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University photographer and '02 graduate Jordan Hartman's shot of Tacoma and Mount Rainier, taken from the Vashon Island ferry dock, won him second place in the "personal vision" category of the University Photographers Association monthly contest. Hartman was traveling with a group of students and administrators to the annual Students of Color Retreat.

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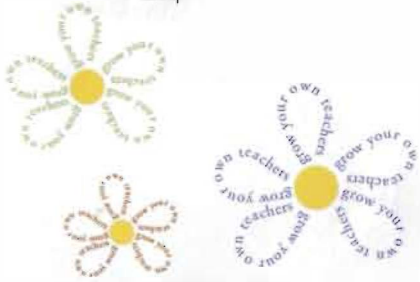
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here & now



Lifting the ceremonial shovels at the groundbreaking for the new PLU bookstore were Terry Lee of the Pierce County Council; Elizabeth Johnson of the Garfield Business Association; President Loren Anderson; Pastor Nancy Connor; and Hal Ferris of Lorig Associates, PLU's development partner on the bookstore project.

Garfield Commons groundbreaking marks first step in area revival

The ceremonial shovelful of dirt lifted by PLU and Lorig Associates marked one of the first visible steps in a planned renaissance of the Garfield Street area.

Ground was officially broken on Garfield Commons, a retail center that will house the new PLU bookstore, on March 15. Slated for completion this December, the building will be located at the corner of Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue.

By moving the bookstore off-campus, foot traffic should increase on Garfield Street, with students walking from cam-

pus to Garfield Commons and shoppers moving from Garfield Commons towards campus. The building is part of a plan to reinvigorate area businesses with increased pedestrian traffic and provide opportunities for further economic development of the area.

The PLU bookstore will be the anchor tenant of the building, occupying 15,000 square feet of the 32,000-square-foot complex.

"It will have a foundation of serving the campus and students, but it will also now serve the community," said Mark Mulder '93, '00, director of auxiliary services and a leader of PLU's involvement in the greater revitalization of Garfield Street.

The new store, which has yet to be named, will feature a community room

for campus, as well as community programming.

Renowned writer and environmentalist visits for Earth Week



Terry Tempest Williams spoke as part of PLU's Earth Week celebration to a packed house in Lagerquist Concert Hall.

Tempest Williams is one of the most powerful voices in the country on environmental issues and the necessity of civic engagement. During the day, she held a forum with the campus commu-

nity to discuss vocation and the environment and met with students from environmental studies, women's studies and English.

Student Rachel Esbjornsen penned the letter inviting Tempest Williams to PLU. A fan since high school, Esbjornsen said Tempest Williams' writing advocates for the protection of wild areas and encourages people to discuss their views about nature.

"The way she advocates is through an open dialogue, inviting people to come to a conversation about nature and how we view it," Esbjornsen said.

A native of Salt Lake City and a Mormon environmentalist, Tempest Williams is passionate about matters of spirit and faith, women and the environment and social responsibility. She is best known for her book, "Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place," in which she explored the relationship between cancer in people and the degradation of nature.

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway visits during heritage festival

Princess Märtha Louise of Norway visited PLU as part of a national speaking and promotional tour for her children's book "Why Kings and Queens Don't Wear Crowns."

The princess spoke in Lagerquist Concert Hall about growing up as royalty in today's world and why she wrote her bestselling children's book. Following her remarks, she greeted festival-goers and signed books in the UC.

Her book centers on events in 1905, when Norway's union with Sweden was peacefully dissolved and Norway needed to find a new royal family. The tale begins there and is based on the childhood of her grandfather, King Olav V. Little Prince Olav wants to play just like the other children, but every time he leaves the palace something bad happens to the crown on his head, and the king and queen are not amused.

The princess' visit was part of the annual Norwegian Heritage Festival, which featured booths offering Norwegian products such as sweaters, jewelry and Hardanger fiddles. Freshly baked Norwegian cookies and pastries,



Princess Märtha Louise of Norway

live entertainment and special children's programming were also part of the event. A favorite booth of the festival demonstrated how to make "lefse," the traditional Scandinavian flat bread.

Service-learning trip takes student volunteers to New Orleans

When Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast in August 2005, the world was

stunned by the devastation. Over spring break, 16 students and four staff members jumped into the recovery effort, spending their vacation volunteering at local non-profit organizations in New Orleans.

The Campus Ministry-sponsored trip sent the group to St. Bernard's Parish, one of the areas hardest hit by the hurricane, gutting houses and cleaning up trash and debris. Emergency Communities, a grassroots organization, housed the group at its tent city.

Emergencies Communities' main operation, the Made with Love Café and Grill, provides hot meals to volunteers and victims three times a day, seven days a week. In addition to helping serve meals and sorting food donations, the group was able to sit down daily and talk with hurricane victims.

"Each meal we could sit down with local residents and actually talk to them and hear their stories," said Joel Zylstra '05, program coordinator for Student Involvement and Leadership and the trip's organizer.

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READ ABOUT the environmentally sustainable Morken Center for Learning and Technology, the School of Education's partnership with an area school district, alumni award winners and other stories from this quarter's Scene magazine at Scene Online. www.plu.edu/scene.

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IN MEMORIAM

William O. Rieke, a purposeful life

PRESIDENT EMERITUS WILLIAM O. RIEKE died Saturday, April 22, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 74.

A physician, research scholar, teacher, faculty colleague, college administrator and mentor to thousands of students, Rieke had two distinct professional careers. He will be remembered as an outstanding teacher and as being among the international elite in the field of transplant biology.

Rieke assumed the presidency of PLU in 1975. By the time he retired in 1992, PLU had gained national and international prestige as an academically rigorous institution with a strong liberal

arts program, enhanced by five professional schools.

In 1978, a capital fund campaign was launched that included \$8.9 million for a new science building. When the building was dedicated in 1985, the regents honored the current president by naming it the William O. Rieke Science Center.

Rieke is survived by his wife, Joanne E. (Schieff) Rieke '54; three children, Susan (Rieke) Smith '79 and her husband Jeffrey Smith '78; Stephen Rieke '81 and his wife Eileen (Brandenburg) Rieke '82; Marcus Rieke '86 and his wife Paula (Smith) Rieke '88; and eight grandchildren.

The interaction was one of the most powerful parts of the trip, he said.

The trip focused on service learning, and Zylstra said the group concentrated on the value of the experience, not merely volunteering their time and energy. When they returned, the group held a forum to share their experiences, hoping to connect others to the reality of the disaster.

Senator Murray rallies campus on student-aid issue

U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., addressed the campus in February at a "Rally for Student Aid," imploring students to mobilize on the issue of federal student aid.

At the time of her speech, the Deficit Reduction Act had just passed Congress, eliminating over \$12 billion in federal student aid for this year, and President Bush had unveiled his budget for 2007. According to Murray, his

budget featured the largest cut to education in 26 years.

"(Federal student aid) is under attack in Washington, D.C., today. Why? Because nobody's fighting back at the local level," Murray said. "This bill means every one of you will pay more."

President Loren Anderson opened the event with brief remarks, followed by student Kimberly Kreitel. Kreitel, a junior from Yelm, said without federal student aid she would not have been able to attend PLU. In a national political atmosphere steeped in talk of values,



Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., visited campus in February to alert students to the impending cuts to federal student aid funding under the most recent budget.

Murray said the principle that “every person, no matter where they sit, should have access to education” is also an important value.

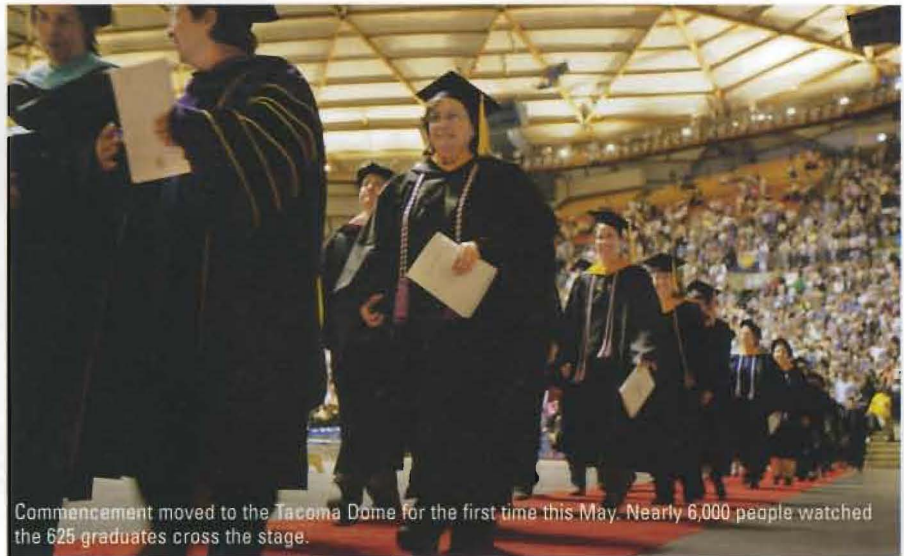
“Don’t sit back and say ‘Gosh, I wish this wasn’t happening,’” Murray said. “Say ‘What can I do?’”

Commencement moved to Tacoma Dome

The commencement ceremony took place at the Tacoma Dome for the first time this May, a more spacious and spectator-friendly venue that eliminated the need for tickets.

Bill Foege '57, an internationally recognized global health expert, gave the commencement address. He is an advisor to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Carter Center, and a member of the PLU Board of Regents. (See “Perspective,” back cover.)

Students Tyler Hildebrand '06 and



Commencement moved to the Tacoma Dome for the first time this May. Nearly 6,000 people watched the 625 graduates cross the stage.

Derice Grass '06, both philosophy and economic majors, gave reflections of their PLU education.

The Dome can accommodate an audience of 6,000, more than twice what Olson Auditorium can seat, and allowed graduates to invite all their friends and family to participate. The larger space eliminated the need for a separate summer ceremony.

Students graduating in August could choose to participate in either the May or December ceremonies.

The change of venue did not disrupt commencement traditions, which included performances by the University Symphony Orchestra and Choir of the West, the faculty procession, university banners and the university mace. [S]

RETIRING FACULTY

REGULAR



David Hansen, professor of biology, hired in 1974



Lawry Gold, associate professor of art, hired in 1984



Dennis J. Martin, professor of biology, hired in 1975



Katherine McDade, associate professor of sociology, hired in 1989



Kate Grieshaber, professor of music, hired in 1984



Dennis Cox, associate professor of art, hired in 1972



D. Stuart Bancroft, professor of business, hired in 1967

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David Hoffman, associate professor of music, hired in 1975

Richard Jones, associate professor of English, hired in 1969

David Keyes, professor of art, hired in 1969

Wallace Spencer, associate professor of political science, hired in 1974

Shirley Aikin, associate professor of nursing, hired in 1974

life of the mind

Danish cartoon discussion lets students test their intellectual chops



Students gathered for discussion of the controversy in the lounge of Hong International Hall.

Protests and riots in Europe and the Middle East were sparked earlier this year by Danish newspaper editorial cartoons that implied Islam tolerates violent extremism. Half a world away, the controversy became the latest lesson learned as part of PLU's tradition of inquiry beyond the classroom.

Hosted by the Scandinavian Studies Program, two round-table discussions of the cartoon controversy and the changing demographics of Scandinavia drew more than 100 students and community members to Hong International Hall.

"The discussions were an important way to share with the community some of the challenges faced by contemporary Scandinavia," said Claudia Berguson, assistant professor of Norwegian and Scandinavian studies. "And holding the discussion outside of class gave us the opportunity to reach more students and

to call on faculty experts from several disciplines."

The faculty panel included Peter Grosvenor and Ann Kelleher of political science, Mark Jensen of French, Cliff Rowe of communication, and Berguson and Troy Storfjell of Scandinavian studies.

Several members of Tacoma's Islamic community attended the first conversation and brought perspectives that students otherwise would not have heard. "Often the classroom becomes an overly sanitized setting and we fail to realize that many of the topics we discuss are critically important to many people," Storfjell said. "In discussing the Danish cartoons we had authentic contact with people who feel very strongly about the issue. As a result, students were very interested in and very engaged with members of the local mosque."

Islam expert Paul Ingram, emiritus professor of religion, and his wife, Regina.



Students also learned that many of their preconceptions about Scandinavia are wrong.

"Many times conversations about Scandinavia are about heritage and about ancestry. But this event showed Scandinavia in a more problematic light and I think that's a good corrective," Storfjell said.

According to Storfjell, the transformation of Scandinavian nations into multicultural societies over the past 30 years has resulted in internal ethnic tension. It was in that context that the Danish Jyllands-Posten newspaper commissioned the cartoons and printed them. The paper takes a strong anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim stance and its cultural editor is well known for his view that Muslims are attempting to take over Denmark, Storfjell said.

"For the first time, much of the world was seeing that Scandinavian societies are not perfect and that they have their own issues and challenges to deal with," he said. "And it was certainly an interesting experience for me professionally to have a discussion on a Scandinavian cultural topic and have standing room only."

The Danish cartoon forum was the latest in a litany of extracurricular conversations that have characterized campus life for decades. There have been discussions of war and peace in Vietnam, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. There have been conversations stemming from conflicts over sexual orientation and politics. There was even a discussion of Princess Diana conspiracy theories.

According to Ed Inch, dean of the School of Arts and Communication, these round-table discussions are the best opportunity for students to take what they have learned in class – all the skills they have developed in public speaking and decision making – and put them to use understanding real-world problems.

"These conversations give students a chance to integrate all they have learned and flex their intellectual muscles a little bit," Inch said.

Inch sees the extracurricular discussions as part of the foundation of Lutheran higher education: the community is uniquely challenged to debate and understand issues with an external focus and with individual responsibility to integrate into the world with commitment and caring stewardship.

"The commitment to meaningful dialogue of this kind is part of PLU's culture. Students attend these discussions not because there is a requirement they have to meet. They attend not because there is a grade associated with it. They attend because they want to be able to

interpret things, they want to be able to explore ideas and they want to interact with students and faculty they might never encounter otherwise.

"Participating in these sessions and hearing other points of view in an open dialogue breeds tolerance," Inch said. "I become more tolerant of people who disagree with me because I understand the alternative. I like that. This is what we do well at PLU. I find it very rich."

These important conversations outside of class also have a lasting effect on choices students make in their course of study and career objectives.

"Students have an opportunity to

explore new interests and examine core values in the context of these wider conversations," Berguson said.

"Both informal discussions such as the Danish caricature-controversy round table and more formal ones such as the recent Wang Center symposium on Norway's approach to democracy and development have a lasting influence," she said.

"As a result, I've seen heightened student interest in Scandinavian studies and in the complex ways that Scandinavia is engaged in the world today." [S]

By Greg Brewis

ACCOLADES



Alicia Batten was awarded a 2005-06 Graves Award in the Humanities. The \$8,200 award will fund Batten's planned sabbatical

next school year, during which she plans to travel to France to study French Biblical interpretation during World War II.

Batten, an assistant professor of religion, will study Andre Trocme, a protestant pastor in a French village called Le Chambon sur Lignon during World War II. Trocme urged his congregation to give shelter to Jews during the war, and helped some of them escape to Switzerland.

The prestigious Graves Award is presented each year to college and university professors across the nation who demonstrate unusual skill and enthusiasm as teachers. It supports projects that will enhance their ability in the classroom.

Four other PLU faculty have received Graves Awards: **Patricia O'Connell Killen**, religion (1991), **Beth Kraig**, history (1993), **Lisa Marcus**, English (1997) and **Jim Albrecht**, English (1999).



Three prominent fellowships have been awarded to **Robert Marshall Wells**, assistant professor of journalism and media studies.

The American Press Institute Minority Journalism Educator Fellowship sent Wells to the institute's headquarters near Washington, D.C., in April for a seminar examining changes in media consumption habits.

This summer Wells will participate in the Radio-Television News Directors Foundation's Summer 2006 Educator in the Newsroom Fellowship. This project places college journalism educators in local television and radio station newsrooms around the country for four weeks during the summer.

Wells was also selected for the Summer 2006 International Canadian Studies Institute Fellowship. Sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium and the Canadian Consulate General in Seattle, this fellowship is designed to demonstrate and strengthen the economic, cultural and political bonds between the United States and Canada.

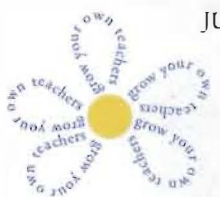


“The kids identify because they see people of their own color, and that’s the whole idea” —PAULA LEITZ



Kimani Mbuthia, top, of Kenya, and Ester Prieto, bottom, of Mexico, work with students in the Highline School District south of Seattle as part of PLU's partnership with the district to certify more teachers from the area's burgeoning immigrant community.

Partnership helps local K-12 district 'Grow Your Own Teachers'



JUST SOUTH OF SEATTLE in Highline School District, the student body represents 81 nationalities and 70 different languages. It is a district of immigrants, struggling to establish a toehold in a new culture.

Many have fled terrifying ethnic or political conflicts in far-flung parts of the world and are living at poverty level – or worse. Reaching them requires a creative approach.

A new partnership between PLU, the school district and Highline Community College is helping bridge the gap.

The “Grow Your Own Teachers” program identifies adults in the Highline community who held professional degrees in their native countries and helps them navigate the complex maze of state bureaucracy and cultural nuance to become state-certified teachers.

The hope is that foreign-born adults who have faced the same challenges as many of their students will motivate the stu-

dents to stay in school and remain on the road to full participation in U.S. society.

“The kids identify because they see people of their own color, and that’s the whole idea,” said Paula Leitz, associate dean of PLU’s School of Education. Leitz coordinates the “Grow Your Own Teachers” program on behalf of PLU with the help of colleagues Beth Crippen and Tony Aho, ’99.

The program begins in June each year and features classroom instruction at PLU through the summer and into the fall semester. Students in the teacher-training program still struggling with English or other basic skills supplement their PLU coursework with classes at Highline Community College.

In September, the “Grow Your Own” students enter an unpaid, one-year internship and take classes on Saturdays through the fall term. From January through the end of the school year, students continue their internships at middle and high schools in Highline School District.

The students are officially Lutes, and will hold a PLU degree upon completion of the program. Students pay >>

'Grow Your Own Teachers' *continued*

PLU tuition, though they each receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the state of Washington.

School district staff oversee student work during the internship phase of the program.

Carol Gregory and Mauricio Ayon are district staffers on Highline's Community Engagement Team. They supervise the "Grow Your Own" students' internships.

"Our community demographics have been changing dramatically over the last 10 years," Gregory explained. "Our superintendent at the time believed that if we didn't get to know our community and work with them, it would be much more difficult to reach the academic levels that we were hoping for for our kids."

Planning for the program began in the spring of 2004. The first group of "Grow Your Own" students - four total - began classes at PLU in June 2005. By June of this year, three of the four, Somalia-born Mahamud Iman, Kimani Mbutia of Kenya and Timoa Mageo of American Samoa, will be certified teachers.

Around the same time, the next crop of "Grow Your Own" students will be starting classes at PLU.

The students must overcome significant hurdles to complete the program. State-mandated tests must be translated by the students to their native languages to ensure full comprehension of the questions. Then they translate the answers back to English.

"It's been much more difficult for them to pass the basic skills test because all of these tests are timed," Gregory said. "Consequently, they have to take it more times. That became

a very big barrier. Costs (to take the tests) are a barrier, too, but we knew that going in."

Sitting around a table in a wood-paneled conference room at district headquarters in April, the students lamented a \$165 charge for this, a \$35 licensing fee for that. The unpaid internships mean all of the students hold jobs outside the program. Several face the additional burden of supporting their families at the same time.

Challenges aside, the "Grow Your Own" team interviewed dozens of prospective students throughout the spring.


"Word is out now," Leitz said. After interviewing several, Leitz said the personal histories of these teacher-hopefuls are some of the most compelling she's ever heard.

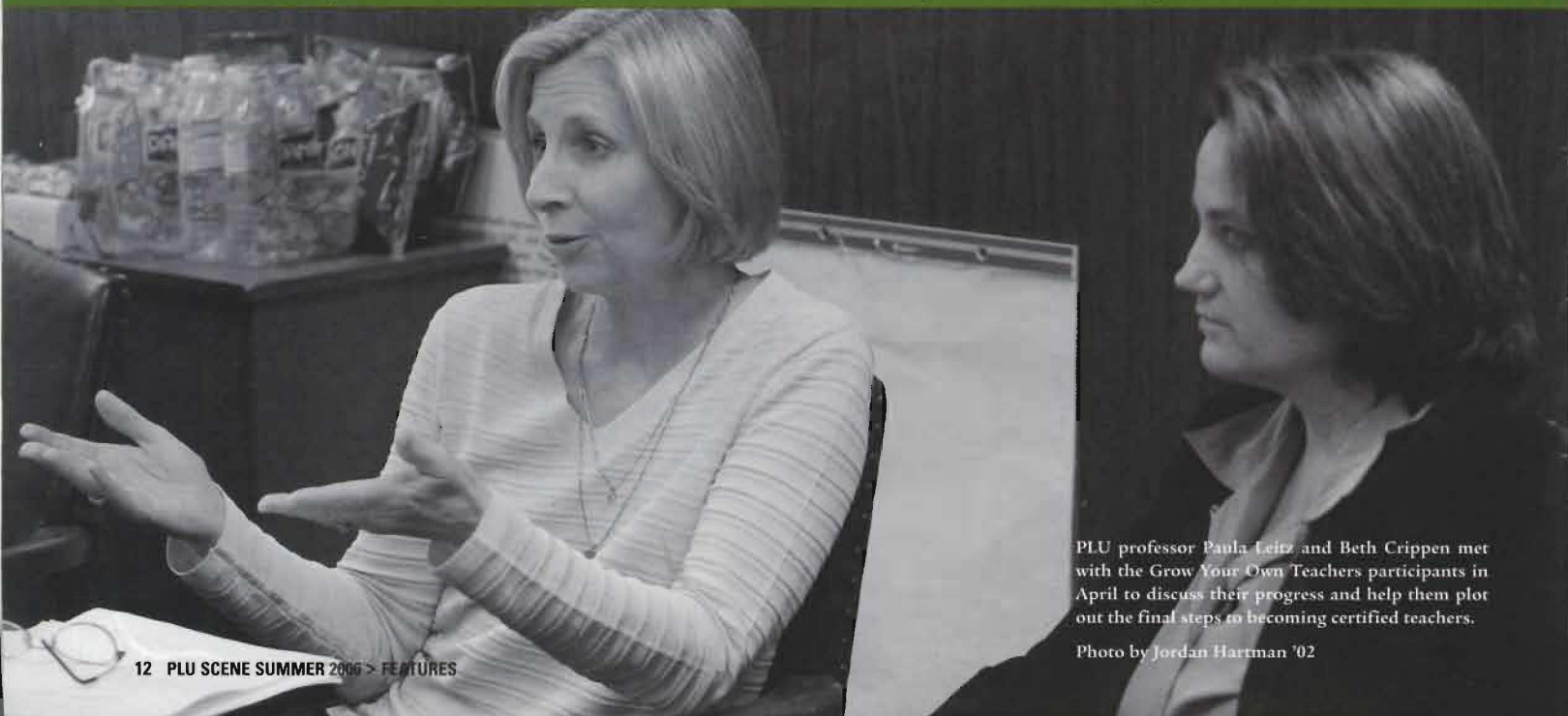
Iman, a Somali who came to the U.S. on a lottery visa nine years ago, witnessed the indiscriminate killing of hapless civilians and lost his home, savings and personal belongings in a bloody civil war. He became a U.S. citizen in December.

Since arriving in the United States, he has become an avid writer, creating hundreds of essays on various subjects to help hone his English and process the confusion and depression he felt after seeing his home destroyed.

An essay titled "Why I Choose to Pursue a Career in Teaching" explained that issues of color in schools, including the gap between teacher and student-body demographics and the disproportionate way students of color are disciplined in the schools, inspire him to teach and to bond with his students.

"I personally love teaching and enjoy interacting with students, reading their essays and learning from their honesty and sincerity," he wrote. "They inspire me and I hope to inspire them." □

 "I personally love teaching and enjoy interacting with students, reading their essays and learning from their honesty and sincerity." —MAHAMUD IMAN



PLU professor Paula Leitz and Beth Crippen met with the Grow Your Own Teachers participants in April to discuss their progress and help them plot out the final steps in becoming certified teachers.

Photo by Jordan Hartman '02



THE YOUNGEST LUTE HAS NO TROUBLE

fitting in

By Megan Haley

Tosh Kakar, assistant professor of computer science and computer engineering, entered his Introduction to Engineering class on the first day of the fall semester to find 13-year-old Andrew Carpenter sitting in the front row, ready to begin class.

Kakar had been forewarned about Carpenter's arrival, but still wondered how he would fit in. He soon discovered his concerns were unfounded.

"Right from the beginning, he blended in well and participated fully," said Kakar. "It helped the class accept him as an equal."

Carpenter, who turned 14 last December, is currently the youngest full-time student at PLU. While most eighth graders' aspirations go no farther than getting their driver's license, Carpenter has already charted his path to a career in aeronautical engineering, designing planes for Boeing or NASA.

The kid is a genius—but humble.

"I don't want to seem like I'm bragging all the time by saying I'm 14 and in college," Carpenter said. "I don't want people to think I'm a snotty little brat. I just want to make friends."

When he was eight years old, Carpenter's intelligence was tested by the University of Washington's Early Entrance program. It showed he was at the intellectual level of a high school junior in six out of 10 academic subjects, so he entered Chrysalis High School at age nine.

"I don't want to seem like I'm bragging all the time by saying I'm 14 and in college. I don't want people to think I'm a snotty little brat. I just want to make friends."—Andrew Carpenter

After graduation, he was accepted at the seven colleges he applied to, including Boise State University, Purdue University and the Illinois Institute of Technology. He chose to attend PLU because he was familiar with the campus, and it was close to his family's home in Lynnwood, Wash.

"He should be in eighth grade, but I just can't see him functioning and being happy about it," said his mom, Tracey Carpenter.

During the week, Carpenter and his mom live about a block from campus. On Friday afternoons, the two drive to Lynnwood to spend the weekend with his father, younger brother and his eighth- and ninth-grade friends.

Carpenter credits his mom with keeping him grounded and making sure he has a social life with kids his own age. On the weekends, he plays Little League baseball, has friends sleep over and has even worked as a referee at Boys and Girls Club basketball games.

"I've worked really hard to make sure that he has a childhood," Tracey Carpenter said. "It's just as important as challenging him intellectually."

At PLU, Carpenter quickly discovered the rigor of college coursework, often studying until midnight because of the vast amount of information covered. He maintains an active social life on campus as well, including being ASPLU's off-campus senator, writing for *The Mast*, participating in intramural football and playing Xbox with friends in Tinglestad Hall.

Kakar said Carpenter is almost a different person, both physically and emotionally, after one year at PLU.

"He's growing up real fast," Kakar said. "I think he'll be successful." □

PHOTOS BY JORDAN HARTMAN '02





MORKEN CENTER for LEARNING and TECHNOLOGY

BY AMY COCKERHAM

Green Space

This spring, Ken Blaha was giving two prospective students a tour of the new Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

Blaha, the chair of the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, led the students through the sleek new space and showed them some of the building's whiz-bang features: lab classrooms with individual computers at each desk; wireless Internet access available throughout the building; individual rooms dedicated for seniors working on Capstone projects.

But perhaps the best example of a vision decades in the making – and the strongest selling point to recruits – was how students were actually using the space.

“There are all these small work spaces where students can gather and work on problems right after class if they’re interested, or in the evening,” Blaha said. “When I showed these two students around, that’s what I pointed out.”

“It was easy to see. There were all kinds of students buzzing around.”

It’s clear to see how the vision for what is now the Morken Center took hold. In the

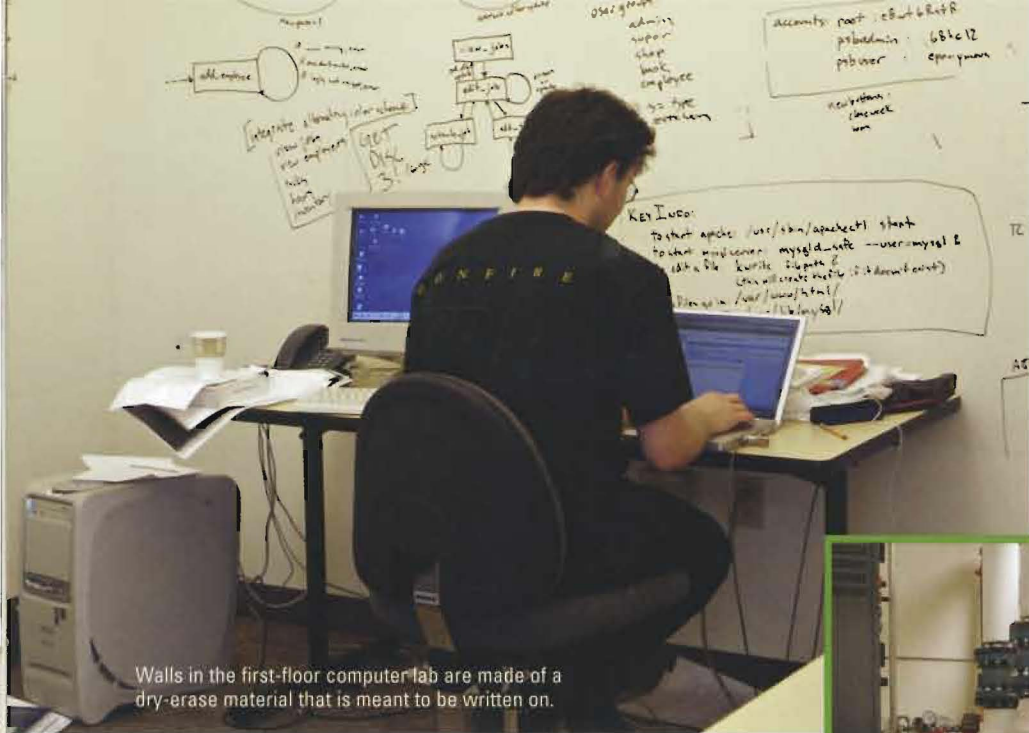
mid-90s, planners like former provost and current philosophy professor Paul Menzel had the foresight to realize that the future of business, computers and mathematics would become inextricably linked. When the Board of Regents signed off on the 1997 Campus Master Plan, a Center for Learning and Technology was included.

The building became part of PLU’s most successful capital campaign in history. By the end of May 2004, over \$128 million had been raised as part of The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step. Throughout the campaign, donors were energized by the prospect of the new building and the academic environment it would create.

Academic collaboration

Back in his old office, Blaha said he rarely saw students outside his posted office hours. The portable unit didn’t have space for students to gather. There was a “disconnect” between faculty and students, he said.

“Now, when I’m here in the office, if I walk down to visit somebody on another >>



Walls in the first-floor computer lab are made of a dry-erase material that is meant to be written on.

Green Space

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floor, I run into three or four students and we chat about whatever it is they're interested in," he said.

Across the disciplines – and regardless of the prior location of their offices – Blaha's colleagues agree.

"I've personally had way more interaction with students, just saying hi and asking how they're doing," said Diane MacDonald, who is associate professor and associate dean of the School of Business.

"The most important aspect is that the space is student-friendly," echoed Jeffrey Stuart, associate professor of mathematics. "It's much more likely that I will see students outside my normal office hours."

Stuart is also taking advantage of the proximity to fellow faculty members. In April, Stuart and Bruce Finnie, associate professor of finance in the School of Business, met in Finnie's third-floor office to apply their combined expertise to a complex problem.

The two are working on a research project aimed at closing a loophole that allows industrial hard-rock mining companies to skirt responsibility for environmental remediation by declaring bankruptcy. The research was borne of a common interest in risk assessment, according to Finnie, and their collaboration began over a year ago, before the two shared common quarters. But being together in the same building has made the work that much easier.

Collaboration by design

The building, at just over 53,000 square feet, has united the three academic areas for the first

time in a technology-forward learning environment.

The office of Tacoma/South Puget Sound MESA, or Math, Engineering, Science Achievement, a state K-12 program, is also in the new Morken Center.

The combination of these academic areas was no accident.

"What we heard when we talked to alums at Microsoft – computer scientists – was, 'We wish we had more business experience,'" said Sheri Tonn, PLU's vice president of finance and operations. "The business majors said 'We wish we had more computer science.' We hope this will help bring them together."

Computer science and computer engineering, and mathematics were accustomed to sharing close quarters in their old building near the tennis courts on the extreme south end of campus. But the inclusion of the School of Business has changed things substantially.

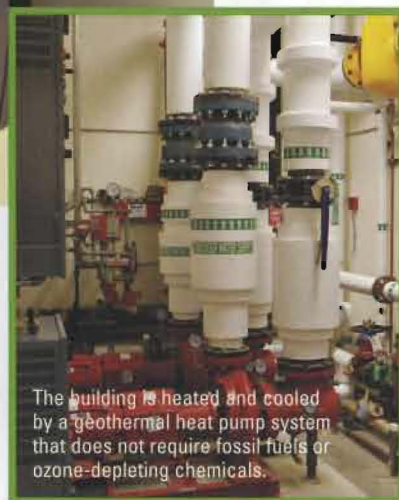
"With business it's very nice because we teach a support course for business," said Blaha, the computer science and computer engineering professor. "We now run into business faculty on a daily basis and can talk about what their needs are for the support course."

Kyle Ciolli, a sophomore in Finnie's Business 335 – Investments course, appreciates the improved access to his professors.

"It's nice having all the professors centrally located in one building," Ciolli said. "It's easy to be in contact and talk to them if you need to."

Perhaps one of the most compelling opinions on the combination of academic areas comes from a man whose private-industry success allowed him to make the naming contribution to the building. Don Morken '60 founded an investment firm in Bellevue, called Genesee Investments. (See page 18.)

"I can tell you that from a conceptual point of view, putting those three departments together makes all the sense in the world," Morken said. "I know from my own actual business experience that those are the disciplines that are needed today in the business world... Part of the academic restructuring is to create programs that can wind up improving each of the disciplines."



The building is heated and cooled by a geothermal heat pump system that does not require fossil fuels or ozone-depleting chemicals.

Designed to sustain

Morken also believes strongly in the university's role as a leader in green building practices, and hopes the high standards achieved in his namesake building help propagate green building throughout the region.

The Morken Center is being evaluated by the U.S. Green Building Council as part of its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The university kept LEED standards in mind throughout the building process, and several influential voices on campus, starting with President Loren Anderson, Tonn and Director of Facilities Management Dave Kohler, ensured that the building was in keeping with PLU's commitment to care for the earth.

"Quite frankly, we would have a hard time reconciling any other way of building with our principles," Anderson said. "When it can be done – and I'm here to say it can be done efficiently and cost-effectively – it should be done."

The LEED program features five levels of certification: certified, bronze, silver, gold and platinum. The certification system is based on points available in six evaluation areas: sustainable sites; water efficiency; energy and atmosphere; materials and resources; indoor environmental quality; and innovation and design process.

The building is expected to attain a gold-level LEED certification, making it by far the most earth-friendly building on campus. It has set a new standard for environmental awareness in design and construction at PLU; the Eastvold Hall expansion project and the new KPLU building are both being designed to meet the requirements for similar certification.

The exceptional nature of the building is obvious the minute you walk in the door.

Natural light floods airy, open spaces. Clean, minimalist lines simultaneously suggest a modern space dedicated to technology and innovation while referencing PLU's Scandinavian heritage. Native species in the landscaping underscore a sense of place specific to the Pacific Northwest.

To Yancy Wright, project engineer at Sellen Construction, one noticeable feature of the building is the smell: It doesn't have one.

"I don't know if you've noticed, but (the Morken Center) doesn't feel or smell like a new building," Wright told a tour group gathered in the atrium shortly after the building opened.

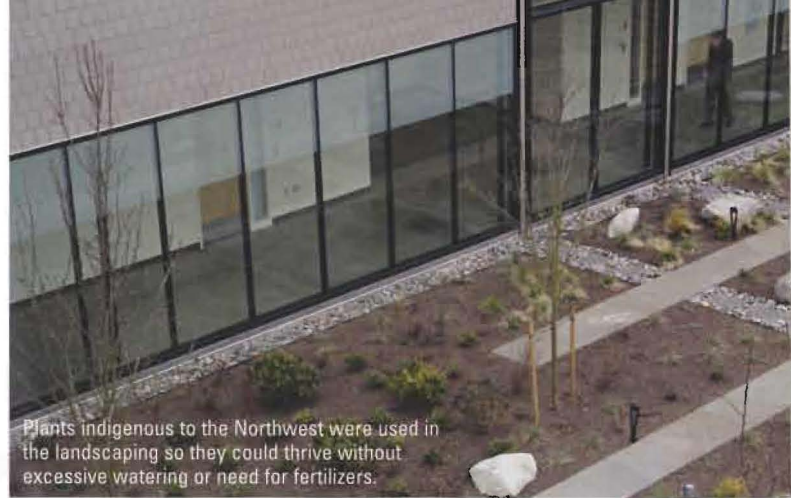
"We took a lot of time and effort throughout the construction process to ensure that. And then to prove it, we brought somebody in and they tested for formaldehyde, they tested for volatile organic compounds, they tested for particulates in the air, they tested for all these things to prove it was indeed a clean

He described PLU's work on the Morken Center as a "unique case" of committed individuals working together to realize an ambitious goal.

"Starting at the top with Sheri Tonn all the way through with Dave Kohler and (Grounds Maintenance Specialist) Ken Cote

... if it weren't for these people, it wouldn't have happened," he said.

Wright said the most significant environmental achievement in the Morken Center is the use of a heat pump that is 100 percent free of hydrochlorofluorocarbons, or HCFCs. HCFCs are a key ingredient in Freon, once regarded as the gold standard in cooling systems and refrigerators, which has since been proven to deplete the earth's ozone. When



Plants indigenous to the Northwest were used in the landscaping so they could thrive without excessive watering or need for fertilizers.

of the new technology.

Tonn is quick to point out, though, that building green doesn't just feel good. It also saves money.

"During the whole process of this building I was acutely aware of the cost of operating the building," she said. "I wanted to minimize the long-term costs. If that meant spending more up front, okay. It's important to look at first-cost versus operating cost."

FACTS

Architect: Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership of Portland, Ore. **Contractor:** Sellen Construction of Seattle. **Project Manager:** Lorig Associates of Seattle. **Size:** 53,137 square feet, two wings, with three stories on the south wing and two on the north wing. **Construction Timeline:** 13 months. **Programs:** School of Business, departments of Mathematics, and Computer Science and Computer Engineering, as well as Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA). **Building Features:** Computer-equipped classrooms/laboratories, open lab, multimedia lab, electronics lab, research labs, student and faculty project workrooms, seminar and conference rooms, atrium and cafe, public events room.



and healthy indoor air quality."

Wright spent months at PLU during the construction of the Morken Center, overseeing the building process to ensure that the high environmental standards established on paper were carried out on the ground. He is perhaps one of the most enthusiastic boosters of the building, and a staunch advocate of PLU.

construction began, PLU's vendor hadn't yet engineered its first 100-percent HCFC-free heat pump.

Tonn made the call to wait for the new technology rather than install a heat pump that required Freon.

"Dave Kohler and I said 'How can we do this and live with ourselves?'" Tonn recalled of the decision to wait out the engineering

Tonn estimates the building's geothermal heat pump system will pay for itself within three to seven years. "Knowing what we know about energy costs coming up, it's more likely to be around three years," she said.

The building is heated and cooled through a system of 83 geothermal pumps, located 300 feet underground. It is a closed loop that uses water from underground wells to alter the temperature within the building depending on the season. The temperature of groundwater remains a constant 52 to 54 degrees Fahrenheit, so concentrated heat energy from the water can be used to warm the building in the winter. In the summer, when air temperature is much warmer than the underground temperature, the water cools the building.

The system uses less energy than traditional heating and cooling systems and is lower maintenance.

That pleases Kohler for both personal and professional reasons. Growing up in a large family in the heart of Pennsylvania steel country, Kohler said his environmental ethos is old-school. "I was raised with the notion that it's best to make things last," he said.

But he also appreciates the fact that unlike several of the other large buildings on campus, he won't have to spend thousands of dollars and lots of time preparing a chiller unit >>



Accounting professor Larry Hegstad shares a laugh with students in one of the new School of Business classrooms. The Morken Center also houses the departments of mathematics, and computer science and computer engineering.

Green Space

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for cooling in the summer and decommissioning it in the winter.

"College campuses and government buildings are where it makes the most sense to build to LEED standards," Tonn said.

"You're looking at buildings with a 100-year lifespan. I view (the cost of LEED standards) as really amortizing over the 100-year lifespan."

A prime example is the building's stainless steel roof tiles. Unlike high-maintenance blacktop roofs that create "heat islands" over the building due to absorption of heat energy, the stainless steel tiles are "heat neutral" – and virtually indestructible.

The roofing is just one of many ways in which the building has exceeded the dreams of planners, donors, faculty and staff, and of course, students.

"One student gave me a great quote," Blaha recalled. "It was something like 'I always felt like I was receiving a 100-thousand-dollar education, but now I feel like I'm in a facility that matches that.'" □

FACTS

Project Cost: \$21 million, including furnishings, equipment, landscaping and parking enhancements. **Technology:** There are over seven miles of conduit running through the concrete floors to power advanced technology in the building. All common areas have wireless Internet access. Some computer science and computer engineering classrooms have computers at each desk. There are dedicated study areas for seniors completing semester-long Capstone coursework.

Sustainability Features: Built based on the U.S. Green Building Council's guidelines for certification under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

It's a family affair

"The financial part just happens when you really believe in something." —Don Morken

From the outset, Don and Wanda Morken have insisted that it's the entire Morken family for which the new Morken Center for Learning and Technology is named.

The Morkens stepped forward with an \$8 million contribution to The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step back in 2000, making them the first to stand behind the planned Center for Learning and Technology.

As a member of the Board of Regents, Don Morken '60 felt their commitment was important symbolically.

"The stock market had been down and people weren't feeling as wealthy as they had been," Morken said. "We weren't going to start the building unless we had the money."

Morken said the circumstances provided a good opportunity to demonstrate his dedication to the university.

"There's nothing exotic about it," Morken said of his support for the project. "The financial part just happens when you really believe in something."

Morken's low-key perspective on his role in the realization of the building is customary. He is known for being modest, and credits his upbringing in tiny Genesee, Idaho, for keeping him grounded.

"My parents were very unassuming people," Morken said. "In terms of Genesee society they were probably at the very tip top, but they were very humble themselves – just good people."

Morken's father, Ed Morken, was on the Genesee school board for 23 years. He went on to serve as a PLU regent for 16 years. But that's just the beginning of the Morken family connection to PLU.

Morken's aunt, R. Eline Kraabel Morken, was director of the Department of Nursing (later to become the School of Nursing) from 1953 to 1966. His older brother, Ed Morken '53, received a business degree at PLU and went on to run the family farm back in Genesee. His younger sister, Betty Sue (Morken '69) Ritchie, received a bachelor's in nursing here. Morken's daughter, Sonya (Morken '01) Prata received her MBA at PLU and her husband, Anthony Prata '06, just completed his bachelor's degree in business this spring.

Beyond that, there are "a whole bunch of relatives" – cousins, nieces and nephews – according to Morken, who have attended PLU.

Two nephews, Don Stout '94 and Darren Ritchie, '04, as well as his daughter, Sonya, now work for Morken at his firm, Genesee Investments.

Morken said he learned skills at PLU that served him well in the business world. In particular, he credits former business-school dean

Dwight Zulauf and the work the two did together on present-value concepts as the foundation of his career. After receiving his MBA from Columbia University, Morken returned to Seattle to work in the municipal bond business and used the little-known concepts to launch his first company.

Having the building named after himself was never a priority, Morken said. In fact, he told President Loren Anderson that he didn't want his name on the building, but Anderson insisted.

"I said, 'If you want to put the Morken name on it, it's not just me, it's the Morken family,'" Morken said.

"I think the word 'humbling' is appropriate" to describe how it feels to have the building bear the family name, Morken said. "I'm honored that the university wanted to have our name attached.

"I didn't give the money or do the work because I wanted my name permanently attached to something."

The Morkens' self-effacing modesty does not stretch far enough to conceal the great admiration for them felt throughout the PLU community and the high esteem in which they are held, in particular by Anderson.

"Don and Wanda Morken are great friends of the university and they are great visionaries," Anderson said. "They will never say so themselves, but I know, and I'm sure they know full-well, that their generosity has transformed PLU.

"And we all know that the Morken Center will result in a transformation in the lives of thousands of students in the decades to come."



Don Morken '60

leadership & service

Stringer family's ties run deep

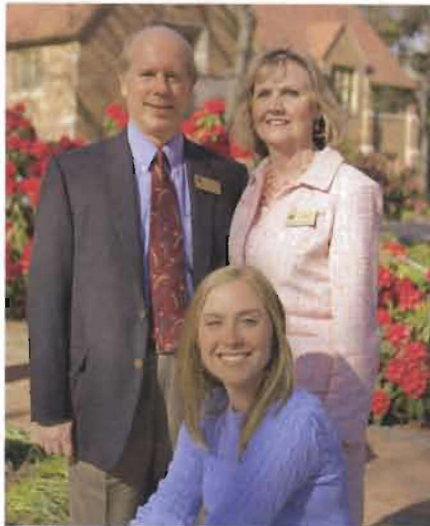
When the PLU Alumni Board adjourned from its meeting this past April, it ushered in an era more than 16 years in the making: It was to be the last meeting Susan (Hildebrand '76) Stringer would be on the board.

Although no one has been counting, she's pretty sure her tenure – almost 17 years – makes her the board's longest-serving member. And when you couple that with the fact that she just completed a nine-year stint on PLU's Board of Regents, no matter who is counting, Stringer has been an integral part of PLU's growth in recent years.

This only touches on the impact that she, and the rest of the family, has made on PLU. Susan received her master's in education while serving as head resident in Hong Hall, and soon thereafter worked for the university as transfer and adult college-entry coordinator. She met her husband, Jeremy Stringer, at PLU, when he was director of residential life. Jeremy, too, remains involved in PLU's growth – he was just named chair of the Parents Council, even as he serves in Seattle University's school of education as chair of the department of professional studies and director of the student development administration program. "It is a great opportunity to give back to PLU, particularly in an area where I have some expertise," he said.

Evidently, these residential-life roots run deep. The Stringers' youngest of three daughters, Courtney, currently attends PLU, serving as a resident assistant in Foss Hall. Courtney had the unusual honor of being a J-Term resident assistant as a first-year student. She's been quite involved herself – she's a global studies and Chinese studies double major, member of the lacrosse team and the Student Alumni Association, and Tel-A-Lute team lead. Indeed, involvement at PLU is a family affair.

Particularly for Susan, these decades-long ties to PLU afford a unique perspective of the changes throughout the



Susan, Jeremy and Courtney Stringer at an event honoring retiring regents.

years. Susan points to President Loren Anderson's 2010 long range plan as a key milestone, as well as Peter '60 and Grace Wang's \$4 million gift to create the Wang Center for International Programs.

"It is just one more example of PLU's long-term commitment to global education."

—Susan Stringer '76

"When I was a head resident, we held interpersonal communication workshops," Susan recalled. "We'd gather 15 students from Hong Kong and 15 U.S. students from campus, and then we'd take them away for the weekend. Our measure for success was based on whether the international students had taught the American students 'Row, Row Your Boat' in Chinese."

How small programs like that have blossomed in the following years is evidenced – and nurtured – by the Wangs' gift. Susan doesn't have to look far to see how that growth has come full circle: Courtney will be spending the upcoming fall semester studying with many other PLU students in Chengdu, China. "It is just one more example of

PLU's long-term commitment to global education," she said.

One could say similar things about Susan's long-term commitment to PLU, even as she ends her official duties on both the Alumni Board and the Board of Regents. She still plans to remain involved, particularly when it comes to hosting and recruiting prospective students. "There is no better education than PLU," she said.

Still, after 17 years, it begs the question: How does she plan to spend all that extra time?

"I hope my husband lets me attend his Parents Council meetings," she chuckled. ☐

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Renton, Wash.

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Spokane, Wash.

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Tacoma, Wash.

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Lake Oswego, Ore.

Bruce & Vicki Yoder
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(Top) Junior Nikki Johnson was named 2006 Northwest Conference Player of the Year.

(Left) Championship games brought strong support from enthusiastic fans.

Women's basketball squad reflects on sweet season

When asked to characterize the team that went 24-4 this season and made it to the NCAA-Division III Sweet 16, PLU women's basketball coach Gil Rigell fell back on one word: teamwork.

"When you talk about team, we achieved being a team," Rigell said. "Not all teams can say they reached the goal of being a team, and we did."

Sitting in his office in Olson Auditorium, Rigell pointed to a quote from basketball legend Michael Jordan on his dry-erase board: "Heart is what separates the good from the great."

"(Heart) is one thing this team had a lot of this year," Rigell said. "Next to the concept of team, we had a lot of heart."

The Lutes posted a 72-54 victory over Chapman and a 62-50 win versus the University of Puget Sound in the first regional round of the NCAA tournament.

A successful pitch to host the next game, the sectional contest against Hardin-Simmons of Abilene, Texas, made the Lutes the first women's basketball team in the western United States to host a sectional round of the NCAA-Division III tournament. The bid also brought Wisconsin-Stout (Menomonie, Wis.) and Randolph-Macon (Ashland, Va.) to PLU for the sectional round.

Excitement over the Lutes' run in the tournament brought palpable energy to campus in late February and early

"We were all on the same page and shared a common goal.

Each individual put the team first."

—Senior wing Anna Sticklin

March, and provided a testament to Lute pride. Tournament games were well attended. At several, the student section, replete with Lute colors – yellow and black – remained on its feet throughout the entire game.

PLU held a 16-3 record until the end of January, when a loss to cross-town rival University of Puget Sound prompted the team to refocus. The Jan. 31 loss was followed by an eight-game winning streak, which ended with the 72-76 overtime loss to Hardin-Simmons in the sectional round.

After the Jan. 31 loss to UPS, Rigell called a team meeting and the Lutes revisited goals that were established at the beginning of the season. The team redefined roles and, in the process, rediscovered a commitment to one another that sent them tearing through opponents for the rest of the season.

"We were all on the same page and

shared a common goal," senior wing Anna Sticklin said. "Each individual put the team first."

As for Rigell, who just completed his ninth year as head coach of the women's basketball team, the bond he shared with this winning squad will not soon be forgotten.

"This is a team I felt like I was going to coach forever and we were never going to stop being together," Rigell said.

"Everything was just 'wow,'" he said. "I had the best seat in the house."

Several Lutes were recognized for their outstanding individual seasons, including Rigell, who was selected for Coach of the Year honors in both the West Region and the Northwest Conference. Junior Nikki Johnson was named Northwest Conference Player of the Year. Seniors Kelly Turner and Mallory Mann and junior Kezia Long were named to all-conference teams. Johnson and Turner were also singled out for All-West Region honors by the Web site D3hoops.com.

As a whole, the team had a school-record winning percentage of .857.

"This is one of the funnest seasons I've ever had as a coach. Not because we went the furthest but because we had fun," Rigell added.

Even though the Lutes wanted to play in the Final Four, the team will remember a shared sense of camaraderie and unity more than anything else, Sticklin said.

"We got along so well and everyone understood their roles," Turner agreed. "We definitely had a memorable and fulfilling season."

By Tyler Ochsner '07

Lute record setters

Three recently graduated student-athletes have left an indelible mark on the PLU record books.

The women's basketball and fastpitch softball teams have had hugely successful seasons over the past few years, largely behind the efforts of three key players: basketball players Kelly Turner and Mallory Mann, and softball's Gretchen Ruecker.

KELLY TURNER

Turner ranks No. 1 in six season-best and career-best categories and sits among the top 10 in two other season



categories and four more career-best categories in basketball. Her six No. 1 tallies include three-point field goals made in a season (67) and over the course of her career (218), three-point field goal percentage for a season (47.4) and career (42.7) and free throw percentage for a season (89.4) and career (86.7).

Turner's three-point prowess earned her the top spot in the single-season three-point field goal category this year. The standout performance came on the heels of three straight years of landing in PLU's single-season top 10 in that category. She holds three of the top 10 single-season records for percentage of three-point field goals made, including the school record of 47.4 percent during her sophomore season. In a game against George Fox in January, she made eight three pointers, setting a single-game school record.

Turner set the single-season free throw percentage record last year and nearly bettered that mark this season. She is among the top 10 in points for a season and career, career field goals made, free throws made in a season and career, and career assists.

Turner was named to the Northwest Conference all-conference team all four years and was a first team selection this season.

MALLORY MANN

Mann played side-by-side with Turner as point guard, and is atop the record book in all three assist categories. She



had 16 assists against George Fox in January, set the single-season record this year with 171, and is the career leader with 477. She has five of the top 12 single-game assist marks.

During her career, Mann was twice named to all-conference teams. She was a second team pick this season.

GRETCHEN RUECKER

On the softball field, Ruecker established five single-season records in 2004 - batting average (.524), runs batted in (62), extra base hits (29), total bases (117) and slugging percentage (.992).

Another unusual stat is a testimony to her powerful bat: Ruecker is also PLU's career leader in the number of times she has been intentionally walked, and last year set an NCAA-Division III season record with 10 intentional walks.

Ruecker has been selected as the NWC's Player of the Year the past two



seasons. She has made the all-conference first team three times and has been an all-region pick during each of her three years at PLU.

Last year, she was named a second team All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association and an Academic All-American by ESPN The Magazine the past two years.

Lute Club Golf Tournament June 26

Entries are still being accepted for the Lute Club Golf Tournament, scheduled for Friday, June 26, at the Oakbrook Golf and Country Club in Lakewood, Wash.

The cost is \$150 per player, which includes lunch and dinner.

The deadline for entries is June 17. More information and a registration form are available on the PLU athletics Web site at www.plu.edu/athletics/. [S]

UPDATE

New men's basketball coach

As this issue of Scene was going to press, the search for a new men's basketball coach wrapped up with the announcement that Steve Dickerson, former assistant coach, will replace Dave Harshman as head coach.

Harshman announced in March his decision to resign. Dickerson has been PLU's assistant coach for the last three seasons, and was selected from a pool of nearly 75 applicants after a nationwide search. Dickerson has been working as interim head coach since Harshman's resignation.

"It's very humbling that I was chosen to lead this program," Dickerson said. "It just means that I can stick with these guys and hopefully turn this program around, which hasn't happened in a long time. I am boldly predicting that we'll start winning as soon as next year."

Harshman coached at PLU for four seasons.

For more information about Dickerson, visit the PLU athletics Web site at www.plu.edu/athletics/.

alumni news & events

2006 ALUMNI AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED
ALUMNI AWARD

**Robert
Kreiger '67**



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ALUMNI AWARD

**Barbara
Gelman '79**



OUTSTANDING
ALUMNI AWARD

**Lea
Armstrong '74**



OUTSTANDING
RECENT ALUMNI

**Graham
Johnson '96**



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

**James
Hushagen '67**



HERITAGE AWARD

**Kerstin
Ringdahl '82**



SPECIAL
RECOGNITION AWARD

**Kurt and
Pam Mayer**



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Robert Kreiger '67

For his renowned contributions to the field of toxicology, Robert Kreiger '67 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Kreiger is a Cooperative Extension toxicologist in the Department of Entomology at the University of California-Riverside. He also directs the Personal Chemical Exposure Program he established at UCR. His research focuses on the development and use of advanced analytical methods to identify the movement of pesticide residues from the environment to children and adults. His work has been extremely important in furthering the understanding of human exposure to pesticides.

After receiving his bachelor's of science degree from PLU, Kreiger earned his doctorate from Cornell University. He is active in several professional societies and has authored more than 350 published papers, book chapters and abstracts, and edited the comprehensive Handbook of Pesticide Toxicology, issued in 2001. In 2005, he received the Society of Toxicology Public Communications Award and the International Award for Research in Agrochemicals, the most prestigious award given by the Agrochemical Division of the American Chemical Society.

He and his wife, Anastasia, live in Riverside and have four children.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

Barbara Gelman '79

For her extensive record of service as a citizen leader and elected official, Barbara Gelman receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Gelman is a Pierce County councilmem-

ber from District 5. She currently serves as the chair of the council's Public Safety and Human Services Committee and sits on numerous other council committees and various outside boards. Gelman also served for eight years as the Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer. While serving as a councilmember from Pierce County's District 3 (1983-1992), Gelman became well known for her work in fighting pornography and bringing new industry to Pierce County, eliminating the solid waste incinerator and promoting recycling. For five years, she produced and directed the Pierce County public affairs program 'Pierce County Speaks.'

Recently Gelman has been instrumental in making positive changes within the community near PLU. She led a task force that worked to add amenities to a state-funded safety improvement project on Pacific Avenue. Working with state legislators, funding for landscaping, pedestrian lighting and curbs along a five-mile stretch of Pacific Avenue was provided by a \$3.2-million grant, as well as Pierce County, Pierce Transit, private business owners and PLU.

Gelman also helped create the Garfield Street Activity Center Task Force, a group charged with developing a design for the renovation of Garfield Street. The cornerstone of this renovation will be a new 32,000-square-foot building on the corner of Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue. Half of the building will be the new PLU bookstore, providing a greater university presence in the community.

Gelman lives in Tacoma with her husband, Herbert, and has four children.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

Lea Armstrong '74

For her great success as a community and business leader, Lea Armstrong '74 receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Armstrong, a first-generation Korean-American, has been amply recognized by state and local governments, as well as by private industry, for her accomplishments and acumen. In 1994, she began Armstrong Uniserve, Inc., which provides in-home personal care services for adults who are elderly, disabled or seriously injured. The majority of her clients have been low-income elderly on Medicaid or other publicly funded programs. The business, which has grown to 11 branches located in six Western Washington counties, has approximately 1,800 employees serving 2,000 people.

Throughout her many years of service, Armstrong has continuously sought to advance many social and charitable concerns. She has been appointed to numerous governing boards and educational institutions and has received many awards for her hard work and social conscience.

She lives in Tacoma and has two sons.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS

Graham Johnson '96

For his award-winning work in television news, Graham Johnson '96 receives the 2006 Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award.

Johnson joined KIRO-TV, a CBS television affiliate in Seattle, as a reporter in 2005. He came to KIRO from WPTZ-TV in Burlington, Vt., where his environmental and investigative reporting led to an exposé of Canadian puppy mills. He received many honors for this work, including a regional Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio-Television News Directors Foundation and a national first place award for small-market broadcast reporting from the Society of Environmental Journalists. He also had experience as an anchor at WPTZ-TV and KOBI-TV in Medford, Ore., and as a writer for Northwest Cable News.

Throughout his career, Johnson has been recognized by peers and viewers for his integrity as a journalist. He has used his position to bring attention to issues of social and environmental justice while maintaining high ethical standards and a sense of compassion rarely seen in the cynical news business.

These qualities were already evident during Johnson's tenure at PLU. As a student, he worked at KPLU-FM, where he was recognized for his integrity, confidence, and the ability to get the job done right and on time.

He lives with his wife, Melanie Coulson '95, in Seattle.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

James Hushagen '70

For his long history of service to PLU, James Hushagen '70 receives the 2006 Alumni Service Award.

Hushagen has been an attorney with Eisenhower & Carlson in Tacoma for 25 years. He served on the board of Good Samaritan Hospital, and continues to serve organizations with Lutheran ties, including Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival; as vice president of Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and as an attorney for Holden Village, a Christian retreat center.

During his years as a PLU student, Hushagen was Phillip Nordquist's teaching assistant, senior class president and chair of the Hunger Symposium, an event that brought speakers to campus to highlight the plight of the hungry in the world.

As an alumnus, Hushagen has maintained his strong commitment to PLU. He has been on the Board of Regents since 1993 and was on the Alumni Board for 11 years, serving as president during PLU's centennial. He has served on many committees, including the most recent presidential search committee. He is currently on the Eastvold Restoration Committee with his wife, Debbie (Herivel '72).

He and his wife live in Tacoma and have two sons, Morgan and Aaron.

HERITAGE AWARD

Kerstin Ringdahl '82

For decades of dedicated service to PLU, Kerstin Ringdahl '82 receives the 2006 Heritage Award.

For more than 40 years, Ringdahl has been a valuable resource to the PLU community. Ringdahl has worked in various capacities in the PLU library over the years, and has served as the university archivist since 1987. Her work has involved meticulously collecting, describing, preserving and providing access to the permanent records created by the university's departments and offices. In this role she has demonstrated highly specialized knowledge of university resources.

Ringdahl has a particular interest in collecting material relating to the Pacific Northwest immigration experience, and under her direction, a special collection about this phenomenon has grown in the PLU archives. In celebration of PLU's cen-

tennial, she collaborated with several faculty members in collecting recorded interviews of 282 men and women who immigrated to the Pacific Northwest from Scandinavia.

Her tireless efforts to promote PLU and to preserve its history have gone far beyond her part-time position. She has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Scandinavian Cultural Center and an advisor to the Lucia Bride Festival. She has also played a vital role in Faculty House leadership, served on many committees and regularly attends many university events.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD


Kurt and Pam Mayer


For their many years of support of PLU, Kurt and Pam Mayer receive the 2006 Special Recognition Award.

As the first person of the Jewish faith to serve on PLU's Board of Regents (1995-2005), Kurt was instrumental in the development of the university's Holocaust Studies Program, which deals with the two major Christian religions' responsibility in the Holocaust. Through his involvement with the Raphael Lemkin Awards, he has been important in encouraging regular attendance among the Jewish community at this annual event.

Pam has worked for more than 20 years as a volunteer, supporting PLU arts and building the School of Fine Arts board. Both have been members of the Eastvold Leadership Committee since 1999. Pam serves as co-chair with emeritus School of the Arts dean Richard Moe.

The Mayers are enthusiastic cheerleaders for PLU in the community. Their commitment to PLU's mission extends beyond their countless volunteer hours – they even brought a student from Germany to Parkland and paid for her education.

They live in Tacoma and have two children. 



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7-10	Alumni College Ashland Tour
August 31	New Student Orientation
September 22-23	Alumni Board Fall Meeting
September 23	Washington, D.C., Connection Event
October 6-8	Homecoming Weekend
November 10-12	Family Weekend
November 12	Parents Council
December 1	President's Christmas Dinner and Concert (Portland)
December 2	President's Christmas Dinner and Concert (Seattle)
December 3	Campus Christmas Concert
December 9	President's Christmas Concert and Reception (Tacoma)

For more information: www.plualumni.org or call 800-ALUM-PLU.



Alumni office offers many ways to stay in touch

Former ASPLU president Willie Painter '06 is now engaged in the job search process, and using his status as a PLU grad in a subtle but noticeable way.

Painter has a permanent PLU e-mail address – a benefit available to all alumni – and is using it as he sends out resumes.

The free permanent PLU e-mail address is just one feature of the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations' online community at www.plualumni.org. All registered users of the online community have the option to create an email address with the domain “@alumni.plu.edu.”

The online community also provides access to a full database of over 33,000 alumni worldwide, making it even easier to stay in touch with classmates and network professionally. Nearly 4,000 alums are now registered and taking advantage of the free directory on a regular basis.

The alumni Web site was recently redesigned to make it easier to access from PLU's home page and provide more information about the programs and services available to PLU alumni.

“The online community was available on earlier versions of the site, but it now takes front and center as one of the easiest ways for alumni to stay connected to PLU and the alumni office,” said Erik Melver '96, assistant director of programs and services in the alumni office.

One of the most obvious changes to the site is the list of contents in the navigation bar on the left hand side of the screen. Headings in this area link to the

Picture Perfect



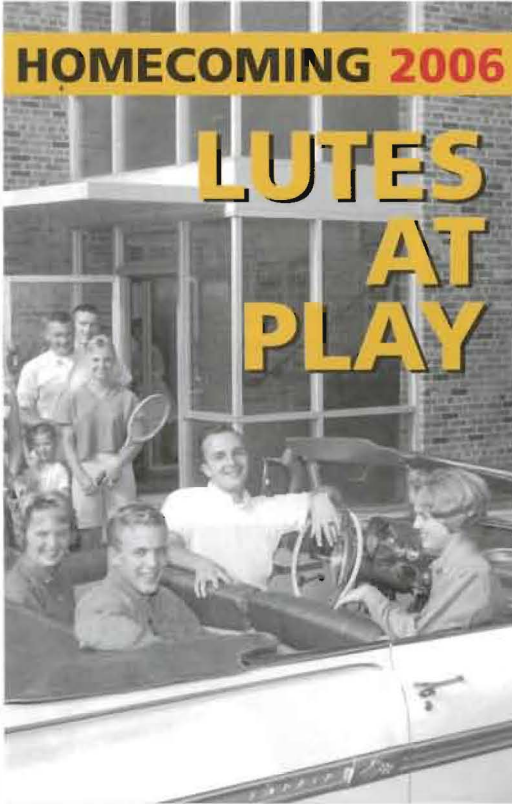
Tasha Ockfen '00 designed and sewed five outfits for the New York Fashion Academy located in Seattle. The show was April 8 with over 400 viewers and buyers from lead fashion companies. Models included several fellow Lutes. Back Row: Mariah (Toft) Tackett '00, Jennifer Bauer '00; Middle Row: Janelle Nagel '00, Lisa Christofferson, Kelly (Harbert) Goodsell '00, Ruth Magelssen '00, and Erin Swanson '00; Front Row: Kara Larson '01, Abbie Larson, Tasha Ockfen '00 and JooHee Berglund '01.

Lutes Michele Toppe '90 and David Johnson '74, '77 met at the conference for the Association of Student Judicial Advisors held in mid-February in Clearwater Beach, Fla. Michele is the assistant dean of students at Portland State University, while David is director of judicial affairs at Cal Poly Pomona, in Southern California.



HOMECOMING 2006

LUTES AT PLAY



Mark your calendars now for Homecoming 2006: Lutes at Play. We will reminisce about the many ways we play at PLU—athletics, music and student life – and then we will play all weekend long October 6-8 with special events, activities and reunions. In addition to this year's class reunions (1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996 and 2001) there will be a special affinity reunion for former members of Children's Theatre.

This is a sampling of the weekend's activities and events. Please watch for registration materials this summer. For more information or to register, visit us online at www.plualumni.org, or call 800-ALUM-PLU.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- ❖ Classes Without Quizzes
- ❖ Homecoming Chapel
- ❖ Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon
- ❖ Children's Theatre Reunion

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- ❖ "Into the Streets" Campus Community Service Project
- ❖ Homecoming Reunions
- ❖ Alumni Award Brunch
- ❖ Homecoming Football Game PLU versus Whitworth

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 (continued)

- ❖ 50th Anniversary Dinner for the Class of 1956
- ❖ PLU GOLD at the Blue Olive
- ❖ Homecoming Gala at the Tacoma Museum of Glass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- ❖ Golden Club Brunch
- ❖ Waffle Breakfast
- ❖ Homecoming Worship



online community, events, volunteer opportunities, past Alumni Award recipients, a Class Notes link (for publication in Scene magazine) and a programs and services list.

The "events" link helps alumni stay connected to campus by identifying opportunities to meet with other alums. The Year-at-a-Glance calendar provides access to the most current information on upcoming events, along with registration information.

The "volunteer" heading highlights service opportunities. Here, visitors can access information on the Alumni Board, Parent Council, PLU Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD), PLU Lutes in Volunteer Endeavors (LIVE) and the Student Alumni Association, among others.

The new site will prove useful as alumni plan to attend events surrounding homecoming in October. There will be pages on the site dedicated to listing the schedule of events during the weekend of Oct. 6-8 and registration information for homecoming activities.

Alumni are encouraged to visit the new site often. It will be refreshed with new events, programs and services weekly. [S]

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

2006-2007 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following candidates are nominated for the 2006-2007 Alumni Board of Directors. Please vote for two candidates – two response boxes are provided if two alumni live in the same household.

Detach this form and mail before Aug. 1, 2006, to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, Nesvig Alumni Center, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447. You can also cast your ballot online at www.plualumni.org.

LaWanna Ahrendt, '51

Tim Vialpando, '01

Write-in candidate(s)

BALLOT

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Lutheran values realized at Seattle's Compass Center

When the 6.8-magnitude Nisqually earthquake struck the Puget Sound region on February 28, 2001, Seattle's historic Pioneer Square was among the hardest hit. Several of the district's brick facades crumbled under the temblor, and many more buildings were deemed uninhabitable. One of those was the Compass Center, a homeless shelter with histori-

cally Lutheran roots dating back to the 1920s.

The earthquake struck Wednesday. By Friday, the Compass Center was red-tagged - determined unsafe by public safety officials.

"In hindsight," said Cindy Jackson '71, Compass Center development director and daughter of Kenneth Johnson, longtime dean of PLU's school of edu-

cation, "it might have been the best thing that ever happened us."

In the years since, the Compass Center has undergone a \$16.5 million, four-year rebuilding effort at its original Pioneer Square location. The refurbished (and earthquake safe) downtown facility reopened in June of 2005, one of 14 Compass Center facilities in King County. The new facility enabled

Volunteers at Seattle's Compass Center serve lunch to clients in the center's cafeteria.





Cindy Jackson '71 and Michael Halvorson '85

the center to double in size, including 23 new single-occupancy apartments named after the center's founders, Otto and Alva Karlstrom. The hygiene center saw upgrades and increased capacity and the temporary housing was improved to allow clients the dignity of their own personal space.

The Compass Center's efforts are made possible by the 75 full-time employees and approximately 1,000 yearly volunteers (with a \$3.8 million annual budget). Three integral players are PLU alums - Jackson, board president Michael Halvorson '85 and late chaplain Nyer Urness '52. Software and communications executive Roger Shanafelt '86 also joined the board in 2006.



Nyer Urness '52

By "Lutheran tradition," Halvorson means that the Compass Center has no agenda, other than providing needed services for the homeless.

It shouldn't be a surprise that these, and other, PLU graduates have found themselves involved here. "The Compass Center serves in the classic Lutheran tradition: provide services first," said Halvorson who, after working for Microsoft for nearly a decade, returned to get his doctorate in history from the University of Washington and is now an assistant professor at PLU.

By "Lutheran tradition," Halvorson means that the Compass Center has no agenda, other than providing needed services for the homeless. Obviously, the ultimate goal is to find permanent housing for each of Seattle's estimated 8,000 homeless men and women. But as anyone who has dealt with the issue knows, it is much more complex than that; mental health and substance abuse issues play a large role, as do race and gender. Forty percent of Compass Center clients are veterans. So the Compass Center simply aims to provide comfort - no strings attached. Jackson calls it "a ministry of presence."

That phrase could also be used to

describe Urness, who was one of two chaplains on the Compass Center staff for nearly 20 years. Urness, who died just days after being diagnosed with a terminal illness this April, was a striking man in his 80s. He was - and certainly will remain - the face of the center. He was recognized in Pioneer Square as someone who was always willing to stop and chat, to pass out change to those who needed it, to visit hospitals and jails when clients found themselves there and, naturally, to refer a new individual to the many services the Compass Center offers. Urness continued to walk the streets of Pioneer Square, dispensing these small displays of compassion, even days prior to his passing.

Urness leaves a long legacy at the center, built largely on his unique ability of finding common ground for those who are homeless and those who are not. He was fond of paraphrasing Mother Theresa, saying that it was his job to get "the rich and the poor to know each other."

Compass Center services come in the shape of a fully staffed hygiene center, substance abuse counseling, mental health counseling, financial counseling, meals and short- and long-term housing. The center also supplies the simple things that are so common they are often forgotten - an address that homeless men and women can use to receive mail, for instance, or a place where they can cash a check. Indeed, the center has 700 bank accounts at their headquarters.

These are the little dignities everyone, regardless of their personal journey, deserves.

The Compass Center is funded through many different channels, including city and federal grants. But much of its support - both in terms of money and volunteers - comes from the region's Lutheran churches. Both Halvorson and Jackson see that as the essential foundation of everything the center does - and the reason for its success. "The Compass Center is a tool for churches to be able to relate to the world as it really is," said Halvorson.

Jackson concurred. "A healthy community takes care of its most vulnerable people," she said. "I don't think there is anyone who can say with certainty 'I won't someday need this place.'" [S]

By Steve Hansen

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David Wake '58

'Commander Salamander' wins science award

David Wake '58 thought he would become a lawyer when he first arrived at PLU. But by the time he graduated with a bachelor's in biology, he realized that zoology was his true love.

Now a researcher at the University of California-Berkeley, Wake's fervent interest in plant and animal diversity endures, and has earned him the nickname "Commander Salamander." Wake, who earned a doctorate in biology at the University of Southern California after leaving PLU, has spent much of his career studying amphibious creatures, and in particular, the steady decline of species around the world. In recognition of this work, he recently received the prestigious Joseph Leidy Award from the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia.

Much of Wake's career has unfolded at UC Berkeley, where he arrived in the late '60s after a few years of teaching at the University of Chicago. Wake has since been a fixture at Berkeley. He cur-

rently sponsors graduate students and continues to add to a prolific body of research. He has published more than 300 papers during his career.

Wake enjoys gardening and spending time with his family. But he says the concept of slowing down is difficult for him to embrace.

"I can't even consider retirement because I love what I'm doing," Wake said. "Work is my hobby."

By Ingrid Stegenmoeller '07

National society fetes chemistry alum



Robert Krieger '67 came to PLU in January 1963 with two primary goals in mind.

"I wanted to play football," said Krieger. "I wanted to get an education, too."

Back then, Krieger's career plans were to graduate from PLU and find a job somewhere teaching biology and coaching football. But those plans changed

when a PLU administrator suggested Krieger consider graduate school.

Krieger took the suggestion to heart. He graduated from PLU cum laude in 1967 with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He then attended Cornell University, where he studied entomology and, in 1970, earned his doctorate.

For the last 12 years, Krieger has taught entomology at the University of California-Riverside, where he studies the effects of agricultural pesticides in people, animals and plants. His research recently earned him honors at the American Chemical Society's 229th National Meeting in San Diego.

"I'm more of an educator than anything else," Krieger said.

He lives in Riverside, Calif., with his wife of 20 years, Ana. He has three daughters and a son.

Krieger praises PLU and said he has not had better instructors anywhere.

"I had a very good experience," Krieger said. "I am always looking for PLU students to join the graduate program here."

By Rachel Young '06

Maples heads Defense Intelligence Agency



Lt. Gen. Michael Maples '77 says his father taught him that every person has the power to make a difference.

"Do your best and you'll always be satisfied," Maples said, reflecting on his father's philosophy. It has served him well during his 35 years in the U.S. Army.

In November 2005, Maples was appointed director of the Defense Intelligence Agency near Washington, D.C., where he oversees global intelligence for the Defense Department.

Maples' military service also has included time as a commander in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm, on the Balkan Peninsula and in Europe during the Cold War.

Despite such a demanding career, Maples said the most important part of

his life has always been family, including his wife, Lynne, and their three daughters.

A history buff, Maples is studying his family's genealogy. Recently, he traced his wife's family roots back to Norway.

"It's fascinating research to understand how the family moved," Maples said.

Contact with fellow PLU alumni is difficult because of the distance. But Maples said he still holds PLU in high regard.

"I'm proud of PLU, what it brings to the nation and what students will do."

By Ingrid Stegemoeller '07

MLKBallet brings dance to Tacoma's Hilltop

After graduating from PLU, Alexa Folsom-Hill '04, Kate Monthy '04, Amy Kostelecky-Roe '04 and Nicole Steele '04, began collaborating on a new children's ballet school in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood. The partners attribute their enterprise to PLU's emphasis on community service.

"It's from PLU that we realized we could do this," said Folsom-Hill.

PLU's focus on serving others gave them confidence that they can make a difference, Monthy added.

"I saw the world as approachable," said Monthy.

MLKBallet, a not-for-profit organization intended to make the arts more accessible for children ages four and older, expects to begin operations by January 2007. Development of the program, which will be free for all participants, draws on each alumna's strengths.

Folsom-Hill, in charge of community involvement efforts, said she and her partners divided tasks by asking two questions: "What are you good at? And, how can we use what you are good at in our project?"

Monthy, a professional dancer, serves as MLKBallet's artistic director. Steele handles the business side. Kostelecky-Roe directs fund raising.

In preparation for the opening of MLKBallet, the quartet recently launched a campaign called "Sponsor the Dancer."



Alexa Folsom-Hill '04, Kate Monthy '04, Amy Kostelecky-Roe '04 and Nicole Steele '04

Each \$50 donation will provide one child with instruction, a uniform, lessons, the chance to take part in a public performance and more. Donations can be made to: Greater Tacoma Community Foundation, c/o MLKBallet, P.O. Box 1995, Tacoma, WA, 98401.

By Morgan Root '09

Savalli tackles the big picture in Spokane news



When Carla Savalli '86 speaks about

her PLU education, she wastes no time singling out communication professor Cliff Rowe as a major influence. "He stressed internships," she said. "I had a different internship each summer, and the last one landed me a full-time reporting job at the Tacoma News Tribune."

Over the years, Savalli worked at several newspapers, ultimately returning to her native Spokane, Wash., in 1992. Starting at the copy desk at the Spokesman-Review, Savalli "pestered" her way into the night assistant city editor position, ultimately rising to the number three slot on the editorial ladder this January.

As senior editor for local news, Savalli jokes that she still doesn't have a job description. But her mandate is clear: tackle the "big picture issues" that face Spokane and the Inland Northwest. "My job is to make sure our values get into the paper each day," she said.

"I loved my time at PLU," Savalli recalled. "It was global in its philosophy, and still small enough to give me the attention I needed. It says a lot about the education I received that I never felt the need to go and get a higher degree." □

By Steve Hansen

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: **1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1991, 1999**

1936

Class Representative - Volly (Norby) Grande

1940

Class Representative - Luella Toso Johnson

1941

Ann Pyfer died Jan. 1. She spent most of her career working at a doctor's office in Puyallup, Wash. A founding member of Beta Sigma Phi in Puyallup, she served as its first president, held all offices and chaired all events during her 60 years with the organization. She was an active member of the Altrusa Club of Puyallup for 47 years, and initiated the club's "Recycling Project," which provided funds for community scholarships. She also spearheaded the club's highway cleanup project on the Orting Highway. In 2003, she received the Gladys Brewster Outstanding Altrusan Award, an honor traditionally given to an unsung hero. Ann was most recently a White Hat member of the Western Washington Fair Scholarship Foundation. Surviving her are her two brothers and their wives, her nieces and nephews and a large community of friends.

1945

Class Representative - Annabelle Birkestol

1947

Class Representative - Gerald Lider

1948

Class Representative - Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1950

Calvin Watness died Jan. 19. He earned a Master of Arts degree in education from PLU in 1961 and a doctorate in education from Arizona State University in 1969. After initially teaching elementary school, he spent the rest of his professional career in adult education. He established adult learning programs at McChord Air Force Base, Fort Lewis Army Base and McNeil Island Penitentiary. In 1964, he was instrumental in establishing Clover Park Community College, which became Fort Steilacoom Community College and ultimately Pierce College. Cal retired in 1980, but continued to be extremely active in many capacities. He held leadership positions in the Washington Continuing Education

Association, the Clover Park Education Association, Tacoma Phi Delta Kappa, House My People, Lakewood Tomorrow, Lakewood Community Center Association, ConeXion-Ministry to Military People and several retirement organizations. He was also administrative manager of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, and belonged to the Lakewood and Puyallup Chambers of Commerce, the Native American Lutheran Ministry, the Normanna Male Chorus and Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Wash. In 2003, Cal received an Outstanding Alumnus Award from PLU. He was also among 100 alumni who were chosen to be representative of all PLU alumni in 1990. He is survived by his wife, **Julie (Johnson '52)**, sons Terry (Melanie), Craig (Debra) and Keith (Nicole); daughter Kristi (Craig); and six grandchildren.

1951

Ivar Eines died Dec. 23. He met his wife of 55 years, **Donna (Hanson '52)**, in Norwegian class at PLC. After graduation, he served in the Navy during the Korean War and continued in the Naval Reserve for the next 22 years, retiring with the rank of lieutenant commander in 1973. He worked in the financial field his entire career. He was with Texaco for 18 years, served as president of Tellus Financial and retired at age 65 from Safeco Credit. His pride in his Norwegian heritage was evidenced in his membership in the Sons of Norway, the Norwegian Seamen and War Veterans Association and the Norwegian Commercial Club. He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Trina Eines Norsen and son, Eric; and grandchildren, Andrew and Erika Norsen.

1952

Esther (Bolland) Raines died Jan. 14. She married her high school sweetheart, Carl Raines, in 1953 and together they raised four children: Melanie, Carlos, Kimberly and Matthew. A woman of deep faith, she served as president of Women's Aglow in Southern New Jersey and spent over 10 years as a volunteer jail minister at the Marion County Correctional Facility in Salem, Ore. In 1997, she received the Marion County Department of Corrections Volunteer of the Year Award. She is survived by Carl, her children and six grandchildren.

1953

Class Representatives - Naomi (Roe) Nothstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

1954

Gordon Coates died Nov. 14. After graduation from PLC, he received master's degrees from Wartburg and Concordia seminaries. He served as pastor at

Peace Lutheran Church in Tacoma and Lakeridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. He was preceded in death by his wife, Emily, whom he married in 1958. Surviving him are his daughters, Ann Marie, Cheryl and Kristin and five grandchildren.

1955

Class Representative - Phyllis (Grahm) Pejsa

1956

Class Representative - Ginny (Grahm) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

1957

Class Representative - Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

William Foege was honored at the dedication of a building named for him at the University of Washington in Seattle. The building is the new home for the departments of genome sciences and bioengineering. President Jimmy Carter and Bill Gates took part in the ceremony. William was formerly a director of the Carter Center in Atlanta, as well as a director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He now is a senior fellow with the Gates Foundation, which contributed \$50 million toward the building, and an affiliate professor in the UW School of Public Health and Community Medicine. William is a member of the PLU Board of Regents (see back cover).

1958

Class Representative - Don Cornell

Lavern Weber was named Community Legend for 2006 by the Oregon Coast Council for the Arts board of directors. He was honored at a special banquet on April 1. In 2001, Lavern retired after serving 24 years as the director of the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

1959

Class Representative - Todd Penson

1961

Class Representative - Ron Lerch

Gwen (Cydrus) Daugs is a hospice nurse in Tacoma. She completed the Parish Nurse Program at PLU last year and now serves as a parish nurse at Agnus Dei Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor. Her husband, **Daryl '60**, retired as a Lutheran pastor after nearly 35 years in the ministry. They recently built their retirement home in Gig Harbor.

David Bluhm retired several years ago as a vice president of Jeld-Wen Corporation in Klamath Falls, Ore. He and his wife, Judy, built their retirement home

in Bend, Ore. Their son, **Jeff '87**, and his wife, **Lisbet (Nichols '89)**, live in Portland, Ore., where Jeff practices medicine. Son **Michael '91** also lives in Portland with his wife, Elizabeth, and their family.

1962

Class Representative - Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Michael Healy died Nov. 23. He loved horses, dogs and the outdoors, and was passionate about his position as an elementary school principal. He is survived by his wife, Fredaline, and his children, Gerald, Paul, Michael and Renee.

1964

Kathy (Taylor) Edlund died March 23 after a long battle with cancer. She grew up next door to PLC and spent many days on the campus before becoming a student. At PLU, she was involved in several organizations, including Choir of the West. She went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in education and a teaching certificate from PLU and taught for 36 years in the Tacoma School District. She was greatly admired and was a role model for many. After retirement, Kathy taught part time at PLU from 2000-2004. She was active in alumni programs at PLU, serving as class representative from 1995-2002. A member of the Q Club Board of Directors since 1997, she served as its president in 2003-2004. She received the Q Club Service Award in 2005 for giving generously of her time, talents and gifts in promoting PLU. She was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland since she was five years old. Kathy is survived by her husband of 36 years, Larry, and her children, **Jenna '96** and **Philip '00**.

1965

Merlin Thoreson died Feb. 15. He served in the Air Force before working in the Pierce County Office of Equal Opportunity and then for the City of Tacoma. He also golfed, worked in his garden, traveled extensively, played the stock market and cooked for his family. Thor was most proud of his family, which includes his wife of 63 years, Agnes ("Squeak"); his eight daughters and one son; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1966

Class Representative - Frank Johnson

1967

Paul Olsen has a new position as a senior consultant at Datatel, after 30 years as a college registrar. He travels the United States and Canada helping col-



lege administrators correctly install their new systems. Paul also continues to direct the church choir at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem, Dre., and is the president of the East Salem Rotary Club.

Linda Ernst died Feb. 3. She taught at Fawcett Elementary School in Tacoma for 24 years. She served her church and enjoyed playing the piano there and at home. Her family remembers her as a very kind and generous woman. She is survived by her husband, Robert; three sons, Mike (LuAnn), Dan (Valerie) and Steve (Ann); and eight grandchildren.

1968

Class Representative – Michael McKean

Mike Deal is the new mayor of Puyallup, Wash. He previously served as a Puyallup councilman for 16 years.

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner



Richard Holmes retired in 1999 as a captain in the Navy after 28 total active and reserve years. Last September, he retired as a captain from Delta Air Lines after a 35-year flying career. He lives in San Diego with his wife, Karen, and his daughter, Haley, 10. He is enjoying his retirement, golfing with Haley, gardening and cooking. Rich also shows his cars at Jaguar shows and is an active member of the San Diego Jaguar Club.

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

William Dickson died Dec. 8. During WWII, he served as a Navy lieutenant in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters and was present in Tokyo Bay for the signing of the peace treaty with Japan. After the war, he was with the marine design division of George G. Sharp, Inc., Naval Architects, and later with the Navy Hydrographic Office in Washington, D.C., as a navigation specialist in the maritime security branch. He maintained a lifelong interest in maritime and naval history. He worked with the Douglas Fir Plywood Association in marketing and special promotions for many years before becoming a professor of business management at Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash., a position he held for 27 years. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen; his son, William (Rebecca); and six grandchildren.

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

David Christopherson won first place in his age group in all four of the locations that make up the Minnesota Skinny Ski Races, a cross-country event held in January and February. That earned him a free trip to Iceland to compete in an international race on April 9. In January, at America's second largest cross-country race at Mora, Minn., with 2,000 contestants in a 35-kilometer race, he again won first in his age group, as he has done many years. On Feb. 12, in Wisconsin's Birkebeiner, America's largest ski race with 9,000 skiers, he also placed first in his age group in the 50-kilometer race. He has twice been national champion in his age group. While at PLU, David was a member of the university's championship ski team.

Richard Ostenson died Dec. 24. He grew up in the PLU community, where his father, Burton, taught. There he met his wife of 34 years, Lynn Geschwind, and together they attended medical school at the University of Washington. Dick was the staff oncologist and then chief of medicine at the American Lake VA Medical Center in Lakewood, Wash., until he entered private practice in oncology in Puyallup, Wash., in 1990. He was also actively involved in hospital administration and planning and cancer research. He worked for 10 years toward the building of the Cancer Center at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup and was instrumental in its development and completion. He is remembered as a man of deep faith and wisdom. He loved boating, fishing, traveling and the company of friends. He is survived by Lynn; his children, Cari (Sara Fox) and Jason; and grandson Erem Fox-Ostenson.

1973

Maxine (Wallender) Kilcrease will be the new chief administrator at Heartland Area Education Agency, effective July 1. She will oversee 700 full-and part-time staff members who provide educational services and programs for 126,000 students and 12,000 educators throughout central Iowa.

Doug Robinson has been the district court judge for Whitman County, Wash., since 2001.

Stan Price was named the Snohomish County (Wash.) Artist of the Year, in recognition of his exemplary dedication to his profession and leadership in arts education. His exhibit, "Turning Point," took place March 16 through April 20 at the Monte Cristo Hotel in Everett, Wash., and featured more than 40 of his works. An Arts Council news release described the show as "a historical journey from hot glass to cold and back to warm (fused) glass. Stan's latest work combines nontraditional glass painting with fused glass, invoking images at a 'turning point.'"

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

David Johnson has started a map of members of the Class of 1974 at www.frapp.com/plu1974 and encourages members of the class to visit the site, put a pin in their home location, and include their photo. Contact him at lute-man74@hotmail.com to join the Class of 1974 listserv – it's confidential and spam-free!

Ann (Balerud) Stump was a national nominee for "Excellence in Clinical Nursing" for NurseWeek magazine in October. She is a full-time registered nurse in a Presbyterian Hospital intensive care unit in Dallas. She and her husband, Brian, live in McKinney, Texas.

Larry Drotz died Dec. 18. After graduation from PLU, he received his master's degree from Eastern Washington University. He worked for the Washington State School for the Deaf & Blind as director of personnel until he retired in 2000. He loved to travel, fish, golf and restore old cars. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Nadine; his children, Dina, Anna and Emil; and his grandson Kelton.

1975

Class Representative – Helen Pohligh

Kari (Isaacson) Schlachtenhaufen is the new vice president of corporate affairs for Ovations, United Health Group, in Minnetonka, Minn. Kari and her husband, Harry, moved to Edina, Minn., in July 2005 after Harry retired from the parish ministry. He had served most recently at Hope Lutheran Church in Dearborn, Mich. and recently taught a class in Christian ethics at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul, Minn. They live near their son Joel and his family, which includes four children, ages 2, 5, 6 and 8.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

John Hunter and Pamela S. Hanson Hunter '77 are now living in Forks, Wash., where John is teaching science at Forks High School and Pamela is the pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Their elder child, Sarah Elizabeth, will graduate Phi Beta Kappa from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Penn., this year. Their son, Nathan, is a junior at Forks High School and a thespian like his father.

Nancy (Pennington) Zaneski is in her 30th year of nursing. She spent three years on active duty in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant. Prior to her current position as a certified school nurse in the Mukilteo (Wash.) School District, she worked for the Pierce County Health District and Northwest Hospital. Nancy enjoys hiking and bicycling, and has ridden in the Seattle-to-Portland bicycle event three times with her son. Her husband, Robert, is an emergency depart-

ment nurse at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. Their two children, Milo and Morgan, attend college. Nancy says she hopes to see her PLU nursing friends at their 30th reunion this year!

Linda (Harkness) Saarela, program coordinator and business management and marketing instructor, received the Distinguished Faculty Award from Pierce College District on Nov. 5. A reception and dinner were followed by Linda's address, "Together Everyone Achieves More," outlining her belief that "team" is necessary in business as well as life. She lives in Puyallup, Wash.

Lorraine Mulholland has been an institutional counselor at Western State Hospital in Steilacoom, Wash., for 25 years. She lives in Steilacoom with her husband, Dan, who retired from the Internal Revenue Service. They have five children, the oldest of whom, **Danny '76**, is also a PLU graduate.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

Carol (Greer) Moser was appointed by Gov. Chris Gregoire to serve on the Washington State Transportation Commission. She had previously served on the Richland (Wash.) City Council and as chair of the Regional Transportation Planning Organization for the past six years.

Debra Bode died Feb. 11. After PLU, she attended the Tacoma General Hospital School of Medical Technology. She later worked as a licensed medical technologist for Group Health in Olympia, Wash., until she moved to Corvallis, Ore., in 2001 to work for The Corvallis Clinic. An accomplished doll maker, Debbie also enjoyed beaches, books, movies, jazz and the piano. She also loved to travel and do volunteer work. She had a deep faith, as well. She is survived by her son Marty and her daughter Katie, as well as other family members and many friends.

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

Phil Earley is the new assistant football coach at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York.

1981

Class Representative – Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

James Martin-Schramm has been promoted to full professor at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. A member of the faculty since 1993, he is the author, co-author, and editor of three books in the field of Christian ethics. His research has been supported by grants from the Pew



Charitable Trusts, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Luther Institute in Washington, D.C.

During the Clinton administration, he served as a member of the Population and Consumption Taskforce of the President's Council on Sustainable Development. He recently completed a six-year term on the board of the ELCA's Division for Church in Society, serving the last two years as board chair.

Jeanne (Scheibe) Hillman is Weyerhaeuser Company's new vice president, corporate controller and chief accounting officer. She has been at Weyerhaeuser since 1984.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Don and Karen (Pitt-Hart) Gale left Alaska to live in Iowa. Karen works with the FBI and is the victim specialist for the

State of Iowa. Don retired from the Air Force and is now a MD-11 pilot for FedEx. Their daughter, Emily, 21, graduated from the University of Nebraska in May. Their son, Kyle, 19, attends Western Washington University in Bellingham.

1983

Class Representative — Dave Olson

Tony DeAlicante recently completed a 10-month tour in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, as the deputy staff judge advocate for the joint task force that is in charge of the detention and interrogation of the detainees. He received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal in 2005.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn (Plocharsky) Stelling

Elise Lindborg and her partner, Kelli Henderson, celebrated 15 years together

on March 23 and are waiting for the day they can legally marry in Washington state. They launched a new Web site and a line of products dedicated to helping the ones they love fight cancer.

1986

Class Representative — Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Carla Savalli is the senior editor for local news at The Spokesman-Review in Spokane. She was formerly the newspaper's city editor, responsible for its local daily news coverage. She now has the added responsibilities for local business and features reporters and editors.

Kathy McConnell earned a Master of Education degree in creative arts in learning at Lesley University in the spring of 2005. A first-grade teacher in the Camas (Wash.) School District, Kathy lives in Portland, Ore., and continues to show her mixed media art in local small events.

Karyn (Ingebritsen) Gomez received her doctorate in education, specializing in curriculum and instruction, from Texas A&M University-Commerce, where she is an assistant professor.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Jerry Larson has been elected to the board of directors for the Western Washington Fair Association. He's the president of Larson Glass Co. in Puyallup, Wash.

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray Scott

Timothy Schoenheit is vice president of marketing at Cascade Coil Drapery in Tualatin, Ore.

Meg (McNabb) Heppner and her husband, Todd, live on the Monterey Peninsula in California, where they build homes in the Pebble Beach area.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

Mary DeMuth has had three books published – "Ordinary Mom, Extraordinary God" (Harvest House, 2005); "Building the Christian Family You Never Had: A Practical Guide for Pioneer Parents" (WaterBrook, January 2006), and "Watching the Tree Limbs: A Novel" (NavPress, March 2006). The sequel to "Watching Tree Limbs," "Wishing on Dandelions," is slated for release in September 2006. She and her husband, Patrick, live with their three children in southern France, where they are founding a church

Craig Peterson was named Outstanding Recent Graduate by the Liff School of Theology in Denver. He graduated from Liff with a Master of Divinity degree in 2002 and is pastor of Mountain View

Community Church in Aurora, Colo. He is also a founding member of The Interfaith Group of Aurora, chairperson of the Ecumenical Ministries Board and moderator of the Metropolitan Denver Association of the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Erik Moen is a physical therapist at Kirkland Physical Therapy in Kirkland, Wash. A member of several professional organizations, including the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA), USA Cycling and the National Strength and Conditioning Association, Erik is a nationally recognized expert on bicycling biomechanics, performance and injury intervention and prevention.

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

1991

Scott Foss has accepted a position with the Bureau of Land Management in Salt Lake City after 14 years with the National Park Service. He is the regional paleontologist for Utah, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

Tammy (TenEyck) Whitlock lives with her husband, Chuck, and their five children on the farm where she grew up in Sandy, Ore. She enjoys homeschooling Cassie, 10, Cori, 9, Becca, 7, Zack, 5 and Autumn, 3. In January she coached Cassie's and Cori's team in the Oregon Lego League Robotics competition. Chuck is a teacher and network administrator.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

Greg Jones has been promoted from vice president and commercial loan officer to senior vice president and credit administrator at Valley Bank's main office in Puyallup, Wash.

Nelson Hamre has spent the past six years working at the International School of Basel (Switzerland) teaching grades six through 12 in English, humanities and world politics. He has served as the varsity basketball coach and assisted in track and field. He is an avid traveler, and has visited most countries in Europe and parts of Africa. His other hobbies include skiing, snowboarding, climbing and mountaineering. He's already climbed Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Mount Elbrus (Russia) and Aconcagua (Argentina) and has set his sights on scaling the Himalayas and Mount McKinley (Alaska) within the next five years. He would welcome any correspondence: nelson.hamre@isbasel.ch.



Karen Herzog married Nathan McClintock Aug. 14, 2004, in Coos Bay, Ore., at St. Monica's Catholic Church.

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Karen is an assistant district attorney in the Coos County Courthouse. Nathan is also an attorney.

Cindy Busler is the director of the Huntington Learning Center in Lakewood, Wash. She lives in Roy, Wash.

Susan Swanson is a bookkeeper at Wells Medina Nursery in Medina, Wash., and the newsletter editor of the Bellevue Botanical Society. She lives in Kirkland, Wash.



Jane Lin is a coaching assistant for the Seattle Seahawks, where she has worked for eight seasons. She was with the team at Super Bowl XL, the team's first trip to the national championship game in its 30-year history. In her job, Jane works closely with the coaches and is involved in various projects, such as materials used in playbooks and sideline game plans. When she is not consumed with football, she sings, plays tennis and takes dance classes.

1993

Class Representative – Kristina (Kurlie) Dolan and Jennifer (Kreger) Nickel

Rusty Frisch is the new football defensive coordinator at MidAmerica Nazarene University in Olathe, Kan.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Jennifer (Smith) Cohen is the new associate athletics director for major gifts at the University of Washington. In her new position, she will plan, implement and evaluate the department's major gifts programs.

Kurt Wallitner is the facilities manager at Lighthouse Christian School in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Elizabeth Cusato married Clovis Lark July 29, 2005, in Salt Lake City, Utah. They are the new orchestra librarians with the Utah Symphony and Opera in Salt Lake City.

Marla Brady became the newest member of the Kitsap Credit Union board in May 2005. She is an executive at Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton, Wash.

1995

Class Representatives – Krista Sickert-Bush and Stephanie Page-Lester

Deborah Allen is a teacher-librarian for kindergarten through eighth grade students at Pioneer School District north of Shelton, Wash. She is also a district representative to the board of the South Sound Reading Foundation.

Amber (Workman) Curnow opened her own law firm in Seattle on March 1.

Esther Chon has been accepted into the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine. In the fall, she will begin work on a master's degree in health administration. She lives in Seattle, where she is an advanced registered nurse practitioner in the Harborview Medical Center emergency room.

1996

Class Representative – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman

1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Keith Dussell was promoted to supervisor in Airport Services Technical Publications at Alaska Airlines on Jan. 1, after nearly two years with the company. With his PLU roommate, **Tim Brennan**, Keith also co-wrote a screenplay, "Secrets of State," which placed in the top 10 out of over 1,200 submissions to the Creative Screenwriting Magazine's "Access, Acclaim, Achievement" contest. The logline and synopsis have now been sent to more than 300 agents, producers and studio executives. The script was written almost completely over the phone during 100 hours of conversation and collaboration between Seattle and Connecticut. Keith lives in Kent, Wash.

Aron Johnson has left his job with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and is enrolled in the Graduate School of Architecture at the University of Washington. He and his wife, **Anneliese (Gorne)**, live in Sammamish, Wash.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Antonio Aguirre and his partner, James Ducker, had a commitment ceremony Dec. 8 in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico after five years of dating. Besides working in the real estate title industry, Antonio is building an online business in custom designed lapel pins. James is in the Air Force. They live in Tacoma with their two greyhound dogs.



Karl Lerum is Seattle Pacific University's new head coach of men's and women's track and field. He was a four-time

All-American from 1995-98 at PLU.

1999



Julie Johnston married Marcus Bulow von Dennewitz July 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis, Ore. All

of Julie's attendants are PLU alumni: matron of honor **Jenny Johnston Sullivan**

'01, Julie's sister; bridesmaids **Angela Jantz Gill '00**, **Lindsay Nelson Hanculak '02**, and **Lindsay Tozier '06**, Julie's cousin. Julie is the resident director in PLU's Tinglestad Hall.

Kirsten Sundberg Lunstrum has authored her first book, "This Life She's Chosen," a collection of short stories published by Chronicle Books in 2005. She lives in South Bend, Ind., where she teaches English at Saint Mary's College and Indiana University.

Patrick Ryan married **Lynn Rebecca Fransen '02** June 11, 2005, in Shelby, Mont. PLU alumni in the wedding included **Matthew Phillips '00**, **Brandon Vrosh**

'00, **Benjamin Harris '98**, and **Bree Osgood '02**. Numerous Choir of the West alumni also sang in the choir, directed by former PLU professor Richard Sparks. Patrick and Lynn are graduate teaching assistants at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Debra Koch was ordained into the ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on January 22 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fresno, Calif.

Corinne Kenney married Kevin Hartley Oct. 9 in an outdoor ceremony on her parents' farm in Waitsburg, Wash. **Nikki (Schneider) Fisher '00** was her maid of honor. **Brian '02** and **Jamie (Gabriel) '99**

In Memoriam

1932

Eric Hauke on Jan. 28

1941

Ann Pyler on Jan. 1

1950

Cal Watness on Jan. 19

1951

Ivar Eines on Dec. 23

1952

Esther (Bolland) Raines on Jan. 14

Nyer Urness on April 7

1954

Gordon Coates on Nov. 14

1963

Mike Healy on Nov. 23

1965

Merlin Thoreson on Feb. 15

1967

Linda Ernst on Feb. 3

1970

William Dickson on Dec. 8

1971

Richard Ostenson on Dec. 24

1974

Larry Drotz on Dec. 18

1977

Debra (Horst) Bode on Feb. 25

Staff and Faculty

Mary Helen Thompson died on Feb. 24. She graduated from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music with a degree in piano and organ in 1940. She married the Rev. Erling Thompson in 1943 and moved to Parkland in 1954 when Erling received the call to Trinity Lutheran Church. Mary served as Trinity's organist and also taught organ at PLU in the 1970s. She is survived by her daughter, Turi (Thompson '74) Hoversten, son-in-law Mark, and grandchildren Knut and Liv.

Gloria Levens died Feb. 2. She served PLU as head cashier in the business office since 2000. Her warmth and positive spirit reflected her love of working at the university, especially

with the students. Her colleagues remember her as one of the most likeable people you would ever meet. She is survived by her husband, David and father, Robert Gibson.

Ernest Kiesow died Feb. 2. He worked for PLU's Physical Plant in the 1960s and '70s. He was a floor-covering specialist for Pacific Floor Covering, as well as for PLU, retiring in 1977. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, Ernie served on the church council and Property Management Committee, taught Sunday school for 20 years and managed Trinity Lutheran Cemetery. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, camping, reading and baseball. His wife of 62 years, Hazel, preceded him in death. Surviving him are his three children, Stephen, Suzanne (Tom) Wicklin and Lowell, who is the chief engineer for KPLU on campus; and his granddaughter, Megan Wicklin.

Dorothy Olson died Feb. 13. She served as a Harstad housemother from 1967 to '71. She is the mother of Jon Olson '62, former PLU admissions director and former PLU regent.

Fran Budde died March 9. Joining PLU in 1992, she held a number of positions in the library. Her most recent position was that of acquisitions and cataloging specialist. She retired in August 2005 after 13 years of dedicated service to her department and the university. Fran exhibited an amazing wealth of interests in everything from extensive travel throughout the world, to yachting on Puget Sound, to professional-level tennis through the United States Tennis Association. She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Ronald, and her daughter, Marie, and son-in-law, Sean McDade.

President Emeritus **William O. Rieke** died April 22. Please see 'Here & Now' on page 6.

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Farman were also there with their daughter Brynna. Cori teaches science at Centralia (Wash.) Middle School and is

finishing a master's degree in of molecular biology from Central Washington University. Kevin works as a blaster. They live in Adna, Wash.

Allison Loftis was named "Teacher of the Year" for College Park Elementary School in Costa Mesa, Calif.



Trevin Carlson married Melinda Elmore Oct.15 in Beaverton, Ore. PLU alumni involved in the wedding were **Leif '99** and

Emily (Carlson '00) Lunoe, attendants; **Andrew Crouse '00**, attendant; **Adam '01 Lord-Sundstrom** and **Sarah '00 Lord-Sundstrom**, candle lighter; **David '72** and **Flavia (Flaherty '72) Carlson**, Trevin's parents; **Julie (Carlson '81) Knox** and **Carl Knox**, readers; and **Mike Schlitt '98** and **Janel (Greenlaw '98) Schlitt**, wedding planners. Trevin is a pilot for Clay Lacy Aviation in Seattle. Melinda is a software sales consultant at Microsoft in Bellevue, Wash.

David Warren was named Orange County (Fla.) Public Schools Teacher of the Year. Prior to his return to central Florida, he spent several years working or volunteering with youth in Mexico and Alaska. He and his wife, Nichole, live with their three children in Orlando, where David teaches seventh grade algebra at Lakeview Middle School.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Julie Slaughter married Jesse Mackey on April 24, 2004, in Tacoma. She is a social worker with the Department of Social and Health Services/Division of Children and Family Services in Tacoma. She earned her master's degree in social work from Walla Walla College in 2001.

Carina Lawrence married Nicholas Schoen April 9, 2005, at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. She is a student at Gary Manuel Aveda Institute and Nicholas is a registered nurse.

Laura (Ritchie) Gifford finished her doctorate in American history at the University of California, Los Angeles, in January. She and her husband, **Geoff '01**, bought a house in Newberg, Ore., in the spring of 2005 and are enjoying life back in the Pacific Northwest. Geoff is a financial accountant for G.E. Security in Tualatin, Ore.

Camille (Mesmer) Vancil is the executive

assistant to Rabi Eder at Congregation Kol Ami, the only Reform temple in West Hollywood, Calif. Her husband, **Matt '01**, is a graduate student at the American Film Institute.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer

Keith Pranghofer competed with seven of his MBA classmates in the Wake Forest Marketing Summit in Winston-Salem, N.C., Feb. 9-11. The summit is a 36-hour marathon where the most brilliant MBA and undergraduate minds work to solve one huge question concerning current, cutting-edge challenges facing a global, industry-leading sponsor.



Scott Maynard married Kellene Leone on Dec. 10 at the Hilton in Vancouver, Wash. The wedding party included

M. Casey Maynard '03. Alumni attendees included **Katie (Pfister '03) Maynard**, **Chuck Woodard III '01**, **Steve Yahns '01**, **Jonathan Carlson '01**, **Jake Allen**, **Tyler Shillito '01**, **Desirae (Marvitz) Burkley '01**, **Joe Burkley '04** and **Chris Pitzer '03**. Scott is a systems administrator for Christensen Shipyards, Ltd., and Kellene is a retail sales order lead and traffic coordinator for Nautilus, Inc., in Vancouver. They own a house in Ridgefield, Wash.

Debra Millhollin was promoted to financial assistant with the City of Camas (Wash.) on Jan. 1.



Louise Winden and **Steinar Nygaard '00** were married Sept. 3 at Surahammar church in Sweden. PLU alumni in the

wedding party included **Edvind Nygaard '92**, **Karolina Regius '93**, **Hans Christian Bjorne '99**, **Karl Philip Lund '99**, **Even Ueland '99**, **Per Hemmingsson '01**, **Mattias Lantz '01**, **Daniel Deogun '00**, **Claes Eriksson '01**, **Veronica Nordqvist**, **Susanne Nordqvist**, **Hege Kim Kjoniksen** and former student **Veronica Eriksson**. Louise and Steinar live in Oslo, Norway, where Louise is an accountant and Steinar is a project manager.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Dionne Tarter is representing Olympia in the Mrs. Washington Pageant in Moses Lake, Wash. in June. As a volunteer at the South Sound Reading Foundation, she chose literacy as her platform for the local pageant. Dionne is the assistant controller for The Olympian newspaper.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman



Justine Colombo married **Mark Hammond** Aug. 29, 2004. Lutes in the wedding included **Joe Michels '02**, **Kirstin Vorhes**

'02 and **Siri Flesher '03**. Justine is working on her master's degree in social work at Eastern Washington University's Everett campus and is a case manager for Snohomish County Human Services. Mark received his Master of Arts degree in policy studies from the University of Washington in June 2005 and is a measurement and evaluations specialist at the UW School of Medicine. They live in Everett with their fantastic dog, Ewok.

Amanda Kaler works in Brazil with La Caravana Arcoiris por la Paz, a traveling theater and environmental learning center devoted to sustainable living and circus arts. La Caravana has signed a 12-month contract with Brazil's Ministry of Culture to provide workshops and performances for Brazil's underserved populations in rural and urban areas. Amanda joined La Caravana in March.

Reid Wiggins works at Eastside Commercial Bank in Bellevue Wash., as a senior credit analyst.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

2005

Class Representative – Micheal Steele

Erin VanStone is a family communication specialist at Elk Mountain Academy in Clark Fork, Idaho.

Arnel Blancas is the new executive director of the Grays Harbor (Wash.) College Foundation, a non-profit organization that raises money and administers scholarships directed to Grays Harbor County. He is also the resource development director for GHC.

Svea Erickson is attending the Western Culinary Institute in Portland, Ore.

Patrick Bell is serving as West Vice Chairman of the Washington College Republican Federation. He also works in Seattle at Discovery Institute, a think tank that is the leading proponent of intelligent design in the United States, as assistant to its president.

2006

Class Representative – Jenna Steffenson

Future Lutes

1986

Joe Tobiason and his wife, Parthenia,



announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Faith, on Oct. 25. Brother Evan, 3, loves his baby sister. Joe is a research manager at Micro Encoder, Inc., in Kirkland, Wash. Parthenia is a stay-at-home mom.



Kathy (Ebel) Perlot and her husband, Mike, announce the arrival of Shay Kristine. Shay was born on July 8, 2004, in HengFeng, China, and adopted on Nov. 8, 2005. She joins big brothers Justin, Taylor and Chris.

1988

Mark Miller and his wife, Chelle (Michelle), announce the birth of Karsten Leonard on Nov. 4. He joins Bryce, 12, and Marissa, 10. Mark is an IT director at Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, Wash., after leaving the technology consulting firm, Interlink, which purchased his former firm, Equarius.

1989



Amy (Lindlief) Marko and her husband, Gary, welcomed Megan Inez on April 14, 2005. She joins twin sisters Madison and Morgan, 5. Amy is a stay-at-home mother in Kent, Wash.



Beth Vorderstrasse and her husband, **Eric Phillips '87**, welcomed Katrina Corrine Phillips on Sept. 20, 2004. She joins Annika Margaret Phillips, 4. Beth is a research assistant professor in pharmaceutical sciences at Washington State University. Eric is a chemist for an environmental testing company in Moscow, Idaho. They live in Pullman, Wash.



Michael and Kristin (Baldwin) Maland '93 announce the birth of Ian Michael on Nov. 3. He joins his sister Lauren, 7.

1990

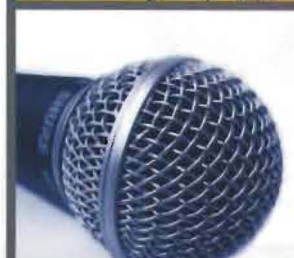


Marsh Cochran and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed Sean Sutherland on May 11, 2004.

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Jan (Hokenstad) Stemple and her husband, Ed, welcomed Matthew Josiah on May 5, 2005. He joins brother

Luke, 4. Jan and Ed write that the boys could become fourth-generation Lutes! They live in Redmond, Wash.



Pierre and JoAnn (Warren '89) Kirby welcomed Lily Olivia on July 20, 2005. She joins Jack

Patrick, 9, and Max Denton, 5. Pierre is a new elementary school vice principal in the Lodi (Calif.) Unified School District, splitting his time between Needham Elementary and Borchardt Elementary. He earned his administrator's credential and a Master of Education degree from University of the Pacific in Stockton, Calif., in 2005. JoAnn works part time as a copy editor at *The Record*, a Stockton newspaper, and serves on the board of Tiger Aquatics, a year-round youth competitive swim team at UOP.

Loren and Jennie (Acker '91) Camp announce the birth of Josie Jean on Oct. 10. She joins Miles Payton, 5, Piper Elise, 3, and Mattie Jo, 2. Loren is a financial adviser at Goodwin Financial Services in Fort Collins, Colo. They live in Platteville, Colo.

1991



Wendy (Kirkpatrick) Doman and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Laci McKenna on Sept. 7. She joins

big sister Bailee, 7, and big brother, Riley, 4. Wendy is a stay-at-home mother and an independent representative for Sensaria Natural Bodycare products, based in Shelton, Wash.

1992

Jennifer Hallman and her husband, Derek Luhn, welcomed their second child, Ella Michelle Hallman Luhn, on March 7, 2005. She joins big sister Sarah, 4. Jennifer cares for the girls at home and keeps very busy with all their activities. Derek is the director of testing for Microsoft's Media Center operating system.



Stephen Kilbreath and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Benjamin Scott on Jan. 21 at Overlake

Hospital in Bellevue, Wash. Benjamin's grandmother is **Janice (Haavik '65) Kilbreath**.



Trina (Durham) Peters and her husband, Perry, announce the birth of Ryan Andrew on April 21, 2005. He

joins Kelson, 3. Trina is a stay-at-home mom and Perry is a sales representative at Nu-Ray Metals in Auburn, Wash.

1993

Kristin (Koss) Flandreau and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter Sydney on Oct. 11. She joins Megan, 3. Kristin is a group manager at Microsoft. They live in Bellevue, Wash.



Heidi (Worthen) Gamble and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Madeleine

Annette on Nov. 18. She joins Hannah, 4. Heidi and Jason are Presbyterian ministers serving in Los Angeles.



Kelly Hoeckelberg-Young and **Jeffrey Young** announce the birth of Keiya Hoeckelberg-

Young on October 3. She joins brother Braden, 3.

1994



Greg and Janet (Huss '95) Nelson announce the birth of their son, Andrew

Michael, on Jan. 6. Greg is a financial planner with Shelgren Financial Group and Janet is a special education teacher in the Clover Park School District. They live in University Place, Wash.



Anjanette (Knapp) Steer and her husband, Zack, welcomed their son, Clayton Elias, on March 14, 2005.

He joins Glenn, 3. They own the Sheep Mountain Lodge in Palmer, Alaska.



Leona (Nugen) Wood and her husband, Brad, welcomed twins Cole and Macy on March 3, 2005. Leona is an executive producer at KTVK-3TV in Phoenix, Ariz.

Kevin Olson and Monique Pecchia '92 announce the birth of twins, Alessandra Lee and Andrew James Olson on Aug.



24. Kevin is a teacher and coach at Decatur High School in Federal Way, Wash. Monique

is a manager at Russell Investment Group in Tacoma. They live in Edgewood, Wash.

1996



Shawna (Rowe) Haas and her husband, Mike, welcomed Aidan

Alan on June 23, 2005. They live on Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Japan, where Shawna is a music teacher with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

Cari (Tvedten) Williams and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Alexander James on March 30. He joins sister Kelsey, 4. They live in Snoqualmie, Wash.



Laura Kolosseus Schultz and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Camille

Beth on Dec. 2. She joins sister Sierra, 2. Laura is a donor relations manager at the Franciscan Foundation and Jason is the director of youth ministries at Edmonds United Methodist Church. They live in Lynnwood, Wash.

1997



Destry and Janet (Broyles) Johnson announce the birth of Julie

Rae on Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day. Destry is an engineer at Boeing and Janet is a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash.



Stacey (Broderson) Zuber and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first child,

Jordan Jonathon, on March 25, 2005. Stacey is a stay-at-home mom and Brian is the chief operating officer for the Silver Cloud Inns and Hotels. They live in Kirkland, Wash.



Amy (Rowley) Roth and her husband, Jason, welcomed Gavin

Robert on Oct. 15, 2004. Amy is a stay-at-home mom and Jason is a cardiology fellow in the Army. They live in San Antonio, Texas.



Jeremie and Beth (Salzman) Lipton announce the birth of Elyse

Marie on Sept. 20. She joins Ian Patrick, 2. They live in Wichita, Kan., where Jeremie is with the Air Force's Judge Advocate General's Corps. Beth is a veterinarian and is pursuing a master's degree in public health from the University of Washington.



Karen (Rod) Hanseth and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Craig

Scott on Dec. 21. Karen is a first grade teacher in the Stanwood (Wash.) School District. They live in Mount Vernon, Wash.

1998



Brian and Shannon (Reed '95) Boldt announce the birth of son

Keegan on June 12, 2005. He joins Cassia, 3. They are living in Kansas City, Mo. while Brian attends medical school. He has finished two years and will start his clinical rotations in August after taking the board examination. Shannon is keeping very busy at home with the children.



Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn and her husband, Rob, welcomed their daughter

Cameron Elizabeth on May 20, 2005. She joins brother Grayson Thomas, 2. Cameron's godparents are **Katherine (Graff '00) and Nate '00 Wolfe**. Bethany continues to work in the finance department for the city of Shoreline, Wash., where her department director, **Debbie Tarry '84**, is also a PLU alumna.

Nathe and Alicia (Manley) Lawver announce the birth of their third child, Annora Rose Mary, on April 14, 2005. She joins Abigail, 5, and Nathaniel "Eddie" Jr., 3. Nathe is a project manager in Tacoma, while Alicia is a part-time editor at *The News Tribune* and does other freelance work. They live in North Tacoma.

1999



Sam and Hilary (Petersen '00) Lester announce the birth of daughter

Serena on Nov. 28.



Lesley (Hampton) Roddick and her husband, Eddy, announce the birth of their first child, Betsy

Rose, on Dec. 6. Previously an international account manager for brokerage firm Anderson Chamberlin Inc., Lesley is caring for Betsy at home. Eddy works in the e-commerce division at Costco Corporate in Issaquah, Wash. They live in Sammamish, Wash.



Aaron and Erika (Perkins) Swenson announce the birth of Aidan Carter on March 9 in Dover, Del., where Aaron is

stationed with the Air Force.

2000



Sarah (Korst) Couder and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son Landon Quinn on Aug. 17. He

joins sister Kaylee Shaye, 4. They live in Port Orchard, Wash.

2001



Erik and Tauni (Sperb) Samuelson announce the birth of Emma Grace on Aug. 13. Erik complet-

ed his Master of Divinity degree in May 2005 and is now completing a Master of Arts degree in theology at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. Tauni works as a regis-

tered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Children's Hospital Oakland, Calif. They live in Berkeley.

Krista (Marshall) Dearey announces the birth of daughter Ellianna on Sept. 26. She joins Josiah, 3, and Issac, 1. They live in Dover, Fla.



Chris '97 and Kristin (Faubion '01) Coover announce the birth of their first child, Rylan Alan on Sept. 10. They live in

Fircrest, Wash.

Camilla (Fjeldstad) Miller and her husband, Daryl, announce the birth of Audrey Kristin on Oct. 11. She joins Adriana, 2. Camilla is a Pampered Chef consultant. They live in Tumwater, Wash.


2002



Diana (Swanson) Baker and her husband, Jack, announce the birth of Christopher Jackson on Oct. 25. They live in Milton, Wash.



Shane and Dayna (Hesse) Hall announce the birth of their daughter Danelle Janae on Oct. 5. Shane

is a software engineer at XKL in Redmond, Wash. After more than two years working as a research technician at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Dayna is now a stay-at-home mother. They live in Kirkland, Wash. 



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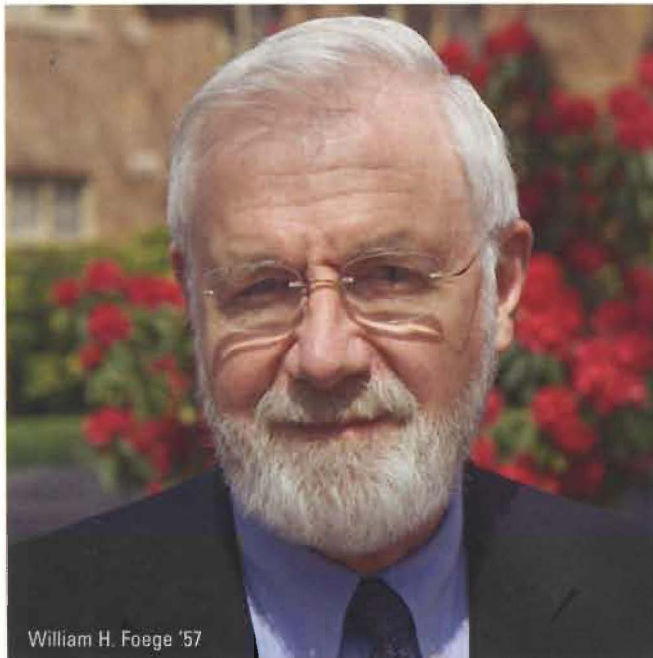
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The second slum had been assisted in the past five months by SEWA, the Self Employed Women's Association started by Ela Bhatt and now managed by Miarri Chatterjee. They have their own bank with 250,000 women depositors, and they provide loans to a thousand new women a month.

In the past women could not find a secure place to hide their small amounts of cash as rats would eat it or husbands would steal it. The bank allows them a place to put the

money knowing it is safe. The board of the bank is made up of women elected by others in their category. The categories include rag pickers who scour the dumps each day, incense stick makers, flower or vegetable vendors, etc. We met with the board for lunch and I asked the naive question of whether they would consider lending money to a man? They translated their long and vigorous discussion into a single sentence. "Men have too many temptations and can't be trusted with money."

We were met at the second slum by an even larger and more elaborate greeting party. This second slum had been similar to the first one only five months ago and the transition was remarkable. Each house had running water, a flush toilet and electricity...the entire community was involved and it changed everything.

Spiro Agnew was wrong. If you have seen one slum you haven't seen them all. This slum community was experiencing a miracle. Again we sat in a crowded room. The chief engineer for the project stood beam- ing as one woman explained that she had lived in the community for 20 years and every day she had gone to find water. This was the first non-rainy day in 20 years that water had come to find her!

Keep a journal! [S]

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

William H. Foege

Speaking earlier this year at the dedication of The William H. Foege Building at the University of Washington, President Jimmy Carter called Bill Foege one of the two men in his life, other than his father, "who have shaped who I am." Also speaking at the dedication, Bill Gates credited Foege with providing early guidance for the development of the global health team at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Foege is an epidemiologist who is widely recognized as a leader in the successful campaign to eradicate smallpox in the 1970s. He graduated from PLU in 1957 and received an honorary degree in 2000. He is currently a member of the PLU Board of Regents. He spoke at PLU's commencement in May.

He has championed many issues, but child survival and development, injury prevention, population, preventive medicine and public health leadership are of special interest, particularly in the developing world. Foege is a strong proponent of disease eradication and control and has taken an active role in the eradication of Guinea worm disease, polio and measles and the elimination of river blindness. By writing and lecturing extensively, he has succeeded in broadening public awareness of these issues and bringing them to the forefront of domestic and international health policies.

Foege was director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. He was executive director of the Task Force for Child Survival and served as the executive director of the Carter Center. He remains active at Emory University as Emeritus Presidential Distinguished Professor of International Health and as a senior fellow at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

unwilling to spend even one night in that life.

The slum had no running water so people had to queue up early in the morning at a stand pipe some distance from the slum. The water would run from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Those in line at 8 a.m. were out of luck for another day. The slum dwellers said the problems tended to cascade. If children did the task they could not get to school. If the mother went she missed the best time to buy vegetables that she would later sell in her community. No one suggested that the husband might stand in line.

The lack of toilets meant that women were forced to go to neighboring areas before dawn or after dark to go to the bathroom in a vacant lot, along the road, or on the railroad track. A case of diarrhea was an almost impossible situation for the women and greatly feared. It made dignity impossible.

In the midst of very difficult living conditions, what possesses people to show such hospitality? We toured their quarters and then crowded into a room in the home of a woman who was the primary health care giver for the community. We heard about the difficulties of living and at the same time laughter and good humor permeated our conversation. How do they maintain such a sense of joy?

calendar

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July 13, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Dina Blade
MBR Amphitheater

July 19, 11:30 a.m.
Raspberry Fruit Festival
Steel drum band
The Islanders
Red Square

July 20, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Bill Ramsay Big Band
MBR Amphitheater

July 27, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Eric Verlinde Trio
MBR Amphitheater

AUGUST

August 3, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Reuel Lubag Trio
MBR Amphitheater

August 4-6
Anacortes Arts Festival
Sponsored by KPLU

August 10, 5 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Tom Varner Trio
Seattle Asian Art Museum

August 10, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Jazz Senators
MBR Amphitheater

August 16, 11:30 a.m.
Blueberry Fruit Festival
A cappella group The Coats
Red Square

August 17, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
PLU Regency Jazz Ensemble
MBR Amphitheater


SEPTEMBER

September 2-4
Blues Stage
Bumbershoot, Seattle Center
Sponsored by KPLU

September 10, 3 p.m.
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series
Guest organist to be announced
Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 14, 5 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Carolyn Graye's "Denise Levertov Project"
Seattle Asian Art Museum

September 15, 4 p.m.
NSCI Division Summer 2006 Undergraduate
Research Program Poster
& Presentation Session
Rieke Science Center Leraas Lecture Hall
and Rieke Science Center Foyer

September 15-17
Anacortes Jazz Festival
Port Warehouse and Curtis Wharf
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perspective

It's about time



William Foege '57 believes keeping a journal is one of the most important ways we can record our everyday events, feelings and impressions.

By William H. Foege '57

It is a recurrent theme at reunions. People ask, "Where did the time go?" As Malcolm Forbes once observed, "Unless you are serving it there is never enough time." Time management courses teach the obvious. We can't manage time. We can only manage our use of time. Two things I have noticed over the decades about my use of time:

First, the days disappear anyway but they seem to disappear faster for lack of a plan. There is something satisfying about planning efficient use of the day.

Second, much of the day disappears forever unless you keep a journal. It is

one of the great helps in keeping past events straight, recalling places visited, the exact words of wisdom uttered by children and grandchildren and especially the emotions of a sight, event or discussion. I keep a daily journal of events but on occasion I write the equivalent of an essay. I did that recently when a friend was arrested for stealing and I wrote an essay to remind myself to avoid cynicism...to trust people until they disappoint rather than to mistrust everyone until they are worthy of friendship. That caused me to look at past journal entries and I realized I had already lost some feelings of a visit

to India six months ago. To read my notes reinforced the value of keeping a journal. I will share some parts.

IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE SLUM...

We were met at the slum entrance by women and children dressed in their finest. With great ceremony they placed a mark on our foreheads. I walked through the slum in Ahmedabad on Sept. 12, 2005, feeling both anger that life is so tough for some, and sadness, but not sharing, because I was going to be walking right back out. The truth is I was

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