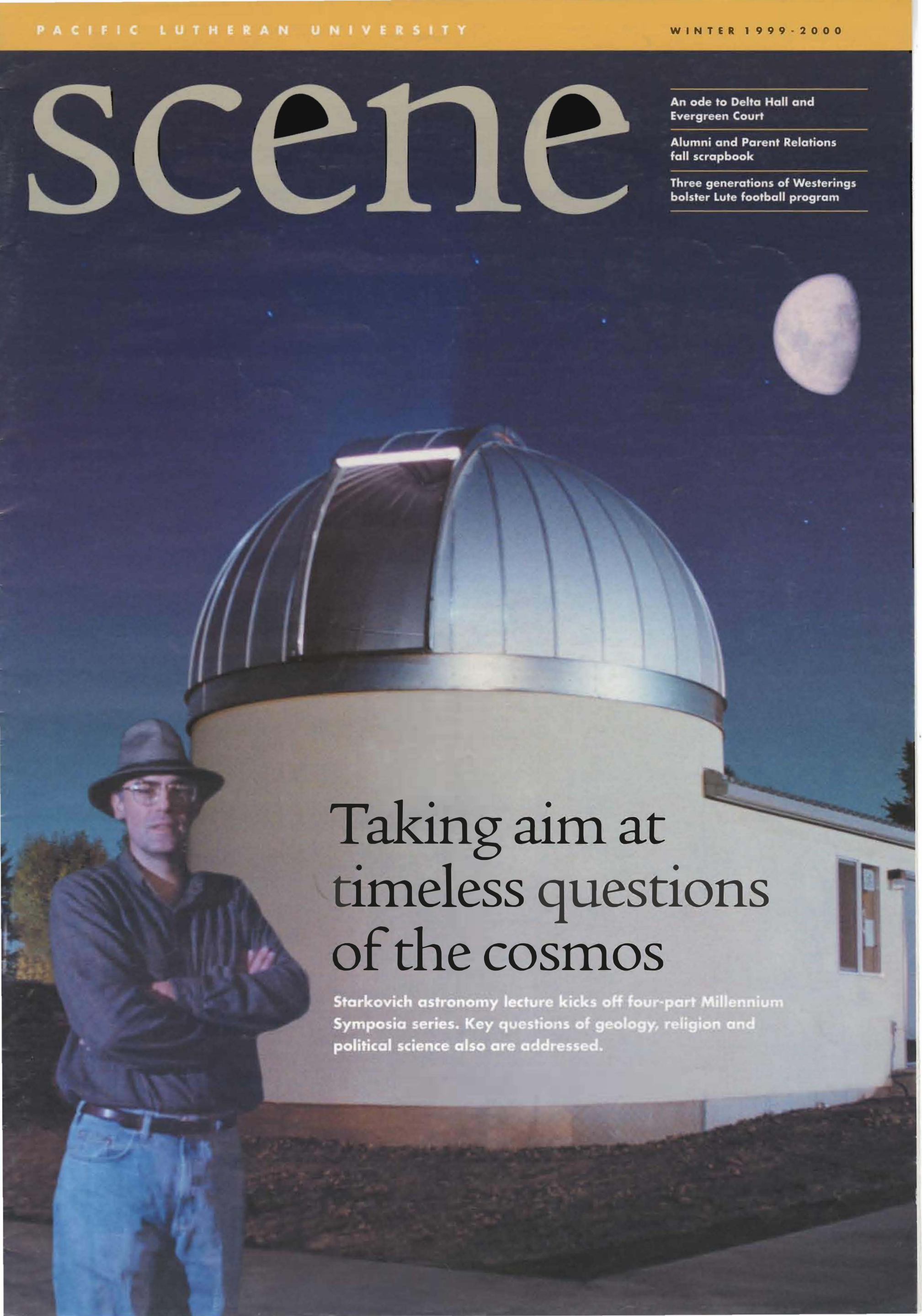


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By selling some of their rental properties, early retirees Linda (Sommers '61) and Gerry Evanson '63 have been able to make outright gifts of real estate equity to PLU and — through a charitable remainder unitrust (CRUT) — create a lifetime income for themselves and a future gift to PLU.

The Evansons always had a desire to work hard and make a difference. Now that ethic is benefiting them and PLU.



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PLU students focus on hunger and the homeless

For the first time ever, PLU students participated in the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, Nov. 15-19. Several activities were scheduled, including an Open Mike Night, a hunger banquet, a panel of homeless people sharing their experiences, an all-campus fast, volunteer sandwich-making for local food banks and a canned food drive, as well as the voluntary living in a makeshift cardboard village by members of the PLU community for 24 hours.

Regents approve undergraduate tuition model

The PLU Board of Regents simplified tuition charges by approving a new undergraduate tuition model and billing system last October. Instead of paying per credit, students will pay a set price per semester.

The new price, which will become effective in the fall 2000 semester, will be based on taking 16 credits, and the plan is to have all students pay the same price, regardless of which classes they might add or drop. The price will be \$8,112 per semester and will apply to any number of actual courses taken, between 12 and 17 credit hours.

The new pricing system simplifies the business side of student life. "The bills are less confusing and there is more flexibility," said **Laura Polcyn '74, '79**, vice president of Admissions and Enrollment Services.

Polcyn, though, admitted that some students who will be seniors next year might end up losing money because they were planning on taking a lighter load in their last year of college. To resolve these kinds of cases, provisions in the block pricing model prorate tuition for less than a full load.

The policy had been under discussion for the last three years. Three public forums were held this fall to discuss the possibilities, but they were not well attended. PLU undertook studies of various other Northwest universities before a model was chosen and presented to the board of regents, and all 34 regents approved the new policy.

Some 90 percent of independent colleges and universities in the country now follow a similar tuition model of charging a set fee for full-time undergraduate students.

NPR's CEO joins KPLU in multimedia celebration

KPLU 88.5 FM, the university's station of the National Public Radio (NPR), last October hosted NPR President and Chief Executive Officer Kevin Klose at a reception at KPLU's studios. Klose was in the Seattle area to participate in a multimedia celebration in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of "Morning Edition," NPR's flagship morning program. The celebration was attended by several of the stars of the show as well as NPR administrators.

The Seattle-Tacoma region was chosen as one of the venues to showcase the national anniversary celebration in recognition of its importance as a premier public radio market.

This summer, KPLU received Arbitron's "good book" rating, which is the equivalent of commercial television's Nielsen rating.

The station is generally considered the 11th most listened to public radio station in the country, out of a total of more than 600 and ranks in the top 10 percent of listening audiences of the more than 50 radio stations in the Puget Sound area.

It consistently receives high accolades as a radio station with high-quality programming, a prestigious reputation and an exceptional audience. It has so far received more than 30 national awards and this year alone placed more than 150 feeds to the national network.



NPR President and CEO Kevin Klose (right) was on campus Oct. 7 for a reception at the KPLU studios. KPLU General Manager Martin Neeb (left) and Vice President for Development and University Relations David Aubrey presented Klose with a hand-painted bowl from the Julie Ueland '79 Backsplash pottery collection. PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

PLU faculty address national communication association meeting

Four faculty members of PLU's communication department made presentations at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association (NCA) in November.

The meeting, the 85th annual gathering of the association, was held in Chicago under the theme of "Coloring Outside the Lines." The wide range of panels and scholarly papers presented scholarship in more than 50 areas of communication study. Some of the topics included the rhetoric of the impeachment of President Clinton, communication in long-distance relationships, and the effects of campaigns that promote healthy living.

The four PLU speakers were Professor **Michael Bartanen**, who spoke to the Pi Kappa Delta National Council Business Meeting; Visiting Associate Professor **Peter Ehrenhaus**, on Film Rhetoric and Memory; Assistant Professor **Diane Harney**, who spoke at the NCA Poster Session; and Chair and Associate Professor **Edward Inch**, on Maintaining the Comprehensive Forensics Program in the New Millennium.

NCA is the oldest and largest scholarly society in the communication discipline, and its membership includes individuals from more than 25 countries, other than the United States. More than 1,800 U.S. colleges and universities offer some kind of coursework in communication, and degrees are granted by at least 600 institutions of higher education.

PLU co-sponsors Washington family business awards

This year's Washington Family Business Award winners include construction, communication and animal feed businesses. Seven firms received the awards in November at an all-day educational forum co-sponsored by PLU's Family Enterprise Institute.

The seven winning firms were chosen from a pool of 19 finalists. More than 200 businesses from all corners of the state were nominated.

This year the National Family Business of the Year Award was presented to Absher Construction of Puyallup, the second year in a row a Washington state firm has won the national award.

The Family Enterprise Institute is affiliated with the PLU School of Business and offers educational programs, technical advisory services and policy analysis, as well as advocacy for family enterprise within the Pacific Northwest. It is an acknowledged leader in the family business arena.

Sponsors of the 1999 Washington Family Business of the Year Awards, in addition to the Family Enterprise Institute of PLU, include Clark Nuber, Exvere Inc.,

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PLU Associate Professor of French MARK JENSEN published "The Consecration of the Writer, 1750-1830" (University of Nebraska Press, June 1999) an unabridged translation of "Le Sacre de l'Ecrivain, 1750-1830: Essai sur l'avènement d'un pouvoir spirituel laïque dans la France moderne" (Paris: Gallimard, 4th ed. 1996). The book is the definitive study of how modern French writers, such as Victor Hugo, ceased to represent religious and political power and instead seized the mantle of spiritual authority in their own right. Jensen was proud to have Tzvetan Todorov write an introduction for the book.

CHUNG-SHING LEE, assistant professor of business, published "The Chinese Electronics Industry," which is part of the Electronic Industry Research Series, with Michael G. Pecht, Yong Wen Wang, Xiang Fu Zong and Jun Lu Jiang (CRC Press, LLC, May 1999). The book documents the technologies, capabilities and infrastructure that has made China a major player in the Asian electronics industry. It covers the major segments of China's electronics industry, including semiconductors, packaging, printed circuit boards, computer hardware and software, telecommunications and electronic systems. In addition, the book examines the role of government, research organizations, educational institutions and major companies in establishing an infrastructure where the industry can flourish.

PLU Associate Professor of Physical Education DEBORAH TANNEHILL (with Daryl Siedentap, Ohio State University) published "Developing Teaching Skills in Physical Education" (Mayfield Publishing Company, October 1999). The book explains how to plan for and deliver effective and meaningful physical education in today's schools.

Each book is available at the PLU Bookstore, 253-535-7665, where alumni receive a 10 percent discount.



Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to an article which appeared in the Fall 1999 Scene. The article appeared on page 4 and was entitled "Rev. Rich Hamlin '84 wins court battle for religious freedom."

I followed this event through the local media and am somewhat appalled that this action by Rev. Hamlin is worthy of space in Scene. I don't want to discount or jeopardize the principles of religious freedom embodied in our Constitution, however given the nature of the circumstances I believe Rev. Hamlin had an equally strong obligation to persuade his client/parishioner to do the right thing. In this case it should have been to turn himself in and accept the consequences of his actions.

It seems that there is an equally important moral principle to protect our children. From everything I was able to determine Mr. Martin was using his discussion with Rev. Hamlin as a shield to protect himself from the consequences of his indefensible act. None of the actions by Rev. Hamlin reported in the media led me to believe he did anything to persuade Mr. Martin to do the right thing.

It seems that your article ignored the other side of the story — the cost of this defense of religious freedom was real justice for the actions of Mr. Martin in the murder of his child.

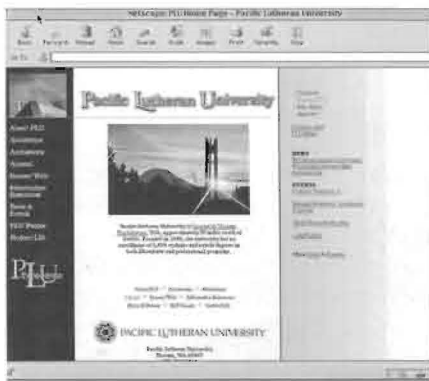
Tim Gerstmann '79

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KeyBank, Herbert B. Jones Foundation, Laird Norton Trust Company, MassMutual and the Puget Sound Business Journal.

The five categories of prizes and the winners were: Small Business prize (fewer than 50 full-time employees), won by the Deeny Construction Company Inc. of Seattle, and the Mud Bay Granary of Olympia, Wash.; Medium Business prize (50 to 250 full-time employees), won by the Coast Management Company Inc., of Everett, Wash.; Large Business prize (more than 250 full-time employees), won by Windermere Real Estate, of Seattle; New Business prize (fewer than 10 years in the family), won by Kindred Communications of Bellevue, Wash.; and the Heritage Business prize (more than 50 years in the family), won by the Kroll Map Company Inc. of Seattle, and Woodworth & Company Inc. of Tacoma.

The firms were judged on their innovative business strategies and practices, performance, family and business links, contributions to community and industry, multi-generation family business involvement and longevity (the latter two criteria did not apply to new firms).



Media Center wins Web site of the year award

PLU Library Media Services won the top prize as the national 1999 Web site of the year from the Consortium of College and University Media Centers (CCUMC).

The prize was awarded during the consortium's annual conference, held in October in Burlington, Vt.

The PLU Web site had been recently redesigned by a group of talented university people led by **Patrick Seigler**, multimedia librarian, and including **Eugene Gatlin**, multimedia developer, **Lindsay Tomac '98**, Web developer, and student **Brad McKnight '99**.

Seigler presented a paper at the conference, entitled "Developing User-Centered Multimedia Services: Strategies for Assessment, Planning and Change."

The CCUMC awards identify, evaluate and recognize outstanding Web sites in higher education and corporate media technology support services. There are separate awards in the university, college, community college and sustaining member categories. There also is the overall, best Web site of the year award, which was the one given to PLU.

Campus hosts WTO teach-in

To coincide with the ministerial conference of the World Trade Organization (WTO), which was held in Seattle between Nov. 28 and Dec. 3, a teach-in was held at PLU in late October to explain the issues the organization was planning to discuss and how it functions.

Five speakers talked about such topics as the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and global health issues, as well as the opposition to the organization that some people have. A number of PLU students planned to join protesters from throughout the region in Seattle during the conference to voice their objections to the WTO.

The teach-in featured **Peter Grosvenor**, assistant professor of political science, **Dick Olufs**, professor of political science, and **Mark Reiman**, associate professor of economics, as well as other speakers from outside the university.

The speakers addressed some of the issues which raise objections among certain groups. These include the accusations that the WTO does nothing to curtail some nations from using labor practices such as minimal wages, poor working conditions and the use of child and prison labor; that the WTO does not enforce environmental standards or pay attention to the concern about genetically altered food products; and that the WTO is dominated by the interests of large corporations.

The organization, which is based in Geneva, was founded in 1995 to reduce global trade barriers, support free trade through various international agreements and resolve economic and trade disputes between nations. It includes 134 member countries.

PLU is finalist in national recycling award in education

Pacific Lutheran University was named a finalist in the educational category of the American Forest and Paper Association's (AF&PA) 1999 Best Paper Recycling awards.

The AF&PA awards program, which in 1999 celebrated its 10th anniversary, is a national endeavor which recognizes the best recycling programs in America with prizes and ceremonies. Finalists receive a plaque recognizing their contribution to paper recovery and recycling.

The prizes are awarded in various categories, including recycling programs in state or local governments, businesses, schools and educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations. New this year was a federal government category open to any U.S. federal facility. More than 50 submissions were received for this year's contest.

There are several criteria that are measured when selecting the winners, and AF&PA is especially interested in paper collection programs that emphasize improving recovered paper quality. The winner in the educational category this year was Atlanta's Emory University.

BRIEFLY...

Two new regents named for three-year terms



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JEFFREY L. RIPPEY '78 was named a university regent in October. He is the vice president of Columbia Management Company of Portland, Ore. Among his interests are coaching youth soccer and basketball at the Beaverton, Ore., School District, membership in the Portland Society of Financial Analysts, the Multnomah Athletic Club, the PLU Q Club and the Lutheran Family Services of Portland, where he lives. Rippey has two children.



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

DONALD R. MORKEN '60 also joined the board of regents in October. He also serves as co-chair of the PLU Campaign Steering Committee. He is president of Genessee Investments in Bellevue, Wash. He also is chair of the National Campaign Committee of the Bellevue Athletic Club and lives in Woodinville, Wash. He is married to Wanda, and they have one child.

The President's Office also announced that the regents elected the following to be 1999-2000 board officers: **GARY SEVERSON**, chair; **CYNTHIA EDWARDS**, vice chair; **JAMES HUSHAGEN '70, '77**, secretary; and **SHERI TONN**, treasurer.

Associate Provost **DAVID YAGOW** will leave his position to become a senior lecturer in the department of religion at the end of July 2000. For the next three years, Yagow will pursue sabbatical study and part-time teaching before entering phased retirement in 2003. Yagow started work at the provost's office in 1976, while being a highly successful teacher of biblical studies. Provost Paul Menzel has formed a committee to decide on the structure of the position for Yagow's replacement and the search is expected to be announced in early January.

PATRICIA O'CONNELL KILLEN, professor of religion, received the 1999 St. Elizabeth Seton Medal for her extensive contributions to the field of theology as a theologian, author and lecturer. The medal was awarded by the College of Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati on Sept. 30. A noted theologian, Killen has contributed to and written many articles concerning American religious and Catholic history. The St. Elizabeth Seton Medal was established in 1996 to recognize distinguished women in theology.



CHANNY SEIGLER

ANDY MEYERS '00 was named the 1999 Tom Pasternack Outstanding Tutor by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA), an international organization dedicated to improving student learning. Meyers, who is majoring in mathematics, has been tutoring that subject for almost three years. The award was given to him during the CRLA national conference in New Orleans in November. The CRLA judged candidates for several qualities, including how a tutor's peers evaluated the tutor's work and the tutor's ability to help students improve their academic skills and self-esteem.

Tour of Holy Land and Egypt scheduled this spring



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

WALT PILGRIM, professor emeritus of religion, will lead a 12-day tour of the Holy Land and Egypt to celebrate the millennium. The tour runs from Feb. 19 to March 1, 2000, with an optional five-day Nile cruise to Luxor and the temples (March 2-6). Call 253-582-9482 for more information.

IN MEMORIAM

Psychology Professor Jesse Nolph leaves a legacy of commitment and care

BY LAURA RITCHIE, MOORING MAST EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



Long-time psychology professor Jesse Nolph died on Nov. 12 of heart-related complications. He was 57 years old.

Nolph, who began teaching at PLU in 1968, was described by colleague and philosophy department chair John Moritsugu as a "wide-ranging, liberally trained scholar." He had interests in the application of psychology as well as in theory, Moritsugu said, and was known as a caring professor who challenged his students to grow.

"Students felt that he was on their side," he said.

At the time of his death, Nolph was teaching a full class load, and was scheduled to teach three classes in spring 2000.

Psychology professor Christine Hansvick, who is currently on sabbatical, has taken on Nolph's social psychology class for the remainder of the semester.

"This is something I'm doing for him and for the students," she said.

Hansvick said she and fellow psychology professor Dana Anderson have talked with students in all of Nolph's classes.

"He put his students first," she said. "His first priority was his students, and he never lost sight of that. Sometimes people get a little tired of it, but not him."

Nolph was very intellectually capable of holding multiple concepts in his head and working with them at once, Hansvick said. "Students, I think, had to stand on their toes," she said.

Hansvick said Nolph likely had more students every term than any other professor in the department. Enrollment in his classes was always high, she said, even though many were not required courses.

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Students marvel at a land of contrasts, culture in China

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, EDITOR

Four Lutes spent most of spring semester 1999 studying in Chengdu, China. When NATO accidentally bombed the Chinese embassy in Kosovo two weeks before the PLU group's expected return date, social unrest in China made returning seem like the safest choice for the students (although all agreed they were not in physical danger). Before the group left, however, they had plenty of time to soak up Chinese culture and marvel at some of the stark differences in comparison with American life.

When chicken is on the menu for dinner, most of us first see the main course plucked, cleaned and sectioned, covered in plastic wrap on a Styrofoam tray at Safeway. Not so for Paula Veseth '01, studying in China last spring.

"The vendor just picked up a chicken that was walking around and slit its throat right there," Veseth said. Cultural differences such as this "sometimes came off as coarse or insensitive, but to me it was just real."

On a whole different level, students also saw a contrast in concepts: the way the Chinese



The students found most Chinese people — such as these Tibetan women — friendly, helpful and very eager to practice their English skills.



Katherine Maloney '00 and Paula Veseth '01 pause for a photo-op by the stall of one of their favorite vendors — a woman who sold "jiao-zi" (dumplings).

thought of time, and their sense of family and values.

"People were calm — they never appeared to be in a hurry even though they had things to do," Katherine Maloney '00 remarked. "I remember looking out on this mass of bicycles, people going everywhere, and it was like a sea of tranquility."

"They also seemed happy and content with their families, whereas we in the States tend to gravitate to cars and TVs," she continued.

While many aspects of Chinese and American culture were quite dissimilar, students found an

enduring, common interest in at least one area: friendly people excited at the opportunity to improve their language skills.

"We did some traveling during the semester, and at one point spent 22 hours on a train. I remember thinking, 'Here's a great chance to practice my Chinese!'" said Becky Farrell '01. "The people were so friendly and very helpful, but they wanted to practice their English — while we wanted to speak more Chinese."

New education dean focuses on the competences that every teacher needs to help children learn

BY MICHELLE WARMUTH, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Originally from Jackson, Miss., Lynn Beck, Ph.D., eagerly made her home here in the Northwest when appointed dean of the PLU School of Education in August. "I love it here and I feel very much at home. I love the fact that PLU is a reflective community, always thinking about how we can honor our academic and community commitments," she says with a wide smile.

Beck was drawn to the opportunity to be a dean because she appreciates the chance to open doors that will help faculty and students. "We have wonderful faculty who have a very clear sense of why we do what we do. Our focus is out there on the children and the community. The quality of preparation that students receive here reflects a high commitment to service and excellence."

Beck's devotion to education and educational leadership is based on the idea that education is a profoundly human undertaking. Her passion for education is fueled by a strong commitment to

people and to wanting them to receive the best opportunity in life through education.

"Right now, the School of Education is in a program redesign process to respond to increased challenges facing educators and to new insights

service, leadership and care." She and the school of education faculty have adopted a set of core values that include care, competence, leadership, and service and recognize the importance of developing educators who reflect these values.



"When I go out into surrounding communities, I'm told great things about PLU grads. I encourage alums to come visit PLU and share their ideas or help with projects."

LYNN BECK, DEAN, SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

coming from research on learning and teaching. We're focusing on the essential professional competencies every teacher needs to help children learn and planning ways to address these in our program."

Beck's strong belief in education as a caring profession melds nicely with the university-wide motto, "Educating for lives of thoughtful inquiry,

Beck is struck with the high quality of educators who come out of PLU. "When I go out into surrounding communities, I'm told great things about PLU grads. I encourage alums to come visit PLU and share their ideas or help with projects."

Presidents set out to reclaim Lutheran students

BY GREG BREWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Two years ago a group of Lutheran college presidents began discussing whether collaborative strategies could help strengthen their competitive position in recruitment and admissions.

Recognizing that Lutheran students were becoming more and more likely to choose to attend public universities, the presidents agreed to establish the "Reclaiming Lutheran Students Project," with the goal of increasing the share of Lutheran students who choose to attend Lutheran colleges.

The schools involved are part of the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America (LECNA). LECNA's purpose is to encourage, assist and promote cooperation among Lutheran colleges and universities.

"We recognized that only 5 percent of all Lutheran students attend LECNA member

colleges," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson, chairman of the LECNA competitive strategy committee.

"If we could find a way to increase that market share by only 1 percentage point, we could see a 20 percent increase in the number of Lutheran students on our campuses."

The committee sponsored a national market research study to sample the opinions of college graduates, the parents of prospective students, and church leaders. Completed last spring, it was funded by the Aid Association for Lutherans and individual Lutheran colleges and universities.

"The data we obtained provide dramatic evidence regarding the experience and impact of Lutheran colleges on their students, particularly when contrasted with students who attended large, public, research-oriented universities," Anderson said.

According to Anderson, the three biggest categories of competitive advantage for Lutheran colleges — those that differentiate them best from public research universities — are the personalized learning experience available at Lutheran colleges, the opportunities for involvement beyond the classroom at Lutheran colleges, and the integration of faith and values in the Lutheran college experience.

The LECNA college presidents are now developing a five-year communication program targeting the parents of college-bound Lutheran 9th- and 10th-grade students.

Parents will be reminded of the many ways that the Lutheran college experience best provides the educational outcomes they seek for their sons and daughters.

Former residents' ode to Delta Hall and Evergreen Court

As PLU's newest residence, South Hall, continues to rise from the ruins of Delta and Evergreen, former residents of those twin quarters treated Scene editors to a barrage of funny and fond memories. Thanks to all who responded! Following are two submissions; the rest can be found online at www.plu.edu/print/scene/win00/halls.html



Cops and celebrities

BY JEANNE (JACKSON '83) ENDERS

Jane Kinkel '82 and I were hall directors of Delta and Evergreen around 1982 or so. I remember a shoot-out across the street when we had to crouch down in our units and wait it out while police rounded up the shooter. It was quite exciting and no one was hurt.

Delta/Evergreen was a place for rebels, outsiders, residents proud to be different. It was a fun time.

JEANNE (JACKSON '83) ENDERS

I also remember hosting a celebrity in one of the apartments. William Windom may have been his name, and he was on campus for a lecture series. He had no idea that we were an "alcohol-free zone" and uncapped a beer out on the lawn. Jane and I had the unpleasant duty of notifying him that he was committing a campus violation.

We got a lot of grief (all in fun) from other residents because we didn't "write him up." At that time, those units were a place for rebels, outsiders, residents proud to be different. It was a fun time. I loved living and working with Jane. I'll always have nice memories of the Delta/Evergreen housing units.

Ice hockey in Parkland

BY ALAN HEDMAN '67

I was privileged to live in Evergreen Court for three of my four years at PLU, from 1963 to 1967.

After one year in the newly constructed Foss Hall, I scampered back to Evergreen for my final year! There were, of course, many wonderful pranks at Evergreen Court: completely refurbishing a student's desk, chair, etc., on the roof (in perfect order); completely toilet-papering a student's room so it was virtually impossible to enter; many captivating stories told by wise seniors to freshmen and sophomores.

But two memories stand out: 1) The unbelievable participation and final products of Homecoming floats developed by Evergreen Court students. I'm sure we won first prize every year; and 2) During one frigid winter, the grass area between the rooms was creatively blocked off and filled with water to make a perfect ice hockey rink. With every broom, stick and other usable utensils, numerous evenings were spent in spirited "hockey games." The only interruptions were the frequent injury time-outs as people were escorted off the rink to receive medical attention. Play was quickly resumed, however, as soon as the injured party was out of sight and a replacement player took over!

What great memories! Evergreen Court is a major reason why the PLU experience was so memorable.

Strength, resilience of Filipinas discovered during Fridenstine's sabbatical research project

BY CRISTINA DEL ROSARIO FRIDENSTINE '75, '86
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Filipinos and coconuts have a special relationship. A stubborn child may be teased as "coconut-head" (hard to crack, but one would sure like to). Thirsty travelers are refreshed by coconut milk bought from sidewalk vendors.

Moreover, Filipinos teach children about resourcefulness, creativity and economy by telling them about the coconut's utility. Its milk can be used for cooking, or fermented to make wine or vinegar. The husk can buff and polish wood floors. Toasted coconut garnishes sweets and produces oil. The hard inner shell transforms into a bowl. Nothing wasted, every part of the coconut can be, and is, put to good use.

This practical approach, and finding opportunities that others might fail to see, are characteristic of Filipinos. It allowed them to adapt to 300 years of Spanish colonization, followed by democratization by Americans and occupation by Japanese soldiers, to reinforce the cultural tradition. Yet this resiliency may be facing the greatest test yet: an economy that seems terminally ravaged by a self-serving wealthy class, corrupt politicians and foreign investors.

Prompted by feminism, I wondered how Filipinas are faring in the midst of this challenge. Precolonial Filipinas had occupied significant roles, serving as tribal leaders, negotiating commercial transactions, and making independent decisions about child rearing and other family

matters. They were not dominant so much as on equal footing with men.

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is still there, albeit masked by modesty and reserve. They employ diverse and imaginative approaches, some controversial by certain standards, to improve their families' circumstances.

For example, dwindling options are driving increasing numbers of Filipinas abroad. Some will work under unregulated labor conditions. Others

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threatened, priestesses . . . let out one long wail of incantation against the conqueror," (from Insight Guide to the Philippines, edited by Bill Williams, 1998). The priestesses waged war until forced to flee to the countryside.

Other women chose the more expedient road of embracing Catholicism. They assumed the role they were given: submissive, shy and obedient to authority, embodied in those days of colonialism by foreign men. How have these encounters affected Filipinas in the long run?

During my sabbatical, I interviewed a number of Filipinas and found them taking life in stride with a no-nonsense attitude. I was told: "You take what God gives you." They are leaders in their own right, though more often behind the scenes. The vigorous independence of their priestess-ancestors

will seal romances cultivated through correspondence with foreign men.

Their quest for survival intersects with increased demands for cheap labor in foreign markets, and an apparent hankering for so-called "traditional" marriages among Western men. Filipinas, however, describe the sacrifices they often must make as "building character." As the cornerstones of the Philippine family structure, they feel obliged to rise above any challenge.

No coconut should be too tough to crack.



Cristina Del Rosario Fridenstine's sabbatical was one of the first two granted to PLU administrators after the President's Council approved such leaves in November 1997. For ongoing updates of her sabbatical research, visit www.plu.edu/~delrosca.

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JAMIE'S TROUBLE

By Roger Iverson '59

"Every table strained from the weight of unopened letters, dirty food containers, clothes, broken toys . . . Jamie sat on a sofa, filthy with more unused food and matted clothes, watching static on the TV."

Formerly a teacher and administrative intern in an inner-city elementary school in Tacoma, Iverson found personal and professional renewal

in an unlikely place — the shabby, ill-kept home of a trouble-making second-grader.



A TALE OF LEVITY MISPLACED

By Katherine Johnson

"Fortunately for taxpayers, my notebook remained blank as our tires hummed their way across the Columbia River into Oregon. We had spotted no Washington state employees laughing, or betraying the public trust in any way."

Johnson, an administrative assistant in the Office of Development and University Relations, tells how her quest to monitor "misbehaving" state employees distracted her from the wayside beauty on a recent interstate road trip.

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PLU professor takes a positive look at teen parenting

BY LARA PRICE, MAST SENIOR REPORTER

After studying the behavior of pregnant and parenting mothers in a high school-based program, Sociology professor Joanna Higginson reflected on her findings about the consequences of teenage parents and how their lives have changed and transformed.

Higginson recalled being with a young teenage mother as she walked through the grocery line, baby in arms. The mother paid for her week's worth of groceries with food stamps.

The cashier turned to her and said, "The transaction would be faster if you paid cash.

I guess you didn't think about that when you decided to have this kid." The young girl escaped from the store in tears.

As part of the Feminist Scholarship Lecture Series, Higginson gave a lecture last November titled Transformed Selves, Transformed Relationships: The Consequences of Teenage Parenting.

Teenage pregnancy has become a hot political debate, Higginson said, under the limelight of the media. Although the public focuses on the misfortune of teen mothers, Higginson found hope in the lives of the mothers she studied. "It's

not tragedy, it's transformation," she said.

Higginson conducted her research project through a teen center program in Colorado. The objectives of the program were to help over 60 teen mothers finish high school, she said, and to stop subsequent pregnancies. Originally a volunteer, Higginson became a staff member and a friend to these young women over a period of four years.

Higginson's research methods consisted of participant observation and personal interviews.

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PLU millennium lecture series

addresses key questions
of our future

- astronomy
- geology
- religion
- political science

To recognize and discuss issues of world concern, PLU created the Millennium Symposia – Arts Series for the 1999-2000 academic year. Last fall, PLU faculty Steven Starkovich, Duncan Foley, Patricia O'Connell Killen and Peter Grosvenor delivered lectures that addressed key questions of astronomy, geology, religion and political science. In the spring of 2000, the series will focus on art, theatre and music. Please see the calendar on the back page of *Scene* for details of the upcoming events.

Starkovich takes on 'timeless questions of the cosmos'

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, EDITOR



PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Steven Starkovich

Visit www.nsci.plu.edu/astro for updates on the construction of the W.M. Keck Observatory, its technical specifications, student research and the Astronomy Picture of the Day.

A Spring Millennium Lecture Series will complement the Millennium Arts Series. It will include the Schnakenberg Lecture on Feb. 28; noted author Rebecca Walker in early March; Quintard Taylor, a distinguished University of Washington professor of African American studies in April; and a fourth lecture on multi-racial identity in early February.

Will a giant asteroid ever slam into Earth? What came before the big bang? Is the solar system expanding along with the rest of the universe? Is there an edge to the universe?

Ponder these questions alone for too long and you're likely to implode above the neck or risk flashing back to a hazy pre-calculus class, where the instructor tried in vain to explain to you how and why x should want to approach a value of 2.

Or you could let Steven Starkovich, assistant professor of physics at PLU, demonstrate some basic concepts of astrophysics — the movement of the planets, location of the stars, paths of the comets — with free software developed by Elwood Downey of the Clear Sky Institute.

At least as mind-bending as your original questions are the abilities of the program: one click of the mouse and you see the planets of our solar system in real time, slowly progressing in their orbits around the sun.

Another click and you add 1,500 asteroids to the screen.

Still another click reveals the solar system as a 3-D model of orbits, fully viewable in 360° from the "top," "bottom" or "sides" (all relative terms, since we're talking about outer space here).

Beyond its amazing illustrative capabilities, though, the software has another key function: Starkovich can log on to it from any computer in the world running a UNIX or Linux operating system and can control the 16" Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope that is soon to be installed in the nearly finished W.M. Keck Observatory on lower campus.

That said, let's flex this astronomical muscle and tackle a few timeless questions.

Will a giant asteroid ever visit — that is, smash into — Earth?

During his lecture on Oct. 4 in Rieke Science Center, Starkovich demonstrated what's likely to happen as the Earth calendar approaches August 2027. The packed crowd in Leraas Lecture Hall drew a collective gasp as it appeared that a big rock, perhaps 10 miles across, would indeed take out the planet, Hollywood-style.

"The good news is that it actually misses us by about 250,000 miles, about the distance from the Earth to the moon," Starkovich said. It's important to keep things in scale, he reminded the audience.

"Earth is about 500 light-seconds from the sun, meaning light from the sun takes a little over eight minutes to reach us, and a distance of $5^{1/2}$ light hours separates the sun and Pluto."

What came before the big bang?

"That's almost like asking, 'How many innings came before the start of the game?'" Starkovich said. "But there was a start to the game — did an umpire say, 'Play ball?'" — a beginning point believed by most cosmologists to be a "singularity."

"It's not possible to get one unique answer to what comes out of a singularity," Starkovich explained. "Perhaps our universe is part of a larger mega-universe, or maybe there never was a singularity and the universe just expands and contracts endlessly."

Is our solar system expanding along with the universe?

Quite simply, no.

"Local effects dominate the Hubble flow," Starkovich said, referring to the large-scale expansion of the universe first studied by astronomer Edwin Hubble. "That is, some things in the neighborhood of our galaxy are actually coming toward us, relatively. It's not until you get way out that you see the Hubble effect."

Is there an edge to the universe?

"How would you describe the edge of a sphere, or the edge of infinite space?" Starkovich countered.

Modern answers involve the cornerstones of the theory of relativity, he explained.

"Until the 1910s and Einstein, the only game in town was Newtonian cosmology from the 1700s," Starkovich said. "Newton believed that the universe was just a big ball of stars, but this type of system is unstable. It would tend to collapse on itself. Yet the sense of the universe was that it was static, not changing or expanding. The observed universe doesn't fit the Newtonian model. It is Einstein's general theory of relativity — the modern theory of gravity — that describes the universe we observe."

One begins to realize that these "timeless questions of the cosmos" are so named for a very good reason: they deal with questions of origins, evolution and fate. They're likely to remain without definitive answers in our lifetime, perhaps throughout human existence, but modern physical theory is leading the way to a better understanding of the universe around us.

Land-use choices can turn geological events into human disasters

BY MICHELLE WARMUTH, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Erupting volcanoes and earthquakes aren't just geological events — they can become *human* disasters through the choices we make about land use, according to Duncan Foley, Ph.D., chair and associate professor of geosciences at PLU.



Geology is a two-way street — it impacts us, we impact it.

DUNCAN FOLEY

Many community members attended Foley's Oct. 20 lecture in Chris Knutzen Hall, where he carefully outlined potential and past geological

disasters in Washington state and reiterated that the choices we make determine the severity of geological events.

It is these choices that directly affect the potential for human disasters, and sometimes we don't make the wisest decisions. Foley points out some local examples, which include building a new elementary school and multiple housing developments directly in the volcanic path of Mount Rainier and building a major league sports venue close to the suspected location of the Seattle fault.

But preparation pays. Foley suggests that people who live in potential disaster areas should become aware of the consequences and take steps to prepare, such as creating an emergency evacuation plan and obtaining emergency preparedness

kits for their home and car.

"Without geology we wouldn't be here. The past is the key to the present (and the future) and the present is the key to the past," says Foley.

Geology is a two-way street — it impacts us, we impact it. Our choices can often times impact geology in ways that benefit society, such as creating ideal habitats to increase the salmon population, which may reduce hazards from flooding in urban areas, explains Foley.

We have a need to live in harmony with the natural forces of the Pacific Northwest. The bottom line is it's our choice if we let natural geologic events become hazards and if we let hazards become disasters, Foley says.

Shifting Soulscapes

Americans deal with religion and spirituality much differently today than they did before 1950

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, SPECIAL TO SCENE

Religion today might be compared to the advertising slogan "This is not your father's Oldsmobile." Americans over 35 have experienced a radically different spiritual world from that of their parents and grandparents.

According to Patricia O'Connell Killen, professor of religion at PLU and an expert on American religiousness, our country's religious landscape changed drastically after 1950, when several major cultural forces came into play.

"Class, race, national origin, regionalism, family, gender equity — everything changed," explained Killen, who has written two books and was recently chosen to write the history of the Seattle Archdiocese.

Before 1950, religious ideals and practices were channeled along pre-existing social and cultural lines. For example, if your father was a Presbyterian, you became a Presbyterian. If the family went

to church every Sunday, there was no deviating from the ritual and — more important — there was little desire to do so.

Today, the overarching theme for Americans is that their religious identity is a lifelong, solitary project. Gone are the days when your religious identity was chosen for you by your parents and played out in community churches.

For the most part, individuals choose the style of spirituality that works best for them from among a wide range of traditions and movements. They seek a religion that is useful, portable and pragmatic — one that is suited to an ever-changing and increasingly technological world.

Unlike their parents, it would be unthinkable not to question religious choices or to rebel against the tradition they grew up in. Individual freedom and opportunity are now as much the watchwords in religion as they are in economic and social life, Killen said.

Killen predicts this framework for relating to the world will continue for the next 75 to 100 years, unless major economic changes or natural disasters force us into a different cultural setting.



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PATRICIA O'CONNELL KILLEN

"Our world is structured on constant change," she said. "It keeps us asking more of the 'who are we?' and 'where do we belong?' questions. From every quarter come challenges to our identity and meaning."

Liberal democracy governments are not necessarily the final answer

BY BASSAM BISHUTI, SPECIAL TO SCENE

Communism, military dictatorship and apartheid — once viable systems of government — are collapsing all over the world. Taking their place are liberal democratic governments and market economies.

But the victory of liberal democracy has not been free of challenge from the effects of economic globalization and internal political fragmentation on ethnic or religious lines. The question now is, will liberal democracy survive and in what form?

Peter Grosvenor, assistant professor of political science at PLU, presented his views on this question during a lecture Nov. 8. It was titled, "A Precarious Victory: The Liberal Democratic Nation State in the Global Politics of the New Millennium."

He agreed with current ideas that for now and for the foreseeable future, there do not appear to be viable alternatives to liberal democratic politics. He took exception, however, to the argument, by political scientists such as Francis Fukuyama, that liberal democracy represents the end point of

humankind's ideological evolution. This idea, he said, may have the paradoxical effect of undermining liberal democracy through complacency.



A democratic political culture is something that requires constant renewal and revitalization.

PETER GROSVENOR

In his talk, Grosvenor looked at the various practical challenges of economic globalization and political fragmentation that liberal democracy is likely to face in the next century. He also considered the philosophical objections to the notion that human political history culminates in liberal democracy. These objections include the arguments of the cultural relativists, who consider liberal democracy as only one political value system among many, and the anti-historicists who

say that there is no identifiable direction and purpose to the course of human history.

Grosvenor concluded that although the victory of liberal democracy over its rivals is real and that we should expect the number of liberal democracies to increase in the 21st century, it is also true that this victory is precarious, and there is nothing inevitable about its survival or its continued spreading. A democratic political culture, he said, is something that requires constant renewal and revitalization.

Grosvenor has taught at PLU since 1995 and specializes in international relations and comparative government. He has written two books and numerous journal articles and papers and currently is working on a book on anti-modernism in 20th-century British political thought. He holds a Ph.D. and an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and a B.A. from the University of Wales.

leadership and service

Parents Council members come to understand meaning of 'It's a great day to be a Lute!'

BY BOB AND JOANN LARSON, PLU PARENTS COUNCIL MEMBERS

It really would be all too easy just to send our monthly payments to our son's newfound home: Pacific Lutheran University. Send the money, listen for the occasional telephone call home to assure us all is well and continue to perform the daily tasks associated with being a parent. Yet that seemed empty, like leaving something only partially finished. We felt the need to continue our support of him and his choice of a university, as he moved forward in his education and personal growth.

excitement of Pacific Lutheran University. We soon found ourselves volunteering for PLU informational nights in our community and "kick off" parties for incoming students and their parents, hoping to relay the enthusiasm of this unique community of exceptional students and educators.

It became a "natural" to join the PLU Parents Council, accepting the additional responsibilities. Our official role now includes contacting parents of incoming students in the fall, hosting orientation weekend parent coffees and serving as a resource for any parent with questions and concerns.

Our years here have been rewarding . . . from helping parents understand this place called PLU to being involved with so many great activities and people. But most of all, we know that we will

really understand much of what our son has experienced in his education here. We know now what it means to say, "It's a great day to be a Lute!"

Bob and his wife, JoAnn, reside in Portland, Ore. Bob is advertising manager of Unified Western Grocers (formerly United Grocers Inc.), and JoAnn is a registered nurse with Allergy, Asthma & Dermatology Assoc. Both are members of Q Club and Resurrection Lutheran Church of Portland. Their son, Robby, is a senior at PLU, a Q Club member and currently serves as ASPLU president.



The more we participated in those opportunities available to parents, the more we wanted to share the excitement of Pacific Lutheran University.

BOB AND JOANN LARSON

As parents of a freshman student, now nearly four years ago, we, too, chose instead to "sample" this community of PLU. We found a unique, caring community, profound for its inner strength, outstanding leadership and dedicated adherence to providing an education in both service and letters. Almost immediately, like our son, we chose to become active supporters.

The more we participated in those opportunities available to parents, the more we wanted to share the

School of Education benefits from generosity of Diana Pederson '83 in honoring her grandparents

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, EDITOR

It's a fine thing to want to honor your grandparents' memory with an endowed scholarship, but it's a whole new ballgame when, as a young person, you have the resources to do so.

Diana Pederson '83, a program manager at Microsoft, was able to realize her dream late last year when two of her generous monetary gifts were matched by her employer, together creating the Arne and Gloria Pederson Endowed Scholarship in Education.

The smart classroom will allow education students to experience how technology can be leveraged for teaching.

During his time at PLU, faculty emeritus Arne Pederson '46, '48, '56 served as acting dean of the School of Education and established the requirement that all general methods class students would be assigned to multicultural, poverty-stricken or racially impacted classrooms for a semester of classroom experience. Among other things, Gloria (Rummer '42) Pederson ran a Scandinavian gift shop for many years and helped start PLU's renowned Yule Boutique.

"I have a lot of respect for what my grandfather did for the School of Education and for my grandmother's involvement in the community," Pederson said. "I am pleased to be able to recognize them in this way for their decades of service to PLU, their community, and the Pederson family."

Not long into 1999, Pederson also funded the School of Education with a "smart classroom," furnished with such



Diana Pederson '83, left, receives thanks and congratulations from President Loren J. Anderson at the Q Club Banquet last spring.

items as a projection system, laptop computers, and additional technology and media equipment. The smart classroom will allow education students to experience how technology can be leveraged for teaching.

"I'm excited to see the technological advances PLU has implemented, thus making sure all residence hall rooms are wired for the Internet," said Pederson. "I'm glad to be part of that effort."

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Homecoming 1999 "There's No Place Like Home"

CLOCKWISE FROM UPPER LEFT: In keeping with the Homecoming '99 theme "There's No Place Like Home," Scarecrow, Dorothy, Tinman and the Cowardly Lion made several guest appearances throughout the weekend. PLU students Chris Tavern '02, Krista Severeid '00, Beth Steele '00 and Bobby Bartz '02 are seen here at the Gala Buffet with Alumni and Parent Relations staff Lauralee Hagen '75, '78 and Darren Kerbs '96.

The 1999 Homecoming Royalty included Chris Berthoff '02, Kami Ruple '02, King Michael-Myron Weldon '01, Queen Sara Wolbrecht '01, Douglas Granquist '01 and Katherine Graff '00.

Tom Olson, Sandra Krause-Olson '89, Michell (Henning) Mott '90, Darren Mott '89, Heidi (Gifford) Erickson '89, and Brian Erickson catch up on old times at the Gala Buffet.

Parke Blundon '79 took an afternoon away from his work at Columbia Management in Seattle to talk with PLU students at the Java, Jobs and Jazz career event during the Homecoming Apple Festival.

College roommates were reunited during Homecoming Weekend. Bev Mohr '59 (right, with Armin Mohr) and Lois Capps '59 share a moment at their 40th reunion at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. Congresswomen Capps gave the Homecoming Heritage Lecture on Saturday morning.

Hundreds and hundreds of alumni returned to campus Oct. 15-17 to participate in Homecoming 1999 activities. Alumni had the opportunity to mentor current students at the first annual Java, Jobs and Jazz career event and compete against them in the alumni baseball game and the swim meet. Students had the opportunity to help honor alumni as they were introduced to the Athletic Hall of Fame inductees and Alumni Recognition Award recipients. Alumni from 1938 to 1998 cheered the football Lutes to victory on Saturday and worshiped together on Sunday.



Alumni Board Fall Meeting

The Alumni Board held its fall meeting Sept. 17-18. The Board welcomed new members Dennis Howard '64, Eva Frey '95 and Jeff Rippey '78 (Rippey also will represent the Alumni Board as a member of the Board of Regents). The Alumni Board continues to fine-tune its new organizational structure, involve alumni volunteers on various committees, strengthen existing programs, and identify new programs and services. The board focused its work this fall on Homecoming 1999 (the greatest emphasis being on the career event Java, Jobs and Jazz); supporting the PLU 2010 events around the country; and creating an affiliation group known as PLU GOLD (Graduates of Last Decade) by planning the first event in Portland, Ore., prior to the Dec. 5 Christmas Festival Concert.

RIGHT: 1999 PLU Alumni Board: (BACK ROW, L TO R) Lauralee Hagen '75, Sandra Krause-Olson '89, Gayle (Tideman) Lindeblom '67, Nikki Martin '73, Susan (Hildebrand) Stringer '76, Mike Fuller '94, Dennis Howard '64, Jeff Rippey '78, Eva Frey '95, Toppo (Ramstad) Kylo '50, Phyllis (Grahm) Carroll '55, Kara Fleharty. (FRONT ROW) John Feldmann '82, Darren Hamby '87, '92, President, Bev (Tranum) Knutzen '55, Becky (Nauss) Burad '74, Vice President, Brian Olson '83, Karen (Deveney) Fruehauf '92, Robby Larson '00, Darren Kerbs '96

Alumni and Parent Relations Scrapbook



PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction

In an effort to involve PLU alumni, parents, friends and prospective students and their families in a dialogue that will help the university shape the next long-range plan, President Loren J. Anderson will host "town meetings" in approximately 40 communities across the country — and around the world — over the next year. The first three events were held this fall in Hong Kong, Tacoma and Gig Harbor, Wash.

ABOVE: PLU President Loren J. Anderson (right) discusses the university's long-range plans at one of this year's town meetings, held in Tacoma.



ABOVE: Senior music major from Puyallup, Wash., Krista Severeid '00 wows the crowd of 700 with her rendition of "Home" from the musical "The Wiz" during the Family Weekend Dinner Theatre.



LEFT: Students show their stuff at the Evening of Swing during Family Weekend.

Family Weekend 1999

A good time was had by all at this year's Family Weekend. Activities included a reception hosted by President Loren and MaryAnn Anderson; an Evening of Swing, complete with dance lessons and music provided by the talented PLU Jazz Ensemble; a Lute breakfast with featured speakers ASPLU President Robby Larson and PLU President Loren J. Anderson; a bus trip to Seattle to see the sights and shop; a dinner theatre featuring the student group, A Night of Musical Theatre; and a special Family Weekend worship service in Lagerquist Concert Hall at the Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

PLU Connections Event Southern California

On Sept. 11, the PLU Lutes took on the California Lutheran University Kingsmen in the Lutheran Brotherhood Kick-Off Classic in Thousand Oaks, Calif. A Lute pregame tailgate party for more than 100 faithful alumni, parents and friends was sponsored by Alumni and Parent Relations and was organized by PLU alums Michael Fuller '94 and Sara Brown Hartley '95, both currently working at CLU.

RIGHT: Heidi Johnson '99 and Karin Anderson '99 are happy to see each other at the Lute football game and tailgate party in California!



Lisa Bakke '96 finds her passion in domestic abuse prevention

BY GREG BREWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

When she first arrived on campus, Lisa Bakke '96 knew she would major in psychology and then use her degree in service to others.

But she didn't know that a discovered interest in women's studies would lead her to a vocation as an advocate for domestic violence victims.

She didn't know that she would spend the year following graduation in a battle with lymphatic cancer that would bring new focus to her lifework.

"Hodgkin's disease didn't change the course of my life," Bakke said. "At the time I was already determined to work in the domestic violence field.

"Instead, it enhanced who I am. It caused me to reflect on life and what is most important. It made me a better listener and better able to understand suffering."

After her initial cancer diagnosis, Bakke spent a year recovering from surgery and treatment. To ease the return to her chosen career track, she volunteered for a year as an AmeriCorps volunteer with the Seattle Police Department crime survivors services unit.

Bakke spent weekdays in the office administering work with victims, police, prosecutors and the courts. On weekends she responded to domestic violence crime scenes. After patrol officers made sure of the safety of a site, Bakke and her partner would step in to offer their assistance in helping the victim deal with feelings, including fear, guilt, pain, powerlessness, embarrassment and isolation.

"Those of us who have not experienced domestic violence personally — all of us who have lived safe lives in loving families — must remember that we are blessed." LISA BAKKE '96

"We were there to help support and reassure the victims and to bridge the gap between the police intervention and a referral to social service agencies for long-term assistance," Bakke said.

Bakke was first drawn to work in domestic violence in her junior year at PLU when she began taking courses in women's studies and volunteered at a Pierce County crisis line in Tacoma.



Lisa Bakke

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"I was privileged to have taken an integrated studies curriculum at PLU that allowed me to focus both on psychology and women's studies. That led to a growing interest in women's issues and to some very powerful experiences as a crisis line volunteer providing assistance to women in abusive situations. In many ways, domestic violence cases can be even more difficult than a potential suicide," Bakke said.

"I've learned that domestic violence springs from some of the most complicated interpersonal relationships in society. It's not just a husband who hits a wife. We need to educate even 13- and 14-year-olds about what is manipulation and what is power and what is control.

"We all need to learn to recognize the indicators of potential physical, emotional and economic violence. That is at the core of my interest in serving as an advocate for domestic violence victims and survivors," she said.

"Those of us who have not experienced domestic violence personally — all of us who have lived safe lives in loving families — must remember that we are blessed."

In late October Bakke began working for Eastside Domestic Violence in Bellevue, Wash., as an advocate working in shelter and community-based programs. She is planning an eventual return to school and a master's degree program.



Phelta Neu Thi

This group of alumni is from the '30s to the '50s. They formed their own fraternity (since PLU didn't have one), Phelta Neu Thi, and reunite every year for a picnic. This year the reunion was at the home of **Stan '38 and Thelma '40 Willis**. Pictured are: BACK ROW, **Frank Swanberg '51, Stan Willis '38, George Thorleifson '42, Wally Elefson '48, Pete Peterson '49, Eldon Kylo '48, Art Larson '47, Paul Larson '38, Howard Willis '48, Elizabeth Willis '43, Marv Harshman '42**; FRONT ROW, **Millie Swanberg '46, Thelma Willis '40, Edna Thorleifson, Charlotte Elefson, Myrtle Peterson '48, Topsy Kylo '50, Lorraine Larson '47, Nina Larson '41, Margaret Kvinsland '40, Dorothy Harshman '42.**

1950

Howard Cook died on Aug. 23. He taught middle school in Tacoma for 30 years and served as a Boy Scout executive in Hood River, Ore., for two years. Howard is survived by his wife, **Marjorie (Kap) '50**, three sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1956

John Reay, professor of mathematics at Western Washington University, along with a colleague, received a Carl B. Allendoerfer Award for their "Surprising but Easily Proved Geometric Decomposition Theorem," published in *Mathematics Magazine* and illustrated on its cover in February 1998. The awards are given annually by the Mathematical Association of America for the best expository papers in mathematics published each year in *Mathematics Magazine*, a journal of the MAA. John has been a professor at WWU since 1963. He also plays bassoon in the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra and the 108 Woodwind Quintet.

1959

Jack Hall was recently appointed head of the department of history in Kansas State University's College of Arts and Sciences.

Patti Bills died on Sept. 22. She directed the Medford, Ore., visitor and convention bureau for 18 years and founded the Medford Jazz Jubilee. She was also involved in many organizations and groups, including two terms on the Jackson County Fair Board, the United Way board of directors and the Boy Scouts of America board. Patti is survived by her husband, **Bob '59**; a son, Brad; two daughters, Betsy and Brenda; her mother, Erna; and four grandchildren.

1964

Judith (Aus) Allen completed the Landmark Curriculum for Living last spring. She is semi-retired as a massage therapist, specializing in women who are disabled. Judith and her husband, Michael, have four grandchildren.

1965

Ken Hartvigson and Larry Green's '76 Great Northwest Agency, was named the first runner-up for Lutheran Brotherhood's 1998 Agency of the Year award. The honor recognizes exceptional agency growth, agency culture, fraternal outreach effectiveness, quality service to members, and the personal development and performance of all agency representatives. The agency also ranked second among Division One agencies in the amount of life insurance, health insurance, annuities and investment products issued in 1998.

1967

Mikael Leppaluoto and his wife, Shirlee, live in Gwinn, Mich. Mikael retired from the Gwinn School District after 32 years of service. His future plans include traveling, golfing and writing.

Paul Benson received the National Distinguished Humanities Educator Award from the Community College Humanities Association. It was

presented at the national convention in Chicago on Oct. 29. Paul is a professor at Mt. View College in Dallas.

1968

Georgia Girvan is directing the Idaho RADAR Network Center at Boise State University for the 1999-2000 school year. The center distributes information and materials on alcohol and drug awareness. She also is teaching health education for the Department of Kinesiology.

Conrad Selfors died on Jan. 1, 1998. He was the senior captain of his brother's, **Jack Selfors '53**, tour boat in Seward, Alaska. He also was a retired teacher from the Bainbridge Island School District. Conrad is survived by two daughters and two brothers, Jack and Edward.

1970

Linda Rehm Duncan and her husband, Dan, announce the graduation of their son, Jason, from Western Washington University in August and of their daughter, Kristine, from the University of Washington in June. Both earned a bachelor of arts degree.

1972

David Paulson, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in La Grande, Ore., for the past 11 years, is the new pastor of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Eugene, Ore.

1973

Sandra Glover is a faculty affiliate artist at the University of Puget Sound. She also is a teaching assistant of opera direction and production at the University of Washington. Sandra performs regularly and will be seen in the upcoming Jacobsen Recital Series, UW Recital and Opera, and as a soloist with the Rainier Symphony Orchestra in its spring 2000 performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. She also was heard on KING FM on Oct. 11.

1975

Roger Lipera and his wife, Anita Pamerantz, have moved to Albany, N.Y. Roger is an independent web

site designer, www.lipera.com. Anita is an associate professor at SUNY, in Albany.

Stanley Marder is the editor-in-chief of a non-profit, monthly computer publication with a circulation of 5,000.

Larry Walsh will complete his administration internship at Federal Way High School and receive his Washington State K-12 administration certificate in June.

1976

Larry Green and Ken Hartvigson's '65 Great Northwest Agency was named the first runner-up for Lutheran Brotherhood's 1998 Agency of the Year award. (See 1965 for details)

1977

Alan Spence has been named vice president of administration for Pierce College District 11. He has been an administrator in the district since his arrival as associate dean in May 1981. Alan is pursuing doctoral studies in educational leadership and policy studies from the University of Washington.

1978

Roger Reed is a research analyst in the institutional research office at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Joel Smith is a physician and currently on staff at a hospital in Nairobi, Kenya, where he lives with his wife, Rose. He has been in Africa since 1997 when he joined World Vision disaster relief in Somalia and Sudan. Joel graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine in 1982 and is board certified in internal medicine. After his four-year residency at a hospital in Harlem, N.Y., he spent six years with the U.S. Health Service in the Southwest Pacific.

1979

Colin Kibler-Melby had an article published in the January/February 1999 issue of *Soccer Journal*. He and his wife, Janice, have returned to Phoenix after two years in Berlin, Germany.

Frederick "Fritz" and Diane (Lang '78) Lampe and daughters,

Krista, 16, and Stephanie, 14, moved to Central New York in the fall, from their home of nearly 10 years in Anchorage, Alaska. Fritz is the new Lutheran campus pastor at Syracuse University and will continue his studies in cultural anthropology.

Jan (Hauge) DiConti and her husband, Marc, recently moved to Illinois, where Marc reported for duty at Great Lakes Naval Training Center as a chaplain. They moved there on the day of the second-worst storm in the history of the Chicago area. Jan is a substitute teacher in the Zion School District. They have five children, Louis, 16; Karen, 14; Isaac, 11; Noah, 9; and Lucas, 7.

1980

Jana Gedde recently took home six trophies from the United States Powerlifting Federation Deadlift Nationals and Region 8 Bench Press Championships in Tacoma. During the weightlifting competition, she set a personal record of 352.5 pounds in the deadlift and equaled her personal record of 181.75 pounds in the bench press. She earned top prizes in the open competition and the masters, 40 and older, events. Jana was also awarded the Best Lifter trophy for both classifications.

Kendall Briggs was the featured composer during a New York concert when the Prometheus Chamber Orchestra presented the world premiere of his "Rhapsody for Cello and Orchestra (...a riveder le stelle)" in Merkin Concert Hall on Oct. 17. Kendall is a member of the faculty at The Juilliard School, where he received a master of music degree and a doctorate in musical arts while studying composition with David Diamond. He is also a recipient of the Charles Ives prize from the American Academy and Institute of Arts and Letters.

1981

In July, **Clark McLean** attended the fifth world symposium on choral music in Rotterdam, Netherlands, where he saw several choral director friends, including Richard Sparks and Richard Nance from PLU. McLean is involved with the music program at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, N.M., and cherishes his memories of PLU and his participation in the Choir of the West. He currently serves as a systems analyst for the Government Information Department, General Library, at the

University of New Mexico, where he is responsible for microcomputers and Internet activities and is the webmaster for the department.

1982

Neal Otto and his wife, Paige, announce the birth of Brynne Nicole on March 3. She joins Nathan Quinn, 3.

1983

Mike Carlson's 10-year-old son, Christopher, recently joined the touring Broadway production of "Les Miserables," traveling to Colorado Springs, Seattle, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles. mcarlson@sacto.org.

Tony Alvarez De Alicante and his wife, Kathleen, changed their last name to De Aliconte in 1995. Their 3-year-old daughter, Hannah, was born in Italy while they were stationed there with the Navy. Tony is an attorney and is working on obtaining an LLM in taxation at Georgetown Law School. They expect to move back to the West Coast in a couple of years.

Bab Bedford is a member of the new men's barbershop chorus, Rainier Valley Harmonizers, and is also part of the quartet, Sound Sensations. Both groups will perform in "Sound Celebration," January 22, in Lagerquist Concert Hall at PLU. The show will include an international medallist, several other quartets, and a group from Washington High School. Joining Bob in the Sound Sensations quartet is fellow Lute **Mark Knutson '86**. bedfords@gateway.net

Jerry Buss was installed as pastor of Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, Wash., on Aug. 15. His stepdaughter, Courtney Berner, is a freshman at PLU.

1984

Rod and Lisa (Woods '82) Nubgaard have increased their commitment to their local youth soccer program in Paolesville, Md. Rod has been on the board of directors of Seneca Sports Association since 1996, and this year he and Lisa are responsible for the youth soccer program. They are managing and coaching first and second grade, and third and fourth grade teams, in addition to coordinating a soccer clinic for children aged 3 to 5. This is Rod's seventh season coaching youth

soccer, and he recently received his "E" level soccer-coaching license. Lisa continues to be involved in Girl Scouts. She is a troop leader for both Brownies and Juniors.

Susan Gubsch has played a nun in the Leavenworth (Wash.) Summer Theater production of "The Sound of Music" for the past several years. She also teaches Spanish and drama at Cashmere High School in Cashmere, Wash.

Janna Hamilton and Thomas Hudson were married on June 20 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in San Diego. Janna is a physical therapist and Thomas is a captain with the Dental Corps, U.S. Navy. They live in London.

1985

Patrick Accimus and Carolyn Carlson Accimus '87 announce the birth of Brett Ellis on April 20. He joins 3-year-old Andrew Patrick. Pat is an account manager at Microsoft Corp. and Carolyn is a stay-at-home mom.

Scott Higgins enrolled in the U.S. Naval War College's strategic planning graduate program after completing a tour as the operations officer of a Seabee battalion. He served as the leader of a detachment that rebuilt roads and constructed camps in the Albanian Alps for Kosovar refugees. "It was a rewarding experience to be a part of the NATO humanitarian effort," he says.

Tim Runquist and Heather Jensen were married on Oct. 23 at the Church in the Woods in Ottertail, Minn. Among the guests in attendance were **David Tooke '85** and **Paul Haugen '86**. Tim is an attorney with GE Capital in New Hope, Minn., and Heather is a nurse.



Jean Ladderud Coy and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of Rachel, on April 5. Jean brought Rachel home from Korea on Sept. 8 and adopted her on Oct. 28. She joins Joshua, 2.

Melanie Steen and Terence Billingsley were married on Aug. 29 in San Diego. Terence works at LADD Appraisal Company.

1986

Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly and her husband, Martin, announce the birth of Lucas Martin, on July 27. He joins Jacob, 2.

German professor Regina Braker '78 named regional council language teacher of the year

BY MICHELLE WARMUTH, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT



Regina Braker '78

Regina Braker '78, learned to speak and write in German at a very early age. In fact, Braker's parents, who emigrated from Germany in 1953, insisted all five children in the household have a command of the language. Now, as associate professor of German at Eastern Oregon University, Braker does the insisting and does it very well. She was named post-secondary language teacher of the year by the Pacific Northwest Council on Foreign Languages at its annual conference last April in Tacoma. The PNCFL covers Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and Utah.

"I was really excited about the award, but the more exciting thing was the presentation I gave at the conference. There was such a nice, positive response when I spoke about the different things I was doing in the classroom," Braker said. "I guess that's what the teaching award is all about."

Braker, who earned a B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. in German, developed an experimental class that brought learning the

language to another level. One part of the class was a hands-on project in which students wrote German interpretations for displays at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City and the Tamastslikt Cultural Institute in Pendleton. "German tourists are really fascinated with the American culture. It was a nice opportunity for my students to see that there are local connections."

At EOU since 1995, Braker is the university's German program, teaching German at all levels.

"I provide a lot of opportunity for students not only to study and analyze German, but to put the language to use by having them actually talk to each other in group and pair exercises," Braker said. "To receive a minor in German [the highest level offered at EOU], students must demonstrate a particular level of oral proficiency, so we push them to get comfortable talking."

New equarius president Mark Miller '88 has lots of Lute help



Luther Carlson and Mark Miller (left) and Kevin Kelly (right) are all Lutes.

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, SPECIAL TO SCENE

Mark Miller '88 always enjoyed leadership and envisioned being president of a company, someday. He just didn't expect it to happen so soon.

In October, the 33-year-old Miller took the helm of equarius, a systems integration consulting firm providing eBusiness solutions to organizations using Microsoft BackOffice technology. Equarius helps companies use software to extend their business to and through the Internet.

Headquartered in Bellevue, Wash., 40 percent of equarius' national client base comes from Northwest companies, such as Lightware, Visio, N2H2 and the Seahawks.

"My key function as leader of equarius is ensuring that our people are motivated and enjoying what they're working on. If that's happening, our clients will be well taken care of," said Miller, son of PLU Health Center Associate Director Ann Miller '86 and retired PLU economics professor Marlen Miller.

Considering the rate of technological change these days, Miller has his work cut out for him. He also has lots of Lute help. Kevin Kelly '90, is one of four co-founders of equarius, and the group's first hire was Ryker Labbee '96. Two years ago Miller came on as employee number 12, and equarius later added John Perry '91, Sam Lester '99 and Luther Carlson '87. Today, the company has 60 employees and this fall was ranked number 25 on the Puget Sound Business Journal's list of the Top 100 fastest growing privately held companies.

Miller also is surrounded by Lutes in his personal life. He is married to Connie (Eliason '85, '88) Miller, principal of Firgrove Elementary School in Puyallup. Connie is the daughter of recently retired admissions director Camille Eliason '59, '68 and her husband, Iver '55, '63.

The couple has two children and lives in Edgewood, Wash. The Millers spend time with Lute alums at Mountain View Lutheran Church and Mark still plays basketball regularly with several former Lute basketball players.

Pam (Semrau) Simpson and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of Annika Rose on Oct. 5. She joins Craig, 3.

Diana Archibald accepted a tenure-track faculty position in the English department at the University of Massachusetts, Lowell, teaching 19th century British literature. Diana and her husband, Dane, enjoy living in New England with their son. Her address book was recently stolen, and she is hoping you will contact her if you know her. diana_archibald@uml.edu

Jud and Sari (Tollefson '87) Keim announce the birth of Jace Walter on Sept. 12. He was born right after Jud coached in the PLU-CLU football game. Sari, in pre-labor, attended the second half. Jace joins Kalen Jean, 3.

Denise (Stelling) Bettinger and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Sean Keegan on Oct. 13. He joins Scott, 7; Eric, 5; and Shannon, 3.

1987

Julie Nelson was the manager of the field crew during game time at the Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Manitoba, July 24-Aug. 8.

Dave Parkhill is a warehouseman for the Chelan County Public Utilities District in Wenatchee, Wash. He and his wife, Cari, have two children, Kyle, 5, and Britt, 2.

1988

Matt and Kari (Graves) Misterek announce the birth of Noelle on Dec. 18, 1998. She joins Madeleine, 3. Matt is the new assistant metro editor at the *Statesman Journal* in Salem, Ore.

Elizabeth Berentson and Charles Slocum were married on Aug. 14 at University Lutheran Church in Seattle. Elizabeth's father, **Rev. Jim Berentson '58**, performed the ceremony. Chuck is the pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Edmonds, Wash., and Elizabeth is in marketing at Northwest Hospital in Seattle.

David Niehaus is a real estate appraiser at Cascade Appraisal LLC. His son, Zachary, is 8 years old.

Todd and Suzanne (Capelli '89) Kelley announce the birth of Lisa JoAnn on April 8. She joins Sara Joy, 3. Todd has been at MultiCare Health System in Tacoma for 10 years. He works in media relations. Suzanne has been a domestic engineer for four years. They live near Puyallup.

Terry Marks Design is showcased by Photadisc in the Photadisc Resource Book 12. The four-page portfolio section reviews selected works in five languages. Past reviewees include a long list of international firms, TMD being among the first homegrown firms to be profiled.

Eric and Kim (Wilson '89) Olson live in Longview, Wash. Eric is a physician at PeaceHealth Medical Group-Woodland Clinic.

Debbie (Skonord) Hickox and her husband, Alex, announce the birth of Kathryn Elizabeth (Kate) on Sept. 12. Debbie is a senior product manager at Microsoft Corp.

Brenda Ray Scott began a new position as director of community initiatives with the Salvation Army, Cascade Division, in August. She directs and manages corporate and foundation relations, including grant writing. In July, she was appointed to the board of directors of the Willamette Valley Development Officers organization. And in September, she was elected secretary of the Kenton Action Plan neighborhood association board of directors. Brenda also is the new alto section leader in the Braval Vancouver Chorale in Vancouver, Wash.

1989

Elisa (Sullivan) Hays and Steven '93 Hays recently purchased Let's Pretend Circus, a touring children's show. Elisa performed daily at the Puyallup Fair. They have two sons, Zachary, 2, and Alexander, 1.

John Hautala and Sally Whipple '95 were married on July 17 at Chapel of Grace in Olympia, Wash. Sally and John are both employed by Grays Harbor Community Hospital.



Sandra Krause and Thomas Olson were married Aug. 14 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tacoma. **Dr. S. Erving Severson '55**, vice president of student life emeritus at PLU, officiated. Sandra is a fourth grade teacher at Brookdale Elementary School, and Thomas is a state trooper with the Washington State Patrol.

Erik Moen and his wife, Laura, announce the birth of Etta Violet on Sept. 3. Her older brother, Leo, is coping with this new situation. Erik is the clinic director of Physiotherapy Associates in Lynnwood, Wash., and was the guest lecturer at the Washington State Physical Therapy

Association's fall conference. His class was titled "The Bicyclist: Implications for the Physical Therapist."

Kristi (Kessinger) and Peter Isensee '90 announce the birth of Tayla Victoria, on May 18. She joins Alisha, 2.

1990

Brent Grauerholz and his wife, Mary, announce the birth of Mandy on Jan. 14. Brent recently graduated from residency and is a family physician at the Greeley Medical Clinic in Greeley, Colo.

Arne and Ann Marie (Haroldson) Valdez announce the birth of Anika Rose, on May 10. She joins Alec, 4. Arne is a sales representative for Burkhart Dental Supply.

West Airlines. Dana stays at home with their 1-year-old son, Caleb.

Laura (Schlup) La Rose and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of Brendan Craig on Aug. 29. Laura is a stay-at-home mom, and Rick is a pipefitter.

Kristin (Miller) Krueger and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of Andrew Miller Krueger on Oct. 12. He joins Paul, 2.

Knut Olson recently earned the Chartered Life Underwriter professional designation from The American College, Bryn Mawr, Penn. Knut is affiliated with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle.



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Mark Hein is the new head boys basketball coach at University High School in Spokane, Wash. He was the junior varsity boy's basketball coach at University for six years.

Pam (Meyer) Johnson and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of Cameron on Sept. 26. www.homestead.com/hamburg/index.html

Roger Smith and his wife, Paula, announce the birth of Megan Elizabeth on Oct. 5. She joins 18-month-old Spencer Thomas. Roger is the operations manager at Toysmith.

Jan Hokenstad and Ed Stemple were married on Oct. 2 at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Wash. Jan is a clinical nurse specialist in pediatric oncology at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle and Ed is a sponsorship research manager at World Vision.

Kimberly Cawley McFarland and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Aidan on Sept. 1. Kimberly is a technical trainer at Premera Blue Cross.

Jim and Dana (Graversen '91) Hill moved to Phoenix in December 1998. Jim is a pilot for America

Elizabeth (Jacobson) Kammers is a manager for Garden Botanika. Her job recently took her from the Tacoma Mall to the Capitol Mall in Olympia.

1991

Michael Standish received the Meritorious Service Medal for accomplishments during command on Aug. 5. He recently completed a successful command of the headquarters and headquarters detachment, 2nd Chemical Battalion, and has moved to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to take a position in the Directorate of Combat Developments, United States Army Chemical School.

Janice Ward died on Aug. 20. She served in the U.S. Army for three years and later earned her bachelor of science degree in nursing from PLU. She was a registered nurse at the Family Neighbor Clinic and volunteered for the Pierce County Health Department. Janice is survived by her husband, James; daughter, Ashley; stepson, Victor; and stepdaughter, Victoria.



Teresa Raden Bowerman and her husband, Jarold, announce the birth of Raden Peter on May 7. Teresa is staying at home with

Raden after teaching at Olympia High School for eight years. Jarold co-founded Worldstream Communications, an Internet communications company in Bellevue, Wash.

Wendy (Kirkpatrick) Domain and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Bailee McKenzie, on Nov. 9, 1998.

Keith Ferrin founded That You May Know Ministries in 1996. He travels around the United States and Europe, speaking, singing, and presenting a one-man drama. He earned an M.Ed. in counseling and works half-time as an elementary school counselor.

Susan O'Leary has joined **Terry Marks '88 Design** as a project manager. Susan was formerly employed as an assistant to sales at GAC, The Allied Printers.

Lisa Manning moved to Marin, near San Francisco, in February. She is a studio-marketing manager with Zaruba Photography. zaruba@slip.net

Dannae (Gard) Youngard married Tim (Young) Youngard in 1998. They moved to Las Vegas, where Dannae is focusing on theatre and acting once again. Dannae previously ran her own housecleaning business for five years.



Jeff and Margriet (Carlson '92) Current announce the birth of Evan Neil on Aug. 18. Jeff continues to

teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to adult immigrants and refugees with the Evenstart program at Spokane Community College in Spokane, Wash. Margriet is taking a one-year leave of absence from her elementary ESL teaching position to stay at home with Evan.

Suzanne Wastier and Andy Podolske '92 announce the birth of Noah Andrew on May 1.

Joel Schreuder and Ruth Preston '87 were married on July 31 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Ore. Joel and Ruth, both Choir of the West alums, met in 1996 as members of Choral Arts Northwest, directed by Richard Sparks. Choral Arts provided music for the wedding and included "O Day Full of Grace" for the PLU alums in attendance. They recently moved to Mesa, Ariz., where

Joel is pursuing a DMA in choral conducting at Arizona State University and Ruth is working as a technical writer.
Joelst@imap2.asu.edu

1992

Oyvind Steinsvik and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of Oscar on July 6. Oyvind began his position as a marketing manager at Barregaard Synthesis Pharmaceutical Ind., in June. *Oyvind.steinsvik@barregaard.com*

Rebecca (Black) Peterson and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Ryan Joseph on April 26.

Susan Jacot and Bryce Butler were married April 18, 1998, in Mt. Vernon, Wash. Susan was promoted to the position of business analyst at Safeco Life Insurance in April and was recently accepted to the nursing program at Everett Community College. She plans to become a registered nurse. Bryce graduated from The Citadel, Charleston, S.C., in 1997.

Shawn Kogan is the owner of ADC Staffing, a technical consulting and job placement company. He has been in business for four years.

Stephanie Bullard and Kevin Beares were married on Oct. 2 in Portland, Ore. Stephanie recently left her job as a network administrator of a software company to pursue a master's degree in education. She plans to be a middle school teacher. Kevin, a University of Maryland graduate, handles customer support for Webbridge in Portland. **Kristin (Ford) Martinson '92, Cyndi (Worden) Johnson '92 and Mike McFarland '92** participated in the wedding.

Stephanie Grauerholz-Lofton is an associate in the corporate practice area of Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz's investment services group in Chicago. Prior to joining Vedder Price in October, she was an associate with Chapman & Cutler, also in Chicago. Stephanie received her J.D. from DePaul University in 1995.

Patty Wales and Noah Bickell were married on June 26 in Evergreen, Colo. Patty is a fifth grade teacher and Noah is a credit manager for the Sherwin Williams Corp.

Cindy Specht and Matt Dakus were married on May 15 at Applegate Christian Fellowship in Jacksonville, Ore. Cindy is a youth

minister at Calvary Lutheran Church in Grants Pass, Ore. Mott is a delivery driver with Columbo Distributing Co. and is pursuing an electrical apprenticeship. The honeymoon was in Palm Springs, Calif.

Bill and Sheri (Noah) Feeny announce the birth of Isaac Robert on July 12. He joins Claire Jennifer, 2.

1993

Mia Seppanen and Petteri Maki were married on June 19 in Helsinki, Finland. Mia is a commercial specialist at the American Embassy in Helsinki and Petteri is a segment manager with IBM.

Jennifer Norman and Charles Williamson III were married on Aug. 21 in Missoula, Mont. Jennifer is the assistant manager of operations at the University of Montana and Charles is an accountant.

Eric Yaver is a senior business consultant for Lucent Technologies in New Jersey.

Justin Yax is employed at Weidinger Public Relations in Lake Tahoe, Calif. When he's not skiing, biking or kayaking, he does work for Ski Lake Tahoe and the Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority. *Jyaxwpr@sierra.net*

Jolyn Larsen Dahlvig is a resident director at Whitworth College in Spokane, Wash.

Catherine Ann Johnson and Brian Patrick Mulhall were married on Sept. 25 in Tacoma. They were blessed to have all of their parents present, including Catherine's mother, who is terminally ill with cancer. Catherine is a social worker, and Brian is a physician. They live in Tacoma.

Brian Narramore is an events manager for Ric Hansen Entertainment. He and his wife, Tonya, have a daughter, Jordan, 4.



Lora Gross and Dr. Robert Slivers officiated. **Mitzi Hansen '93 and Kristin (Baldwin) Maland '93** were in the wedding party.

Brad and Molly (Tvedt) Uhlenhoff announce the birth of Alaina Joy on Sept. 8. She joins Madison, 7. Brad works for Hewlett

Packard and Molly stays at home with Madison and Alaina.

Jayne (McNutt) Leighty and her husband, James, were married on May 31, 1997. Jayne is executive assistant at TrizecHahn Development, and James is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps.

1994

Aaron Hubler and Rachel Firman Hubler '95 are middle school teachers in the Meridian School District in Boise, Idaho.

Karie Post and Aaron Cato were married on July 31 in Eugene, Ore. They both work for AT&T Wireless Services in Seattle. Karie is in national marketing and Aaron is a business analyst.

1995

Chris Egan is the new weekend TV news anchor at KTRV in Nampa, Idaho.

Maria Bengtsson returned to Sweden and started her own business after graduating from PLU. She works with project management, development of education material and planning and organizing international seminars in the field of international humanitarian aid, preventive diplomacy and conflict management. She has worked for the U.N., Swedish National Defense College, NATO, various ministries of Foreign Affairs, international aid organizations and universities. Maria has participated in writing two publications; one book on civil-military cooperation in U.N. peacekeeping operations, and one booklet on Swedish companies and investments in Tanzania.

Nancy Noyer Robb and her husband, Cassidy, announce the birth of Abby Lorene on Feb. 5. Nancy is a kindergarten teacher at Central Avenue Elementary School in Tacoma.

Brandon and Tarren (Becker '96) Fix announce the birth of Hannah on March 17. Tarren is a chemistry teacher at Stadium High School in Tacoma and Brandon recently started Donationdepot.com, an Internet company that allows you to give to the charity of your choice, online. One hundred percent of the donation goes to the charity. It will be available in January.

Daniel Mattson is in the U.S. Army graduate program in anesthesia nursing. He is a captain.

Kandace Greco and Eric Lewis were married on June 5 at Little Church on the Prairie in Tacoma. Kandace is a district manager, and Eric is self-employed.

Lonna Roberts and Robert Frans '96 were married on June 13 at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. Lonna is a geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey, and Robert is a chemist.

Theresa (Lyso) Zimmer is pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Washington.

Sara Strada has a new position as a sixth-grade language arts and math teacher at Rangier Middle School in the Killeen Independent School District.

Christina (DeAustria) Branson and her husband, Calvin, were married in April 1996. They have two daughters, Kailey, 7, and Mikaila, 2. Christina is a homemaker and Calvin works at Airtouch Communications.

Lauren (Laslie) Marlatt, a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, has been the head nurse in the gastroenterology clinic at Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Ga., since July 1997. She and her husband, Bryan, have a daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, 2.

1996

Robin Gillispie is a systems/DBA administrator for the Kent School District in Kent, Wash. Her department was recently inducted into the Smithsonian as a result of its efforts in network infrastructure and bringing technology to students.

Shane Row and Erica Wood '97 were married on April 17 in Tacoma.

Lenore McDonald received a master of social work degree from Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash., in August.

Kristie Giese recently joined Willamette Falls Hospital as a labor and delivery nurse. She previously worked at an OB/GYN clinic.

Rauno Martikainen is self-employed at Veranos Oy in Espoo, Finland.



Jennifer Jensen and Christopher Poppe '97 were married on Sept. 18 in Bellevue, Wash. *Alumni in photo: BACK ROW, Matt DesVoigne '96, Neil Crist '98, Bobbi Junell '98, Kevin Bartholomae '96, Matt Wrye '97, David Stith '97, Brooke (Kloppenburg) Stith '97, Jason Sommerset '98; MIDDLE ROW, Sami (Berube) MacDonald '96, Marci Voeller '98, Andrea (Conrad) DeLong '98, Jen (Gustafson) Wrye '97, Mark Carnese '97, Emily Blake '96, Jim O'Taale '97; FRONT ROW, Jennifer (Jensen) Poppe '96, Jami Simmons, Chris Poppe '97, Tayah Rathje '97, Jill (Stearns) Sommerset '98, Rebecca Walter '98.*

1997

Britta Gaupp and her husband, Marty, recently moved from Ohio to Washington, D.C., where she is a marketing manager of an architectural firm and Marty is in the U.S. Air Force, working at the Pentagon as a scientific analyst.

Susan (Jacot) Butler began nursing school in September and continues as a business analyst at SAFECO Life Insurance.

Laurie Kurowski recently accepted a position as administrator and recruiter in human resources with ShopNow.com.

Taylor Olson and Richard Rogers '98 were married on Aug. 14.

Erin Fischer and Michael Schaefer were married on Oct. 9. Erin is a youth leader at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ashland, Ohio, and Michael is the youth director at Good Hope Lutheran Church.

Scott Richardson and Erica Alis Amalia Schoessow were married on May 30 in Valencia, Calif. Scott is the director of youth at Christ Lutheran Church, and he attends Fuller Seminary part time. Erica is an engineer.

Sonjia Rainsberry and Neil Gavin were married on Sept. 18 at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Edmonds, Wash. **Rocky Downs '97**

Rev. Dr. Duane Larson '75 named president of Wartburg Theological Seminary



Rev. Dr. Duane Larson '75

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, SPECIAL TO SCENE

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson '75 thinks back to the rebellious '70s when he was at PLU and had issues with some members of the campus administration — much like many of his peers across the country.

If people had told him he'd be president of *anything* in the future, he would not have believed them.

"It is rather amusing to think about it now," said Larson with a chuckle. "I was a critic of some matters regarding the administration . . . and now I'm *in* administration."

In July, Larson was named the 12th president of Wartburg Theological Seminary, which is located in Dubuque, Iowa. A seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Wartburg was founded in 1854 and boasts more than 2,000 graduates.

"Throughout the intensive interview process and campus visit, it became clear that Dr. Larson has the vision, knowledge, skills and strong spiritual foundation to lead Wartburg Seminary into the 21st century," said Lynn C. Smith, member of the seminary board of directors and search committee.

Larson said his training at PLU served him well for this position, although he had no idea at the time that he would use it in quite this capacity.

"Wartburg is much like PLU was when I experienced it. The institution has a keen interest in meeting the world and serving all its needs in joy, and doing so in the Christian tradition," he said.

After graduating from PLU, Larson earned a master of divinity degree from Luther-Northwestern Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He then earned a Ph.D. in systematic theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., and served as pastor at several churches in California.

Before accepting the job at Wartburg, Larson was professor of systematic theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg since 1993. He also is a prolific writer and speaker, and has served in numerous community and church organizations.

He and his wife, Kathy Lane Larson, have two sons.

TV producer Ken Morrison '79 earns 26th Emmy award for KOMO 4



Ken Morrison '79

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, SPECIAL TO SCENE

If you've watched KOMO 4 Television for any length of time during the past 20 years, chances are you've seen at least one award-winning show produced by Ken Morrison '79.

If you have children, or are up at 9 a.m. on Saturday mornings, you might be familiar with his latest triumph, "How 'Bout That," a kids show that focuses on how things are made, such as how potatoes get turned into potato chips.

Morrison carted home three Emmys for that show at the recent 1999 awards ceremony — Best Children's Show, Best Children's Segment and Best Musical Composer. He's won 26 Emmys in his career — all with KOMO TV.

The wildly popular "Front Runners" show, featuring Steve Pool, earned Morrison the bulk of his awards. The show ran for 10 years and was nationally syndicated for the final three.

Morrison's talents don't stop at television. He's also a professional musician. Singer, songwriter and guitar player, Morrison's musical career took off at PLU in the late '70s

when he joined a band called Variations (later called Mainstream) to help pay for tuition. He still performs with the group today.

Morrison is loyal to his PLU roots. He learned a lot from his three-and-a-half years working at KPLU 88.5 FM, and he is especially fond of journalism professor Cliff Rowe.

"Cliff is a huge credit to my success," said Morrison. "He has such a passion for teaching and for his students. I don't think he knows just what an impact he had on my career."

Rowe is equally impressed with Morrison, who regularly talks to PLU classes and mentors students. He also taught in 1985 and 1997.

"Ken's given so much back to PLU and to education in general," said Rowe. "He's been extremely generous with his time, giving advice to students and talking to classes. He's a great person to have had come out of here."

and **Gretchen (Lervold) Beauchamp '97** were attendants. Sonjia is the youth education director at Northlake Lutheran Church and Gavin is a certified public accountant at Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP.

1998

Tim Barker and Lindsay Ann Falkenstein-Barker live in Wilsonville, Ore., 15 minutes south of Portland. Tim is the recreation coordinator for the City of Wilsonville and Lindsay Ann is an instructional assistant and volleyball coach.

Andrea Deaver and Koyi Khan Cloy were married on Aug. 8, 1998, at the Point Defiance Pagoda in Tacoma. Andrea is the recreation supervisor for Metro Parks in Tacoma and Koyi Khan is a pipefitter.

Alexander Bauer is a financial analyst for the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Tacoma.

Amber Davidson has a new position as respite coordinator for Polk County, Ore. As the coordinator she will match respite care providers with families in need of a break from the constant care of a family member.

Brandon VanDyke is the new music director at Surprise Lake Middle

School in the Fife School District in Milton, Wash.

Martin Mogk is teaching in a rural African-American community on the east shore of Lake Okeechobee, in the sugar cane fields of Florida. He recently passed the Florida Professional Educators Exam and received state certification to teach biology.

Sarah Straks is pursuing a master in divinity degree at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Bethany Wolbrecht has been a community development planner for Pierce County in Lakewood, Wash., since May 1998. She plans and implements public services and physical improvement projects. She recently purchased her first home.

Heather Ruud and Dan Casmier '99 were married on June 26 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fircrest, Wash. **Lance Thompson '99, Aaron Miller '00, Rachel Spada '99, and Megan Trunock '98** were in the wedding party. Heather works at Immunex Corp. in Seattle, and Don is a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Washington. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in the mountains of British Columbia, Canada.

MaryAnne (Hoppe) Hess and her husband, Bill, announce the birth

of Jordan Anne on July 29. MaryAnne worked for the State of Oregon Social Services and Child Protective Services before her daughter was born.

1999

Susan Ragland lives in Spanaway, Wash., with her husband, Rolph, and their two children.

Matt Iseri recently received a second-degree black belt in Kodokan Judo.

Janel Fox is currently teaching in Chino through a PLU program.

Dom Zook was in the recent Capital Playhouse, Olympia, production of "Sweeney Todd-The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," by Stephen Sondheim. Performances began Oct. 14 and ran through Oct. 30. www.mashell.com/~dizzy

Melinda Dickman entered the dental hygiene program at Oregon Health Sciences University in September.

Alana Dellatan is in the master of music therapy program at Loyola University in New Orleans.

Aaron Swenson entered the University of Washington Dental School in September. He plans to graduate in the spring of 2003.

Kelle Rose entered the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, a one-year program, in August. She lives in Detroit with five other volunteers and works at a neighborhood center in a low-income area.

Maureen Francisco recently completed a fellowship at KOMO TV in Seattle. She is now a reporter with KNDO TV in Yakima, Wash.

Allison Smith and Jason Lehner were married on July 24 at Columbia Presbyterian Church.

Jessica Baker '99, Julie Stith '99 and Janell Wagenblast '99 were in the wedding party. Allison is a high school teacher and Jason is a hotel administrator.

Salena Goudreault is an account coordinator at Owen Media.

Jennifer Smith and Christopher Henning were married on Aug. 21 in Puyallup, Wash.

After receiving a bachelor of science in nursing degree, **Melissa**

Holcomb was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She attended 10 weeks of officer's training in San Antonio, Texas, and is now stationed at the Tripler Medical Center in Honolulu for three years.

Lindee Glandon and Mark Bly were married on Oct. 2 in Hoquiam, Wash. **Allison (Zent) Sheneman**

'98, **Andrew Glandon '97, and Daemon Repp '97** were in the wedding party. Lindee is a customer service clerk at Albertson's and Mark is a doctoral candidate in pharmacy at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. They live in Evergreen, Colo.

in memoriam

1950

Caroline Sue Wells died on Aug. 30.

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1956

Joyce (Puffert) Mazer died on Oct. 16.

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Patti Bills died on Sept. 22.

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1991

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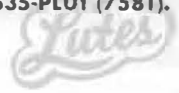
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The family that plays together . . .

BY KATHRYN WOOD '02 AND NICK DAWSON, SPORTS EDITOR

The offensive coordinator, who has spent countless hours studying game film on the opponent, assesses the situation on the field and decides on the next play. From the coaching booth he calls the play into the headphones and down to the sideline.

There, the head coach, the offensive coordinator's father, hears the play selection. Sometimes there is discussion, more often not. The play is then signaled to the quarterback, the offensive coordinator's nephew and the head coach's grandson. And with a clap, the Lutes break the huddle.

This scenario is repeated approximately 70 times each game for nine Saturdays or more during the Pacific Lutheran football season.

Most college football fans in the Northwest — and many across the country — know the head coach as **Frosty Westering**, now in his 28th season at Pacific Lutheran. A good many more of those fans know that the offensive coordinator is **Scott Westering '82**, the second of Frosty's two sons, who played for his dad from 1978 to 1980. And a growing number of those fans are being made aware that the quarterback is **Chad Johnson '01**, the oldest son of Holly Johnson, one of Frosty's three daughters.

When Frosty Westering made the move to Pacific Lutheran in 1972 to revive the football program, few could have imagined that 28 years later, three generations of the Westering family would play pivotal roles in the Lutes' drive toward a second straight NCAA Division III national playoff berth.

Frosty had himself been a college player at Northwestern and at Nebraska-Omaha. He spent several years in the U.S. Marine Corps before settling into the teaching and coaching profession. His experiences gave him a choice to be the kind of coach who yells and berates, or the kind who uses encouragement and affirmation, mixed in with the occasional "tough love." He chose the latter, and he uses that philosophy with great results today at Pacific Lutheran.

Employing his upbeat philosophy, which differed from most in the college ranks, Frosty led his first Pacific Lutheran team to a 6-3 record. Each of the 27 teams since then has finished on the positive side of the ledger.

After successful coaching stops at Parsons College (Iowa) and Lea College (Minnesota), Westering packed his wife, five children and belongings into a U-Haul and the family station wagon and headed west to Parkland. "It took us five days," remembers Westering. "We stopped at a campground and we really enjoyed the trip."

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Scott played on three of those teams, eventually serving as an All-American and captain on the



Three generations of PLU football — and of Westerings. From left, Scott Westering, his nephew Chad Johnson, and Scott's father and Chad's grandfather, PLU head coach Frosty Westering.

1980 squad that beat Wilmington (Ohio) to garner Frosty's, and PLU's, first NAIA national championship. Scott had spent his first collegiate season at UCLA, but decided to "come home" to his father's program. He was drawn back to a program that places high value on students' spiritual, mental, emotional, social and athletic development.

After tryouts with the San Francisco 49ers and the Buffalo Bills of the National Football League, Scott settled in on the coaching staff at PLU in 1981. Three years later, Frosty appointed him offensive coordinator. Frosty says he has enjoyed working with his son in this capacity. "It's been great to see him grow as a coach and as a man."

While Frosty and Scott helped lead six more Lute football teams to national championship game appearances, a youngster worked the sideline as a ball boy. During halftime breaks, that same boy would fling left-handed passes to his younger brother, Jason, and others on the vacant Sparks Stadium turf. In 1996, after an all-conference season at Rogers High School in Puyallup, Wash., Chad Johnson came to PLU to get an education and play for his grandfather and uncle.

"He was a ball boy for the team when he was little," says Frosty. "He's always wanted to be part of PLU football. It was a good fit for him."

"I've been around the program since before I could walk," says Chad, a junior who maintains a 3.56 grade point average while majoring in business administration. "We started coming to games here in the '70s when [Uncle] Brad ['80] and Scott were playing. It's neat to be in the inner circle. I thought I knew what this program was about, but I didn't really learn it until I lived this stuff out."

Under Scott's tutelage, Chad has grown into a twice all-conference quarterback and league MVP. Even more importantly, his interaction with Frosty and Scott has taught him a lot about life. "Without them I wouldn't be here," says Chad. "What they believe in and their faith in God have had a big influence on who I am. They have molded the player that I am and the person that I am."

The spiritual dimension of the program, what

Frosty calls "total release," helps players focus more on being "their best selves and not on beating an opponent." One of Frosty's motivational tools states that opponents "come to beat us, but we come to be us."

"I let Him [Christ] play through my athletic performances," says Chad. "I just let go of it all, and I play with more peace and joy."

Chad and Scott have a close relationship, both on and off the field. Prior to kickoff, the two pray together, not to win the game but to enjoy the competitive experience and to perform to their potential. During games, Scott keeps in contact with Chad when the Lute defense is on the field. Chad, for his part, has been around the program long enough that he is able to point out intricacies that even Scott and Frosty haven't seen. The relationship has benefited Pacific Lutheran in the win-loss column.

There is a strong bond among all three generations of Westerings, and the coach-player relationship adds "a unique dynamic in our family," says Scott. "Chad is a special of young man," says Frosty. "It's a pleasure to coach him and see him mature as a quarterback and a person."

"His leadership is strong in a natural way," says Frosty. "We couldn't ask for anything better."

The Westering family's involvement doesn't end with this trio. Go to any Lute football game, whether at home or on the road, and you're bound to hear - from anywhere on the field - the boisterous cheers of Frosty's wife, Donna, and daughters **Sue '77** and Holly. Jim Johnson, Holly's husband, and **Susan Westering '80**, Scott's wife, don't miss a game, while Brad Westering and Stacy Spani, the other Westering children, support the team from out of town.

"In our family there is great love for each other and of the Lord," says Frosty. "We care for and respect each other."

It's a philosophy that has brought the Westering family, and PLU many successful years of exciting 'Big Play' football.

As Frosty always says, "We make the 'Big Time' where we are."

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