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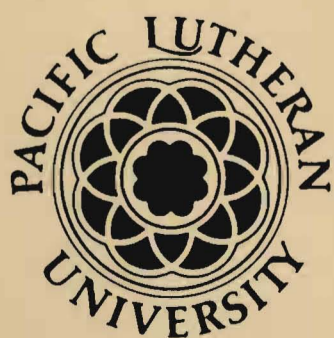
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Illustration of Peter and Grace Wang, by Scott Bailey.



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March 20
Regency Concert Series: Lyric Brass Quintet

March 25
Artist Series: Stanford University Chorale
 Free—No Tickets

March 26
Artist Series: Celebration Gospel Choir
 No Tickets, donations accepted at the door. A portion of the donations will be given to the James D. Holloway Scholarship Fund

April 4
Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble

April 9
Artist Series: Jeff Brandt, Percussionist

April 12
Artist Series: Doug Nierman, Bass Trombone

April 20
Choral Series: Choral Union
 \$15 General Admission, \$10 Senior Citizens and Students, \$5 PLU Community and Season Pass Holders

April 21
Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series: Joseph Adam, organist
 3 p.m.
 \$15 General Admission, \$10 Senior Citizens and Students, \$5 PLU Community and Season Pass Holders

April 21
University Symphony Orchestra Masterpiece Series: Concert IV

April 23
Student Series: Solvvinden Flute Choir
 Free—No Tickets

April 26
Student Series: String Kaleidoscope Concert
 Free—No Tickets

April 28
Lila Moe Memorial Concert: Svend Rønning, violin, and Jairo Geronymo, piano
 3 p.m.
 Ticket proceeds to benefit the Lila Moe Memorial Scholarship Fund that assists women returning to college in the area of the arts

April 30
Choral Series: University Chorale Homecoming Concert

May 2
Choral Series: Choir of the West Spring Concert

May 7
Choral Series: University Singers Homecoming Concert

May 9
Concert Band and Men's Chorus

May 10
Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos

May 11
Wind Ensemble Series: Children's Concert
 Eastvold Auditorium
 3 p.m.
 Admission Free with Ticket

May 11
Jazz Series: University Vocal Jazz Ensemble
 8 p.m.

May 12
Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series: Roger Sherman, organist
 3 p.m.
 \$15 General Admission, \$10 Senior Citizens and Students, \$5 PLU Community and Season Pass Holders

May 14
University Symphony Orchestra Masterpiece Series: Concert IV

May 16
Student Series: Composers Forum
 Free—No Tickets

SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Call 253-535-7532 for more information.

March 24-May 29
Danish Porcelain Exhibit

April 6
Danish Tivoli, for Scandinavian Cultural Center members only
 4-8 p.m.

April 20
Finnish Cooking Class
 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

April 27
Annual Norwegian Heritage Festival
 11-3 p.m.

UNIVERSITY THEATRE

Tickets are available at 253-535-7457, questions call 253-535-7760 or e-mail commthea@plu.edu

"Spinning Into Butter"

May 2
 Student Preview
 8 p.m.

May 3, 4, 10, 11
 8 p.m.

May 5, 12
 2 p.m.

UNIVERSITY GALLERY

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March 19-April 17
Dennis Cox Exhibition

April 23-May 19
2002 Senior Exhibition

GENERAL EVENTS

May 22
Rose Window Society Banquet
 Chris Knutzen Hall
 5:30 p.m.

May 26
Commencement
 Olson Auditorium
 2:30 p.m.

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\$2.5 million gift lifts CLT funding

A \$2.5 million gift from longtime PLU supporter Arthur H. Hansen brings the total raised for the Center for Learning and Technology to \$10 million.

Art Hansen and his late wife, Jennie Lee Hansen '34, played a key role for years as hosts for admissions, alumni and other events at their home. Jennie served on the alumni board and they both offered leadership to the Make a Lasting Difference Campaign. Students enjoy the opportunities provided through the Jennie L. Hansen Endowed Scholarship and the Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

"The university is grateful for the Hansens' generosity and Art's continued service as a member of the current campaign steering committee," President Loren J. Anderson said.

The Center for Learning and Technology, projected to cost \$19 million, will bring together the School of Business and the departments of mathematics, computer science and computer engineering. The CLT also will house a variety of campus offices, including the dean of the Division of Natural Sciences, the Center for Executive Development and the Tacoma-Pierce County Mathematics, Engineering & Science Achievement Program (MESA). Construction could start late this year.

Along with streamlining the day-to-day operations of these critical departments, the state-of-the-art facility will allow more integration between departments, faculty and students.

"The new complex will advance the use and study of technology to the forefront and stimulate synergy among the departments at a time when all of us in education are looking to break down disciplinary boundaries," President Anderson said.

Freeman Foundation grant to benefit Chinese Studies

A \$686,000 grant will broaden and strengthen PLU's Chinese Studies undergraduate program and enrich studies in local elementary and high schools.

"We're very excited about this," said Greg Youtz, chairman of the Chinese Studies program. "It will increase the size and prominence of Chinese studies on campus, and it will, in a really dramatic way, take our enthusiasm and expertise into the community."

On campus, the four-year grant from the Freeman Foundation Undergraduate Asian Studies Funding Initiative will:

- Support the hiring of a part-time Chinese language instructor.
- Fund faculty activities in semester abroad travel and course development.
- Pay for campus lectures, performances and Chinese cultural group visits.
- Increase the size and quality of library holdings in Chinese studies.

In addition, the Freeman Foundation Grant will enrich Chinese studies opportunities in South Puget Sound primary and secondary schools including:

- The establishment of a "China Institute at PLU" that will bring together PLU faculty and local teachers for lectures, readings and discussions.
- A series of presentations by PLU faculty in local K-12 classrooms on various China-related topics such as calligraphy and art, language and literature, music and theatre, and Chinese festivals and traditions.

Youtz said the timing of the grant award—so close to the \$4 million gift for international programs from Peter and Grace Wang—will enhance global studies in an important way.

"The 21st Century will be enormously affected by China," Youtz said. "It is our mission to help make the emerging prominence of China on the global scene much more evident."

PLU's interdisciplinary Chinese Studies Program is designed to provide students interested in China a broad foundation in Chinese language, culture and history, and an opportunity to focus on the religious-philosophical world view and the economic structure of China.

PLU is committed to providing international studies opportunities for students and offers majors in Chinese Studies and Scandinavian Studies. The university also offers an innovative International Core of classes, which provide an interdisciplinary approach structured around a theme of global studies.

Award-winning ROTC program now marches on its own

Starting this academic year, PLU is a host institution for the Army Reserve Officers Training Corps, rather than a satellite program of Seattle University.

"It's better for the student and the school," said Lt. Col. Mark Brown, professor in the new Military Science department.

With its autonomy, PLU takes home the awards its cadets win, and graduates have better career opportunities because they're ranked independently by PLU.



Lt. Col. Mark Brown leads the new Military Science Department, created when PLU became a ROTC host institution.

Brown, who was stationed at Fort Lewis and previously taught in the ROTC program at Berkeley, said the transition and integration with the school have been smooth. Cadets must meet the standards of both the Army and the university.

He says the program is a benefit to the university because the population tends to be more ethnically diverse, and full scholarships and monthly stipends allow many people to attend PLU who

could not otherwise afford it. Those on scholarship must serve at least four years after graduation to cover their education costs.

Brown is conscious of the controversy that becoming a host institution created. A debate preceded the close faculty vote to approve the program. Many faculty opposed creating a military unit and object to the military's "don't ask don't tell" policy on homosexuals. Gays and lesbians are banned from military service, unless they refrain from disclosing their sexual orientation. PLU has a non-discrimination policy and a goal of inclusiveness for sexual minorities.

"I thought there would be some hard feelings, but I think Sept. 11 warmed a lot of hearts," Brown said. "I think people are more appreciative of the role the Department of Defense plays in our stability. It's made the program more real, more human."

Beth Kraig, chair of the history department and a member of the ROTC advisory committee, says her concerns remain. PLU added a clause in the university catalog stating that the military science department is in conflict with the university's non-discrimination policy.

"We've done what we can at the institutional level to say this is a discriminatory program, but we can't eliminate that discrimination," Kraig said.

Brown said he believes working with the advisory committee and taking part in campus discussions have eased tensions.

"The ethos of the university and the Army's focus on values are very closely mirrored," he said. "I don't think a lot of people on the outside see that."

Student debaters win at international tournament

Kyle Mach '03 and Adam Holt '04 won the International Debate Education Association tournament in Balvanyos, Romania, in January. Adjunct professor Julia Patriche, who is Romanian, was their coach.

Mach has emerged as one of the top national debate students. He has earned a speaker award at every tournament this year, including the prestigious Top Speaker Award at Linfield's Hap Mahaffey tournament in November. Holt attended debate camp last summer at Willamette University.

The competition, with teams from 12 countries, followed the parliamentary debate format, which involves two two-person teams, one representing government, one opposition. There are six rounds of preliminary competition before the elimination rounds.

Mach said it took a while to adjust to the different format, but he and Holt had it down after the first few rounds.

"One of the reasons we went there was to show our different debate styles," Mach said.

Part of IDEA's mission is to promote intercultural and international debate in an effort to educate high school and college students and to engage in democratic discourse. The topics used at the tournament dealt with issues such as eastern European countries joining the

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One year of Encore!

FROM DREW BROWN, SCENE AND ENCORE! EDITOR

Well, it's official—Encore!, the Web supplement to Scene, is a year old. We're celebrating with a fresh format, streamlining our graphical content to make it easier for all computers. Now everyone with Web access can download the Encore! page in mere seconds. Readers have done a fantastic job giving our staff ideas for stories, or just telling us what they're up to. Keep those e-mails coming to encore@plu.edu, and enjoy the latest edition.

THIS WEEK AT PLU

If big news like the contribution of \$4 million for The Wang Center for International Programs isn't new to you, it's probably because you read about the donation in the "This Week at PLU" section of Encore!. Feel free to bookmark the page (<http://encore.thisweekatplu.html>) and return every Wednesday. Each time readers will be treated to a new story that has the campus buzzing. From the Wang donation, to School of Education grants, to a PLU professor's visit to the World Trade Center disaster site, to the PLU women's basketball team's great success, Encore! readers have been kept up to date. The spring issue also has an ever-growing archive of our past stories of the week, and connections to all the PLU news sources: KPLU, The Mast, the Athletic Department, News & Information Services, Campus Voice, as well as links to updated arts and events calendars.

30 YEARS OF Q CLUB—A PHOTO ESSAY

One page wasn't enough to sum up what Q Club has meant to the success of PLU. After reading the Scene story on Q Club, Encore! readers can now see the photos—of the people that made it possible, as well as the banquets and special events that have made a mark over the years. Encore! also has links to updated information for this upcoming May's Q Club banquet, and readers can find out how to "join the club," or make a donation, through the Q Club Web site.

INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

The Wang Center isn't the beginning of PLU International Programs. PLU has been a leader in both encouraging international students to come to PLU and making studying abroad a reality for PLU students. Find out more about PLU's Center for International Programs, PLU's international clubs and organizations, as well as the American Cultural Exchange Language Institute, where students and other PLU community members come to meet and learn more about our visiting international students. And from this issue's Perspective page J-Term abroad photo contest, readers will be able to view more of the amazing entries we received.

\$4 million gift funds The Wang Center for International Programs



Drs. Peter ('60) and Grace Wang

BY GREG
BREWIS

ON DECEMBER 7, MEMBERS OF THE PLU COMMUNITY GATHERED AT THE SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL CENTER TO CELEBRATE A DONATION THAT WILL CONTINUE PLU'S GROWING TRADITION OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. A \$4 MILLION GIFT FROM A PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AND HIS WIFE WILL FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTER AT PLU.

Peter and Grace Wang established The Wang Center for International Programs at PLU to prepare students to be leaders in the global economy and to be advocates for world peace.

"PLU has held a special place in my life," said Peter Wang '60. "The university provided me with a full scholarship when I attended. I haven't forgotten that my educational career began there. This is our way of saying thanks."

Their dream and vision has been to establish through the Wang Center a program focused on investigative learning and research in world peace through global understand-

ing—a program that will help promote mutual understanding among nations and peoples.

University President Loren J. Anderson said the gift will propel PLU's already strong programs in international education to new levels of distinction.

"At PLU we have long recognized the importance of giving students the opportunity to expand their understanding of humanity's global condition," Anderson said. "The Wang Center will build on that commitment, enabling us to educate a new generation of global leaders who will be fully prepared to understand and, indeed, shape the global economy

PLU continues successful focus on international education

According to surveys conducted by the New York-based Institute of International Education, approximately 3 percent of U.S. college students studied in other nations last year. PLU stands apart, with 36 percent of its grads having studied abroad in faculty-directed programs, university exchanges and other programs.

"We offer a unique international core curriculum of courses, and we have one of the oldest interdisciplinary, global studies programs in the USA," said Bill Teska, PLU's associate provost. "For decades, our faculty have been committed to providing for our students solid perspectives in global learning. In some ways this has come naturally; it's a part of our heritage."

Among comparable institutions, PLU is ranked seventh for the percentage of graduates who have

studied abroad, according to the Institute of International Education in its most recent survey.

With study abroad opportunities from Tanzania to Trinidad and Tobago and a core curriculum stressing a global perspective, PLU is committed to providing students with an international education.

"In the whole realm of international education, what has happened at PLU is remarkable," said Teska. "We are among an elite group of leading comprehensive universities that graduate a substantial percentage of students with international experience."

Shorter study abroad programs have also grown dramatically. Six years ago, there were a couple of international programs offered during J-Term, the January session in between semesters. This year there were 18 programs, sending students to study community development in

Cuba, the economy in Italy and the ecology of Australia. And PLU boasts 52 Fulbright Scholars in the last 25 years who went overseas after graduation, far more than comparable institutions.

The university also offers an unusual International Core of classes, which provides an interdisciplinary approach structured around a theme of global studies. Also available are majors in Scandinavian Studies and Chinese Studies.

"It is critical to be preparing our students to be global citizens," Teska said. "We are giving our students the tools they need to navigate through an increasingly inter-connected world."

International students also make up 5 percent of PLU's student population, compared with a 3 percent average at American universities.

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—PLU PRESIDENT LOREN J. ANDERSON

and environment. This new generation of leaders will first and foremost be ambassadors and advocates for a peaceful and peace-filled world.”

The Wang Center, the first named academic center at PLU, will be fully operational for the 2002-03 academic year. It will:

- Support, coordinate and work to strengthen the university’s rich array of internationally focused academic programs and courses.
- Organize and focus the university’s nationally ranked study abroad programs so that more PLU sponsored opportunities will be offered and more students participate.
- Become a dynamic research institute that will support faculty and bring together students and faculty for the exploration of global issues, both historical and contemporary.
- Offer a public education effort that will include regular symposia and forums on campus as well as reports and publications that share, broadly, new insights and findings.

Peter, 64, and Grace, 63, are first-generation Americans who are natives of Taiwan and China. They live in Pebble Beach, Calif., and have three grown children.

Peter Wang graduated from PLU with degrees in math and physics. He earned a Ph.D. in probability theory

at Wayne State University, where he began his teaching career. Later he held professorships in mathematics and statistics at Michigan State, Iowa and Stanford universities. In 1970, he began a 14-year teaching career in mathematics and national security affairs at Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, Calif. He spent much of his academic career teaching half-time and conducting research the other half on projects sponsored by the defense department to develop technological threat forecasting methodology used by national security and intelligence research analysts.

Wang is regarded as among the nation’s top researchers in the use of mathematical models and probability theories for predicting and assessing security threats.

In 1986, he left teaching to establish several international trade business ventures. Wang also became a highly regarded entrepreneur and developer of computer-aided design and computer assisted engineering data handling systems. He was the first elected board member representing academia of the national and world computer graphics associations.

Grace Wang earned her Ph.D. in chemistry, also from Wayne State University, and was a college professor early in her career. She later stepped out of the classroom to de-



EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION: Peter and Grace Wang meet with PLU’s international education students.

vote herself to raising a family and serving as a community volunteer and philanthropist.

She plays a key role in the Wang family’s highly successful real estate acquisition and management interests, serving as investment manager for a large portfolio of real estate, primarily multifamily complexes.

“Making money isn’t everything,” Peter Wang said. “One of the things that Grace and I decided early

on was to live our lives in the style of a college professor. Living modestly, you can only spend so much money. That enables you to use your wealth to make a difference in the world. That is how we were able to establish the Wang Center and realize our dream.”

A grad’s generous thank you to PLU

THE FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN THE TACOMA NEWS TRIBUNE ON DECEMBER 13, 2001.

A \$4 million gift to Pacific Lutheran University to create the Wang Center for International Programs will give university faculty, students and staff a bigger window on the rest of the world. Peter Wang’s generous gift to his alma mater—one of the largest ever made to PLU—is his way of paying a dividend on an investment the university made in him 44 years ago.

That’s when PLU gave Wang a full scholarship to attend the university. In 1957, university administrators took a chance on Wang, a newly arrived Chinese immigrant with limited English skills. He didn’t let them down. Wang says his professors recognized his academic potential, encouraged him in his studies and gave him hope.

Since graduating from PLU in 1960, Wang, who majored in math and physics, has succeeded notably in a number of diverse, challenging areas. He earned a doctorate in probability theory, became a university professor and developed probability theory-based threat forecasting methods for the Defense Department. When Wang left academia in the 1980s, he started international trading companies and successfully invested in real estate.

Wang’s gift will establish an endowment allowing the university to significantly strengthen its international education program and provide more opportunities for students to study abroad. When the Wang Center opens next year, it will host public forums and sponsor research on international issues. Although the center’s initial focus will probably be on China and the Pacific Rim, other important areas of the world such as the Middle East could eventually be added.

Wang’s gift is also timely. Too many Americans have been oblivious to the concerns and deadly passions that drive the rest of the world. But the events of Sept. 11 and their aftermath show that Americans must come out of their shells and develop a deeper understanding of the forces—both benign and threatening—swirling beyond our borders.

The Wang Center will help deepen that understanding both within the university and beyond the campus in the larger community.



A CELEBRATION: Peter Wang and President Anderson congratulate Katie Berkedal '03, who spoke at the announcement ceremony. Seated are MaryAnn Anderson and Grace Wang.

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European Union, U.S. imperialism or international responses to terrorism.

In its final round, the PLU team debated a Romanian team, arguing for the opposition on the topic of "Globalism is a masquerade for cultural imperialism."

"It was interesting," Mach said. "It highlighted the different ways we see and interpret things in the world."



Kyle Mach '03 (LEFT) and Adam Holt '04 compete at an international debate competition in Romania. The pair took first place.

PLU School of Education awarded two grants

Two new grants will help PLU faculty prepare teachers to become nationally recognized expert educators and help address the teacher shortage.

The School of Education at Pacific Lutheran University won a grant from the Washington Initiative to support National Board Certified Teachers. Administered through the Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction and funded by the Gates Foundation, Washington Mutual and the Stewart Foundation, the grant provides \$46,000 for planning starting in January, followed by a \$184,000 implementation grant for the next academic year.

"I think this is going to have a greater impact on teaching than anything else that's come through," said Sue Yerian, assistant professor of education at PLU and project manager for the grant.

According to Lynn Beck, dean of the School of Education, the department has been working to find ways to prepare graduates ahead of time for the national certification. Teachers must go through a rigorous application process to become nationally certified, and usually do so after years of teaching experience.

"We want our students and our concepts and our preparation to work toward that," Beck said of the Washington Initiative grant. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us."

The National Board started in 1987 as a way to establish national teaching standards and recognize educators who excelled. The program stresses being reflective and thoughtful, urging teachers to look at lessons in different ways.

Long before the grant, the School of Education sought out nationally certified teachers in the area for advice in trying to align programs with certification goals in mind.

"The people we're working with are the best teachers in the state," Yerian said. "Our students get the benefit of their expertise. We gain a tremendous amount from this."

Vic Hansen '96, who teaches fourth grade at Brookdale Elementary School in Spanaway, is applying for certification.

"I want to make sure I'm as good as I can be," Hansen said. "I'm becoming a better teacher just by going through the process."

The School of Education, partnered with several area school districts, also won a substantial grant from the Professional Educator Standards Board to offer alternative routes for teachers to become certified. The grant will provide support for 29 nontraditional teacher candidates sponsored by partner districts to enroll in innovative programs at PLU.

It will allow people with degrees in other fields or those with other school experience to become certified teachers by taking night and weekend courses at PLU. The grant pairs teacher candidates with mentors and provides funding help for students seeking to teach in areas where there are shortages, like math and science, and in locations where teachers are harder to hire. The grant will provide help with tuition, stipends for student teachers and mentors.

PLU's yearbook, Saga, comes to an end

The PLU yearbook, Saga, will conclude its run in the current form. At the December meeting of the Media Board the decision was made to end Saga completely or to convert it to another format that better suits the wants and needs of the students. A survey is being conducted to get more information from the university community. It certainly marks the end of an era—this will be the first time in years that PLU will be without a yearbook.

The statistics presented in the December issue of *The Mast* show Saga's production costs have been running higher than budget. The Media Board subsidizes about two-thirds of that money, but the yearbook must recoup more than \$10,000 in sales revenue. With only 150 orders placed so far this year, and a history of missing sales goals, the budget could not be met.

All media initially share operating costs. "Saga is not an isolated issue," Media Board adviser Rick Eastman told *The Mast*. Every sales dollar not earned by the yearbook must come from somewhere else in student media, such as the student radio and television stations, the literary magazine or *The Mast*.

At last spring's meeting of the board, Saga was encouraged to research proposals over the summer and present an action plan for the publication's recovery at the December meeting. No resolution was reached. *The Mast* reported that several proposals were pulled together, but the board was apprehensive moving forward without more research into non-traditional yearbook ventures.

Some of the options that have been suggested for a year-in-review publication include a smaller, full-color item or a CD-ROM. The next step will be to decide what the best format will be and who will be in charge of its compilation.

The PLU Media Board consists of student representatives from campus media, ASPLU, media advisors and university staff.

NAICU president highlights 2010 goals

BY KARIN ANDERSON '99

The public phase of the PLU 2010 long range planning process is near completion as the Academic Distinction and

PLU PEOPLE

PLU's Philosophy Department was represented at the 53rd Annual Northwest Conference on Philosophy, held in Pullman, October 12-13. **GREG JOHNSON** presented a paper entitled "Coming Together, Remaining Apart: Merleau-Ponty's Reversibility of Flesh and Coalition Politics." **PAULINE KAURIN** presented "After Nietzsche: Possibilities for Moral Reconstruction." And **JEFF COCKRUM**, a philosophy major, presented "Aristotle's Argument for Slavery Undermines Itself."



DUNCAN FOLEY



JOANNE LISOSKY

Two members of the Geosciences Department attended the recent annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Boston.

DUNCAN FOLEY presented a paper titled "Self-Similarity, Repetition and Emphasis on Links—A Fractal-Based Model for Undergraduate Curriculum." **JILL WHITMAN** presented a paper titled "Learning by Discovery in Oceanography." Whitman also was elected president of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers this fall. She assumed her position at the annual meeting of NAGT, held in conjunction with the annual meeting in Boston, Nov. 3-8.

JOANNE LISOSKY, associate professor of communications, received the first place award in the open category of the Broadcast Education Association Research Division paper competition. The paper is a part of Lisosky's research in "Port of the Solution: Media and Violence Curriculum in Seattle Public Schools." The award recognition comes with a cash prize and an invitation to present her research during BEA's annual convention in Las Vegas. The award money will be presented in April.

E. WAYNE CARR, history professor, presented a paper at the American Historical Association's annual meeting held in San Francisco, Jan. 3-6, 2002. His paper was entitled "The Sentimentalization of Adoption: When, Why, How?"

DR. CHUNG-SHING LEE, ePLU director and assistant professor of business, delivered a one-day short course on "Excellence in Supply Chain Management" at University of Maryland on January 22. The course was one in the professional development series in Electronic Products and Systems organized by University of Maryland's CALCE Electronic Products and Systems Center. Dr. Lee also presented his research paper "Capturing the Benefits of Disruptive Innovation in E-Business Supply Chain Management" at the International Conference on Supply Chain Management and Information Systems in the Internet Age (SCMIS 2001) on Dec. 17-19 in Hong Kong. During the conference, he also visited Hong Kong Productivity Council, Hang Kong Polytechnic University, and City University of Hong Kong.



NAICU President David Warren

Fiscal Strategies Commissions prepare their final reports.

Conversations regarding academic distinction are at the center of the current 2010 planning process.

"What has emerged is a set of broadly shared themes, emphases, and values that will inform curricular and structural decisions aimed at making PLU more distinctive," said Patricia Killen, professor of religion. "The challenge we face is to move beyond quality and even beyond excellence to true distinction;

distinction that sets PLU apart as the 'first rank' university our founders envisioned."

As a campus community, the planning journey reaches its destination this spring. The Fiscal Strategies Commission will host forums responding to the work of each commission, and the writing team, Paul Menzel, provost, Lynn Beck, dean of the School of Education, and Patricia Killen will draft the PLU 2010 long-range plan.

This January, amidst the work of the PLU 2010 process, the campus community was fortunate to hear from David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Warren shared his expertise with a campus address titled, "The New Reality and Higher Education."

"The great colleges do two things very well—they are animated by great teachers and they are organized around the education of the whole person," Warren said. "It strikes me that PLU has all the material in place."

PROPOSED "MARKS OF DISTINCTION" ARE DISCUSSED IN BACKGROUND PAPERS THAT CAN BE FOUND BY GOING TO www.plu.edu/encore/.

A season of diversity

"Angels in America" is just one of the shows that is part of PLU Theatre's 2001-2002 season. This year's line-up will delve primarily into issues of diversity. Read more about it at www.plu.edu/encore



Retired professor and wife build faith, relationships in South Africa

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88



NO BARRIERS: Jeanette Pilgrim (CENTER) with South African students.

When retired professor Dr. Walter Pilgrim and his wife, Jeanette, left South Africa in June after a semester of teaching at a seminary, their students bestowed gifts on them. One is a replica of the humble straw huts lived in by many villagers in the area.

"I thank God for what I have," it reads.

The Pilgrims' five months of living, teaching and worshiping with Lutheran Zulus in rural South Africa made them grateful for what they have—and what they gained—from their time serving this poor part of the world.

"These are people who literally have no money," Jeanette said as she traced the carved outlines on a wooden box offered to her by a student. "And they wanted to give us gifts."

"It's the human relationships that make things worthwhile," Walter Pilgrim said.

Pilgrim, who also taught in Namibia while on sabbatical from PLU several years ago, wanted to continue reaching out in his retirement. South Africa also has a large Lutheran population—a result of years of missionary work in the country. Pilgrim was put in touch with Umphumulo Lutheran Seminary in Mapumulo, South Africa—located about two hours from Durban.

There they found warm, open students hungry for knowledge and strong in faith. They are becoming African Christians, rather than missionary Christians, Walter said.

"They have their own pastors, their own bishops. They're trying to put Jesus in an African

context. They're working hard to translate it into their own culture."

Much of their ministry focuses on the question: What kind of Jesus speaks to poor?

"It is a Jesus who is a liberator of the poor, who takes the side of the oppressed," Walter said.

Pilgrim taught courses in the New Testament and the Gospel of John, and Jeanette, who has a master's degree in music and is a longtime church musician, gave church music lessons. When she arrived, she found two pianos in such disrepair they could not be played.

"But the chapel was an acoustical dream and the singing was unbelievable," she said.

Villagers sang Lutheran hymns a capella with harmonies like she has never heard, reading hymnals that contained only lyrics and no notes to follow.

"You'd be amazed," Jeanette said. "The greatest gift the villagers have to offer is their singing."

While there, the Pilgrims lived in a modest home on the seminary campus where they often went without water, and still knew they were living in luxury compared to villagers, who deal daily with poverty, violence and illness.

"We decided we were going to live with them and not put any barriers between us," Jeanette said. "We fell in love with the people. It was so hard to leave."

But the Pilgrims saw up close the dangers and obstacles much of South Africa faces. The cholera and AIDS epidemics rage, the stinging results of years of Apartheid remain, and with the whites still controlling the land and the marketplace, blacks struggle to find work.

While they see a brighter future ahead for the country as whole, they know the pastors who will come out of the seminary face a difficult journey.

"They will be spending their lives burying people and taking care of people and worrying about these orphans," Jeanette said.

"I see these students as pastors who will be caregivers because of the problems," Walter said. "But they're well trained and they will be the hope of this country."



LEADERS IN FAITH: Nancy Connor (left) and Dennis Sepper (right) welcome to the PLU campus Mork Hanson, new churchwide Bishop of the ELCA.

PLU pastors help shape Campus Ministry

BY NOREEN HOBSON '99

As the directors of Campus Ministry, Nancy Connor and Dennis Sepper, the husband and wife who have offered their talents to the PLU community as pastors for the last seven years, must take on many roles—spiritually and administratively. But they eventually want to be remembered for their pastoral care. "We want our legacy to be that 'they're just darn good pastors,'" Sepper says.

The programming schedule of a Campus Ministry ebbs and flows. Each year unique personalities, needs and wants have to be met specifically. The principles of Lutheran higher education guide Sepper and Connor as they create services to meet those needs.

"We operate so that if Nancy and I left tomorrow, things would continue on the same path."

The pastors, who have no plans to leave PLU, offer personal qualities and passions that could not easily be replaced. From ministering through crises, to the countless weddings they have performed, their presence at PLU has nurtured the path that Campus Ministry currently walks. Previously pastors at separate Lutheran congregations, they enjoy the freedom of university life that allows them to try new things. Connor is enthusiastic about the "resources for music, speakers and perspectives" you can find within the community.

It is those diverse perspectives that can bring about challenges and growth. Even when it seems most difficult, they insist on holding together the diversity of religious expression on campus. Connor tells the community, "there's a place for your voice."

Sepper stresses the importance of teaching students that controversial subjects can be strengthening to growing faith. "Dialogue helps you solidify your own views."

Both see a great deal of hope in what the next few years will bring to Campus Ministry at PLU. Technology will likely be a part of the future of the department, with Web site updates and plans for online prayer chains and daily devotionals. It may also play a role in the Eastvold and Tower Chapel restoration in the years ahead.

"We're looking forward to the opportunity to help shape what that very special place on campus will be like," Sepper said.



HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS: Dr. Walter Pilgrim (FRONT ROW, THIRD FROM RIGHT) says he learned a lot from the faculty at Umphumulo Lutheran Seminary in South Africa, where he taught for a semester.

Miranda explores Native American heritage through poetry

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

Deborah Miranda knew she had words to put down on paper, tales to tell.

It was during the quiet of her babies' slumber that she discovered that her medium was poetry, and that the stories she felt compelled to share were her own.

"My first love was fiction, but I was writing during naptime and didn't have time to write a whole story," said Miranda, an assistant professor of English at PLU. "I started focusing on different chunks, and that's how I became a poet."

Some of those works are included in "Indian Cartography," Miranda's collection that won the 1997 North American Native Authors Poetry Award. As Miranda pursued her writing, she also drew strength from reaching out to other Native Americans through what are often common experiences.

"My life has been an embodiment of separation, division, reconciliation, and loss. I am Indian: I am mixed blood: I am Indian," she writes in her introduction.

Miranda, whose late mother was white and whose father's family comes from the Esselen and Chumash, both small California tribes, has become a powerful voice among Native American and women writers.

After teaching part-time at PLU while she was pursuing her doctorate in English at the University of Washington, she was hired as an assistant professor in the fall. She specializes in women's literature, Native American and ethnic literature and creative writing. She lives in Tacoma and

shares parenting of Miranda, 14, and Danny, 12, with her ex-husband.

There has been a renaissance of Native American writers since the '70s, she says, but women have only made their mark in the last several years. She believes women writers, while focusing on the history and the past, also have a tendency to be more celebrational, humanistic and compassionate.

"It's much more hopeful," she said. "It doesn't stop looking at the history and the injustices, but it's more constructive."

She has dealt with many of the problems commonly associated with Native Americans: poverty, family dysfunction, abuse, alcohol, loss of culture. But she wants to end the "intergenerational dysfunction," and reaching out with her writing is one step.

"I've had experiences that I'm capable of writing about that will empower other women," she said.

Her own words are often painful: poems depicting a 7-year-old girl's molestation by her mother's boyfriend, a 13-year-old having her long black hair set on fire by a schoolmate who called her, "Squaw," a wife and mother still trying to make sense of it all.

But they are also hopeful, as in this excerpt from "Three Poems for April:"

*"Buried in the past I came from —
violation, fear, a distrust
of the body — waits
a season I will claim
as my own sweet time."*



TEACHER AND POET: Dr. Deborah Miranda talks with students in her J-Term course. She specializes in ethnic and women's literature.

When one of Miranda's sisters brought her book to work, she called later to say that readers were overcome with emotion at reading what they saw as their own stories.

"I was able to see that this does promote healing," Miranda said. "And that was a real magical moment for me."

! READ SOME MORE OF MIRANDA'S POETRY AT www.plu.edu/encore/.

Alums stay local on Garfield Street

BY NOREEN HOBSON '99

When graduation day at PLU comes, students scatter to points near and far. Some join the Peace Corps, land jobs in New York City or are found just off Park Avenue South.

The Garfield Street neighborhood, just beyond the shadow of Harstad Hall, has been an integral part of PLU for many decades. The merchants on the street provide a variety of services necessary to the university community. From the Post Office to the restaurants, every shop can count Lutes among their customers.

One of the newest additions is Garfield Street DVD, owned and operated by Don Jacobson '01. After working at an independent film rental store, he saw a future in an enterprise he enjoys.

Choosing a location, Jacobson realized that this neighborhood was in need of the service he could provide.

"There are no other video stores near PLU." The week he was contemplating setting-up shop a sign popped-up in the Garfield Street window and the choice was clear. His DVD rental and sales store was born. And how's the new business doing? "Pretty good so far. We're paying our bills," Jacobson said. Sales and rentals are even better than he expected, which allows him to bring in more DVD's without going into the red.



CORNERING THE MARKET: Don Jacobson '01, saw a need for a rental store and opened Garfield Street DVD—a block from campus.

"I know a lot of people around here and I want to hang around with people I like," Jacobson expressed while sitting in front of the large TV at the counter of the store. Lutes who spend time on the street echo his sentiment.

Just across the street, PLU Northwest hosts a variety of events and provides items from Scandinavia, the Northwest and PLU. Some alumni sell their art, including Julie Ueland '79, who returned to the neighborhood in order to sign and create works for shoppers at an open house just before Christmas.

Restaurants like Marzano, From the Bayou and Tuscany, neighbors on the street, keep a fair supply of alumni employed as well. Kevin Roy, owner of From the Bayou is always pleased to have good employees to hire from the university. He has employed about a half a dozen graduates in the restaurant's four-year history. Marzano's story is similar with both students and alumni working there.

For Sarah Cunningham '00, her job at Tuscany affords her the ability to fulfill other interests including working for AmeriCorps and the chance to see familiar faces. "There are a lot of people I wouldn't see if I didn't work here," she said, "and leaving this little nest is really hard."

At the Northern Pacific Coffee Company, formerly an audio rental store, at the corner of C Street, tables and posters replace the boxes that used to sit at the store's perimeter. The shop welcomes people to the PLU thoroughfare and keeps inviting them back, even after graduation. Stephen Minor, the shop's owner, has employed many PLU graduates, but is pleased that NPCC maintains a loyal fan base within the community. He notices that alums who stay in the area have made only a slight change—getting their regular morning coffee on their way to work, instead of on their way to class.

Doing a lot with a “Q”: PLU Q Club serves school for 30 years

BY GREG BREWIS

More than 30 years ago, two newly hired fund-raisers sat down with their boss to come up with a new twist on annual giving at PLU. David Berntsen '58 and Edgar Larson '57 joined Clayton Peterson, vice president for development, in re-thinking fund raising as “friend” raising and as a result established “Q Club” (a name with surprising origins).

“Clayton Peterson was among the first university development professionals to understand that our work is a lot more than just asking for money,” Berntsen said. “He knew that a strategy that rewarded donors by involving them in the life of the university in a personal, meaningful way was the path to success.”

At first Q Club focused on raising “unrestricted” gifts—gifts that were not designated for any specific purpose but rather went to support the university’s greatest need in any given year. “So we decided to invite them all to a banquet once a year where we could tell them about the university, show off the best of our students, and faculty and have them meet the president. We called it a gathering of dedicated friends,” Berntsen said.

In its first year, 1972, the Q Club goal was to recruit 100 members. “We achieved that goal and raised \$51,000,” Berntsen said. “It grew each year from then on. The second year we raised \$67,000. As time went on we eventually set \$1 million as our goal and we reached that in 1991. Then we went for 1,000 members, then 1,500.” Today the group has almost 2,000 members and raises more than \$1.3 million a year.

Over the years the Q Club concept evolved, and today all of the money that comes to the group supports student scholarships. The banquet has evolved too. It now includes members of the university’s Lifetime Giving Society and Heritage Society.

There are nine giving levels with a minimum contribution for membership of \$25 per month (\$300 per



EARLY DEVELOPMENT: In 1971 (l to r) David Berntsen, Edgar Larson, and Clayton Peterson review drawings of the proposed 60-foot Anderson Clock Tower outside the University Center that was erected later that year. The tower was the gift of Herman '31 and Vivian Anderson. Today Berntsen and Larson continue to serve as development officers for the university.

year), although there are members who have given \$100,000 or more to the Q Club endowment.

So how did the name “Q Club” originate? At first Berntsen would only laugh.

“Ed, Clayton and I were looking for something that would look good on a lapel pin,” Berntsen said. “We wanted it to be a sign of distinction for members to wear the pins in the community and have others ask what it represented. So we choose a “Q” because it looked good.”

They also thought that the “Q” would look good on certificates that would stand out on a member business person’s wall or on the desk in a faculty member’s office. They thought maybe a student or parent would see it and ask about the group of people that is trying to help PLU.

“Then we had to figure out what the “Q” should stand for. Well, ‘quality’ of course,” Berntsen said. “Surely we had a group that would be trying to maintain the academic and spiritual quality of the university with our gifts.”

“Yes, you can do a lot with a ‘Q.’ And the word quality just had a good ring to it.”

Watch Your Mail!

The Alumni Annual Fund spring class representative letters will be arriving soon! This is a great time to join Q Club. For a minimum contribution of \$25 per month, your gifts to the Q Club provide scholarship aid to approximately 1,200 Pacific Lutheran University students. If Q Club isn’t a financial option at this time, keep in mind that gifts of every size are important. One of our goals is to raise the alumni giving percentage. Watch your mail, return your reply card, and help PLU continue educating for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service and care by supporting your Alumni Annual Fund.

Q Club Banquet

May 4, 2002: Olson Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Watch your mail for an invitation to this annual Thank You event.

For further information, contact the Q Club office at 253-535-7429 or 800-258-6758.

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Q-Club Mission Statement

The mission of Q Club is to provide assistance to deserving students as they prepare for lives of service through a Pacific Lutheran University education.

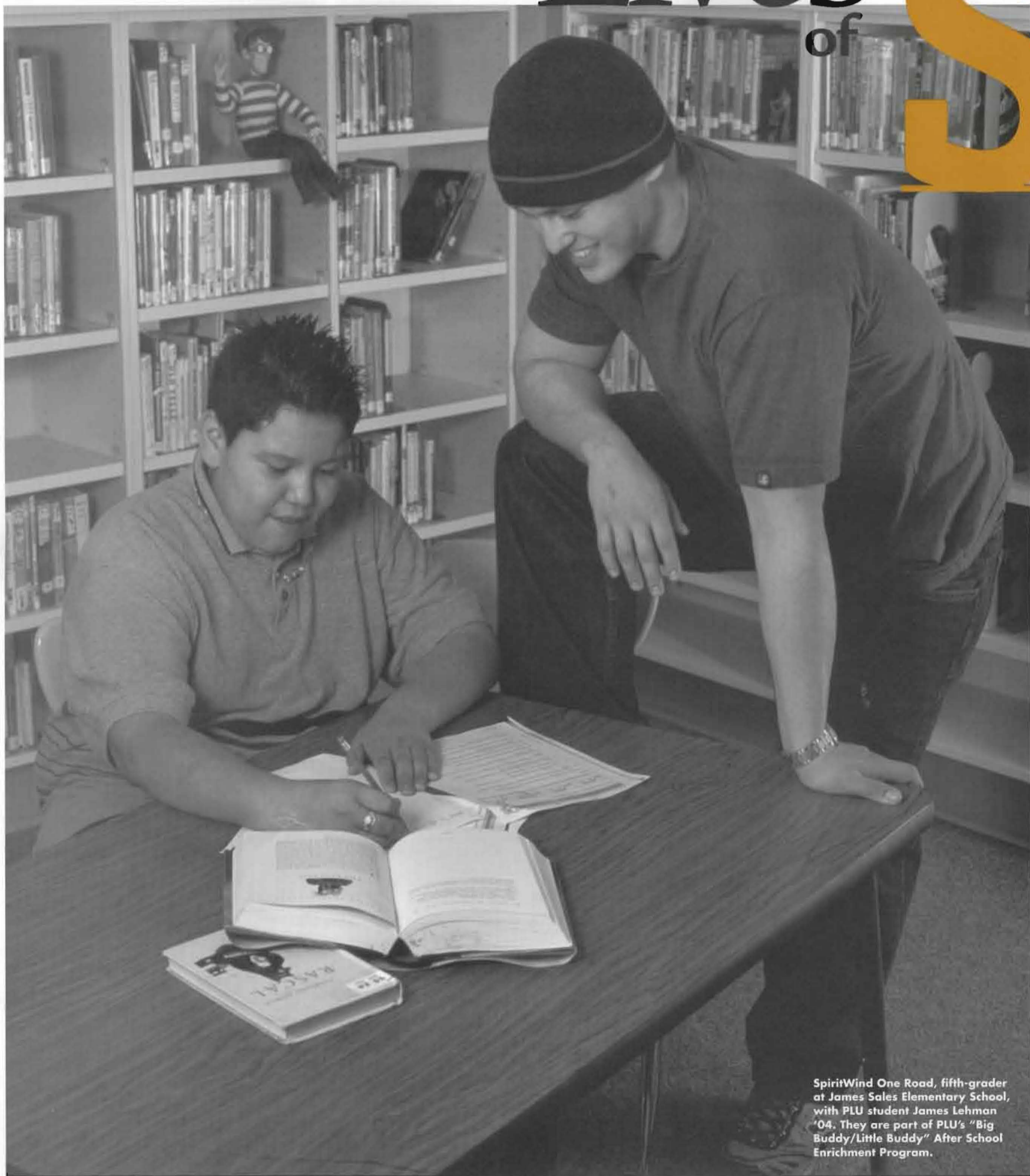
Purpose:

1. To keep PLU accessible to deserving students by helping to underwrite the cost of their education.
2. To increase Q Club membership by recruiting others.
3. To promote increased annual giving and to endow the university’s future.
4. To serve as ambassadors to promote good will for the university



LEADING THE WAY: Sigrun Freeman (LEFT) and Center for Public Service director Oney Crandall help guide PLU's community service efforts.

Lives of S



SpiritWind One Road, fifth-grader at James Sales Elementary School, with PLU student James Lehman '04. They are part of PLU's "Big Buddy/Little Buddy" After School Enrichment Program.

TAKING CHARGE: Colleen Lorenz (LEFT) and Jenny Peck, Volunteer Center co-directors



AN IMPORTANT PART OF PLU'S MISSION IS EDUCATING FOR LIVES OF SERVICE, AND MANY STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF PUT THAT INTO ACTION EVERY DAY BY FINDING WAYS TO SERVE THEIR UNIVERSITY AND THEIR COMMUNITY.

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BY DREW BROWN, SCENE EDITOR

Learning to serve; Serving to learn. PLU takes community service to heart.



Twice a week, PLU sophomore James Lehman '04 takes his studies down the road from campus to Parkland's James Sales Elementary School.

There, he and his "Little Buddy," fifth-grader SpiritWind One Road, read, talk and Lehman helps SpiritWind with his homework.

"It's fun having him around to help," said SpiritWind.

"PLU's done a great job setting up this program," said Lehman. "It's been a great experience working with SpiritWind. I've learned a lot about myself, how it's rewarding to work with kids."

Lehman is just one of dozens of students serving in the After School Enrichment Program and the America Reads tutoring program. And those programs represent just a fraction of the ways PLU reaches out to the people who make their homes in the university's back yard. An important part of PLU's mission is educating for lives of service, and many students, faculty and staff put that into action every day by finding ways to serve their university and their community.

PLU students can participate in either program as a part of their Work-Study employment or as volunteers. ASEP, created in 1983 by PLU education professor emeritus Helmi Owens, matches PLU students with elementary school students. Also known as the "Big Buddy/Little Buddy" program, it gives children a chance to work one-on-one with a PLU mentor.

America Reads trains students to go into the classroom to teach first-through third-graders reading skills.

"It's amazing to see how the PLU students get as much out of their service work as the children they are helping," said Sigrun Freeman, who coordinates programs for the PLU Center for Public Service. "Students end up loving the kids they work with and realizing they can make a difference. They get hooked."

Center for Public Service leads the way

Established in 1993, the Center for Public Service became a natural bridge between PLU and East Campus, which houses programs offering services ranging from health clinics for babies to continuing education for senior citizens.

"We've developed into a real link between PLU and the community," said Oney Crandall, director of the Center for Public Service. "Developing the Center has really allowed us to connect students, staff and faculty with opportunities to meet needs on many different levels."

East Campus, the former Parkland Elementary School at the corner of Pacific Avenue and 121st Street South, houses a coalition of independent and PLU-run service programs. Three are run directly by PLU: The Marriage and Family Therapy Center, the Wellness Center and Second Wind, which provides continuing education for seniors. The remaining space is rented to organizations like the Franklin Pierce School District's Head Start program for low-income preschoolers.

"PLU does a lot more than just rent out space," said Crandall. "East Campus is one of PLU's ways of reaching out to the local community."

In addition to its links with East Campus, the Center for Public Ser-

vice works to promote community service among PLU faculty and staff through its Volunteer Center and in cooperation with student organizations like the Diversity Center and ASPLU.

"We're trying to show how you can learn about people and the world around you through service—in a way you can't do in the classroom," Crandall said. "By engaging in service, you are engaged with people that have a different perspective."

Kurt Mach, a pastor with Faith Partnerships, raves about the work PLU and the Center for Public Services's Freeman have done. Mach wanted to find a site in the Parkland/Spanaway area to hold a Back to School Supply Carnival, and Freeman enlisted community members, churches and schools to help. In its second year the carnival, which is held at Spanaway Elementary School, provided more than 4,000 children with pencils, crayons, rulers and other school supplies. Two carnivals are already scheduled in the area for 2002.

"Sigrun, as well as the people she works with, are catalysts to service in the Parkland/Spanaway community," Mach said. "What they do has a significant impact."

Volunteers grow through giving

Crandall believes service, especially when it is accompanied by deliberate, thoughtful reflection (often called "service-learning"), creates an immense change in students—especially in their understanding of, and connection with, the world around them.

And students themselves are the best recruiters. Colleen Lorenz '02 and Jenny Peck '04 find opportunities for those who want to help. They head PLU's student-run Volunteer Center.

"The PLU student body is very busy," said Peck, who is also a resident assistant. "It's our job to show them how rewarding and easy volunteering is."

After two years with a Youth Ministry band, Peck came back to

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SERVICE AGENCIES ON EAST CAMPUS

RUN BY PLU:

- **Marriage & Family Therapy Clinic**—Run by the graduate program, with about 20 student therapists serving 80-120 families.
- **Second Wind**—PLU sponsors continuing education programs for senior citizens.
- **Wellness Clinic**—A PLU, nurse-managed family practice

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

- **Americorps**—20 volunteers work with various community agencies. Many partnerships with PLU.
- **American Cultural Exchange Language Institute**—Teaches English to foreign students (located in Park Avenue House).

- **Family Support Center**—Collaborative effort by Tacoma Pierce County Health Dept., Child Guidance and Greater Lakes Mental Health
- **First Place for Children**—A private, non-profit agency offering licensed (therapeutic) childcare.
- **Headstart**—A federally funded, early intervention program for at-risk children.
- **Horizon Treatment Service**—Drug and alcohol treatment for teenagers
- **Upward Bound**—PLU works with this pre-collegiate program, for first generation college-bound students from low-income families.

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PLU in September, and found herself an excellent fit with Colleen Lorenz, a sociology major in her second year with the Volunteer Center, who sees



PRESENT DAY: Center for Public Service program specialist Sigrun Freeman wraps gifts at the East Campus Christmas Party.

her job as a way to put her commitment to service learning into practice. Lorenz and Peck are the perfect mix—both one part attentive listener, one part enthusiastic leader.

"It's been very exciting to see more and more students, as well as faculty, getting involved," Lorenz said. "They are seeing the connection to the community, and the fact they do what we've done—learn through work."

The Volunteer Center works as both a resource and leadership office. With more than 100 agencies on file, the Volunteer Center provides information about specific volunteer opportunities for students, faculty, and staff.

The Center also organizes community service projects throughout the year, including the annual East Campus Christmas Party, which dis-

tributes gifts to about 140 children from low-income families.

"This is the only present many of these children will have," Freeman said at the most recent party. "Many of these families can't afford Christmas."

The Volunteer Center also runs the Volunteer Fair, held in early September, which brings between 30 and 50 agencies to campus to recruit students. Into the Streets, held later that same month, sends students into the community to work for a day. Hunger and Homelessness week, held in mid-November, provides educational awareness of poverty issues through forums and other campus activities. Early this month, the Center sponsored Service in Action week. The week of various service activities culminated in ARROW day, a carnival-like event that raises money for one

specific local agency. This year, the Children's Museum of Tacoma benefited.

"We're trying to show students that there are a lot of rewarding volunteer opportunities all year long that don't take a huge time commitment," Peck said. "Everyone is working together to get the message out that community service is an important and rewarding activity," Peck said.

Crandall said volunteers get as much—or more—out of giving their time as the recipients of their help.

"Service is a part of PLU's way of thinking, and it's rewarding to see so many of PLU's people serving the community," Crandall said. "It's a profound way to better understand others, and to better understand yourself."

J-Term courses show students ways to give back

Some students discover their passion for service during courses designed to give students real-life experience with those they can help. Several J-Term courses look at societal needs both locally and abroad.

On the first day of JoDee Keller and Gary Hiam's January on the Hill class this winter, students were given bus fare, and simple directions: see you at Associated Ministries in the Hilltop District of Tacoma in a couple of hours.



TEACHING BY EXAMPLE: PLU professor JoDee Keller participates along with her J-Term On The Hill students in "Talk Time," a weekly activity where PLU students read and interact with new immigrants.

Some were savvy and found their way quickly, while others struggled to figure out the cryptic bus schedules. In the end, though, all the students made it. A walking tour of Tacoma's Hilltop District showed them the urban poverty that students would curb with community projects, volunteering at social service agencies, and interacting with people in the community.

"Classes like this are good for students, because they learn about these things firsthand," Keller said. "When you work along side those who have these challenges, it dispels a lot of myths about poverty."

But Keller believes J-Term experiences should reach beyond poverty issues. She says Tacoma's Hilltop and Salishan neighborhoods present many opportunities to participate in development activities. Students worked at a cannery, repaired a local house, took part in multicultural events like Vietnamese New Year, met new immigrants in an event called "Talk Time,"

and played with kids at First Place for Children.

Students got many chances to reflect on Keller's theme of service through journal entries, readings and guest speakers. The end result was an experience that helped students better understand their world—and their role in it. It's not supposed to be a sad experience, like many expect in the beginning.

"Students find the experience to be both fun and exhausting," Keller said of her J-Term class. "The goal with this class is that they have an experience that touches them, and gives them an understanding of what it means to make service a part of your life."

Farther away, sociology professor Kay McDade is also helping dispel myths in her J-Term 2002 class, Sociology in Jamaica, where students went to the country and learn how race, ethnicity, gender and social class impact people's lives. They visited "squatter" communities and ghettos and lived with Jamaican families dealing with economic and family challenges.

McDade didn't focus her students just on poverty, but on the Jamaican society as a whole. Students came to appreciate reggae and Rastafarianism; examined social institutions, like the government, the economy, schools and churches; visited museums and monuments; and meet Jamaican "higglers" who fill the streets selling fruits, vegetables, and other locally made products.

"Students come to understand the complications of poverty beyond the negative stereotypes," McDade said. "Poverty happens to hard-working, good citizens."



LEARNING BY DOING: PLU student Ryan Callender '04, working with Pavel Sandu from Moldova during "Talk Time," held at the Family Investment Center in Tacoma's Salishan neighborhood.

Alums find politics is their way to serve

Kevin Wimsett '96 grew up in the Parkland/Spanaway area, then stayed local and went to PLU.

Given that, he finds his current position representing the Parkland/ Spanaway area as District 3 Pierce County Councilman a perfect job.

"It's the neatest thing to directly represent the place I grew up—to see the problems and work toward solutions," Wimsett said.

His interest in politics blossomed when he was at PLU and started volunteering for local political campaigns.

"I recommend volunteering for campaigns—not just people in history or political science, but anyone in any major," Wimsett said. "It gives you a great sense of the challenges in the community. I've lived around this area for a long time, but I learned a lot of new things by working in local politics."

Classmate Calvin Goings '95 helped persuade Wimsett not to wait to pursue his interest in politics. While still at PLU, Wimsett ran for and was elected fire commissioner, a position Goings held from the age of 18 until 1997, when he became Washington's youngest state senator. Goings received one of PLU's Outstanding Alumnus Awards in 2000.

After graduating, Wimsett worked as a high school history teacher until he was elected to the Pierce County Council in 2000. Wimsett works beside Goings, who now is the District 2 County Councilman. He also volunteers with the Spanaway Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce and his church.

"I learned from my parents that the community you grow up in gives you so much, that you have a responsibility to give back," Wimsett said. "There seemed to be this same expectation of service at PLU—from friends like Calvin to the administration to my teachers. They made you understand the rewards of community service."

When asked about his favorite professors at PLU, Wimsett is reluctant to narrow it down. He cites teachers like Wallace Spencer in political science and Beth Kraig in history for not only teaching him facts, but also helping inspire his interaction with the university and the community.

"It was great being around them. They really encouraged students to take the skills they learned, and go out and help people in the community," Wimsett said. "You just felt their passion."

He now finds that same relationship with PLU President Loren Anderson, with whom he works on community issues.

"Dr. Anderson, as well as PLU, don't just emphasize community service with what they say, but they back it up with what they do."



ALUM LEADERSHIP: Calvin Goings '95 (far left) and Kevin Wimsett '96 (far right) are PLU alums serving their community as Pierce County Councilmen; pictured with fellow Council members Harold Moss (left middle) and Pat O'Malley.



PLU Softball returns to championship form

BY NICK DAWSON

One year after compiling a 26-10 record and winning their 15th Northwest Conference championship in the past 16 seasons, the 2002 Lutes hope to add to the outstanding tradition synonymous with Pacific Lutheran softball.

The Lutes go into this season with eight position starters returning from the 2001 team that lost in the regional championship game by one run in extra innings. Many of the returning players for the Lutes have posted numbers that are among the best in the conference, region and nation, as well as in PLU history.

In addition to the traditionally difficult Northwest Conference schedule, the Lutes will be traveling to the Los Angeles area over Spring Break to take on opponents Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Pomona-Pitzer and Occidental. These games against West Region opponents, in addition to the conference results, are important in determining possible berths in the national playoffs. In three previous years as a NCAA Division III member, the Lutes have been a national tournament qualifier, twice reaching the regional title game. Another exciting aspect of the upcoming season is that all but three schools are being played on the Lutes' home field.

PITCHING

Senior **Melissa Korb** is a three-time first team all-conference pitcher and has also earned all-region and All-America honors in previous years. Korb, who holds the school record with an average of 9.9 strikeouts per game, ended the 2001 season with a 10-4 record, 1.63 ERA, and 109 strikeouts in 94 innings. Her career numbers are astounding with a 48-8 record, 1.02 ERA and 9.3 strikeouts per game. Offensively, Korb has hit over .300 each of her three previous seasons, including a .324 average with two home runs and 24 RBI last year. Sophomore **Jewel Koury** had an outstanding freshman season with an 8-4 record and 2.25 ERA. Offensively, she hit .391 with 20 runs, 36 hits, three home runs and 22 RBI to earn second team All-America honors. Korb and Koury will be taking the bulk of the pitching load for the 2002 season. Sophomore **Sara Shideler** may see some action on the mound this year as well.

CATCHER

The catcher position has a good mix of experience and youthful talent. **Shannon Fritzke** had a solid junior year, hitting .397 with six home runs and 30 RBI. She earned first team all-conference and all-region honors for the third consecutive season. In 2000, she was named the NCAA Division III Catcher of the Year and first team All-American after hitting .510. Sophomore **Resa Lee** will spend more time behind the plate in the upcoming season and will add another powerful bat to the lineup. Adding excellent depth at this position are freshmen **Mary Jo Marquardt**, **Claire Barr** and **Stacie Wyman**.

INFIELD

The left side of the infield will be filled by juniors **Jenny Ferries** and **Alicia Guerrero**. Ferries earned 2001 NWC first team all-conference honors after hitting .339 with four homers and 32 RBI, and she will start at shortstop for the third straight year. Guerrero, one of the quickest players in the



ON THE MOUND: PLU softball catcher Shannon Fritzke '02 and pitcher Melissa Korb '02

conference, showed continued improvement at third base last year after moving over from second base. Guerrero had a .316 batting average, 32 runs and seven stolen bases last year, and could exceed those numbers this season. Shideler will try to top last year's fielding percentage of .989 and her offensive contribution of .287. She should show improved power numbers in 2002. Adding more depth to first base and added power at the plate is freshman **Kristin Petersen**. Freshman **Andrea Wells** will most likely hold down the second base position with her strong fielding skills and speed both on the field and on the bases.

OUTFIELD

Last season's starting centerfielder, McKenna Dotson, will be missed, but she was the only 2001 starter who graduated. The Lutes return with a pair of starters in the outfield. Senior **Irene Bryant**, one of the team captains along with Fritzke and Ferris, hopes to return to the form that earned her first team all-conference honors in 2000. Sophomore **Kelsey Palaniuk** gears up for her second season with the Lutes after a promising freshman year in which she hit .307 with eight doubles and also played solid defense. Senior **Jacy James** is another candidate for a starting outfield position, and she has proven her ability at the plate primarily as a designated player and pinch hitter. Returning to the team, but a newcomer to the outfield, is sophomore **Renee Clark**. Clark made the move from infield and will compete for playing time in the outfield as well as continuing to use her speed as a pinch runner. Among the talented newcomers with a shot at a starting spot are freshmen **Jackie Nuechterlein**, **Ally Mrachek** and **Claire Barr**. Nuechterlein has shown great speed and a strong arm during pre-season. Mrachek who also played this fall for the PLU volleyball team has excellent speed, while Barr joined the team in January after transferring from College of the Siskiyous.

Put these factors together, add in new assistant coach Carli Rasmussen, a former Pacific Lutheran all-conference outfielder, and the ingredients seem to be in place for continued PLU softball excellence.



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New board members highlight latest Alumni Board meeting

Scheduled to meet on the PLU campus in September, the Alumni Board moved its fall meeting to Jan. 19-20, due to the tragic events of September 11. Board President, Becky (Nauss) Burad '74 began the winter meeting of the board by expressing her appreciation for the members of the Alumni Board and Alumni and Parent Relations staff. She reflected on the reasons the meeting was moved from September to January and emphasized the importance of board members' relationships to one another and to Pacific Lutheran University.

It was Becky's first meeting as president. She brings 12 years of Alumni Board experience, and currently serves as a member of the PLU Board of Regents. In addition, three new members were welcomed: Al Dungan '59, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dave Johnson '74, Orange, Calif.; and Christine Tye '91; Portland, Ore.

Several new committees have been formed and have begun their work on behalf of the alumni of PLU. The Volunteer Committee chaired by Clarene (Osterli) Johnson '56, and the Alumni Programs/Education committee chaired by Al Dungan '59 have recently held their inaugural meetings.

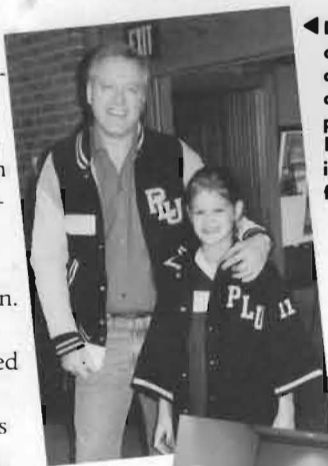
Board members heard a preliminary report on the findings of an Alumni Survey that was conducted by the PLU student chapter of the American Marketing Association on behalf of the Alumni Office, the Development Office, the President's Office and University Communications. This fall 5,000 randomly chosen alumni were mailed a survey designed to determine how well PLU nurtures its relationships with alumni. In addition, a summary of the results of a "travel opportunity" survey, that is permanently posted on the alumni Web site (www.plualumni.org), was shared. The results of both surveys will be published in the not too distant future.

Because the board met on Saturday and Sunday, they had the privilege of participating with University Congregation.

The spring meeting of the Alumni Board will be held April 19-20 on the PLU campus.

Traveling with the Lutes

This fall, the Football Lutes found themselves once again involved in the NCAA-III National Championship Tournament. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations took the opportunity to gather alumni, parents and friends at pre-game functions in both Spokane and in Fargo, N.D. The trip to Fargo developed when it was learned we would again be matched in the second round of the tournament with the St. John Johnnies from Collegeville, Minn. Winter storms forced the organizers to look for alternatives to the Johnnies home field and booked the FargoDome. As would be the "luck of the Lutes" the executive director of the Fargo Dome is PLU alum, Paul Johnson '76. Paul and his staff were instrumental in hosting the game and our pre-game brunch attended by approximately 125 Lute fans.



◀ Dennis Kylo '76 and daughter Natalie, along with a number of other Lute alumni, parents and friends participated in the pre-game brunch at Whitworth College in round one of the NCAA-III football playoffs.

▼ Ernie and Janis Carlson, parents of #13 Casey and Bill and Bev Weller, parents of #12 Dave enjoy being a part of the Lute family gathering in Fargo.



Class reunion chairs gather at PLU

The University Homecoming Committee has begun meeting to plan Homecoming 2002, which will be held October 6-8. In addition, the class representatives from the classes being honored this year met to begin making plans for their reunions. The classes to be honored this year include 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, and 1997.

In addition to class reunions, past and present members of Residential Life Leadership will gather for a weekend of reunions. These reunions will include members of all past residence hall staff and residence hall government. If you held a residence hall leadership position but have not yet completed the information form included in the Winter 2001-2002 Scene, please complete it and return it to the Alumni Office, or go to the Alumni Web site at www.plualumni.org and share your information online. If you would like to mail your form, but do not have a copy, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. If you are interested in helping to plan this affinity reunion, please contact Lauralee Hagen in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

I do! I do!

Leroy and Connie Spitzer in their 1951 wedding...



As hundreds of choir alums gathered on the PLU campus for the 75th anniversary reunion of the Choir of the West, two Choir of the West alums made their way up the stairs to Tower Chapel to celebrate an anniversary of their own. On the Saturday morning of Homecoming 2001, Leroy Spitzer '52 and Connie Spitzer (Aune) '51, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows. On a December day in 1950, following chapel services, Leroy proposed to Connie outside the laundry room of Old Main (Harstad Hall). Connie said "yes" and the couple married on Aug. 22, 1951. Leroy and Connie thought about renewing their vows on a recent trip to Paris, France, but they realized that their vows should be renewed where it all began, at PLU.



...and renewing their vows this December with PLU Campus Pastor Dennis Sepper, middle, performing the ceremony.

Campus Pastor Dennis Sepper performed the renewal ceremony and Campus Pastor Nancy Connor served as photographer.

Join alums at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Pacific Lutheran University alumni, parents, and friends, are invited to attend PLU Alumni College 2002, at the renowned Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Traveling with the group to lead group discussions will be PLU faculty member Philip Nordquist '56, and actor Matt Orme '86.

The group will leave on Friday morning, July 19, and travel in style on a deluxe coach bus, fully-equipped with air conditioning and televisions. Once in Ashland, participants will enjoy staying at the comfortable Windmill Inns of America. Each room is standard with a kitchen, as well as use of the swimming pool, fitness room, tennis courts, complimentary guest bicycles, and a courtesy shuttle directly to the Oregon Shakespeare Plaza.

Experience the magic of three plays by William Shakespeare: "As You Like It," "Macbeth," and "The Winter's Tale," with the opportunity to add a performance of the current Broadway hit, "Noises Off." Also participate in a backstage tour, taking a peek at what happens behind the scenes. The group will return to PLU the afternoon of Monday, July 22. Limited seats—call the Alumni Office at 800-ALUM-PLU for a registration brochure today!

alumni class notes

Under each year is listed that group's official Class Representative or Representatives (CR). If there isn't a name under your graduation year, that means there isn't a designated CR. If you would like to represent your class, or know someone who might make a good CR, call 1-800-ALUM-PLU or e-mail alumni@plu.edu.

Other classes with CR's are: 1935 Janet Ruenbeck, 1936 Volly (Norby) Grande, 1938 Stan Willis, 1940 Luella Toso Johnson, 1946 Isabel (Harstad) Watness, 1947 Gerald Lider, 1949 Luther Watness, 1953 Helen-Joanne (Enger) Olsen, 1956 Clarene (Osterli) Johnson and Ginny (Grabb) Haugen, 1961 Ron Lerch, 1966 Jack Oliver, 1969 Rose (Lanes) Steiner, 1972 Pamela (Weeks) Russell, 1979 David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

1933

Shirley (Hecht) Glassen died on Aug. 3. During World War II, Shirley taught at the American School in the Panama Canal Zone, where she met and married her husband, Col. Chester Glassen. They lived in New Canaan, Conn., and Overjise, Belgium. After her husband passed away, Shirley returned to New Canaan in 1978, where she devoted herself to charitable works. In 1993, she returned to the Northwest and settled in University Place. She is survived by her four sons, Richard, Paul, Tom, and Mark, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1948

CR: NORENE (SKILBREDL) GULHAUGEN

Wesley Hillman died on Dec. 17. After one year at PLU, Wesley volunteered to serve in the Navy in 1944 and earned battle stars for combat in the Philippines and Okinawa during World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946 and returned to PLU to earn a bachelors degree in education in 1948 and a master's degree in 1955. Wes was a teacher for 36 years, a member of Toastmaster's International, and enjoyed golfing, writing poetry and singing in his church choir. He is survived by his wife Lorraine; two sons, Gory and **Daniel '80**; three daughters, Vikki, Debbie and Karin; and seven grandchildren.

1950

CR: EDNA (HAGLUND) DOROTHY

Donald "Gene" Strandness died on Jan. 7. After PLU, Gene received his doctorate degree in 1954 from the University of Washington (UW), where he also did his medical residency. He was a well-known vascular surgeon and served as chairman of the Vascular Department at the UW. He was also known for his research in peripheral vascular disease and the use of noninvasive diagnostic techniques. Gene received many awards including an Honorary Doctorate degree from Lund University in Sweden, and the Distinguished Alumni award from both PLU and the UW. In his leisure time he enjoyed tennis, reading and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Central Park Tennis Club, Bellevue Athletic Club, and many medical associations. Gene is survived by his wife, **Edith (Olund '55)**; son, **Erik '81**; daughters, **Tracy Stierle '82**, **Jill Exner '88**, and Sandra; and nine grandchildren.

Robert Haglund died on Oct. 10. Before coming to PLU, Robert commanded an ambulance unit in Europe during World War II. After PLU, he was a teacher and administrator for the Franklin Pierce School District and retired after 30 years of service. He was also very active in community service and assistance to family and friends. Robert enjoyed carpentry, gardening and sport fishing. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Robert is survived by his wife, Irene; daughters, Ingrid and Kathryn; and son, Robert.

Delores (Wallen) Wivag died on July 27. Delores retired in 1989 after 30 years of teaching in the Seattle and Highline school districts. In retirement, she enjoyed gardening,

volunteering, crafts, traveling and her grandchildren. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, the Meridian Garden Club and Highline Retired Teachers. Delores is survived by her husband of 45 years, **Spencer**; son, **Erik**; daughter, **Sandra Bohman '81**; and two grandchildren.

Robert Crumbaugh died on Dec. 18. Before PLU, Robert served in the Navy during World War II aboard the USS Massachusetts. After PLU, he began his teaching career at Quilcene (Wash.) and Arlington (Wash.) High Schools. He also worked as a teacher and administrator at Everett (Wash.) High School and Everett Community College before retiring from a 38-year career in education. In retirement, Robert founded the EvCC Retiree Association and enjoyed serving as president for many years. Robert is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Beverly (Enger) '54**; two daughters, Jan and Sue; and four grandchildren.

1954

CR: IVER HAUGEN

Carl Lennard "Len" Nelson died on Dec. 19. After PLU, Len received his master's degree from Washington State University. He began teaching at Clover Park High School and then transferred to Lakes High School after it opened. He was also a golf coach. When Len retired he began working at PLU, contributing to the math department and community. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, **Suzanne (Skubinna '55)**, daughter, **Teri Gunsauls '89, '98**; sons, **Drew '81** and **Kurt '86, '95**; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1955

CR: PHYLLIS GRAHN CARROLL

Duane Thompson and Judith Miner were married on June 2 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Camdentan, Ma. Duane is a retired ELCA pastor, serving as interim pastor at Christ Lutheran Church in Stover, Mo. Judith is retired from IBM.

1957

CR: CAROL (BOTTEMILLER) GELDAKER AND HELEN (JORDANGER) NORDQUIST

Spencer Aust died on Oct. 16. After PLU, Spencer served in the Army as a cryptographer. After the Army, he lived in the San Francisco Bay area and worked in automobile sales and other business enterprises. Spencer enjoyed flying his own Bonanza airplane and was an avid sports car enthusiast. He was also an active member of Menlo Park Presbyterian Church where he served as deacon and was a dedicated member of the Chancel Choir. Spencer was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his sister, Renee.

1958

CR: DON CORNELL AND DAVID KNUTSON

James Berentson retired after 39 years in the ministry. He was most recently the senior pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Bremerton, Wash., where he served for 12 years.

Harold Bakken died on Aug. 19. Harold was a teacher for 34 years in Washington state schools at Highline, Seattle, Ritzville and Monroe. He was an active member of Peace Lutheran Church in Monroe, and the Monroe Lion's Club. Harold is survived by his wife of 42 years, **Lois (Erekvam) '58**; sons, David and Paul; three grandchildren; and brother, **Roger Bakken '61**. He was preceded in death by his son, Greg. Lois resides in Pullman, Wash.

1959

CR: ALVIN DUNGAN

Irene (Nilsen) Hultgren died on Nov. 15. Irene worked as a nurse at Tacoma General and Mary Bridge Hospitals for 20 years. While she was at Mary Bridge, she nursed a boy who had been badly injured. On her day off, a substitute nurse introduced herself and the patient said, "No! You're not my nurse!" After several assurances that she was, he said, "No, I want the nurse who works for God." Irene's husband, Ken, established the Irene Hultgren Scholarship Nursing Fund at PLU. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Gretchen Houck and Rebecca Ness; sons, Charles, Matthew and Ken Jr.; and eight grandchildren.

Allen Wahl retired in June from Norway Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wind Lake, Wis. He served six parishes over 38 years. Allen and his wife, Gretchen, moved to Madison where he is serving on interim ministry in Janesville, Wis. They have four grandchildren.

1960

Dennis Ross recently offered free coaching clinics to school coaches, teachers, parents, and volunteer coaches of youth programs in the Ontario, Ore., area. He is an experienced basketball coach and player, most recently at Treasure Valley (Ore.) Community College where he coached for eight years. When other coaches began asking for a few coaching pointers, Dennis decided to gather ideas from coaching lectures that he attended during his coaching days to create the clinics.

1962

CR: LEO ELIASON AND DIXIE MATTHAIS

Kent TeKrony retired after 32 years of flying with Western/Delta Airlines. He commuted for 10 years to Delta's Salt Lake City base where he retired flying the Boeing 767. Kent is living in San Carlos, Calif.



1963

CR: PAULA (HEYER) BILLINGS AND JUDY PERRY

John Stewart has a new position as vice president for academic affairs at the University of Dubuque, Iowa.

Richard Hagerty currently serves on the board of the Modesta (Calif.) Salvation Army, on the National Advisory Board of the Salvation Army and on the Board of Directors for Overseas Council International. He is also president and founder of

Medical Missions Philippines and chairman of the Stanislaus County FEMA board.

1964

CR: KATHY (TAYLOR) EDLUND

Robert Meade died on Oct. 21. Robert worked 35 years for the federal government at the Strategic Weapons Facility in Bangor, Wash., and the Naval Undersea Warfare Engineering Center in Keyport, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Lesley; two daughters, Wendy and Piper; and two grandchildren.

James Taylor died on Nov. 16. Jim was a teacher in the Puyallup School District for 33 years. He came to PLU in 1998 to teach freshman English as an adjunct faculty member. Jim loved literature and poetry and was a published poet. His community involvement included playing drums with local bands, working with Migrant Ministries and helping at the Puyallup Food Bank. He was also a member of the Puyallup United Methodist Church.

1965

CR: PEGGY OGDEN-HOWE

Fred Eaton retired from his position as CEO at Bannack Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho. He was in hospital administration for 35 years. He and his wife, Karen, live in Greenbank, Wash.

1968

CR: MICHAEL FORD

Gail Roen died on July 6. After PLU, Gail worked as a legislative assistant to the late Senator Milton Young in Washington D.C. She then returned to North Dakota to begin her study of consultative and depth psychology, earning a master's degree from the University of North Dakota (UND) and a Ph.D. from the Fielding Institute, Santa Barbara, Calif. She practiced psychology in North Dakota for 20 years, taught at UND, and ran its counseling center for several years. At the time of her death she was an adjunct professor at the UND School of Medicine. Gail continued her studies in Jungian psychology at the C.G. Jung Institutes in Houston, New York, and Zurich. She founded the Touch of Earth Educational Program, combining psychology, life, and the arts. She kept active as a singer, pianist, and bassoonist and was the lyricist for several musicals, including "Dakota Dream" and "The Empire Builder." Gail also had an interest in the psychology of pilots and their training and was active in the formation of the Pilot Training Program at the John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences at UND. Gail was preceded in death by her mother, Pearl Gilseth Roen; her brother, Dr. William Roen; and her son, Roen Hape Radiant Pearson. She is survived by her father, Leland Raen, and two nephews.

1970

CR: LOIS (WEHMANN) LACURAN

Rick Johnson recently completed the sixth edition of his book, "Flexible Benefits, A-How-To-Guide." First published in 1986 by the International Foundation of Employee

Benefit Plans, this book continues to be a best seller. He has also written three other books: "Flexible Benefits, What's Best For You," "Utilization Review, A-How-To-Guide," and "Strategic Human Resource Planning." Rick and his wife, Claudia, will finish a book this year about total compensation.

1971

CR: JOSEPH HUSTAD JR

Ronald Larson '71, '77, has a new position as president of Jericho National Golf Club in New Hope, Pa. He and his wife, **Linda (Boschart '73)**, announce the birth of their grandson, Jardon Abraham, on May 10.

Sheryl Nelson retired from 30 years of teaching in June 2001. She was at Beacon School in Montesano, Wash., the last 26 years.

Kenneth Doggett is the vice president of news-talk and sports programming at Citadel Communications Corporation in Bend, Ore., where he programs 33 radio stations nationally. Kenneth and his wife, Karen, live on a golf course near Bend and enjoy fishing, hiking and biking.

1973

CR: NIKKI MARTIN

Abdullah El-Kuwaiz received the 2001 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arab Bankers Association of North America (ABANA). This award is ABANA's highest honor and is conferred annually upon business and finance leaders whose outstanding achievements have made important contributions to the Arab world and to US-Arab business and finance. Abdullah is currently the executive director of Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

1974

CR: DAVE JOHNSON

Virginia (Shove) Lewis received a 2001 Nursing Excellence Award for clinical care from NurseWeek magazine. Virginia is a nurse practitioner in the Diabetes Care Center at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle.

Leo Keenan has a new position as athletic director at Eatonville (Wash.) High School. He was previously at Fife (Wash.) High School where he completed his administrative internship and coached football, basketball and the boys and girls track teams.

Tom Heavey was called to active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) after the events of Sept. 11. A USCG reservist for 18 years, Tom is the senior yeoman in a joint Navy-Coast Guard harbor defense command unit. In late November, Tom was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal for his leadership and work preparing and completing the call to active duty of his reserve unit.

Pamela (Fry) Strong and her youngest son, Andrew, moved from their hobby farm into town (Billings, Mont.). Andrew then left for college in the fall and Pamela is taking two classes at her church's Bible institute.

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1975

CR: ED VOIE

Terry Teigen began his new position as Pastor at Admiral United Church of Christ in West Seattle in December. He was previously at Normandy Park (Wash.) United Church of Christ. His wife, **Martha (Simpson '75)**, is a teacher/specialist for the Highline School District in Burien, Wash.

Virginia Witt Abbott and her husband, Albert, have moved back to the Northwest with their two children, Anikka and Turi. They look forward to reconnecting with old friends and associates.

Mike Stork is a first-grade teacher at Artondale Elementary School in Gig Harbor, Wash. He was chosen for the summer 2001 research trip aboard the NOAA ship, Townsend Cromwell. With eight other scientists, he sailed for seven days from Honolulu to the swordfish grounds off the coast of Kona, Hawaii. They studied the migratory habits of billfish. Mike's daughter, Rachel, will graduate from PLU in May with a degree in education.

1976

CR: GARY POWELL

Rick and Valerie (Andersen) Wigen relocated to the South Shore area of Massachusetts. They are enjoying their time exploring New England. Rick is the merchandising manager for Tweeter, Inc.

Janet (Olson) Paetel joined Benton (Wash.) PUD as the manager of accounting in September. She was previously the finance manager for the City of Kennewick, Wash., for 17 years. Janet and her daughter, Brittany, 10, live in Kennewick.

Craig Fouhy was promoted in September to main sports anchor and sports director at ABC-TV in Phoenix. He was previously the morning news anchor. His son, John, is applying to PLU for fall 2002. John is a scholar athlete finalist for the Western Washington National Football Foundation award. He is first in his class and the football team captain at Bothell (Wash.) High School.

1977

CR: LEIGH ERIE AND JOAN (NELSON) MATTICH

Judy Carlson Hulbert recently directed a play at First Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Judy also wrote the play.

Ellen Worlund has been a clinical pharmacy specialist in the pediatrics and newborn intensive care unit at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis for five years. She earned board certification from the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties in the areas of pharmacotherapy and nutrition support pharmacy.

Cory Heins joined World Concern's relief project in Afghanistan in December. He was the Afghan distribution coordinator, responsible for providing logistical support and assisting in the distribution of food and emergency supplies in the northeastern provinces of Takhar and Badakshan. One of the first projects he coordinated was the distribution of 5,000 pairs of children's boots and shoes to boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 14. Cory's involvement with international relief and development began when he traveled to Cambodia in the early '90s. Over eight years, he funded and participated in the construction of 172 wells, providing clean drinking water to thousands of Cambodian families. He also recently completed building a six-room elementary school in the Cambodian province of Svay Rieng.

1978

CR: DAVID DAHL

Kent Olson participated in the search and rescue effort after the collapse of the World Trade Towers in New York City. He and his dog, Thunder, are volunteers for the Puget Sound FEMA team. Kent is a forensic therapist at Western State Hospital. He and his wife, Barb, live in Lakewood, Wash.

Darcy (Berube) Johnson is a principal at EverTrust Asset Management, a new subsidiary of EverTrust Financial Group in Seattle.

1980

CR: DREW NELSON

Glen Dunham and his wife, Gloria, announce the adoption of Selena Keziah, 6, and Daniel Kaleb, 4, in August. They join Kari, 18, Erik, 16, Isak, 13, and Joshua, 10. Glen is a research scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash. Gloria is a mental health counselor for the deaf.

Tom Hansen is the regional director for Alaska Young Life.

Christina (Remington) Gordon died on Oct. 16. After PLU, Christina earned a master's degree in secondary administration from Western Washington University in Bellingham. She married Martin Gordon in 1983, and they settled in Mount Vernon, Wash., where she taught school. She enjoyed gardening and reading and was a member of Valley Friends Church. Christina is survived by her husband; daughter, Meagan; and son, Jeremy.

Jackilyn Kemmish has owned and operated an adult family home for the past 2-1/2 years. She previously worked in surgery, including open-heart surgery, for three years.

Sandra Walker Warde is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force. She assumed command of the 253rd Combat Communications Group at Otis Air National Guard Base in Cape Cod, Mass., in October.

1981

CR: DREW NELSON

Mark Tengesdal is assistant professor of finance at Texas Woman's University in Denton.

Bret Burkholder and his wife announce their adoption of Emma Li, on Aug. 15. She was born in China on August 30, 2000. Emma joins son Ryan, 11.

1982

CR: PAUL COLLARD

Linda (Tingelstad-Carlson) Davis was asked to help develop and form an art commission for the City of Blaine, Minn. She is also instrumental in organizing a suburban city art commission where all smaller cities around the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro region can share ideas and information. Recently her art was featured on the front page of the newspaper, Blaine/Spring Lake Park Life. Linda's art hangs in private collections in California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, New Mexico, Minnesota and New Zealand.

1983

CR: DAVID OLSON

Kenneth Colburn died on Oct. 13. Kenneth worked as an independent commercial real estate agent. He was also an avid cyclist, mountaineer, skier, fisherman, golfer, runner, pilot and scuba diver. He was an active member of his community, serving as a school board member for the Fife (Wash.) School District since November 1999, and on the city parks and recreation advisory board since November 1994. He is

survived by his wife, Karen, and two daughters, Alicia and Jessica.

1984

CR: MARK A. CHRISTOFFERSON

Linda (Salter) Sommer and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of Tina Rachael, on July 2.

Sylvia Olson and Jeff Lorraine were married on Oct. 5 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. **Susan (Olson) Henning '89, Kathy Upton '85, Linda (Salter) Sommer '84, and Ann (Baughman) Amble '83** were involved in the wedding ceremony. Sylvia met Jeff at their 20th high school reunion and moved back to Seattle after 13 years in the Los Angeles area. Sylvia is a teacher in the Mukiteo School District and Jeff works in construction.

1985

CR: JANET (OLDEN) REGGE

Kathleen Martin works at the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts in addition to teaching for Tacoma Public Schools. She is also in a writers group at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore, hoping to get her book about Saudi Arabia published. Her other interests include the Sons of the Desert (Way out West) in Seattle. Kathleen's great-uncle Bob McGowan was a former director of the group.

Jeff '85, '92 and Lindsay (Nicol) '92 Elston announce the birth of their son, Gard, on May 26, 1999.

Kevin Morrow and his wife, DeAnna, announce the birth of Jaiden, on Aug. 28. She joins Kenny, 11, Mariko, 10, and Kimiko, 9.

Jennifer (Shoup) McFall and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Kelsey Elizabeth, on Oct. 6. She joins Katherine Grace, 3. Jennifer is a fourth grade teacher in the Marysville (Wash.) School District.

1986

CR: BRIAN DOHE

Michael Swan and his wife, Rebecca, announce the birth of their son, Noah, on Aug. 16. Michael is an obstetrician & gynecologist and Rebecca is a pediatrician.

Jann (Barber) McCann received a 2001 Nursing Excellence Award for teaching from NurseWeek magazine. Jann is a critical care staff nurse for Franciscan Health System at St. Clare Hospital in Tacoma. She also teaches in the hospital's advanced cardiac life-support classes, and is a mentor and liaison for the hospital's regional education department.

Karen (Kelly) Green died on Oct. 30. Karen was a nurse in intensive care neonatal pediatrics at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma for 15 years and in 1998 she received her master's degree. Karen is survived by her three sons, Scott Christopherson, Dennis Green Jr., and Patrick Green.

Jeff Cornell is in his 10th year of teaching in Saudi Arabia for the Saudi Aramco Schools. He and his wife, Maria, have two children, Alex, 10, and Tess, 8. When school is out they all enjoy camping in the desert.

Lynnette Shaw and Brian Hynden were married on Dec. 29 at Peace Lutheran Church in Puyallup. Lynnette is a supervisor and Brian is a program manager, both at the Washington State Department of Health Services in Ellensburg, Wash.

1987

CR: DARREN HAMBY



David Rogelstad and Suzanne Mannier were married on Aug. 20, on the shores

of Lake Tahoe. David is a pilot for United Airlines in San Francisco.

Steve and Shannon (Ryan) Mayer announce the birth of Haley Ryan, on Jan. 11, 2001. She joins Jordyn, 2. Steve is assistant professor of chemistry at Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, Pa.

Lisa (Olson) Riley and her husband, Robert, have moved from Charlotte, N.C., to Randolph, N.J. Lisa is still employed by the ocean carrier, Maersk Sealand, and works in the yield management department.

Runnoe Connally went on his fourth Loy church mission trip in November. He helped to rebuild orphanage facilities in Santiago, Chile.

Karstin (Weik) Kliever and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Kayna Helene, on Aug. 22. Karstin is a teacher and Matt is a machinist at Boeing.

Jennifer (Crill) Fox and her husband, Colin, have three children. The godparents are **Tim '91 and Kelley '92 (Reed) Borsheim, Mike Lindaas '90, '00, and David LeWarre '91.**

Jim and Lori (Massuco '89) Johnson moved to Spokane in February 2001, where Jim is the lead pastor at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Their fourth child, Annika Helene, was born in July. She joins Luke, 6, Peter, 4, and Micah, 2. Lori stays busy at home with the kids.

Kimberly (Anderson) LoBorde announces the birth of Nathan, on Nov. 5. He joins Haleigh, 4, and Alex 1. Kimberly is a teacher in the Renton (Wash.) School District.

Pete Vanderwarker accepted a position as a corporate attorney for Sprint Communications at their world headquarters in Overland Park, Kan.

1988

CR: KRISTINA PFEIL AND SHERITH (LUNDRING) SQUIRES

Carrie (Cowles) Dougan and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Emma Marie, on Oct. 8. She joins Sara Ann, 4, and Katie Lynn, 1. Carrie is a fourth-grade teacher in the Meridian School District and Mike is a sales representative at Diehl Ford, both in Bellingham, Wash.

Gisella Jai Tuttle and her partner, Glorianna, moved to Moses Lake, Wash., where Gisella is a veterinarian at Broadway Animal Hospital.

Barbara (Benevento) Eisner and her husband, Jonathon, announce the birth of Everett Daniel, on Oct. 25.

Gabriele (Griffin) Lewis is a treatment coordinator at Gateways for Youth and Families in Tacoma. Her husband, Johnny, is a chemical dependency professional.

Yunus Yusoff is vice president of credit management at Affin Bank Berhad in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

1989

CR: USA (HUSSEY) FERRARO

Jody Foslien and Troy Kunkel were married on May 11, 2001 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle.

Stefanie Storholt received a master's degree in literacy education from PLU in August. She is a first-grade teacher in the Fife (Wash.) School District.

Alan Rogstad is the executive director of Lutherwood Camp and Retreat Center in Bellingham, Wash.

Lori (Rasmussen) Nehls and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Brady Daniel, on Sept. 2.

Eirik (Nilsen) Fausa has a new position as senior vice president of worldwide underwriting at GARD Services, Inc., in Norway. GARD is the largest marine insurance company in the world.



Kevin and Sonja (Fossum '90) Dahl announce their adoption of Jessica René. She was born on July 12. Jessica joins Eric, 4. Kevin is a junior high teacher and coach in the Puyallup School District and Sonja is a registered nurse in the Family Birth Center at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup.

1990

CR: ANGELA VAHSHOLTZ-ANDERSON AND SEAN NEELY



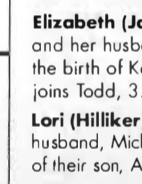
David and Kristin (Ford '92) Martinson announce the birth of Lily Kathrin, on June 11. David is the manager at Axiom Electronics and Kristin is taking a

year off from teaching. **Kim (Fischer) Andersen** and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Lauren Marie, on July 30.

Liza Vemo-Straume and her husband, Arvid, announce the birth of Elli Kirsten, on Sept. 7. She joins Anders, 7, and Ingrid, 5.

Peter Ostenson and his wife, Wendy, announce the birth of Audrey Willa, on March 17, 2001.

Angela (Clites) Considine and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of twin girls, Cassidy Mary and Nicole Mary, on Oct. 5.



Elizabeth (Jacobson) Kammers and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Katelyn, on Dec. 20. She joins Todd, 3.

Lori (Hilliker) Coulson and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Aidan, on Nov. 14.

1991

CR: ROXIE GIDDINGS

Kuuva Kongeli was incorrectly reported in the fall 2001 edition of Scene to be the head of Namibia Forensic Lab. She is currently a central forensic analyst, and supervisor of the biology section.

David "Beek" Hanson and his partner, Chad, celebrated their wedding on Aug. 4, at Central Lutheran Church in Seattle.

Dave and Chelle (Killian '92) Stearns moved to Scotland where Chelle is in the systematic theology Ph.D. program at St. Andrew's University. Dave is learning to play the bagpipes. dsmis@hotmail.com

Jill Felgenhauer and **Dave Williamson** were married on June 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Spokane, Wash. Jill is a speech language pathologist in the Richland (Wash.) School District and Dave is a nuclear chemical operator at Hanford.

Eric Cultum is the new principal at Kellogg Marsh Elementary School in Marysville, Wash. He was previously at Anasazi Elementary School in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Meredith (Markusen) Mateer and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of Faith Elizabeth, on Aug. 26. Meredith is a homemaker and Kevin is a U.S. Army chaplain.

Jennifer Meyer Brown and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Soren, on Sept. 20. He joins two sisters, Makenna, 4, and Rachel, 2.

Suzanne (Hougham) Martin and her husband, Timothy, announce the birth of Joshua Karl, on Jan. 5, 2001. His brother, Nicholas Scott, is 5.

Bryan and Minta (Norton '88) Wulf announce the birth of Tripper, on July 6. He joins PJ, 20, Gordy, 18, and Carling, 15.

Rick and Marla (Swanson '89) Evans

announce their adoption of Samuel, 10, and Parker, 4, in March 2001. They have eight children. Rick is a psychiatry specialty manager at Wyeth Labs.



Robert and Kristi (Stevens) Rice announce the birth of Nicholas, on Aug. 18. He joins Alex, 2. Rob is a second year physical therapy student at Eastern Washington University and Kristi is a pediatrician in Spokane.

1992

Karen (Deveney) Fruehauf and her husband, Dale, announce the birth of their son, Joseph, on June 21.

Laurie (Brooks) Los announces the birth of her son, Brian, on Aug. 17.

Kate Roew-Maloret and her husband, Peter, adopted their son, Tristan, on Aug. 24, 1999, when he was only 12-hours old. Kate is the director of client services at Ferry County Community Services in Republic, Wash.

Beth Nierman has a new position as a physical therapist at Cashmere (Wash.) Physical Therapy. She completed her physical therapy degree at the University of Washington in 1994.

Randy Kramer is the new principal at Tenino (Wash.) Middle School. He was previously the vice-principal at Elma (Wash.) High School.

Michael Isensee and Jana Schafeld were married on June 16 at Holden Village, Chelan, Wash. Jana is the college and youth adult ministry pastor at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo, Calif. Michael will pursue organic farming or work on environmental issues.

Michelle Jackson and Luke Hammons were married on Aug. 4 in Chelan, Wash. Michelle is a teacher in the Mukilteo (Wash.) School District and Luke works at United Parcel Service.

Kimberly (Catlin) Redmon and her husband, Terry, announce the birth of Naele Frances, on Dec. 5. She joins Hayley, Hannah, and Malia.

1993

CR: KARI ANDERSON

Jeff and Susan (Haniger '96) Fritz announce the birth of Emma Rose, on Aug. 23. She joins Jacob Alexander, 3. Jeff is a territory representative for Wyeth Ayerst Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company, and Susan is a home-maker.

Nicole (Fernald) Hatch and her husband, Kurt, have returned for a second year of teaching at an international school in Shanghai, China.

Kari (Walker) McCauley served six years in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps as an officer and labor and delivery nurse. She was stationed in Puerto Rico and Pensacola, Fla. She was released from active duty in 1999. Kari and her husband, Brandon, were married in 1998. After living in Jacksonville, Fla., they now live on Whidbey Island.

Maria (Palacios) Iglesias and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Trinity Marie, on April 10, 2001. Maria quit her job at Weyerhaeuser to become a full time mom and homemaker.



Dan and Jennifer (Kreger) Nickel announce the birth of Margaret "Maggie" Jane, on Oct. 29. Dan received a masters of environmental science degree from the University of Washington in September 2000. He

is an environmental engineer at The Watershed Company in Kirkland, Wash.

Masahiro Mori is a part-time student at Kobe (Japan) YMCA language school.

Todd and Kimberli (Nicholas '97) Sandberg moved to Spokane in June. Todd accepted an athletic training position at Whitworth College and Kimberli is working at Sacred Heart Hospital in the CICU.

Mark Mulder and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Jana Renae, on Nov. 15.



Stacie (Catterall) Krabill and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of Anna Olivia, on Oct. 29. She joins Ellie, 4.

Jennifer (Graham) Hampton and her husband, David, announce the birth of Ethan Thomas, on June 22. Jennifer resigned her portfolio management position at Atlanta Capital to be a stay-at-home mom.



Joni (Roback) Pfeiffer and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of their son, Caden James, on Feb. 6, 2001. The family recently moved to Minnesota where Jason is an attorney with Robins, Kaplan, Miller & Ciresi. Jani enjoys staying home with Cade, planning their new home and being back near her family.

1994

CR: DAN LYSNE AND CATHERINE OVERLAND

Robin Phillips and Brian White were married on Aug. 25, in Bellevue, Wash. Robin is a technical writer at IDX, a healthcare systems company and Brian is a network systems consultant.

Vern and Shelly (Lowney) Mills announce the birth of Alex Christian, on July 9. He joins Jacob Bryan, 1. Vern is a special education teacher, athletic director and football coach in the Clover Park School District in Tacoma. Shelly is a stay-at-home mom.

Kiersten (Kelpman) Bonica and her husband, Mihai, spent five weeks last summer in Romania visiting Mihai's family and leading a construction team from their church, Life Center, in Tacoma. The team helped build Agape Christian Education Center, Romania, a training center for pastors. In September, Kiersten and Mihai started Bountiful Blessings Elder Care, an adult family home. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Matthew Mihelich is the new principal at Lyman Elementary School in Sedro-Waolley, Wash. He received his master's degree and principal credentials from Western Washington University in December 2000.

Petteri and Mia (Seppanen '93) Maki announce the birth of Joel, on Aug. 1. Petteri was promoted to managing director at Computer Associates Finland on April 1, 2001.

Cheryl Graf received a 2001 Nursing Excellence Award for community service from NurseWeek magazine. Cheryl is a nurse practitioner and the clinical director of the sexual assault nurse examiner program at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton, Wash.

Louann Sears-Bean received the 2001 Nursing Excellence Award for leadership from Nurse Week magazine. Louann is the director of registration services and patient support services at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton, Wash.

David Patterson has a new position as personal trainer at the Frank Russell Co., in Tacoma. He assists associates in their quest for fitness. David is also the owner and lead trainer of Personal Training Systems, where he trains local athletes. David also does public speaking on fitness and health.

Krista Kubicek and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Paige Allison, on Aug. 4.



Chris Albrecht recently founded his own online movie magazine. www.cineminit.com

Benjamin and Kimberli (Liefeld '93) Moore announce the birth of Emily, on Nov. 12.

Aaron ('94, '98) and Rachel (Firman '95) Hubler announce the birth of Cassandra Rose, on Sept. 4.

1995

CR: ERIN (KOSTER) FULLER AND MARIT (RASMUSSEN) NIERMAN

Krista Anderson and Andrew Dirkman were married on Aug. 19, 2000 in Issaquah, Wash. **Kim Griffin Esperon '94, Stefanie Mattie Heinen '95, and Heidi McGuire Bethel '95** were in the wedding. Krista received a master's degree in biological sciences from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, in December 2000, and is an account manager at Roche Diagnostics. Andrew is a MBA student.

Julianne Pagel and Antan Bagaty were married on May 6 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bothell, Wash. After PLU, Julianne earned a master's of science degree in technical communication from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. She is a community liaison for the Seattle School District and Antan is a director of animation for Tooned In, Inc.



Kim (Lindekugel) Carty and her husband, Matt, purchased their first home in June. They live in Forest Grove, Ore.

Kellie Schacher and Darren McCarty were married on June 30 in Salem, Ore. Kellie is the drama director and teacher at Centennial High School in Gresham, Ore., and Darren is the stores supervisor at Horizon Airlines. They have purchased a home in Gresham.

Nathan Aune moved back to Denmark to be with his fiancée, Trive. He began a new position as CIO of Learning Lab in January. He previously worked as a freelance musician and web programmer in New York City.

Skyler Cobb and Kim Patman were married on June 30 in Boise, Idaho. Skyler is a real estate consultant and Kim is an accountant.

Tamara (Karman) Finch earned a national teacher certification in 2001. She is a fifth-grade teacher in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Carol Tobian has a new position in public affairs and as the I.S.O. advocate at TransEnergie U.S. Ltd., an electric merchant transmission developer located in the U.S. and Australia.

Gregory Freitag and Laurie O'Neill were married in October. Gregory will receive his medical doctorate from United States Uniformed Services University in May. He will also be promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Andrew and Jennie (Lee) Hershey announce the birth of Alyssa May, on July 5. Jennie received a master's degree in education from the University of Washington and Andrew received a

**Famous horns find a home**

In 1898, attempting to eliminate the debt plaguing the university, PLU's first president Bjug Harstad and Otis Larson left for Alaska to search for gold. They spent one and a half years living in tents in subzero weather, dragging 3,000 pounds of gear by sleigh and traveling in a handmade boat through lakes and streams looking for gold to help secure PLU's future. However, no gold was found.



The only legacy of the Alaska trip is a rack of moose horns given to President Harstad by a Dr. Lee of La Crosse, Wis., who shot the moose near the Klondike River. The moose horns have a spread of over 5 feet with 14 points. After many years in the university archives, the horns now hang above the fireplace in the Nesvig Alumni Center. We invite you to stop by and see this amazing piece of PLU history.

M.S.P.E. with a sports administration specialization from Seattle Pacific University, both in June.

Ann (Gullickson) Weese and her husband, Roger, announce the birth of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn, on Dec. 16.

1996

CR: STEVE AND KIM (NADON) LEIFSEN

Andrew Nierman and Tishangela Giesbrecht were married on July 1 at Lakeside Gardens in Portland, Ore. **Doug '95 and Marit (Rasmussen '95) Nierman, Beth Nierman '92 and Tory Schmidt '92, Taj '96 and Andreo (Smedes '96) Giesbrecht, Jon Olson '96, and Matt Chase '96** were in the wedding. The bride and groom honeymooned in Hawaii and are living in Ann Arbor, Mich. Andrew also recently won \$25,000 from TapCoder Collegiate Challenge, a computer programming competition, in June. The competition was open to college students in the U.S. and Canada.

Kelly Davis and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of Patricia (Patty) Irene, on Nov. 10.

Diane Sklow is an attorney for the Associated Counsel for the Accused in Seattle. She received her law degree from Seattle University School of Law in May 1999.

Melanie Wright and Ryoma Ohi were married on July 28 in Spokane. Melanie is a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard Medical School. Ryoma is a research fellow.

Ellie Yun Jiang and Jeff Miller were married on June 30 at the Washington State Park Arboretum. Ellie is a marketing analyst for Boeing Commercial Airplanes and Jeff is a pilot for Northwest Airlines.

Brett and Wendy (Howard) Talbert announce the birth of Jessamyn Joan, on Nov. 20.

Colin Arnold is in the Master's in Education degree program at Portland State (Ore.) University. He is also a teaching assistant in the Beaverton School District. Colin and his wife, Ellen, celebrated their first year of marriage in August.

1997

CR: ANDREW AND STEPHANIE (MERLE) TOMLINSON

Brian Carion was assigned to the USS Carl Vinson CVN-70, homeported in Bremerton, Wash. He is the critical care nurse for 5000 officers and enlisted men. His two-year duty began in November.

Michael Gintz and Anne Novotney, were married on Nov. 25, 2000 at Marine View Presbyterian Church in Tacoma. **Ryan Alexander '98, Jason Laukaitis '97, and Monica (Ricarte) Hurley '94, '99,** were in the wedding ceremony. Michael is a CPA at Brantley, Janson, Yost, and

Ellison in Federal Way, Wash. Anne is the associate director for the Annual Fund and Q Club at PLU. They live in Tacoma.

Tracey Sund received her law degree from the New England School of Law in May 2001. She graduated cum laude and also received the school's service award. In July, she passed the Massachusetts bar exam and was sworn in as an attorney in January. Tracey is now a law clerk for the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court.

Susan (Jacot) Butler received her registered nurse license in July and is working as a registered nurse in orthopedics at Community Hospital of the Monterey (Calif.) Peninsula. Her husband, Bryce, is working on his master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Cherie Noble and **Mary Niemela '98** opened their new business, Independent Specialty Nurses (ISN), in June. ISN, a nursing agency that provides healthcare staff to Western Washington hospitals, is in Auburn, Wash.

Tamara (Spencer) Brester received a M.S. degree in curriculum instruction from Portland (Ore.) State University in June. She is a third-grade teacher in the West Linn/Wilsonville, Ore., area.

Heidi Hamilton and Michael Wasem were married on Sept. 15 at Lake Quinalt (Wash.) Lodge.

Heather N. (Harris '98) Comer was the maid of honor. Heidi is a technical support manager and Michael is a public relations account manager. The couple honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.

Sarah Werner and Timothy Bostelle were married on April 16, 2001 at the Tacoma Municipal Building. They also had a ceremony and reception on Aug. 18 at Bostwick's in McKenna, Wash. Sarah is a professional/technical adviser at Pierce College in Puyallup. She is currently in the Master's in Social Work program at the University of Washington, Tacoma. Timothy is a computer support analyst.

Phillip Johannessen completed a M.P.T. degree in Eastern Washington University physical therapy program. He is working in Spokane at a skilled nursing facility.

Heide Helgeson and Mark Cassidy were married on Oct. 6 at Ballard First Lutheran Church in Seattle.

Anna Marie Harris '97 was a bridesmaid and Nancy Connor, PLU campus pastor, officiated. Heide is a project manager at Accenture and Mark is a commodity manager at PACCAR.

Karen Rod and Scott Hanseth were married on Aug. 11 in Silvana, Wash. Karen is a first-grade teacher in the Stanwood (Wash.) School District and Scott works for Hughes Farms.

Jason and Shari (Sinnes '96) Carrell announce the birth of Jacob Dean, on Oct. 26. Jason is a math teacher and coach and Shari is a fifth grade teacher, both in the Bethel School District in Spanaway.



Jason Laukaitis and Darcy Shives were married on May 19 in West Linn, Ore. **Michael Gintz '96**, **Morten Evensen '98**, and **Sarah Brookshire '99** were in the wedding. Jason is a corporate paralegal for Venture Law Group and Sarah is the manager of corporate sales at the Sarrenta Hotel in Seattle.

1998

CR: SHANNON HERLOCKER AND NATE SEARS

Erika Thompson and Christian Anderson were married on Sept. 1, in Newberg, Ore. Erika is the network supervisor at Unionbay in Kent, Wash., and Christian is a technical analyst.

Sarah Roemer and Carlos de la Torre were married on Aug. 18, in San Antonio. **Lewissa Swanson '98**, **Kate Moehring '98**, and **Stephanie Lund '94** participated in the wedding. Sarah is a student at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and is currently serving as an intern at the San Antonio Peace Center and Spirit of Life Lutheran worshiping community.

Christina Sarrensen accepted a teaching position in the Kalispell (Mont.) School District and moved to Whitefish in August. Living 15 minutes from the top of Big Mountain Ski Resort, her first order of business was to buy a season pass. Christina welcomes friends to come visit.

Matt Torfin was recently promoted to manager of air freight at Alaska Airlines in Anchorage.

Brett Wallen received a doctorate of dental surgery degree from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco on June 17, 2001. He is now in the Advanced Clinical Experience program at University of the Pacific's Union City Dental Care Center.

Tuan Nguyen and Sarah Ofner '99 were recently married. They live in Portland, Ore., where Sarah is attending dental school at Oregon Health Sciences University and Tuan is a staffing consultant at Mentor Graphics.

Aaron Lafferty has a new position as weekend supervising producer at WOOD-TV in Grand Rapids, Mich. He was previously at KGW-TV in Portland, Ore.

Carolyn Benard is in her second year as a supervisor for an AmeriCorps team after completing a year of service as a member. She served as a coordinator for a senior nutrition program at a local Community Action Council in 1999-2000. She now coordinates 21, 18-to-25-year-olds. Her responsibilities include recruiting, training, and mentoring the members, building and maintaining partnerships with local social service agencies, and helping to coordinate community service projects.

Mary Niemela and Cherie Noble '97 opened their new business, Independent Specialty Nurses (ISN), in June. ISN, a nursing agency that provides healthcare staff to Western Washington hospitals, is in Auburn, Wash.

Kaia Benson works at the International Research Exchanges Board in Washington, D.C. She administers programs that bring scholars and professionals, from the former Soviet regions, to the United States to conduct research. Previously she was an English teacher with the U.S. Peace Corps in the Republic of Uzbekistan for two years.

1999

CR: KARLENE MILES AND JULIE JOHNSTON

Genevieve Shook and Ben McGrann '01 were married on July 14, in McKenna, Wash. **Christine Faldet '99**, **Heather Magoon '99**, and **Elissa Dornan '95** were in the wedding ceremony. Genevieve is a registered nurse at Madigan Army Medical Center. Ben graduated in December with a degree in business and finance. They live in McKenna.

Cindy Baller is the program manager at Washington Women's Employment in Kent, Wash.

Kimberly and Daniel Paterno announce the birth of Jhenavye, on July 23. Kim is the Safe School Zone specialist for Safe Streets, Tacoma, and Dan is a child and family therapist for Greater Lakes Mental Health in Lakewood.



Nikki Schneider and Garrett Fisher were married on June 16 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tacoma. **Cori Kenney '99** was the maid of honor. Nikki is attending law school in Boston and Garrett is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Natasha (Vantramp) Morrison works for KYMA, the NBC affiliate in Yuma, Ariz. She anchors the 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. newscasts, is a reporter in her spare time and continues to pursue a career in entertainment. Her husband, Todd, is a firefighter. They celebrated their one-year anniversary in October.

Matthew and Heather (Bryant) Nelson live in Olympia. Heather is a graduate student and Matthew is an engineer at Siemens.

Dove Lester was a graphic/web designer for two years at a sports company in Seattle before he left to open LesterStudio Creative, a freelance design business. He recently accepted a director position

related to the company he worked for in Seattle and now lives in Nashville, Tenn.

Aaron and Amy (Pardini) Sonnichsen are living in Asia where Aaron is teaching high school and Amy is teaching English as a second language part time and working in an orphanage. This is a two-year commitment.

Jody Burfoot and Mark Stewart were married on Aug. 4 in Port Angeles, Wash. **Eve Otten '99** and **Melissa Ross '99** were in the wedding ceremony. Jody and Mark are small business developers for PLB Enterprises, Inc. They live in Seattle.

Melissa Bakos and Christopher Maciejewski were married on July 28 in Tualatin, Ore. Melissa is an advertising account coordinator for TMP Worldwide and Christopher is an engineer for DKS Associates, both in Portland, Ore.

Kelle Rose is in the Master's in Social Work degree program at St. Louis (Mo.) University. She is focusing on community development and international social work.

Heidi Johnson and Zachary Hiott were married on Aug. 18 in Big Lake, Wash. **Leif Johnson '02**, **Kyann (Johnson) Dejong '95**, **Melanie Norris**, **Andrew Finstuen '99**, **David Krueger '99**, **Natty Gregorcwiz '99**, **Crystal Eide**, and **Peter Finstuen '98** participated in the wedding ceremony. Heidi is a teacher at Warner Avenue Elementary School in Las Angeles and Zachary is a field service engineer at Applied Biosystems.



Jennifer Wilson is an account executive at Titan Systems Corporation in San Diego.

2000

CR: ASHLEY ORR

Michele Hulbert and Michael Pedee were married on June 16 at United Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Michele is the children, youth and family director at United Lutheran Church.

Nicole Pedersen was promoted to assistant account executive at the Susan Magrino Agency in New York City. She is doing branding and publicity for Frederic Fekkai, Harper's Bazaar magazine, Laura Mercier Cosmetics and Avan Salon Spa. She lives with **Marjie Sackett '00** on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Erik Denmark is a procurement agent at Boeing in Auburn, Wash.

Brooke Mattox began working for the Washington Education Association in March 2001. She works in the communications department at their headquarters in Federal Way, Wash.

Sarah Stouffer received a M.A. degree from the University of Chicago in June.

Onara Lien is in her second year of the Ph.D. program in the Department of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University. She is working as a graduate research assistant with the Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies in the School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins and is a member of a research team conducting fieldwork in New York City. The project is documenting the ongoing volunteer participation in the emergency response and recovery efforts in the aftermath of the World Trade Center attacks. The research will aid in developing policy guidelines for emergency responders in the public health and medical communities. Onara has started training as a disaster relief volunteer with the American Red Cross.

That's Incredible! Alum makes Essence magazine's prestigious list

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88



Judy Ann Loveless-Morris

When Essence magazine went looking for incredible college women, they found students from Yale, Stanford, Julliard—and PLU.

One of the magazine's 10 Incredible College Women is Judy Ann Loveless-Morris '01, who was recognized for her efforts to better the lives of others. Judges chose 10 women from hundreds of applications who most embodied the spirit of academic excellence, community involvement and personal growth. She was featured in Essence's November issue after being chosen from hundreds of applications.

"It was such a blessing for me," said Loveless-Morris. "I got to be considered incredible."

She applied at the urging of others—including her PLU professors—but she didn't hear anything by the time the winners were to be announced. Then her dad mentioned that a "telemarketer" had called his house looking for her claiming she had won something. She called back, finally getting past the recorded message and was told the next day she would be featured in the magazine and receive a free trip to New York City.

"It has been a lifelong dream of mine to go to New York," Loveless-Morris said.

There, the winners were "treated like queens," taken on a shopping spree and photo shoot and introduced to celebrities like singer Alicia Keys.

Loveless-Morris went to Pierce College, and she and her husband had a son, Malachai, now 3, while students there.

She transferred to PLU and completed her degree in sociology.

As a married and working mother, she didn't fit the role of a traditional PLU student. But Loveless-Morris believes she found a place at PLU.

"My professors made me feel like I belonged," she said. "They encouraged me and set aside time for me."

While at PLU, Loveless-Morris worked full-time and volunteered, on top of raising Malachai and excelling in school. As an intern at the Tacoma Public Health Department, she was instrumental in starting a Community Room that offers services ranging from immunizations to English as a second language classes. She saw the need, enlisted the help of others and found a way to fill it.

Loveless-Morris, now single, works at the Auburn (Wash.) Headstart program as a family support specialist, providing resources and training for parents of children in the low-income preschool program. She plans to put her degree and training to good use in ways that benefit society.

"I have always been for community empowerment and social justice," she said.

Being recognized for that was rewarding, she said, but most important was that it reinforced her belief that people should always take a chance and reach for what they want.

"Some people wonder why I got picked, and I'm comfortable with that because I wonder why I got picked too," she said. "I really encourage people to go out for anything, because I never in a million years thought I'd get this."

Gretchen Voge spent the last year working at the National Institutes of Health in Rockville, Md. She is now a student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

Therese (Affholter) Notion and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of their first child, Joshua, on Oct. 25. Therese is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma.

Kerri Nelson and Aaron Gentile '98 were married on Aug. 4, 2000. **Danielle Hodge '00, Mary Beth Leeper '00, Nikki (Mathieu) Gray '94, Alyssa Eguchi '00, Nicole Cunningham '00, Laura Lucas '00, Gavin Brem '99, Chad Balcom '99, and Chris Hippe '98** were in the wedding ceremony. Kerri and Aaron are teachers in the Fife (Wash.) School District.

Sherry (Dow) Huff is a psycho-social rehabilitation specialist. She provides in-home services for two counties in Northern Idaho. Sherry is also working on her master's degree in community and family counseling at the University of Idaho.

Brian Vertrees and Brianne McQuaig '01 were married on July 14 at Red Toil Canyon Farm in Leavenworth, Wash. **Holly Peterson '01, Sumerlin Larsen '01, Corey Shamley '00, Mike Roberts '99, Tyler Imig '01, and Curt Gavigan '00** were in the wedding ceremony. Brian is a project manager at Market Trends, Inc., and Brianne is an account coordinator at The Domain Group.



Corey Dunn is a mathematics graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Oregon. He recently received the Dan Kimble First Year Teaching Award for his enthusiasm and dedication in teaching lower-division mathematics courses.

Gregg Kuhlmann will begin the M.S. degree program in biomedical science at Kirksville (Missouri) College of Osteopathic Medicine in June.

Kristin Ludwig will complete the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program at Seattle University in June. She is also a chaplain intern at St. Joseph Medical Center Mental Health Unit in Tacoma.

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Rebecca Sanders and Erik Larson were married on Aug. 18 at Little Church on the Prairie in Lakewood, Wash. **Jennifer McRae '01** was the maid of honor. **Rebecca Stephenson '01, Lesley Wilcox '01, Amy Berrenberg '01, and**

Erin Dressel '01 provided the music. Rebecca and Erik are data analysts at the Washington State Office of Financial Management in Olympia.

Sarah Allen and Aaron Caprye '00 were married on June 2 at Puget Sound Christian Center in Tacoma.

Matt Allen '83 officiated the ceremony. **Mike Hoye '85, Kaj Martin '99, Scott Sailer '99, David Allen '00, Chad Johnson '00, Tara Roberts '00, Stacy Craft '00, Christina Mooney '02, Renata Browne '02 and Leah Orcutt '03** participated in the wedding ceremony. Aaron is a math teacher at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup and Sarah is a staffing consultant for Express Personnel Services in Tacoma. They live in Parkland.



Greg Thomas is a teacher at the Truman Center, formerly Truman Alternative High School, in Federal Way, Wash. The Truman Center is one of 16 Gates Foundation Achiever schools. Greg has a history and social studies endorsement but as a generalist he is allowed to teach all high school subjects. www.bigpicture.org

Amanda Stocking is the music director for band, choir and general music for the Mossyrock (Wash.) School District.

Tauni Sperb and Erik Samuelson were married on July 14. **Fiona Dobbins '01, Sadie Heilman '01, Chris Duppenhaler '01, and Jason Hanson '01** were in the wedding ceremony. Tauni is a registered nurse at Oakland Children's Hospital and Erik is a graduate student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. They live in Berkeley, Calif.

Kristen Russell is working on her Ph.D. in chemical oceanography at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Jocelyn Flick and David Sutherland were married on Oct. 27 at First Congregational Church in Tacoma. Jocelyn is a hemodialysis technician at St. Joseph Medical Center and David is a detention officer at Remann Hall, Pierce County Juvenile Detention Center, both in Tacoma.

Paula Kirby is the special events coordinator at The Baltimore Zoo.

Margaret Stuart accepted a position as hospital account manager ESI at Lederle, in December. Her territory covers Washington, Alaska, and Oregon.

in memoriam

1933
Shirley (Hecht) Glassen died on Aug. 3.

1938
Linka (Deberry) Johnson died on Jan. 3, 2002.

1939
Fredrick Sutter died on Dec. 21.

1948
Wesley Hillman died on Dec. 17.

1949
Howard Larson died on June 15.

1950
Delores (Wallen) Wivag died on July 27.

Robert Haglund died on Oct. 10.
Robert Crumbaugh died on Dec. 18.

Donald Eugene Strandness died on Jan. 7, 2002.

1954
Carl Lennard "Len" Nelson died on Dec. 19.

Jewel (Kelly) Olsen died in December.

Ron Sterland died on Dec. 24.

1957
Phyllis (Jensen) St. John died on July 7.

Spence Aust died on Oct. 16.

1958
Harold Bakken died on Aug. 19.
Milton Jeter died on Nov. 30.

1959
Irene (Nilsen) Hultgren died on Nov. 15.

Theodora (Gulhaugen) Mebust died in January, 2002.

1962
Jerald Phillips died on Sept. 21.

1964
Robert Meade died on Oct. 21.
James Taylor died on Nov. 16.

1967
Gary Hanson died on July 7.

1968
Gail Roen died on July 6.
Josephine Hould died on March 31.

1970
Mikkel Thompson died on Jan. 14, 2002.

1973
Archie Sherrell died on Oct. 8.

1979
Marsha Ostruske died on Oct. 3.

1980
Christina (Remington) Gordon died on Oct. 16.

1983
Kenneth Colburn died on Oct. 13.

1985
Thomas McCrum died on Sept. 21.

1986
Karen (Kelly) Green died on Oct. 30.

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Katharine Monroe, faculty emeritus, died on Oct. 4.

Louis Schatz died on Sept. 22.

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Dawn Charity Shaw '03

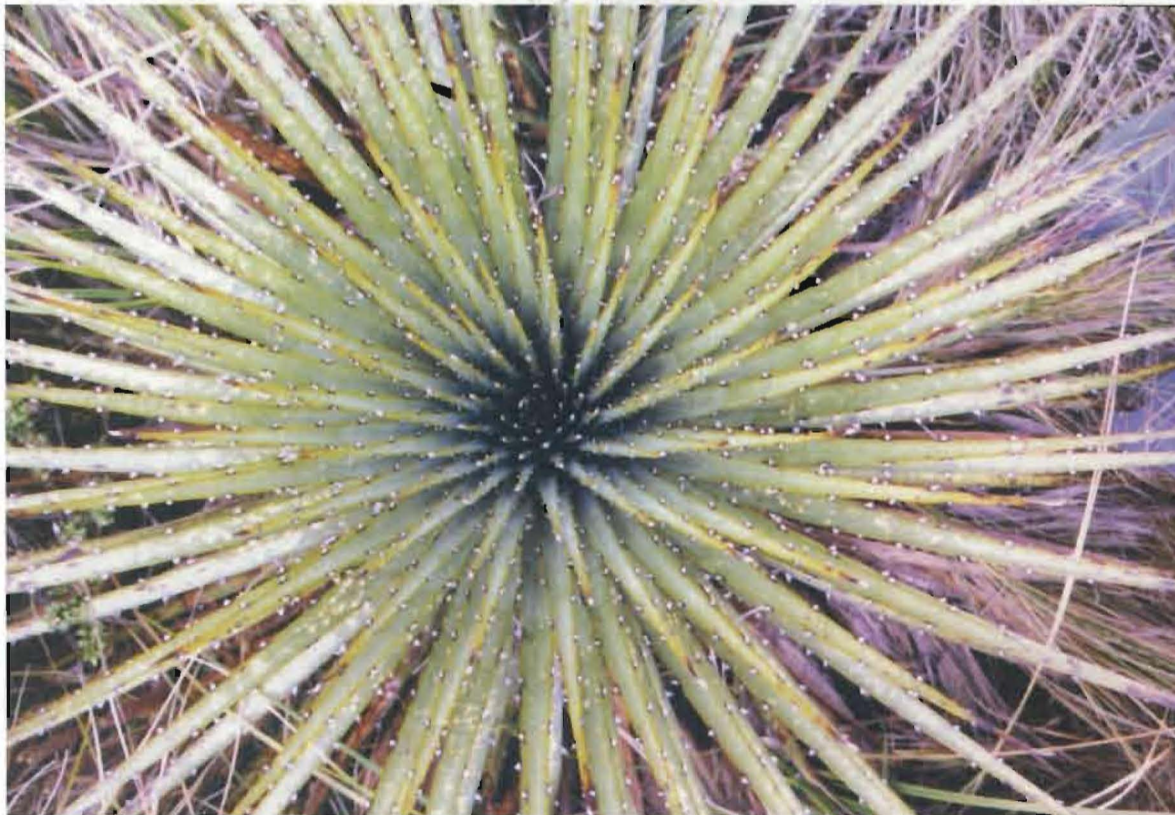
SCENE GAVE AN ASSIGNMENT TO PLU STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD AS A PART OF J-TERM 2002: TAKE PICTURES FROM YOUR ADVENTURES ACROSS THE WORLD. THERE WERE MANY EXCEPTIONAL ENTRIES, BUT THE PHOTOS TAKEN BY DAWN CHARITY SHAW '03, FROM HER JOURNEY AS A PART OF WILLIAM TESKA'S BIOLOGY 333: BIOLOGY OF THE AMAZON, ANDES & GALAPAGOS ISLANDS CLASS, STOOD OUT AMONG THE REST. BELOW ARE HER PICTURES, AS WELL AS SOME WORDS FROM OUR GRAND PRIZE WINNER.

BY DAWN CHARITY SHAW '03

This was my first journey, really. I've never been outside the United States, and I chose Ecuador, a tiny little third world country in South America, for my first passport stamp. I was pleasantly surprised that in this place of harsh conditions and harsh realities, where people have practically nothing, there was a lot of love. I was touched by the generosity of the people, the boldness of the wildlife and the striking diversity everywhere I looked. I stretched my limits. I learned some Spanish. I swam with sea lions and piranhas. I crossed the Equator. I saw parakeets and toucans in the wild—like they should be. I was welcomed into homes. I saw the sun rise over the ocean where it bends around the earth. I lived Discovery Channel days. I slept nights on a rocking sailboat under more stars than I've ever seen before. I've found a courage to try new things. I am grateful beyond words for this amazing opportunity to see and experience things that I never dreamed I could reach out and touch.



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