There are role models and then there are mentors. A role model is an individual whom you look to for inspiration from afar, such as a celebrity or sports star, whereas a mentor is an individual with whom you interact, who teaches you about real life, giving you the guidance and confidence to believe that anything is possible.

I have been very fortunate to have a few mentors, aside from my parents and family of course, who seemed to magically appear and make a monumental difference at critical points in my life while I was growing up. One example was when I was in grade 7. I had just moved to Lumsden, Saskatchewan, from Wynyard, Saskatchewan, halfway through the school year, leaving behind the security of my friends and familiar surroundings. Although I was an extrovert, I remember lacking confidence and not knowing where I would fit in. That summer, I ended up attending a camp put on by SIAST (now Saskatchewan Polytechnic) called Girls Exploring Trades & Technology (G.E.T.T.). This is where I met Val Overend; she was the first woman I had met who worked in the trades and technology field as a construction worker. Over five days, she guided me and eleven other girls through various sessions: how to use power tools; woodworking; car maintenance; and AutoCAD (a computer program to create 2D and 3D drawings)—all with the purpose of enabling us to design and build a go-kart that we would race at the end of the week. As the week unfolded, I could feel things start to fall into place, as if a light switch had been turned on. I began to discover who I was and imagine what I could achieve; in the process I gained confidence in myself. I was the student and Val was my mentor.

That week was really just a brief moment in time over my last thirty-three years but I look back now and recognize that it was a major turning point in my life. I was shown that I could study and work in a non-traditional field/career and once I realized that, I never looked back. It has been over a decade since I completed my schooling and I am no longer the student. Today, I am the mentor, hoping to make even a small difference in a young person’s life.

Mentoring is part of Luther’s Strategic Plan at the University campus and its on-going student programming. One of the goals is to connect current students with Luther alumni who will mentor the students and help guide them on their path towards a successful career. I encourage you to visit page 21 to learn how you, too, can become a mentor.

Even after all of these years, Val Overend recognized me at the 2010 YWCA Women of Distinction Awards and came to say “hi” and congratulate me. I should have told her then what a difference she had made in my life, but I didn’t. So I guess I’ll say it now: Thank you, Val, for being my mentor.

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Top: Luther welcomes Angela Bethune as the High School’s new Alumni Relations and Communications Officer.
Left: Elsie May Quick, librarian at Luther College, University campus from 1981 to 1991.
Right: The late Mark Winkler, former English teacher at Luther College High School, and Steve Haddad in November 1985.

Cover image: LIT 2015 in the new Semple Gymnasium. Photo by Noke Yuan, a grade 12 student at Luther College High School.
Maintaining our Lutheran Heritage?

I’ve been reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer lately. I hold him just as close as I do Martin Luther, but for different reasons. For me, Luther is familiar, brilliant, but infinitely human. I can relate to his grumpiness, vulgarity, and humour. Bonhoeffer is something different. His work was stopped too soon. His martyrdom elevated him to a new level of sainthood, perhaps unfairly. Bonhoeffer was very much in process. He was contemplating marriage. He was planning a trip to India to stay with Gandhi. He was exploring ecumenism. All of these things were continuing to shape him. Along those lines, he was always looking at the broader world and then looking at the church and how it was a part of that world. The church can become too isolated. Bonhoeffer was aware of this dynamic and called it into question.

Sometimes we fail to appreciate that both Martin Luther and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, along with a host of other reformers, were cutting-edge and progressive. Think about what the church might look like had they not challenged orthodoxy (a churchy word for tradition). Sometimes we view our Lutheran heritage as German or Norwegian, or intimately connected to lutefisk and lefse, or finely knit, colourful sweaters? Is it identified through prominent theologians? Is it a culture or a movement? What exactly is our Lutheran heritage?

Part of being Lutheran always means challenging the status quo. “Lutheran” has never been about new or old. We use the word “reform.” Luther and Bonhoeffer were both reformers, challenging the church of their own day to be something more authentic in respect to the gospel. Perhaps we don’t recognize that trait as Lutheran. It is!

Yes, we are “justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law” (Romans 3:28, NRSV). This is the very idea that frees us to question tradition, what we shall cling to, and how we can approach reform. As Martin Luther wrote in his treatise on Christian liberty:

A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all. (LW 31, 344)

We are free to ask questions of our orthodoxy. We are subject as servants, not to orthodoxy, but to those in need, the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. Think about that the next time you look at your church and you wonder what’s happening. It just may be that you are in the process of reform, inching closer toward the community God intended you to be. Instead of leaving our Lutheran heritage behind, perhaps you’re becoming more genuinely “Lutheran.”
A short while ago, one of the College’s strongest supporters died suddenly. Eileen Forrieter (HS’52) was a hale and hearty eighty-year-old who collapsed in hospital just after undergoing some medical tests. ‘Mrs. Forrieter’, as she will always be to me, was an amazing English teacher though she never taught at Luther College. In fact, she taught at Campbell Collegiate, where people like me, who didn’t have the good fortune of attending Luther College, benefitted from her wisdom, pedagogical soundness and challenges to always be the best we could be. I wasn’t aware that Mrs. Forrieter was a graduate of LCHS until I assumed my position at Luther. Then all the pieces fit together. Here was a person who cared for her students, considered teaching the highest vocation and encouraged everybody, no matter what their pursuit. I don’t know why Mrs. Forrieter didn’t teach at LCHS, but I can only imagine that at the time she graduated, the faculty was stock full of great teachers already, with the likes of Fred Wagner teaching there. But I do know, because she told me so at an alumni event, that Mrs. Forrieter was inspired by the teaching that she had experienced at LCHS and that she could only ‘pay it forward,’ as the current saying goes.

I am always astounded how that excellence in teaching continues in our College today. I see and hear about it from the students, especially after they graduate and go on to university or other worthwhile pursuits. I also know it’s happening because of what I see in the school’s extracurricular activities like the many sports, musical and other activities to which our faculty give their care and attention. Mrs. Forrieter first caught a glimpse of her vocation during her time as a student at Luther College, as so many of our graduates have, and so many have benefitted from that vocational trajectory.

Let me give you a second example. At a recent meeting of our Board, our volunteer Regents engaged as a focus group with a marketing consultant to discuss the best way to portray the University campus of Luther College (LCUR) to new students and the public. This type of marketing focus hasn’t been developed for some time for our LCUR campus and was long overdue. Our Regents came to the same conclusion that a group of students came to a few days later in the same sort of exercise, the same conclusion that our staff and faculty repeatedly have emphasized as they considered the same question. Luther College at the University of Regina campus is a small place where people genuinely care for the students they teach, advise and serve in every way possible, whether that be in the classroom, in the offices of our academic counsellors or in our cafeteria and residence. They are all interested in the future of our students and how they will find their vocation in life, even while understanding that the process can be long, even difficult and probably seldom in a straight line. Determining how to package and market this genuine caring for our students is difficult because the vagaries of media, whether it be social, electronic or print, are not ideal for indicating what our College at the University campus means. But it is at the essence of what we do and are. And it is the story we want to tell.

The same Luther College which has inspired our alumni for over one hundred years continues in teaching and service on both our campuses. It lives on in the lives of our alumni and in every activity of our school, whether those activities are central to the academic function, are extra-curricular or are somewhat informal, such as simply being there to help someone consider his or her vocation in life. It is this spirit of Luther College which we all cherish and which continues to flourish, where quality education in a Christian context are not just words but a lived maxim for all connected in whatever way to our College.

Bryan Hillis (U’78), Ph.D.
President, Luther College
With a keen and nimble mind for business and his industry, Tommy Chung-Him Ho (HS’83), has continued to reinvent his family-run printing company, Central Printing, into a successful, thriving enterprise.

The forty-year-old company was originally started by his father. His uncle and cousin also work at the factory that, for many years, printed mainstream items like business cards and letterhead. But with the explosion of technology and the Internet, print companies have had to adapt and look for new markets in order to stay viable, says Ho, the company’s CEO.

“In printing, we constantly have to change to survive. We have to look for new markets because if you don’t, you will go out of business,” says Ho.

In recent years, Ho has tapped into a strong market, printing textbooks for elementary schools, high schools and universities in Mexico and Europe. He estimates his company prints six million textbooks a year, a volume he says is large and comprises 70 per cent of his business. Ho attributes much of his company’s growth to the textbook market.

“I discovered this opportunity because one of my best friends worked in publishing. Students still use textbooks in schools,” says Ho, adding that the number of textbooks in use is dwindling every year, as university students come to rely more on the Internet for their studies. To combat that downward trend, Ho plans to focus heavily on taking on more contracts to print children’s textbooks.

The remainder of Ho’s business is in printing children’s picture books. He says this market is still strong and he sees opportunity for his company’s growth in this area. To maintain relationships and find new, large printing contracts, Ho travels often to Europe and Mexico. He also frequently makes the two-hour drive from Hong Kong to the China factory to check schedules, print quality and a myriad of other details involved in keeping his large-scale operations running smoothly.

Travel is a fringe benefit of running such a large-scale printing enterprise, a perk that Ho quite enjoys. He chuckles as he says Europe is a vast country he loves to visit, both professionally and personally.

With Ho at the helm, Central Printing employs two hundred people, with a small head office in Hong Kong and the vast majority of his employees in a large factory in China. The printing presses in the factory operate 24 hours a day, non-stop, with one hundred employees working the assembly line on each 12-hour shift. Employees work about 280 days per year and the company fills two hundred shipping containers each year.

Ho enjoys working in such a dynamic and fast-paced industry. To keep up with demands, he works six days a week and puts in long hours each day. He says, “You have no choice. It’s just part of your life. You get a nice life but you have to sacrifice a lot.” He adds that people in Hong Kong work very long hours and that’s just part of their working culture.

With a degree in Economics, printing as a family legacy and his remarkable acumen for business, Ho shows no signs of slowing down. And he’s not afraid to take on challenges. With every challenge, he sees opportunity.

“We used to print manuals. Now no one uses manuals. Lonely Planet? No one buys travel books anymore. They use iPhones and Google,” says Ho, soberly. “But there’s always something out there.” As long as Ho sees potential printing frontiers to conquer, Central Printing will continue to bustle with economic activity.
Melanie Tiefenbach (HS’89) is a freelance journalist, living and working in Regina. Her career spans many years as a print journalist for various newspapers and magazines and in corporate communications for a variety of companies. She is a graduate of the School of Journalism and Communications at the University of Regina.

REMEMBERING LUTHER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL (APPRECIATING LUTHER)

As an international student living in the dorm, Ho often found life very lonely. “I found out about Luther College High School from a relative who was attending another high school in the city.” But he fondly remembers the good friends he made in the dorm and how day students were so kind. He especially recalls the Dean of Boys at the time, Ben Freitag, who really helped Ho feel welcome and comfortable.

Ho gives a big belly laugh when recalling one of his favourite memories. He and a few of his dorm buddies skipped chapel and retreated to one of their rooms to cook noodles on their hotplates. However, one of the deans was doing rounds and the boys were caught.

Two of his favourite teachers were Mrs. Barb Wright, who taught Algebra, and Mr. Russ Green, who taught Economics. Of Mr. Green’s kindness, says Ho, “I always fell asleep and he would wake me up. One time he put his jacket on my shoulder to fall asleep on!”

Ho went on after high school to complete his post-secondary studies in San Francisco, but he contends that no other students are as nice as the ones at Luther.

ALUMNI BIO

Name: Tommy Chung-Him Ho

Graduated: Luther College High School in 1983

Married: To Lucille. Daughter Theodora, grade 6

Education: Bachelor’s Degree in Economics, San Francisco State

Residence: Hong Kong

Career History: Runs family printing enterprise, Central Printing, as the current CEO.

Personal Notes: Every year, Luther graduates living in Hong Kong get together for a big dinner. Ho says about forty alumni attend and he really enjoys this time. “It’s like a big, extended family.”
time, the Vogels were at a crux: do they take young children in such a short period of time? They had another birth child. With three birth children, two years old, they decided to take in their first foster child. Soon after, the two-year-old was diagnosed with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). This sobering reality is typical of their lives and is indicative of the challenging nature of the work they feel honoured and called to do.

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The Vogels typically had ten children in their home at any given time but have had up to thirteen. As their birth and adopted children grew up, they took more foster children, with the majority ranging in age from infants to preschoolers. Many of these children were medically fragile, with conditions such as cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, Down syndrome, fetal alcohol syndrome and drug exposure. Their stays can range anywhere from a few weeks to a few years, depending on the circumstances.

For the last decade, the Vogels have almost exclusively taken medically fragile babies. Due to the intense needs of these babies, the couple cares for a maximum of three at a time. When they have newborns in their care, Corinne and Roger take turns giving middle-of-the-night feedings. During the writing of this story, they took in a three- and-a-half-week-old, four-pound premature baby girl. Their two-year-old little boy was hospitalized with pneumonia and their seven-week-old baby was diagnosed with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). This sobering reality is typical of their lives and is indicative of the challenging nature of the work they feel honoured and called to do.

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“God gives us our marching orders, to give a home to the homeless, feed the hungry and clothe the naked,” says Vogel, citing Isaiah 58, one of their favourite Bible passages. “We had our mission statement of what God wanted us to do with our lives.”

Compassion is a quality Vogel has embodied throughout her life. After completing a year of post-secondary studies at the University of Regina, she moved to Indiana where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology. For five years, she practiced as a deaconess in the Lutheran church in Pennsylvania and Michigan, leading women’s Bible studies, teaching confirmation classes, and visiting the sick and member prospects.

While most people could depict their family tree on a page or two, the Vogels’ would take several. Together they have five birth children, six adopted children, fifteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. In addition, they have fostered 127 children.

Their fostering journey began in Pennsylvania in 1973. When their first birth child was two years old, they decided to take in their first foster child. Soon after, they had another birth child. With three young children in such a short period of time, the Vogels were at a crux: do they take another foster child? They saw a huge need for children to find loving homes and really wanted to take in more. Again, they looked to Isaiah 58 and their qualms were forever eased.

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“God gives us the strength, ability and interest to do this. I don’t feel like I need time away,” says Vogel. No matter what the hurdle, the Vogels take it all in stride. If a child is sick in hospital, Vogel visits daily—for hours—whether the child is there for a day or for months. When her husband was in the workforce, they would hire someone to watch the kids at home so that she could spend time with the hospitalized children. When her husband came home from work, he would pitch in and help where needed.

Care for these medically fragile children is often very laborious and complex. For example, one child with DiGeorge syndrome, a chromosomal defect, requires an hour of treatment every morning that includes putting on a vibrating vest, receiving a nebulizer, brushing and compressing (for sensory integration issues) and receiving a host of medicines.

These babies and children receive treatment from many specialists, including physiotherapists and occupational therapists. A testament to the Vogels’ commitment to these vulnerable babies and of the rapport they have developed with the local medical community, some specialists come to their house to administer treatments and provide valuable over-the-phone counsel to alleviate the burden of driving to more appointments.

To those currently providing foster care and to those considering it, Vogel offers heartfelt encouragement and well-earned perspective. “You know you are making the difference in the life of a child. Because the child is in your home, their life will be
Vogel candidly admits she was a “nerd” in high school, with a love of learning and anything education-related. She especially enjoyed chapel, where they came together as a student body and sang hymns. She can still recite many of those hymns from memory and when she sings at her church is frequently reminded of her fond days at Luther. She appreciates the high educational standards set by the school and credits her academic success in college to this.

**ALUMNI BIO**

Name: Corinne (Seibel) Vogel  
Married: 1969  
Education: Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1964  
Residence: Fairfield, California  
Career History: Practiced as a deaconess in the Lutheran church for five years in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Flint, Michigan  
Personal Notes: After living in the United States for over fifty years on a Green Card, she recently became an American citizen. “I renewed my Green Card every ten years and when I looked ahead at how old I’d be in ten years, I didn’t want to go through that process again!” says Vogel.

different. There is a lot of satisfaction and joy in knowing you are changing the world one little person at a time. Don’t look at what is happening today. Look at what is happening down the line.”

She cites their first foster child, whom they later adopted, as an example. The child, a baby girl, came from the hospital at ten weeks, with a heart condition. She wasn’t expected to live a year. The stalwart couple refused to give up on her. At fourteen months, the baby received ground-breaking open-heart surgery and is now a forty-one-year-old mom of three, with a job and a full life.

Now seventy-one, and still vibrant, Vogel says that she and her husband have no plans to stop fostering: “I tell people that I’m gonna push a stroller until I have to push a walker!”
Ever since studying at Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) for her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology, Allison Hui (U’03) has always been seeking opportunities within her work to remain engaged in the academic experience surrounding a university.

Growing up, Allison studied piano and each year would attend the music festival held at LCUR. “Luther was a place [where] I had felt at home for a long time,” explains Allison. When she started her post-secondary education, Allison registered through the University of Regina, studying Sociology, but partway through her degree, she decided to register as a Luther student. “I felt so comfortable at Luther, [I wondered], why am I not a Luther student? Not only [is there] the notoriously amazing, supportive staff, but I love all my classes at Luther,” says Allison.

After completing her Bachelor’s degree at Luther, Allison relocated to Edmonton to attend the University of Alberta to complete her Masters in Sociology, followed by a Ph.D. in Sociology at Lancaster University. She also worked as a post-doctoral fellow at the David C. Lam Institute for East-West studies in Hong Kong. This particular position in Hong Kong also had a connection to home, as David C. Lam had served as Lieutenant Governor in British Columbia.

It was Luther College, however, that was the first academic community to foster Allison’s passion for academia, a passion she still carries with her today. Allison is currently an academic fellow at Lancaster University. This means that she spends part of her time as a lecturer in the Sociology department at that university, and the other half of her time working in the Dynamics of Energy, Mobility and Demand (DEMAND) Research Centre. In her position at DEMAND, her research focuses on the issues of energy demand from a social science standpoint.

“My research is driven by a curiosity about changes in everyday life in the context of global mobilities of people, objects, and resources,” writes Allison on her website. Significant changes in everyday life is, of course, something that Allison has personally experienced, having lived on three different continents in the pursuit of furthering her education and research. And mobility, a major theme in her research, is also something she has particular insight into through her many experiences travelling. These experiences have helped guide and inform her research.

“We often take for granted the ways we move around the world until we get somewhere new and discover that things are organized entirely differently. But the ways we move around are also closely tied to maintaining contact with important communities and meaningful routines,” says Allison when explaining her research.

As she moves forward in her career, Allison expects that her work will make long-term contributions to society. In the UK, greater importance is placed on the impact of academic research and on finding ways to implement research beyond academic discourse. It is increasingly important that the research conducted and insights gained have public impact and enter into wider public debates.

Allison’s curiosity and desire to learn have always been the driving force behind all of her pursuits. “In a way, I was one of those people who was fascinated by being at university,” explains Allison. “I just kept going back [to school] until I reached the point where I was receiving a Ph.D. I could keep going back to school and doing research forever!” Allison also notes that the positive experiences she had at LCUR kept guiding her back to the world of academia.
Joelle Seal (U’13) graduated from Luther College at the University of Regina in December 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. She has not wandered far since graduation, as she currently is working for the University of Regina Students’ Union as an Administrative Assistant and Events Coordinator.

REMEMBERING LUTHER COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF REGINA (APPRECIATING LUTHER)

For Allison, studying at LCUR felt like being part of a community. “Luther College fostered a sense of collegiality and the importance of supportive networks.”

She believes Luther helped foster her skills of communication and connection. Connections between professor and student were of great importance for Allison. “Bill Stahl taught most of the Sociology classes when I was at Luther and was supportive when I told him I was applying for the Master’s Program. I still try to emulate him in my teaching.” She also fondly recalls her class being invited to go for celebratory lunches with Dr. Bryan Hillis, who was Academic Dean at that time, and that this fostered a sense of community among her classmates.

Her Luther College experience came full-circle when she was asked to play piano at the 2003 Spring Convocation ceremony. “Of all the different communities I had been a part of, it was starting to connect together. There was something really lovely about that.”

ALUMNI BIO

Name: Allison Hui

Year of Graduation: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 2003

Education:
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Master of Arts in Sociology from University of Alberta; Ph.D. in Sociology from Lancaster University

Career History:
Post-doctoral fellow at David C. Lamb Institute for East-West Relations; Academic Fellow at Lancaster University.

Personal Notes:
To read more about Allison Hui and her work, visit her website at http://allisonhui.com/
Mary Ho (U’09, U’11) has always been one to challenge herself. It began when she was a student at Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) and it’s still true today with her role working at the United Nations (UN) headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

In 2009, Mary graduated from LCUR with her first degree, a Bachelor of Science, majoring in Computer Science. She chose Computer Science as her field of study early on because she had always excelled at and had a natural interest in science, mathematics and solving problems. “I wanted to pick a field that was challenging. Women in IT [Information Technology] is rare, and it seemed like the most challenging degree for me.” She believed that Computer Science would be the most applicable way to utilize her skill set and have a career she would be passionate about.

While in her second year at LCUR, Mary encountered another challenge that quickly turned into a passion for her. “I took a course in Psychology, and I fell in love. I thought I would do a minor in [Psychology], but before I knew it I had completed the minor and wanted to do more,” says Mary. It was at this point that she decided to start working toward a Psychology degree while continuing to finish her Computer Science degree.

Along with taking on the task of completing two degrees at the same time, Mary also decided to take advantage of the Co-operative Education (Co-op) program at the University of Regina. With this program, she completed work terms with SaskTel in their IT department as well as a work term in Calgary, Alberta with Shell in Asset Management.

When an opportunity arose to expand her horizons in Europe, Mary applied for the extremely competitive internship at the UN in Vienna, Austria, and was accepted. Although this meant she had to withdraw from the Co-op program, as the UN internship was not part of the Co-op program, Mary considered this to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity she could not pass up. “I had travelled in Europe before,” said Mary, “and that was why I was interested at the chance to live in Europe. That’s how I was drawn to apply for the internship. Living there is such a different experience because you are completely immersed in the culture.”

After excelling at the internship in Vienna and returning to Regina to graduate in 2009 with her first Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, Mary was offered a job back at the UN; however, Mary was still working on her Psychology degree. “The staff at Luther College were very helpful in finishing the last semester of my Psychology degree. If I didn’t have that level of personal support I would’ve dropped [my Psychology degree]. Only in the close, personal environment of Luther was I able to start my career while finishing my schooling,” Mary says. “Luther College encourages students and empowers them to these possibilities.”

Since starting her career, she has applied her skills at various UN organizations in supporting their missions, including in the fields of drugs and crime, nuclear testing regulation and international narcotics control. “The United Nations is an area where the [goals are sometimes difficult] and technology [can be] used in different ways to achieve their work. Technology and software [can be used] for countries to communicate, manage information, as well as spread the word on initiatives. Technology helps people on the ground and in the offices to communicate and share information,” explains Mary.

Mary’s combined Computer Science and Psychology background is ideal for her international career. At the UN, she has the opportunity to contribute to the “bigger picture” for many global issues. In this international environment, the ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds is of the utmost importance. “My liberal arts degree helped to [engrave in me] the ability to work with people and look at things from many perspectives,” she explains. For Mary, the possibilities are endless.
For Mary, the unique advantage of having a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science as well as a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Psychology can be attributed to her academic experience at LCUR. Mary recalls that her Psychology courses at Luther were her favourite courses and inspired her to pursue a second degree in the subject. Her Psychology courses provided her with important life skills and knowledge that “remains with you for a lifetime.” “The professors at Luther know how to teach and motivate students to learn. My favourite professors were in Psychology. They were so engaging,” says Mary. “You feel so connected to the school studying at Luther.”

Mary is also grateful for the exceptionally capable academic assistance of Mary Jesse, LCUR’s Registrar, and Karen Nye, LCUR’s Assistant to the Registrar, who assisted her while she completed her second degree after she had already relocated to Vienna. “Mary Jesse helped me to plan the courses, and she was the most influential and most supportive in helping me achieve my second degree. Without her, it would’ve been hard to plan and coordinate the courses.”

**Name:** Mary Ho

**Year of Graduation/Education:**
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in 2009
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2011

**Career History:**
International Organizations

**Personal Notes:**
Currently working on her Masters of Science in Information Systems Management in Vienna, Austria.
A look back at Steve’s time at Luther wouldn’t be complete without noting his sense of humour. Anderson remembers one incident in particular. “Steve used to steal shoes off female teachers sitting in the workshop and throw the shoes out the window.” More than one co-worker also noted Steve’s multi-tasking skills, such as his ability to roll a cigarette while driving a manual stick-shift Volkswagen (presumably while musing on a Hamlet soliloquy).

Outside of teaching, Steve’s other interests are sailing, reading and building houses. Steve took a year off to sail the Pacific Ocean in his trimaran. These are some of the activities he plans to pursue upon retirement. Steve also noted one other career memory: the establishment of the English Emeriti Scholarship. He remembers the English teachers – Wayne Kallio, Mark Winkler, Jeanette Kuiper, and the other English Emeriti who came before them – who set up the program that allowed students to succeed after high school. The $200 scholarship, established in 2014, honours the many English teachers of Luther College High School and recognizes academic excellence in grades 10, 11 and 12 English.

Steve Haddad may be retired, but through this scholarship, and through the many memories of teachers, students and alumni, he will always remain connected to Luther.

PARTING WORDS FROM PRINCIPAL, DR. MARK ANDERSON:

For over thirty years, Steve has generously and faithfully served our students and this community. We will especially miss his commitment to classroom teaching, his expertise with school data and his quiet philanthropy. We might even miss his puns and bold fashion statements. Please join me in thanking Steve for the countless extra hours he has poured into Luther and its students.
Gerry was also always eager to spearhead recreational activities for faculty and staff. “Gerry has been the one who would consistently get the College faculty and staff together to form a volleyball team or the Luther softball team or arrange for everyone to meet for drinks after work,” says Dr. Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Dean of Luther College. He was also very willing to help with events by writing poems or giving humorous presentations at retirement parties. Gerry brought the fun to otherwise serious events and made them a better time for everyone involved.

As he looks forward to retirement, Gerry says he will miss seeing his Luther colleagues every day, noting that it will be “an adjustment figuring out how to deal with the lack of social exchange with people I like.” “If it wasn’t for my grandchildren and teaching and a few of my writing pals,” says Gerry, “I might have been a hermit.”

In retirement, Gerry’s plans include the “single-minded pursuit of writing ideas” and a good deal of travelling to stimulate his thoughts. He has also accepted a two-month writing residency in Toronto, Ontario starting in September that he feels will help him with the initial hurdle in this new journey in life.

PARTING WORDS FROM DEAN, DR. FRANZ VOLKER GREIFENHAGEN:

Gerry Hill brought something unique to Luther College. Perhaps it was his poet’s eye and his down-home prairie sensibilities, perhaps his challenge to administrative orthodoxies, his obvious pleasure in the work of his students, or the way that he could evoke the stunning everydayness of life in language. In his own words, “When a man from Saskatchewan walks home, he can’t see the end of it...The last thing he hears is the sound of someone seeing.” Thanks, Gerry, for speaking “the sound of seeing.” Best wishes and God speed. You will be missed. (Quote from The Man from Saskatchewan (2001: 63, 75))

MARY JESSE

The name Mary Jesse has become almost synonymous with Luther College. As one of Luther’s longest-serving employees, Mary Jesse has played many roles over the last thirty years. So it will be bittersweet for students, alumni, faculty and staff of the University campus to say good bye to Mary when she retires at the end of July.

Mary started her career working at the Presbyterian Church in Canada in Toronto, Ontario with the International Development Assistance Program. After convocating from Luther College at the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Arts Honours, she began at Luther in November 1982 as an Entrance Counsellor. Five years later, she moved into the role of Manager of Communications, and then in 1990, she became the first Registrar of the College, her current position.

Part of the role of a Registrar is to mentor individuals, a role vital to the success of students at Luther College, where helping students find their life vocation is critical to the mission of the College. Mary is grateful for the mentoring she received when she first started working at Luther College in 1982. “When you begin working in a new place, there are individuals that you look up to and regard as mentors. Sometimes they were not the person I expected, but the support and guidance I received in my early years at Luther was pretty important in helping me in my role as Registrar.”

“Mary brings grace, wisdom and intellectual insight to every meeting and every decision,” says President Bryan Hillis. “Combine that with the way she embodies Christian concern and charity for everyone, especially our students, and one understands how much she manifests the spirit of Luther College.”

For Mary, Luther College has been a great place to work; she has many fond memories of the remarkable colleagues she was privileged to work and interact with over the last three decades. “I am going to miss the day-to-day working relationships the most,” says Mary. Although it is difficult to single out highlights of her time at Luther, attending both the Spring and Fall convocation every year as Registrar were always high points for her. Since becoming the Registrar in 1990, Mary has attended fifty convocations.

Building strong relationships with fellow staff on the University of Regina campus was just one of Mary’s many strengths as Registrar. “Mary is well known and admired,” indicates Susan Husum, Associate Registrar, Technical Services at the U of R. “She is often asked to serve on campus-wide committees as she is a thoughtful, intelligent colleague who understands the importance of doing something right. A rare individual who pays attention not only to the facts but to the voices of those involved; whose wisdom stems from the unique blend of compassion for students, dedication to Luther and her knowledge of the entire University. She is a kind, caring individual who has greatly enriched the lives of all who have been fortunate enough to work with her and call her a friend.”

With no specific post-retirement plans, Mary is “open to whatever comes next.” However, she did learn recently that her first grandchild will be arriving this summer, something that she says is “pretty special.”

PARTING WORDS FROM PRESIDENT, DR. BRYAN HILLIS:

Luther College has the most efficient, caring and student-oriented academic advising services because of Mary Jesse’s leadership. The main reason that our counselling services will continue to be so student-centered is that Mary’s stellar, comprehensive vision of student services will extend beyond her time in the practices and ethos she has established at Luther College.

Editor’s Note: Read more about Mary Jesse in the Spring/Summer 2014 issue of the “Women of Luther” issue on page 15.
Saying Goodbye (continued)

SHERRY SOROKA

After almost twelve years at Luther College, including nine years as the Administrative Assistant in the main office (2003-2011) and four years in the Alumni Relations, Development and Communications Office (2011-2015), Sherry Soroka retired at the end of April 2015.

During her years in the main office, Sherry enjoyed the feeling of family and community and the commitment to the students by all of the staff and faculty. Sherry says she knew after her first day on the job that Luther was special. After moving upstairs to the Alumni Office, Sherry’s favourite part of the job was re-connecting with students she had met over the years while down in the main office.

Sherry was a wonderful colleague and employee, greeting everyone with a cheerful smile, all the while paying very close attention to the many details that are important in keeping track of alumni and donors. Sherry was a huge help in planning and carrying out events – homecoming, pep rallies, Founders’ Day dinners, scholarship teas, alumni basketball games, alumni hockey games, the Luther Golf Classic and alumni receptions for the musicals and candlelight services.

In so many ways, Sherry enriched and developed the work of the Alumni Office and her dedication and loyalty to Luther will be missed.

LISA KING (HS’83)

Luther alums Heather McIntyre (HS’83) and Lisa King (HS’83), with alum Craig Wilson (HS’82) (taking the picture), on vacation in New York. Photo courtesy Craig Wilson.

In December 2014, Luther College said good luck and farewell to a long-time member of the Luther family, Lisa King (HS’83). For the past two and a half years, Lisa was Manager of Alumni Relations, Development and Communications for the High School.

Lisa had a passion for Luther and a unique understanding of the history and tradition of the College that enabled her to connect with alumni and to excel in her role. During her time in the Alumni Office, Lisa was instrumental in growing Luther’s Facebook and Twitter presence. She played a key role in organizing and planning Luther’s 100th Anniversary event in October 2013. Lisa was also very involved in the A Time To Build capital campaign, playing a key role in communications around the campaign launch, major gift announcements, and the grand opening of the new facilities in September of 2014.

Lisa grew up with Luther in her genes, with her father, Pastor Don King, serving as Principal of the High School from 1980-1991 and then as President of the College from 1991-1994. Lisa is now making her home in Victoria, British Columbia, and is happy to be closer to her parents, who live in Qualicum Beach.
FOUNDERS’ DAY DINNER 2014

The Founders’ Day Dinner is a time when Luther College pauses each year to honour the individuals whose contributions allow the College to pursue its mission and fulfill its vision. The evening is named in recognition of all those people, past and present, who have participated in the establishment and growth of the College.

On Thursday, November 6, 2014, over 120 friends, alumni, faculty and staff of the College gathered in the new Student Commons area at Luther College High School (LCHS) to celebrate the College’s donors and supporters. The evening began with Dr. Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Dean of Luther College’s University campus (LCUR), welcoming everyone, followed by greetings from Bishop Sid Haugen on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), and grace by Pastor David Peterson, LCHS Chaplain. After a delectable meal served by Mike Stobbs, Manager of Food Services at LCHS, and his staff, Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College, provided an update on the state of the College. During dessert, musical entertainment was provided by Joshua Hendricksen (HS’08), alumnus of LCHS and second year Fine Arts student at LCUR.

The pinnacle of the evening was the recognition of the thirty-four donors entering a new cumulative lifetime giving level and the presentation of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award posthumously to Rein and Ella Sommerfeld, accepted on their behalf by their son, Eric Sommerfeld (HS’70, U’79), and daughter, Ruth (Sommerfeld) Dempsey (HS’74).

Every gift to Luther makes a difference, and every donor matters. The annual Founders’ Day Dinner is one way of showing our donors how deeply thankful Luther College is for their dedication and support.

For more pictures of the Founders’ Day Dinner 2014, please visit our website at www.luthercollege.edu/high-school under Giving.
NEW Spaces Are Being Put to the TEST!

By Maureen Harrison

We are almost two-thirds of the way through the school year, and the student commons, new gym and fine arts classroom wing are performing beautifully.

“The Student Commons has the exact feel we were going for. It is bright, open and comfortable and is a hub of activity from first thing in the morning into the early evening,” says Dr. Mark Anderson, Luther College High School (LCHS) Principal. “The students are using and enjoying the space. It has become the heart of the campus and has enhanced our ability to connect with each other and come together as a community.”

The Semple Gymnasium was put to the test during the 63rd annual Luther Invitational Tournament (LIT) in February. “Everyone was a bit nervous about the first LIT in the new gym. But the atmosphere and excitement was every bit as good as in the old gym. I heard so many positive comments from visiting teams, coaches and fans about what a stunning new facility we have,” says Troy Casper, LCHS’s Athletic Director.

The Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre has also received full marks. From March 3 to 6, Luther hosted the regional tournament of the 2015 Canadian Improv Games in the Centre. Kris Dueck, LCHS’s drama teacher, was very pleased with the event: “The Belsher Centre was a great venue for the games, and all of the feedback I received was overwhelmingly positive.”

The new band room in the fine arts classroom wing has also been a great addition to Luther’s music program. “The band room is a great space for rehearsal. It is flexible both in terms of how it is set up and acoustics. The movable curtains allow us to change the ‘liveness’ of the room so it is appropriate for the rehearsal taking place. We have several small spaces that allow for sectional breakouts, as well as private practice. The students are developing a sense of ownership and are using the spaces throughout. It’s great to have such a well-designed space for our student musicians,” says Darryl McKinnon, LCHS’s band teacher.

As the A Time to Build campaign nears its conclusion, we are asking alumni, parents, current and past, grandparents, staff and faculty to consider making a donation. We have raised $10.5M towards our $13.5M goal. Gifts of all sizes are meaningful and will help us reach our goal. This investment in our facilities and programs will allow Luther to continue providing the highest quality education in a Christian context.

QUICK FACTS

• We’ve raised $10.5M towards our $13.5M goal! Only $3M left to go!
• We’ve added 46,897 sq. ft. of new space.
• The new Semple Gymnasium is the largest high school gym in the city.
• The Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre is used for daily chapel, as well as for drama, improv and musical performances. When our new bleachers arrive, we will be able to use it as a gym again.
• Over 450 people have made a donation to this campaign since it began.
• All charitable donations to Luther College qualify for a tax receipt.

For further information on giving, please contact Maureen Harrison, Chief Development Officer, at 1.306.791.9175.
The MCHATTIES: A Tradition of Giving Back

By Maureen Harrison

Dr. Jim McHattie (HS’58) and his wife, Beth, are hardworking, community-minded and generous people. When asked why he gives to Luther, Dr. McHattie says, “I’ve been pretty fortunate to be healthy, to enjoy the work I’m doing and to be in a position to give back. Luther was a positive influence on me and my three sons. Luther is progressive. I see the good work it does with students and in our community, and I want to help make sure that Luther continues to be able to thrive.”

The McHattie family has a long association with Luther. Jim grew up in Regina and attended Lakeview School, and both Jim and his brother Thomas McHattie (HS’81) attended Luther. “It was a big school. I met many new people and made a lot of new friends,” recalls Dr. McHattie. “I saw basketball for the first time at Luther!”

After completing his grade 12, Jim took his first year of university classes at Luther before heading off to study pre-medicine at the University of Saskatchewan. While Jim has many fond memories of the friendships he made while attending Luther, he values as much the education he received here. For Dr. McHattie, Luther was instrumental in developing his interest in the fundamentals of science and biology that were critical building blocks to his long career in medicine.

Dr. McHattie speaks very highly of his teachers at Luther. “They were extremely dedicated. They helped to develop positive, progressive attitudes and opinions among students. They accentuated and further developed the positive values we had from home. They were concerned not just with academics, but with the development of the whole student. That’s a big intangible that has carried over into the work that all of us do.”

After completing his internship and residency at the University of Toronto, Jim spent a year doing research in Copenhagen and then came back to work at the Toronto General Hospital. Eventually, Jim and Beth moved back to Regina, where Jim began work a gastroenterologist at the Plains Health Centre.

When it was time for McHattie’s children to attend high school, Jim and Beth were very pleased that they choose Luther. David (HS’85), Donald (HS’87) and Thomas (HS’92) are all graduates of Luther College High School.

Their son David McHattie (HS’85) reflects upon his Luther experience: “What I find interesting is that considering my dad and two brothers who went to Luther, we all found something different that inspired us and made our high school experiences something valuable. Luther provided a multi-dimensional program broad enough to bring the best out of four very different individuals from the same family. My dad’s experiences were strong enough that he sent me and my brothers to Luther without discussion, and for that, we are all grateful.”

When asked about why his parents give back, David says, “Community has been very important to my parents. The Luther experience has led them to give back to the school through donations intended to benefit other students. Contributing towards the infrastructure of the school helps recruit high performing teachers and gives them the tools to develop the students so that they can reach their potential. Luther helped play that important role for my father, and my parents believe that this is important to the community of Regina and area so future generations can reach their potential.”

In addition to supporting Luther, the McHatties also support a number of other organizations in the province. Prominent among them is Ducks Unlimited, of which Jim is currently the Provincial Senior Director.

Fellow alumnus, good friend and hunting partner Ron Shirkey (HS’63) can attest to Dr. McHattie’s work ethnic and community-mindedness. “I have known and associated with Jim for the past thirty-five years. A word I would use to describe Jim is ‘relentless’. He is relentless in the pursuit of his specialist medical career, the well-being of his patients, community involvement, travelling and most notably hunting and fishing. I consider myself fortunate to be his hunting partner.”

When it comes to supporting Luther, Jim and Beth’s message to other Luther families is this: “We are making this donation on behalf of our family as a small thank you to the teachers, both past and present, for their dedication, and for the strong and positive influence they have had on all of us. By donating to ‘bricks and mortar’, we know that these new and improved facilities will equip and enable teachers to continue doing the important work that they do.”
It started as an idea by a group of parents to raise some money for the A Time to Build campaign, a $17.3 million renovation project to enhance the facilities of Luther College High School to reflect the school’s spirit of excellence.

The end result? A successful inaugural Black & Gold Gala fundraising event organized by the Luther Parents Council that raised over $40,000 ($10,000 over the original goal), thanks to the hard work, dedication and generosity of the Luther community.

The idea of a gala was first suggested at the “Meet the Teacher” night in September 2014, as about fifty parents mingled in the new Student Commons. The goal would be to raise funds for furniture and decor for the commons, a space where students come together to socialize and/or study.

Following the announcement, one father of a current student and alum came up to Kim Mack and said, “I looked around for somewhere to sit and there wasn’t anywhere and I thought, How silly. Where do the students sit—on the floor? I am so thrilled to know there is a plan for this great space—where do I get my tickets?”

From this moment, the Gala Planning Committee, a subcommittee of the Parents Council, was in full swing, meeting every few weeks to get everything ready – the marketing, the tickets, the decor, the sponsors, the donations, the entertainment, the food, the drink, the raffles, the auctions, and the volunteers.

The Gala, an adult-only cocktail reception and fundraiser, was held on January 24, 2015. A group of decorating divas transformed the entire student commons, front entry, and multi-purpose room into a space comparable to a five-star hotel ballroom!

After being greeted with a glass of champagne courtesy of MLT law firm, guests were invited to browse the silent auction of exceptional items and remarkable works of art, all donated by friends and students of the College, or participate in a unique game called “Cork Pull”, where everyone won something – a bottle of wine valued from $15 to $50 or a restaurant gift certificate. The evening’s entertainment was extraordinary, including internationally renowned performer Jack Semple and his son Kiernan Semple. As the mingling continued, people bumped into old friends, teachers and family of the Luther community, and laughter filled the room for the next few hours. Not only did the event raise money towards furniture for the student commons, it engaged and strengthened the Luther community.

“The Planning Committee was a fabulous group of people,” says Mack. “Raising money for the Student Commons is something that is going to benefit our students of today and tomorrow. Given that guests have already promised to buy tickets and donate auction items for the second Luther Black & Gold Gala, it’s safe to say ‘See you next year!’”
An alumni dinner on January 24, 2015 was a chance for Luther's alumni in Hong Kong to reminisce and visit with the newly retired Pastor Larry Fry and his wife, Gail Fry. Both Larry and Gail are known to many Luther students, including those shown here in Hong Kong, as they both recently retired as Luther's Chaplain/Vice-Principal and Academic Guidance Counsellor/Musical Director/Math teacher, respectively. The dinner at the Hong Kong Bankers Club allowed the Frys to catch up with their former students and to continue to represent Luther College High School as they have done so well for so many years.

A special thank you goes out to Paul Chan (HS '82) for helping to organize the event.

The Frys made the trip to Hong Kong and to Seoul, South Korea, to attend educational fairs on behalf of Luther College. “We do have to say that seeing all the Luther alumni was the best part of our trip. It became rather emotional for us to say goodbye to many of them,” said Larry and Gail. “It was gratifying to be so warmly received by former students as we begin our retirement.”

The Luther Hong Kong alumni gatherings have been occurring annually for several years now, including a pool-side buffet held ten years ago at the Mariners’ Club in Tsimshatsui.

In addition to the Hong Kong dinner, two alumni, Jin Hwan Choi (HS’08) and Andrew Yoon (HS’08), both IB diploma candidates from 2008, organized a Luther Korean alumni supper which seven alumni attended in Seoul, Korea.

Editor’s Note: Tommy Ho, in the front row, fourth from the left in the Hong Kong Alumni Dinner image, is featured in the Alumni Profiles on page 4.
You might be surprised to learn just how large the voluntary sector in Canada is. It includes 170,000 non-profit organizations, generating $176 billion in income and employing 2 million Canadians (Imagine Canada, 2012, Annual Report). In Saskatchewan, there are at least 8,000 registered non-profits and charities – second in Canada for number of organizations per capita (Hall et al., 2004, Cornerstones of Community).

Across Canada there are more than eighty post-secondary education programs on the voluntary sector, but there is no focused program of study on the voluntary sector as a whole for students in Saskatchewan. Furthermore, unlike many other provinces, Saskatchewan does not have a formal network or federation of voluntary organizations that connects non-profit organizations to the university. The Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) at Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR) is changing this.

In September 2014, the VSSN was born, thanks to seed funding from the Luther College President’s Strategic Academic Initiatives Fund. Led by the VSSN Facilitator, Dr. Gloria DeSantis, and a steering group comprising students, community partners, and Luther faculty and staff, VSSN has become a place where students, voluntary organizations, and faculty/staff can be involved in dynamic and mutually beneficial learning relationships.

The VSSN aims to make the voluntary sector more visible and accessible – especially to students. LCUR and the Centre for Continuing Education have met to discuss the development of a new “Certificate in Voluntary Sector Studies.” This certificate will offer courses that integrate real-world problems into the classroom and marry theory and practice, allowing students to gain experience in the sector through community involvement.

The VSSN program embraces three inter-related themes – learn, research, innovate. Students, voluntary sector staff, and volunteers, together with university faculty/staff, are involved in dynamic and mutually beneficial relationships while learning, researching and innovating. This reciprocal learning benefits communities and society as a whole.

MEET THE VSSN STEERING GROUP

Back Row (L-R): Roger Petry, Mary Vetter, Moses Kanhaim, Angela Tremka, Ingrid Cazakoff, Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Selene Wray, Brenda Anderson
Front Row (L-R): Amy Hunter, Hanna Karman, Gloria DeSantis, Karen McIver, Tracey Mann
Missing: Evelyn Siegfried

LEARN
- New Certificate in Voluntary Sector Studies
- Courses built on experiential learning for undergraduate students
- Courses/workshops for staff and volunteers working in the sector
- Faculty learning and mentorship toward community-engaged classes
- Voluntary organizations, students and faculty mutually shape course projects

RESEARCH
- Integrate theory and application using problem-based learning in courses
- Community-based participatory action research in classrooms
- Community-engaged scholarship
- Collaborations with existing research-oriented units/organizations

INNOVATE
- New ideas and incubators
- Critique existing and develop new public policies and programs
- Cross-disciplinary thinking and action on real-world problems

Stay tuned for upcoming news and events by visiting our website at www.luthercollege.edu/vssn.
Giving Back to Your Alma Mater... WITH YOUR TALENTS

Do you have expertise/experience in the Arts, Fine Arts, Sciences and/or Pre-professional fields that you want to share with students?

Luther College at the University of Regina is looking for alumni to act as mentors for current students preparing to make the transition from university into a career/vocation.

Do you have skills in the trades and technology and/or engineering field? Are you interested in helping Luther College at the University of Regina with upcoming renovations?

We may have an opportunity for you!

For more information or to volunteer your talents and your time, please contact Michelle Clark, Manager of Alumni Relations, Development and Communications, at 1.306.585.5144 or michelle.clark@luthercollege.edu.

Luther alumni, staff, and board member, who volunteered their time for Luther’s “Speed Mentoring” session with students on November 12, 2014. (L-R): Selene Wray, Studentsfirst Coordinator, Kevin Miller (U’10), Mike Shiplack (U’10), Scott Holtzman (HS’86), Leasa Gibbons (U’95), Dr. Stephen King (U’94), Kathleen Lysyk (HS’99), Dr. Antoinette Le Roux, Luther College Board of Regent, and Dr. Bryan Hillis (U’78).

Bottom Left: Students had seven minutes to ask the mentors questions about career options, interview etiquette and questions, resume writing and/or advice on gaining work/volunteer experience during the “Speed Mentoring” session.

Bottom Right: Luther student, James Hills, with Luther mentor, Stephen King (U’94).
WELCOME, ANGELA BETHUNE

In February 2015, Angela Bethune began her role as the Alumni Relations and Communications Officer at the High School. Angela comes to Luther with corporate communications experience in the private and public sectors, including Information Services Corporation and Prairie Valley School Division. Angela has been in Regina for ten years, and lives here with her husband, four-year-old son, and 18-month-old daughter.

“I look forward to getting to know Luther’s dedicated alumni, as well as the current students, parents and community who are so committed to all that Luther offers,” says Angela. “Whether it’s through The Luther Story, Luther’s Facebook page, or at the many special events held here each year, I’m honoured to be representing a school that has such a special place in people’s hearts.”

HIGH SCHOOL

VOLLEYBALL PROVINCIALS

The Luther Lions Senior Girls volleyball team was proud to showcase the new Semple gymnasium during the SHSAA volleyball championships November 21-22, 2014.

The Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association 5A girls volleyball champs were the Balgonie Greenall Griffins, who claimed the gold medal match against the Campbell Tartans.

The tournament was the first provincial sporting event in the Semple gymnasium, and the second major sporting event, as the senior girls volleyball tournament was held in the new gym in September 2014. That tournament was also very successful, with Weyburn winning the tournament as the second time in a row.

LIT 2015

The Luther Invitational Tournament has been a tradition of Luther College High School for sixty-three years. But 2015 marked the beginning of a new tradition — a move to the new Semple gymnasium from the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre, where LIT had been held every year since 1953. The former gym has been not only a physical home, but a spiritual home to the tournament, and the move to a new space was exciting and nostalgic all at the same time. However, the move was a success, thanks largely to the dedication and full support of the students, faculty, staff and community who tirelessly plan, organize and host this basketball tournament each year.

For the Luther alumni, Saturday morning of LIT is a chance to show off not-too-shabby basketball skills. Approximately fifty alumni came out to the game as players and fans, followed by the annual alumni brunch.

This year’s LIT champions were the LeBoldus Golden who defeated the Winnipeg Garden City Gophers 87-58 in the Saturday night final. During the closing ceremonies that evening, the John Chomay plaque was unveiled. This plaque honours John Chomay, the founder of LIT and Luther’s Athletic Director from 1951-1957. John’s daughter, Perian Chomay, and grandson, Stefan, were both in attendance from Chicago.

Following the final game, an alumni and special guest reception was held. A special thank you to Craig Perrault (HS’91) and Crave Kitchen and Wine Bar for sponsoring the event and generously supplying great food, amazing service and refreshments.
have appeared in more than one hundred books, magazines, journals and newspapers, including National Geographic and Time. He is currently a professor of anthropology and the BC Leadership Chair in Cultures and Ecosystems at Risk at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Davis’s lecture took those in attendance on a thrilling journey through Polynesia, the Amazon, the Andes, Australia, Nepal and Borneo in a celebration of the wisdom of the world’s indigenous cultures.

The Forward Together Lecture was established in 2009 by the Presidents of the University of Regina, Campion College, Luther College and First Nations University of Canada to highlight the four institutions’ joint commitment to a common academic and social purpose that promotes inclusiveness, understanding, social justice, and human rights.

SAVING GOODBYE TO PASTOR SCOTT
At the end of July, Luther College at the University of Regina will be saying goodbye to Interim Chaplain Pastor Scott Adams. “Pastor Scott has done a great deal for Luther College in the short time he has been here,” says President Bryan Hillis. “He has been a valuable part of our strategic planning process, been active in many College activities and has given us many thought-provoking chapel times. His insights into how we continue with our chaplaincy position are also extremely helpful. In every respect, Pastor Scott has been a wonderful chaplain.” Luther College wishes Pastor Scott, his wife, Naomi, and the entire Adams family all the very best in their life journey.

GERRY HILL BOOK LAUNCH
On Tuesday evening, April 7, 2015, seventy-five people slipped into Thorn Hall to celebrate the launch of Gerald Hill’s Hillsdale Book, his new collection of poetry from NeWest Press (available from the author, publisher or University of Regina bookstore), and the year-end reading by Gerry’s Creative Writing students. Enjoying some fine Luther Food Services delicacies and a soundtrack compiled by the students, poetry fans heard samples from the new book and from the new writers, and viewed a slide loop of visual images from Hillsdale Book.

Hillsdale Book, Gerry’s sixth poetry collection, takes a collage approach—“dog’s breakfast” is Gerry’s technical term for it—using images, stories, fragments, voices from a boyhood and fatherhood spent in that southern Regina subdivision to present Gerry’s life-long exploration of who and where he is.

MOVED BY THE SPIRIT ART EXHIBIT
Luther College at the University of Regina was proud to host the Moved by the Spirit group art exhibition in the Luther Chapel during Lent 2015 from March 5 – April 10, 2015. The exhibition was a celebration of the inspired works of twelve artists from Saskatchewan (10), British Columbia (1), and Ohio, USA (1) interpreting the life of Jesus through textiles, glass, book arts, ceramics, jewelry, wood, stained glass, painting and religious icons. Each artist had sensitively interpreted an event in the life of Jesus from their own faith perspective. Louise Tessier, a former member of the Luther Bach Choir, was the curator and participating artist for the exhibition. Since 2011, the exhibition had travelled to eleven museums and galleries within Canada and the United States, and Luther College was the last showing.

Top Right: 2015 Forward Together Lecture (L-R): Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College; Dr. John Meehan, SJ, President of Campion College; Dr. Wade Davis; Dr. Vianne Timmons, President of the University of Regina; and Dr. Mark Dockstator, President of the First Nations University of Canada.

Top Left: Louise Tessier, Regina, SK. Our Lady of the Prairies 2010-11.© Continuous-loop rug hooking (109 cm h x 86.5 cm w x 1.5 cm d).
Benjamin Cherland (HS’01) is now completing his pastoral internship at Lake Chelan Lutheran Church in Chelan, Washington. He is engaged to Molly Baeverstad of Minneapolis. The wedding will take place on August 22, 2015.

Elisabeth Cherland (HS’97) is the music teacher and church musician at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat center in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State, where her husband, Kent Narum, is the pastor. They have two boys (Elijah is six and Leif is three).

Mark Heise (HS’95) and Jamie Singer (HS’89) have opened a craft brewery in Regina, Saskatchewan, called Rebellion Brewing. Mark is the Vice President and brewmaster. The two were long-term home brewers, winning medals at competitions across North America. They turned their hobby and passion into a business in 2014. Rebellion Brewing is focused on producing high quality beer, mead, kombucha and soda for the local Saskatchewan market. “Be a Rebel – Drink Great Beer.”

Celeste Just (HS’01) is working as a family physician in Victoria, British Columbia. Celeste and her husband, Bill, welcomed a baby girl, Bianca Serena Zborowski, into the world on October 6, 2014.

Robin Markel (U’01) is the new Head of the Career and Professional Development Division of the Centre for Continuing Education. Robin obtained a Bachelor of Arts (English) through Luther College in 2001 followed by a Masters of Arts (English) in 2007 from the University of Regina.

Tracy (Drew) Polis (HS’87) recently moved back to Regina, Saskatchewan, from Vancouver, British Columbia. She and her husband have a small consulting firm in the city. They are proud that three of their five children have also decided to move back to the province and continue their educations here as well as build their families in Saskatchewan. “Steve Haddad hands-down was the best English teacher (ever)!” She is still thankful that she was fortunate enough to have experienced his unique teaching style.

Amanda (Behnke) Smyth (HS’08) graduated from the University of Regina in 2013 with a Bachelor of Education, specializing in Pre-K to grade 5. She also obtained a Certificate of Early Childhood Education that same year. Amanda taught grade 2 at Ruth Pawson Elementary for a year before she married Keegan Smyth on July 26, 2014. They honeymooned for two weeks in Runaway Bay, Jamaica. When they came home, the moved into their new home in Regina, Saskatchewan. Since the summer, she has been substitute teaching for the Regina Public Board of Education, which suits her well as it allows her to come home and see her husband every evening and get used to this thing called marriage.

Amanda really enjoyed coming back to her old stomping grounds to see the remodelling at the High School...or more likely, get lost in the new remodelling. Her time at LCHS was invaluable for the things it taught her about academics and hard work. Without those lessons, she would have really struggled with her university career.
Rick Uhrich (HS’72) was a kind, generous man, much respected, loved, and missed by his wife, Jill Wellman (HS’72), his many friends, his family, and his business associates. To honor the memory of Rick Uhrich, who died suddenly on September 4, 2014 of a heart attack on a morning jog near his home in Etobicoke, Ontario, Rick’s long-time friends are establishing an endowment to fund the Rick Uhrich Memorial Award at the University of Regina. The endowment will provide an annual award to qualified students who have a demonstrated financial need. Recipients of the award will play for the men’s or women’s Cougars hockey teams (or for the Regina Pats) and will maintain acceptable academic standards as full-time students at the U of R. Rick’s friends and family would like to extend to Luther College High School alumni the opportunity to help future students overcome financial barriers, and be able to continue their studies while participating in sport, much like their good friend, Rick.

If you would like to contribute to the endowment, you can donate online by visiting http://www.uregina.ca/external/donor-relations/.

If you have any questions about how to donate or would like assistance, please contact Kate McCannel at the University of Regina by phone 306.585.5282 or by email at Katherine.mccannel@uregina.ca.

OBITUARIES

Maryellen Doreen Carlson passed away on January 7, 2015. Maryellen was a member of Luther College’s Board of Regents from 2005-2010. For most of Maryellen’s career she was a successful and dedicated public servant. Maryellen served as a middle and high school teacher before joining Consumer and Corporate Affairs Canada and subsequently Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. In 1997, Maryellen joined the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture where she rose to the position of Assistant Deputy Minister. She then joined Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs, also serving as Assistant Deputy Minister. Following this, Maryellen moved into the private sector, where she joined Regina based Avena Foods Ltd. as CEO. Under her leadership, Avena Foods, a gluten-free oat processing company, enjoyed dramatic growth in sales and success in North America and even Europe. Maryellen brought light into the lives of all who knew her well. She had a beautiful smile and a distinctive laugh and she shared them generously. She was a respected leader who valued those who surrounded her and made sure that they knew it. Maryellen was predeceased by her father, Michael Chicilo. She is survived by her husband, Lyndon Carlson, her mother, Doreen Chicilo, her brother, Martin Chicilo (Sharon Lee Smith) and nephew, Farley Chicilo, and her sister, Moira Chicilo (Cam McLeod) and niece, Ella McLeod.

Mary (Cote) Cropp (HS’46, HSU’47) passed away in 2014. Mary attended Luther College High School from 1942-1947 and taught in a number of schools upon graduating from university. In 1953, she married Louis Cropp and was a high school teacher in Langenburg, Saskatchewan, until her retirement in 1985. After retirement, she enjoyed travelling to many different countries on the Princess Lines. Mary was predeceased by her husband, Louis, and son Wyan. She is survived by her son David, her daughter, Melody, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Eileen (Euteneier) Forrieter (HS’52, HSU’53) passed away suddenly on March 18, 2015 at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina, Saskatchewan at the age of eighty. Eileen attended Luther College High School for three years, graduating in 1952. She also attended university at the High School in 1953. Eileen taught for thirty-five years at Imperial School and Campbell Collegiate. Following her retirement, she returned to school, completing two Master’s degrees at the University of Regina. Eileen and Henry travelled to many places around the world. Her many loves outside her home included being very involved in her church, vacation bible school, music and the arts. Eileen is survived by and will be sadly missed by her husband, Henry, her brother, Ron (Audrey), her sister-in-law, Ruth, and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran Church.

Margaret “Jean” Gorrell passed away on October 16, 2014 at the age of eighty-seven. Jean was born and raised in Peterborough, Ontario. She attended the University of Toronto, where she joined Alpha Gamma Delta. She came west with her husband, Al, in the 1950’s and stopped in Regina, Saskatchewan where she taught physical education at Luther College High School for a short time, when John Chomay was at Luther. She was a very popular teacher, lively and fit (befitting her generosity of spirit, attention to detail and great big smile. I’m sorry I never could call you ‘Eileen’ as you asked, Mrs. Forrieter, but you will always be someone whose spirit will be an inspiration.”

When our family moved to Christ Lutheran Church, Mrs. Forrieter was one of the first to welcome us and frequently left notes in our mailbox, thanking our daughters for their quartet playing in the service. She was simply one of those people you never forget for her generosity of spirit, attention to detail and great big smile.

Jean taught at Calgary and Campbell Collegiate. Following her retirement, she returned to school, completing two Master’s degrees at the University of Regina. Eileen and Henry travelled to many places around the world. Her many loves outside her home included being very involved in her church, vacation bible school, music and the arts. Eileen is survived by and will be sadly missed by her husband, Henry, her brother, Ron (Audrey), her sister-in-law, Ruth, and many nieces and nephews. A funeral service was held at Christ Lutheran Church.

Remembrance by Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College:

“Mrs. Forrieter was one of those people you couldn’t help but like. I was fortunate enough to have her as a grade 10 English teacher, where she invigorated the class with her insights about the literature on so many levels, all the while demanding the very best out of her students.”
who shared in her many adventures and particularly by those privileged to call her Auntie Jean. In living memory of Jean, a tree will be planted at Fish Creek Provincial Park.

Clarence Allan Hoppe (HS’55) passed away on November 3, 2014 in the Biggar Diamond Lodge. Clarence attended Luther College High School from 1950 to 1953 and was a member of the Luther Lions Basketball Team that won the Luther Invitational Tournament (LIT) in 1953. After being out of school for a year from 1953-1954, he returned in the fall of 1954 to complete grade 12. Following graduation, he farmed with his family and in 1956, he began his career with CN, starting as train man and becoming a conductor in 1960. In 1961, he married Marcella Postnikoff, an elementary school teacher at Nova Wood. They continued their careers and enjoyed the farm, many trips camping and sightseeing in the mountains and in the United States. In 1991, Clarence retired from CN. Clarence always enjoyed young people, was a good athlete and had a fine tenor voice. He will be dearly missed.

Neil Kish passed away on March 4, 2015 at the age of thirty-nine. Neil lived in the Luther Residence at the University campus from 1993 to 1998, and was a staff member at the Luther Undergraduate Student Association (LUSA) President in 1997/98. He is survived by his wife, Megan Kish, parents, Steve and Adele Kish, and his sister, Rana Kish. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Neil is also missed and loved by his second family, The Estevan Fire Rescue.

Anna Maria Kovacs passed away on October 10, 2014. In 2002, Anna established the Martin Kovacs Scholarship Fund, a joint collaboration between Luther College at the University of Regina and Campion College, which sponsors grade 11 and 12 students from Hungary for overseas study. To date, fifty-two students including four more this summer have benefited from the fund. She was predeceased by her husband, Dr. Martin Kovacs, in 2000 and is survived by numerous friends in Canada and Hungary.

Clarence attended Luther College High School from 1961 to 1964 and was in the Biggar Diamond Lodge. Clarence attended Luther College High School from 1961 to 1964 and was a member of the Luther Lions Basketball Team that won the Luther Invitational Tournament (LIT) in 1953. After being out of school for a year from 1953-1954, he returned in the fall of 1954 to complete grade 12. Following graduation, he farmed with his family and in 1956, he began his career with CN, starting as train man and becoming a conductor in 1960. In 1961, he married Marcella Postnikoff, an elementary school teacher at Nova Wood. They continued their careers and enjoyed the farm, many trips camping and sightseeing in the mountains and in the United States. In 1991, Clarence retired from CN. Clarence always enjoyed young people, was a good athlete and had a fine tenor voice. He will be dearly missed.

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Norma Deyle (Koch) Lindenbach (HS’48) passed away on December 22, 2014 at the William Booth - Regina Wascana Grace Hospice at the age of eighty-five. Norma was born on August 28, 1929 in Regina, Saskatchewan, and grew up on the family homestead three miles south of Edenwold, Saskatchewan. Norma attended school in Edenwold and then went to Luther College High School in Regina, Saskatchewan, for grade 12. She studied at Regina College, then returned to Edenwold to help at FJ’s. Back in Edenwold, she became reacquainted with Ernest (Ernie) Lindenbach and they were married on July 14, 1951. They had five children: Frank, Russell, Jackie, Sandra, and Lori. They raised their family and ran “Lindy’s” until Ernie passed away in 1988. Norma sold the store a year later. Norma lived in Edenwold until the spring of 2014, when she moved into a condo in Regina. Norma was her family and friends. She loved gardening, reading, curling, playing cards, listening to music, dancing, cooking, collecting, travelling, and continuing-education classes. She was a supporter of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Regina Globe Theatre, and Regina Symphony. Norma was actively involved in St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, the Edenwold Community Club, and the Edenwold Senior’s Center. Norma is survived by her children Kirk Kimberley (Frank) and his wife, Yolanda (nee Klootwyk), Russell and his partner, Rosalie Barrios, Jacqueline (Jackie), Sandra Taylor and her husband, Cam, and Lori-Anne Kroon and her husband, Roland; grandchildren Christina, Ryan, Curtis and his wife, Crista (nee Chaba), Ian and his fiancée, Maggie Smith, Alena, Aria, Aaron, Sierra, Benjamen, Enya and Anika; great-grandchildren Gavin and Greyson; sisters-in-law Vangie Wilson, Ella Lindenbach, Eda Lindenbach and Dorothy Martin, her Godchildren, Roberta Ekberg (nee Lindenbach), Harvey Koch and Brent Albus; and many other relatives and friends.

Earl E. Morley passed away on May 5, 2014 in the Regina Pasqua hospital at the age of eighty-eight. Earl attended Luther College High School from 1943 to 1944 for grades 10 and 11. Earl married Ruth Reid in 1951 and they spent the majority of their sixty-two years of marriage farming near Francis, Saskatchewan. Farming was his life, and he served the community by sitting on many local boards. Earl felt truly blessed with his family. He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife, Ruth Morley; his sisters, Doreen Arnott and Lola (Carl) Beck; brother Ivan Morley; brother-in-law Cliff (Susan) Reid; children, Robert (Antonette) and Richard (Julie); grandchildren, Leanne (Brian) Kohlman, Robyn Morley, Dianna Morley, Eric (Nicole) Morley; great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.
and Reid Morley; great-grandchildren, Robert Kohlman, Annika Kohlman, Elena Kohlman, Avery Kohlman, Kohen Morley; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Michele Sereda (U’90) passed away on February 10, 2015 at the age of forty-nine. Michele attended Luther College at the University of Regina and obtained a Bachelor of Fine Arts with a major in Drama in 1990. She was an internationally renowned artist and performer whose professional life is well-documented. She was predeceased by her husband, Maurice ‘Moe’; and her father, Mike. Left to cherish her memory are her mother, Sophie; siblings, Fred (Cheri) and Karen (Tom) Last; Bruno the cat; Moe’s children, Chris (Melanie) and Danny (Robin); as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends in Canada and the world.

Elsie May (Halvorson) Quick passed away on April 1, 2015 at the age of eighty-nine. Elsie May (always the double name) was born on May 8, 1926 in Shaunavon, Saskatchewan to Jona (Jonasson) and Henry Halvorson. Elsie May’s family moved to Regina, Saskatchewan, in 1929 when her father was elected to the Saskatchewan legislature and she attended Davin School and Central Collegiate before earning a B.Sc. (H. Ec.), at the University of Manitoba, specializing in textile arts. She taught in Trail, British Columbia, and in Regina. Always active in United Church Young People’s work, she coordinated Youth Caravan activities in southern Saskatchewan in the early 1950’s. In 1953, she met and married Bill, who was Provincial President of the United Church Young People’s Union at the time. In addition to raising an active and successful family, she continued professional and community service throughout her life. Elsie May’s professional library training was taken at the University of Wisconsin. During her career, she spearheaded the setting up of the Biggar Regional Library, served on the Saskatoon Library staff, and later became head librarian at Luther College at the University of Regina (LCUR). Her greatest passion was to reclaim and rejuvenate a nearly dying art — the hardanger cutwork embroidery of her Norwegian ancestors. Her students numbered in the thousands from all over North America. Elsie May’s work is featured in the Norwegian American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, as well as in the President’s Office at LCUR. She was an enthusiastic volunteer within her home church congregation, the Home Economics Association, the Home Economics Living Program (HELP), with UNICEF fundraising, the Scandinavian Club, in Mosaic, Bazaar, Regina Exhibition, and Buffalo Days. Her activities culminated in 2001 with the awarding of the YWCA Woman of Distinction Award for Lifetime Achievement. She is survived by her loving husband of sixty-one years, Bill Quick; and her immediate family, Valerie, Kathy, Andrew, Jennifer, Allan; grandsons, Spencer, Adam and Matthew; sisters, Alene and Ruth; brother-in-law, Victor Laban; and sisters-in-law, Mary Sirrs and Eileen Quick; as well as nieces and nephews.

Remembrance by Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College:
Elsie May Quick, librarian at the Luther College, University campus library from 1981 to 1991, was a great friend to all who knew her. Ever ready to help faculty and students alike, Elsie May was most concerned that the holdings of Luther College’s library were up to date and available to our students. At a time when libraries were full of books and not computers, Elsie May was there to help us find something quickly, with a smile and a chuckle. We always had the personal touch with Elsie May as our librarian.
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