Chris Kimball
New President Outlines His Vision for the Future
From Paul to the Present: Turkey Travel Seminar

Host: Julia Lambert Fogg, Assistant Professor of Religion
Dates: May 20-June 4, 2009 (Tentative)

Begin in Istanbul and move along the Mediterranean coast to walk the cities where St. Paul preached almost 2,000 years ago. Explore ancient Christian sites from the famous Hagia Sophia then turn inland to see the small churches nestled in the caves of Cappadocia. Interpret 2,000-year-old iconographic paintings; see the Greek statues and Roman architecture that line the streets where first century Christians worked. Visit a modern spice market, ancient Muslim mosques and Turkish palaces. From the capital city to tiny fishing villages, participants will experience the rich religious and cultural history of this land.

Approximate cost for non-students is $3,500. For more information, please contact the CLU Study Abroad Center at studyabroad@callutheran.edu or (805) 493-3750, or Dr. Fogg at fogg@callutheran.edu.

A U S T R A L I A
The Land Down Under

Host: William Bilodeau, Professor of Geology
Dates: May 18-31, 2009

Travel through incredible Australia with Professor Bilodeau. Explore the Jenolan Caves and Undara lava tubes. Experience the Outback and rock formations of Uluru. Snorkel the Great Barrier Reef and soar over the rainforest. Immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture.

For more information and reservations, please contact the CLU Study Abroad Center at studyabroad@callutheran.edu or (805) 493-3750.

Reformation Heritage Seminar

Host: A. Joseph Everson, Professor of Hebrew and Biblical Studies
Dates: June 4-16, 2009 (Tentative)

The 2009 Reformation Heritage seminar will feature discussions and visits shaped around four areas of interest: places and sites related to the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century; concerns related to life in the former East German areas that were under Communist control from 1945-1989; discussions about the new realities of life after the reunification in 1989; and discussions about the ways in which the best features of the Protestant tradition can shape and guide the life of a church-related university today. The tour will include visits in Berlin, Wittenberg, Leipzig, Dresden, Erfurt and Eisenach.

For further information and a brochure, please e-mail Linda LeBlanc in the Office of Church Relations at leblanc@callutheran.edu or Dr. Everson at everson@callutheran.edu.
Perspectives from the Middle East

Steve Hall ’85, Chief Executive Officer of CNBC Arbia, who has covered the Middle East firsthand for more than 20 years, shares his assessment of the present situation and his hopes for the future.

The Scholarly Approach

Students discover that conducting research beyond their normal class curriculum gives them insight into economic, social and cultural problems.

Seven Steps to Success

Looking backward and forward simultaneously as only a historian can, CLU’s new president Chris Kimball outlines his plan for the years to come.

Strategic Direction

President Chris Kimball describes CLU’s strategic plan as “amplifying” what is distinctive about the University. CLU Magazine champions the plan by continuing to bring you stories that demonstrate how the accomplishments of our alumni, students, faculty, staff and volunteers support and advance the seven strategic goals. The tear out card provided in this issue of the magazine will help you to remember the goals and track their progress.

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In his first Commencement as president, Chris Kimball (far right) helped confer degrees on nearly 1,000 students in Mt. Clef Stadium on May 17.

During the morning undergraduate ceremony, U.S. Rep. Lois Capps (below right) expressed confidence that the students who received bachelor’s degrees can change the world for the better. Moorpark College President Eva Conrad (below left) gave the address at the afternoon ceremony honoring the students receiving master’s and doctoral degrees.

William Kane, chair of the Board of Regents, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws for his service to CLU.

Among the inspiring student speakers was Don Conley. He enrolled in the Adult Degree Evening Program after receiving a lifesaving heart transplant from 17-year-old Ryan Bohacek, who was killed in a car accident.

“I decided that since I never finished college and Ryan never had the opportunity to go that the two of us would get a degree together,” said Conley. “Today I celebrate the fulfillment of that promise.”

Letters to the Editor

International Focus

Just wanted to say that the current issue of CLU Magazine [Spring 2008] was particularly wonderful! The editorial staff always does such a nice job, but this one is superb.

On a personal note, the international focus could not have come at a better time. Our son had been considering attending CLU and has a strong interest in political science/international studies. Within a matter of days after the magazine was delivered to our home, he saw it and was motivated to meet with Dr. Haco Hoang and Dr. Herb Gooch. In addition, he read an article in The Echo that talked about the large number of international students that attend CLU.

It was like a beautiful orchestra coming together...and he’s decided to attend CLU in the fall. His decision made these two parents/alums very happy.

Jean Kelso ’84 Sandlin (M.P.A. ’90)
Moorpark, Calif.

Inspiring Content and Stunning Design

I just received my copy of the Spring 2008 CLU Magazine.

As an alum and adjunct faculty, I’ve always been a fan of the magazine. But I wanted to drop a note to tell you how impressed I was with this edition. The content lives up to your usual quality, with informative and challenging articles. And I was just extraordinarily impressed with the design of this issue. It’s stunning throughout, with excellent use of photos and integration of type. The “Leaders for a Global Society” package is exceptionally well packaged, with great selection and treatment of those marvelous photos by Arne Hoel on such a cleanly designed page.

Please pass along my thanks and appreciation to everyone involved.

John Moore, M.P.P.A. ’03
Managing Editor
Ventura County Star
Striving for the Whole: Creating Theoretical Syntheses co-edited by Rainer Diriwächter [Assistant Professor of Psychology] and Jaan Valsiner is an unusual collection that explores the development of ideas in psychology’s past and shapes them into a valuable resource for ideas in the discipline’s future, with particular emphasis on holistic traditions in psychology. (Transaction Publishers, April 2008)

Humphrey’s First Christmas written and illustrated by Carol Heyer ’73 is the story of a camel who is part of the caravan taking the Three Kings to the Baby Jesus. Most of the story is dedicated to Humphrey’s mourning the loss of his blanket and his plan to get a new one from his master. When they reach the manger, Humphrey is surprised by his reaction to this small shivering child. Heyer’s 26 picture books have sold more than a million and a half copies. (Ideals Children’s Books, October 2007)

Culturally Proficient Inquiry: A Lens for Identifying and Examining Educational Gaps by Randall B. Lindsey [Adjunct Lecturer in Education], Stephanie M. Graham, R. Chris Westphal, Jr., and Cynthia L. Jew [Professor of Education] provides educators with a critical evaluation process and rubrics to examine why some students are not being educated to their full potential. (Corwin Press, December 2007)

Canary in the Courtroom by Jessie MacLeod, M.S. ’06, tells the true story of a woman poisoned in her home by a pesticide and her civil action against the pesticide company that applied it. While relating her own story in the third person, the author raises questions and encourages awareness about the toxins in our environment. (iUniverse, Inc., April 2006)

In Damaged Goods? Women Living with Incurable Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Adina Nack [Associate Professor of Sociology] explores the question of how women living with genital herpes and/or HPV (human papillomavirus) infections see themselves as sexual beings, and what choices they make about sexual health issues. Nack, a medical sociologist who specializes in sexual health and social psychology, conducted in-depth interviews with 43 women about their identities and sexuality in regards to chronic illness. (Temple University Press, June 2008)

Clockwork Heart by Dru Pagliassotti [Associate Professor of Communication] is a romantic fantasy set in Ondinium, a city of castes that beats to the ticking of a clockwork heart. Taya, a metal-winged courier who travels freely across the city’s sectors, becomes entangled in a perilous web of terrorism, loyalty, murder and secrets that threatens to alter the Great Engine that powers the city and protects its people. (Juno Books, April 2008)

CLU Publications Garner Top Awards

California Lutheran University’s Marketing and Communications Division has received two prestigious national awards for creative and communications excellence. Honored with Hermes Creative Awards were CLU Magazine and the University’s “It’s a Fact!” direct mail campaign. This is the second consecutive year that both of these projects have been recognized by Hermes as among the best when judged against thousands of entries from across the United States as well as several foreign countries. CLU Magazine received a Platinum Award and “It’s a Fact!” direct marketing postcard received a Gold Award.

Hermes Creative Awards is an international competition for creative professionals. The awards are administered and judged by the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, an international organization consisting of several thousand marketing, communication, advertising, public relations, media production and Web professionals.
Professors Receive End-of-Year Accolades

President’s Award
Education professor Michael McCambridge received the President’s Excellence in Teaching Award at the Honors Day Banquet in May. The award recognizes professors who are held in high esteem by their peers, the students and the University community.

McCambridge has taught at CLU since 1999 and is currently director of the Liberal Studies Program for aspiring elementary school teachers. He has a distinguished 36-year career in education with experience teaching at every level from elementary school to graduate courses in public and private schools. He has also served as a principal and district curriculum director.

As a professor, McCambridge works to create opportunities for teachers-in-training to explore how good teaching practices can result in not only academic achievement but also personal, social and moral growth for kindergarten through 12th grade students. He has researched and written about the role of teachers in raising good citizens.

McCambridge graduated from Ohio University and went on to earn a master’s degree in education from Pepperdine University and a doctorate in education from the University of San Francisco.

Senior Class Recognition
Julia Fogg, assistant professor of religion, was voted 2008 Professor of the Year. She is an ordained Presbyterian minister with academic interests spanning New Testament studies and Latin American political theology. A graduate of Colgate University with master’s degrees from Yale Divinity School and Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Fogg received her doctorate from Emory University.

The Diversity Professor of the Year is Michael Brint, CLU’s Uyeno-Tseng Professor of International Studies. The former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Brint is currently a tenured professor in the Political Science Department. He is a graduate of University of California Santa Cruz and received his doctorate from the University of Oxford in England.

The professors were selected by the senior class and announced at the Senior Banquet in May.

Regents Approve Faculty Promotions
The Board of Regents of California Lutheran University has approved the following promotions in rank and tenure for faculty. Tenure was granted to Joan Griffin, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Guy Erwin (Religion) and Silva Karayan (Education) were advanced to the rank of full professor.

Jim Bond (English), Deborah Erickson and Michael McCambridge (Education), and Craig Reinhart (Computer Science) were granted tenure and advanced to the rank of associate professor.

Mark Spraggins (Music) and Russell Stockard (Communication) were promoted to the rank of associate professor.

Class of 2008 Raises the Bar
This year’s graduating class raised $15,000 for their gift to the University – the largest senior class gift in CLU history. Class president Stefanie Lucas announced the gift during Commencement exercises in May.

The money raised supports the Annual Fund, which provides financial assistance to students and helps to strengthen and maintain the University’s academic programs. In recognition of their efforts, all seniors who donated will have their name listed on a plaque that will hang in the lounge of the new Trinity residence hall.

In setting this impressive financial record, the Class of 2008 has shown its philanthropic spirit and true dedication to its alma mater while setting the bar high for future classes, Lucas said.

Former Dean Returns to Lead School of Education
Former Dean of the School of Education Carol A. Bartell is returning to CLU for two years to replace Terence R. Cannings who retired on May 31.

A Moorpark resident, Bartell will lead the School of Education through a joint re-accreditation visit by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC). A national search for a permanent dean will be conducted following the accreditation process.

CLU received NCATE accreditation in 2004, making it one of only five independent universities in California to achieve this distinction.

Cannings, who is marking the close of a 46-year career in education, served as Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Azusa Pacific University for three years and as Associate Dean of Education at Pepperdine University for nine years prior to coming to CLU.

A former professor at the University of Iowa and University of the Pacific, Bartell served as dean at CLU from 1995 to 2003. A graduate of Concordia University in River Forest, Ill., she received her master’s in early childhood development from the University of Michigan and her doctorate in educational administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg.
Larry and Maj Hagman Host KCLU Fund Raiser

Larry and Maj Hagman, longtime listeners and supporters, hosted a celebration in honor of KCLU at their Ojai home in May. More than 150 guests roamed the grounds at the Hagmans’ Heaven Ranch, enjoyed the spectacular mountaintop views and mingled with KCLU staff and fans during the Spring into Summer Event.

KCLU, a community service of CLU, serves more than 70,000 listeners in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties.

Pictured clockwise from left: Larry Hagman, who played J.R. Ewing on Dallas, shares his appreciation for the quality programming on KCLU; Hagman with KCLU donors Pat and Joe Paulucci, CLU President Chris Kimball and KCLU General Manager Mary Olson.

Van Ommeren Named Interim Vice President

Ryan Van Ommeren began serving as Interim Vice President for Administration and Finance in July.

Van Ommeren, who came to CLU in 2000 as Director of Facilities, was promoted in 2006 to Associate Vice President of Facilities Operation and Planning. His responsibilities expanded to include several departments with a combined operating budget of more than $10 million a year. He has shepherded several successful construction projects on the growing campus, including the $18 million Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center, $10 million Grace Hall and the $3 million Samuelson Aquatics Center.

Van Ommeren earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from South Dakota State University and a master’s in construction engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He replaces Bob Allison, who spent 14 years at CLU before leaving in June to serve as Vice President for Business and Finance at his alma mater, Vanguard University of Southern California. A search for a permanent replacement is under way.

Bookstore Remodel

When students return to campus, their book-buying experience will be enhanced by the remodeled Campus Bookstore. Funded by CLU’s bookstore vendor Follett Corp, warm wood paneling, all new shelves and rearranged interior provide an inviting destination for purchasing books, snacks and a wide variety of CLU clothing and other items.
New Programs Offered
CLU is launching three new degrees – two in its Adult Degree Evening Program (ADEP) and one in the graduate program.

Adult Degree Evening Program Expands
Starting this fall, students can earn a Bachelor of Arts in psychology or a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice at the new expanded Oxnard Center located in The Palms at 2000 Outlet Center Drive #600.

The criminal justice program will combine coursework, internships and research projects to prepare students to enter a variety of law enforcement occupations or pursue advanced degrees in law or judicial administration. The psychology program will prepare students for careers in mental health or for graduate study in the field.

ADEP, an accelerated bachelor’s degree program, is designed for students over 25 to fit into their working adult lifestyle. Other majors include accounting, business management, computer science, computer information systems and liberal studies. Further information on ADEP and fall enrollment may be obtained by calling (805) 493-3325.

Master’s Degree Blends Business, Technology
The new Master of Science in information systems and technology combines the technical foundation of information systems with key business concepts. It is designed to address the need in today’s world for professionals who have strong business and technical skills.

The program, which is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, provides more technical expertise than a master’s in business administration and more management skills than a master’s in computer science.

Enrollment is under way for the program which officially starts Sept. 2. For more information, go to http://www.callutheran.edu/graduate, e-mail clugrad@callutheran.edu or call (805) 493-3127.

Three-way Collaboration Produces Community Pool
Groundbreaking ceremonies for a community pool located next to the Samuelson Aquatics Center were held in May. The pool is the result of a unique collaboration between the University, the Conejo Recreation and Park District and the City of Thousand Oaks.

The park district is contributing $1.9 million toward the pool construction and will cover future maintenance, operation and programming costs. The city is granting $1.4 million toward construction and CLU is providing the land and infrastructure.

Slated for completion in May 2009, the facility will include restrooms and a shade structure. It will serve as a warm-up pool for CLU athletes during competitions as well as the location for a variety of year-round classes, from swimming lessons to water aerobics.

The seven-lane pool will also be available to community swim clubs, master swimmers and the local community.

Alternative Spring Break in El Salvador
Eleven CLU students and alumni went to El Salvador for Alternative Spring Break to help build a duplex and a wheelchair-accessible home with Habitat for Humanity. Pictured at left taking a break after helping lay the foundation for the duplex are Alison Danner, left, Katie Foster and Jenn Cline. Above: Foster (left) and Cline work with two Salvadoran masons. Alternative Spring Breaks are coordinated through the Community Service Center and the Office of Campus Ministry.
In Memoriam

Marjorie Bly passed away in April 2008 at the age of 89 in Penghu, Taiwan. A trained nurse, she had spent the last 54 years on Penghu helping people with leprosy. Last year, President Chen Shui-bian bestowed a state medal upon Bly in recognition of her contributions and sacrifices for the people of Penghu. CLU presented her with a Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa in 1974.

Krister Stendahl passed away April 15, 2008, in Cambridge, Mass. Raised in Stockholm, Sweden, and educated at Uppsala University, Dr. Stendahl served as Bishop of Stockholm and Dean of the Harvard Divinity School during his long and distinguished career. CLU presented him with a Doctor of Divinity honoris causa in 1995.

Education Professor Retires

Crowe trained thousands of teachers during her career.

CLU’s Spring 2008 Phonathon raised $120,800 in gifts and pledges over the course of 22 nights. Twenty-five students staffed the phones contacting some 5,000 alumni and friends of the University as well as current and former parents to break all previous phonathon records.

Pictured back row from left: Assistant Director of the Annual Fund Laura Jakubs, Jordan Barta ’11, Kara Rogers ’11, Lauren Amundson ’11, Sarah Borelli ’11 and Director of the Annual Fund Michelle Spurgeon. Front row: Greg Reid ’09, Beth Peters ’10, Kelley Fry ’10, Jamie Holland ’10, Supervisor Rachel Bates ’08 and Luke Waymire ’08.

Callers not pictured: Antoine Adams ’10, Deborah Beals ’11, Ariel Collins ’08, Paul Dilger ’10, Madison Hartstein ’08, Nicolle Kuester ’10, Lindsay Lawrence ’11, Robbie Loutsios ’10, Kristen Luna ’11, Kelly Mason ’11, Jennifer Ramirez ’11, Amanda Reynolds ’10, Morgan Schneekluth ’11, Jon Wheeler ’08 and Katie Wood ’10.

Education professor Judith Crowe is retiring after 15 years of teaching at California Lutheran University and becomes an emeritus faculty member.

An expert in reading and language arts instruction and the use of technology to enhance teaching, Crowe is founder and director of the 8-year-old California Reading and Literature Project (CRLP) at CLU. She has provided reading, language arts and English language development training for more than 3,000 teachers in Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Kern counties.

Crowe earned her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from the University of Connecticut, a master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from CLU, and a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of La Verne.

Moorepark Mammoth Brought to Life

Five California Lutheran University students are creating an interactive DVD and Web site to educate students and the public about the 2005 discovery of the Moorpark Mammoth, the second most complete southern mammoth skeleton in North America.

Senior John Atkinson of Newbury Park and spring graduates Josh Banday of Los Angeles, Bret Baya and Chris Meierding of Ventura, and Joey Lang of Simi Valley are designing the multimedia educational tools for the city of Moorpark under the guidance of Tim Hengst, Director of CLU’s Multimedia Department. The students are working with the science education company Amuseum in Orange County.

The city of Moorpark donated the mammoth to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. The DVD and Web site are part of Moorpark’s plans to help in the promotion of the mammoth, which was discovered during the development of a housing project.

The project will feature games, activities and information presented with three-dimensional animation and video clips. Working with CLU education professor Michael McCambridge to tie the program to state standards, the students are designing the DVD for use in middle school classrooms. It will incorporate math, biology, geology, geography, art and debate skills.
Baseball  
Baseball took third in the conference standings after finishing the regular season on a nine-game win streak. The Kingsmen went 19-18-2 overall, marking the 20th consecutive winning season in the program’s history. Sophomore Paul Hartmann ranked third in the conference with 11 home runs while leading CLU in nine offensive categories to earn an All-SCIAC First Team selection. Junior David Iden led the conference in stolen bases (30 for 32) and had a team-best 15 doubles to earn All-SCIAC Second Team honors.

Women’s Water Polo  
The women’s water polo team earned its highest conference finish in the program’s history, taking second place at the SCIAC Championships. The Regals went undefeated in the first round of play and were ranked No. 1 in the nation for the first time in school history. The team made its second straight appearance at the Collegiate III National Championships. After taking the title in 2007, CLU took runner-up this year, losing the championship game in triple overtime. Sophomore Meredith Butte was named Co-MVP of the Collegiate III National Championship tournament and was named First Team All-America along with senior Katie Windsor. Sophomore Joy Cyprian was named Second Team All-America and senior Jill Jensen was named Honorable Mention.

Softball  
The softball squad completed its first season at its new home of Hutton Field with a 19-19 overall record. The Regals finished 11-13 in conference play to earn a tie for fifth place in the SCIAC standings. Sophomores Lizzy Chacon (pitcher) and Emily Robertson (catcher) were selected to the 2008 All-SCIAC Second Team. The duo set single-season school records in strikeouts and home runs, respectively. Along with the conference honor, Robertson was named to the 2008 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-West Region Third Team.

Men’s Tennis  
Kingsmen tennis concluded its 2008 campaign with a third place result at the SCIAC Championships. The team notched its first winning season (14-10) and best conference (7-3) record since 2005. Junior Paul Wetterholm was named to the All-SCIAC First Team and was the No. 17 ranked singles player in the West Region. Teammates junior Forrest Hunt and sophomore Ryan Lassila were named to the All-Conference Second Team.

Women’s Tennis  
The women’s tennis team earned a sixth place finish in its first year under new head coach Mike Benson. The 2008 squad earned two more wins overall and moved up one spot in the conference standings from last season. Junior Suzuye Nomura earned All-SCIAC Second Team honors after solid play at No. 1 spot for the Regals.

Golf  
The golf team took fifth place at the SCIAC Championships and in the overall conference standings this past season. Junior Garrett Teichmann led the Kingsmen and finished third among individuals at the Championships, earning an All-Conference Second Team selection.

Men’s Track & Field  
The men’s track & field team finished third in the conference led by junior Kyle Hansen. He finished first in three individual events (long jump, and 110- and 400-meter hurdles) at the SCIAC Championships and was named the 2008 conference track & field male athlete of the year. Hansen also qualified for the NCAA Championships in Oshkosh, Wis., where he finished ninth in the 400-meter hurdles, one place away from making all-American. Freshman Peter Vermillion captured the conference title in the hammer throw with a toss of 48.86 meters. The men also grabbed a first place conference finish in the 4x100 meter relay after an impressive race in 42.33 seconds.

Women’s Track & Field  
The women’s track & field team came away with third place in the SCIAC standings. Sophomore Christa Youngem broke two school records at the conference championships and picked up a pair of individual conference wins (hammer and shot put) for the Regals. Senior Casey Anderson and Youngem both qualified for the NCAA Championships in Oshkosh, Wis. Anderson finished 16th overall at the nationals in the Heptathlon, and Youngem came away with 18th place in the hammer throw. The Regals 4x100 relay team finished the 2008 conference championships with a first place finish.

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

**Women’s Water Polo**
Meredith Butte, Co-MVP, 2008 Collegiate III National Championship Tournament

**Track & Field**
Kyle Hansen, SCIAC Male T&F Athlete of the Year and Three-Time SCIAC Champion, finished ninth overall in the nation in the 400-meter hurdles.

Christa Youngern, Two-Time SCIAC Champion

Peter Vermillion, SCIAC Champion

Casey Anderson finished 16th overall in the nation in the heptathlon.

**All-America (ACWPC)**
Women’s Water Polo
Meredith Butte (First Team)
Joy Cyprian (Second Team)
Jill Hensen (Honororable Mention)
Katie Windsor (First Team)

All-SCIAC Team
Meredith Butte, Women’s Water Polo
Joy Cyprian, Women’s Water Polo
Paul Hartmann, Baseball
Paul Wetterholm, Men’s Tennis
Katie Windsor, Women’s Water Polo

**All-SCIAC Second Team**
Lizzy Chacon, Softball
Forrest Hunt, Men’s Tennis
David Iden, Baseball
Ryan Lasila, Men’s Tennis
Suzuye Nomura, Women’s Tennis
Emily Robertson, Softball
Garrett Teichmann, Golf

**All-SCIAC T&F**
Casey Anderson
Jordan Bebber
Molly Clancy
Brian Coan
Brett Cornejo
Nicole Flanary
Kyle Hansen
Kourtney Jones
Scott Jones
Kara Komarzec
Louis Montano
Peter Vermillion
Precious Wheat
Christa Youngern

**Women’s Basketball**
Roy Dow was named as the new head coach of the Regals basketball program. He comes to CLU after six seasons at the helm of the men’s basketball program at Caltech. While under his leadership, the Caltech team was featured on ESPN’s College Game-Day and Gold Pizza television programs as well as the focus of a feature-length documentary, Quantum Hoops.

Before his stint at Caltech, Dow coached at his alma mater, Colby College in Waterville, Maine. He has also held coaching positions at Chaminade University (Hawaii), College of the Holy Cross (Mass.) and Wheaton College (Mass.). At Wheaton he was named the men’s basketball head coach in its first year of existence at what was previously an all-women’s college.

Dow is taking over a Regals program that finished 13-12 overall last season and in fourth place in the SCIAC. He becomes the 13th coach in the history of the CLU women’s basketball program, replacing Kristy Hopkins.

**Cross Country, Track and Field**
Matt Lea has been named head coach of the men’s and women’s cross country and track and field programs after serving as assistant track and field coach for the past two seasons.

Prior to coming to CLU, Lea spent two seasons as an assistant track and field coach for NCAA Division I UC Santa Barbara, where he helped lead the women’s team to a Big West Conference Championship in 2005.

He graduated from the University of Arizona with a bachelor’s degree in psychology in 2003. While at Arizona, he was an NCAA All-American, a four-time All-Pac 10 honoree in the 400-meter, and on the 4x400 meter relay team that finished fourth in the nation in 2001.

Lea takes over for Scott Fickerson who coached the Kingsmen and Regals for seven seasons and is now a head coach at Santa Barbara City College.  

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Season at a Glance

**Kingsmen**

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Seven Steps New
Chris Kimball, the seventh president in CLU’s 49 years, takes on his new role at what is arguably one of the most pivotal points in the University’s history. He has only to look out the windows of his office to see a campus on the move.

Students, faculty and staff are constantly in motion and even the landscape appears to change daily as work progresses on a new community pool next to the Gilbert Sports and Fitness Center. The Swenson Center for Academic Excellence, an $8.5 million social and behavioral sciences building, is targeted to open in 2009-10. Trinity Residence Hall is scheduled to open in fall 2009. And the University’s master plan also calls for a performing arts center and a new science building in the not-too-distant future.

It’s a good place for a man with a reverence for the past and a vision for the future to be.

Indeed, says Kimball, “I couldn’t imagine a better place to be at a more exciting time.”
**Going for the Goal**

It is, perhaps, fortuitous that the Board of Regents has chosen as the new president the very man who is an architect of the University’s newly adopted strategic plan.

In his previous role as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Kimball, whose academic specialty is history with an emphasis on social history and the history of sport, was tapped to come up with the blueprint for CLU’s future. Now, as president, he is charged with carrying it out.

“My overriding goal is to see the strategic plan [implemented] as outlined and, in so doing, achieve its desired outcomes,” he says. Those outcomes, he adds, are “all about achieving greater academic excellence.”

The strategic goals, which delineate such aims as recruiting and retaining “a distinguished and diverse faculty and staff,” recruiting and graduating “a well-prepared and diverse student body that is academically accomplished,” investing in facilities and generating resources to achieve the goals, are building blocks on an already very strong foundation, according to Kimball.

There is much that is already distinctive about CLU, he says, noting in particular, “the sense of family that’s here, the love of people and place that’s profound here, the commitment to service and justice.”

There are also, he points out, “the strong personal connections in teaching and mentoring,” a dedicated and distinguished faculty, a wonderfully supportive staff and academically strong students who can stand up against any other ELCA college, not to mention secular universities.

So the strategic plan is not about creating something distinctive about CLU. “It’s more a matter of amplifying it,” he says.

He sees the strategic goals as undergirding the work of faculty, staff and students alike. That’s also the way he sees his new position, which is, he says frankly, mainly about fund raising.

“The job of the president is to garner resources so the faculty and staff can do their jobs as well as they can to serve students,” he says. “It’s to be the chief cheerleader, chief storyteller for the institution. But it’s not a one-person job. It’s a team effort.”

CLU has a great story to tell, Kimball believes. He remains awed at the University’s accomplishments in the relatively short period of just under 50 years.

“I don’t know many academic institutions that have seen such a trajectory in such a short period of time,” he says.

These achievements have often been made despite substandard facilities, he says, noting specifically the University’s music program. Music students have practiced not in sophisticated music rooms but in temporary facilities; they have performed not in a concert hall, but in the gymnasium and the chapel.

Kimball wants something better for them. He believes the University’s faculty and students deserve facilities worthy of their work, and he also believes that enhanced facilities will send a visual message.

“As our facilities improve, that sends a message as to the seriousness with which we take our work,” he says.

**Being Lutheran**

CLU’s story is also underscored by its Lutheran tradition, he believes. Kimball sees the University’s religious roots and identity as an asset.
“Here, you’ve got the best of both worlds. We’re called to pursue truths in all disciplines without limits.”

“Our charge is to make the important claim that we are inclusive and diverse because we are Lutheran, not in spite of it,” he says.

In fact, being a religious institution opens up dialogue, the new president points out. In many public universities, the religious cannot be debated or discussed.

“Here, you’ve got the best of both worlds,” Kimball states. “We’re called to pursue truths in all disciplines without limits.”

Because of that pursuit, he says, “Things are a little muddier here. You wrestle with paradoxes where religious faith intersects with the world.”

He grins and adds an aside: “The Lutheran tradition of faith and learning was born in a university so it is comfortable with freedom of inquiry.

“However, the biggest issue in higher education today,” he continues, “is its accessibility and affordability, especially for a private institution.”

Indeed, Kimball expects that to be one of his greatest challenges as president—finding ways to make CLU accessible to any qualified student who wants to come here. An uncertain economy could affect donors and the numbers of students applying for entrance, he says.

But the president will seek ways to enhance accessibility. “I believe in access [to higher education],” he says.

Turning 50
Next year, CLU turns 50. It is likely to be a grand celebration, with new buildings and achievements to herald. But ever the historian, Kimball wants there to be emphasis not only on where CLU is going, but where it’s been.

“I want the 50th anniversary…to celebrate the wondrous things that have happened here and point forward to the next 50 years, looking backward and forward at the same time,” he explains.

He especially wants to celebrate CLU’s greatest asset.

What is that?

“The people,” Kimball responds swiftly. “The faculty, staff, students, alumni. There’s talent and good will here.”

Because of the caliber of the people at CLU, he adds, “Great things have happened—and will continue to happen.”

Susanne Hopkins is a professional journalist and Director of Lay Ministry and Pastoral Care at Ascension Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

CLU’s Seven Strategic Goals

Recruit and retain... a distinguished and diverse faculty and staff who will support the mission and be dedicated to the highest professional standards and service

Recruit and graduate... a well-prepared and diverse student body that is academically accomplished and reflective of CLU’s mission:

Enhance learning... through the ongoing assessment and improvement of curricular and co-curricular programs

Invest in facilities... and infrastructure that support and enhance the academic program

Generate the resources... necessary to support quality improvement initiatives

Articulate the identity... and enhance the reputation of the University

Develop leadership capacity... as well as governance structures that foster institutional and program excellence
Having been involved with the Middle East the whole of my adult life, I can say that it has been a truly amazing journey. This odyssey began for me by traveling to the Eastern Mediterranean on an interim trip with professor Fred Tonsing, a three-week journey that literally changed my life. The purpose of the Cal Lu interim was to expose students to ideas and experiences outside the regular curriculum and to widen their perspectives on life and approach to it.

The thirst for knowledge of the rest of the world I developed as an undergrad at Cal Lu has continued for me to this day. Through the course of my career I have been fortunate enough to have experiences all over the world but it is the Middle East which has played the largest part of my experience.

The Middle East has a rich history and culture, often misunderstood in the West. Arabs, while sharing a common language, history and for the most part religion, are as different culturally from one another as are the nations of the English-speaking world. While we share language, and in a vague sense religion, with Canadians, New Zealanders, Australians, the British and others, no one would argue that the cultures of these countries are identical.

The same is true of Arabs: there is rich diversity and divergence of culture and even language between Moroccans, Saudis, Palestinians, Emiratis, etc. It has been said that Brits and Americans are two peoples divided by a common language. This is even truer of Arabs. They no more share a monolithic culture than we of the English-speaking world do.
A Troubled World

9/11 truly changed the world. Nothing following this shocking event will be viewed in the same way as before. This criminal act, perpetrated by a small group of extremists against the wishes of the vast majority of people, East and West, has colored the world we live in since.

The opportunity to truly engage with the Middle East, and the Muslim world in general, to achieve common understanding among reasonable people with a view to a positive future for all of humanity is one to which I would hope all rational people could aspire. A global war on ‘terror’ -- an amorphous concept of a perpetual ideological struggle -- cannot be won through the use of force alone.

Afghanistan and Iraq have been invaded; forced democratization projects have been launched in Iraq and Palestine all without the desired outcome. Should we regard any of these projects as successful? It is hard to see positive results in any of these endeavors. In Afghanistan, a fragile central government exists in Kabul while the Taliban is resurgent.

In the case of Iraq and Palestine, elections were held in both countries under foreign occupation, hardly ideal circumstances for democracy to flourish. The outcome of both elections did for the most part represent the popular will of the people while producing results inimical to the interests of the United States.

That Hamas won a landslide election in Palestine, generally regarded to be free and fair by international observers, was a result abhorrent to the United States and Israel although both could have easily foreseen this result. The Palestinian Authority, bloated and corrupt, acting more with self preservation in mind and bound by agreement to give priority to the interests of Israel and the United States than to Palestinian state building, stood little chance of electoral success. In Iraq, the majority voice, long suppressed by successive Iraqi governments, made its voice heard without regard to America’s decidedly hopeful vision of a placid, multicultural post-war environment.

There is more bad news: As I write, Lebanon is in crisis, Iraq’s troubles escalate while Syria and Iran in particular are under threat of serious actions against them. Dialogue is virtually non-existent.

Road to Security

The elephant in the room in the Middle East is a just solution to the Palestine problem. Everyone in the region knows what the resolution is: two states that will provide a secure future for the citizens of Israel and independence and dignity for the Palestinian people. Despite knowing this, the political will to achieve this end is decidedly lacking. The two parties, left to themselves, have achieved nothing after 60 years and numerous wars along the way.

A weakened Israeli government, a split administration in the West Bank and Gaza, an increase of settlement building, and the rapid construction of settlers-only roads and ‘separation’ walls in the occupied territories, daily make a solution less rather than more likely. Gaza is under siege and only crude rockets find a means of escape towards Israeli
population centers. The only consistent dialogue between the parties is the language of violence. Yet the solution is manifest: the greatest guarantee of Israel’s future is in the guarantee of the Palestinians’ future.

I had the opportunity to see President Bush speak at the World Economic Forum in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt, at the end of May. He had just arrived from Israel where he had helped celebrate Israel’s 60th anniversary. In what one Arab newspaper editorial described as ‘two shocking speeches in a week’ in Jerusalem and Sharm El Sheikh, the president managed to avoid dealing in any meaningful way with the other side of the coin of Israel’s independence celebrations – the ‘Nakba’ or catastrophe, of the Palestinians’ 60 years of loss and dislocation. Bush didn’t meet the Palestinians in Palestine, but in Egypt. He referred vaguely to the need for a Palestinian homeland without any tangible plan for moving this agenda forward.

America, in a post 9/11 environment has, from where I sit, lost much of its credibility and moral authority with the Arabs and the wider world. This need not be a permanent condition. America, as well as Europe and the rest of the world, will need to lend not only moral authority to this end but genuine pressure, influence and insistence on the parties to achieve a resolution to this issue, the largest remaining open wound of the 20th century. Israelis, Palestinians and the people of the Middle East in general deserve and need our help to attain a better future for themselves and their descendants.

**Success Story**

Fortunately, there is much good news from the Middle East as well. I now live in Dubai, the most dynamic economic hub of the Middle East and one of the great success stories of the region and the world. A city-state with no real natural resources (the oil and gas fields of Dubai were depleted years ago), the local government, looking to the future, has managed to diversify the economy through business opportunities, investment and tourism. Thus, the Emirate is growing at an incredible rate.

With a population of 1.5 million people made up of more than 200 nationalities, a very diverse and entirely new culture is being created along the way. It is a vision of what the ‘new’ Middle East might actually look like. That this vast array of nationalities gets along for the most part while building for the future is remarkable to behold. Mosques, churches, temples are freely accessible; new universities are being built daily; all manner of food, music and culture abound. (Happily for me as a Southern Californian, Mexican food is widely available, and some of the best fresh tortillas I’ve eaten are produced in the Emirate of Ajman, 30 miles from Dubai.)

There are numerous golf courses (several designed as lifestyle communities by Tiger Woods and Greg Norman), race tracks, sports stadiums, bars, restaurants, clubs, libraries, museums, concert venues and art galleries - all within the context of Persian Gulf society. Tolerance and openness make it a success. Qatar, Bahrain, Abu Dhabi and other areas in the Gulf are opening up and thriving culturally and economically. One hundred percent freehold property is available to foreigners in Dubai and the concept is spreading to other parts of the region. This allows those of us who are resident here to be stakeholders in this area’s future.

The climate for business is characterized by decent regulation, transparency and commitment to best practice. While the rest of the world may be dipping into recession, the Gulf is growing and developing with great confidence and huge liquidity. Much of the recent oil windfall is being poured into infrastructure projects around the Gulf and as an investment in future generations here by way of education and financial planning for a non-oil future.

These are indeed exciting times to be in the Middle East. People here are tired of war and near non-stop crises persisting for generations. The greatest impediment to a prosperous Middle East is the absence of genuine peace. To paraphrase one Gulf business leader in his speech at the World Economic Forum (WEF), as he sees it in 20 years time, Tel Aviv could be a regional hub where the only thought required in traveling there and around the region, from the Levant to the Persian Gulf and to Iran, could be how to engage in and enhance commerce, business and the exchange of human capital more effectively.

I regard it as a great privilege to be witness to as well as participant in life in the Middle East both personally and professionally. I feel proud and honored to be able to play even a small part in impacting on and experiencing life in this dynamic region.
For the second consecutive year, CLU’s spring Festival of Scholars showcased academic achievement during seven days of research presentations, panel discussions and artistic performances.

Introduced last year as a vehicle for undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences to share their original research and projects, the Festival of Scholars was expanded in 2008 to include graduate students and faculty and to feature work from the School of Business and the School of Education.

The multi-faceted celebration included presentations on topics varying from Hispanic literature and gender norms in child’s play to kinetic analysis of athletes and environmental ethics. An outgrowth of CLU’s philosophy of teaching and learning, the Festival of Scholars engages students in scholarship outside the normal curriculum and encourages research at a higher level.

CLU Magazine is pleased to publish content from two of the many excellent research projects and interviews with students regarding their experiences and findings.
The Economic Costs of the Iraq War

Last fall three economics students began discussing research topics they might explore for presentation at Festival of Scholars with professor Jamshid Damooei. After much conversation, they decided on a topic they believe affects everyone on the planet – the Iraq War and its impact on the American economy.

The students – economics majors Greg Young, Eric Garcia and Aditya Mehta – conducted exhaustive research through their tutorial class Intermediate Macro Economics.

“We had a basic outline,” relates Young, “but the more we looked into it, the more it evolved.”

Developing a set of objectives for their paper made it easier for the students to focus their research. As a result, they narrowed their investigation to analyzing the true cost of war to the United States through the framework of an economist. Their goal was to define what the U.S. is giving up by pursuing the war in Iraq and what this means to the average American citizen.

The students scrutinized increases in military spending, delved into additional services related to caring for veterans and determined how the war has affected oil prices. With figures gleaned from government Web sites, the Congressional Research Service, works of award-winning economists and many other sources, they found that the Congressional Budget Office estimate of about $600 billion in total direct costs of the war is grossly underestimated. The students assert that the true costs to American taxpayers may exceed $2 trillion when other expenditures such as veteran lifetime healthcare and disability payments, restocking depleted military equipment and interest on loans used to finance the war are also calculated into the mix.

“The war is having a huge impact on the economy,” Garcia says, pointing out that the war is costing the U.S. more than $16 billion a month. “Just think of how much we’re spending each day that could go towards domestic needs – more teachers, keeping schools open, more police and Head Start programs.”

Although there has never been a tax hike to cover the growing expenditures in the Middle East, Young notes, “We’re paying for it through market resources.”

Since the war began, the researchers found, the price of a barrel of oil has increased $10. The U.S. imports about 5 billion barrels a year so a $10 per barrel increase translates into an extra expenditure of $50 billion per year. [These numbers have soared since the research was presented in April.]

“Oil is needed to produce everything,” Young continues. “Today, 5 percent more of our income goes to oil-related expenditures. As a result, the average American is spending $138 a month more to maintain the same standard of living as pre-war.”

“The economy is turning to military spending,” Mehta adds. “The government is forgoing other jobs by stimulating military employment.”

While teachers build intellectual resources for the future, their compensation is modest. Military pay, however, has been boosted by 28 percent, the students learned, and new recruits are now offered sign-up bonuses of up to $40,000. Experienced troops receive re-enlistment bonuses of up to $150,000.

Presenting their research during the Festival of Scholars was very gratifying. “What we told them [students] is very different from what the media have told them,” Garcia relates. “It was stimulating to do one of these projects on such a controversial topic. I don’t know if other schools enable you to do this kind of research before you graduate.”

“I was excited,” Mehta recalls. “I want people to know what the war actually costs and where else that money could be used. I would like to thank the school and Dr. Damooei for giving me the opportunity to do this.”
Inmates Study

Students are often anxious about completing class assignments. But a spring semester research project in criminal psychology that required interviews with jail inmates caused some extra trepidation.

The purpose of the study was to compare male and female inmates by offense type and demographic variables, as well as to learn about their criminal history, family and their perceptions on motives, rehabilitation and the future.

Using the data they gathered, 33 students examined the social psychological factors associated with criminal offending, compared responses of male and female inmates, and measured the responses against existing research on the causes of criminal offending and the relationships to factors such as illicit drug use.

For students considering careers in criminal justice, forensic psychology and related fields, interviewing convicted offenders provides a valuable learning opportunity in applying previously learned theories and research, points out Robert Meadows, a criminal justice professor who team-taught the course with psychology professor Julie Kuehnle.

Male students interviewed male inmates while female students questioned female inmates. Matching the class makeup, 17 male and 15 female inmates volunteered to be interviewed. Most were serving sentences of three months to a year for drug offenses, probation violations, assault or theft.

Almost all the women admitted to having suffered domestic abuse from boyfriends and yet most still remained with them. Two common factors that surfaced among the male inmate population were drug use or addiction and a failure to complete school. Psychology major Jenna Perry concluded that most of the offenses were a result of poverty and family influence.

One of the most surprising findings for criminal justice major Jennifer LaMoure was that 13 of the 15 female inmates in the study had a total of 53 children, from multiple fathers. While their mothers serve time, the children are cared for primarily by their grandparents, great-grandparents or their mothers’ boyfriends.

“When women are pregnant and give birth in prison,” LaMoure learned, “they only get to spend a day with their babies. Consequently, some of these children have never met their mothers. They are placed into foster homes or into broken homes of family members.
Therefore, the cycle of poverty and abuse continues. “The majority of male inmates had no male role model in their lives,” psychology major Daniel Knauss notes. “Yet, one male inmate had a great upbringing; he dropped out of high school to surf, hung with a peer group that was the worst influence and got into drugs.”

“There is a common stereotype of criminals coming from broken homes,” business major Melissa Buckley noted. “But there was a female inmate whose parents were married, had eight children and attended church regularly. There was no indication of drug use in the home.”

Despite these exceptions, the students discovered a high correlation between broken homes and having a large number of siblings and incarceration.

The researchers came away with many new questions: What is the result of a lack of parental bonding? The lack of a father figure? Poverty? Can intervention programs teach inmates how to form attachments?

They also found that the prison system does not foster changes in behavior. They realized that drug addiction is very powerful and that more funding is needed for rehabilitation.

“It’s easy to rehab in prison within a controlled environment,” Knauss points out. “But when inmates get out of jail, they tend to return to their prior lifestyle.”

“Prison is not rehabilitating,” LaMoure asserts, “just incarcerating.” There are limited programs to assist inmates in making permanent life changes, she explains. “There is a dorm program conducted 30 hours per week where inmates can learn life skills, computer skills and anger management. However, there’s a very rigorous process to get in, and the program has limited space.”

Whether the dorm program is effective remains to be seen. LaMoure has been hired as an intern to determine whether inmates who participate in the special program have a greater success rate when they return to society than inmates who do not participate in the program.

Students who presented the class’s research at the Festival of Scholars are Buckley, a business major; Leandra Duckett, criminal justice; Knauss, psychology; LaMoure, criminal justice; Perry, psychology; Shelby Purmont, sociology; and Nichole Williams, exercise science and sports medicine.

The inmate interviews proved to be such a powerful educational tool that Meadows and Kuehnel intend to make them an ongoing requirement for their class.

“We are looking into expanding the interviews to different prisons and developing more opportunities for student internships in various facilities,” Meadows relates.

Participating in the study was illuminating for the students and frustrating at the same time. “It affirmed my frustration about what to do,” Knauss says. “There is no easy answer, and it will take tons of money.”

Perry found that being able to apply her education to research, to present findings and to talk about the problems was rewarding and reaffirmed her desire to help society.

Before participating in the study, Duckett wanted to be a lawyer. Now she is reconsidering her career options. “I want to look at other professions where I can help people,” she says.
Mary (Jurgenson) O’Neal, Rockingham, N.C., retired from state government in 2003. She is a state officer with the American Veterans (AMVETS) of North Carolina Auxiliary and volunteers at Christian Clothing Closet.

Rudolph Rikansrud Jr., Julian, Calif., retired as an American Airlines pilot in 2003 and is now a gentleman rancher maintaining 17 acres of land with his wife, Bettie.

Doug Tuve, Vermillion, S.D., is retired and “too busy to have time for a job.”

Dale Hansen, Phoenix, Ariz., is a retired colonel in the U.S. Army and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. He is a Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Arizona AMFT (AzAMFT).

Dale holds a doctorate in family therapy and one in ministry, and attended graduate training at the American Institute of Family Relations and Arizona State University. He contracts with Carl T. Hayden Veterans Hospital as a chaplain and teaches Family Systems Graduate courses at Ottawa University. The Federal Bureau of Investigation also assigned him to the Phoenix Division as a chaplain.

Ed Keesling, Yucca Valley, Calif., retired from teaching in June. He was a fifth-grade teacher at Yucca Valley Elementary School in the Moreno Unified School District. He now works as an artist potter, motorcyclist and golfer.

Teri (Harinen) Pearce, Elysian, Minn., retired from teaching in May 2007 and is spending more time traveling and visiting her four grandchildren in California. She performed in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory with a local children’s theater organization earlier this spring. She and her husband, Bob, traveled to Bolivia in June on a short-term mission trip.

Pam (Deukmejian) Morales, Glendora, Calif., is owner/partner of Prism Medical Group Laser and Day Spa in San Dimas. A Spanish major at CLU, Pam is helping her 15-year-old grandson get through Spanish I.
1968 Alumni Lead Commencement Procession

Members of the Class of 1968, in celebration of their 40th class reunion, led the 2008 Commencement Processional. They continued the walk down memory lane in Kingsmen Park during a lunch hosted by the Alumni and Parent Relations Office.

Pictured: Jim Thompson, left, Gwen (Theodos) Thompson, Gary McMillen, Kathy (Ditchey) Ferkin and Wally Mees.

Don’t miss the Class of ’68 40th Reunion Oct. 11 during Homecoming weekend. For more details about Homecoming, visit the Alumni Web site at www.callutheran.edu/alumni

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Martha “Marty” Andersen, San Jose, Calif., retired from teaching at-risk youth last year and has since visited Italy and Mexico and traveled in the states. At home, she is active in her church and volunteers with Community Connections and the Relay for Life cancer drive. Marty has nine grandchildren and is a member of the Red Hat Society.

Daniel Terry, M.D., Stockton, Calif., is a radiologist, now semi-retired working 26 hours a week. He is Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Stockton Symphony and volunteers with various other organizations. He and his wife, Lynne (Bradley), enjoy traveling, gardening and partying with friends.

Roger and Chris (Cobb ’69) Young, Reno, Nev., are retired and run a consulting business out of their motor home as they travel most of the year. Roger, who worked as a special agent for the FBI for 26 years, also teaches part-time in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Nevada, Reno. The couple met at CLU and will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary in December.

Craig Myers, Simi Valley, Calif., retired from teaching English and coaching basketball in 2005 after 37 years at Royal High School. He and his wife, Anne, split the year between homes in Simi Valley and Lynnwood, Wash. They enjoy travel, photography, reading groups and “especially grandkids.”

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Penny (Smith) McMillen, Saugus, Calif., retired in June from teaching in the Sulphur Springs School District in Canyon Country.

Clara (Tovo) Caldwell, Rock Island, Ill., is a retired teacher who volunteers with the American Cancer Society, Bread for the World and American Association of University Women. She and her husband, John, took a cruise through the Panama Canal last November that included stops in Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Colombia, Aruba and a week in Puerto Rico.

Joel Davis, Bellevue, Wash., is a technical writer at Microsoft Corp. and a freelance writer, editor and instructor. His article “The Great Dying” was published in the April 2008 issue of Astronomy magazine. Joel taught “Nonfiction I: Refining and Publishing” at the University of Washington last spring. The class was the third of three in the yearlong Writing Nonfiction Certificate Program offered by UW Extension. He also participated in the
restructuring of the Nonfiction Writing program for the 2008-2009 academic year.

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Doug Clark (TC '75), davis@ncsu.edu, teaches math and coaches volleyball at North Carolina High School in Ridgely. He was named conference Coach of the Year for volleyball three years in a row, 2004-2006.

Gretchen Glick, davis@ncsu.edu, was nominated, for the second year in a row, for a Community Crusaders CNN Heroes Award for her work with CMTUS (a foundation she founded for individuals with the neuromuscular disorder Charcot-Marie-Tooth syndrome). Gretchen is also a commissioner for the City of Solvang Department of Parks and Recreation.

**'75**

Judy (Wiedenheft) Cole, Leadville, Colo., is a special education teacher at Lake County Middle School. She earned a 6-12 science certificate and hopes to teach earth science soon. Judy volunteers with the peace group Los Ojos de Paz.

**'76**

Jim Bittner, Moorpark, Calif., was inducted into the Ventura County Sports Hall of Fame in June. For the past 29 years, Jim has been the head football coach at Moorpark College. His teams have compiled a record of 194-108-2 winning 12 Western State Conference championships and advancing to 17 bowl games. Last November his team upset the defending state and national champion to win the American Bowl.

Carl and Susan (Hofmann) Nielsen, Santa Maria, Calif., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in June and then left on a trip to Italy and Ireland. This is Carl’s 13th consecutive year of hosting and documenting international trips for a Christian travel company. He also is a full-time pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church. He can be contacted at CarlNielsenNews@BethelSantaMaria.org.

Kai (Campbell) Thoni, St. Paul, Minn., and her husband, Fred, celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary in June. Kai is an office assistant at Northwestern College where she “plays” in the Student Development world, and calls it work, and they pay her!

**'77**

Joyce (Ramsey) Howard, Richmond, Ky., earned a B.S.N. from Eastern Kentucky University in December 2006 and is a registered nurse at the local hospital.

Meredith (Moore) Messinger, Victor, N.Y., is a medical/surgical assistant at Dermatology Partners of Western N.Y. She is also a lay leader at Victor United Methodist Church.

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Scott Savio (T.C. '87), Grass Valley, Calif., is a teacher and Head Football Coach at Bear River High School. He is married to Carreen (Dittmar ‘83).
The 2008 Scandinavian Festival brought more than 7,000 people to the CLU campus, and more than 50 alumni joined the ranks of volunteers to help make the festival a success.


A tree was planted in Kingsmen Park and dedicated in memory of Jim Gulbranson ’64, who served as co-chair of the festival with George Lange for more than 10 years.

Highlights of the festival included children’s activities, food court, vendors, Nobel court, multi-language worship service, vintage Volvo cars and Nimbus motorcycles, live folk dancing and music on the festival stage, maypole dancing and a labyrinth of stones created by art professor Michael Pearce.
CRIBNOTES
Bayles, Jackson was born Jan. 19, 2006, and Addison was born Feb. 23, 2008, to Kim (Hesse ’01, M.S. ’03) and David ’01, M.B.A. ’03, Bayles.

Brazelton, Austin Reed was born Feb. 14, 2007, to Rhonda (Burt ’93) and Nathanael ’92 Brazelton.

Caulfield, Alexa Elane was born Feb. 12, 2008, to Lorena (Rees ’94) and Rob ’94 Caulfield.

Crawley, Conall David was born March 5, 2008, to Carly Coker ’05 and Eric ’04 Crawley.

Dressler, Kaiya Nicole was born April 20, 2007, to Jennie (Gappinger ’01, TC ’02) and Jonathan ’02 Dressler.

Fisher, Matthew Thomas was born June 10, 2007, to Kate (Morton ’94) and Brian ’95 Fisher.

Grabe, Emma Jane was born April 2, 2008, to Jennifer Bunch and James ’98 Grabe.

Handke, Treyr Dean was born April 17, 2008, to Stephanie and Eric ’98 Handke.

Howland, Violet June was born May 31, 2006, to Donna (Argento ’93) and Daryl Howland.


Krohn, Jacqueline Grace was born May 4, 2005, to Corinna (Middleton ’94) and Randy Krohn.

Lauder, Owen Corey Hitchcock was born Sept. 8, 2007, to Rachel Hitchcock ’93 and Ron Lauder.

Lundeen, Andrew Curtis David was born Feb. 14, 2008, to Jessica (David ’98) and David ’00 Lundeen.

May, Olivia Caroline and Jonathan William were born Nov. 16, 2007, to Erin (McAnally ’91) and Roger May.


Muth, James Edwards was born Feb. 19, 2007, to Chelsea (Barrella ’03) and Justin ’01 Muth.

Nguyen, Christopher Joseph Luong was born Feb. 14, 2008, to Laura (Regner-Cowle ’95) and Joseph Nguyen.

Norton, Zerin Edward was born Feb. 6, 2008, to Ann (Smith ’90) and Douglas Norton.

Tapking, Kayla Iris was born Dec. 29, 2007, to Nicole and Eric ’98 Tapking.

Vargas, Aaron Joseph was born Dec. 12, 2004, and adopted Nov. 3, 2006, by Ten (Peppi ’90) and Chad Vargas.

Wheeler, Madeline Marie was born Dec. 22, 2007, to Janine and Scott ’93 Wheeler.

MARRIAGES
Aarika Anderson ’05 and Ryan Elter were married July 14, 2007.
Tia Cochran ’03 and Omar Otis were married Sept. 8, 2007.
Brianne Davis ’03, M.B.A. ’06, and Olaf Anderson were married Dec. 22, 2007.
Lizeth Lopez, M.S. ’07, and Auner Casas were married Feb. 2, 2008.
Sara Placas ’04 and Matthew Case were married Feb. 16, 2008.
Timothy Prickett ’99 and Judy Christa C. Nazareno were married April 15, 2007.
David Seals ’03 and Christina Rastler were married June 22, 2007.
Catherine Stern ’02 and Glen Goodwin were married March 24, 2007.
Robert W. Towson ’93 and Christine Ann Herbert were married July 22, 2006.

IN MEMORIAM
Kimberly Peters ’93 passed away March 20, 2008.
David J. Mondon ’86 passed away Nov. 29, 2007.
Toshika Ring ’64 passed away Feb. 29, 2008.

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Darren, Gottschalk. Franklin, Tenn., is Vice President/General Manager of Enterprise Rent-a-Car/Tennessee. He volunteers with United Way and the Urban League. His three daughters are 13, 11 and 9.

Kevin Gould, Newbury Park, Calif., is President of Cliniqa Corp. in San Marcos. The company manufactures medical diagnostic products.

Gail (Johannsen) Scott, San Diego, Calif., is a regional property manager for Lincoln Military Housing.

Dianne K. Smith (T.C. ’90), South Jordan, Utah, retired as a teacher/instructor from Moorpark College.

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On Memorial Day weekend, more than 30 alumni and their families (including several current CLU students) attended the annual family camp at El Camino Pines, located on the eastern edge of the Los Padres National Forest at the base of Mt. Piños. The Rev. Glen Egertson ’86, M.S. ’94, Associate Director of Lutheran Retreats, Camps & Conferences (LRCC), and his wife, Lauri, are the current Camp Directors at El Camino. The Rev. Tim Delkeskamp ’92 and his wife, Chanie, were the speakers and Adult Bible Study leaders for the weekend. Scott Fielder ’07 and Nikki Curtis ’07, both students at Luther Seminary, are on the leadership staff at LRCC and have worked at El Camino Pines for several summers.

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations Rachel Ronning ’99 Lindgren, front row far right, and regents Shawn Howie ’78, front row second from left, and Susan Lundeen-Smuck ’88, standing second from left, were among the participants at this year’s camp.

Chris (Ratzell) Koch, Dayton, Nev., fulfilled the requirements for a Nevada Teaching Credential and will complete her master’s in education from Western Governors University in December.

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Barbara Murray (M.S.), Oak Park, Calif., is a special educator at Indian Hills High School in the Las Virgenes Unified School District. She is a past State President of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary sorority for women educators.

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Patricia (Wenig) Atkinson (T.C.), Ojai, Calif., teaches seventh grade pre-algebra at Matilija Junior High School. She was named 2007 Outstanding Math Educator by the Ventura County Math Council.
High School Baseball Team Flourishes Under Curran’s Leadership
By Steven E. Ames, Ed.D.

Although he also enjoys teaching English at Washington Union High School in Easton, a small community of about 5,000 people just outside Fresno, Calif., coaching baseball is Mike Curran’s passion. He assumed his current position during the 2004 school year and since then his WUHS North Sequoia League teams boast an 82-41 record.

“I am a super overly competitive person,” says Curran ’95 (MA ’99), who played catcher for the Kingsmen baseball team, 1992-95, and served as an assistant coach, 1995-98. “The bottom line – to just be honest – I want to win every game. And if we don’t, I don’t sleep well that night and the next night and the next – until we finally do win.”

In recognition of his success and hard work, Curran received the 2008 “Coach of the Year” Award for Fresno County and finished the season as the head coach of the County Team for the City/County All-Star Game.

During the summer of 2006, Curran was an Envoy coach for Major League Baseball International for which he traveled to Poland for five weeks to work with the Polish National Team and club teams around the country.

Curran played two years each for former CLU head coach Rich Hill and current head coach Marty Slimak. The latter says Curran was always a team guy – whether a player on the field or on the bench.

The former Kingsman says that he wouldn’t have wanted to change anything about his time at CLU. “My experience there was incredible,” he says.

“As far as academically, I feel the education was outstanding. I was pushed very hard and it was a great thing for me.”

In addition to his CLU degrees, Curran holds an M.T.S. from Washington Theological Union, Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Stephanie, have two sons, Michael, 3, and Matthew, 1.

Steven Ames is a part-time lecturer in communication at CLU.

Cary and Alysa (Mathews ’93) Caulfield, Roseville, Calif., own two outpatient orthopedic physical therapy clinics, one in Sacramento and the other in Elk Grove.

Lillian Nordgaard-Flora and Charlie Flora ’93, Simi Valley, Calif., launched Home Gym Magazine, a national newsstand magazine covering home fitness, last year. The magazine, which hit the newsstands last August, was featured in a June 23, 2007, Ventura County Star article titled “Out of the garage and into the home, Simi magazine touts personal gym.” In April Home Gym Magazine was named a Top 30 Launch of 2007 by Dr. Samir Husni, Chair of the Journalism Department at the University of Mississippi and author of the best selling “Guide to New Magazines,” now in its 22nd year. Home Gym Magazine is on sale in bookstores, newsstands, specialty fitness stores and by subscription. More information on the quarterly publication can be found at www.homegymmag.com

Tony Schmidt (M.B.A.). Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., is Vice President of Cisco Sales Corp., an import company. He earned his MBA while working as the Japanese student coordinator at CLU. He and his wife, Joan, have an 11-year-old daughter.

Shelley Sizemore, Glendale, Calif., is a producer/writer for WayOut Productions. She was an actor and set designer for the 2007 short film Out of Step.

Robert W. Towson, Spring Valley, Calif., completed his veterinary assistant certification last year and is pursuing further training.

Steve E. Ames, Ed.D.
Corinna (Middleton) Krohn, Redding, Calif., teaches sixth grade at Anderson Middle School in the Cascade Union Elementary School District. She and her husband, Randy, own Lawson Signs & Graphics.

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From 1998-2000, Murrish was an assistant coach at her alma mater, California Lutheran University. During that time, the Regals won the SCIAC championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

As a student-athlete at Butte College, Murrish earned the title of Butte County Sophomore Athlete of the Year. Later as a student-athlete at CLU, she earned first Team All-Conference honors.

Her education includes a Bachelor of Science in sports medicine from CLU and two master’s degrees: one in education, instructional technology from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, and the other in kinesiology from California State University, Northridge.

Each year, the CLU Alumni Association Board of Directors recognizes the accomplishments of alumni in the areas of career achievement, humanitarian concerns, and service to alma mater.

For more information or to submit a nomination, please visit www.callutheran.edu/alumni/awards/awards.php or contact Alumni and Parent Relations at (805) 493-3170.

Brandie Murrish ’98

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD

Brandie Murrish, Head Women’s Basketball Coach at Sierra College, received the Alumni Association 2008 Outstanding Alumna Award and served as keynote speaker at Honors Day Convocation in May.

Murrish recently completed her second season at the helm of the Sierra College Women’s Basketball program. In her first season as head coach, the team finished second in the California Community College State Tournament with an overall record of 32-5. As a result, her peers voted her 2006-2007 Coach of the Year.

In her speech, the successful player and coach told the gathered students that although sports play a small part in life’s big picture, lessons learned in life parallel those learned in sports.

Prior to her position at Sierra College, Coach Murrish guided Bishop Alemany High School, a premier Catholic high school in Southern California, to the CIF Division Finals and was named the 2005-2006 CIF Southern Section Coach of the Year.

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James Bodie (M.S. ’06), Granada Hills, Calif., is an integration and test engineer with Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He and his wife, Cathe, have a business raising alpacas, Summer Solstice Alpacas.

James Grabe, Durham, N.C., is Help Desk Supervisor for Golden Corral Corp. in Raleigh.

Eric Handke, Montrose, Colo., is an E.S.L. teacher at Montrose High School.

Binh Hoang (M.B.A. ’01), Westlake Village, Calif., is CEO of AttachPoint LLC in Agoura Hills and branch owner of Paul Green School of Rock Music. He has played forward on nearly a dozen USA Field Hockey National Teams since 1987 and has scored 12 goals in international competition. In 2007 USA vs. Mexico Pan American Games Qualifying Series, he tied for the series goal scoring lead with three goals. Binh is a member of the High Performance Center Team in Moorpark, which won the USA Men’s National Championship last year.

Taryn (Hannon) Koch (T.C. ’99), Simi Valley, Calif., teaches at Chaparral Middle School in Moorpark.

Patti (McCleary) Schoffstall is an artist and stay-at-home mom.

Robert Garcia (M.Ed.), Stevenson Ranch, Calif., was awarded a fellowship to pursue an Ed.D. at Harvard University’s Urban Superintendent Program. Since earning his master’s degree at CLU, Robert has served as a secondary administrator in the Los Angeles Unified School District, and as the Principal at Fulton College Prep for the last four years.

Sasan Nikoomanesh (M.B.A.), Simi Valley, Calif., was appointed to serve as a member of the board of directors of Many Mansions, a nonprofit organization that provides affordable housing in Ventura County. Sasan is an investment adviser and strategist at UBS Financial Services in Woodland Hills.

Tony Sullivan, Holly Springs, N.C., is head football coach at Northern High School in the Raleigh area. The former Cal Lutheran football player had been defensive coordinator at Millbrook High in Raleigh.

Gail (Strickler) Zurek, Chicago, Ill., is Executive Director of Career Services at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago.

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Dave Aranda. Honolulu, Hawaii, takes over as defensive line coach at University of Hawaii this fall. In his 13th year of coaching, Dave joins the UH staff after serving as co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Division II Delta State (Miss.). Dave served as an assistant coach at CLU, 1996-99, and as defensive coordinator/linebackers coach, 2005-06.

Andrew Bartsch. Murfreesboro, Tenn., is head football coach at Oakland High School. He was Oakland High’s freshman coach last season.

Crystal Jensen. Berkeley, Calif., is Technology Coordinator at Berkeley High School.

Sara Larcombe. Quincy, Mass., is Director of Marketing, Asia for Dunkin’ Brands, Inc., in Boston.

Pattie (Brenner) Williamson. Keller, Texas, is retired. She helps kindergartners with reading at the elementary school, does oil painting and gardens.

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Colleen (Moeller) Curtis. Maryville, Tenn., was ordained as Associate Pastor of Farragut Presbyterian Church last October. She earned her M.Div. at Princeton Theological Seminary and completed a one-year residency as chaplain of a clinical pastoral education program.

Catherine (Stern) Goodwin, Oxnard, Calif., teaches first grade in the Oxnard School District. Her husband, Glen, was deployed to Iraq last year, and Catherine is President of the Family Readiness Group, which helps family and friends of service members in Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 4 (NMCB4).

Andrea Mallen (Administrative Services Credential). La Quinta, Calif., was recently named Principal of Oak Park High School. A longtime Conejo Valley resident, Andrea was the founding principal of the High School at Moorpark College established in 2000 and, before that, spent 12 years as a counselor at Moorpark High School. She has been Assistant Principal at Palm Desert High School since 2004.


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Jasmin Abou-Diwan. Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a quality assurance coordinator at Amgen.

Tia Cochran-Otis. Ventura, Calif., is a psychiatric social worker at Hillmont Psychiatric Center, an inpatient psychiatric hospital.

Carla (Carroll) Davis. Camarillo, Calif., teaches at Channel Islands High School in Oxnard.

Jessica “JJ” Grey, Denver, Colo., is a social caseworker for Denver Human Resources. She earned her master’s in social work from the University of Denver in 2005.

Carmen Guenzel. Springfield, Ore., has a tutoring business, Comprehensive Tutoring Services.

Erika Hueschmann. Huntington Beach, Calif., is a student at Whittier Law School in Costa Mesa.
Jessica Kollmeyer. Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a veterinary technician at Caring Hands Veterinary Hospital. She is co-chair of CONNECT Young Adult ministry at Ascension Lutheran Church and aspires to lead environmental education programs in the Lutheran Church.

Alfronso Mercado. McAllen, Texas, is a lecturer in the Psychology Department at University of Texas-Pan American and is a doctoral student in clinical psychology at Fielding Graduate University. He assists community mental health programs in South Texas with clinical training and consultation, and is also working on a study of ADHD and Latino children and adolescents in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas.

Christina (Wu) Ramirez. Newbury Park, Calif., is Manager of Communication at Pepperdine University.

Sally Sagen (MS ’05). Thousand Oaks, Calif., is Assistant Director of Student Life at CLU. She is completing coursework for the Ed.D. in higher education administration at George Washington University and preparing to write her dissertation.

Sara (Kvidahl) Schmitz. Napa, Calif., teaches at Harvest Middle School and coaches basketball, soccer and track.

David Seals. Roseville, Calif., is a firefighter/paramedic with the Sacramento City Fire Department.

Becky Sehenuk. Thousand Oaks, Calif., is creative art director at Cornerstone Community Church in Simi Valley. She is pursuing a master’s degree in graphic design at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco. Her paintings have been showcased in numerous art galleries and shows including High Studio Art Gallery in Moorpark and McGinty’s Gallery At The End Of The World in Altadena.

Breana St. John. Moorpark, Calif., is pursuing a Master of Education in student affairs at UCLA.

Alison (Retzloff) Viktorin. Euless, Texas, is a voice-over actress who does a lot of cartoons, mostly anime. She also does commercials and modeling in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Steven Guzzo (M.B.A.). Camarillo, Calif., was promoted to Director of Information Technology for the Ventura County Star in January after serving as Information Systems Manager. He is Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross of Ventura County and a member of Camarillo’s Citizen Advisory Committee for the redevelopment project area.

Cory Hughes. La Habra, Calif., is a Procurement Technician with the U.S. Forest Service in Arcadia. He works in Region 5, which includes Angeles National Forest and Cleveland National Forest.

Carolyn Zimring (M.A.). Agoura Hills, Calif., teaches third grade and gifted education at Sunkist Elementary School in Port Hueneme. She and her husband, Donald, celebrated their 35th anniversary in July.


Kristin Kate Smith. Arroyo Grande, Calif., graduated from CSU Stanislaw in 2007 with a Master of Arts in history and a concentration in international relations.

Crystal Coatney. Thousand Oaks, Calif., is a quality control analyst in a tissue culture lab at Invitrogen, a biotechnology company in Camarillo. She is pursuing a Master of Science in physician assistant studies at Western University of Health Sciences in Pomona.

Kamalika Roy. Newbury Park, Calif., is an Information Systems senior manager at Amgen.
More than 3.5 million new voters registered in just the first three months of 2008, a record number whose growth shows no sign of diminishing as political campaigns run into summer and gear up for the fall presidential election. The numbers are particularly impressive for the youth vote (18-25), a segment of potential voters that had been in steep decline for the 20 years prior to 2004.

Are the numbers likely to continue growing? Do they indicate a permanent change in the political involvement of youth? Are we witnessing to a generational shift in political commitments on the scale of the 1960s?

Answers can only be speculative at this time, but speculation can be informed by distinguishing shorter- and longer-term factors affecting this surge in younger voters.

Shorter-term factors have to do specifically with this 2008 presidential election, which has proven to be exceptionally open, long and unpredictable. This is the first presidential election in memory starting without an incumbent or definitive front-runner in either party. Candidates and states vied with one another to gain early national attention. Candidates began officially declaring in fall 2007, and many states moved their primaries to the first months of the year while others clustered (on Super Tuesday) to have the first say in determining the election.

John McCain emerged as the Republican candidate after several months, but Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton remained neck and neck into the summer. The primary season lengthened to engage more voters more actively than ever before. More states than ever before became battlegrounds.

The outcomes were less predictable and perceived stakes much greater than in recent elections. The array of choices reinforced a sense of history in the making as voters could choose the first woman (Clinton), black (Obama) Mormon (Mitt Romney) or Hispanic (Bill Richardson) president in our history.

There are also longer-term factors at play: generational change and the impact of new technologies, which are linked in a way that helps explain the spike specifically in youth registration.

Voting is not quite the rational act we tell ourselves it ought to be. After all, what really is the payoff from casting one vote? A single vote out of millions scarcely affects an election outcome. The essential value of voting, I would argue, is not that you can determine a winner. Rather, it is what you say about yourself to yourself and others by making a public decision: I am responsible for myself and others; I choose to participate in the decisions which affect my life; I am not a subject, I am a citizen.

Whether you feel you ought to participate or not, it helps immensely to be asked. I don’t know that the new generation is more civic minded and idealistic than ever before. What I do know is that it is being asked more than previous generations. The technology of Facebook, cell phones, and iPods has created entirely new ways of asking that have special appeal for a generation which has come of age with the Internet and laptop.

Do we have the makings of a generational shift in attitudes and political engagement comparable to the 1960s? In both periods, there was an unpopular war and surge of youth into politics. But the parallels are easily overdrawn. There is no draft today and the size of this new generation is nowhere that of the Baby Boomers in proportion to total American population. Rather than flush economic times, which permitted many to feel secure enough about the future to challenge the present, this generation faces quite sobering economic times. Absent is that volatile mix of hope, alienation and anger that characterized the generation of the 60s.

We can chart the rising magnitude of participation, though not the directions it may take. Youth is engaged and not likely to be taken for granted, and this is something we haven’t seen in a generation.

Herb Gooch is Director of the Master of Public Policy and Administration Program and Professor of Political Science.
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Trip costs will vary depending on airline fares. Estimated cost for food, lodging and expenses in addition to airfare is $325. To reserve a spot, a nonrefundable deposit of $100 is due by Oct. 1. There is room for 40 participants. Priority is given to current students, but there should be plenty of room for alumni and friends.

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