of progress will be called upon by our gift ed volunteers, advisers and board members for their expertise and ideas on how we can envision and fund the future of CLU.

The accomplishments of the past fiscal and academic year give us the confidence and courage to engage in the even greater challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

A few of the signal achievements of 2003-2004 include:

• Fall 2004 enrollment of 440 freshmen (an 18 percent increase) and 170 transfers.
• New academic programs in bioengineering and environmental science.
• The foundational work and authorization for an international online master’s program in Certified Financial Planning.

Welcome to the Construction Zone

By Luther S. Luedtke

In August, I read an article in my local paper about Gypsy Boots, a man who had died in Los Angeles at the age of 89. For those students and alumni from the mid-1970s, Gypsy Boots was a memorable character at CLU football games. As part of the Pep Squad and then Pep Athletic Commissioner, I noticed him in the stand. But his vivacious and wacky personality soon had him down with the cheerleaders, participating in cheers, doing handstands and cartwheels, and ringing a loud cowbell. We only know his name because he always wore T-shirts that read “Gypsy Boots – Nuts and Fruits.”

Years after graduating I saw him on several television broadcasts of USC football games. I did not know much more about him until reading the article in The Desert Sun, which ran a picture of him cheering on the Los Angeles Rams in 1977 and described him as “a fitness icon, author and health guru who paved the way for generations of health fitness junkies.”

Ellen (Heffland) ’77 Sahie Palm Springs, Calif.
New Satellite Campus Opens in Glendale

California Lutheran University is offering three of its most popular master's degree and credential programs for educators at its new satellite campus in Glendale.

These programs offer working adults interested in becoming special education teachers, school guidance counselors, or school administrators the opportunity to earn master's degrees in special education, counseling and guidance, or educational administration. The evening courses are structured to meet the needs of working professionals and may be completed in as few as 18-24 months.

Above, Karen Sabourin, left, greets visitors to the satellite campus located in the Lutheran Center, 1300 E. Colorado St., in Glendale. For further information about the center or programs offered there, please call (888) CLU-GRAD or (818) 710-8428.

To India and Back: Exchange Program Will Benefit Students on Two Continents

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New Faculty Members Bring Breadth of Teaching, Research

Eleven new faculty members from across the nation joined the staff at California Lutheran University for the 2004 fall semester.

College of Arts and Sciences:

Rashka Bhowmik, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Computer Science
Bhowmik earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from the Indian Institute of Technology. Her major interests and areas of expertise are in database development, data mining, data warehouses and computer graphics.

Jim Bond, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
English
Bond earned his undergraduate degree at Ball State University and completed his Ph.D. at Indiana University. Combining his experience in teaching writing, American periodicals and publishing history, he has been recognized for his knowledge of the Vietnam War in literature.

Area Kramarsky
Instructor Communication
With a bachelor’s degree from UCLA and a master’s from the Annenberg School at USC, Kramarsky has studied at the Institute for Survey Research at the University of Michigan and was a Freedom Forum Fellow at Columbia University.

Marja Mogk, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
English
Mogk earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Her areas of expertise include disability studies, classical literature, contemporary Native American literature, African-American literature and dramatic writing.

Mindy Puppo, Psy.D.
Assistant Professor
Psychology
A licensed clinical psychologist, Puppo has taught at California State University, Northridge and in 2003 won the Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award from students with disabilities. She earned her bachelor’s at Plymouth State College, her master’s at Notre Dame College and her Psy.D at Pepperdine.

Magdalena Teichmann, Ph.D.
Senior Lecturer
Spanish
Teichmann has taught Spanish at CLU as an adjunct faculty member for the past nine years. She earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from UCLA and has traveled and studied extensively.

School of Business:

Sandra K. Grunewald
Senior Lecturer
Accounting
A licensed CPA and partner in a local CPA firm, Grunewald has served as an adjunct instructor at CLU in the undergraduate program. She earned her bachelor’s degree at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and her MBA at CLU.

Bonnie L. Johnson
Senior Lecturer
Finance
Johnson completed her undergraduate degree at San Diego State University, her master’s at the University of Denver and earned her doctorate from Georgia State University.

Janice Tucker
Instructor, Mathematics
Tucker brings more than 15 years of leadership experience in K-12 educational settings to the School of Education. She earned her undergraduate degrees at Memorial University of Newfoundland and her Ed.D at Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is completing her doctoral studies at Indiana University.

School of Education:

Carole Feddersen
Instructor, Education
While completing her doctoral studies, Feddersen has been serving as an adjunct instructor at Cleveland State University for the past four years. She has also taught in public and private schools in California, Ohio and Hong Kong. She received her bachelor’s degree from Concordia College, M.A. from National College of Education, and M.Ed. from Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio.

Randal B. Lindsey, Ph.D.
Instructor
School of Education
Lindsey previously served as Chair of the Department of Education at Redlands University and most recently held a Distinguished Educator Chair in the Graduate School of Education at Pepperdine. He received his bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University, his master’s from the University of Illinois and his doctorate from Georgia State University.

In Memoriam

Carol Marshall Bowen II, Ph.D.
passed away on Oct. 19 at the age of 83. Dr. Bowen was one of the early recipients of the master of public administration from CLU and later taught in the MPA program for 20 years. His late wife, Betty Sherry Bowen, was a founding faculty member who taught music at CLU from 1961-1984.

Maurice “Maury” Knutson, former financial officer and acting president of California Lutheran College, passed away on Aug. 23 at the age of 95. A successful businessman, author and entrepreneur, Mr. Knutson and his late wife, Edna, established Newhouse Automotive Industries, which became the largest manufacturer and distributor of special sports car and hot rod equipment in the world. As philanthropists, they were steadfast in their support of the church and institutions of higher education, including California Lutheran University.

Alfred R. Saiz, Ph.D., CLU professor emeritus of Spanish, passed away in Minden, Nev., on Oct. 13. He served as a missionary for the Lutheran Church and also worked for the Lutheran Hour Ministries where he translated and recorded sermons in Spanish for broadcast to 17 countries. Dr. Saiz taught at Valparaiso University from 1946 until 1964 when he moved to California and served as a Spanish professor at CLU until his retirement in 1982.
**Kuntz Named to Direct Athletics**

Dan Kuntz has been appointed to the position of Interim Director of Athletics. He succeeds Bruce Bryde, who began a new position as Director of Auxiliaries for the University and Director of Operations for the new North Campus Athletics Complex.

For 11 years Kuntz has served, and will continue to serve, as the head coach for the men’s and women’s soccer teams, as well as Athletic Marketing Coordinator.

Kuntz, who holds a master’s degree in educational technology from CLU and a bachelor’s in broadcast station management from Arizona State University, was the first general manager for KCLU and a bachelor’s in broadcast station management from Concordia University and Director of Operations for the new North Campus Athletics Complex.

Rich Rider, head coach of the men’s basketball program, will serve as Interim Sr. Assistant Director of Athletics.

**CLU Baseball Standout Still a Champion**

Tom Ginther ’92, who holds the CLU record for triples in a season, will continue to serve, as the head coach for the men’s and women’s soccer teams, as well as Athletic Marketing Coordinator.

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**SCIAH ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

Sydney mobile blocker Kaitie Schwind was named SCIAC Athlete of the Week in September while helping the Regals go 4-0 at the Occidental/Whittier tournament. In a 3-2 win over Chapman University, Schwind registered 29 kills, five blocks, 14 digs and 10 total blocks. Her six solo blocks set a new school record. Over the course of the season, she accumulated 53 kills, seven aces, 53 digs and 19 total blocks. At one point during the season, the Regals were ranked 25th in the nation.

Former Kingsman Shines at Athens Olympics

Former Kingsman basketball player Jason Smith concluded his second Olympic outing as he competed for Australia in Greece last summer.

Smith, a 6’4” guard, averaged 6.8 points per game in six games while in Athens. He was second on the squad with nine assists and played 157 minutes, third most of any player on the team. Australia finished ninth at the 2004 Olympic games with a 2-4 overall record after finishing fourth in the 2000 games in Sydney.

As a freshman, Smith averaged 9.4 points on CLU’s 1993-94 SCIAC Championship Team. After completing his first year, he returned to Australia to play professional basketball with a team in Melbourne. He currently plays for the Sydney Kings.

**Four Join Football Coaching Lineup**

The Cal Lutheran football program brought several new coaches aboard for the 2004 season:

Jason Opalski, formerly an assistant at Gustavus Adolphus, in St. Peter, Minn., has signed on to take responsibility for the Kingsmen running backs.

Clay Richardson returned to the Thousand Oaks campus to coach the receivers and quarterbacks. He held the same position at CLU from 1997-1998 and was part of the team that won the 1997 Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC) title.

Damon Tomoe is coaching the offensive line as well as serving as the team’s recruiting coordinator.

Ken Westphalen, a recent CLU graduate and standout offensive lineman for the Kingsmen, returned to coach the defensive line.

**Former Kingsman Basketball Player**

Ben Roberson has been named the women’s tennis head coach. A four-time academic All-American while playing tennis at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Roberson was ranked in the top-25 nationally by the Unites States Tennis Association.

He replaces Nancy Garrison, who retired in May following 10 years at CLU.

**New Tennis Coach**

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Hundreds of CLU supporters poured onto the North Campus on Oct. 22 to witness groundbreaking ceremonies for the long-anticipated Athletics Complex. Under sparkling skies, President Luther S. Luedtke thanked the many donors whose support has made the North Campus a reality and announced that the centerpiece of the complex, the Sports and Fitness Center, would be named in honor of Jack and Carol Gilbert who have given so generously to the project.

Karsten Lundring ’65 set a light-hearted tone as a “sports announcer” for the celebration followed by humorous comments by George “Sparky” Anderson, whose name will grace the new baseball field, and responses from his long-time friend and rival Dodgers vice president Tommy Lasorda. Keynote speaker Pat McCormick, a two-time Olympic gold medalist in diving, presented a replica of one of the medals and her sincere appreciation to Jack Gilbert.

The groundbreaking ceremony was completed with the entrance of a bulldozer, motor revving, ready to start construction. The first phase of construction will include the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center, Samuelson Aquatics Center, George “Sparky” Anderson Baseball Stadium and a soccer field.

Top row: Student volunteers sort CLU commemorative seat cushions to distribute to groundbreaking guests; shovels poised to break ground; guests enter the North Campus through a balloon archway; waiting for the signal to dig in are, from left, the Rev. Scott Maxwell-Doherty ’77, Campus Pastor; Jason Soyster ’05, ASCLU President; Joanie Young, Chair, Board of Regents Development Committee; Pat McCormick, keynote speaker and two-time Olympic gold medalist; Bob Samuelson, former member, Board of Regents; Thousand Oaks Mayor Bob Wilson; President Luther Luedtke; Krister Swanson ’89, President, Alumni Association Board of Directors; Bill Kane, Chair, Board of Regents; Heidi Creed ’01, graduate student representative; Jack Gilbert, former member, Board of Regents; Tommy Lasorda, Baseball Hall of Fame; and George “Sparky” Anderson, Baseball Hall of Fame.

Middle row: CLU athletic memorabilia will be housed in the new Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame; President Luedtke, “Sparky” Anderson and Tommy Lasorda; from left, Board of Regents Chair Bill Kane, Jack Gilbert, Luther Ludviks and Bob Samuelson; members of CLU’s athletic teams cheer on the groundbreaking; Interim Athletic Director and head soccer coach Dan Kuntz signs a banner that will be displayed at the dedication of the North Campus Athletics Complex.

Bottom row: Sports announcer Karsten Lundring ’65 reviews CLU’s history; Olympic gold medalist Pat McCormick acknowledges Jack Gilbert for his support; CLU athletes watch groundbreaking ceremony; student volunteers collect keepake vials of dirt; a future Kingsman does his part; George “Sparky” Anderson chats with members of the Regals soccer team.
A side from having to squeeze his 6-foot-8 frame into a bus (albeit a nicer bus these days), things are going well for former Cal Lutheran student-athlete Jason Hirsh.

Drafted by the Houston Astros in the second round (59th overall) of the 2003 Major League Baseball Draft, Hirsh is currently showcasing his pitching talents with the Salem Avalanche, Houston’s Advanced Class A team in Virginia.

The highest draft pick to come out of the Cal Lutheran student-athlete program, Hirsh began his professional career with the Tri-City Valley Cats of the NY-Penn League, located in Troy; N.Y. As Houston’s short-season affiliate, Tri-City only played 70 games per season compared to Salem’s Major League-like 140 games.

Progression is the name of the game in minor league baseball, and Hirsh has been moving along at a steady clip. After playing one season with Tri-City, he went straight to Salem, bypassing Lexington (Kentucky), Houston’s lower-level, long-season Class A team.

“My jump from Tri-City to Salem means that the organization feels my skills are best suited for an advanced level of a ball,” said Hirsh, who returned to Cal Lutheran last spring to receive his bachelor’s degree in multimedia. “Players in this league are good enough to be moved up to Double A at any time, so this is a big step for me and the chances of me moving up are possible.”

The Avalanche finished in fourth place in the Southern Division of the Carolina League with a 27-42 record. Hirsh started 23 games, more than any other pitcher on the roster, and ended the year with a team-leading 11 wins (11-7 overall) and a 4.01 earned run average. He also totaled a team-best 96 strikeouts in 130.1 innings pitched.

Not surprisingly, the young pitcher has found some major differences between the collegiate and professional game. In college, for instance, he was able to dominate most hitters because they weren’t used to seeing a 93 mph fastball.

“However, at this level, everyone can throw a 93 mph fastball, therefore, everyone has seen it before and can sit on it and blast it out of the park,” he said, adding that hitters in this league don’t make many mistakes and are more likely to capitalize on the mistakes of one moving up or playing at a steady clip.

“While at CLU, Hirsh certainly sat a lot of opponents down with his blazing fastball. Over three seasons, he struck out 238 batters, third on the school’s all-time list. A three-time All-Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection, Hirsh set a new school record with a whopping 18 Ks in a win over Occidental in 2003. His 26 career wins are tied for first in school history, while his 13 complete games place him third and his 258.1 innings pitched put him fourth on the school’s career list.

According to Hirsh, he has had to learn how to “pitch” rather than “throw” since turning pro. Pitching, he explained, involves using both sides of the plate, spotting your fastball wherever you want and being able to throw some kind of breaking pitch and a changeup. “I can’t stress enough the importance of having a changeup in my repertoire. It’s easy to recognize a slider or curveball because of the spin, but a changeup spins just like a fastball!” The speed change gets hitters off balance, and Hirsh has been using both sides of the plate, spot pitching, and is pleased with the progress he’s made with both pitchers.

According to Hirsh, to get to the next level, he has to develop his changeup and slider and be able to throw these pitches with more consistency and confidence. He is pleased with the progress the organization has made with both pitchers noting that he has one of the best changeups in the Carolina league and his slider is coming along very nicely as well.

“Be that as it may, the future holds more baseball for Hirsh, who finished the season strong and will work hard in the off-season to improve both mentally and physically. “Then, hopefully next year, I can start in Double A,” said Hirsh. “We head to the ballpark around 1 p.m. and pitchers are on the field at 3. Our games start at 7, and, by the time we are all done showering and eating it’s around 10:30!” Days off occur once every two or three weeks, he said, and are usually spent on the golf course.

Asked if he is having fun along the way, Hirsh doesn’t hesitate. “Fun! Of course I’m having fun! I’m still playing the game I love and doing it at a more competitive level.”

The best thing about playing pro ball, Hirsh continued, is playing in front of so many fans, like the crowd of 5,000 on opening day in Wilmington, Del.

“The downside for the Burbank, Calif., native is the travel. “We get bussed around from city to city and being as tall as I am, I don’t fit too well on busses.”

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And maybe have a chance to duck through the door of an airplane instead of a bus.

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ve years ago Karen Sladek of Bainbridge Island, Wash., came to her parents’ home on the campus of California Lutheran University to help them prepare an estate plan. During that process, she rummaged through their belongings, including old paperwork and documentation. Tucked inside her dad’s desk closet, she found a cardboard box he had stashed 25 years earlier. It was filled with 400 letters he had written to his family during World War II.

Little did she realize that she had discovered a treasure trove, the core of a book she would publish this year titled Lucky Stars and Gold Bars: A World War II Odyssey. The 400 letters anchor the book with Karen adding commentary throughout on her father’s growing up years, and putting the letters in context with war events.

Her father, Lyle Sladek, who retired in 1994 after teaching math at Cal Lutheran for 31 years, told Karen he had found the box some 30 years after the war, following the death of his parents. He had put the letters in the closet intending to read them when he had time. He never found the time.

“She put in the letters almost verbatim,” he said. “Oh, I knew he had been overseas, we have some artifacts. But to this day I wonder why didn’t I remember them during the war. It was the part that made me cry. I meet so many other people doing the same thing, only I was fortunate to find the letters and talk to him while he is still alive. Other people wish they could talk to their parents, but most of them are gone.”

A proud dad

For his part, Lyle Sladek, 80, is proud of how his daughter put together the book.

“She put in the letters almost verbatim,” he said. “I pointed out to her some bad spelling and punctuation, but she left them in. I’m very grateful to her for doing the book. I think World War II history should be passed along without authorization.”

The letters begin Jan. 21, 1941, actually in between the peaks of the Himalayas (the Hump) aboard a C-46 cargo plane ferrying supplies to China. Back in the United States was discharged.

Returning home, Sladek took advantage of the GI Bill and returned to South Dakota State College, where he had begun studying engineering five years earlier. His Army training in pre-meteorology, communications and cryptography contributed to his changing his major to mathematics. He taught the subject at high schools, then received a master’s degree in mathematics education from Stanford University in 1963 and came to CLU that fall.

Starting a family

At SDSC he met a striking blonde, Patricia Knotts, and the long before romance bloomed. They were married in 1948. Patricia worked as a registered nurse for several years before returning to take care of her growing family of four daughters.

It took Karen Sladek almost five years to pull the book together. The title “Lucky Stars and Gold Bars” reflects her father’s feelings that he was very fortunate in his wartime experiences.

He felt he had many opportunities that contributed to sparing his life and, though he was in the China-Burma-India combat theater, he was never in a firefight. The “Gold Bars” refers to his rank of lieutenant, even though he was a first lieutenant with silver bars when he was discharged.

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Lucky Stars and Gold Bars: A World War II Odyssey may be purchased online at LuckyStarsAndGoldBars.com or by calling (800) 247-6553.
Lutheran higher education has always placed a strong emphasis on art and beauty. Harkening back to Martin Luther, who himself wrote music, the colleges have underscored the arts as a vital component in a liberal arts education.

When potential students compare us with competing schools, we inevitably come in last. We can’t even show them a performance hall!” he notes. Yet, because of its proximity to Los Angeles, CLU has a unique opportunity to train people in the arts. “What CLU requires to compete and to interest more talented, high achieving fine arts majors, Arndt asserts, is a new building with a separate art gallery, concert hall and theater. Sharing facilities is not the answer, he says. “Just as you can’t play basketball in a swimming pool, you can’t have a successful arts program in make-shift, overbooked facilities.”

Every other spring the Theatre Arts and Music departments rent a facility at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. “We want to give our students the experience of working in a full-blown theater,” Arndt continues. “The cost of a musical production is nearly $50,000 – $13,000 of which is earmarked for theater rental and technical staff. If we had our own theater, we wouldn’t have to pay those fees.”

The faculty for the arts are quite busy at CLU. As President Luther Luedtke said when he addressed the faculty this summer, “As we continue to build the campus … we need to embrace the performing and other fine arts more robustly. I hope we have the capacity and the vision and the high minds—those who see the future for our students, faculty, staff and community.” Interim Provost Joseph Everson goes a step further. “Why not have an initiative for the arts and sciences?”

As it approaches its 50th anniversary, CLU is mature enough to join its sister colleges and other competing schools. “Why not have an initiative for the arts and sciences?”
One doesn’t usually connect Hip-Hop music and Norway. Nevertheless, the two merged in Hip-Hop Norge, a documentary produced and directed by California Lutheran University multi-media majors Trygge Toven ’05 and Ben Campanaro ’05.

The atypical production is so impressive that it was selected as part of the “Desktop High-Definition Tour” sponsored by Adobe Systems Inc. and Microsoft Corporation. The tour featuring cutting-edge, High-Definition video production technology by major corporations opened in Los Angeles and traveled to Toronto, New York City and London.

“This started as a video project for a CLU independent study class,” recalls Toven, who was enrolled in the semester abroad program at the University of Oslo. “I decided to do a documentary on the Norwegian music scene. So when I got over there, I got further into the Hip-Hop scene, and by being at the right place at the right time, I was able to connect with all the major players.”

Hip-Hop Norge was produced in High-Definition video and features the popular Norwegian Hip-Hop group the Paperboys. “I went to Hip-Hop night at a club called The Living Room in Oslo,” relates Toven. “DJ Pope from the Paperboys was spinning that night and Vinnie, the rapper from the Paperboys, was there as well. I pitched them the idea of my video and they said okay.”

The six-minute piece was shown at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) Convention in April at the Adobe Systems and JVC booths. It is the first episode in a planned series on the global Hip-Hop music scene.

Cinematographer and co-producer Campanaro became involved in the production when he saw the early footage Toven brought back with him from Oslo. “I was really surprised that we were able to get good looking footage from situations where we had very little control over lighting and camera placement,” explains Campanaro. “Our schedule was so busy that we didn’t have a lot of time to scout locations.”

Both broadcast television and feature films are migrating to High-Definition production. The advantage of desktop...
T he answer of course is C. Since its inception the award-winning multimedia program at CLU has grown from a pioneering internet development curriculum to an all-inclusive career preparation program that includes creative development, 3D animation, visual effects, video games, experimental media and High-Definition digital cinema production. This trend is in sync with the entertainment industry at large, which clearly understands the profitability of an integrated media approach. From sophomore year, CLU students are trained in the creative, technical and business aspects of how this system works. An immersive, interdisciplinary curriculum focused on modeling the real world in the classroom gives multimedia majors a competitive edge at graduation.

Morning Glory DVD and Film Garden Productions

The award-winning DVDMorning Gloryis a CLU premier student literary magazine and documentary project was a class assignment that took over his life for the two weeks it took to organize, shoot and edit the 26 minutes of programming for the disc. The positive reception to the DVD earned him a summer internship at Film Garden Productions, which produces programming for the Discovery Channel, the Travel Channel and Animal Planet. In addition to doing research, entering data, logging footage and operating the boom microphone, Collins was able to help with new programming ideas. “It was an adventure that gave me a sense of a deadline,” he notes. “There is no such thing as a nine-to-five job in this industry.”

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B) Half-time entertainment at the next CLU football game
C) California Lutheran University multimedia students

Alumni News

What do an animated duck, Norwegian Hip-Hop, Morning Glory and Ryan Seacrest have in common?

Hot Music

exactly like it is, the filmmaker notes. “It’s other people’s lives.” Hip-Hop people tell it is all about real life. “There’s a rhythm in it,” Toven emphatically believes Hip-Hop is the future for networks such as Fox and NBC. Toven and Campanaro are currently logged many, many hours putting this project to fruition. “It really boils down to the idea,” he says. “Concept is king, and if you have a good idea, a solid concept, using this desktop technology you can produce professional products that would have cost thousands of dollars a few years ago. We’re very proud of the enormous effort these students put in. They logged many, many hours putting this project together.”

Toven and Campanaro are currently sending out dromos of Hip-Hop Nye seeking to attract interest from networks such as MTV2 or Fuse TV to back further development of their project. Toven emphatically believes Hip-Hop is all about real life. “There’s a rhythm in Hip-Hop that just makes you feel good that also tells you into the harsh realities of other people’s lives.” Hip-Hop people tell us exactly like it is and not some other notes. “It’s not vague lyrics where you have to figure it out. It’s just straight, real talk.”

Dana Restuccia is a intern in the Multimedia Department.
Alumni Awards Go To Three for Outstanding Service

Brian McCoy ’95
Service to Alma Mater
Since graduating with a degree in marketing and advertising, Brian has been a member of numerous university planning committees, including those for the Mathesis Leadership Forum and the annual Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament, as well as a ubiquitous presenter at many recurring student events. He has been a cook at the Scandinavian Festival, called bingo at Family Weekend events and served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, including two terms as president. Brian is a financial planner with Investor’s Advantage in Westlake Village.

Eugene Dente ’76
Humanitarian
Eugene graduated with a degree in administration of justice and today is a successful precious gem manufacturer in San Diego. For the past decade, Gene has developed, promoted and donated to academic resource funds that help scholars/athletes complete their education after their athletic eligibility has ended, thereby helping assure their continued success. Through his hard work, generosity and business acumen, one such fund has raised more than $1 million to assist these students. In addition, Gene’s generosity has extended to support Amvets, Boys & Girls Club, Children’s Hospital, Goodwill, Make a Wish Foundation, National Kidney Foundation, United Way and the YMCA, to name just a few.

Holly Solberg ’91
Humanitarian
After graduating from CLU with a degree in biology, Holly applied her education and skills to do humanitarian work for the Peace Corps in Guatemala. There she organized and trained Peace Corps volunteers and educated women in gardening, health, sanitation and nutrition. While continuing her humanitarian work for CARE during the 1990s, Holly went on to get her master’s in humanitarian assistance from Tufts University. For the past three years, she has worked for CARE Ethiopia as the Assistant Country Director with responsibilities for managing food security, emergency programs, HIV/AIDS awareness and care, reproductive health, child survival and education of young girls. She is currently assigned to Mozambique.

Merit for an illustration depicting the surgical repair of Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome shown at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Medical Illustrators held this year in Cleveland. Tim is an associate professor of multimedia at CLU and chair of the department.

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Miraculous Run Babs National Medal for Scott Klein

Scott Klein ’90 was on his deathbed a year ago. The 36-year-old Valencia resident could barely breathe after cystic fibrosis clagged his lungs and threatened his life. In September of last year, he underwent a risky double lung replacement, which allowed him to live the first time in years without effort or pain.

Within three months after the transplant surgery, Klein was participating in the hospice again. He took up hockey, a life-long love, and in March biked the Los Angeles Marathon. But his shining moment took place in July when Klein competed in the 4 by 100-meter relay in the U.S. Transplant Games at the University of Minnesota and received a gold medal with Team Southern California. He also won a silver medal in volleyball, which he gave to his doctor, Chris Landon of Ventura. The gold medal went to his church, Christ Lutheran in Valencia. The U.S. Transplant Games drew 1,500 competitors from around the country who have received donated kidneys, hearts and livers. Organized by the National Kidney Foundation, the purpose of the games is to showcase the success of transplantation and encourage organ donation.

Klein was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of two. At that time most children with the disease did not live past that age. He beat the odds and relied on sports to keep his body strong until adulthood when his lungs finally gave out.

"It’s such a miracle," he says. "I was on my deathbed a year ago, and now I’m winning medals."
Cribnotes

Bennett, Erica Grace was born on May 16, 2004, to Kathy and Eric ‘93 Bennett.

Berg, Hannah Mae was born on June 30, 2004, to Jennifer ‘03 and Christopher ‘03 Berg.

Brazelton, Alond Quinn was born on April 6, 2004, to Rhonda (‘93) and Nathaniel ‘92 Brazelton.

Chelko, Maksumy Lukas (Max) was born on June 20, 2004, to Sharon Marshaga Chelko ‘92 and Alan Chelko.

Churchman, Evan Donald was born on June 24, 2004, to Tracy (‘Glul 00) and Donny ‘98 Churchman.

Fowle, Nolan Turner was born on Aug. 19, 2004, to Kevin ‘00 and Keli Fowle.

Levis-Maestu, Lexi Ann was born on July 22, 2004, to Cindy Lewis (‘MS 97) and Nico Maestu.

Martius, Soren Jack was born on Aug. 3, 2004, to Kjersti (‘Berg 94) and Mark ‘92 Martius.

Mattason, Colton Jeffrey was born on March 10, 2004, to Tami and Chris ‘95 Mattason.

McGinnis, Trevor James was born on June 28, 2004, to Sarah (Tice) Michel ‘03 and Christopher ‘03 Berg.

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