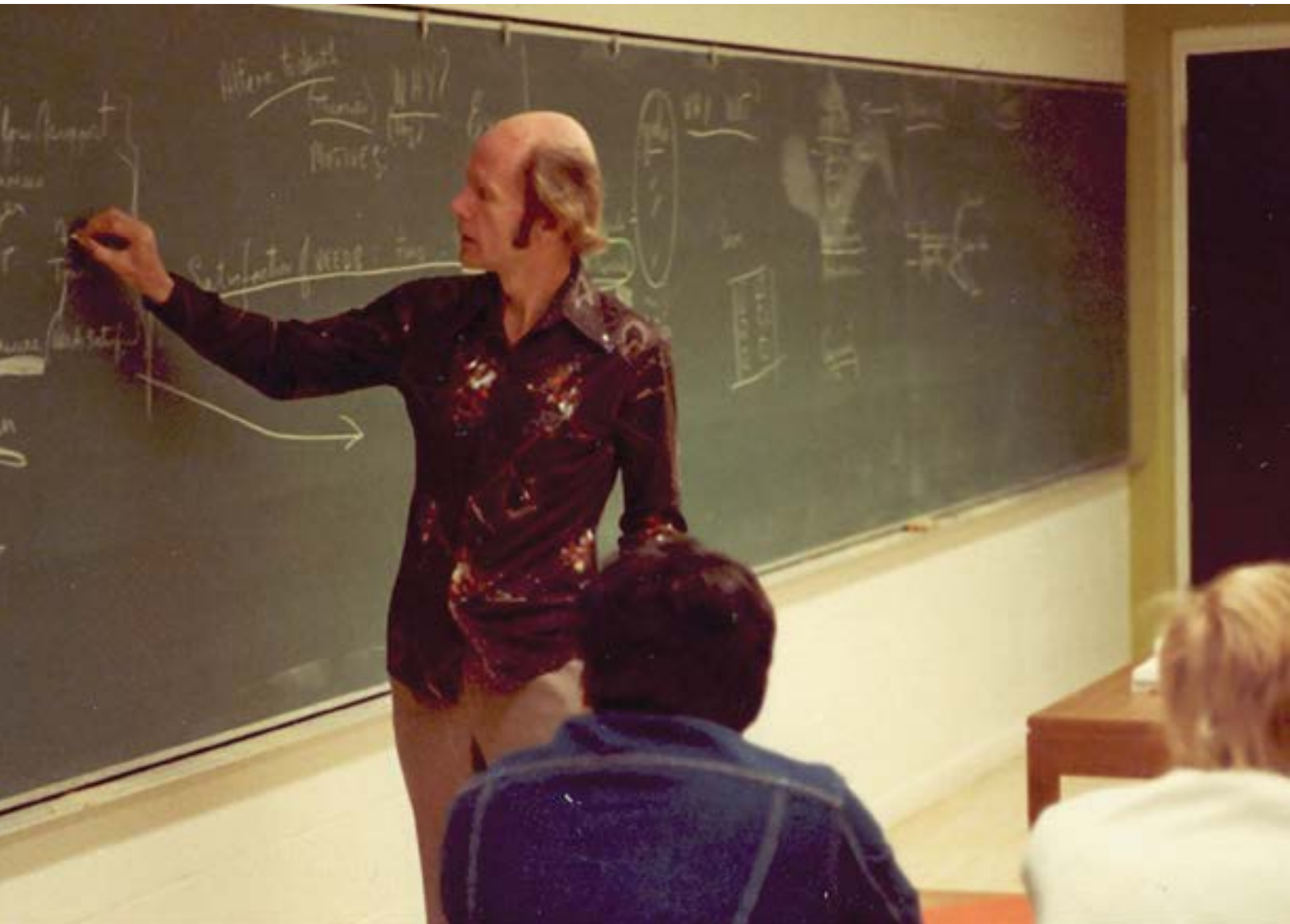


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message from the editor



I first met Paul Antrobus back in the Fall of 2012. I had been working at Luther College for only a few months and I was to interview him for the “Traditions” issue of *The Luther Story*. All I knew about him was that he had been a professor of Psychology at Luther College and had invented this game called “Muckby”... whatever that was. Over the next couple of years, I would begin to learn of the profound impact he had had on his students and colleagues at Luther College and the University of Regina before retiring in 2005. It was no surprise, then, to see the outpouring of comments and messages when we announced

the passing of Paul Antrobus on our Luther College at the University of Regina’s Facebook page. The post reached over 27,200 people, received 231 likes, and was shared 153 times. Fifty-eight comments were posted. Here are some of the comments that were shared about this great man who cared for, and was cared for by, so many students, friends, and colleagues during and after his time at Luther.

“He was a wonderful psychology professor and the reason I chose to major in that discipline. He will be remembered as a true legend in his field.”

“I had the privilege of this gentleman’s teaching and mentorship. Our geo-political, academic and professional communities are all better off because of Paul’s immense and meaningful contributions.”

“I came to Luther the same year he did. His ability to draw out your thoughts and your ideas and to have you reflect on them without

much effort on his part was his gift to everyone. It has been an honour to be on the earth with him over these years. Rest in peace.”

“My degree would not have been the same without the psychology class I took from him. He spoke with such passion for the subject. Anyone else remember him threatening to stop the clock with his chi? Or jumping on the mini trampoline in class while he was lecturing? What a life lived! He will be missed!”

“A good professor teaches their students to look at the world in a different light. Without a doubt Paul did this. Thank you, Paul. Rest in Peace.”

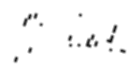
“The brief encounters I had with Paul were always positive and filled with possibilities. I still try to heed his advice when waking up and getting out of bed. ‘Slide off the bed, one leg at a time, rather than just jolting yourself out of it’ (or something like that).”

“Huge influence in my life, changed the way I viewed the world! His wisdom and energy is still very much alive.”

“Some people make a huge difference on the world. He was certainly one of them.”

“Dr. Antrobus was one of the kindest, most empathetic people I have ever had the privilege of knowing. Just being around him made you want to engage more with your life and enjoy just some of the passion he had for his. I finished my degree ten years ago and still remember his words of wisdom. Thank you, Paul.”

I invite you to read page ten as we remember the late Paul Antrobus.



Michelle Clark (U'04)
Senior editor of the *Luther Story*



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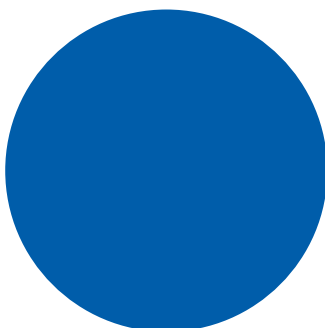
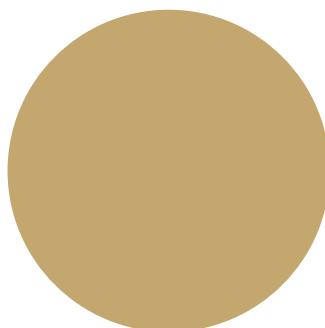
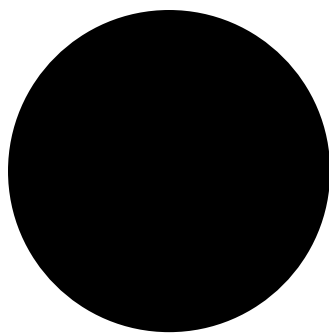
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Top: "Mr. Pumpkin Head"
Left: Dr. Don Lee, President of Luther
College from 1986–1991
Right: Sharon & Doug Stuart (HS'53)
Cover image: Paul Antrobus teaching at
Luther College's University campus.

message from the pulpit



One of my favourite cartoons is that of a pastor in his office, on his knees, his hands folded in prayer. He is looking back over his shoulder at his receptionist, who is standing at the office door with a big stack of messages for him. He has obviously been interrupted, but all she says is, “Oh good, you weren’t doing anything.” Funny how that resonates with me as a pastor – when I’m doing my morning prayers, anyone looking in my office window would think I wasn’t doing anything (I recently had blinds installed in my office window)!

I am currently reading *In Praise of Slow: How a Worldwide Movement Is Challenging the Cult of Speed* by Carl Honoré. The book is an insightful critique of how modern humans have taken time and diced and spliced it into minutes, hours and seconds. Honoré notes that one of the early critics of our modern time obsession was Jonathan

Swift, who in *Gulliver’s Travels* has the Lilliputians concluding that the reason Gulliver consults his watch so often is that it must be his God.

In our society, time is not considered to be well spent unless it is quantified by some product. This message is driven into us repeatedly – we feel guilt or anxiety if we are not producing. “I have so much time on my hands and I am so enjoying doing nothing!” is not a line you say in the staff room, particularly if an employer is nearby.

How to use our time is something we all struggle with, particularly around the issue of spirituality. Who has time for it? After my morning arrival at school, the temptation is to check e-mails, look at upcoming events in the date book and prepare the lessons or check them over once again. Instead, I try to leave all that and turn to prayer.

This is difficult for me to do – and I so often fail – yet it is what must be done if the day is not going to be marked by a confused sense of urgency where, rather than feeling that I am living out my vocation, I instead feel bullied by some inner stopwatch. I am encouraged by the wisdom of others: Fr. Edward Hays has remarked that spirituality refuses to be rushed, and Donald Nicholl

wrote that hurrying is “actually a form of violence exercised upon God’s time in order to make it my time.”

And so I try to breathe and take the time needed for prayer – prayers for the students, the school, the staff, teachers and administrators, as well as those grieving or struggling or sick. As I pray, I am connected again. I am reminded who needs care in the community. And there are the prayers of thanks – for work, for a home, friends, spouse and daughter, the sun and blue sky – and after prayer, a short scripture reading. Then it is time to check the e-mails, day timer, lessons, etc.

Martin Luther once said, “I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.” Perhaps this is not practical in today’s world – but the thought is valid. When we take time to pray, our days become richer, and we are more blessed and better able to live out our Christian ministry and God-given vocations. The Psalmist reminds us of the value of silence and prayer: “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46).

Thanks for taking the time to read this – I know you have a lot to do.



Pastor David Peterson
Chaplain, Luther College High School

message from the president



The beginning of another school year brings with it all the energy of new students and classes, and new beginnings in all sorts of shapes and forms. This energy was dampened a bit for us at the University campus this year with the news that our colleague, mentor, and professor of great affection, Paul Antrobus, had passed away in late August. To say we were saddened by this is an understatement of the highest degree. Paul was such a great friend and so embodied the values of this campus.

But I would like to come back to this idea of energy that ties together our College's loss in the passing of Paul Antrobus and the start of a new year. I was reminded of this again last night when our High School campus produced yet another amazing musical, *The Sound of Music*. As most of us will know, the High School campus has produced this musical many times in the past and has always done it well.

My personal evaluation of these productions has been biased by the fact that at least one of our four daughters was in each of the musical productions from 2004 to 2013. Even so, this year's production is simply one of the very best (sorry, daughters!). And it was one of our Board members also in attendance last night who put her finger on at least one of the reasons why. There is such great energy in the room, such great fun, exuberance and yet all harnessed into a discipline and a quality that can only be termed inspiring. Our High School students, faculty and staff have taken all this energy and made something quite amazing that they will remember, as will their audiences, for some time to come.

That was also the genius of Paul Antrobus. Energy, exuberance and fun channelled into amazing teaching, insight and experiences that his students, including me, and his colleagues, and again I'm lucky to be one of those, will remember for some time to come. And when I look around the College I see this in so many facets of our College's life. This disciplined energy is evident in the extracurricular programs of our High School campus as well as in the teaching and preparation that goes into all the classes. At the University campus, the energy is more subtle, channelled as it is into excellence of teaching,

research and continued work on our strategic plan, where the campus continues to consider and plan how it can make the university and college experience more meaningful for our students.

One final note on this matter of energy at Luther College . . . I had the pleasure of meeting an alum from 1942 who at the tender age of ninety-one years still remembered his time at Luther not just fondly but with some energy. His eyes lit up to talk about the likes of Paul Liefeld, Rex Schneider, and his friends from the dorm.

We will soon come into the harder months of January and February when work and cold and long hours of darkness make life that much more difficult. May we remember the energy of Paul Antrobus and productions like *The Sound of Music* as we look to lift each other up, just as Luther College has done for years in the spirit of 'quality education in a Christian context'.



Bryan Hillis (U'78), Ph.D.
President, Luther College

Alumni PROFILES

By Melanie Tiefenbach (HS'89)

MIKE FRITZLER (HS'88)

Drive, determination and passion are three qualities that have guided and directed **Mike Fritzler (HS'88)** professionally for over twenty-five years, enabling him to enjoy a rich and rewarding career as a local business owner and community leader.

For the past twenty-six years, Mike has been President and CEO of Fact Computers in Regina, a computer sales and service company, catering to the small and medium-sized business market. After leaving university with a strong grounding in business and computer science, he worked in the security area for a few years at CIBC. But, with only lateral positions available, he took his moxie and knowledge and started Fact Computers. And he's never looked back.

"I happened to be at the right place at the right time and had enough talent to translate people's needs and wants into a service they found valuable," says Mike, who now focuses mainly on sales, but ran all aspects of the business in the early days. But even in those challenging and tough times when his company was still in its infancy, he knew he had made the right decision.

"I could do a little bit of everything, which was great," says Mike. "The customers had needs and I was able to provide them with solutions. I love being able to fix people's problems."

Mike originally opened a retail store on south Albert Street in 1993. In 2009, with the help of his family, he was able to buy a property and move his business closer to Regina's downtown. He has since expanded into a larger store, also near Regina's downtown, and in 2012 he opened a second

store in Saskatoon. Mike currently employs thirty-two staff between the two locations.

Throughout the many years that Mike was building his business, he was also involved with Luther College High School. He was a board member for seven years, sitting on various committees. Mike was also the first chair of the Building and Facilities Renewal Committee, with the primary focus to complete the High School campus renewal and expansion. The \$18 million project included: building the new gymnasium, three classrooms, the student commons, an outdoor team building; as well as upgrades and repairs to the classroom wing and building a new stage in the old gym now called the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre. Currently the committee is overseeing upgrades to Luther's residence on the University campus.

Although Mike's role largely involved governance and strategy, he admits he became very involved in the operational side of the building and renewal project. "My mantra was, if we're going to build it, we're going to build it once and we're going to build it right." He adds that every aspect of the project, right down to the placement of bricks, involved great forethought. "It had to feel like it all fit together and have a feeling like this is your home," says Mike, stressing that his passion for the school drove him to ensure every detail was perfect.

With the successful renewal project winding down, Mike took on an even larger role at Luther, becoming Chair of the Board of Regents in 2015. This volunteer board is involved in all aspects of the College's strategic operation, developing and managing governance models and policies

and assessing its risks to ensure the best possible education is available to the students of both the High School and University campuses.

To learn more about his memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory.

"I wanted to be on the Board ever since high school when I saw the Board members come into chapel and speak. I thought 'that's what I want to do.' I saw them as the fathers of the institution. They were driving and steering the school and the staff."



BILL SILVER (HS'49, HSU'50)

After practicing medicine for over fifty years, orthopaedic surgeon **Bill Silver (HS'49, U'50)** still proclaims with gusto that the best part of medicine is orthopaedics because "that's the front line and that's where the action is."

He explains that most people suffer injuries like broken bones and sprains over their lifetimes. This reality fuelled his desire and devotion to choose a specialty in orthopaedics as a relevant profession. "I knew I was going to school for a lot of years and so I wanted to do something that was significant and important to many people," says Bill.

His educational background is extensive and demonstrative of the commitment required to become a surgeon. After a year at the University of Saskatchewan Regina Campus through Luther College, four years at the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) and two at McGill University, he graduated in 1956 with a Doctor of Medicine and a Master of Surgery (MDCM) from McGill. He did a general internship for two years in Tacoma, Washington, and in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

He then practiced family medicine for five-and-a-half years in Porcupine Plain, Saskatchewan. His choice to work as a general practitioner for a few years was twofold: to learn the nuts and bolts of medicine and to earn money to fund years of medical school and post-graduate education.

He returned to the U of S for four years of post-graduate training in orthopaedic surgery and, in 1967, became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada (FRCSC). He then did one year of research in Saskatoon and one in Scotland, transplanting joints in animals.

For the next fifteen years, Bill worked as an academic orthopaedic surgeon; splitting his time between lecturing in the classroom as an assistant professor at the U of S medical school and in the operating room, teaching students orthopaedic procedures. In 1988, he moved to Regina where he worked as a surgeon at the General Hospital for ten years.



For Bill, his career as an academic surgeon was the best of both worlds, since he had the opportunity to perform many life-changing surgeries. "I like fixing things and, as it helps many people, it's a good career." He also loved teaching. Coming from a family of teachers, he feels it is in his blood.

Semi-retired since 1998, Bill now works in the O.R. once a week, assisting with operations. He likes keeping up with procedures and changes in the medical profession. He has also been active in medical leadership, sitting on various boards and also serving the medical association, both provincially and federally.

And the eighty-three-year-old shows no signs of slowing down. For nearly thirty years he has competed in triathlons and this past fall, he ran a half-marathon and finished in first place for his age group. But his biggest accomplishments in this arena include participating in four world Olympic distance competitions and an Ironman, in 2002. "Doing triathlons has been a huge, amazing experience. Just to participate was great," says Bill, adding that there are great benefits. "The training keeps my weight down, gives me energy, and keeps me fit."

"Luther College was a career milestone for me. The school really shaped me and taught me to study. This helped me succeed at medical school."

Bill has also been a member of The Gideons for the past twenty years, distributing Bibles locally and attending weekly prayer meetings. He deeply values the fellowship he shares here in regular prayer.

In recent years, Bill has also added "livestock farmer" to his resume. To learn more about Bill's bison farm/enterprise and his memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory.

LANDIS WYATT (HS'89)

With an insatiable love of the outdoors and a career in sales and marketing in that industry, never did this prairie girl think she would find herself living on the other side of the world, working in a field foreign to any of her long-held aspirations.

And never did she expect the leap to be so rewarding, both personally and professionally.

Yet after seven years, **Landis Wyatt (HS'89)** continues to call the West African nation of Liberia home. She and her husband, Kent, work for a registered Canadian charity, founded by his parents, called Universal Outreach Foundation (UOF). For the first few years, the foundation functioned solely as a donor for international infrastructure projects.

In 2006, they fundraised for a Liberian organization called Food for the Hungry, out of their home base in Vancouver, British Columbia. Then in 2007, they were invited by the Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church to live in Liberia and rebuild a school in a town called Royesville, near the capital of Monrovia. The couple were charged with the task of not only funding the capital project but also overseeing the build – and they needed to be on the ground to do it.

“This was a huge shift for us. I have to admit, the first year was pretty challenging for me, adjusting to the different culture and devastation,” says Landis.

Liberia was still reeling from the effects of years of civil war. Much of the nation still had no power, buildings were riddled with bullet holes, and children hadn't been in school for a decade. Because of the war and the ensuing unrest, skilled labourers fled the country looking for work and a future. Hence, the need for Landis and her husband to live in the community and oversee every aspect of the project.

Fortunately, Kent is a carpenter and has experience building houses. But the rebuild was not without its mammoth challenges. Some of these included: finding a skilled construction crew; rebuilding a bombed-out bridge (which they needed to get

materials to the building site); and shipping a military-type truck to haul material.

“It was daunting. The first year was about the construction. After that I found my place and got more involved in the start-up of the school,” says Landis, who continues to be involved in the administration of the school. Due to their new-found knowledge and infrastructure, they built another school and, in three years, built a total of twenty buildings on two school campuses.

For Landis, the rewards far exceeded the perils of such an undertaking.

“Once the school is open and you get to meet the kids, that's when you realize this charitable work we are doing makes a difference in the kids' lives because they have ambition and opportunity. For us, it's all about breaking the barriers.”

To learn more about what Landis and Kent are doing in Liberia, including developing a sustainable, local industry, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/high-school/lutherstory.

“Because Luther has such an intimate environment, the relationships you can develop with the staff and students will nurture you beyond just academics. It allows you to develop as a person, not just a mind.”



Alumni PROFILES

By Joelle Seal (U'13)

JORDANNE ERICHSEN (U'13)

For **Jordanne Erichsen (U'13)**, studying at Luther College equipped her with the confidence she needed to excel in vocal performance.

Erichsen graduated from Luther College at the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance in 2013, and has since gone on to the University of Ottawa to pursue a master's degree. "When I was in Opera Nuova, one of the [University of Ottawa] faculty members saw me perform and wanted me to study there," says Jordanne. "At that time I was wondering what I wanted to do after my bachelor's degree, and she told me I did not have to audition. I just had to send in a tape so they would have the physical proof that I could sing, and they would accept me."

For Erichsen, this brought her one step closer to what had always been a dream of hers. "I always have been a singer. There was never anything else I loved to do as much," indicates Jordanne. "I entertained the idea of doing something else because my parents wanted a career path that was more financially stable. But there was nothing else I wanted to do."

When she started taking voice lessons, she started out with the classic Disney songs she loved. Then, her vocal coach guided her toward a different type of music. "My voice teacher said we should try doing classical music to do exams, to say I had accomplished something in terms of technique," says Jordanne. "My voice suited it more, and as time went on I grew to love it more than musical theatre."

When Jordanne graduated from high school, however, she lacked confidence in her singing ability. "What I needed most



at that point in my life was someone who believed in me and could help build up my confidence," says Jordanne. "My voice teacher, Lynn Channing, definitely did that for me. She made me feel like I was actually a good singer and had something special to offer. And that's invaluable because it has taken me a long way."

A long way, indeed. Jordanne has performed in Opera Nuova, a program for emerging Canadian artists, bridging academia with professional performance for operatic singers. She has performed at the Austrian Embassy on New Years Eve, and had a lead role in the University of Ottawa Opera Company's *Die Fledermaus* last year. She also performed back at home at Luther College's 100th Anniversary and was the featured soloist with the Luther Bach Choir in Fall 2014.

"It's a great environment because they knew who I was and offered me other opportunities to perform. There was a family-feeling at Luther."

Jordanne has ambitious plans for the future. "This year, I am doing lots of auditions. My hope is to go to New York and do a professional studies program, similar to an artist diploma, or to do something like the Young Artists program through Opera Lyra here in Ottawa. I also want to do Highland Opera Studio or Opera Nuova again. I want to take that next step of training that will get me closer to a part in an Opera House."

To learn more about Jordanne's memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory.

ERIN BAYNE (HS'88, U'93)

An alumnus who got his start studying biology at Luther College's High School and University campuses is now doing his part to improve the future of our environment and the role humans can have in this improvement.

Erin Bayne (HS'88, U'93) is a professor at the University of Alberta (U of A) in the Department of Biological Sciences. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Luther College, and then went on to get his Master's and PhD in Biology at the University of Saskatchewan. In his position at the U of A, he teaches three classes and supervises a large lab of researchers studying wildlife biology and human impact on wildlife.

Growing up, Erin always loved the outdoors. He developed a great appreciation for the environment and wilderness, and so biology seemed a natural choice as a field of study when he got to university.

"I grew up in Saskatchewan, and had a farm and a cabin and was always interested in the outdoors," indicates Erin. "I happened to take a course in biology by a very enthusiastic instructor at the University of Regina, and kind of showed me there is a different way to look at the world. So I got very excited. I got to go outside a lot and do cool things with animals, so it was a very exciting way to learn."

The hands-on, outdoors learning that Erin enjoyed during his studies has continued into his career. For Erin, this is one of the highlights of working in the field that he does. "I have been able to work all over North America," says Erin. "I get to spend weeks to months out in the wilderness, studying these animals, getting to know the environment they live in, getting an appreciation for how big North America is."

One particular area of study for Erin is birds and the importance of our Northern forests as a habitat for bird species. He recently appeared on CBC's *The Nature of Things* in a documentary called "Songbird SOS." The documentary explores the role of humans in the declining populations of songbirds, and in one segment of the program, Erin explains how industry is



affecting a bird nursery in the boreal forest north of Edmonton. "Whether it's energy development, agricultural development, forestry, or windows, all of these things are adding up and they are having a negative effect on the species of birds. As a consequence, lots of birds are declining worldwide," says Erin.

One of Erin's goals as a biologist is to find ways that resource development can happen with less of an impact on the environment and on the birds who depend on that environment. The group of researchers he supervises at the U of A hope that their studies of wildlife biology will provide the information that will allow humans and birds to coexist. "We hope to provide information for governments and society as a whole. My goal is to provide the information people need to make good decisions about their environment and their lives," explains Erin.

To learn more about Erin's memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory.

"Having Luther as a home base was useful for me within the large institution of the University of Regina."

DAMON CAVAN (U'03)

Damon Cavan's (U'03) dreams for a career path have been clear to him since he was a young boy, when he would sit on the floor in his parent's home disassembling and reassembling their computer.

Damon graduated from Luther College at the University of Regina with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in 2003. He is now a Manager of Development Competency for ISM Canada, an IT consultant and service provider owned by IBM. ISM provides IT services both on the hosting and the consulting side for clients across Canada by helping businesses define their issues and developing smart IT strategies to address these issues. His role is to manage the way ISM offers development services.

"My line of work and my career path, I pretty much chose it when I was really young," says Damon. "I started in computers and computer programming at age seven."

It all started simply as a way to entertain himself. He had become bored with the electronic games he had, so the best solution for him was to make the games he wanted to play. He created some "choose your own adventure" games and platform games similar to Mario Brothers for his family's Tandy 1000.

"Living on a farm, I didn't have access to a lot of stores or software," says Damon. "When we bought the computer, it came with a basic book of programming language. I started sifting through that." Since he was able to read music, he quickly learned that he could program to create songs on the computer. Family trips to the library allowed him to hone his craft and become more and more skilled as a computer programmer.

"My parents had to spend lots of time going back and forth to the library finding things because they didn't have the access to information you do now," says Damon. "We were forty-five minutes away from Moose Jaw and would come in to the public library to pick up a stack of books. I was collecting anything [about computers], becoming more specific as I learned more."

For each stage of his learning, his parents' latest computer was always useful. "I wanted to learn about hardware. Here was this machine that they spent \$5,000 on and I would tear it apart. Tear it apart and build it back," explains Damon. "Every time I did it they swore that was the last time it was ever going to work."

Damon's university studies provided an opportunity to learn the theory surrounding computer science the 'why' of things and enabled him to better adapt to the many changes in his chosen field.

"This industry is always changing," says Damon. "Having that degree allows you to go beyond the memorization of a language that will soon be changed."

Today in his position with ISM, he looks forward to taking on higher management and consultancy roles. For Damon, the most exciting possibility of his line of work is to continue working directly with "Watson," a cognitive learning environment that uses machine-learning analytics to discover insights from its data without human direction.

"In my opinion, that is what is going to move into Artificial Intelligence," says Damon. When discussing the progress with Watson, developments in AI and the barriers still to be overcome, Damon says that the limits are in creative thinking. "Machine learning looks to patterns and to trends and does a very sophisticated analysis of the data. But outside of mathematical law, it does not think creatively yet."

To learn more about Damon's memories of Luther, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/university/lutherstory.

"Luther was important in adding creative and critical thinking to my practical experience with computers and computer programming."



By Michelle Clark (U'04)

Remembering



PAUL ANTROBUS

“His philosophy was, ‘Let everyone be open to their own possibilities so that they may become who they are.’ He was not one to tell anyone what they must do. His role was to help them discover their own possibilities. I thank him for that.”

Dr. Arthur Krentz, Academic Dean from 1992 –1995.

In 1973, Paul Antrobus was hired as the new Psychology appointment by Academic Dean Dr. Arthur Krentz and President Dr. Morris Anderson. He was only the third faculty member of the recently opened Luther College at the University of Regina.

Over the next thirty-two years, Paul would engage and inspire students, colleagues, friends and family with his larger-than-life personality and devotion to his fellow human beings.

Born in Camrose, Alberta on July 5, 1935, to Reverend Fred Antrobus and Margaret Simmons Antrobus, Paul graduated from high school in Prince Rupert, British Columbia. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Brandon College in 1959, a Bachelor of Divinity from McMaster University in 1962, and finally a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Waterloo in 1973.

It was at Brandon College that he met the love of his life, Kay Pue. Kay remembers the first time she saw Paul. It was the fall of 1955 during Freshie Week and she was coming down a staircase with her girlfriend. Paul was in a crowd at the bottom of the stairs. He had already started to go bald so there were only patches of hair on his head. Kay poked her girlfriend and they both started to giggle.

Paul and Kay were married in 1959 and spent the next five years in India as missionaries with the Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board. After returning to

Below: Paul and his roller skates

Right: Students playing Muckby



Canada in 1968, Paul taught a psychology class at St. Jerome's College at the University of Waterloo while he was working on his Ph.D., as well as a class at the Community College. Luther College was Paul's first official full-time teaching position and here is where he remained until he retired in 2005.

Dr. Mary Hampton, a professor of Psychology at Luther, explained that it was because of Paul that she came to Luther College. "His skill, knowledge, and generosity were always apparent in everything he did. He knew the field of Psychology backwards and forwards, but was humble always about his knowledge. And he was committed to psychology, believing that this knowledge of psychology should be held by everyone and shared."

Paul was known for using meditation while leading the devotion at the beginning of Academic Affairs Committee meetings, wearing Hawaiian shirts in the dead of winter, providing a staff member with a mini-trampoline because he felt it was not healthy to just sit around when working, or simply knowing when someone needed a "calming, peaceful, caring few words." He left a lasting impression on the faculty and staff of Luther College in many other ways too.

Paul always had a way of keeping everyone at the College on their toes. One Halloween, he arrived on campus dressed from head to toe in orange wearing a pumpkin on his head; the inside and face of the pumpkin was carved but no one could see who was inside because it was so dark. Dr. Krentz was teaching a Philosophy 100 class that day, when the lights suddenly went out and in walked Paul, wearing his orange outfit with the pumpkin on his head lit up with a flashlight. "The class 'woke up' and everyone was trying to figure out what was

going on. Paul didn't say who he was and left with the order to 'Get back to work, Socrates.'" Dr. Hampton will always have the image of Paul skating down the halls on roller skates to his class in Luther wearing the pumpkin on his head. She recalls thinking to herself "how great to be the conservative one."

It was not uncommon to see Paul gliding around campus on his roller skates. During one particular Luther Orientation, he skated around wearing his academic gown holding a foot-long paperclip, just "being himself." A roller skating excursion on Wascana Parkway did eventually result in a broken jaw. One would think that this injury might have prevented Paul from teaching but he continued to lecture while speaking through clenched teeth and wires.

It was this dedication and drive that inspired his students and colleagues. "He loved the small class sizes and how he could really get to know the students," says Kay. Students were naturally drawn to Paul, an exceptional professor who made a big difference, encouraging students to see the world in a different light. To this day, many of his students indicate that he still remains one of their favourite teachers.

Not only did he perform unique antics in the classroom at times (threatening to stop the clock with his chi or jumping on his mini-trampoline while lecturing), he also loved taking part in all of the student activities outside of the classroom, including helping to cook for the Luther Residence midnight breakfasts, going cross-country skiing with students and inviting them to his place for hot chocolate or playing "Muckby." Muckby was an outdoor game that Paul invented to help students get rid of tension before exams. It was played in the outdoor hockey rink during the spring thaw. With little regard for rules,



Paul and Kay at a University dance



Art Krentz and Paul "Pumpkin Head" Antrobus



Paul in 2004, shortly before he retired in 2005

two teams would try to deposit a football in the opposing team's garbage-can goal. As Paul explained, "It was sort of like hockey. Or volleyball. There were no rules except you couldn't stick anybody's face in the mud."

"He was a high-energy person, no doubt about that. Paul was a very popular and flamboyant teacher. He did a lot of fun things with students in the classroom and also with the staff. He made education fun and enjoyable," reflects Richard Hordern, a professor of Religious Studies at Luther and President from 1994–2005. "He was an excellent counsellor. I knew if people wanted some kind of help I could always direct them to Paul."

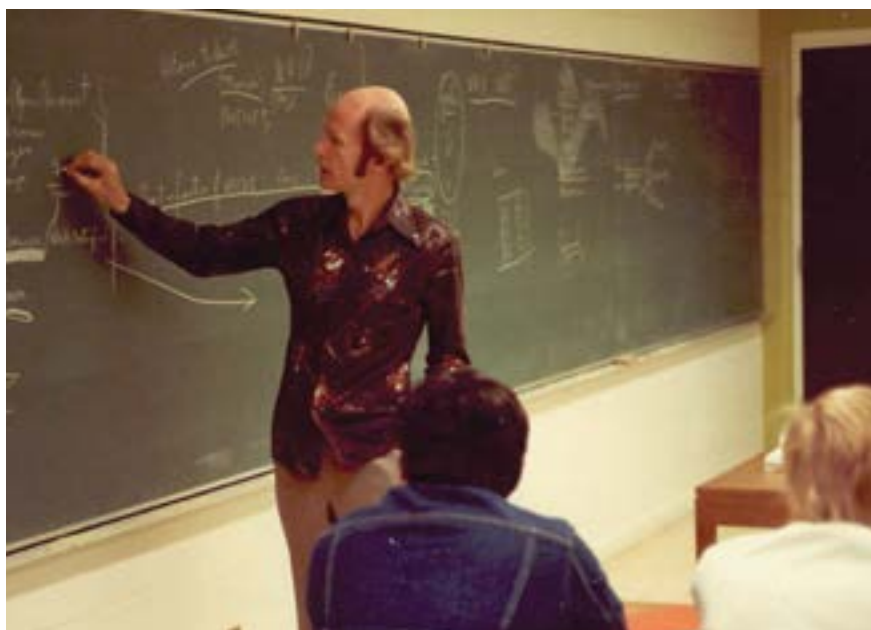
This sentiment is mirrored by Dr. Mary Vetter, a professor of Biology at Luther.

"Some of my favourite memories of Paul are of the times when he would 'check in' to see how I was doing. On most of these occasions I didn't even realize that something was bothering me; but seemingly out of the blue, Paul would stop me in the hall or stop by my office and say 'How's it going with...' and I'd be amazed again at his insight. This was just who Paul was; connected in ways I couldn't even fathom and caring so deeply about all of us—students, colleagues, friends. He was simply amazing in so many ways."

Shortly after retiring from Luther College in 2005, Paul had a tragic accident where he fell off a ladder, suffering a spinal cord injury that left him a quadriplegic and requiring the use of a ventilator. This, however, again did not stop Paul from teaching. He taught for two years for Luther

College, using his hands-free computer skills for preparation and marking. Through the Lifelong Learning Centre at the University of Regina, Paul taught a nine week session during the fall, winter and spring semesters until June 2015. "Paul would tell his students that after the course was complete, if they wanted to keep coming, it was fine by him. And they did," says Kay. "His class is still meeting twice a month."

President Bryan Hillis, a student and a great admirer of Paul's says this: "Paul cared deeply for his students, for the College, for his discipline of psychology and always for his family including Kay, his children, Karen, Carol and Kevin, and his grandchildren. He will be remembered for his faith, his courage and his great love of life. We will miss him very much."



THANK YOU!

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By Michelle Clark (U'04)

THANK YOU DON LEE

Dr. Donald Lee's association with Luther College goes back further than most people realize. Don spent the last forty-seven years as a consistent contributor and model of giving to the life of the College. He was also a member of Luther College's Board of Regents on at least two separate occasions, a parent of three alumni and finally President of the College. "Don is one who has committed so much of his energy and life to the welfare of Luther College," says Dr. Morris Anderson, President of Luther College from 1964-1986. "He has lived the Christian life, walking the walk and putting his values into play in so many areas of college life."

One of the challenges that the College faced in the mid-1960's was establishing a federated College with the University of Regina. When Don joined the Board in 1968, he was instrumental in helping the College lay the groundwork for this ambitious undertaking. As a professor of Chemistry at the University of Regina, Don was invaluable because he knew how the University operated, had strong working relationships with the University faculty and staff, and could provide key contacts.

"At this time Don with his steady and unemotional approach to issues helped the College to communicate with people at the University of Regina in an amiable and constructive way," says Dr. Anderson. "He provided assistance throughout the negotiations, enabling Luther College to be involved in the early stages along with Campion College to establish one strong university." It is therefore most appropriate that Don was listed as one of the four founding members when the college was newly incorporated as it established its university campus in 1969.

Both Don and his wife, Marilyn, were very involved with Luther College High School when their children, **Wendy (HS'78)**, **Eric (HS'80)** and **Rebecca (HS'85)** attended the school. "As parents, they were active participants attending many school events and serving on the Parents Council," remembers Dr. Anderson. Don felt that the Council was important because it helped maintain strong communication between the parents and administration. The Parents Council met with the principal to speak about upcoming events, provide feedback, or ask questions.

Don Lee became President of Luther College in 1986. "Don was uniquely qualified to be

President," indicates Dr. Anderson, "because he had an intimate understanding and appreciation of both the High School and University campuses of Luther College as well as the University of Regina." Rev. Dr. Roland Miller, Academic Dean from 1977-1991, explained how Don had a strong personal scholarly career marked by excellence in his field and that he brought this scholarly conviction to his task as President. "He understood what a school was primarily all about, and took practical steps to enable Luther to be a place of wisdom as well as one of human concern."

As Luther College was experiencing a time of growth, new facilities were needed. These included a new science lab, art room and library at the High School campus and an entire new academic wing at the University campus. "The High School was using the Christ Lutheran Church basement for classes so we built the new library and classroom space," says Don, "and upgrades to the University were also made because of lack of space." Dr. Miller also remembers this time of expansion. "Don was very hard-working, and never spared himself. I remember the hours upon hours he spent in selfless, almost relentless, supervisory efforts to assure the proper construction of the new classroom wing at the High School."

With the expansion of the College, Don hired a number of additional faculty and staff, including current President Dr. Bryan Hillis. "The people who work for the College are more important than the facilities," says Don. "Buildings are necessary; but it is the people you hire that have a lasting effect, especially on the students."

Don admits he focused mainly on governance, campus development and government relations and not so much on



Marilyn & Don Lee

academic or development aspects because he had very good support in those areas. “Roland Miller was an exemplary Academic Dean and Don King was a most excellent Principal; so I didn’t have much concern with the academic programming. I knew I could rely on them. Morris Anderson came back as Director of Development, organized our fundraising program and worked extensively with the alumni. Because he had been President before, he became both a mentor and a wise confidant for me. We were a very strong team, I think.”

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Perhaps his biggest challenge was ensuring that the College remained connected to the Church and did not lose its roots. “There was a risk of becoming secular,” indicates Don. “We would lose our reason for existence if we became a secular school. We needed to understand where we came from and where our roots were. The question of morals and values must continue to be an important part of the College or we will lose our reason for being.”

During his time as President of Luther College, Don also continued as professor of chemistry at the University campus, teaching an introductory Chemistry course annually and mentoring his normal

complement of graduate students. Dr. Miller will always remember President Lee as a rock-like figure. “He represented a spirit of steadiness and dedication that were thereby nourished in the life of both the High School and University College. Although his own, these qualities were so strong and manifestly genuine that we can assume they also had to do with the fact that he stood on the Rock who is Christ. His sincere faith channelled Christian qualities to others. They included a commitment to service, care for others, and loyalty to the good. They not only informed the atmospheres of the institution, but they also meant that his quiet advocacy for the College became powerful.”

After Don stepped down as President in 1991, he became an extremely valued member of the Board of Regents, serving from 2007 to 2015. Although governing rules required him to leave the Board in 2015, Don has agreed to continue as an advisory member of the College’s Governance Committee. “His wisdom and experience are invaluable,” says Dr. Bryan Hillis, current President of Luther College. “All of us who know Don are thankful to him for his ability to analyse and determine the most salient issues in any circumstance, and to mentor those of us who always benefitted from his sage advice. And we’re thankful for his quirky sense of humour that puts us all at ease and enables us to work together for the higher good. Luther College is also very grateful to

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Marilyn, Don’s wife, who has been a faithful presence at so many events, hosting them when she was the ‘First Lady of Luther’ and continuing to provide a warm sincerity at so many events since then.”

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The memories of all of the people that he met over the years at Luther College will remain close to Don’s heart. “Marilyn enjoyed hosting,” says Don. “We entertained two Nobel prize winners, numerous church leaders and many others. It was enjoyable and exciting, but a little stressful at times. We so enjoyed getting to know a lot of people that we would not have had the opportunity to meet otherwise.”

When asked why it was so important that he dedicate his time to Luther College, Don indicated that he wanted to provide Christian service in some way and respond to Jesus’s command that we go to all nations and spread the word. Both Don and Marilyn indicated that they are grateful for the opportunity to be associated with Luther College, as it enriched their lives in many ways and, in the end, they feel they received more in return from the College than they ever gave.



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By Angela Bethune



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On stage in the Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre



Student Commons

Thankful and appreciative. That was the sentiment from many alumni who attended Homecoming 2015 over the Thanksgiving weekend. Those who attended had the opportunity to tour through their alma mater. The tours showcased not only Luther's classrooms from decades past, but also the new facilities that were built as part of the *A Time To Build* capital campaign.

"Many alumni told me they were happy that Luther took this step to move forward on such a significant capital campaign and fundraising effort," says Maureen Harrison, Luther's Chief Development Officer. "Some alumni at Homecoming hadn't been here for fifty years. It was clear to them from touring the new facilities that Luther is going to be around for the next century. They were reminded of their years here and are happy to know the school they remember is being well taken care of."

Former Board of Regents Chair **Stacey Cattell (HS'84)** also toured alumni through the halls of Luther

on the Homecoming weekend. "It was both rewarding and humbling to tour alumni through the memories of the old and the promise of the new. Each room and hallway sparked memories of days gone by and the influences and impact those days had on them from friends, teachers and experiences."

"My message to my fellow alumni that day is and was simple," says Cattell. "The memories shared during Homecoming are the root of the reason they came back for the weekend. The halls are still alive with the tales and this can be the legacy they leave for generations to come. A gift to *A Time To Build* guarantees future students will have experiences like we did, even though the times, their needs and the new facilities have changed."

Student Calling Campaign
The *A Time To Build* campaign will be wrapping up at the end of 2015. To achieve the \$13.5 million fundraising goal, Luther enlisted the help of some enthusiastic high school students to call our alumni and ask for

their support. You may have received a call earlier this fall, or will receive one coming up in the next few weeks. Thank you to all our alumni who took the time to speak to our student callers, and to those who generously made a donation.

"Capital campaigns don't happen without the support of our alumni. We get minimal amounts from the provincial government for capital projects," says President Bryan Hillis. "Therefore, we depend on the support and donations from our alumni and friends to update our facilities."

How Can I Help?
Your support towards the remaining \$3 million in this campaign will help Luther College continue its tradition of excellence. Every gift to our campaign is meaningful, large or small. For further information or to make an online donation, please visit our website at www.luthercollege.edu or contact Maureen Harrison at 1.306.791.9175 or maureen.harrison@luthercollege.edu.

What is *A Time To Build*?

A Time to Build is a transformative capital expansion and renewal project at the High School campus. This project is critical to Luther College's long-term viability and vision. It's an unprecedented campaign to raise \$13.5 million which began in 2012.

Features of the capital campaign include the new Semple gymnasium; more space for physical education and recreational activities; fitness facilities that promote health and well-being; renovated floor and HVAC upgrades for our heritage gymnasium (Merlis Belsher Heritage Centre); new fine arts space; rebuilt stage in heritage gymnasium; new classrooms, storage and office space; new and flexible rehearsal and performing spaces; new student commons (social and study space).

Our new and upgraded facilities are strengthening Luther's academic and extracurricular programs and will enable Luther to provide unforgettable memories and unparalleled learning experiences for future generations of students.

Sharon Stuart

By Amber Peters (U'06)



Sharon & Doug Stuart (HS'53)

The warmth with which **Sharon Stuart** speaks of her time at Luther College High School (grades 9 to 11) says it all: “I remember the first day at Luther; that amazing feeling of being in a special environment filled with expectation and challenge.” Luther strives to ensure that every student is afforded with the sense that they are worthy and fully capable of great success in the world. These are the sentiments that Sharon reiterates when reminiscing about her high school days at Luther. “Over the years I have talked to many alumni who echo the thought of feeling special. Even after some fifty-plus years, many of us have a keen memory of the discipline, interest and the encouragement that Luther’s teachers and leaders exemplified. The experience and attitudes [of these teachers and mentors] set the tone for many of us to strive to accomplish our best.”

And accomplished Sharon is – especially in her contributions to Saskatchewan’s music community. Sharon’s passion for music was one she shared with her late husband, Peter Dyksman. Born in Holland, Peter moved to Canada, where he began his music career as an accomplished jazz musician. Together, Sharon and Peter eventually started ‘The Music Box Stores’ in Regina and Saskatoon, which later initiated a partnership with Long and McQuade Music Stores of Canada. The Dyksman family, including their son, **Shaun (HS’77)**, were involved with stores in both cities. At one

time the education division of The Music Box grew to attract over forty teachers who trained and taught some 2,500 students throughout the province. Sharon served as the Education Director in Saskatchewan for thirty-two years.

On one occasion, Sharon’s musical background enabled her to answer a call to help out her alma mater. The call from Luther College was borne of panic, as the school’s choreographer had been unable to continue her commitment to choreograph the song and dance scenes for Luther’s annual Broadway production. Despite never having read a dance score, Sharon was able to work with the cast and assist them in finishing the scenes. Luther’s performances of *Fiddler on the Roof* went off without a hitch.

Sharon recalls the lasting impact that Luther College had on her faith and spiritual strength. “I credit my enthusiasm for the Christian faith in part to the Christian teaching I received at Luther,” Sharon says. This passion for Christ is another key passion she shared with Peter. They both enjoyed and contributed a great deal to the music worship at their church in Regina, and participated in evangelism and outreach ministries in many ways, including: coordinating twenty Alpha church courses; offering Regina businesses Alpha courses for the workplace; and serving as advisors for Alpha Ministries of Regina.

Sharon also has a passion for community service, and she spent many years involved with the work of The Salvation Army, including serving for a time as chair for Community and Family Services Council, followed by a term as chair for the Citizens’ Advisory Board of The Salvation Army, Regina. Following her retirement from the Board in 2009, Sharon was presented The Salvation Army’s Honorary Lifetime Member Award.

Because of the positive connection she had to Luther in her own youth, Sharon and Peter decided that their son, Shaun, would attend Luther High School. Shaun tells us, “I have many good memories of Luther. I loved it and made many life-long friends during my time there.”

In September of 2013, after battling a lengthy illness, Peter Dyksman passed away. It is to honour him that the family has made a donation to the *A Time to Build* Capital Campaign - a major expansion and renovation project at the high school which includes a new gymnasium, locker rooms, and a fitness and training room; a renovated heritage gymnasium; new stage; student commons and a fine arts classroom wing. When asked why his mother chose to donate to Luther to honour his father, Shaun replies, “Mom and Dad were both very involved with the high school; I recall them both helping with musical productions on many occasions. Through The Music Box, they also helped to update the school’s sound equipment. I actually came to

Regina around 1979 or 1980 to help install it.”

It is clear that Luther has always played an important role in the history of the Dyksman family. It comes as no surprise, then, that Sharon wishes for her family to share in the bright future of Luther College through her donation. The generous gift from The Dyksman Family allows for naming rights of the music rehearsal room connected to the new band room, an especially fitting way to honour Peter and Sharon’s long association with music education in the province.

Even today, Luther impacts Sharon’s life in the most meaningful of ways – including marriage. Her Grade 9 yearbook photo caption reads, “Where’s Stu?” It turns out that “Stu” – **Doug Stuart (HS’53)** – was in his senior year when Sharon was a freshman. Thankfully, she tells us, “I am no longer looking for him and we were married on Valentine’s Day 2014 after not seeing each other for fifty-four years.”

Sharon and her family exemplify the ways in which Luther’s values of love and faith remain with its alumni for life and the ways in which one’s past at Luther resurfaces to bring blessings into one’s present in the most surprising of ways.

HOMECOMING 2015



Homecoming Banquet in the Student Commons

There were lots of special memories shared and new memories made at the Homecoming celebrations held Friday, October 9, and Saturday, October 10, 2015. This was the reunion year for the classes of 1945, 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1990, 1995, and 2005.

Classmates from each year gathered together, including some who travelled from New York City, British Columbia, and of course, right at home in Regina. A special mention goes to **Glenn McEwen (HS'45)** who attended Homecoming with his wife Jeanann to represent his class.



Class of 1965

Friday night's event was a reception held at the Ramada, with lots of memorabilia and yearbooks to look through. **Carole Stepenoff (HS'65)** even brought her grad dress and had it on display.

Homecoming included a chapel service, brunch and tours of the school as well as a banquet on Saturday night, catered by the exceptional Food Services staff right here at Luther. Thank you to everyone who shared your stories about Luther at the banquet, many dorm memories have not been forgotten! A special thank you goes to **Dave McHattie (HS'85)** for offering his Toast to the Alumni, and **Norm Minor (HS'65)** for the Toast to the College.



Class of 2005

Many of those who attended appreciated the tour through the new facilities that have been built in the years since they were students here. Thank you to former Board of Regents Chair **Stacey Cattell (HS'84)** for leading the 1985 and 1990 tour group.

It's not too early to start thinking about next year's Homecoming for the '6's. If you want to help plan next year's event for your class, email lchs alumni@luthercollege.edu. The Alumni Office sends a special thank you to **Craig Francis (HS'65)**, **John Courtney (HS'55)** and many others who worked hard to invite their classmates this year.

CELEBRATING MR. STARK'S 80TH BIRTHDAY

A special person in the Luther College family marked a milestone birthday on August 9, 2015. Dick Stark (a.k.a. "Coach") celebrated his 80th birthday. President **Bryan Hillis (U'78)** and past Board member **Karl Tiefenbach (HS'73, U'76)** treated Dick to a birthday lunch at Crave, owned by **Craig Perrault (HS'91)**.

The Luther College High School Facebook page also shared the above photo of Mr. Stark teaching, generating lots of birthday wishes and comments about his impact on their lives as students.

Dick responded, "With regard to my recent 80th—lunch was great. Thanks Bryan, Karl and Craig. The Facebook appearance came as a surprise to me. The best part was hearing from all of you—classroom and co-curricular friends and teammates, as well as some friends from older times. It is always great to hear from you. Thanks again for your friendship and kindness."



Above: Mr. Stark in class
Right: Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78), Dick Stark, and Karl Tiefenbach (HS'73, U'76)

CALGARY ALUMNI RECEPTION



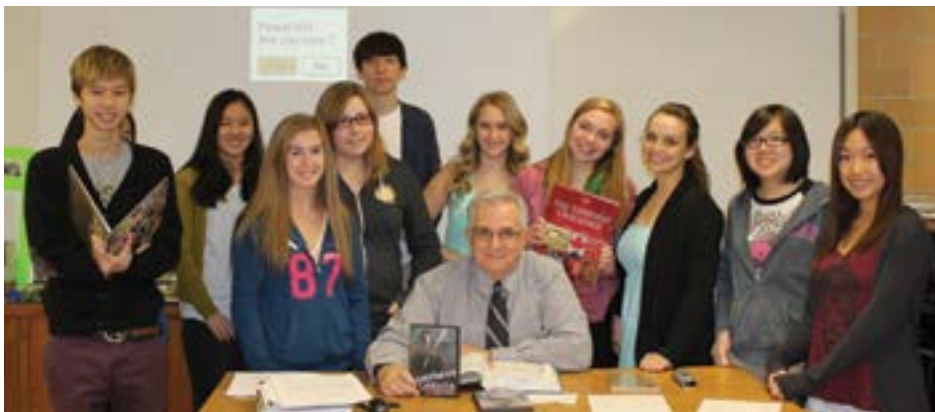
Dr. Bryan Hillis (U'78), Ron & Janet Kuchinka (HS'57), and Anne & Dean Bessel (HS'69)

Luther alumni living in the Calgary area had the opportunity to network and become reacquainted with Luther recently. The Calgary Alumni Reception was held June 10, 2015 at Canada's Sports Hall of Fame. Luther alumni from many graduating years took the opportunity to attend and learn more about Luther's capital campaign and to say hello to Mr. Dick Stark, who was also in attendance.

The event was put together with the help of **Brent Allison (HS'88)**, **David McHattie (HS'85)**, **David McKenzie (HS'84)**, **Jonathan Denis (HS'93)**, and **Duane Schellenberg (HS'96)**.

If you would like to have an alumni gathering where you live, please email us at lchsalumni@luthercollege.edu.

SAYING GOODBYE TO MARK LEUPOLD



Mr. Leupold in the classroom

Written by Dr. Mark Anderson & Clint Uhrich

Whether as a superb teacher of history or as a gleeful raconteur of his story, Mark Leupold brought devotion, passion and unwavering standards to all facets of his work during his long and distinguished career at Luther College. Mark's Luther story began in 1983 when he was called to serve as the Dean of Boys. He quickly became part of the school's lore. "Looper,"

as he was affectionately known, developed a reputation as an exacting coach, as a man with an opinion he'd freely share, as an inspiring historian, as a talented chorister, and as an educator who furthered all that is best about a Luther College education. His sense of humour, his eye for detail, his endless war on grade nine immaturity—the walls of the old classroom

wing still reverberate with the echoes of his stentorian reprimands—and his propensity for beginning classes with "Back at Waterloo..." stories endeared him to countless students. Indeed, his genuine interest in them and deep love of history led many of Mark's students to pursue history after high school. This love of subject was well-evidenced during his last years at Luther, when he approached his teaching with the same verve he did when he first began his career. Mark also profoundly impacted his colleagues as a wise mentor, a principled man equally devoted to family and to the people of Luther College. Most importantly, Mark had the modesty to laugh at his own foibles and embrace his reputation as one of Luther's beloved "cultured madmen." Our community is grateful to him for his decades of faithful service to "quality education in a Christian context." We wish him, Juanita, and family many years of a healthy, joyful and richly-deserved retirement.

NORTH AMERICAN INTERFAITH NETWORK (NAIN) CONNECT 2015

By Brenda Anderson



NAIN 2015 Young Scholarship Recipients



NAIN 2015 Lori and Mandala of Compassion

From July 19 – 22, 2015, Luther College at the University of Regina hosted the annual North American Interfaith Network (NAIN) Connect conference. The theme of the conference – “Restoring Spirit through Sacred Listening” – was designed to engage activists of all faiths or no faith in the difficult task of reconciliation through deep listening. Over 150 people from around North America, including delegates from Mexico, participated in the four-day event, which featured a variety of multicultural-themed workshops, tours and panel discussions that intentionally spoke to the issues of heart, mind and action in this sacred business of redressing social injustice.

As the conference was framed around the contributions of First Nations University of Canada, specific focus was given to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation report, with Dr. Marie Wilson, one of the three commissioners, presenting the challenges before us to acknowledge our past and reimagine our future that would include all peoples and in particular First Nations peoples.

Presentations were made around First Nations Spirituality and responses to the

persecution of people from other faiths. One workshop focused on Muslims responding to the persecution of Baha’is in Iran, and several Muslim students discussed issues within North American communities in terms of justice and identities.

Storytelling was featured as an essential tool in the work of reconciliation. Women from the Jewish, Jain and Muslim faiths answered the question of what they found challenging and what they found liberating about being women in their faith traditions. Fifteen recipients of the NAIN Youth Scholarships, as well as all the other students and young adults in attendance, were particularly effective in teaching us how the personal must be acknowledged and cared for within all these politico-spiritual endeavours.

Participants moved from an academic talk on “Listening in the Face of Religious Terror” to engaging in Jain or Buddhist or Sikh or Hindu meditational practices. A Mandala of Compassion was created throughout the conference by Lori Petruskevich of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The sand used to create the Mandala was dispersed at the end

of the conference in a symbolic gesture that reminded participants to spread compassion to their own communities.

All of this and more was brought together for us to grow in our understandings that reconciliation means we must first bear witness to past violence and indignities, that we need to learn and re-learn the difficult task of deep or sacred listening, and that, ultimately, without commitment to action in partnership with one another, justice and dignity will continue to elude the humans and animals inhabiting our planet. This conference invited people to continue to engage in interreligious dialogue with those of different faiths and no faith as one step forward in this important work.

This conference was a joint effort of Regina Multifaith Forum, Multifaith Saskatchewan, Luther College, Campion College, First Nations University of Canada, University of Regina and Regina Police Service. To learn more about the NAIN conference and read student perspectives, please refer to the Fall 2015 issue of *Impetus* at www.luthercollege.edu/impetus.

Legacy Gift to Luther College and Campion College Encourages INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE



Dr. Bryan Hillis, President of Luther College, Marton, Mark, Rita, Gabor, Dr. John Meehan, SJ, President of Campion College

A legacy gift to Campion College and Luther College at the University of Regina gives students both at home and abroad an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of different cultures through international study. The \$1.0 million gift bequeathed by the late Anna Kovacs supports The Martin Kovacs Scholarship Fund and allows for the establishment of future international scholarships.

The Martin Kovacs Scholarship Fund sponsors four Grade 11 students from Hungary each year to study in Regina. The two-month summer program is facilitated jointly by Campion College and Luther College. Mrs. Kovacs established the fund in 2001 in memory of her husband Dr. Martin Kovacs, who passed away in 2000. Since its establishment, fifty-two students have participated in the program.

“I learned so many things in the [past] two months that I would not have learned that quickly [at home]. My English is better, and I had the opportunity to meet new people and discover other viewpoints,” says Márton, a Grade 11 student at Piarista Gimnázium School in Budapest, Hungary. Martin is one of four Hungarian students who attended the program in 2015,

and all can attest to the many benefits this learning opportunity has offered, including improving their English language skills and discovering other perspectives and cultures. Along with receiving academic instruction, the students visited attractions in and around Regina such as the Regina Farmers’ Market, the RCMP Heritage Centre, Echo Lake, and the Queen City Exhibition.

This legacy gift ensures that the program continues for many years to come and allows for the creation of additional scholarships for graduate and undergraduate students looking to include international study experiences in their degree program.

“Mrs. Kovacs has accomplished so much with this scholarship. First, she honoured her husband, Dr. Martin Kovacs, a great teacher and scholar, which I know from personal experience, having been one of his students. Second, she showed great insight into how people of different religious cultures can come to understand one another, namely through face-to-face interaction. Using Campion and Luther Colleges—whose work together on the University of Regina campus exemplifies this every day—was an obvious and smart

choice for her. Finally, doing this through the planned giving of her will and estate ensured that the scholarship program will have a future for many years to come. We are so grateful to Mrs. Kovacs, both for her generosity and for her wisdom,” says Dr. Bryan Hillis, President, Luther College.

“This program represents key components of a liberal arts education, which strives to expand one’s understanding of the world by encouraging students to explore other viewpoints and find connections between varying cultures and beliefs. Mrs. Kovacs was very interested in giving young people an international experience as a chance to grow, learn, and develop as a person. Many students have benefitted and will continue to benefit from the gift Mrs. Kovacs made to the two colleges,” says Dr. John Meehan, SJ, President, Campion College.

Mrs. Kovacs was born in 1921 in western Hungary, but was forced to flee her home country with her husband Martin soon after their marriage in 1944. The couple lived, worked, and studied in Europe and Australia before moving to Regina, where Martin had accepted a professorship at the University of Regina. Martin and Anna made Regina their home for over forty years until their passing in 2000 and 2014, respectively.

HIGH SCHOOL

BACCALAUREATE AND
FAREWELL TO OUR CLASS
OF 2015



Tahera Karimi Hussain (HS'15) with Principal Dr. Mark Anderson and Vice-Principal Nancy Ostime at the graduation banquet.

June 26, 2015 was a day the Luther graduates of 2015 will always remember. They received their Grade 12 diplomas and embarked on bright futures.

Readers of the *Luther Story* may recall a CBC news story that features the journey of one Luther graduate, Tahera Karimi Hussain. Tahera came to Canada from Afghanistan to receive a medical procedure for her cerebral palsy. In her home country, she wasn't allowed to attend school because of her condition. Her parents reached out to her aunt in Regina, and Tahera eventually became a permanent resident of Canada. Tahera has said she credits Canada for giving her opportunities she would have never had if she had stayed in Afghanistan.

Tahera and her other ninety-seven classmates of the Class of 2015 are the next group of Luther students to become alumni.

GRADE NINE CAMPING TRIP



Campers gather around at Lumsden Beach.

The 2015-16 school year kicked off with the first ever OCRE (Off Campus Recreational Experience) for Grade 9 students at Lumsden Beach Camp. The trip was organized by faculty to connect the dots between the classroom and community-building, and to provide immersive onsite learning.

Seventy-two students went on the trip held September 11 – 13, 2015. The weekend event included not only Grade 9 students, but also Grade 12 leaders and eleven school staff members.

Some of the highlights were the great food, the campfire, outdoor pursuits including pond study, kayaking and canoeing, art, stargazing, worship and reflection. This camping trip resulted in many new friendships, and allowed for fun learning in a safe, relaxed environment. Many lasting memories were made!

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



Carolyn Jukes first began her career at Luther as Clint Uhrich's intern in 1992–1993. She was hired in the fall of 1993 by Pastor and Principal Alan Christiansen to teach English and be the Dean of Women. Carolyn says she is both fortunate and thrilled to be teaching English and Transitions/Health in what she calls "Luther's extraordinary educational setting."



After two years' experience in northern Saskatchewan, **Jessica Pultz** has joined Luther's English department, teaching Grades 9 and 11. Hailing from Peterborough, Ontario she continues the tradition of having at least one Leafs fan on the staff. What drew her to Luther was the diversity of the student body, the high value placed on learning rather than simply a focus on final grades, and the school's Christian context.

**RECOGNIZING OUR
SCHOLARSHIP DONORS**

Luther is privileged to offer many scholarships to its deserving students, many of which would not be possible without the support of donors and alumni. In June 2015, the High School hosted a reception for the scholarship recipients and the scholarship donors. Ninety students received over \$63,000 in awards. This fall, after the Entrance Awards ceremony, Luther welcomed its scholarship donors once again with a reception for donors and students new to Luther who received a named entrance award.



Entrance award winner John Sullivan with donors Peter & Janice Stratychuk.

MUSICAL

Luther College High School has the long-standing tradition of presenting popular Broadway musicals, and this year was no exception. Students and faculty worked tirelessly to put on four performances of *The Sound of Music*. Over 150 Luther students are involved in getting the annual musical ready for the stage, contributing as cast or orchestra members, or in the many crews that include makeup, costumes, admissions, lighting, sound and stage crew.

**SENIOR GIRLS
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**

Luther hosted its 18th Annual Senior Girls Volleyball Tournament at the end of September, and welcomed players from Balfour, Canora, Chief Kahkewistahaw, O'Neill, Melfort, Tommy Douglas and Sheldon. The planning and execution of the tournament included the help of many staff members, teachers, parents, and students.



Maria with the children in *The Sound of Music*.

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UNIVERSITY

SPRING AND FALL CONVOCATION

Spring Convocation was held on June 4, 2015, where Luther awarded a total of sixty degrees to fifty-seven graduates. The Luther Medal of Distinction was awarded to **Mikyla Jensen (U'15) & Williams Usama (U'15)**. Three Luther students also received the following University of Regina awards: **Mikyla Jensen (U'15)** received the W.A. Riddell Award in Fine Arts, **Austin Josephson (U'15)** received Faculty of Fine Arts Dean's Medal, and **Shea O'Bertos (U'15)** received the S.E. Stewart Award in Fine Arts.

Fall Convocation was held on October 16, when Luther awarded thirteen degrees to thirteen graduates. Two Luther students also received the following University of Regina awards: **Steven West (U'15)** received the Faculty of Science Dean's Medal and **Marika Yeo (U'15)** received the Faculty of Fine Arts Dean's Medal and the University Prize in Fine Arts.

Congratulations to all of our grads on their hard work and achievement.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Every year Luther College hosts an awards ceremony in the fall to recognize the outstanding achievements of our students. This year Luther College awarded \$72,650 worth of scholarships to ninety-one students.

The awards ceremony also serves to recognize students with exceptional academic standings. Forty-four students were named to the Dean's Honour Roll. To qualify for the Dean's Honour Roll, students must have obtained a minimum GPA of 85%.

40TH LUTHER LECTURE

On Monday, September 28, Luther College welcomed Dr. Pamela Dickey Young, of Queen's University, as the College's 40th Luther Lecturer. She presented a talk entitled "Sex, Religion and Canadian Youth: Identities Under Construction."

Dr. Pamela Dickey Young is Professor of Religion and Culture at the School of Religion, and cross-appointed in the Department of Women's Studies, at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. Her research on feminist Christian theology, and Christianity and the social construction of sexuality, has been shared with diverse audiences through many books, edited and co-edited books, book chapters, articles, and presentations. Her current Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)-funded research project on Religion, Gender and Sexuality Among Youth in Canada is gathering and analyzing data "about how young adults (aged 18-25) living in Canada understand their religiosity, their gender, their sexuality and the relationships among these three." The results of this study were presented at this year's Luther Lecture.

A video of her presentation can be found on the Luther College website at www.luthercollege.edu/lutherlecture.

VSSN RECEIVES \$209,888 FROM THE COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND (CIF)

Luther College's Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) will greatly benefit from a two-year Community Initiatives Fund grant worth \$209,888 to implement a ground-breaking 2015-2017 VSSN Action Plan. VSSN integrates real world problems into the classroom by bringing students and faculty together with people working in the voluntary/nonprofit sector. "The connection with voluntary organizations in the areas of culture, health, social systems, environment, religion, sports/recreation and education enhances the academic mission of Luther College," says Dr. Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Academic Dean of Luther College. Launched in October 2014, the VSSN is an interdisciplinary, community-university collaborative comprising students, voluntary organizations, and faculty/staff involved in dynamic and mutually beneficial relationships to learn, research, and innovate. For more information, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/vssn.



Dr. Brenda Anderson and Dr. Pamela Dickey Young.

NEW PUBLICATION BY LUTHER PROFESSOR

Roland E. Miller, Professor Emeritus of Islam and World Religions at Luther College, University of Regina, and Professor Emeritus at Luther Seminary, Minnesota, has published his third book, entitled *Mappila Muslim Culture: How a Historic Muslim Community in India Has Blended Tradition and Modernity*. The book provides “a comprehensive account of the distinct culture of the Mappila Muslims, a larger community from the south Indian state of Kerala.” Other books by Roland include *Muslims and the Gospel: Bridging the Gap: A Reflection on Christian Sharing and Mappila Muslims of Kerala: A Study in Islamic Trends*.

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Luther College at the University of Regina is pleased to welcome **Tatum Cruise** as our new Registrar, Pastor **Sean Bell** as our new Chaplain/Campus Pastor, **Jennifer Billan (U'12)** as our new Voluntary Sector Studies Network (VSSN) Coordinator and **Amber (Shuba) Peters (U'06)** as our new Alumni Relations, Development & Communications Assistant.

A graduate of Champion College (BA, French) and the University of Regina (Master in Leadership, Diploma in Business Administration), Tatum began her career in the Luther College Academic Office and went on to the Faculty of Arts serving as Academic Advisor for eight years before moving to the Faculty of Education in

2013 where she has served as both Academic Program Advisor and Manager, Student Program Centre.



Tatum Cruise

Sean was pastor of New Hope Lutheran Church in Regina before coming to Luther.



Sean Bell

Jennifer is an alumna of Luther College at the University of Regina, having completed a Bachelor of Arts in 2012 and a Masters of Science in Kinesiology and Health Studies at the U of R in 2015. She was also a Luther Residence Assistant during her undergraduate degree.



Jennifer Billan

Amber is also an alumna of Luther College at the University of Regina having completed a Bachelor of Arts Honours (English) in 2006 and a Masters of Arts (English) from the University of Regina in 2009.



Amber Peters

We are also pleased to announce that Alexandria Li is the new Recruitment & Retention Specialist. She was previously the interim Studentsfirst Coordinator and Academic Services Specialist at Luther.

ALL COLLEGE

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DAVID PETERSON AND PASTOR SEAN BELL

On September 29, 2015, Pastor David Peterson and Pastor Sean Bell were installed as Chaplains of Luther College High School and Luther College at the University of Regina, respectively. Pastor Dennis Hendricksen, Dean of

Regina Conference, officiated and Bishop Rob Hardwick, Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle, assisted at the ceremony at the High School campus, held during chapel. Bishop Sid Haugen, Sask Synod of ELCIC, presided over the ceremony at the University campus.



Installation of Pastor David Peterson



Installation of Pastor Sean Bell

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Micaela Agopsowicz (HS'07) and **Zak Stinson (HS'07)** stopped by the high school to take their wedding photos in the Blue Room. The happy couple began dating in Grade 10 at Luther after meeting in Grade 8 at a get-together! They were married on May 4, 2015.

Penny Anderson (HS'93) tells us her Bachelor of Science, Environmental Biology, has brought her "(finally) to the Ministry of Environment in the Government of Saskatchewan. I work on risk, planning, and other business-y topics. I am firmly ensconced in a double-income one-cat marriage, and continue to lay ground on a future career as a dining and social critic. I still have cravings for peanut butter and jam snack nights in the dorm!"

Rolly Ashdown (HS'76) is in politics and has been elected into his second term as a Municipal Councillor in Rocky View County, which surrounds Calgary on three sides.

Rodney Ashfield (U'95) has opened his own pedorthic clinic in Regina, Saskatchewan called "Ashfield Orthotics: A Foot Health Clinic, Inc." After working as an administrator

for various non-profits and rehabilitation therapist for the Government of Saskatchewan, Rodney went back to university and took more courses to become a Certified Pedorthist (Canada) and Pedorthic Technician. After many years in the business of orthotics, he decided it was time to serve doctors and their patients even better, since he knows that we all should be able to enjoy our feet and legs as much as we can. Rodney has many fond memories of Luther College at the University of Regina, first as a shy student, then as a long-time Residence Assistant and later as a Resident Manager, along with his wife, Annika, and son Rennie.

Jeremy Brick (HS'11) convoked in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts Honours with Distinction in History and Political Studies from Queen's University. In his final year, he was awarded the Grattan O'Leary Prize in History, which is awarded annually to the student achieving the highest standing in an upper level Canadian History course. He was also awarded the Medal in History and Political Studies, which is given annually to the candidate who graduates with a first-class honours degree and is deemed by the department to have achieved the highest standing in a concentration offered by the department.

Meghan (Holman) Brolund (HS'05) went on after Luther to complete two degrees: a Bachelor of Science from the University of Saskatchewan in 2010 and a Bachelor of Nursing from the University of Lethbridge

in 2012. She currently lives in Saskatoon with her husband and dog and works as a Registered Nurse with the Saskatoon Health Region as an emergency nurse.

Craig Dutton lived in the Luther College Residence at the University campus in 1975 and sent us this note: "A great place to discover one's wings and learn to fly. Friends from Luther are friends for life."

Anna Coleshaw-Echols (HS'89) has moved back to British Columbia and has released her first book, titled *Presenting Fearlessly*. Anna will continue to run GoodToGreat in Victoria (and Vancouver) once she's settled into her new home this fall.

Nathan Cooper (HS'99) was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, serving the electoral district of Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills. He is married to **Tanya (Johnson) Cooper (HS'99)** and they have three children.

Alice (Boxall) Gabriel (HS'95) and her husband have five children. Alice's step-sons Riley and Austin are fifteen and one; they have their first daughter, Kinsey, who is five, and twin daughters, Samantha and Lily, who are three. Alice works at Regina EMS as a Primary Paramedic.

Rev. Daranne (Mills) Harris (HS'95) and current **Luther College Board of Regent** is the new Vice President and Chief Mission Officer for the Bethany Care Society. Lutherans in Alberta opened the Bethany Home in 1946 to serve nineteen

residents. Today BCS serves over 7,000 residents and is one of Alberta's leading providers of continuing care and housing for seniors and adults with disabilities. Daranne lives in Calgary with her husband, Greg, and their son, Spencer.

Shirley Harris (HS'55) has authored a novel entitled *Catherine of Cannington Manor*, published by Driver Works Ink. The novel is a work of romantic/historical fiction and is about a woman who decides to explore a new life on the Canadian prairies in the late 1800's after tragedy strikes her family in England.

William (Billy) Hamilton (HS'10) won the Jean Oser Prize for film studies at the University of Regina (Film Production/Studies). Billy won the award for a critical essay he wrote on propaganda in film. The prize is awarded to a Media Production or Media Studies major undergraduate student whose essay shows originality of topic; thoroughness of research; relevance of theoretical models used; sophistication of textual/aesthetic analysis and strength of argument and quality of writing (rhetorical form). Jean Oser was an internationally known film editor, an Oscar-winning dramatic filmmaker, and a catalyst in the development of the Saskatchewan film community in the 1970's.

Thank you to **Amy Hillis (HS'08)** & the Horizon String Quartet, who performed in Chapel in May 2015. Amy was also recently awarded a violin from the Canada Council Musical Instrument

Bank, and will be playing an 1820 Joannes Franciscus Pressenda violin for the next three years.

Eun-bee Kim (HS'05) has been working at POSCO E&C over four years. She participated in a choir through her work until last January after deciding to take some time off. She got married last year to Yong-sam Jun who works at LG U+, which is a mobile carrier and internet service provider. They met in college, where they studied the same major, industrial engineering. Sometimes, Eun-bee dreams of going back to Luther as a student. It was one of the happiest times of her life.



Carolien Laeijendecker (HS'96), a Dutch exchange student who attended Luther in 1995, has kept in touch with Carl and Meredith Cherland, who visited the Netherlands and Belgium recently. Carolien says, "I was able to spend some time with the Cherlands! Their knowledge of Dutch artists and their work was impressive. It was more than wonderful to hear updates from them on how Luther teachers and students are doing."

Helen (Semple) Marcotte (HS'67) got married in 1970 and had two sons and one daughter. She now has two grandsons and four granddaughters. She and her husband have farmed since 1972 and now farm with their son and his family. They enjoy winters in Florida as well as cruises, and are working on their golf game. They enjoy dancing and many activities in their community in Florida. Helen says she has many fond memories of life in the dorm: room inspections for cleanliness and order by Miss Walters, but mostly all the friends. She also remembers the trips to Moon's after school, the football games, the bowling league, Mr. Carson's math class, and Mr. Nelson's literature class.



Dr. Dena McMartin (HS'93) spoke to the graduating class at the High School alumni chapel in June 2015. Her message of trusting yourself, taking opportunities and making the best of your choices was inspiring for the students as they prepared for their futures beyond Luther. Dr. McMartin is the Associate Vice-President (Academic and Research) and a

professor in Environmental Systems Engineering at the University of Regina. She has also received a YWCA Women of Distinction Award and is a Fellow of Engineers Canada.

Elvira (Gruening) Nagel (HS'50) is enjoying retirement at Caleb Village with her husband of sixty-two years. They spend the winter months in El Centro, California.

Randi (Farden) Nilson (HS'43) and husband, Rev. Tom Nilson, celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary in September 2015.

Ken Seitz (HS'87) is the next President and CEO of Canpotex Limited. "Ken has deep expertise in marketing and business development, and we have every confidence that he will continue his record of success in his new role at Canpotex," said Jochen Tilk, Canpotex Board Chair and President and CEO of PotashCorp.

James Shewaga (HS'83, U'87) is now serving as the Media Relations Specialist at the University of Saskatchewan after spending twenty-seven years working as a journalist.

Allison Tatham (HS'99) was featured in a CBC story about the work she is doing as a paramedic in Edmonton.

Molly Thomas (HS'05, U'10) recently went to Iraq as part of a news feature for Global TV. Watch for an upcoming *Luther Story* about Molly and her work.



Daniel Tysdal (U'03) celebrated the release of his third book of poetry, *Fauxccasional Poems* at a reading on October 20, 2015 held at Tony Roma's in Regina. Daniel was joined by local poets Cassidy McFadzean, Nathan Mader and Tracy Hamon, who each read from their recent work. Daniel currently teaches English at the University of Toronto Scarborough. His previous collections have received numerous awards. *Fauxccasional Poems* was published by Goose Lane Editions in September 2015. Cassidy McFadzean, currently a sessional instructor at Luther College at the University of Regina (in English), read from her collection *Hacker Packer*, published by McClelland & Stewart in April 2015.

Tara Wohlberg (HS'85) had an opera premiere at the University of British Columbia. Tara and her husband, Stephen Chatman, worked together on the new comic opera *Choir Practice*, which follows the hectic chaos of an unorganized choir rehearsal until it's brought under control by an unlikely character.

OBITUARIES

Gerald Allan Arnot (HS'43) passed away peacefully on September 25, 2015 at the age of ninety with family by his side. Gerry was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and attended Connaught School before coming to Luther College High School in 1939 and graduating with the class of 1943. He served in World War II in the Canadian Army in France, Holland, and Germany. He graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He enjoyed sports as a player, coach, scout, volunteer, spectator and fan, especially hockey, baseball, football and curling. His commitment, love, and devotion to his wife Vonne exemplified his loyal character. He was very proud of his children, including Luther alumni **Randi (HS'77)** and **Jerri (HS'83)**, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and they were proud of him.

Darrol Driver (HS'50) passed away on February 25, 2015 at the age of eighty-four after a long journey with multiple myeloma. Born in Osage, Saskatchewan, Darrol



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attended Luther College High School and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a degree in Agriculture in 1955. He was a man who truly loved the land, and his dual career as an agrolgist and farmer satisfied him immensely. A natural leader, teacher, and learner, Darrol built a full and fulfilling life – sportsman, pilot, amateur artist, a valued member of the Shrine T-Birds, and a Mason from the age of twenty-one and so much more. Darrol held many leadership positions in the Lodge, eventually rising to the rank of 33rd Degree.

C. Wes Gibbings (HS'64) passed away on September 5, 2015 at the age of sixty-eight. His sister **Gwen Randall (HS'63)** said that Wes is "often remembered for his sense of humour." He played football and basketball while a student at Luther College High School. Wes was fortunate to receive two kidney transplants during his lifetime. He built a successful career as a dentist, and he and his wife Deb made their home in Delta, British Columbia.

Dorothea Guse (HSU'49) passed away on December 13, 2014 at the age of eighty-five with her family at her side. She was born and raised in Yorkton, Saskatchewan and attended one year of university at Luther College High School in 1949 before completing her Master's Degree in Social Work at the University of California in Berkeley. During her career in social work, Dorothea helped many people. Dorothea was an out-going person with a good sense of humour.

She played the piano and was organist and choir director at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Dorothea liked walking, reading, crossword puzzles, concerts, movies and family gatherings. She also travelled a great deal in the US, Canada, United Kingdom and Europe.

Ruth (Wagner) Gustafson passed away on May 29, 2015. She attended Luther College High School in 1947.

Ruth Harvey (HS'40) passed away peacefully on November 17, 2014 in Calgary at the age of ninety-two. She was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and trained as a secretary at Luther College High School. She moved to Toronto where she met and married Rev. Aitken Harvey, the love of her life. As husband and wife they accepted charges at United Churches in The Pas, Edmonton (Strathern), Camrose, and Calgary (Parkdale). Over the years she was busy with church life and raising their four children. Ruth loved music, time with her family, had a keen interest in genealogy and enjoyed maintaining a list of the many branches of her family tree.

William (Bill) Crowell Kerr (HS'43) passed away peacefully on July 24, 2015 at age ninety-one. Bill was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan and attended Luther College High School in Regina, Saskatchewan. He served in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II. Bill graduated from the University of Saskatchewan School of Law in 1952 and worked with Shell Canada Limited

from 1954 to 1973. From 1973 to 1982, he returned to private practice and was appointed Judge to the Alberta Provincial Court, Civil Division, in September of 1982. He retired as Assistant Chief Judge for the Province of Alberta on July 19, 1994.

Michael Kontz (parent of **Reginald Kontz (HS'68)** & **Eva Davis (HS'75)**) and grandparent of **Austin Davis (HS'07)** & **Tanner Davis (HS'11)**) passed away on May 16, 2015, at the age of ninety. Born in Sehlak, Romania, he attended elementary school in his hometown followed by a private German Lutheran high school in Transylvania, Mediasch, Romania. After WWII, he took language instructions at the University of Mainz in Germany. This landed him employment with the French Military Occupational Forces in Rastatt, Baden, Germany, where he met a young lady, Hildegard, who would become his wife. They immigrated to Canada and Michael worked at the Co-op Refinery for thirty-six years. He was involved with the Boy Scouts, treasurer for St. Paul's Lutheran Church, on the board of the German Club Harmonie, founding member of the Multicultural Council and as an early organizer of Mosaic, for which he also served as treasurer.

Elizabeth (Betty) Frances May McCandless passed away peacefully on August 18, 2015 at the Kiwanis Village, Nanaimo, British Columbia at the age of eighty-seven. Betty was born, raised, and lived on Dewdney Ave. in Regina for seventy-four

years. She worked and enjoyed her time at Luther College High School, was a long-time member of St. James Anglican Church in Regina and was a devoted volunteer for church and community events.

Charles Martin Mutschall (HS'49, HSU'50) passed away on July 31, 2105 at the age of eighty-four. Charles graduated from Luther College High School in 1949 and attended one year of university at Luther in 1950.

Robert "Wayne" Thomson (HS'58) passed away on October 8, 2015 at the age of seventy-five.

Shawn Whatley (HS'92) passed away on June 24, 2014 at the age of forty. Upon graduation from Luther College High School, Shawn completed his undergraduate degree from Queen's University and then went on to two graduate degrees from the University of Toronto.

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BLACK & GOLD

Gala

Saturday January 23, 2016

The Black & Gold Gala is a cocktail reception and fundraiser that brings together Luther parents, friends, faculty and alumni to enjoy local musicians, unique auction items, beverages and hors d'oeuvres.

This year, funds are being raised for a new sound system in the Merlit Belthier Heritage Centre.

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1. Landis Wyatt (HS'89) and Kenu, one of her students.
2. Jordanne Erichsen (U'13) performing.
3. Paul Antrobus dressed up for Halloween.
4. Captain Von Trapp and his children in *The Sound of Music*.
5. Mr. Russ Green, Ev Green, and Kevin (HS'91) & Kerry-Lynn Fielden at the Calgary Alumni Reception.

6. Erin Bayne (HS'88, U'93) with a Rusty Blackbird collecting data.
7. Dr. Carl Cherland and Mr. Mark Leupold in the old Luther College High School cafeteria.
8. Cheers! Homecoming Banquet 2015
9. Dr. Don Lee
10. Bill (HS'49, HSU'50) & Hilary Silver at their bison farm near Craven, Saskatchewan.

11. LCUR faculty in the 1980's. Standing (L-R): Philip Engstrom, Dr. William Stahl, David Scott, Bruce MacDonald, Dr. Richard Hordern, Dr. Arthur Krentz. Sitting (L-R): Dr. Roland Miller, Dr. Paul Antrobus.
12. Sharon & Doug Stuart in Luther College's *Multifaria* 1952-1953.

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