

The Celebrating Saint

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The **MISSION** of the Association is to create and maintain Christ-centered relationships with our school and our alumni.
The **VISION** of the Association is to reach all alumni around the world and keep them connected to our school.

SPCH Class of '64 Remembers 50 Years Ago



In the chancel of St. Paul's Lutheran Church following the baccalaureate service, from the SPCH Class of 1964, front, from left, Michael Koch, James Shears, James Schwane, Thomas Krause; back, Randall Shields, Kenneth Sievers, Paul Shafland, Jan Goris, Gerhardt Krohne.

Special guests at the 2014 graduation exercises were nine members of the SPCH class of '64. Since 2009, the 50-year high school class has been invited back to campus for a class reunion in connection with graduation day.

Nine 1964 graduates marched with the 53 members of the 2014 graduation class at both the morning baccalaureate service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and at the afternoon graduation exercises in Weis Gymnasium. Rev. Gerald Paul, of Great Falls, Mont., delivered the sermon at the baccalaureate

service. The keynote speaker at the graduation exercises was Dr. Michael Rodewald, former LCMS Regional Director-Africa, who assumed the office of Executive Director for Lutheran Bible Translators on June 1. (Excerpts from their addresses follow this article.)

During the baccalaureate service, members of the 50-year class were presented medallions that featured the school seal and an inscription of their reunion date. The honored graduates *(Continued on page 2.)*

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were recognized by age, and by wearing a gold stole with a fleur-de-lis engraved at each end of the stole.

Biltz Hall, the former home for the men, was used as the focal point for the weekend. Those who had not been back to campus in recent years were quick to recognize the renovations inside the building. Former study rooms and sleeping rooms have been transformed into motel-type accommodations.

A catered reunion banquet was held Friday evening in Biltz Hall. Dr. Kenneth Wesemann, former SPLHS Advancement Director,

gave a presentation on the state of the school. Walter Loeber, Alumni Coordinator, explained the work of the alumni office and his work as alumni coordinator.

Over the weekend the men relived their lives on campus, in the classroom, and in Biltz Hall. A Saturday morning tour of the campus brought back additional memories from 50 years ago.

It was evident the men were happy to be back at their alma mater, and have their wives see the place they called home during their high school years.

A similar experience awaits the SPCH Class of 1965 on May 22-24, 2015.

Alumni Support Saints Showcase

The 28th annual hog roast and auction took the same pattern as last year. The hog roast was the same, being held in Krueger dining hall. The menu was the same.

The sized-down auction started during the meal. The SPLHS Class of 2004 bought the auction tree in memory of their

classmate Joseph Fabry who died Sept. 14, 2013, in a car accident. The tree now is planted between the bell tower and gym.

The total raised was \$21,600.

Can You Identify?



Can you identify the individuals in the above photo, the year it was taken, and the name of the group? The first alum to provide the answers by emailing the alumni office at splhsalumni@yahoo.com will receive a Saint Paul afghan or a Saints sweatshirt.



The first person to correctly identify the photo in the spring 2014 issue was **Gayle Ommen Domsch (SPCH '71, SPC '73)**. Gayle received a Saint Paul afghan which pictures the campus. The photo was the SPCH Glee Club of 1968. Members were Timothy Steenlock, Dennis Kemper, Robert Hagan, Keith Schelp, Tim Wollenburg, Gary Lietke, Lyle Castens, Michael Flandermeyer, Keith Howard, Donald Loos, Gerald Todd, Kirk Mueller, Mark Riese. Mrs. Verla Mehl was the director.

Welcome, 2014 Graduates, to the Saint Paul Alumni Association!



On May 23, the Saint Paul Alumni Association welcomed the 53 graduates of the 2014 class as alumni. Upon receiving their diplomas and having their tassels moved to the left side of their caps, they united with some 2,400 alumni of St. Paul's College High, St. Paul's College, and Saint Paul Lutheran High School.

Our newest alumni are:

Front row: Savannah Gordish, Li Ying Wang (Ellie), Jung An Lee, Diarisoa Randrianantenaina, Alyssa Hamblen, Nicole McGinnis, Vinca Thornton, Brooklyn Kleeman;

2nd row: Yuen Leung (Yanni), Sydney Aversman, Fayiah Johnson, Yan Zhang, Yuanmeng Chen (Nancy), Long Hei Lui (Jaclyn), Natsha Torno, John Brunkhorst;

3rd row: Dong Sung Kim (Paul), Liang-Yi Ling (Becky), Yu Lun Huang (Viola), Angelika Paul, Kelly Snader, Madeline Gibler, Kungsheng Ye;

4th row: Jun Taek Hong, Breanna Vogelsmeier, John Bredehoeft, Timothy Mehl, Benjamin Hayter, Chen Jia;

5th row: Sara Nierman, Tian Zhao (Emma), Sydney Bredehoeft, Fan Yang,

Tailai Yang, Hadley Rolf;

6th row: Taylor Hill, Wai Yin Ng (Michael), Michael Nebel, Elnati Endeshaw, Anthony Tewogbade, Jui Chung Chang (Michael);

7th row: Sawyer Wyatt, Seth Muehler, Sixuizhu Chen (Jack), Sungjun Ji, Madelyn Fiene;

8th row: Elijah Rodewald, Gabriel Stumbaugh, Jalen Timm, Chun Leung (Eric).

Interesting Facts from the Past

50 years ago – February 6, 1964

When an emergency call for type AB Positive blood reached the campus of Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana, one of the first to respond was **John Domsch (SPCH '60, SPC '62)**, son of Professor John T. Domsch, Concordia. Mr. Domsch, together with four other students, provided five pints which were needed by the critically ill patient. So serious was the need that they were taken by police escort to the hospital. The American Red Cross was unable to supply the needed blood because its bank was completely exhausted. *From The Concordian "From our Files."*

100 years ago – February 12, 1914

Fire alarm was sounded Thursday afternoon, and the fire department responded promptly to the summons and hurried to Prof. Schoede's residence, the roof of which was on fire, probably ignited by a spark from the chimney. However, the flames were soon extinguished and fortunately, but little damage was done to the building. *From The Concordian "From our Files."*

Graduates: Submit to the Lord and He Will Direct Your Paths

Rev. Gerald Paul, Great Falls, Mont., whose daughter Angelika graduated with the Class of 2014, preached the sermon for the 10:00 a.m. baccalaureate service held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on May 23. He reminded 1964 and 2014 graduates that school really is not over.

“Congratulations! You are done with high school! You have a head full of knowledge, but will you always make the right decisions in life? You have all this knowledge and dreams, but do you have wisdom and good foundation to apply the knowledge? Let us hear what the world teaches. Here is an example of wisdom from Dr. Seuss (Oh, The Places You'll Go!):



“Congratulations!
Today is your day.
You're off to Great Places!
You're off and away!
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself
Any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what
you know.

“And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go. You, you are the guy to decide — what a lonely place to be without God, His Word, and the people He places in your life.

“With brains in your head and feet in your shoes where do you go for wisdom? God's Word. Proverbs 1:7, *'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.'* Psalm 111:10, *'The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.'*

“The fear of the Lord...even our text from Proverbs 3:7 speaks of the fear of the Lord: *'Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.'* So, should you be afraid of God? Fear His wrath? Yes, when you break His commandments! But it is way more than that. Fear is trust, respect and wisdom to know that He is God and you're not. And He placed you into families, gave you parents who are His representatives on earth to teach and guide you and that you heed their wisdom, too. You will never stop being a child of your parents, even after high school, even if you have children of your own one day, even if your parents are in heaven.

“That is why our text is calling us back to school! *'Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil.'* Turn from evil and turn to God — repentance. God in His Word gives us penitent hearts and faith in Christ our Lord, who went to the cross to pay for our sins and rose from the dead to defeat sin and death and give us life everlasting in faith in Him. We are, therefore, called back to school every day of our lives — in repentance and faith in Christ.

“Every day can be a new start, but we never begin alone. Christ is with us always, also when we mess up, to grant us forgiveness He won for us at the cross. We can trust in Him with all our heart, and do not have to lean on our own understanding. He makes the paths of our lives straight.”

Dr. Michael Rodewald of Aurora, Ill., was the speaker for the 1:00 p.m. graduation exercises in Weis Gymnasium. He recently returned to the United States to accept the position of executive director of Lutheran Bible Translators, Aurora. Prior to his return, he spent 31 years in Africa, first with Lutheran Bible Translators and then with LCMS World Mission. His latest position there was LCMS World Mission regional director of Africa.

In his address Rodewald said, “The world is a complicated place because we as people are complicated, but there is one thing that is the same for all of us. God offers His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ to all no



matter where we are from, no matter who we are.

“When I was sitting at my high school graduation my dream, was to be a professional trumpet player. As you can see I didn't become one. Though I didn't accomplish that goal the ONE constant that I have experienced is that God uses every circumstance to direct us according to His purpose. Doors open and close and God is with us as we walk through them.

“It is awesome that each of you have had a chance to learn and interact with the world through others with different worldviews here at St. Paul Lutheran High School. You have been taught and nurtured in your faith by caring Christian teachers and staff. You are building a foundation for thriving in an increasingly global world that demands the ability to understand others. As you move from here, you will be motivated to your paths depending upon your culture.

“Some will try to be the best they can be for the honor of their family, or to make a difference in the world, some want to teach or be a pastor and preach, some may just want to be a professional trumpet player. GO FOR IT! However, wherever you find yourself, whatever your time and station in life, whenever your faith is tested, God's Word is your guide.

“Enter your future trusting in the Lord and submitting to Him, and He will direct your paths.”

New Alumni Prepare to Make an Impact

Saint Paul's 2014 graduates are ready to transition from high school to college and university education. They will prepare for future callings that range from aviation management to veterinary medicine.

Ten of the 53 graduates will attend a Concordia University. Five will attend Concordia University Wisconsin: Sydney Aversman of Concordia and Natsha Torno of Batesville, Ark., majoring in nursing; Diarisoa Randrianantenaina of Antananarivo, Madagascar, majoring in pre-medicine; Hadley Rolf of Alma in pharmacy; and Angelika Paul of Great Falls, Mont., in secondary education.

Benjamin Hayter of Union, Mo., and Timothy Mehl of Concordia will major in pre-seminary at Concordia University Nebraska. They will be joined by Kelly Snader of Higginsville in secondary education; and John Bredehoeft of Concordia in sports management.

Ming Hon Lui will attend Concordia University Chicago, majoring in graphic design and will play soccer.

The other graduates plan to continue their education at universities throughout the United States, Australia, and Japan. Many of the international graduates will be back in the States in the fall.

Name	Hometown	Plan to attend	Major
Sydney Bredehoeft	Blackburn, Mo.	University of Missouri, Columbia	Athletic training
Jui-Chung Chang	Chia Yi City, Taiwan	Fresno University, Fresno, Calif.	Physics
Sixiuzhu Chen	Shenzhen, China	University of Delaware in Newark	
Yuanmeng Chen	Shangrao, China	Hofstra University in Hempstead, N.Y.	Business and Management
Elnati Endeshaw	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Penn State University, University Park	Engineering
Madeline Gibler	Bonne Terre, Mo.	University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg	
Alyssa Hamblen	Concordia	University of Central Missouri	Nursing
Taylor Hill	Concordia	State Fair Community College, Sedalia	Veterinary medicine
Jun Tack Hong	Incheon, South Korea	Penn State University	
Minseo Huh	Gyeonggi-do, South Korea	Oregon State University, Corvallis	Business
Chen Jia	Beijung, China	University of Cincinnati	
Fayiah Johnson	Monrovia, Liberia	Missouri State University, West Plains	Nursing
Dong Sung Kim	Seoul, South Korea	University of Minnesota, Minneapolis	Journalism
Brooklyn Kleeman	Concordia	State Fair Community College	
Jung-An Lee	Chiayi, Taiwan	Queensland University, Brisbane, Australia	Nursing
Yuen Leung	Hong Kong, China	Sendagaya College in Tokyo, Japan	
Liang-Yi Lin	Taipeu, Taiwan	University of Arizona, Tucson	Business
Long Hei Lui	Hong Kong, China	Iowa State University, Ames	Hospitality Management
Nicole McGinnis	Concordia	University of Central Missouri	
Seth Mueller	Springfield, Va.	University of Missouri	
Michael Nebel	Red Bud, Ill.	University of Missouri	
Wai Yin Ng	Hong Kong, China	University of Colorado, Boulder	Psychology
Sara Nierman	Concordia	University of Central Missouri	Criminal Justice
Elijah Rodewald	Concordia	Iowa State University	
Gabriel Stumbaugh	Concordia	University of Central Missouri	Political Science
Vinca Thornton	Lexington, Missouri	University of Central Missouri	English
Jalen Timm	Omaha, Nebraska	University of Central Missouri	Business Management
Breanna Vogelsmeier	Concordia	Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville	
Gerhard von zur Muehlen	St. Louis	United States Naval Academy, Annapolis	Naval Architecture
Li-Ying Wang	Chiayi, Taiwan	University of Oklahoma, Norman	Aviation Management
Sawyer Wyatt	Lapeer, Michigan	Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant	Exercise Physiology
Fan Yang	Beijing, China	Colorado School of Mines, Golden	
Kunsheng Ye	Shenzhen, China	University of Vermont, Burlington	Mathematics
Tian Zhao	Wuxi, China	Northeastern University, Boston	



From the SPAA President

As I am writing this, I am very much looking forward to reuniting with those whom I attended our Alma Mater twenty years ago.

Granted, this gives the world a giant hint as to my real age, but for those “math lovers” out there, you have figured that out long ago based on the credits under my signature with each newsletter.

Having lived in Concordia for nine years now, I still find joy in being on campus, and I am anxious for others to share this experience with me. The sidewalks, our Victory Bell, the gum tree, and that unique smell of the dining hall (I won’t even begin with the smell of the boys’ dorm)...all special things we have shared. Yet, so much has changed – as it should.



Twenty years...“Where does the time go?” Twenty years...“Time sure flies when you’re having fun!” Twenty years...“Seems like yesterday.”

I imagine much of this commentary is common when classes get together, and yet

it holds such truth. Once this newsletter is published our reunion will be all said and done. All the planning and decision-making regarding preparations will be a distant memory.

To the class of 1994 I say, “Thank you to those who attended and we missed those who were not able to be with us this time. I am blessed to have had you as a part of my high school family, thankful that we were able to reminisce about our time together, and looking forward to when we will meet again. God’s blessings to you all!”

Sara N. (Rotermund) Larsen
(SPLHS '94)

Opening of 2014-2015 Academic School Year

Sunday, August 17 – 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Homecoming/Parents Weekend

October 6 – 12, 2014

Monday, Oct. 6

Soccer vs Sacred Heart 4:30

Thursday, Oct. 9

Volleyball vs Crest Ridge 5:30 / Bonfire and rally

Friday, Oct. 10

Football vs Santa Fe/World party in annex

Saturday Oct. 11

Homecoming banquet/Talent show

Sunday, Oct. 12

Worship at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Paul Deterding (SPCH '71, SPC '73) preaching

From the Executive Director



After Graduation

Viola (her “American” name) is one of our recent 2014 graduates from Taiwan. While she came to us via Concordia Middle School in Taiwan (one of our LCMS partner schools), she had not been a Christian. It’s not that she was adverse to Christianity, but it was not something that was part of her culture.

I don’t remember how it started but after the first of 2014 my conversation with Viola headed into the direction of Christianity and baptism and “such things.” She only had a few more weeks left here and yet she asked if she could go home as a baptized Christian. Well...OF COURSE!



Viola (Yu Lun Huang), right, with her mother Lee Lan Cheng.

Adult instruction was fruitful and interesting. Interesting because our cultures are a bit different. And yet, sin and God’s grace are pretty consistent. With every

catechism assignment I gave her (every day) she had great questions, indicating to me that this was important to her.

We had initially planned to do the baptism in one of our last chapel services during finals week, but she was a bit nervous about the large group of students. So, after the commencement ceremony we came up with a short ceremony by the little altar in Biltz Hall. Her mom, a few friends and faculty were there, all giving her some much needed support.

I say that it is “much needed” because she will be heading back into a culture that is not predominantly Christian. There will be issues with ancestor worship (respect?), very few congregations and even fewer Christians. It will have to be a faith lived out on purpose. That is a lot to ask of any young Christian.

But then I thought of a lot of our students and alumni who DO have ample opportunity to worship and be encouraged by fellow Christians. Is our culture any more friendly these days to people of faith? Will our young graduates be able to make it in our culture, which is becoming more hostile to their faith?

Our Lord warns us that at these last times, (Matthew 24) *“At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”*

Graduations are fun and happy times, but there is also a bit of sadness, knowing that we may not see some of these students ever again in this life. The even sadder truth is that we won’t see all of them in heaven either. Our fervent prayer is that our love for presenting the GOOD news will not grow cold, and that many who have gone through these halls will be enabled to “endure to the end.”

If you have a habit of praying for special needs of people, put Viola on your list, as well as all of our Saint Paul graduates, our faculty and staff. And while you are at it, it would be great if you could include me too.

Rev. Paul M. Mehl (SPCH ’78, SPC ’80)

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Alumni Jottings

To share information about yourself in the next newsletter (mid-October), please use the lower half of the page recently sent to you announcing the newsletter posting on the Web. Mail to Alumni Coordinator, P.O. Box 719, Concordia MO 64020, along with your financial support.

SPCH '48, SPC '50, Henry Schaefer, Joplin, writes, "My wife died June 2013. I moved to Joplin to be near my daughter."

SPCH '66, SPC '68, Christopher Domsch and SPCH '71, SPC '73 Gayle Ommen Domsch, Liberty, Mo., are both retired, but not quite. Gayle writes, "Chris retired as a full-time principal from Lutheran High School-Kansas City, having served as teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal, and principal. He has continued to teach there part time in science, his first love. This fall he will begin his 33rd year of ministry. I officially retired after teaching in the North Kansas City School District for 28 years and an accumulated total of 35 years in teaching. I have always loved learning, and earned my masters in learning disabilities and doctorate in educational leadership. For several years, both before and after retiring, I held an adjunct professor position in the education departments at Park University and William Jewell College. Currently, I am teaching part-time at Children's Mercy Hospital. We have two sons, two daughters-in-law, and seven grandchildren, who are the 'crown of our lives.' One of our retirement goals is to travel more often...this March we took a short trip down to Arizona and ran into Mike and Chris Flandermeyer in the petrified forest. It is a small world."

SPCH '68, SPC '70, Ben Freudenburg and SPC '71, Jennifer Strom Freudenburg, Ann Arbor, Mich., directors of the Concordia Center for the Family at Concordia University Ann Arbor, traveled to Indonesia last month to lead a family seminar to 200 Christian leaders in the city of Jakarta. They will also meet with the National Family Ministry team of Malaysia and prepare for the January 2015 National Family Ministry Conference.



SPC '68, Janice Dittmer Mills, Concordia, was reelected Concordia City Collector and will begin her 36th year of service. For the past 19 years she has been employed part-time at Missouri State Bank of Missouri in Concordia.

SPC '74, Gerald Scheperle, Jefferson City, is pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Schubert. Last month he spoke at the Cole County Historical Society's series, "Getting to Know Our Communities," about the early days of St. John's Lutheran Church, and also about the Schubert community.

SPC '78, Marcus Jauss, Higginsville, was honored on June 29 by his congregation, Immanuel Lutheran, for 30 years in the ministry and 20 years as pastor of Immanuel.

SPCH '80, Judy Brack Ray, Winfield, Kan., writes, "Exciting times ahead! We have two daughters getting married this year. We now have three grandchildren. I am really looking forward to our "80's Ladies" gathering in July at St. Charles, Mo."

SPC '80, Ken Wesemann, Concordia, was installed as pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Alma on May 4. Since 2007, Ken had served SPLHS as Director of Development.

SPLHS '03, Aaron Zummer, Warrensburg, and his wife Hiromi on April 15 held a reaffirmation of their wedding vows in a religious ceremony in the Kaepfel Hall chapel. Rev. James Dahlke, pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Ernestville, and a current faculty member, officiated.

SPLHS '95, Richard Clayton, Concordia, was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant on the Concordia police force.

SPLHS '01, Rebecca Schelp Nelson, Concordia, and her husband Steve on April 10 welcomed a daughter, Adalynn Nicole. Rebecca is an SPLHS faculty member.

SPLHS '01, Nick Virus, and SPLHS '08, Shannon Vogelsmeier Virus, Concordia, are the parents of a daughter, Penelope Lucille, born Feb. 26.

SPLHS '03, Ashley Bredehoeft, Pilot Grove, Mo., was married on June 7 to Justin Day of Pilot Grove at St. Joseph Catholic Parish. Ashley graduated in 2008 from Missouri Valley College at Marshall with a degree in elementary education, and received a master's degree in education administration in 2012 from Lindenwood University at St. Charles. She is a sixth grade math teacher at Buecker Middle School at Marshall.

SPLHS '07, Elizabeth Inman Pettit, St. Louis, and her husband seminarian Joshua Pettit welcomed a daughter, Katherine Grace, on April 1.



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Alumni Jottings

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SPLHS '10, Sarah Heins, Higginsville, married Joel Kaldahl, Spencer, Iowa, June 21 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Concordia. Both Joel and Sarah are 2014 graduates of Concordia University Nebraska.

SPLHS '10, Elyse Luebbert, Concordia, at her graduation in May received a Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Kansas.

In Memoriam

SPCH '40, SPC '42, Mark Heilman, West Chester, Pa., died Jan. 1, 2014. He served congregations in Shawnee, Okla.; Cortland, N.Y.; Paoli and Malvern, Pa.

SPCH '48, SPC '50, Otto H. Kretzmann, Kerrville, Texas, died November 17, 2013. He served congregations in Purdy and Waverly, Mo.; Friona, Wilson, and Schulenburg, Texas; Juniata and Holstein, Neb.

SPC '68, Eric Cash, Chester, Ill., after being hit by a car died Feb. 3, 2000.

SPLHS '88, Kristy Kollmeyer Barnes, Marshfield, died of leukemia in October 2012.

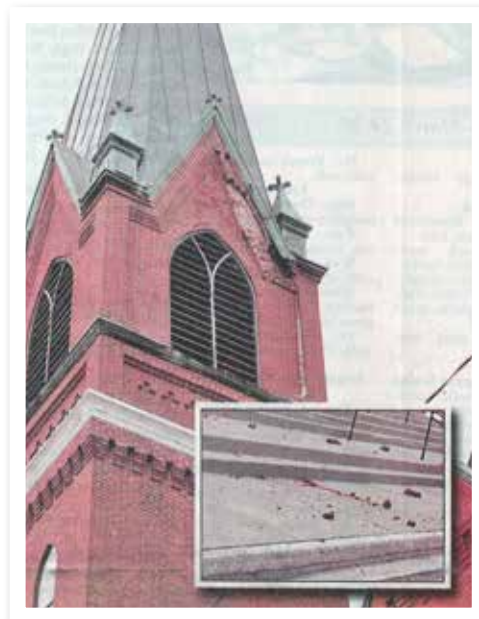
SPC '73, Wanda Miesner Wischmeier, Brownstown, Ind., died June 28, 2014, after a 26-year battle with cancer. After graduating from Concordia University in Seward with a degree in elementary education, she taught at Lutheran Central School in Brownstown for 26 years.



Thought you would like to know

Several bricks fell from the bell tower of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 16. The bricks littered the sidewalks and streets surrounding the east facade of the building.

Repair is expected to be completed by the end of July.



To keep up to date with campus life, read the Parents Newsletter each month. This publication brings you dorm life, sports, class activities, and much more. It is posted on line near the end of the month during the school year. Go to splhs.org, click on Quick Links, then Parents Newsletter.

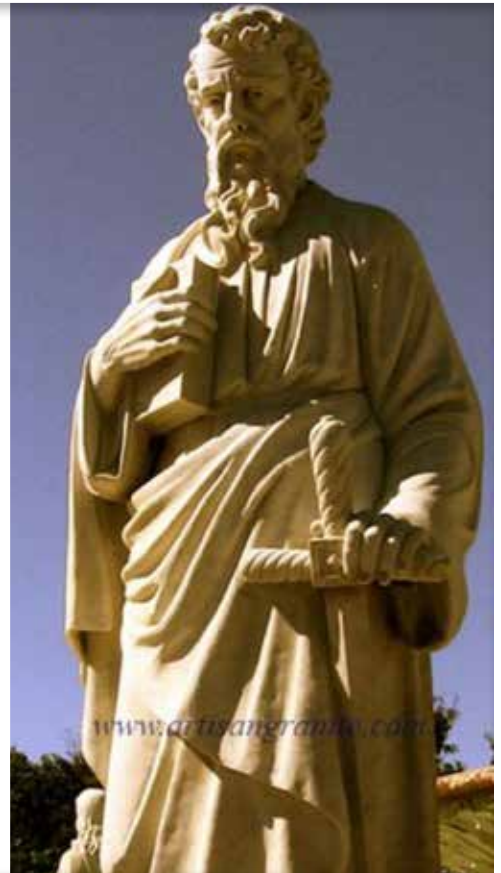
Alumni Challenged for Funds to Replace St. Paul Statue



St. Paul statue as it appeared in 1965.



St. Paul statue as it appears today.



The proposed new St. Paul statue

St. Paul has been standing in the middle of the quad since October 31, 1965. Over the course of time, wind, weather and other forces have chipped away at the Apostle. For some time he has been missing his sword and right arm and sustained several cracks.

It is time to replace the statue.

The statue was given in memory of **Michael Scherer (SPC '58 – '60)** who died of leukemia. Michael was the son of Dr. Herman Scherer, president of the Western District, 1966-1978.

The original cost of the statue was underwritten by the St. Paul's Alumni Association. Since the alumni were instrumental in obtaining the first statue, it is hoped the alumni would also furnish the replacement. The cost for a new St.

Paul statue is \$8,100, plus shipping and installation cost.

The Alumni Board of Directors has endorsed the replacement project, and invites the alumni to unite to underwrite the cost.

Three challenge grants have been given which underwrite half the cost. **Harry Hoth (SPCH '43)** has contributed a challenge grant of \$3,000, and **Stephen Meyer (SPCH '62)** a \$2000 challenge grant. Another gift of \$500 has been promised. That is half the amount needed for the statue – provided the 2,400 alumni contribute the other half. The statue will not be ordered until we have received the funds.

It will take 16 weeks for delivery once the order is placed. The target date for the new statue to be in place is January 25, 2015, the Apostle Paul Day. That means the order

must be placed by the end of September.

Two envelopes were in the mailing for the summer alumni newsletter, one for the support of the Alumni Association, the other for a contribution to the St. Paul statue fund.

In the months ahead, the Association will need the continued financial support of the alumni for its ongoing ministry. Donations for the new St. Paul statue are to be over and above the regular support.

Please indicate on each envelope the amount of support. Mail the statue envelope in the regular association envelope.

We hope the alumni will embrace this undertaking and that the funds will be present to complete the project.

Sebelius vs. Hobby Lobby

by **Adriane Heins**

On a snowy day in March, my husband, **Chris (SPLHS '04)**, and I stood on the steps of the Supreme Court building. Sent on behalf of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod (LCMS) to report on this historic religious liberty case, I had “Free to Be Faithful” on my mind.

“Free to Be Faithful” is the LCMS’s education and awareness campaign, which strives to “protect American citizens’ freedom of religion, to maintain the rights afforded in the Constitution for future generations, and to respond to increasing intrusions by government in the realm of the church” (www.lcms.org/freetobefaitful).

Outside, the police and press were plentiful. Inside, the Greens, owners of Hobby Lobby, Inc., and the Hahns, owners of Conestoga Wood Specialties, Inc., were pleading their case before the highest court in the land. Both families asked that their First Amendment right to religious liberty be upheld, specifically in regard to their opposition to four forms of birth control. (The Affordable Care Act requires employers to cover the cost of those four drugs, which act as abortifacients, as well as others in their employees’ health-care plans.)

Following the oral arguments, I attended, on behalf of the LCMS, a luncheon hosted



by the Becket Fund, a “non-profit, public interest law firm dedicated to protecting the free expression of all religious traditions.” There, Paul Clement, the lawyer representing the Greens and Hahns, humbly asked all Christians to continue to speak in support of religious freedom, even after the verdict is handed down (sometime in the month of June). I was also honored to shake hands with Mr. and Mrs. Green and with Mr. and Mrs. Hahn, thanking them on behalf of the LCMS for their bold stand.

As members of the LCMS, we can now all rejoice with the recent news that the

Supreme Court has ruled in Hobby Lobby’s favor, upholding the First Amendment right to religious liberty.

And we say, along with LCMS President Matthew C. Harrison, “Today we are thankful for this step toward maintaining the integrity of our religious freedoms inherent in the First Amendment, but we will also remain ever mindful. The issue is and will continue to be purely and simply about religious freedom.”

Adriane Heins is the editor of Catechical Information, and managing editor of The Lutheran Witness for the LCMS.

Interesting Facts from the Past

100 years ago – February 26, 1914

Prof. Ehlers, who teaches at St. Paul’s College in this city, was ordained a minister of the Gospel at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, February 15. Rev. Andreae of Flora congregation ordained him. We are informed Prof. Ehlers will preach Sunday at Marshall where a German Lutheran congregation is being organized. *From The Concordian “From our Files.”*

100 years ago – February 12, 1914

Displaying a drive and dash in the second half of the game, the Blue Jays turned an evident defeat into victory. After playing very loosely both on the offensive and defensive in the first half, they snapped out of their lethargy and emerged as victors over Tri-County Junior College. The score was 29-27. *From The Concordian “From our Files.”*

50 years ago – May 28, 1964

Diplomas will be presented Friday afternoon to 93 graduates of St. Paul’s College and High School.

Dennis Stueve Presides over Bumps on Paper



Dennis Stueve (SPC '74) is the new president of Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) in Yucaipa, Calif. After serving as a parish pastor for

34 years, Dennis accepted the call to serve the blind and visually impaired through LBW.

At an early age, Dennis learned about bumps on paper. "When I was in third grade someone came from Lutheran Braille Workers to speak to our class at First Lutheran School in Monrovia (Calif.) about the ministry and work of Lutheran Braille Workers," Dennis recalls.

"I remember being fascinated with how a person who was blind could read the bumps on the paper I was holding. But I was even more moved that these same people could have their very own Bible to read, thanks to Lutheran Braille Workers, the army of volunteers and the generous gifts of so many people."



Dennis (left) receives congratulations from Rev. Phil Pledger, outgoing LBW president. Rev. Pledger served as president for the past eight years.

With that seed of LBW planted, Dennis pursued his educational program to be a pastor. After Lutheran High School in Los Angeles, he attended St. Paul's College. While at SPC ('72-'74), Dennis sang in the college choir, held a seat on the Student Senate, served on the Educational Policies Committee, and was a Brust Hall dorm counselor.

After SPC, Dennis went on to Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne before entering Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. He began his pastoral ministry at Faith Lutheran in Oklahoma City in 1980. After four years he moved back to California for 18 years at Mt. Calvary in Diamond Bar. His past 12 years of pastoral ministry were at St. John's in Hemet. At St. John's, the LBW seed sown in the third grade began to germinate in this pastor's heart.

Living only 25 miles from the LBW headquarters in Yucaipa, Dennis accepted the request to serve on the LBW Board of Directors in 2004 as pastoral advisor and later he was elected to the board. As a board member, he was designated as its chaplain.

With the resignation in April of Rev. Philip Pledger as LBW president, the board issued the call to Dennis to this position. The LBW seed came forth in full bloom when Dennis accepted this call and began his new position.

Dennis heads a ministry that was founded in 1943 and endeavors to meet the spiritual needs of people who are blind or visually impaired. According to Dennis, more than 180 million people are experiencing life with visual impairments. Among these, 45 million are blind and 135 million have only partial sight.



Janis Fisher, vice-president of operations, and Dennis plan ways and means to expand and implement LBW ministry.

"The work of LBW has grown from producing titles in a single language to 30 languages; and a labor force has gone from

one volunteer working out of a shoebox in her home to more than 5,000 volunteers in about 200 work centers across the United States, Dennis said. "LBW materials are distributed free of charge to more than 120 countries."

LBW accomplishes its ministry with work centers where sheets of paper are enclosed in a stamped metal plate, then sent through a machine that presses the Braille bumps onto the paper. The final step is to put the pages together in a plastic spiral. "This work is a labor of love by our volunteers. Without these dedicated people, LBW would cease to exist, at least on the level it presently does."

Work centers produce either braille or large print. Mailing instructions from the home office to the work centers enable the requests to be filled. Wherever the materials are sent, they are mailed free of charge.

Many requests are received for books of the Bible. Whether the request is for one book or several, no one is denied this Word of God. Should people eventually have the complete Braille Bible, they would have 37 volumes measuring five feet in length. The large print is also 37 volumes, requiring two feet of shelf space.



"This is God's ministry that he has placed in our hands," Dennis said. "Some things will change. That's reality in this world. But one thing will never change and that is the need to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to visually impaired people."

(For more information about the LBW ministry, call 800-925-6092; email lbw@lbwinc.org; or visit the web at www.lbwinc.org.)

Bouquet of Daisies Leads Alumna to Wedding Planning Profession

There are times, it seems, the Lord loves to play hide and seek. He hides a talent within you, and during the course of life, you find the talent or it finds you.

That's the way it happened for aspiring Concordia business woman, **Laura (Virus) Eckhoff (SPLHS '96)**. "I was terrible in art," Laura said. "Mrs. Alyssa Pfannkuch (former SPLHS art teacher) can attest to that. I never thought of myself as being creative."

After SPLHS, Laura attended Concordia University Nebraska, where one of her early classes was art. While working on a drawing project, she was stopped by a professor who asked, "Are you an art major?" "I couldn't help it," Laura explained, "I just laughed at him. But, really, that experience sparked my future."

Unable to settle on a major, Laura left the university after two years and returned home to Concordia. She worked a number of part time jobs from nurse aide at the Lutheran Good Shepherd Home to lunch lady at Saint Paul High School to lifeguarding. They were all just jobs; nothing sparked a deeper interest for her.

In 2003, however, her hidden talent started to blossom. Her younger sister, **(Janna (Virus) Hess SPLHS '04)**, was in the Concordia Fall Festival Queen Contest. Since Laura was very proud of her little sis, she wanted to get congratulatory flowers for Janna. Laura requested daisies, and before she left the flower shop, she was offered a job. Although she had no experience with floral design, Laura accepted the offer, excited to learn something new.

While working at A-Bow-K, Laura learned to design floral arrangements and various other aspects and techniques of the flower business. The more she worked with floral design, the more she liked what she was doing.



Laura created all aspects of her wedding. She is pictured with her niece Makenna Eckhoff.

Fast forward a few years to the fall of 2006, and Laura was about to wed Kevin Eckhoff. Laura recalled, "I decided to create my own wedding, flowers, decorations, invitations...everything. After that, I started to gain a reputation as 'the ceiling lady' and was soon asked to create other weddings. And from there it snowballed."

Laura worked in the floral department of Patricia's Supermarket in Odessa and later managed the floral department

at Patricia's in Oak Grove. Most recently, she worked as a designer in the floral department at the Noland Road Hy-Vee in Independence.

In March 2014, Laura started the process of launching her own business: Blumen Frau Boutique. She is starting her business by working out of her home, but already has a professional display cooler and is considering her options for a storefront on Main Street in Concordia.

Laura's primary event-planning experience lies in weddings, but she has also planned several birthday parties, wedding showers, baby showers, and other parties. Blumen Frau Boutique's specialty will be weddings, but Laura will be excited to discuss her inventive and fun ideas for any event that requires a creative touch.



Laura created the table decorations for the SPLHS sausage dinner.



Laura designed and created the elaborate ceiling decorations for her sister Janna's wedding reception.

Laura starts the wedding planning process by determining how much of her expertise and assistance the bride and groom desire. "I can plan the entire wedding and reception or just design the wedding invitations, do floral arrangements, or even just consult on finding ideas the couple can implement themselves."

Laura designs and creates flower arrangements, bouquets for the bride and bridesmaids, and decorations for the church and reception. She can also secure a caterer, photographer, and almost any other outside help required. "I can do everything from floor to ceiling to create the desired atmosphere for the wedding and (Continued on page 14.)"

Bouquet of Daisies Leads Alumna to Wedding Planning Profession (Continued from page 13.)



The table decorations Laura designed for her sister's reception.

reception. Or I can also step back and assist the bride and groom who wish to create their own wedding. I am very flexible and understand that every person, couple, and situation will be different.”

In the past several years, Laura has assisted or designed weddings and receptions in Concordia, Kansas City, Springfield, and Sedalia,

to name a few. “I’m willing to go anywhere and use the talent the Lord has given me! I want to help my clients realize the full potential of the beautiful event in their dreams.”

Blumen Frau Boutique currently has a presence on Facebook with additional online and social media to come. Keep an eye out in the near future for a fresh Main Street storefront, as well.

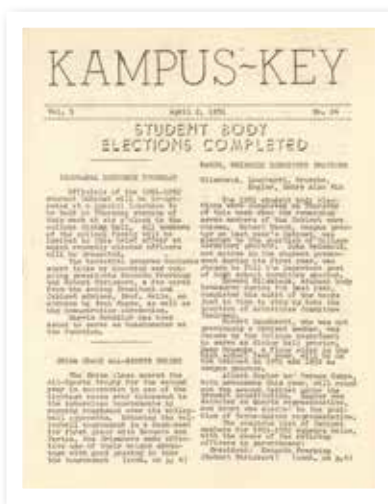
A professor’s observation, buying daisies for her sister, a seemingly random job offer in a floral shop, and the Lord said, “Let’s find that hidden talent.” Laura did indeed find it, and it has been flourishing ever since. Laura loves using her gift to create beautiful and memorable surroundings for some of life’s most poignant moments.

Anyone wishing to enlist Laura’s services can contact her by email, blumenfrauboutique@yahoo.com or call 816-719-4865. Search “Blumen Frau Boutique” on Facebook to see some of her designs, arrangements, and ideas from past events.



A bridal bouquet Laura created.

Four Sets of Kampus Keys Received



The Kampus Keys masthead looks familiar and brings back memories to alumni from the 40’s and 50’s. Kampus Keys was the official publication of the St. Paul’s College student body. It was a weekly paper sponsored by the campus Journalism Club, and covered all student activities.

The paper carried details of sports events, election results, and activities of clubs and organizations. There was also a section of movie reviews.

Kampus Keys sold for five cents per copy; the yearly subscription rate was \$1.50. Publication was Monday of every week.

Harold Kaden, SPCH '51, forwarded to the St. Paul Historical Archives complete sets of Kampus Keys from 1947-1951. “It was certainly interesting to relive many of the happenings at ‘Bunk’ in those years,” said Harold. “Perhaps more recent students will enjoy a bygone era at SPC.”

Anyone interested in reading these or other issues of Kampus Keys when on campus, contact the alumni office to make arrangements.

Interesting Facts from the Past

50 years ago – June 11, 1964

Vernon Grefe (SPC '53), junior high and driver’s training instructor at Concordia High School, has decided to quit teaching and enter another field. *From The Concordian “From our Files.”*

Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Alexis “Lexi” Burrow and Bethany Brown are the recipients of the alumni scholarships presented at the awards banquet May 22.

Lexi is the daughter of **Gloria Bohling Burrow (SPCH '82, SPC '83)** and the late Steve Burrow. Bethany is the daughter of **Gregory and Martha Weisenborn Brown (SPCH '84, SPC '85)**.

Your contributions at work

The scholarships, applied to fees and tuition for the senior year, were \$700 to Lexi for achieving top-ranking in academic excellence, and \$500 to Bethany for second-ranking in academic excellence. These scholarships are possible through the financial support of the alumni.

They are awarded to the two top academic juniors whose parents (one or both) are alums of SPCH, SPC, or SPLHS.

Lexi and Bethany express their thanks and appreciation to the alumni for the scholarships.



Alumni Coordinator Walter Loeber presents the \$700 alumni scholarship to Lexi Burrow. John Beerman, right, served as master of ceremonies.

Lexi, what were your activities in your junior year?

My extracurricular activities this past year were football cheerleading, golf, and

basketball. In addition to sports, I was also involved in NHS, STAY, math team, drama, choir, band, and was a Spiritual Life representative for Student Government. On top of all that, I also had two part-time jobs.

What are your plans for your senior year?

During my senior year, I plan to participate in football cheerleading, golf, and basketball once again, as well as NHS, STAY, math team, drama, band, and choir. I will also serve as a Spiritual Life representative for Student Government for a second term, and I plan to continue working both of my jobs.

What do you like most about Saint Paul's?

What I love most about SPLHS is all of the opportunities it has given me over the past three years that have helped me become who I am today. I recently got the opportunity to travel abroad to South Africa as a part of the college-prep program at Saint Paul. It was an eye-opening experience that I will always remember, and would not have been possible if it weren't for Saint Paul. While at SPLHS, I have also gotten the opportunity to not only meet people from across the globe, but also get to know them, play sports with them, and become great friends with them. This is something I will always cherish.

I am also very grateful for the faculty and staff at Saint Paul. They all genuinely care about you as a person, and they will push you in the classroom to work your hardest. They know what you are capable of, and will work with you to use your gifts to the best of your ability.

What are your plans after SPLHS?

After graduating from Saint Paul, I plan to go to College of the Ozarks or one of the Concordia universities and get a degree in church work. I hope to be either a DCE or a Lutheran school teacher.



Alumni Coordinator Walter Loeber presents the \$500 alumni scholarship to Bethany Brown.

Bethany, what were your activities in your junior year?

My extracurricular activities included golf, softball, drama, band, choir, and Student Government.

What are your plans for your senior year?

I plan to continue with softball and golf, participate in choir and band, and continue on Student Government as secretary.

What do you like most about Saint Paul?

I could not imagine going to school without receiving the spiritual nurture that comes from all the teachers and faculty at Saint Paul. This is something that makes me feel 100% comfortable there, and is definitely my favorite thing about SPLHS.

What are your plans after SPLHS?

After SPLHS I plan to attend Texas A&M or Concordia University Austin, majoring in special education or occupational therapy.

Alumnus Travels to Mainland China to Share His Faith

*I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word.
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.*

“The hymn I Love to Tell the Story outlines the importance of sharing the good news of salvation,” **Benjamin Heins, SPLHS '07**, said.

“Although about 2,000 years have passed since the resurrection of Christ some people still have not heard of Him. To these people who have never heard, the wonderfully sweet mercy and grace of God can be life changing, both temporally on Earth and eternally in Heaven. It is for this reason that we are called to make disciples of all nations, for the Gospel message and the gift of faith know no boundary.

“Along with others in a small group from Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Neb., I was recently blessed with the ability to travel across international borders to be a witness for our Lord and to witness the work of the Holy Spirit in mainland China.

“We learned again that the Word does not return empty; it achieves the purpose for which it was sent. That statement was true in the days of Isaiah, and it is true for us today as well.



Benjamin Heins, far right, visits with a Christian family in rural China during a recent service trip. “The Lord shepherds His flock throughout the world so that His sheep know no border.”

“Contrary to the Devil’s wishes and best efforts, the Word is spread and the Church grows throughout the world, even in communist China. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

“I challenge you to be a voice so that others may hear ‘the message of salvation from God’s own holy Word’ wherever your vocation has called you to be.”

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The next alumni board meeting will be Saturday, October 11, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room B in Biltz Hall. Board meeting is open to all alumni.

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A Letter Describes Today's Saint Paul Student

Following the 2014 choir tour, a letter was received expressing appreciation and praise for our students and school. What follows are excerpts from the letter. The two girls referred to are, Seungyoun Song (Shane) from Korea, and Long Hei Lui (Jaclyn) from Hong Kong.

To all those at Saint Paul Lutheran High:

A huge THANK YOU!



Shane (left) and Jaclyn

My wife and I had the privilege of housing two of your great young girls, Shane and Jaclyn, from your choir on their spring tour through Lena, Illinois. They were absolutely wonderful and uplifting! The only problem was that our time together wasn't nearly long enough.

I told the girls, and now I would like to share with you, how uplifting your whole

choir visit was. It wasn't just the harmony and unison of their voices. No! It was the harmony and unison of the voice of the Lord that they professed through their actions and lives!...

There is hope in our youth no matter what the world around us says...

The world is pushing, not just on the door but on the very foundation of God's structure for human existence, marriage and the family. As it is always with the Lord, He provides such a stark, defining difference to the world, and a way out...

That is what your school is all about. You have been set apart and transformed. Romans 12:2 says, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is --his good, pleasing and perfect will."

We trust that Shane and Jaclyn were a great core sample of the rest of the choir and school, because they were fantastic! We loved having them. May God continue to bless them, you, and your school, through the use of the talents that He has given each of you.

Dennis and Kathy Potter

Remember when?



Remember when on a beautiful spring evening, May 21, the juniors honored the graduating class of 1966 with "Dogpatch-USA" presentation at the junior-senior banquet? A picturesque farm scene was the outdoor setting at Krueger Hall. Inside, the dining room was enclosed by crepe paper streamers, and various Al Capp characters were depicted on the walls. In the center of the room stood an old moonshine still.

Interesting Facts from the Past

100 years ago – February 26, 1914

The Concordia special number of the "Alma Mater," containing the history of St. Paul's College, numerous pictures, and a short biography of its professors, will appear in March. This little magazine should, undoubtedly, be of interest to all persons who witnessed the growth of this institution, besides being a valuable souvenir. Copies of this magazine may be had at Central Drug Store (E. Alfred Kroencke) at 10 cents each. *From The Concordian "From our Files."*

Reunions Being Planned

The alumni office is aware of the following classes planning a reunion. If you know of a class planning a reunion that is not mentioned below, please email the alumni office at splhsalumni@yahoo.com.

SPCH Class of 1965 — The 50th anniversary class reunion will be celebrated in conjunction with the graduation exercises on May 23, 2015. Questions can be directed to the SPLHS Development Office, 660-463-2238, ext 232.

SPC Class of 1965 — Inquiry has been made about a 50th class reunion in 2015. To express your thoughts, contact Cecil Roth at 314 N. College Ave., Geneseo IL 61254; 309-944-3791; ceejames1@yahoo.com.

SPCH Class of 1979 — Plans are underway for a reunion, Sept. 5 - 7 in Concordia. Contact Tina Griggs Bredehoeft at P.O. Box 42, Concordia MO 64020, or 660-422-2081.

SPLHS Class of 1999 — Plans are developing for a reunion Sept. 5-7 in Concordia. Contact Ryan Worrell at Ryan.Worrell@fox.com.

For updates to these reunions, and a listing of additional reunions, go to www.splhs.org, click on ALUMNI, click the tab ALUMNI UPDATES, scroll to REUNIONS BEING PLANNED.

Mark your calendar

August 4..... Opening of sports camps
August 17..... Opening service
for new school year
August 18..... First day of classes
September 3-6..... Concordia Fall Festival
September 5-7..... SPCH Class
of 1979 reunion
September 5-7..... SPLHS Class
of 1999 reunion
October 6-12.. Homecoming/Parents weekend
Mid October..... Fall alumni newsletter
posted on web

SPC '64 Class Enjoys Visit to Campus

The weekend of June 6-8 members of the SPC Class of 1964 met on campus for a reunion. Those in attendance were: front, **June Rathke Wadley, Gayl Jones Calvin, Linda Pomeranke Smith**; middle, **Grace Fuchs Harris, Carolyn Sachtleben Meier, Gloria Schachtsiek Hoehme**; back, **Tim Wenger, Don Fahrenbrink, MaryLee Anderson, and Burk Hill**. Activities included Saturday breakfast at Topsy's, a visit to an alpaca farm and the Baltimore Bend Winery in Waverly, and a Saturday evening banquet.



'Can You Identify?' Winner

The first person to correctly identify the photo in the spring 2014 alumni newsletter was **Gayle Ommen Domsch (SPCH '71, SPC '73)** of Liberty, Mo. Gayle chose to receive a Saint Paul afghan.

