Dear Martha,

So much has happened since you last heard from the Alumni Office. We had a record attendance at Homecoming this year, celebrating TKD, DSP, Club, the Class of 1962, and the LETU music groups. A special thanks goes to the Development Staff, the Alumni and Parent Councils, and Student Foundation. They took care of details and events Gail and I could not cover.

Over 400 graduates were added to the alumni list during our Longview and Houston Commencements in May. Particularly hard was saying "congratulations" and "goodbye" to two of the Development Office student workers who began working for us as freshmen, Monica Lengacher and Megan Hillmann. Monica has returned to Indiana to pursue work in children services. Megan has accepted a position at LeTourneau University as an Admissions Counselor. Both of these young ladies will be assets to their employers!

We have great plans for the coming year, please check out the upcoming alumni events. Also, see the Alaska Alumni featured in this newsletter.

Warmest Regards,

Martha Steed
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Upcoming Events

**Cedar Rapids Alumni & Friends Get-Together**
Hosted by Randy and Jan Hartman
Saturday, July 14, 2012 5:00-10:00pm
The Hartman's Home
2224 5th Ave. SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Please RSVP to Randy by July 7th at (319) 360-9775

**The Great Texas Balloon Race Hangar Party**
Saturday, July 28, 2012 7:00pm
The Paul and Betty Abbott Aviation Center Hangar
200 Airpark Drive
Longview, TX

Only a few free GTBR tickets are left.
Ticket not needed to attend the hangar party.
RSVP to the Alumni Office

**Homecoming 2013 Weekend**
April 11-13, 2013
Reunions: Class of 1963, KZX, LAS, and Tyler 1A, Tyler Hall's 50th
We are trying to make LeTourneau email accounts available for alumni. As an initial step, we need to gauge how many of you would be interested in a LETU email account (your_name@letu.edu) for about $40 a year.

If you are interested, email alumni@letu.edu or call 800-259-2586.

**News**

LETU Awarded $25,000 Research Grant from Rockwell Collins
LETU Approved to Launch New Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy in Fall 2012
LETU Engineering Students Place 2nd, 3rd and 5th in ASME Competition
LETU Wins First Place in Professional Aviation Maintenance Association (PAMA) Competition

**Update on Alaska Alumni**

In June, my family was privileged to volunteer at Kingdom Air Corps in Alaska. This is the ministry of our alumnus, Dwayne King ’65. Dwayne trains missionary pilots on his short runway in the mountains near Sutton, organizes the Brooks Range Bible Camp for the native children of Alaska, and works with Send International in carrying the gospel to Russia. Check out the Kingdom Air Corps website where you can track the delivery of the Cessna 172 N12714 to Russia.

While we were there, eight LETU students, were taking an inspections class under the tutelage of their instructor, David Scroggins. Dwayne hosts two summer LETU classes. Students obtain practical experience by working on Dwayne’s planes. Alumni join Dwayne in flying those same planes full of children into the Brooks Range Bible Camp where they are presented the gospel.

Another alumnus, Dan Swenson ’05, is the Director of Maintenance at Kingdom Air Corps. Besides his duties at KAC, he is the music director at a local church, drives a school bus, and snowplows in the winter months. Dan will also show you the nontourist sights while you visit his part of Alaska!

Before flying back to Texas, Alumnus Loren Leman ’69, his wife Carolyn and daughter Nicole (current LETU student) hosted us at their home in Anchorage. Besides his civil engineering company, Loren also has a commercial fishing business during the summer salmon season.

**Alumni Scholarship Endowment**

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is excited to announce an agreement to establish the LETU Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund. This scholarship will benefit the children and grandchildren of LeTourneau alumni.

In previous years, the university provided alumni the opportunity to nominate students to receive an alumni scholarship which was funded through the university. Alumni could nominate their own children or a prospective student to receive this scholarship. Funding for the “Alumni Scholarship” is no longer available.

Once endowed, qualified full-time students (minimum of 12 hours) may apply for the LETU Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund through the Alumni Office. To assist in the funding of this scholarship, please designate gifts to the “LETU Alumni Scholarship.”

**Alumni Mentoring for Students**

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations in cooperation with the Center for Faith & Work and the Office of Graduate & Professional Studies, is in the initial stages of creating an alumni-student mentoring program. We are seeking alumni mentors from all of our academic areas who will volunteer to provide professional and spiritual guidance to current students. Mentors are wanted for our traditional program, the on-line program, and for adults attending our nontraditional program at one of our other educational sites in Texas.
If you are interested in receiving more information on this program, please contact alumni@letu.edu.

**Alumni Photo Contest**

Can you name the person in the picture to the right? The first person to send an email to alumni@letu.edu with the correct answer wins a free t-shirt.

The winner from last time is Merle Stoltzfus! He correctly identified Dave Irving in the picture to the left.

**Request For Prayer**

Part of our LeTourneau Family is in great need of prayer and support! Kimberly Stiver, a LeTourneau alumna is trying to find a donor for a kidney; both of her kidneys have been removed. In addition, she will soon be undergoing a heart procedure.

Currently, Kimberly is with North Austin Transplant, Scott and White Kidney Transplant, and recently traveled to Houston to be placed on the Memorial Hermann transplant list; her prayer is to also be added to the transplant list at Baylor All Saints in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Kimberly has met her goal with NTAF to help with transplant costs, and all the funds in her NTAF account will go toward the transplant expenses. She also has a benefit account to help. However, those funds were also used to pay their bills because her husband, Vic, has been unable to work while taking care of Kimberly and trying to finish their home.

Please pray for Kimberly and Vic, and if you feel led to make a donation, you can contact her by email, at grayceraye@gmail.com, or by phone at (512) 704-8644 (home) or (512) 718-4117 (cell).

**Pilot Jobs**

Newly established mission aviation program in central Africa is seeking to grow. After 3 years on the ground with operations up and running, the Chief Pilot is seeking an experienced pilot/mechanic (Cessna 206/207’s preferred) with an entrepreneurial spirit. French language skills preferred, although in-country training is an option. Being a people person is a must, as we work closely with national church leaders, NGO’s, and mission medical teams to develop relationships that expand Christ’s Kingdom. The program is a member of Missions Safety International and is blessed with consulting input from MAF, JAARS (SIL), Quest, and many more. Contact Straw@aircalvary.com for more information.