NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!
Regals Water Polo Makes CLU Sports History
Cyn McCurry
Paintings
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Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept. 29, 3 p.m.

John Solem
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Viscosity Etchings
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Sean Sobczak
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Opening Reception: Wednesday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m.
New Credential Program Launched
Program prepares educators to teach children with hearing loss

California Lutheran University launched a new credential program in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education at its Woodland Hills Center. The College of Education and accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the unique program can be taken concurrently with the Master of Science degree. The two-year graduate program is designed for educators who want to attend school part time to hone their skills in teaching students with hearing loss.

CLU is the only public school-based teacher preparation program in the state to offer a program that focuses on teaching spoken language to children with hearing loss using the latest hearing technologies, according to Terry Cannings, Ed.D., Director of the School of Education.

Although it is possible to obtain the Master of Science in the Education of the Deaf without completing the credential requirements, CLU has developed the combined credential and master’s program so students may work on the two concurrently.

For more information about the program, please call (818) 888-6414, or Maureen Martin, Ed.D., Director of the Master’s in Deaf and Hard of Hearing Education program, at (310) 346-3886.

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In Memoriam

Walter F. Beran, a former member of the Board of Regents, passed away on June 3, 2007. He received his Doctor of Laws degree from CLU in 1978. A Member of the Board of Trustees of The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and a participant in the development of several academic programs and social organizations, his civic involvement included the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, the Japan Business Association of Southern California and the Skirball Institute on American Values. He is survived by his wife, Speedy, and two sons.

Dr. Keith Long, a longtime faculty member of California Lutheran University, died of a heart attack on April 9, 2007, at his Thousand Oaks home. He was 83. Founding co-chair of the Speech and Drama Department with the late Dr. Richard Adams, Fred came to Cal Lutheran in 1966. He retired as a professor of communication in 1988 but remained a vital part of the CLU community. Prior to coming to Cal Lutheran, he was a professor for 14 years at Middlebury College in Vermont. During and after World War II, Fred served with the Army Corps of Engineers and spent time in the European Theater of Operations. He was 83. Founding co-chair of the Speech and Drama Department with the late Dr. Richard Adams, Fred came to Cal Lutheran in 1966. He retired as a professor of communication in 1988 but remained a vital part of the CLU community. Prior to coming to Cal Lutheran, he was a professor for 14 years at Middlebury College in Vermont. During and after World War II, Fred served with the Army Corps of Engineers and spent time in the European Theater of Operations.

Roger Curtis, a member of the CLU Facilities Department, died in an accident on campus on June 18, 2007. A member of the CLU Community for eight years, Curtis served as the University’s paint and drywall expert. He was a 29-year resident of Simi Valley and a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Simi Valley. Roger is survived by his wife, Linda; a son, Robby Curtis; a daughter, Christine Marshall; and grandchildren, Christopher and Evan Marshall.

Jim Gulbranson ’64 of Simi Valley passed away on June 5, 2007. An avid supporter of his alma mater, he participated over the years on the Alumni Board of Directors; the California/NOW Radio Chorus; and as assistant curator of three art shows at CLU. He received the Service to Alma Mater Award in 1999. A history major who was very proud of his own Scandinavian heritage, Jim was a member of both the Scandinavian Cultural and Historical Foundation and the annual Scandinavian Festival.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Berg ’66 Gulbranson; three children — Kirsten Gulbranson ’94 Lucas, Erik Gulbranson and Ingrid Windsor; five grandchildren; his mother, Frances Gulbranson; sister, Karen Biffle; and brothers, Dave, Dennis and Dan Gulbranson.

Lois Leigh, a longtime supporter of CLU and Orville Dahl member, passed away on April 7, 2007, at the age of 88. A resident of Sun City West, Ariz., Lois worked in the real estate industry. She was first introduced to California Lutheran University by her good friend Beverly Anderson, former director of Church Relations. She is survived by her son, Dr. Keith Long, and grandchildren, Meredith and Kieran Long.

Ellert Voge died on April 19, 2007, at the age of 92. He had been a supporter of CLU since the earliest days when he traveled to the Pederson Ranch with Gay Folke to look over the future site of CLU. The founder and president of Voge, Inc., a construction firm in Los Angeles, he built, among other things, a number of churches and the Bank of Commerce.


Once Upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude by Kevin O’Malley is co-illustrated by Carol Heyer. July. Once upon a time, there was a boy and a girl who had to tell a fairy tale to the class. The girl starts with a princess, eight beautiful ponies and an evil giant; then the boy steps in with a sword-wielding motorcycle-riding hero. The children project themselves into their arguing characters and work together to embarrass the evil assignation – er – giant. (Walker & Company, 2005)

The Cognitive Structure of Scientific Revolutions co-authored by Xiang Chen, Ph.D., (Professor, Philosophy) uses cognitive science to evaluate and extend the ideas of Thomas Kuhn and offers new accounts of the nature of normal and revolutionary science, the function of anomalies, and the nature of incommensurability. (Cambridge University Press, 2006)

The Isle of It: A Guide to Awakening by Caroline Cartson T44 and Thom Cottrell is set on a mythical island. The Isle of It charts a journey of discovery in which the reader is the main character in the story. It is co-illustrated by the al artistry of Solem and the verbal artistry of J.T. Ledbetter. This collection of poems by J.T. Ledbetter is a collection of poems by J.T. Ledbetter. (Author House, 2006)

The Blood of the Innocents by Iljana Krathgorpe ’79 deals with our struggle with faith and meaning when innocent blood is shed and how God’s grace does not always come through the channels we would choose. The background is the struggle for civil rights and justice from 1965 to 1992. (PublishAmerica, 2007)

The Judicious Professor co-authored by Paul Phillips, (Professor Emeritus, English) and artwork by Phillip A. Nickel, Ph.D., (Professor Emeritus, Biology), is an intriguing, informative and thought-provoking account of a life from poverty to biology professor to retirement told with a “sage sense of humor.” ( Trafford Publishing, 2007)

Photoshop CS3 All-in-One Desk Reference for Dummies by Barbara Obermeyer, MBA, “T64” is a comprehensive reference book for Adobe Photoshop CS3. (Wiley and Sons, 2007)
The first alumni class of the School of Education’s Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership donated a class gift to establish the Strevey for Excellence in Educational Leadership graduate fellowship.

The fellowship will be awarded to a third- or fourth-year doctoral student who has demonstrated scholarly and moral excellence and a commitment to the doctoral program.

Class representative Susan Tandberg Ed.D. ’06, (pictured center) presented a plaque to School of Education professor James Valadez, Ed.D. ’06, (pictured, center) who has demonstrated leadership who were pioneers in the program. Tandberg said, “It is my hope that we have established a tradition of giving back to the program and that we continue to forge a trail of excellence, dedication, honor and kindness built on moral responsibility.”

McEnroe Becomes First Alumnus to Head Football Program

B en McEnroe has been selected as the fourth head football coach in the history of California Lutheran University. He returns to the place where his playing career ended and his coaching career began.

A 1993 graduate of CLU, McEnroe returns to his alma mater after a four-year stint at Chaminade College Preparatory High School in West Hills, where he built a successful football program with a 32-16 record. He brings to CLU more than 10 years of coaching experience. Prior to serving as head coach at Chaminade, McEnroe spent four years at Humboldt State University as the Offensive Line Coach and Recruiting Coordinator.

A former assistant coach at CLU in the 1990s, McEnroe has a special appreciation for the history and tradition of CLU football. The first alumnus to serve as head coach of the Kingsmen squad, McEnroe said he is honored to follow in the footsteps of former head football coaches Joe Harper and Scott Squires.

Post-Season Recognition

All-America First Team
Jill Jervis, Water Polo
Nicole Pecel, Water Polo

All-America Second Team
Kate Windsor, Water Polo

All-West Region First Team
Prudence Kjorstad, Softball

All-West Region Third Team
Shauna Cogan, Softball

All-SCIAC First Team
Lizzy Chacon, Softball

All-SCIAC Honorable Mention
Ashley Benta, Water Polo
Kate Windsor, Water Polo

All-SCIAC Recognition (Track & Field)
Casey Anderson, Brett Corona
Jeremy Dugan, Ashley Fleming
Kyle Hansen, Renee Hill
Scott Jones, Jared Nelson
Mike Norris, Jessica Predovic
Jessica Schroeder, Christa Youngren

Seniors Christian Colunga and Tyler Doyle (Golf) were named Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars for Division III.

Senior Lee Ellis (Baseball) was chosen by the Baltimore Orioles in the 46th round of the 2007 draft.

Junior Ashley Fleming (Track & Field) won the shot put at the 2007 SCIAC Championships.

Not One, But Two Coaching Honors for Rond

I n 2007, the fourth year of the women’s water polo program’s existence, Coach Craig Rond led the Regals to the Collegiate III National Title with a 5-0 performance in the National Tournament. Rond was named the 2007 Division III Women’s Water Polo Coach of the Year after recording a 21-10 record.

The Regents’ first 20-win season follows an 11-win season in 2006. Overall, Coach Rond is 45-63 during his tenure as head coach.

Following the 2006 men’s water polo season, Rond was tabbed the Division III Men’s Water Polo Coach of the Year as the Kingsmen posted a 10-15 overall record and finished the season ranked seventh in the National Collegiate Top 10 Poll.

SPORTS NEWS

For up-to-date Regals and Kingsmen news and scores, please visit www.clusports.com

Season at a Glance

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CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Commencement 2007

N early 900 CLU students received degrees during Commencement ceremonies on May 12 in Mt. Clef Stadium. Joan Samatian (1), founder of the Parkinson’s Action Network, addressed the 550 bachelor’s degree graduates during the morning ceremonies. State Assemblywoman Audra Strickland (2) was keynote speaker for the afternoon graduate service in which the second School of Education cohort received Ed.D. degrees (1).

A stadium-packed crowd looked on as the Rev. Gerald Swanson (4), former CLU pastor and his wife, Dr. Jan Bowman, a former CLU English professor, were presented with Honorary Alumni Awards in recognition of their contributions to the University.

First Doctoral Alumni Class Establishes Tradition of Giving

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Four years after the program’s inception, CLU women’s water polo team wins school’s first national team title since 1971

By Rhiannon Potkey  Photo by Tracy Maple

Four years ago, they had only eight players and four wins. Six months ago, they still didn’t have their own pool. On May 6, they captured a national title. Completing a rapid rags-to-riches ascent, the Cal Lutheran women’s water polo team defeated Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 10-6 in the championship game of the Collegiate Division III National Championships at UC Santa Cruz.

“This is just amazing,” CLU senior Michele Hernandez said. “To think about becoming national champions back when we first started didn’t even seem possible. I could never have dreamed of that.”

The title was only the second national team championship in school history. Cal Lutheran won the NAIA football championship in 1971.

Making its first appearance in the three-day tournament, CLU (21-10) swept through its five games. The Regals defeated Grove City College (Pa.), Washington & Jefferson (Pa.), Cal State East Bay and Claremont twice.

They used a balanced offensive attack and solid defense to beat fellow Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference member Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in the title game.

Nicole Pecel had three goals and two assists. Stevie Blanchard had two goals and three assists, and Jill Jensen had seven steals, two goals and two assists.

“Coming in here for the first time I wasn’t sure whether we would rise to the occasion or not, and we sure did rise to the occasion,” Cal Lutheran coach Craig Rond said. “I think the key is our team is in such good condition. In the final game, we never looked tired or worn out.”

Rond started the water polo program at Cal Lutheran four years ago hoping at least a few players who could swim would come out for the team. The Regals finished their inaugural season 4-16, but gradually established a foundation through recruiting.

They increased their win total to nine in 2005, 11 last year and broke out this year with the 21 victories and national crown. The title campaign coincided with the opening of the new on-campus Samuelson Aquatics Center five months ago.

Before having their own pool, the players traveled to Oaks Christian School each day to train and practice.

The only senior on the team, Hernandez has witnessed every step along the program’s progression.

“We were just a little rag-tag group of players that hardly knew what we were doing four years ago. We were happy just to score two goals in a game,” she said. “Now we are a small army and everyone got in the pool this weekend and contributed and dominated.”

Although CLU’s players were confident they could win the national title, they knew more than just skill would be required.

“You always have to have the passion and the heart,” Hernandez said. “If you don’t have the desire, the talent is not important. We were ready to work hard and put everything out on the line.”

Jensen was rewarded for her defense in being named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player. Katie Windsor, Marianne Paradowski, Ashley Bentz, Pecel and Blanchard were all-tournament selections.

Rond was named Division III Coach of the Year.

“This group is the true essence of a team,” Rond said. “It doesn’t have anything to do with them winning or losing, it’s just an incredible group of individuals. It’s a wonderful feeling to watch them win this because they work so hard.”

The team celebrated its championship during the van ride back to campus before preparing for a long night of studying. Final exams began the day after their victory in the pool.

Reprinted with permission from Ventura County Star, May 7, 2007.
CLU’s campus has always offered a serene park-like setting, but today it adds an educational element as well with the introduction of the Barbara Collins Arboretum.

Named for the beloved professor of biology who selected and classified the plants and trees, the Barbara Collins Arboretum identifies plants using both the common and scientific names.

The concept of a CLU arboretum took root in 2004 when Professor Collins led her Sierra wildflower class on a campus tour and realized what a variety of vegetation there was.

“Shortly after that I was approached by [Interim Provost] about the possibility of labeling the plants on campus,” she recalls.

From the outset, Ritch Eich, Vice President for Marketing and Communications, envisioned a botanical garden that would attract community residents and tourists to campus and enhance the University’s reputation.

Working with Collins, Eich and Mike Adams, Director of Publications and Webmaster, oversaw the publication of campus maps and brochures for self-guided botanical tours, and the creation of a botanical Web site. Meanwhile, Tim Hengst, former Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, helped the project along by researching regulations governing the establishment of an arboretum.

As the others researched and planned, Collins diligently began identifying the plants, initially labeling 22. “I soon became quite excited about the project and added about 40 new plant labels,” she explains.

There are approximately 300 different plant species on campus and nearly 100 are now identified in three distinct arboretum tours.

The University recognized the professor’s enterprise by naming the arboretum after her. Collins, in her usual self-effacing manner, responded: “This has been a vision of many people, and I am certainly honored to be a part of this project.”

“By dedicating the campus as an arboretum in Professor Collins honor,” Eich explains, “we recognize a gifted and dedicated professor and make a profound statement about our natural environment.”

The establishment of an arboretum, he continues, underscores that we are intent on preserving the wonderful flora on our campus and want to share this unique resource with our community.

Collins first became interested in plants after receiving her Ph.D. in geology at the University of Illinois. “I was teaching one class there and took two classes in botany. It was then that I realized I was in the wrong major,” she says with a smile. So, she went back to school as a graduate student and majored in botany.

In 1963, Collins took a faculty position at CLU. “I remember teaching my first class in the identification of plants [Plant Taxonomy], and I did not know much more than the students. All the chaparral vegetation was completely new to me.”

Because she loved botany, Collins did extensive collecting and identifying of plants and started to build the herbarium that is located in the Ahmanson Science Center. A herbarium, she explains, is a collection of pressed plants, all identified and classified into family, genus and species.

Using the plants in the herbarium, Collins was able to write her first book, Key to Coastal and Chaparral Flowering Plants of Southern California, which was published in 1972 and is now in its third edition. Collins says she wrote the book to help students with plant identification.

Since then, Collins has written two books on plants of the Southern California deserts, one on wildflowers and the other on trees and shrubs, and a book about the mountains of Southern California. It has only been in the last four years, when she began labeling plants on the CLU campus, that she has worked with cultivated plants.

In addition to having the arboretum named for her this year, Collins was very excited and honored to receive the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. “I love teaching and feel very fortunate to have been able to teach here at CLU for 44 years now,” the award winner exclaims. “I love the school and have no plans to retire. I tell my students that they can come back in five or 10 years and I will still be here.”

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**See the Forest and the Trees**

**Class Tour Inspires Arboretum**

*In Person:* Take a botanical tour of campus. Pick up maps, brochures and other information in the Welcome Center.

*Online:* Plants identified by Dr. Barbara Collins on the California Lutheran University campus and on Mount Clef (north of campus) may be viewed at www.callutheran.edu/plants. For more information about Southern California wildflowers and garden plants as well as plants of the Canadian Rockies, please visit Professor Collins’ extensive collection at www.callutheran.edu/plants.
History Buff Looks to the Future

Fortunate is the man who can integrate his favorite hobby with his professional life.

Such a person is Chris Kimball, Ph.D., CLU’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He absolutely loves baseball. He dotes on American urban history. And, he’s avid about research.

Somewhere along the line, these three seemingly unrelated interests converged for Kimball, resulting in his unique area of expertise, the development of a course blending urban history with architecture (including baseball parks), and sufficient material for a soon-to-be-published book.

Linking Ballparks and Academia

Formerly Provost and Dean of the College at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn., Kimball’s scholarly work is in the field of American history, specializing in urban history and the history of sport, especially baseball. It was at Augsburg that the melding of his favorite things took root. He and a colleague, a professor of architectural history, devised an experiential class, which blended field trips to visit ballparks connected to the history of the community.

One student in the class wrote her research paper on a prominent Twin Cities architect from the early 20th century. The student found that the architect had once designed a baseball park; the professor recalls, adding that this was an unexpected discovery—one that the teaching team had not considered. They were intrigued.

“From there, we started looking at other ballparks in the Twin Cities as a way of understanding urban change,” Kimball says. One park led to another, and the two scholars have since located more than a century’s worth of Twin Cities ballparks whose histories tell the story of architecture and history in ways that other books on ballparks in Philadelphia, Chicago, New York and Atlanta do not.

Achieving National Prominence

Kimball’s ability to synthesize disparate ideas is serving him well as he begins his second year at CLU as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. An author and speaker on academic affairs, Kimball, who is tall, thoughtful and possesses a delightful sense of humor, has built a distinctive mission and excellence of Lutheran higher education, he has proven abilities as an academic leader and administrator.

California Lutheran University, not unlike history, is made up of many units, he relates. His dream is that each of these units will develop a national reputation for high quality, high expectations, high theoretical thought and for providing students the opportunity to apply those theories.

“All those things are achievable,” Kimball believes. “Vision and commitment are very important. With vision and commitment, many colleges have been able to transform who they are.” CLU, he continues, has high hopes, expectations and dreams. “It’s delightful to see those that are realizable. If anything, I underestimated what’s here.”

Anticipating Change

Although the needs of undergraduate and graduate programs may differ, Kimball believes that the programs should have a common basis, brand or footprint, which ultimately will be reflected through graduates’ selection of careers and their desire to be of service. In the professional schools, work and service are embedded in the real world.

Graduates of all programs should be able to articulate how the mission statement was reflected in their learning,” he surmises. “We have to be flexible and able to adapt,” Kimball emphasizes. “The world is different now and what students need to prepare for is different. We need to consider what’s the best structure for delivering what’s new.”

The deans are already in the process of developing programs across disciplines, he notes, but the faculty’s departmental reviews will be the real driver for program change. Yet in the face of change, Kimball firmly supports education based on the liberal arts traditions.

The key to a university’s success lies with its students and faculty. “I think the faculty here is terrific,” the provost declares. “If I had a wish for them, it would be that they believe that they are as good as they really are and feel as appreciated by others as they deserve to be.”

An alumnus of McGill University, Kimball received his Ph.D. from The University of Chicago. He is very impressed by CLU’s students. As someone fairly new to campus, he views them as “a lot of high achievers, very articulate and thoughtful.” He also appreciates the diversity of CLU’s student body and the philosophy of the University to be inclusive.

CLU’s Unique Challenges

In the past year, the history professor/administrator has become cognizant of the challenges that face the University. A major roadblock is the cost of living in Ventura County: “It has become much clearer to me now how difficult the housing market is in recruiting and retaining faculty and staff.”

Another challenge is the distance to Los Angeles from Thousand Oaks. Coming from a school that was just a mile from the downtown of a fairly large city and being an avid proponent of experiential learning, Kimball soon realized that CLU’s location raises some challenges to getting access to Los Angeles. Always one to look for solutions and interconnections, the provost notes that the experiential learning opportunities in Ventura County must be explored and utilized.

Exploring Ventura County, their new home, is also a goal for the Kimball family—wife, Liz; son, Glenn, 13; and daughter, Rachel, 9. Residing near the CLU campus in Thousand Oaks, the Minnesota transplants have found Californians warm and welcoming. Their dog, Henry, likes it here, too. He is especially excited about the local dog park.

As Kimball is learning his way around his new community, he is also looking forward to melding the strengths he sees at CLU into a future of boundless possibilities. “I knew it [CLU] was a good place on the move. A year later, I see it’s a very good place definitely on the move with lots of opportunity.”

By Carol Keochekian ’81
Haco Hoang, Ph.D.

An Agent of Change

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Having experienced firsthand what some of the students were dealing with in their neighborhoods, Hoang was a perfect role model. She wasn’t seeking fame, but rather the chance to make a change.

“I began to see the kind of effects the lack of money and stability was having on my peers. It wasn’t uncommon to become part of a gang, get involved with drugs, or to get pregnant.”

It was these effects that stayed at the forefront of Hoang’s mind as she began to fulfill her dream.

Breaking Barriers

By Jannette Jauregui ’03

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“Mission Possible

Shortly after Villaraigosa was elected mayor of Los Angeles in 2005, he introduced the Million Trees Los Angeles (MTLA) initiative. The goal of the initiative are to plant 1 million trees and promote environmental activism in a city that is well known for its historic smog.

A year later, Villaraigosa partnered with such organizations as Tree People and Los Angeles Conservation Corps in a shared effort to make Los Angeles the greenest urban city in the world. The mayor’s intent has been to involve the community, including local youth, and in April, the executive director of MTLA approached Hoang for assistance.

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“It is our goal to get young people interested in becoming a part of the solution,” she says. “It is our hope that some of them even decide to pursue a career or educational tracks in green industries.”

She is also collaborating with several volunteers in the entertainment industry to mentor youth on producing a documentary on the environment. The finished product will debut at the conference in November.

Though Hoang has found success in pursuing her dream of promoting change, her mission is far from complete.

“I am someone who believes that when we provide a more positive structural environment, that is when changes will be made,” she says. “We have to not only encourage youth participation but also create or find opportunities that will sustain their civic involvement.”

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A group of youth from inner city Los Angeles enjoy a day at the historic Little Theater at Fox Studios. The group met with filmmakers to learn how to make documentaries in preparation for making their own documentary about environmental activism. Their film will debut at a youth conference on global warming and climate change in November.

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She graduated from high school in 1990 and enrolled in the University of California, Santa Barbara where she studied political science. She graduated cum laude in 1994 before enrolling in the doctoral program at Boston University, and it wasn’t long before she worked her way to a position that gave her the opportunity to begin to fulfill her dream.

In 2002, Hoang returned to Los Angeles from Boston and became an assistant professor in the Political Science Department at Mount Saint Mary’s College before joining then Councilman Antonio Villaraigosa’s team in 2004.

While working for Villaraigosa, and eventually with Councilman Jose Huizar, Hoang began building a resume that included budget planning, policy work and even campaign planning. But her heart was in aiding troubled youth to live better lives.

Two years ago, Hoang became involved with L.A. Bridges, an organization established in the 1990s with a goal of providing prevention and intervention programs for youth, specifically those involved in gangs. Hoang focused her work on assisting female gang members to transition to a more stable lifestyle.

She didn’t stop there

Last year Hoang began working with a new organization called “Learn and Earn,” whose slogan is “Hire L.A.’s Youth.” The program was designed to prepare at-risk high school students for the California High School Exit Exam and assist in vocational training by placing the students in summer apprenticeships. Hoang found it rewarding to help students who otherwise were likely to be on the streets to get a head start in what had become an increasingly competitive workforce. She was no stranger to their needs.

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She began to find projects that would strengthen youth interest in their local communities and found opportunities through her connections in the mayor’s office.

“I began to work with LAUSD teachers to prepare their students to participate in local neighborhood councils and teach them about the importance of their involvement,” she says. “I learned right away that the key to success is in equipping the kids with the skills to make the kind of changes they need, and the civic engagement opportunities have been an ideal way to do that.”

Hoang’s work with the various organizations proved to be just the beginning of her mission to better the opportunities for youth within their communities.

She started incorporating her policy work in the curriculum she had established for her students at CLU, and began teaching them how to prepare a policy and present it to a governing board. She also invited them to participate in various conferences and events they otherwise would have missed.

“I have tried to teach my students to not just become advocates, but agents of change,” she says. It is a lesson she has remained dedicated to teach in her new role with the environment.
Bioengineering

Where science, math and computing meet

By Marsha Anderson

Photography by Brian Stethem ’04

Dr. Michael Shaw (right) works with Joshua Lee ’08 on a tissue culture experiment on how wounds heal. It is Lee’s second summer as a Swenson intern.

It’s the kind of growth most Fortune 500 companies would envy … CLU’s bioengineering major is taking off, quadrupling its numbers since the major was started in fall 2003. And while shares aren’t traded on the stock exchange, the ultimate returns – progress in how wounds heal and other potential solutions for medical problems – could benefit us all.

But there’s more. Students as early as their freshman year are doing exciting original research, and reporting on that research at international conferences alongside doctors and scientists from all over the world. CLU is also hosting some of those conferences, bringing industry groups to campus to get to know the students personally and become mentors for them.

That’s the latest news from Mike Shaw, Ph.D., Professor of Bioengineering and Physics, and Director of the Center for Integrated Science and Bioengineering at CLU, a place where physics and mathematics intersect with biology, physics and computing. In addition, Shaw and his colleagues, Drs. Janet Scheel (physics), Craig Reinhart (computer science), Dennis Reute (biology/biochemistry), David Marcey and Ken Long (biology), Kevin Tsang and Michele LeBlanc (exercise science), are involved in research with their students throughout the year as well as in special Swenson-funded summer internships (see page 20).

As Shaw explains, “We emphasize research experience and student presentations at scientific conferences – and that’s unusual. A more typical student experience in a lab is washing test tubes. Here, we say, come up with a research project. And as our students present their findings at conferences, they are getting noticed!”

Tissue culture research… and more

Along with the individual exposure and resume building that the research approach fosters, there’s another difference in this major – the teamwork that pervades students’ experiences. “Team” is more than a concept as students apply knowledge from many disciplines and co-publish their research findings with their professors.

A 2006 article, for example, published in the Journal of Materials Research, carries a byline with Shaw’s name preceded by the names of seven CLU students and that of a Baxter scientist who collaborated on the research. “Team” also extends to having local high school students volunteer as helpers on CLU students’ summer research.

For Shaw and his students, it’s all happening in CLU’s bioengineering labs, where cutting-edge research experiments are focused on tissue engineering. First, cryopreserved cells are purchased in test tubes no larger than a pinky finger from a biomedical supplier for $200 apiece. These test tubes are carefully stored in a cryopressure tank (funded by a Community Leaders Association gift) until they are needed.

From their frozen world, the cells are defrosted and placed in tissue culture flasks with a small amount of growth medium for incubation at body temperature, and then into a thicker collagen solution (think red JELL-O) that provides the “scaffold” or structure for the cells to grow. Students study different types of scaffolds and how mechanical forces like gravity affect those cells. They use the lab’s characterization facility (a mechanical tester machine) to measure the mechanical properties of the scaffold.

“For example, if you think of the skin that forms your eyelid, it’s different from the skin on the bottom of your foot because of the different forces on those cells,” Shaw explains. “Physics helps us predict outcomes, using mathematical models, on how forces like gravity work.”

By bringing basic precepts of physics and engineering to biology, the goal is to establish the underlying relationships between the structure of tissues and their mechanical function, and in turn, how their mechanical function affects cell behavior.

“Our research is to establish those relationships,” he continues, “combining microscopy, mechanical characterizations, engineered tissue synthesis and mathematical modeling. In doing so, development costs and time to market are reduced through ‘first-pass’ design success.”

From skin grafts to bone regeneration

Practical applications are many, from the potential to help astronauts in space resist muscle mass loss due to zero gravity, to the development of custom skin grafts for different parts of the body, to the discovery of how best to treat a particular disease. For bioengineering major and Swenson summer intern Patricia Lorraine Mutyaba ’10, it was the field’s sheer potential that inspired her choice of major.

“I always wanted to do tissue engineering,” she explains. “I come from Uganda, where we had the Discovery Channel. I was an avid viewer! I saw a program on tissue engineering and the thought of just being able to come up with a better way to regrow bone, or regenerate cells to replace an organ, fascinated me. I met Dr. Shaw when I was working on a research project my freshman year. He encourages you. He makes you believe you can do great things.”

And they can. CLU bioengineering graduates have found a market eager for their skills. Alissa Doerfler ’05 is working at Foamed in San Luis Obispo, helping to develop injectable bone cements for spinal...
Jump Starting Science Research

Opportunities for faculty-student science research are increasing at CLU, thanks in part to Jim and Sue Swenson. In the summer of 2006, the Swensons funded a successful pilot internship program for science majors. This summer 11 students (two of them for half the summer), whose proposals were approved by a faculty committee, are working on their research projects as Swenson Summer Science Interns, according to Della Greenlee, Director of Foundation Relationships and Scholarship Development. The students each receive $4,000 to complete summer research projects focusing on various topics in the real world of science and technology.

The committee, comprised of several faculty members in the Science Department and chaired by Dennis Keeve, Ph.D., selected the students based on their overall academic performance as well as written proposals of their research. A minimum grade point average of 3.30 is required of each applicant. The students selected for 2007 summer internships are mapping in physics, math, bioengineering, biology, and exercise science and sports medicine. They will complete their research while working full time with a CLU faculty mentor during the summer and will present the results to the Swensons in October.

The full-time summer interns are Michael Calkins of Holly, Mich.; Rachel Mooney ’06 recently interned at Second Sight, a Sylmar company founded to help to capture the power of service-learning:

New CLU Center Seeks to Unite Ventura County’s Social Justice Communities

By Adina Nack, Ph.D.

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Martina Andersen is Associate Director of Foundation Relations at CLU. A former marketing director and public relations executive, she has published numerous articles and has won writing awards from the International Association of Business Communicators and the Public Relations Society of America.
What’s more, there was some concern that conflict might erupt in neighboring Burundi, a country with a similar cultural makeup to that of Rwanda. Among the many warnings Seper received was not to say the words “Hutu” or “Tutsi” while in Rwanda. Those words are illegal and the punishment for uttering them is jail.

The 1994 conflict took a devastating toll. An estimated 800,000 to 1 million ethnic Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed during the 100-day genocide. During the conflict, Hutu extremists reportedly used mass rape as a torture tactic, sparking the subsequent AIDS epidemic that has claimed the lives of thousands more. Today it is estimated that one in nine Rwandans is HIV-positive, and 40,000 babies are born to HIV-infected mothers each year.

The El Shaddai Orphanage took shape shortly after the conflict as thousands of people displaced from their homes and villages flooded the capital in search of food, shelter, jobs and support services. El Shaddai, previously an abandoned warehouse, became a place for the poverty-stricken to leave the children.

“Although I tried not to play favorites, it happened with Yvette and Yvonne.”

They could no longer afford to feed and care for. Many children found their own way to the orphanage as the only safe alternative to a dangerous, life on the streets.

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in the top right photo, people wait under a stately acacia tree in Kenya. Opposite them, wooden chairs, the color of dust, some with vibrant lime green cushions, are lined up in a tidy row. It is a picture snapped at a moment of expectancy, for there is a sense that something is about to happen. A celebration, perhaps.

Ah, yes, a celebration. For the villagers in the Makueni District in Kenya were preparing to welcome two women, representatives of a church in far-away Thousand Oaks, Calif., USA, who were coming to see them. Together, they would celebrate the gift of water—and hope.

Mary Wennes, M.S. '80, (center photo, left), both graduates of California Lutheran University, traveled to the village of Kilisa to see water. What they found was joy and a living faith.

Last year, Kilisa women and children walked as much as five miles, sometimes several times a day, to find sources of water for their families, crops and livestock. Even then, the water was not always clean.

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That's because Ascension Lutheran Church took on the challenge last November of raising $70,000 to pay for a subsurface dam for the village. The project, dubbed “Living Water,” was administered by Lutheran World Relief (LWR), a disaster relief agency that also seeks to eliminate rural poverty through cooperative projects. LWR had identified Kilisa as an area for which clean water was crucial.

“The last three seasons, rainfall has been scarce. Crops have failed. Villagers have lived off emergency food rations,” reported the Rev. Don Haven, LWR’s director of western state mission advancement, when he visited Ascension in April.

Thrilled to see the dam and its now plentiful water, Wennes and Berg were even more moved by the villagers, who welcomed them with infectious jubilation. Under that stately acacia tree, they sang and danced (and Wennes danced, too) and dined on a special meal of chicken peas, rice, potato bread and cooked pumpkin leaves.

The villagers made them feel like honored guests, said Berg, as they hosted a small repast for Wennes and Berg of grilled corn cut off the cob and corn and soda pop, and are forever entwined.

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It’s not a hand out, it’s a hand up,” added Wennes, noting that villagers told them, “We don’t need your clothes or your food; what we need are your skills.”

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‘Ascension provided the money, but the villagers provided the labor. LWR practices a philosophy of helping called “accompaniment,” which centers on empowering those in need rather than just doing for them.”

“As the accomplishment idea cut right through the arrogant idea of giving someone a handout,” said Berg. “You are valuing what these people are bringing to the table.

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“This was quite a sacrifice for them to go out and buy soda pop. We didn’t have wine; we had soda pop. It was really a breaking of bread with these women.”

In their collage of memories, that is one of the many standouts, the two women said. On this trip, they saw the dams, but they also came face to face with an inspiring, living faith demonstrated in the joyful, God-centered nature of the Kenyan people. On the warm, dusty plains of Kenya, God’s children met, communed over a meal of corn and soda pop, and are forever entwined.

Susanne Hopkins is a longtime professional journalist and Director of Lay Ministry/Pastoral Care at Ascension Lutheran Church.
Barry Wohrle, San Diego, Calif., is a retired Juvenile Probation Officer. He was a delegate to the Pacifica Synod assembly that met in Hawaii in May. “It’s a tough assignment to be a vocal advocate for adult stem cell therapy,” he said. “I may not agree with the science, but I do agree with the principle of consent.” He’s also a retired Juvenile Probation Officer. He was a delegate to the Pacifica Synod assembly that met in Hawaii in May. “It’s a tough assignment to be a vocal advocate for adult stem cell therapy,” he said. “I may not agree with the science, but I do agree with the principle of consent.”

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Paul Christ, Hickory, N.C., retired from full-time congregational ministry and now serves as Interim Pastor for Resurrection Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain. He enjoys spending time with his children and grandchildren.

David Foege, Ph.D., Aiken, S.C., is an instructor in special education at University of South Carolina, and serves as Chair of the Architectural and Landscaping owner’s association. He and his wife, Lois, are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this summer.

Fred Johnston, San Marcos, Calif., is a retired P.A. and serves as Chair of the Architectural and Landscaping Committee of his home-owner’s association. He and his wife, Susan (Redmond ’71) have been married 37 years.

Catherine (Story) Hurt, Burbank, Calif., is a retired certified public accountant and volunteers with Boy Scouts of America-Verdugo Hills Council. Burbank Noon Kiwanis and Burbank Tourna-

ent of Roses. She and her husband, Rob-

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Steven Jensen, San Antonio, Texas, is a professor at San Antonio College and Chair of the Child Development Department. He and his wife, Lois (Lerud ’69), own Jensen’s Yamaha Music School. They are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary this summer.

Kathleen “Kay” Hanson, Aiken, S.C., is an instructor in special education at University of South Carolina. She is finishing her Ph.D. dissertation from the University of California in education. She has a PhD in educational policy and strategic planning. I was hired immediately to assist the Ministry of Youth and Sports in preparing Fiji’s first national sports summit. I knew little about sports policy, but my skills turned out to be transferable. 

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Then, on Dec. 5, the Army Commander took over Fiji’s government in a bloodless coup. The Prime Minister and Members of Parliament were dismissed, and immediately funds became too tight to engage consultants. The new government focused on clean-up, corruption, and our work was put on hold. Multi-racial peacemaking seemed essential if Fiji was to move beyond the coup culture, so we have increased our community retreats and begun building a core group of Fijians and others committed to working for peace, beginning at the personal level. New doors have opened, to help nurses, doctors and university students experience inner peace.

Friends ask if Thom and I will return to live in the U.S. For us, the task of peacemaking in Fiji is far from over. This will be our home until we receive our next call.

Caroline’s essay about life in Fiji titled “Everywhere Is Home” was first place in the TransitionAbroad.Com 2007 Expatriate Writing Contest. The article and photos can be found at www.transitionsabroad.com/transiti-

ngirl/articles/avg_in_fij_rhythms_of_native_life.shtml. For more information on Caroline and her husband, Thom Cronkite, visit www.thecenterwithin.com.

Parrots, Papayas, and Peace

By Caroline Cottom ’64, Ph.D.

Sports summits, youth development, helping to bring peace to a racially divided country… I anticipated none of these opportunities when my hus-

band, Thom, and I moved to the 332 island country of Fiji in 2003.

Thom and I were leading spiritual retreats in the U.S., and I taught at an arts college. We were also writing a book to help individuals experience the peace that exists within them, based on truths revealed by Jesus, Buddha and other spiritual teachers.

Then we received the call to come to Fiji, the land of parrots and papayas, hibiscus and frangipani, where Fijian villagers live in accord with the cycles of nature. It is humanity’s primordial home. Indeed, all major religions have come from a situation such as this, where simplicity and attunement with nature are key.

We bought land on a remote rainforest island, eight hours away by ferry from Suva, Fiji’s capital city, and began building a 500-square-foot, 10-sided house where we would write and teach.

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Parrots, Papayas, and Peace

By Caroline Cottom ’64, Ph.D.

Sports summits, youth development, helping to bring peace to a racially divided country… I anticipated none of these opportunities when my hus-

band, Thom, and I moved to the 332 island country of Fiji in 2003.

Thom and I were leading spiritual retreats in the U.S., and I taught at an arts college. We were also writing a book to help individuals experience the peace that exists within them, based on truths revealed by Jesus, Buddha and other spiritual teachers.

Then we received the call to come to Fiji, the land of parrots and papayas, hibiscus and frangipani, where Fijian villagers live in accord with the cycles of nature. It is humanity’s primordial home. Indeed, all major religions have come from a situation such as this, where simplicity and attunement with nature are key.

We bought land on a remote rainforest island, eight hours away by ferry from Suva, Fiji’s capital city, and began building a 500-square-foot, 10-sided house where we would write and teach.

Because of my Ph.D. in educational policy and strategic planning, I was hired immediately to assist the Ministry of Youth and Sports in preparing Fiji’s first national sports summit. I knew little about sports policy, but my skills turned out to be transferable.

During the next two years, I helped the Ministry de-

velop Fiji’s first 20-Year Youth Development Plan, trained staff in visioning and planning, and led national meetings for a cadre of youth workers assigned to villages throughout the country. Meanwhile, Thom and I presented retreats on Koro Island and in Suva, bringing together people of different races, cultures and religions to explore being at peace. These retreats became the core of our work, as Fiji had experienced three coups since 1987, and the threat of a fourth coup loomed on the horizon.

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Vice President of University Relations
Angela earned her bachelor’s degree in music, graduating magna cum laude. She is Senior Project Manager at Angie Inc. in Thousand Oaks and an adjunct lecturer in project management for CLU’s School of Business.

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Vice President of Enrollment, Recognition & Nominating
Jeremy earned his bachelor’s degree in political science, graduating magna cum laude, and received his law degree from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2004. Currently, he is Financial Associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Thousand Oaks.

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Vice President of Development
Edgar is Gift Planning Officer at the California Community Foundation in Los Angeles. He earned his bachelor’s degree in business and political science and completed his Master of Public Administration from the School of Policy, Planning, and Development at the University of Southern California in 2005.

Victoria Dickran, MBA ’04
Alden L. Uschold ’34 Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient
She graduated with honors in business administration and psychology, and serves as a volunteer at the University’s Center on Children, Families and the Law. She has been a volunteer for the California Association of Resource Specialists and Special Educators (CARS+), and Thrivent for Lutherans. They traveled to Spain and Hawaii last year.

Susan Lundeen-Smuck ’88
Semifinalist for the Fulbright Scholarship
Susan is currently serving in the Department of Preclinical Education at CSU, Los Angeles, and is also an adjunct professor of psychology at Cal State Fullerton. She is also serving as a research assistant at the University of Southern California School of Medicine.

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Michigan on the intestine of early language and literacy. Kay enjoys scuba diving and traveling with her two sons. Two years ago, they drove a rented barge through the canals of middle England. “I only hit a few bridges before I got the hang of it.” Kay reports. They also visited Paris, where she “did field work on chocolate and pastries.”

Lesli (Jones) Porter. Oxnard, Calif., retired from 38 years of teaching, and she and her husband, Paul, enjoy being on their 36-foot trawler. They hope to retire to a small fellowship group within her church.

Bruce and Susan (Kriz) Warden. Minneapolis, Minn., recently celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Bruce is Director of Training for Paza Analytical Services, an environmental testing group. Susan teaches Svaroopa Yoga and volunteers at the Food Pantry. They travel to Australia once a year to visit their daughter.

70 Clara Jane (Tovo) Caldwell. Rock Island, IL, retired from teaching and now volunteers for the American Cancer Society and the American Association of University Women. She and her husband, John, spent two weeks in South Africa, where they visited Kruger Park, the Cradle of Humankind, and other sites around Cape Town. Katerine “Kitty” Knutsen. Portland, Ore., retired after more than 31 years of teaching in California and Oregon. She enjoys traveling, working part time and hiking at Cannon Beach where her family has a beach home for 50 years.

71 Class Representative Adele (Brown) Trent
Alden L. Uschold ’34 Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient
Adele is a professional in Napa, Calif., and earning her new Trilogy Central Coast home.

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77 Don Krampe (MPA). Murrieta, Calif., received the Chapel of Four Chaplains Legion of Honor Award for volunteer work last August. The nonprofit organization and the award were inspired by the courageous acts of four Army chaplains who were serving aboard the USAT Dorchester when it was sunk by enemy fire on Feb. 3, 1943. The Chapel was dedicated by President Harry S. Truman on Feb. 3, 1951.

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81 Lois Leslie, San Diego, Calif., is a part-time Worldwide Program Manager for Digital Photography and Entertainment at Hewlett-Packard. She has a 2-year-old son and is active in Bethel Lutheran Church in Encinitas.
Five Alumni Receive Teacher Awards

Five CLU alumni were among the 32 Ventura County teachers who received 2007 Impact! Teacher Awards at a ceremony in May. Fourteen business partners awarded grants to the teachers for their classroom-tested curricula with individual teachers receiving up to $500 and collaborative efforts up to $750. The following CLU alumni received awards.

Stacey Quilles (MA ’99) Moorpark School. La Mariposa Business Partner: Peers Bearings Grant: Time Traveling Through Family Heritage

Ana Cuevas (M.Ed. ’03) Simi Valley School Moorpark High School. Business Partner: Ventura County Star
Grant: Cesar E. Chavez Biography Live! Iraq

Arla Crane (M.S. ’83) Camarillo School. Rio Real Business Partner: VCEDA Grant: CAST—An acronym for Create Awesome Stories for Television

Debbie Moore (TC ’81) Camarillo School. Camarillo Heights Business Partner: Southern California Edison Grant: Where in the World is Miss Me! Or… Pinky, Phone Home!

Peter Daland ’99 Moorpark School. Moorpark High Business Partner: Affinity Bank Grant: Mastering the Art of Persuasion

Karen Trantow Lima. Denver, Colo., has worked at LT Environmental Inc. since 1995 and was promoted to Principal/Group Manager last year. She has a 7-year-old son.

Glenn Olsen. Granada Hills, Calif., formed the San Fernando Valley law partnership of Arnold and Olsen, which specializes in Insurance and Labor defense, and also does some work in Elder Care and Non-Profit law.

Patrick Byrne, M.D., Baltimore, Md., is Director of the Johns Hopkins Plastic and Reconstrutive Surgery. He led a team of surgeons through a series of six operations over a yearlong period to reconstruct the face of a wounded U.S. Army soldier who returned to serving with severe facial injuries. In May, CBS-TV aired two separate broadcasts that chronicled the surgeries in what has been referred to as one of the most complicated facial reconstructions ever performed at Johns Hopkins.

Kim Sparks. Salem, Mass., is a senior scientist with Agencourt Bioscience Corp. She has been a member of the Beginning Experience Team of New Hampshire since 2003. Last summer she traveled to Aruba and Winnipeg.

Carrie (Jurgemeyer) Fick. Carson City, Nev., is an Accounts Management-Benefits Broker. She has a 6-year-old daughter.

Karl Bowers. Simi Valley, Calif., completed the Las Vegas Marathon in 4 1/2 hours last December.

Anna Christensen. Folsom, Calif., is an Accounts Manager with Directions Media. She and her husband, Christopher, have three children ages 12, 11 and 1.

Kurt Nilsson, M.D. Phoenix, Ariz., is a sports medicine physician with Intermountain Orthopedics. With a master’s degree in exercise physiology and a fellowship in sports medicine, he splits his time between the clinic, event coverage and research. He and his wife, Elia, have a 2-year-old daughter and a newborn son.

Orlando Avila. Laveen, Ariz., is a ticket sales account executive with the Arizona Cardinals and helped open the new University of Phoenix Stadium last year.

Kelly Culverwell. Geneva, Switzerland, is Research Assistant Professor at the University of North Carolina School of Public Health, Department of Maternal and Child Health with a 24-month assignment to the Team for Promoting Family Planning at the World Health Organization in Geneva. She would love to hear from any CLU alumni who may be living in or traveling to Switzerland. E-mail kculwell@cox.net.

Mark McGee. Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a lab supervisor with LCLAP/NIH. He and his wife, Jennifer, have a daughter, age 8, and a son, 5.

Kathryn (Westby) Potvin. Las Vegas, Nev., is an attorney with Craig P. Kenny & Associates. She and her husband, Christopher, have three children ages 12, 11 and 1.
Melissa Stevenson (MBA ‘99) with Parkview Health Systems. She has a 4-year degree in accounting at Indiana University and a master’s degree in accounting at Indiana University—Northwest. She joined Carroll College, Montana. He joined Carroll College and is now a PhD student at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Stevenie R. Ebers, Paco Robles, Calif., is an entomologist at Magruder’s Vineyard.

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Biloxi Boomerang 2008

Coordinates: The Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty ’77 (Campus Pastor) and Stine Odegaard ’03 (Coordinator for Community Service)

Approximate dates: Jan. 7-18, 2008

For the third year, CLU community members and Habitat for Humanity will travel to Biloxi, Miss., to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Participants will perform a variety of activities including (but not limited to) painting, hanging sheetrock and tiling. No previous knowledge is required (but it certainly can help). Approximately 40 spaces have been reserved. Priority will be given to students and limited spaces will be available to faculty/staff/alumni. Approximate cost is $300 for Thursday members and $800 for nonmembers. For information or to sign up, please e-mail Melissa at revmmmd@callutheran.edu or Stine at k道教g@d@callutheran.edu.

Alternative Spring Break

Coordinates: The Rev. Melissa Maxwell-Doherty ’77 (Campus Pastor) and Stine Odegaard ’03 (Coordinator for Community Service)

Dates: March 15-22, 2008

Join us for our fourth annual Alternative Spring Break! Past trips have included teaching English at a local camp/school for children in the Dominican Republic, working to rebuild Florida after the hurricanes, and building homes with Habitat for Humanity after tumors in El Salvador. Opportunities being considered for this year’s trip range from working in the Appalachians to exploring Mexico City and the social justice issues. Please let us know if you are interested so we can keep you informed on up-to-date destinations and costs. Information will be given to students. Cost is dependent on destination, but typically runs from $1,100 to $1,900. Deadline to reserve a space will be mid to late January. For information, please contact the Study Abroad Office at (805) 493-3750 or visit www.callutheran.edu/india.

The Ever-Changing Faces of India

Coordinates: Paul Hanson, Ph.D. (History) and Oro Pagliassotti, Ph.D. (Communication)


India, home of one of the world’s oldest and most fascinating civilizations, is poised to become a leading economic and world power in the 21st century. We will study the promise and problems of this process as we travel from the deserts of Rajasthan in the north to the subtropics of Tamil Nadu in the south. Our visit will include sites of contemporary and historical significance, from ancient rock-cut temples to a modern IT center, with an emphasis on India’s diversity and pluralism. Approximate cost is $3,500-$4,000. Reservation deadline is Sept. 7 with priority given to CLU students. For information, please contact the Study Abroad Office at (805) 493-3750 or visit www.callutheran.edu/india.

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October

5-7 Homecoming and Family Weekend
10 Corporate Leaders Breakfast: “First Amendment.” Tim Galagher. 7:30 a.m.
19 Founders Day Convocation
Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson. 10 a.m.
19 Founders Day Concert. 8 p.m.
22 Lecture: “If It’s Tuesday, Must Be Jupiter: A Grand Tour of the Universe.” Andrew Fraknoi. 10 a.m.
27 Community Leaders Association Annual Auction
“Theme’s: No Place Like Home.” 6 p.m.
31 Exhibition: Light Sculptures by Sean Sobczak. Opening reception: 6 p.m.; exhibit runs through April 7.
31 Second Annual CLU Halloween Festival. 6 p.m.

November

1 Dia de los Muertos
1-3 Theatre: The Licensed, 8 p.m.
4 CLU Conservatory Callos, 1 p.m.
5 Harold Stoner Clark Lectures. 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
“Privacy, Technology and Identity” David Hoffman.
8-10 Theatre: The Licensed, 8 p.m.
11 Theatre: The Licensed, 8 p.m.
11 Theatrical Thrust: The, 2 p.m.
16 American Scandinavian Foundation Lecture Series
“Run WIND, War Hero and Space Pioneer.” Tim Gallagher, 7:30 a.m.
27 University Wind Ensembles, 8 p.m.
30 Christmas Festival Concert, 8 p.m.

December

1 Celebration of Hanukkah. 10-12 a.m.
1 Christmas Festival Concert, 8 p.m.
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2 Los Angeles Living Nativity, 7-9 p.m.
5 World AIDS Day Event: “Stop AIDS. Keep the Promise.” 7 p.m.
5 Santa Lucia Festival of Light, 10 a.m.
6 Hanukkah Celebration, 4 p.m.
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