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Football team in Tiananmen Square



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Choir of the West's Kara Quello at China's Great Wall

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There were PLU students performing in lands across both oceans this past summer as a finale to the university's centennial year. The choir, chorale, strings and wind ensemble were on concert tours in East Asia and Scandinavia; the football team played historic exhibition games in China.

## PLU's Young Ambassadors



Thomas O'Neal's Wind Ensemble at the alumni concert in Oslo's Plaza Hotel.

### Chorale, Wind Ensemble Praised During Scandinavian Tour

"I can't tell you how proud I am to be a PLU graduate," an alumnus testified at the Oslo, Norway, University Chorale and Wind Ensemble concert in June.

"The quality of music reminds me of how fortunate I was to get the quality of education I received at PLU," he added.

PLU students have always been exceptional ambassadors for the university and for the U.S. when they travel to distant lands.

Not too many years ago those travels were limited to occasional concert tours by the Choir of the West. Today they are so frequent and numerous that quarterly university news reports cannot really keep up.

A June centennial concert tour of Norway placed two PLU performing groups new to international travel, the University Chorale and Wind Ensemble, in a traditional international venue from a campus perspective: the concert halls of Norway and Sweden. And this new generation of students continued the traditions of their touring predecessors, leaving indelible cultural and personal impressions with their hosts.

Their tour opened in Bergen, Norway,

*After a year of memorable centennial-year highlights on the PLU campus, the year-long celebration's historic finale took place thousands of miles away. Several hundred PLU student musicians and athletes became international ambassadors in East Asia and Scandinavia in late May and early June.*

with a concert by each group in Johannes Church as part of the Bergen International Music Festival. There followed a Chorale concert in Trondheim's Nidaros Cathedral. One of the Chorale members, Ken Pulley of Portland, Ore., had been born in Trondheim and baptized in the cathedral.

Both groups performed in Alesund's Spjelkevik Kirke, where the mayor of Tacoma's Norwegian sister city was effusive in his praise. "In the past our sister city exchanges have been commercial," he observed. "This appearance adds a cultural dimension we hope will continue."

PLU students stayed in Alesund homes, where "lifelong friends were made in two days," said alumni director John Adix. "The Alesund people did a phenomenal job."

Alumni contacts were strong. In Stavanger, Philip Nesvig '70 coordinated the cathedral concert. In Kristiansand, hosts were musician Trygve Traedal and his wife, Heidi (Wold '86). At least one third of the members of the Oslo audience in the Sonja Heine Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel were alumni.

The tour was concluded in Stockholm, Sweden, with a final tourist stop in Copenhagen, Denmark.

PLU's musical directors were also relatively new. Ensemble director Thomas O'Neal was completing his third year; Director Cathy Bleecker was completing her first year with the Chorale, her second at PLU. ■

### Choir, Strings Share Musical Talents In East Asia

By Heidi Hester '91

The University Orchestra Strings, conducted by Jerry Kracht, and the Choir of the West, directed by Richard Sparks, performed throughout the People's Republic of China in such places as Beijing, Chengdu and Guangzhou. We also performed in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Honolulu.

These were experiences of a lifetime for all of us, but particularly for us seniors who were concluding our choir, and college careers.

Our primary reason for traveling halfway around the world was to share music, and that we did, before a variety of enthusiastic audiences in some unforgettable places. Our audiences gained something from us, but I believe it was we who gained most as we drank in the sights, the foods, the culture and the warmth of the people we met.

Each concert had a different ambience. In Beijing we were performing primarily before professional musicians who knew something of our music and who sang with gusto when the strings performed the Chinese national anthem.

At Chengdu University of Science and Technology and Asia University we met many friends familiar with PLU because of our academic exchanges. In Hong Kong we performed in the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, the city's main concert hall, thanks to the help of alumnus Willy Tsao, director of Hong Kong's leading dance company. In Honolulu, response was more like home.

We were reminded of the world's continuing political conflicts when our Shanghai concert was cancelled on the second

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PLU's touring musicians in China, like Kara Quello of Edmonds, Wash., enjoyed contacts with young and old.



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anniversary of the Tiananmen Square tragedy.

And like many Lutes before us, beginning with the concert band that performed on Mount Rainier nearly a century ago, we, and the football team, did the unexpected. The football team held an impromptu practice in Tiananmen Square; some of us performed on the Great Wall of China. Watching these strange tall, blond people doing such odd, unfamiliar things fascinated hundreds of Chinese passersby.

In Tokyo we were privileged to have student hosts from Asia University who showed us the sights from their perspectives. The transit system took us to every corner of the city. The pulse of the city could be felt in the Shinjuku District, where many of the Japanese young people like to spend their time, and the Ginza District, Tokyo's "Fifth Avenue." We also visited the Tokyo Tower, the Asakusa Kanon Buddhist temple and the Imperial Palace.

Part of the adventure of our PRC tour was experiencing the diverse modes of transportation in China; we traveled by plane, train and bus to our various destinations. In Shanghai we were treated to a cruise on the Huang Pu River that connects to the Yangtze, one of the widest rivers in the world. Our hosts also treated us to a magnificent performance by the world famous Shanghai Acrobats.

The area surrounding Beijing was a combination of flat rice fields and majestic mountain ranges. That teeming city also featured most of the Chinese treasures we had always wanted to visit, including the Forbidden City, the Summer Palace, Tiananmen Square, the Ming Tombs, the Temple of Heaven, and of course the Great Wall.

Remarkably, whether we were with friends or alumni in Chengdu or Tokyo, Hong Kong or Honolulu, or meeting new people at all of our stops, we were left with the indelible impression that our vast globe is indeed also a very small place, and we are all neighbors. ■

## Gridders Introduce American Sport To Chinese Fans

**T**wenty years ago a door to China was cracked open with the advent of "ping pong diplomacy." The PLU Lutes version this past June was dubbed "pigskin diplomacy."

Three exhibition games between PLU and Evangel College of Springfield, Mo., were believed to be the first organized games of American football played in China. For the record, the Lutes won all three games by scores of 20-7, 22-20 and 34-0.

Though a total of nearly 100,000 spectators attended the three games in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, tickets were so expensive, almost a week's wages, that many more were unable to attend. Estimated millions did watch on television.

The outcomes of the games were secondary to the experiences and impressions formed by both the visiting Americans and their Chinese hosts.

"I think we brought a wholesome perspective, a genuineness of having fun and enjoying people," said Lute coach Frosty Westering. "Our guys reached out so well. I think we brought American sport to them not as a big gladiator, but more as someone who is there to share the enthusiasm of competition."

Puget Sound area and hometown media took due interest in the Lutes' uncommon adventure, but an informal practice session in Beijing early in the tour resulted in photos of the Lutes in newspapers across the U.S.

Looking for a place for his players to work out, Westering discovered that the only accessible open space was Tiananmen Square.

A crowd of Chinese onlookers gathered, fascinated by the huge Americans made even more awesome in their shoulder pads and helmets. They walked up to touch the players and took turns trying on helmets.

"They swarmed around us," said running back Ben Maier. "Everything fascinated them."

"After we broke up practice, we started to mingle with the Chinese," said Peter Gradwohl, a defensive back. "They were so close we could barely breathe. They had fun kicking the 'olive' ball around."

Then the team ran over to the Mao Tse-tung Memorial for a group photo and hundreds of onlookers followed. At that point Chinese policemen, concerned about an incident, broke up the crowd and asked the Lutes to leave.

That was only one of scores of impressions. Others included: the popularity of miniature footballs thrown into the stands at the games; the first "wave" at a football game in China, started by a group of U.S. Marines; and catching passes on the Great Wall.

There were other famous tourist sites and conversations with Chinese about their lives and politics. Players met Chinese dignitaries, including the Minister of Sports.

They were sometimes bothered by the special treatment they received, like police escorts through teeming traffic and being taken to the head of the tourist line at the Great Wall.

The Lutes were shown "typical" Chinese villages they knew were above average, watched a performance by sensational Chinese acrobats and attended several lavish banquets. They were treated like celebrities on the street, with requests for plastic footballs and autographs.

"The people treated us better than we could have imagined," Gradwohl reflected. "I constantly received smiles and waves from people on the street."

P.E. instructor Susan Westering summed up the emotions of the trip in her journal: "We were together as a team for three weeks. We had many challenges that we met in a positive way. We laughed, cried, shared, cheered and had about every emotion you could think of. Coaches, players, wives, family, boosters. What a team! We became a special PLU family during this time together." ■

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## Campus



George Lagerquist

*'The language of music is universal. It spans the centuries, yet it is as immediate as the last soaring note were heard just moments ago.*

*'It comforts the old; and it stimulates even the unborn. It crosses cultures, races, nationalities, and it binds diverse personalities in mutual understanding.*

*'Unspoken, it lifts us into and holds us in the presence of God.*

*'At Pacific Lutheran University, music is one of the truly liberating arts.*

*'To all generations to come: May this place be remembered as a gift from those who came before and who cared about Pacific Lutheran University and its people.'*

President William Rieke  
Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Groundbreaking  
Sept. 10, 1991



Mary Baker Russell with President William Rieke

## PLU Breaks Ground For New Mary Baker Russell Music Center

**G**roundbreaking ceremonies for a new \$8.9 Mary Baker Russell Music Center ushered in PLU's second century Sept. 10.

A group of major donors to the project participated in the ground-breaking ceremonies on the northwest corner of campus, while most of the campus community viewed the historic proceedings on a giant closed-circuit television screen in the auditorium during Opening Convocation, which followed the ceremonies.

Naming donors include George Lagerquist, Mary Baker Russell, and her brother Elbert Baker II.

During Opening Convocation the university presented its Distinguished Service

Award to Gordon and Alice Kayser of Milwaukie, Ore. (see story page 5), and recognized the major donors to the Center.

Mrs. Russell, in whose honor the building is named, has lived in Tacoma nearly all her life. She is an associate alumna of Annie Wright School, and has been an active supporter of civic and cultural events in Pierce County.

"Her enthusiasm and delight in PLU's music program have endeared her to students and faculty alike," said PLU President William Rieke. "The music center bearing her name will be a fitting tribute to her generous spirit and her lifelong concern for the enrichment of youth and the

entire community."

Lagerquist's generous gift will fund the Center's 524-seat concert hall and adjoining lobby and courtyard. A former member of the PLU Board of Regents, Lagerquist dedicated his gift in memory of his late wife, Margaret E. (Peggy) Lagerquist.

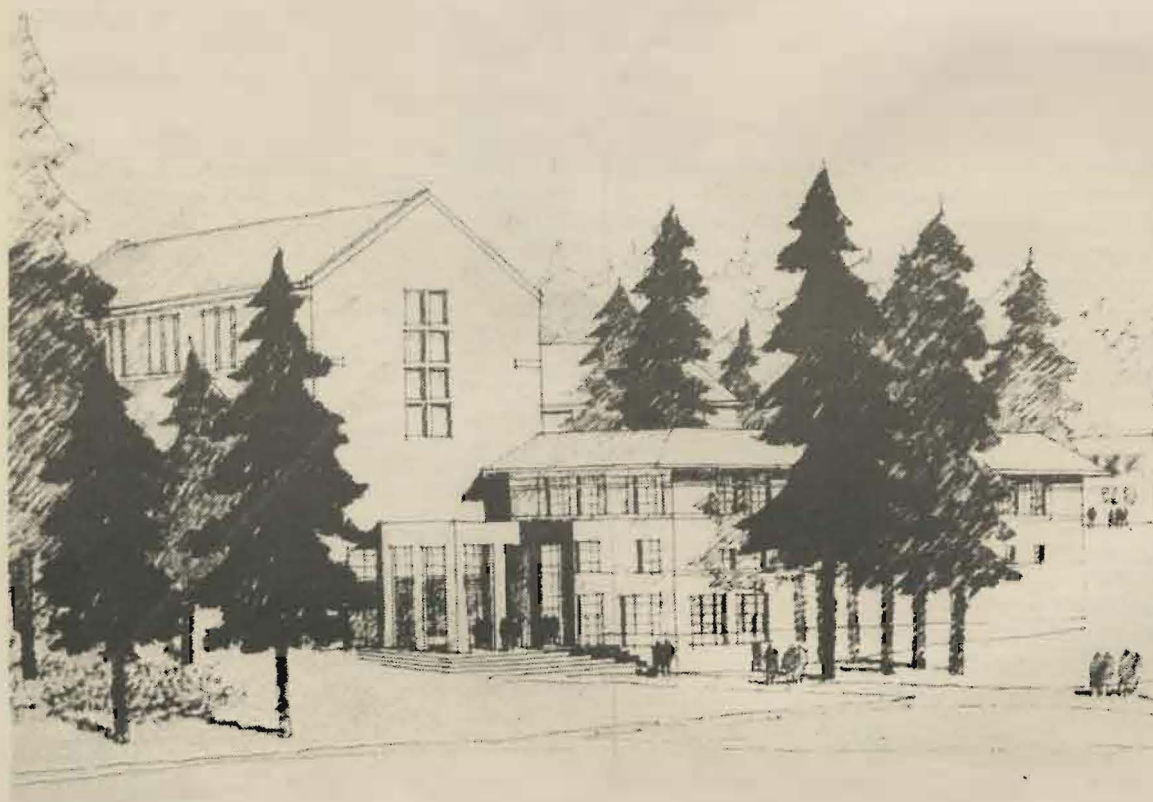
"He has expressed the desire that this will be the outstanding performance hall in the northwest," said Rieke.

Baker is known throughout the northwest as the retired publisher, president and chairman of the board of the *Tacoma News Tribune*.

### Recent Gifts & Grants

\* \$39,972 from the U.S. Department of Energy to the Tacoma MESA Middle School Summer Science Program, a five-week program held at PLU in July and August for seventh and eighth grade minority and female students. The program was intended to increase the number of minority and female students pursuing careers in mathematics, engineering and the sciences by providing a positive pre-high school and pre-college academic experience.

\* \$25,000 from the United States Information Agency to PLU for the third and final year of participation in the USIA Samantha Smith Memorial Exchange Program. The program funds academic exchange of undergraduate students to and from PLU and the Estonian Business School (Estonia), Kaunas Technology University (Lithuania) and Riga Technical University (Latvia) during the spring of 1992.



Architect's rendering of Mary Baker Russell Music Center



Gordon and Alice Kayser

## PLU Presents Distinguished Service Award To Kayzers

Gordon and Alice Kayser of Milwaukie, Ore., received a Distinguished Service Award from PLU during Opening Convocation on campus Sept. 10.

The Kayzers, who have established endowed scholarships for nursing and engineering students at PLU, have also participated as major donors and volunteers on behalf of the university's centennial fund campaign. Gordon served on the campaign's national committee.

Several years ago they were the donors of PLU's largest single endowment gift, to which they continue to contribute.

## '89 Alumna Is PLU's 22nd Fulbright Scholar

A 1989 PLU alumna has become the university's 22nd Fulbright Scholar since 1975.

She is Sara Rehfeldt of Moscow, Id., who graduated from PLU with a major in German. During the current academic year she is teaching American culture at a high school in Braunschweig, Germany.

During her undergraduate career she studied in Europe for a year, one semester at a French university and one semester at a German university.

Following graduation she studied at Ohio State University, where she recently received a master of arts degree in German literature and critical thought.

Fulbright Scholarships cover all expenses for a year of foreign study

"The byword for the Kayzers is ministry to others; their spirit of service and giving is an example of the finest personal Christian stewardship," said PLU President William Rieke.

Just prior to the convocation the university broke ground for the Mary Baker Russell Music Center, a project toward which the Kayzers have also generously contributed.

Gordon and Alice worked, respectively, in the engineering and nursing professions for 32 years prior to "semi"-retirement.

For nearly a decade he has worked as a computer consultant, and has developed and refined mathematical computer programs. He also teaches woodcarving at senior centers in the Portland area.

They are active members of Milwaukie Lutheran Church. He has developed a computer program to assist that church and others in financial matters.

"We are constantly saying 'Thank you!' to this wonderful couple," said a member of the congregation.

A graduate of Montana State University, Gordon designed and tested ventilation and heating systems for Navy ships during World War II. After the war he became involved in the design and operation of wind tunnels in their initial stages of development.

Alice earned her nursing diploma from Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland, Ore., and worked at hospitals in Minneapolis, Minn., Danville, Ill., and Milwaukie.

Originally from Lewiston, Mont., the Kayzers will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary next spring

## U.S. News And World Report Ranks PLU Among Nation's Best

The Sept. 30, 1991, issue of *U.S. News and World Report* once again ranked PLU among "America's Best Colleges." PLU remains the only northwest independent or Lutheran institution in the country to have been honored in every *U.S. News* survey.

Among the top 15 colleges and universities in the West, PLU ranked eighth.

To determine a school's overall rank, the magazine combined reputation scores with data provided by the schools. Reputational scores were based on a survey of 2,245 college presidents, deans and admissions directors.

Statistics measured selectivity of the student body; the degree to which the school financially supports a high quality full-time faculty; the school's overall financial resources and the level of student satisfaction as measured by the school's ability to graduate students admitted as freshmen.

## Peterson's Ranks PLU Among U.S. Best Colleges

Pacific Lutheran University is one of 353 top colleges and universities in the United States selected for inclusion in *Peterson's Competitive Colleges 1991-92*, one of the nation's leading college guides.

PLU has been listed in the guide since its first publication 10 years ago. According to the *Peterson's* evaluation formula, the book uses student achievement rather than application numbers or reputation to identify colleges for inclusion.

The top colleges represent roughly the top 10 percent of the nation's institutions of higher education.

PLU has also been ranked in every biennial *U.S. News and World Report* "Outstanding Colleges" issue since that magazine began its survey report in 1983.

*Peterson's*, an education and career information publisher based in Princeton, N.J., distributes over 50,000 free copies of its guide to high-potential students, including more than 16,000 academically talented minority students.

The book is also available in bookstores nationwide.

In the latter category, student satisfaction, PLU ranked higher than any other northwest school.

Other northwest schools listed in the Top 15 in the West were University of Puget Sound, Seattle University and Linfield College. Three northwest schools listed last year were dropped out of this year's rankings.

The survey has become the best known and most widely quoted college survey in the country.

## PLU Presidential Search Committee Begins Screening

The search for the 12th president of Pacific Lutheran University, the successor to retiring President William Rieke, is in the nomination and application phase.

More than 600 nominations or letters of interest have been received by the search committee, with more arriving each day, according to Frank Jennings, chair of the committee and vice-chairman of the PLU Board of Regents.

The committee has engaged the services of the Academic Search Consultation Service, a non-profit search firm. The position has been advertised in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, and letters have been sent to more than 400 persons in leadership positions in higher education.

With the assistance of ASCS, the committee is beginning its screening process this month.

"We are looking for candidates whose qualifications and experience provide a solid fit with the list of priorities and presidential characteristics that have been developed to guide the search selection," said Jennings.

He reported that the committee is still receiving nominations, and he encourages anyone who wishes to nominate someone, or make direct application, to send information to the Presidential Search Committee, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447.

## Admissions/Development

## Admissions Office Announces Fall Travel Schedule

During the fall months, PLU admissions representatives are on hand at many functions where potential students may be found.

They visit high schools, community colleges and churches, and represent the university at Lutheran College Nights and other college nights and fairs.

Alumni, parents, pastors and friends can help future students by encouraging them to consider the PLU option and meet with a PLU representative visiting their area.

The Admissions office also encourages calls or letters about prospective students or the travel schedule. Times and dates are available from PLU or local high school counselors.

PLU phone no. (local) 535-7151  
(long distance) 1-800-274-6758

Following is a partial fall travel schedule (from Oct. 10). Other visits were held in late September and early October.

### Alaska

Anchorage Fair Nov. 6-7  
Fairbanks Fair Nov. 8  
Juneau Fair Nov. 5  
Ketchikan Fair Nov. 4

### California

Bakersfield Fair Oct. 23  
Corona Fair Oct. 18  
Palo Alto Schools Oct. 15  
San Diego Fair Oct. 21  
San Francisco/San Mateo Fair Oct. 16  
Santa Monica Fair Oct. 22  
Sequoia Union Fair Oct. 17

### Hawaii

Honolulu Fair Nov. 15-16

### Idaho

Boise Fair Oct. 22  
Coeur d'Alene Oct. 24  
South Idaho Schools Oct. 14-25  
Southeast Idaho Schools Oct. 15-17

### Minnesota

Minneapolis Oct. 28

### Montana

Billings Schools Nov. 4-8  
Western Montana Schools Oct. 21-25

### Nevada

Las Vegas Fair Nov. 6-7  
Reno Fair Nov. 3-4

### Oregon

Albany/Corvallis Schools Oct. 16  
Eugene Oct. 17-18  
Ontario Fair Oct. 21  
Portland Fair Oct. 20-21  
Portland Schools Oct. 24  
Nov. 4-8  
Nov. 14  
Salem Oct. 14-15

### Utah

Salt Lake City Fair Oct. 19  
Salt Lake City Schools Oct. 18

### Washington

Central Wash. Schools Oct. 21-Nov. 1  
Eastern Wash. Schools Oct. 21-Nov. 1  
Olympic Peninsula Nov. 12-15  
Seattle Fair Oct. 27-28  
Spokane Fair Oct. 29-30  
Vancouver Area Schools Oct. 25  
Nov. 15  
Western Wash. Schools Nov. 4-8



From left, Ann, Larry and Dr. Fred Deal at Larry's 1991 graduation in May.

## Couple Donates Parkland House To PLU Centennial Fund Campaign

A house five blocks from the PLU campus has been donated to the university by Dr. Fred and Ann Deal of Wenatchee, Wash.

The house is being donated to the Centennial Fund campaign through a "bargain sale" charitable gift instrument, according to

PLU development officer Ron Tellefson. In effect the Deals "sold" their home to the university for the balance of the mortgage owed, he indicated.

"Both we and PLU can benefit from this gift of property we don't need," said Mrs. Deal. "We also want to make a strong statement in support of what PLU stands for and the quality of education it offers."

The transaction provides the Deals with a significant charitable contribution tax deduction.

The Deals purchased the house as a residence for their sons Bruce '87 and Larry '91 to use during their student days at PLU.

Bruce, a former PLU student body president, went on to earn a master's degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1990. Last year he was in Indonesia with the Harvard Institute of International Development. He and his wife, Lisa (Waslenko '88), a nurse, have returned to Seattle.

Larry, who co-chaired the Graduation Gift campaign that raised a record \$48,000 last year, is a freshman at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Ann, an administrator in her husband's office, is on the central Washington regional committee for the Centennial Fund campaign. Dr. Deal is an orthopedic surgeon. The Deals were PLU Parents of the Year in 1990.

## Van Beek Switches From Admissions To Development

James Van Beek, dean of admissions and financial aid at Pacific Lutheran University for 13 years, became the university's director of endowed scholarships Aug. 15.

Van Beek has served in PLU's admissions and financial aid offices for 28 years.

"Having admitted 75-80 per-

cent of all students who have enrolled at PLU, Van Beek's knowledge of alumni, parents and friends of the university is extremely broad and will be of immense value in the building of scholarships and endowment," said Luther Bekemeier, vice-president for development.

Van Beek earned a bachelor's

degree from PLU in 1960 and a master's degree in 1969. He was one of PLU's all-time basketball greats from 1956-59.

A search for a new dean of admissions is underway.

## Soltis New PLU Financial Aid Director

Kay Soltis, associate director of financial aid at PLU for seven years, has been promoted to director of the PLU financial aid office.

Soltis came to PLU after eight years as assistant director of financial aid at Seattle University.

She worked with the Washington State Higher Education Coordinating (HEC) Board during its first two years and was the first person to run the state student work study program.

She currently serves as treasurer of the Washington Financial Aid Association.

Soltis holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University.



This year's new alumni admissions representatives are from left, David Chun '84, Honolulu; Kari (Nelson '87) Hubbard, Spokane; Linda Van Beek '82, Los Angeles; Carol Olson '63 (Minneapolis) and Deb Erickson '82 (Lodi, Calif.) Not pictured: Jon Olson '62 (Minneapolis) and David '85 and Linda (Gard '85) Boring, Portland. The group joins seven alumni selected for the program last year. The program is funded by a grant from Aid Association for Lutherans.

## PLU Board Of Regents Elects New Members

Three new members were elected to the PLU Board of Regents at the Sept. 10 meeting of the PLU Corporation.

They are Richard Rouse '69 of Lynnwood, Wash.; Otto Stevens of Spokane, and Donald Wilson '74 of Portland.

The trio will serve three-year terms through 1994.

The board also welcomes Linda BeMiller (MBA '85) of Tacoma, who is filling an unexpired term through 1993.

Rouse is senior pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood. Stevens is a dentist, and Wilson is vice president of Wilson Construction Company.

Seven current members of the board were reelected by the Corporation. Robert Howard '63 of Fairbanks, Alaska; Frank Jennings of Kent, Wash.; and John Oakley '68 of Mill Creek, Wash., are returning representatives of Region I, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

At-large regents returning are Connye Hager '63 of Billings, Mont., William Ramstad '47 of LaJolla, Calif., and Jane Russell of Tacoma.

Jon Olson '62 of Eden Prairie, Minn., returns as Alumni Association representative.

## Zulauf To Guide Business School During 1991-92 Year

The founding dean of the School of Business Administration at PLU returns to his former post for the 1991-92 school year.

Dwight J. Zulauf helped launch PLU's business school in 1960 and served as dean until 1966, when he was succeeded by Gundar J. King.

Zulauf's interim appointment follows the August 1991 retirement of King, under whose leadership the school has become the largest academic unit on the PLU campus. The school awards some 200 bachelor's and master's degrees each year.

A nationwide search for King's successor is underway, and it is expected that his replacement will assume the post by next June. Zulauf plans to retire June 1, 1992.

Zulauf has served on the accounting faculty at PLU for 31 years. He also taught at universities in Minnesota, California and New Zealand. He holds a bachelor's degree from University of



Gregory Youtz



Beth Kraig



Norris Peterson

## Three Professors Honored For Teaching Excellence

"Dr. Kraig is a fabulous classroom teacher who receives 'walks on water' student evaluations," wrote the person who nominated history professor Beth Kraig for a Burlington Northern Foundation Faculty Achievement Award.

Kraig is one of three professors selected for the annual honor recognizing faculty members for outstanding teaching and scholarship. Also honored were economics professor Norris Peterson and music professor Gregory Youtz.

All three earned excellent

teacher ratings while they compiled a strong record of scholarly accomplishment.

Kraig, who is beginning her third year at PLU, has recruited an uncommon number of history majors, serves as advisor for some 30 students, and maintains a volunteer tutor program.

Professionally, she is polishing a manuscript on popular cultural descriptions and models of automobile drivers as they reflect gender-specific behavior and abilities. She presented two papers at conferences during the past year.

Now in his 11th year on the PLU faculty, Peterson was cited particularly for pioneering work

in the economic education field. His research analysis accurately questions several strongly held beliefs about learning economics and "will alter traditional practices in this field," according to his nominator. Articles on the work will soon appear in the *Journal for Economic Education*.

Youtz' composing achievements, including last year's centennial opera, "Songs from the Cedar House," are well-known. His award-winning "Fire Works" and "Scherzo for a Bitter Moon" continue to be performed nationwide.

The seven-year faculty veteran was also recognized for his creative teaching in both traditional and experiential classes.

This is the sixth year that Burlington Northern has conducted the awards program at PLU. Recipients receive \$1,500 stipends.

## Nordquist PLU History Earns Special Award

Philip Nordquist, PLU history professor and centennial historian, is the recipient of an Award of Commendation from the Concordia Historical Institute of St. Louis, Mo.

The award recognizes his work on PLU's centennial history, *Educating for Service*.

According to Aug Suelflow, director of the Institute, Nordquist's book "provides an excellent model for the researcher and historian in a centennial history of an educational institution."

"The book provides interesting highlights, detailed descriptions and valuable references that make this history an example to emulate," he added.

The citation will be presented at the Institute's annual awards banquet Nov. 7.

The Concordia Historical Institute is affiliated with the Department of Archives and History, Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

## Yule Boutique Marks 20th Year Nov. 23

Area artists and craftspersons will exhibit their wares during PLU's 20th annual Yule Boutique. The holiday bazaar runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, in PLU's Olson Auditorium.

A variety of goods are available, including pottery, carved and painted wood and tree decorations. The boutique also features fine art, jewelry and Scandinavian baked goods.

Harpist Bronn Journey will provide live music throughout the day.

Free shuttle vans will be available to transport people from campus parking areas.

Admission costs \$1 and supports PLU student scholarships. Call (206) 531-6669 for further information.

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## Faculty

## Problems Abound But Vitality Persists Egypt As A Classroom

By Ann Kelleher

Cairo has problems. Its sewers overflow. The Nile, Egypt's lifeblood for thousands of years, accumulates more pollution as the country's population soars. Newspapers suggest that the newly imposed economic austerity program presents a threat to political stability. Millions of the living join the dead in inhabiting the Northern and Southern Cemeteries. The litany of troubles could go on and on.

Yet somehow the city functions. The will to find solutions persists. The city maintains its vibrant human mosaic. Enthusiasm for living showed when a young girl in the slums shyly but proudly posed by her donkey.

The bustling business district exudes a similar vitality. Corn plants grow in tiny dirt plots hewn out of cement sidewalks. Small appliance repair, cane furniture manufacture, and auto body shops are but examples of sidewalk and street life. Given the heat of the day, activity intensifies after nightfall with some stores open until midnight.

Even a new waste water treatment system is planned. The current U.S. Ambassador to Egypt believes it is one of the world's largest Agency for International Development (AID) projects.

Cairo's contrasts reflect the extremes of any modern city. Its population, approximated at 15 to 17 million, includes extremely well educated and sophisticated people as well as millions with little education and barely surviving. Cairo universities provide much of the Arab World's intellectual leadership, but the city also fosters slums as appalling as any on the planet.

Egypt's difficulties present risks not only to its present population. The chief inspector of the Giza Pyramids Archeological Zone, Dr. Zahi Hawass, estimates that only 30 percent of the country's ancient sites have been excavated and most of those have suffered damage. For example, the rising water table and air pollution threaten the Sphinx and Giza pyramids. Very articulate and thoroughly knowledgeable, Hawass travels the world with his slide show. He describes his proposed solutions as well as the problems.

A visitor's impressions of Egyptians vary widely. As tourists we endured the usual annoyingly aggressive persistent street salesmen. As visiting academics we were stimulated by the enlightening talks of Egyptian academics and high level government officials. Dr. Boutros Ghali, for example, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and a leading candidate for Secretary General of the United Nations, provided forthright explanations of complex international issues.

Travelers anywhere should prepare for spontaneous encounters. On one occasion we got "unlost" in the Northern Cemetery's slums with the guidance of a young boy who enjoyed practicing his English — and receiving a tip. As this adventure unfolded we were escorted by an entou-

rage of assorted goats, children, dogs and a chicken or two.

As we searched for our missing bus in Port Said, we met a man who earned a degree in marine engineering at Rutgers University. For at least a half hour our conversation ranged from Egypt's macro economic dilemmas to the family lifestyle of Egypt's middle class.

Observations tumble into each other as if travelers need reminding that no easy generalization summarizes very much reality. For example we witnessed how Egypt's human and economic infrastructure efficiently accomplishes the technically complex task of maintain the Suez Canal. Yet many people in the countryside live in houses constructed with sun-baked mud bricks like those made for thousands of years. They provide cheap and effective protection from the sun in the country's almost rainless climate.

Mention of these inexpensive housing materials most villagers can make brings up a problem typical for third world governments. Development never just solves problems. It creates new ones. By eliminating annual flooding, the Aswan Dam has allowed year-round cultivation and a doubling of agricultural production. At the same time, the dam also has stopped the annual deposit of new soil in the delta. Now, making mud bricks depletes precious non-renewable topsoil, so the government has forbidden the practice. Bricks baked in ovens provide the alternative and factories dot the countryside. Their product is much more expensive than the do-it-yourself variety.

The previous few points represent only a small fraction of what the four-week seminar in Egypt and the Gulf taught me. Since I am responsible for many of the political science department's international studies courses, the Middle East in general and Egypt in particular emerge in virtually every course I teach, whether planned or in response to news events. Because my

Political science professor Ann Kelleher was one of 11 social sciences professors in the nation to be awarded a Joseph J. Malone Faculty Fellowship to participate in a month-long study program in the Arab world. The fellowship program, sponsored by the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, a non-profit educational organization, made possible her July visit to Egypt.



last visit to the region was in 1965, I needed updating.

Some observations illustrate Egypt's economic and social changes during the last 25 years:

\* Most of the donkey and horse carts have vanished. Their replacements, legions of cars and trucks, miraculously manage to avoid hitting each other most of the time.

\* The pressure for housing is so great that in poorer sections of the city homemade rooms and whole floors are piled on top of existing structures. Often their collapse makes the daily news.

\* I remember the great pyramids as far from the city, separated by miles of sand. Now human habitation threatens to envelop them.

\* A new underground rail system links Cairo's inner core. Designed by the same French firm responsible for Washington, D.C.'s metro, it is well maintained as a symbol of progress and pride.

\* A majority of women, even in the business district, wear some version of the purda veil, which in Egypt means a head covering. Twenty-six years ago short sleeves and freely flowing hair were acceptable among middle and upper class city dwellers.

This summer's experience reminded me yet again of why institutions provide systematic support for faculty development. In the case of this travel seminar, the National Council on U.S. Arab Relations paid most of the cost. I covered the rest. Far from a junket, the summer's experience was strenuous physically and mentally.

Teaching and learning reinforce each other. Without learning, teaching becomes stale and repetitive. Without application, learning can produce a self-centered sterility. As lifelong learners, teachers search out new information to test their analyses and update their knowledge. In addition to accomplishing these twin tasks, my four weeks in the Arab World illustrated again the effectiveness of experiential education. A picture may be worth a thousand words, but words come alive through personal observation. ■

## Guldin Sees Russians Eager To Rebuild Post-Coup Country

Gregory Guldin, associate professor of anthropology at PLU, returned in September from a two-week lecture-interview tour of the Russian Republic.

He spent most of his time discussing problems of urban living and the post-coup mood of the nation. "My visit couldn't have been more timely," said Guldin, who arrived one week after the failed coup. He discovered a people very interested in finding ways to rebuild Russia.

Guldin was the guest of the Institute for Moscow Development and he lectured at the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

He also spoke at Syktyvkar University,

550 miles northeast of Moscow. While there he conferred with officials about establishing a student-faculty exchange with PLU.

Guldin's hosts provided interpreters, but "we found a surprising common language in Spanish. Apparently people from both the military and academe spent some time in Cuba," he observed.

On a personal level, Guldin's visit allowed him to meet with family members who have not been in contact with the U.S. family since 1952.

"It's a fascinating time to be in the Soviet (dis)Union," Guldin added.



## A Parker Palmer Workshop "To Teach Is To Create...."

By Dwight Oberholtzer

The agenda was suspiciously brief – five topics for three days. How could anything significant emerge from so little? It seemed diluted further by lengthy sessions devoted to "small groups" and "discussion," a telltale hint for some that the content might be thin. Yet, 35 of the university's faculty – and several colleagues from Campus Ministry and Residential Life – packed themselves on June 3 into the Faculty House basement, eager to meet the chef of this apparently meager meal, Parker Palmer.

Dr. Palmer, who prefers calling himself a "traveling teacher," offered great promise. His well respected book on education called *To Know As We Are Known*; the standing ovations his comments had prompted at national higher education conferences; his long-time association with Pendle Hill, a Quaker experimental learning community near Philadelphia; and his notable reputation as an inspiring, skillful teacher – all had attracted a sizable audience. In addition, the workshop itself was titled "Good Teaching" – a subject we all applauded – while the session titled "The Courage to Teach" appeared a welcome tonic for exhausted faculty at the completion of the school year.

Yet, the question lingered: How could such a modest agenda with so many open spaces justify the investment of three days? As it turned out, the answer was hidden in the question – and it was a patent strategy for transforming and enriching the learning process. Maybe even families, neighborhoods, and society, too.

Strangely enough, the treasure was partly uncovered first in one of those suspicious small group sessions. Gathered in two's and three's, the uncluttered guidelines offered running room: Exchange memories of the best teacher you have known. And the resulting conversation reflected principles of learning in action: Everyone's story was both heard and honored. The accounts were lively, sometimes productively at odds. And, maybe the most important fact, the issues so absorbed us, we forgot the time. When we rejoined the larger group, the conversation advanced a notch to whether these teachers had a common face – or not. Meanwhile, as students in Parker's class, we were learning how a half hour of open field could be well-seeded.

He had launched the workshop by designing a space in which small communities of discovery emerged, enlivened by best-teacher stories, but also illustrating a form of instruction, built upon personal history, the cultivation of many angles, and, most important, the challenge to listen well. As Nel Morton would have said, "We listened each other into speech." And the speech included everyone, Parker as

well. None of us was a supplicant outside the cathedral; each of us was a full partner in what Parker was to later term the "community of truth." We were it – no outside deliveries.

Later, another generative, spacious question focused the workshop's attention: "What are the critical educational moments during a semester when your response can mean success or failure?" The replies quickly filled the time line on a newsprint-covered wall: "The first day." "The first grade." "The first 'incorrect' answer." "The first time a student criticizes another's opinion." Sometimes clarification of a viewpoint was necessary; occasionally it was debated. However, the initial question was sufficiently ripe and inviting to guarantee full participation – even from the silent. (In classrooms, in intimate relationships, in legislatures, who takes the care to ask questions that invite full attention?) In our case, following the first thoughts came novel, unexpected ones, and the newsprint's rich mosaic of ideas testified to the usefulness of brief but fertile agendas. It also demonstrated the immense wealth of a collective, focused mind, well-coined ideas that were now public treasury.

As the treasury filled, another message about teaching and learning appeared indirectly, through what Parker did not do. As Doug Oakman of the religion department remarked afterwards, "Parker got out of the way." At one level, certainly, he was the residential architect, yet it was as if he had constructed a building of practice spaces for students. And he was out of the way but not out of the room. He left many fingerprints, but they were the marks of a coach.

Or a designer. As the workshop continued, it became clearer that Parker was offering well-designed learning spaces similar to stacked Chinese boxes. Another larger cube was regularly waiting behind the scenes. It could be termed "hiding the ball" to spark interest or "teaching from the microcosm" in order to stimulate the joys of curiosity, investigation and discovery. William Bateman in his *Open to Question* similarly accents the role of exploration when he advises, "Never provide an answer before raising a question." A teaching microcosm was like a good question with unrecognized depth or a simple illustration with hidden implications. In Parker's case, a deceptively unadorned table with information about income and race was an example. It blossomed for his students and him into two weeks of questions, research, reflection, debate, and more questions – all beyond what a textbook would provide.

As one box after another opened, as one hidden ball after another appeared, an underlying vision of the teaching-learning process emerged. Indeed, Parker's memorable definition of teaching captured it well: "To teach is to create a *space* in which the community of truth is prac-

Dr. Parker Palmer, a well-known teacher and educational consultant from Madison, Wisc., visited PLU in June to lead a faculty workshop on "Good Teaching." The workshop was sponsored by the university and the campus task force on teaching and learning.

Following is a response by Dwight Oberholtzer, a PLU sociology professor and chair of the task force.



ticed." His own good teaching with us kept matters open, inviting, unsettled, even unsettling. It demanded space for practice. At points he would formally develop his own thoughts – but usually to crack windows open for our deeper exploration, to set up the next box.

For instance, he spoke about "teaching to the human condition," not just to our discipline's favorite issues. We were immediately curious, even skeptical. In a world of such diversity, what could be the common, "human condition?" Had we really overlooked or underplayed something of fundamental importance to students and the teaching process? Several items came up, while others could be added: The pervasive role of personal and cultural values that sleep behind yet mold our knowledge, the dread of failure, the desire to be recognized and accepted, or the inevitable feelings of frustration that accompany growth. Or, the continuing and sometimes desperate longing for purpose and meaning. All reflect a common humanity or set of fundamental living issues that we share with our students, and any one of them, seriously considered, seriously applied, could dramatically reshape the classroom.

When it came to the potential for this recasting, the session on "design consultations," at least for me, turned up the power even further. Appearing near the workshop's end, they symbolized, in microcosm, what it meant to establish a community of truth that both encouraged and tested its members. It also demonstrated the wisdom of silence, of throttling the tendency to rush in with advice. The space was arranged simply enough: several faculty volunteered to present to a small group a teaching-learning issue, a "design problem," that personally troubled them. For the initial 40 minutes, group members could only ask brief *questions* of the presenter, although he/she could decline to answer, too. If advice masqueraded as a question or if the question became a lecture – two major temptations for faculty – others gently objected. Thinking only in short questions was initially like writing with the other hand, but, more significant, because they weren't smothered by others' good ideas, the inquiry process ignited fresh insights for the presenters. The design consultations proved their worth: everyone wanted to continue them in the fall.

In Parker's skilled hands, we had rediscovered throughout the workshop that the ultimate measure of good teaching is not what teachers know – but what students learn. It may have been that during those three intense days in June we experienced more how learning is motivated and deepened than how it is assessed. Yet, we also stopped worrying about brief, open agendas. After all, to teach well is essentially to know how "to create a space." And the excitement comes when those spaces are also rich enough to bear a second look and when time exists not only for hearing the truth from faculty but for *practicing* it. ■

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## The Arts

### Christmas Festival Celebration Features Vaughan Williams' 'Hodie,' Carols

Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Hodie," an oratorio-style Christmas story for choir and orchestra, is one of the highlights of the annual PLU Christmas Festival Celebration series in December.

Performances are Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. in Portland's Arlene Schnitzer Auditorium; Dec. 7 and 13 at 8 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. in PLU's Eastvold Auditorium; and Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. in Seattle's First Presbyterian Church.

"Hodie" will be performed by Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra.

Soloists are soprano Heidi Men-

zenberg of Boston, Mass., a 1988 PLU alumna; baritone Barry Johnson and tenor Steven Wall. Johnson and Wall are members of the PLU music faculty.

"'Hodie' tells the entire Christmas story," said choir director Richard Sparks. "The advent carols and readings during the first part of the program will lead perfectly into Vaughan Williams' magnificent oratorio."

Cathy Bleecker directs the chorale. Jerry Kracht is the orchestra conductor.

See coupons below for ticket information.

### Music Groups Plan Concerts At Remodeled Downtown Theatre

Four concerts by PLU ensembles will be performed at the newly remodeled Rialto Theatre in Downtown Tacoma's new Broadway Theatre District.

The first concert features the University Wind Ensemble on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

The band has been heard on National Public Radio and has recently returned from a tour of Scandinavia including a performance at the Bergen International Music Festival, Norway. (see article, page 2.)

Conductor Thomas O'Neal and the ensemble will premiere Gregory Youtz's "Village Dances" and will also perform Fanfare by Jack Stamp, Divertimento by Vincent Persichetti, "William Byrd Suite" by Gordon Jacob and "Praetorius Suite," by Jan Bach.

Concert two of the "PLU at the Rialto" series features the University Symphony Orchestra on Feb. 5.

The Choir of the West will perform Stravinsky's "Les Noces" on April 3 and the Choral Union will close the series on May 21 with a performance that includes Handel's "Coronation Anthems."

Single tickets cost \$5 and \$3; series tickets (four concerts) cost \$15 and \$9. Call 353-7621 for tickets and information.

### Realistic Drama Opens '91-92 Theatre Season

Comedy, drama and dance are featured during the 1991-92 PLU theater season. All performances begin at 8 p.m. (2 p.m. Sundays) in PLU's Eastvold Auditorium.

"The Big Knife" by Clifford Odets opens the series Oct. 17-20. The realistic drama deals with success and values in unrealistic Hollywood.

An evening of three one-act plays runs from Nov. 14-17. A budding relationship between a shy man and an inhibited woman yield strange results in Leonard Melfi's one-act play "Bird-bath."

The world premiere performance of the one-act play "Jersey Girls" will be given by PLU thespians. The play was written by John Ford Noonan, author of "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talkin'."

A military exam featuring a female sergeant examining a male inductee sets the stage for the comedy "Next," a one-act play by Terrence McNally.

The third performance in the series is Shakespeare's classic "Much Ado About Nothing" on March 12-15. "The comedy examines the love/hate relationship of Beatrice and Benedick, two of Shakespeare's most fascinating characters," said William Becvar, the play's director.

Maureen McGill Seal and her troupe of dancers ignite Eastvold stage in color, movement and sound during the annual dance concert April 10 and 11.

The series concludes May 7-10 with Ruth and Augustus Goetz's play "The Heiress." The drama, based on Henry James' novel *Washington Square*, chronicles a shy, plain woman who falls in love with a fortune hunter.

Series tickets cost \$20 for adults (\$6 each for single tickets) and \$10 for students, senior citizens and PLU employees (\$3 each for single tickets). Call 535-7760 for tickets or a season brochure.

### Symphony Orchestra Season Features Beethoven, 20th Century Music

Beethoven symphonies and 20th-century music are highlights of the 1991-92 PLU Symphony Orchestra season. All concerts begin at 8 p.m. in PLU's Eastvold Auditorium.

Conductor Jerry Kracht opened the season Oct. 8 with Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 and Druckman's "Prism."

Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, "Eroica," will be performed Nov. 12. Hibbard's "Processionals for Orchestra" and Harris' Symphony NO. 3 will also be heard.

Lyle Quasim will join the orchestra March 31 when he narrates Copland's "Lincoln Portrait." Quasim, a 1973 graduate of PLU, is the director of Tacoma's Safe Streets program.

The March concert also includes Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 and Schwantner's "Aftertones of Infinity." Schwantner, a Pulitzer-prize winning composer, is a former PLU music professor.

The final concert features two famous fifth symphonies. Beethoven's and Shostakovich's symphonies no. 5 will be performed May 12.

A bonus concert features student soloists selected from the PLU music department. The main selection on the Jan. 23 program is Berlioz's "Rob Roy Overture"; the soloists and remaining program will be announced later.

All concerts are free. Call 535-7621 for further information.

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Dr. Robert Mortvedt

## A Tribute To 'A Christian Scholar And A Gentleman'

Dr. Robert A.L. Mortvedt (1902-91)

Dr. Robert A.L. Mortvedt, who died Sept. 15 at the age of 88, was the president of Pacific Lutheran University from 1962-69. He was an esteemed scholar, teacher, churchman, builder and educational leader.

Mortvedt was born in Newark, Ill., Nov. 30, 1902, in the home of a studious Lutheran pastor. Books remained central in Mortvedt's life; the naming of PLU's library in 1967 in his honor was an appropriate tribute.

He graduated *summa cum laude* from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., where he was

Phi Beta Kappa. He earned a silver medal in a national Pi Kappa Delta (forensics) event, and became one of PKD's Famous Fifty 40 years later.

He received three fellowships from Harvard University, where he earned a master's degree and Ph.D. in philology and literature.

Mortvedt was a member of the faculties of Wartburg College, Waverly, Ia.; St. Olaf College; and Stephens College, Columbia, Mo. He was dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Kansas City from 1943-48, and vice-president there from 1948-53. From 1953-58 he was president of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans.

He was executive director of the Board of Christian Higher Education for the Augustana Lutheran Church and United Lutheran Church in America prior to becoming the eighth president of Pacific Lutheran University in 1962.

At PLU Dr. Mortvedt was committed to academic quality, a strong faculty and improved facilities. Eight major buildings, including the library named in his honor, were constructed during his tenure as president.

He was a member of the board of directors of Augustana Theological Seminary in Rock Island, Ill., from 1948-58 in addition to numerous other prestigious leadership positions.

Mortvedt is the author of one book, *Let's Talk About Literature*, and many published articles. Listed in *Who's Who in America*, he received several honorary doctor's degrees, including a doctor of laws degree from PLU in 1961. He received Distinguished Alumnus awards from St. Olaf and PLU.

Following retirement in 1969, Dr. Mortvedt accepted leadership of a fund-raising effort on behalf of Tacoma Lutheran Home and Retirement Community, a facility housing 325 residents. He also raised funds for PLU and seminaries of the American Lutheran Church. In 1970 he delivered the sermon at the 900th anniversary of the founding of the city of Bergen, Norway, which was broadcast throughout the Scandinavian countries.

Dr. Mortvedt was married for nearly 65 years to the former Gladys Twait, who died last May. He is survived by their only child, Patricia Arnesen of Cary, Ill., six grand-children and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the Gladys Mortvedt Endowed Scholarship Fund at PLU or the Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Home.

## A Legacy of Integrity And Scholarship

Following are excerpts from memorial remarks by PLU President William Rieke Sept. 19, 1991:

President Mortvedt came to PLU in 1962 when our national ethos was surging with change. Traditional values were being questioned and toppled.

A campus accustomed to a fairly homogenous Lutheran student body was changing dramatically with returning veterans from Korea and Vietnam.

Along with these changes came seemingly limitless HUD monies, funds for colleges to meet the needs of increased enrollments, particularly necessary facilities.

President Mortvedt and his officers took advantage of this window of financial opportunity. During his seven years, eight major buildings were constructed. His vision, foresight and bold-

ness laid the foundation for the future.

During those fledgling years as a university, the faculty was eager to have before it firm guidelines of its mission. The effect of his leadership is still evident in the Statement of Objectives generated during his term. He solidified the academic structure of the college of arts and sciences and the professional schools. He knew the strength of the institution was its faculty, and he recruited and hired the best to be found. There remains a strong core of senior faculty members who came to PLU through his selection.

In reading some of his addresses and writings, I learned to know something of the motivation that compelled him to guide the institution in the direction of greatness. His inaugural statement, for instance, was entitled, "In Him All Things Hold Together." He believed the answer to the human dilemma, which is explored in all realms of scholarly activity, if it was to be found at all, was to be found in the context of the Christian faith. He said, "The Christian scholar is the freest scholar in the world: he need not fear any truth, since all truth is God's truth."

He also upheld the philosophy captured in the phrase, "Education in His Name." He believed institutions of the church were different from public or other independent schools.

President Emeritus Mortvedt left a legacy of integrity, of scholarship, of courageous leadership, and of profound Christian commitment that changed the direction of the school for generations. ■

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## The State of the University 1991: Change Brings Opportunity

*Address to the Faculty and Staff  
at the  
1991 Faculty Fall Conference*

The message I lift up for us today as we begin the new academic year, and as together we anticipate major changes soon to come to Pacific Lutheran University, is that *change brings opportunity for improvement*. Changes in faculty governance, in top university leaders, in academic program priorities, and many other areas now are *ours for the making*, and my wish is that we approach these together with a positive anticipation about change.

In the most fundamentally important measures, 1990/91 ended with good rather than bad news. In the area of development, for instance, data printed on Aug. 28 in the *Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac* established that in terms of total dollars raised last year, PLU was exceeded in our state by only the two great state research universities. At a \$5.5 million figure, our university surpassed all other state colleges and all other independent colleges or universities not only in Washington, but also in the entire Northwest. It also gratifies me immensely to be able to report that it was possible to attain an externally audited "in the black" or balanced current fund status for the year. In addition, the university's net worth actually increased by \$2.1 million.

Happily, concerns about enrollments not supporting budget are likewise behind us. Freshmen numbers are actually slightly greater than last year, transfer students are at a new all time high number, and *retention* of continuing students at as good or better a percentage than we have ever known.

Even in the difficult year past significant progress was made in enhancing our physical facilities.

As you know, restricted funds for physical plant expenditures may not be used elsewhere. Money used to continue improving our buildings and grounds enhances our ability to recruit and retain students. This summer Hong Hall was thoroughly remodeled, the University Center mezzanine has been remodeled for student media, and the Spangler suite and seminar area are in place. Most significantly, the formal groundbreaking for the new \$8.9 million Mary Baker

Russell Music Center was held in September, to be followed in late winter by beginning actual construction, and occupancy prior to fall semester 1993.

Ongoing efforts to enhance the university's financial endowment not only produced \$600,000 Lutheran Brotherhood matching grant during the past year and several other significant additions, but now have accumulated so that if we did nothing more than wait for the turn of the century, the university's endowment would nearly triple, crossing the \$20 million mark. Of course, we won't just wait, and the first steps for the next major endowment campaign have already been taken, even as we conclude the Centennial Fund which surpassed the \$30 million total goal and will exceed \$40 million.

In summary then, 1990/91, in spite of its many difficult days for all of us, was a good one. The management strategy of working for time and stability while being deliberate and thoughtful about the choices of the future was successful.

I reflect now on just four topics in 1991/92 where change will bring opportunity. These are: 1) the new university-wide budget task force, 2) revision of the university's mission and statement of objectives, 3) proposals for curricular and program changes, and 4) the recruitment of a new president.

First, relative to the new university-wide budget task force, I see it as an adjunct to, not a replacement for, the usual administrative channel of communications. It can increase understanding, promote better communications, and provide on-going education of the accomplishments of budgetary objectives. To all of these, I pledge my support.

Second, concerning the draft of the revision of the objectives of the university: I believe revision *is important* at this time. The statement of objectives of an institution contains the clearest and most cogent articulation of the institution's mission, its very *reason* to be. Teaching, learning, and educating the total person for service in an environment which explores values, epistemology, and the faith of the Christian church exemplified by the Lutheran heritage have been central objectives of Pacific Lutheran University. These themes are not inhibitory to scholarship and academic freedom. Dismissal of such values as



President William O. Rieke

unimportant would be to impoverish our heritage, diminish our ability to educate, and deprive us of a relationship with the church which not only continues to yield the single largest source of students, but which also has provided some of the most able learners to attend PLU. Beyond that, the remarkable tension between head and heart, intellect and belief, reason and faith which is implied by statements in the objectives make education at this institution uniquely rich.

In the third area of proposals for curricular and program changes, there are two specific issues: the on-going consideration of revising the general university requirements or core; and determination of which academic areas are most central to the university's mission. Concerning revision of the core, I believe both that a significant change is appropriate and would be helpful, and that the university can afford to implement the change, beginning with the next budget year. In this area, change truly can and will bring opportunity, and I look forward to doing all I can to facilitate this change.

Relative to the large question of narrowing and specifying our academic focus so as to support those areas deemed to be more central to the university's mission while de-emphasizing those that are not, I find myself somewhat torn. In October, the Committee for Excellence in the Liberal Arts (CELA) will be making a formal report to me and the Board of Regents. There will be much in that report that will be helpful in making choices about which educational themes, about what kinds of qualifications of students, and how to financially support them, we

may choose for the future. While it makes sense to narrow our academic focus with the intent of developing even greater reputation and excellence, we must not forget that significant academic changes must be implemented slowly lest we disallow students who presently choose PLU for the very reason of the existing diversity in its academic and co-curricular programs. Sudden or dramatic change could be followed by significant lost revenue and unplanned and even unintended departure from mission. In sum, the opportunity brought by curricular and program change is real, and I happily support much of it. At the same time, the opportunity for unwanted change also exists, and must be avoided by thoughtful planning and carefully staged implementation.

Now the fourth and final area which I see change providing opportunity in 1991/92 is in the search for the next president. The 17 years that I have served as president have been productive and eventful. I am unabashedly proud of them, but my pride is in the university and its reputation, not in myself. For the remainder of my 17th year, I will continue to serve vigorously and with gratitude.

We are fortunate in having a competent and dedicated search committee that has functioned effectively over the summer, and which looks to this December as the time to have identified and recruited a successor. The search committee is assisted by a national professional talent search firm called the Academic Search Consultation Service. Through their efforts, an assessment of campus needs and a listing of desired qualities for a new president has been made. The university is well positioned for the next era. It is academically excellent with an outstanding faculty; it is stable in its enrollment projections; it is fiscally sound; and it is clear in its mission.

So we look now to the first year of the second century of our institution's life - a year in which major change will bring major opportunity. I am excited about it, and hope you are, too. Certainly, as always, I pledge my energies and invite yours to the continued advancement of the university by working for the best total educational experience for our students. God bless us anew and again in these efforts!



## A Stepped-Up Basis Without Dying

By Edgar Larson  
Director Of Planned Giving

Mostly by accident, I happen to own some stock that has grown in value over the years. As everyone knows, if I sell that stock I will have to pay a capital-gains tax on the appreciated portion (the growth). If I give this stock to my children and they decide to sell it, they would also have the responsibility of paying that capital-gains tax. This is because they have to assume

my cost basis (what I paid for the stock).

There is one way to avoid this capital-gains tax. If I die my heirs receive a "stepped-up basis," that is, the stock is valued to them as of its worth on the date of my death. However, that is a radical way for us to avoid the payment of the capital-gains tax!

There is a less extreme method for avoiding all or part of the capital-gains tax that is due on

an asset grown in value. The use of a charitable-remainder trust or a charitable-gift annuity, both of which offer lifetime income for a donor, also provide opportunities to avoid the capital-gains tax, either fully or in part. Let me stress that tax avoidance should not be the primary criterion for making a gift. A gift is a gift! However, one should never forget that along with a charitable gift there are

also significant tax benefits that Congress has offered to a generous people to encourage such giving.

If you would like more information on gifts of appreciated assets, either as a gift to provide lifetime income or as an outright gift to Pacific Lutheran University, please contact: Edgar Larson, Director of Planned Giving, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447 1-800-826-0035.



## Q Club Reaching Toward \$1 Million In 1991

By David Berntsen  
Director of Development

This summer's activities and our family vacation at Holden Village provided some excellent time for reflection on my 21 years at PLU. I also read Professor Nordquist's centennial history of the university, *Educating for Service*, which I recommend highly both for its insights on our past as well as an excellent perspective on PLU today.

I believe the university continues to provide quality education in a place where mature Christianity is upheld. Society and the church need people who are wise and care to help others.

One great benefit of being a PLU advocate is the opportunity I've had to develop friendships with generous and caring people who share this vision of PLU's

mission. At Holden I visited with a pre-med student who just graduated from PLU, several outstanding alumni, and Q Club members who are all very caring, competent people — excellent examples of the university's second century theme, "Educating for Service."

This same impression was repeated during my Centennial Fund campaign work in Fairbanks and Anchorage this summer. The quality and commitment of PLU alumni, parents, pastors and other friends of the university with whom I worked was so uplifting.

After spending time in Alaska and at Holden Village I am in awe of the natural beauty of God's creation and the many gifts pro-

vided to us each day. I am also thankful for the many people who share their God-given talents to support the educational mission of PLU.

To continue this important work, the Regents, Q Club directors and staff have been working for three years to reach their 1991 Centennial goal of \$1 million in annual Q Club gifts to the university. These gifts are given to the university for unrestricted and scholarship purposes and allow us to keep PLU affordable. We are presently six percent ahead of last year's gift totals with the most important fourth and final quarter beginning. Q Club gifts help all students because tuition only covers about 82% of the cost of

education at PLU.

You can help by requesting our new Q Club video and showing it to some friends. We also have ideas for helping you recruit other Q Club members. If you've ever been curious about the Q Club gift, levels range from \$240-\$5000/year.

In closing I want to thank many of you who help the university as volunteers. Ron Douglass has been an excellent Q Club President in 1990 and 1991. Don Reiman '52 will succeed him as Q Club President in January of 1992.

The following individuals, churches and businesses have joined the Q Club or upgraded their membership since the last issue of SCENE:

Recently released figures in the Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac (for 1989-90) ranked PLU first in fund raising among northwest independent schools. PLU was surpassed in the state only by University of Washington and Washington State University.

### Increase to President's Circle (\$5000/year)

Hoglund, Paul and Vesta

### Increase to Senior Fellow (\$2400/year)

Brannfors, Ed and Angela

### New Fellows (\$1000-2399/year)

Gerrish Bearing

Long Painting Company

Martensen, Bahne and Karin

Rasmuson, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B.

### Increase to Fellow

Aus, Alfred and Esther

Ellis, Steve and Diane

Haley, Nell

Johnson, Jim and Jane

Nelson, Chuck and Lois

Phil, Martin and Darlene

### New Associate Fellows (\$480-999/year)

First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD

Murtough Supply Co.

Olson, Robert and Joyce

### Increase to Associate Fellow

Hardtke, Dennis and Kathy

Johnson, Darcy

Johnson, David and Patsy

McNabb, David

Veis, Kirk

### New Members (\$240-\$479/year)

Anderson, Paul

Blev, John and Nina

Bottomley, Kai and DiAnn

Cammock, Earl and Iris

Christiansen, Edward and Alene

Coast Wide Supply

Cooper, Bruce and Carol

Duzenbery, Jeff and Karen

Erlander, Emory

Feero, Stan and Dalene

Flaskerud, Gerald and Judy

Gordon, George and Linda

Hanson, Kent and Marilyn

Hemphill, Paul and Mary

Hewitson, Charles and Chris

Hildebrand, Steven and Christi

Hovanec, Gary and Lorie

Hunter, Philip and Linda

Husby, Bill and Edith

Jaech, Daniel and Jo-Anne

Jordet, John

Kirk, Rhett and Jane

Klingensmith, Marian

Lester, Bob and Kelly

Little, Mike and Bonnie

Llewellyn, Vera

Mackintosh, Linda

Nelson, Phil and Thelma

Ojala, James

Our Savior's Lutheran, Everett

Our Saviour's Lutheran, Stanwood

Overall Laundry Services

Owen, Ervin

Pekman, Alfred and Elizabeth

Pheasant, William and Jodi

Potter, Greg and Susan

Rieke, Elwood and Lavon

Schuur, Phillip and Lynn

Spengler, Alysse and Rick

Standifer, Stan

St. Paul of Damascus Lutheran, Boring, OR

Tacoma Monument

Teel, Ron and Mary

Van Beek, Lorraine

Voss, Bruce

Walsworth, Charles and Naomi

Zelazny, Joseph and Donna

Zimmerman, Jay and Brita

### Increase to Member

Carlson, Douglas and Jennifer

Delgadillo, Ignacio

Korsmo, John Jr.

### New Junior Members (\$120-239/year)

Appel, Elizabeth

Baxter, Ann

Black, Jason and Cari Lynn

Eliason, Kevin and Kristin

Hogan, Eric and Laurel

Meyer, Pam

Ratko, Lori

Schroeder, Sue

Tennessee, Jonelle

Vanderwarker, David

## Comments



## George

By Harvey Neufeld  
Vice President, Church Relations

It was an historical day, the day I met George. This fortuitous meeting helps me gain some perspective about the cataclysmic events around me. The Russian coup is coming apart. The Soviet Union is coming apart. Yugoslavia is coming apart. The face of Europe is changing. Cartographers are beside themselves. Borders change overnight.

Every minute is bloated with events. There is hardly time enough to fit them all in. In this troubling time I meet George.

Well, I didn't really meet him, but noticed his picture on Chuck Nelson's rouges gallery in the

Registrar's office.

George is, or should I say was a dog. He's dead now. Buried under the sometimes warm bricks of Chuck Nelson's backyard barbecue pit. George was a friend of the family. In fact, he was the friend of many families in the neighborhood, even though he really belonged next door. His photograph says it all.

George is the Walter Matthau of the dachshund clan. His frontal features are dominated by an enormous snout capped by two sorrowful eyes, one covered by what appears to be an inebriated eyelid.

George was a wanderer and connoisseur of fine food. He was

well fed at home. Nevertheless his rounds to the nearby homes were as regular as the postman's. Except he sometimes stayed longer. The neighbors accepted him as their very own. They even began to build "pet doors" for him. Eventually George became confused. He lodged and ate out with a kind of happy resignation to the consequences of his advancing years. He just did not remember where he was. It didn't matter.

Then the neighbors moved. George was gone. The pet doors went unused.

Not long after the disorienting move, the neighbors came back. George rested lovingly in their

arms. "He doesn't eat, he walks no more, he whines and groans," the former neighbors lament. Chuck Nelson's South Dakota farm boy nature comes to the rescue. "I'll take him. He was here half the time anyway."

With the enthusiasm of a Boris Yeltsin, George checked border fences to see how much of his empire remained. It was all still there. Could life be better? One day the other eye closed for the last time, and you know the rest of the story...

Ideologies being pulverized before our very eyes? It does boggle the mind. But this, this beloved George, I can deal with him.



## The Gist of Alumni Work – People

By John Adix  
Interim Alumni Director

The fun and exciting part of alumni work is meeting the people. With about 25,000 people who are a part of our alumni force you can imagine that we have 25,000 interesting stories of people being about life in locations around the world. Each story has value. I wish I could hear each story. We try to stay in touch through class notes and features in *Scene*. We encourage participation in Homecoming – especially reunion years. We look forward to stop-by visits. We know that there are "unofficial" gatherings of alumni occurring all the time.

I had a chance meeting with an alumna as I walked across campus toward the end of the summer. It was obvious that she was a visitor as she was pondering one of the campus map boards. As I offered assistance to direct her to the appropriate place I discovered that she attended "PLC" in the mid-fifties and now lives in California. This was her first visit to the campus in 32 years. She was delighted. She had fallen in love with the campus-again.

She marveled at the changes, but was captured by the beauty of the campus. Nostalgia was evident. She recounted her days on campus and the significance of this place in her life. She talked of the financial struggles

she had faced. Her family was not able to offer financial support. "We were very poor," she said.

Then she began to ask about certain professors who were particularly meaningful to her. She seemed really pleased to know that some were still active in their classroom duties. I offered to show her the "new" campus, but she declined my offer and seemed to prefer to wander about with her own fond memories and rediscover the place that had been so important to her.

A telephone conversation with a recent alumnus (mid-80s) revealed an appreciation for the place that had educated him. He was gainfully employed with a good firm in California. This second position since graduation had just been secured the first part of the year. He was pleased with the new venture. One of the vice presidents to whom he reports lived in the Tacoma area for many years. "So you went to PLU; you certainly have a good education," he announced to the young alumnus.

This was a solid pleasant thought, since the young man went on to reveal that he had passed through PLU a bit unfocused and uncertain of his future. This comment by one of his superiors renewed his inter-

est in his alma mater, and there was a new discovery of the value of the years spent at PLU.

Time passes. Things change. Sometime during the next year a new president will be installed at PLU. Several veteran faculty have retired during the past year. Will PLU change? Yes. Will PLU remain the same? Yes. Will students come groping to find a focus, a purpose, a career? Yes. Will students graduate still somewhat uncertain and unfocused? Yes. And there will be

boundless stories of alumni on the journey, finding new perspectives, new insights, reflecting on what their time at PLU has meant to them.

The fun and exciting part of alumni work at PLU is the people stories. The stories of the lives of graduates discovering value and purpose. Struggling against and with the elements and putting in place in their lives the total experience of the years at PLU.

## Alumni In The News

## 1975

**Donald E. Forbes** has been appointed director of the Oregon Department of Transportation, the *Associated Press* in Oregon announced recently.

Forbes, 44, has served as head of the state highway division since February 1988.

A registered civil engineer, Forbes holds a bachelor of science degree from the U.S. Air Force Academy, a master of science from the University of Colorado and an MBA from PLU.

During his stint with the highway division he emphasized streamlining of the agency, reducing staff, and developing strategic plans for transportation in Oregon.

Coincidentally, a PLU alumnus, **Duane Berentson '51**, has served as Washington state secretary of transportation for the past 10 years.

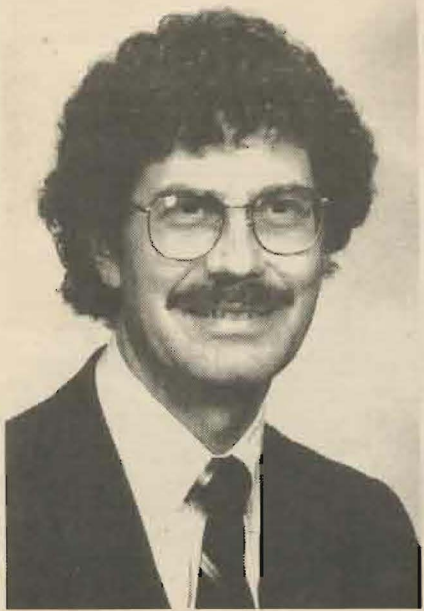
## 1988/89

"How come the good ones always leave?" asked a Buckley (Wash.) reader of the weekly Enumclaw *Courier-Herald*.

The quote was included in a column by *C-H* publisher Jack Darnton announcing the departure of reporter **Katherine Hedland** who accepted a position with the Moscow (Id.) *Daily News*.

"I'm sad to lose her but happy to see her move up a notch," said Darnton.

Hedland will be replaced in Enumclaw by another Lute, **Steve Templeman** who has been working in the *C-H* circulation department and writing sports for the Tacoma *Morning News Tribune*.

The **Alumni** Section

**Alan Rowberg**  
Distinguished Alumnus Award  
Radiology and Bioengineering Professor, University of Washington



**Kate Haas**  
Outstanding Alumnus Award  
Managing Director, Tacoma Actor's Guild



**Jodie Gilmore**  
Outstanding Young Alumnus Award  
Technical Writer, SAS Institute



**John Schiller**  
Heritage Award  
PLU Professor Emeritus of Sociology

**Class Notes****1930**

*Class Rep.: Stan Dahl (206) 537-1953*

**Walter and Rhoda (Hokenstad '35) Young** of Tacoma celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August. The weekend event was hosted by **Norman Hokenstad ('33)** and his wife Ruth of Suquamish, Wash., **Alan ('64) and Mari-on (Rasmussen '64) Hokenstad** of Puyallup, **Christine (Hokenstad '70 and David Welseth ('67)** of Issaquah, Wash., and **Margit (Hokenstad '70) and David Richardt ('75)** of Puyallup. Walter operated Young's Gift Shop in Parkland until his retirement; Rhoda headed the women's physical education program at PLU until her retirement. She was honored last fall as one of the first four inductees into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame.

**1941**

*Class Rep.: Arne Pederson (206) 537-8502*

**Myrtle (Cribb) Bresemann** and her husband have moved back to Tacoma after 32 years in Spokane, Wash., to be near their children, grandchildren, family and friends.

**Laura (Payden) Richards** of Everett, Wash., does volunteer work in the Trinity Episcopal Church office. Her husband passed away July 28, 1990 after a long period of failing health.

**1951**

*Class Rep.: none - volunteer sought!*

**Glenn Evanger** of Seattle retired in 1988. He is active in Gethsemane Lutheran Church and a member of the ELCA World Hunger committee. He also volunteers in Seattle hunger programs and low cost housing programs.

**Dale Hansen** of Kirkland, Wash., retired after 10 years as a school counselor at Longview, but continues to substitute teach in the Lake Washington School District in Kirkland. His wife Harriet was a reporter and then city editor of the *Longview Daily News* for 25 years.

**1952**

*Class Rep.: Dr. Roy Virak (206) 564-7503*

**Charles Stewart** passed away July 18, 1990.

**1956**

*Class Rep.: Dr. Terrance R. Brown (509) 448-5916*

**Clarene (Osteril) Johnson** of Livermore, Calif., is serving as an early childhood consultant for the Sierra Pacific

Synod and as an early childhood facilitator for the Evangelical Lutheran Educators Association. She loves to read about classmates in *Scene*.

**1959**

*Class Rep.: Anita Gregersen Christian (206) 531-1539*

**Alvin Dungan** of Allentown, Pa., was recently involved in the videotaping of "Walking Wounded" as a therapist who works with Adult Children from Alcoholic Families. He is currently on sabbatical writing a daily meditation book for ACAs.

**Phyllis Templin** of Tacoma is the recipient of a Tacoma Community College Faculty Excellence Award. She has been a PE instructor at TCC for 21 years and has served as the college's athletic director for 14 years. Each award recipient receives \$1,000 from the TCC Foundation.

**1960**

*Class Rep.: Norman Voelpel (206) 838-9956*

**Dr. Shirley M. H. Hanson**, professor in the Department of Family Nursing at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Ore., published two new books this spring. The first book, coauthored with the late Dr. Frederick Bozett of the University of Oklahoma School of Nursing, is entitled **Fatherhood and Families in Cultural Context** and was published by Springer Publishing Company. This book represents the latest research-based information available about the role of men in families from a cultural perspective. The second, published by C.V. Mosby, is **Family Health Assessment and Intervention. Pocket Nurse Guide**. Coauthored with Dr. Karen Mischke-Berkey, University of Hawaii, the book develops a model of assessment and intervention and presents a new measurement instrument that can be used for intervention or research.

**1961**

*Class Rep.: Dr. Ronald E. Lerch (509) 627-0583*

**Joan (Tousley) Eiling** of Seattle presented a week-long international foreign language teaching techniques seminar at Lutheran Bible Institute in Issaquah, Wash. last year. Her presenters came from all over the country; participants were from twenty states and three foreign countries.

**James Sparks** of Tacoma has earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood

Insurance Company's 1990 President's Club.

**Warren and Diane Willis** have been on the Campus Crusade for Christ staff for 26 years, leading international university student projects into the Micronesian Islands, Philippines, Amazon River Basin, Mexico, India, Thailand and cities of the Orient. They are now assigned to work in Mongolia.

**1962**

*Class Rep.: Pastor Neil Thompson*

**Linda (Blomquist) Dodgen** of Modesto, Calif., enjoys various volunteer activities and is doing some public speaking on "Building Family Memories." After Operation Desert Shield began, she maintained correspondence with nine members of the armed services and has had the pleasure of meeting two of them on their return home. Most recently, she's appeared in a TV commercial for Chevrolet, as a mom welcoming her soldier son home.

**1963**

*Class Rep.: Gerry Evanson (206) 584-9208*

**David Cameron** is living in Index, Wash., where he is president of the historical society and emergency coordinator for the town, which suffered damage in the November floods. He is teaching courses for Seattle Pacific and Western Washington Universities, heads Clan Cameron of the Pacific Northwest, and with his wife, Linda Lindgren, is working on a reforestation project near Mt. Index.

**Alice Forth** retired as dean of students of Centralia College. As a tribute to her 32 years of service to the school, the Centralia College Foundation established the Alice Forth Endowment for student scholarships.

**1964**

*Class Rep.: Alexia Sontag (617) 237-6323*

**Jerry Dodgen** of Modesto, Calif., was recently named a division vice president of IDS Financial Services, a nationwide financial planning services company. He supervises 42 personal financial planners servicing clients in six counties in Central California, recruits and trains new planners, and oversees the operations of IDS Tax and Business Services for the same area.

**Don Seavy**, instructor in biological sciences at Olympic College, Bremerton, Wash., is this year's recipient of the Puget Power Distinguished Faculty Award. He was also selected as the 1991 Honored Faculty of the Year.

**1991 Alumni Honors To Be Presented During Homecoming**

The PLU Alumni Association will honor four distinguished persons during its annual awards banquet Saturday, Oct. 19.

Honorees are:

Dr. Alan Rowberg '66 of Bellevue, Wash., Distinguished Alumnus Award; Kate Haas '84 of Tacoma, Outstanding Alumnus Award; Jodie Gilmore '85 of Cary, N.C., Outstanding Young Alumnus Award; and John Schiller of Tacoma, Heritage Award.

**Dale Thompson** is a counselor and art teacher at DODDS high school in Izmir, Turkey. He was selected as DODDS world wide representative to the National Galerie of Arts 50th Anniversary Teacher Scholarship Program in Washington DC in July.

**1965**

*Class Rep.: Rhoda Pappajohn (206) 845-2787*

**Martha (Dunn) Jones** of Grand Junction, Colo., died Feb. 23 after a two year battle with cancer.

**1966**

*Class Rep.: Jack Oliver (916) 961-3304*

**Gary Habedank** of Tacoma has been appointed to Shearson Lehman Brothers' 1990 Chairman's Council. He ranks in the top 20 percent of the entire Shearson sales staff.

**1967**

*Class Rep.: Clare and Jan Walters (703) 273-2947*

**Garard Gustafson** was named Optometrist of the Year by the Washington Optometric Association. This is the highest honor the association can give. Garard practices in Milton, Wash., is a past president of the Washington Optometric Association and is on the Washington State Board of Examiners in Optometry.

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## Class Notes

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**Judy Jennings** has been appointed interim superintendent of Seattle Christian School.

**Sherrill (Burchfinck) Miller** received the 1990-91 University of Alaska Chancellor's Award for outstanding service to the university. She is coordinator for the teacher training program and a classroom teacher at the Kenai division of the University of Alaska. She was also the recipient of the "Teacher of the Year" award voted annually by the student body. Sherrill and her husband Paul live in Soldotna, Alaska.

**Terry Oliver** of Sumner, Wash., has earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance Company's 1990 Leader's Club.

### 1968

*Class Rep.: Stan Stenersen (206) 874-5170  
Marsha Stirn White (206) 565-3544*

**Isobel Swanson** of Auburn, Wash., works for Reliance Surety Company in the bond claims department. She is active in the Tacoma Pierce County Insurance Women, currently serving as president.

### 1969

*Class Rep.: David and Patsy Johnson (916) 925-1081*

**Earl Ess** of Seattle passed away on July 15.

### 1970

*Class Rep.: David Lee (509) 244-2258*

**William Allen** of Bellevue, Wash., is the manager of client development for the Johnson Management Group in Redmond, a management systems company to the residential home building industry nationally.

**Gordon Omdal** was installed as the first permanent minister of the Dungeness Valley Lutheran Church, Sequim, Wash., July 14.

### 1971

*Class Rep.: Rev. Paul Wuest (206) 641-4252*

**Terry and Michele (Reed) Finseth** are working in Fiji with Habitat for Humanity developing projects throughout the South Pacific.

**Thomas Holmes** of Mount Vernon, Wash., passed away July 9 after a year-long battle with cancer. He worked as a counselor for numerous Skagit County organizations including Portal and New Leaf. He also presented music programs at local nursing homes.

### 1972

*Class Rep.: Rev. Frank Wilson (503) 873-7536*

**Steve Browder** was promoted to professor at Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. He was also reappointed to the Charles A. Deppe Endowed Chair in Biology. He has been at Franklin College since 1978.

**Lee Dawson** married Debbie Hjort on March 30 at Kent Covenant Church in Kent, Wash., where Lee practices general dentistry. Many PLU friends attended the wedding and reception. **Rev. Phil Lavik ('72)** officiated and PLU was also represented by groomsmen **Tim Carlson ('86)**, **Rick Johnson ('73)** and **Chuck Carpenter**.

**James Puttler** served as the chaplain aboard the USS Sterett for two years. Wife **Linda (Gray)** and daughters Krista (12) and Mai-Britt (9) lived on base at Subic Bay Naval Station, the Philippines. They survived typhoons, earthquakes and coup attempts. After 1-1/2 years of substitute teaching, Linda finished the school year in a DODDS second grade class. The family moved this summer to South Finnegan on Guam to serve at Naval Communication Area Master Station, Western Pacific. Jim says to be sure and stop by for dinner if anyone is in the area of Micronesia.



"Marine One" lifts off from White House lawn

## Alumnus Marine Is A Co-Pilot Of President Bush's Helicopter

By Judy Davis

**Capt. Thomas Tveit '78** is a member of a prestigious Marine Helicopter Squadron which flies the President, Vice President, military leaders and foreign dignitaries to locations all over the world.

"Whenever the President travels by helicopter, a detachment from our squadron is used," said Captain Tveit. He is in his third year of a four-year assignment with the 550-member Marine One Squadron stationed in Quantico, Va.

Since he has been with the squadron, Tveit has been co-pilot on "Marine One" on at least a dozen "executive missions" when President George Bush was aboard.

"When the President travels to Camp David or Kennebunkport, he is often accompanied by his wife, Barbara, and their cocker spaniels, Millie and Ranger," said Tveit, who has been in the Marine Corps for 13 years.

Other world leaders who have been passengers on these VIP helicopters while Tveit was a co-pilot include Vice President Dan Quayle, Gen. Colin Powell and King Hussein of Jordan, who met with President Bush at Kenne-

bunkport prior to Operation Desert Storm.

"Being in such close proximity to individuals whose decisions affect the course of history, I've discovered they are people first and world leaders second. They are terrific - very warm and friendly," said the former PLU geology major.

In July, Tveit was with a detachment in London, England, during the economic summit, and had the opportunity to meet Princess Diana and her sons, William and Harry.

"We are part of an incredible network of security that surrounds the President wherever he goes," said the captain.

He admitted, "It's still thrilling to watch television coverage of President Bush getting out of a helicopter we were flying a few hours earlier."

Tveit entered the Marines Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico after graduating from PLU. At flight school in Pensacola, he learned to fly several different types of aircraft. Tveit said the knowledge of geography and physics he gained at PLU was especially helpful during his flight training.

"Because of my academic background, I understood land

formations and map reading. As a result, it was easier to learn the subjects I needed to know while learning to fly," he said.

At PLU, he also developed physical fitness beneficial to his Marine Corps training as a member of the PLU crew team and as a mountain climber and skier. Tveit was chosen for the plum assignment with Marine Helicopter Squadron One after a rigorous nine-month selection process that included intensive security checks. As a member of the squadron, he wears a distinctive Marine uniform that he says instills "a tremendous sense of pride."

Being with the squadron is physically, psychologically and emotionally demanding. Tveit is gone from his family - his wife, Kim; and children Lynsey, 2 1/2, and Daniel, 1 - more than half of each month. However, Tveit said, "I feel fortunate to be able to serve my country in this manner for four years. I am also developing leadership skills and an understanding of the political arena."

He continued, "Because of my experiences with the squadron, I have a much different perspective of the world and the events that shape our lives." ■

**Michael Warner** of Eugene, Ore., received his masters in industrial relations and has been personnel manager for Marathon Coach, Inc. since 1989.

### 1973

*Class Rep.: John Hushagen (206) 523-7661*

**Teryl Dirks** of Tacoma is a probation/parole officer with the Washington State Department of Corrections supervising a caseload of adult felony offenders. She is active in Peace Lutheran Church on the Hilltop.

**Paul Goode** and wife Judi announce the birth of Katherine Rose on May 21, 1990. She joins Andrew (4). They live in Yucaipa, Calif.

**Marilyn (Stelzer) Jacobson** of Moses Lake, Wash., has been named the new Othello team leader for Central Basin Home Health. She will supervise two home health aides and will coordinate speech and physical therapy with experts based in Moses Lake.

**Beatha Johnson** of Seattle, Wash., has her RN and MBA and is director of nursing in the areas of quality assurance and nursing systems at the Virginia Mason Clinic in Seattle.

**Don Shandrow** is directing a production of "How I Got the Story" for Heartland Theatre company, Bloomington, Ill. Last spring he was in a one-man play based on the prison experiences of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He is planning a tour for 1992-93. For booking information write: Don Shandrow, P.O. Box 92, Normal, Ill. 61761.

**Cathy Ann Worsham** is a computer specialist for NASA-Ames Research center, Moffitt Field, Calif. She works with contract programmers to provide computed aerodynamic results for wind tunnel tests. She recently became the software project manager for a new data acquisition system for their facilities, and was chosen for a year-long women's executive leadership program. Both of her sons are grown and she has an eight month old grandson.

### 1974

*Class Rep.: Doug and Lisa Ruecker (206) 693-2097*

**Arden and Kathryn (Lehmann '75) Olson** of Salem, Ore., announce the birth of Kelsey Brynn on June 10.

### 1975

*Class Rep.: Tracy Totten (818) 568-8983*

**Beverly (Owens) Hoback** of Arlington, Wash., and husband Lane announce the birth of son James Owen on May 19. He joins brothers Benjamin (10) and Matthew (8). Bev and Lane both teach in Lakewood, Wash.

**Fred and Lark (Orvick '74) Moore** of Mattawa, Wash., are the founders of Sunset Community Theatre, now in its sixth season. Fred is a manager for a large orchard and Lark is the business manager for the Wahluke School District.

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Thomas Reeves



Richard Slatta

## New Books By PLU Alumni Earn National Attention

While many scholarly books have been written through the years by PLU faculty and alumni, few have attained wide popular appeal. Thus it is of significant coincidence that two of the most widely accepted were published by alumni historians recently within a few months of one another.

The mythologization of cowboys by American books and movies creates an audience for a new scholarly work by Richard Slatta '69, a historian at North Carolina State University, but there is little resemblance between Slatta and Zane Grey.

Slatta's book, *Cowboys of the Americas*, tackles a herculean topic covering three continents and five centuries, from the time Christopher Columbus brought cattle to the New World to the demise of the nomadic cowboy culture in North America over a century ago.

According to Hugh Brogan in the *London Times Literary Supplement*, the story of the cattle frontier of North and South America is "one of epic proportions and Slatta is to be congratulated for tackling it."

Brogan added, "Were the subject not so huge this might rank as a definite treatise; as it is, it certainly makes a magnificent introduction to its subject."

Columbus' cattle found a vacant ecological niche in South America and spread rapidly, as they also did in North America after the near extinction of the buffalo.

In the southern hemisphere, gauchos, llaneros and naqueros preyed on the cows for nearly three centuries, but the 19th century ended that way of life with railways, barbed wire, war, courts and immigration.

In North America, the fabled cattle hunters became ranch hands and then ranches gave way to farms. While Slatta shows that the cattle frontier was integral to the conquest of the Americas, it was culturally transient, and now survives only as a part of show business.

There is no lack of biographical material about the late John F. Kennedy. Nor is there any appreciable slackening in the market for this material.

Thus quite possibly millions of people are aware of the recent book, *A Question of Character: John F. Kennedy in Image and Reality*, and nearly 100,000 copies have been sold. It has remained on best-seller lists since its publication early this year, reviews and excerpts have appeared in newspapers and magazines across the country.

The author is Dr. Thomas Reeves '58, a history professor at University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Reeves is a Tacoma native who graduated from Stadium High School. He is a 1973 PLU Alumnus of the Year.

Reeves' contribution to the Kennedy literary genre has been to explore in depth the late president's character. Among the many J.F.K. biographies published, none has attempted to reconcile the man's public image with his private behavior.

Liz Smith of the *Los Angeles Times* writes: "Unfortunately, in this work J.F.K. does not win high marks for 'character.' There is a wide gulf presented by Reeves between the image created by a dynamic, handsome, intelligent and rich young leader and the realities of concealment, chicanery, and the downright heart-stopping foolhardiness that constituted J.F.K.'s personal behavior."

While many of the book's revelations have been published before, Smith gives Reeves high marks for "an astonishingly comprehensive work of analysis, done with scrupulous scholarship."

Reeves, who has also written biographies about the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy and 19th-century president Chester Arthur, intended in his Kennedy work to explore the question of how a people, and history itself, ought to judge the relationship between personal character and national leadership.

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**Leif Oksenvaag** of Tacoma has been promoted to vice president of Merrill Lynch, where he has worked for the past 13 years.

**Kathy (Walgran) Powell** and husband Jeff of Tumwater, Wash., announce the birth of Christopher Keith on April 9. Kathy was named one of the Top 10 Business Volunteers for 1990 as well as Ambassador of the Year for the Olympia - Thurston County Chamber of Commerce.

**Bruce Breeland** died April 29 in Olympia, Wash. He was a probation officer for the Grays Harbor Juvenile Facility in Aberdeen and was founder of Grays Harbor Youth Home in Aberdeen.

### 1976

Class Rep.: Steve Ward (612) 561-3975

**Mary (Cooper) Agnew** of Federal Way, Wash., has been named to the American Funds Group All-America Team and Shearson Lehman Brothers' 1990 Chairman's Council. She is second vice president with the Tacoma office of Shearson Lehman Brothers.

**Steve and Jill (Gjertson '78) Brown** has some PLU company this summer at their new home in Colorado Springs, Colo. **Steve ('76) and Martha (Miller '77) Ward** and their children, Nicholas (9) and Joanna (6). It was a memorable weekend, reminiscing and riding to the top of Pikes Peak. Steve Brown is still enjoying his science teaching and coaching at Air Academy High School, and Jill and their children, Alayne (10) and Todd (8), all walk to Cnipeta Elementary, where Jill teaches first grade.

**Christine Koll** and husband Scott announce the birth of their second child, Karl Eric Koll Myers on Oct. 12, 1990. He joins sister Hannah (4).

**Mark Ludwig** of St. Paul, Minn., is still teaching English at St. Cloud State University. He and wife Marjorie Pitz announce the birth of Sarah McCallum Jan. 12. She joins brother Michael (2).

**Leslie (Brownell) Malek** of Renton, Wash., earned her master of music in voice from the University of Washington in 1981. She works at the Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She maintains her music at Trinity Episcopal Church and with an occasional recital. Husband John is an environmental protection specialist. Leslie plans to return to school for a second master's in psychology and perhaps postgraduate work.

**Jim and Robin (Andrew '78) Walker** announce the birth of Robert William on April 8. Bobby joins Nicholas (8) and Lucas (5). Jim is senior vice president/creative director at McCann Erickson Advertising.

### 1977

Class Rep.: Leigh Erie (206) 383-3761

**Daphne (Peppones) Beck** and husband Eric announce the birth of Cary Shea on May 16. She joins brother Connor Lewis (2). Eric was promoted to design civil engineer at Clark Public Utilities. Daphne returned to work part time at Southwest Washington Health District this fall.

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## Alumni Families Recognized During New Student Orientation

New students who are the children of alumni and their parents were honored at the first annual Alumni Family Recognition and Appreciation Gathering during New Student Orientation Sept. 7.

This fall 57 freshmen and 13 transfers identified their parents as PLU alumni. These families were invited to join President and Mrs. William Rieke and alumni director John Adix for a special welcome to the PLU community.

community.

The Alumni Association plans to continue to find ways to identify and recognize PLU family connections beginning with orientation and following through to commencement. The Alumni Office welcomes ideas regarding these opportunities, as well as information regarding PLU family connections.

Call Cindy Michael at 1-800-628-6969 or write c/o the Nesvig Alumni Center.



Alumni Family Recognition - from left: Dr. and Mrs. Darryl Dettmann; Sonja and Doyle O'Dell, Tim O'Dell, Shannon O'Dell and Kami Nelson; Bruce and Erik Christopherson; Paul, David and Marilyn Halvor; Glen, Christie and Karen Graham; Lynn, Marit and Fraser Rasmussen; Irma, Eldon and Theresa Lyso; President and Mrs. William Rieke; David and Alice Cornelius, Michael and David Monsen; Tim, Letitia and Siri Quigley; Dale, Jolita and Becky Benson; Bill, Sue and Kirsten Lindeman; John Stuen and Mindy Eichler.

## Singer Turns Writer

## Alumna Is A Top Reporter For Forbes Business Magazine

By Jim Peterson

Each October *Forbes* magazine, one of the nation's leading business magazines, publishes a special "Forbes 400" issue spotlighting 400 of the nation's wealthiest individuals.

More than 800,000 copies of the *Forbes* special issue are sold each year.

The "Forbes 400" cover, or lead, story the past two years has been written by Vicki Contavespi '77, who joined the *Forbes* reporting staff four years ago. Contavespi is remembered at PLU as an outstanding soprano.

For the 1989 issue, Contavespi discovered and profiled near-billionaire John D. Hollingsworth, the reclusive and eccentric head of one of the nation's largest textile machinery companies.

Last fall Vicki's article featured "the richest man in America," John Werner Kluge, whose estimated net worth exceeds \$5 billion. That assignment was somewhat easier, as Kluge is a gracious and image-conscious man, but it was his first interview in 19 years.

In May Vicki wrote a cover story on CEO compensation that sparked controversy and was itself covered by other media, including ABC's "Nightline."

How, and why did Contavespi make the transition from a star vocalist to a star reporter?

Seeking her fortune in music, Vicki headed east to New York

City not long after graduation. She held several temporary positions in addition to singing and soloing with the Norman Luboff Chorale and the Greg Smith Singers. She also worked closely on several projects with Stephen Fullenweider '75, an up-and-coming organist and composer. (See *Scene*, December 1990).

When Will Jungkuntz '77, an aspiring illustrator and cartoonist moved to New York, the first person he called was Vicki, his old college buddy. A relationship blossomed, and they were married in 1983.

In 1985 Will died suddenly of cardiac arrest, the result of an infection that could not be treated because of a genetic heart defect. After several despairing months, Vicki realized she had to get on with her life - and - bring in more money.

She obtained an IBM display writer on which to prepare resumes. She began to write letters to practice her typing. One of those letters was addressed to Jonathan Kwitney at the *Wall Street Journal* concerning an article that had impressed her.

She was astonished when he called her the next day and told her what a beautiful letter she had written. "We met and chatted, and I began helping him with research on a book he was writing," Vicki recalled.

She also began sending out resumes - 85 by her count. She had no formal journalism train-



Vicki Contavespi

ing, but glowing letters of recommendation from Kwitney were a powerful assist. She was also tenacious, calling prospective employers every couple of weeks. She started her *Forbes* job in September 1987.

Regarding her cover stories, Vicki said, "Without getting into the politics, they usually try to select the best story."

Last fall her Kluge story out-ranked a feature on Donald Trump. "But we've done him (Trump) before," she said matter-of-factly.

Contavespi has discovered she really likes the intellectual challenge and stimulation of journalism. "And I've always been a

news freak, a news junkie," she added.

Originally from Billings, Mont., Vicki admitted that she "came to PLU to be in the Choir of the West."

She added, "I came away with very high music standards. I have found it difficult to sing for anyone else (after Maurice Skones)."

She had expected the professionals, Luboff and Smith, to be a step up. "They don't hold a candle, they don't walk on the same ground as Skones," she said, adding, "I don't care if you quote that."

Reflecting on PLU and the choir, she observed, "Nothing can measure up to those years."

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**Karen (Elmore) Bream** and husband Brian announce the birth of their second child, Brenna. She joins Holly (3). Karen will return to work part-time after a three month maternity leave. She is a program manager for Homebuilders, a division of the Pierce County Behavioral Sciences Institute. Brian is enjoying his fourth year teaching middle school in Tacoma.

**Steve Chestnut** completed a doctorate in educational leadership at Seattle University in 1989. He is the new superintendent of the Dayton (Wash.) School District. Wife Kellie and children Matt (8) and Monica (5) are enjoying Dayton.

**Dalene (Engert) Feero** and husband Stan announce the arrival of son Alexandru Vlad on April 25. Alex was born in Piatra Neamt, Romania on March 14. He joins Brett (7), Erin (5), Amie (3) and Beth Anne (1).

**Ted Hamann** recently moved to Winifred, Mont., as the interim pastor of American Lutheran Church. Wife Janice continues to weave. Daughter Meredith is getting ready for kindergarten and son Jonathan is being very two.

**Ruth (Bernston) Stenson** and husband Bob live in Grafton, N.D. Ruth is the organist at the ELCA church and has 30 piano and organ students. Their third child is expected this fall.

**David and Debbie (Oftebro '76) Voss** of Rancho Murieta, Calif., announce the birth of Steven Karl on Nov. 27, 1990. He joins brother Erik (9). David is in his eighth year in the orthopedic implant

business. His distributorship has been one of the top agencies for Howmedica the past four years. Debbie has taken a leave of absence from her management analyst position with the California State Board of Prison Terms.

### 1978

Class Rep.: John Specht (206) 352-2143

**Carrie Kipp** and Alexander Howard of Seattle were married Aug. 3 in The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Olympia, Wash. Both work for The Boeing Company, Carrie as a technical editor, and Alexander as a graphic designer.

**Ken Orton** of Dorchester, Mass., is attending Emerson College, Boston, in the master's program in theatre education and directing.

**Layne Prest** of Omaha, Neb., received his Ph.D. in Family and Child Development specializing in Marriage and Family Therapy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va. He is an assistant professor and director of behavioral medicine in the Department of Family Practice, University of Nebraska Medical Center. He and wife Karin have three daughters, Emilie, Lauren and Abigail.

**Kevin Schafer** is an administrator at Marymount International School in Rome, Italy.

**Alysse (Young) Spengler** of Bellevue, Wash., announces the birth of Anne Alysse on March 28. She joins sister Lara.

### 1979

Class Rep.: Lorraine Larsen Bonaldi (702) 829-1687

**Leslie Forsberg** and Rudolf Zeller of Seattle were married May 18 at the Daybreak Star Cultural Center in Seattle's Discovery Park. Leslie is a public information officer at the Seattle Public Library and Rudolf is an electrical engineer at Network Circuit Technologies.

**Alana Koetje** and **Peter Morris ('78)** of Mercer Island, Wash., were married April 21.

**Camie (Christopher) Lee** is living in Redondo Beach, Calif. She has a son, Christopher born Apr. 20, 1990. He was born three months premature and weighed two pounds, but is doing great now.

**Lynn Ann Lewis** of Kirkland, Wash., passed away April 2. She worked as a buyer in the material dept. of The Boeing Co.

**Annette (Fricke) Lovell** of Eatonville, Wash., was promoted to program coordinator for Independence Inn, an adult transitional residential treatment facility of Greater Lakes Mental Health Foundation in Lakewood near Tacoma.

**Dian Nuxoll** has been living with her partner on their farm on Vashon Island, Wash., for six years. She is a critical care/burn nurse at Harborview Hospital in Seattle and has been doing relief work with the Seattle King County Disaster Team.

**Mary (Demun) Strachopa** of Charlottesville, Va., announces the birth of daughter Kathryn on Feb. 3.

### 1981

Class Rep.: Drew Nelson (407) 671-0704

**Patrick Gorman** of Rockville, Md., completed his cardiovascular fellowship and is now director of the coronary care unit at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, DC.

**Tracy Hein** of Martinez, Calif., works for Contra Costa County's Office of Emergency Service. She is a senior emergency planning coordinator in charge of a new project on community notification in emergencies, said to be a potential model for the state and perhaps the nation. She would like to hear from old friends.

**Scotty Kessler** has relocated to the Chicago, Ill., area and is working with Master Plan Management, a firm specializing in professional athlete and entertainer representation.

**Kari Kindem** of Santa Clara, Calif., was named managing partner of Silicon Valley Developers, Inc., a real estate development company specializing in residential and commercial projects in the Bay area.

**Larry and Mary (Dagleish) Knudsen** of Redmond, Wash., announce the birth of Erik Lars on Aug. 2. Mary earned a degree in physical therapy. Larry is president of Financial Security Group, Inc., a financial planning practice.

**Anne (Kipser) Kristensen** graduated from Loma Linda University School of Medicine on May 26. She received a Scho-

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lastic Achievement Citation from the American Medical Women's Association. She will complete her residency in internal medicine in Tucson where husband **Scott** is in the graduate program in economics at the University of Arizona.

**Michael Mikulan** was promoted to lieutenant commander in the commissioned corps of the U.S. Public Health Service. He also received the PHS Commendation Medal for training and leadership of disaster medical assistance teams.

**Kimberly (Pommerenke) Moore** and husband Rick are living in Orange City, Ia., where Rick is assistant professor of communication studies at Northwestern College. Kimberly is working at four part-time jobs: substitute teacher, children's librarian, ESL tutor and research consultant. They are enjoying midwest living.

**Dave Perry** of Washington, D.C., works in the area of corporate ethics for The Ethics Resource Center, a non-profit organization. He is also working on his dissertation.

**Lisa (Guenther) Phillips** and husband Ralph announce the birth of Grayson Andrew on Feb. 25. They live in Los Angeles, Calif.

**Mitch Sagers** and wife Caryl announce the birth of Alyssa Claire on June 22. She joins Geoffrey (3). They live in Tacoma.

**Anita (Holmberg) Schebler** and husband Steve of Phoenix, Ariz., announce the birth of Claren Yvonne on July 17. She joins sister Leah.

**Betsey Stahler** and husband Dean Lueck are moving to Baton Rouge, La., after one year in Montana and three years in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dean will teach economics at Louisiana State University. Betsey has a master's in marriage and family therapy and has been working in the eating disorders unit of a psychiatric hospital. She is also doing a lot of skiing (downhill and telemarking), hiking and mountain biking.

### 1982

Class Rep.: Mark Davis (206) 641-5918

**John and Ann (Hopkins '81) Beach** of Ellicott City, Md., announce the birth of Nathanael John on Feb. 18. He joins Jessica (6), Matthew (4) and Amelia (2).

**Karen Bliss** is participating in a teacher exchange and will be heading down under in January to spend a year teaching in a suburb of Sydney, Australia.

**Douglas Clouse** earned his master's in counseling from Arizona State University. He lives in Phoenix.

**Patricia Conrad** of Blacksburg, Va., is in her second year of a 3 1/2 year masters of architecture program and would love to hear from anyone who remembers her.

**Jean Johnson** of West Linn, Ore., has been teaching elementary music in Seaside, Ore. This summer she taught middle school Chinese teachers to teach their English classes through English Language Institute/China.

**Deanna Stark** of Mission Viejo, Calif., graduated from Pepperdine University with an MBA in 1987. She is managing her family's business.

**Naomi (Krippaehne) Warren** and husband Clay recently moved back to the northwest with their children Danielle (4) and Chad (2). Clay is the associate pastor at Elm Evangelical Free Church in Puyallup, Wash., and Naomi stays home with their children.

**James Wiedeman and Paula Shea** of Sunnyvale, Calif., celebrated their sixth wedding anniversary with the birth of Spencer James Shea Wiedeman on June 10.

## 1981 Alumna Is Mother Of Quadruplets

Former Lute cheerleader Darcie (Pickens '81) Jones and her husband, Bob, of Salem, Ore., are the proud parents of quadruplets, born July 14.

Life has changed dramatically for the couple and their families in the past three months, according to Darcie, who is on leave from her position as a counselor at Brush College Elementary School.

The four babies came home from the hospital in early September. Since then, the families have pitched in to help. Darcie's sister, Dianna Pickens '85, is up from San Diego, and both sets of grandparents are pitching in.

Darcie's father has just retired from a career as high school principal and is now a "full-time granddad."

"It really hit us one night shortly after they came home when all four were crying at once and our Golden Retriever was running around, confused," said Darcie.

It takes at least 90 minutes to



The "Jones kids," with Darcie and Bob are from left, Ian, Taylor, Lauren and Davis  
(Photo courtesy of Oregon Health Sciences University)

feed and change all four babies, she indicated, and they go through at least 250 diapers a week. They had to trade in her new dream car for a van.

The two baby girls are Lauren and Taylor; their brothers are Davis and Ian.

Darcie explained that the couple, both in their early thirties, had been trying to have a child for six or seven years. Recently she had taken the fertility drug

Pergonal.

Three weeks after she got pregnant they found out there would be four babies, she said, "so we had time to get used to the idea."

Bob, a graduate of Western Oregon State College, is a teacher and coach at McNary High School. Darcie, a PLU communications major, earned a master's degree in counseling at Oregon State University.

### 1983

Class Rep.: Brian Olson (208) 343-1532

**Betty Aarvick** of Seattle married Douglas Brownlee Feb. 16 at the Lake-wide School Chapel in Seattle. Betty is a systems analyst at Nordstrom. Douglas is a programmer for Howard Johnson & Company.

**Tom Balerud** of Tacoma married Ann Clayton on June 22. Tom has two children, Andrew (8) and Katie (7).

**Carl Bolstad** and Beatrix Wiedmer of Seattle were married July 21 at the Rainier Chapter House of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Seattle. Carl is an actuarial analyst for Milliman and Robertson Inc. Beatrix is a speech pathologist for the Northshore School District.

**Kelly and Nancy (Holm) Carlisle** of Milwaukie, Ore., announce the birth of Taylor Holm Carlisle May 1. He joins brother Geoffrey (3).

**Harry Davidson** of Tacoma is the recipient of a Tacoma Community College Faculty Excellence Award. He teaches music and directs the TCC Chamber Orchestra. He is also director of the Tacoma Youth Symphony. Each award recipient receives \$1,000 from the TCC Foundation.

**Cheryl Ensor** of San Diego, Calif., is engaged to Robert Capoccia. They plan to be married in February 1992. Both work at LaserSaver, a laser printer supply and service company. Cheryl is a senior account executive and Bob is a manufacturing supervisor. They recently bought a home together in San Diego.

**Bruce Kent** of McConnellsville has been assigned to pastor a two-point charge in southeastern Ohio. He will pastor both the Trinity United Methodist Church and the Ebenezer United Methodist Church in McConnellsville, Ohio. Bruce is an ordained elder of the East Ohio Annual Conference.

**Julie Levenson** and Jim Shanafelt were married April 20 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia, Wash. Julie works for the Liquor Control Board and Jim works for the Department of Transportation.

**Bruce and Pam (Carlson) Olson** of Marysville, Wash., announce the birth of Kathleen Marie on Feb. 8. She joins Anne (3) and Laura (2).

**Nancy Olson** married Jeral Hanson in Dec. 1988. She has started Career Discovery, a company for people seeking career counseling, career development and vocational assessment. They live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**Jacki Spencer** married Mark Evan-chec and is working as a sales representative for Georgia-Pacific Corp. in New Stanton, Pa. They live in Pittsburgh.

**Dan Voelkel** of Tacoma, Wash., has been hired as manager of the City of Tacoma's new community relations division.

**James and Joy ('87 Harding) Young** are living in Dillingham, Alaska. James was promoted to branch manager for Key Bank of Alaska's new Dillingham Branch. Joy is teaching third grade for Dillingham City Schools.

**Jan (Smith) Yount** of Naples, Id., graduated from the College of Idaho in June with a M.Ed. in counseling. She works as a therapist with Mental Health in Sandpoint, Id. Daughter Katrin was born in August 1990. She joined Axel (2).

### 1984

Class Rep.: John S. Korsmo Jr. (206) 582-6712

**Robbyn (Menogan) Celestin** and husband Bernard announce the birth of their first child, Pierre William, on April 23, 1991. They live in Denver, Colo.

**Jason Edwards** of Tacoma spent several months in Tibet climbing the north ridge on Mount Everest. He is now looking for a permanent position teaching business education in the Puget Sound area.

**Elizabeth (Green) Finley** and husband Rob announce the birth of Morghan Kiri on Dec. 13, 1990. She is a swimmer, in the water at five weeks of age.

**Anne (Jenck) Kunkle** of Olympia, Wash., was expecting her second child in September. Son Aaron was two that month.

**Mindy Lewis** married Steve McGinnis April 6 at Little Church on the Prairie, Tacoma. She is an accountant executive at McCaw Cellular Communications. Steve is an electrical engineer at The Boeing Co. They live in Seattle.

### 1985

Class Rep.: John Duppenhaler (206) 473-0300

**Dave and Linda (Gard) Boring** of Tualatin, Ore., announce the birth of Nicholas Andrew on May 8. He joins brother Michael (2).

**Craig Boyes** is working in Walnut Creek, Calif., as a personnel manager for Nordstrom.

**Karen Calfas** received her doctorate in clinical psychology/behavioral medicine from the University of California, San Diego in May. Karen completed an internship at Brown University and now lives and works in San Diego, Calif.

**Mary Hefty** of Burnsville, Minn., was promoted to sales support representative for Northwest Airlines after a year and a half as a reservation sales agent for Northwest in Seattle. She is now based in Minneapolis.

**Monica (Hoffman) Hemenway** of Spanaway, Wash., became a sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics on June 1.

**Ian Ritchie and Marcia Rose-Ritchie ('84)** are both working for the U.S. Forest Service, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in the Skykomish Ranger District. Ian is the district archaeologist and Marcia is the information assistant. They live in Skykomish, Wash., with their son Aidan (1).

**Lynnita Smith** married Tomas Bergstrom of Lulea, Sweden, in Renton, Wash., June 8. Thomas is an engineer with Binac in the north of Sweden. They live in Lulea, 40 miles south of the arctic circle in Sweden's Lapland.

**Sherie (May) Stricker** and husband Mark announce the birth of their first child, Rebecca Ann, on April 6. Sherie is self-employed as a piano and voice teacher and Mark works at United States Central Command, MacDill AFB. They live in Tampa, Fla.

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### 1985

*Class Rep.: Drex Zimmerman (206) 778-8732*

**Deanna Borg** married Thomas Benningfield April 20 at Puyallup First Assembly of God Church. She is a recruiter for Olsten Temporary Services in Federal Way. Thomas is an engineering technician for The Boeing Co.

**Susan (Oliver) Duncan** and husband Robert of Springfield, Va., announce the birth of Jeffrey Thomason on June 20. Bob and Susie are both captains in the Air Force serving in the Washington, D.C. area.

**Brent and Monica (Smith '89) Hample** were married March 16 in Portland, Ore. They met at PLU and are working on the staff at Holden Village in the Washington Cascades.

**Eric B. Olsen** of Arlington, Va., graduated from the University of Colorado Health Sciences, School of Medicine in May 1990. He completed his internship at the Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital Medical centers in Denver, Colo. He is beginning his residency at the combined program for emergency medicine at the George Washington University and Georgetown University Medical centers in Washington, D.C.

### 1987

*Class Rep.: Jennifer Good (206) 827-2542*

**Pam (Gargas) Bailey** of Gig Harbor, Wash., was promoted to administrative assistant, board relations for the Seattle School District.

**Jeff and Lisbet (Nichols '89) Bluhm** moved from Seattle to Denver in June as Jeff was accepted into the residency program at the University of Colorado. Lisbet is an oncology nurse at the University of Colorado Hospital. They were married June 23, 1990.

**Ken Dickerson** married Dianne Brown, DVM, on Aug. 3. They live in Kirkland, Wash.

**Kimberly Feir** and Jeffrey Brooks of Walnut Creek, Calif., were married June 22 at Trinity Baptist Church, Lakewood, Wash. Jeffrey was recently discharged from the U.S. Navy and will be attending the University of California at Berkeley.

**Dan Galloway** and Susan Goodell were married April 15. Susan works for Group Health and Dan works for First Medical. They live in Olympia, Wash.

**Randy and Susan (McAllister '86) Grant** of Lincoln, Neb., announce the birth of Alex Christopher Oct. 5, 1989. They are expecting their second child in November. Randy is completing work on a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Nebraska. Susie operates a home day-care.

**Monica Hruschka** of Kerrville, Tex., finished her MS in biology and was awarded a fellowship at the University of Maryland, College Park to work on her Ph.D. in environmental toxicology.

**Barth Merrill** of Pensacola, Fla., is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He graduated from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences on May 18 and began a family practice internship in July at Pensacola Naval Hospital.

**Scott Moon** of Millani, Hawaii, graduated from John A. Burns School of Medicine on May 18. He is doing a transitional at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston, Ill. Scott will specialize in radiation.

**Denise (Finnila) Mount** is living in Aloha, Ore. Her husband, Todd, died Aug. 8 of heart failure. He was 26 years old and a serious athlete. Their daughter Stephanie is five months old.

**John and Debbie (Mortensen) Shoup** of Whidbey Island, Wash., announce the birth of their first son, Nathan Andrew, on June 20. John completed his master's in school administration this summer.

**Michelle Thibault** and David Koblas of Mountain View, Calif., were married June 20 in Anchorage, Alaska. Michelle is a computer networks engineer.

### 1988

*Class Rep.: Lyn Megow*

**John and Jill (Peterson '87) Braham** announce the birth of their first child, John Michael, born April 16. Jill is assistant to the dean of the University of Puget Sound Law School and John is a Tacoma police officer.

**Gail Brogren** and Richard Saur-Wooden of Seattle were married July 14 at Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Wash. Gail is a teacher in the Seattle School District and Richard is an antique and collectibles dealer.

**Christy Clinton** of Tacoma has become a certified management accountant. She is the business manager of the Western Washington Fair Association, Puyallup.

**Teresa Corrie and Mark Noll ('86)** of Puyallup were married March 23 in Tacoma. Mark works at PLU as a systems analyst in the computer center. Teresa teaches elementary school in Puyallup.

**Clayton Cowl** was named the single national recipient of \$2,500 scholarship from the American Medical Association's Education and Research Foundation. The award recognizes a medical student who has demonstrated an interest in the communication of science. Clayton is the editor-in-chief of *Pulse*, the student section of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. He is a junior at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

**Morgan Dennis** of Tacoma has been accepted as a member of the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is employed in the Washington State Auditor's office.

**Valerie Gash** of Aurora, Colo., married her high school sweetheart, Scott Skrine, on June 1.

**Sandra Harnden** graduated May 13 from Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., with a master's degree in physical therapy. She is working in the physical therapy department of Swedish Hospital Medical Center, Seattle.

**Kathy Hjelmeland** of Seahurst, Wash., has been named publications specialist for the Washington Society of CPAs in Bellevue, Wash. She was marketing/in house programs coordinator. Kathy is a volunteer campus life leader at Highline High School in Seattle.

**James Left** of Santa Ana, Calif., is working for Continental Insurance as a liability claims adjuster specializing in suspicious auto accident claims. He will be attending Pepperdine Law School this fall and hopes to work for either the state or federal attorney's office.

**David Lucky** and **Andrea Pouley ('91)** were married May 8 at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, Wash. David has been a police officer in Tacoma for two years and Andrea is seeking employment in the human resource management field.

**Mark Miller** of Tacoma bought a fine new sailing vessel and invites any other Lute alumni pals out for a voyage some time.

**Todd Nelson** graduated from the University of Arizona Law School. He works for the law firm of Beckley, Singleton, DeLaney, Jamison and List in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Sharyl (Bennett) Rapavy** and husband Brian welcomed their first child, son Taylor Farrell, on July 30. Sharyl just completed her third year of teaching special education, the last of which as a resource specialist in Newark, Calif. Brian is a sales consultant for Walter Lorenz Surgical Instruments.

**Carol Reller** is a project manager for a marketing research firm in Seattle.

**Debbie Skonard** married Paul McKee on July 6 at Northridge Lutheran Church, Kalispell, Mont. Paul is a distribution supervisor and Debbie is in human resource management at Microsoft Corp. in Bothell, Wash. They live in Mukilteo, Wash.



From left (today): Doug Mjorud '65, Nathan Stime '64, Bob Olsen '63 and Gary Hagen '65.



Clockwise from left (1960): Olson, Stime, Mjorud and Hagen.

## Alumni Quartet Reunites In Concert After Three Decades

By Bob Olsen

Four PLU alumni who once traveled as a singing quartet gave a reunion concert in August, 31 years after their tour and 28 years after their last public appearance.

Gary Hagen '65, Bob Olsen '63, Doug Mjorud '65 and Nate Stime '64 traveled over 4,000 miles as the Lutheran Aires Quartet from the Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle.

Their six-week tour during the summer of 1960 took them to 45 Lutheran churches, a prison, two bible camps, several vacation bible schools, a hospital, nursing homes, a citywide Youth for Christ rally and a PLU chapel service. One stop was Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Almira, Wash., where Bob later served as pastor.

Unlike today's singing groups, they carried no instruments or amplifiers - just suitcases, sleeping bags and some publicity material in a two-door Chevy.

**Paul and Suzanne (Jennings) Stordahl** have moved to Hong Kong for 18 months where Paul works as an actuarial associate for Aetna International. They expect to return to the U.S. in December 1992.

**Kristi Thorndike** is working as a senior account executive for The Eriksen Group, a public relations and advertising agency in Soldotna, Alaska.

### 1989

*Class Rep.: Lisa Hussev (203) 374-7665*

**Lori Anderson** married Patrick Searles in December 1989. She is the charge nurse in the women's and children's division at St. Joseph Hospital, Tacoma. Patrick is studying computer science at PLU.

**Michael Danis** was transferred by the James River Corporation to the Norwalk, Conn., office. He is finishing an MS industrial relations degree via correspondence through the University of Oregon. Michael married Kristen Larson on June 22 in Eugene, Ore., and honeymooned in the Bahamas.

**Jill Freitag** of Anchorage, Alaska, is a youth counselor for a Salvation Army residential home.

Though they all graduated from PLU, they were never again all enrolled at the same school at the same time.

They were reunited last May at the funeral of Dr. Eugene Stime, Nate's father, and determined to have a reunion this summer. It happened Aug. 10-11 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Winlock, Wash., where Gary is pastor.

They never recorded a concert, and couldn't find sheet music to several songs, but when they started practicing, it all came back. They sang nine numbers at the St. Paul's Sunday workshop service.

Gary and wife Gerry live in Winlock. Bob and wife Kaye (Whistler '64) live in Tacoma, where Bob works with persons with developmental disabilities. Doug and wife Phyllis also live in Tacoma; Doug is a cabinet maker and directs the Bethlehem Lutheran Church choir. Nate, a physician, and wife Linda live near Deer Park, Wash.

**Ben Jennings** of Tacoma has been accepted as a member of the Washington Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is employed by Moss Adams in Tacoma.

**Erik Moen** was elected to a one-year term as student liaison to the Washington State Physical Therapy Association board of directors at the spring conference in Yakima, Wash. He is a physical therapy student at the University of Washington.

**Bruce Ofstun** has been accepted into Flight Safety International's flight school in Vero Beach, Fla. He is working toward commercial, multi-engine, instrument and flight instructor's ratings.

**Susan Olson** married Steve Henning April 20 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, Seattle. They both work for The Boeing Co., and live in Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

**Melissa Phillips** married Peter Maxson on Aug. 10 in Seattle. They are living in Cary, N.C., where Melissa is a sales instructor for American Airlines and Peter is studying accounting at North Carolina State University.

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## Class Notes

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**Brendan Rorem and Kelly Mickelsen** of Renton, Wash., were married June 8 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Mercer Island. Kelly is finishing her elementary education certification at PLU and Brendan works for Miramar Productions, Seattle.

**John Schoenberg** of Steilacoom, Wash., worked for Silo in Federal Way, Wash., for two years. He quit and is now in the commercial flight training program at Clover Park VTI in Tacoma. He will be finished in the Spring of 1992.

**Nate and Barbara (Davis '90) Thorson** of Seattle, Wash., celebrated their second wedding anniversary on July 8. Barb is an RN at Swedish Hospital and Nate is a psychometrist at Harborview Medical Center.

**Lisle Tonnesen** married Matthew Slichko March 2 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Eatonville, Wash. She is an RN at Samaritan Hospital, Troy, N.Y. She became a member of Sigma Theta Tau, Psi Chapter in February.

**Del Valerio** earned his master's in physical education from San Jose State University.

**Steve and Katrina (Neeley) Wreggit** are living in Blacksburg, Va., where Steve is pursuing a doctorate in industrial engineering at Virginia Tech and Katrina is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

### 1990

Class Rep.: Jenny Guyer (303) 423-4435

**Katherine Betancourt** and husband Ed Hernandez are living in Colonial Heights, Va. Ed is attending Quartermaster Advanced course at Ft. Lee, Va. They will move to Germany for three years. Ed was awarded the Army's Meritorious Service Medal in April for service at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

**Linda Keselburg-Jekel** and husband Peter bought a new house in Lacey, Wash. Construction was completed in late June.

**Anne Marie Larson** of Kirkland, Wash., is teaching first grade at Arrowhead Elementary in the Northshore School District.

**Wendy Lokken and Brian Turnbull** were married Feb. 23 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, Wash. They live in Ephrata, Wash., where Brian is farming.

**Susan Remmerden and Brett Bentsen ('91)** were married on July 6 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Wash. Brett works for Microsoft and Susan is a nurse for the Public Health Service.

**Laurie Schjelland** married Christopher Morgan on June 22 at the First Lutheran Church, Bothell, Wash. Christopher is in pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Tex.

**Kathleen Short** married Paul Kelly on Dec. 31 in the Seattle First Baptist Church. She is an elementary school teacher and Paul is a captain in the U.S. Army. They live at Fort Benning, Ga.

**Christine Smaciarz** and husband Matthew are building a home on riverfront acreage in Chehalis, Wash. Christine teaches kindergarten in the Chehalis School District and Matthew works for United Parcel Service.

**Julie Thompson** of Tacoma is pursuing graduate study in business administration at City University.

### 1991

Class Rep.: Heidi Berger

**Karen Thordarson** and James Sugarbaker were married June 30 in the Auburn, Wash., Eagles Lodge. Jim is a coach for Auburn Little League.

## Oldest Faculty Member Recalls PLC of The '20s

At age 91, Orrin Thorson of Ottawa, Ill., may be the oldest former member of the Pacific Lutheran faculty.

Thorson contacted *Scene* last year after reading an article in the December issue about Amorette Day Richards '25, the school's first certified graduate.

"My tenure on the Pacific Lutheran faculty continued only through three semesters, from January 1924 to June 1925," he wrote. "I taught history and English in the academy and one course in the college, History of Education. I lived in the dormitory and ate in the boarding club. I even had a title: dean of men."

Yet he still scans the sports pages of the *Chicago Sunday Tribune* looking for PLU sports scores.

Humbly he asserts, "Amorette and I happen to be quite incidental in a highly significant episode in PLU's history (the campaign for accreditation). What is noteworthy is that now, 67 years later, we are still here to recall and tell about it."

Thorson said that the name change to Pacific Lutheran College in 1920 "did not automatically bestow credibility on its collegiate status.

"That did not come until accreditation in 1925," he added.

"The attainment of this academic recognition was not easy and can be attributed to the leadership of one outstanding individual, Philip E. Hauge (who had earned master's and doctor's degrees at the University of Washington)," said Thorson.

"It was the University's (Washington) recognition of his personal integrity and capability as an educator together with his contacts with key influential persons that won the accreditation for PLC. The faculty at that time was not at all outstanding when



Orrin and Nora Thorson

measured in terms of holding advanced degrees and having scholastic reputations reaching beyond the college's constituency," he continued.

"But intellectually, there were several superb heavyweights on the faculty, such as J.U. Xavier and O.J. Stuen," Thorson recalled. "In appearance and mind Xavier was a genuine classical scholar. He knew Latin and Greek, philosophy and religion, history and science.

"Stuen's mind, too, cut a broad swath with special strengths in science, mathematics and German.

"After 1925, the faculty was strengthened greatly in prestige and rank," he added.

Reminding today's PLU family that "tall oaks from little acorns grow," Thorson said, "PLU had modest and unpretentious beginnings that need to be remembered."

Thorson's other PLU contacts

have included his present pastor, alumnus Gene Peisker, '58 and former president Robert Mortvedt, who he knew since they were teenagers. He and Mortvedt both attended Pleasant View Luther College, where Mortvedt's father was president, and both graduated from St. Olaf College.

Following his sojourn at PLU, Thorson worked in the Michigan and Illinois public school systems until 1943, when he joined Sunbeam Corporation. He worked there in personnel and labor relations for 22 years, then did consulting work for five years before his retirement in 1970.

He was a member of the Forest Park, Ill., Public Library Board continuously for 39 years and was board president of Bethesda Home in Chicago for six years.

He and Nora, his wife of 65 years, have three children, seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. ■



1924-25 PLC faculty - from left, seated: Nettie Larson, President O.J. Ordal, Lora B. Kreidler; middle row: Ludvig Larson, Lillian Lund, J.U. Xavier, Orrin Thorson, Betty Hauge, Philip E. Hauge; top row: Myron Ringstad, O.J. Stuen.

## Mast Editor Is Winner Of Seattle P-I Scholarship

Jodi Nygren, this year's editor of the PLU student newspaper, *The Mast*, is the winner of the 1991 Bobbi McCallum Memorial Scholarship, an annual award sponsored by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

Nygren, a senior from Junction City, Ore., spent the summer as an intern at the *Daily World* in Aberdeen, Wash. She previously worked a summer at the *Tri-County News* in her hometown.

The \$1,000 scholarship was established in 1970 in memory of McCallum, a prize-winning P-I reporter who earned national recognition before her death at age 25.



Diane Johnson (1981 photo)



From left, Chuck Curtis, Jim Van Beek, Roger Iverson (1978 photo)



Sig Sigurdson, Earl Platt (1940 photo)

## Lutes To Induct Six Greats Into Campus Sports Hall Of Fame

Six of PLU's athletic greats are in the second group to be inducted into PLU's Athletic Hall of Fame. Jim Van Beek, Chuck Curtis, Roger Iverson, Dianne Johnson, Earl Platt and Sig Sigurdson will be recognized at a banquet to be held in Chris Knutzen Hall Friday, Oct. 18, at 12 noon.

Photos and biographies will then be permanently displayed along PLU's Athletic Walk of Fame, located along the north side of the swimming pool

between Olson Auditorium and Names Fitness Center.

Van Beek, Curtis and Iverson made up the "Big Three" basketball dynasty in the late 1950's, leading the Lute teams which ruled the Evergreen Conference and represented District I at nationals four years in a row (1956-59). During that time the Lutes won 37 straight games against Evergreen conference rivals.

Van Beek was a two-time NAIA all-tournament selection, and

scored a team-high 24 points in the title game in 1959 against Tennessee State.

Curtis is the all-time scoring leader for Lute basketball, and his 44 points against Whitworth in 1958 is still the PLU single-game record. He was drafted in 1959 by the Detroit Pistons, but ended up with the New York Tapers, where he was the number two scorer and top rebounder.

Iverson, the number two scorer in PLU history, was a four-

time All-EvCo guard, and two-time national All-Tournament pick. He was the Mr. Hustle Award winner at nationals in 1959. In 1971, Iverson was named to the All-Time All-Tournament Team, the only player from the northwest, and the only one under six feet. Iverson has also been inducted into the NAIA Basketball Hall of Fame.

Dianne Johnson was PLU's first three-sport All-American, earning the honor in cross country, nordic skiing and track. In cross country, Johnson was the Inspirational Award winner, captain, Conference and District champion, and three-time national competitor. In nordic skiing, the three-year letter winner placed fourth at the National Collegiate Ski Association meet. As a track athlete, Dianne claimed Inspirational and Captain Awards, was regional champion in two events, and competed at nationals twice.

Johnson was also the 1982 recipient of the George Fisher Scholar-Athlete Award and PLU's Woman of the Year in Sports Award.

Earl Platt and Sig Sigurdson, the first Little All-Americans at PLC, were two of the athletic giants in the late 30's and early 40's. In football, both were four-year starters at end, both offensively and defensively, and both played in the Coast Pro League after World War II. Each was also a four-year starter in basketball, and was a member of the team that won PLC's first Winco League basketball championship. In addition, Platt was a starter on the Lute baseball team, and Sigurdson competed in baseball, golf, tennis and track for the Lutes.

The Hall of Fame Banquet is open to the public. Tickets are \$8.50 per person, and may be obtained by contacting the PLU Athletic Department at (206) 535-7350.

### Craig's Kupp Runneth Over

## Professional Football Career Resurrected With Phoenix

By Pam Semrau

Craig Kupp is living a dream, or at least the beginning of one. The 1990 PLU graduate who was drafted and eventually waived by the New York Giants in 1990 now finds himself in Phoenix, as the backup quarterback for the Phoenix Cardinals.

After leaving New York, Kupp was picked up by the Cardinals and assigned to their practice squad for the 1990 season. He started the 1991 pre-season as the Cardinals' third quarterback, behind former Washington State University star Timm Rosenbach and Tom Tupa.

When Rosenbach went down with a knee injury, Kupp earned an automatic promotion. "It's been hard for Timm, and hard for the team for someone who is such a big part of the team to get hurt like that, but it has provided a big opportunity for me personally," Craig said in a telephone interview. "It's kind of a glad-sad situation."

In practicing with the Cardinals, Kupp spends the majority of his time quarterbacking the scout team, which learns the opponents' plays and executes them against the first team

defense. It's a role he enjoys, because it gives him an opportunity to learn a number of offenses and to get playing experience. "It's good just to take snaps, and to see the defenses and the patterns," he commented. Craig also gets some practice time on the first team. He estimates that he runs five or six plays out of a twenty play script during a typical practice session. It may not sound like a lot of action, but it's extremely productive and valuable time.

"When I'm not in, I'm intent and watching every play," he noted, "but I really need to get in there and actually call plays and take snaps."

Craig observes that he can see constant improvement in his play, that every day things become more sure. But the worst part is still the insecurity that is part and parcel of his life. "At first there was talk of bringing in another quarterback (when Rosenbach was injured), then there was talk that they weren't going to.

"I feel more secure every day, but they could bring someone in or make a trade any day," he pointed out. Kupp's contract is for one year and includes an



Craig Kupp

option, but the contract is contingent on staying on the team.

The move from PLU to the Cardinals has taken adjustment. "I was prepared to a point, but it's hard mentally and physically to make the step from playing for a small college to playing for the pros," Kupp admits. "There's a big difference in speed and size. The offense is more complicated, and I'm forced to make more decisions and quicker decisions. At PLU, if someone was open, they were wide open. Here, you have to be, if not perfect, at least very accurate."

Kupp faces not a small change in coaching style, either. In Phoenix the style is one of tough talk

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Lutes (in black) take on perennial archrival Linfield at the Tacoma Dome in the opening game of the 1991 football season. It was a nail biter as usual; the Lutes prevailed 9-8.

## Opening Victory Over Linfield Is Westering's 150th As Lute Mentor

PLU grid coach Frosty Westering, the NAIA's winningest active coach, reached a Lute milestone Sept. 21. Westering notched his 150th PLU victory as the second-ranked Lutes outlasted the fifth-ranked Linfield Wildcats 9-8 in the Tacoma Dome. Frosty's PLU record now stands at 150-41-3.

Westering called the game "a defensive gem." The point total of 17 was the lowest in ten years, a decade in which the average total score in this matchup was 49.5 points. It was the sixth time in the series that the game has been decided by a single point.

It was fitting that the key plays in the game came from

the defense. Cornerback Brody Loy returned an interception 40 yards for a touchdown, and defensive back Troy Brost blocked a point-after-touchdown attempt that ultimately made the difference in the game.

As PLU enters its second century of service, Westering has labeled this year's team the "Century II Lutes." If the team continues to build on its strong start, it's likely that the "Century II" designation will have another application. Westering holds a career record of 194-67-5 in 26 years of coaching, and needs just six more victories to reach the two-century milestone.

### Gold Medal Winners

## PLU Softballers Spark U.S. Team At Cuba Pan Am Games

By Beth Goode

Two PLU athletic stars shone at the 1991 Pan American Games last summer. Debbie Hoddevik and Brenda Dobbelaar were two of the 18 softball players to help bring home the gold for the United States from Cuba.

The 18-player team included NCAA and NAIA players, along with first and second team All-Americans from the Amateur Softball Association.

"There's more to softball than I thought," said Dobbelaar, "it was fun to be part of such an elite group."

The U.S. monopolized the nine games by only allowing two runs during the entire tournament. The Americans faced teams from the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Cuba and others, as well as Canada in the 14-1 gold-medal game. Hoddevik and Dobbelaar started in five or six games and played at least half of the time in those games.

"I was surprised quarterly by Pacific Lutheran University this season.

how friendly the people were. They were so willing to help make our stay fun," said Hoddevik.

During the two-week stay in Santiago, the team was able to experience some of the culture.

"It was hard to communicate sometimes. One of the girls on the team knew Spanish, so she translated for us," said Dobbelaar.

Many of the facilities were built in residential areas of Santiago. The four dormitories constructed for the games are to be turned into local housing.

"I gained a greater appreciation for America and for the freedoms we have," said Hoddevik.

Hoddevik is a 1901 PLU graduate with a degree in elementary education. She has been hired to coach softball and teach at Reynolds High and Middle School in Gresham, Ore., her home town. Dobbelaar, just beginning

her junior year, will play again this season.

## Fall Sports Previews

**Women's Soccer** – Tremendous individual talent and enviable depth will again be the trademarks of coach Colleen Hacker's squad, ranked third in the nation, as they look for an unprecedented fourth straight trip to the NAIA National Championship game. Hacker welcomes back two first-team All-Americans, seniors Wendy Johnson and Shari Rider, and a second-team pick, junior Mary Rink, who is back after off-season knee surgery. Front-line firepower comes from the combination play of Johnson, Cheryl Kragness and soph Rowena Fish. Rider is joined in the midfield by talented and consistent three-year starters Kirsten Brown and Robyn Heft. Rink and junior Shannon Annim are the vital cogs in a solid, experienced defense, and Brenda Lichtenwalter takes on shot-stopping duties in goal.

**Men's Cross Country** – With four of last year's top five lost to graduation, coach Brad Moore's harriers will attempt to build for the future while maintaining their high standing at the conference and district level. Three quarters of the team members are freshmen in eligibility, though many were redshirts last year. Top returner is Alan Herr, an All-American in track. He is joined by Jeff Perry and David LeWarne. Redshirt freshmen Trent Ericson, Brian Taylor and Steve Owens are expected to contribute right away, as is freshman Chris Hazelbrook. The men, ranked 19th in the NAIA national polls, will attempt to run down an 8th consecutive conference championship.

**Volleyball** – With a new coach and just three returners, 1991 looks to be a rebuilding year for the Lute spikers. Coach Jerry Weydert will rely heavily on his three returners, seniors Mary Wang and Hollie Stark and sophomore Kristi Weedon. Lacking outstanding height, but blessed with several good athletes, the Lutes will attempt to frustrate other teams defensively. Weydert anticipates immediate contributions from transfers Lori Golliet and Angela Marozzo, and from walk-on freshman Stacy Lanning.

**Men's Soccer** – Although the '92 squad is young, with 12 of the players just freshmen or sophomores, coach Jim Dunn also returns excellent senior leadership in captains Brock Hurt, Jack Hepler and Brad Uhlenhoff. Defense will be the hallmark of this year's team. Rich Hummel is the incumbent goalkeeper. Hepler and Hurt are joined in the back by skilled soph Scott Flatness. Uhlenhoff pilots a midfield dominated by height; Uhlenhoff, Ross Courtney, Knut Vonheim and Seth Spidahl all tower above six feet. Blake Boling and Sten Sorby lend speed and skill on the flanks, and Tri Pham brings finesse to the center. Andy McDirmid, Jeff Ellis and Jerry Froman are consistent scoring threats.

**Women's Cross Country** – Brad Moore's Lady Lutes, ranked 4th in the NAIA pre-season polls, will look to capture their 11th consecutive conference crown and 8th consecutive district title, but they'll do it with some new faces. Deirdre Murnane, a 21st place finisher at 1990 Nationals, is the only returner from last year's top five. Kelly Graves and Michelle Jackson, last year's number six and seven, will try to work their way up. Kelly Hewitt and Casi Montoya are back after missing last season with injuries. The top newcomer is Patty Ley, a former competitor at the University of Oregon and Washington State University who could contend for the national title.

**Football** – The Lutes, who grabbed international headlines in June during their historic three-game venture to The People's Republic of China, will look to build upon their success this season as they zero in on their 23rd consecutive winning season with a multi-dimensional attack on both sides of the line. Frosty Westering welcomes back 32 lettermen, including 13 starters from last year's 9-2-0 squad that advanced to the NAIA Div. II playoffs for the ninth time in 12 years. Sophomore QB Marc Weekly, who scored the first touchdown ever in China, leads the Lute offense. PLU's outside running game and short passing attack should be stronger than ever. Senior defensive end Ed Jolly is the catalyst of the Lutes' defense, which is strong up front and deep in the secondary.

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and focusing on the other team, while Frosty's style at PLU is one of focusing on one's own team and encouraging each other. "I really miss Frosty's style, but you don't find that in too many places. It's a one-in-a-million program," Craig said.

The move from Tacoma to Phoenix has brought its share of changes as well. The biggest adjustment has been the heat. The Cardinals practice outdoors, and temperatures this fall have hit 110 degrees. In general, however, the relocation has gone

smoothly. Craig and his wife Karin (Gilmer '91, a soccer standout and scholar-athlete at PLU) attend a Bible study on Thursdays, and Craig recently played in a golf tournament for Christian Athlete Ministries. Karin is coaching an elite 19-and-under soccer team.

Summarized Craig, "I'm just excited to be here and playing in the NFL. It's something I watched on TV and dreamed about since I was a little kid."

Sometimes dreams do come true.



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October 19

**Regency Concert Series** Regency String Quartet will perform "From My Life" by Smetana and Mozart's Quintet in G Minor (with guest violist Joyce Ramee). 8 pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center.

October 24

**Madrigals and All That Jazz** Ensembles from the Choir of the West will perform a variety of vocal chamber music. 8 pm, Xavier 201.

October 29

**Faculty Piano Recital** Calvin Knapp will celebrate Prokofieff's 100th birthday year with music by Prokofieff and composer's influenced by Prokofieff's style. 8 pm, Eastvold

October 31

**Norwegian Women's Literature** Ase Hiorth Levik from the University of Tromso, Norway, will present a free lecture. Noon, Scandinavian Cultural Center.

November 1

**University Jazz Ensemble** Director Roger Gard will lead the ensemble in a concert of traditional and contemporary jazz tunes. 8 pm, Eastvold.

November 6-27

**Art Exhibition** "Alternate Processes: A Delicate Balance" features artists from Washington, Oregon and California exhibiting handmade paper, book arts, handpainted photographs and monotypes. 9 am to 4 pm weekdays, University Gallery, Ingram

November 9 & 10

**Opera Workshop** Memorable scenes from the opera repertoire will be performed. 3 pm, Eastvold

November 12

**University Symphony Orchestra** The Beethoven cycle continues with Symphony No. 3, the "Eroica." 8 pm Eastvold

November 14-17

**An Evening of One Acts** See three contrasting one-act plays presented by Alpha Psi Omega, national drama fraternity. The plays include "Birdbath" by Leonard Melfi, "Jersey Girls" by John Ford Noonan and "Next" by Terrence McNally. 8 pm (2 pm Sunday), Eastvold

November 14

**Regency Concert Series** Washington Brass Quintet performs music by Mozart, Ewald, Morley and East. Adm. 8 pm, University Center

November 15

**Choir of the West** Faure's Requiem will be performed with the Tacoma Symphony. Adm. 8 pm, Broadway Center for the Performing Arts (formerly Pantages Centre), 901 Broadway, Tacoma

November 15

**US Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus** Hear patriotic band music, overtures and tunes from "South Pacific" performed by the elite US Army group from Washington DC. Sponsored by PLU and Morning News Tribune. (Free ticket coupon in the News Tribune the weekend of Oct. 19.) 8 pm, Olson

November 17

**Choral Union** Organist David Dahl and the Washington Brass Quintet join conductor Richard Sparks and the Choral Union in music for choir, brass and organ. Adm. 2 pm, Christ Episcopal Church, 310 No. "K" St., Tacoma

November 19

**Faculty Guitar Recital** Classical guitarist Hilary Field performs works by J.S. Bach, Leo Brouwer, Fernando Sor, Manuel Ponce and others. 8 pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center.

November 22

**Vocal Jazz Ensemble** Cathy Bleecker leads the group in a program on contemporary vocal jazz tunes. 8 pm, University Center

November 23

**Yule Boutique** One of the region's largest pre-Christmas shopping extravaganzas! Adm (benefits PLU student scholarship fund) 9 am to 5 pm, Olson

November 26

**University Wind Ensemble** Conductor Thomas O'Neal has programmed Karel Husa's profound and moving "Prague 1968" and Dana Wilson's award-winning "Shakata." 8 pm, Eastvold

December 3-17

**Art Exhibition** Sixth Annual High School Invitational shows the best work by the area's budding young artists. 9 am to 4 pm weekdays, University Gallery, Ingram

December 6, 7, 8, 13 & 15

**Christmas Festival Celebration** Advent carols and the Christmas story in the form of Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Hodie" will be heard. (See page 10 for ticket order form, times and locations)

December 10

**University Jazz Ensemble** Jazz favorites will be performed. 8 pm, Eastvold

December 11

**Norwegian Christmas Service** A traditional Lutheran Christmas service will be presented in Norwegian. 7 pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center

December 14

**Festival of Lessons and Carols** Britten's "Ceremony of Carols," accompanied by harp, will be performed. 7 pm and 9 pm, Trinity Lutheran Chapel.

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## Student Recruitment

### Prospective Student Referral

As an alum or friend you are an ideal person to recognize the types of students who would enjoy and benefit from a PLU education. You can do both PLU and these students a favor by helping us get together. Simply send us the names and addresses of students who should know about PLU as an option, and we will be sure to follow up. Information on high school sophomores, juniors, seniors and transfer students is welcome. Thank you!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Cindy Michael, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447, or call (206) 535-7422