In 1967, Betty (Beer) Hildreth (BA ‘71, BEd ‘73) was thrilled to receive a letter of acceptance from the University of Lethbridge. On Sept. 7 of that year, she travelled to Lethbridge to register for her classes.

“Registration was an all-day process of standing in lines,” recalls Hildreth. “But it was more than an administrative procedure; it represented the opportunity to launch forth on a new course of studies. I had the chance to meet fellow students, University administrators and professors – all of whom were strangers that first week but became familiar faces within a month or two.”

As student enrolment and course offerings grew, in-person registration became an arduous task for both students and employees. By the ‘90s, students were lined up 24 hours in advance to register for their classes. They brought sleeping bags, guitars and even a foosball table to help pass the time.

In 1993, in-person registration was replaced with ULINK, a telephone-based course registration system. A decade later, web-based registration was introduced and, inevitably, ULINK was disconnected in 2006.

Today, Hildreth marvels at the evolution of the registration process as her niece, Angie Davis, is signing-up for her first classes at the U of L this fall via the University’s web site.

1967: A Year of Firsts

“There was something exciting about my first year being the inaugural year of the University. Perhaps, in part, it was because of that ‘pioneering spirit’ of rural southern Alberta.”

Betty Hildreth (BA ‘71, BEd ‘73)
Dear U of L Alumni:

Welcome to the spring 2007 issue of the Journal.

Let me start off by saying, “Happy Birthday!” In 2007, the University of Lethbridge – your university – turned 40, and we have a lot to celebrate.

In February, we launched our 40th anniversary celebrations at the grand opening of the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness. More than 2,000 people joined us, including Lieutenant-Governor Norman Kwong and his wife, Mary; former Reform Party leader Preston Manning; Lethbridge-West MLA Clive Dundford; and Lethbridge Mayor Bob Tarleck. This was a grand opening for a marvelous facility. We share some highlights from the evening on the following pages.

Our anniversary celebrations have continued throughout the spring and will culminate this fall at an alumni and friends homecoming. I extend a personal invitation to you to return to your alma mater on October 12, 13 and 14 and rekindle friendships, reconnect with your former professors and reminisce about your U of L days. It is my sincere hope that you will join us.

In this special 40th anniversary issue of the Journal, we take a look back and pay tribute to the institution’s past and the many people who have made the University of Lethbridge what it is today. Past U of L presidents — Drs. Russell Leskiw, W. A. Sam Smith, William Beckel, John Woods and Howard Tennant — and founding Board of Governors members Dr. Van Christou were kind enough to invite the Journal into their homes and share their memories with us. We are delighted to bring snippets of their stories to you. I thank Van, Russell, Sam, Bill, John and Howard for telling their stories and making this a keepsake issue of the Journal. If you would like to read their stories in their entirety, please visit www.ulethbridge.ca.

Also in this issue, we are proud to share the accomplishments of our students and alumni as well as the great strides the University continues to make in teaching, research and creative achievement. Fellow alumna Dr. Shawn Bubel (BSc ’96) is doing some outstanding work uncovering the past. Alumni Dan Laplante (BMgt ’88), Dean Setoguchi (BMgt ’89) and Kevin Nugent (BMgt ’88) share their time, talent and treasury with the University and demonstrate the “power of 25” in a remarkable way. This spring is also a time of “farewells” and “greetings” as outstanding work uncovering the past. Alumni Dan Laplante (BMgt ’88), Dean Setoguchi (BMgt ’89) and Kevin Nugent (BMgt ’88) share their time, talent and treasury with the University and demonstrate the “power of 25” in a remarkable way. This spring is also a time of “farewells” and “greetings” as we thank outgoing Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Siamus O’Shea and Chancellor Emeritus Shirley Dellow for the significant contributions they have made to the University, and we welcome incoming Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Andy Hakin and Chancellor-Elect Richard Davidson.

Once again, I encourage you to come home to your university in October. I look forward to celebrating with you.

Bill Cade, PhD
President and Vice-Chancellor
Professor of Biological Sciences
1st Choice Savings Centre
GRAND OPENING

The University officially launched its 40th anniversary celebrations at the grand opening of the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness on Feb. 8. The sold-out event brought out more than 2,000 people who were there not only to show support, but also share in an evening of entertainment. The program showcased a variety of talented people who use the 1st Choice Savings Centre and included performances in everything from ballroom dancing to climbing. This milestone event provided a chance to celebrate what the University has accomplished in 40 years while looking forward to the U of L’s bright future.

Top: The U of L women’s basketball team
Right: U of L honorary degree recipient Dr. Susan Agulark (DFA ’04) was among the musical highlights of the evening.
Bottom: U of L Singers

Community Partnerships Built 1st Choice Savings Centre

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 together towards a common goal.

The state-of-the-art facility enhances fitness and recreation services in southern Alberta, benefits students, athletes and community members, and advances kinesiology-related research. The building would not exist without community partnerships. Thanks to a $2.5 million donation from the student body, a $5.3 million contribution from the City of Lethbridge and a $2.25 million pledge from 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union Ltd., the dream of a new centre became a reality.

Above (l-r): City of Lethbridge Mayor Bob Tarleck, 1st Choice Savings President and CEO Gerry Jensen, U of L 2006/2007 Students’ Union President Dustin Fuller and U of L President Dr. Bill Cade celebrated the grand opening of the new facility.

The new mascot is a 40th anniversary gift to the University. Emerging from a giant gift box, the mascot was greeted with fireworks and cheers from an enthusiastic crowd.

Top left: U of L cheerleaders
Bottom left: Elementary ballet program
Top right: Canadian icon Ian Tyson performed his legendary Land of Shining Mountains among other songs.

Tour the 1st Choice Savings Centre during the homecoming weekend Oct. 12 to 14. Contact the Alumni Relations office for more information. Call (403) 317-2835 or e-mail alumni@uleth.ca.
Milestones for the Men’s Hockey Team

The Pronghorn men’s hockey team finished the Canada West (CW) season with the second-best record in the team’s history. Head Coach Greg Gatto (BA/Ed ’00) was honoured as CW coach of the year and players Jay Langager, Mark Shefchyk and Devin Featherstone were named to the CW hockey all-star teams. Langager was recognized as the conference’s most valuable player, outstanding defenceman and the player who best combined athletic ability, academics and community involvement, while Shefchyk was honoured as the conference’s outstanding freshman and leading scorer. Langager and Shefchyk were also named as the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men’s hockey player of the year and rookie of the year, respectively.

The Prentice Family Funds New Institute

The late John Prentice (LLD ’06) and his wife, Connie, donated a minimum of $8 million to the University of Lethbridge to launch the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy. The institute will hire outstanding academics to study the expected changes in global populations and the impacts of those changes on aging and decline in an economic context. This research will inform the decisions of individuals, organizations and governments. The Prentices’ endowment is the largest individual donation in the U of L’s history, and it will enable the University to attract top researchers to the multidisciplinary institute.
CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Looking to the Future
Planned Giving

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Aniversaries provide the opportunity to celebrate accomplishments and mark milestones of achievement. In this, the University of Lethbridge’s 40th anniversary year, I am particularly proud of our current success through the Legacy of Leadership campaign.

When we launched this campaign in 2005, we set our sights high. Today, we are seeing current success through the Legacy of Leadership campaign.

Lorne Akl
Chair, Legacy of Leadership
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It’s been 40 years since the University of Lethbridge first opened its doors to the southern Alberta community. To celebrate this important milestone, we are hosting a homecoming weekend on October 12 to 14.

We invite all alumni and friends of the University to return to campus and join us for Homecoming 2007. This weekend is your chance to reminisce with classmates, catch up with former faculty and rediscover your favourite places on campus.

Homecoming 2007 will feature a variety of exciting reunion events including faculty receptions, campus tours, fall convocation, a faculty artists and friends concert, and much more. And of course, join your classmates at the special reunion dinner and dance on Saturday, Oct. 13.

For further information and details about Homecoming 2007, visit www.ulethbridge.ca/alumni

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In 1966, a government announcement proclaimed Lethbridge as the site of Alberta’s third university, and the final steps were taken to turn a dream into reality. The highly debated and much-anticipated University of Lethbridge was the culmination of five years of effort by local citizens.

1966>

The University of Lethbridge’s 40th anniversary is a time to reflect on the University’s past, the foundation the institution was built on and the many people who have contributed to the emergence of Canada’s most vital and engaging learning environment.

We take a look back in this special 40th anniversary issue of the Journal.

DR. VAN CHRISTOU
Board Member, 1967-1973
Chancellor, 1975-1979

Dr. Van Christou, a local orthodontist and Chair of the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce, was foremost among the spokespeople for a university in Lethbridge.

“My major interest in having a university in Lethbridge stemmed from my belief that having an educated public is a very important part of having a democracy. I believed then, and still do today, that education is the most important thing in our society. It is the foundation for a democracy. It is the hope for humanity.”

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Looking back, they were exciting times, and we faced many challenges. The first issue I had to deal with as acting president was a conflictual situation in which the community as a whole was engaged. The University of Lethbridge Junior College strongly supported the formation of a University of Lethbridge. At the same time, there were stalwarts on the college board and administration who felt that there should be one institution continuing as it had. There were supporting factions in the community for both points of view.

One of the first steps we took to resolve this situation was to establish an independent administrative operation for the University, including a separate location from the college administration. We rented a corner of the science building, operated independently and embarked immediately on planning the university program for September 1967.

Dr. Russell Leskiw assumed his position as acting president of the University of Lethbridge on Jan. 1, 1967 – the same day the University of Lethbridge officially came into existence. At the time of his appointment, Leskiw was a 38-year-old southern Alberta high school inspector working out of Calgary, and he had recently completed his Ph.D. at the University of Oregon. As the leader of a highly debated and anticipated university, Leskiw was embarking on a new, exciting and challenging journey. During his six-month presidency, Leskiw planted the University’s roots and helped set the institution on course for its future.

On July 1, 1967, Dr. W. A. Sam Smith commenced his appointment as the first president of the University of Lethbridge. At the time, Smith was 37 years old and hailed from the University of Alberta where he was a professor of psychology. Over the years, Smith and his five-year presidency – a time that he describes as “radical, exuberant and wonderful” – have become a University of Lethbridge legend. Although there were many great institutional victories, highlights and successes during Smith’s presidency, the sense of community that lives on at the heart of the University of Lethbridge is his greatest legacy. And even now, 40 years later, Smith remains true to his steadfast value of “people first.”

The first Board of Governors took office.

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Following the University’s first convocation ceremony at Southminster United Church, more than 500 students, faculty and community members held a protest march in support of the U of L’s autonomy in the decision to locate the campus on the west side of Lethbridge. After a lengthy and often emotional debate, a decision was made to relocate the campus from the college site to a new west side location.

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On Sept. 5, university supporters turned out in droves at a ceremony on the west bank of the Oldman River, where Premier Harry Strom turned the sod for the new University of Lethbridge campus.

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“When I came to the U of L, I brought with me the conviction that university education should be accessible to a wide range of students who come from different backgrounds and different accomplishments. By this, I meant anyone who would become a more interesting and useful person because of a liberal education.

“... The Board of Governors hired the architectural firm of Erickson & Massey to develop the University’s master plan. We were all very happy with the details and design of the first building. It was magnificent. I liked the location of the first major building in the coulees, that it made a fantastic statement and wasn’t a series of small buildings. It suited the Prairies and design of the first building. It was

When Dr. William (Bill) Becket began his term as president of the University of Lethbridge on Jan. 1, 1972, he was already an important part of the institution’s history. Becket served as the U of L’s first vice-president (academic) from 1968 to 1972 and was acting president in 1971. The 1970s were a decade of growth and change for the newly established university. Construction of University Hall – a project Becket played a lead role in – was completed and the University moved from the Lethbridge Junior College site to its new west-side home; enrolments climbed and program offerings were expanded. With a strong foundation already established by his predecessors, Becket led the University of Lethbridge on the next stage of its journey as the institution became recognized as one of the most exciting learning environments in Canada.

In 1979, Dr. John Woods, a philosopher and founding dean of humanities at the University of Calgary, began his term as president of the University of Lethbridge. During his presidency, Woods acted upon his vision of the University as an institution of outstanding academic quality and standards, and sought faculty appointments of the highest quality. He presided over the building of the Centre for the Arts and the Max Bell Regional Aquatic Centre, and the University of Lethbridge Art Collection grew at an unprecedented rate. In 1986, Woods returned to his first love – teaching. He remained an esteemed faculty member at the University of Lethbridge until 2002, and he continues to serve the U of L as an adjunct professor.

“Beyond question – the staggering success we had in acquiring the foundational gifts of an amazing collection of art is the most significant achievement of the University while I was in that office. I am enormously tickled to have played some little role in it. It was a considerable challenge, and it paid off gorgeously. But the enduring accomplishment that I associate myself within the context of the University of Lethbridge is being part of its teaching staff. I have never been in a university that has given me more intellectual stimulation than the University of Lethbridge. The bulk of that intellectual stimulation came from my classes. Virtually everything that I’ve published began as classroom notes. Everything that I’ve published bears the imprint of student response. Over the years, I have come to the view that the single most important thing that a university can do is to teach students well. If that happens, there is no greater satisfaction in professional life.”

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“A key thing for a university in its teaching, research, scholarship and performance is that it be an innovator. I believe the University of Lethbridge is an innovator.

We are continuously innovating, and our research, teaching, scholarship and creative achievement are in balance. In the 13 years that I was president, we had three substantial budget cuts, and on each occasion we grew, expanded and were better at the end of the period. We established financial stability, retained good faculty and built enrolment. We also changed the image of the institution from an undergraduate teaching university to a full-fledged research university with a defined mission. Once we started to shake that up we started to find success. One of the things that I’m happiest with is that people now refer to the three research universities in Alberta – the universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge.”

When Dr. Howard Tennant became president of the University of Lethbridge in 1987, the institution was experiencing challenging times. Post-secondary institutions across Alberta were feeling the effects of the recession and budget cuts. During his 13-year presidency, Tennant’s leadership, energy and unwavering commitment to excellence revitalized and transformed the University. By 2000, the U of L was leading the way in administrative systems, financial administration, computer networks and technology; Student enrolment tripled; the campus expanded; and new program offerings were introduced, including additional master’s programs and a PhD program. The University of Lethbridge had emerged as a North American leader in science research and was well poised for the next chapter of its journey.

Dr. Bill Cade was appointed president of the University of Lethbridge in July 2000. Currently serving his second five-year term, Cade has overseen the development of many significant initiatives at the University of Lethbridge, including a five-year strategic plan and the launch of the institution’s largest capital campaign. Throughout his presidency, Cade has proudly served as the University’s chief ambassador, and he continues to build and strengthen community relations at local, provincial and national levels. Although the University of Lethbridge has grown considerably and much has changed over the last 40 years, the institution remains grounded in liberal education and committed to providing its students with small classes, a personal experience and the most vital and engaging learning environment in Canada.

There is a very personal, one-on-one atmosphere at the U of L today. Although there are about 7,000 students on the Lethbridge campus now, the classes are still small. Professors know you by name, and they really care about their students. It’s a ‘Call me until about 10 p.m. tonight if you have questions or want to discuss anything,’ type of relationship. You just don’t get that at most universities in Canada.”

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Dr. Howard Tennant
President, 1987 – 2000

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This spring, in his 31st year of service to the U of L, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost Dr. Séamus O’Shea will step down from his current position and return to the ranks of faculty. Reputedly the longest-serving academic vice-president in Canada, O’Shea stands as a testament to the opportunities that a university education can provide.

Born and raised in southeast Ireland, O’Shea came to Canada in 1967 to pursue his PhD at McMaster University. “I found many of the things I expected to find in Canada, a very diverse population, the wonderful hinterland outside the city and great opportunity,” recalls O’Shea.

What O’Shea had not expected to find was a career that would transform his life. After working as a chemistry professor at the U of L for 13 years, O’Shea accepted his current position as vice-president in 1991. “I had my reservations about my capabilities for the position, but I believed in the academic institution and was totally committed to doing what I could to help the University succeed. Still, it’s a good thing I didn’t know how complicated and difficult the job was before I started,” says O’Shea.

It did not take long for O’Shea’s passion for post-secondary education to have a positive impact at the University. During O’Shea’s years in administration, the U of L expanded undergraduate programs, added graduate programs and grew into a world-class research institution. “My job as VP has primarily been behind the scenes, so my satisfaction has come from seeing other people’s success. I’m immensely proud of what the people at the U of L have been able to accomplish. The range and quality of research and education at the University are excellent,” says O’Shea.

O’Shea’s long-standing commitment to the U of L has allowed him to witness the University’s evolution first-hand. He explains that in earlier times, many people viewed universities as retreats from society, places to go away, sit quietly and think. While today’s universities still play a reflective role, they are much more engaged with society’s needs with respect to both education and research.

Speaking about the students who attend U of L, O’Shea says little has changed. “Our current students are products of their own generation, but you know, young people are young people. They’re growing up and exploring the world. They may superficially look different, but they’re just trying to find their way—that’s how we were and that’s how they are.”

O’Shea admits that his calendar is going to be a lot simpler once he leaves his administrative post, but he has no intention to stop learning. “I think the secret to staying alive intellectually is to go out, hunt for new things that you’ve never tried and then do them. I will continue to work on the provincial initiatives that I am involved with, and I plan on refreshing my interest and research related to science,” says O’Shea.

As O’Shea prepares for a new chapter in his career at the U of L, he hopes that the University will continue to keep the spirit of mutual respect and assistance as an underlying theme. “I obtained a university education through the kindness of strangers, and I’ve done what I could to pass that favour on. The University represents our community’s intention to provide opportunities for people. As long as the U of L continues to agree on that community mission, I know they will do just fine,” says O’Shea.
Dr. Shawn Bubel (BSc ’96) doesn’t mind getting dirty. In fact, digging through layers of sand, dirt and silt (often in 100 degree temperatures) is her absolute favourite thing to do.

Bubel is an archaeologist by profession and by passion. She has worked on excavation sites in Turkey, Israel, Egypt, Poland, Belgium and Canada, unearthing all kinds of artifacts – from the pottery of ancient civilizations to bone remnants at bison kill sites in southern Alberta.

“Anytime I can be in the field is exciting,” says Bubel. “I love digging. There’s anticipation with every scrape of the trowel – am I going to find something here? It’s painstaking work, and sometimes it’s frustrating. You can dig and dig and find nothing at all. But when you do, the thrill of it makes all the effort worth it.”

Bubel earned her undergraduate degree at the U of L, augmenting her education with hands-on experience at the University’s field school in Israel. It was here that Bubel’s fervour for the ancient sites of the Near East (1800 – 700 BC) first was ignited – an affinity that she still carries today and fortunately has plenty of opportunity to exercise: she is now in charge of the field school where she once was a student. “I love the complexity of a multi-layered site,” she says of the time period. “They are huge analytical puzzles.”

Research and field projects currently on Bubel’s plate include: the 2,500-year-old Fincastle bison kill site in southern Alberta; a 4,500-year-old site in Purple Springs; the ongoing excavation of the multi-occupation biblical site at Tel Beth Shemesh in Israel; experimental work on the displacement of artifacts due to plants, animals and post-depositional processes such as freeze/thaw cycles; examining the taphonomic processes responsible for etching on bone and testing bone breakage patterns.

Students in Bubel’s Archaeology 3000 and 3300 classes accompany her to Fincastle and/or Israel for six weeks each summer, garnering a level of practical experience and expertise rarely offered through other undergraduate programs. “I take great pride in teaching my students hands-on skills and techniques,” she says. “They really can feel confident walking into any company after that knowing they can do the work.”

Bubel taught her first course at the U of L in 1997 and accepted a full-time position in July 2000 after completing a master’s degree at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium). At the end of her post-secondary career, Bubel had earned a multidisciplinary bachelor of science degree in archaeology, geography and anthropology – a combination of disciplines that was unheard of at Canadian universities in the ‘90s, an MA in Eastern Mediterranean archaeology and a PhD in geoarchaeology.

Today, no matter what country or time period in which Bubel finds herself immersed, she is keenly connected to her work and believes strongly in the importance of digging up the past. “Understanding where we have been is fundamental in understanding where we are now and where we are going,” she says. “It’s very humbling to be face to face with another century and recognize all that humanity has achieved to get where we are today.”
Dan Laplante (BMgt '88), Kevin Nugent (BMgt '88) and Dean Setoguchi (BMgt '89) are well respected, successful businessmen in Calgary, but they remain deeply committed to the University of Lethbridge. All three are enthusiastic to share about their past U of L experiences and in fact, credit the management education they received as the catalyst for their successes. Because of their gratitude, Laplante, Nugent and Setoguchi decided to celebrate the Faculty of Management’s 25th anniversary this year in a unique way. In February they came up with the idea to recruit at least 25 U of L alumni to support the University in any way they can. Setoguchi explains that when alumni contribute to the U of L, it makes a powerful statement to the community, government and corporations because it shows that the University already has a strong foundation of people who believe in the institution. “It’s a lot easier to ask others to give when you’ve given yourself. If alumni don’t show leadership, how can we expect others to give?” adds Laplante.

In conversations with alumni, Laplante, Nugent and Setoguchi emphasize the importance of giving back. “Many of the U of L projects were funded by people before we ever came to the University. Without those people ahead of us, we wouldn’t have had the same benefits we experienced. Everyone has an obligation to give something back to the next generation – for our University, for the city and for Alberta,” says Setoguchi.

Hearing the passion the three have for the project is contagious and inevitably, the alumni they’ve talked to want to participate. “I knew that a lot of alumni had passion for the U of L, but I underestimated the intensity,” says Laplante. With 10 people already committed, Laplante, Nugent and Setoguchi are confident they will meet their goal.

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While Laplante, Nugent and Setoguchi are excited about contributing to the Markin Building, they want to see alumni find their own unique ways to give. With opportunities to support everything from scholarships to arts, they believe there is a place for all alumni to participate.

They also emphasize that giving financially is just one way to show support. Nugent explains that committing time and talent or sharing positive U of L experiences are all ways alumni can play a vital role in the success of the University. “When you have an institution like the University of Lethbridge and you combine that with a base of alumni who are motivated and emotionally engaged, it can only equal success,” says Laplante.

Ultimately Laplante, Nugent and Setoguchi are connecting with alumni and encouraging them, wherever they are in their journeys, to remain involved with the University long past the days they walked the halls. “Supporting the University gives you the opportunity to play a part in something pretty special. Quite frankly, it feels good to give,” says Laplante.

For more information about how you can contribute, please contact University Advancement at (403) 329-2481 or e-mail: advancement@uleth.ca.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As the University of Lethbridge celebrates its 40th anniversary this year, it is fitting to recall that the Alumni Association has been around for almost as long. In fact, the Alumni Association was founded in 1968, before the University had any alumni. Graduates of other universities were eligible to become members of the association until such time as the University began generating graduates of its own. Fortunately, this did not take very long. Today, we have more than 25,000 alumni living and working around the world. The Alumni Association owes its years of service to the many dedicated alumni and friends of the University who have generously volunteered their time over the years. To recognize the leadership provided by the association’s past presidents, we held a ceremony in their honour last December. Again, I would like to thank the past presidents for their years of service and great foresight: Hugh Arnold, R. Douglas Hall, Stan Sawicki, H. Lynn Stuckey (BED ’69), John Fulwider (BED ’69), Catherine Khan (BED ’72, BASc ’77), Jessie Snow (BASc ’71, BED ’72, Dip Ed ’81), Dr. Richard Mrazek (BASc/BEd ’79), Craig Whitehead (BASc ’81, BED ’90), Marija Boh (BN ’83), Shaun Ward (BED ’71, BASc ’72), Richard Paetzik (BASc ’76), Randall Spohn (BMgt ’88), Jill Kotkas (BED ’77), Art Ferrari (BASc ’72), Geri Hecker (BMgt ’89), Ken McInnes (BA ’91, BMgt ’97, Mgt Cert ’92) and Doug McArthur (Mgt Cert ’90).

We can also be proud of the many alumni of this university who are recognized for their contributions to their communities and professions. On May 30, we will recognize six alumni by inducting them into the Alumni Honour Society. This year’s recipients are: Dale Butterwick (BASc ’72), Kate Connolly (BED ’98), Leslie Lavers (BASc ’78), Dr. Helen Manyfingers (BEd ’78, LL.D ’92), Alexander (Sandy) McKay (BASc ’74) and Sylvia Oishi (BASc ’82). I encourage you to attend our celebration to congratulate the inductees and to visit with your fellow alumni.

In closing, as I look ahead to the next 40 years, it is clear that the sky is truly the limit to what your University and fellow alumni can accomplish. Fiat lux!

John M. Gill BA ’94, LLB President, Alumni Association University of Lethbridge

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Homecoming 2007 is officially set for October 12 to 14. Mark you calendars, get in touch with your friends and be sure to make campus your place to meet this fall! There are a variety of events already planned for the weekend, including the alumni dinner and dance on Oct. 13. If you are interested in organizing a class event, please contact our office for assistance. For information and updates on the homecoming, check out the alumni web site at: www.ulethbridge.ca/alumni and watch your mailbox this summer for a full registration package. See you in October!

Jaimie Morasch BMgt ’01 Alumni Relations Officer (403) 317-2825 alumni@uleth.ca

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The Violent Woman as a New Theatrical Character Type: Cases From Canadian Drama

Dr. Shelley Scott (BA ’86), an alumna and faculty member of the U of L Department of Theatre and Dramatic Arts, is a law-abiding citizen with an intellectual curiosity about bad girls. “I’m interested in women who defy expectations and make us question what we think women are capable of,” says Scott.

Scott’s first book, The Violent Woman as a New Theatrical Character Type: Cases From Canadian Drama, examines plays written by Canadian women playwrights about real-life women whose violent crimes defied gender stereotypes. “There is a tendency to view women as being more gentle, nurturing and maternal than men. When we hear about a woman who has committed a violent act, we are often as disturbed by the fact that she is a woman as the act itself. We wonder how she can be a woman and a criminal at the same time. Each of the plays in the book deals with a different aspect of that question,” says Scott.

The book’s examination of the perceptions of the violent woman character is informed by a great deal of research. In addition to reading the plays, theatrical reviews and relevant academic writing, Scott considered how the performances of the plays contributed to their meaning. The Violent Woman as a New Theatrical Character Type is a continuation of Scott’s research interest in feminist theatre, women playwrights and Canadian women playwrights. Scott hopes that the book will promote the plays it discusses and draw attention to the gender issues it addresses. “I want to contribute to the whole question of exploring gender and attributing a full range of humanity to women. Being human means that you can commit the darkest possible acts as well as the most uplifting,” says Scott.

The Violent Woman as a New Theatrical Character Type: Cases From Canadian Drama, has just been published by The Edwin Mellen Press. Look for Scott’s book on the University Bookstore’s faculty author wall in the near future.

For more information, or to make changes to your record, please contact the Alumni office at (403) 317-2825.
Karen Brownlee BSc ’76

The Sakura Tree

Brownlee, a full-time practicing artist, has illustrated a children's book called The Sakura Tree. The delicate watercolors for The Sakura Tree combine elements and subjects of traditional Japanese brush painting and woodblock prints with western watercolour techniques. This book shares the meaning of family and home and provides a magical exploration of Japanese culture in Canada.

60s

Rhoda Joseph BASc ’86, BMgt ’98

“I recently finished a master’s degree in marital and family therapy at Loma Linda University. My daughter Mandi graduated from high school and entered college in fall 2006.”

Carol Watson BASc ’88

“I am currently a senior IT manager at National Instruments in Austin, TX. I am also an award winning photographer who won the 2005 International Photography Award for New Discovery of the Year. My web site: http://www.lostcanuck.com.”

Christine (Dawson) Lee BMgt ’89

“I married Dave and have a step-daughter, Kayla, I have been working at Lethbridge School District #51 for the last eight years. Prior to that I was with Dawson Benzon and Partners CA, where I received my chartered accountant designation. I also hold a certified school business official (CSBO) designation. Currently, I am vice-president of the Association of School Business Officials of Alberta.”

90s

Lee Ann De Cocq BN ’90

After graduating from the U of L, De Cocq obtained a law degree at the University of Calgary and was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 2000. She is now an associate lawyer at Pettersen and Purvis LLP in Lethbridge.

Susan Lovell BEd ’90

“I had a baby girl, Hope, in July 2006 and am currently on maternity leave. I will return to teaching Grades 1 and 2 in the fall of 2007. I am also a trained reading recovery teacher. I work with individual Grade 1 students who need an extra boost with learning to read.”

60s

Roger Hie’ BEd ’68

“I retired from teaching in 2000 but I am still employed with Lethbridge School District #51 as a substitute teacher. I have two children, Chad, a nurse at the Lethbridge Regional Hospital, and Tyler, a lawyer in Calgary. Chad and Gina (Martin) have two children, Rhose and Hayden, Tyler and Justyna (Sarna) have a boy, Oliver. My sons and their wives are also graduates of the U of L.”

“I am very proud to be one of the alumni from the first graduating class of the U of L. Your wonderful president referred to us as the ‘silver prohombres’. I sure hope the U of L recognizes our courageous contribution as the early pion- eers in what has become a highly-regarded institution of higher learning, especially in the field of education.”

20s

Mayleen Moors BEd ’77

“I am hoping to hear from any of you who were in the art department...and any resident friends.”

Edward Bader BFA ’79

“For the past 20 years I have been active as an artist exhibiting throughout Alberta. I received a MAP in drawing/painting from the University of Calgary in 1993. Since 1999, I have been a full-time instructor in drawing, painting, new media and art history at Grande Prairie Regional College. I have just completed an interdisciplinary MA in popular culture, with distinction, from Brock University in St. Catharines, ON.”

20s

Mona Harris BEd ’93

Harris is teaching a specialized kindergarten program at Central School in Brooks, AB.

Lori Pinnell BMgt ’85

Pinnell is taking a master’s degree in transper- sonal psychology from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, CA.

80s

Joanna Lusk BASc ’89

“I have been working as a para-ordinator with the Lethbridge Community Living Association. I am currently working part time with the Lethbridge Community Living Association. I can be reached at j.lusk.petal@gmail.com.”

80s

Yung Shing Bmgf ’91

Shing is the director of corporate services for the town of Fernie, BC.

Brian Summerfield BMgt ’91

“I married Kathy more than 10 years ago and we have two wonderful children. I am currently president and CEO of Metropolitan Credit Adjusters Ltd, a national debt recovery firm headquartered in Edmonton.”

Memorese Walter BEd ’91, MEd ’04

“I am living in an acreage near Edmonton and working for a software company that deals with education related software. Now I teach the teachers. The last couple of years I have been travelling whenever possible and hope to continue to do so in the future.”

Doug Ford BMgt ’93

“I am currently living in Xian, China, teaching English at the Sianuan University and loving it! Xian is the historical home of most of the Chinese dynasties and of the terracotta warriors. China is an unbelievable place filled with paradox – poverty, splendor, squallor, oppor- tunity and opulence!”

Lori Harsem BA ’93

“Duane and I are excited to be expecting our first child together – due this summer. I’m still working at the Gaff Museum, and Duane recently started an act as an outreach coordinator, with the Lethbridge & District Alberta Community Living Association. Long lost friends can get in touch with either of us at: duane.petulsh@gmail.com.”

Larry Randle BA ’93

Randle is the director of corporate services for the town of Fernie, BC.

Lynnette Dezall BA/BEd ’94

“After teaching Grade 4 and music for four years in Calgary, I became a stay-at-home mom. After living in Calgary for 10 years, we decided to try small town living. We now have three wonderful children, two of which I home school. I love being able to teach my kids at home and see them blossom in their learning environment. I am also involved with our town’s public library as the Chair of the board. I love learning and hope I can pass that on to our children.”

Trace Ttoosh-Bak BSc ’86/BEd ’98

“After returning to my hometown of Grande Prairie, AB, I began my teaching career at the same high school where I had graduated from. I taught math for eight years until my husband took a transfer to New Zealand in late 2004. We have been living in the ‘sunshine state’ for the past few years and we keep busy, I have been teaching junior high math and science part time at a small rural school near our home.”

Jennifer McDonald BA/BEd ’97

McDonald is teaching for the Toronto District School Board.

Tim Gordon BA ’98

Stephanie (Mcintosh) Gordon BA ’98

“We have been married for four years. Stephanie McIntosh for six years. Eight years after graduation, I have returned to school. I am attending the U of C to obtain a degree in education.”

40s

Larry Hotz, MD ’86

Larry Hotz is a family physician in Calgary, AB.

CHARLES B. ROY PH.D.

Roy Phillips BA ’99

Phillips is the president and general manager of Allied International – an international moving and relocation service company in Calgary, AB.

David Whian BA ’99

Karl (Giesbrecht) Whan BA ’97

David is teaching in Boyerhill, AB. In 2001, he graduated with a BEd in secondary education (social studies and international and intercul- tural education). Kari is teaching in Coldlake, AB. She also graduated in 2001 with a BEd in visual and performing arts (generalist).

10s

Terri-Lynn Fox BA ’00, MA ’05

“I am currently employed with the Alberta Mental Health Board as an Aboriginal coordi- nator. I also teach introductory sociology at Lethbridge College. My four children are grow- ing like weeds, and they keep me on my feet and keep me lauging a lot! Good things hap- pen when you work hard and have faith!”

Shaye Kozachenko BASc ’00

Kozachenko is working for the provincial and federal government as well as Elections Canada.

Miya Turnbull BFA ’00

Turnbull’s first Atlantic Canada solo exhibi- tion, Inside Out, was held at the Craig Gallery, Summerside, P.E.I. In 2010, Miya Turnbull’s exhibit included self-portrait masks built out of photograph reconstituted over a paper mache mold.

ALUMNI HONOUR

On Feb. 20, 2007, it was announced that 2002 distinguished alumni of the year Dr. Austin Mardon (BA ’85) and Joan Stebbins (BFA ’79) have been appointed as members of the Order of Canada.

Don Chandler (BSc ’73) was appointed a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta.

Sylvia Oishi (BASc ’82) received the 2007 Lethbridge YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Social Advocacy.

Several students, alumni and even a faculty member were winners at the Chinook Zone One-Act Play Festival. All five of the plays were written by Mark Mason (BFA/BEd ’04) who won the Best Original Play Award for Mint Corn. Questions is the only play to advance to the Lethbridge and long-time director with another performer for the best actress award.

Would you like to be added to the alumni e-mail list? Yes No

ALUMNI HONOUR

On June 1, 2007, Terry Royer (BSc ’70) received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University of Lethbridge. Royer has made substantial contributions to society in business, public service and philathropy. He is currently the executive chairman of Roco Hotels, a company based in Calgary, AB, a company and has a more than 30-year track record of success in the hotel and hospitality industry. An alumnum of the University of Saskatchewan, Royer is involved in a host of community organizations in Lethbridge and Calgary.
Greg Blair  BFA ’02
Blair’s work was featured in the Nature/Nurture exhibit at Presentation College’s Wein Gallery in Aberdeen, SD. The artwork commented on issues ranging from gender to our relationship with nature in contemporary culture.

Jacob Henninger  BMgr ’04
Henninger is in his third and final year of law school at the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Conor Lunt  BMgr ’04
Lunt passed the uniform evaluation (UFE) in September 2006 to qualify as a chartered accountant.

Bobbilie Copeland  BA ’05
Copeland is an administrator at Constructive Media Inc. in Vancouver, BC.

Maria Heois  BMgr ’05
“I have recently moved to Vancouver to take a position with the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Working in the accreditation department has been exciting and challenging. I am slowly adapting to the constant rain rather than wind!”

Cheryl Arelis  MS ’06
“Upon defending my thesis, I bought a new dressage horse and have been working on my goal to compete at a more advanced level. Otherwise, I am taking care of our cats and dogs, as well as our three children (who still live at home). I am trying to take a break from the intensity of studying.”

Matthew Berriigan  BA/Bed ’06
Berriigan has been named Foothills Division School District’s finalist for the Edwin Perry Award – handed out annually by the Council on Alberta Teaching Standards to the best new teachers in the province. Berriigan is currently teaching Grade 5 at Cayley School.

Berrigan Mittchard  Mgt Cert ’06
“I recently had major heart surgery and am focusing on my recovery. I plan on attending the U of L again in September 2007 to complete my general management degree.”

Tatsuya Nogami  BA ’06
“I am working on a master’s degree in social psychology at Nagoya University. I have tons of papers to read for my master’s research proposal, but I really enjoy my school life here.”

Darryl Turner  Bed ’06
Turner is the director of information technology and process improvement for Liquor Stores GP Inc.

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In Memoriam

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

Bernice Eldon  Bed ’91
passed away on November 6, 2006.

Alice Daub  BAs ’86
passed away on December 2, 2006.

Ronald Moline  Bed ’88
passed away on December 30, 2006.

Inger Tetzlaff  Bed ’72
passed away on January 24, 2007.

Boyd Lacey  BMgr ’03

Ruth Jensen  Bed ’84
passed away on February 14, 2007.

John Prentice  LLB ’06
passed away on March 9, 2007. Prentice was an agribusiness entrepreneur, philanthropist and honorary degree recipient from the U of L.

Prentice came to Canada in 1959 from the United Kingdom, where he was born in 1936, attended school, served in the military and worked at his family’s grain merchant business. He attended Olds College in central Alberta, worked on several farms and, after furthering his education at the University of Alberta, started Standard Hog Farms, a business that he grew to a point where, in 1987, he was able to turn it into a jointly owned corporation with a full-time manager and began a new career in the cattle feeding business. He was well known as a source of advice to many about both agriculture and business.

In late 2006, Prentice and his family announced the founding of the Prentice Institute for Global Population and Economy at the U of L. The multidisciplinary, cross-faculty institute will research big-picture issues relating to global population change, demographics, and economic factors as they relate to global population change.

Call for Nominations

The U of L Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the 2007 Distinguished Alumni/Aломина of the Year award.

This award recognizes the truly outstanding accomplishments of living University of Lethbridge alumni who have earned national or international prominence as a result of their exceptional professional achievements and/or service to society.

This year’s honour will be recognized during the homecoming celebrations in October.

To nominate an individual, contact the Alumni Relations office by calling: (403) 317-2825 or e-mail: alumni@uleth.ca.

To download a nomination form or to read about past recipients, visit the alumni website at http://alumni.uleth.ca/alumni.