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The Celebrating Saint

Tradition Continues; SPCH Class of '60 Honored



What started at graduation last year continued this May; the graduates of fifty years ago were invited to participate in the 2010 graduation exercises.

Standing in the chancel at St. Paul's Church, members of the Class of '60, front, from left, Roger Schoolcraft, Donald Boesch, faculty members Rev. Robert Lange and Dr. Wilbert Rosin, Mark Wegener, Richard Schliepsick; back, Richard Haare, Larry Lichtenegger, John Rock, Charles Roth, Markus Reinke, Charles Haake. Donald Kirchhoff.

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From the SPAA President...



It takes a village...you know the old adage, yes? Most have heard it a hundred times over, and most times in reference to raising children. But, that proverb can certainly be applied to more than just rearing the young. It can also be applied to our role in supporting the Saint Paul Alumni Association.

It takes all of us to help make this organization successful. The whole village of Saint Paul's Alumni.

And because the role of the Alumni Association is to support the ministry of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, being successful is a very important goal!

What are the available jobs in this village?

- **Prayer:** We can all be diligent in asking our awesome God to bless the efforts of our organization, to guide us in ways to support the school ministry, and to advance the kingdom of God on earth.
- **Time:** We can volunteer to help with activities of the Alumni Association — perhaps at Homecoming, or in planning a reunion. Maybe you even have interest in serving on the board. Contact us, let us know!
- **Finances:** We have a definite number of monthly expenses, including postage for mailings, alumni coordinator salary, scholarships and newsletter costs. What amazing things we could do with only a small contribution from each alumni per month!
- **Talents:** Maybe you have a vision and the ability to start something new or advance something already being done! Maybe you have an idea for how we could better promote the Alumni Association and you also have the talent to help see that vision through. Contact us, let us know!

It takes all of us to grow this association, its activities, its ministry. Our association, our activities, our ministry.

The whole village of Saint Paul's Alumni!

Because of Him!

Beth (Royuk) Pester (SPLHS '92)

Alumni Finances Receive a Boost, but the Need for Continued Support Remains

The financial picture for the Alumni Association was grave and serious. Faced with over \$2,000 in immediate needs, letters were sent to consistent contributors in the early years of this decade, and to some of the regular and faithful supporters.

The response enabled the Association to meet the immediate needs.

But the alumni office and ministry continues and the financial support of all alumni is required to operate in the black and meet all obligations. Your response is important and much appreciated.

Please refer to the recent mailing announcing this newsletter on the Web.

Same Equipment, New Weight Room



With the remodeling of the entrance to Weis Gym, a place had to be found for the weight room. In the north section of the annex a weight room has been built by Laborers for Christ. The funding for the room construction was provided by the football alumni, in honor of Coach Larry Laubenstein who completed forty years of coaching and teaching at SPCH and SPLHS. Area SPLHS athletes work out daily in the new weight room.

From the Executive Director... Accreditation Goals



Most folks would rather stab themselves in the eye with a fork than read an article about a school's

accreditation goals. However, since I like a challenge and you've read more than most already, let's forge ahead.

The faculty, staff, parents and Board of Trustees all had input on how we have been doing as a school. The goal of our accreditation steering committee was to come up with goals that were not simply "relevant" but could take us to where we NEED to be as a school. Here they are.

Goal #1: Graduates are equipped with knowledge and skills to answer the challenges of a world that diverges with the Christian faith.

Objective 1: Increase the number of Lutheran students declaring their intent to pursue a vocation of professional church work in the LCMS.

Strategy a: Coordinate the SPLHS religion curriculum with local Lutheran schools. (action items — not listed here because of space restrictions)

Strategy b: Create and administer a process (test and/or interview) for placement in religion classes based on students' knowledge, enabling better students to pursue college level classes in their junior or senior years.

Strategy c: Identify and contact students that are potential professional church workers.

Strategy d: Partner with the LCMS universities to offer college credit courses to our students, to encourage our students to attend a Concordia University, and to expedite the acceptance of our students into those universities.

Objective 2: Incorporate Christian apologetic and worldview studies within various courses across the curriculum.

Strategy: Increase the knowledge level and understanding of Christian apologetics and the Christian worldview among the faculty and students.



Goal #2: Students are prepared to be leaders who live intentional/discerning lives as they are confronted with the tests faced in continuing their education, careers and community.

Objective 1: Promotional materials reflect our beliefs.

Strategy a: Implement an annual review process of promotional materials (emphasis on leadership).

Strategy b: Develop leaders who are firm in their Christian faith.

Objective 2: Faculty, staff, and students model Christian leadership.

Strategy a: Teachers intentionally convey to students their leadership roles both at SPLHS and within the greater community.

Strategy b: Improve the current teacher mentor program and include informing students about this.

Goal #3: Saint Paul graduates will be enabled to enter a post secondary school with an advanced level of preparation.

Objective 1: To be prepared academically, our college prep students will graduate with at least 9 hours of college credit courses.

Strategy a: SPLHS will offer (with our own instructors) at least 30 hours of college credit through the Concordia University System.

Strategy b: 50% of our instructors will teach at least one college/dual credit class in their area of expertise.

Objective 2: SPLHS students will be prepared globally for college life.

Strategy a: Domestic students will be given the opportunity to travel overseas.

Strategy b: Class credit for overseas travel will be offered to students who travel overseas.

Objective 3: SPLHS students will be prepared socially for college life.

Strategy a: Dormitory residency will be offered for commuting students for at least one semester.

Strategy b: Students will interact with those from other countries.

Rev. Paul Mehl (SPCH '78, SPC '80)

Alumni Jottings

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

In Memoriam

SPCH '42, Lester H. Lange, Capitola, Calif., died March 16, 2010, at his home. He taught at Valparaiso and Notre Dame Universities before coming to San Jose State University where he was Professor of Mathematics and Dean of Science. He won two prestigious awards, the Lester R. Ford Award and the George Polya Award.

Class of 1993, Victoria Voigtmann, Austin, Texas, died February 26, 2010. She had been teaching in Taiwan the past several years.

Class of 1952, Richard Heidbrink, Houston, Texas, died of cancer in 2006. He owned his own business in securities.

SPCH '48, Edward Wiesehan, Tucson, Ariz., writes, "I did not graduate from SPC but transferred to Seward. There I graduated and taught in Lutheran schools in Oklahoma, North Hollywood, Calif., and Lutheran High School, Los Angeles. We moved to Oregon where I taught 20 years in Newburg public school. My wife and I retired after 38 years of teaching and moved to Arizona. My wife Ellen is the daughter of Dr. C.T. Brandhorst, a long-time professor at C.T. C. Seward."

Wiesehan added these lines about the previous *The Celebrating Saint*: Normally I pass over much of the mail from various institutions, but I have to admit I read *The Celebrating Saint* from cover to cover.

"There was nostalgia, sadness and some pride as I read this small but informative bulletin. I read that three of my former bunk mates had passed on to their heavenly home, Bill Krenning, Rich Heilman, and John Fajen. Itch was a classmate of mine. I dated Bill's sister briefly, and John was someone we went to for help in translation."

"The passing of Prof. Lorenz Wahlers was also noted since he was my basketball and baseball coach."

"Then there was Emil Weiss. I will never forget that he instilled in me a love of reading novels for his Lit Class. To this day I love reading novels."

"He is someone I will remember for his 'Wagon Wheel Defense.' Even though I never had the opportunity to play for Professor Weiss, I had learned enough from his idea to use it successfully for 23 years of coaching basketball in California and Oregon. If you watch Syracuse you will see the Wagon Wheel in perfection. Colleges today have a difficult time solving it."

"I have reminisced long enough, but there are many memories that I have from the days at the 'Bunk.'"

SPC '62, Judy Mueller Kramer, Lake View, Iowa, writes, "Our five children have given us ten grandchildren — wonderful blessings from a gracious God. I have quit substituting at our public school but my husband is still serving a tiny rural congregation though he 'retired' from our congregation. We've been at Lake View 40 years!"

SPC '63, Nancy Jobs Lindquist, Venice, Fla., and her husband William will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on August 22. Emails, cards, photos and stories from classmates and other alumni are welcome. Reply to: najoli@hotmail.com, phone: 941-497-5850 or address: 601 Briarwood Road, Venice FL 34292.

SPC '63, William Ewald, Oak Park, Ill., associate professor emeritus of business at Concordia University Chicago, presented "*Marketing the Berlin Wall in America: Piece by Piece*" at the annual meeting of the Society for German American studies April 25-26.

SPCH '75, SPC '76, Mark Steiner, Fairfax VA, in addition to delivering the commencement address at SPLHS the middle of May, preached the Lutheran Hour sermon on May 30. You can hear the sermon, "The Hall of Heroes" by going to [www.Lutheran Hour Ministries](http://www.LutheranHourMinistries.com).

SPLHS '88, Rachael Manning Hentges, Oak Grove, writes, "I am currently working at SPLHS as part-time school nurse. My oldest son Aaron will be a sophomore at SPLHS this fall. My husband Allan and I plan to send all four of our children to SPLHS. If you have a student here and want to keep posted on their well being, email me at rhentges@splhs.org."

Alumni Jottings

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SPLHS '95, Timothy Oetting, St. Louis (by way of Concordia), received his vicarage assignment to First Lutheran Church, Charlotte, Mich. Prior to leaving for Michigan

he preached at his home congregation, St. Paul's Lutheran in Concordia, where his son Samuel was baptized that morning. Pictured (from left) are Timothy's wife Stacy holding Samuel, Pastor Lee Hagan of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Timothy holding his son Peter.

SPLHS '96, Noelle Marth Hahn, Muscatine, Iowa, and husband Tom welcomed their third child Kaelin Analise on March 31. Kaelin joins big sisters Kierra and Kylee.



SPLHS '03, Aaron Marsh, Concordia, and his wife Meredith (SPLHS math instructor and softball coach) welcomed Keaton Lee, born May 19.

SPLHS '05, Kyle Schemmer, Higginsville, completed his studies in graduate school at Northwest Missouri State in Kirksville.

SPLHS '06, Susan Heine, Concordia, graduated from the University of Wyoming, May 8, with a Bachelor of Science degree in geography.



SPLHS '06, Katie Dreva Maggert, Higginsville, married **Ryan Maggert, SPLHS '03,** and earned her license in cosmetology. She now attends State Fair Community College in Sedalia studying for a degree in elementary education. In May she took a trip to Alaska where she witnessed "breath taking scenes of God's creation."

SPLHS '08, Hannah Frerking, Concordia, will begin her third year at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., majoring in biology. Upon graduation she plans to attend medical school.



She spends a lot of time shadowing physicians and other healthcare professionals. Since her SPLHS graduation Hannah has traveled to Italy and Greece, and will travel to Puerto Rico in August 2010. She spends her spare time with her horses.



Three alumna attended the recent Missouri District LWML Convention in Springfield. Attending as Young Women Representatives were, left, Rachel Clayton Martens, SPLHS '97, Concordia; Sara Hagemeyer, SPLHS '96, California; and Joanna Heins, SPLHS '01, St. Louis.

Two Alumni Scholarships Awarded

Recipients of the alumni scholarships at the awards banquet on May 13 were Naomi Pullmann and Audrey Mehl. Naomi is the daughter of Arlo and Nanette nee Groene Pullmann (both SPCH '80 and SPC '81) of Laurel, Mont. Audrey is the daughter of Paul (SPCH '78 and SPC '80) and Luci (SPCH '78 and SPC '79) Binginheimer Mehl of Concordia.

The scholarships, applied to fees and tuition for the senior year, were \$600 for Naomi for top-ranking academic excellence, and \$400 for Audrey for second-ranking academic excellence.

Naomi and Audrey have thanked the alumni for making these scholarships available.

The scholarships are awarded to the two top academic juniors whose parents are an alum of SPCH and/or SPC.



Naomi's activities include dance team, varsity soccer, Singing Saints, National Honor Society, Student Assistant (SA) for Moeller dorm.

Naomi plans to continue all of these activities in her senior year. "As of now,"

she responded, "I do not know what profession I would like to go into, but I am planning on attending college."

Audrey's activities include Singing Saints, varsity volleyball, basketball, and softball teams. She also played with the soccer team for Districts since many of the internationals on the team left for the summer before the soccer season was completed.



She is president of the National Honor Society, secretary for the Class of 2011, in charge of after-prom activities, and International Life co-chair.

Audrey's senior year will be much like her junior year, playing the same sports, carrying out her duties in National Honor Society, Student Government, and the Class of 2011.

Her plans are to attend either Concordia University Wisconsin or Concordia University Nebraska. She is leaning towards becoming a Lutheran secondary school teacher, "but I still don't know what God's plan will be for me. After college I want to serve my Lord, inspire others to do the same, and be happy."

Can You Identify?



Can you identify the three students and faculty member in this photo and the year it was taken? The first alum to provide the answers by emailing the alumni office at

splhsalumni@yahoo.com will win a Saints T-shirt.

The first person to correctly identify the photo in the Spring 2010 issue was Christine Rodgers (SPCH '85) who named Sharon Block, Christine Rodgers, Jennine Heyer, Karla Buesing, Lloyd Sommerer, Brad Royuk, Kevin Schnackenberg, Rick Gove and Krista Buesing, members of the 1985 Math Club.



Christine, wearing her prize, a hooded Saints sweatshirt, commented, "The sweatshirt will definitely be worn in this cool Tacoma, Washington, weather." She stands behind their 2007 Harley Davidson Ultra Classic. "My husband, Mitchell, operates the motorcycle while I enjoy riding on the back. Our almost two-year-old Rottweiler puppy dog, Chenoa, is also in the picture. She is great company for me since my husband is gone a lot due to his job in the Air Force."

Alumna to Study in Australia after Working in Chittagong, Bangladesh

Summer Lewis (SPLHS '99), has been named a World Peace Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The Rotary World Peace Fellowship will provide Summer with full funding for tuition and living and travel expenses while studying at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.



Summer, dressed in a sari, in front of the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

Summer applied for the fellowship while she worked part-time at Kansas State as an assistant coordinator for

the nonviolence studies undergraduate certificate program. She also was an assistant for a project to connect local food producers and institutional buyers, and a research associate for the College of Architecture, Planning and Design.

The World Peace Fellowship helps train future leaders in areas related to peace and conflict resolution, according to Jim Hohenbary, Kansas State assistant dean for nationally competitive scholarships. Each year up to 100 World Peace Fellows are selected, with 50 master's degree fellows and 50 professional development certificate fellows.

As one of fifty World Peace Fellows selected from around the world, Summer will earn a graduate degree from the University of Queensland, a top international university.

After receiving her undergraduate degree, Summer worked for Equal Exchange, a fair trade coffee, tea and chocolate cooperative near Boston.

Since June 2009, Summer has been in Chittagong, Bangladesh, working as a liaison for guest and employee relations at the Asian University for Women. She will begin her master's in international studies, peace and conflict resolution at the University of Queensland in February 2011.

"Through the fellowship, I will be able to study how human security and gender issues play into larger conflicts and

security concerns," Summer said. "I will acquire the knowledge for recognizing and addressing underlying causes of conflict and make connections with people and organizations building peace."



As the concierge at the Asian University for Women, Summer has two assistants, Nasima and Azmina. Summer will leave Bangladesh the first of the year to begin studies at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia.

Summer plans a career where she can help build sustainable food systems, with a focus on women, in both the developed and developing worlds. "I plan to ally myself with organizations with a demonstrated commitment to social responsibility, shared decision making and effective stewardship of funds," she said.

Summer has previously traveled, lived and studied in several other countries, and she speaks Italian and Spanish. She also has done various volunteer work, including leading a Kansas State International Service Team in 2004 and working with a Guatemalan Women's Textile Cooperative.

Articles by Summer about the Cooperative and a subsequent social change project appear in two edited collections: "Democracy Works: Joining Theory and Action to Foster Global Change" and the forthcoming "Gender Parties, Global Markets."

Gasau Named Teacher of the Year

Nick Gasau has followed in his father's footsteps. Having been taught high school social studies by his father Bill Gasau at SPLHS, Nick teaches the same subjects at Racine Lutheran High in Racine, Wisconsin.

Prior to this teaching position, Nick taught five years at Lutheran High in Parker, Colorado.



Nick Gasau instructs one of his social studies classes at Racine Lutheran High School in Wisconsin. He learned social studies from his

father, Bill Gasau, at SPLHS, and was named 2010 Lutheran Secondary Teacher of the Year by the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS.

Though teaching was not in his mind during his years at SPLHS, his college experiences led him to the classroom. So successful has he been in the teaching ministry that he was named the 2010 Lutheran Secondary Teacher of the Year by the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS.

His college experience began at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon studying sports management.

He enjoyed playing sports and participating in drama at SPLHS.

Sitting through his first college accounting class, he began to rethink his sports management major. "I really liked business and marketing, but I just couldn't handle the accounting," Nick said. "I have a minor in business because of all the business classes I took."

Since he liked business so much, he switched his major to business education. But after a while, he couldn't ignore how much he loves history. It was his favorite subject at SPLHS.

He decided to switch majors again, this time to social studies education. "Social studies education was my third major in college and, in high school, the last thing I wanted to do. But I love it."



Nick (standing, right) prays with his baseball team before a game.

Nick has modeled his teaching after his role models at SPLHS, his father Bill Gasau, Larry Laubenstein, John Beerman, John Bobzin, and Valerie Krause. (See page 12 for a separate article).

His principal Randal Baganz noted his engaging teaching style. He emphasizes projects in his classes and mixes up his teaching methods to keep students interested and ensure that students with different learning styles can understand the material. Molded into Nick are the teaching styles, techniques and dedication of his SPLHS instructors.

He is a leader for several extracurricular activities, one of the coaches for the football team, and the school's assistant baseball coach. He played baseball for the CUW Falcons and has experience coaching football. He had started the football program at the Lutheran high school in Parker.

Racine Lutheran held a special ceremony to present Nick with this educator-of-the-year award. Principal Baganz explained that he had nominated him for the honor because of his obvious love for teaching, his honesty and his willingness to lend a helping hand and volunteer his time for the school.

Nick is married to Ashley Thomas whom he met at CUW. Their children are Eli, almost three, and Adeline, close to a year old.

Contributing editor for this article was Lisa Handke, The Concordian staff writer.

Alumna Manages Home for Elderly

With an architectural engineering degree from North Central College in Trenton, Cindy Zeller Pieper (SPLHS '88), spent a few months in the field only to find this was not her calling in life. "I'd rather deal with helping people," was her true feeling and desire.



Cindy Pieper tests the blood sugar level of The Essex resident Sharyn Reintz. "Cindy does everything for me. She is like a mother with tender, loving care," says Sharyn.

After marriage and two children (now 17 and 21), she turned her love to being with and helping people. When her children started school she took a part-time position as a certified medical technician with the Santa Fe Trails nursing center in Lexington.

As the years moved ahead and her children grew older, she worked as a home health aide for senior citizens and as a cook at the Concordia Senior Center.

"I like working with people," Cindy explained, "and older people especially." When she heard the managerial position opened at The Essex, a residential care facility in Concordia, she applied.

"From my past experiences, I felt I was qualified for the position and I wanted to give the residents a sense of management stability." Six different managers have come and gone over the past year.

Her care and love for the six residents (there are 12 apartments each with a bedroom, bathroom, living room, and small kitchenette) is seen in that she is a 24/7 manager, living in an apartment similar to that of the residents. Besides her 24-hour live-in presence, there is a staff of one daytime and one nighttime worker.

"I'm always here for the residents," Cindy said. As such she assists with the cleaning, doing the residents' laundry, and the preparation of meals. She has also set up activities including movies, card games, crafts and a Bible study at the home.

"It's just like managing a household," Cindy said. "This is the residents' home and we are their guardians."

Cindy has worked to develop personal relationships with each of her residents. Sharyn Reintz, who grew up in Concordia, spoke of Cindy as "a wonderful person. It takes a special person to take care of the elderly. She is good to us. I am grateful for the life she provides for me. This is my home."

Contributing editor for this article was Lisa Handke, The Concordian staff writer.



Members of the Concordia chapter of the American Legion Riders rode their motorcycles to the home of Terry and Nancy Holsten to present to the couple's son, Cpl. Cameron Holsten (SPLHS 2006), with a commemorative coin in honor of his service in the U.S. Marines Corps. Rider Nick Virus (SPLHS 2001) front, center, presented Cameron front, right, with the coin, thanking him for his duty. Cameron recently returned from a deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has been stationed on the Hawaiian island of Oahu since he joined the Marines in 2006.

Photo furnished by The Concordian

Tradition Continues; SPCH Class of '60 Honored

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A tradition prior to graduation exercises is pictured above as the Saint Paul faculty, 1960 and 2010 graduates, Board of Trustees, and commencement speaker Chaplain Mark Steiner sing the Alma Mater at the St. Paul statue.

From “The Terrible Twenty-Two,” as the Class of 1960 was known, 11 of the now “Magnificent Twenty-Two” were on hand for the weekend celebration. Seven could not attend; four have entered into the glory of heaven. Biltz Hall welcomed back its former students from California to North Carolina, from Texas to Minnesota.

“I am so thankful to have been able to return to the place that had such a spiritual impact in the formative years of my life,” stated Don Boeschen.

“It was great to see people we had not seen for so long and with whom we shared so much. It was great to hear how God has used each one to fulfill a unique purpose in life.”

Most of the attendees had not been back to Biltz Hall since their 1960 graduation. Roger Schoolcraft commented about renovated Biltz Hall, “Our accommodations in Biltz were five star. Who would have thought 50 years ago I would have been sleeping or watching color TV on a queen bed in the second floor bathroom area.”

In the baccalaureate service, the men sat together and were called to the chancel and presented with medallions. The medallion features the school seal and the inscription: “Class of '60...50th Class Reunion May 14, 2010.” The men were also recognized at the graduation ceremony and sat with the graduating class

A reunion banquet was held Friday evening in Biltz Hall with the men and their wives enjoying an evening of reminiscing as well as sharing life’s experiences from the past 50 years. “Tons of memories were shared and relived, especially some elaborate pranks! No wonder we were the “Terrible Twenty-Two,”” commented Schoolcraft.

Marcus Reinke remarked, “The video presentation, the tour, the commemorative booklet, the generosity of the school in hosting the class, made this a never-to-be-forgotten experience.”

Also attending were Dr. Wilbert Rosin and Rev. Robert Lange, faculty members of 50 years ago.

A tour of the campus brought back even more memories as the men recalled that Kaeppl Hall was planned to house a swimming pool, and the science lab had not changed in 50 years. The same skeleton is studied today as was in 1960.

“Yes,” remarked Charles Roth, “it was a wonderful experience returning to St. Paul’s after 50 years. Our hair might be a little whiter and our faces may have gained a few more wrinkles; however, the personalities seem to be the same — happy yet serene. It was a joy to return and relive those happy moments at St. Paul’s with great friends then and great friends now. Thanks to all who made that wonderful weekend a time to remember forever.”

A similar experience awaits the SPCH and SPC Classes of 1961 on May 20-22, 2011.

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It's a Small Lutheran World

In November of 2009, a short-term mission trip to Hong Kong brought together a number of alumni.



The mission team is teaching English and sharing the Gospel with the Chinese in Hong Kong.

LCMS mission communication specialist Josh Lange (SPLHS '02) welcomed to Hong Kong a team which included his siblings Peter (SPLHS '87), David and Christa Lange. They spent much of their time teaching English and sharing the Gospel at Ma Chan Duen Hey school in Hong Kong.



A reunion took place in Hong Kong as Peter Lange met with Rose and Tony Yuen, former students at SPLHS.

Susan Lange Mehl, wife of LCMS Regional Director of Asia Missions John Mehl (SPCH '77; SPC '79), joined the team at the American Fun Fair Day on their last day at the school.

While in Hong Kong, Peter had the opportunity for a little reunion with two former SPCH students Tony Yuen (1984-85 school year, as a freshman) and Rose Yuen (1985-86 school year, as a junior).

Commented Peter Lange, "What a joy to serve the Lord together as family and fellow alumni on the other side of the world."

William Ewald Retires after 43 Years in the Teaching Ministry



William Ewald, SPC '63, associate professor of business, retired from Concordia University Chicago Dec. 31, 2009, after 43 years of service.

According to the university's publication, *Forester*, when

Concordia's business program was initiated, Ewald served as the first chair of the department from 1981 to 1996, along with two additional terms as department chair. He later served as director of continuing education from 1976-1982 and as assistant director of the organizational management program from 1990-1991.

During his tenure at Concordia, Ewald led four overseas tours to Germany for both German and business students. In 1976 he received a summer study grant at Tufts University in Medford, Mass. from the National Endowment for the Humanities, followed by a Fullbright Teacher Exchange Grant to spend his sabbatical year teaching English at Gymnasium Doerpsweg in Hamburg, Germany.

In his years at Concordia, Ewald taught courses in German language and literature, business, philology, diversity, history and basic writing. He also presented and wrote papers for a variety of local, regional and national academic organizations. Since 1993, he has served as the University's archivist.

He plans to continue teaching as an adjunct in the College of Business and assisting in the University Archives.

SPLHS Faculty Prepare Students for a Teaching Ministry

Alumni of recent years as well as alumni of forty, fifty and sixty years ago recall their teachers and the influence they had on their life and vocation.

A class reunion is one place stories on the faculty abound. Names of Lando Otto, Wilbert Rosin, Earl Fuhrmann, Lambert Mehl, LaVerne Baacke, Louis Spitz, Oscar Walle, Larry Grothaus, Lorenz Wahlers, and Jerome Schwab are mentioned.

More recent names mentioned by alumni include Bill Gasau, Larry Laubenstein, John Beerman, John Bobzin, Valerie Krause. We share Nick Gasau's comments on the influence of these faculty members on his life and vocation as a way to explain to alumni and future students the quality of teaching and dedication of the faculty.

He remembers his father's classes, and how he fell in love with history in social studies classes.

Larry Laubenstein, who still teaches English and German, uses humor in his classes so students learn but laugh and have fun at the same time.

Nick counted John Beerman and John Bobzin as SPLHS role models. Bobzin teaches Comparative Religion, which was one of Nick's favorite classes and is now a class he teaches. He got in touch with Bobzin when he started with the class in Colorado, and Bobzin gave him almost all the teaching resources he had for that subject. Five years later he is still using some of Bobzin's materials.

To Gasau, Valerie Krause was a special teacher. He struggled with math, but "she would explain a lesson and if he or anyone else didn't understand it, she would re-teach it in a totally different way, continuing until everyone understood the concept.

"It just amazed me, even then, that she could use so many different ways to explain the same thing, to give people with different learning styles a chance to get it," Nick said. "That shows impressive dedication."

Kari Meyer Shares Her Faith in Florida



Kari Meyer, SPLHS Class of '07, attends the University of Nebraska Lincoln, but is spending the summer in Jacksonville, Fla.

In May she concluded her junior year as a dietetics & nutrition major. In addition to the academics, she has been involved in a variety of leadership opportunities across campus.

One group is the Navigators, an international ministry dedicated to serving Christ. Kari writes, "God used it to build a relationship with me and I have seen Him change my heart in ways I never dreamed possible. He also gave me a tremendous desire to share Him with the girls in my sorority, Alpha Phi."

With several Navigator girls, Kari started a Bible study in her house, "and it has been an awesome experience. There is nothing better than to know Christ, and to make Him known."

This summer Kari is witnessing Christ through the Navigators student training program. She teams with three other students and a Navigator team leader to witness and share her faith. "We have the opportunity to work in the community alongside many people who don't know Christ, and seek to expose them to His overwhelming forgiveness and mercy, and his unparalleled love for them.

"This will give me a 'missions experience' to share my faith. Saint Paul was so instrumental in my faith. My actions and life today received a solid foundation through my experiences in and out of the classroom at SPLHS.

"I believe this summer will prove invaluable to me as I return for my last year of college, and as I set out into the real world next May. I hope to have established an even stronger foundation in Christ and become more equipped to mirror the light of Christ to my friends, future co-workers, and my family."

2000 Graduate Is Chaplain in Iraq



Brandt Klawitter graduated from SPLHS in May 2000. Ten years later, as a Lutheran chaplain, he is in Iraq.

Brandt Klawitter at his ordination with Pastor James Dahlke (left) and Dr. John Wohlrabe.

Last November he completed his S.T.M. (Master's of Sacred Theology) at the St. Louis Seminary. That same month he learned that his application for the active duty

chaplaincy was approved.

His ordination took place March 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Haven. Pastor James Dahlke of the SPLHS faculty preached the sermon, and Dr. John Wohlrabe, a 1971 SPCH graduate and retired Navy chaplain, ordained Brandt.

Brandt is a First Lieutenant in the United States Army and was deployed to Iraq in March to serve as a military chaplain for the troops.

In a letter to the SPLHS faculty, Brandt wrote, "My home pastor remarked to my parents before my sister and I ever went away to SPLHS, that if you send a young man to a Lutheran school, he might at least think about church work. I know that to be true.

"I've often thought that it was the character and spirit with

Alumni 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 1949 — A class reunion is planned for July 25 and 26, 2010, in Concordia. All class members have been notified and are to respond to Robert Lange who is organizing the reunion and may be reached at rnlange@att.net. Room reservations are to be made through the alumni office at splhsalumni@yahoo.com.

SPCH Class of 1956 — Herb Harfst, chairman of the reunion committee, has begun planning for the 55th anniversary reunion in 2011. The reunion will take place on the Saint Paul campus, June 18-20. Herb may be contacted at herbharfst@earthlink.net.

SPC Class of 1963 — The golden anniversary reunion will be the last weekend in June 2013 on campus.

SPCH Class of 1966 — Plans are to have another reunion in the St. Louis area in the summer of 2011.

SPCH Class of 1968 — Dennis Meyer is leading the planning for a reunion June 22-24, 2012, in Colorado Springs. He may be reached at dmeyer6867d@aol.com.

SPCH Class of 1980 — Judy Brack Ray has undertaken the planning for a class reunion this summer, August 6-8 on the Saint Paul campus. She may be reached at raysoflight12@yahoo.com; mail: 5438 132nd Road, Winfield KS 67156. Class members have received a reservation form and are to return the form to the alumni office at P.O. Box 719, Concordia MO 64020.

SPLHS Class of 1990 — Plans are being formulated for a 20-year reunion September 10-11, 2010. To share ideas and suggestions, contact Kyle Fiene at kjfiene@centurytel.net.

SPLHS Day at Kauffman Stadium

Saturday, September 18 | Game Time: 6:10 p.m.



Come cheer the Kansas City Royals to victory against the Cleveland Indians and catch up with fellow Saint Paul alumni and supporters. Bring the family! Saints memorabilia and prizes will be awarded to the class with the most alumni present, so spread the word to your classmates!

Group seats are reserved. Tickets are \$16 each.

Contact Rachel Oetting Ahmann (HS 2000) or Carol in the school advancement office to reserve your tickets.

Rachel Ahmann
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cbruce@splhs.org
660.463.2238, ext. 232

Saints Golf Classic Coming in August

The seventh annual Saints Golf Classic will be Saturday, August 28, at Tri-City Country Club in Emma. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Saints athletic department.

Entry forms are available on-line at SPLHS.org, at Saint Paul Lutheran High School office, and at Game Day trophy in Concordia. Register early; the tournament is limited to 23 teams.

For more information contact athletic director Monte Pitsch at mpitsch@splhs.org, or call 660-463-2238, ext 611.

Opening of the 2010-2011 Academic School Year

Sunday, August 15 — 2:00 p.m.
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Homecoming/ Parents Weekend

September 30-October 3, 2010

Thursday

Volleyball vs Lone Jack/Bonfire & rally

Friday

Football vs Sweet Springs/World party in annex

Saturday

Cross Country at SPLHS/Homecoming banquet

Sunday

Worship at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Rev. Mark Nebel (SPCH '82. SPC '83), preaching