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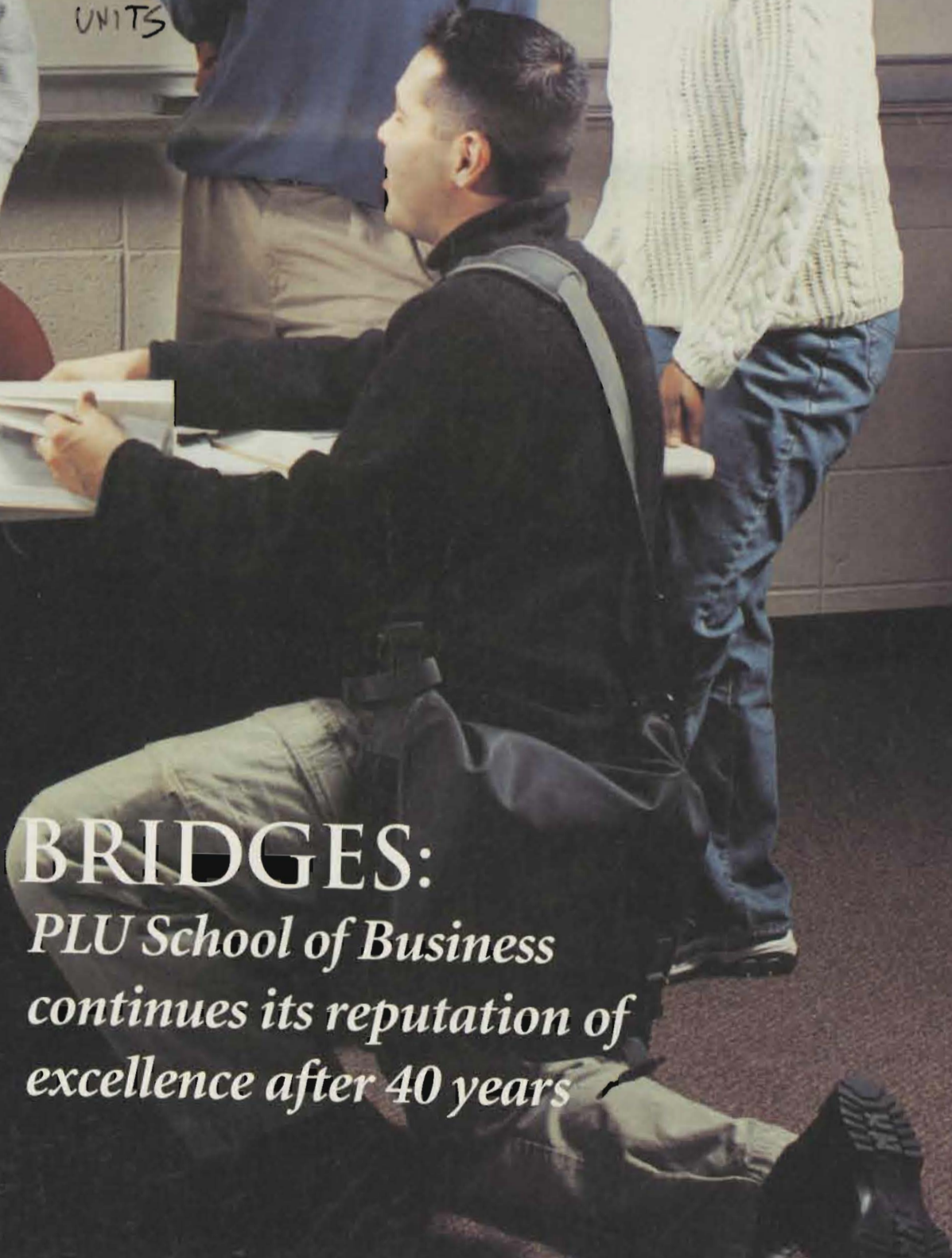
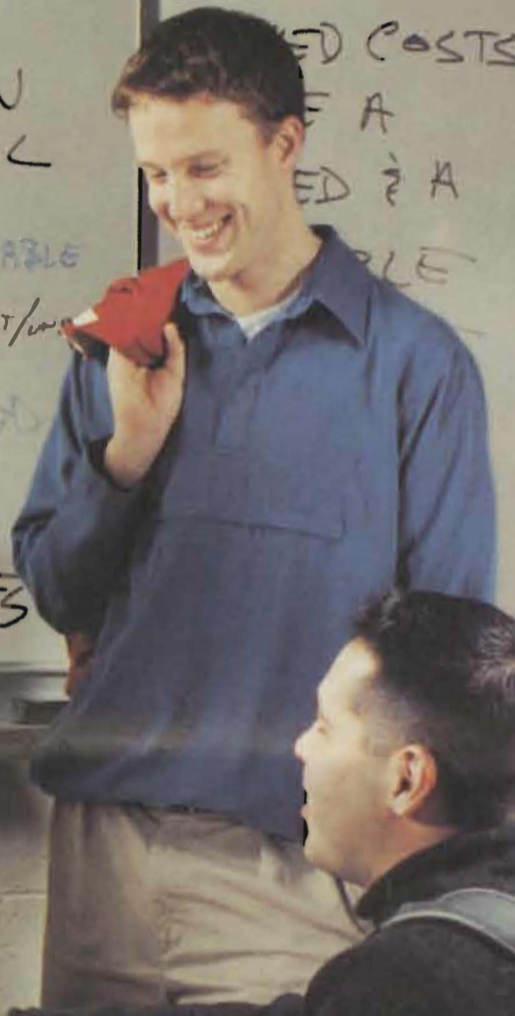
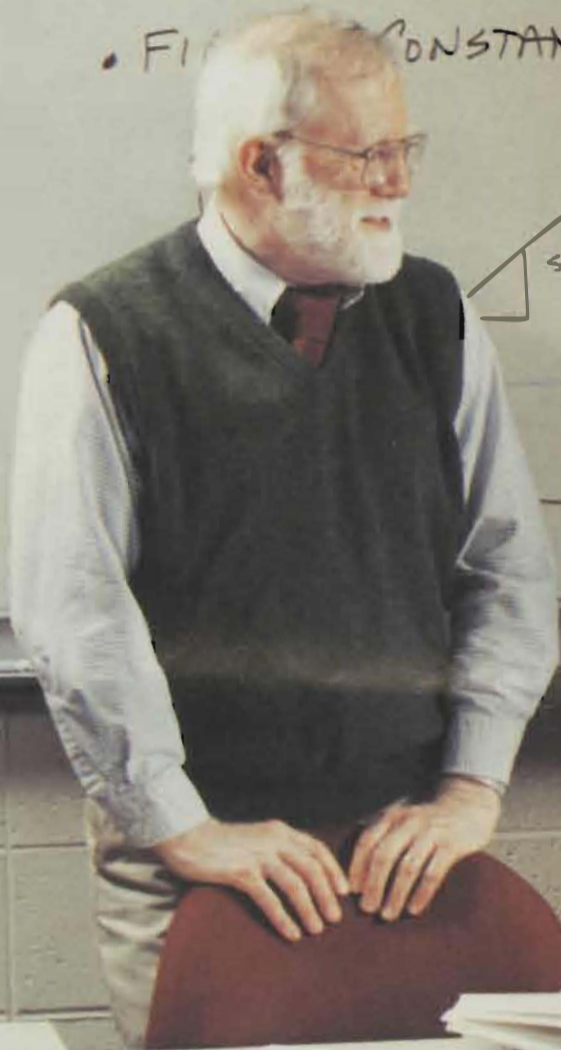
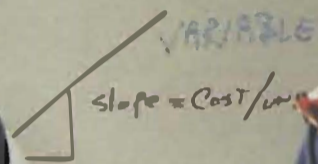
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University Symphony Orchestra
Masterpiece Series: Concert III.

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March 21
Regency Concert Series: Lyric Brass Quintet • 8 p.m.

March 22
Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble and Park Avenue Vocal Jazz • 8 p.m.

April 10
Artist Series: David Joyner, Jazz Piano • 8 p.m.

April 18
Regency Concert Series: Regency String Quartet • 8 p.m.

April 19
Artist Series: Faculty Jazz Group • 8 p.m.

April 24
Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series: Christa Rakich, organist • 8 p.m.

April 26
Student Series: Solvinden Flute Choir • 8 p.m.

April 27
Artist Series: Concert of Baroque Music with Panel Discussion • 7 p.m.

April 29
Student Series: Forestine Wise Monsen Scholarship Piano Recital • 2 p.m.

April 29
Artist Series: Judson Scott, trumpeter • 8 p.m.

May 1
Choral Series: University Chorale Homecoming Concert • 8 p.m.

May 2
Student Series: Percussion Ensemble Concert • 8 p.m.

May 3
Choral Series: Choir of the West Pre-Scandinavian Tour Concert • 8 p.m.

May 4
Student Series: Violin Kaleidoscope • 8 p.m.

May 8
Choral Series: University Singers Homecoming Concert • 8 p.m.

May 9
Student Series: Composers' Forum • 8 p.m.

May 10
Wind Ensemble Series: University Concert Band and Men's Chorus • 8 p.m.

May 11
Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab Ensemble • 8 p.m.

May 12
Jazz Series: Park Avenue Vocal Jazz • 8 p.m.

May 15 and 16
University Symphony Orchestra Masterpiece Series: Concert IV. Verdi's Requiem for large chorus, soloists and orchestra; choral director Richard Sparks' farewell performance. • 8 p.m.

May 18
Student Series: Clarinet Colony 2001 • 7:30 p.m.

May 19
Wind Ensemble Series: Children's Concert • 3 p.m.

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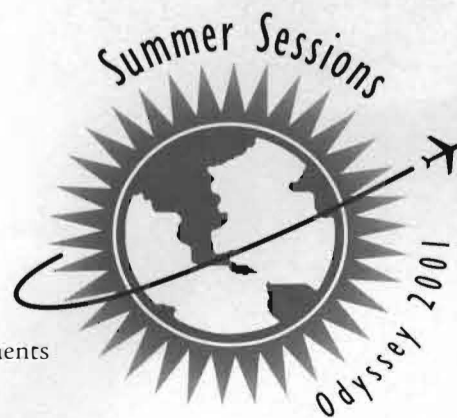
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in the news

Norwegian ambassador speaks peace

While the world has seen extraordinary changes in the past decade leading to greater peace and prosperity for some, many continue to struggle against famine, disease and war, Norway's ambassador to the U.S. told a rapt audience at PLU last month.

Tom E. Vraalsen detailed many of the problems and possible solutions during his campus visit.

"More than one billion people live in absolute, abject poverty, and that number is growing," Vraalsen told a large crowd at the Scandinavian Cultural Center on campus. Ethnic conflict, civil rights violations and illness are grave concerns.

"Conflicts within states are no less bloody than conflicts between states," he said, attributing most of them to a lust for power and material goods. "On the contrary, they tend to be very vicious, they tend to be more hateful."

It's more important than ever to sharpen the focus and confront problems head-on, he said. Countries struggling to find clean water, for instance, need help not only so they will be healthy but so that more water is not contaminated.

"It will ultimately affect all of us, as this world is getting smaller and smaller," he said. "If we upset the global life support system in one place, it will indeed strike another."

Vraalsen supports effective early warning systems, a political commitment to setting aside money for international aid and confidential negotiations to help end conflict. Preventing conflict is better than dealing with destruction, he said, and the cost of repair usually far outweighs the price of prevention.

Governments and people who can afford to help should do so for their own sakes, he said, noting that Norway is a leader in giving to poor countries. Those who have little should get help from those who have more, he said.

"We only happen to have this one world."



Tom E. Vraalsen

PLU 2010 planning process goes online

The study phase of PLU's new long-range plan is now well under way with "PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction" on track for publication in May 2002.

Four campus commissions working along with a steering committee are

studying four major themes: identity and constituency, community, academic distinction and fiscal strategies. Details of their charges and accomplishments are available on the new PLU 2010 website: www.plu.edu/~plu2010.

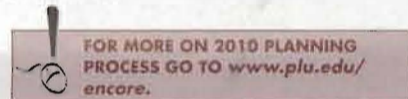
The site has three purposes: to communicate current activities and events, to seek involvement and report suggestions from the community, and to serve as a site of record for the study.

"While the planning process is now focused on-campus, we continue to be interested in the views of our wider campus community," said Loren J. Anderson, university president.

The town meetings were held last year in 21 locations across the country, and in sites as distant as Hong Kong and Helsinki. A total of more than 1300 alumni, parents and friends of the university suggested planning themes that are now serving as the basis of the work of the on-campus study commissions.

"Alumni, parents and friends of the university are encouraged to visit the PLU 2010 website and add to the important contributions many of them made during the town meeting phase of the planning process," Anderson said.

In the months ahead, the steering committee and study commissions will continue to have regular meetings, using the website and public programs as means to open conversation across the community.



IIE Confirms PLU's place as study abroad leader

PLU students gain more international experience than students at other similar universities—and the numbers continue to show that. Among comparable institutions, PLU ranks 10th in the nation in the number of students studying abroad: 379 in 1999-2000, according to the Institute of International Education.

"In the whole realm of international education, what has happened at PLU is remarkable," said Bill Teska, associate provost. "The percentage of our students with international experience ranks very high in comparison to other universities."

While the IIE says less than 3 percent of American college students study abroad, last year 40 percent of PLU grads had studied abroad in PLU-faculty directed programs, university exchanges and other programs.

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

Shorter study abroad programs have also grown dramatically. Six years ago, there were just a handful of international programs offered during J Term, the January session in between semesters. This year there are 18, which include sending students to study politics in Cuba, the economy in Hong Kong and nursing in Jamaica.

The university's International Core of classes continues to grow, providing 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.

Anderson named chairman of NAICU

PLU President Loren J. Anderson was recently named chairman of the board of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. Having Anderson at the helm will improve PLU's visibility nationally and provide him the opportunity to make important strides on behalf of all private colleges.



"There are 64 registered higher education organizations in Washington, D.C., and NAICU is probably the most effective," said Anderson.

NAICU's main goals are to lobby for financial aid, tax policies that benefit nonprofit organizations and regulatory reform relating to education. Congress has approved a 43 percent increase in federal financial aid for next year.

As chairman, a position he holds after serving a year as vice-chair, Anderson will lobby and work with lawmakers, but he says students across the country are the most powerful voice. He attributes much of the support for the increases to students who made the case for financial aid.

"I can think of no other leader in private higher education more qualified to lead us through this time of change than Loren," said David L. Warren, NAICU president. "He's a first-rate strategist, keenly attune to national campus and policy issues and an articulate and dedicated advocate of private higher education."

Celebrating its 25th anniversary this year, NAICU represents more than 950 independent universities, from tiny private colleges to large schools, including Brown and New York University.

Anderson said he's honored to fill the position and hopes to spotlight PLU and other Northwest universities.

Fall chapel series focuses on unity, reconciliation and hope

Discussions about religion and values at PLU reached fever pitch this fall. Students on all sides of the debate were shocked by graffiti painted on windows of the Hauge Administration Building, that delivered a hate message to sexual minorities.

"I think that incident really pointed to something deeper that was lacking in our community, issues of community and faith," said Erik Samuelson '01, chair of the Campus Ministry Council.

In the wake of these events, student leaders from a variety of campus Christian groups joined together to worship, share and unify during an Advent

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encore!

Announcing Encore!, the web supplement to Scene

For the past few years, Scene has offered a Web-based version of the magazine. It has been a great archive of past issues and has allowed us to display Scene, and all our pictures, in full color. Don't worry, this exceptional tool isn't being replaced.

What we are doing is creating an Internet supplement to Scene called Encore! (www.plu.edu/encore)—a place where you can find material not seen in the printed Scene.

One of the best aspects of the Internet is the ability to connect people with even more information through links. Encore! will have "Hot Links"—explanations and highlights of our favorite and most noteworthy articles. Our sidebar will include the best in PLU Links: Campus Voice with live Webcam, Alumni, The Mast, Admissions, PLU 2010, Special News & Events Calendars and the brand-new Scene Archives. At the end of many articles on Encore! will be links to websites relevant to each piece. Some will be PLU websites; some will be interesting Internet connections.

We look forward to hearing what you have to say and making Encore!, along with Scene, the most useful and entertaining publications you read.

Only on Encore!

Here is a sampling of the many web-only features you will find on Encore!

President Anderson on technology in the liberal arts

Read President Anderson's recent News Tribune op-ed, "Technology, the Liberal Arts and Professional Education." Anderson explores the idea of a "technology institute," the role of independent universities in integrating technology, and explains in detail what PLU is doing to lead the way.

Gerlach looks at education in Cuba

Recently Kent Gerlach, PLU professor of education, joined an American delegation from People to People International, who were sent to Cuba to investigate school conditions there.

Norris Peterson's Winter Commencement Address

Faculty chair and economics professor Norris Peterson delivered the commencement address at December's graduation proceedings. Read the memorable speech, in its entirety.

Xavier Hall photo essay

PLU photographer Chris Tumbusch has been taking photos of Xavier Hall during the renovation. The result is a captivating visual depiction of the process.

PLU receives prestigious donation award

PLU has been honored for encouraging people to make lifesaving blood donations. Recently, the university was one of only four organizations in the country to receive a gold award from America's Blood Centers. Read more about the award, and the role of Student Health Services in PLU's continued success.

in the news

chapel series titled, "The Journey is Made Together."

Taken from Campus Ministry's year-long theme of "2001: A Spiritual Odyssey," the chapel series focused on the Advent seasonal themes of unity, reconciliation and hope. Worship groups including the Upper Room and Jam 62 (formerly The Well) provided special music; speakers ranging from Marwa Nasser Metzler, a graduate student from Bethlehem, to PLU Regent Dr. William Foege '57, delivered homilies.

"We wanted the music and speakers to appeal to a greater range of people at the university, and bring everyone together for a common purpose," Samuelson said.

Organizers of the series believe the month was a successful beginning. "The chapel series, along with several 'Let's Talk Community Forums' that were held, sent the message that the university was addressing these issues [following the graffiti incident]," Samuelson said. "It was only a first step, but it is one which I think set the tone for the journey that continues."

Connor meets sponsored child on Guatemalan mission

A mission trip to Guatemala gave university Pastor Nancy Connor the opportunity to meet a young boy sponsored by University Congregation.

Connor joined a January 3-12 mission trip with 12 other women through the Godchild Project, a ministry started by a group of people in Minnesota who facilitate work in communities throughout the world.



Pastor Nancy Connor with sponsored child, Marvin Barreno

Using affiliated families, the organization does everything from helping construct houses, build stoves and obtain medical help to providing sponsorships and scholarships for children. In addition, Connor built a chicken coop and vaccinated chickens.

"I have quite a few more skills these days," she said, laughing.

The highlight of Connor's Guatemalan experience, however, was her opportunity to meet 3-year-old Marvin Barreno, a child PLU's University Congregation has sponsored since fall of 2000. Marvin lives with his parents and two brothers in a village outside Antigua. His family's annual income is roughly \$130.

"He is just the cutest little guy," Connor said of her meeting with Marvin and his family. "It's wonderful that we have the opportunity to sponsor him for several years, and really make a difference in his life."

University Congregation has sponsored a girl from the Philippines for a number of years and made the decision

to sponsor a second child in spring of 1999. Fifty percent of the congregation's offerings go toward mission programs.

Connor presented the family with a panoramic photograph of University Congregation members, including both pastors and President Anderson, telling the family that the congregation holds them in their thoughts and prayers.

Marvin's father, delighted with the opportunity to see his son's benefactors, replied that his family would also hold University Congregation in their prayers.

PLU music ensembles travel the globe

PLU's music ensembles are on the road again this spring, and the university's premier choir will perform in Scandinavia this summer.

The Choir of the West, directed by Richard Sparks, goes on a major tour through Norway and Sweden May 29-June 11.

The April tour of the University Chorale includes Spokane, Wash., with several stops in Montana. The University Singers will perform in Portland and Salem, Ore., in May. Both are directed by Richard Nance.

Choral Union, also directed by Nance, will travel to a national choral director's association convention in San Antonio, Texas, in March (see feature article for more on the Choral Union).

The University Wind Ensemble, directed by Raydell Bradley, performs at high schools in Tacoma and Seattle, the University of Washington and the University of Victoria March 15-18.

The University Jazz Ensemble, directed by David Joyner, and the award-winning Park Avenue Vocal Jazz, directed by Wayne Bliss, performed at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho, in February.

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PLU PEOPLE

Remembering Brian Olson



Brian Craig Olson, born on April 28, 1961 in Patterson, Calif., died on November 28, 2000 in Seattle. Brian was diagnosed in February, 1999 with colon cancer, and died from complications following surgery.

Brian earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Pacific Lutheran University in 1983 and, after working for the PLU Admissions Office for a short time, earned a master's in management from Southern Oregon State University in 1987. Brian worked for Hewlett Packard in Boise for the last 12 years in finance, manufacturing and most recently as a marketing manager. He made a lasting impact at HP through his leadership, especially with diversity issues, employee recruitment and modeling the HP way.

Brian was active in his church from childhood. As a youth he sang in the choir and worked summers at Mt. Cross Bible Camp in Felton, Calif. More recently, Brian was a member of the worship band and president of the congregation at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Boise.

While Brian was passionate about most things—the two passions that stood out above the others were his love for Pacific Lutheran University and the game of soccer. Brian was a member of PLU's Alumni Board from 1991 until the present, serving two years as president. Brian's ability to motivate and validate each member of the board, to visualize the future, and to move a group of people to consensus, helped to complete a board restructuring process that had been in the planning stages for several years.

Brian's passion for soccer began at a very young age playing youth soccer, college soccer and playing in community leagues and pick up games up until the day before his last hospital stay. Brian was co-captain of his PLU soccer team and many members of his team and their coach, Arno Zoske, were present at his Tacoma memorial service.

Brian was a devoted father to his sons, Daniel, 10 and Benjamin, 6. Brian was the son of Clarene Osterli Johnson '56 and Robert Olson '57. Brian was one of five children including Mark, Marianne, Paul, twin brother David '83 and Knut '90.

Services were held for Brian in both Tacoma and Boise. At the Tacoma service, Brian was honored by the Alumni Association through comments made by alumni director Lauralee Hagen '75, '78 and at a reception following, hosted by the Alumni Board. In Boise, Brian's friend, HP colleague and fellow PLU alum, Todd Kraft '84, provided remembrances.

A scholarship has been established in the name of Brian C. Olson. If you would like to contribute to that scholarship, please send your gift to the Development Office at PLU or call either Development (253-535-7177) or Alumni (253-535-7415) for more information.

PUBLISHED CORNER

GREGORY GULDIN, professor of anthropology, had his book "The Saga of Anthropology in China: From Malinowski to Moscow to Mao" (M.E. Sharpe, 1994) translated into Chinese and published in December 2000 by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Press in Beijing, China. This book follows the development of anthropology in China through four distinct phases, beginning before 1949 and proceeding through the 1980s. Also in December 2000, Westview Press published a new book by Guldin, titled "What's a Peasant to Do? Village Becoming Town in Southern China." This book is a multi-province study of the transformation of Chinese society because of ongoing urbanization.



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Graduate student Greta Moksnes helps children at the East Campus Head Start with a painting project.

History students draw connections to the past through present-day service

BY LAURA GIFFORD '00

Pacific Lutheran University history students are volunteering in AIDS hospices, serving food to the homeless and tutoring disadvantaged children—all in the name of historical inquiry.

What connection can service today have to learning about the past? Plenty, according to PLU history professor Beth Kraig.

"Contemporary sociology is the outcome of historical causes," Kraig said. "You can't take out a cleaver and separate today from the past."

Kraig used to teach 20th Century American History with more conventional methods. Increasingly, Kraig noticed that students were not taking lessons learned from lectures and textbooks and applying them to the world they live in.

"I had noticed what I felt was a tremendously diminished recognition of contemporary society," she said. In an effort to show students how contemporary problems and issues connect to historical themes, Kraig made reading the New York Times a regular assignment—and required a minimum of 20 hours of community service.

PLU junior Angela Tomlin turned her work serving homeless people at the Tacoma Rescue Mission into a quest to determine why one-third of the men she served were Vietnam veterans.

After serving weekly meals, Tomlin struck up conversations with the vets and learned more about their wartime experiences. One combat veteran told her how he used drugs and alcohol to numb his feelings in the midst of chaos.

Tomlin, a nursing and psychology major, supplemented her conversations with scholarly research in books and journals to complete a paper on the effects of the Vietnam War on veterans.

Graduate students Grete Moksnes and Cecilie Tjernsli brought a unique perspective to their work with the Head Start program at PLU's East Campus—Moksnes and Tjernsli are teachers in Norway, a country where early childhood education is universal.

"In Norway, everyone gets the same chance," Moksnes said. "If you're poor in Norway, you normally get all the help you need."

Tjernsli said that it was a surprise to come to the United States and see firsthand the differences between social programs in the two countries.

"There are no homeless people in Norway," she said. "That was new for me to see."

In addition to tasks ranging from playing with kids to making them snacks, Moksnes researched the history of Head Start, while Tjernsli studied poverty in America.

The intent of requiring service, Kraig said, was to impress upon students that "actual living, breathing human beings all around them—including [the students themselves]—are enmeshed in recent history and the past."

"There are no cookie-cutter solutions to social problems," she said. "You may think you have the perfect answer, but somebody already tried it 30 years ago."

The students say that Kraig's approach was successful.

"We had a chapter in the book on the War on Poverty," Tjernsli said. "And then I saw the direct results."

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PLU leadership training takes shape

BY DREW BROWN, EDITOR

Becoming a leader is not as easy as it looks. Imagine being thrust into a leadership position for the first time like Sue Mkrkichian, who was recently promoted to Director of Student Health Services at PLU.

"I had no idea of the many things I would need to handle," Mkrkichian said. "I was overwhelmed." Luckily for Mkrkichian, PLU has recently created a program that has perfectly fit her challenges as a new leader.

PLU President Loren J. Anderson called on Susan Mann, Director of Human Resource Services, to develop a leadership program. Anderson felt PLU needed to create a larger and even more skilled pool of campus leaders.

The Leadership Seminar that Mann helped create includes a mix of 16 faculty and administrator participants from all areas of PLU. The objectives are simple: support the university's cultural shift, refine talents, enhance leadership and interpersonal skills and improve knowledge of policies.

"PLU has changed a lot in the last decades, and so has the culture," Mann said. "Very few universities have an opportunity to develop a program like this."

Some of the main topics this year have been: Principles for a Collaborative Workplace, Giving and Receiving Constructive Feedback, Personal Strategies for Navigating Change, The Multicultural Work and Learning Environment, Influencing for Win-Win Outcomes, and Coaching: Bringing Out the Best in Others.

The thread that weaves through all seminars is collaboration. Mann believes that one of the real values of the Seminar is the opportunity for people to come together from different areas, develop deeper relationships, share ideas and solve problems together.

"For the university to spend its resources this way feels very supportive and encouraging," Mkrkichian said. "I like knowing peers across campus, people I might not otherwise meet. This cross section will help me get things done. The subjects have been very practical and we have had ample opportunities to practice our new skills. I am very impressed."

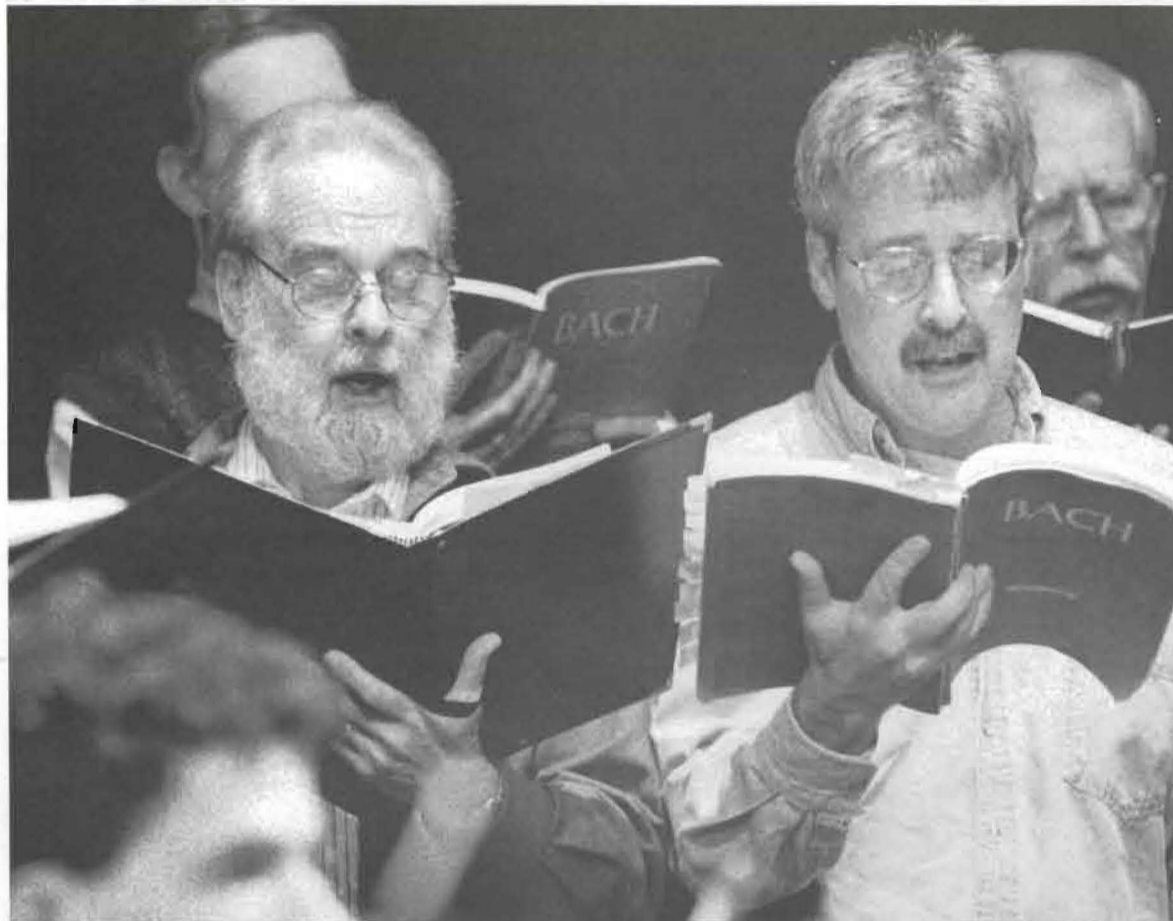
Faculty and administrators who are interested in nominating themselves or others to participate in the Leadership Seminar in the future are encouraged to contact Mann.



Susan Mann conducting the Leadership Seminar.

Choral Union—the Puget Sound's best kept musical secret

BY BRENT W. OLSEN '66



Retired chemistry professor Bill Giddings (left) and fellow tenors Tom Weko and one-time PLU student Tom Henderson (right, rear) sing during dress rehearsal for the Bach Christmas Oratorio at the Rialto Theater in Tacoma.

The Choral Union is probably the Puget Sound area's best-kept musical secret. Founded in 1984 by Choir of the West director Richard Sparks, the intent was to provide a choral outlet for faculty, staff, students and alumni—as well as to bring singers from all walks of life to the campus. The Choral Union offers the

serious music lover a chance to hear some of the most beautiful choral music ever written.

The Choral Union's specialty is high-caliber master choral works with orchestral accompaniment. The group has fluctuated in size over the years, ranging from about 40 to the present 70 voices. It is part of the PLU music department, but the membership is mostly non-student, drawn

from the Tacoma-Olympia-Seattle community. Members pay dues, which help defray the cost of music and other expenses.

For the last five years, the Choral Union has been collaborating with Northwest Sinfonietta. Christophe Chagnard, Sinfonietta director, has made the Choral Union its chorus of choice for performing major choral literature.

PLU music professor Richard Nance has conducted the Choral Union since 1993. Major works performed during that time include Beethoven's "Mass in C," Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms," Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb," Bruckner's "Mass in E Minor," Handel's "Messiah," Mozart's "Requiem," Rutter's "Requiem" and Vivaldi's "Gloria." In December, the choir gave three performances of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" with Northwest Sinfonietta.

The Choral Union performs primarily in Lagerquist Hall of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center on the PLU campus.

In March, the group will travel to San Antonio, Texas, where it will perform for the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association. The Choral Union's selection came after a rigorous taped audition process in competition against other community choirs at the state, division and national levels. This marks the Choral Union as one of the elite choruses in the country. With more than 6,000 people expected to attend, this convention is the largest gathering of professional choral musicians in the world.

"Being selected to perform is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a choral organization," Nance said. "It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

AUDITIONS FOR CHORAL UNION OCCUR EACH AUGUST. INTERESTED SINGERS SHOULD CONTACT RICHARD NANCE AT (253) 840-9776 OR AT nancelr@plu.edu.

Summer session provides learning options for teachers

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

Teachers and other professionals who want to work their way into the classroom can do some intensive studying at PLU during the summer months. The Summer Sessions Office coordinates several master's in education programs, in addition to its other special programs.

"We have lots of opportunities for professional educators," said Lynn Beck, dean of the School of Education. "Summer is the time for them to take classes."

Many of the academic programs that start in the summer are aimed at teachers, who have time during the summer to continue their education. There are workshops for advanced placement teachers and programs that endorse teachers in four areas in which there are now shortages: special education, reading, English as a second language and media services.

Also offered is an innovative master's program run in conjunction with the Tacoma School District to train teachers to deal with "urban learners," focusing on issues such as poverty and language.

"It's a very powerful program that we are excited about," Beck said.

It is known as a cohort program—all students move at the same pace through a 14-month curriculum that begins in the summer, then continues on nights and Saturdays. During the school year, classes meet in downtown Tacoma.

PLU also offers a master's in literacy education, a master's in education administration, and a teacher certification program for professionals who have degrees in other areas, but want to teach. PLU graduates get a discount on tuition.

The Summer Sessions Office also offers Middle College, which helps students make the adjustment from high school to college; Summer Scholars, a three-week residential program for gifted fourth- through 11th-graders; music and sports camps and programs for the community, such as "Jazz Under the Stars" and the summer fruit festivals. The title of this summer's programs is Odyssey 2001, and courses will follow the theme of "journeys." In addition, about 220 graduate and undergraduate courses are offered this summer.



The Coats performed during one of last summers Fruit Festivals. More campus events and academic programs are being planned this year by the Summer Sessions office.

SUMMER SCHOLARS, A PROGRAM OF EXPLORATION AND DISCOVERY FOR GIFTED YOUTH, RUNS FROM JULY 22 TO AUG. 11. THE PROGRAM ENCOMPASSES ACADEMICS, RECREATION AND SOCIALIZATION FOR FOURTH- THROUGH 11TH-GRADERS. TUITION IS \$2,200. AN OPEN HOUSE FOR INTERESTED STUDENTS AND PARENTS WILL BE HELD FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON SATURDAY, MAY 12, ON CAMPUS. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR APPLICATIONS, CALL 253-535-8648.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PLU SUMMER SESSION, GO TO www.plu.edu/encore.

PLU offers new direction for online learning

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

With the rapid surge in technology making it increasingly easier to disseminate information, many universities are finding ways to educate students who never step on campus.

PLU, while embracing the technological advances that can enrich education, holds fast to its belief that the best learning takes place in person.

"Our fundamental approach is to apply technology, including distance learning, to the improvement and enrichment of existing courses and programs and modes of instruction," President Loren Anderson said.

So far, no complete courses are offered online, and the university has vowed it won't offer complete degree programs via the Internet.

"We have said very clearly that we will have no distance learning delivered degree programs period," Provost Paul Menzel said. Still, administrators and faculty acknowledge there is much to be gained by incorporating technology.

"We are taking a conservative, go-slow approach on this," said Christine Moon, associate professor of psychology and chair of the Educational Policies Committee. "It's clear that distance learning is going to grow, and I don't think we should quickly rule out applications at PLU. It has great potential."

Still, everyone recognizes the important learning that goes on in a classroom, when bright students and an inspiring professor meet. That is all part of PLU's mission of educating students for lives of thoughtful inquiry.

"We value the spontaneity that comes from face-to-face interaction and you just can't mimic that," Menzel said. What about speaking skills? Menzel asks. "They're an important part of our education."

Distance education and online learning are hot topics across the country. The Chronicle for Higher Education devotes daily coverage to distance learning, and the concept has been profiled in national magazines in recent weeks. While many in higher education applaud efforts for online learning and see it as a way to reach more students, others fear it diminishes the quality of education and could even create an elitist system, in which wealthy students receive degrees from traditional institutions and the less fortunate end up with digital diplomas.



Faculty like Joanne Lisosky (right) are working to integrate technology into existing programs and course work, while keeping personal interaction in the classroom a priority.

Taking these concerns into consideration, as well as the potential benefits, the Educational Policies Committee is evaluating how much technology is being integrated and reviewing faculty suggestions.

"We have some faculty that are very enthusiastic about it," Moon said.

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One is Diane Harney, communications professor who earned a second master's in teaching with Internet technology during her sabbatical. She sponsored a month of faculty discussions entitled "Technology and Teaching: Utilizing Web-based Instruction," in January. Faculty members met to discuss interactive learning and how to teach with technology.

"The use of technology to enhance teaching and learning without losing the PLU character is what we're really interested in," Harney said.

There has been talk of offering some courses to students who live at a distance, such as the master's courses in education, nursing and business. In addition, some professors have students working on projects simultaneously with students in similar courses at other colleges or even overseas, then trading information and ideas online.

"Our priority is the face-to-face personal contact, and we can do that so much better than what you can do in an online environment," said Layne Nordgren, director of multimedia systems and library systems. "But we can take advantage of what the online environment can do. What we can do is incorporate technology tools into curriculum."

There has been increasing use of eCourse, a new tool this year that allows students to access syllabi and other course materials online. Nordgren oversees eCourse, which also allows faculty to put some course components online. More than 100 courses use eCourse in some way.

Students can have online discussion groups, bulletin boards and other study opportunities outside of class. Some professors allow students to submit assignments online.

"It provides a wide diversity of options," Nordgren said.

Some say electronic components can actually improve the quality of classroom time, because professors don't have to spend as much time going over details of the syllabus or background information—those can be easily accessed via computer. Then, in class, more in-depth conversations can take place because everyone's prepared.

"I think it's very exciting," Moon said.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ECOURSE AND DISTANCE LEARNING AT PLU, GO TO www.plu.edu/encore.



Lisosky's students.

BUILDING

The PLU School of Business

continues its reputation of

CUTTING EDGE PROGRAMS, STUDENTS TRAVELING ACROSS THE GLOBE, GRADUATES POISED TO LEAD IN THE BUSINESS WORLD AND A DEPARTMENT LOOKING DEEP INTO THE FUTURE. THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HAS DEVELOPED AN INDELIBLE LEGACY THAT HAS GROWN OVER 40 YEARS—AND IT KEEPS GETTING STRONGER.

BY DREW BROWN, EDITOR

BACHELOR'S PROGRAM PROFILE FALL 2000

Total BBA Students	532
Transfer Students	185
Graduates in 2000	137
Average Class Size	21
Total program graduates	3,766

MASTER'S PROGRAM PROFILE FALL 2000

Founded	1965
AACSB Accreditation	1976
Number of Students Enrolled	106
Average Class Size	17
Average age	28
Average years work experience	7%
with work experience	97%
Average entering GPA	3.18
Average GMAT Score	551
Total program graduates	1,003

“Looking to the future” is a catch phrase used by nearly every institution and business in America. No school admits to resting on their laurels, or admits just trying to keep up with the fast-paced modern business environment. The proof comes with the ease in which an organization makes its way into a new era of development.

“In business, the key is to continually refine your niche,” said School of Business Dean Donald Bell. “We don’t ask ‘How has the business climate changed?’ We ask, ‘Where do we need to go in order to stay ahead of the changes?’”

The goals for the School of Business in the first years of the 21st Century are clear. The school wants to continue: developing academic programs that understand the needs of business professionals in the future; engaging students in the community around them, and in a globalized society; utilizing technology to improve learning; and focusing their mission statement to make it “come alive”.

PLU is already meeting these challenges, making its mission statement, “A Bridge Connecting Students with the Future” not a goal, but a continuing mission of success.

“Our product is our people—our faculty, students, and alumni,” Bell said. “The goal is to continue PLU’s long history of excellence, and they all reflect that.”

Developing excellence

For Pacific Lutheran, the idea of business has been there all along. More than a hundred years ago, in the infancy of what now is Pacific Lutheran University, stood Pacific Lutheran Academy and Business College. In a time where “business” was considered not much more than men taking pens to a ledger, the teaching of business started on the Pacific Lutheran campus. In the 1930s came the Depression, and the interruption of trust associated with the idea of business. For the years that followed at Pacific Lutheran, a school of business learning seemed like a dream deferred.

In 1959, Pacific Lutheran College was firmly planted as a well-respected liberal arts college, but something was missing.

President Seth Eastvold wanted a School of Business—with ideas, values, professional direction, and a sense of business and its role in the professional world. The challenge was even greater for PLC—teach business, without losing the liberal arts base and the Lutheran values of faith, service and truth.

Eastvold summoned Dwight Zulauf, a one-time PLC faculty member in economics and business administration, who was then in a doctoral program in Minnesota. Zulauf in turn asked his friend Gundar King—a doctoral candidate who had received his MBA from Stanford in 1958—to help him come up with a curriculum proposal that would start the new school.

What they came up with were the beginnings. They had convinced some highly regarded deans of prestigious business schools to aid them with advice and counsel in the building of the Pacific Lutheran program. They had an emphasis on economics, accounting, general business—and the now antiquated secretarial science. They had a strong foundation,

but experienced the expected growing pains in the different subject areas.

“Some strands began to unravel, but others started to come together,” said King. While the serious strands of a business school started to come together at PLU, so did the examination of business education in America. In 1960, both the Ford and Carnegie Foundations did concentrated studies on business education—examining what was working, and what was not. PLU was in line with the study, which criticized the

“A BRIDGE CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH THE FUTURE” NOT A GOAL, BUT A CONTINUING MISSION OF SUCCESS. “OUR PRODUCT IS OUR PEOPLE—OUR FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND ALUMNI,” BELL SAID. “THE GOAL IS TO CONTINUE PLU’S LONG HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE, AND THEY ALL REFLECT THAT.”

non-descript business education, encouraged the development of schools of business based around liberal arts (which at the time were rare), and favored a more well-rounded business education over subject concentrations. PLU business was at the right place at the right time with the right philosophy. Eastvold wanted an accredited school with an exceptional reputation, and it was the perfect time to make it happen. He entrusted the School of Business to Zulauf, who became the first dean.

There were many challenges in the beginning, from working toward accreditation to keeping the liberal arts foundation of Pacific Lutheran in tact—with 50 percent liberal arts classes, 50 percent business studies as an established requirement.

“My dream would have been the Association of New American Colleges,” Zulauf said, referring to the group of liberal arts colleges of which PLU is now a part. “More recent ideas have made our early dreams of integrating liberal arts and business more palatable and well-defined.”

ePLU connecting students with jobs



Student founders of ePLU pose with the Bill Koenig (front row, center), CEO of Cantamatrix. With him are from left, Chris Allsup '03, Arne Asphjell '00, Uli Heitz '02, Karl Lund '00 and Justin Foster '02.

Cutting-edge online music search company Cantamatrix found important data—and even more important employees—through PLU’s School of Business and ePLU, the new electronic commerce resource center.

“They are really bright, exciting individuals, and it was a stimulating environment,” Cantamatrix CEO Bill Koenig said. “They’re really well-prepared for going out and working in the marketplace. Our experience is certainly proof that PLU is producing some great graduates.”

ePLU offers distinct benefits for students, such as a résumé profile, that links them to potential employers, and to faculty, who can incorporate the center into their curriculum. Businesses and organizations that get involved take away research and reports created by students. To learn more about ePLU, and read Katherine Hedland’s extended article on the organization, visit www.plu.edu/encore/

BRIDGES

excellence

In the first years, the school needed to show the development of programs and a building of faculty and student quality. Economics, accounting and general business started to take shape—each discipline had at least two expert faculty members, and students with a PLU diploma making their mark.

In 1966, King took over for Zulauf. Zulauf gives King, who ended up being the dean of the School for 25 years, a lot of credit for taking the school to the next level of achievement.

“Gundar really reached out to the community,” Zulauf said. “We made some friends in high places.” They brought in visiting professors from renowned schools like the University of California, Berkeley, and collaborated with others who provided operation and curriculum advice. King also started developing long-term relationships with local companies.

To help build toward accreditation of the master's program, the School of Business found in the mid-'60s a niche that it has continued to develop today—the working student who wants a degree. King saw an opportunity to accelerate enrollment and serve an unmet demand.

Then came Boeing. Literally hundreds of Boeing engineers, most working as managers, wanted a MBA. Since Boeing supported its employees by paying 100 percent tuition, the School of Business got the critical mass of students it needed to further the program's strength and reputation.

With over a dozen full-time faculty with expertise in the major business disciplines of marketing, human resources, finance and accounting, the School of Business received accreditation from the prestigious International Association for Management Education in 1971 (when they were the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business. They still use the acronym, AACSB). At the time, it was the smallest business school with the smallest budget in the country given that distinction. The PLU School of Business, unlike many, was accredited on its first try—both with the undergraduate program, and then the MBA program in 1976.

The School saw its share of changes in the '70s, most specifically the national desire to bring respect to accounting as an individual discipline. The PLU School of Business was one of only a few in the west to pursue the newly established stan-

dards for accounting programs. In 1982, PLU was one of the first 18 schools in the country to receive AACSB accreditation in accounting.

The 1980s saw a huge growth in interest in business schools—at one time in the '80s, approximately one-third of PLU students were business majors. Gundar King retired in the early '90s—leaving students ready for the global focus and technological challenges of business in the 1990s. Both King and Zulauf are both active at PLU, offering advice and expertise to today's students and faculty.

“We've always been able to have a close relationship with our students and colleagues,” Zulauf said. “There is some goodness in being small.”

King adds, with a smile: “Like a diamond—small, hard and brilliant.”

The MBA Program— Technology and Innovation Management

In the business world, technology and globalization are creating new industries, restructuring existing ones and radically changing the way firms compete.

“Preparing students for the future goes beyond learning technology,” said School of Business professor Jim Albers. “It means students getting involved in the community and industry...exposing students to the world around them opens up new opportunities for all of us.”

Albers should know, because the School of Business took a golden opportunity by hiring him. In the mid-'90s, Albers was a NASA executive who had a wealth of experience spanning 30 years. Yet Albers wanted something else—a way to take his technological and management experience into the classroom, and create business students who were prepared for contemporary challenges. Luckily for PLU, the School of Business was looking for someone just like him.

Albers was given the opportunity to research and develop a program involving technology integration at PLU. Born in the fall of 1996 was TIM, the Technology & Innovation Management Program for MBA students.

The specialization in Technology and Innovation Management provides MBA students an education focused on specific issues relevant to technology companies and industries. The program is for non-technical employees who want a deeper appreciation of technical management issues and for technical employees who want a business



Holly Peterson '01 has studied and lived in Ecuador and Chile while involved in PLU's School of Business

education that has greater relevance to their careers.

One of the classes, Managing Innovation and Technology Change, focuses on the planning and implementation of major new technologies, processes or systems which pose significant uncertainty and the necessity of fundamental change in the organization's design, culture, and industry structure. Students do not just learn how to use technology, but how to adapt, confront real world problems and come into the job market prepared for their careers.

“Students learn how to value change,” Albers said. “Along with TIM, our students continue to get involved in the local community and industry. I think these things help differentiate us from other programs.”

Another differentiation comes in a variation on an old School of Business theme. Like the groundbreaking evening MBA offered decades ago, one option today is to pursue the MBA/TIM program in a two-year, Saturday-only format. Whatever program PLU students pursue, whether it's the MBA or the MBA/TIM, they can take advantage of all of the Technology and Innovation Management Courses.

“One of the advantages we have is our understanding of a student's need for flexibility,” said Catherine Pratt, MA '93, assistant dean and director of the MBA Program. “We appreciate the constraints on the working adult. While maintaining the integrity of a rigorous program, PLU students can still have a job, and a life.”

Connected students: In the classroom, in the commu- nity and around the world

There are too many School of Business students to name—at both the undergraduate and graduate level—with outstanding accomplishments.

Holly S. Peterson '01 would be a dream come true for any academic department, but at PLU she is a dream for two—the Department of Languages & Literatures and the School of Business, as she double majored in Spanish and business administration.

“It has been a great learning experience,” Peterson said of her experiences in the School of Business. “I can clearly see the immeasurable interdependence of business, community and the environment”

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THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED IN THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AT PLU:

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PEOPLE
CHINA	3
DENMARK	6
GERMANY	4
GHANA	2
INDIA	1
INDONESIA	2
JAPAN	6
KOREA	9
KUWAIT	13
NETHERLANDS	1
NORWAY	40
RUSSIA	3
SOUTH AFRICA	1
SWEDEN	16
TAIWAN	4
THAILAND	4
VIETNAM	4

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She has done what you would expect from a great business student: internships with State Farm Insurance and General Motors marketing; a research project in San Juan, Costa Rica investigating a private lending institution for women entering small business ventures; vice president of public relations, International Business Club; student representative for the School's alumni organization, PLUS Business. However, her most jaw-dropping endeavor has nothing to do with business skills.

In August 1999, Peterson went to Ecuador to learn more about the country and the Spanish language. She ended up in Ahuano, a small village in the Ecuadorian rainforest, which is eight hours of driving and a canoe ride away from modern civilization. At a rural school in Ahuano, Peterson created an English curriculum and taught students from grades K-12.

"I feel that PLU gave me a broader perspective of the world," Peterson said. "They helped develop my communication skills, and the professors have been personal and dedicated. The School of Business also does an exceptional job of fostering student desires to go abroad." Peterson's global education has only begun. She has recently applied for a Fulbright that would have her studying the Chilean economy.



- Integrating competency-based business education
- Engaging a diverse, globalized society
- Utilizing technologies that improve learning
- Exemplifying lives of service

And that is what the PLU School of Business has done—prepared students for a global world and made them aware of what their community, as well as their own hearts, need.

Alumni: helping build the future

Obviously in business, networking is a vital tool for students to get advice, as well as internships and jobs. The School of Business has continued to keep this relationship between current students and alumni strong.

Since 1987, School of Business alumni and students have supported PLUS Business, one of the strongest

alumni organizations at PLU. Over the years, PLUS Business has continued to provide a vital link between alumni and current business students, faculty and staff. Alumni meet and renew ties with other business Lutes, and students have the opportunity to meet our graduates. Its Career Mentorship Program connects inquiring business majors with alumni in various careers and industries. All PLUS Business membership donations go into the program, and support includes the \$2,000 scholarship awarded to an outstanding business student. Additional "supporting member" donations have sponsored the refurbishment of the PLUS Business enhanced classroom, the purchase of technology equipment, and the development of a website on the Internet.

The School of Business recently asked even more of their dedicated alumni by requesting their participation in a comprehensive survey. More than 1,100 alums have already answered Dean Bell's request to "tell it like it is," and continue to do so on the School's website (www.plu.edu/~busa/survey.html). The School is pleased with the results so far: of international graduates, 84 percent gave high marks to the impact of their PLU education as preparation for their current job; 71 percent of all alums gave high marks to the overall value of their education.

"Our alumni are enthusiastically loyal to the school," Bell said. "We are indebted to all who took the time to share their responses with us."

Bell also notes the greatest value for the future is the criticism, rather than the praise. By far the largest number of suggestions have been related to the need for PLU and the School of Business to utilize higher levels of technology in the curriculum and for student use. Luckily for the School of Business, they have made major strides in this area with the design of a new learning and technology building, which will house the entire School of Business along with Math & Computer Science. It scheduled to open by 2003.

Present & Future

The PLU School of Business is already focused on preparing for the challenges ahead. First, this is a "self-study year" with a process that should lead to the reaffirmation of its accreditation by the AACSB. Then there is the new building—along with the moving and new technology challenges. And finally the impending faculty changes—about half of the PLU faculty will retire in the next decade, and their immense talent will



J-Term in London

School of Business Dean Donald Bell spent J-Term 2001 teaching students the relationship of artistic and business decision-making of organizations within the funding environment in the United Kingdom. Students contrasted this relationship with that of similar American arts organizations in the Tacoma area. The 20 students were divided into five teams. Each team selected a performing arts and a visual arts organization in London to interview and compare with the American ones. The group visited the Arts Council of England, Sadler's Wells, The Globe Theatre and the Tate Modern Museum. To read more about their journey, and see photos from the trip, visit: www.plu.edu/encore

take time and effort to replace.

"Even though there are great challenges for the School of Business, the future is going to be very exciting," Bell said. "With the new building, it will be the first time we will be a cohesive unit. It can only make us an even stronger community of learners."

There are so many noteworthy students, clubs and organizations within the School of Business that there isn't enough room to mention all of them. There's Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor fraternity for accountants who have given time and accounting help to the community. There is the Center for Executive Development, serving Northwest industry, government and non profits for more than 20 years through high quality seminars, workshops, customized in-house training and development activities. There is the Mary Lund-Davis Student Investment Fund, a fund students have built from a \$25,000 endowment into a portfolio valued at \$105,000. There are student organizations like the International Business Club and the Society for Human Resource Managers that continue to blossom. There is Ed Wood, a captain in the Washington Army National Guard and MBA candidate, who became the first graduate student to win the PLUS Business Scholarship. The PLU School of Business has too many success stories—and that's the way it should be.

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New building approval means move for School of Business

University regents in January approved the preliminary design for construction of the first new academic building on campus since the Mary Baker Russell Music center was dedicated in 1993.

The Center for Learning and Technology—housing the School of Business and the departments of math, and computer science and computer engineering—hopes to open in 2003, depending on fundraising efforts.

President Loren J. Anderson said the center will help PLU integrate new technology in teaching while maintaining its liberal arts focus.

"The need for this project seemed clear four years ago when we first began discussions about how best to help meet the need for the robust integration of technology with our already distinguished academic programs," Anderson said.

"Today the need is even more compelling."

The plan calls for a 56,510-square-foot building that will cost \$15 to \$20 million. It will be located on the lower campus, near Rieke Science Center. The building will feature a three-story south wing devoted to faculty offices and a two-story north wing for classrooms, laboratories and student work rooms. It also will include a variety of computer labs, conference rooms and study areas.

The center will be wired to accommodate current and future technologies.

Anderson said the idea for the center was endorsed during town meetings held throughout the country during the 2010 planning process. Many business alumni said they received a great business education at PLU but wanted more computer training. Similarly, computer science alumni expressed a desire for a broader-based business education.

FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE CENTER FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING, VISIT www.plu.edu/encore

40th Birthday on the Way

Saturday, April 7, the School of Business marks its 40th birthday with a celebration at the Tacoma Sheraton. The day will start with four alumni refresher courses—Managing the Global Firm, Successful Leadership, Technology as Your Strategic Partner, and Innovations in E-Business—led by current School of Business faculty in partnership with alumni business leaders. The evening celebration will look back at 40 years, and look ahead with the unveiling of the newest Center for Learning and Technology building plans. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Martensen at plusbus@plu.edu or (253) 535-7328.

leadership and service

Why we are such avid PLU supporters

BY Q CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS BECKY AND ERNIE BIANCO



Ernie and Becky Bianco, who both work as Q-Club Board of Directors members.

SIMPLY PUT, WE HAVE BEEN, OVER THE YEARS, VERY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT PLU STANDS FOR AS A COMMUNITY INSTITUTION. WHEN ASKED TO SERVE AS Q CLUB DIRECTORS, WE WERE ESPECIALLY HONORED. HOW COULD WE HAVE SAID NO?

Friends have asked us how we ever became so closely related to PLU and the Q Club. Quite a valid question, since neither of us are alums, our kids never went to PLU and we're not even Lutheran. Simply put, we have been, over the years, very impressed with what PLU stands for as a community institution. When asked to serve as Q Club Directors, we were especially honored. How could we have said no?

We started out as Choir of the West groupies. Our first exposure came during a chance attendance at their First Presbyterian concert in Seattle about 12 years ago. We were moved, to say the least. To this day, we have followed that remarkable organization's concerts from Portland to Japan. While the music serves as a connection, our bond with PLU goes far beyond that.

What has been most impressive to us is the exemplary quality of the PLU leaders and advocates we have met over the years. We've been struck with the intense support for and pride in the school evidenced by our PLU connections: the pleasance and

sincerity of President Loren and MaryAnn Anderson in their community-related efforts; the integrity and fellowship of faculty emeriti Dick Moe (and, of course, Marcia); the ever-present smile and enthusiasm of Director of Alumni Relations Lauralee Hagen. Not to mention our fellow Q Club Directors and the PLU alums we've come to know and work with and whose friendships we cherish. We've found a common trait in all our Q Club connections: an obligation to hold high the image of PLU as an institution of learning, and even more essentially as a resource for value-based education.

Our Q Club mission is to sustain that image through financial support for its students. Still, we need to do more. We're 2,100 strong now, but we can strengthen our collective investment in PLU by seeking more members and increasing our contributions. Show your support and pride in PLU—join Q Club and invest your enthusiastic support in it.



Telefundraising at PLU

Meet the 2000-2001 Telefundraisers!

PLU hires 15 students each year to serve as telefundraisers on campus. The students call alumni, parents and friends of the university Monday through Thursday nights from 6-8 p.m. The telefundraisers work hard to not only raise money for the annual fund, but recruit new Q Club members. This year, these students

have recruited more than 35 new Q Club memberships. The students range from freshmen to seniors, and hail from Nebraska to Alaska and states in between. When the students call, feel free to ask them questions, find out what is happening on campus or share memories of PLU. The telefundraisers are looking forward to talking to you!



Q Club fundraisers say Thank You!

Upcoming Q Club Events

Friday, March 16th, 2001
Kathryn Sparks "Myth, Mirth & Mystery"
University Gallery

Join us for a private viewing of Kathryn Sparks' latest show titled "Myth, Mirth & Mystery." Sparks '83 is the current curator of visual resources at PLU, and a Q Club member. Her show consists of a group of new mixed media works ranging from painting to sculpture to fabric constructions and beyond. Viewing begins at 7 p.m. Join us and meet the artist at a private reception for only \$5 per person.

Saturday, May 5th, 2001
Q Club Spring Banquet

Q Club members, don't forget to watch the mail for your invitation to this annual PLU tradition. Come and celebrate with the campus as we share the good news of PLU and Q!

Saturday, May 12th, 2001
Italian Theme Dinner "The Merchant of Venice" Performance

Come enjoy a night of dinner and theater on PLU's campus! The evening begins at 6 p.m. with an Italian dinner, followed by the theatre

department's presentation of "The Merchant of Venice." Tickets for dinner and theater cost just \$17 per person.

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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.

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/month, your gifts to the Q Club provide scholarship aid to approximately 1200 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. Our goal is to raise the alumni giving percentage. Watch your mail, return your reply card, and help continue educating for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service and care by supporting your Alumni Annual Fund.

Gagliardi Trophy caps Johnson's storied PLU career

BY NICK DAWSON

Pacific Lutheran quarterback Chad Johnson received one of the nation's two major awards given to a NCAA Division III football player when he was named the winner of the prestigious Gagliardi Trophy. Johnson received the trophy in December at a luncheon in Salem, Va. The criteria for the award include excellence in athletics, academics and community service.

Johnson had been PLU's starting quarterback for three national playoff teams, including the 1999 squad that won the NCAA Division III championship. This past season, he led the Lutes to the second round of the Division III football playoffs, where they lost a 28-21 overtime contest to eventual national runner-up Saint John's. The left-handed senior finished the season completing nearly 65 percent of his passes for 3,304 yards and 26 touchdowns, ranking him fourth nationally in passing efficiency. Johnson also gained 279 rushing yards for the season and averaged 325.7 yards of total offense per game, also ranking him fourth among Division III football players. Johnson, who

played for his grandfather, PLU head coach Frosty Westering, was named Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year for the second straight season (he shared the 1999 honor with teammate Anthony Hicks) and was a first team all conference pick for the third time.

During his outstanding Pacific Lutheran career, Johnson passed for 8,081 yards and established a new school record by completing almost 62 percent of his career pass attempts (569-of-922). In addition, the 6-3, 225-pounder set a school record with at least one touchdown pass in 22 consecutive games. Pacific Lutheran compiled a 30-5 record in the last three years.

While his athletic accomplishments are noteworthy, Johnson made a similarly significant impact in the classroom. As a business administration major, Johnson graduated with a 3.5 GPA.

Earlier in the fall, Johnson was selected to the 2000 American Football Coaches Association Good Works Team, which honors collegiate football players who show exceptional dedication to community service. He was one of 11 players selected to the

NCAA Divisions I-AA, II, III and NAIA team. Johnson participated for five years in the Lister-McIlvaigh mentoring program that brings Pacific Lutheran football players into role model relationships with grade and middle school students in two Tacoma area schools. Johnson was one of the team leaders in the program.

In addition, he volunteered for programs feeding inner city homeless, participated in two short-term mission projects to Los Angeles, and was a frequent speaker for church youth groups, Special Olympics and various civic organizations such as Kiwanis and Rotary in the Tacoma area. Johnson also served four years as a supervisor and counselor for the four-day Rotary Youth Leaders workshop in the Pacific Northwest.

"We all coach many players during our career, and every so often we have the honor of coaching a special kind of player, not only an outstanding athlete but an outstanding student and person with a strong Christian faith," says Coach Westering of his grandson. "Chad is one of those special guys."

The Gagliardi Trophy is named in honor of long time Saint John's (Minn.) head coach John Gagliardi, the winningest active coach in college football. The trophy, sponsored by Jostens, Inc., and by the J-Club of Saint John's University, has been presented annually since 1991. Last year's winner was University of Redlands (Calif.) quarterback Danny Ragsdale. Johnson was selected from a list of nine finalists.

The Gagliardi Trophy, which stands nearly two feet tall and weighs 64 pounds, features a sculpture of Gagliardi and a player in a classic one-on-one sideline meeting. The sculpture is hand-cast in bronze and mounted on a polished wood base. Copies of the trophy were presented to Johnson and to Pacific Lutheran University.

The 2000 postseason has been full of honors for Johnson, who was also named AFCA Division III First Team All-America quarterback and Lutheran Brotherhood Lutheran College Player of the Year.



Award-winning PLU quarterback Chad Johnson.

Haroldson to retire after 2001-2002 season

Pacific Lutheran men's basketball head coach Bruce Haroldson has announced his retirement from coaching and teaching following the conclusion of the 2001-02 school year. Haroldson entered this season, his 18th at Pacific Lutheran, with a 226-222 record. He led the Lutes to Northwest Conference titles in 1985 and 1986.

Noren ranks third in winning percentage

Rick Noren starts his seventh season as head coach of the PLU softball team ranked third in the nation for winning percentage among active NCAA Division III coaches. Noren, who has led his Lutes to five Northwest Conference titles in the past six seasons, has

compiled an outstanding 198-54-1 record and a .785 winning percentage. Noren has taken four of his PLU teams to national tournament competition. Pacific Lutheran has advanced to the NCAA West Region tournament in both 1999 and 2000, compiling a 75-12-1 record in the process.

Lute Club revitalized

Lute Club, Pacific Lutheran's athletic booster and fundraising organization, is in its revitalization process. Since the early 1970s, Lute Club has provided funds for the PLU athletic department. These funds are used to defray costs such as travel for Lute teams and assisting individuals qualifying for national-level competition. In recent years, however, Lute Club has been less active.

Pacific Lutheran's switch three years ago to NCAA affiliation has eliminated the need to raise dollars for national travel, but there are other necessities within the department, like facility improvement, equipment purchase and out-of-region travel expenses.

As a member of Lute Club, you will invest directly in the success of Lute athletes and the PLU athletic program for this year and years to come. Individuals interested in making a tax-deductible gift to Lute Club can do so by writing a check made out to Lute Club. Send the check to: Lute Club, Development Office, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA, 98447.

A Lute Club brochure, including a membership form, will be mailed in the spring.

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION IN PLU SPORTS, LINK DIRECTLY TO THE ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT THROUGH www.plu.edu/encore.

Choir of the West Memories and Reunion



Christmas performance in downtown Tacoma Bank, 1962

This year the Choir of the West celebrates 75 years of a rich and memorable PLU tradition. To commemorate this anniversary, the choir, along with PLU alumni and friends, will tour Scandinavia from May 30 to June 12. Then, at PLU Homecoming 2001, October 12-14, a Choir of the West Reunion will be held and all past members will be invited to come back and rehearse under the direction of Olaf Malmin '62, son of former director Gunnar Malmin; former director Maurice Skones, and current director Richard Sparks. On Sunday of Homecoming, a reunion concert will highlight individual choirs and the current choir under the direction of a new, yet to be named, conductor. To see more choir pictures and to find out about the reunion, visit the Choir of the West page on the alumni website at www.plu.edu/alumni.

We have visited the PLU Archives and have selected just a few snapshots of the choir's history. The following paragraphs are excerpts from "Educating For Service" by Philip Nordquist '56 and "A Cappella Choirs in the Scandinavian-American Lutheran Colleges" by Paul Benson '67.



Command performance for Norwegian Crown Prince Harald, 1970

The third Lutheran college to develop a nationally touring a cappella choir was Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland, Wash. In the fall of 1925, Pacific Lutheran College, by then grown to nearly 150 students, hired a young St. Olaf graduate, Joseph Edwards, to head the music department. During the opening weeks of the 1926-27 school year, Edwards started trying out voices for the "Choir of the West," a name suggested by an early tour manager of the choir. Despite a shortage of qualified singers, Edwards started building a choir that became respectable and even excellent in time. —BENSON

The choir traveled regularly, often sang on the radio, and was critically well received. All through the 1930s the PLC Bulletin announced the special role of the Choir of the West: "This organization enjoys the unique distinction of being the only college choir west of the Mississippi specializing in a cappella music. Mr. Edwards was our Director of Music...[he was] one time a student under F. Melius Christiansen, director of the St. Olaf Choir... [Edwards built] the Pacific Lutheran Choir into an organization worthy of this illustrious teacher." —NORDQUIST

[Gunnar] Malmin came to Pacific Lutheran College in the fall of 1937. At first, Malmin's efforts to keep the Choir of the West going were something of a struggle—the male student body was reduced at one point to nine. But the postwar years were a time of strong development for the choir. Malmin said of it, "I have always believed that the a cappella choir singing sacred music expresses the highest ideals of Christian higher education culturally and spiritually." It was also a fine singing organization that profited greatly from Malmin's flair for programming. Malmin knew his



Choir of the West, c. late 1980's

audiences and what they wanted to hear. The choir's 1963 tour of Norway marked its peak of artistic attainment, as demonstrated by the reviews in many Scandinavian and German newspapers. —BENSON

In the fall of 1964, Maurice Skones came to PLU as chairman of the Music Department and director of the Choir of the West. Skones was well prepared for his new role, having studied choral directing under Paul J. Christiansen at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. When Skones took over the choir, he immediately put his own stamp on it. Although he was well within the historical tradition of Lutheran college choirs, he wanted to emphasize the choir as a concert ensemble. —BENSON

It was announced...that the Choir would present the world premiere of Hungarian composer Miklas Rosza's major vocal piece, "The Vanities of Life." Rosza, a friend of Skones, was famous as a composer of music for Hollywood movies ("Quo Vadis," "Ben Hur," "El Cid," "King of Kings"), for which he had won three Academy Awards. The premiere was part of the 23 October 1965 Homecoming concert. It was a critical success. Afterward Rosza commented: "I am overwhelmed at how they sang. I had not imagined the work to be performed by memory... Mr. Skones is a true choral genius... This is one of the greatest choirs in the nation, with precision second to none." —NORDQUIST



Choir of the West, c. 1944-46

The cultural high point of the mid-seventies was undoubtedly the May 1974 West Coast premiere of Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki's "Passion According to St. Luke." Penderecki is one of the best-known composers of the late twentieth century, and "Passion," which premiered in Europe in 1967, is considered his masterpiece. According to Mooring Mast reporter Judy Carlson, it blends Gregorian chant, folk music, nonverbal choir sounds, and modified serialism in an eclectic style...The stage in Eastvold Auditorium was filled to overflowing with performers, and the total effect of the music was extraordinary. —NORDQUIST

In February 1979 the choir sang in New York City's Lincoln Center to excellent reviews: "There are many superior college choir groups around the country, but not many of them would probably care to tackle the demanding and musically rich program offered by the Choir of the West...these young students from Pacific Lutheran University...not only surmounted almost every challenge splendidly, but also did [so] while singing the entire concert from memory." —NORDQUIST

Skones was succeeded by Richard Sparks, a faculty member at Mt. Holyoke College who had been educated at the University of Washington. Sparks was the founding director of Seattle Pro Musica and had conducted the Northwest Bach Festival in Spokane for three years. Sparks soon directed a triumph of his own. Benjamin Britten's profoundly moving "War Requiem" was presented in Seattle and Tacoma on the twenty-fifth anniversary of its premiere. Included in the performance were PLU chorale ensembles, the orchestra, the Northwest Boys Choir, a chamber orchestra, and soloists—250 people in all. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer called it an "inspired event": "The credit for such polish and taste must go to Sparks. Never a showman or one to grandstand, he is a musician's conductor. Rarely has a choir sounded so well rehearsed. Under the masterfully detailed baton of Sparks, the sections were astutely balanced, the shape of the work was clearly defined and the phrases and dynamic levels were performed with intelligence and direction." —NORDQUIST



Europe Tour, 1963

Living the Liberal Arts - Letters to the Alumni Office

CHRISTIAN LUCKY '89 – CHRISTIAN LIVES IN NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE IS A CORPORATE ATTORNEY WITH DAVIES, WARD, PHILLIPS & VINEBERG. CHRISTIAN GRADUATED FROM PLU WITH DEGREES IN ENGLISH, CLASSICS, PHILOSOPHY, AND GERMAN. CHRISTIAN WAS AWARDED A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP IN 1989 AND STUDIED AT KIRKELICHE HOCHSHULE IN BERLIN. HIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN HISTORY AND HIS LAW DEGREE ARE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO. CHRISTIAN SPENT SEVERAL YEARS LIVING AND WORKING IN BUDAPEST, HUNGARY BEFORE MOVING TO NEW YORK.

Last week, I received a telephone call from a college student who was interested in attending law school and in becoming an attorney. I enjoy talking to young people and I receive many telephone inquiries each year. Some are aiming for a corporate law job, others are former students or colleagues who want a recommendation letter and still others are looking for a lead on an apartment in the tight New York housing market.

But this caller was different. She said, "I am wondering whether anthropology and Spanish are good majors given my goals? Law school admissions counselors rarely favor one major over another, I explained. "No," she responded "I'm not so much worried about the admissions counselors as I am in developing skills so that I can work to provide legal services in Latin America. I have studied abroad in Buenos Aires and in Ecuador and I'd like to go back to work as a public interest attorney".

For a minute, I was dumbstruck. Had I heard the caller correctly? Then it hit me—of course this was a PLU student! She wasn't looking for a job; she was building a vocation. We spoke at length about legal anthropology, about judicial reform in Venezuela, about micro-lending and about the many public interest organizations in New York that are always looking for talented law students and attorneys. My telephone companion was as well prepared as she could be to undertake the mission she had set for herself. I learned a good deal in talking with her.

Our telephone conversation reminded me that for students such as those who have been educated for lives of service at PLU, the job market is the broad universe of challenges facing humanity and is not simply the narrow listing of employers posting want-ads. For those who take this broader view, it's a bull market with no shortage of jobs in sight. I was also reminded of the interplay between educating for service and the PLU commitment to liberal education. In order to be committed to service, individuals need to be intelligent and sensitive enough to understand and appreciate rewards that are not strictly monetary.

Well traveled, broadly read and bilingual, my PLU caller bears the attributes of a liberal education. She discovered her own professional aspirations within the aspirations of communities she came to know and care for while a student at PLU.

As I said good-bye and hung up the phone, I thought to myself, what about my community? The caller's energy was contagious and had renewed me. I bet I could gather ten attorneys in my own neighborhood who could provide free legal aid to elderly shut ins. I think I will make a few telephone calls of my own.

EMILY KEYS '00 – EMILY FROM TIGARD, OR., MAJORED IN SPANISH AND ANTHROPOLOGY AND PLANS TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL IN THE FALL.

It is typical that during the winter months my thoughts of ten turn toward spring. This year I have not been so quick to leave winter behind, because for me this winter was a momentous one. This winter I graduated from PLU. What was once the place where I worked and studied is now my beloved alma mater. And, so it is with life - anticipated endings become undetermined beginnings.

My chosen disciplines of study were Spanish and anthropology—two majors that encouraged much reading and writing. During my first two years, it often felt laborious to squeeze heavy reading loads into my already full weeks. By the time I reached the last term of my university experience though, I wanted to read more, and I had more words to write than essay space available. A transformation had most certainly taken place. I can see that this transformation was largely fueled by the energy that abounded in the warm environment I had chosen to be my college community. Pacific Lutheran is without a doubt a unique place—one that tends to the hearts and spirits of its students as well as to their minds.

I would not be who I am today without that environment as a student.

Becoming a lawyer actually struck me as a good idea at the age of 5—I even wore a Harvard Law sweatshirt to kindergarten, if you can imagine that! At PLU, I learned *why* I should be a lawyer. PLU helped me to believe that one can live a life that is navigated by the compass of service. It helped me to believe that when guided by that compass we can carve out space for community and optimism wherever our physical road may be. In this way the bonds of community are elastic, and can stretch as far as individuals are willing to take them. For me, these beliefs created the realization that being a lawyer would allow me to put into practice the desire I had to work for justice and reconciliation in our world that is at times very divided and very angry.

Perfectionist-style doubts, those that often plague a good idea, quickly began to overwhelm my thoughts. Have my chosen majors adequately prepared me for the career and dreams that were forming in my head? Does a career such as the one I imagine actually exist in the "real" world? And if so, am I "good enough" to do it? When I was caught in this storm of doubt, the sunlight shown through in the form of fellow PLU graduate Christian Lucky.

Our discussion was empowering and inspiring. His intelligence, depth of knowledge and thoughtful responses to my questions were most impressive. My fellow Lute carefully listened to my interests and then engaged me in meaningful dialogue asking for my opinions and conclusions. Beyond the encouragement and support he provided for me, he contributed to the elasticity of the PLU community by allowing a current student to be his companion in conversation and ideas. We are now neighbors in this community even if miles and time zones distance us.

Now, the time for branching out has arrived. My commencement ceremony has come and gone. I have been charged with heading out into the world to begin navigating toward my dreams and desires with the compass of service. I am confident about branching out because I remain firmly rooted in the foundational principles of the PLU community. And now I too can be a part of our community's elasticity.

PICTURE PERFECT

This group of college friends has remained very close since their days at PLU. They all met while residing in Stuen Hall, and despite living in different parts of the country, still get together several times a year. In this photograph, they are gathered to celebrate the engagement of their good friend Jason Thompson to Gloria McClanahan, who he met while working for the Frank Russell company in New York. If you were a member of Iota Poka Pi or lived in Stuen Hall between 1988 and 1996 and would like to learn more, you can find them all on their website www.iotapokapi.com.



TOP ROW (from left): Adam Sturgill '92 holding son Aaron, Katrina (Hougen) Sturgill '91 holding son Noah; Christian Murray '93; Corrine (Erickson) Murray '94; Kelly Hockelberg-Young '93; Dr. Jeffery Young '93; Karin (Witala) Roney '95; Dan Roney '94

BOTTOM ROW (from left): Kim (Rempher) Helseth '96; Troy Helseth '95; Gloria McClanahan; Jason Thompson '93; Christian Gerling '91; Mark Jones '93 holding son Andrew; Kristina (Cummings) Jones '92

Pencil Us In



Annual Women's Luncheon – April 28

Q Club Banquet – May 5

Adopt a Highway – April 22 (1-4 pm)

Homecoming 2001 – October 12-14

Annual Women's Luncheon

For more than 50 years area women who graduated from Pacific Lutheran University during the '30s, '40s and '50s, have gathered for an annual luncheon to celebrate their association with PLU. Beginning with last year's luncheon, women from the '60s have been added to the guest list. This spring, the luncheon will be held Saturday, April 28, 2001 in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. The luncheon will be in the Choral Rehearsal Room with a special program to follow in Lagerquist Hall of the Music Center. If you live in western Washington, you should receive your invitation early in March.

Class reunions will be held for 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, and 1996 during Homecoming 2001, October 12-14. If you would like to serve on your class reunion committee or would like information about your reunion please contact your reunion class representative(s). See under your class year for more details.

1931

Harold Gray died on Dec. 12. He was a lifelong member of the First Assembly of God Life Center in Tacoma where he served in many roles, including chairman of the committee for the rebuilding of the church following a disastrous fire. After graduating from PLU, he taught at Midland Junior High School before moving to the Clover Park School District, where he later became a principal for 16 years and retired as assistant superintendent. Harold also taught courses at PLU for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Alma; sons, **Gary '62** and **Gordon '65**; daughter, Nora; and grandchildren. His daughter, Marci, preceded him in death.

1934

Ella (Johnson) Fosness died on Dec. 15. After PLU, Ella taught school for five years before she married Elmer Fosness in 1939. They lived in Seattle for eight years before moving to the Cromwell area of Gig Harbor, Wash., in 1947 to live near Elmer's parents and help with the farm. In 1962, Ella returned to teaching and taught sixth grade until her retirement in 1976. She was an active member of Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor and she served as a PLU class representative. Ella was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her son, Leroy, daughters, **Joyce Sears '67** and **Joan Mitton '67**; 5 grandchildren, including **Nate Sears '98**; and 4 great-grandchildren.

1935

Jane (Williams) Ramsdell died on Dec. 1. Jane taught school at University Place, Roosevelt and Lowell Elementary Schools in Tacoma. She married her husband, James, in 1937. She was also very involved in community activities. Serving as vice-chairman of the Pierce County and Washington State Republican Parties, she was a delegate to the 1960 National Republican Convention. Jane is preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by her sons, James and Steven; four grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

1941

Goodwin ("Goody") Olson died on Dec. 1. He was a public school teacher and principal for nearly 40 years and retired in 1980. Goodwin is survived by his wife, **Dorothy '89**; children, George, **Dennis '77**, Teresa, **Carol Houston '73**, and Janice Treen; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arne and Gloria (Rummer '42) Pederson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Jan. 24 with a reception at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tacoma. They met at PLU and were married in Seattle on Jan. 11, 1941, and have lived in the Parkland area for more than 50 years. Professor Pederson served in the PLU School of Education for 33 years and when the youngest of five sons left home, Glorio opened a Scandinavian gift shop that she operated for 21 years.

Merle Pflueger is enjoying his retirement. He bought a new home and continues to do a lot of traveling. He also does substitute organ playing in churches.

1947

Guttorm Gregersen, BA '47, MA '60, recently received the St. Olav Medal in a presentation at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. Gregersen, a native of Norway, was honored for his distinguished service to his native land, including participation in the Sons of Norway, helping start the local Norwegian children's choir, serving on the board of the Scandinavian Cultural Center, and being a correspondent for the Western Viking for more than 20 years. The award was presented by Thomas Stong, Consul of Norway, based in Seattle. Guttorm is a retired Tacoma-oreo educator.



1950

Grant Whitley died on Nov. 12. Grant was a lifelong resident of Tacoma. He served in the Navy during World War II. After PLU, he worked at Hooker Chemical as a chemist until retirement in 1983. Grant was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Anne; sister, Janice Deweyer; sons, Chris and Grant; daughters, **Barbara Dildine '75**, Sandra Merriman and Karen Stratford; and 13 grandchildren.

1951

Class Reps: LaWanna Abrendt at 253-537-3075; Marge Kunschak at 253-537-3101; Maria Larson at 253-538-9483

1956

Class Reps: Ginny Haugen at 253-584-0380 or ighaugen@aol.com; Clarene Johnson at 253-588-2377 or clarene735@compuserve.com

Robert Romnes retired from Champion International in 1995. He was the manager of the process-engineering department. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Florida.

1959

Len and Bette Lou (MacDonald) Ericksen are living in Kalispell, Mont., where Len is serving as the interim pastor at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. They are working with congregational president, **Jim Kittlesby '60**, and vice president, **Wayne Saverud '66**. This summer they will move to Glacier National Park, where Len will supervise the chaplains working with a Christian ministry in the National Parks.

1961

Class Reps: Ron Learch at 509-627-0583 or lerchs@earthlink.net; Karen Flamoe at 253-927-5391 or leflamoe@aol.com

William (Bill) Ostenson died on Nov. 21. After PLU, Bill received a juris doctorate from Willamette University in 1963 and a master of governmental administration from the Whorton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania in 1965. Bill worked for transit agencies in Philadelphia and Detroit before he and his family moved to Bainbridge Island, Wash., in 1972. He was the first executive director of the Economic Development Council of

Puget Sound. He then served as an economic development and public policy consultant. Bill and his wife, Patricia, were married in August 1964. They had two sons, **John '88** and **Peter '90**. He is survived by his wife, sons, and three brothers, **Harold '66**, **Alan '72**, and **Richard '71**.

1964

Dennis Howard was appointed chairman of the computer information office systems department at the University of Alaska, Anchorage in August.

1966

Class Rep: Jack Oliver at 916-961-3304 or jack_oliver@hotmail.com

1968

Anders Aadland assumed command of the U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., in October. He is the commanding general.

1970

Marlene Buffington left for the Peace Corps on Nov. 13. She is stationed in Lesotho, a small, mountainous country with snow in winter located within the Republic of South Africa. Marlene is a resource teacher, helping to train teachers through in-service classes and demonstrations. She also makes visual aids. Marlene spent three months learning Sesotho, the language of Lesotho.

Robert Krause died on June 16. He was married to **Linda (Sherrow) '70**. Bob graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1973. Specializing in pathology, he practiced two years in Minnesota, two years in New Mexico and 16 years in Montana. He was active in the Montana State Pathology Association, the College of American Pathology and the American Society of Clinical Pathology. Bob retired in 1996 due to medical reasons. In 1997, Bob and Linda moved to Las Vegas from Butte, Mont. He is survived by his wife, his mother, and his son, Daniel, a senior at Boston University.

Christine Larson is the new director of professional standards for the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. She works directly with states helping to enact new practice act legislation and maintain the national disciplinary database.

Roger Hansen upgraded from technician III to civil engineer I. He works for the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska.

1971

Class Rep: Joe Hustad Jr. at 503-286-9663(w) or 503-531-04 40(h)

1972

Benjamin Keller joined the staff of Lakes High School in Lakewood, Wash., in 1987. He is the director of choral activities and the music department coordinator. He conducts 270 students in his five choral groups at Lakes. After he earned his bachelor's degree in education and master's degree in music from PLU, Benjamin attended the University of Arizona and received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in choral con-

ducting. He has directed choirs and taught music on all levels for over 25 years, including the Gloriana Chamber Singers, and choirs at both PLU and Arizona. His groups consistently receive superior ratings at contests and festivals, and the Lakes choir has performed three times at the National Invitational Choral Festival of Gold, most recently in the spring of 2000. In addition to his duties at Lakes, Benjamin also serves on state and regional boards for M.E.N.C. and A.C.D.A. In June 1999, he was the Certified Employee of the Year for the Clover Park School District and in February 2000, he was named Outstanding Music Educator for the Mountain Region of the Washington Music Educators Association.

1973

John Nilson was re-appointed Attorney General of Saskatchewan, Canada.

Walter Tushkov is a senior systems analyst at the Boeing Company in Philadelphia.

Penny Brainerd moved back to the Pacific Northwest after spending 11 years in Southern California, working in quality assurance for a computer company, and four years in Arkansas. She loves Newport, Ore., where she is enjoying the sights and sounds of the ocean.

Peter Grewenow died on Dec. 20. After PLU, Peter earned a master's degree in art history from Case Western Reserve University of Ohio. At the time of his death, he was the curator of the College of Architecture and Urban Planning Slide Library at the University of Washington. Formerly he was the curator of the visual resources collection at Columbia University, curator and cataloguer at Boston University and curator and cataloguer at Cleveland Museum of Art. Peter is survived by his mother, Esther; brother, **Ronald '69**; and two nieces.

1974

Sally (Ingalsbe) Ritchie and her husband, Michael, moved to Fairview, Ore., a suburb of Portland. Sally is a media specialist for the Parkrose School District and Michael is the production manager of the door department for BMC West in Vancouver, Wash. Their daughter, **Laura '00** [former Mooring Mast editor], is the media relations assistant at PLU. Laura is married to **Geoff Gifford '01**. Sally and Michael's youngest daughter, Sara, is a freshman at Western Oregon University.

Bruce Bessler is the new Chelan, Wash., Safeway manager. He has managed three Alaska Safeway stores in the past 12 years. Before going to Alaska, Bruce was the assistant manager at the same Chelan store.

1975

Debra Jenkins recently sold her property and house. She had emergency surgery in May 2000 for a ruptured appendix. She recently ended a 10-year relationship. Debra also recently traded in her Jeep Cherokee (there is a '90 Dover gray Jeep Cherokee with PLU alumni and Grateful Dead stickers somewhere in this world) for a 2000 Ford Focus ZTS...and loves it! Debra took a long overdue medical R & R vacation to Florida and Georgia in the fall - the Pacific Northwest looks mighty fine. She is searching for a life partner.

Bill King died on Dec. 1. He was a retired major from the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. After retiring from the Army, he worked as a registered nurse in Saudi Arabia, and for the Native American Hospital in Alaska. He came to Tacoma to work at Western State Hospital and then for the Department of Social and Health Services. Bill also graduated from the Kansas City General Hospital School of Nursing, University of Southern California, and did post-graduate work in nursing at the University of Evanston, Illinois. Bill's interests were travel, languages and the opera. He spoke eight languages including English, French, German, Thai, Vietnamese, Italian, Arabic, and Farsi. Bill is survived by his sister, Catherine Atkins, and his nephew.

1976

If you would like to help us plan this reunion, please let us know!

Clement O'Neill, Lt. Col. (Ret.) U.S. Army, died on Nov. 16. He was also a graduate of the University of Nebraska. His work ethic carried him through his 81st year, as he was still employed by Central Texas University and Pierce College. Clement served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He received many awards during his military career, including the Bronze Star. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1967 after 20 years of service and later retired from the Federal Prison System, as an educator at McNeil Island, Wash. Clement is survived by his four children.

Susan Kerns was elected to the executive council of the Association of Supervision of Curriculum Development, an international, nonprofit, nonpartisan association of professional educators whose jobs cross all grade levels and subject areas, founded in 1943. Susan assumed office in March, following the ASCD annual conference in Boston.

1978

Phyllis Eide received a Ph.D. in nursing and a student leadership award from the University of Colorado in May. She continues to teach baccalaureate nursing at the University of Hawaii, Hilo, where she has been since 1992.

Matthew Watrous is a firearm instructor. He and his wife, Letitia, a naturopathic physician, live in Spokane with their children, Heather, 13 and Travis, 9.

1979

Michael Mendoza is the director of choral activities at The College of New Jersey. He is also a composer.

1980

Arlene Conde died on Jan. 6 from ovarian cancer. She fulfilled her career ambitions by teaching for the Puyallup and Auburn school districts in the '80s and '90s, before illness forced her into early retirement.

Donna Kahre and her husband, Victor, were transferred to Paris, France. Donna works at Honeywell International. She is a contract manager for European Environmental Control Systems, which provides products to Airbus and other European aircraft manufacturers.

Ray Francis retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel. He is now a deputy project director at Resource Consultants, Inc., in

Johnson joins prestigious New York Pops administration

BY LAURA GIFFORD '00



New York Pops Executive Director James Johnson '85 (right) poses with Pops founder and conductor Skitch Henderson.

James Johnson '85 credits three people at PLU with guiding him into a profession in arts administration. All of them, coincidentally, are named David, and all three would be proud of the heights to which Johnson has climbed in the music business. In November, the New York Pops tapped Johnson for its position of executive director.

Johnson majored in music while at PLU, but he also took courses in business administration, computer science and English. "I was interested in being more than a performer," he said.

During Johnson's second year at PLU, professor David Hoffman and music department chair David Robbins encouraged him to pursue the business side of the arts. Fellow student David Gatewood, the hall director of Johnson's residence hall, gave him further encouragement, introducing

Johnson to the arts administration graduate program at Southern Methodist University. Johnson entered the SMU program after a stint at the Pantages Centre for the Performing Arts in Tacoma (now the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts).

Graduate school deepened Johnson's interest in music and dance, and reinforced his conviction that his talents were best served in behind-the-scenes work. After graduation in 1987, he headed to New York City to begin his career.

"The capital of what's going on in the performing arts is New York City," Johnson said. "That's not to say good things aren't going on all over, but especially for a young person coming out of graduate school, it's been an exciting experience."

Founded by Skitch Henderson in 1983, the New York Pops is the largest independent pops orchestra in the United States. Before joining the Pops, Johnson served as director of operations for the Orchestra of St. Luke's, one of the premiere chamber orchestras in the country. Both the Orchestra of St. Luke's and the New York Pops perform regularly at Carnegie Hall. According to Johnson, it was an easy decision to make the move.

"My aspiration was to be an executive director," Johnson said. "It's a great opportunity to work with someone as wonderful and masterful as Skitch Henderson."

worked for Washington's National Pork Fund as the director of community relations and development.

David "Beek" Hanson received a master's degree in teaching from Seattle University in July. He teaches Spanish in the Shoreline School District.

David Lechnyr and Michelle Jensen were married on Oct. 7. They live in Eugene, Ore., with her son, Koi, 7. David is a system administrator at the University of Oregon and Michelle is pursuing a Ph.D. in special education. david@lechnyr.com

Martha Riggers and Kip Olson were married on Sept. 9 in Bellevue, Wash. Martha is practicing family medicine and obstetrics in Kent, Wash. Kip leads a software development team at Microsoft. They live in Seattle.

Julie (Birdsell) Funfar has a new position at La Petite Academy as the education resource leader. She was previously the academy director. She trains all new associates and provides continuing education for teachers at six schools in North King and South Snohomish counties.

Lien Dam was named deputy treasurer for the Port of Tacoma. She joined the Port in 1990 as an intern.

Tim Mason is teaching social studies and video production courses at Lynnwood High School in the Edmonds (Wash.) School District. He plans to make the most of his upcoming summer vacation by traveling to North Africa and not talking to a teenager for at least one month. masantim@hotmail.com

Melissa O'Neil Perdue was promoted to the Tri-City Herald marketing department after almost nine years as a reporter at the Kennewick, Wash., newspaper. Her duties will range from planning newspaper ad campaigns to running the booth at the county fair. During the summer of 2000, she raised \$42,000 through a reader donation fund for victims of the Hanford, Wash., wildfire. Melissa is a freelance journalist in her spare time. She lives in Kennewick with her husband, Andy, who is editor of the Tri-City Herald's 10 web sites and editor of Wine Press Northwest magazine. mo'neil@tri-cityherald.com

Philip and Krista (Hallock) Olufson announce the birth of Adam Philip, on Oct. 29. He joins Carsten, 4, and Ian, 2.

Lisa (Backlund) VanDoorne and her husband, Roland, announce the birth of Abigail Elizabeth, on Dec. 10. In order to stay home with Abi, Lisa established Paradigm Publishing, a full-service publication design firm.

Brett and Susan (Remmerden) Bentsen announce the birth of twins, Thomas and Nicholas, on June 12. They join Jack, 5. Brett is a group program manager at Microsoft.

Brian and Heidi (Gifford '89) Erickson announce the birth of Jenevieve, on March 29. She joins Kyle Tristan, 4. In July they relocated to Philadelphia, where Brian is a senior associate with Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. Heidi is at home with the children and she started her own business with The Pampered Chef in October.

John and Robyn (Heft '92) Heller and their four children moved to McAllen, Texas, where John is in the last year of his Ph.D. program and Robyn is a homemaker.

Carol (Olson) Goodwin and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of James Joseph, on Sept. 22. He joins Mariah Lynn, 3. Carol is a school social worker in the Tacoma School District.

1992

Geoff Jones and Shannon Radke were married in May 2000 in Fort Collins, Colo. They are both family physicians. Geoff works for the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation in Bethel, Alaska.

Dawn O'Brien and Heather Haynes had a commitment ceremony on Nov. 11 at Wallace Falls Lodge in Gald Bar, Wash. They honeymooned in Whistler, B.C., and make their home in Seattle.

Monica Reisch recently accepted a position with the Starbucks Coffee Company as a senior financial analyst at the Kent, Wash., roasting plant.

Julie Priest Hummel and Matthew Hummel '94 announce the birth of Shaina Colleen on May 18. She joins Dominic Matthew, 3.

Jody (Buck) Peterson and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Emma Noelle, on Nov. 26. Jody is taking time off from her job as marketing manager at GreaterGood.com to be with Emma at their home in Seattle.

Wynn Holmes is an intern at a veteran's hospital in Maine and will receive his doctorate degree in clinical psychology in May. His wife, **Debbie (Crane)**, is teaching high school English and social studies and will finish her master's degree in school counseling when they return to the Northwest.

Evdind Nygaard and Karolina Regius '93 announce the birth of Ingvild Ingeborg, on July 23.

Jeff and April (Frederick) Stepanian moved back to the Seattle area, where Jeff is working in orthopedic surgery in Kirkland after graduating with high honors from Quinnipiac University's physician assistant master's program. April is a regional client logistics manager with ADVO, Inc., the nation's largest direct mail advertising company. She has enjoyed positions across the nation with ADVO and currently manages client logistic advertising teams in Seattle, Salt Lake City and Denver. She was also the 2000 Presidents Club winner.

Nicole (Benedict) Lee and her husband, Wally, announce the birth of twins, Grace Catherine and Evan James, on Nov. 1. Nicole is a systems analyst and Wally is the director of marketing for national accounts, both at Standard Insurance Company.

Julie Kraft and Brad Nock were married on Dec. 29 in Boulder, Colo. **Julie Brown '91** was in the wedding. **Greg '90** and **Malinda (Oldham '91) Carter** attended the wedding. Julie is an event planner at GE/Access and Brad is a middle school history teacher.

Kristina Price has a new position as a speech-language pathologist in the San Antonio (Texas) School District. She is providing speech therapy at two elementary schools. Previ-

ously, she was with the San Antonio State School, a state mental and retardation facility, for seven years. kristinoprice@netscope.net

Andy and Katie (Davis) Finley announce the birth of Jackson, on Sept. 6. He joins Dawson, 4, and Bailey, 2.

Beth (Phillip) Nguyen and her husband, Dao, moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., where Dao is a pilot at Tinker Air Force Base. He flies AWACS planes.

1993

Sam Capps is a Lutheran Brotherhood representative affiliated with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle. He recently attended Career II School, a Lutheran Brotherhood training school.

Chris Gant has a new position as a physical therapist at Snoqualmie (Wash.) Physical Therapy.

Brad Chatfield is a public information officer for the Washington State Senate. He is also in Tim Cosey and the Bluecats; a Seattle-area band that recently released a new CD titled "Swing Shift."

Sandra Carley and Joseph Nestor were married on Nov. 27, 1999. Sondra is a nurse and Joseph is a helicopter pilot, both in the U.S. Army. They live in Honolulu.

Andrew and Alison (Carl '94) Corrigan recently relocated to the Portland, Ore., area for Andrew's job at Arthur Andersen. They love the Rose City and are looking forward to connecting with Lutes in Oregon. portlandcorrigan@aol.com

Jayne (McNutt) Leighty and her husband, James, moved in June to Monterey, Calif., where Jim is enrolled in the master's program at the Naval Post Graduate School. Jayne is the conference coordinator at Anteon Corporation. They have two black Labrador puppies, Abby and Buddy.

Greg and Sivhong (Go) Hanson announce the birth of James Gieng Leng, on Sept. 9. Greg began working as a financial/office manager at Caruso Produce, Inc., in August. He was previously at Washington Federal Savings.

Jeff Douglass and Kristen Steele were married on Oct. 7 in Tigard, Ore. Jeff is a physician resident in internal medicine at Oregon Health Sciences University and Kristen is a pediatrician.

Magne and Kristine (Thompson) Myrmo announce the birth of Emily Marie, on Nov. 14. Magne continues as a stockbroker in Oslo, Norway and Kristine is taking 12 months of maternity leave from the Oslo International School where she is a teacher.

Rusty Frisch and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of Garrison Wyatt, on Oct. 4. Rusty is a teacher and a football coach in Plano, Texas.

Bill Walles accepted a call to be the associate pastor at Lutheran Church of the Master in Omaha, Neb. He and his wife, **Sarah (Nelson '93)**, moved from Scottsdale, Ariz., with their two sons, Carter, 8 months, and Payton, 2, in January.

Kristin (Stevens) Koskinen and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of John Christian, on Nov. 16. He joins Will, 2.

Kristen (Harte) Sawin is the governmental affairs director for environmental policy at the Association of Washington Business in Olympia.

1994

Robyn Prueitt and David Chambliss were married on Sept. 2 in Tukwila, Wash. **Mary (Carr) Cox '94** was a bridesmaid. Music was provided by Simple Elegance, a string quartet of current and former PLU students: **Kristina Conway '99**, **Gabrielle Easterby '01**, **Annie Mastrodonato '03**, and **Justine Jeanotte '00**. Robyn is a graduate student at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSMC) in Dallas and David is a lab manager in the Immunology Department at UTSMC. They live in Cedar Hill, Texas.

Marius and Hilary (Samuelson) Andersen announce the birth of Berit Marjorie, on Oct. 16. She



ALUMNI PROFILE

PLU alums tap Tacoma for high-tech careers

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88



Todd Ostrander



Lisa Ottoson

S spurred by a cleaned up downtown, a strong economy and an economic development push, more high-tech companies are calling Tacoma home, and Lutes are filling key positions.

"We're joining the ranks and are a strong contingent," said Lisa Ottoson '87, president of TechHatch.

Ottoson worked for the Frank Russell Company for 12 years before being coaxed away by what she calls a change of environment in Tacoma.

Her company works with start-ups or small-growth companies to see if their ideas are feasible, and helps them put them into action. More than 100 firms have applied to do business in Tacoma in the last two years, and many are linked to technology.

"We see a real growth," Ottoson said.

Coining itself America's #1 Wired City, Tacoma has made a concerted effort to recruit new businesses by promoting its Click!Network, the largest municipally owned telecommunications network in the nation.

Other alums are making their way through the Tacoma technology scene.

Brandon Fix '95 started Donation Depot, also located in downtown Tacoma, to raise funds for charities, and recruited Matt Ashworth '95, another PLU graduate, then later hired David Goodsell '99 to head the marketing department.

"With all the Click!Network stuff, it was easy for us to get wired," Ashworth said.

He said Donation Depot is doing well and recently teamed up with Sponsorvision to help get corporate sponsorship for charities.

"We really feel like we're rolling," he said.

Jennifer Wilson '99 parlayed an internship she got through PLU into a full-time job after graduation. She works in marketing and public relations for ImprintStore.com, which comes up with creative ways for companies to use embroidered and imprinted merchandise for promotions.

The Tacoma location has worked well for her company, which has vendors all over the country.

"I think Tacoma is going to be a lot bigger," Wilson said. "It's got a lot going on."

Todd Ostrander is President and CEO of EssentialMarkets, a Tacoma company that connects small and medium-sized companies with their larger customers by conducting e-commerce through their entire supply chains.

These are just a few of the many Lutes who have found jobs in the high-tech sector away from Tacoma, from small startups to the biggies like Microsoft and Intel to their own companies, proving PLU prepared them well to work in the changing marketplace.

joins Henrik, 2. Marius is a manager at Accenture (formerly Andersen) Consulting.

Kim Kemmerling received a master's of divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia in May and was ordained on Jan. 13. She began serving as pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Magnolia, N.J., in January.

Lisa Springate and Chris Stamatakas were married on Sept. 9 in Eugene, Ore. Lisa is a physician assistant in cardiology clinical research and Chris is a physician assistant in family practice.

Jon and Liisa (Matson '93) Peterson announce the birth of Ryan Eric, on Aug. 5. He joins Shane Edward, 3. Jon and Liisa moved into their new home on June 30, 2000. Jon is a passport specialist at the U.S. State Department and Liisa is the sales support coordinator at Willis of Seattle, Inc.

Brian Peterson and Justine Kroehl announce the birth of Marcus Roy, on June 6, 2000. Brian is a biology teacher in the Auburn (Wash.) School District.

Christina Weist and Jason Thomsen were married on July 8 in Tacoma. Christina is a teacher in the Renton (Wash.) School District and Jason is an account executive for the Seattle Thunderbirds. They live in Renton.

Aime Mitchell and Daren Benson '95 were married on June 10 in Eugene, Ore. In May, **Daren Benson** graduated from California College of Podiatric Medicine in San Francisco. He is in his first year of residency at Kaiser in Hayward, Calif.

Brett Laidlaw and his wife, Heather, recently relocated to Oregon with their two dogs.

Todd and Heather (Lanphear) Alexander continue to volunteer as youth pastors at Beavercreek Baptist Church. Heather has time to enjoy six-month-old Carissa now that she is working part-time. She provides public relations support for two local organizations. Todd is the staffing manager at StaffMark.



1995

Kimberly Lusk has been working at the Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Wash., for two years. She started as a copy editor and is now a page designer. Kimberly loves Spokane and bought her first house in September.

Aron and Julie (Buckingham '94) Watts moved to Spokane, Wash., in June. Aron is teaching fifth grade in the Central Valley School District and Julie is on at home mom and teaching piano lessons. Their son, Caleb, will be 2 in May and they are expecting another child in July.

Aaron Vance is living in Washington, D.C. and managing the corporate marketing analysis team at America Online.

After PLU, **James Marron** graduated with honors from Drake University Law School in Iowa. He then moved to Oregon where he and his wife, Sarah, had their first child, Hannah, on Feb. 22, 1999. James passed the bar exam and served as general counsel to a small Portland advertising company. They now live in Pendleton, Ore., where James is an attorney at Mautz, Baum & O'Hanlan and Sarah is a book-keeper.

Amy Herman-Shoquist and her husband, Devin, announce the birth of Cullen Devin, on Nov. 27. Amy received a master's degree in library and information science from San Jose State University in December. Amy and Devin, a Navy psychiatrist, look forward to moving back to the Puget Sound area in July.

Lauren Laslie, a captain in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps, graduated from the perioperative nursing course at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma on Dec. 1. She and her daughter, Audrey, recently moved to Tacoma, where Lauren is stationed at Madigan Army Medical Center.

Eric Larsen has a new position as promotions manager at Aptimus, a leader in targeted Internet marketing. He oversees all online and offline promotions.

Heather (Snover) Boren and her husband, Bradley, announce the birth of Gracelyn, on Dec. 10. She joins Brooke, 3. Heather is a stay-at-home mom.

Gavin and Stephanie (Johnston) Stanley announce the birth of Connor Douglas, on Nov. 1.

Susan (Wussow) Weber and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of Sierra Nicole, on Nov. 10. Susan is a grant management analyst for the Washington State Military Department.



Esther Chon will graduate from the University of Washington in June with a master's degree in nursing and begin work as a family nurse practitioner.

Jay Jensen is an x-ray technologist in the U.S. Army. He worked at a hospital in Germany for four months in 2000. In May, he married Kathryn Abdon and their daughter, Hailey, was born on Jan. 30. She joins Quentin Show, 3. In February, Jay was transferred to Egypt, where he will serve for one year and then finish his tour of duty in Missouri.

1996

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Katja Pajari and Antti Saloranta were married on Dec. 8 in Helsinki, Finland. Katja is a project manager at Nokia and Antti is the coordinator of quality systems and logistics.

Taj and Andrea (Smedes) Giesbrecht announce the birth of Molly Jean, on May 4. She joins Caleb, 2.



Tomara (Bryant) Miller and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of Tahlia Jayne, on April 19, 2000.

Jason Dahlberg and Nancy Ybarra were married on Sept. 9 in Yakima, Wash. **Matt Ashworth '95, Brandon Fix '96, Erik Peterson '96, and Rian Rowles '96** were in the wedding. Jason is a claims supervisor for Farmers Insurance and Nancy is a dental hygienist. After a wedding trip to Nassau, Bahamas, they are at home in Seattle.

Homan Emami and Kylee Acidera '97 were married on Aug. 19 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Her father performed the ceremony at the Cla-

ver Estate on Diamond Head. Kylee is a research analyst at Solomon Smith Barney and Homan is a senior finance analyst at Mckesson HBOC, both in San Francisco.

Marney McArthur is in her first year as a student in the master of arts program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. The program is for lay persons not seeking ordination.

Erik Niemi was approved for ordination in the Lutheran Church. He is in his final year in seminary.

Megan (Burchfield) Hampson received the Tiffany Award, the American Red Cross award of excellence. The award is recognized nationwide as the most prestigious award given by the American Red Cross. As the recipient, Megan will go to regionals, with an opportunity to advance to the national level.

Margaret McMahon and Joe Gosnell were married on Oct. 21 in Redmond, Wash. **Carrie (Nelson) Caeton '96** and **Rachael Gunn '95** were bridesmaids. Margaret began working at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in January. She takes care of bone marrow transplant patients. Joe is a social worker.

Matt Foreman was listed in Who's Who of American Teachers 2000, honoring the top 10 percent of America's teachers. He is an English teacher, head of the English department and track and field coach at Life Christian Academy. Matt also continues to compete in the sport of weightlifting. He is the top ranked lifter in the Northwest and the Washington State record holder. Matt's wife, Leo, is a website designer and former national women's weightlifting champion. They live in Tacoma.

Mark Meissner and Holli Jacobs were married on Jan. 13 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mark is a federal law enforcement special agent and Holli is an occupational therapist.

Sara (Zak) and Curtis '98 Strom announce the birth of Carlie Dagmar, on Oct. 12. She joins Leif Allen, 3. The grandparents are Nancy and John Zak, and Lorraine and Allen Stram. The great-grandparents are Elsie King, Elsie Dagmar Zak, and Martha Strom. Curt is a



missile system engineer at Millennium, an engineering and integration company in Arlington, Va., and Sara is a stay-at-home mom.

1997

Mike Jacobs worked for Oracle Software for one year after graduating from PLU. He then moved to Portland, Ore., where he was a waiter and bartender. In 1999, he attended the Army's Officer Candidate School in Fort Benning, Ga., and the Armor Officer's Basic Course in Fort Knox, Ky. He is now in Vilseck, Germany (Bavaria), beginning his three-year tour, which will also take him to the Kosovo region. If you are traveling in the area, he has some room in the "house" for a few guests. heyloides2@hotmail.com

Shawn Blocker and his wife, Michelle, announce the birth of Carolyn Victoria, on Sept. 23. Shawn is the new vice president and project geologist at Environmental Geoscience Services in Long Beach, Calif.

Mikel and Jesse (Gardner '98, '00) Michener announce the birth of Violet Anastasia, on July 14. Jesse is a drama teacher at Spanaway Lake High School and Mikel is an actor.

In May, **Tracey Sund** will graduate from New England School of Law in Boston. She also accepted a position as a judicial law clerk with the probate and family court in Eastern Massachusetts and will begin in September.

Heath Runyon and his wife, Julie, recently purchased a new home and their son, Kaleb, will soon be a big brother. Heath has a new position as a buyer at The Robbins Company in Kent, Wash.

Anthony Tin is the office manager and treatment consultant for JT Dental in San Francisco.

Stacy Mallicoat is pursuing her Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

Marcy (Shalhope) Pallotta is the fitness center coordinator for GSA in Auburn, Wash.

Douglas Thompson is a process operator at Biogen in Raleigh, N.C.

Joanna (Kreis) Jacobson has a half-time position as director of youth

and family ministries at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Salem, Ore.

Mona Aboel-nil is a biology teacher in the Kent School District.

Lori (Lee) Richardson and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Kaitlyn Gayel, on Nov. 8. She joins Erik, 12, and Andrew, 9. Lori completed a three-month critical care residency in 1999 and is the new critical care unit staff registered nurse at Valley Medical Center in Renton, Wash.

Johnathon Kupka and Alyssa Fishback '98 were married on Oct. 7 in Richland, Wash. **Karen (Leikem) Kenmore '98, Nicole (Carpenter) Douglass '98, Danielle (Blanchard) Rosendahl '98, Erin Sanesi '98, Tyler Boob '98, Dan Horn '98, and Joe Paull '96** were attendants. John is a captain in the U.S. Army and Alyssa is a personal trainer.

1998

Bethany Wolbrecht and Rob Dunn were married on Sept. 24 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore. Bethany's father, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Wolbrecht, officiated. **Christina Wolbrecht '92, Katherine Graff '00, and Noreen (McEntee) Hobson '99** were in the wedding. Bethany is a grant specialist with the City of Shoreline, Wash. Rob is the general manager of the Old Spaghetti Factory in Tacoma. They live in Des Moines, Wash. bwolbre@yahoo.com

Amanda Richards and Casey Crawford were married on July 1 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Amanda is a special education teacher in the University Place School District and Casey is the principal at Curtis Bridge Alternative School.



Martin Mogk is the inventory auditor for Costco Wholesale in Tolleson, Ariz. He took the Arizona Educators Certification exam in November and hopes to return to teaching soon.

Robin (Nance) Shultis is a primary reading specialist at Wilkeson Elementary School in the White River School District. She is also enrolled in the graduate program at PLU where she is focusing on literacy.

Ryan Fletcher is attending Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. His wife, **Natalie Francois**, is teaching first grade at Oakland International School.

Liz Russell and Ryon Sawyer were married on Sept. 16 at Marine View

Presbyterian Church in the Browns Point area of Tacoma. The sunset reception was held at the Tacoma Yacht Club. **Karyn Miles '97, Allison (Gray) Grassi '97, and Wendi Garrison '97** were in the wedding. They also had the honor of having faculty, staff, and other alums in attendance. After a long building process, they moved into their new home in Northeast Tacoma in October. Ryan works for his family's car dealerships in Puyallup, and Liz is the Seattle branch manager for TERRA Resource Group, a human resources consulting firm that specializes in recruitment and staffing.

Louise "Robin" Sutton recently received a master of science degree from Central Washington University and was promoted to therapist at the Department of Veteran's Affairs in Tacoma.

Karl Lerum is a graduate student in history and assistant cross country and track coach at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn.

Chris Hippe and Jena Fox '99 were married on Sept. 8. Chris is a teacher at Oakbrook Elementary School and Jena works in the outreach ministry at New Song Church.

Jeana (Erb) Crover is attending Oregon Health Sciences University Medical School and will graduate in 2002. She married Joseph Crover in 1998.

1999

Heather Bryant and Matthew Nelson were married on Aug. 19 at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia. Heather is attending graduate school in occupational therapy at the University of Puget Sound and Matthew is employed by The Siemens Corporation.

Heather Woodall is a special education teacher in the Puyallup School District.

Andrea Anderson and Robert Stevens were married on Aug. 5 in Seattle. Andrea is the community marketing specialist at UW Physicians Network and Robert is a web developer.

Wendy Cooley is a special education teacher at Clover Creek Elementary School in the Bethel School District. She volunteers at the Lakewood Playhouse.

Ruth Hagglund and Michael Rouse were married on Aug. 12 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sheridan, Ore. Michael's father, the Rev. Dr. **Richard Rouse '69** of PLU, officiated.

Collette Broady is attending the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, on a full tuition scholarship. She is pursuing a master of divinity degree.

Kristin Tremoulet is the canvass director at Washington Wilderness Coalition, a non-profit grassroots environmental group in Seattle.

Torey Swanson and Lisa Anderson were married in Glasgow, Mont. **Erik Swanson '00, Kurt Swanson '04, Jeff Sanford '97, Mike Thorner '97, Dani Phillips '99 and Mandy Wagner '99** were in the wedding. Torey is a teacher and coach at Mount Vernon (Wash.) High School and Lisa works at Northwest Washington Medical Bureau. Torey and Lisa went to Disneyland for their honeymoon.

Natasha Vantramp and Todd Morrisson were married on Oct. 28 at Northwest Church in Federal Way, Wash. Todd is a firefighter in Glendale, Ariz., and Natasha is pursuing a career in entertainment. They met in the Rieke Science Center and were chemistry lab partners.

2000

Erin Swanson is a Jesuit volunteer at the Deschutes County Health Department in Bend, Ore.

Jillene Lietzau has a new position as a probation officer with Pierce County. She recently returned from a month-long trip exploring Australia.

Camille Mesmer is involved in CKI theatre productions and working at Seattle Country Day School. She is also looking at graduate schools for theatre arts.

Jon Nelis lives in Orange County, Calif., and works for Colstrip Industries, a steel company. In his free time he climbs at some of Southern California's climbing locations—mainly Joshua Tree, Yosemite, and the High Sierra.

Nicholas Baeth and Katherine Pelozo were married on Aug. 12 at Family of Grace Lutheran Church in Auburn, Wash. Both Katherine and Nicholas are students at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln. Nicholas is pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics with a graduate teaching assistantship and summer research fellowship. Katherine is pursuing a master's degree in music performance with a Regents Tuition Fellowship.

Joy Barber joined the Peace Corps as an education volunteer. She left for Bangladesh on Feb. 15. Her two-year service will include teaching English to primary and secondary school teachers and working on other community projects such as literacy, or women in development. Joy is part of a group of 35 volunteers who will be only the third Peace Corps group to serve in Bangladesh.

Brandon Vrosh is in pilot training in Portland, Ore. He plans to be a commercial pilot.

in memoriam

- 1931**
Harold Gray died on Dec. 12.
- 1934**
Ella (Johnson) Fosness died on Dec. 15.
- 1941**
Goodwin Olson died on Dec. 1.
- 1950**
Grant Whitley died on Nov. 12.
- 1958**
Dorothy Gahan died on Nov. 2.
- 1961**
William (Bill) Ostenson died on Nov. 21.
- 1968**
Margaret Walthall died on April 6, 2000.
- P.K. "Ken" Johansen** died on Oct. 3.
- 1970**
Robert Krause died on June 16.
- 1973**
Willie J. White died on Dec. 9.
- 1975**
Bill King died on Dec. 1.
- 1976**
Clement O'Neill, Lt. Col. (Ret.) U.S. Army, died on Nov. 16.
- 1983**
Brian Olson died on Nov. 28.
- 1984**
David Mohr died on Feb. 1.
- 1988**
Carol Braund died on Nov. 10.
- 1990**
Jeanette Vinzant died on Dec. 4.
- 1997**
Kathleen Sugai died on Nov. 27.

FACULTY AND FRIENDS

Alice Utzinger died on Oct. 19. Alice was the wife of faculty emeritus Vernon Utzinger, who was a professor of speech at PLU from 1950 until his retirement in the late '60s, under presidents Eastvold and Mortvedt. Alice was also a long-time member of the Q Club, and requested that any memorials be made to that organization.

Sherman Nornes, PLU faculty emeritus, died on Nov. 28. Sherman graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn., in 1951, received his master's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1956

and his Ph.D. from Washington State University in 1965. In 1958, he began his 28-year teaching career at PLU and retired as a professor of physics in 1991. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; daughters, Laurie and Paula; four grandchildren; mother, Ida; and two brothers.

Pastor William A. Foege, past PLU Regent, died on Christmas Day at the age of 95, after a long and full life as a minister of the Lutheran Church. After attending Wartburg Normal College in Waverly, Ia., he attended Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque. He graduated in 1928 and was ordained a minister in the Lutheran Church that same year. His church and family honored him in 1998 at a special celebration recognizing the 70th anniversary of his ordination. He married his schoolmate and childhood sweetheart, Erika Anne Ermisch, in 1928. She preceded him in death in 1987 after 58 years of marriage. Pastor Foege served many congregations, including churches in Minnesota, Iowa, Washington and Oregon. He retired in 1987 but continued to serve as a supply pastor in various parts of the Northwest. He was one of a few pastors who could still conduct a service in German. In addition to serving on the Board of Regents at PLU, he was also a member of the Evangelism and Christian Higher Education committees of the Pacific Northwest District of the American Lutheran Church. In 1998, he received the Distinguished Service Award from PLU. Pastor Foege is survived by his six children, **Mildred Toepel '52, Grace Holmes '53, William '57, Richard '59, Annette Stixrud '61**, and Carolyn Hellberg; 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Irene Creso, PLU faculty emeritus, died on Dec. 24. Irene was a professor of biology at PLU, where she retired in 1975 and was awarded a doctorate of humane letters in 1979. She is survived by her husband, Larry; her daughter-in-law, Freddy Mae; one granddaughter, two great-grandchildren and three great great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester Creso, and her son, Chester Lee.

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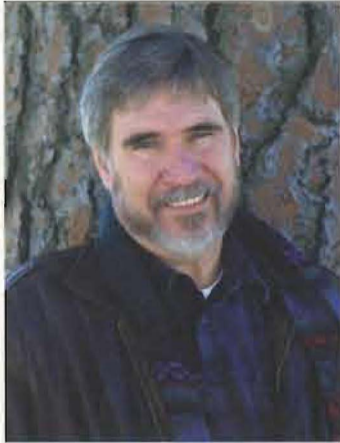
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perspective

PLU poet sees creative expression beyond his own verse



Christopher Howell '66

CHRISTOPHER HOWELL '66 TEACHES IN THE CREATIVE WRITING PROGRAM AT EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY. HE PUBLISHED SIX COLLECTIONS OF POEMS, MOST RECENTLY "MEMORY AND HEAVEN" (1997), AND HAS WON A NUMBER OF AWARDS, INCLUDING THE PUSHCART PRIZE. IN FEBRUARY, HOWELL RECEIVED A \$20,000 NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS CREATIVE WRITING FELLOWSHIP IN POETRY FOR 2001.

THE POEM INCLUDED HERE, "HEAVEN," APPEARED IN HIS MOST RECENT BOOK AND IN CONNECTICUT REVIEW.

BY CHRISTOPHER HOWELL '66

Heaven is a strange but persistent human concept. All my life I have wondered at it and about it. I remember when I was a boy in confirmation class my pastor, Mal Unset, answering another student's worry about the nature of Heaven with, "Whatever it takes to make you happy, God will have it there." In this poem I discover and confess that Heaven, for me, beyond all orthodoxy, and beyond any shame for the sentiment, might be a *return*—in this case a return to the farm village where I grew up, as it was in the early '50s, where I was very happy.

The poem also suggests that the journey to Heaven is a long and wearying road. And I believe that too.

I feel a great esthetic kinship with David Luckert's paintings; they seem to emanate from the same psycho-emotional space from which I want my poems to come, some zone where passion and precision are congruent, where the line between the abstract and the concrete dissolves.

While he insists that he is not a figurative painter (in the same way I might insist that I am not fundamentally a narrative poet), his work seems often strongly suggestive of the world of experience. This painting, for instance, which I purchased from him several years ago and which he refuses to title, I have always thought of as "The Door to the Secret of Day." Beyond that door lies all the possible days and histories of days, every thing the writer, or anyone, might imagine and thereby enter. It may be argued that the extended possibility to which I refer has little to do with "experience." But dreams, imaginings, even hallucinations, may be profound experiences—and their degree of reality quite irrelevant.

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Untitled artwork by David Luckert, from which Howell feels a "great esthetic kinship" to his poetry.

HEAVEN

*So come home
along the dusty hickory shaded ruts
with scotch broom blazing
and orchards rising behind the sharp green
of berry fields. Come on ahead
if you can, with your fractures and played out
luck, your shoes that have forgotten
and had to be carried.
Come with steel-colored hair and slivers
of music half embedded in your heavy arms.
Did you think they would know you
topping the rise, smiling in so much
quiet it must be Sunday here
but it isn't? Did you suppose Jesus would
be here, too, suffering the little children,
preaching to the hill?
Whatever you thought, come on, having got
so far, having found permission
for this finally-blue-again sky, dense
with robins and their singing.
The ice man's here, and the occasional horse
before a plough
and men and women who've risen
and walked here happily all their lives
and who've had so little but this happiness
they can't imagine why you've been away.*



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