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New Logo Shines on CLU

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zine will notice a change in the look of the magazine. The design, part of the new brand identity rollout taking place on campus this spring, reflects the strong multifa
ceted institution that has evolved over the past four decades.

The fresh graphic identity provides more than just a new look, however. As an aesthetic platform for the University’s institutional identity, the new logo is a visual representation of CLU’s character, its brand promise and its aspirations for the future.

Under the direction of the Board of Regents, the process of developing a new university logo began some two years ago. Spearheaded by former president Luther Luedtke, regents J.D. Power IV and Gaylynn Talbot, and the Marketing and Communications Division, the process involved the active partici-
pation of the President’s Cabinet, the deans, faculty, staff, alumni and community members.

The resultant logo symbol—a bright sphere flaring an inverted sunburst—resonates with the funda-
mental nature of CLU its warm Southern California setting; its quest for the illumination of knowledge and truth; the embracing of science, business, education and the lib-
eral arts; and a progressive, inclusive spiritual vision.

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de with the name “California Lutheran Uni-

versity,” the sunburst logo provides a visual statement reinforcing CLU’s name and identity. At the same time, it serves as a subtle reminder of the words from John 1:4: “In him was life, and that life was the light for all people.”

Much like CLU’s campus community, the sun is warm and inviting. It is also an image rich with positive associa-
tions, both academic and spiritual. The split in the sym-
bol represents the balance of faith and reason that people encounter at CLU as well as the University’s emphasis on educating whole students who attain lives balanced by success and meaning.

All CLU letterhead, print and electronic publications as well as signs are being converted to incorpo-
rate the new logo. The university seal and the Kingsmen athletics logo have been freshened to reflect the new graphic identity. For the first time ever, the Kingsmen logo is joined by the Regals counterpart, emphasizing the importance of both men’s and women’s athletics at CLU.

On a parallel track, the University has been devoted to raising its visibility throughout the region. A series of postcards with information about CLU has been mailed to area homeown-
ers, and just recently the City of Thousand Oaks erected additional signs directing motorists to the CLU campus. Strategically placed on both sides of Thousand Oaks Boule-
vard, at the Highway 23 exit and entrance, the new signage alerts residents and visitors that there is a four-year university nearby and points out how to reach the cam-
pus. The University is also striving to involve more faculty and staff on boards of community organizations and to increase the number of CLU volunteers through outreach programs and its Visitors/Neighbors Web site. These outreach efforts and the new graphic identity help to solidify our reputation and expand our presence. Now, more than ever, it is important to communicate what a special place CLU is.

Note from the Publisher: Our heartfelt appreciation is extended to former CLU president and first lady Luther S. Luedtke, as he leaves to head an international nonprofit.

Luedtke Leaves CLU

CLU Magazine salutes CLU’s fifth president, Luther S. Luedtke, as he leaves to head an international nonprofit.

Making the Grade

Students in the educational leadership program will be the first to receive doctorates from CLU in May. As they look back on nearly four years of challenging and intensive study, they agree that theirs has been no “run-of-the-mill” doctoral program.
**Wennes Assumes Interim Presidency**

The Rev. Howard E. Wennes, D.Min., has been appointed by the CLU Board of Regents to serve as interim President and CEO of the University until a search is completed to replace President Luther S. Lundre. Originally, Wennes was asked to serve as Acting President during Lundre’s four-month sabatical; “However, with Dr. Lundre’s resignation, the Board of Regents believes that it is imperative that we have strong and consistent leadership to make the transition as smooth as possible,” said Board Chair William Kane in making the January announcement.

A highly respected leader, straightforward and full of integrity, experienced in finance and personnel, articulate and funny, and gifted with a charming sense of humor, Kane continued: “Dr. Wennes will provide superb oversight for the University and the senior leadership team.”

Previously Assistant to the President for University Ministries at CLU, Wennes came to the University after 14 years of outstanding accomplishments as Bishop for the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA in Phoenix. A former member of the CLU Board of Regents and recipient of an honorary doctorate from CLU, the interim president has played a very active role in international and ecumenical alliances including hunger and humanitarian relief efforts in Africa.

As variously he has been Chair of the Board of Lutheran World Relief, a visiting professor in South Africa, and a delegate to international assemblies of the Lutheran World Federation and World Council of Churches.

**And the Award Goes To...**

Lundring, a friend, fan and 1965 graduate of CLU, was honored as the outstanding alumnus in 1972 and again in 1993. A longtime benefactor, he has supported numerous CLU projects including the Education and Research Institute in the School of Education, multimedia classrooms in the Soland Humanities Center; a multitude of athletic programs and a family scholarship. The Events Center in the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center will be named in honor of the Lundring family in recognition of their generous contribution to the project and the now is the Timme campaign. Lundring served on the Board of Regents for 20 years and as Chair of the Board for six.

**Southern California Native Heads Undergraduate Enrollment**

Matthew Ward, the new Dean of Undergraduate Enrollment, joined the CLU admission team in February. Ward came to CLU from the University of Miami. Coral Gables, where as Senior Associate Director of Admission, he helped lead the admission team to a 29 per cent increase in the number of freshman applicants. Prior to that, he was an admission counselor at the University of Wyoming and worked in education in Mexico.

A native of Thousand Oaks, Ward is in the final stages of completing his Ph.D. in international studies from the University of Miami. F

president at the leadership of Interim President Dr. Howard Wennes but mindful of the need to fill the president’s post as quickly as possible, the Executive Committee of the Board of Regents met in January and appointed a presidential search committee.

Chaired by regent Kate McLean, committee members are Brad Bjelke (alumni representative, Board of Regents), Michael Bradbury (Board of Regents), Kristine Bjelke, Ph.D. (Faculty), Phil Strickland, Ph.D. (Chair of the Faculty), Randall Foster (Board of Regents), Kevin Janus ‘77 (President, Associated Students of CLU), Randolph Kohn (Vice Chair, Board of Regents), the Rev. Frank Nausin (Chair of the Convocation, Board of Regents) and Barbara Rex (Director of Planning and Budget).

Advisory members to the committee are William Kane (Chair, Board of Regents), Leanne Nielson, PsyD (Associate Provost for Graduate and Adult Programs and Accreditation), Jamey Power (Board of Regents), Arne Selbyg (Director for Colleges and Universities, ELCA) and Jane Lee Winter (Board of Regents).

The executive search firm of Witt/Kiefer was secured to conduct an open and comprehensive review of the position. For more information, visit www.callutheran.edu.

For the fifth year in a row, KCLU won more “Golden Mike” awards than any radio station in Southern California during ceremonies held in January by the Southern California Radio Television News Association (RTNA).

KCLU received recognition in 11 Division B (stations with five or fewer full-time news staff members) categories. Among the most significant were Best Spot News coverage for the team effort of covering the La Conchita landslide disaster; and Best News Special for live coverage of the Togapan brush fire.

In March, the Associated Press Television Radio News Association (APTRA) honored KCLU with nine Mark Twain awards including “Reporter of the Year” for News Director Lance Orozco and awards for spot news reporting covering an ongoing story; use of feature sound; use of hard news sound; serious feature, sports reporting, light feature and special program.

KCLU, a National Public Radio and jazz station licensed to California Lutheran University, broadcasts on 88.3 FM in Ventura County, 102.3 FM in Santa Barbara County and around the world online at www.kclu.org.
In Memoriam

Dr. Richard G. Adams, a longtime CLU faculty member, died on Feb. 22, 2006, in Thousand Oaks at the age of 82. He was appointed to lead the drama faculty at Cal Lutheran in 1965 and served as a teacher, actor, stage director and set designer in more than 250 theatre productions during his career at CLU. Besides live theatre, he worked in radio, television and motion pictures and was an accomplished watercolorist.

He helped develop and served as the first president of the Arts Council of the Conejo and as chair of the Thousand Oaks Arts Commission. He founded the AAWH-CLC Children’s Theatre program, the Shoestring Players and the Thousand Oaks Theatre and Conservatory, an inspiration for the Kingmen Shakespeare Festival. He also served as President of the Southern California Educational Theatre Association and the Conejo Valley Optimist Club. In recognition of his contributions to the arts, he was awarded the Thousand Oaks Arts Commission’s Encore award.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 28, at 4 p.m. in Samuelson Chapel. To make a donation to the Richard G. Adams Performing Arts Scholarship at CLU, please contact Della Greenlee, Director of Grants and Scholarships, at (805) 493-3160.

Boghos Paul Marselian passed away on Nov. 8, 2005, at the age of 85. He served as a member of the Board of Regents during 50 years. An adjunct professor at CLU for several years, he joined the CLC International Scholarship Foundation, national vice president of Church World Service, president of the Southern California-Southern Nevada Church Women United, and president and cofounder of the Southern California Inter-Faith Coalition on Aging. She was married for 64 years to the late Rev. Carl Segerhammer, a founding father of California Lutheran College who served as interim president from 1980 to 1981.

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Ruth Elizabeth Gustafson Segerhammer was born on Sept. 7, 2005, at the age of 98. A longtime friend and active supporter of CLU, Ruth served as a national president of the International Christian Scholarship Foundation, national vice president of Church World Service, president of the Southern California-Southern Nevada Church Women United, and president and cofounder of the Southern California Inter-Faith Coalition on Aging. She was married for 66 years to the late Rev. Carl Segerhammer, a founding father of California Lutheran College who served as president from 1980 to 1981.

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Students Give Up Holiday to Aid Katrina Victims

A delegation of 18 students and four others from CLU traveled to the Gulf Coast in January to aid victims of Hurricane Katrina in Biloxi, Miss. The students and faculty gave up a portion of their winter break, worked with Lutheran Disaster Response and Habitat for Humanity for six days to rebuild seven homes that were destroyed in the worst natural disaster in U.S. history.

The idea to go to the Gulf Coast actually came from Mark Storer ’89 who contacted Biloxi churches following the vicious storm last fall and then used the Internet to find people who offered a place to stay. Storer shared the list of needs with his congregation at Westlake Lutheran Church, the response was phenomenal. An informal network of volunteers who had shipped thousands of pounds of goods and food.

When news of Katrina’s devastation reached the Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty ’77, Campus Pastor at CLU, she knew it would be a perfect project for the CLU students. With help from Kirstine Odegard ’03, Coordinator of the CLU Community Service Center, Maxwell-Doherty planned a trip to the Gulf Coast. To help supplement the cost, Westlake Lutheran Church provided funds and supplies.

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Once in the coastal city, CLU volunteers stayed in one of the many “tent cities” and worked from sunup to sundown. Bethel Lutheran Church served as a base, where hundreds of volunteers were housed, fed and dispatched to the reconstruction projects.

The experience had a positive impact on the CLU students and many are experiencing the “Biloxi Boomerang” the desire to return and lend more aid to the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Florida Still Rebuilding

While media attention has focused on the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina, there is still much rebuilding to be done in areas of Florida’s Gulf Coast that was devastated by hurricanes in 2004 and 2005. Fifteen students from CLU traveled to the city of Port Charlotte during spring break to help rebuild homes there.

CLU Regent co-authors book on Customer Satisfaction

CLU regent J.D. “Jamy” Power IV, Executive Vice President of J.D. Power and Associates, has co-authored a book about how every great company listens to the voice of the customer. Published by the Penguin Group, Satisfaction was co-written with Power’s colleague Chris Denove who serves as Vice President of J.D. Power and Associates.

The name J.D. Power and Associates has become synonymous with “customer satisfaction” since the company began measuring that

important component of business success nearly four decades ago. Now, after surveying literally tens of millions of consumers, the leaders of this company are sharing the secrets of finding out what customers really want.

Before joining the family business in 1990, Jamey Power, the oldest son of company founder J.D. Power III, worked for a leading advertising agency and a major automobile manufacturer. As executive vice president he represents J.D. Power and Associates around the world as leader of its international operations.

A member of the CLU Board of Regents since 2000, Power serves as Secretary of the Board and as Chair of the Marketing and Communications Steering Committee.
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Football Team Completes Near Perfect Season

In his 10th season as head coach, Scott Squires led the Kingsmen football team to its second straight one-loss season and second place conference finish. The team finished with an 8-1 overall record and a 5-1 mark in the SCIAC. Dating back to last season, Cal Lutheran has won 14 of its last 15 games. After the disappointment of just missing an at-large bid into postseason play, CLU had 15 players recognized as All-conference players including seven named to the SCIAC First Team. Senior Keely Smith was named to the Second Team, first-year outside hitter Summer Plante-Newman was tabbed SCIAC Freshman of the Year and honored by the AVCA with a spot on the All-West Honor Mention Team.

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Women’s Soccer

First-year head coach Nancie Miskolczyk led the Regals to a fifth place conference finish with a record of 7-10-3 overall and 5-7-0 in SCIAC play. Juniors Mae DesRosiers and Katie Estes were selected as All-SIAC First Team members. Freshman Raechel Carr led the Regals in points (12) after she racked up five goals and two assists in her rookie season.

Cross Country

In 2005, 8th year head coach Scott Fickerson led both the men’s and women’s cross country programs to a 4th place conference finish. Heather Worden led the way for the Regents and was named to the All-SIAC First Team after she finished ninth in the 8k at the SCIAC Championships. Freshman Jessica Schroeder joined Worden on the All-SIAC First Team finishing right behind her teammate in 10th place. Fellow freshman Jake Bradosky made the All-SIAC Second Team after he placed 17th in the 8k at the championships, leading the way for the Kingsmen.

Men’s Water Polo

In the program’s third season, head coach Craig Rond continued to improve the Kingsmen water polo team with a 10-6 overall mark and a seventh place national ranking among NSCAA Division III teams. Their 4-6 conference record positioned the team in fifth place in the SCIAC for their best finish in the program’s short history. Sophomore Scott Bredesen was selected to both the American Water Polo Coaches Association all-America Second Team and the All-SIAC Second Team for the second consecutive year after a season where he tallied 36 goals, 22 steals and 14 assists in 25 games. Jared Clark received All-SIAC Honorable Mention for the second straight season and was one of four Kingsmen to play in all 26 games.

Post-Season Recognition

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Several hundred fans cheered as George “Sparky” Anderson threw out the opening pitch on Jan. 28 to inaugurate CLU’s new baseball field named in his honor. Anderson, the third most winning manager in major league history and a staunch supporter of CLU baseball, was on hand as the Kingsmen varsity and alumni initiated the George “Sparky” Anderson Baseball Field.

Visibly touched to have the University’s baseball field named after him, Anderson noted, “I was a dreamer all my life, but I never dreamed at the heights of the Hall of Fame, or having a field named after me. Never. Truthfully, I could not dream that high.”

Anderson managed the Cincinnati Reds in the 1970s during the “Big Red Machine” years. After joining the Detroit Tigers in 1979, he became the only manager to win a World Series in both the National and American leagues and the first to win 100 games in a season in both leagues. He received the distinction of Manager of the Year four times in his career and was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

A neighbor to CLU for nearly 40 years, Anderson is often seen on campus conferring enthusiastically with Coach Marty Slimak and the players, sharing his knowledge and skills of the game. Committed to improving the sport at CLU, Anderson founded the Sparky Anderson Golf Tournament that is held annually to benefit the University’s baseball program.

The evening program also included tributes to Anderson by honorary guests Rick Dempsey, Ron Fairly, Ernie Harwell, Mike Lieberthal, Mike Scioscia, Alan Trammell, Hank Bauer and Tommy Lasorda.

The event raised nearly $60,000 for additions to the George “Sparky” Anderson Baseball Field.
The Cal Lutheran softball team was selected to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Top 10 All-Academic Team for Division III. The Regals, ranked sixth among Division III teams for GPAs earned during the 2004-2005 school year, accumulated a 3.452 GPA and finished the softball season with 21 wins and a third place conference finish.

Softball Team Named to Top 10 All-Academic

Men's tennis coach Mike Gennette was selected by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) and Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) to receive the national Community Service Award. The USTA/ITA Community Service Award is given each year to a college coach who displays significant contributions in aiding the sport of tennis to grow in his or her community. The annual award began in 2003, and more than 2,000 head and assistant coaches are eligible to receive it.

Gennette, who has led the CLU tennis program for 13 seasons, was honored on Dec. 12 during the awards banquet at the ITA Coaches Convention in Miami, Fla.

In addition to teaching adult and senior classes and organizing and running numerous youth tennis camps, the 1990 CLU graduate has started park and recreation tennis programs in six cities including six high schools and 12 parks.

Gennette also received the award for community service for the USTA/Southern California Section.

Gennette Honored by USTA/ITA

Erik Hagen

CLU for 14 years, has left the University to become President and Chief Executive Officer of Education Development Center (EDC), a Newton, Mass., based $100 million non-profit organization dedicated to improving education, health care and community development worldwide.

“Luther has been so important in leading California Lutheran University since 1992,” said William Kane, chair of the Board of Regents and announcing Luedtke’s resignation. “As the third longest serving president of any ELCA college, Luther has been a true leader to the University and to Lutheran higher education.”

During Luedtke’s tenure, Kane noted, CLU has seen enrollment increase from 1,250 to over 2,000 undergraduates, a growth in the size and quality of faculty and facilities, the most successful fundraising drive in the University’s history ($93 million) and the addition of new endowed professorships and academic centers.

“Past year has been especially exciting, he continued, with the ground-breaking of the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center and the hiring of 27 gifted faculty. Luedtke Leaves CLU

Briana Statham

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Left: Enjoying the program, from left, Luther and Carol Luedtke, Interim CLU President Howie Wennes and Dennis Gillette, Mayor of the City of Thousand Oaks.

Center: CLU faculty, staff, students and friends honored the Luedtkes at an afternoon campus reception.

Right: The former president relaxes in a personalized rocking chair, one of the going-away gifts presented to him by the University.

Bottom Row
Left: Luedtke addresses a standing room crowd of friends gathered for an evening reception at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Center: Friends surround Luedtke, paying him tribute and good wishes.

Right: Luedtke chats with Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences Tim Hengst ’72 and his wife, Jeanne.
“The accomplishments under Luther’s leadership have put CLU in an enviable position as we look to the future, and CLU has never been in a stronger academic and financial position than we are today.”

California Lutheran University has a brilliant future, said Luedtke, noting that his departure is bittersweet. “I will miss the day-by-day building of that future and the hundreds of individuals, on and off campus, who have become confidants, benefactors and most of all friends. We will always remain deeply loyal and committed to CLU.”

Former CLU regent Roy Anderson and his wife, Walda, enjoy a light moment with Luther and Carol at a farewell reception at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Former First Lady Nancy Reagan accepted an honorary degree from CLU in 2003. Radio legend Norman Corwin, left, author Ray Bradbury and artist John August Swanson were honorary degree recipients at the 1996 Commencement.

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CLU enters into a partnership with the Lutheran University of India to provide for student exchanges, academic cooperation, and faculty and curriculum development.

CLU opens Welcome Center, a place to greet visitors.

CLU forms a partnership with the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame to provide a permanent home for the county’s prestigious sports honorees in the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center.

2005 Fundraising records for CLU are shattered as $93 million is raised during the $80 million Now is the Time campaign.

Construction begins on the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center.

Grace Hall, a 180-bed residence hall featuring suites with private rooms, is dedicated.

Freshman enrollment is closed due to record-breaking number of applicants.

Two new professorships are endowed: The Uyeno-Tsing Professor of International Studies and the Nena Amundson Professor of Biomechanics.

2006 George “Sparky” Anderson Baseball Field is inaugurated.
Four years ago, they barely knew each other. But over the days and months of learning, questioning and researching together, they’ve become a very cohesive group. Many have become friends.

It was a love of learning, a desire to improve the state of education and their own personal ambition that brought them together — that and a burning desire to add “Ed.D.” to their names.

Come May, after four years of rigorous courses, non-stop research and writing sessions, missed family dinners and unwavering persistence, they will achieve their shared dream. Thirteen doctoral candidates will march onto the dais during commencement ceremonies to become the first class in CLU’s history to be conferred with the Doctor of Education degree.

By Carol Keочекian ‘81
Photos by Brian Stethem
Recognizing the importance of strong leadership in a learning environment, CLU launched its Educational Leadership Doctor of Education program in fall 2001. Designed for dynamic individuals who have the foresight, confidence and integrity to direct the education of future generations, the new program was crafted in such a way that students proceed as a group through their classes and dissertation preparation.

“The unique characteristic of CLU’s doctoral program is the cohort model,” says James Valentz, Ph.D., a School of Education faculty member who was recruited from the University of Washington’s Educational Leadership Program because of his extensive experience in research and publication.

“The cohort distinguishes our program from the run-of-the-mill program,” explains Valentz. “In our program, education is isolated. The cohort provides a network and support, and it forces students to come together, to live and grow together.”

Students in the Ed.D. program tend to agree with Valentz. “The cohort model was an extremely wise decision. It makes people feel more connected and supported,” says Gary Delanoye, a former vice principal at the California Youth Authority.

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Students have found that the program fosters open communication among the students. “The faculty is good about listening to the cohort,” Delanoye points out. “If something happened that we didn’t like, we encouraged us to go to them.”

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He points out that 13 of the 15 original students are still in the program and look like they will complete their dissertations by the end of the semester – a stark contrast to statistics Delanoye quotes for the UC system where only about 40 percent of doctoral students finish in four years.

The cohort system definitely lent comfort and support to Gayle Pinkston, who received her master of Arts in Education from California Lutheran, has selected a dissertation topic close to her heart – Professional Development Schools. The highly successful professional development schools where the teachers opened in 2002. It was established as the result of a partnership between California Lutheran University and the Simi Valley Unified School District to provide an authentic setting for students to work at a school focused on modeling exemplary teaching practice.

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Noteworthy

Stimulating and Applicable

With four years of classes, papers and research behind them, the first cohort now faces its culminating experience – completing and defending their dissertations.

“We expect the experiences for students especially with regard to their dissertations,” Valentz emphasizes. “It’s a tough time in their lives – so time consuming. It is usually the stage where most docs drop out.” However, Valentz is confident that most of the students will finish on time.

Even before the program began, faculty encouraged students to hone in on a dissertation topic. This long-range planning has kept students on track to complete their classes and dissertation within the four-year period.

The best part of the cohort model was the way the program was designed, believes Dean, who earned both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from CLU. “You were required to go in with an idea of what your dissertation topic probably would be. Whenever we wrote a paper, the information could be used for our dissertation.”

Students were encouraged to stay with their topic, she says, because if they stepped away, they wouldn’t be able to finish in four years. Dean’s dissertation, which includes a small qualitative study using her own Title I school, explores the relationship between academic commitment, teacher background and student achievement, and their influence on second language acquisition in an elementary two-way bilingual setting.

Delanoye, who earned his Master of Science in Special Education at CLU, presently teaches two required action resources courses at the University. A person who obviously likes to be on the cutting edge, he was among the first class of students in the Southland to receive a credential in special education at CLU! He was also one of the first students to turn in his dissertation draft for the Ed. D program. His paper, “Evaluating the Impact of Access Research Institution in K-12 Environments,” investigates the impact of things students learn in action resource courses and how they apply them in their classrooms. The concept is not common, he has found, and he hopes that his findings will be helpful to the graduate program at CLU.

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As students have navigated their intellectually stimulating classes, they have found that they can apply much of what they learned to their everyday professional life.

“The papers I wrote during the last four years were based on experiences I gained in the classroom. Working with a laboratory where I could try out the concepts I learned,” Delanoye says.

“The School of Education and CLU are so based on the reflective process,” Dean notes. “Being more reflective, I take more time to build structures and programs, and to meet with teachers. We have more reflective groups, discussing what will have the most impact on students.”

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New cohorts will offer a choice of two delivery formats: the traditional evening format and the 60/40 face-to-face/online approach. The latter option includes 60 percent face-to-face classroom experience on Friday evenings and Saturdays, and a 40 percent online component.

For additional information about the program, the two delivery systems and the application process, please call (805) 493-3017 or e-mail clugrad@callutheran.edu.

In fall 2007, CLU will launch its second emphasis in the education doctorate program – Leadership in Higher Education. Graduates of the program will be prepared to serve in complex and instructional leadership roles in community colleges, four-year colleges and universities, national and state organizations, and state departments of education.

For more information about the new doctoral program, please call (805) 493-3017.
Plan to be objective
“If you train yourself to be calm, then when you get in an emergency situation you will be able to manage your emotions,” says Michael Aspland, MPA ’93, Deputy Chief of Police in the City of Monterey, Calif. “After 17 years in law enforcement, I’ve seen that people who don’t panic are the ones who have confidence in themselves, in their faith or in those coming to help – police or firefighters.”
Aspland recommends that people practice separating emotion from an event or facts. “We work with negative events on a daily basis; we’re expected to be calm in chaos,” he points out. Think of what has helped you reduce stress in difficult situations and imagine tapping into those resources in an emergency.

Educate yourself
Fear is one of the biggest battles that people will face in a trauma situation, Aspland has found. Start that battle in times of peace by learning about earthquakes or other disasters that you fear most. For example, knowing electrical power will stop or that strong aftershocks will follow a major earthquake can reduce fear.

Practice thinking on your feet
Aspland encourages his department to rehearse what they would do if they suddenly saw a crime in progress. Where would they stop the car? What commands would they give? Civilians can relate similar questions to their circumstances and plan what they would do if they were involved in a car accident, sudden explosion or earthquake.

Repeat, repeat, repeat
Make a periodic drill date with your family and discuss emergency plans. “We change new recruits into efficient emergency responders by repeatedly training them and developing their confidence so they instinctively know what to do,” says Randy Adams, MS ’75, Chief of Police for the City of Glendale, Calif.
Civilians can make similar transitions from fear to confidence by preparing for a crisis situation. For example, police frequently practice shooting their guns in various situations, yet most officers will never fire their weapons in the line of duty, Adams relates. For civilians, having a regular emergency drill or discussion, say on the first Saturday of every month, may save lives and prevent injuries.
Aspland adds that the hallmark of a good police officer is not the ability to shoot a gun, but rather the ability to talk to people and calm them down, it’s often the first step to effective crisis management.

Decide to lead
In a crisis situation, it’s human nature to look for calm leaders. If you have skills or knowledge and want to lead, go ahead, encourages Andy Fox ’98, Deputy Chief of Operations for the Los Angeles City Fire Department. People make the decision to follow someone based on what they see and the confidence they have in them, regardless of their title. And it’s normal for more people to be willing to be part of a team, than to be a team leader.

Leaders or bystanders may need to help pull other people out of hopelessness.

“Whether it’s a natural disaster, car accident or terrorist explosion, being prepared emotionally can make a big difference in the ability to save lives and prevent injury. That’s the consensus of three Cal Lutheran alumni who serve in high-level professional emergency jobs day in and day out.
Because some people will need to wait hours or several days until police or firefighters arrive (as in the Hurricane Katrina disaster), psychological preparedness may help them manage strong emotions so they can make better decisions.

Here are some tips the experts recommend to help you get started.
The Will to Live

We all need the will to live. Police train for surviving worst-case scenarios, such as an officer being shot. “If you are prepared for the fact that you may be injured, and your will to survive is strong, then that can have a tremendous influence on your survival rate,” says Aspland.

“Officers have been involved in potentially fatal shootings, but the will to live is so strong that they overcome and survive. The will to live or the strength of their faith can make all the difference.”

Although most people will agree that being psychologically prepared is helpful, many will postpone taking action, Adams acknowledges. “To motivate themselves, he says, people need to realize that their preparation may save the lives of their loved ones in a disaster. Or if you are motivated to action by negative images, consider how you would feel if a loved one was fatally injured.

Checking out Internet resources is an easy way for many people to get started. The Red Cross and many park districts provide information and training. In addition, the federal government has a wealth of information on the Internet. Visit the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the National Mental Health Information Center.

For a fast, face-to-face approach, the experts recommend getting to know your neighbors. Find out who has what skills and share phone numbers. Or combine efforts and attend one of the community training programs with the person next door. You may be creating a life-saving team.

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Strength in Knowledge

People can cope better in disaster situations when they understand the normal reactions to trauma. In some cases, knowledge can help people realize that they are not going crazy, they are recovering, says Robert Scott, Ph.D., director of behavioral health programs for Los Angeles City Fire Department.

There are four areas in which people show the effects of trauma or extreme stress.

Emotional reactions. It’s normal to feel sadness, fear, frustration, agitation, or anger. However, after a disaster, some people who cannot express their feelings tend to act out on those weaker than themselves, notes Scott. By knowing about the potential for abuse, you can be better prepared and vigilant for it.

Cognitive effects. People often have slower mental functioning, memory impairment and increased distractibility. Driving accidents and industrial accidents increase after a disaster because people have a difficult time focusing. Scott suggests that managers talk with employees about the increased need for safety.

Physical consequences. Some people may experience increased muscle pain and headaches, or sleep disturbances caused by excess adrenaline. Depending on a person’s body type, the effects of the adrenaline may dissipate by doing other vigorous, leafy exercises or slow, relaxing movements.

Behavioral reactions. After a trauma, some people withdraw or isolate. This is normal, says Scott, but you want to be careful not to create a little prison for yourself. It’s better to acknowledge fear, then gradually move back into life or face the situation that frightened you.

It’s also normal for some people to want to lend a hand, but helpful action sometimes turns into hyper-action. People may be so thrilled to be alive that they put themselves in harm’s way. Scott warns.

The National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder recommends several additional coping strategies. Use deep breathing relaxation techniques, eat healthy meals, get adequate rest, engage in positive activities, talk with supportive individuals, write in a journal and seek counseling. Visit their Web site at www.nptsd.ca.gov.
Are you, by any chance, related to Alfred Newman, the film composer?” I asked. Slender, dark-eyed Jaclyn Newman, one of my freshman advisees, looked back, blinked and said, “Yes, he was my grandfather.” As the classic French horn theme from *How the West Was Won* suddenly played in the back of my mind, I realized that she was part of a legendary Hollywood film music family.

BY DANIEL GEETING, PH.D.
As it turned out, Jaclyn had always been aware and proud of her illustrious relatives. Her earliest recollection of her grandfather’s fame was seeing “Music by Alfred Newman” in the credits to The Greatest Story Ever Told. She even dressed up in a tuxedo and waved one of his batons to a record as part of a class project in the third grade. Although the elder Newman passed away long before Jaclyn was born, personal experiences such as seeing his film credits, being on a sound stage named for him at 20th Century Fox studios and the current vogue for film music scholarship all contributed to her understanding of his near mythological stature in Hollywood.

Ascent to Stardom

Alfred Newman, born in 1900 the son of Russian immigrants and a youthful piano prodigy, first became interested in popular music by playing for silent films at the Strand Theater on Broadway. His prowess as a conductor was soon recognized. He worked steadily as a theater music director during the 20s when several notables, including Richard Rodgers and George Gershwin, noticed him. He even guest conducted the Cincinnati Symphony at the age of 18 at the request of Fritz Reiner, the music director. In 1930, Newman was invited by Joseph Schenck, President of United Artists, to come to Hollywood and arrange Irving Berlin’s tunes for the film Room For the Moon.

After that, his film-scoring career literally exploded in the following 40 years; he received nine Academy Awards and had composed film scores for United Artists and MGM pictures before becoming head of the music department at 20th Century Fox. For the next 20 years (1940-1960), he composed, conducted or supervised the music for some of the most enduring pictures from Hollywood’s golden age.

Newman was part of a very talented musical family. His brother Lionel Newman, also a major film composer, followed him as head of music at Fox. In addition, Jaclyn’s uncle Thomas Newman is the film composer for Finding Nemo, and more recently, Cinderella Man and Jarhead. Second cousin Randy Newman is the composer of hit songs such as “Short People” and “I Love LA” and composer of the soundtrack for the film As It Happened. His brother, David Newman, is also a prominent composer/conductor and an aunt, Maria Newman, is a composer and violinist.

As a teenager, Jaclyn was somewhat overwhelmed by her famous family and ambivalent about high school, but she benefited greatly from the constant attention of her grandmother Martha Newman. Alfred’s wife, who provided piano lessons and even had her perform for musical scores of Los Angeles’ musical elite at the Newman family home designed by the way by Frank Lloyd Wright. At CLU, Jaclyn feels “everything has come together!” As a music major and excellent academic student, she increasingly sees herself as a possible chronicler of the Newman family’s focus for her burgeoning dual interests in music and history.

Newman Scores in Concert

Inspired by Jaclyn’s unique background and interests, the Music Department has planned a University Symphony concert featuring selected Alfred Newman film scores. The concert will utilize Jaclyn’s research into her grandfather’s film music; a project that she is currently working on as an independent study course. The program will also enable many CLU music students to join in the performance and experience a living link to a film legend as an invaluable educational experience.

The concert will feature Jaclyn’s narration about her grandfather’s life and work. It will be illustrated with still pictures and film clips and, of course, performances of selected scores from his greatest movies. Beginning with the “Fox Fanfare” the musical journey through Newman’s life will include selections from How to Marry a Millionaire, Song of Bernadette, Captive from Castle and The Rule, among others. Don’t be surprised if the rippy horn lick from How the West Was Won shows up too.

Dr. Daniel Geeting is a professor and Director of Instrumental Music at CLU. He conducts the University Symphony and directs the Wind and Jazz ensembles. A clarinetist, he has played on sound tracks for motion pictures and television.

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Detroit Lions Pick CLU Alumnus Rod Marinelli As New Head Coach

Robert Shoup, former Kingsmen football head coach, remembers Marinelli as a fiercely loyal player who stayed long after practice and arrived early for workouts. “He was undersized as an offensive lineman, but he was very intense and just outperformed people.”

Using the same no-nonsense approach his CLU teammates remember, Marinelli plans to tackle his new position with his trademark intensity. “I’m not interested in Pro Bowl players; I’m interested in world champions,” he said, following his selection as head coach of the struggling NFL team.

Marinelli’s coaching career began in 1973 as an assistant at Rosemead High School in California. He then served as an assistant at Utah State from 1973-82, before moving on to California for nine seasons, Arizona State for three seasons and Southern California for one season. During his time with the Buccaneers, Marinelli’s unit helped establish an NFL record of 69 straight games with at least one sack from 1999-2003. He had the title of assistant head coach added in 2002.

Rod Marinelli #73
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1960s
1965
Sharon (Landgraf) Henke. Gardnerville, Nev., has retired from teaching.
John Lundblad. Vista, Calif., a management analyst for the City of Oceanside, is manager of the City Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Shelter Grants programs.
Barbara (Myers) Rothman. Irvine, Calif., has retired after 39 years as an educator. She served as principal of Lincoln Elementary School in Carmona del Mar the past four years.

1960s
1966
Eric Schaefer. South Lake Tahoe, Calif., owns a CPA practice and serves on the boards of the South Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Sunrisers Foundation and South Tahoe Public Utility District for which he is serving his second term as president.

1969
David Rydbeck. Huntington Beach, Calif., competed in the 400-meter hurdles at the 1969 National Junior College Meet.

1970
Joel Davis. Bellevue, Wash., is a technical writer for Saksau & Taylor in Seattle. Last year Analog, a science fiction and fact magazine, bought an article he wrote titled “Worlds Enough.”

1973
Gail Small (MEd). Thousand Oaks, Calif., presented a seminar titled “No One Ever Wants to Go to Reccess” at California State University Northridge in February. She followed the seminar hosted by the CLU Education Alumni Chapter with a book signing of her latest book, Joyful Parenting: Before

1975
David Brobeck. Salem, Ohio, retired last July after 30 years in education, the past five as Superintendent of the Salem School District. In June, Ohio Gov. Bob Taft recognized David for 30 years of “lifetime contributions to Ohio children.” He is now self-employed as a writer/consultant.

1976
Pat Miller. Ventura, Calif., was named Chief of the Ventura Police Department in January 2005 after 20 years with the department.

1977
James Garman, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., is Chief Human Resources Officer for Carter & Burgess, a national engineering and architecture consulting firm.

1980
Ann Boynton. Sacramento, Calif., is Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Seven couples that met and became friends at CLU got together last June at the lakeside homes of the Rev. Charles and Carma Coon and Hal and Pamela Dragseth on First Lake near Willow River, Minn., to celebrate 40 years of marriage and friendship. Pictured in their purple reunion shirts (courtesy of Jerry Halweg) are, from left, Jerry ’65 and Joan (Severson ’66) Christensen, Gary ’66 and Carol (Grimsvedt ’66) Crockeller, Jerry ’66 and Judy (Lavenberg ’66) Halweg, John ’66 and Judi (Carsen ’66) Hoefs, Charles ’65 and Carma (Westrom ’66) Coon, Gordon ’65 and Linda Nilson, Hal ’65 and Pamela (Myhre ’65) Dragseth.

Alumni Relations Office In Good Hands
Rachel Running ’99 Lindgren was named Interim Director of Alumni Development and Relations in November after serving as Assistant Director of Alumni Relations since September 2004. Rachel’s career has included several positions in nonprofit organizations. She worked for three years in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Churchwide Office with the Youth Ministries/Gathering team and the World Hunger Appeal team. Prior to that, she served as a youth director in the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Chicago.
In her role as Interim Director of Alumni Relations, Rachel’s focus is on revitalizing and strengthening relationships within the CLU alumni community. “Rachel has exhibited poise, confidence and a high degree of professionalism in assuming the duties and responsibilities of the director’s position over the past five months,” said Steve Wheatley ’77, Vice President for University Advancement.
“I am humbled and honored by the trust the University has placed in me. I look forward to serving the alumni community and my alma mater,” said Rachel.
Elvis Has Left the Building

His gave his 18th and final CLU Benefit Concert in January leaving behind an empty auditorium, many lasting memo- ries and generous contributions to the University’s music and theatre arts programs.

Raymond Michael, considered one of the best Elvis performers in the world, belted out his rendition of “The Triumphant Return of Elvis” in the true style of the king of rock and roll and roared at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza on Jan. 21. Since its beginning in 1988, when the show was held on campus, the annual Elvis concert has engaged talented CLU alumni volunteers eager to accompany Raymond Michael Hebel ’75 in his unforgettable performances. Many members of his 16-piece orchestra and seven back-up singers were CLU alumni.

Back-up singer Susie (Wolf ‘73, TC ’76) Wilber, who has been with the show since its inception, recalls that what started as a small student perfor- mance has grown into an event of enormous energy. “Everyone involved with the concert over the years has a sense of pride in what they have been involved in, and more importantly, they all seem to have a great time,” she says.

Mary (Malbo ‘67) Brannock agrees. “I just remember it being so much fun... I kept volunteering. The concert has been a reunion for those participat- ing for the last 18 years,” she says of her “other life” as a back-up singer for Elvis. “There’s definitely some sadness because this was the last concert,” she adds.

Marshall Bowen ’75, who was Ray’s roommate at CLU, recalls a story that has since become a legend about how a hypnotist performing at the college brought Ray on stage and told him to sing “Blue Suede Shoes.” This was the beginning of an 18-year tradition for CLU. Marshall remembers how sur- prised he was that people came back for the second year. “But we just kept selling out table after table,” he recalls of the first years when the concert was held in CLU’s gymnasium. “I really admire Ray’s tremendous stamina and energy.”

Alumni have enjoyed performing with Ray so much that some have stayed with him from the very first concert to the last. They include Bowen, who served as musical director and works in the Disney music archives; Brannock, back-up singer, is a retired high school teacher; Bill Barrett ’76, lead trum- pet, is also lead trumpet at the Crystal Cathedral. Mike Engstrom ’74, lead trombone, is a music producer; and George Carganilla ’77, sax player, teaches music.

Others volunteering their musical talents for the past 18 years are Dave Watson ’78, back-up singer, stock broker; Jim Wilber ’72, back-up singer, athletic director and teacher; Susie Wilber, back-up singer, music teacher; Jim Thompson ’68, trumpet, dentist; and Mark Johnson ’81, trumpet, music teach- er. Darin Erickson ’89, trombone, science teacher, joined the group while still a senior at CLU.

Susie Wilber expressed the appreciation of CLU alumni and friends when she said “We just want to thank Ray for a great run.”

Editor’s Note: As we say farewell to Elvis, our sincerest thanks go to Raymond Michael and to all those involved for their years of dedication and support!

Making Music with the ‘King’

Kristen (Ericsson) Kimbauer, Millini, Hawai’i, teaches elementary children and helps her husband, Ted, who is pastor at Grace Fellowship Church.

Laura Richardson, Goleta, Calif., has been teaching at a local Lutheran school for 20 years and, last September, she completed her 11th race as an amateur sprint triathlete.

Vicki (Lacacella) Sweeney, Westlake Village, Calif., is a cost containment consultant with St. Paul Travelers, a workers’ comp insurance compa- nym in Los Angeles.

David Adams (MBA) Rosemead, N.J., is President of Curtis-Wright Controls, the Motion Control segment of Curtis-Wright Corp.

Catherine (Yallas) Bain (MS ’82), Camarillo, Calif., teaches in the Peaceful Valley School District.

Deanna Cádenas Girón, Pasadena, Calif., has taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District for 18 years and has been at North Hol- lywood 200 Magnet High School for the past 12.

Richard Girón Jr., Pasadena, Calif., has worked for the Los Angeles Probation Depart- ment for more than 15 years.

Glenn Olsen, Granada Hills, Calif, owns a law firm in Northridge that focuses on

Posing in front of the “Touchdown Jesus” before the Notre Dame/Michigan State football game in South Bend, Ind., on Sept. 17 are, l to r, Ralph Werley ’84, Eric Jensen ’84, Deanna Cádenas Girón, Michelle (Murray) Henry Moorpark, Calif., is a producer for the TV show General Hospi- tal, the longest running dra- matic serial on ABC. In May 2005, the show won its eighth Emmy Award for Outstanding Drama series.

Marquesa (Mills) Hobbs, Colorado Springs, Colo., is Regional Marketing Executive with First Pacific Corp, which provides umbrella services/ solutions for dental offices.
Calendar Simplifies College Admission Labyrinth

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teve ’77 (MBA ’89) and Dottie (Roman ’78) Sterling learned a great deal while helping their children to navigate the maze called the college admission process. In fact, the Auburn residents became veritable experts on the topic after coaching their daughter, Jenny, and more recently their son, Jordan, to acceptance at the universities of their choice.

Somehow the word of their expertise got around, and it wasn’t long before their friends were seeking advice on their own children’s college admission applications. Realizing that there was a great need for this type of guidance, Jordan suggested to his parents that they incorporate their experiences into a step-by-step guide for college-bound students and their parents.

Following their son’s advice, the Sterlings published their first edition of Kalendarium’s “The Calendar Coach for College Bound Students” in 2004. Created from years of personal experience, countless discussions with high school counselors and college admission officers, and researching information both in print and electronic form, the emphasis of the calendars, Steve says, is to help parents and kids in a practical way so they can navigate the admission process on their own.

The calendars outline day-by-day actions a student should take to achieve college admission as relevant deadlines and dates such as SAT test schedules. One printed calendar is paid for high school seniors while another advises students in their junior year of high school. Also available are a demo CD, which explains how the calendar works, and a Web site featuring links to search engines for colleges and scholarships, a resume format plus additional online information too lengthy to include on the printed versions of the calendar.

In addition to creating the calendar, Steve, who majored in geology at CLU, is a manager for the State of California’s Environmental Protection Agency, and Dottie, who has a degree in administration of the California’s Environmental Protection Agency, and Dottie, who has a degree in administration of business from the Colorado State University, is a manager for the State of California’s Environmental Protection Agency, and Dottie, who has a degree in administration of business from the California State University. She has been to Russia seven times and last year went on mercy trips to the Philippines, Kenya, Uganda and Myanmar.

Angela (Chant) Su, Riverside, Calif., is a research and finance consultant for the California Teachers Association.

Cory Undlin, Strongsville, Ohio, is Defensive Quality Control Coach with the Cleveland Browns in the National Football League. Cory was inbackers coach and defensive coordinator at CLU before joining the coaching staff at Fresno State in 2002. He began his professional coaching career with the New England Patriots in 2004.

Robert Gappinger, Granada Hills, Calif., is a member of the technical staff at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena.


Michelle (Klump) Mills, Camarillo, Calif., is a CBET resource teacher at the Hueneme School District.

Corrie (Anderson) Nibarger, Stevenson Ranch, Calif., is a senior account executive for Warner Brothers.

MARRIAGES

DOMINIC STORELLI ’00 (MA ’00) and Robin Bewley (MA ’00) were married on June 18, 2005.

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HEATHER VERNER ’00 and Rob Brown on Aug. 6, 2005.


RACHEL BRANDT ’01 and Ryan Upson on Sept. 17, 2005.

JENNIFER (REID) SAWYER ’03 and Wes Johnson on Sept. 3, 2005.

ROBIN BOWLEY (MA ’06) and Jeffrey Van Nust on July 31, 2005.

ANNIKA GUSTAFSON ’04 and Ryan Haggerty on Aug. 6, 2005.

SARAH NICASTRO ’04 and Jason Davis on June 19, 2005.

BRENNA SANDEEN ’04 and Paul Round on June 18, 2005.

KARIN THOMPSON ’04 and Kevin Androwen ’04 on Aug. 13, 2005.

ELIZANGELA BAESLER ’05 and Dominic Storelli ’05 on June 4, 2005.
From Africa with Love

By Cate (Catherine Lunding ’91) and Wayne Hilgard

“Life is calling. How far will you go?” read the Peace Corps ad that we
hardly paid attention to last year when we were living a comfortable lifestyle in a Seattle
suburb. But then we had an unexpected career change and a forced early retirement, which
altered our outlook on everything.

We retreated to our rustic family
cabin in the High Sierras to decide “what
to do with the rest of our lives.” As one
option, we applied online to the Peace
Corps, requesting Africa. Nine months
later, we found ourselves in the tiny
country of Togo, West Africa, learning
French (the official language) and training
to work in the Small Business Develop-
ment program of the Peace Corps.

Now we live in a town of about 40,000
people and have many opportuni-
ties to advise in the development and
sustainability of small businesses and
organizations. Most women vendors
who can benefit from learning skills on
cash flow and profit/loss reports (they
are supporting their families), NGO’s
(nonprofit organizations) who need organ-
zational skills and accounting proce-
sures to be sustainable, and community
action groups who are finding multiple
ways to spread information on avoid-
ing HIV/AIDS and helping those people
already living with AIDS.

News on Africa typically covers the poverty, the scourge of AIDS and the corruption of
government officials. All very real. What you don’t hear, and what we are discovering along
with the above, is that hope lives, joy abounds and the selfless efforts of many Africans are
trying to pull their country out of its present impoverished state. Togo is one of the least
developed countries in Africa, but Internet cafés and cell phones are cropping up everywhere.
There are simple, yet sophisticated, credit unions and microfinance organizations even in
developed countries in Africa, but Internet cafés and cell phones are cropping up everywhere.

Thanksgiving in Togo: “Turkey is rare here, and therefore expensive. Tom, who weighs about 10 kilos or 22 pounds, costs us $34 (a good monthly salary) and was brought up in a bush taxi from Lomé, the capital of Togo, about three hours from where we live...To com-
plete the meal, we’ll have mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, dried cranberries, green beans and onions, green salad, fresh pineapple and papaya, sweet potato pie, and corn bread if it turns out OK. Maybe you’d like to join us next year? Please bring a pumpkin pie.” (Excerpt from blog posting on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005)

Council President at Bethel Lutheran Church in Los Ange-
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Judge Zendejas. Osward, Calif., is a real estate agent with RE/MAX Gold Coast Realtors. He is a member of the Ventura County Coastal Association of Realtors, the California Association of Realtors and the National Association of Real-
tors.

2000

Jeremy Creed. Humacao, Puerto Rico, is a supervisor with Amgen in Junos.

Diane Cunningham (MBA). Oak Park, Calif., is Executive Director of DCL Consulting Services.

Keelee Faulk-Dipadova. Chayenne, Wy., is an autism specialist for Laramie County.

Linda (Kelly) Sandin. New-
bury Park, Calif., is a counselor at Moorpark College. She will receive her master’s in social work from Arizona State University in May.

Rachel Brandt. Moorpark, Calif., is an associate auditor with KPMG in Los Angeles.

Brandon Cruz. Victoriaville, Calif., teaches seventh-grade language arts and social studies at Cobalt Middle School.

Meghanich. Charlie, Ill., is serving an internship at Ashburn Lutheran Church and School on Chicago’s southside.

Ryan Pye. Elk Grove, Calif., is Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending with West America Bank in Sacra-
mento.

2002

Brandon Karjola. Moorpark, Calif., is a civil engineer with PCI Construction in Gendale. Kimberly (McHale) Miller. El Paso, Texas, is Public Affairs Specialist for the University of Texas at El Paso.

Elliott, Benjamin Price. born on Aug. 10, 2000, to Kim (Price ’96) and Josh Elliott.


Henry. Garrett Michael. born on Feb. 24, 2005, to Michelle (Murphy ’93) and Jeff Henry.


Ishimoto, Paige Alba. born on Oct. 25, 2005, to Pam (Dunier ’96) and Bill Ishimoto.

Johnson, Kira Linn. born on April 18, 2005, to Jaime (Housh ’96) and Keith ’90 Johnson.

Lauffoh. Kyle James. born on July 25, 2005, to Megan (Hammer ’91) and Andrew Lauffoh.

Lehr. Ty Lev. born June 1, 2005, to Kelly (Magee ’90) and Tari ’89 Lehr.

McCoy, Emma. born on March 19, 2005, to Dana (Freshester ’99) and Mark ’05 McCoy.

Nibarger, Griffin Michael. born on Oct. 17, 2004, to Corrie (Anderson ’95) and Mike ’96 Nibarger.

Noble, Owen Michael. born on Oct. 9, 2005, to Holly (Forsythe ’97) and Dean Noble.

Smuts, Anika. born on Oct. 16, 2004, to Mariel (Spence ’82) and Matt Smuts ’92.

Su, Ryan. born on May 30, 2005, to Angela (Chant ’94) and Lawrence Su.

Warshaw, William Henry. born on Oct. 1, 2004, to Dana (Putnam ’91) and Daniel Warshaw.

Earthquake Moves Couple To Action

Mark, Dana and Emma McCoy

Mark McCoy founded McCoy Aviation Inc. in 2004. Located in Westlake Village, the commercial aircraft sales and leasing firm handles heavy jets such as the Boeing 747 and MD-11. For more information, visit www.McCoyAviation.com.

As owner of a commercial aircraft sales and leasing company, Mark McCoy ’05 has aviation contacts around the world. When a 7.6 magnitude earthquake struck north Pakistan last October, he immediately sent out e-mails to selected recipients asking, “How can we help?”

A reply from an acquaintance in Pakistan saying blankets, tents and sleeping bags were urgently needed galvanized Mark and his wife, Dana (Neshiwal ’00), into action. Their e-mails and phone calls set in motion a collection drive that would yield results beyond their wildest expectations.

Friends, acquaintances and strangers responded to the McCoys’ appeal for supplies for an estimated 6 million earthquake survivors left homeless without shelter or sufficient food. CLU helped spread the word. The Ventura County Star printed an article “Aircraft company’s efforts asking, “How can we help?”

Companies, churches and organizations donated shipping boxes. Southwest Airlines agreed to provide free shipping for donated items on a space-available basis from Los Angeles to Chicago’s Midway Airport, and Pakistani International Airlines offered to ship the cargo from Chicago to Karachi, Pakistan, for distribution.

It took the McCoys and their helpers three days to box up the donations and prepare them for the journey. At least 150 sleeping bags, 30 tents (including six 20-person tents) and too many blankets to count weighed in at 750 pounds and filled 17 3’x3’x2.5’ boxes plus an additional 17 3’x3’ tall boxes containing eight sleeping bags each.

A few weeks earlier when they asked how they could help, the McCoys had no idea how consumed they would become with the answer to that question or how overwhelming the response would be to their appeal.

“We are all one Earth, and it feels good to make a difference in the lives of our friends in Pakistan,” Mark wrote in an e-mail thanking those who donated to the drive. “Your donations provide hope for a brighter future, and that’s the truth.”

David Schafer, Newbury Park, Calif., is a manufacturing associate II at Angen.

Glenn Winslow, Valencia, Calif., is an industrial security representative at Lockheed Martin in Palmdale and is in the MBA program at the University of Redlands.

2003

Jessica (Crouse) Springston. Huntington Beach, Calif., teaches first grade in Garden Grove.

Lacy (Studt) Swenson, Henderson, Nev., teaches in Las Vegas and is pursuing a master’s in education from UNLV.

2004

Jody Biergiel. Boston, Mass., is pursuing a master’s in agricultural policy at Tufts University.

Nicole Biergiel. Boston. Mass., is pursuing a master’s in English literature at Boston College.

Sarah (Nicastro) Davis. Las Vegas, Nev., is an associate project manager for LightSailers/ Genlyte.

Kevin Gibb. Camarillo, Calif., works for Holthouse Carlin & Van Trigt LLP in Westlake Village. He successfully completed all four parts of the CPA exam last May.

Jonathan Gonzalez. Simi Valley, Calif., is Academic Skills Coordinator in the Center for Academic and Accessibility Resources at CLU and is pursuing a master’s in counseling and guidance with an emphasis in college student personnel.

Annika (Gustafson) Hagger. Urbana, Ill., is Marketing Coordinator for the International Society of Arboriculture.

She received her MBA in International Business from Kristianstad University in Sweden in February 2005.

Emily Warram. Thousand Oaks, Calif., works for Tell the Truth Pictures. In February she attended the Oscar awards ceremony where the company’s film Mighty Times: The Children’s March won for Best Documentary Short.

Last August she was crowned Miss Ventura County 2005. Her reign lasted until November when she crowned the 2006 titholder.


John Cummings. El Paso, Texas, is a volunteer with the Border Servant Corps, an organization that places volunteers with various social service agencies along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Angela Fentiman. Canoga Park, Calif., works for Mayerson Marketing and Public Relations in Westlake Village.

2005

Renée (Steiner) Franano. Saugus, Calif., teaches in the Castaic Union School District.

Nicholas Gordon. Ventura, Calif., was sworn into the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps in October. His first project was leading a 10-person team (ages 18 to 24) in the Gulf Region, working with the Red Cross hurricane recovery.

Teresa Olson. Kyiv, Ukraine, teaches English as a Peace Corps volunteer assigned to the small industrial town of Bohodukiv in Kharkiv oblast province in the upper northeast corner of the country.

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