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Dear U of L Alumni:
Welcome to the fall 2007
issue of the Journal.

Forty and fabulous is a phrase that indeed rings true for the University of Lethbridge – your university – this year.

2007 began with the launch of our 40th anniversary and the grand opening of the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness. Now as 2007 draws to a close, it's clear that our 40th year has far exceeded even our greatest expectations.

More than 1,000 alumni and friends returned to campus to celebrate Homecoming 2007 – and what a celebration it was! It was an honour to meet so many U of L alumni that weekend. Thank you for connecting with your university and celebrating with us.

In October, the Government of Alberta announced the investment of more than \$78 million in the development of our campus. This is the largest investment by the people and Government of Alberta in our campus since the founding of the University. More than \$18 million will go toward much-needed upgrades of University Hall, \$50 million will enable us to build Markin Hall and over \$10 million will build the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building – this is on top of the \$12 million already received for this project.

The upgrades to University Hall will allow us to preserve and to enhance the use of the Arthur Erickson building, which is one of the most significant architectural structures in Canada.

Markin Hall will provide new space for the Faculty of Management and the School of Health Sciences – academic units that have grown rapidly and have much need for more and better space. Markin Hall will bring together two groups and will lead to a synthesis between health and management.

The Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building will be the next step in our commitment to research and education on water. More than 100 new graduate students will study at the facility, which

will support research on watersheds, water ecology and commercial water use to support sound management decisions about Alberta's water resources today and in the future.

In November, the University celebrated the success of the Legacy of Leadership Campaign. This is the most ambitious campaign in the U of L's 40-year history, and I am very pleased to tell you that we far surpassed our goals. The six-year campaign has had a transformational effect on the University that will shape our next 40 years. Please visit www.ulethbridge.ca for the details.

In keeping with our 40th anniversary theme, this issue of the Journal profiles a "few fabulous alumni under 40." **Christine Joseph (BA '04)**, **Justin Michael Carriere (BFA '06)**, **Dr. Duane Froese (BSc '94)**, **Justin Duban (BSc '06)**, **Jennifer Thannhauser (MEd '05)** and **David Price (BA '93)** have gone on to make important contributions in their communities and their fields, and they all got their start at the University of Lethbridge.

I would like to thank **John Gill (BA '94)**, past president of the U of L Alumni Association, for his service and welcome the association's new president **Sheila McHugh (DipEd '84, MEd '97)**.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Journal. Here's to 40 more fabulous years!

Bill Cade, PhD
President and Vice-Chancellor
Professor of Biological Sciences

Homecoming Highlights

OCTOBER 12 - 14, 2007

What a celebration! More than 1,000 alumni and friends returned to the Lethbridge campus – some from as far as Hong Kong and New York – to attend Homecoming 2007. The weekend featured a variety of activities including receptions hosted by Faculties and Schools, Pronghorn games, a concert and unique art exhibitions, campus tours and a 40th anniversary dinner and dance. The sunny weather during the weekend provided the perfect backdrop to the many happy reunions and memories shared between friends.



After dropping the puck at centre ice, U of L President Dr. Bill Cade joined fans and cheered on the Pronghorn men's hockey team on Friday night. The Pronghorns defeated the UBC Thunderbirds 5 to 1 that evening.



Current Students' Union (SU) President Kelly Kennedy (second from the left) met with former SU presidents (l-r) Justin Penny (1992-1993; BA '94), Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Dr. T. David Legg (1991-1992; BA '92), Matthew McHugh (2001-2002; BA '03), Terry Whitehead (1990-1991; BA '94) and Khym Goslin (1973-1974; BAsc '78, BEd '90, MEd '96) at the sold-out 40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance on Saturday night.



U of L Past President Dr. Russell Leskiw and his wife, Evelyn, danced to the music of the Lethbridge Big Band at the 40th Anniversary Dinner and Dance.



(l-r) Nancy Percevault (BEd '80) shared a laugh and a few memories with Larry and Betty (Beer) Hildreth (BAsc '71, BEd '73). The Hildreth's travelled from Victoria, BC, to attend the homecoming celebrations.



Lisa Lambert (BA '91, MA '07) read the invocation at the fall 2007 convocation. She is the daughter of the late Bill Lambert, who was a founding faculty member in the English Department. "I am thrilled to read the invocation because this is the 40th anniversary of the U of L, and it really means something to me that my father was a founding faculty member here," says Lambert.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



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For more Homecoming photos, visit:
www.ulethbridge.ca/alumni/homecoming



U of L mascot, Luxie, greeted future alumni at the Pronghorn men's and women's soccer games and free barbecue on Saturday afternoon.



The Faculty of Management reception on Friday featured an exhibition of faculty member Dr. Hiroshi Shimazaki's prints from various countries around the world. Shimazaki (centre) was on hand to discuss his work with such attendees as Chancellor Emerita Dr. Ingrid Speaker (LLD '01) and Dr. Ray Speaker (LLD '03).



U of L President Dr. Bill Cade and his wife, Elsa, were among the models at the sold-out President's Breakfast and 40 Years of Fashion Show on Sunday morning. The Cade's groovy clothing was straight out of the seventies.



Alumni couldn't resist the coffee and chocolate served at the School of Health Sciences' Antioxidant Bar on Saturday afternoon.



Faculty of Education Dean Dr. Jane O'Dea (fourth from the left) joined former deans and founding faculty members (l-r) Dr. Eric Mocosch (1982-1986, 1987-1994), Dr. Doug Petherbridge, Dr. Russell Leskiw (1967-1974), Dr. Aubrey Earl, Dr. Myrna Greene (1995; BEd '76), Dr. Robert Anderson (1974-1979, 1986-1987), Dr. Art Loewen and Dr. Laurence Walker (1995-2000) at the Faculty of Education reception on Friday.

Provincial Support for the U of L



Markin Hall and University Hall Funding Announcement on Oct. 25, 2007

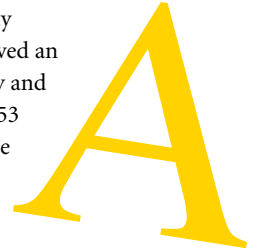
BACK ROW (l-r): School of Health Sciences Dean Dr. Christopher Hosgood, Advanced Education and Technology Minister Doug Horner, Treasury Board President and Minister of Service Alberta Lloyd Snelgrove, Management Dean Dr. Murray Lindsay and Cypress-Medicine Hat MLA Leonard Mitzel
 FRONT ROW (l-r): U of L Board of Governors Chair Robert Turner, Students' Union President Kelly Kennedy, Lethbridge-West MLA Clint Dunford, U of L President Dr. Bill Cade and Little Bow MLA Barry McFarland

The provincial government's support for three key University facilities is ensuring that the U of L can continue to offer an exceptional learning environment to current and future students. On Oct. 25, 2007, the Government of Alberta announced a \$50 million investment in the University of Lethbridge to construct Markin Hall, which will house the School of Health Sciences and the Faculty of Management. Capacity for 450 students in health (nursing and addictions counselling) and management studies programs will be added at the University of Lethbridge as a result of the Alberta government's investment in the University's Markin Hall. Also on Oct. 25, the provincial government announced an \$18.415 million investment in University Hall, which will allow the U of L to upgrade its signature learning space.

In recognition of the University's commitment to water research, the province is also providing \$22 million in support for the Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building, which will support research on watersheds, water ecology and commercial water use to support sound management decisions about Alberta's water resources today and in the future.

The Globe & Mail Report Card

The U of L scored numerous A grades in The Globe and Mail's University Report Card, which was released in October at www.theglobeandmail.com/education. In addition to an A- for overall quality of education received and satisfaction with university experience overall, the University received an A+ for sense of personal safety/security and an A for class sizes. The report card of 53 universities was produced by The Globe and Mail, The Strategic Counsel and the Educational Policy Institute. The results are based on the opinions of more than 43,000 undergraduate students.



Faculty Awards

The Confederation of Alberta Faculty Associations presented Lisa Doolittle (Theatre and Dramatic Arts) and Emily Luce (New Media) with the organization's 2007 Distinguished Academic Award and Distinguished Academic Early Career Award, respectively, in September.

The Canada-U.S. Fulbright Program has awarded Dr. Chris Kukucha (Political Science) a 2007 Fulbright Scholarship. Kukucha – whose research interests include Canadian foreign policy, international political economy and Canadian federalism – will be working at the State University of New York, Plattsburgh, from January to May 2008.

Steinke Coaches for Team Canada

Pronghorn Track & Field Coach **Larry Steinke (BA '94)** served as an athletics coach for Team Canada at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro in July.

INNOVATIVE Internationalization

The University's partnership with Hokkai-Gakuen University in Japan has received provincial recognition in the form of a 2007 Internationalizing the Teaching and Learning Practice Award of Distinction. The Awards of Distinction Program was initiated by Alberta Advanced Education and Technology in 2005 to recognize, showcase and celebrate "innovative approaches in the area of internationalizing the teaching and learning practice." This is the second consecutive Award of Distinction for the U of L, the first being recognized in 2006 for the International Management Program.

Nursing in the News

Just days before the Fall 2007 Semester got underway, the School of Health Sciences received national media attention for its new Support Program for Aboriginal Nursing Students (SPANS). The federal government is investing \$1 million over three years in SPANS, which includes a pre-nursing program as well as support for students enrolled in the Nursing Education in Southwestern Alberta (NESA) Bachelor of Nursing program offered collaboratively by Lethbridge College and the University.

Less than a week later, a press conference was held to announce a pilot project that will see the school and Chinook Health sharing three employees. While the individuals will remain Chinook Health employees, they will work half time for the U of L teaching three clinical rotations to NESA students. "By having Chinook Health employees participate in school life, we're benefiting from their tremendous clinical skills while introducing them to new research at an earlier stage than they probably otherwise would be," says School of Health Sciences Dean Dr. Christopher Hosgood.

Harrison Appointed as the Prentice Institute's Interim Director



Sociology Department Chair Dr. Trevor Harrison has been appointed interim director of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy by University of Lethbridge President Dr. Bill Cade. His two-year appointment is effective from Nov. 1, 2007, to Oct. 31, 2009.

Harrison will be responsible for launching the multidisciplinary institute, which will focus on the long-term challenges of the demographic, economic and social issues related to changes in world population patterns.

The institute was established through the 2006 endowment of more than \$8 million by the late **Dr. John Prentice (LLD '06)** and his family.

The Steacy Winning Streak Continues

Pronghorn track & field team members Jim, Sean and Heather Steacy continued their sibling success story this summer. Jim and Sean won the gold and silver medals, respectively, in hammer throw at the Canadian Senior Track & Field Championships in July. Heather earned a bronze in hammer throw at the Pan-American Junior Championships in São Paulo, Brazil, and Jim took the gold in the same event at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro. Heather also won a silver medal at the Canadian National Junior Championships before teaming up with Sean to finish the summer by winning gold medals in hammer throw at the Western Canada Summer Games in August.



Photo courtesy of Craig Glover

The Rugby Team Wins the National Championship

For the first time in its history, the Pronghorn women's rugby team captured the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship in November. In the Horns' two previous appearances at the CIS championships, the team won silver in 2003 and bronze last year.

Horns freshman Brittany Orr was named the tournament MVP and joined fellow Horns Shannon Court and Amanda Richardson on the tournament all-star team. The women's rugby championship is the first for Pronghorns Athletics since the men's hockey team won the CIAU title in 1994.

Wong Scores Coach of the Year Honours

Pronghorn Women's Soccer Coach Ilsa Wong has been named Canada West's 2007 Women's Soccer Coach of the Year. Horns players Megan Lumley and Sheena Stasiuk were named to the Canada West first team all-stars.



A De-Lux Name for the Mascot

Logan Cohrs and Colin Marco are sharing the glory after winning the University's mascot naming contest. The U of L students tied for the win after their entries inspired the naming committee to bestow the name "Luxie" on the bright blue furry pronghorn mascot. Luxie's name is a reference to the U of L's "Fiat Lux" motto, which is Latin for "Let there be light."

Board Appoints New Chairs

Dr. Olga Kovalchuk (Biological Sciences), Dr. Igor Kovalchuk (Biological Sciences) and Dr. Sergio Pellis (Neuroscience, Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience) are the University's newest Board of Governors Research Chairs, while Dr. Shelly Wismath (Mathematics and Computer Science) has been named the inaugural Board of Governors Teaching Chair.

Construction Update >>

The Lethbridge campus maps need constant updating to keep up with the ongoing campus construction, including these recent projects.



Stadium

A partnership between the City of Lethbridge and the University of Lethbridge is resulting in a new community-use sports field complex complete with an artificial field for football and soccer, a natural practice field, a synthetic 400-metre track and 2,000-person bleacher seating. It is expected to be finished by fall 2008.



Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building

This new building beginning to take shape on the north end of campus will enhance the University's strong water and environmental research programs by providing laboratory and office space for investigators and their research teams to carry out research and education programs. The anticipated completion date is late spring 2008.



Parkway Service Complex

The recently completed complex is the new home of Building Maintenance, Grounds, Materials Management, the Motor Vehicle Pool, Printing Services and the Bookstore warehouse. The grand opening of the facility was November 15.



Turcotte Hall Additions

The renovations wrapping up this fall have added 50 academic offices and two classrooms. The Faculty of Education has moved into levels 3 and 4, and Counselling Services and the Physical Plant and Capital Projects administration will move into levels 2 and 1, respectively, near mid-December after the occupancy for those levels has been granted.

You can read more about what's happening at the U of L by reading the campus newspaper, *The Legend*, online at www.ulethbridge.ca/legend.





In 2001, the University of Lethbridge launched the Legacy of Leadership Campaign – the most ambitious campaign in the University’s 40-year history. Six years later, we are celebrating the astounding success of the campaign and the nearly 5,000 individuals and organizations who stepped forward to provide an extraordinary outpouring of support. This generosity has enabled us to far exceed initial campaign goals and achieve the priorities to increase educational opportunities for students and build state-of-the-art facilities that provide the necessary resources for creativity, inquiry and discovery.

Increased Student Support

During the Legacy of Leadership campaign, more than 100 new scholarships and awards were established, providing students with opportunities that otherwise may have been out of their reach, simply because of limited financial means.

As part of the campaign, Supporting Our Students was launched as an internal university program to raise money for bursaries and scholarships. As a result, the University family has shown that when it comes to supporting students, they are the first to step forward.



Future Markin Hall



Building Facilities for Growth

Early in the campaign, **Dr. Allan Markin (LLD '06)** made a visionary gift towards a facility to house the Faculty of Management and School of Health Sciences. Early private funding and support from national corporations, U of L friends and alumni helped to secure \$50 million from the Government of Alberta. Plans are now in place to begin construction of Markin Hall, a building that will allow us to reach even more students and ensure that the next generation of leaders is given the very best resources and infrastructure throughout their educations.



The 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness stands as a testament to what can be achieved when a university, its students and the community work towards a common goal. The City of Lethbridge and the student body joined as partners through significant contributions, and 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd. made U of L history as our first university-naming sponsor. Today, the University campus boasts a state-of-the-art facility that will enhance the fitness and recreation services in southern Alberta and advance kinesiology-related research for years to come.



The overwhelming generosity demonstrated during the Legacy of Leadership Campaign has had transformational effects at the University of Lethbridge. Alumni and friends of the University can be proud of the new legacy that has been created.

To find out more about the success of the campaign, visit:
www.ulethbridge.ca/advancement/dev



the [travel] Journal

This summer, health sciences students Alisha Velji and Nicole Kloos travelled to South Africa as part of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). They set out to increase access to basic sanitation amongst the community and public schools. After two months of promoting health awareness in Lower Ntlaza in a village outside the city of Umtata, the nursing students say they returned to Canada embodying the words of Mahatma Gandhi: **"The future depends on what we do in the present."**



"An inspiring quote for our journey belongs to Herbert Otto:

'Change and growth take place when a person has risked himself and dares to become involved with experimenting with his own life.'"

—Alisha Velji

"The idea of community development may seem simple but there are many key aspects to take into account in order to plan, collaborate and deliver a sustainable goal," explains Velji. "Considerations such as culture, project partners, geographic location, equipment and supply availability, and communication must be acknowledged in order to plan, collaborate and deliver a sustainable goal."

As part of the project, Velji and Kloos developed and implemented a health promotion program in the local school. "We took our task very seriously with the mindset that effective education could lead to improved health and great reduction in diarrhoeal illness," says Kloos. "In this region of the world that could have large implications on lifespan and quality of life."

Both students contributed to the Xhosa community by teaching children in public schools the importance of washing their hands properly and the chain reaction of improper sanitation. In addition to this, they had the opportunity to visit rural clinics and hospitals. "It was an eye-opening experience to see the condition of some of them," says Kloos. "As Canadians, we are blessed with a universal health-care system that is too often underappreciated."

Velji explains that despite the adversities faced, the dedication and drive of the health staff in these small institutions are commendable. "With what might be viewed in lack of, such as equipment and

facilities, they far exceed in a humanistic sense," says Velji. "They are able to make the most of what they do have and carry out their duties with pride and love for people in their care."

Both students share in their gratitude to have the opportunity to catch a glimpse into a deep reality of the living conditions, cultural aspects and rural health practices in South Africa. For Velji, the project reinforces her personal commitment to continue in the direction of community



health nursing, in hope of one day being a part of Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctor's Without Borders).

Kloos will continue to expand her worldview and seek similar opportunities in the future. "This project has embedded in me a deepened desire to explore more of this world and what it has to offer," she says.



"The Xhosa people and their culture – rich with love and laughter, song and dance, happiness and family – fascinate me. They may be of the world's poorest poor but they are rich in ways immeasurable."

-Nicole Kloos



Velji (centre) and Kloos (right) helping in the classroom



"We are blessed to have been able to observe the reality of rural medicine and nursing through visits made to several clinics and hospitals. Amenities and man-power sometimes taken for granted in western practices cannot be guaranteed here."

-Alisha Velji



Photos submitted by Alisha Velji and Niocle Kloos.



As part of on-going research into the health of Alberta's lakes and rivers, University of Lethbridge PhD student **Lana Miller (MSc '07)** is prospecting for selenium, a mineral released into the environment as a by-product of coal mining.

FISHING for answers

However, instead of digging it out of the ground, Miller is looking for selenium in invertebrates and fish populations – such as brook trout and Athabasca rainbow trout – that live in bodies of water near reclaimed mine sites.

Miller's research focuses on examining and comparing the levels of cortisol and antioxidants in Athabasca rainbow trout, which are native to Alberta, and brook trout, which aren't.

"Because selenium is an essential element, both fish and people need it," says Miller. "Too much of it is not good, however, as it can be toxic. In some fish, this means that too much selenium affects their antioxidant and cortisol levels, which in turn affects their 'fight or flight' response and can cause other problems with their reproductive systems."

In comparing the two species, it appears that native Athabasca rainbow trout are suffering more than the imported brook trout in Miller's test lakes because the Athabasca rainbow trout have lower reserves of antioxidants than the brook trout. This is causing concern about losing a native Alberta fish species, and it has broader implications.

"Any applied toxicology research you do can eventually have relevance to people and their health," says Miller. "In my research, I am interested in the conservation of a native Alberta fish population, the Athabasca rainbow trout, and how the quantity of selenium accumulating in their systems affects their health. How long these elements take to accumulate, and how they affect this species, can ultimately tell us more about how the concentration of elements like selenium might affect people."

Led by University of Lethbridge researcher and Canada Research Chair Dr. Alice Hontela (Biological Sciences), who is an expert in the field of water toxicology, Miller's research is funded by Alberta Ingenuity and the Metals in the Human Environment Research Network. She is part of a diverse team at the U of L that includes biologists, chemists, ecologists and geographers who are all focused on water-related issues.

The University of Lethbridge has taken a leadership position in water research because of its strategic importance to the economy and quality of life in southern Alberta.



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Christine Joseph, Incoming Clerk for Chief Justice of Canada Beverley McLachlin

Age :: 28

U of L experience :: BA in political science.

Graduated in 2004.

“It was like seeing Gretzky in robes.”

That’s how Christine Joseph (BA ’04) describes the first time she saw Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin speak. Years later, she saw her role model again – this time for a job interview.

Christine Joseph (BA ’04) still remembers the speech Chief Justice **Beverley McLachlin (LLD ’01)** gave during her brother’s graduation ceremony.

“She’s from Pincher Creek, near Lethbridge, and I remember thinking how inspiring it was to see someone from a small place close to home accomplish so much in society,” says Joseph.

Last summer, during a whirlwind set of six interviews with different Supreme Court judges, Joseph met Chief Justice McLachlin in person. Joseph says that although the interviews (which were for a position as a Supreme Court law clerk) lasted 30 minutes each, every judge had such a distinct and engaging personality, the time flew by.

“It was amazing to have the opportunity to sit and have a conversation with six people of such high regard,” she says. “To offer some perspective, it was like a hockey fan meeting Wayne Gretzky, Mark Messier and the like. In the law world, it was right up there.”

Joseph’s interviews came after a distinguished academic career that began at the University of Lethbridge. Her family all graduated from the University. Her husband, **Jason Ober**, received a bachelor of management degree in 1995; her mother, **Beverly Joseph**, received a bachelor of nursing degree in 2000; her brother, **Steven Joseph**, received a bachelor of management degree in 2001; and her father, **Randy Joseph (BA ’87, BMgt ’91)**, is the manager of security

at the U of L and teaches in the Faculty of Management.

“Every time I come home, my dad gives me a tour of the new buildings on campus,” she says. “The U of L is a wonderful institution and remains a part of my life.”

During her time at the U of L, Joseph enjoyed the small class sizes and range of programs available – a good thing for someone with far-reaching interests in management, medicine, dentistry and political science. A course in constitutional law taught by political science professor Dr. Peter McCormick helped her decide to pursue law.

“I took a lot of different undergraduate courses before I really found my direction. Law is a demanding area, and I like that it is constantly evolving.

“The law is not black and white – it is many shades of grey,” she explains.

After graduation, Joseph was off to the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law, where she was soon balancing classes with volunteer work at a legal aid clinic called the Law Centre – an “eye-opening” experience, she recalls.

“I gained a deep appreciation for the value and privilege of education. I learned how important it is to do pro bono work and to help people

who lack the skills and resources to navigate the legal system.”

After graduating with the Law Society’s Gold Medal, Christine summered at Fasken Martineau, a large law firm in Vancouver, and then moved to the province’s highest court, the BC Court of Appeal. She now serves as a Law Clerk for the Court, conducting research, summarizing arguments and case law, and observing court proceedings.

“Very interesting issues come to the Court of Appeal,” she says. “Appellate work is academic and challenging, and not as fast-paced as the lower courts.”

Joseph’s time there will end next summer, when she moves to Ottawa for her dream job: clerking for Chief Justice McLachlin. In the position, her work will focus on a small number of cases dealing with issues of national importance.

She still laughs about the early morning phone call she received less than 24 hours after the interviews concluded.

“I arrived home from Ottawa late the night before and was still sleeping when the phone rang. I fumbled for the phone – I wasn’t wearing my glasses and couldn’t see a thing,” Joseph recalls. “The voice at the other end asked me to hold for the Chief Justice. Seconds later, Chief Justice McLachlin came on the line and offered me the job! It was the best wake up call I’d ever received.”

Justin Michael Carriere, Principal Role in feature Canadian film Passchendaele

Age :: 27

U of L experience :: BFA in performance.

Graduated in 2006.

Some of Justin Michael Carriere's (BFA '06) best work is done face down in mud.

When filming Passchendaele in a field outside of Calgary, the environment helped Carriere bring his character to life.



"The whole set is so real – it's cold, rainy and muddy," says **Justin Michael Carriere (BFA '06)**. "So it's not very difficult to portray a miserable soldier."

Carriere's path to Passchendaele began at the U of L where he experimented with English and biology and tried out an Introduction to Drama class. Three semesters later, Carriere had formally changed his major, joined the Theatre Art Society and began spending summer breaks on VHS-shot side projects. In class, he immersed himself in everything from set design to on-stage acting.

"I enjoy theatre acting because of the feeling you get – it feels very alive and very unique," he

explains. "You really step into who you personify when you're on stage."

After graduating, Carriere intended to focus on theatre and experiment in film. He played Whit in Theatre Calgary's *Of Mice and Men* and received the company's first Stephen Hair Emerging Actor Award, a \$2,500 prize recognizing an up-and-coming actor in the Calgary theatre scene. He then acquired an agent and soon was auditioning for a principal role in *Passchendaele*, a feature Canadian film about World War I, written and directed by Paul Gross. Carriere nailed the part, and after that, it was "trial by fire."

Along with hunching in the cold mud, he had to learn new acting techniques. Screen actors only get a couple of chances to hit a line, and the pressure that comes from working towards a shot constructed by 60 crew members is tough. Still, the cast and crew's support, along with an optimistic attitude, help.

"The life of an actor is quite difficult, and you really need to keep working at it," he says. "But even if you don't succeed as soon as you graduate from university, keep trying and things will happen."

Alumnus Scores Dream Job



Kelsey Goldade

Age :: 29

U of L experience :: BMgt in marketing.

Graduated in 2004.

Photo by Kyle Clapham

Dr. Duane Froese, Assistant Professor,
Department of Earth and Atmospheric
Sciences, University of Alberta

Age :: 37

U of L experience :: BSc in geography.
Graduated in 1994.

Dr. Duane Froese (BSc '94) remembers camping across British Columbia as a 10 year old, exploring the world by bike.

Years later, the distinguished scientist's field of investigation has grown to eastern Beringia, an area that stretches from central Yukon through Siberia.

Dr. Duane Froese's (BSc '94) formal research began at the U of L, where he gained exposure to a breadth of fields: chemistry, biology, geography, geology and economics.

"People all knew each other and identified with the University, rather than with one department," he says. "I still work with people from a range of disciplines, and in part, my comfort with that is a reflection of my experience at Lethbridge."

At the U of L, Froese joined the Chinook Outdoor Club for hiking trips to Waterton Lakes National Park and the Crowsnest Pass. In his third year, he worked as a research assistant for geography professor **Dr. René Barendregt (BAsc '71)**, who is now the associate dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science. They travelled to the Yukon and Northwest Territories, and spent time in South America.

"That was the first summer I went to the Canadian North, and I've been back there every summer since," Froese recalls. "As someone from a small town in BC, I hadn't really been anywhere



before. That was a fantastic experience that influenced my decision to become a researcher."

Froese is now recognized as one of the foremost young Quaternary (Cenozoic Era earth history) researchers in Canada, a prolific author and a committed spokesperson for the field – achievements recognized through the J. Ross MacKay Award given for outstanding contributions to Canadian geomorphology, which he received in 2006.

By studying Eastern Beringia's history, Froese and his team hope to better understand

the impacts of global change on northern ecosystems. They collect millennia-old data from ancient DNA samples, fossils, pore ice isotopes from permafrost and sediments. Despite their optimism, findings are worrying: humans are quickly moving to exceed conditions that haven't been seen for more than 120,000 years.

"As a consequence of our collective lifestyle, the human species will be living in a warmer world," says Froese. "We're trying to predict what that will look like, using data collected from a time when climate was warmer in the past."

As a student, **Kelsey Goldade's (BMgt '04)** love of sports led to his mission of figuring out how he could tie his passion to a career. After completing a mentorship with the Lethbridge Hurricanes, Goldade secured an eight-month co-op position with the Calgary Stampeders as the community relations coordinator. He was

thrilled about the opportunity which ended with one of his most memorable moments: the 2001 Grey Cup in Montreal where the Calgary Stampeders walked away victorious. Goldade continued on with the Calgary Stampeders and is currently the director of communications.

Justin Duban (BSc '06) makes a new kind of
HOME-BREW.



Photo courtesy of the Lethbridge Herald; Photo by Ian Martens

**New Media Alumni
Boldly Go Where No
U of L Alumni Have
Gone Before**



Ryan Humphrey and Nate Dekens Wagenaar

Age :: both 23
U of L experience :: BFA in new media.
Graduated in 2007.

Justin Duban, President and Founder, Refuel Bioproducts Corporation

Age :: 24

U of L experience :: BSc in agricultural studies; co-op designation.

Graduated in 2006.

As founder of Refuel Bioproduct Corporation, he built a pilot biodiesel plant on his parents' farm and is now setting up a commercial-scale plant near Nobleford, AB.

Justin Duban's (BSc '06) business recycles used vegetable oil collected from restaurants into a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly alternative to petroleum-based diesel called biodiesel.

"I've always wanted to own a business and run things myself," says Duban. "While I could have set up the business differently, with more investors or in a co-operative format, I felt that doing it alone gave me more flexibility."

Duban's independent spirit and interest in the agricultural business began on his family's cattle farm. Duban thought producing biodiesel could help reduce the farm's cost of 35,000 litres of diesel used each year. Demand increased as word spread, and he responded by focusing full time on the business, which employed five people this summer (including three U of L students).

"Last year I took a month and a half to draw up the plan and put together the pilot plant," he says. "After working out a few bugs, it was soon running smoothly."

He first learned about biodiesel production at the U of L, where he juggled a heavy course-load (one semester he took six classes and four labs) with part-time work on the family farm. Along with academic courses in economics, biology and chemistry, his U of L training included a hands-on semester at Olds College, where he

learned about agricultural production through crop, livestock, soil and financial management. Duban says his favourite classes united theory with practical applications.

"I didn't think my classes would be directly useful," he recalls. "But now that I'm running my own business, I'm applying a lot of my skills and knowledge."

During an agriculture seminar course at the U of L, a guest speaker spoke about building a biodiesel processing plant. Duban liked the idea and followed up with a research paper. He learned when the diesel engine was first developed in 1895, it was designed to run on a variety of fuels, including vegetable oil. As the diesel engine developed, petroleum-based diesel fuel became the preferred fuel because it was cheap and plentiful. Renewed interest in vegetable-based fuels led to the development of biodiesel in 1931, which was compatible with all diesel engines.

As a co-op student working as an agricultural engineering research assistant with Alberta Agriculture and Food, one of Duban's projects was to develop a standardized method to measure biodiesel mixtures. His research culminated in a paper he presented to the International Meeting of the American Society of Agriculture and Biology Engineers in Portland, OR.

"I liked the idea you don't have to depend on big companies for fuel, but can make it yourself," says Duban.

"Crude biodiesel is relatively simple to make, but producing high quality biodiesel that conforms to ASTM standards requires much more sophisticated procedures and equipment."

Excited by the potential of biofuel, a few days after graduating from the U of L, Duban began testing his business ideas, enrolling in the Chinook Entrepreneur Challenge. He spent the summer developing a plan for the Agri-Business category and took first prize. He then entered into two other similar competitions, the VenturePrize Alberta Student Business Plan Competition and the Student Innovation Technology Competition. After refining his business plan with the help of U of L management professors **Bruce Thurston (BASC '78)** and Dan Kazakoff, Duban won both.

"Things are never as quick or as simple as you first anticipate, especially when you're doing something new," he says. "But the challenge and the reward make it all worth it."

Science and the arts intersected this past summer when new media students, **Ryan Humphrey (BFA '07)** and **Nate Dekens Wagenaar (BFA '07)**, who graduated in October, headed to the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

The internships began on May 7 in Montreal. The pair worked on Canada's contributions to the International Space Station in

the Canadarm2 Training and Simulation Centre, where their duties included creating animations for training videos and building scale models.

This is the first year that bachelor of fine arts (new media) students from the University of Lethbridge have been invited to apply for internships with the CSA.

Jennifer Thannhauser, PhD Candidate in
Counselling Psychology, University of Calgary

Age :: 28

U of L experience :: MEd in counselling psychology.
Graduated in 2005.

Since she was 12 years old, Jennifer Thannhauser (MEd '05) has known what she wanted to do with her life.

That year, Thannhauser discovered she had Multiple Sclerosis – and that she wanted to help other people who share the condition.



“I was diagnosed with MS when I was 12, and at that time not a lot of resources were available,” says **Jennifer Thannhauser (MEd '05)**. “When I went on to university, I realized it was a perfect opportunity to build on my background.”

Since then, Thannhauser has become a leader in the field of pediatric psycho-social counselling for MS patients, and she was offered two major national awards: a National MS Society Research Award and a three-year SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship.

Thannhauser grew up in Saskatoon, studying psychology at the University of Saskatchewan, volunteering with the MS Society of Canada and working at the Society’s Saskatchewan Division. After receiving her undergraduate degree from

the U of S, she enrolled in the U of L’s Master of Education program to pursue counselling psychology. The University’s small class sizes immediately made a strong impression.

“You’re not just a number; you’re a person,” she says. “I could connect with professors and students on a personal level.”

During her first week there, Thannhauser met education professor Dr. Kris Magnusson, who became her thesis supervisor. Although psycho-social counselling is outside his area of specialization, Magnusson helped guide Thannhauser’s studies.

“He gave me enough freedom to run with my ideas, so I had space to pursue something I was passionate about,” she said.

Now working towards a PhD at the University of Calgary, Thannhauser is creating an integrated approach to MS treatment. She works with patients from across Western Canada and draws from health psychology, grounded theory methodology and grief counselling.

Reflecting on her work, Thannhauser offers some words of advice to budding researchers: “Focus on something you are passionate about.”

“If you have a great idea that you are incredibly passionate about, go for it. After that, find people who will encourage, support and challenge you.”

David Price, Manager of Charter Management and Brokerage, BCR Yachts, France

Age :: 39

U of L experience :: BA in urban and regional studies. Graduated in 1993.

When David Price (BA '93) began his studies at the University of Lethbridge, he had planned on becoming an urban planner.

His liberal education opened up an ocean of possibilities for him, and his career plans changed course.

After a lifetime of sailing, **David Price (BA '93)** still can't shake the scent of the sea.

"Crossing the Atlantic, all you smell is salt air," says Price. "Then, as soon as you're in eyesight of land, you smell the trees."

At five, Price was already mucking about in boats. His high school summers were spent as a sailing instructor at a summer camp at Sylvan Lake, and for his graduation present, he joined his father aboard a 10-vessel flotilla travelling around the Gulf Islands.

Though landlocked during his time at the University of Lethbridge, Price snuck an occasional weekend at Ghost Lake on his parent's 25-foot sailboat. He juggled classes in geography and business management with a busy social life as a hockey coach and residential advisor.

"I went to university to study geography, specifically urban and regional planning, but I also wanted to learn the business side of the field, so a lot of my courses were from the Faculty of Management," he says.

After graduating in 1993, Price applied for a three-month sailing course on the Isle of Wight. He was soon disembarking in London "with my cowboy boots still on." There, Price learned everything from engineering to ship maintenance – and was hooked on a career at sea. He worked as a deckhand, eventually joining the schooner *Mariette*. Originally built in 1915, the 180-ton, 40-metre vessel was owned by American multi-millionaire Tom Perkins.

Over the next four years, Price joined Perkins' crew of 25 to race and sail the world. Afterwards, he completed his MBA, worked for the world's oldest yachting company (Camper &



Nicholson's International, established in 1782), and now works for BCR Yachts in Antibes, where he recently sold a 62-metre yacht for \$45 million.

"There's a lot of satisfaction that comes when someone is buying a multi-million dollar toy," he says with a laugh.

Now a manager of Charter Management and Brokerage at BCR Yachts in France, Price says his

experiences have helped broaden his mind – and opened his eyes to the possibilities of the liberal arts education he received at the U of L.

"I realized it's not so much about what you know about business, as about all the experiences you bring to the table," he says. "If I had stayed with town planning, I wouldn't be sitting on the French Riviera sipping a glass of wine!"

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(l - r) Jaime Morasch (BMgt '01), Maureen Schwartz

FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

Thank you to everyone who attended Homecoming 2007 on October 12 to 14. What a fantastic weekend it was with more than 1,000 alumni and friends attending the various events over the three-day celebration.

Many of you who joined in the fun shared your U of L memories with us. It was wonderful to hear the stories from your time at the University; highlighting how much the campus has evolved while maintaining its core strengths over the years. We were amazed how one story seemed to be common amongst all – that was the pride and respect you have for your University.

As we look ahead to the next 40 years, we encourage you – our graduates and friends – to take this opportunity to stay connected with your University and to become involved. If you are in the Lethbridge area, call us. The alumni office is in need of volunteers to assist with hosting events, engaging our students and reconnecting with alumni. If you live in Hong Kong, Vancouver, Toronto or anywhere

in the world, you can participate too. We want to connect with our alumni across the globe.

Congratulations to **Sheila McHugh (DipEd '84, MEd '97)** on being elected as president of the University of Lethbridge Alumni Association (ULAA) this past September. We look forward to the strides that she and the council will continue to make in building the ULAA. You can read more about Sheila and her goals for the association on pages 22 and 23.

We must also give our sincere thanks to **John Gill (BA '94)**, now past president, for the strong leadership he provided to the ULAA during his term as president. Without the support from volunteer alumni like John and those on the council, events such as the Homecoming would not be possible.

Best wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy season ahead. Stay tuned for exciting new changes from the alumni office in 2008.

Maureen Schwartz
Director, Alumni Relations

Jaime Morasch BMgt '01
Alumni Relations Officer

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR :: 2007

Dr. T. David Legg BA '92

The University of Lethbridge Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award recognizes individuals for exceptional professional achievements, academic excellence and/or contributions to society. The Association is proud to recognize **Dr. T. David Legg (BA '92)** as the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year for his exceptional academic and professional achievements and contributions to the community.

Praised by those who know him for his honesty, dedication and hard work, Legg has established a successful career that spans several continents. In his current position as managing director of international markets for GLGroup, a global financial research firm, he is responsible for building their business in Europe and Asia. Based in London, England, and Hong Kong, Legg's teams now serve more than 170 European and Asian institutions. In his previous role as GLG's director of legal, economic and regulatory affairs, and vice-president of business development and marketing, he opened the Washington, DC, office and developed GLG's marketing and business development strategy. Prior to joining GLG in 2003, Legg worked for the management consulting firm McKinsey & Company in Toronto and London, England, for three years. In addition to developing marketing and operations strategies, he



Photo by A.E. Cross

oversaw the conception, design and launch of a new software product that won the MacWorld USA 2001 conference award for best new product marketing.

Legg's professional successes are built on a foundation of exceptional academic achievement. Born and raised in Lethbridge, Legg graduated from Lethbridge Collegiate Institute in 1987. Over the next five years, he maximized the academic and extracurricular opportunities available to him at the University of Lethbridge. In addition to playing four seasons with the Pronghorn men's soccer team, he served as Students' Union president from 1991 to 1992 and graduated with honours in 1992 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology.

Legg continued to excel in and out of the classroom at Queen's University in Kingston, ON, where he served as Chairman of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Students Society, received a McLaughlin Fellowship and was named to the dean's list before graduating with an MPA in 1993. He went on to doctoral studies at Yale University in New Haven, CT, where he was recognized as a Yale Scholar, Morse Fellow, Harvey Fellow and a Rotary Foundation scholarship recipient. He served as a teaching fellow at Yale College between 1994 and 1997 and a visiting lecturer at Yale Law School in 1997. He was

also an honorary assistant coach of the Yale men's varsity soccer team and a graduate fellow for the Hall of Graduate Studies before completing his PhD in sociology in 2000, winning the Stout Prize for Excellence in Social Sciences. Through concurrent graduate work at the University of Oxford in England, David Legg also graduated in 2000 with a master's degree in law, where he was a Chevening Fellow from 1998 to 1999.

Legg's graduate work allowed him to contribute his time and talent to several international projects. In the summer of 1996 he was a volunteer assistant to the Commonwealth Technical Refinement Team on the Draft Constitution of South Africa.

Call for Nominations

The Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 2008 Alumni Honour Society and Distinguished Alumnus of the Year awards. To obtain a nomination form, contact the Office of Alumni Relations by calling (403) 317-2825 or toll-free 1-866-552-2582. The nomination deadline is Feb. 28, 2008.

STAYING connected >>

New Alumni Association president brings decades of U of L history to the job.

Sheila McHugh (DipEd '84, MEd '97)
didn't exactly choose to become president of the U of L Alumni Association – it's more like the job chose her.

As a past U of L student, instructor and two-year member on the council for the Alumni Association, McHugh was already well qualified for the position. But her credentials don't end there. McHugh's relationship with the U of L goes back an impressive 38 years, in which time all five members of her immediate family developed strong connections with the University. All told, McHugh's acclamation to the alumni presidency in September 2007 seems the fulfillment of a predestined path.

"I didn't aspire to become president," says McHugh. "I just wanted to volunteer on the council and stay involved that way, but when the Chair became available, I got a lot of encouragement from many people to take on the role."

McHugh's introduction to the U of L was through her husband, Ray McHugh, who accepted the position of associate registrar in 1969 when the University was still getting on its feet. McHugh joined her husband and 200 other hopeful university supporters at the U of L sod turning on September 5 that year.

"There was a lot of optimism among everyone at the University in those early days," McHugh recalls.

Originally from Eastern Canada, McHugh relocated west after graduating from the University of Western Ontario with a bachelor of arts and later earned a bachelor of education degree at the University of Calgary, where she met her husband. After moving to Lethbridge and raising three children, McHugh registered as a student at the U of L in 1983 for a one-year course of study toward a Teacher Librarian diploma. She completed her post-secondary career with a master of education in 1997. McHugh's teaching talents were put to use on campus in the '80s when she taught writing services classes, and again in the late-'90s when she worked as a summer session instructor for the Faculty of Education.

"I know the University very well," McHugh says. "I've watched it grow and evolve. It's the 40th anniversary, and the U of L has really come of age. There's a highly positive energy here right now and the Alumni Association can help to build on that."

McHugh already has plans to make the Alumni Association more visible on campus over the next year. The first order of business is to organize and host an interactive student event.


"We want students to make a connection with the Alumni Association before they graduate, so they will hopefully keep in touch and stay involved with the University in the future," says McHugh.

In addition to reaching out more to students, McHugh plans to give the Alumni Association a stronger day-to-day presence both on and off campus.

"We're hoping to have members of the Alumni Association volunteer at more alumni events and have members of the council present at university events," she explains. "The idea is to get out there and become more active at various events and in the university culture."

The importance of the Alumni Association has always been very clear to McHugh, but its significance became even more apparent after each of her three children – **John McHugh (BA '95)**, **Angela (McHugh) Bruining (BA '00)** and **Matthew McHugh (BA '03)** – graduated from the U of L.

"Engaging students and keeping a roster of graduates is vitally important," she says. "It's up to the Alumni Association to make sure graduates around the world are aware of what's happening at the University and encourage them to stay active and involved in some capacity. Our fabric of alumni strengthens the University as a whole."



"Our fabric of alumni strengthens
the University as a whole."

Sheila McHugh (DipEd '84, MEd '97)



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What kinds of contact can I expect?

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What are affinity partners and why are they contacting me?

The University has contracts with certain service partners to provide members of the Alumni Association with added benefits on services such as insurance. By participating in affinity programs, you allow the University to provide additional support to programs and services for alumni and students.

No contact please...

If you would prefer that the University not share your information or send you only certain kinds of correspondence, just let us know. It is our responsibility to ensure your information is accurate and handled according to your wishes.

'70s**Kathy McBain BEd '77, DipEd '88**

"I have recently retired from teaching and moved from Berwyn (Peace River area) to Sundre, AB. My husband and I are now closer to our family and friends . . . and the mountains."

Marilyn Sinclair BMus '77, BAsC '84

"I celebrated my 65th birthday by holding a recital at McKillop United Church where I have been employed as an organist for 25 years. The program included performances by my fellow U of L bachelor of music classmates and colleagues **Linda Davies (BMus '77)** and **Elsie Eelhart (BMus '77, BEd '87)**. The program also involved a few of my former private music students, including U of L graduates **Don Ponech (BMus '97, BEd '03)** and **John-Paul Ksiazek (BMus '04)**. Despite my senior citizen status, I don't plan to retire and will continue to teach piano and organ and accompany three choirs."

'80s**Laurie (Robertson) Cooper BEd '89**

"I have taught in a variety of schools in southeast and central Alberta but primarily in the Prairie Rose School Division No. 8. I currently teach at Burdett school where 85 to 90 per cent of our student population is Kanadier Mennonite. This fall, I made the move into administration as vice-principal of this school. For several years, I have been mentoring student teachers from the U of L in the hope that I can give back some of the opportunity I received. I have been married 14 years and I have two beautiful daughters (ages 10 and 12). My husband and I find

Bow Island an excellent place to bring up children. I would love to hear from 'old' friends at lcooper@canopycanada.net."

'90s**Allison (Kindt) Krogedal BN '91**

"Following graduation I worked with the Victorian Order of Nurses in Lethbridge until it closed in 1993. I later moved to Culbertson, MT, and worked as a full-time RN in home health until 1999. Following this I did medical transcription's at home for three years. In April 2003, I began working at Sheridan Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home in Plentywood, MT, and I am still employed here. I work nights in the nursing home and help out in home health and hospice. I recently started a bereavement support group, which is going very well. In 1994, I met David Krogedal and we married in October 1995. We have one child, Hunter (6) and we live on a farm outside of Froid, MT, where we farm and ranch. Sometimes it is tough juggling work, a child, a husband and farming/ranching, but I love it!"

Sara Mainville BMgt '91

Mainville was called to the Ontario Bar in July 2005. Since that time, she has been an associate lawyer of Nahwegahbow Corbiere, Barristers and Solicitors in Mnjikaning (Rama) First Nation. In March 2007, Mainville received a master of law degree from the University of Toronto.

Jimmy Chu BMgt '92

"Six years ago, my wife and I opened Oriental Laser Ltd. We are pleased that our company has obtained ISO certification

and has been awarded as one of the 100 "Caring Companies" in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong SAR government."

Glen Trafford BEd '92

"After graduation, I taught for a year at a small school in Outlook, AB. I found myself with only a .6 position at the end of that year, so I made the decision to look elsewhere. To make a long story short, I ended up in the car business. 15 years later, I am the director of training and recruiting at Percival Ford Lincoln in Regina, SK. It is a career I truly love and believe I was born to do. I credit my bachelor of education degree for preparing me for the opportunities that have come my way. I wanted to send a quick note to say thanks. I think fondly of my time at the U of L."

Kathie Betts-Geddes BA '94

Betts-Geddes attended law school at the University of Alberta and graduated in 1999.

Shauna Way BA/BEd '94

"I am a certified celebrant (creates, officiates and performs personalized ceremonies) and an Alberta Government appointed marriage commissioner. I also teach ECS part time in a prairie school. I have so many memories from the U of L and working at the Max Bell pool. I would love to hear from fellow alumni and pool rats! Web address: www.shaunaway.com."

Alumni Elected

Congratulations to the U of L alumni who were successfully elected during the City of Lethbridge General Municipal Election on Oct. 15, 2007.

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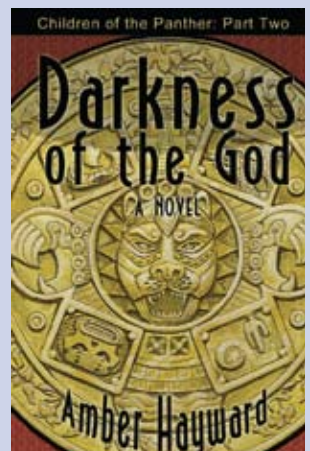
Lola Major BEd '70, DipEd '79
Lea Switzer BEd '76, BAsC '77

Alumni Author

Amber (Bond) Hayward BAsC '71

Darkness of the God

On Oct. 24, 2007, Amber Hayward launched her latest novel, *Darkness of the God*, at the U of L Bookstore. Hayward's first book, *The Healer*, was published in 2002. *Darkness of the God* is the second novel in the trilogy.



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Maurice Forget BA '95

"I developed a knack for writing while at the U of L and have put it to good use! I've been teaching English to business people in Helsinki, Finland, since 2000, and in January 2006, I started my own language company, Voice! Language Services. I just finished my third and fourth books for a UK publisher. I still teach quite a bit, but I have branched off into copywriting and professional seminars. I'm married to a Finn, and we have a son named Jasper."

Janelle McWhirter BMus '95

McWhirter is teaching with the Calgary Board of Education.

Sin Kiat Poh BMgt '95

"I am working as a supply chain manager for Ikea. I joined Ikea shortly after graduating and two years ago I was posted to Shanghai. Work is tough but Shanghai is a great city, and I'm really enjoying myself."

**Candace (Peterson) Purcell BA/BED '98
Leighton Purcell BA '98**

Candace and Leighton were married while attending the U of L. They moved to Calgary where Candace taught elementary school and Leighton worked in the oil and gas industry. In March 2007, they and their two children moved to Charlotte, NC.

Howard Stribbell BA/BED '98, MEd '04

In 2002, Stribbell received an Excellence in Teaching award from Alberta Learning and was featured in an Innovative Practices video series by the University of Lethbridge. He has served as an acting principal, vice-principal and administrative associate in Alberta.

Karen (Basaraba) Zielke BMgt '98

"I got married in Jamaica on April 4, 2006. In December 2006, I completed an MBA in e-business through the University of Phoenix. I am now looking forward to the birth of my first child in October 2007."

Jason Polley BA '99

Polley successfully defended his doctoral dissertation in contemporary American literature and culture at McGill University in December 2006. In September 2007, he assumed an assistant professorship in English language and literature at Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong.

Tina Williamson BMgt '99

"I am moving to Victoria, BC, to pursue an MBA in international business."

'00s

Angela Provost BA '01

Provost is currently completing a master's degree in sociology at the University of Victoria.

Jason Suriano BA '01

Suriano is president and CEO of Hotrocket and its production company, Rocketfuel. His company has become one of just four Canadian companies represented by FOG Studios. Rocketfuel Productions won Most Promising New Company honours at the Canadian New Media awards in 2006.

Sarah Peters BMgt '02

"I am married and just completed my masters certificate in project management. I have been working at Shell Canada Ltd. for seven years as a project manager in the IT department."

Tobias Terrill BMgt '02

Jennifer Neimann-Terrill BSc '00

"I am a senior project manager for a specialized HVAC company based out of Cardston, AB. I handle projects that vary in locations throughout North America. Jennifer is currently at home on the ranch with our two children, Abigayle and Isabella. We also keep busy by helping out with her dad's family ranch."

Tom Thiessen BSc '02

"Hi all! I am living in Auckland, NZ, with my fiancée. We are getting married on Feb. 9, 2008, at One Tree Hill. I am working as a travelling technical supervisor for the NZ Food Safety Authority Verification Agency."

Matthew Bennett BSc '03

Bennett is currently a pharmacy student at the University of Saskatchewan.

Elizabeth Ferguson BA '03, MA '05

Ferguson is a Native student advisor at the University of Lethbridge.

Jim Palfrey BMgt '03

Palfrey is a senior human resources consultant for Peace Country Health in Grande Prairie, AB.

Tara Rutherford BMgt '03

Rutherford is the manager of financial services for Golden Hills School Division No. 75. "It is a big change from my past experiences in the oil and gas industry, but I'm excited for the new challenges that will come along with this move," says Rutherford.

Jayna Valette BMgt '03

"I received my CA designation in November 2006, three years after graduating from U of L."

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Ning Dong BMgt '04

"I work for Vaishnovi Engineers. It is an Indian-based earthmoving equipment company. I just accepted the job offer to be the office manager based in Shanghai."

Kris Fleckenstein BMgt '04

Laura Strilchuk BA '04

"After university, I started working with an accounting firm in Red Deer, AB, and Laura and I got engaged. By the end of 2005, we were living in Edmonton and I began my studies towards an MBA. In July 2006, Laura and I married, and in September, Laura accepted an offer for a full-time teaching job in Red Deer. We relocated back to Red Deer and in early 2007, I was promoted to vice-president of finance. This summer I resigned from my position with the oil and gas company in order to finalize the purchase of a tank truck company. Laura has been awarded a continuous teaching contract in Red Deer, and now I embark on running our own company . . ."

Jackie Basnett BFA/BEd '05

Basnett teaches Grades 4 to 9 language arts at Worsley Central school.

Dave Brady BSc '06

Brady is a video game programmer at Collision Studios.

Catharine DeCosta BMgt '06

DeCosta is the marketing coordinator for the meetings, conventions and incentive travel department for Travel Alberta International.

Meagan Klassen BA '06

"I am currently living in Reading, England,

and working as a learning support assistant with special needs children. I will begin a master's degree in speech language therapy at the University of Reading in October 2007."

Amanda Sapieha BFA '06

"I am working at a construction company on Vancouver Island. I have also been working on recording a CD, and I have done some theatre work too. I will be going back to school next fall to begin an electrical apprenticeship. Life is great out west!"

Qin (Sophie) Xu BMgt '06

"After graduation, I returned to China. I am currently working at Secco Petrochemical Company Ltd. (a joint venture of BP and Sinopec) in Shanghai as an assistant to the chief finance officer. I am also working on my ACCA designation."

Megan Cummins BA/BEd '07

Cummins is teaching at Ecole St. Mary's school in Lethbridge.

Heather Haugen BA/BEd '07

"I am teaching Grades 7 to 9 at Lougheed school. I will be teaching in the same room where I attended Grades 1 to 9. I have come full circle!"

Michael Kavalinas BMgt '07

"This summer I spent five weeks in Europe. I am now working in downtown Calgary as a crude trader and a financial analyst."

Candace McMillen BA '07

McMillen completed an internship at the Museum Conservation Institute, a research Centre for the Smithsonian Institution,

conducting X-ray diffraction analysis of archaeological pottery.

Megan Mericle BFA '07

Mericle completed an internship at the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC, this summer. The Hirshhorn is the institution's museum of modern and contemporary art.

Greta Sittichinli BMgt/BEd '07

"I am working as a college instructor for Aurora College. I began teaching courses for the Indigenous Wellness and Addictions Preventions program in September 2007."

Jon Veale BMgt '07

"I am a graduate student at York University where I am pursuing a master of environmental studies degree. My thesis is currently on the topics of sustainability in urban and regional planning."

Melissa Wall BA '07

"This past summer, I had a rewarding job as a community disabilities worker. This fall, I returned to the U of L to attend the Lethbridge division of the Faculty of Social Work. I believe the four years of education I achieved through the U of L has and will help me complete my next two years of post-secondary education."

Minying Zhang BMgt '07

"I joined Cazenove Asia Limited, an investment bank, as an analyst in the corporate finance department in March 2007. The work is very busy, but I really enjoy it."

IN MEMORIAM

The University of Lethbridge wishes to extend its sincerest condolences to the families and friends of the following alumni:

Hideko (Heidi) Kounosu BA '89 passed away on May 1, 2007.

Jay Albert Kolody BAsc '85 passed away on May 9, 2007.

Glen Alexander BEd '71 passed away on June 20, 2007.

Keitha Lunde BMgt '94 passed away on June 20, 2007.

Norman Shannon BAsc '69 passed away on July 8, 2007.

Linda Englehart BA/BMgt '02 passed away on July 29, 2007.

Diane Dalton BAsc '73 passed away on August 28, 2007.

Robert (Bob) Romeril BAsc '77 passed away on August 30, 2007.

Lorene Bullock BEd '77 passed away on October 16, 2007.

Karen Nicholson BSc '93 passed away on November 5, 2007.

Top 40 Under 40

Ken Boessenkool (BMgt '92) and **Marc Tremblay (BMgt '92)** made the grade on CalgaryInc magazine's annual Top 40 Under 40 list. Boessenkool is vice-president and general manager of Hill & Knowlton Canada. Tremblay is vice-president of Leger Marketing.

Quadruple Happiness

J. P. Jepp (BSc '95) and **Karen (Romanchuk) Jepp (BSc '01)** welcomed identical quadruplet girls into the world on Aug. 12, 2007. The birth of identical quadruplets is an extremely rare event, with chances of one in 13 million. Canada's last identical quads were born in 1982. The Calgary couple also have a 2-year-old son, Simon.

- Autumn Katherine 2 lbs 15 oz
- Brooke Diane 2 lbs 11 oz
- Calissa Kate 2 lbs 12 oz
- Dahlia Brenda 2 lbs 6 oz



Alumni Breakfast at Nexen

Back (l-r): David Kehoe (BMgt '01), U of L Vice-President (University Advancement) Chris Horbachewski, Richard Masson (BMgt '87), Ryan Podrasky (BMgt '99), Mike Kennedy (BMgt '06), U of L Professor Dr. Omill Oloo, Victor Januszewski (BAsc '73), Hope Obin (BMgt '03), Andrew Schnell (BMgt '03), Rory Hinton (BA '04), Mark Lagasse (BMgt '98)

Front (l-r): U of L Faculty of Management Dean Dr. Murray Lindsay, Travis North (BMgt '93), U of L President Dr. Bill Cade, Michelle Gu (BMgt '06), Robert Pitman (BMgt '91)

As part of the University's 40th anniversary celebrations, President Dr. Bill Cade is reconnecting with some of the more than 26,000 alumni around the world. On Sept. 5, 2007, Dr. Cade, Vice-President (University Advancement) Chris Horbachewski and Faculty of Management Dean Dr. Murray Lindsay joined 20 alumni working at Nexen in Calgary for breakfast to learn first-hand about their successes.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

1981: Western Channel



Dr. John McEwen (DFA '07) revisited his sculpture, Western Channel, when he returned to campus in October and was awarded an honorary doctorate in fine arts.



In 1980, artist John McEwen was invited to take part in a sculpture competition marking the opening of the University Centre for the Arts. The result: Western Channel, his first-place design representing the development of west Lethbridge and the University of Lethbridge.

The Western Channel sculpture displays a rolling façade and three life-size canine silhouettes. Since its completion in 1981, the sculpture has become a key exterior component of the Centre for the Arts.

McEwen's inspiration for Western Channel came from his perception of the link between nature and culture with regards to the University. "The U of L allows itself an iconic relationship with its surroundings. One can move out of the University and immediately become part of the landscape. Western Channel mirrors this as the piece allows the observer to break out of themselves and into the world," says McEwen.

The physical characteristics of the sculpture play an important role in this interpretation of the work.

"The silhouette of the animal is very important to the piece because it is thick and cannot be dismissed," says McEwen. "The animal has a momentary lifelikeness that forces our perception of object and subject to become in-

definite. In this sense I wanted to represent the way the structure of the landscape surrounding the University of Lethbridge was both open and closed; it was somewhere in between and in that respect had something that was really quite magical."

Almost 30 years after the construction of Western Channel, McEwen recalls the most memorable moment about the creation of the piece. "I came here and realized that a work of art comes to a conclusion on another level. In this case that level is the invitation to explore the Lethbridge landscape itself. By extension you can say that this sculpture is an exploration of the world," he says.

McEwen returned to Lethbridge in October to be recognized at the fall convocation with an honorary doctorate in fine arts in celebration of his creative contributions to the University and in recognition of his substantial, enduring contributions to Canadian arts.

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