Larry and Jane Lee ’78 Winter Believe in CLU’s Mission

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

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

The Orville Dahl Society was established to honor those who provide for the University in their estate. It was named in recognition of CLU’s founding president Orville Dahl, who gave life to CLU (then CLEF) as envisioned by Dahl, a key element to fulfillment of the University’s mission.

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

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

Morning Glory

CLU Literary Magazine, the literary and visual arts magazine, has won a prestigious Magazine Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press. The University is one of only six universities in the country receiving the award for literary magazines. Judged by the American Pastry Journal, the Magazine Pacemaker honors general excellence in collegiate magazines. Given annually since 1927, these coveted awards are unofficially known as the “Pulitzer Prizes of student publications.”

This is the second time Morning Glory has won a Pacemaker, also having been honored in 1992. In 1990, the magazine was inducted into the College Media Association’s Hall of Fame. The American Collegiate Press has presented 26 All American Awards to Morning Glory through the years. Morning Glory showcases the best creative endeavors of students, faculty, staff and alumni of CLU. The glossy publication features poetry, stories, photographs, paintings and multimedia images. It also includes a CD featuring original music compositions.

The editor-in-chief of the 2009 Morning Glory was Katherine Rose Berheak, a Campbell resident and valedictorian of the Class of 2009. Corey Vickery, a Goleta resident who also graduated in 1991, and Jill Wooten contributed poetry to it.

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

President Named Man of the Year

T he Thousand Oaks-Westlake Village Regional Chamber of Commerce honored CLU’s President Chris Kimball as their Man of the Year during the 2010 Recognition Dinner and Gala held in January.

This distinguished award is presented annually to an outstanding man who demonstrates high standards, ethics and service to the Chamber of Commerce and the community.

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

New Doctoral Program Begins in Fall

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

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

For additional information about the Psy.D. program, please contact Julius Munyantwali, Graduate Admission Counselor, at (805) 493-3200 or jmunyant@callutheran.edu.

Swensens Center Takes Shape

The Swenson Center for the Social and Behavioral Sciences is on schedule for completion for the fall semester. The center, CLU’s first LEED-certified building, will house nine classrooms, 15 offices, two computer labs, a psychology lab, a conference room and a faculty/staff lounge. The building, located on the site of the old tennis courts near the corner of Faculty and Pioneer streets, is named in honor of Jim and Sue Swenson of Dana Point, who donated $3 million toward the project. Groundbreaking for the $8.5 million building was held last June.

Pro Vocal Ensemble Debuts

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

Arete, a group of professional artists in residence at CLU, was designed to fill a need in Southern California for groups that can perform the many vocal works that visionary composers are creating today. The focus is on performing the new, the unknown and the unconventional with energy, passion, expertise and virtuosity.

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

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

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

Football Stadium Coming Soon

William Rolland of Westlake Village has donated $5 million for a new football stadium at California Lutheran University. His irrevocable pledge of $5,000,001 is the largest single gift in the history of the University. The money will be used in the construction of a first-class $8 million stadium.

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

The stadium will also house an art gallery where Rolland’s collection of bronze statuary and other works will be exhibited. Rolland, who played football in the Army, rose from humble beginnings to achieve great success. A native of Southern California, he spent four decades as a real estate developer in Ventura County, where Rolland’s extensive collection of bronze art is displayed.

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New program receives education grant
CLU’s School of Education is developing a program for new teachers to earn their clear credentials online with funding from a $100,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Only 30 colleges received a Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education Grant for Graduate Programs at Institutions of Higher Education Serving Hispanic Americans. CLU was one of two receiving the highest award amount.

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

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

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

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Christus Award Goes to President Emeritus

The Rev. Howard E. Wennes, DMin., was presented the Christus Award during the 2009 Founders Day observance in recognition of his contributions to strengthen the bridge between the Church and the University and for his continued support of higher education in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

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

Prior to starting his work at CLU, Wennes served as interim pastor for congregations in California and Arizona and played an active role in the newly formed church was held in a converted chicken coop on the CLC campus, forming a strong bond between the two start-up institutions.

Donald E. Garrison passed away Oct. 21, 2009, in Surprise, Ariz., at age 79. He came to California Lutheran College in 1964 as assistant football coach and served as defensive coordinator until 1978. In 1965, Garrison started the wrestling program, leading his team to three consecutive NAIA District 3 wrestling championships in 1967, 1968 and 1969, and was named NAIA District 3 Coach of the Year in 1968 and 1969. Garrison retired from coaching in 1978 but continued to work at the University until 1987. He was named an honorary alumnus in 1987 and was inducted into the CLU Alumni Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, daughters, Julie Ervin and Tricia Larson ’87, and son, Jeff.

The Rev. Robert Lawson, former Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at California Lutheran College, died on Nov. 18, 2009, at the age of 90. Lawson came to California after receiving his Master’s in Divinity at Augustana Lutheran Seminary (Illinois) in 1959. He was called to form a mission congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, in Thousand Oaks. The first service for the new mission church was held in a converted chicken coop on the CLC campus, forming a strong bond between the two startups.

The Festival of Scholars showcases scholarly work of undergraduate and graduate students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Education and the School of Business, broad definitions of scholarship includes scientific experimentation, creative works, publications, community-based inquiry and other investigations. This year’s event will include more than 200 faculty-membered student presentations and several special alumni presenters in celebration of CLU’s 50th Anniversary.

Fourth Annual Festival of Scholars

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

Visitors are welcome in the parking lots on Mountaef Boulevard north and south of Olsen Road. Street parking is by permit only Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In Memoriam

Men’s Cross Country - The men’s cross country team finished in fifth place at the SCIAC Championships.

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

Men’s Soccer – The men’s soccer team continued its tradition of a winning SCIAC record posting the 19th consecutive 500 or better season since joining the conference in 1991. In 2009 the team closed out its campaign with a 2-1 victory over No. 19 UC Santa Cruz. Kingsmen freshman Ryan Lopez (13) and senior Ryan McDermott (10) were the top two SCIAC goal scorers and earned second team all-conference honors along with teammate Jorge Martinez.

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

Season at a Glance

Kingmen

Cross Country Overall SCIAC Conference Standing

1-4 1-6

Football

8-2 6-0 1st

Soccer

10-10-1 7-6-1

Water Polo

9-18 6-4

Regals

Overall SCIAC Conference Standing

Cross Country

2-5 2-5

Soccer

13-6-2 6-5-1

Volleyball

31-12 11-3

10-10-1 7-6-1

9-18 

6-4

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2nd

5th

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4th

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Five Sports Fielding Junior Varsity Teams

At a time when college athletic departments across the country are cutting teams, Cal Lutheran has added some. The University created junior varsity teams last fall in five sports: men’s and women’s basketball, women’s soccer, baseball and volleyball. The JV teams play shorter schedules against mainly local community college and club teams.

CLU has fielded JV teams in the past, but they went dormant for many years. President Chris Kimball reinitiated the program last summer. “It [JV program] really brings us closer to the philosophy of Division III, which is to provide students with more opportunity,” CLU athletic director Dan Kurtz said. “The idea of cutting kids is something we just don’t like doing. It really flies in the face of what we hope to accomplish in terms of participation.”

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

Paralympian Jordan Is Swimming in Silver

CAL swim team member Cortney Jordan earned six silver medals at the 2009 International Paralympic Committee Short Course World Championships in Rio de Janeiro. The international competition was held Nov. 29-Dec. 5 at the Julio Delamar Aquatic Center with more than 30 countries represented. During the six-day championship schedule, the CLU freshman from Henderson, Nev., competed in five individual events, including multiple distance freestyle events, the 100-meter back and 200-meter individual medley, finishing second in all five events. She won her sixth silver medal in the 4x100 freestyle relay, also swam the leadoff leg for the U.S. 4x100-meter freestyle relay team, which just missed earning the bronze.

The United States finished third in the overall medal competition behind Russia and Australia.

Jordan, who has established herself as one of the U.S. women’s top freestyle swimmers, won a gold medal in the 50-meter freestyle along with two silver medals and a bronze at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing.

The hard-working athlete was born with cerebral palsy that affects the left side of her body. She can’t move her left leg at all in the water. She couldn’t move her left arm either when she started swimming 11 years ago. Now she can use her left arm, although it is not as strong as her right arm.

Jordan competes at the 5-7 level in the Paralympics. Quadruplegics are in S-1 and those with minimal nerve damage are S-10.
A 22-year-old senior at California Lutheran University returned recently from Haiti, where he was documenting the work of medical teams helping in the relief effort.

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

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

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

“They basically showed up and relieved the nurses that had been working at this hospital that was still standing,” he said. “They had nurses there who hadn’t slept or eaten in two days and they didn’t have medical supplies.”

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Witness to the Devastation in Haiti

By Rachel McGrath

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

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

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

Lapointe Wilson Jr., left, provided translation and other assistance in Haiti. He and Nick Magaurn helped Anne Blaufaus, a registered nurse, and a Haitian woman carry an injured boy on a stretcher.

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“...”
Goal surpassed after just one semester

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

“CLU’s mission includes a commitment to service, so it seemed fitting to celebrate the ways we have fulfilled our promise by expanding our efforts to provide service in the community,” explained Sally Sagen ’83, MS ’05, Assistant Director of Student Life. Although at the outset 50 seemed like a lofty goal, more than 50 projects have already been completed and new projects are continually being added to the list.

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

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

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

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

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

Page 3 - 1936 Ford Pickup

Dahl had received a communiqué from a rancher, Lawrence Pederson, in the Conejo Valley northwest of Los Angeles, but he had laid aside the message until he had visited the other sites. Pederson had contacted Dahl because he was considering donating his land to CLEF as the location for the new college. A visit was arranged, and the possibilities of the ranch immediately became apparent. But, they could not come to any agreement. As he was about to leave, Dahl saw a 1936 Ford pickup truck coming across the fields on a dirt road.

Page 29 - The Elephant Race

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

Read the full stories and much more in College of Our Dreams: The First Fifty Years 1969-2009 by Dr. Ernst T. Torsing. Available at the CLU Bookstore and online at www.cullutheran.edu/50store.
Rewinding the Memories to Music

By Bruce R. Stevenson ’80, Ph.D.

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

Tennessee Williams wrote the line, but I wish I had:
“In memory everything seems to happen to music.”

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

I arrived at California Lutheran College on Aug. 28, 1976. I was 18 years old, and I looked like I was only 16. It was an especially auspicious year in the academic calendar; our nation’s bicentennial, Jimmy Carter’s election to the presidency, and Viking I’s landing on Mars. Truth is, though, Carter and Mars had nothing on what may have been the most important contribution to the annals of dance-music history:
In those stylish '70s, fashion followed one and only one mandate: The Undiscovered Self, The Last Unicorn, or On Becoming a Musical, to see people like me – all by myself – reading selected gems like

ELVIS COSTELLO'S NEW "COOL" WOULD CHILL TO LESS THAN ZERO, THE B-52S READY TO PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC RIGHT OFF THE SOFT SHOULDER LIKE A CONVOY.

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I set my dreams back to the University of New Hampshire. By 1980 the halcyon days were nearing an end. Ronald Reagan began his gallop toward the presidency, and I found myself actually ready to leave Cal Lutheran. However, it's difficult to accept an uncertain future back then all the sense it is today. Nevertheless, despite our being generally prepared for it, graduation still arrived sooner than anyone expected.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rice came to California from Lincoln, Neb., hoping to work in Hollywood, which she did after graduation as a celebrity publicist, working in television on shows like American Idol and as an associate producer on Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. “I gave up one dream to pursue another,” explained Rice, who now serves as Director of Admissions and Student Affairs for Pepperdine University’s International Programs.
They realize they can get by with less and don’t need to be such consumers. They often have a strong desire to serve.”

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

CLU’s own research, recently presented at a conference, demonstrates that returning study abroad students reported improved abilities in several areas that correspond with CLU’s desired learning outcomes for all students: understanding and respecting people of different cultures; demonstrating strong cross-cultural, analytic, and communication skills; and understanding and expressing a sense of responsibility to the community and world.

By Lynda Paige Fullford, M.P.A., ’97

One of CLU’s newest study abroad programs takes students to Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world. With its “dreaming” spires and historically renowned Bodleian Library, the university is home of Nobel Laureates, archbishops, saints and authors, and of course its academic reputation.

Oxford offers a unique opportunity for CLU students to learn from the masters in a city that has been a leading educational center since the 12th century.

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

At the core of Oxford’s teaching method, the system offers rigorous courses where students meet one-to-one with dons to discuss and debate writings or a set of problems prepared in advance. Students often find themselves talking about a topic with the person who wrote the seminal book on the subject. For Nicholas Muller, a veteran of study abroad, the Oxford Program provided an incredible educational experience.

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

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

The CLU Program to Oxford is unique in that it is faculty led and is an intensive two-month program at a premier university with extensive travel seminars throughout England, France, Italy and Greece.

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

Preparation for the courses starts prior to September with extensive readings and assignments that must be completed before departure. While living a few blocks from Balliol College, the students work with dons in their chosen fields of study.

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

“That’s our goal. That’s worth the investment,” she concluded.

The number of U.S. students studying abroad is also on the rise, up 150 percent from 1997 to 2007, according to the Institute of International Education, an independent policy research center.

One of the most popular programs is CLU’s own Millennium Scholars Program, which provides scholarships to students who are not able to afford the costs of study abroad.

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Headlines blare it. Commentators scrutinize it. Bloggers blast it. And, most Americans worry about it. Unemployment in the United States has reached the highest rate in 25 years. But despite the dreary job outlook, California Lutheran University graduates are finding employment.

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

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

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

Internships Open Doors

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

“Internships are crucial at helping students to develop the skills that they need to be successful in the world of work,” Sharon Docter, a professor of communication and chair of the department, stressed. “Moreover, in today’s competitive work environment, internships help students to make valuable contacts which may help them secure jobs upon graduation.”

Sean Pelton ’09 of Thousand Oaks is one of several recent graduates who quickly secured a job following graduation because of an internship. He is now a digital media coordinator for SmithGeiger, a Westlake Village online and traditional media research and strategy firm that helps large and small media outlets succeed.

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

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

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

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

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Connecting Theory and Practice

Criminal justice professor Robert Meadows is a strong advocate of the

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“An internship provides the student the opportunity to connect

Television is extremely hands on, and without the experience of

The first half of my internship I shadowed various departments from

Law Abiding Citizen

The Visitor

Last Chance Harvey

Sunshine Cleaning

Marketing communication major

The Real World

The Job Market Outlook

In 2009, the job outlook seemed to get grimmer each month. By the

The Real World with the show’s producer, Perri Johnson

Andrew Brown ’09 edits a scene for the upcoming season of MTV’s

“Definitely do internships,” chimes in Floyd. “You don’t know what

“Some economists are of the opinion that the recovery is well under

The Job Market Outlook

Definitely Do It

Their reasons may differ, but all of the alumni interviewed encourage current students to pursue internships.

Martinez counsels students to “take advantage of all the resources that are available to get a better understand-

building the future of your life and to obtain future work experiences and references.”

“Get as many internships as you can reasonably fit into your schedule,” advises Brown. “You will never

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Iowa, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota,

Utah and Vermont.

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Clark Named Alumni Assistant Director

The Alumni and Parent Relations team is pleased to welcome Lana (Howard ’06) Clark as Assistant Director of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Clark accepted her new position in November after serving as a financial representative with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans since graduating. Her focus will be the development of current student programs, the Student Ambassador Circle, GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), alumni employees and class representatives.

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Homecoming and Family Weekend 2009

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Gary and Kathleen (Tomkins ’82) Larson, Turlock, Calif., have been married for 26 years. They have two grown children and one grandson. Gary is a high school assistant principal in the Hughson Unified School District, and Kathleen is in her 15th year of teaching general classroom music and choir to fourth, fifth and sixth graders in Oakdale.

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

Class Representative Jon Backstrom

Class Representative Dottie (Roman) Starling

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

Class Representative Rhond (Pinkstaff) Durand

Denn Etten, Fort Hood, Tex., an active duty chaplain in the U.S. Army, lost five members of his division during the Nov. 5 shooting at Fort Hood that left eight others dead and 42 wounded.


Class Representative Allen Cudby

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

Class Representative Matt Hord

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

Class Representative Tony Warden

Jamie and Connie (Howland ’83) Puls, Turner, Iowa, has served as President and COO of his division during the Nov. 5 shootings. His wife, Connie, was his high school classmate and they are currently on the Board of Directors of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, a major insurance company.

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Joan (Regan) Lansing-Eighnou (M.A. ’83), Ventura, Calif., is a child development instructor at Ventura College.

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

Class Representative Chris Camara

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

Class Representative Mike Egstrom

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

Class Representative Mike Demeter

David and Connie (Howland ’83) Puls, Kingwood, Texas, recently returned to Texas after 11 years working in Arizona and Qatar. They look forward to re-connecting with friends, including CLU alumni in the Houston area.

25-Year Reunion

2009-2010 Outstanding Young Alumns

The CLU Alumni Association Board of Directors has presented Gabriel Laizer ’00 with the 2009-2010 Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

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

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

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

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

Class Representative Jia Liang (Qiong) O’Neal

Clareville, Tenn., is a major in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps. She will be deployed to Afghanistan this summer.

Class Representative Rachel (Gould) Smith (T.C. ’91)

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

Class Representative Jake Donaldson-Prince

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

Jeff Leaverton, Madisonville, La., owns a mortgage finance company and a solar power company. Jeff has his financial license and has competed in body building contests and a masters class for veteran body builders.

He volunteers at the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans as a docent, often sharing history he learned from Dr. Leonard Smith at Cal Lutheran.

Class Representative Carrie (Jurgemyer) Fick

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CRIB NOTES
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was born May 27, 2009, to Marcia (Hegdehust ’95) and Jeff ’94 Aschbrenner.
Barkhuff, Bijoux Annabelle 
was born Dec. 11, 2009, to Camma (Anderson ’03) and Justin ’03 Barkhuff.
Barkwill, Liam Francis Valdez 
was born Oct. 30, 2009, to Carla and Alan ’08 Barkwill.
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Marriage Announcements
Katelin Barrow ’04 and Mike Blum were married Aug. 7, 2009.
Jody Bierigel ’04 and Renny Colclough were married Oct. 11, 2008.
Laura Brummer, M.Ed. ’04, and Jonathan Komnade were married Nov. 7, 2009.
Lisa Castro-Conde ’97 and Matthew Reichert were married Oct. 31, 2009.
Korey Finstad ’99 and Alison Martinez were married Aug. 1, 2009.
Cheryl Heck ’87 and George Trapani were married July 18, 2009.
Michele and Tyler Holmes ’01 were married Jan. 20, 2008.
Nicole Klein ’02 and Geno Sullivan ’02 were married Aug. 8, 2009.
Emma Kolden ’09 and Josh Jostad were married Aug. 8, 2009.
Luke Lundmark ’03 and Kaelena Reichert were married May 22, 2009.
Bryan McKinley ’04 and Amy Singer were married Oct. 23, 2009.
Laree Reynolds ’94 and Francesca Henning were married June 21, 2008.
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In Memoriam
James Bauer ’72 passed away Nov. 27, 2009.
Craig L. Bondar, former student, passed away Sept. 18, 2009.
Raymond K. Braaten ’74 passed away Sept. 11, 2009.
Mary Burkhart ’73 passed away June 29, 2009.
Evelyn M. Cornel ’02 passed away October 2009.
Daedel F. Fogle ’66 passed away April 18, 2009.
Jukka Hellsten ’93 passed away Nov. 1, 2009.
Sharon Kathleen Magruder ’74 passed away Nov. 5, 2009.
Thomas Scott Minke ’70 passed away Nov. 16, 2009.
Lawrence Robert Savokinas Sr. ’82 passed away Nov. 13, 2009.
Donald E. Skoe ’74 passed away Sept. 21, 2009.
Gregory Glenn Turnbull ’04 passed away Nov. 12, 2009.

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Jace, left, Camden and Kaylee, children of Jeff ’94 and Marcia (Hegdehust ’95) Aschbrenner.

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

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

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

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

Grace Jackson, M.D., New Bern, N.C., is a board certified psychiatrist who recently published "Drug-Induced Dementia: a perfect storm." Grace is a provider of custom hearing protection products. She has lectured widely in the United States and Europe and has testified as an expert witness in forced medication trials.

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

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

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The Class representatives are available for events and to discuss issues dear to the Class of 1992.

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Larre Reynolds Henning, Newbury Park, Calif., has taught middle school for 12 years and is currently pursuing a master’s in counseling and guidance at CLU. Larre lived in Venezuela from 2003 to 2007 and met her husband, Francisco, there. They were married in Samaná, Chile in 2008 and are the parents of a 3-year-old daughter.

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

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

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How many people can say they completed their MBA from a war zone? Wallace Larson can. Lt. Col. Larson’s service in the U.S. Army began in 1987 after he earned his bachelor’s degree in aviation management and flight technology from the Florida Institute of Technology (FIT). He had enrolled in the ROTC program at FIT, which funded his education, and he had an obligation of four years of active duty following graduation. Those four years turned into a 22-year career for Larson. Larson spent a year and a half at Fort Rucker, Ala., training as an Army aviator specializing in helicopters before being sent overseas for the first time to an American Army base in Mannheim, Germany. There he served as an Aerial Scout platoon leader with the 8th Infantry Division.

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

“I knew the Army was going to end at some point,” he said. “It does for everyone, and I was thinking about my future.” Searching for online master’s programs, the soldier came across CLU’s MBA in Financial Planning and enrolled.

In January 2006, he was sent to Iraq for a second deployment at Camp Victory, located on the outskirts of Baghdad, where he served for 12 months. “I was lucky the second time because I had an office job and a boss that gave me time to do my class work,” he said. “I would go to work and have my books there ready to study when the work day was through.” Larson completed his MBA in October 2008 while still on active duty in Germany. One year later, he retired from the Army and moved back to the United States. He resides in Chicago with his wife, Laura, and their young son, Ryan.
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Ryan Cudahy, left, Class of 2010, and Patrick Cudahy, Class of 2012.
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