Chasing a Cure for Cancer
Jack and Carol Gilbert
Invest in CLU’s Future

“We had a CD that was about to mature and the current CD rates were terrible! I got a letter from CLU that showed the Charitable Gift Annuity rates; these rates were much higher than the CD rates. We saw this as an opportunity to combine our philanthropic interests along with a love of investing.” – Jack Gilbert

CLU is pleased and honored to welcome Jack and Carol Gilbert to the Orville Dahl Society. The Gibertns have been friends and supporters of CLU for more than 20 years. Jack received an honorary doctor of laws from the University in 1990, served on the Board of Regents from 1994 to 1997, and was named regent emeritus in 1997. In 2005, Jack and Carol became CLU’s leading philanthropists with a generous gift to the University’s endowment. Jack and Carol share and continue his vision.

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INAUGURATION

Chris Kimball, Ph.D., was inaugurated as CLU's seventh president during a weekend of events celebrating arts, athletics, faith, service and scholarship April 24 through 26.

Kimball became President in April 2008 after serving as CLU’s Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs for nearly two years. An expert on American history and higher education, Kimball has a distinguished career as a scholar and leader.

The president was installed April 26 during an impressive service beginning with the traditional academic procession. Among those participating in the installation ceremony was William V. Frame, Ph.D., President Emeritus of Augsburg College.

The weekend celebration began Friday morning with a lecture by Mark Schwehn, Ph.D., a widely published author and humanities professor who will become Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Valparaiso University in July.

That evening, President’s Night at the Arts featured CLUFEST 2009, an exhibit showcasing the University’s most talented multimedia students. The highlight of the evening was the Seventh Annual New Music Concert with the music of acclaimed composer Eric Whitacre and performances by Grammy-winning soprano Hila Plitmann and CLU’s choral ensembles.

Saturday, CLU’s commitment to service was demonstrated with an all-day Habitat for Humanity Playhouse Build. In the afternoon, President’s Day at the Ballpark pitted CLU against SCIAC rival Pomona-Pitzer, with the president, who has done scholarly work on the history of sport and has a passion for baseball, throwing out the first pitch.

An evening worship service in Samuelson Chapel completed the pre-installation events.

1. President Chris Kimball gives inaugural address; 2. Bishop Dean Nelson (c) invests Kimball with powers of the presidency; 3. Reshai Tate ’10 sings at installation; 4. Mark Schwehn delivers inaugural lecture; 5. President emeritus Howard Wennes (l), and past presidents Jerry Miller and Luther Luedtke offer prayers during Saturday worship service; 6. University Wind Ensemble plays during installation ceremony; 7. CLU choral director Wyant Morton (r) conducts Q&A with Eric Whitacre and Hila Plitmann before music concert; 8. Kimball throws out first pitch; 9. President (c) helps frame playhouse; 10. Casey Kloeser ’10 gives new president two thumbs up.
In Memoriam

California Lutheran University English professor emerita and poet, Jan Bowman, died Feb. 16, 2009, at her home in Thousand Oaks. She was 69. Bowman started teaching English at CLU in 1975 and played a key role in changing the curriculum to incorporate more writing and reading across all areas of study. Having experienced the challenges facing women who return to school later in life, Bowman was instrumental in founding the Women’s Resources Center at CLU and in developing courses in integrated, global and women’s studies.

She left full-time teaching in 1996 but returned as an adjunct faculty member from 1999 to 2002. In 2003, Bowman and her husband, the Rev. Gerald Swanson, the University’s first full-time pastor, received CLU’s Christus Award in recognition of their contributions to strengthening the bridge between the Church and the University. In 2007, they were presented Honorary Alumni Awards.

Lutheran University Press published a collection of Bowman’s poems in 2004. Coverd in Rune’s features poems in which she celebrated the beauty of life and art and sought to make meaning out of change, loss, aging and death. In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mindy Brownell; two sons, Krister ’89 and Karl ’91 Swanson; and seven grandchildren.

James L. Esmay, the first dean of California Lutheran University’s School of Business, died of cancer on Feb. 10, 2009. He was 79. Esmay came to CLU in 1965, serving as an assistant professor and Chair of the Social Science Division and the Economics Department before leaving in 1968 to take a position as professor and administrator at California State University, Northridge. In 1977 and 1978, he taught at the University of Swaziland and the University of Botswana as a Fulbright Professor of Economics. He returned to CLU in 1979 as Chair of the Department of Management and Economics and in 1989 became the first Dean of the School of Business.

Esmay and his late wife, Anna Ronning Esmay, established two endowed scholarships at CLU—one for students studying abroad and the other for business students involved in campus activities.

A warm and personable man, Esmay stayed involved with CLU after he retired in 1991. The Thousand Oaks resident served as a convocation and avidly supported the Community Leaders Association, the CLU Symphony and the Scandinavian Festival. Esmay received an Honorary Alumni Award in 2001 in recognition of his service to the University.

He is survived by his companion, E. Marta Flanagan; two sons, Jon and Joel ’87 Esmay, and a daughter, Janice Canepa ’86.

Clair Milan Hekhuis, former assistant to the President under Raymond Olson, passed away on Jan. 23, 2009. Prior to coming to CLC in 1967, Hekhuis had an illustrious journalistic career in Michigan with United Press Bureau and Capital Bureau, and as Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Control at Northern Michigan University.

He left CLC to accept the editorship of the Michigan Daily Times News in his home state of Michigan. Later returning to California, he worked for several California daily newspapers before ending his journalism career as a copy editor at the Los Angeles Daily News in Van Nuys. He was a longtime member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks.

Hekhuis was survived by his wife, Mary (former Director of Public Information at CLU); two sons, David and John Hekhuis; two daughters, Elin McCall ’78 and Julie Phillips; and seven grandchildren.

William T. (Bill) Mooney Jr., a member of the CLU Convocation for many years, passed away on Feb. 19, 2009, at the age of 82. As Chair of the Convocation from 1990 to 1992, Mooney also served on the Board of Regents. He was a professor emeritus of chemistry at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif., and Principal of William Mooney Associates, a consulting firm that focuses on the public understanding of science/technology and college science programs. He is survived by his wife, Margery, and their three sons.

Real Green Printing

Just as California Lutheran University is reducing its carbon footprint on campus, the University is contributing to a cleaner environment through its printing processes as well.

According to Michael Adams, Director of the Creative Media Center, CLU Magazine and virtually all other campus publications are printed on recycled paper with nontoxic inks and are recyclable. Custom Printing of Thousand Oaks, which prints most of CLU’s publications, has received Forest Steward Council certification because of its green printing methods. “Custom Printing uses nontoxic soy- and vegetable-based ink and water-based cleaning solutions, and recycles all its paper and paper waste from our carbon footprint to nearly zero,” Adams said.

Leanne Neilson Named CLU Provost

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eanne Neilson, Psy.D., was named Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at California Lutheran University in March. Neilson, who has served as Interim Provost for the past year, had been Associate Provost for Graduate/Adult Programs and an Accreditation at CLU since 2004. She co-chaired the Strategic Planning Steering Committee and led the University through the successful Western Association of Schools and Colleges re-accreditation process. Joining CLU’s psychology faculty in 1993, Neilson taught in the undergraduate, graduate and Adult Degree programs. She took on leadership roles early in her

CLU career serving as director of the graduate psychology program, chair of the Psychology Areas of Emphasis, and co-chair of campus fundraising for the $80 million New World capital campaign. A well-known member of the local community, Neilson is Chair of the United Way of Ventura County Board of Directors and received the organization’s Milton PA Teach Award for Volunteer of the Year. She is also a founding member of the United Women’s Leadership Council. The Simi Valley resident is a licensed clinical psychologist with an interest in sport psychology. She has conducted research and published articles on the cognitive functioning of adults diagnosed with schizophrenia. She earned a bachelor’s degree in organizational psychology, a master’s degree in psychology and a doctorate in clinical psychology from Pepperdine University.

“Leanne’s gifts will serve us well as we work toward the University’s strategic goals,” President Chris Kimball said. “She has been an exceptional leader at CLU and in the community and is a strong advocate for academic excellence.” Neilson replaces Kimmel, who became CLU’s President in April 2008.

A Class of Their Own

Karen Bornemann Spies and the Rev. Frank Nausin, both members of the class of 1970, are simultaneously holding two of CLU’s highest volunteer positions: Spies is Chair of the Board of Regents, and Nausin serves as Chair of the Convocation. A former teacher and school principal, and author of 23 children’s books, Nausin, who lives in Thousand Oaks, Calif., is Senior Pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Theatre Arts Professor Receives National Playwriting Award

California Lutheran University Theatre Arts Department Chair Ken Gardner has received the National Playwriting Program Excellence in Education Award. “I’ve been impressed with Ken’s support of new work at California Lutheran,” said Chair Nelson, who presented the award as Chair of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region VIII. “He brings great energy to the program, and I can see by the way students interact with him that he appreciates his commitment.”

Gardner, a member of the Academy for New Musical Theatre in Los Angeles, was originally hired to run CLU’s Children’s Theatre Program for which he wrote and developed many touring children’s plays. He has been teaching theatre arts at the University for 24 years, and 11 of his original plays have been produced on campus. The Thousand Oaks resident has always involved students in his writing, encouraging them to improve and develop dialogue and to help edit final scripts. Gardner has also directed more than 70 productions, including shows on the Equity Waiver circuit in Los Angeles. Two of his CLU productions have been invited to regional Kennedy Center American College Theater Festivals. The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival is a 40-year-old program designed to encourage, recognize and celebrate the finest and most diverse work produced in university and college theater programs. Region VIII covers a six-state area.

CLU named Climate Action Leader

California Lutheran University has been named a Climate Action Leader by the National Wildlife Federation, the nation’s oldest and largest conservation organization. The称号 recognizes organizations that have measured, verified and reported their emissions to the registry and the public. The report states the University’s carbon footprint, the amount of climate-changing greenhouse gases its activities produce. The report is available at https://www.climateregistry.org/

CLU produces just less than four tons of carbon emissions per student on its main campus in Thousand Oaks and satellite centers in Woodland Hills and Oxnard. On average, universities produce close to 10 tons per student. Colleges in Southern California that are similar to Cal Lutheran produce 75 percent more emissions than CLU.

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Eminent Economists Launch Forecast Center at Cal Lutheran

Eminent economists Bill Watkins and Dan Hamilton will join the California Lutheran University School of Business to expand their regional forecast project and help develop a proposed new graduate program in economic analysis and forecasting.

Watkins and Hamilton, who were previously with the University of California Santa Barbara Economic Forecast Project, will move to CLU next month. Kirk Lesh, another member of the UCSB team who is currently a senior lecturer at CLU, will also become a full-time faculty member. The three economists will split their time between teaching and research.

Under their direction, the new economic forecasting and research center at CLU will integrate graduate and undergraduate economics instruction, research, and outreach to the business community.

Watkins, Hamilton and Lesh have been providing information on economic, demographic and regional business trends in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Ventura and Los Angeles counties through the UCSB Economic Forecast Project. The new center at CLU will be designed to provide forecasts on a local, state and national level that the leaders of government agencies, businesses and nonprofits can use to make decisions.

Watkins, who has a doctorate in economics, has been the executive director of the UCSB Economic Forecast Project since 2000 and previously served as an economist with the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. Hamilton, who also has a doctorate in economics, has served as the director of economics for the UCSB project since 2000. Lesh, who plans to complete his doctorate in economics this year, has served as the project’s real estate economist since 2007.

Students Meet Award-winning Author

Award-winning African American author Charles Johnson visited classes and spoke at CLU in February. The artist, humanist and scholar discussed the art and politics of his historical fiction as part of Black History Month.

Best known as the author of the 1990 National Book Award-winning novel Middle Passage, Johnson was also a 1998 MacArthur Fellow. In 1986, Guggenheim Fellow and 2002 recipient of an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Literature. The prolific writer’s other award-winning novels include ovenbaking. He has also written short story collections, historical texts and critical essays. He is featured in a series of stamps issued in 1997 to honor the most influential black authors of the 20th century.

Johnson, who has a doctorate in philosophy, teaches fiction and holds an endowed chair at the University of Washington.


Karen Davis, MBA ’95, has been named Vice President for Administration and Finance at California Lutheran University. She assumed her position overseeing senior financial management and several departments, including human resources, facilities and security. In January, prior to coming to CLU, Davis worked for the Ventura County Health Care Agency for 22 years serving in several positions including Chief Financial Officer and Deputy Director in charge of managed health care. A California Lutheran Leadership College Fellow, she developed business plans and financial forecasts and implemented several public/private partnerships for an over-expanding $400 million multi-department agency.

The new vice president earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and an MBA, with an emphasis in finance from CLU. Davis replaces Bob Allison, who spent 14 years at CLU before leaving to serve as Executive Vice President for Business and Finance at his alma mater, Vanguard University of Southern California.

President Reports University’s Financial Health Remains Strong

Despite the current economic crisis, CLU is in a much better position than many schools throughout the nation, President Chris Johnson, who has a doctorate in philosophy, teaches fiction and holds an endowed chair at the University of Washington.

CLU’s MBA Alumna CLU’s New VP for Finance

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**Sports News**

**Winter Sports Wrap Up**

**Men’s Basketball**
The men’s basketball team finished in a tie for second place in the SCIAC with a 10-4 conference record and an 18-8 overall mark. The Kingsmen had three players named to the all-conference team with junior Kyle Knudsen being named to the first team while freshman Aaron Van Klaveren and junior Andy Meier earned second team honors. Knudsen averaged 16.2 points while playing a team-high 35.1 minutes per contest. Meier led the team with 16.3 points per game but missed the final six games of the season due to injury. Van Klaveren was one of three Kingsmen to play in all 26 games and averaged 10.6 points and a team-best 8.6 rebounds per game. The Madera, Calif., native was also recognized by D3hoops.com as the West Region Rookie of the Year.

**Women’s Basketball**
The women’s basketball team in its first season with Roy Dow as head coach finished 7-18 overall and 5-9 in conference for a sixth place finish. Junior Nita Sims earned a spot on the All-SCIAC Second Team after she averaged a team-best 11.7 points and 6.1 rebounds. The Regals kicked off the season with a thrilling 104-103 buzzer-beater victory over CSU East Bay at Gilbert Arena and posted an exciting 59-58 win over then first-place University of La Verne on Jan. 17.

**Men’s Swimming and Diving**
In his final collegiate diving competition, senior Eric Vaughn captured the conference title in the three-meter diving competition and took second place on the one-meter board. Junior Jared Vermillion also earned a SCIAC crown in the 200-yard fly by beating the field by nearly a full second. The Kingsmen shattered 16 of 21 school records at the SCIAC Championships en route to the team’s fourth-place finish. Freshman Gannon Smith set a new record in three individual events and helped set records in four relays. He is one of several newcomers who helped set school records this season.

**Women’s Swimming and Diving**
Cal Lutheran senior Jill Minehan became the third swimmer in Regals history to earn a trip to the NCAA Division III Championships following her runner-up finish in the 200-yard fly (2:06.78) at the conference championships. She went on to finish 19th in the nation—the best result for a CLU swimmer in the event in program history. Minehan broke her own records in both the 100- and 200-yard distances, the former at the SCIAC Championship meet and the latter at the NCAA Championship meet. Freshman Amanda Graves finished third and fourth in those same events as the Regals finished fifth at the SCIAC Championships.

**Trinity Hall**
Trinity Hall, the new 220-bed, 80,000-square-foot residence hall located on the west side of the south campus, is slated for completion for the start of the fall semester. Following a key strategy for low-impact, sustainable development at CLU, this project represents the first significant application of permeable paving on the campus. The new parking stall areas, constructed to the west of the building feature Drivable Grass® Paving Systems. This paving allows stormwater runoff to infiltrate into the subsurface, instead of running off into the storm drain system, minimizing the impact of the development on the regional watershed and improving overall stormwater runoff quality. Trinity Hall parking areas will utilize sand fill instead of grass since the parking lots are expected to be fully utilized most of the year.

*You can watch live video of the construction online at www.callutheran.edu/trinity_cam.*

**Facilities Building**
The Facilities Department is relocating this month to its newly completed facility on Campus Drive north of Olsen Road.

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**Regals Events**
- **2009 SCIAC Championships**: March 12-14
- **2009 NCAA Championships**: March 26-28

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Post-Season Recognition

All-SCIAC First Team

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Kyle Knudsen, Men’s Basketball
Jill Minehan, Women’s Swimming
Lindsay Nolan, Women’s Swimming
Eric Vaughn, Men’s Diving
Jared Vermillion, Men’s Swimming

All-SCIAC Second Team

Andy Mole, Men’s Basketball
Nita Sims, Women’s Basketball
Aaron Van Klaveren, Men’s Basketball

All-Region Rookie of the Year

Aaron Van Klaveren, Men’s Basketball

Season at a Glance

Kingsmen Basketball
Swimming and Diving

Regular Season

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

POSTSCRIPT TO LESSONS FROM MT. CLEF STADIUM

The last issue of CLU Magazine featured four alums who coach in the NFL. The box below details their individual paths to professional football. The most recent moves among our four coaches include Rod Marinelli’s hiring by the Chicago Bears in January and Steve Hagen’s return to the Cleveland Browns in February.

Rod Marinelli ’72
Defensive Line Coach/Assistant Head Coach, Chicago Bears (2009)
36 years of coaching: 1973-75, Rosemead High School (assistant coach); 1976-82, Utah State (defensive line/offensive line/special teams coach); 1983-84, California (assistant head coach/defensive line coach); 1992-93, Arizona State (assistant head coach/defensive line coach); 1995, USC (defensive line coach); 1996-2005, Tampa Bay Buccaneers (defensive line coach/assistant head coach); 2006-08, Detroit Lions (head coach).

Mike Sheppard ’73
Wide Receivers Coach, Cincinnati Bengals (2007)
35 years of coaching: 1974-76, California Lutheran (assistant coach); 1977-78, Brigham Young University (graduate assistant); 1979, U.S. International (international coordinator); 1980-81, Idaho State (assistant coach); 1982, Cal State Long Beach (assistant coach); 1983, Kansas (offensive coordinator); 1984-86, Cal State Long Beach (head coach); 1987-91, New Mexico (head coach); 1992, California (offensive coordinator); 1993-95, Cleveland Browns (tight end coach/receivers coach); 1996, Baltimore Ravens (assistant coach); 1997-98, San Diego Chargers (offensive coordinator); 1999-2000, Seattle Seahawks (quarterbacks coach); 2001, Buffalo Bills (offensive coordinator); 2002-05, New Orleans Saints (assistant coach/offensive coordinator).

Steve Hagen ’83
Tight Ends Coach, Cleveland Browns (2009)
26 years of coaching: 1983, Illinois (graduate assistant coach); 1984-85, Kansas (graduate assistant coach); 1986-88, Northern Arizona (assistant coach); 1989-90, Notre Dame (graduate assistant/wide receivers); 1991, Kent State (assistant coach/quarterback); 1992-93, Nevada (assistant coach/offensive coordinator); 1994-95, UNLV (assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks); 1996, Wartburg College (head coach); 1997-98, San Jose State (assistant coach/quarterback/quarterbacks); 2000-02, University of North Carolina (assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks); 2001-04, Cleveland Browns (assistant coach/light ends/quarterbacks); 2006, Fresno State (assistant coach/offensive coordinator/quarterbacks); 2007-09, University of North Carolina (assistant coach/light ends).

Cory Undlin ’94, MA ’03
Defensive Backs Coach, Cleveland Browns (2008)
11 years of coaching: 1998-2002, CLU (linebackers coach/defensive coordinator); 2003-02, Fresno State (graduate assistant); 2004, New England Patriots (coaching staff assistant); 2005-07, Cleveland Browns (defensive quality control/secondary assistant special teams coach).

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Bob Shoup Named to NAIA Hall of Fame

Former CLU football coach Bob Shoup, H’93, was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2008-09 Hall of Fame in January. The honor is the highest bestowed by the NAIA. Individuals inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame must be persons of outstanding quality, high moral character, and fine leadership ability, and must be held in high esteem by their colleagues, former coaches and former athletes. The following is an excerpt from a news release announcing the inductee:

Being a leader in the community and in college shaped Robert Shoup’s career focus. As a standout student-athlete (“football and baseball”) at the University of California Santa Barbara, Shoup’s success in athletics led him to the coaching profession. In his time as a head football coach at California Lutheran University (CLU) (1962-1989), Shoup amassed 184 wins and a .621 winning percentage. Twenty-one of his 28 seasons as head football coach were winning seasons at CLU. Shoup was named NAIA District 3 Coach of the Year nine consecutive years and was named the NAIA Western Coach of the Year three times. Under Shoup’s direction, CLU made five playoff appearances (1971, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1982) and in 1971 he led Cal Lutheran football to the NAIA Division II National Championship. In 1968 he earned the NAIA National Award of Merit and in 1971 was named NAIA Coach of the Year. Shoup collected an incredible 14 NAIA District 3 titles in 17 years and led his team to either an NAIA Division II National Finalist or Quarter Finalist on four occasions. Shoup’s football teams were listed in the top 10 winningest football teams over the last 50 years with a .82-81-6 record. Shoup provided leadership not only by coaching and building a championship football program but also by building a championship CLU athletic department that has carried over for generations past and present.

Bob Shoup (pictured, left, with 2009 Hall of Fame banquet chair Bill Ramsey) was introduced by his son, Rick Shoup ‘81, MA ‘91 and ‘98, at the induction ceremony held during the American Football Coaches annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. Approximately 20 CLU alumni who played for Coach Shoup attended the ceremony. Thirty-eight years after leading the 1971 team to the national championship, the 76-year-old hall of famer is still coaching. He works as an assistant at Carlsbad (Calif.) High School alongside head coach Bob McAllister ‘76, T.C. ’77, one of 186 former Shoup players who followed in his footsteps and became coaches.
Going for the Silver

Counseling center celebrates 25 years of service

By Wendy Basil

It seems just right that the Community Counseling and Parent Child Study Center is celebrating its silver anniversary this year.

In psychological language, silver is associated with emotional balance. This precious metal is linked to wisdom and responsibility. It’s also a match for a few silver strands in the beard of Director Christopher Christian, Ph.D., who’s known as both smart and balanced. The modest, soft-spoken director is eager to discuss what’s next for the center and his ambitious dreams for its future.

Christian was on the tenure track in Long Island University’s Ph.D. program in clinical psychology before agreeing to foster a center with big plans in California. A licensed clinical psychologist and psychoanalyst, he was intrigued by the idea of creating a “brain trust” where serious research could directly benefit an underserved community.

Originally located in CLU’s Student Health Services, the center is now in its own building on campus, complete with 12 treatment rooms. Toys and sand trays indicate the play therapy areas.

Christopher Christian welcomes guests to a silver anniversary dinner in April.
Last year, the center celebrated a new mission and a new name. With a prominent focus on research, it was christened the Community Counseling and Parent Child Study Center. As part of its mission, the center is dedicated to helping train graduate students as mental health care clinicians. Christian believes in the concept of “theory into practice” as the best way to learn and to serve.

“My wife and I love being at Cal Lutheran University – she teaches in the Communication Department – because there’s a fresh approach to new ideas,” says Christian. Immediately, he set to work to gather the best and the brightest in the region for a Research Advisory Board. One of the highest compliments he has received is the acknowledgment that he helped bring together a unique intellectual community with service roots.

Enthusiasm and involvement

Shared enthusiasm led to sharing ideas and more community involvement. Today, the center has many community research partners. One important ongoing partnership is with the Mandalay Bay Women and Children’s Group of Oxnard to provide counseling for mothers at risk for postpartum depression.

In the fall, the center took note of the many incoming calls related to the psychological effects of the deteriorating economy. Families were frantic about losing their homes or their jobs, leading to strained marriages, alcohol and substance abuse, anxiety and depression. A generous grant from the Swift Healthcare Memorial Foundation along with a grant through the Lutheran Pastors’ Fund covered the cost of Spanish-speaking services, but it also requires therapists to respect different points of view in regard to mental distress. The focus is on alleviating suffering in its many forms.

Variety of services

The center offers a wide variety of psychological services for children, adults, couples and families. Individual and group therapy is provided to help with depression, anxiety, marital problems, grief counseling and even eating disorders.

Therapy is provided by second-year trainees in the master’s in counseling psychology program who are closely supervised by one or more licensed professionals. The center offers student therapists opportunities to specialize and to benefit from professional training on-site. Most important, thinks Christian, is “that we teach and practice the following – for the patient, empathy and ethical behavior.”

Joanna Evans will finish up her training at the center this year in a psychology program and will be in a position to practice in the center.

How does the community learn about the center? Word-of-mouth referrals from community groups such as Interface Children Family Services in Camarillo; Christian is involved in an extensive outreach to local mental health professionals, including those in private practice.

The affordability of the high quality services is a big draw. Fees are based on family size and income, and can be as little as $20 per session. Some grants may cover all fees, and no one is turned away who is unable to pay.

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Research emphasis

Eagle, a professor emeritus from Adelphi University’s Derner Institute of Advanced Psychological Studies and a member of the center’s Research Advisory Board, conducts Wednesday research meetings attended by trainees, graduate students and faculty. In the future, the meetings will focus on original research and its application.

“The center really lends itself to be a research center,” said Eagle in a recent meeting in which he shared attachment research. Findings on bonding help therapists offer practical advice for parents, said Eagle, who is internationally known for his writings in the area of attachment.

“Even having new mothers leave the hospital with a Snuggi to keep the baby close to her body facilitates bonding and is easy to implement,” adds Christian, who sees a future that includes nothing but possibilities.

“We are fortunate to be able to conduct research with direct application to the families we serve,” he says.

Looking at expanding training programs at Cal Lutheran to include more interaction with doctoral students, Christian is excited about engaging in interdisciplinary research and learning from other fields like anthropology and neuroscience. “We can’t afford to be insular in what Sigmund Freud himself called ‘one of the impossible professions,’” he jokes.

“We also plan to expand clinical understanding to a wider audience of students and our community,” adds Christian. “We’re even looking at popular media and movies to inform us – our screenings of Psycho during Real Madness were very popular!”

Wendy Baillie is a clinical psychotherapist who specializes in attachment at James P. Cole Psychological Services in Oxnard. She is an adjunct faculty member in psychology for the Adult Degree Evening Program (ADEP) at CLU.

“We teach and practice the following – respect for the patient, empathy and ethical behavior.” - Christopher Christian
Karen Olson ‘83 knows firsthand the emotional turmoil suffered by cancer victims while awaiting diagnosis and treatment. Supporting a close friend through the process increased her empathy and strengthened her resolve to work toward a change.

It was another friend long ago who initially stoked Olson’s interest in science and medicine – a youthful playmate, who suffered from leukemia. Olson dreamed of becoming a medical missionary and finding a cure for cancer when she was only 10 years old.

However, as life would happen, she deviated from fulfilling that dream until recently. “I really kept flirting with the concept throughout my education and career but never so squarely as with my work at BioMarker Strategies,” relates Olson.

Named CEO of BioMarker Strategies LLC in 2008, Olson now heads up the Baltimore-based cancer diagnostics and biomedical device company which is developing a novel SnapPath™ tumor cell processing and testing system to improve the diagnosis and treatment of cancer and personalized medicine.
Individualized cancer treatment

Today, when a cancer patient goes in for a biopsy, Olson explains, the pathologist looks at the biopsy and determines whether the patient has cancer. “You will get the same treatment as anyone who has that type of cancer,” she says. “Personalized medicine is the future of cancer treatment as all cancers are not alike and all patients do not respond the same to treatment.”

The near-patient testing system being developed by BioMarker, the CEO continues, will be able to determine whether a drug will be effective in a particular patient and help to avoid ineffective, toxic and often expensive treatment.

“I think there is a strong mutual vision among the National Cancer Institute, pathologists, oncologists and biotech firms that we are approaching a time when patients will receive an individualized treatment plan on the same day that their biopsy is performed,” she envisions. This is good news for cancer patients who often have to endure an agonizing waiting period before they start treatment.

Trading test tubes for sales

Olson began working in the scientific field within two weeks after graduating from California Lutheran College with a double major in medical technology and chemistry. She started as a research chemist at Nalco Corp, but after accompanying her manager on a sales call, she realized that she wanted to be out in front with the customers. This conclusion moved her into sales and marketing with both Teledyne and ICI Reins US in the healthcare and specialty chemical industry.

Then her career skyrocketed. During her 14-year tenure at Adhesives Research Inc., a multinational firm with facilities in Australia, Ireland and Singapore, she advanced from sales to business unit roles culminating as president and CEO. Under her leadership, the 500-person company surpassed the $100 million milestone, amassing 26-fold growth in the diagnostic market and the creation of two new divisions.

The amazing progress at Adhesives Research was due to several factors, the CEO points out: developing a strong strategic plan that everyone could understand and execute, including restructuring the company to focus on areas of serving customers better; assuring that the appropriate infrastructure was in place; and increasing profits.

Olson, 48, credits her achievement to having the right background education. Olson’s management philosophy is rooted in the ethics of business leadership challenge in balancing what is good for customers, employees and the company shareholders.

Ethics basis of leadership

Olson’s management philosophy is rooted in the ethics of business learned at Cal Lutheran and later underscored at Loyola College. “The liberal arts education gave me the opportunity to experience a variety of extra-curricular activities, to explore opportunities and to spread my wings,” she recalls.

One of those opportunities was her service to her CLC educational community. The medical technology training (equivalent to a biotech degree 25 years ago) has helped her to “speak the language of customers” with clients, and the chemistry degree has enabled her to understand what chemists need to do their job.

Childhood dream persists

Despite her success, her childhood desire to cure cancer still remained with Olson. “This distant interaction with medical product development saturated my thirst until recently,” she relates. Then, five years ago, Olson and her husband, Tim Parker (CEO of Parker Flavors, a fourth-generation, 111-year-old flavor company), moved from Baltimore County into the city of Baltimore within a mile of Johns Hopkins Medical Institute (JHMI).

“My many of our new friends and neighbors working at JHH turned our conversation to cancer research discussions about the latest in medical research and new upcoming entrepreneurial medical ventures. This rekindled my dreams,” she recalls.

Olson, who serves on several industry and nonprofit boards, was asked to become a member of BioMarker’s Board of Advisors when the company was just in the concept stage and later to serve as a member of the Board of Directors. During a subsequent search for a CEO, Olson was offered the position.

“When I was approached by one of the world’s leading cytopathologists, Dr. Douglas Clark, about leading his startup organization, it was a perfect storm of my experience, my dream and a wonderful opportunity of entering the world of a biotech startup at the right time,” she states. In addition to its own laboratory facility, BioMarker Strategies supports research at Johns Hopkins and has scientific collaborations with other universities and Johnson & Johnson.

“When you’re a startup company, you keep the headcount to a minimum, outsourcing whatever you can,” Olson points out, noting that her firm now has a lean roster of six employees.

Career built on education

Olson, who holds an Executive MBA from Loyola College and is currently working toward her master’s in biotechnology at Johns Hopkins University, contends that her five years at Cal Lutheran were a good foundation for her career.

“The liberal arts education gave me the opportunity to experience a variety of extra-curricular activities, to explore opportunities and to spread my wings,” she recalls.

One of those opportunities was her service as a resident advisor, where she learned to be an enforcer with freshmen on a dry campus. Another was a required speech class, which led to a spot on the college’s speech team and a scholarship.

“Dr. [Beverly] Kelley’s belief in me gave me the ability to speak with confidence to large groups of people and feel any question I was able to extract and improve that skill from me.”

That ability, a necessary requirement for any CEO, has served Olson well as a business executive and as an adjunct faculty member at the national award-winning ACTiVATE program at University of Maryland, Baltimore County and at Loyola College’s Sellinger School of Business.

Olson’s success as a leader has been recognized with several honors. She has been selected as Ernst & Young’s 2005 Entrepreneur of the Year, Smart Women’s Woman of the Year, and was a finalist for The Daily Record’s Healthcare Leader of the Year. She was also featured on the cover of Smart CEO.

Utilizing the strength of her experience and accomplishments, Olson continues to pursue her dream with great optimism.

In my lifetime, cancer will become the number one killer in the U.S.,” she predicts. “However, we could mitigate that fact with additional targeted drug therapies resulting in cancer management with less severe side effects and a reduction of deaths in high mortality cancers, if not a cure.”

That’s a dream we can all share.
California Lutheran University alumni are making an impact in the world of scientific and medical research.

There is Robert Gappinger ’95, who designs telescopes that may one day find new planets and teach us more about our own. Kim Sparks ’90 works with DNA to find more efficient ways to diagnose disease. And Chris Elkins ’70 hopes his research will lead to a vaccine that can help slow the spread of HIV in the developing world.

By Carolyn Quinn
Looking for another planet like ours

Robert Gappinger’s telescopes may someday spot a faraway planet similar to our own.

The 35-year-old CLU alum, an optical engineer at JPL in Pasadena, designs and builds optical systems for telescopes. He and his colleagues are developing technology that could be used to find small, rocky planets like Earth. That, he says, could help scientists understand our own planet better.

“It’s hard to find out how something works if you only have one example of it,” Gappinger says. “There’s been, I don’t know, 200 planets discovered by different methods, but they’re all the size of Jupiter.”

The telescopes Gappinger works on are huge. They employ mirrors six meters across. Hubble, by comparison, has a one-meter-wide mirror.

“The capacity to build and launch something like that [telescopes] doesn’t currently exist,” Gappinger continues.

Such large telescopes could allow scientists to see much smaller, dimmer and more distant objects than current technology allows. One of the challenges in searching for Earth-like planets is that the stars they orbit tend to wash them out.

“You have to have a way to block the star without blocking the light of the planet right next to it,” Gappinger explains.

He estimates that scientists are still 10 years away from launching a major planet-finding mission, but he says the smaller missions leading up to it — such as the work he is doing — gradually build scientists’ capacity to do those more ambitious projects.

Gappinger was the only physics major in his class year at CLU. That was far from a disadvantage, he says, as he got a lot of attention from faculty. He made up half the students in one of his classes, and a professor once pulled an all-nighter with him to work on a project.

“We went to Danny’s together at two in the morning,” he recalls.

When Kim Sparks was a biology major at CLU, she thought she wanted to go to medical school. Even as she worked toward her Ph.D. in biochemistry at the University of Arizona in 2002, then started working at JPL, “JPL does stuff that is really hard, and no one else in the world is doing it — at least, not at the level JPL is doing it,” he says.

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Using DNA to diagnose

Combating disease through vaccine research

Chris Elkins

Chris Elkins has spent the last dozen years working on a vaccine that might help reduce the spread of HIV. As a microbiologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s medical school, he has been trying to find a way to prevent chancroid, a sexually transmitted disease that makes HIV transmission more likely.

“Perhaps millions of newcases could be avoided,” the 64-year-old Elkins asserts. Chancroid is rare in the United States, but not in parts of the Third World, where sex workers play a major role in spreading it. Chancroid causes genital ulcers.

“When you get a genital ulcer, it makes you much more susceptible to getting HIV or transmitting HIV,” Elkins explains. “That’s why we’re working on a vaccine for it.”

Elkins and his colleagues have developed a promising vaccine candidate that has worked in trials on pigs, which have skin similar to that of humans. The vaccine appears to produce antibodies that prevent hemoglobin from binding with receptors in the bacteria.

“We didn’t believe it. Nobody believed it. We did it again, and it worked,” Elkins says. “We think the bugs just starve to death.”

If a vaccine is developed, Elkins points out, sex workers could be targeted for vaccination. He believes that strategy would greatly reduce the number of chancroid cases across a community.

“The reservoir of the bug is commercial sex workers,” he states. “In many parts of the world, seeing a sex worker is not taboo like it is in the United States.”

The research could also contribute to other vaccines, as other bacteria have similar processes for acquiring hemoglobin. As bacteria become more resistant to treatment, vaccines could provide a different strategy for combating them.

“We’re running out of antibiotics for a lot of diseases,” Elkins says. “If a vaccine might work for a lot of diseases, it might be the way to go.”

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“I changed my major after that course,” he recalls. Elkins went on to get his master’s in medical technology from the University of Vermont in 1978 and his Ph.D. in microbiology from Hahnemann University Hospital in 1988. He has worked at UNC for 20 years, where he is an associate professor in the medical school.

“It’s such interesting work,” Elkins asserts. “I remember when I came here as a post-doc, I was telling the guy, ‘You wouldn’t have to pay me, the work is so interesting.’ It can be rewarding.”

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Now, Sparks is a senior development scientist for medical diagnostics company Beckman Coulter in Beverly, Mass. She’s working on a method of diagnosing some sexually transmitted and hospital-acquired diseases using DNA. Such a method would allow healthcare workers to make diagnoses more quickly than they can now using cultures, which can take up to a week, Sparks explains.

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The scientists first learned about optics when, as an undergraduate, he got a job at Rockwell Science Center in Thousand Oaks. He was part of a group that did laser testing.

“Even though [CLU] is a liberal arts college and there aren’t very many science majors — there are some really good opportunities to work, do internships,” he maintains.

Gappinger, who is still involved with the CLU community as a convocator, got his Ph.D. in optical engineering from the University of Arizona in 2002, then started working at JPL.

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Blue Slippers

By Coach Robert Shoup, H’93

early in the 1964 season at then California Lutheran College, the three-year-old football program reached its lowest ebb. Going into the season, the young Kingsmen had won eight and lost eight after two seasons of suspect competition. Now after a stunning 13-8 win over La Verne College, CLC was in the midst of a depressing losing streak. We lost to Occidental 27-7; were blanked by Southern Utah 26-0 and humiliated by Claremont-Mudd 28-18. The next game was to be our longest road trip to play a tough Colorado College team, and it was their homecoming game.

In early October, the team flew into Colorado Springs and was met by an old city transit bus. We were taken to the edge of town to a very tired, single-story motel. The extra baggage was put in the garage storage area among beat-up furniture, lost-and-found articles and miscellaneous hotel supplies. It had been a very long day and we were tired and did not have much spirit or enthusiasm. We had eaten on the plane so the next order of business was to get back on the bus and go five miles downtown where the campus was located for a practice session. Many had to stand on the crowded bus.

The college was on a beautiful site and the leaves had begun to change on the trees. We got off the bus below campus at the stadium field level in our game uniforms. The air was crisp and clean. As we began to loosen up and go through a light practice, our spirits began to rise and a vocal camaraderie to assert itself. We were not intimidated but were like school kids on an outing. This scene was then overshadowed from above with band music and cheers. Colorado College was having its homecoming pep rally. Clearly we could hear from the PA system that this team from California is in the midst of a losing streak and we have beaten them before and we expect to change on the trees. We got off the bus below campus at the stadium field level in our game uniforms. The air was crisp and clean. As we began to loosen up and go through a light practice, our spirits began to rise and a vocal camaraderie to assert itself. We were not intimidated but were like school kids on an outing.

The next day was fabulous. Sunny, but cool. We loaded up our gear and went to the college to tape and dress for the game. Some had, with our gear, we collected an old pair of tattered blue bedroom slippers. They went into the locker room. The game was a smashing 29-6 rout of the surprised Colorado team. After the game was over as the gear was collected, the slippers got put back in the laundry bag. That night, the game was broadcast as a tape delay on the black-and-white TV sets in our hotel rooms. Coach Don Garrison and I both remarked how spirited the team looked and what a transformation.

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The rest of the trip was wonderful. Early Sunday morning, we went by train and bus to the Grand Canyon, took a sunset flight from there to Las Vegas, had a great buffet and then flew home. The slippers went on top of the lockers with the lost and found. No one claimed them.

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Whatever happened to the Blue Slippers?

A captain in the 60s...

Essentially the blue slippers, found in a motel on a road trip, were thought to have changed the fortunes of an early CLU football team. Henceforth, the slippers were hung over the door of the locker room or some other accessible place and each team member touched them for good luck on the way to the football field. We did not always win when touching the slippers, but, as one team captain who forgot to take them to a game (which we lost), I know it was always better to have them.

The slippers were still in use in my last year (’68). I do not know what ultimately happened to them or when the “charm” wore off. (Dave Festerling ’69)

Twenty years later...

... My last season was 1987, and we were still touching the Blue Slippers before every game, home and away ... One could argue that the “charm” was indeed wearing off during our attempt to move to NCAA Division II, but the magic of the Blue Slippers came in hand, and made us believers after victories over heavily favored teams such as Santa Clara, Cal Poly SLO and Sac State. (Thomas Bonds ’88)

Coach Bob Shoup and his wife, Helen, gave a “new” pair of blue slippers to the CLU football team at the 2008 team awards event in December. Can anyone tell us what happened to the original blue slippers?

Shirt your blue slippers memories with us at clufootball@callutheran.edu.
The myth of the Mount Clef ghost who haunts the upper 300s has been used to scare freshmen for years. Is it really a myth though? Many students who have lived in these rooms recount stories of encounters with their supernatural friend.

The ghost is said to be that of a little boy who was killed playing at the construction site of the hall in the CLC days. This mischievous little boy has been playing pranks on Cleffies ever since. Katharine Boyd of the class of 2004 recalls a child-like ghost running up and down the hall, shouting and giggling. Boyd and her roommates would frequently hear a knock from low on the door indicating a small visitor, yet when she would open the door, the hall would be empty and they would hear no retreating footsteps.

Boyd was finally a true believer in the tiny ghost when her roommate’s ID card went missing. The ID card was always kept in the same spot but one day it was mysteriously gone. The roommates searched tirelessly for the card to no avail. After finally going to the Welcome Center to get a new card, the roommate found the old ID card in the desk where she always kept it. The small prankster had struck again.

Summer Plante-Newman ’09 also had eerie encounters with the ghost. She once awoke to a blanket being thrown on her, but when she asked her roommate if she had done it, she responded, “What blanket?” Plante-Newman looked down to find the blanket gone. Many students tell stories of items turning up missing, door handles being shaken, lights flickering, doors being opened in the middle of the night. Plante-Newman has even watched the door handle to her closet go down thus opening the door, but she was alone in the suite for the weekend.

The freshmen residents of room 337 in the 2007-2008 academic year, Heather Hansen and Victoria Kirkau, also met the infamous ghost. Kirkau was awakened in the middle of the night by a pillow hitting her in the face. She looked over at her roommate but Hansen was asleep. Another time, the lights in their room flickered and went out. By then, the girls had discovered from reading similar stories on the Internet that these were tricks often attributed to the ghost of the Mount Clef 300s. Kirkau and Hansen named the little boy Francisco and laughed about the encounters they thought they had with him.

Does this supernatural little boy really exist or do the Clef RAs continue the pranks every year to keep the “spirit” alive? Either way, this Mount Clef mystery has become part of CLU tradition.

Other students report eerie encounters:

Last year was my freshman year, and I was excited to be living in Mount Clef room 322. I had never even heard of the Mount Clef ghost until after both of my experiences. One night my roommate and I went to sleep (with the door locked) and when we woke up, we found the door wide open. I knew it was not me, and the ghost had opened it.

Well, I forgot about it until one day I was watching TV in the middle of the day, and I saw an empty soda can tilt forward like it was going to fall and then tilt back up like someone had just intentionally tipped it over. This time I decided to investigate and on the Internet, I found that I was not the only one who had these strange experiences.

(Sherry Leal ’10)

During RA training fall of 2006, Courtney Parks ’05 was demonstrating a typical round to new Mount Clef RAs. We went through the entire hall making sure all of the lights were off and doors were locked in preparation for the incoming freshmen who would be moving in soon. Courtney led the way walking backwards so she could face us and talk to us. She stopped and we all turned around to look back at a room on the upper 400 side of Clef and the light had flickered back on. When we went back inside all of the doors to the bathroom and closet had been opened, and the lights were all turned on.

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From left: Lucy Grace, Eddie, Hannah, Sydney, Dillon and Rosemary Gran. (Unlabeled photo provided courtesy of the Sydney Gran Foundation.)

For information about The Sydney Gran Foundation, please visit: www.chsys.org

Karen Irwin. Tacoma, Wash., a mother of four, has been a contributor to The News-Journal’s print editions and is a guest blogger for the paper’s Inside the Editorial Page feature. She has also written for Seattle’s Child, Puget Sound Parent, the Tacoma Weekly, The Olivera Times and the political blog Right Meets Left. She graduated with a degree in English literature and is currently working toward a history degree.

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Donna Katzen (T.C. ’96). Camarillo, Calif., does short-term missions two to four times a year with S.P.A.N. (Strategic Partners Among Nations) and Hope 4 Kids. Her travels have taken her to the Philippines, Russia, Myanmar (Burma), Kenya, Uganda and China. Donna is also active with her church. She has five adult children (four daughters and one son) and many grandchildren.

Jim Williams. Tualatin, Ore., serves as counsel for Xerox Corp. He and his wife, Ana, have two children, ages 3 and 10 months.

Veronica (Ramirez) Busch. Moorpark, Calif., worked in marketing, advertising and event planning for eight years prior to becoming a stay-at-home mom.

Brian Festerling. Moorpark, Calif., is an air traffic controller.

Dianne (Habring) Frehlich. Simi Valley, Calif., is a third-grade teacher at Vintage Magnet in North Hills. She received her master’s degree in exercise physiology at Cal State Northridge and teaches an occasional class there. She and her husband, Shane, are busy remodeling their house and attempting to instill some manners in their pooch, Mobley.

Thomas Herman. Ames, Iowa, was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for Iowa State University in January. He assumes the post after two successful seasons in the same position at Rice University. While at Cal Lutheran, he was an All-Southern California Athletic Conference wide receiver.

Michael Miller. San Jose, Calif., is Chair of the School of Electronics Technology at ITT Technical Institute in Orange County, Calif. He and his wife, Carole, have three adult children.

Nicole Hackbarth. Brea, Calif., is a partner in Development organization for entrepreneurs Economic Ventures, a nonprofit economic and a regional manager for Women’s Development Organization. She previously worked for the Welcome Center in Oxnard. She previously worked in the School of Education. She previously worked.

Jaimie Hoffman. Ventura, Calif., completed her master’s degree in higher and postsecondary education at Arizona State University in 2002. She returned to Ventura County in 2005 and is currently Coordinator of New Student, Orientation and Transition Programs at California State University Channel Islands where she also serves as a lecturer in the communication program. Jamie is working on her doctorate in educational leadership at the University of California Los Angeles.

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Karijs Faulconer ‘07 and Jon Oien ’06 were married Nov. 15, 2008.

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Jennifer Lengyel ‘92, T.C. ’93, and Tru Coubertin were married June 17, 2008.

Carolyn Newbill ‘06, T.C. ’07, and Mark Orlando ‘05 were married Aug. 9, 2008.

IN MEMORIAM

Jan Bowman, H’07 passed away Feb. 16, 2009. (See p. 7)


James Esmay, H’01 passed away Feb. 10, 2009. (See p. 7)


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Follow the Flag
Sally Sagen ’03, M.S. ’05, and Kyle Lorantson ’94, T.C. ’95, display the CLU flag in Washington, D.C., in December. Sally defended her dissertation proposal and was given clearance to move forward on gathering data. “However, even more special,” she says, “Kyle proposed to me while we were there!”

By Ed Julius and Paul Hanson
“CLU Names & Places”

38. Argentine weapons
39. Will E. Coyett’s supplier
40. -tip
41. Those who abet
42. Alma’s benefaction to CLU
43. Beetle breaker!
44. Lutefisk materials
45. Course or lookout
46. Transgressions
47. Rap sheet acronym
48. Early CLU benefactor
49. “Du” from the ’70s
50. One’s learning
51. Big Mark, once with The Jazz
52. Roadrunner’s exclamation
53. CLU is one of higher learning (abbr.)
54. South Asian capital

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1. Seus character: “____, Am”
2. Like CLU dorms
3. la Douce
4. From “__Z”
5. Enzatz garbage
6. -cat
7. CLU’s Drama Department might give you one
8. Rock concert equipment
9. Darpeing or Felos
10. Actress Sommer
11. Det. or Rat
12. Minnie’s Daughter
13. Iron and Tan
14. Part of ’50s political slogan
15. Cold War S. Korean leader
16. Even more stuck on oneself
17. Ersatz garages
18. Timbers tool
19. Part of ‘50s political slogan
20. Clubb’s major
21. Animal club
22. Cash
23. Nils’ partner
24. Making acronym
25. CLU benefactor via Detroit and Cincinnati
26. Eton’s soft drink
27. Namely
28. One of E.T.’s spoken words
29. Wagons, in the olden days
30. CLU major
31. “____, don’t you weep…”
32. Capi’s nemesia
33. mea
34. It flows in Florence
35. Aviary necessity
36. Former Wrigley slugger
37. Most frozen
38. Kvetch
39. Word with long or metric vowel
40. Word with long or metric vowel
41. A cheer for the Kingsmen and Noise level when CLU scores
42. Transcripts
43. Nick and Nora’s pooch
44. “God’s Little ____”
45. Abundant
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98. Transcripts
99. Transcripts

ACROSS
1. CLU sports affiliation
6. College feature absent from CLU
10. CLU religious affiliation
14. You’re in trouble if it’s dogs
15. Apple variety
16. Wearing aid
17. CLU throughly
21. Mountain in mythology
22. Ballet move

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He also is Creative Director for Wootz Inc., an extreme sports clothing company, and owner of a freelance design company called RoyDesign.

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For names of inductees, please visit www.callutheran.edu/hof

In honor of CLU’s 50th Anniversary, the Athletic Hall of Fame will also recognize some of the college’s first teams.

70s: Basketball
1961-65 Basketball
1962-64 Football, Baseball, Coaches, Cheerleaders
1964-68 Volleyball

If you were part of one of these teams, please join the celebration.
By Michael McCambridge, Ed.D.

Come to the Table

If you show up, you get to choose how you’re going to be. And then you get to choose what kind of work you’re going to do. And I hope it’s excellent, engaging, ethical work.

You see, he chose that moment to be the king. Sure, we supported him, but he made that decision to become the king. Every day you get to choose some things. You get to choose whether you’re going to show up or not. If you show up, you get to choose how you’re going to be. And then you get to choose what kind of work you’re going to do. And I hope it’s excellent, engaging, ethical work.

This has been one of the greatest years of my professional life. I got tenure and promotion. I got an award. I got a million dollars. But, my father died and my mother is very sick. I had an eye operation to save my right eye, but it left me legally blind in that eye. So I have to decide whether I’m going to show up. I have to decide how I’m going to be if I show up. I have to decide if I’m going to do work that’s excellent, engaging and ethical.

When you invite people to your table or you go to someone else’s table, it is all about you. But when you stay, it becomes about us, doing excellent work together.

The fifth grader, Shea, never became an actor. He became an entertainment lawyer. Now he’s producing films. I know this because he writes me every year. He sends me a letter and tells me all about his life. And he says, “By the way, we’re having our annual AIDS benefit. We need your money there. Because there’s lots of work to do.”

And I hope it’s excellent, engaging and ethical work.

Adapted from the keynote speech given at the 2008-2009 Opening Academic Convocation.

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