Note from the editor

Rachel Brummond ’15

Spring break is over and the campus is refreshed! At least, mentally—the snow is back so it hardly feels like spring. March weather is as unpredictable as ever. When you receive this, students will have finished the first part of the semester and will be embarking on the final stretch. First-years are writing their Paideia research paper, and many seniors are finishing up their senior projects. For me, this time is exciting and scary and fun. This week seniors picked up their caps and gowns and it hit me: I am preparing to leave this wonderful community. It's exciting to start the next chapter of my life, but I will miss being at Luther. Soon I will introduce you all to the new editor of the Parent Newsletter, and as always, if you have questions, comments, or concerns about this month’s Parent Newsletter, I encourage you to contact us at parentnewsletter@luther.edu.

Message from Corey Landstrom, vice president and dean for student life

Enjoying Frisbee in the warm weather
Spring break carries a different feel than other breaks during the academic year. Students engage in many experiences and service opportunities, and make genuine commitments to advance their own personal goals and to spread goodwill on behalf of their college during spring break. Despite how the media typically portrays spring break and college students, many Luther students generously share their gifts and talents with others. This month, I highlight some of the experiences and contributions students made this recent spring break.

I asked four students—two seniors and two juniors—to reflect on their break experiences, what break means to them, and what their hopes are for the remainder of the semester. There was a clear sense that, for all, the break provides exactly what is suggested by the name spring "break." READ MORE...

**Spotlight On:**
**Student Activities Council**

The Student Activities Council (SAC) is dedicated to enriching life on the Luther College campus by providing quality programming to students and the Decorah community.

SAC's various committees encourage student input and participation in planning musical performances, cultural cooking classes, comedy, leadership and motivational speakers, movies, and a variety of other alcohol-free events. Through SAC, students develop leadership, program management, social responsibility, and interpersonal skills. Since funds for the council come from student money, SAC makes it a priority to organize events both appealing to students and diverse in nature.

SAC Meets World is the 2014-15 theme for the Student Activities Council. Join them at their events as they bring fun and fulfilling events to campus!

### Multimedia Feature

**50 Years of Women's Athletics at Luther College**

Luther College women's sports have been around for 50 years. Check out how this legacy has affected how the women athletes of Luther College today. Like this video? Subscribe to Luther College Visual Media on YouTube to see more great video pieces.

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**Luther News**

**Luther hosts "Don't Shoot" series panel discussion**

Luther College hosted a student-led panel discussion on racism and privilege in the Luther and Decorah communities at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in the Peace Dining Room of the Dahl Centennial Union on the Luther campus.

The panel, titled "What does Ferguson have to do with Decorah?" is part of Luther's "Don't Shoot" series, an ongoing conversation meant to engage the community in thinking about issues of race, class and policing.

**Esther Bauer guest lecture March 31**

"Live each day, have fun and be a human being" is the motto that Esther Bauer decided to follow every day following her liberation from Nazi captivity in the 1940s. Bauer will present the lecture "Living History: A Holocaust Survivor Story" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, in the Main Hall of the Center for Faith and Life on the Luther campus. In this lecture she will recount her experiences as a Holocaust survivor and the story of her mother, Dr. Marie Anna Jones, a medical doctor who was stripped of her ability to practice by the Reich Citizen Law.

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**Career Center Update**

**March 31:** Enterprise-Rent-A-Car On Campus Interviews

**April 14:** Strategies for Job Search Success

**April 14:** Writing Your Cover Letter and Resume

To learn more about the services offered, visit the Career Center’s website.

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**Luther Music Department presents Handel's "Messiah"**

On Friday, March 27, the Luther College Music Department presented Handel's "Messiah." Performing the "Messiah" has been a tradition at Luther for more than 100 years. This oratorio was last performed on campus during the "Christmas at Luther" weekend of 2004. Over the years thousands of students, alumni and community members have joined together with student and alumni soloists to perform this sacred work describing the dramatic story of Jesus Christ.

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**All Thing$ Financial**
Students who owe the college an outstanding balance or documentation to finalize their financial aid for the current academic year will not be allowed to register for fall 2015 classes until these items are received.

If you have not filed the FAFSA yet, please do so as soon as possible. Families who have not yet completed their 2014 taxes can file the FAFSA using estimated financial information. The FAFSA will allow you to correct these estimates once the taxes are completed.

Continuing students must pay their $300 enrollment deposit before they can register for fall 2015 classes. The registration deposit is due April 1.

The Financial Aid Office has sent missing document e-mails out to students outlining the documents that they need to remit in order to process a financial aid award for 2015-16.

Continuing students who have submitted all the required documentation will receive an award letter email in mid-May outlining their financial aid for the 2015-16 academic year.

Shortly after spring break, continuing students will receive an email reminding them about securing their work-study position for the upcoming year and outlining their weekly hours. Students have until May 15th to secure their position.