Environmentally Friendly
Swenson Center
In the 1950s, Karen Bornemann and Allan Spies visited the Pederson ranch with their respective families. In the mid-1960s, they found themselves back at “The Ranch,” now as California Lutheran College students. They attended classes together, led cheers together and graduated together, Class of 1970.

Three decades later, together and with members of their families, Karen and Allan helped fund the Spies-Bornemann Center for Education and Technology that opened in fall 2002. Today, they continue to support CLU – together as members of the Orville Dahl Society and separately. Karen is Chair of the Board of Regents, and Allan is a regular guest lecturer in graduate business classes.

“We want to continue the tradition of Christian higher education. We are amazed at CLU’s growth in the past decade during which time the University has broken ground or dedicated a new facility each year. Increased growth in endowment and scholarships enables CLU to continue to hire highly qualified professors, attract students with high GPAs and test scores, improve programs, and increase the number of degrees we offer.

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Karen ’70 and Allan ’70 Spies
Continuing the tradition of Christian higher education

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 CLC). As envisioned by Dahl, a key element to fulfillment of our mission is the continued growth of the University’s endowment. Karen and Allan share that vision.

The Orville Dahl Society gives everyone the opportunity to carry on Dr. 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.

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Dallas Cowboy Identified

I was thrilled to see the article about the gift that will provide for a new football stadium but had to laugh when I saw the photo of Coach Shoup introducing “fans to Dallas player.” [The player] happens to be my “little” brother, Michael [Hagen], CLC class of ’80, recent CLU inductee to the Athletic Hall of Fame and currently the head of Player Personnel for the Toronto Argonauts – CFL.

We grew up at CLC and Michael and another brother, Steve ’83, (coaching now for the Cleveland Browns) started going to work every summer with my dad, Eldon Hagen, when they were about 4 years old. The Cowboys loved having the little boys around in the absence of their own kids. Michael was quickly nicknamed “Cotton” and both brothers have devoted their careers to the game as did my parents during their many happy, hard-working years at the beginning of the first “Fifty.”

Fun Being the Only Female

I very much enjoyed the article “First Ladies” in your Summer 2010 issue. I, too, was an MBA graduate in 1978, and it was fun being the only female in most of the classes I attended. The course work definitely helped me keep up my skills since I was in the middle of a 12-year “vacation,” taken to raise my family. Enrolling at CLC kept me close to home—I live in Thousand Oaks—and I enjoyed the course work definitely helped me overcome the lack of experience shown on my resume. In the end, I was able to work my way up to a senior manager position at MICOM Communications Corp. in Simi Valley, in which I led the Technical Publications Department in changing from a paper to a fully electronic process and in transitioning them from a small company environment to the requirements of Nortel, a telecommunications giant that bought out MICOM. These tasks were quite challenging, but the solid background I got through CLU saw me through it and continues to do so in my various volunteer activities as a retiree.

Barbara J. Lingens, MBA ’78
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Devouring Every Word

Even at 1½, our son, Parker, just can’t wait until the CLU Magazine arrives. He devours every word (sometimes literally) and is counting the days until he becomes a member of the CLU class of 2031!

Dane ’04 and Angela (Namba ’02) Rowley
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Editor’s note: Eldon Hagen was the maintenance supervisor for the Athletic Department from 1963 through 1988. He maintained all courts and fields for the athletic teams as well as for summer camps and Dallas Cowboys training camps. He was inducted into the CLU Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame in 2006 as a meritorious member. Michael attended the Cowboys’ training camp as a free agent wide receiver after graduation and spent several years as a team scout. He was inducted into the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame in 1998 and the CLU Alumni Association Athletic Hall of Fame in 2007.
Dirt Flies, Buildings Rise

Shovel after shovel of dirt flew into the air as Cal Lutheran broke ground for three new facilities this fall.

Leading the celebrations was groundbreaking for the KCLU Broadcast Center on Aug. 24, followed by ceremonies for the Early Childhood Center on Sept. 12 and William Rolland Stadium on Sept. 13.

Construction is moving quickly on the KCLU center and the preschool. Located near each other on Campus Drive, both are scheduled for occupancy next summer.

The Rolland stadium, situated adjacent to Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center, will be completed in time for the 2011 football season.

1 Cindi Daley, board member of the Martin V. and Martha K. Smith Foundation (l); Larry Hagman, Honorary Chair of the fundraising campaign; Rod Gilbert, Chair of the Board of Regents Construction Committee; Pat and Joe Paulucci; and KCLU General Manager Mary Olson gleefully kick off construction of KCLU’s new broadcast studios. The Pauluccis and the Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Foundation gave gifts of $1 million for the new center.

2 AL France (l), Becky (Overton ’72) France, Mary Caldwell, Rebecca Caldwell, Reeves Caldwell, David Brende ’02, Kim Overton and regent Jim Overton break ground for the Early Childhood Center. A generous gift from the Overton family made construction of the new facility possible.

3 Children lend a hand (and a shovel) during the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Early Childhood Center. Pictured from left: Ellie Ramseth, Grant Brooks, Cole Clifford, Lucas Valentino, Kayden Elsokary, Center Director Elaine Davis, Lucia Cano and Landon Holmes.

Digging in for William Rolland Stadium are Michael Pearce, Assistant Professor of Art (l); Karen (Bornemann ’70) Spies, Chair of the Board of Regents; Head Football Coach Ben McEnroe ’93; President Chris Kimball; William Rolland; Kay Green with dogs Winston and Jezebel; regent Joan Young; and Director of Athletics Dan Kuntz, M.A. ’02. The two-story stadium will include a gallery of fine art where pieces from Rolland’s art collection will be displayed.
KCLU Gamers First National Award

KCLU, California Lutheran University’s National Public Radio station, has been awarded a 2010 National Edward R. Murrow Award.

News Director Lance Orozco accepted the award for Best Audio Sports Reporting in the small market radio division for his story “The Oldest Dodger.” Orozco profiled Tony Malinosky, a 100-year-old Oxnard man who is the oldest-living member of a Major League Baseball team.

KCLU has won more than 140 regional awards for broadcasting excellence in the last decade, but this is the station’s first national award since it signed on in 1994. KCLU is the only small-market radio or television station in California that received a 2010 national Murrow award.

The Radio Television Digital News Association presents the annual Murrow awards to honor excellence in electronic journalism. RTDNA is the world’s largest professional organization exclusively serving the electronic news profession. This year, 59 news organizations including NBC News, CBS News and The Associated Press received 89 awards.

Orozco and KCLU General Manager Mary Olson attended the black-tie ceremony at the Grand Hyatt New York. Orozco, a broadcast journalist for nearly 30 years, worked at KEYT-TV, KCBS-TV and other television and radio stations throughout California before joining KCLU in 2001.

Fundraisers Honor Wheatly

California Lutheran University Vice President for University Advancement R. Stephen Wheatly ’77, J.D., was named 2010 Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Santa Barbara/Ventura Counties Chapter.

Wheatly, who just experienced his most successful fundraising year (bringing in more than $21 million to CLU), was appointed vice president in 2002 after completing seven successful years as Director of Estate and Gift Planning.

He accepted the vice presidential post during the middle of the University’s largest capital campaign. When the campaign seemed to hit a plateau, Wheatly reinvigorated the staff, board and donors, advancing the $80 million “Now is the Time” campaign to close in excess of $93 million.

Immediately following this campaign, he helped raise funds for the $8.5 million Swenson Center for Social and Behavioral Sciences, which opened this fall, and its $2 million program endowment. More recently, he has spearheaded efforts resulting in groundbreakings on the $8.9 million William Rolland Stadium, $2 million Early Childhood Center and $2.9 million KCLU Broadcast Center.

A past president of the Ventura County Planned Giving Council and the Southwest Chapter of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives and former chair of the ALDE National Ethics Committee, Wheatly currently sits on the board of the Lamplighter Foundation.

Wheatly was honored at AFP’s National Philanthropy Day® luncheon in November. AFP is the professional association of individuals responsible for generating philanthropic support for nonprofit, charitable organizations worldwide. Each year AFP honors individuals and groups who, through their hard work and dedication, have enhanced philanthropy, their communities and the world.

Partnership Prepares Future Teachers of Hard of Hearing

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing graduate program at CLU has partnered with No Limits for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children to help prepare teachers of children with hearing loss.

CLU’s program is designed for working professionals who are specially trained in spoken language instruction for this population of children. The nonprofit organization No Limits provides theatrical and educational experiences and individual therapy for children with hearing loss as well as family support and community awareness.

Each summer, seven to eight CLU teacher candidates are assigned a caseload of No Limits students and their parents. Under the supervision of CLU Special Education Program Director Maura Martindale and No Limits founder and Executive Director Michelle Christie-Adams, each candidate provides assessment, planning, instruction and parent education during hour-long sessions each week.

Parents actively participate in the sessions and are expected to carry through with specific activities all week long.

The program, Martindale points out, is a true win-win scenario where CLU teacher candidates gain valuable teaching experiences and No Limits families receive needed educational services.

Bilodeau Shares Award

Geology professor Bill Bilodeau received the E.B. Burwell Jr. Award from the Geological Society of America Engineering Geology Division in October.

The award, established in 1968 to honor the first chief geologist of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, is given annually in recognition of outstanding contributions to the interdisciplinary field of engineering geology.

Bilodeau and four others, including his wife, Sally Bilodeau, were honored for an article they published on the geology of Los Angeles in the Environmental & Engineering Geoscience journal.

The first paper Bilodeau and his wife wrote together, on the geology of Boulder, Colo., also won an award in 1988.
Morning Glory Wins Award

Morning Glory, CLU's literary and visual arts magazine, was named a finalist for the prestigious Magazine Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press. It is the second year in a row the magazine has reached the finals in the Literary Magazine category.

The ACP Magazine Pacemaker honors general excellence in collegiate magazines. Given annually since 1927, these coveted awards are unofficially known as the “Pulitzer Prizes of student journalism.”

CLU is one of only six four-year universities in the country to be named a finalist in its category. This is the third time Morning Glory has been a Pacemaker finalist. The magazine was honored for the first time in 1982. The ACP has also presented 26 All American Awards to Morning Glory through the years. In 1990, the magazine was inducted into the College Media Association’s Hall of Fame.

Student Support Services Receives Competitive Grant

The U.S. Department of Education approved a $1.28 million grant for distribution over the next five years to CLU’s Student Support Services.

This year’s federal process was especially competitive given the overall economic climate in higher education, increased pursuit of federal grant dollars, and minimal federal funding increases for TRIO programs, said Angela Naginey, Director of Retention, Center for Academic and Accessibility Resources, in making the announcement.

As SSS marks its 20th anniversary, Naginey said, “We are proud to continue providing holistic support services to assist first-generation and low-income students to be retained and graduate from CLU.”

In Memoriam

George “Sparky” Anderson, a highly successful major league manager for 26 seasons and longtime friend and neighbor of CLU, passed away Nov. 4, 2010, in Thousand Oaks. He was 76. Anderson was a familiar face on campus as he took his morning walk and on the baseball diamond where he advised and encouraged the Kingsmen squad. Anderson endeared himself to players and fans alike for his simple demeanor, his story telling and unpretentious lifestyle. In recognition of his support of the University and the community in which he resided for nearly 50 years, CLU named its new baseball venue George “Sparky” Anderson Field in 2006. The former MLB manager, who won more than 2,000 games and three World Series championships during his career, was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2000. He is survived by his wife, Carol, two sons, a daughter and nine grandchildren.

Terence R. (Terry) Cannings died Aug. 13, 2010, at the age of 67. Born and educated in Australia, he completed a study tour of schools in Canada, the United States and Great Britain on a Churchill Fellowship in 1974 and earned a doctorate in education from UCLA in 1980. After serving as an associate dean at Pepperdine University and dean at Azusa Pacific University, Cannings came to CLU as Dean of the School of Education in 2005. He retired three years later, having given 46 years to education. He loved to travel and his work took him around the world, which enabled him to establish an international component to CLU’s educational doctorate programs. A gifted researcher, he published numerous papers, presented at conferences and published several books about technology in education. He is survived by his wife, Judy, three children and five grandchildren.

John S. Marshall, a professor emeritus in the School of Education, died Oct. 14, 2010, in Thousand Oaks. Marshall came to CLU in 1990 following a distinguished career with the California public schools. He served as a full-time faculty member and as Director of the Educational Administration Program until his retirement in 2002. He led the program through several accreditation visits and was instrumental in the development of CLU’s first doctoral program in educational leadership. After retiring, he continued to teach part time and advise candidates with preparation of their dissertations. Much beloved by students, he was named an honorary alumnus in 2002. He is survived by his wife, Judith, four children and five grandchildren.

Attention Authors and Illustrators

Periodically, CLU Magazine prints a column titled “Writers Block” that features published books written or illustrated by alumni and faculty.

If you are an author or illustrator whose book has been published since Jan. 1, 2010, you are invited to submit information about your book for possible inclusion in an upcoming issue of the magazine.

E-mail the following information to clumag@callutheran.edu by Jan. 7, 2011: 1) your name as it appears on the book cover; 2) title of the book; 3) name of publisher; 4) date of publication; 5) a brief description of the contents (no more than three sentences); and 6) a JPEG photo of the cover.
Marv Soiland Receives University’s Christus Award

CLU bestowed its Christus Award upon former regent Marv Soiland of Santa Rosa during Founders Day Convocation in October. The award is presented annually to someone who has made significant contributions to higher education in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and/or to strengthening the bridge between the University and the church.

The founder and CEO of a construction consulting and real estate development company, Soiland served on CLU’s Board of Regents from 1974 to 1995 and chaired the Administration and Finance Committee for 20 years. He was also a member of the California Lutheran Educational Foundation Board of Trustees.

Soiland began contributing to CLU in 1959 when he first heard the college would open. Through the years, he and his wife, Fran, have become two of the University’s most generous donors. In recognition of their ongoing support, Soiland Humanities Center was named for them in 1998. They also contributed to the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center, Pearson Library, Samuelson Chapel, Spies-Bormann Center for Education and Technology, and the new Swenson Center for the Social and Behavioral Sciences. The couple created the Soiland Family Endowed Scholarship in 2007.

CLU Welcomes Largest Freshman, Transfer Classes

The largest, brightest and most diverse freshman class in California Lutheran University’s history entered classrooms this fall.

Freshman applications increased by 66 percent over 2009. CLU admitted only 47 percent of applicants, down from 63 percent the previous year. Admitting fewer than 50 percent of applicants places CLU in the selective category nationally. The average grade point average and SAT scores of the freshman class are the highest on record at CLU with 20 percent of the students ranking in the top 10 percent of their graduating class.

Even though CLU was more selective in admissions, there are 556 traditional first-year students enrolled in the freshman class, a 13 percent jump over last year. The number of new transfer students increased by 12 percent to a record 241. Transfer applications increased by 32 percent this year.

One third of the freshmen and new transfers, which come from 23 states and 26 foreign countries, are the first in their family to attend college. Of the freshmen, 43 percent come from traditionally underrepresented groups. In particular, CLU welcomed significantly more Latino and Asian American students.

The record number of new students brings CLU’s total number of undergraduates to 2,545. This includes Adult Degree Evening Program students who began classes in Thousand Oaks, Oxnard and, for the first time, Woodland Hills. The number of students enrolled in graduate programs rose to 1,386 bringing total enrollment to just below 4,000.

Attention Teachers and Coaches

How do you motivate your students and players? Do you have proven tactics or tips that you are willing to share with readers of CLU Magazine?

If you do, please send your ideas to clumag@callutheran.edu. Be sure to include your name, city of residence, year of CLU degree(s), your occupation and where you teach or coach. For possible inclusion in the magazine, tips must be limited to three sentences and submitted by Jan. 7, 2011.
Triumphant Farewell to Mt. Clef Stadium

More than 150 football alumni, several former coaches and hundreds of cheering fans were on hand to celebrate as the Kingsmen took the field in Mt. Clef Stadium for the last time on Nov. 13. The team paid fitting tribute to decades of competition in the stadium as they capped a perfect 6-0 SCIAC season and clinched an outright conference championship with a 24-0 shutout over Occidental College.

CLU opened the season at home with a 47-42 win over then No. 4 Linfield College on Sept 11. Immediately following the victory, the Kingsmen suffered the only loss of their season by a 35-21 margin at Pacific Lutheran University. In their first SCIAC contest two weeks later, CLU blocked a game-winning field goal attempt in the final seconds to outlast University of Redlands, 24-22.

Following the three competitive contests, the Kingsmen won their next six by an average score of 35-9. Having already secured a spot in the NCAA Playoffs for the second straight season, the final victory over Occidental gave CLU its second consecutive outright SCIAC title, and marked its first back-to-back league crowns and third title in the past four seasons under head coach Ben McEnroe.

In a rematch of the 2009 NCAA Division III playoffs, the Kingsmen (8-1) traveled to McMinnville, Ore., for first-round play against Linfield (8-1) on Nov. 20, looking to avenge last year’s 38-17 playoff loss. Unfortunately, it was the Wildcats who avenged their season-opening loss with a 42-26 victory over the Kingsmen.

Cal Lutheran finished the season 8-2 and made back-to-back NCAA playoff appearances for the first time in program history.
Regals Win Multiple SCIAC Crowns

Volleyball
With a “Senior Night” sweep over Occidental College on Oct. 29, the Regals earned their first outright conference title since 1999. That victory also extended the team’s win streak to a program record 24 victories.

During the streak, CLU head coach Kellee Roesel earned victory No. 100 and moved into second place on the school’s all-time wins list. Senior co-captain Allison Kerr was named American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III National Player of the Week earlier in the season.

Kerr also was named SCIAC Player of the Year becoming the first Regal to earn SCIAC Freshman of the Year (2007) and Player of the Year (2010) recognition. Sophomore setter Jackie Russell and senior outside hitter Megan Thorpe earned First Team all-SCIAC honors. Junior right side Casy McWhirk was named to the Second Team.

Cal Lutheran extended its winning streak to 27 at the SCIAC Postseason Tournament in Gilbert Arena on Nov. 5-6 and earned an automatic berth into the NCAA Championships. Kerr, Thorpe, Russell and McWhirk were named to the AVCA all-West Region team. Kerr, Thorpe and Russell were named First Team and McWhirk Honorable Mention. It was Kerr’s third straight season for regional honors and second overall for First Team selection.

The No. 20 Regals traveled to No. 1 Emory University in Atlanta for Regional play where they defeated Hardin Simmons University 3-0 in the opening round and Southwestern (Texas) 3-1 in the second round. A history-making season came to an end in the title match with a five-set loss to top-ranked Emory. It was the first loss for the Regals (29-4, 14-0 SCIAC) since Sept. 4 and snapped a 29-match winning streak.

Postseason accolades continued for the Regals as Kerr, Thorpe and Russell were named AVCA all-Americans. Kerr earned first team honors and became just the second Regal in history to earn multiple all-America selections. Coach Roesel was named AVCA West Region Coach of the Year.

Women’s Soccer
On the final day of the regular season, Cal Lutheran defeated Occidental College to earn the team’s first conference title since 2002, and 12th in the program’s existence. That victory was No. 18 of the year, setting a new program single-season record under second-year head coach Frank Marino.

Junior midfielder Sinead Vaughan, one of six Regals to earn all-SCIAC honors, was named Player of the Year. Junior Kaitlin Walters and senior Brittany Clark were named First Team all-SCIAC while senior goalkeeper Kristin Borzi and freshmen Anna Medler and Kristina Hulse earned Second Team honors.

Top seed and host of the SCIAC Postseason Tournament, Cal Lutheran was upset by University of Redlands in the semifinals but earned an at-large bid into the NCAA Division III Championships. The Regals, ranked No. 21 in the nation, were one of 63 teams to qualify for the tournament. After earning a bye in the first round, the host Regals lost to Redlands 3-0 for the second time in post-season play. CLU finished the season 18-3-1 overall, 10-1-1 SCIAC.

2010 Fall Season at a Glance

Kingsmen
Cross Country
Football
Soccer
Water Polo

Overall
8-2
3-14-2
13-13

SCIAC
6-0
3-10-1
7-3

Conference Standing
Seventh
First
Seventh
Fifth

Regals
Cross Country
Soccer
Volleyball

Overall
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18-3-1
29-4

SCIAC
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10-1-1
14-0

Conference Standing
Seventh
First
First

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American Volleyball Coaches Association all-Americans Allison Kerr (L-facing), Jackie Russell (R-facing) and Megan Thorpe (7) celebrate with teammates after winning the SCIAC tournament.

The SCIAC champion Regals were rewarded with six players on the all-conference team including Player of the Year Sinead Vaughan (12).
Men’s Water Polo
No. 9 Cal Lutheran defeated No. 2 Pomona-Pitzer by a 10-5 margin at Samuelson Aquatics Center on Oct. 30 moving into a tie for first place in the conference standings through the first round of play. It was the Kingsmen’s first win over the Sagehens in program history.

After completing regular season play with their best conference mark since the program began, the Kingsmen (6-1) went into the SCIAC Championship Tournament seeded No. 2 and looking for their first-ever SCIAC title. However, a 9-8 overtime loss to Whittier followed by a 15-14 overtime loss to La Verne left CLU matched with Caltech in the tournament’s seventh-place game. The season ended with an 18-6 victory over the Beavers and a fifth-place finish in the overall conference standings.

Men’s Soccer
The Kingsmen soccer team concluded its 2010 schedule as seniors Jorge Martinez and Robbie Spangler played in their final contests for CLU. Freshman Ivan Sanchez led the squad this season with seven goals, doing so for the third consecutive season. She became just the second Regal harrier to earn multiple conference first team honors.

Freshman teammate Natalie Bullock was the second-best Regal taking fifth overall. As a squad, the team finished seventh.

Kahovec just missed out on a trip to the national championships last season, and this year she secured the bid with her ninth-place finish at the 2010 West Region Championships.

Brett Halvaks Selected for NCAA Student-Athlete Leadership Role
Cal Lutheran junior Brett Halvaks of the men’s cross country and track and field teams was selected as a representative to serve on the NCAA Division III Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). With the selection, Halvaks joined a committee of 24 student-athletes (12 men and 12 women) representing the 43 conferences and independent institutions within Division III.

He is responsible for gathering feedback and reporting on behalf of the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and the Northwest Conference, as well as relaying important events, hot topics and educational information to both the campus and conference levels.

In addition to relaying information across campuses and conferences, D-III SAAC speaks on behalf of the entire D-III student-athlete body throughout the NCAA governance structure.

Halvaks was selected by the Division III SAAC Nominating Committee from a diverse pool of candidates submitted by the conference office.
The Swenson Way

By Carol Keochekian ’81

Perhaps it was their Midwestern upbringing or the fact that their parents set an example of helping others. Maybe it was because they received assistance when they most needed it or because a faculty member took a special interest in career development.

Whatever the reasons, the lessons Jim and Sue Swenson absorbed while growing up in Superior, Wis., resulted in a successful multimillion-dollar business and a foundation that generously supports colleges and universities as well as many other nonprofit organizations.

The largess of the Swenson Family Foundation was introduced to CLU in 1997 with the initiation of the Swenson Scholars program, which provides 50 percent of tuition and fees to 16 recipients for four years. The foundation’s support later expanded to include the Swenson Summer Science Internships and most recently to the construction of the $8.5 million Swenson Center for the Social and Behavioral Sciences, which opened in the fall.

Although it is gratifying to the Swensons to see their name on the building, Jim said it’s “more gratifying to see kids get college degrees where we have helped. We want to give where we can see results.”

“Jim and Sue are genuinely interested in helping people get an excellent education, and their generosity has made a tremendous difference in the lives of so many Cal Lutheran students,” said President Chris Kimball.

A Helping Hand Remembered

As a young man, Jim personally experienced the challenges of paying for college. The eldest of five brothers, he worked in his father’s bakery to keep the family together after his mother died in 1955. Jim’s mother had always wanted him to go to college and left him a life insurance policy of $1,800 to assist with expenses. However, when Jim reached 18 (the age he could cash in the policy), things were difficult at home and his father needed the money.

Conflicted, Jim consulted a local banker as to whether to keep the insurance funds or give them to his father. The banker recommended signing the policy over to his father, but told Swenson that if he ever needed financial assistance to come to him for help. Jim remembered that offer when he was a college student needing to repay a loan, and sure enough, the banker lent Jim $900 from his own personal funds. Jim credits the banker and his remarkable gift with “planting the seeds” for the Swensons’ future generosity.

Jim graduated from University of Minnesota Duluth in 1959 with a degree in chemistry while his high school sweetheart, Susan Locken, completed her teaching certificate at University of Wisconsin Superior. Following their marriage in 1959, Jim completed military service with the National Guard and began
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~ President Chris Kimball

a job at Honeywell Research Center in Minnesota where he developed new computer memories. After working for several large corporations, including Univac where he learned how to make circuit boards, Jim was recruited to Lockheed Electronics in California in 1968 by a former employer and mentor.

“Every time we’d have a snow storm in Minneapolis, he would call and ask if I was ready to come to California yet,” Jim laughingly recalled.

A Business of His Own
In 1978, Jim tired of the corporate structure and launched his own company with $15,000 and four employees. Located in Anaheim, Calif., the start-up company named Details Inc. created the “inner layer details” for printed circuit boards. It became the fastest, quick-turn-around engineering prototype circuit board shop in the United States.

One of the secrets of Details’ success was its excellent customer service. Jim had found that designers in large firms had stopped checking their work.

“We would spot deficiencies in their designs and fix them quickly,” he explained.

Details Inc. became known for meeting deadlines and doing things right. Their client list included Compaq, IBM, Apple and Motorola. “We made boards for nearly every computer company in the country,” Jim said. He thanks his father and father-in-law, both small businessmen, for teaching him the importance of customer service.

While Jim was building his business, Sue returned to college and earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology at Cal State Fullerton. She worked for many years as a patient representative in acute and rehab hospitals.

In 1996, Details Inc. was sold, giving the Swensons more time to pursue other interests.

Swenson Center
The Swensons’ generosity extended to capital giving this year making possible the 33,000-square-foot center for the social and behavioral sciences located on the site of the former tennis courts.

CLU’s first LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building, it contains 43 faculty offices, nine state-of-the-art classrooms, two computer labs, a psychology lab and a conference room. The new structure has...
The 33,000-square-foot Swenson Center for the Social and Behavioral Sciences was dedicated Oct. 22. The first LEED-certified building on campus, the center contains faculty offices, classrooms and computer labs. Top: Donor Jim Swenson addresses the celebratory crowd gathered for the ceremony.

enabled professors to finally move out of the converted chicken coops that have been in use since classes began in 1961.

Psychology professor Steve Kissinger, who had an office in a converted chicken coop for 19 years, described the new building as open and airy.

“I served as the Social Science rep on the construction committee, and at the end of each meeting we took a walk-through tour of Swenson. It was difficult to return to my office in G Building. It was so dark and dingy in comparison.”

The new center houses several departments and gives faculty the opportunity to interact with more colleagues than in the past, Kissinger observed. He also thinks the new classrooms have a big impact on students.

“The classrooms are large, bright and modern. They are all equipped with the latest technology, especially the computer labs.”

“With Jim’s commitment to science and technology, it is very fitting for our first ‘green’ building to bear the Swenson name,” added Kimball. “We are all proud of this new and long-awaited academic facility.”

Giving Back
Jim Swenson gives more than financial resources to CLU. A member of the Board of Regents since 1998, he encourages his fellow board members to think outside the box when coming up with new ways to better serve students.

Besides CLU and their alma maters, the Swenson Family Foundation supports the Ocean Institute of Dana Point, Orange County Performing Arts (Children's Programming) and Children's Hospital of Orange County where they established the Swenson Assistance Endowment for Families.

When asked why they are so generous, Jim talks about his mother. “She was very giving,” he said, explaining that she always made soup and shared it with a poor man that scavenged in their neighborhood.

“Why did you have that dirty man in,” young Jim would ask his mother. “We have plenty. We can share,” was her response.

“That’s the Midwestern way,” Sue clarified. “That’s just what people did.”

Swenson Scholars and Summer Science Interns

The Swenson Family Foundation, established in 1994 by Jim and Sue Swenson, has initiated two programs at CLU that generously support students’ academic aspirations: the Swenson Scholars program and the Swenson Summer Science Internships.

Swenson Scholars, which is patterned after successful programs the foundation initiated at University of Minnesota Duluth and University of Wisconsin Superior, provides 50 percent of tuition and fees for qualified students.

Since the Swensons are active members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point, Calif., they decided to make the scholars program available at a Lutheran college. They consulted with their pastor, the Rev. John Knutson, who suggested California Lutheran University as the recipient, and that was the genesis of the Swenson Scholars program at CLU.

Parameters of the CLU program require scholarship recipients be U.S. citizens, members of an Orange County Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) congregation, nominated by their pastor, and accepted by CLU with a 3.0 minimum GPA that must be maintained in order to keep the scholarship. To date, a total of 57 students have received the scholarships.

The Swenson Summer Science Internships, a program that encourages undergraduate science research, was started in 2005. Students must apply to the program by submitting a description of their proposed research and the name of their faculty mentor. A faculty committee makes the final selections.

If selected, the student receives $4,000 for 10 weeks of research, and the faculty mentor receives a $500 stipend plus $500 for project consumables.

The number of Swenson summer science researchers has grown steadily, reaching 17 this year.
Bucking
Few physicians would deny that advances in pharmacology have dramatically improved the lives of many patients. However, the medical necessity of drugs that affect brain chemistry – Prozac, Paxil and Xanax, to name a few – is a claim that Grace Jackson, M.D., openly disputes. Jackson, a North Carolina board-certified psychiatrist, also believes that Americans are being dangerously over-medicated with psychiatric drugs as a quick fix, replacing counseling sessions aimed at getting to the root of a patient’s existential problems.

“Too many people are taking drugs when they really need to be making changes in their lives,” Jackson maintains, adding that studies also show that use of psychiatric drugs leads to dependence and can cause permanent brain damage – even premature death.


According to IMS Health statistics for 2009, the United States (which makes up 4.5 percent of the world’s population) accounted for 90 percent of the world’s sales of prescription stimulants, 63 percent of antipsychotics, 51 percent of antidepressants and 41 percent of antiseizure drugs.

IMS Health also reported that pharmaceutical sales in the U.S. topped $300.3 billion in 2009. Antipsychotic drugs were the pharmaceutical companies’ No. 1 moneymakers, totaling $14.6 billion,
ahead of cholesterol-lowering medications at $14.3 billion and gastric acid-lowering medications at $13.6 billion. Antidepressants are fourth on the sales list, at $9.9 billion.

“Something must be really wrong in our country,” Jackson concludes. “What is so different about our brains from everyone else’s around the world?”

Jackson is especially alarmed by the dramatic increase in the number of children taking medications – an estimated 6 to 8 million boys and girls, or about 10 percent of the population under age 18 in the U.S. – for what are classified as mental health problems, including autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Global use of ADHD drugs such as Ritalin and Adderall rose 80 percent – from 28.6 to 52 tons – between 2004 and 2008, according to the United Nations’ International Narcotics Control Board 2009 Report.

Jackson noted that many of today’s college students, members of the so-called “Ritalin Generation,” have been taking psychiatric drugs most of their lives, “and that to me is a scary thing.”

Jackson, 47, earned her bachelor’s degree in political science in 1986 and her master’s degree in public administration a year later, both from CLU. She returned to CLU and added a bachelor’s degree in biology in 1992, before enrolling in the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center to pursue a medical degree. After graduating in 1996, she completed psychiatry internship and residency programs in the U.S. Navy.

She calls the 1990s the “Decade of Deception,” when pharmaceutical companies became extraordinarily powerful and influential in the medical community and began pushing their drugs directly to the public through television ads. Jackson added that pharmaceutical companies began funding clinical trials that promoted their medications as well as heavily manipulating studies that appear in medical journals.

As a result, “Doctors are doing what they’ve been told to do,” by prescribing psychiatric medications as opposed to recommending safer and more effective alternatives to drugs.

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“The elephant in the room is that these drugs are toxic to the brain, even in small doses,” Jackson said.

Jackson reached a “crisis in conscience” in the Navy as she watched what was happening to patients who were right in front of me. They were being prescribed medications but were becoming stuck in their behavior. I began asking myself, ‘Why are these people becoming chronically disabled and not recovering?’
“I thought the model of care was unnecessarily harmful. It was like, ‘Your brain’s broken so here’s your pill,’” she added.

Jackson resigned her commission with the Navy in 2002.

Questioning authority, challenging the status quo, speaking one’s mind and protecting the rights of patients are ideals that Jackson holds dear. They are ideals, Jackson said, she gained in large part from the challenging liberal arts education she received at CLU.

“I really didn’t fully appreciate it at the time, but as I get older I think, wow, my professors were very special people who taught me the skills to become a critical thinker and an independent human being,” Jackson said.

Jackson quickly names German professor Walter Stewart – “One of the reasons I took foreign languages at Cal Lutheran was so that I could connect with other people around the world, and Dr. Stewart helped me in that regard.”

She credits English professor Sig Schwarz with teaching her “what it means to be an ethical person.” She also looks back in awe at the teaching skill of the late Robert Woetzel, a professor of constitutional law who was for many years a leading proponent for the establishment of the International Criminal Court. “It was a tough class. He made you work your tail off, but it was worth it.”

But Jackson saves her warmest recollections for Ed Tseng, professor emeritus of political science and former Associate Dean for International Education.

“He was – and is – an extremely gifted lecturer,” she said. “He really knew how to bring the subjects of government, political philosophy and Asian history alive, and he did it with humor.”

Tseng, Jackson added, selected her to work as a political science departmental assistant when she was an undergraduate and he encouraged her to pursue her master’s degree in public administration. Tseng also invited Jackson to teach an introductory political science course at CLU for two years.

“Each of these chances provided me invaluable experience in research, writing, teaching and communicating – skills that I continue to use in my professional and personal life today,” she said.

Jackson noted that CLU also provided her opportunities to grow outside of the classroom. As a senior, she needed a physical education credit to graduate. So Jackson joined the women’s cross country team, even though she had no previous competitive running experience.

“I can’t say I never finished in last place,” Jackson said, laughing. “But I appreciated being part of a group. My approach to running was not to die.”

Since leaving the Navy, Jackson has worked in a variety of healthcare settings, including the North Carolina Department of Corrections. She is currently employed as the Medical Director for several social service agencies in her community. She also has a private practice in Greensboro, N.C.

An internationally renowned lecturer, writer and forensic consultant, Jackson has submitted testimony to governmental agencies and authorities on behalf of patients’ rights, medical ethics and healthcare reform. She also has served as an expert witness for the Law Project of Psychiatric Rights, a nonprofit organization based in Anchorage, Alaska.
When he was in high school, Sergio Galvez was recruited for Upward Bound, a program aimed at preparing bright, low-income students for college. Now 29, he is running the program he once attended at California Lutheran University.

Each summer, high school students gather at the Thousand Oaks campus, where they take classes and get tutoring and counseling. A dozen years ago, Galvez was one of them.

“It sounded like something I needed to be part of, a program that helps you get to college,” said Galvez, who lives in Somis. “I was getting good grades, taking some honors classes, but I had no idea where to start, where to go.”

Galvez almost didn’t complete the program. Shortly after starting his senior year at Camarillo High School, he learned his girlfriend was pregnant. Galvez applied to colleges anyway, but when he started getting acceptance notices — including from USC, his dream school — he decided he needed to get a job instead so he could support his family.
Galvez went to the director of Upward Bound at the time, Oscar Cobian, and told him he was going to drop out, so another person could take his place. Cobian would have none of it. If family was his priority, Cobian told Galvez, had he considered going to CLU?

Galvez started at CLU the following fall, now the father of Viviana, who had been born a month before he graduated from high school. At CLU, Galvez gave up another dream — playing college baseball — and concentrated on his classes, majoring in history. He planned to become a teacher and, after graduating, earned his credential at CLU.

He taught for a year, but then a job as assistant director opened up in the Upward Bound program. Galvez got the job. Now, five years later, he’s earned his master’s degree in public policy and administration and is the director of CLU’s two Upward Bound programs, which are offered through the U.S. Department of Education.

**Year-round help**

The first is a general program for students at Channel Islands, Hueneme, Oxnard, Pacifica and Rio Mesa high schools. In addition to attending the five-week summer session, students come to CLU throughout the school year for classes, tutoring, field trips and help in preparing for college.

The second focuses on math and science. Students in that program come from across the western U.S. and the Pacific islands. They attend a six-week summer session at CLU and receive seminars, tutoring and counseling during the school year.

While he’s been in Upward Bound, Andrew Ozuna, 17, has gone from being unsure about college to being committed to attending a four-year university.

“It helps to motivate me,” said Ozuna, who started the program as a sophomore at Channel Islands High School. “I sometimes used to think I wanted to go to college, but it seemed impossible.”

Ozuna’s younger brother, Aaron, is in the math and science program. Both are now students at El Camino High School at Ventura College.

**Giving an expanded view**

It’s not just the academic help that benefits students, said their stepmother, Stacey Ozuna, who has encouraged all her children to go to college. Participants also go on field trips, letting them see a play or go white-water rafting — activities they otherwise might not do, she said.

“It exposes them to other ways of living,” she said. “It really opens doors for them, helps them expand their horizons.”

Jessica Ramirez, 17, was reluctant to join Upward Bound because she was uneasy about being away from home for five weeks, but her mother encouraged her.

“She didn’t get to do everything she wanted to,” said Ramirez, a senior at Oxnard High. “She’s telling me, ‘I want you to do everything you want before you get married and have kids.’”

Galvez’s parents also stressed the importance of getting an education. When Galvez was a child, his father always checked his children’s homework before he allowed them to go out and play, although he had only a third-grade education himself.

“He cared enough to make sure it was done,” Galvez said. “He laid down the path for us to care enough to get good grades.”

**Paying it forward**

Today, Galvez is divorced from Viviana’s mother but is continuing that focus on education with his daughter. That means school is the first priority. So if Viviana, 11, is not with him after school, Galvez calls her to make sure she’s finished her homework. And she has her own desk in his office.

Galvez also still teaches the Upward Bound senior seminar every year, because that allows him to stay connected to students like Ozuna and Ramirez.

“I want to be an Oscar Cobian to somebody someday because I had that,” Galvez said. “I had someone who believed in me.”
GOVERNING THE SCHOOL

Reflecting the collaboration of the Lutheran churches in founding the school, the institution had a unique governing structure of two bodies: a “Convocation” of eighty people from the constituent churches who own, control and operate the school; and a Board of Regents of thirty members responsible for the management and administration of the college, and for selecting the president of the school, the officers of the Corporation, administrative officers and the faculty. An Executive Committee of the board convened between meetings of the full board.

The first Convocation of the college was held on October 24, 1958, when seventy representatives of the five Lutheran church bodies gathered in the converted chicken coops to elect their officers, nominate the Board of Regents and adopt a fifteen-year Master Plan. Thereafter, that day was designated as “Founders Day,” to be observed each year to recall the genesis of the school and to pray for its success.

EXCERPT FROM
College of Our Dreams: The First Fifty Years 1959-2009
Convocation 2010: Today’s 80-person Convocation, which represents the corporation of the University, is made up of members of the five synods of Region II of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, faculty, students, the University president and members at large. In addition to ratifying the election of CLU’s Board of Regents, the convocators serve as ambassadors, counselors, recruiters and development support for the University.

Board of Regents 2010: The 30-member Board of Regents directs the administration through its policy-making role, safeguards the mission and assets of the University, authorizes budgets and strategic plans, elects the president of the University, and approves the appointment of chief administrative officers and faculty.
By Julie Kuehnel ’69, Ph.D.

I first came to California Lutheran College in the late 1960s as a 17-year-old freshman. Then, after five years of graduate school at University of Texas and four years as a research psychologist at UCLA, I returned in 1975 as a faculty member in the Psychology Department and never left.

Cal Lutheran has changed from my student days. When I was a student, girls had to wear dresses until 6 p.m., boys and girls could only visit each other’s dorm rooms from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays, and the dorm curfew was 10 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends. The curfew was enforced with random bed checks.

All these rules just challenged us to spend time and ingenuity finding ways around them – like climbing out our dorm windows after curfew, even though most of us didn’t have cars and consequently had no place to go. At the time, breaking the rules was the point in itself.

CLU has changed in many substantial and positive ways. The old rules don’t apply now. Our student body has been enriched by becoming more diverse – ethnically, racially and culturally. Our classrooms are no longer converted chicken coops, but are “smart classrooms” with technology available at our fingertips.
However, the core values of Cal Lutheran have not changed. Our mission is still to educate and empower students both in and outside the classroom. Faculty members are here to teach students, and hopefully excite them, about subject matter and mentor them to achieve their academic and career goals.

This is also still a place where students can be empowered to make a difference in the microcosm that is CLU. For example, a few years ago students excited by what they had learned in a Holocaust literature course put together a daylong series of speakers and panels featuring concentration camp survivors and soldiers who freed them. CLU is a place where you can learn to lead and make things happen.

It is also still a place where you can broaden and enrich yourself by becoming involved in a variety of activities. I remember Jim, who came to Cal Lutheran from Alabama. He was the first student from his high school to go on to college. He majored in political science and wanted to become a lawyer. But he also sang in the choir, acted in school plays and got involved in student government, becoming student body president. He went on to Stanford Law School and is now a federal judge. Last I heard, he was still singing in a choir and acting in community theater.

Although Cal Lutheran has changed in some ways, it remains a place where faculty members focus all their resources into providing students with endless opportunities to try new things, expand their knowledge and become empowered to make a difference. Graduates can leave with the tools and confidence to realize their potential and live lives of significance. But, for this to happen, students must accept the University’s invitation to learn and to grow.

One thing is for sure – students will change while at CLU. How they change involves the choices they make. Take me for example. Partway into my first semester, I began ditching most of my classes and leaving papers and studying until the night before due dates and tests. I ended up with a 1.24 GPA and a less-than-friendly letter from the dean informing me that I was on academic probation.

I made changes. I learned time-management skills from a professor. I chose to attend classes and to engage myself in readings and class discussions. I took a required general education course and found something that I loved – psychology. I also found a mentor in Dr. Baranski, the Psychology Department chair. He encouraged me to get a Ph.D., which led me to a career I love and where I like to think I sometimes make a difference, helping others live lives of significance.

Cross-cultural research by Christopher Peterson and Martin Seligman has found some common virtues to creating a life of significance. They include the development of knowledge and wisdom, courage, humanity and justice. And that is exactly what CLU helps students to do. That hasn’t changed since the beginning.

Julie (Menzies) Kuehnel graduated from CLU in 1969 with a degree in psychology. She is Chair of the Psychology Department and Coordinator of the Social and Behavioral Sciences Division. As recipient of the 2010 President’s Award for Teaching Excellence, she was the keynote speaker at Opening Academic Convocation. This article is taken from her speech.
It's supposed to be a friendly poker game. After all, the players—mostly Cal Lutheran alumni—know they won't head home with a bundle of cash at the end of the night.

For the past 25 years, every nickel, dime and quarter wagered in their annual poker tourney has gone to a Cal Lutheran scholarship fund established in honor of their buddy Sven Slattum, who was killed a year after graduating from CLU.

Still, when the guys get together for their poker showdown, a year's worth of bragging rights are at stake. There also is the possibility of taking home a perpetual trophy created as a tribute to their poker pal—a fun-loving geology student remembered for his good humor, zany betting habits and reluctance to let a good poker game come to an end.

"His spirit is definitely alive in the game," said Redding resident Dean Clark, a former CLU student who for the past year held the trophy awarded to the winner of the Sven Slattum Annual Poker Tournament.

"Sven would just bet like crazy; he didn't care if he had money or not," Clark added. "When Sven played, almost everybody walked out of there with IOUs, and we all knew we weren't going to get our money back. All he cared about was keeping the game going."

Keeping the game going is what some of Slattum's closest friends have been doing for a quarter century. Once a year, they come together from all over the country to take part in the poker party, which rotates to the home of a different player each year. The 25th anniversary of the game was held in September at the Moorpark home of Guy Corrigan, a friend who used to play poker with Slattum and friends in Pederson Hall.

Clark drove down from Redding, former CLU classmate Dan Naef arrived from Nevada, Earl Slee traveled from Laguna Niguel and longtime friend Bob Voelker came in from Arizona. Slattum's former roommate Mike Bloomgren '82 came the furthest, flying in from Michigan.

The games range from five-card draw and seven-card stud to unconventional hands that come with a dizzying amount of direction and require a degree in high math to fully comprehend.

But whatever the game, whatever the winnings and losses at the end of the night, all of the proceeds are collected and delivered to Cal Lutheran.

Since the poker tournament began, Slattum's buddies have contributed about $6,000 in poker proceeds toward the scholarship that is awarded annually to a geology student in need of financial assistance.

Just as important, the annual gathering has served the larger purpose of keeping Slattum's memory alive, as his friends gather to share stories of the laid-back guy who was always the life of the party.

"We are all good friends who saw this not only as a way to remember Sven, who certainly is worth remembering, but also as a way of preserving our unique relationship with each other," said Naef, who lives in Henderson, Nev. "Without this, we all probably would have stayed friends, but we certainly would not have stayed in touch to this degree."

Upping the Ante

Stakes are high at annual poker party

By Fred Alvarez
Endowed scholarships have been established at CLU in memory of two alumni and a student who died as a result of a car accident in July 1984. 

The accident that killed Slattum in 1984 rocked the Cal Lutheran campus. He was riding in a car with fellow CLU alum Brian Solem and CLU senior Sally Jo Mullins when their vehicle went off the road and crashed. Solem and Mullins died that day; Slattum succumbed to his injuries a week later.

The accident was made all the more heartbreaking because Slattum and Solem were the sons of beloved CLU art professors Jerry Slattum and John Solem, both of whom have since retired.

The CLU community responded with open hearts. Family, faculty and fellow students pulled together to set up memorial scholarships in the names of all three students. The University established a meditative memorial site with a large white rock at its core next to the creek that runs through Kingsmen Park.

“The whole thing just hit the campus like a thunderbolt,” said Della Greenlee, CLU’s Director of Foundation Relations and Scholarship Development. She worked closely with the families to establish the memorial scholarships, and has developed a special connection with Slattum’s poker playing buddies.

“I think it’s absolutely amazing that these guys would think it so important to honor Sven every year,” Greenlee said. “It has meant so much, not only to us to receive and award this scholarship, but to the family to know their son is remembered.”

His friendship was unquestioned, his legacy indelible. Through births and deaths, marriages and divorces, graduations and job changes, he has kept this group together. And through the group, he has made it easier for some cash-strapped geology students to continue their studies.

“It’s nice to realize that potentially you can touch someone’s life,” said Corrigan, “that you can leave a lasting memory.”

Fred Alvarez is a high school history and journalism teacher who lives in Ojai. For more than two decades, he was a staff writer for several daily newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times and the San Diego Union-Tribune.

Memorial Scholarships

Endowed scholarships have been established at CLU in memory of two alumni and a student who died as a result of a car accident in July 1984.

Sally Jo Mullins Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an upper-division student who is actively involved on Echo staff and shows editorial leadership.

Brian Solem ‘83 Memorial Scholarship is granted to an undergraduate or fifth-year geology major. Individual merit is given special consideration.

Sven Slattum ‘82 Memorial Scholarship is given to an undergraduate geology major. Individual merit is given special consideration. Any year that there is no qualified geology major, the scholarship can be awarded to an art student.

Information about contributing to these and other CLU scholarships may be obtained by calling Foundation Relations and Scholarship Development at (805) 493-3160 or by contacting department director Della Greenlee at greenlee@callutheran.edu.

Dan Naef (l), Mike Bloomgren ’82, Guy Corrigan, Bob Voelker, Earl Slee and Dean Clark enjoy another spirited poker game in memory of their friend Sven Slattum ’82.
2010 Service to Alma Mater Award

Classes of ’64 and ’65
Each year, the CLU Alumni Association Board of Directors selects a recipient of the Service to Alma Mater Award in recognition of outstanding contributions made to the life and welfare of California Lutheran University. In honor of CLU’s 50th Anniversary, the Alumni Association has selected the University’s first graduates, the classes of 1964 and 1965, as recipients of the 2010 Service to Alma Mater Award.

Fifty years ago, these students acted with considerable bravery. They agreed to attend a school that, prior to their arrival, did not exist. The very act of their setting foot on this campus, answering the call and believing in the dream of a Lutheran college in the southwest, was the moment CLU, as we know it, came into being.

Even more impressive was the spirit in which these students arrived. Construction of many of those early and vital buildings was still in progress, which meant that these students were traversing a campus that could very easily have been mistaken for a construction site. They made the first walking trails, staged athletic contests on obliging fields, and performed recitals from a garage – all without complaint. They demonstrated a playful, can-do attitude and set about building the infrastructure of a community. That spirit of community still resonates today and remains one of CLU’s greatest strengths.

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Ruth Ann Johnson, Sunnyvale, Calif., was presented with the 2009 Educator of the Year Award by the city of Sunnyvale for her years of teaching in the city and her volunteer work with the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum School Program. During the 2009-2010 school year, the museum with the help of 30 docents hosted 1,300 third graders from 15 schools during 34 sessions.

Class Representative
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Judith (Taylor) Graham, Placerville, Calif., has written more than 100 poems about Elihu Burritt since 2006 when she became obsessed with her distant ancestor. Though little known today, Burritt was a famous American 150 years ago. Trained as a blacksmith, he became a world traveler, served as a consul to England under Abraham Lincoln and was an advocate for world peace. A June article in The Sacramento...
Bee describes Judith as “probably the most distinguished poet in her community, El Dorado County.” Her poetry has been published in journals around the country under the pen name Taylor Graham, and Texas Review Press published a book of her poems titled *The Downstairs Dance Floor* after she won a contest in 2005.

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**Miriam Hoffmann,** Truckee, Calif., retired five years ago after teaching for 34 years. Her many activities include raising Canine Companion for Independence puppies, singing in the Community Chorus and playing keyboard at church.

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**Howard Sonstegard ’67,** Thousand Oaks, Calif., was honored with the first Outstanding Music Alumnus Award at the Homecoming concert in October. Created by the Music Department in conjunction with CLU’s 50th anniversary, the award will be given annually at Homecoming in recognition of exemplary dedication to and distinguished artistic achievement in music. Sonstegard is Director of Worship and Music at Ascension Lutheran Church.

**Michael Lynn Adams,** Woodland Hills, Calif., had a five-week solo exhibition of his paintings in CLU’s Kwan Fong Gallery this fall. The collection included 20 still life, genre and landscapes inspired by Southern California light and the beauty of Paris and Provence. Mike is a member of the International Guild of Realism and associate member of the Oil Painters of America. His beautiful paintings can be seen at www.michaelynnadams.com.

**James Wilber,** Thousand Oaks, Calif., retired as athletic director at Royal High School in Simi Valley, after leading the athletic program through one of the most successful decades in the school’s history. His career at Royal included singer, choir director, teacher and coach as well as athletic director. His attention will now turn to directing and judicating choral groups.
Video Helping to Heal the Gulf

Jerry Sawitz ’74, T.C. ’83, is a world-renowned wildlife artist whose work has appeared in major aquariums and zoos throughout the United States. A resident of Thousand Oaks, he has taught art at Thousand Oaks High School for 32 years.

Following April’s massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, Sawitz decided to use his talents to help the region’s endangered wildlife. He began by designing a T-shirt featuring some of the animal species harmed by the disaster.

With the help of his son, Tanner, and Tanner’s friend Nathaniel Dueber, the project grew into a three-minute YouTube video. The “BP Gulf oil leak shirt” video documenting Sawitz’s creation of the artwork was shot and edited by Nathaniel with original music written and performed by Tanner.

The video can be viewed at http://bit.ly/Gulf_Ts. The site includes a link to purchase the T-shirts, which were produced by Dolphin Shirt Co. in San Luis Obispo. Twenty percent of the purchase price is being donated to the National Wildlife Federation.

See Jerry’s video at http://bit.ly/Gulf_Ts

Leadership and Service

Rotary International numbers nearly 34,000 clubs worldwide, and the Rotary Club of Sacramento is the ninth largest in this global organization. Two CLU alumni have recently served as president of the 450-member club, which is also the 97th oldest in the Rotary world.

Tim Pinkney ’70 (l), an investment adviser with The Savant Group, began his term as the 97th president in July 2008.

The Rev. Scot Sorensen ’80, Senior Pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church, took over as the 99th president July 1 of this year.

During Pinkney’s presidency, the club donated more than $250,000 to Sacramento community needs while also providing more than $100,000 for international efforts to fund youth dental and surgical procedures, build libraries, and eliminate health issues for indigenous children and their families.

“From my perspective, the values and leadership skills learned and honed at Cal Lu were instrumental decades later in helping us reach the peak of volunteer service in our northern California community,” said Pinkney.

Ann Boynton, Sacramento, Calif., is Deputy Executive Officer of Benefits for the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS). In this position, she advises the Board and works directly with CalPERS staff on the strategic direction of the System’s health benefit programs, including health plan negotiations and health plan design. She also oversees retirement policy, programs and customer service. Prior to CalPERS, Ann was a managing director at the legal and consulting firm Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, where she worked on health care and health care information technology issues. Before that she served as Undersecretary at the
MILESTONES


Mia Rosa and Sophia Margaret Davis on Dec. 23, 2009, to Sarah (Nicastro ’04) and Jason Davis.

Nolan Patrick DeWees on April 1, 2009, to Nicole (Zamberlan ’94) and Jeff ’93 DeWees.

Abigail Jenifer Francis on June 2, 2010, to Jenifer (Ledesma ’05) and Anthony Francis.


Noelle Hartley in March 2010 to Sara, M.S. ’04, and Cody Hartley.

Easton Richard Holmes on May 26, 2010, to Sarah (Lavik ’99) and Rich ’98 Holmes.

Grace Violet Hughes on July 4, 2010, to Jeanine and Scott ’94 Hughes.

Gavin Michael Johnson on July 1, 2010, to Brooke (Adams ’04) and Michael Johnson.

Devin Ryan Marquard Lee on March 19, 2010, to Emily (Marquard ’00) and Spencer Lee.

Jackson Theodore Lucas on Nov. 4, 2009, to Kirsten (Gulbranson ’94, M.A. ’05) and Jay ’92 Lucas.

Dylan Sydney McDonald on June 2, 2009, to Rachel (Brandt ’01) and Ryan, MBA ’07, McDonald.

Malia Grace Otis on Feb. 4, 2009, to Tia Cochran-Otis ’03 and Omar Otis.

William Mark Round on April 24, 2010, to Brenna (Sandeen ’04, T.C. ’05) and Paul Round.

Elise Sophia Stoffregen on March 3, 2010, to Cynthia (Ham ’01) and Eric ’01 Stoffregen.

Julia Renae Yee on March 23, 2010, to Sarah (Larson ’96, T.C. ’97) and Arden ’94 Yee.

MARRIAGES

Ashley Adams and Chris Czernek ’02 on April 23, 2010.

Tara Araiza ’08 and Anthony Payne ’06 on Aug. 6, 2010.

Missy Bain ’09 and Nick Betts on June 2, 2009.

Katie Binz ’02 and Andre Sims on July 10, 2010.

Michelle Brown ’05 and Erik Hagen ’04 on Aug. 1, 2010.

Katherine Carpenter ’01 and Louis Ridley on April 24, 2010.


Jennifer Cline ’08 and Ross Radtke on Sept. 5, 2010.

Nicole Cunningham ’05, M.S. ’09, and Brian Wiese on Oct. 4, 2009.

Nicole Curtis ’07 and Scott Fielder ’07 on June 19, 2010.

Alissa Doerfler ’05 and Rawley Macias on April 11, 2009.

Miray Iskander ’10 and Scott Jackson ’10 on July 11, 2010.

Erin Kim ’08 and Juan Cabrera on July 10, 2010.


Jennifer Ledesma ’05 and Anthony Francis on July 4, 2009.

Janelle Manes ’09 and Christopher Myers on July 18, 2009.


Shannon Satterthwaite ’10 and James Paul on May 22, 2010.

Kristen Sawtelle ’00 and Scott Curtis on Oct. 9, 2009.

Jordana Segal ’01 and Eli Kopin on May 2, 2010.


Nicole Walker ’08 and David Sundby ’05 on June 20, 2009.

Emily Warmann ’04, T.C. ’08, and Chris Raub on June 26, 2010.

DEATHS

Elouise Alminde Castro ’64 in October 2009.


California Health and Human Services Agency, helping to oversee state and federal health care and social services programs. From February 2005 to 2006, she was Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s Chief Deputy Cabinet Secretary.

Dalena (McCain) Morris, Anaheim, Calif., is a CPA with Fullerton Business Service, specializing in taxation and the unique needs of small businesses.

Martha Mutz (M.A.), Oak Park, Calif., retired in June from her position as Assistant Superintendent of the Oxnard Union High School District. In her 40 years as an educator, Martha has also been a classroom teacher, principal and director of curriculum.

Jeffrey Baarstad (T.C.-), Ed.D., Ventura, Calif., took over as Superintendent of the Conejo Valley Unified School District in July. His 33 years experience in public education include as teacher, principal and assistant superintendent. He joined the CVUSD seven years ago as deputy superintendent in charge of business services.

Greg Osbourne, Glendale, Calif., is coach of the men and women’s golf teams at Glendale Community College. He is a PGA Pro and the head pro at De Bell Golf Club in Burbank.

Jean Kelso Sandlin (M.P.A. ’90), Moorpark, Calif., was honored in the Who’s Who in Clean Tech & Sustainability issue of the Pacific Coast Business Times on Aug. 27. An instructor in the Communication Department at CLU, Jean encourages her students to use Madison Avenue techniques to motivate environmentally friendly behaviors. Last year, the Sundance Channel show “The Lazy Environmentalist” highlighted her students’ “fillanthropy” campaign to reduce bottled water waste. Jean joined the CLU faculty three years ago after a 20-year career in advertising and public relations, including several years as Director of Public Information and University Editor at CLU.

Ronald Durbin, Merced, Calif., is Director of Development at UC Merced and his wife, Jenni (Mucha), is a substitute teacher. They relocated to Merced with their three children from San Diego where Ron worked at QUALCOMM and UC San Diego.

Sarah (Bigelow) Molina, Antelope, Calif., graduated in August from the UC Davis MBA program, where she was a 2010 U.S. Presidential Management Finalist and held a Director of Academic Affairs role on the student council. In May she completed a certification class in Health Information Technology at the Harvard University School of Public Health, and in the past two years, she has completed several medical coding and health information technology certifications. She works at Price Waterhouse Coopers in their Health Industries Advisory practice based in San Francisco and is completing a B.S. in health information management at University of Cincinnati.

Elizabeth (Palmer) Doolittle, Redlands, Calif., is a senior lecturer in the Math Department at University of Redlands. She can be spotted at CLU vs. UR sporting events with the Bulldog mascot on a leash.

Mark Howe, Moorpark, Calif., and his wife, Sandy, are owners of Java Kai, a coffee shop offering 100 percent Kona coffee along with espresso, natural fruit smoothies, ice cream.
and breakfast. For more information, go to www.javakaicoffee.com. Before opening the shop in Moorpark in January 2009, Mark worked in the entertainment industry.

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Sharon Amundson, Mariposa, Calif., is the Intern Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fresno.

Paavo Salmi (MBA ’96). Camarillo, Calif., was appointed to a three-year term as President of Next One Interactive Inc. in August. He formerly served as CEO of E3FS LLC and Travelatror Inc. and as Vice President of Internet Marketing for Sunterra Resorts Inc.

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James Lucas. Simi Valley, Calif., works from home as a website designer and e-mail marketer. He and Kirsten (Gulbranson ’94, M.A. ’05) home school their seven children, ages 1 to 14.

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Grouse Lake Pine, a painting by art professor emeritus E. John Solem, H’95, was named 2010 Best of Show in the 13th Annual International Society of Acrylic Painters Open Exhibition. There were 75 entrants in the exhibition, which was held Aug. 7 to Sept. 5 at the Santa Cruz (California) Art League Gallery. The cash award for Best of Show was $1,500. Solem, who lives in Coarsegold, Calif., with his wife, Gloria, taught art at CLU from 1967 until his retirement in 1995.

Vapur
Meet the Anti-Bottle

In 2009, Jason Carignan ’95, along with David Czerwinski and Brent Reinke, founded Vapur, the Anti-Bottle, in response to an alarming consumer trend. According to the National Recycling Coalition, the average American consumes 167 bottles of water a year and only recycles about 38 (23 percent). That means that every year Americans are sending 38 million plastic bottles to landfills, or worse, into our oceans and rivers, where it will take them upwards of 700 years to decompose.

Vapur is an environmentally friendly and reusable water bottle that can be rolled, folded or flattened when empty – easily fitting into pockets, purses or packs. The innovative design, intended to be both fashionable and portable, comes in a variety of colors complete with a carabiner. Thanks to features in several mainstream magazines and on talk shows, sales have skyrocketed from 10,000 units in 2009 to 1 million in 2010.

This year Carignan and the folks from Vapur (including Jennifer Guy ’10) welcomed CLU’s freshman class to campus and helped deliver a message of sustainability. Every incoming student received the Vapur Anti-Bottle, partially donated by the company, and Carignan and Guy participated in “You Got Served,” a community service event for first-year students.

For more information on the Vapur Anti-Bottle, visit www.vapur.us.

Solem painting wins top honor

Jason Carignan ’95 and President Chris Kimball pick up trash for “You Got Served.”
Agriculture and Science News

Jake Blehm (MBA). Willits, Calif., is Assistant Executive Director of Ecology Action. The nonprofit consultancy has provided training and education in the GROW BIOINTENSIVE method of organic mini-farming to people from nearly 140 countries over the last 40 years. Jake has worked in sustainable and organic agriculture for more than 25 years. He has worked in more than 30 countries and visited an additional 20 countries for agricultural service learning and education, volunteering with organizations such as ACDI/VOCA and Winrock International.

Scott Hughes. Bellevue, Wash., is an attorney in private practice focusing on personal injury, medical malpractice and insurance law. His firm, HUGHES / ROBBINS, P.S., celebrated its 10th anniversary in April.

Toby Logsdon. Fayetteville, Ark., is a pastor with New Creation Community Church in Springdale and senior teacher with BibleStudyPodcasts.Org. He graduated from Southern Evangelical Seminary with a Master of Divinity in May 2009.

Carmen Serrano. Oxnard, Calif., is Principal of Madison Elementary School in the Pasadena Unified School District. She began her career as an elementary school teacher in Oxnard, and for the past five years, has served as an assistant principal in the Visalia Unified School District.

Derrick Clark. Denver Colo., is Head Coach of the men’s basketball team at Metropolitan State College of Denver. He spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Derrick played for an Australian professional team from 1995 to 1997 before coaching.

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Amy (Beuthel) Hastings (M.A.’05).
Simi Valley, Calif., is Principal at Walnut Elementary School. She taught at Walnut for nine years before becoming Dean of Students at Sycamore Canyon School three years ago.

Juan Ordaz.
Chula Vista, Calif., opened his own law firm, where he focuses on pursuing justice for injury victims. Before opening Ordaz Law, he was an associate attorney with a personal injury law firm in San Diego.

Silje Elin Gjøse.
Stavanger, Norway, is Senior HSE&Q Advisor at AGR Petroleum Services.

John Huddy.
New York, N.Y., is an Emmy Award-winning general assignment reporter for Fox 5 News/WNYW-TV. John began at Fox 5 News as a writer for Good Day New York in 2004. In 2008, he made the transition to on-air reporting with Fox 5’s sister station My9 News/WWOR-TV. The following year, he returned to Good Day New York as a reporter and has covered everything from breaking news to politics, the Yankees World Series victory parade, snow storms, tomatoes and heat waves.

Heather (Vance) Knueven.
Dayton, Ohio, passed the CPA exam in October 2009 and is in her second year with a local public accounting firm.

Gabriel Chandler.
New London, Conn., is an assistant professor of
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Traveling anywhere soon? Celebrating any significant events? Take CLU with you!

THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA

Brady Day (l), Andrew Gordon, Dan Lent-Koop, Alex Corrigan, Shaunté (Tay) Barnes and Kristina Ripatti, all Class of 1994, gather for a reunion on campus in August.

PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Gloriana Mohr ’09 (l) and Kirsten Mohr ’06 make a friend in Perth, Australia.

SKAGWAY, ALASKA

Clockwise from bottom left: Anna Lopez ’06, Yuridia Perez ’06, unidentified guide, Charmaine Jacobe ’06 and Piamor Jacobe ’07 pause for a break while hiking in Tongass National Forest near Skagway, Alaska, in June.

LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

Micah Peterson ’09 (l), Kirsten Lindholm ’09, Wes Sullivan ’07, Ana Garcia ’09 and Alex Conway ’09 display the alumni flag outside of Casa Bonita Mexican Restaurant in Lakewood, Colo., in October.

BARCELONA, SPAIN

Proudly displaying the alumni flag and signing “CLU” in front of the Cascade Fountain in Parc de la Ciutadella, Barcelona, Spain, are from left: Scott Squires, M.A. ’95, Sherith (Lundring) Squires, Brock Squires, Karsten Lundring ’65, Kirsten (Bodding ’64) Lundring, Gunnar Squires, Tyson Lundring, Lori (Yost ’96) Lundring, Skyler Lundring, Erik Lundring ’94 and Silje Squires.

ESCALON, CALIFORNIA

Judy Westberg ’64 (l), Jean Blomquist ’73, Warren Blomquist ’65 and Gary Berg ’64 display the CLU flag at the centennial celebration for Saron Lutheran Church in Escalon, Calif., last November. Jean, Gary and Warren attended the church while growing up in Escalon.
mathematics at Connecticut College where he teaches statistics classes and does research on classification and discrimination in time series. Outside of the classroom, he plays the guitar and is involved with sports, including baseball and competitive cycling.

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Gregory Semerdjian (MBA ’10), Moorpark, Calif., is a sales executive with Your Health Connection in Westlake Village.

James Speitel, Nashville, Tenn., is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed at Vanderbilt University where he is pursuing a master’s degree in medical physics, specializing in diagnostic radiology.

**’04**

Holly Halweg (M.Ed. ’07). Issaquah, Wash., is Manager of the Bellevue Clinic for Amen Clinics Inc., a psychiatric clinic that specializes in brain scans showing the function of the brain (SPECT). Holly joined the company in January as a patient care coordinator then was promoted to national trainer before assuming her current position.

Jason Hirsh. Moosic, Pa., plays for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, the triple-A affiliate of the New York Yankees. The right-handed pitcher, who was acquired by the Yankees from the Colorado Rockies last season, was named International League Pitcher of the Week in August after going 3-0 in his last three starts.

Peter Moresi. Newbury Park, Calif., is a Web developer at Software Management Consultants Inc. Peter previously worked at SMCi as a software engineer before moving to Microsoft as a software development engineer and most recently Rapattoni Corp. as Manager of Data Services.

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Alissa (Doerfler) Macias, San Luis Obispo, Calif., completed her M.S.N. in ambulatory care at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona and plans to obtain a family nurse practitioner certification.

Emily Moore. Helena, Mont., is an English teacher at Helena High School. She received her master’s degree in English from Washington State University in Pullman.

Teresa Olson. San Jose, Calif., is Annual Fund Manager with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Silicon Valley and Monterey Bay Chapter.

Kristen Routh. Newbury Park, Calif., is a mental health specialist at Ventura Community College.

**’06**

Olivia Chacon. Redondo Beach, Calif., is a registered nurse at Torrance Memorial Medical Center. She received her Bachelor of Science in nursing from Mount St. Mary’s College.

Nicoles (Robson) D’Onofio. Ventura, Calif., and her husband, Chris, have a 9-year-old son and a 2-year-old daughter.

Kiley (Kniest) Duncan, Huntington Beach, Calif., teaches in the Manhattan Beach Unified School District. She earned a Master of Arts and credential in educational administration from CSU Dominguez Hills.

Kathryn (St. Pierre) Lynch. Las Vegas, Nev., is Public Relations Manager for American Casino and Entertainment Properties LLC.

Amy (Bates) Markenson (M.S. ’08). Valencia, Calif., and her husband opened the Garrett Markenson Coiffure hair salon in October 2008 and launched Reverie, a hair care product line, in November 2009.

Lena Layman (M.S. ’07). Ventura, Calif., is an education specialist with Balboa Middle School.

Heather Molloy (MBA ’08). St. Leonards, New South Wales, Australia, is an account manager for a market research firm in Sydney.

Josh Murray (M.S. ’07). Ventura, Calif., is Director of Youth Ministries at First Presbyterian Church of Santa Barbara.
Mike Singer, Moorpark, Calif., and his fiancé, Angela Southerland, responded to the oil spill in the Gulf Coast by collecting donations of needed goods and buying additional supplies then traveling to New Orleans on more than one occasion to deliver the supplies. Mike is self-employed and owns Apollo Tactical. He is awaiting a patent for a firearm safety device. He also is chief technical officer of Universe Broadcasting, a company that sends messages into outer space at the speed of light.

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Nicole (Curtis) and Scott Fielder, Arthur, N.D., are completing their internship year for the Master of Divinity program at Luther Seminary.

Matt Duncan, Huntington Beach, Calif., is a marketing coordinator for Anheuser Busch in Carson.

Seth Fenton (M.S. ’09), Tarzana, Calif., is a marriage and family therapist intern with a private practice in Thousand Oaks. He runs Parent Project, classes for struggling parents, and has launched a free blog at www.sethfenton.com/blog. The blog serves as a group experience for parents to share what they have learned with each other as well as to ask him questions. As an intern, Seth is supervised by a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Chris Gleason (MBA). Thousand Oaks, Calif., is Managing Director of MMG Capital in the greater Los Angeles area.

April McNally, Camarillo, Calif., runs a personal training and nutritional coaching business called Wellness by April. To learn more, visit www.wellnessbyapril.com.

Erik Nielsen, Centerton, Ark., is Vice President of Northwest Arkansas HappyFeet in Bentonville. The franchise mobile soccer program goes to childcare centers to teach children ages 2 to 6 the game of soccer using stories, songs, nursery rhymes and games.

Psychology major Alison (Ali) Sheets ’10 is teaching English in Austria under a Fulbright teaching assistantship during the 2010-2011 academic year. The first Cal Lutheran student to receive a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Sheets is teaching at two schools in the small town of Horn, Austria, northwest of Vienna. Her selection was made by the Austrian Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture in the spring and announced by the Fulbright Commission in Austria.

While attending CLU, Sheets was active in student government, serving as a student senator for two years. She also played the French horn in the University Wind Ensemble and served as a committee chair for Go Green, during which she initiated sustainability efforts on campus. Sheets, who traveled extensively while growing up in Oklahoma, spent her junior year abroad studying in Vienna, where she volunteered as an intern in an English class and tutored individual students in English.

Sheets graduated from CLU with departmental distinction and was elected to Psi Chi, the psychology honor society.
Sara Larcombe '00

Sara Larcombe, Baskin-Robbins Director of Marketing, Asia, was named 2010 Outstanding Young Alumna by the CLU Alumni Association Board of Directors. She accepted the award at Opening Academic Convocation in August.

As marketing director, Larcombe coordinates with regional partners in developing strategic brand and integrated marketing campaigns. Currently based in Canton, Mass., she has opened stores in Shanghai and Xi’an, China; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; and Bangkok, Thailand; and is specifically focused on the company’s further expansion into China. Having a position that entails a travel suits Larcombe, who loves exploring new places.

The outstanding young alumna’s favorite challenge is creating and naming the next Baskin-Robbins Flavor of the Month. In 2011, she plans to initiate an international partnership program between Baskin-Robbins and Avon to support breast cancer research.

Larcombe served as an intern for Baskin-Robbins while studying at CLU, and the company offered her a full-time position after she graduated in 2000 with a degree in communication. She credits her success, in part, to her decision as a CLU freshman to run for president of her residence hall. She went on to serve in various leadership roles on campus, including peer advisor and Residence Hall Association president. Her classmates selected her as Student Leader and Senior of the Year in 2000.

About 50 alumni basketball players returned for the alumni game Homecoming weekend, and about half of them (shown above) participated in the competition.

Randy Duarte. Waltham, Mass., is pursuing an MBA in the fields of international business and international finance at Brandeis University. Based on his study abroad and work experience as a student and his work experience following graduation, he was awarded a 50 percent scholarship each year for the two-year program. Randy has worked as a project manager the past two years.

Christina Ellis, Winnetka, Calif., is quarterback, kicker and team captain for the Ventura Black Widows, Ventura County’s only women’s full contact football team, and a member of the National Women’s Football Association. Christina also plays kickball and soccer and is involved in the World Kickball Association. She is a Contracts Professional with Northrop Grumman.

Joseph Rower, Littleton, Colo., is pursuing his Ph.D. in the pharmaceutical sciences at the University of Colorado Denver Anschutz Medical Campus. The focus of his research and thesis is on understanding the pharmacology of antiretroviral drugs used to treat HIV and hepatitis.

Nicole Walker Sundby, Salem, Ore., is the Community Drug and Alcohol Prevention Coordinator for Polk County.

Haida Jimenez (M.S.). Oxnard, Calif., is an educational talent search counselor at CSU Channel Islands. The position is funded through the U.S. Department of Education. Haida works with students in grades six to 12 from Oxnard, Fillmore and Santa Paula who come from low-income families and whose parents did not go to college.
After a day of celebrating the final football game in Mt. Clef Stadium, the Alumni Association honored the newest class of Athletic Hall of Famers, three athletes and one coach. Three of the four inductees, Cindie (Jorgensen ’88) Van Noy, Eugene Karimov ’99 and Coach James Park ’86, were on hand to be officially welcomed into the ranks by Master of Ceremonies Hank Bauer ’76, Director of Athletics Dan Kuntz, M.A. ’02, and 12 CLU Hall of Famers. Darren Bernard ’91 was unable to attend.

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- **12** Senior Fest for Lutheran Older Adults
  - Keynote speaker: Dick Hardel, D.Min.
- **19** Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel Service and Peace Pole Affirmation, 10:10 a.m.
- **22** “Digital Imagining” Exhibition: Timothy C. Hengst
  - Reception, 7 p.m.; exhibit Jan. 10 through Feb. 5
- **23** Faculty Artists Perform Poulenc, 2 p.m.
- **26** Panel Discussion: Housing and Homelessness in Ventura County, 7 p.m.

### February
- **1-28** Black History Month Celebration
- **3** Chinese New Year Celebration, 6:30 p.m.
- **6** Faculty Organ Recital: Kyle E. Johnson, 2 p.m.
- **9** Reel Justice Film Series
  - *The Dark Side of Chocolate*, 7 p.m.
- **9** Poetry Reading: Christopher Howell, 7:30 p.m.
- **11-12** 12th Annual Nordic Spirit Symposium
  - The Nordic Explorers
- **12** Sculptura Marmo: Sculpture by Bela Bacsi
  - Reception, 5 p.m.; exhibit through March 18
- **12** A Valentine Concert, 8 p.m.
  - Elmer Ramsey, His Trumpet and Orchestra
- **17** An Evening with Lisa See, 7 p.m.
- **20** Junior Chamber Music of Southern California, 4 p.m.
- **23** Reel Justice Film Series: *The Lottery*, 7 p.m.
- **26** Michael Falcone and Friends, 8 p.m.

### March
- **6** University Symphony: Gustav Mahler, 2 p.m.
- **7** Reel Justice Film Series
  - *The Stoning of Soraya M.*, 7 p.m.
- **7** Poetry Reading: JT Ledbetter, 7:30 p.m.
- **8** International Women’s Day Celebration
  - Globalization and Sweatshops, 5 p.m.
- **10** Meet the Author: George J. Petersen, Ph.D.
  - Dean, CLU School of Education, 7 p.m.
- **22** The Emerging L.A. Area Transportation System
  - Johannes Van Tilburg, 5 p.m.
- **22** CLU Choir Home Concert, 8 p.m.
- **26** CLUFest 2011 Multimedia Exhibit
  - Reception, 7 p.m.; exhibit through April 15
- **26** Ninth Annual New Music Concert, 2 p.m.
  - Composer: Michael Schelle
- **29** Honors Day Convocation
- **30** Reel Justice Film Series
  - *The Mormon Proposition*, 7 p.m.

### April
- **3** Arete Vocal Ensemble, 2 p.m.
  - Tribute to Leonard Bernstein (part 2)
- **6** Reel Justice Film Series: *Living Downstream*, 7 p.m.
- **7-17** Mainstage Theatre
  - *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*
  - April 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 8 p.m.; April 10, 17, 2 p.m.
- **8** Grandparents Day
- **10** CLU Jazz Improvisation and Percussion Ensembles, 2 p.m.
- **12** Know the Score: Title IX Community Forum, 7 p.m.
- **16-17** Scandinavian Festival
- **20** Documentary: *Renewal*, 7 p.m.
- **26** Fifth Annual Festival of Scholars (through May 2)
- **28** Festival of Scholars Event, 1:30-4:30 p.m.
  - Alan Chapman Comments and Inspires
- **30** Senior Art Students Exhibit
  - Reception, 5 p.m.; exhibit April 21-May 14

### May
- **1** University Wind Ensemble: PRISM Concert, 2 p.m.
- **7** University Symphony: Mother’s Day Pops Concert
  - Gardens of the World, 2 p.m.
- **13** KCLU presents Tom Ashbrook, 8 p.m.
- **13** Graduation Commencement, 6 p.m.
- **14** Baccalaureate, 8 a.m.
  - Undergraduate Commencement, 10 a.m.

### June
- **5** Cello Orchestra, 4 p.m.
  - CLU Cello Quartet, Conservatory Cellists and San Diego Cello Choir
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