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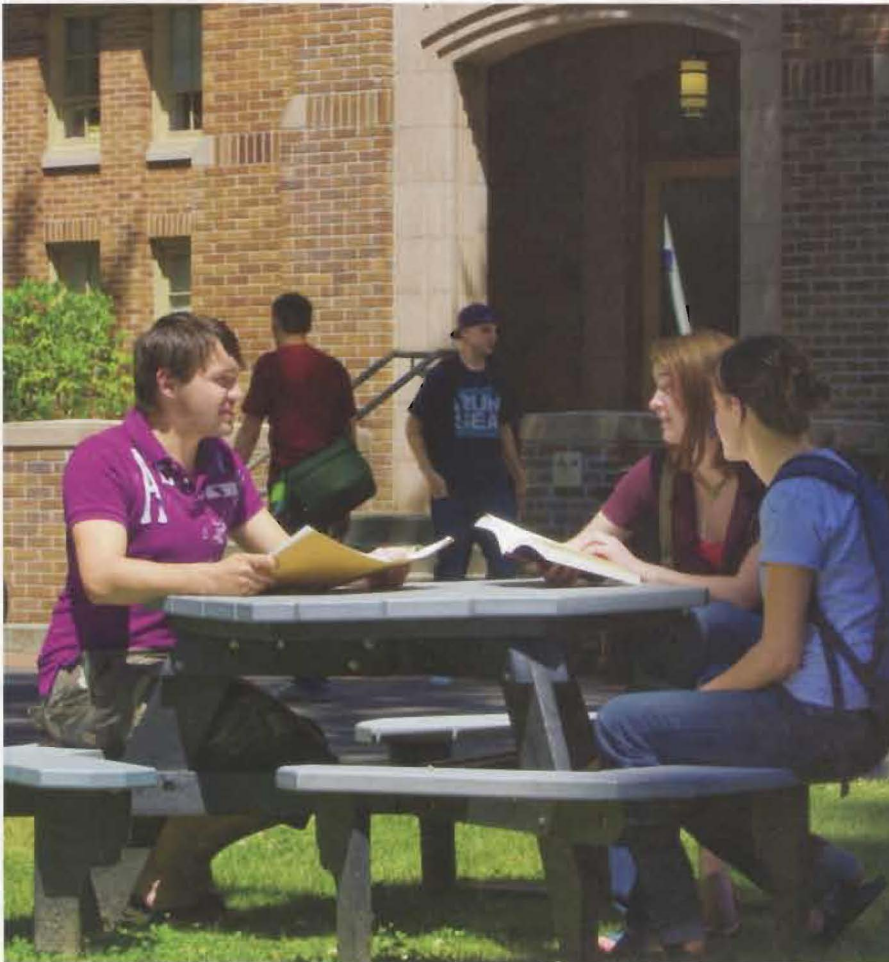
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Students take advantage of the sunshine outside of Xavier Hall. Photo by Jordan Hartman '02

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KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

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Division of Social Sciences Lecture
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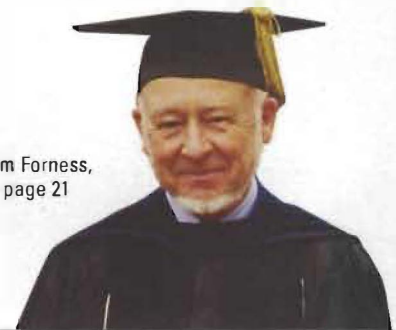


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here & now



PLU's annual **Christmas Concert** celebration is set to play Seattle's Benaroya Hall on Dec. 7.



Big changes for Christmas Concert schedule

For the first time, PLU's annual Christmas Concerts will have a Seattle venue that is as inspiring as the music: Benaroya Hall.

On Monday night, Dec. 7, the Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra will present joyous anthems, processions, carols, narration and

audience participation in Seattle's premiere musical venue, home of the Seattle Symphony. Not only is the larger, acoustically brilliant hall a fitting stage to showcase the talents of PLU's finest student-musicians, it will be a marvelous opportunity to introduce greater Seattle to PLU's signature musical event. Friends and alumni of PLU, save the date – and be sure to bring some friends.

In Tacoma and Portland, the Christmas Concert is also moving. On campus, performances will take place

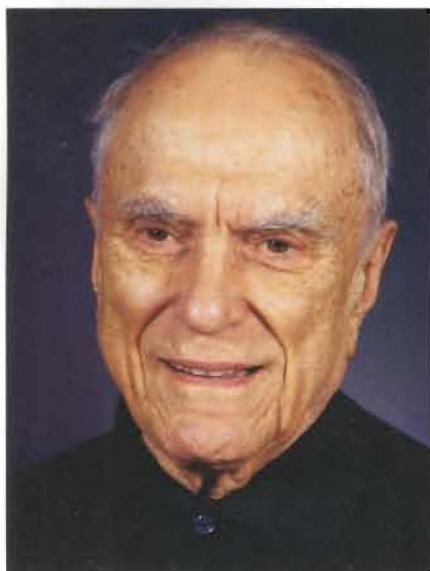
in PLU's Lagerquist Concert Hall, itself a magnificent venue. To ensure that more concertgoers can enjoy the smaller, more intimate venue, the concert will take place on three dates, Dec. 6, 10 and 11.

In Portland, the concert will shift to the beautiful Newmark Theater on Dec. 5. The change in venue will allow more friends and alumni in the greater Portland area to begin their holiday season in the PLU spirit.

More details, including ticket information will be available soon at www.plu.edu/christmas.

Sidney Rittenberg 'The Revolutionary'

Sidney Rittenberg never planned to go to China. But PLU's visiting professor of Chinese studies ended up living there for 35 years, becoming the only American thought to personally know every Chinese leader from Mao Zedong to President Jiang Zemin. Even after being wrongfully jailed by the Chinese government for 16 years, Rittenberg remains dedicated to fostering cooperation between China and the U.S.



Rittenberg has been asked by more than a dozen filmmakers to tell his story. Now he has granted documentary filmmakers Lucy Ostrander and Don Sellers of Stourwater Pictures the right to produce a film on his life.

Along with veteran CBS and PBS Frontline producer Irv Drasnin, they are producing "The Revolutionary," a feature-length theatrical documentary about Rittenberg's life.

"This film is very much about China and the American experience in China and from a depth and perspective we rarely have the opportunity to experience," Drasnin said. "It doesn't often get this personal or insightful or revealing."

Phase one of research for "The Revolutionary" has been completed and includes more than 20 hours of interviews with Rittenberg and his wife, Yulin Rittenberg. Complete transcripts and the recordings of these interviews are now available in

Mortvedt Library. The next phase of the project includes filming in China and an international search for related historical material.

PLU is serving as the fiscal home for the project. Initial fund-raising efforts have been led by Tacoma philanthropist George Russell and PLU President Loren Anderson. To date, more than \$200,000 has been raised toward a total project goal of \$700,000.

"To put it simply," Anderson said, "Sidney Rittenberg's story is totally unique, and it needs to be told. The archival materials already produced are a research treasure for students and faculty who seek to understand the emergence of modern China."

For more information, to view clips or make a donation to this project, visit www.stourwater.com/development.html.

PLU honored for its international programs, new magazine, fund raising and more

It's been a year for heady accolades at PLU - all on a national level. The awards included recognition for environmental sustainability, global education programs, publication program improvement and fund raising.

In March, the university received an award from the EPA for purchasing more green power than any other school in the Northwest Conference of the College & University Green Power Challenge Championship program.

PLU's purchase of nearly 8 million kilowatt-hours of green power is the equivalent amount of electricity needed

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OCTOBER 13

8 p.m. - Lagerquist Concert Hall
PLU's University Symphony Orchestra and conductor Jeffrey Bell-Hanson will perform Karin Rehnqvist's "Arktis-Arktis!" in an all-Nordic program to also include Sibelius' Violin Concerto performed by faculty violinist Svend Rønning.

NOVEMBER 10

8 p.m. - Lagerquist Concert Hall
PLU's University Symphony Orchestra and faculty flutist Jennifer Rhyne will perform Egil Hovland's "Concerto for Piccolo and Orchestra." Also on the program is a world premiere performance of "Glaciers" by James Romig conducted by Jeffrey Bell-Hanson.

MUSIC of Scandinavia AT PLU

A unique series of concerts and lectures will take place this fall with noted Scandinavian musicians performing and discussing their work.

FOR TICKETS AND INFORMATION, VISIT
www.plu.edu/music



KARIN REHNQVIST BY ESTER SORRI

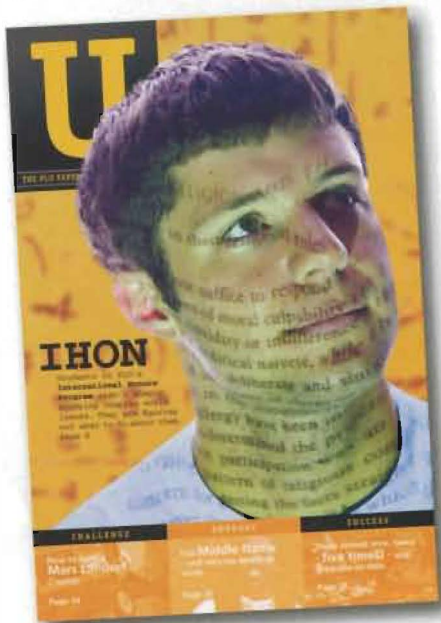
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Just two weeks later, PLU received the 2009 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, a prestigious award that honors outstanding efforts on and off campus to engage the world and the international community. PLU was the first and only private college in the West to receive this honor.

A variety of programs brought PLU into consideration for this award. The university has focused on global scholarship for 30 years, and more than 40 percent of its students participate in at least one study-away program before they graduate. With the support of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a \$2 million endowment was set up to help low-income students study away. Finally, more than 35 Fulbright student scholarships have been awarded in the past decade to PLU scholars.



PLU's new magazine for prospective students, 'U.'

In May, the Council for Advancement of Education, CASE, awarded PLU's new U magazine, which is sent to prospective students, a gold medal for best improved publication in the nation this year.

Finally there was the extraordinary June announcement that PLU has been awarded a 2009 Council for the Advancement and Support of Education-WealthEngine Awards for Educational Fundraising. This award

honors superior fund raising programs in the United States. PLU was selected to receive the overall performance award, based on an analysis by CASE of three years of fundraising by the university. The CASE award covered the fund raising years spanning 2006 through 2008 totalling more than \$45 million and more than 50,000 gifts.

In considering the programs, CASE judges used several factors to recognize institutions including those that show solid program growth, breadth in the base of support and other indications of a mature, well-maintained program. Some of the gifts during that time included funds earmarked for the Morken Center, the Wang Center, PLU's nursing program, Eastvold renovations, international studies and an endowed chair for Holocaust studies.

Curricular reform ensures continued educational excellence

What it means to be a well-educated person may seem immutable. It's not.

General education programs evolve slowly, punctuated occasionally by moments of significant revision. One of those moments bore fruit this fall at PLU when the faculty introduced new students to the revised general education program of coursework that is required for every student to graduate.

"It always strengthens a university, and the educational experience of students, when the faculty pauses to look at the purposes and strategies for providing high-quality education," said Provost Patricia O'Connell Killen.

Rather than core requirements or general university requirements, the new standards have been conceived of and owned by the faculty as a fully integrated program.

"With our new General Education Program, students will better appreciate the importance of this coursework to their education and their overall goal for university study," Killen said.

One major change in the program is that each academic unit responsible for

an element of general education has provided a clear description of the purpose of that element.

"Students will more readily see how general education integrally relates to their majors and minors, their particular educational goals and their career goals," Killen said.

Surveys of alumni over decades have shown that, a few years after graduation, PLU alumni report that they wish they had taken more general education courses.

"Through general education, students gain capacities for critical analysis, verbal and written expression, approaching problems from multiple perspectives and argumentation," Killen said.

"That gives them imaginative capacity, skills in questioning and the ability to be able to make sense of the rapidly changing situations in which they find themselves, whatever their life or career choices."

For complete background on the General Education Program, visit www.plu.edu/~gened/.

Make it 80 Fulbrights

This fall, Abigail Fagan '09, will make her way to Germany to teach English as the 80th Fulbright Student Fellow from PLU.

"I wanted to pursue this for two huge reasons," Fagan said. "One - I want to speak better German and what better way to do that than to celebrate language with German students of English."

"The second reason is - I'm really bad at change. I don't like change, but I always learn so much about myself through new experiences. I'm really excited to learn about Germany through those sorts of changes in environment and experiences."

PLU graduates have gained the reputation of strong placement and participation in the U.S. Fulbright Student Fellowship - in 2007 PLU was one of the top four masters-level institutions with regard to the number of students currently participating in the prestigious fellowship.

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and named for U.S. Senator J.

William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright program was established in 1946 to “increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.”

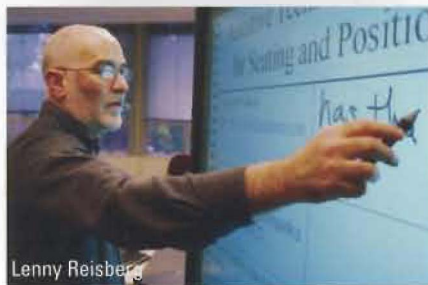
“The Fulbright Fellowship is an ideal match with the global focus of this university,” said Troy Storfjell, assistant professor of languages and literatures, and the university’s Fulbright program adviser.

The first Fulbright Student Fellowship awarded to a PLU student was in 1975.

What to do with a whale skeleton?

What do you do when you suddenly find yourself in possession of a gray whale skeleton? When a PLU biology prof and a few students were confronted with the problem, they went to Amazon.com. And sure enough, there was a book called “How to Clean a Whale.”

To find out the whole story – and what, exactly, they are going to do with all those bones – watch the video www.plu.edu/whale-bones.



Lenny Reisberg

New endowed chair in education created

A new endowed chair has been created in the School of Education and Movement Studies – the Jolita Hylland Benson Endowed Chair in Elementary Education.

Funded by Dale and Jolita Benson through The Benson Family Foundation of Portland, Ore., the inaugural appointment to the Jolita Hylland Benson Chair is Leon (Lenny) Reisberg, professor in the Department of Instructional Development and Leadership in the School of Education and Movement Studies.

Dale and Jolita Benson both attended

PLU and graduated in 1963. Dale earned a BA in history and then a master’s degree and a doctorate from the University of Maine. He has had a long and successful career in the financial industry. He is a member of the university’s Board of Regents.

Jolita graduated from the School of Education and has dedicated her life to educating children. Throughout her

career Jolita exhibited unique gifts for recognizing the needs of children and providing them the support and positive regard that allowed them to flourish. The Jolita Hylland Benson Chair exists to advance these goals for children today and into the future.

In 2004 a gift from the Benson Family

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ACCOLADES



A research paper co-authored by **Chung Shing-Lee**, associate professor of business, has been selected as one of the 50 best articles of the 15,000 reviewed throughout 2008 by the Emerald Management Reviews. The paper, titled “The DNA of Industrial Competitors” and published in the Research Technology Management, earned an Emerald Management Reviews Citation of Excellence.

Maria Chavez, assistant professor of political science, co-authored “Should I Stay or Should I Go? Explaining why most Mexican immigrants are choosing to remain permanently in the U.S.” The article was published in the journal *Latino Studies*. It is the fourth article she has co-authored since joining PLU in 2006.



Andrew Finstuen, assistant professor of religion, has written “Original Sin and Everyday Protestants: The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr, Billy Graham, and Paul Tillich in an Age of Anxiety.” Published by

the University of North Carolina Press, it will be released Nov. 15, 2009.



Doug Page, senior development director of gift planning, has been named President of the Association of Lutheran Development Officers (ALDE), one of the nation’s leading organizations of Christian fund raising professionals with membership of more than 900 throughout the US and Canada.



Paul Ingram, professor emeritus of Religion, published a new book titled “The Process of Buddhist-Christian Dialogue.” It is published by Cascade Books. Ingram’s 2008 book, *Buddhist-Christian Dialogue in an Age of Science*, will be the subject of a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies in November.

John Moritsugu, professor of psychology, co-authored “Community Psychology, 4th Edition,” with F. Wong and K. Duffy. The text, published by Boston, Allyn and Bacon, was released in the spring of 2009.

life of the mind

Three biology professors win coveted Murdock grants to support student-faculty research

Turning over barnacle-encrusted rocks, one by one, craning your neck to catch a glimpse of a bird, or sloshing through a muddy tributary might not seem like hard-core science. But think again.

It's research such as this that gleaned three assistant professors of biology – Michael Behrens, Julie Smith and Jacob Egge – grants totaling more than \$120,000. The support, provided by the Vancouver, Wash., based M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, will fund three student-faculty research projects.



Each year, the trust funds dozens of projects that are intended to enhance the quality of life in the Pacific Northwest by providing grants and enrichment programs to organizations seeking to strengthen the region's educational, spiritual and cultural base in creative and sustainable ways. In 2009, the trust funded 43 scientific projects with \$2.9 million in grants.

"The foundation feels it is important to support scientific exploration of the natural world, and these grants, including the grants to Pacific Lutheran University, are an important part of that work," said Dana Miller, senior program director for the Murdock Trust.

The grants to PLU will fund two years of student-faculty research looking into the ecology of the Pacific Northwest, as well as species divergence in several Mississippi River trib-

utaries. Each professor will work with four students (two each summer) over the next two years to both collect and analyze data.

For Behrens, the grant means he will continue his work researching prickleback fishes indigenous to Washington's Olympic Peninsula. Behrens will study the digestive physiology of these tidepool fishes, and how temperature and diet affect growth in the species. This will further the research into why some areas support fish that are herbivores, while other parts of the globe support fish that are basically omnivores.

"It's been recognized since the early 1960s that there are lots of herbivores in the tropics, but very few at higher latitudes," he said. "But it's not been addressed why this might be."

This research may eventually have links to climate change, and why or how one species might survive, while others may not, Behrens noted.

While Behrens will be on the beach, Egge will be taking his crew up the Mississippi River into a series of embayments and streams that drain into it. Egge's crew will see if the Mississippi acts as a natural barrier that isolates species along the river.

They will be studying the DNA of different fish – two species of catfish and one minnow – gathered along the Mississippi this June.

"If you're in stream A, and you have all close relatives in stream A, but have some relatives also in stream B, it indicates you might get around stream to stream," he said.



The team will also be looking at the cryptic diversity, or how long a species of fish might have been in a given stream. For example, some fish populations may have started developing five million years ago, when glaciations isolated the area, he said.

The only one of the three professors with feet firmly planted on dry land – and neck craned into the air – is Julie Smith.

Smith will be researching red crossbills, which have developed a unique ability to pry seeds out of different types of pine cones with their moniker – a bill with curving points that cross.

Smith is interested to learn if different types of crossbills – those that may get seeds from the ponderosa pine and those from the western hemlock – breed with each other. There is evidence they do not.

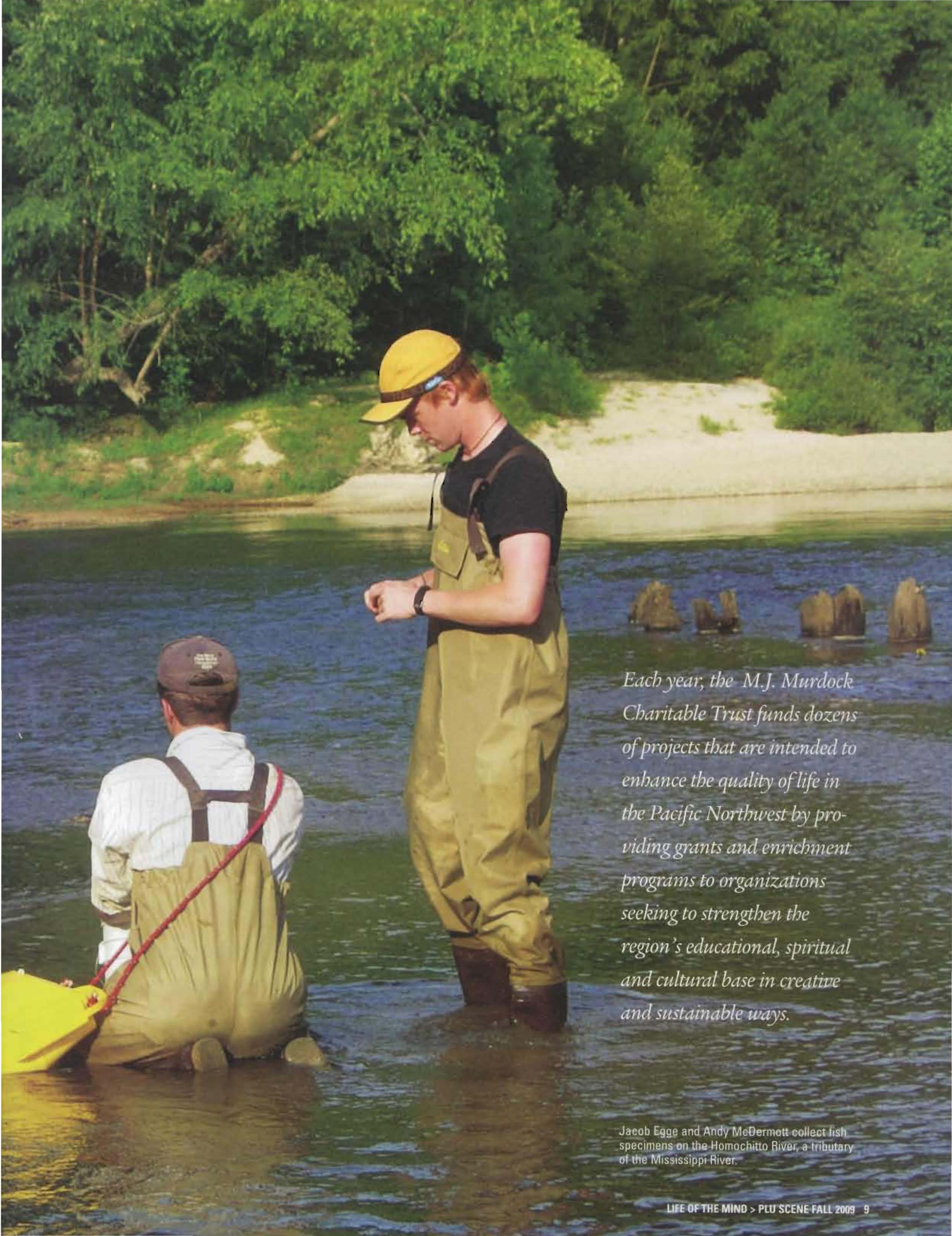
She's also interested in what exactly contributes to their breeding isolation. Do they have different calls? Breeding areas? Seasonal cycles?

This first year, Smith's team will be driving around Oregon and Washington with recording equipment, trying to find populations of crossbills.

"I've heard about a good Douglas Fir crop in the lower Puget Sound area," she mused.

She's probably going to check that out first, microphone in hand. ■

—Barbara Clements



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Jacob Egge and Andy McDermott collect fish specimens on the Homochitto River, a tributary of the Mississippi River.

I sat in one of my first classes at the University of Westminster in London flummoxed. It was days since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, and a European student sitting in the back of the lecture hall raised her hand and put forth to our professor: "What happened in New York and Washington, D.C., is horrible, but didn't the United States kind of have it coming?"

In hindsight, I chuckle at how stunned and offended I was to hear such a frank assessment. I would have liked to see my face at that moment: wide-eyed, jaw hanging open. At the time I was trying to find my bearings in a foreign land, not to mention totally overmatched in my knowledge of U.S. foreign policy. I was living in an unfamiliar country for the first time, surrounded by people from all over the globe (to illustrate, I shared a flat with a Brit, Jamaican, Japanese and two Chinese students). I had little conception of the perspectives my peers held toward the United States and, to add complexity to an already green and overwhelmed boy, I was transitioning in the aftermath of Sept. 11. That moment effectively served as my principle moment of "culture shock" during my study away experience at PLU.

London led me to Valencia, Spain, following graduation, which

led me to a job with the American Red Cross and a volunteer position with the World Affairs Council of Seattle. These experiences eventually guided me to India as a consultant on corporate social responsibility for the Confederation of Indian Industry.

For my part, the impact of living overseas has been most profoundly felt in the recognition that my life – along with its achievements, disappointments and every day challenges – forms but a small drop in the ocean of humanity. My time overseas has invariably altered my constitution, leading me to redefine success and failure, distinguish my genuine needs from wants, and identify the liberties I so freely enjoy and often take for granted.

Possibly the most cherished takeaway I can claim is an enhanced capacity to empathize. By subjecting myself to a wider array of novel human experiences, different standards of living, lifestyles, events, emotions and perspectives, I have increased my chances of understanding the joys and hardships experienced by others throughout the world. This will inherently lead me not only toward being a more effective professional, but also a more complete human being.

Most people who travel to a foreign country inevitably have a striking moment during that first trip such as my own, where



Why *uncertainty and discomfort* are not always bad things

A PLU graduate reflects on his time abroad, and how it has changed the way he engages the world.

they abruptly recognize the differences between their new locale and their homeland. No matter how it occurs, it serves as the principle moment, one of hundreds or thousands to come, which begin to influence and shape who you are, whom you will become and most importantly, how that changing person will interact with the world.

A friend remarked while visiting me in India that I don't wear the same rose-colored glasses anymore. His observation may be true. A certain harsh reality settles in after seeing dire poverty and brutal social inequity first hand, knowing that there are individuals who take advantage of these situations at others' expense and my own seemingly helplessness in the face of it all.

But what these experiences have provided is the opportunity to connect in a deep, meaningful way with people from every corner of the world, all having walked varied paths in life and shared different stories. I have been forced to take a deeper, nuanced view of humanity.

Nothing embodies this truth more than the family who lived down the path from my apartment in Arjun Negar, one of New Delhi's numerous poor, densely packed communities. It is a fairly typical Delhi neighborhood. The narrow, dirt roads bustle with motorcycle and foot traffic about 20 hours a day and you can >>

BY JOSHUA D. REIMAN '03

Why *uncertainty* and *discomfort* are not always bad things



find just about anything you need at its countless little family-run shops. This family would have me over for chai whenever I was willing to stop by for a few minutes and chat. The father was a driver, or chauffeur, with a big grin, amiable nature, a slight frame and questionable drinking habits. The mother was extremely reserved and said little. His two sons were also drivers. His lone daughter was 15-years-old, gifted with an infectious smile and a contagious spirit, but had not been in school for a couple of years. She often made and served the chai I would share with her father. Her father explained to me she had been taken out of school because there was no need for her to attend anymore.

It is not difficult to read about the challenges facing Indians today: a stagnant literacy rate, deficient infrastructure, environmental degradation, poor sanitation, malnourishment, repression of its women and a domineering caste system. It is a much more tangible reality when you are sitting and talking to one of the families where such challenges apply. I cannot fairly describe the humility I often felt talking with my neighbor's daughter, whose English was the best in the family. I came to India excited for the prospect of adventure, cultural immersion and professional growth, whereas her avenues for a complete education had already been scuttled during her adolescence without her input. Her life's path had most likely already been decided by her male elders.

I think of this, and then I think of the day I met with the execu-

tive director of an international foundation early on during my time in India to discuss their development priorities. After a congenial conversation, he looked me straight in the eye and said frankly:

"Listen, in truth, nothing is going to really change in India until your average Indian, stuck at a traffic light, sees the poor woman on the corner whose naked children are running up to cars and rickshaws begging for food or money, and doesn't think, 'At least my children are better off than hers.'"

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He wasn't speaking pessimistically, nor did he come across as an elitist who thought his own people were incapable of compassion or progress. He simply was telling the honest truth as he saw it; a truth that was hard for me to swallow. I wondered how long it took for a society to overcome such repression. Moreover,

I considered that more developed countries like my own may still be guilty of similarly disdainful attitudes.

These are but a flash of my own experiences. There are many people I have encountered who have enriched my life in immeasurable ways merely through our simple human connections. The rickshaw wallah who has been driving through the smog-choked streets of Delhi for 15 years, supporting his family of five; a 42 year-old Valencian businessman who continues to work on his English one night a week because he knows he will need it increasingly more in the coming years; two Ecuadorian sisters, four years apart, both now single mothers and raising their children with the support of their parents and five siblings. All of them have provided an insight into a slice of the world I did not know or understand before.

My story is not unique. The dynamic evolution of globalization has made this journey increasingly common among both students and working professionals, all the while becoming an essential component to the functioning of the world's economies. In fact, the number of students studying abroad increased 144 percent between 1995-2005 according to the Institute for International Education.

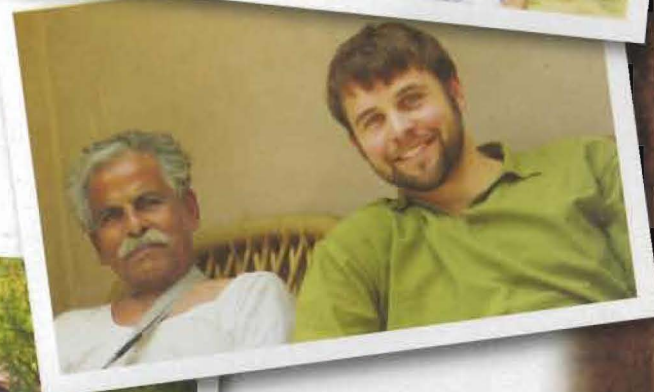
When I set out for my semester abroad in London during the fall of 2001, I didn't have the slightest clue that my experience would be the impetus for an adult life focused largely around international affairs and living overseas. My life has been forever altered by that initial experience. A growing number of people, guided by divergent motives and means, are traversing the globe for a wider array of reasons: business meetings, professional advancement, volunteer opportunities, vacations, surgeries, university education – not to mention visiting friends and family. With each experience I have gained slightly more depth and perspective of the world I inhabit. These experiences have also served to shape the person I am when eventually I resume my life back in the United States.

In the end, my journeys amidst the often confusing, beautiful mess of an increasingly globalized world have made me more intrigued by the diversity of humanity and our ways of surviving. While I doubt I'll ever tire from exploring the differences that exist between groups of people, I am equally inclined to know what bridges our differences. One thing I am sure of – I have seen it in the eyes and felt it in the affection of people from India to Spain and Peru to Tacoma – there is a human spirit that

we all share, capable of communicating across language barriers, through the walls of history and demographic division we tend to assume separates us.

Of all the anecdotes and perspective-shifting experiences I came away with from spending time overseas, I am convinced the one most responsible for catalyzing globalization is the power of shared human experience. Not only have most countries found that globalization facilitates their economic growth, but their leaders and ordinary citizens have consistently found friends and partners in different corners of the globe with whom they share common interests and goals. These human connections have encouraged further investment and cooperation. It is the gift of sharing one's culture and space, being increasingly experienced by people across our globe that gives me hope. It is this deep, resonating impression on the soul that catches people off guard at first, but which ultimately motivates each of us to continue the invigorating journey of discovering the intricate dimensions of our world. [5]

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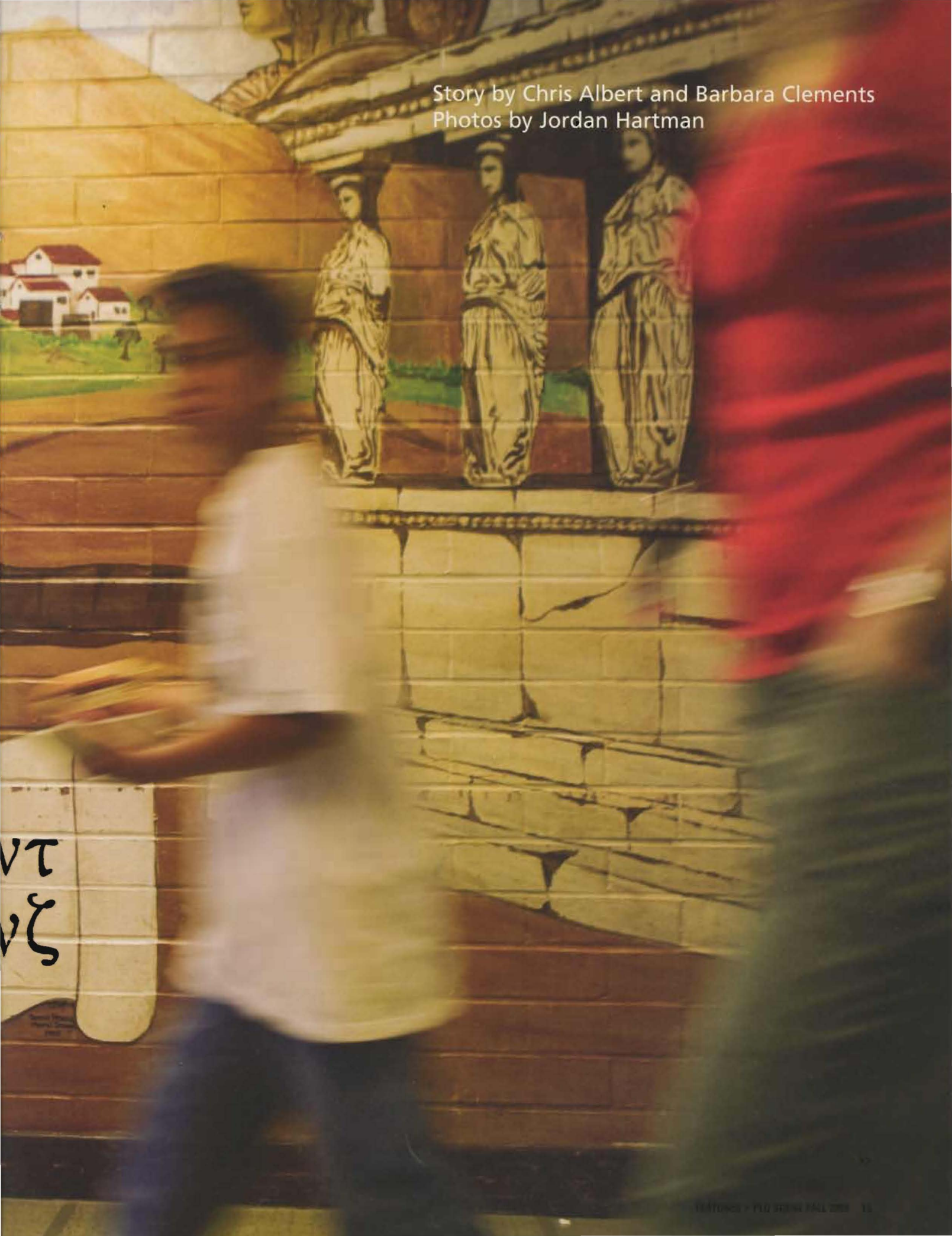


CLASS ACTS

The everyday triumphs, joys and challenges of eight dedicated educators – all Lutes – at a single bustling middle school

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CLASS ACTS

Who would want to teach hormone-laced, boundary-pushing, in-your-face, preteen and teenage students? The teachers at Cascade Middle School, that's who.

THEIR NUMBER INCLUDES EIGHT PLU GRADUATES who have shown an uncommon passion for teaching, for making a difference in the world and, in some cases, for becoming surrogate parents to students in a school with a 43 percent free-lunch rate.

Some of these Lutes left high-paying jobs for this career. For others, teaching at the Auburn, Wash., school was their first choice. Most are up at 5 a.m. during the school year. Most coach after school. Some don't finish the day until midnight, after papers are graded.

All of them chose this profession, these grades and this school.

None has any plans to leave.

7 A.M. Principal Johnson's office. 45 minutes until first period

Isaiah Johnson '96 is at his desk, weeding through e-mails that have grown exponentially since the 37-year-old walked out the school doors at 7 p.m. the night before.

"There are just never enough hours in the day," he says, as the first sounds of students arriving can be heard.

Behind Johnson on the wall is a poster of President Barack Obama with his familiar campaign slogan, "Yes We Can." The image and the message resonate with Johnson for multiple reasons. Like Obama, he's a first: the first African-American principal in the Auburn School District. This is also his first year as a principal.

He says "Yes We Can" also resonates because, "It reminds me, 'Yes I Can' and 'Yes We Can' build this school."

It was on a basketball court that Johnson first felt his calling. He had been bouncing around different majors while a PLU student, unsure what he wanted to do with his life. The dean of students at the time, Erv

Severtson '55, suggested Johnson work as a counselor for a youth basketball camp.

"I had a blast working with kids," Johnson says.

He was hooked – he had found his passion.

7:15 A.M. Mr. Lee's special education class

Aaron Lee '02, has just arrived at his classroom from his South Hill home in Puyallup, 30 miles away. He has about 10 minutes before students in his special education class begin to wander in. He usually uses this time to prepare. Or at least think.

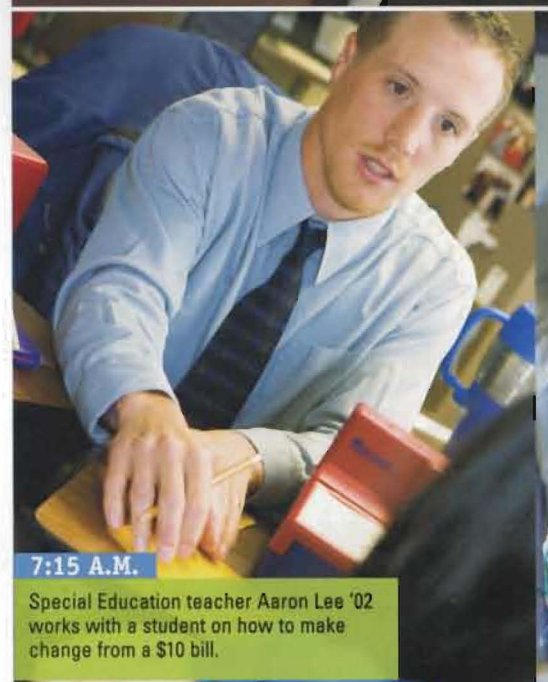
First, he'd planned to become a social studies teacher, but the special education position in the district was the only one available. So he took it. Now, Lee, 32, doubts he'd want to teach in any other discipline. He gets to know – really know – the 11 students assigned to his class each year. They range from an autistic young boy who won't utter a sound to a girl who will probably be mainstreamed into the regular classroom soon.

At first the pay was tough, he admits. He was pulling in about \$2,200 a month, if that. But now that he's up the pay scale, it's better.

"My friends might be making more money than I, but they are not happy with their jobs," he says.

As the students come in, they quickly focus on Lee, who starts by asking them to write and talk about their favorite food and why. French fries and pizza top the lists.

Next, they break into small groups with aides and start working on math and reading. Lee takes the two toughest cases for himself: Sarah and Carlos. Sarah has had a bad night and keeps



7:15 A.M.

Special Education teacher Aaron Lee '02 works with a student on how to make change from a \$10 bill.



7 A.M.

Principal Isaiah Johnson '96 goes through his mountain of morning e-mails before students arrive for the day.

falling asleep on the desk. Lee said he feels the girl has some medical issues that need tending, but they can't get her mother to show up for the doctor's appointments.

Carlos is awake and quick to help Lee make change for an imaginary \$10 bill. But this is the first time he's shown up for class in awhile. Lee never knows whether he'll disrupt the entire class or be the star pupil.

8 A.M. Cascade Middle School hallways

Johnson is out and about, two-way radio in hand, roaming the hallways and courtyards of Cascade, keeping a watchful eye on his students.

"I like to be visible in the hallway," he says. "I haven't been able to do enough of that this year."

He high-fives students as they pass by and once the class bell rings, he checks to make sure the hallways are empty. He likes it that way – it means the students are in class.

"This is what it's supposed to be like," Johnson says. "Quiet."

8:05 A.M. Ms. Dozier's eighth grade literature class

Most of the 21 students in the class of Alethea Dozier '02 are interested in today's lesson on the Holocaust, as well as the Japanese internment camps during World War II. Others are asleep on their desks, heads on crossed arms.

Others are eating breakfast, which Dozier allows. She knows many face an empty fridge at home.

Dozier, 32, is responsible for more than 100 eighth graders each year. She's also raising, as a single mother, five children of her own, ages 4 through 14. Budgets are tight, time is even tighter, but she makes it work. She even finds time to lead a Young Life group. She's up around 5 a.m. and home about 8 p.m. She then grades papers once the youngest are in bed, until around 11 p.m.

When the bell rings the students head out the door. Dozier stands there, allowing the students out while looking for strays from her next class.

"They'll get to right there," she says, pointing about five feet away. "And then turn around if I don't catch them."

She eyes one last student, loitering before the bell rings, and calls to him. She then shuts the door.



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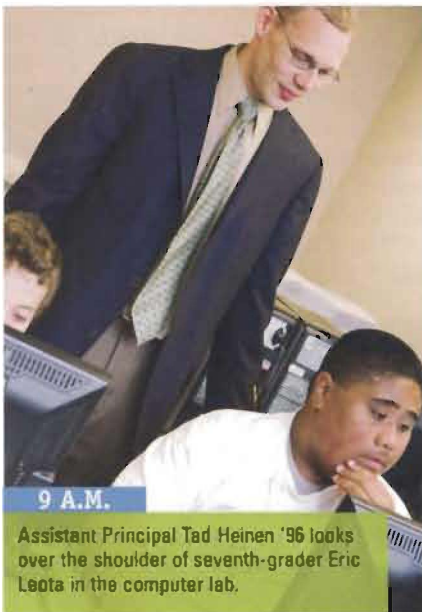
Language Arts teacher Alethea Dozier '02 guides students as they read about the Japanese Internment during WWII.

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9 A.M. Assistant Principal Heinen's office

Tad Heinen '96 spends plenty of his time disciplining students. That's part of the job. Not the part he enjoys, but he sees himself as what troubled students need to get through another year.



9 A.M.

Assistant Principal Tad Heinen '96 looks over the shoulder of seventh-grader Eric Leota in the computer lab.

Although many students have heard his message over and over again, for many, it just hasn't clicked yet.

"We don't want you to go down the wrong path," he tells those students.

In his office, Heinen tries to display pieces of his personality. There's half of an old engine piston on his desk acting as a pencil-and-pen holder. It came from his father's automotive shop. It had been his grandfather's before that, but his father always told him he did that work so Heinen wouldn't have to.

He shares the story with the students, if they ask.

9:52 A.M. Mr. Homfeldt's eighth grade history class

"No, no and no," Steve Homfeldt '89 barks out to the group of students surrounding him. "And whatever you're going to ask: no."

The 35 eighth-graders know he's kidding, so they continue to pepper him with questions.

Homfeldt, has asked his class to chronicle a road trip of sorts, asking them to plot a course to Eastern Washington and back, estimating gas mileage and the cost for hotels, food and entertainment. He also wants an essay written. Due by next Tuesday.

The class groans.

Hanging on the walls are football and baseball memorabilia. There is a life-size, signed, Ichiro Suzuki cutout that seems to be staring at Homfeldt's collections of barf bags hanging on another wall.

"Instead of post cards, I ask me students to send me these," he says. He's going for the world record of 3,307.

"When people find out what I do, they think I have a bit of a screw loose to teach this age," he says. Homfeldt, 42, completed his 17th year in teaching, 16 of them at Cascade. He also teaches band and coaches the football team.

11:15 A.M. Mr. MacDougall's seventh grade language arts class

"I can wait."

With those three words, silence drops on the class of Joel MacDougall '97.

The 25 students know that for every second they continue to jabber, that time will be taken from lunch break or added to the last hour of the day.

When they quiet, MacDougall, 34, reviews the basic concepts of "Where the Red Fern Grows." What is the name of the two dogs? The main character? What gave Billie the idea to buy dogs in the first place?

One student points out a typo on the handout.

"Great, I'll change that next year," MacDougall responds.

This is MacDougall's fourth year of teaching, after a seven-year career in broadcast journalism. Though the job and the money was good, MacDougall started to chafe. What difference was he making by giving the sports report each night?

So he decided to go back to school to get his masters and start teaching. His wife is supportive, he said. His friends are another matter. Just then he's interrupted, for about the fourth time.

"Mr. MacDougall, I've got Brian's spit on me!"

Not everyone is cut out to be a middle school teacher, he admits. But he absolutely loves the age. His second year of teaching, he remembers absolutely hating the profession. But he pushed through and, by the fourth year, it all began to click.

11:20 A.M. Cascade Middle School cafeteria

Scott Weide '00 sticks out in the lunchroom. As students fill the large cafeteria, Weide wanders into the school wearing shorts and a PLU T-shirt. On his back in a toddler carrier is 10-month old Zoe. She has dad's smile. She couldn't be happier to make an appearance at school.

Although the biology teacher is on paternity leave, Weide and his daughter make the trip to school for lunch everyday. They have a recycling program to run.

The students enjoy seeing Zoe and wave to her as they line-up to separate their lunch recyclables. Zoe waves back with a smile.

Weide doesn't have to do this. But, he started the program. And he enjoys getting the students excited about "green" efforts, such as salmon restoration and water-quality testing near the school.

"Education has to be relevant to their community," Weide says. "Show them and not just teach out of a book."

11:25 A.M. Cascade Middle School courtyard

Aaron Lee is looking for Carlos.

About 15 minutes ago, an aide invited the eighth-grader to go for a walk with her around the track to burn off some energy. That lasted about two minutes.

For Carlos, who is finishing up his time at Cascade in special education, sometimes it's like that. Sometimes it's take a stroll. Other times it's hide-and-seek.

Lee's frustration sparks through his brown eyes. He honestly doesn't know what's to become of Carlos when he leaves Cascade. His family is homeless now, living in a hotel. Carlos admires an older brother, who is now in prison. The tolerance here for his sometimes violent outbursts may be a thing of the past next year.

Lee finds Carlos strolling toward the 400 building.



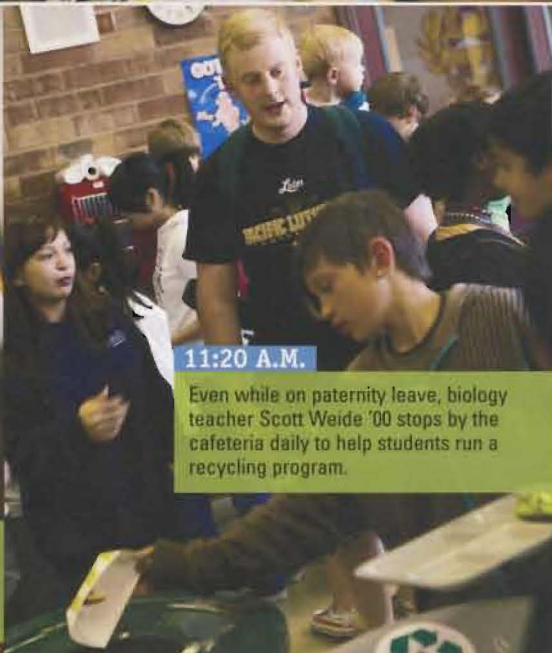
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History teacher Steve Homfeldt '89 works with students on their final project of the year – a road trip across the Northwest.



11:15 A.M.

Language Arts teacher Joel MacDougall '97 uses trivia to get students to answer questions about "Where the Red Fern Grows."



11:20 A.M.

Even while on paternity leave, biology teacher Scott Weide '00 stops by the cafeteria daily to help students run a recycling program.



1:05 P.M.

P.E. teacher Dan McNeese '06 shows eighth-graders Andrew Carson and Morgan Warren the finer points of pickleball.

"Carlos, come talk with me and let's discuss what you need from us over the next nine days," he tells the boy, whose height allows him to look Lee straight in the eye.

1:05 P.M. **Mr. McNeese's gym class**

The eighth-grade PE class taught by Dan McNeese '06 is short one player for a game of pickleball, so McNeese, 26, joins a team and starts swatting at the ball.

McNeese says that, as a beginning teacher, he doesn't get much in pay. But he absolutely has the best job he can think of.

On the way back into the gym, McNeese greets Steve Holmfeldt, who was his football coach when McNeese attended Cascade.

"At first thought I wanted to teach high school," he said, herding the students into the locker room. "But once I got here, I didn't want to leave."

1:20 P.M. **Cascade Middle School courtyard, next to the gym**

Isaiah Johnson is watching Dan McNeese take his last class out on the field. The courtyard is clear, and most of the school is on a field trip to the Pacific Science Center in Seattle. It is a rare moment of quiet at Cascade Middle School.

Johnson is tired, but it's a contented tired.

He talks about his goal of building a school where every staff member, student and parent takes an invested interest in the school's success.

"We're getting there slowly, but surely," he says.

They aren't there yet and Johnson says he's made his share of mistakes. But he thinks they are on the right track. "I've learned a lot this year," he says. "It has not been easy."

He says even the bad days are worth it, since he firmly believes that middle school is the last best chance to reach kids. Especially students dealing with troubled home life, gangs and poverty.

"I think this is our last chance with them, not that it can't happen at high school. But it's a lot less likely."

2:15 P.M. **CLASS DISMISSED**

the arts

Tour like a rock star



While touring China this June, Luke Peterson '10 felt something a jazz drummer doesn't normally get to experience. He was treated like a rock star.

Actually, it's something more than 60 PLU wind and jazz ensemble students felt at every one of their five official concert stops and a number of collaborative workshops. From performances at China's most prestigious music schools like the Beijing Central Conservatory of Music and the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, to a gig on The Great Wall, audiences would "explode with cheers and applause," Peterson recalled, once the final note sounded.

"The people were really friendly and just welcomed all the Americans with open arms," Peterson added.

Often PLU performers would be asked for autographs after a concert. The students were only too happy to oblige. Sometimes that excitement would carry over to the tour bus – Peterson once had to exit the bus to sign more autographs and to pose with his new fans.


"It was very unexpected," he said. "We definitely don't get that in the states. It made the whole jazz band feel like rock stars."

Even with obvious language barriers, music was one clear connection. While touring the PLU students had a chance to perform with Chinese musicians. "We couldn't speak to each other, but we could play music together," Peterson said.

It's that value in the simple things, like playing music and connecting with others, that Peterson will take away from the experience.

In one instance they stopped in Dujiangyan in Sichuan Province to perform an informal concert in a tent city that houses 10,000 people. They were still recovering from the devastating earthquake that ravaged the region a year ago.

After the concert, the PLU students played with the children and were saddened to see more than 1,000 children only had one soccer ball. So the students started a collection amongst themselves – nothing big, just more than \$200 – and went and bought all the sports supplies they could find, from jump ropes to basketballs.

It was a small gesture that meant a lot. "It's a great country," Peterson said. "You can go over there and spend very little and come back with a lot." 

—Chris Albert

giving back

The generous spirit of Norm Forness

With some books you don't have anything like the complete story until you finish the final chapter. So it was with the life of Norm Forness, who passed away last April.

After graduating from Pacific Lutheran College in 1958, Forness pursued graduate studies, culminating with the Ph.D. in history from Penn State. He joined the history department at Gettysburg College in 1964 and taught there for 36 years.

He was remembered by a colleague as a teacher, scholar, administrator, mentor, faithful church attendee and lover of historical architecture who was meticulous in his approach to academics.

Forness was born in Minot, N.D., but spent most of his youth in Puyallup and Sumner, Wash. He came from a family of modest means. His brother once described the family home as a chicken coop, and said Norm was known to break gum in two and save half a stick to make it go further.

A fellow 1958 PLC alumnus, Dave Berntsen, knew Forness well. Berntsen retired in 1999 after a career in the university's office of development and was a founder of Q Club.

Berntsen said Forness loved the Northwest and PLU, and returned to visit often. He was a regular at homecoming, a longtime member of Q Club and tried to stay involved with the university in spite of living at such a distance.

Not long ago Forness called Berntsen and said, "Why don't we get our class to give \$100,000 to PLU? I'll give \$10,000 if you will." In addition to their own gifts, the two organized a campaign to raise the \$100,000 for the occasion of the 50th anniversary of their graduation in the fall of 2008.

"The whole thing was Norm's idea and it all came from his generous spirit. No one knows this, but he was so determined to succeed that he put up an anonymous gift - an additional

\$10,000 - to be the last money raised should we get within striking distance of our goal," Berntsen said.

At the reunion, 130 of their 200 classmates were in attendance, including current PLU regents Neal Arntson and Carol Quigg. The class had raised almost \$70,000.

Berntsen described Forness as a cautious, quiet professor type who took great care of himself after having a heart problem in early 2008. By the time of the reunion, his classmates noticed that he seemed to look healthier than he did when he was a student.

Then everything changed. In mid-February Forness had a heart attack. It was severe enough that his heart could not be completely repaired. Then, in quick succession he had a stroke, developed pneumonia and was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer that had spread to other organs.

"Norm called me up to tell me it didn't look good. He asked me to do two things for him that were typical Norm," Berntsen said. "He said, 'Let's turn bad news into good news. Get ahold of the guy who does my finances and get that final \$10,000 for our class gift. And then call back some of our classmates and tell them that Norm is in bad shape and he wants you to increase your gift to PLU.'"

Shortly after Forness died, the Class of 1958 reunion gift total reached \$100,000.

Then came the final chapter.

Later in the spring the university was

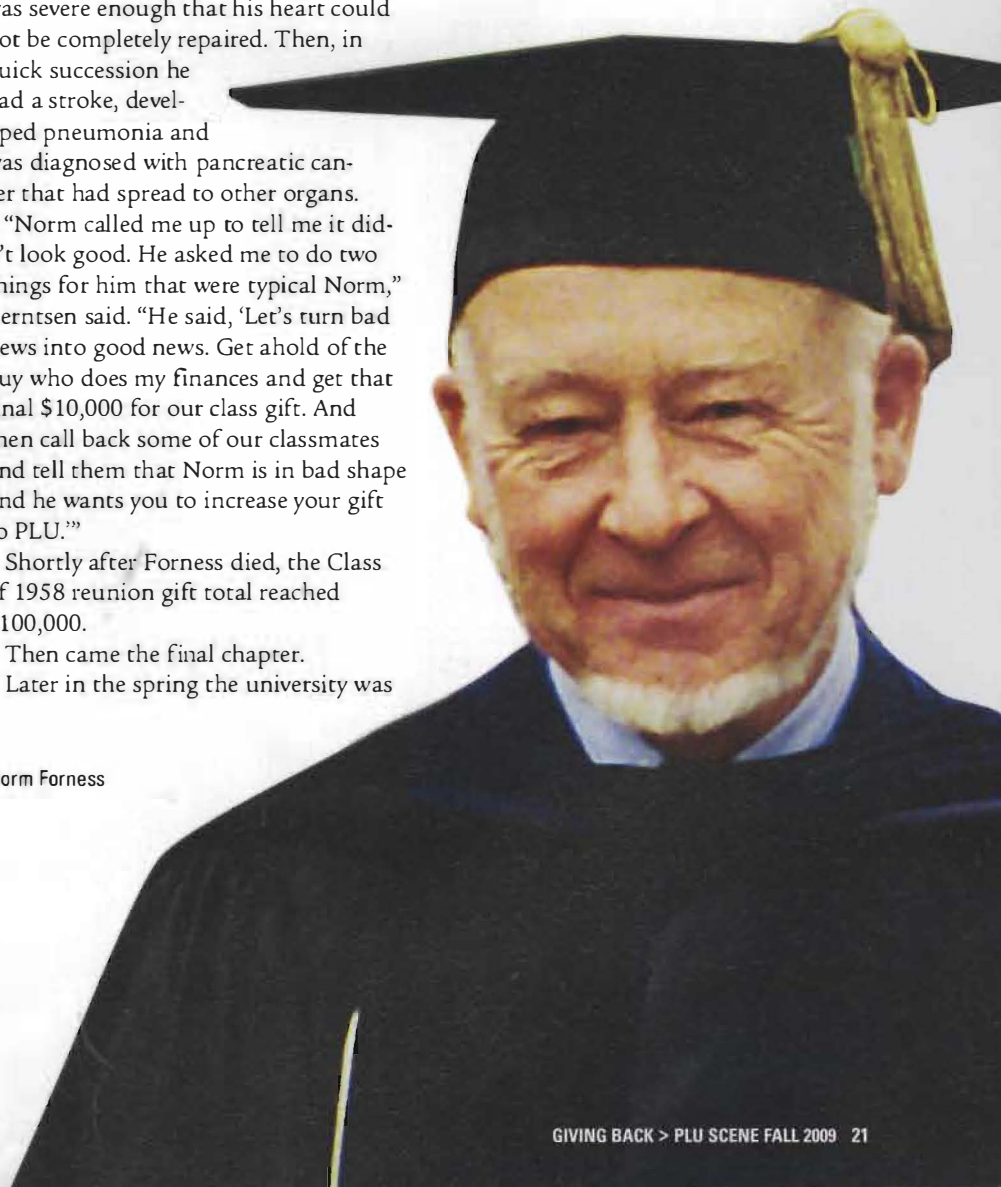
notified that Norm Forness had left his estate to PLU. His house, pension fund and savings were all directed to the endowment fund. He had requested that income from the endowment be used to enhance connections between the university and alumni who live on the East Coast.

It was a gift of more than \$1 million. S

—Greg Brewis

To learn more about investment options and ensuring the legacy of PLU, please contact the Office of Development at 253-535-7177 or visit www.plu.edu and click on "Make a Gift."

Norm Forness



attaway lutes

2008-2009 Hall of Fame Inductees

The 20th class to enter the Pacific Lutheran University Athletic Hall of Fame will be its biggest – by any measure – as four national championship football teams will be inducted at a dinner scheduled for Friday, Oct. 2, in Olson Auditorium.

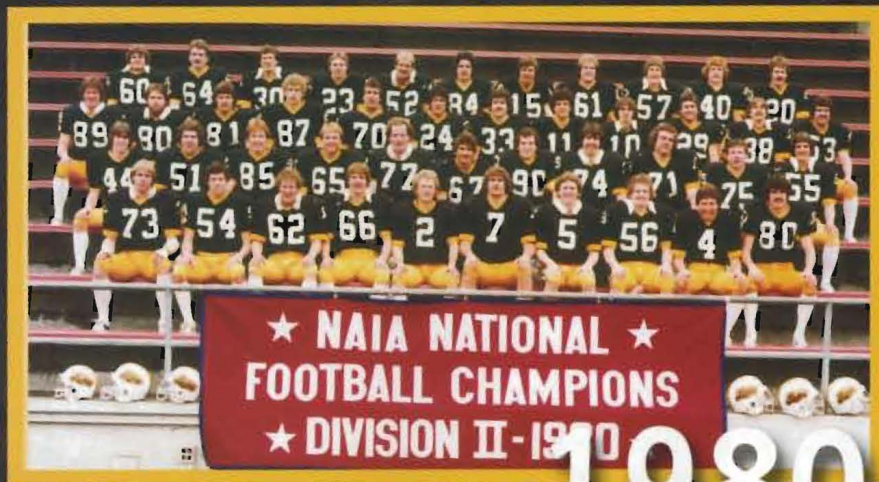
The 1980 Lutes won the school's first-ever national title, the first of three National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Division II football crowns. The 1999 PLU football team won the school's only NCAA Division III championship.

There were several common denominators on those title teams – longtime PLU football head coach Frosty Westering; Scott Westering, Frosty's son, who played on the 1980 title team before serving as offensive coordinator; and Paul Hoseth, the defensive coordinator for the first three title winners and PLU's athletic director in 1999.

1980

After falling short in a sub-freezing national semifinal the year before, the Lutes entered the 1980 season at the top of the NAIA Division II national rankings. Led by the "Great Scott" duo of senior All-Americans, safety Scott Kessler and tight end Scott Westering, the Lutes fell two points short of a perfect season and "settled" for an 11-1 record and the first national championship in PLU athletic history.

The Lutes left little doubt about their claim to the top spot in NAIA Division II, outscoring their three postseason opponents by a 105-30 margin. In the championship game against Wilmington (Ohio) at Tacoma's Lincoln Bowl, PLU scored 21 unanswered points in six minutes and led 31-3 at halftime. With the 38-10 victory in hand, head coach Frosty Westering was able to give every member of his team a chance to play in the championship game.



1980

The "Great Scotts" became the first pair of Lutes to earn first team All-American honors. Fellow seniors and co-captains Guy Ellison (running back) and John Bley (offensive line) earned second team honors, as did junior linebacker Scott McKay. For the season, the Lutes outscored their opponents 397-132, and shut out four teams on their way to the championship.

1987

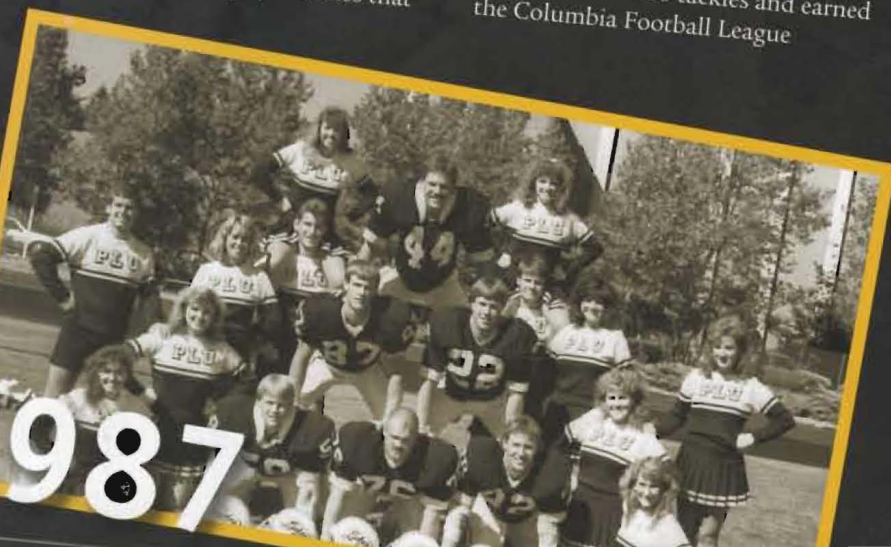
After years of preaching the "Double Win Philosophy," Frosty Westering's 1987 team experienced it in a whole new way when it tied Wisconsin-Stevens Point 16-16 for the NAIA Division II national championship. Frosty's "Double Win Philosophy" teaches that

playing to one's potential is equally important to victory on the scoreboard, and that there are no losers when everyone plays to his potential.

"What a tremendous game," Westering said at the time. "We knew there was no overtime. A tie was a win."

Although the final score revealed a co-championship and the NAIA record books show a shared title, Wisconsin-Stevens Point vacated its share on May 7, 1988, after it was discovered that the team had played two ineligible players throughout the season. With the final tie changed to a win, the 1987 championship capped an 11-1-1 season for EMAL football.

Senior linebacker Keith Krassin led the Lutes with 116 tackles and earned the Columbia Football League



1987





1993

Northern Division's Defensive MVP as well as NAIA first team All-America honors. Defensive end Jon Kral and defensive back Craig Mathiasen earned second team selections, while offensive lineman Sam Kurle and place kicker Eric Cultum were named to the honorable mention offensive squad.

1993

The 1993 PLU football team finished with a 12-0-1 record and won the school's third NAIA Division II national championship.

The Lutes opened the season ranked No. 5 in the NAIA Division II Top 25 National Poll and squared off against No. 2-ranked Linfield College in the Tacoma Dome. The only blemish on what was an otherwise perfect season came that night, when the Lutes and Wildcats battled to a 20-20 standoff.

PLU rolled to an 8-0-1 regular season record and a Mt. Rainier League crown.

Once in the playoffs, the Lutes were virtually unstoppable. A title-game showdown with Westminster (Penn.) at Portland's Civic Stadium was never in doubt, as Weekly passed for 441 yards and four touchdowns to carry PLU to an easy 50-20 victory.

The Lutes' "Big Play" offense was led by the record-setting All-America quarterback Marc Weekly, talented all-purpose back Chad Barnett and sure-handed tight end Gavin Stanley. An experienced offensive line was anchored by center Brian Flattum and guard Jeff Douglass. The 1993 team still holds school records for total points (573), average points per game (44.1), total offensive yards (6,105), yards per game (469.6), total passing yards (3,829) and passing yards per game (294.5).

Head coach Frosty Westering earned NAIA and league Coach of the Year honors and Weekly was picked as the league's Offensive Player of the Year.

1999

The 1999 Pacific Lutheran football team accomplished a first in NCAA football, winning five playoff games on the road to garner the Division III national championship. The Lutes finished the season with 13 wins - a school record for victories in a season - against just one defeat.

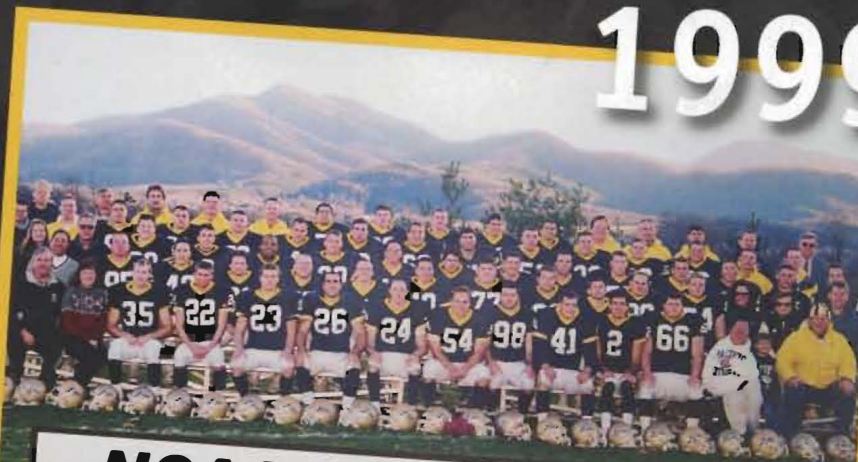
After finishing the regular season with an 8-1 record, the Lutes earned an at-large berth in the national playoffs, where they faced Willamette in a playoff-opening rematch. The Lutes scored three touchdowns late in the final quarter for a 28-24 victory, and they were on their way to playoff airplane and bus trips that totaled about 16,000 miles during the five weeks of the post-season.

PLU proved victorious against unbeaten Wartburg (Iowa), Saint John's (Minn.) and 12-0 Trinity (Texas). In the national title game against Rowan (N.J.) the Lutes raced out to a 27-7 halftime lead on the way to a 42-13 victory.

Fullback Anthony Hicks established school records with 1,633 rushing yards, 27 touchdowns and 164 total points, and he also set a NCAA playoff mark with 11 touchdowns. Quarterback Chad Johnson averaged more than 200 passing yards per game and finished the season with 22 touchdown passes.

Head coach Frosty Westering earned Division III Coach of the Year honors from the American Football Coaches Association.

1999



NCAA STAGG BOWL
 1999 DIVISION III NATIONAL CHAMPIONS
 PLU 42 --- ROWAN 13

alumni news & events

In its earliest days, Norwegian students came to Pacific Lutheran University to master their English – to learn, at its most fundamental, how to communicate. PLU was always a place where students could uncover their passions and interests, get involved, and apply those passions in the world. But no matter what their ultimate interest, students knew that the only way to be successful was to know how to effectively broadcast their message.

That was certainly true for the many students who, over the years, have become involved in student media – from the first student journalists with the Mooring Mast to the students who currently broadcast audio and video over the Internet. It is also true for the students who started Saga in the '30s, or KPLU in the '60s – yes, KPLU was first a student station – or the many talented students who have channeled their talents into opportunities like KCNS or Saxifrage or MediaLab. The means of delivery may change over the years, but the sentiment has not – the students show a level of interest and enthusiasm about learning, their life's mission and about their home, PLU.

To that point, look no further than the first edition of the Mooring Mast, dated October 29, 1924. A short article highlights an address given to students by the Rev. George Henriksen, with the theme "Have a Purpose in Life."

Some 85 years later, that sentiment remains front-and-center in the lives of PLU students. When students talk about "what they will do with their one wild and precious life" as part to the university's highly regarded Wild Hope project, it is though nothing *has* changed.

And, indeed, when it comes to creating a sense of purpose, nothing has changed.

To honor the many students who, over the years, have developed their sense of purpose through the numerous opportunities in student media – from the Mooring Mast to the Matrix to K-103 – we take a look back at how student media has changed. And to the many student-media affinity groups that will be joining us Oct. 2-4, 2009, at Homecoming, we look forward to seeing you "Live from PLU!"

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The staff of PLU's
student newspaper,
The Mooring Mast



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At KPLU
Spinning tunes.



1950-51
Saga staff
chronicles the year.



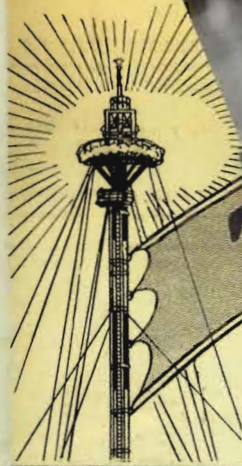
1982

Lute TV:
Lights, camera, action!



1924

The first edition of the Mooring Mast. The paper is named after the dirigible Shenandoah's large mooring structure near Fort Lewis.



The Mooring Mast



1947-48

The Mooring Mast staff looking sharp!



PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE, PARKLAND, WASH., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29,

YEAR OF COLLEGE SINCE ORGANIZATION

... Has Been Made—
... New Teachers on
... College Faculty
... This Year

Lutheran College formally its fifth year, since re-organ- on Sept. 9, 1924. During fic Lutheran Academy, and College of Everett, Wash., rged and reorganized as utheran College. The re- on plans called for an ac- high school, and junior partment.

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President O. J. Ordal

Pres. Ordal, with

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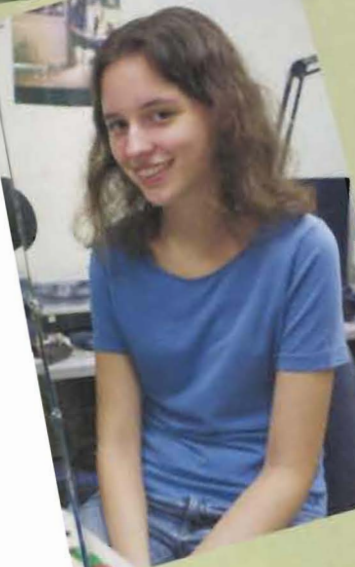
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2009

Emily Algire in the studio



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 3-6 New Student Orientation, PLU
- September 19 Tailgate at California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, Calif.
- October 1-4 Homecoming Weekend, PLU
- October 2-5 Alumni Board Fall Meeting, PLU
- October 10 Tailgate at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.
- October 31 Tailgate at Whitworth University, Spokane, Wash.
- November 6-8 Family Weekend, PLU
- November 8 Parents Council, PLU

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It works like any other Facebook application. Once you add it, you are able to take full advantage of its features. Through the "Share +" button on the application, you can post a message on your Facebook profile or send a message to a group of your friends. And if you are not a registered member, the PLU Alumni Community Connections application is the place to learn more. [S]

Picture Perfect



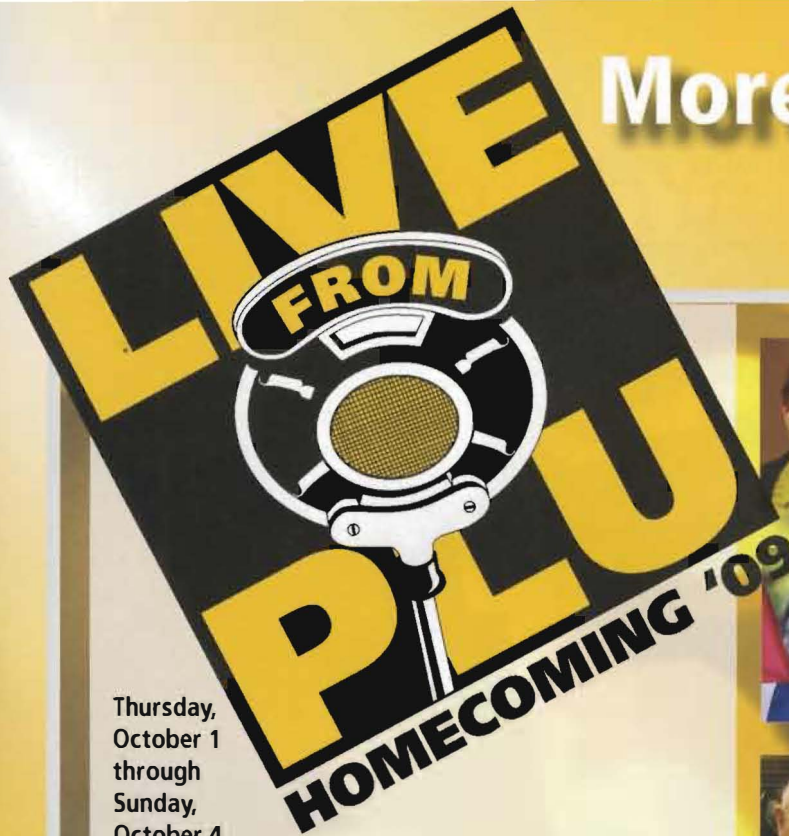
In February 2009, a group of Lutes met at American History Museum in Washington, D.C. – some who live there, others who were visiting. Back row: Doug Prindle, Leena (Heaton) Prindle, Monica Cardella, Philip Cardella '98 (holding Isabel Cardella), Mike Strasburg '98, Anneke (Gaballe) Geel '99 (holding Sasha Geel) and Peter Geel. Front row: Ellie and Katie Prindle, and Jana (Steiner '98) Strasburg (holding Emma Strasburg).



PLU School of Nursing graduates Lori Blachowski Harrison '93 (left) and Jenny Johnston Sullivan '01 (right) pose with a young cardiac patient at Nhi Dong 1 Children's Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Lori and Jenny joined a team of doctors and nurses from Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, April 18-29, 2009, as part of a pediatric cardiothoracic medical mission.

More than a Reunion!

Family Fun, Entertainment,
Exciting Events for All PLU Lutes.



Thursday,
October 1
through
Sunday,
October 4

Wear your school colors proudly and plan to bring some friends and family back to campus for Homecoming 2009: LIVE FROM PLU. In addition to this year's class reunions of 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 there will also be a special affinity reunion honoring all those who have participated in STUDENT MEDIA!

But remember, Homecoming 2009: LIVE FROM PLU, should not be missed by anyone—there is something happening that YOU will enjoy—This is a sampling of the weekend's activities and events. Please jump on the website to learn more and to register OR request a copy of the registration material (All class reunion members and past participants in student media will receive a copy of the registration material automatically).



THURSDAY

October 1, 2009

Songfest



FRIDAY

October 2, 2009

Classes Without Quizzes
Homecoming Chapel
Retro Dinner in the University Commons
Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner
1959 50th Reunion Reception
Friday Night Lights – Pep Rally



SATURDAY

October 3, 2009

Homecoming Lute Fest
Alumni University
Alumni Panels
Campus and Special Tours
Classes for kids!
Fun Run
Student Entertainment
Family Fun at Sparks Stadium
Chili Feed
Football game
Archives Tours
Campus Activities during the game
Black and Gold Bash
Music by Daryl and the Diptones
Special appearances by well known personalities
Student Media Reunion
PLU GOLD



SUNDAY

October 4, 2009

Homecoming Worship
Homecoming Celebration Brunch
Honoring Alumni Award Recipients
Honoring the Golden Club
Martin J. Neeb Center (KPLU) dedication



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alumni profiles



“Art was really just so much a part of me that it comes out wherever I am – whether that be in traditional arts, sewing, gardening or whatever else I might be interested in.”

—Melinda Cox '71

Melinda Cox '71 in her studio at Tacoma Community College.

Making an art out of giving of oneself

Melinda Cox '71, has never been shy about volunteering her time to help others.

As an art professor at Tacoma Community College and Pierce College, Cox regularly juggles teaching and volunteer work.

"I have always volunteered my time," said Cox, who graduated from PLU with a bachelor's degree in fine arts. "I spent many years with the Washington State University/Pierce County Clothing and Textile advisors teaching kids to sew, among other activities."

Cox specifically worked with incarcerated youth at Remann Hall, a Tacoma juvenile detention facility, by helping them use their time in productive ways.

"Working at Remann Hall was an eye opening and very rewarding experience," Cox said.

Cox also volunteers for the Forgotten Children's Fund, a nonprofit organization that helps working families in need during the holiday season. The Gig Harbor, Wash., resident is also training her 2-year-old yellow Labrador retriever, Lola, to become a therapy dog.

"I am a cancer survivor," Cox said. "And when I was going through treatment, I was impressed by the therapy dogs comforting patients. Eventually, I'd like to be able to officially take Lola to visit hospitals and nursing homes."

So far, Lola has only visited patients unofficially. But as soon as Cox and Lola have finished their Canine Good Citizen certification and therapy dog certification, Lola will join Cox in her efforts to serve others in the community.

Meanwhile, Cox spends a large portion of her time teaching students how to excel in and appreciate art.

Cox has taught art courses at TCC for 10 years, and at Pierce College for one. She encourages all potential art majors, and college students in general, to study hard and keep pushing toward their goals.

"Take advantage of every opportunity that might come your way," Cox said. "Because you never know what connections you will make, what you will learn or how it will be of benefit."

—Hillary Fazzari '11

Theater grad takes talent from Seattle to Broadway

As a member of the Fifth Avenue Theater acting company in Seattle, Louis Hobson '00, once played the part of Tony in "West Side Story" which, of course, places Romeo and Juliet in New York City.

Now, Hobson, 33, is actually in New York, appearing in a different show, and has another kind of Tony associated with his name. He is featured in a Broadway musical that was nominated for an impressive 11 Tony Awards. Although Hobson himself did not win any awards, the production came away with three.

Hobson plays the roles of Dr. Madden and Dr. Fine in the critically acclaimed production "Next to Normal," which opened in April on Broadway. A rock musical that features a cast of six, "Normal" centers on a family, whose mother suffers from bipolar disorder.

"It's been a long journey to get to this point," Hobson said, but "to be on Broadway, honestly, when I got here, I thought I would be waiting tables, hitting the pavement for a couple of years."

But despite his especially good fortune, Hobson doesn't attribute his break to sheer luck.

"I believe in destiny," Hobson said. "I'm supposed to be here right now."

When Hobson entered PLU back in the late 90s, his plan was to be a music education major. But by the time he reached his junior year, he had switched to theater.

"I realized I wanted to act, to do music," he said. "Life is a little short not to do what you love."

As a PLU student, Hobson was involved in the then newly created Night of Musical Theater. He also participated in the opera program, the Choir of the West and, of course, many plays. Hobson directed, acted, and worked on lighting and technical design for several shows. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in music and theater.

"Because PLU is the way it is, we all got to do a little of everything," Hobson recalled. "I got to understand the mechanics of theater."



Hobson's professional theater career actually began while he was still a PLU junior. He auditioned for a role in "Camelot" at the Fifth Avenue Theater in Seattle, and subsequently won a part in the ensemble.

After graduation from PLU, Hobson performed in shows in Olympia and Issaquah's Village Theater. Soon, he began landing leading roles at the Fifth Avenue, where he ultimately participated in more than three dozen shows.

Broadway became interested during a reading of an in-progress musical called "Feeling Electric." Two years later it was finished and re-vamped into "Next to Normal."

Hobson, his wife Noreen (McEntee '99), and their 2-year-old daughter Gwen moved to New York in September 2008.

As luck – or destiny – would have it, Hobson's agent learned auditions would be held for "Next to Normal." Hobson auditioned for the show and soon thereafter, was cast as the doctor.

The night of June 7, Hobson found himself in the audience at the Tonys, in a spot reserved for central cast members of nominated shows. But amid all this extra New York glitz and glamour, for Hobson, it is still theater.

"It's the same stuff...it's the same process I would do at the Fifth Avenue or Village Theater," he said of his craft. But he admits that on Broadway, "it takes on a different context."

If current success is any indicator, Hobson's runs on Broadway just might become next to normal for him. [S]

—Bryanna Plog '10

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: **1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1959, 1968, 1980, 1987 and 1991.**

1936

Class Representative – **Volly (Norby) Grande**

1938

Melba (Fenney) Sovde died Mar. 22. She met her husband, Obert, at PLC. They both had a love for education and pursued teaching careers in the Puget Sound area. Melba taught in the Federal Way School District until Obert's death in 1977. She then satisfied her love of teaching by leading Bible study classes. Melba is survived by her son, **David Sovde '70**; daughter, **Susan Hubert '87** and grandchildren, Angelica Howell, Jessamyn Carleton and Julian; and daughter Kristine Sovde, grandchildren Sadie and Natalie Beauregard.

1940

Class Representative – **Luella (Toso) Johnson**

1945

Class Representative – **Annabelle Birkeistol**

1946

Doris (Jurgerson) Brokaw died on Apr. 17. She resided in Sun City, Ariz.

1947

Class Representative – **Gerry Lider**

1948

Class Representative – **Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen**

Wallace N. Elefson died May 17. Wallace served in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in the South Pacific during World War II. He married Charlotte and made their home in Seattle, where they raised six children. Wallace retired from Boeing after 33 years. He is survived by his six children, Sandra, Diane, Gayle, Thomas, Susanna, Caroline, and nine grandchildren.

1949

Gene Upton died Mar. 28. Gene served as an Army medic in the Pacific during World War II. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for heroism. He then graduated from PLU and the San Francisco Theological Seminary. His first church was Fife Presbyterian. He retired in 1986. Gene is survived by his wife **Shirley (Folsom '51)**, five sons, 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a sister and two brothers.

1950

Class Representative – **Dick Weathermon**

Beth (Gottwald) and husband Lawrence Peterson were selected as Volunteers of the Year by the San Luis Coastal Unified School District for their efforts to help young people and promoting public education in the community.

Michael Harry McLaughlin died Jan. 29. After spending several years in the military, Harry attended PLU. He enjoyed playing basketball, where he broke game, season and career records. In 1994 he was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame. Harry is survived by his wife, Renee; his stepson, Corey "Stevie" Traversie; granddaughter, Olivia "Missy" Traversie; sister, Maurine; nephew, Melvyn McLaughlin; and niece, Cathey "Zel" Payne.

1951

Jack L. Conrad died Apr. 28. Jack lived, went to school and worked his whole life in Tacoma. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific. At the end of his naval duties, he completed his education at PLC. Jack worked for Sears and Roebuck for over 40 years. He enjoyed his retirement; especially the time he spent at his beach cabin, playing golf and the late winters in Palm Springs, Calif. Jack is survived by his wife, Shirley; son, Mark; daughter, Patti; granddaughters, Amy Smith and Shannon Taylor.

Stanley Dale Monson died May 17. He was preceded in death by **Karen (Misenhimer '58)**, his wife of 51 years. Stan was a devoted husband and father, a veteran of the Korean War and a lifelong educator. He spent time throughout his career as a teacher, counselor, administrator and private school owner. Active in the Lutheran Church community, Stan loved to sing and was involved in various choirs throughout his life. He is survived by his two daughters, Cheri and Stefanie; son, David; brother, Merritt; three granddaughters, Kirsten, Zoey and Avery.

Bob Anderson and his wife Gerry have moved to Madera, Calif., to be near their son **Brian Anderson '72** and his wife **Kristy (Johnson '72)**. They now reside at Cedar Creek Senior Assisted Living and have great support services close by.

1953

Class Representatives – **Naomi (Roe) Nothstein** and **Carol (Schuler) Karwoski**

1955

Class Representative – **Phyllis (Grahn) Pejsa**

1956

Class Representatives – **Ginny (Grahn) Haugen** and **Clarene (Osterli) Johnson**

Sharon (Kinzer) Parton died Mar. 27. She graduated from PLU with a BA in Secretarial Services. In the 1970s she was a member of Child Hearing League, then became a very active member in her local Beta Sigma Phi chapter. What she cherished most were her friends. Sharon is survived by her son, **Jerrald R. Parton**; daughter, **Susan Rogers '06**; daughter-in-law, Lynn; son-in-law Paul Rogers; grandchildren Alison Parton and Maddilyn Rogers.

John Reay married Sarah Jacobson Apr. 12. The two share three big interests in life: music (they met through the Bellingham Music Club), church and academics. In addition, they enjoy hiking. They have the support and acceptance of their combined families, eight children and seven grandchildren.

Stewart Morton has married Stella Rosenquist. The couple met at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Sun City West, Ariz. Stella is on staff at the church. The service was conducted after the evening worship. The couple plans to live in the Surprise, Ariz., area.

Barbara (MacDonald) Spinney died Apr. 21. She spent her childhood in Port Angeles, Wash., and lived her adult life in Seattle. She was a dedicated teacher and supporter of organizations that benefited youth. Barbara loved to travel with family and friends. She is survived by her husband, Tom; daughters, **Traci '90** and Janna; son-in-law Jeff; sister, Bette; brother, Mike; and many friends and extended family.

1957

Class Representative – **Marilyn (Hefty) Katz**

1958

Class Representative – **Don Cornell**

Don and JoAnn (Hanson '59) Cornell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2008 with a Saturday evening family dinner sponsored by their four children. The event took place at Robinhood Inn on Hood Canal, Wash., where Don and JoAnn had honeymooned. There also was a Sunday afternoon open house at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, where they were married. The Cornell children are Cathi Zunigha, **Jenni (Cornell '85) Hayes**, **Jeff Cornell '86** and Pam Bless. Their celebration culminated in July, with a Russian Waterways Cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, with friends from Western Washington, Turkey and France.

Norman O. Forness died Apr. 2. Norman graduated from PLU with a BA in history, ultimately earning a Ph.D. from

Pennsylvania State University. He began his career at Gettysburg College, where he taught in the Department of History and served as assistant dean of the college. He retired in 2000. He was a member of Augustana Lutheran Church in Washington, D.C., and he wrote a hymn "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" that appears in the Lutheran Book of Worship. Norm is survived by a brother, Bruce Forness and his wife Marla, of Tacoma. (For more on Norm Forness, see "Giving Back" on page 21.)

Karen Misenhimer Monson died Jan. 21, 2008. Karen met her husband **Stanley Monson '51** while at PLU. The Monsons were blessed with three children. Karen spent most of her professional career as an educator – a career that took her from Washington to Saudi Arabia, and finally directing her own Montessori school in Orange County, Calif. She loved children. Karen's Christian faith was the central force throughout her life. A lifelong Lutheran, she was active in each parish of which she was a member, serving in many leadership roles including that of church organist. An accomplished musician, Karen found a special sense of fulfillment when surrounded by music.

1959

JoAnn (Hanson) Cornell spent a three-generation spring break during Holy Week, April 2009, in Granada and Malaga, Spain. Joining her were her oldest daughter, Cathi Zunigha, who teaches in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; granddaughter, Connie Zunigha, a high school senior at the American School in Lugano, Switzerland; and granddaughter Katie Zunigha, who attends Seattle University and was spending her semester abroad in Spain. Granada's Alhambra, the Islamic/Moorish site, was of special interest to the group since three generations representing the Cornell family have lived in Saudi Arabia continuously for the past 35 years. JoAnn and her husband **Don Cornell '58** live in Union, Wash.

1960

Class Representative – **Marilu (Miller) Person**

1961

Class Representative – **Ron Lerch**

1962

Class Representative – **Leo Eliason** and **Dixie (Likkel) Matthias**

Dr. James Beckner has been named 2008 Man of the Year – the best of Stanwood and Camano Island – by the Stanwood/Camano News.

1964

Class Representative – **Jon and Jean (Riggers) Malmin**

1965

Class Representative – **Dave Wytko**

Sherril (Carlson) Miller lost her husband George on May 8, 2007. She continues to spend her winters in Yuma, Ariz. Sherril divides the rest of her time between Arizona, Alaska and Oregon, visiting family and friends

1966

Class Representative – **Frank Johnson**

1967

Class Representative – **Craig Bjorklund**

1969

Class Representative – **Rick Nelson**

1970

Class Representative – **Bill Allen**

1971

Class Representative – **Joe Hustad, Jr.**

John Lutton died May 10. John graduated with a B.S. in chemistry and went on to Purdue University, receiving a doctorate in biochemistry. In 1980 he joined Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, as a professor of chemistry where he co-founded the college's neuroscience program. He is remembered by his students for his infectious smile, his words of encouragement and his tremendous faith in their ability to master difficult material. His love of kids, and especially his son Michael, led him to coach youth soccer and chaperone high school events. He attended Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. John was married to his college sweetheart at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland by the campus minister. Their reception was in Hong Hall. Attending PLU was special to both John and Roberta. John was preceded in death by his mother, Olive Lutton. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, **Roberta (Beck) Lutton**; son, John "Michael" (Kristy) Lutton, granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Lutton; father, John B. Lutton; two brothers, a step-brother, a stepsister, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

1972

Class Representative – **Molly Stuen**

Helen (Huetzenroeder) Melland has been named dean of the College of Nursing at Montana State University. Most recently she served as the interim dean at the University of North Dakota's College of Nursing. Helen earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Minnesota and a master's in nursing from the University of Portland.

1973

Class Representative – **Karen (Wraalstad) Robbins** and **Sandy (Dimler) Privett**

1974

Class Representative – **David Johnson**

1975

Class Representative – **Helen Pohlig**

1976

Class Representative – **Gary Powell**

1977

Class Representatives – **Leigh Erie** and **Joan (Nelson) Mattich**

Ruth (Berntson) Stenson died Mar. 30. Ruth graduated with a degree in education and taught elementary music and served as organist, music director, choir director and accompanist. She had a strong faith and lived her faith as an example to others. Ruth loved her time at the family cabin where she could canoe, hike, swim and bird watch. She enjoyed traveling, camping by car throughout the U.S. and Canada, and exploring the Boundary Waters. She is survived by her husband, Robert; children, Andrea, Robert and David; parents, Rev. Gordon and Norma Berntson; brothers, Paul, Dan, Jim, Mark and Steve.

Frank Miller has been appointed aviation director for San Antonio, Tex. Previously, Frank spent two decades as the head of the Pensacola Regional Airport in Pensacola, Fla. He is currently the second vice president for the Airports Council International North America and has served on its board of directors. In addition, Frank is on the ACI World Governing Board.

Ken Flajole has been named defensive coordinator of the St. Louis Rams football team. Ken spent the last six seasons on the Carolina Panthers staff and most recently was the linebackers coach.

1978

Class Representative – **Pete Mattich**

1979

Class Representatives – **Dave** and **Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey**

Dianne (Van Dyk) Ohnstad retired in May as a captain in the U.S. Navy. She served six years active duty, then joined the Navy Reserves. She had a total of 27 years of service. She is presently living in Memphis, Tenn., with her husband, **Bradley Ohnstad '80**, and son, Sander. Diane works at her son's classical Christian school.

1981

Class Representative – **Dean** and **Susan (Lee) Phillips**

David L. Perry published a book called "Partly Cloudy: Ethics in War, Espionage, Covert Action and Interrogation." David is a professor of applied ethics, and director of the Vann Center at Davidson College in Davidson, N.C.

Daniel Turlington is celebrating the 35th anniversary of his service in the U.S. Air Guard. He earned the rank of sergeant of

Air Rescue and, upon completion of his commitment, he enrolled in PLU's business administration undergraduate program. Dan has been with the Boeing Company since 1988 and is now a contracts auditor for SSG. He is also a FAA rated instructor pilot and teaches flying part time at the Boeing Employees Flying Association. He would like to hear from classmates at danturlington@msn.com.

Janet (Hagen) Dahle recently returned from deployment in Iraq, where she served as public affairs officer for Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force, Arabian Peninsula. Janet is a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves. As a civilian, she is a partner and executive vice president of Loma Media in San Diego, Calif., a firm specializing in creating, producing, and distributing motion media.

1982

Class Representative – **Paul Collard**

Katrina Ann (Heard) Smith died May 17. She grew up in Tacoma and attended Lincoln High School where she was the first female member of the cross-country team. She also earned her black belt. Trina graduated from PLU and worked many years as a financial analyst for the city of Tacoma, later becoming a real estate agent. She had an extreme passion for volunteering, especially for the Tacoma Special Olympics. She is survived by her husband, Tony; two children, Tahjerie and Travonte; her parents, Frank and Claudia Heard; sisters, Sonya, Ella, Francesca; and brother, Frank.

Lynn Isaacson died April 2. Lynn was born in Red Oak, Iowa. He received his BA degree from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, and MBA from PLU. Lynn was a bookstore manager at Luther College, PLU and at Illinois State University. He started Innova Marketing after leaving the bookstore, which he operated for several years before joining State Farm Insurance as a systems analyst. Lynn enjoyed hiking, bicycling, computers and singing. He sang in his college choirs and more recently in Cantus Novus, J-108 Vocal Jazz Ensemble and St. John's Lutheran Church Choir. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; son, Lee; daughter, Karla Hammerel; grandsons, Chase and Brady Hammerel; mother Emma Isaacson; and sister Janell Stewart

1983

Class Representative – **Dave Olson**

Nancy Lee Peterson died July 24, 2008. Nancy earned a BA in English from PLU, an MA in English, and a Ph.D. in rhetoric and composition from the University of Texas. She worked as an assistant professor of English at Morehead State University, director of the General Education Writing Program and later director of the Morehead Writing Project. She also served as director of

the Rural Sites Network for the National Writing Project. She loved writing, teaching writing, reading and conversing. Nancy's deepest conviction was that God had given her life so that she could love and be loved. Nancy is survived by her husband, Glen Colburn; their son Henry and step-son Maxwell; her mother, Mary Peterson; her sisters, April (Peterson) Kampa and husband Jan; **Barbara (Peterson '86) Yusufzai** and husband Sohail; her brother **Peter Christian Peterson '86** and wife **Danelle (Grady '86)**.

Bessie Young-Mielcarek is studying why African-Americans and other minorities are more likely to get kidney disease. Dr. Young has devoted much of her research to answering this question at the Seattle Veterans Affairs health system and the University of Washington. Her next goal is to find a way to help educate at-risk populations on ways to avoid getting the disease. Bessie hopes to see many community members attend the Kidney Health Fest in Seattle, to get tested for kidney disease, and to learn about living a healthy lifestyle.

1984

Class Representative – **Mark Christofferson**

1985

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

1986

Class Representative – **Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly**

Ron Cook is currently the vice president and global controller for SDI Media in Los Angeles. SDI is the world's leader in voice-over and subtitling services. SDI translates movies, TV shows, DVDs and video games into nearly any language. Ron will travel to many of the 25 offices worldwide to coordinate staff and accounting policies. Ron has lived in LA for three years.

1987

Class Representatives – **Lisa Ottoson** and **John Carr**

Hannah Brice Smith has a new role as breast cancer patient navigator for newly diagnosed patients at the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Cancer Treatment Center. Hannah and her husband Don are living with the rest of their family on a farm in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Pete Vanderwarker was promoted from senior attorney to corporate counsel with the Kansas City Power & Light Company. Pete is also on the board of directors of the company's Employee Relief Fund. He resides in Overland Park, Kan., with Diana and daughter Taylor.

Anna Elizabeth Ayers died Apr. 27. Anna graduated from Wilson High School in Tacoma, received her BA from Western Washington University and earned her

master's degree from PLU. She spent her career as an educator and worked for many years in the Bethel School District. Her love of reading and writing led her to participate in reading education at the national level. In addition, she loved her family, gardening and the beach. She is survived by her husband, Loyd "Ray" Ayer; father, Neal Gainer; son, Chris; daughter, Katie; and brother, Bruce Gainer.

Craig Provost, a member of Union Bank's commercial lending team serving in the Stowe (Vt.) office, recently completed the two-year New England School for Financial Studies program at Babson College. He holds an MBA from PLU.

1988

Class Representative – **Brenda Ray Scott**

1989

Class Representative – **Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro**

1990

Class Representative – **Sean Neely**

Peter Gradwohl along with his wife, **Andrea**, launched their own company, **Fantazimo**, to help busy parents feed their children nutritious meals. **Fantazimo** delivers school lunches to more than 500 families in the Everett, Wash., area.

1991

Jeremy Desel continues to have success reporting at KHOU-TV in Houston. This year he was named Best Reporter in Texas by the Texas Associated Press Broadcasters. He also received the regional Edward R. Murrow Award for news writing. All this, while taking four months off to recover from open-heart surgery to repair his mitral valve. **Jeremy**, his wife **Jamie**, three-year-old **Avery**, and one-year-old **Kai** live in Spring, Tex.

1992

Class Representative – **Darcy (Pattee) Andrews**

Nelson Hamre has just finished his third year in Singapore at United World College of Southeast Asia as a teacher of middle and high school English and humanities. He has served many roles at the school such as coaching basketball, climbing wall, NYAA and going on expeditions with the students. His spare time is spent traveling, being adventurous and staying fit. He would love to get into contact with any Lutes in Southeast Asia at nha@uwcsea.edu.sg.

1993

Class Representative – **Barbara (Murphy) Hesner**

1994

Class Representatives – **Dan Lysne** and **Catherine (Overland) Hauck**

Sandra (Wilson) Wainwright is an award-winning physician and medical

director of the Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine Center at Norwalk Hospital in Norwalk, Conn. The hospital is a leading referral center for comprehensive wound care management. **Sandra** recently spoke on "Chronic Wounds: causes, prevention and treatment" during the Norwalk Hospital lecture series. She received her M.D. from St. George's University School of Medicine.

1995

Class Representative – **Christi Rupp**

Angela Otto is an equity partner at **Stewart Sokol & Gray LLC**, a mid size, Portland (Ore.) law firm focused on construction law. She was recently featured in the Portland Business Journal.

1996

Class Representatives – **Mari (Hoseth) Lysne** and **Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman**

Christine Haffey was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. **Christine** earned a master's degree in military logistics from North Dakota State University. After a year assigned to the multinational force in the Suez Canal Zone, she was assigned to Bagram Air Force Base in Bagram, Afghanistan.

1997

Class Representatives – **Andy** and **Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson**

Keith Dussell received his MS degree in project management from the University of Alaska, Anchorage. He also has a new title at Alaska Airlines: specialist, and airport services-projects supervisor. **Keith** lives in Seattle.

Mary Forslund, a registered nurse, has been appointed to the Allied Health Staff of **Aspirus Wausau Hospital**, **Wausau, Wis.**, with privileges as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. She will provide psychiatric assessments, mental status exams, psychiatric consultations on medical units, and diagnosis and recommendations for treatment. **Mary** has a MS degree in nursing from the University of Wisconsin.

1998

Class Representative – **Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart**

Jesse (Gardner) Michener has been appointed the director of development at the **Seattle Waldorf School**. **Jesse** and her husband, **Mikel '97**, live in Olympia, Wash.

Karl Lerum is in his fourth season as the track-and-field coach at **Seattle Pacific University**. This spring he took a small group of women to the NCAA Division II championships in Texas. **Karl** and his wife **Yvonne** make their home in Seattle.

Kourtney (Goldsmith) and Kenneth Johns are relocating to Valencia, Calif.

Kenneth has received a promotion and will serve as national chiropractic director with **US Healthworks**. **Kourtney** will stay home with their two beautiful children, **Katelyn, 5**, and **Kellen, 2**.

Brandon VanDyke has just completed his seventh year as the director of bands and orchestra at **Tualatin High School**, in **Tualatin, Ore.** This spring the orchestra placed second at the Pacific Conference Orchestra Festival and qualified for the state orchestra championships for the fifth time. The **Tualatin Wind Ensemble** won the Pacific Conference Band Festival, and went on to perform at the Oregon State 6A Band Championships. In addition, the **Tualatin High School marching band** performed in the **Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade**, where they placed third in Class A.

1999

Class Representative – **Julie (Johnston) Bulow von Dennewitz**

2000

Class Representative – **Ashley Orr**

Karl Lund was awarded 2008 Speaker of the Year by the Norwegian Advertising Association. He lives in **Stockholm, Sweden**.

Wendy Joy Garrigues married **Damon Jenkins** on Apr. 25 in **Roseville, Calif.** The couple makes their home in **Baton Rouge, La.**

Kaj and **Janelle (Wagenblast '99) Martin** were hired by **Christian Life Fellowship** in **Aberdeen, Wash.**, as senior associate pastors. In addition, **Kaj** was also appointed to be the district missions representative for the **Northwest Foursquare District** supporting churches in **Washington** and **Idaho**.



Birgitta Hillesland married **Iivar Dubova** Aug. 16, 2008, in **San Diego, Calif.**, at **Tierrasanta**

Lutheran Church. The bride is the daughter of **Linnea (Eger '64)** and **David Hillesland '58**. Other Lutes in participation included **Ivar Hillesland '02**, who provided original music, **Karl Hillesland '93**, **Kristina (Hillesland '98)** and **Jason Stredwick '98**. The couple honeymooned in **Venice, Florence, and Rome, Italy**. **Iivar**, a doctor born and raised in **Turkey**, currently researches genetics at the **Salk institute** in **La Jolla, Calif.** **Birgitta** earned her master's degree in library science from **San Jose State University** in **May 2008**. They live in **San Diego**.

Andrea White married **Joseph Callison** May 4 in **Salem, Ore.** **Andrea** is a software engineer and **Joseph** works with the **Oregon Army National Guard**.

Louis Hobson made his Broadway debut

in the musical "Next to Normal." The musical, centered around a mother who suffers from bipolar disorder and the effects on her suburban family, stars **Louis** as the mother's two doctors. "Next to Normal" received 11 Tony nominations and won 3 Tony Awards. **Louis** and his wife **Noreen (McEntree)** live in **New York**.

2001

Class Representatives – **Keith Pranghofer**



Mettie Burris married **Damien Foglio** Feb. 7 at the **Beaverton Christian Church** in **Beaverton, Ore.** Despite the snow and rain, **God** brought the

sunshine for the most beautiful February day they could have asked for. Lute bridesmaids included **Mandy (Holt) Drysdale**, **Heather Dooley '99** and **Suzy (Hooper) Hanson '99**. **Damien** is the senior director of services and **Seattle** branch manager of **First Response, Inc.** **Mettie** just moved to **Seattle** and is searching for a job in marketing or merchandising.

Jason Hulén started an organization **L.I.F.E.** classes aimed at helping youth achieve skills and self-expression through all hip-hop art forms. The classes happen every Saturday at downtown **Tacoma** dance venue **Brick City**. Youth from 8 to 24 years are grouped according to age and ability, with about 30 participating each day. **WHERE?**

2002

Class Representatives – **Nicholas Gorne** and **Brian Riehs**

Phil Price has joined **SiteCrafting** of **Tacoma** as part of their **Web development** team. His responsibilities include site development as well as support for site design and maintenance.

Heather (Bidwell) Clarke was featured in **Tacoma's News Tribune**. She teaches coupon clipping classes at the **Olympia Community Center** and advises consumers via her blog, rainydaysavings.wordpress.com. **Heather** and her husband **Jeremy Clarke '01** live in **Olympia, Wash.**

2003

Class Representative – **Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman**

Jacob and **Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman** relocated to **Milwaukee, Wis.**, this summer. After four years of working in the Office of Constituent Relations at **PLU**, **Jacob** will be pursuing his master's degree in architecture at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. In June, **Elisabeth** completed her master of social work degree from the University of Washington, **Tacoma**. She will be pursu-

ing a social work career in Milwaukee.

Robert A Wargacki entered nursing school and graduated from Whatcom Community College in Bellingham, Wash., with an associate registered nurse degree. He works as a registered nurse for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma.

Chris Anderson graduated from the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies with a MA in comparative politics. He is working at Occidental College in Los Angeles as the assistant dean of admission.



BrieAnna Bales married Pa-Foday Jaiteh Aug. 9, 2008, on the campus of PLU. BrieAnna is an executive assistant of the University of Washington, Tacoma. Pa-Foday is a CNA. The couple lives in Tacoma.



Wendy Liddle married Chase Skorburg Aug. 8, 2008, in Seattle. Fellow Lutes in attendance were **Laine Walters Young '05**, as a member of the wedding party, and **Trista Winnie '06**. The couple met at Yale Divinity School, where Wendy earned her M.Div. in 2007. The couple now resides in Dallas.

2004
Class Representative – **Tammy Lynn Schaps**

Dan Walling died Apr. 3. Dan was a high school English teacher in Republic, Wash. He and a fellow teacher went fishing on Lake Roosevelt when their boat struck a rocky shoreline. Dan graduated from Washington State University and earned his masters at PLU. He started his career in advertising and business. He then chose to teach. Dan is survived by his wife Laura, and three children.

Laney Coyne is certified through the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a strength and conditioning specialist. She is employed by Rip City Fitness in Portland, Ore. According to Laney, the best part about being a personal trainer is helping people realize their own potential. She makes Portland her home.

Jane Berentson has released her first novel "Miss Harper Can Do It." Jane lives in Brooklyn, New York, where she teaches middle school Spanish. She covets other people's dogs and dreams about fine dining. Her time is spent read-

ing, writing, cooking, training in capoeira, and growing ever fonder of her family and friends.

Shella Biallas graduated from the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington with a master's in public administration. She was awarded a Presidential Management Fellowship, which is a federal leadership development program through the U.S. government. The highly prestigious two-year fellowship will be in Washington, D.C., at the U.S. Department of Energy in the Federal Energy Management Program.



Jessie Freese married **Matt Weber** in Puyallup, Wash., Aug. 9, 2008. The wedding party included; **Luc Hammond, Jason Andrew**

'02, and **Krister Freese '03**. **Patty (Millson '76)** and **Rev. Paul Freese '75** are the parents of the bride. Matt is a financial associate for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Puyallup, Wash. Jessie is a fourth grade teacher in the Sumner School District.

2005
Class Representative – **Micheal Steele**

Marisa Kuniko Castello received her masters of education in psychology with a concentration in school counseling from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass.

Jason Rimkus is leaving his current job as the online service coordinator in the Office of Constituent Relations at PLU to go back to school and earn his masters degree in athletic administration at the University of Washington. He will be moving to Seattle.

Garrett Luetgen, Corey Fish and **Jacob Henderson** all graduated with the degree of medical doctor from the University of Washington in the Spring.

2006
Class Representative – **Jenna (Steffenson) Serr**

Aislinn Addington, a doctoral student in sociology at Kansas University, received the Morris C Pratt Travel Scholarship and Carroll D Clark Pre-MA Award by the Kansas University Department of Sociology Student Awards.

2007
Class Representative – **Kaarin Praxel** and **Maggie Morgan**

Brian Bradshaw '07 died June 18. Brian was killed while on active duty in Kheyl, Afghanistan, when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle. Brian graduated from PLU with a BA in political science and was commissioned as a sec-

ond lieutenant in the Army on May 26, 2007. He was then assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division in Fort Richardson, Alaska. He was deployed to Afghanistan from there in March 2009. Brian volunteered for the ROTC program at PLU and was in the first class after the 9/11 attacks. Brian had said that he joined the Army not to try to win a war but to make the lives of people better.

Brian's family resides in Steilacoom, where he grew up. He was a graduate of Visitation Catholic School and Bellarmine High School, both in Tacoma.

Kayla Pendrak married **Geoff Arnold** May 23, on Fox Island, Wash. Geoff is a law student. The Arnolds make their home in Tacoma.

Tina Reindl is relocating to Lodi, Calif., to pursue her master's degree in speech

In Memoriam

1938

Melba I (Fenney) Sovde on Mar. 22.

1948

Doris (Jurgerson) Brokaw on Apr. 17.

1948

Gene Upton on Mar. 28.

1949

Michael Harry McLaughlin on Jan. 29.

1951

Jack L. Conrad on Apr. 28.

Stanley Dale Monson on May 17.

1950

Sharon (Kinzer) Parton on Mar. 27.

Barbara (MacDonald) Spinney on Apr. 21.

1953

Norman O. Forness on Apr. 2.

Karen Misenhimer Monson on Jan. 21, 2008

1971

John Lutton on May 10.

1977

Ruth (Berntson) Stenson on Mar. 30.

1980

Katrina Ann (Heard) Smith on May 17.

Lynn Isaacson on April 2.

1983

Nancy Lee Peterson on Jul. 24, 2008.

1987

Anna Elizabeth Ayers on Apr. 27.

2004

Dan Walling on Apr. 3.

2007

Brian Bradshaw on June 18.

Friends and Family

Lewis (Lew) Eugene Dibble died Apr. 7. Lew was a pioneer in student financial aid for students in higher education. During his career he was employed by the University of Puget Sound, Council for Postsecondary Education, Knapp College of Business and Pacific Lutheran University. He is survived by his wife Clara Mae; brother, Steve; sister-in-law, Linda; and nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

Loleta Espeseth died Apr. 20. Loleta came to PLU in 1964. During her 24 years at PLU she served first as assistant registrar and then as associate registrar. Loleta's professional work was devoted to maintaining official transcripts, grades, and certifications, and required meticulous attention to

detail. Throughout her career she witnessed many changes, from posting grades with a fountain pen to implementing a fully computerized transcript system. Loleta was also known for her great compassion for colleagues, students and friends. She is survived by brother Paul Solem; daughters, **Margaret (Espeseth '71) Nugent** and **Miriam Espeseth**; son **Jon Espeseth '73**; grandson, **Tyler Nugent '05**; and granddaughters **Mackenzie Nugent**, and **Whiney and Jane Espeseth**.

Brian "Buff" Woolstenhulme died Apr. 23. Buff was known as the very friendly and personable campus painter. Buff loved his work at PLU, and the highlight was working with his team of student painters. Most importantly, Buff valued the relationships he built with students; this is evident by the lifelong relationships he cherished.

David H. Hansen died May 13. David was professor emeritus of biology and longtime faculty member. During his 32 years at PLU, Dave was credited as being the heart of the emergence of a strong ecological thrust within the Department of Biology. Early in his tenure, Dave collaborated with Don Ryan on a project that involved identification of plants ancient Egyptians used to provide fibers for the making of rope. Many students participated in undergraduate research under his direction that focused on plant ecophysiology, and several of those students went on to Ph.D. programs in ecology and plant biology. Dave is survived by his wife of 41 years, **Idell (Emery '83)**; and daughters, **Helen '95** and **Marcia**.

Ji Zeng, a student in the PLU MBA program, died May 6. Ji came to PLU from her home in Guangzhou, China, in the summer of 2008. She held a masters degree in economics from West Virginia University and was a teacher at Guangdong University of Technology with scholarly interests in real estate, market and finance, and property management.

What's new with you?

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SPOUSE	SPOUSE'S PLU CLASS YEAR(S) IF APPLICABLE

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CITY STATE	ZIP

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DATE/PLACE OF MARRIAGE

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Birth

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language pathology. She will be leaving her position as programs and services coordinator in the Office of Constituent Relations at PLU.

Jennifer Henrichsen received a master of advanced studies in international and European security in Geneva, Switzerland.

2008
 Class Representative – **Christy Olsen Field** and **Courtney Stringer**



Caitlin Stoskopf married fellow Lute **Ryan Ceresola '09** May 30 at First Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Lutes in the wedding party included

Jamie Rottle, Tabitha Hall, Jenna Calhoun, Kathryn Druback, Brock Bennett '11, Sam Chrest '06, Mike Plotke, and Andrew Harron '09.



Christy Olsen married **Carl Field** at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tacoma June 28, 2008. Many Lutes were in the wedding party and also in

attendance, including best man **Jens Gilbertson '07, Dan Rosales '07, Eric Swanson, Jonah Nelson, Lauren Holly '07, Molly Olmstead, Rebecca Richardson '09**, co-maids of honor **Caroline Olsen '11** and future Lute Courtney Olsen. Christy works at the Norwegian American Weekly newspaper with **Tiffanie (Clark '07) Davis** and **Kim Nesselquist '84**, and Carl is a systems analyst for Regence BlueShield. The newlyweds live in Seattle.

2009
 Class Representative – **Maren Anderson** and **Amy Spieker**

Future Lutes

1987
Kathy (Nichols) Love celebrated the birth of her second child, Alexis (Lexie), on Nov. 21. Lexie joins big brother Jackson. They reside in Beaverton, Ore.

1991

Isle (Saue) and Steve McClary announce the birth of their third son, Logan Gorden on June 28, 2008. He joins brothers Ian, 5, and Dylan, 3. Steve has taken a new position as assistant city manager in Ojai, Calif.

1993



Jeff and Stephanie (Lund '95) Miller welcomed their second child into their family. Sidney Nicol Miller was born Mar. 8 and joins

big brother Jacob.



Kristi (Barrons) Quadrato and her husband, Craig, announce the adoption of their son, Alex Qilun. He joined the family on Oct. 6, 2008, at

13 months of age. He was born in Yunnan, China. He joins big sister, AnnaMei, 5, who was also adopted from China in 2005. The Quadrato's currently live in Austin, Texas, where Craig is completing a Ph.D. in structural engineering at the University of Texas.

1994



Dan and Mari (Hoseth '96) Lysne became parents of twins Dec. 12. Elsa Joy and Jonas Bjorn were born three months early and the Lysnes ran into countless doctors and nurses that were PLU alumni. Their hours of work and endless dedication were greatly appreciated and helped immensely during the five months at the NICU and ICN. Dan and Mari are very thankful to all the Lute alumni that helped with the twins.

1995



Tammy (Huynh) Mandilag and her husband, Romel, announce the birth of their firstborn son, Marcus Huynh, on April 27. They live in Hillsboro, Ore.



Krista Sickert-Bush and husband, Bill, are pleased to announce the birth and adoption of their second daughter, Zara Ruth, on Nov. 1, 2008. Zara was baptized into God's family at Luther Place Memorial Church in Washington, D.C., on Pentecost Sunday, May 31 by her grandfather, Pastor Fred Sickert and Pastor Karen Brau. Zara joins big sister Grace, 3.

1996



Anne (Blackwell) Snieg gave birth to her second son, Christofer Thomas Sept. 23, 2008. The Snieg family

lives in Greenfield, Wis.

1997

Kasie (Scales) and Kelly Pranghofer added a son to their family on Dec. 27. Keagan Joseph joins Kyla, 6, and Kayden, 4. Keagan was born two months early but is now home from the NICU and is doing well.



Jeremie and Beth (Salzman) Lipton are thrilled to announce the birth of their third child on Jan. 19. Beckett Henry joins his

two siblings, Ian, 5, and Elyse, 3. They live on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

1998



Lindsay (Johnson) Williamson and husband, Troy, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Kate Louise, Feb. 19. Kate joins

brother Jonathan "Jack" Dean, 3. The Williamsons live in Bonney Lake, Wash.

Heidi (Ramseth) Hornung and husband, Stuart, became parents of their second child, Greta Elizabeth on May 15. Greta joins her big sister, Maggie.

1999

Amy (Pardini) and Aaron Sonnichsen had their fourth child on Sept. 19, 2008. Sophie May joins Olivia, 7, Gabe, 5 and Anna, 3, at home in Prosser, Wash.



Anneke (Geballe) Geel and husband Peter celebrated the birth of their daughter, Sasha Rosemary on Jan 5. The family

makes their home in Reston, Va., where Peter is pursuing a Ph.D. in religious studies at Georgetown University. Anneke is a quality assurance specialist for the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service.

Jenny (Klumpp) Cramer and her husband Matt have a new daughter, Siena Grace, born Dec. 23. Matt is now working with the United States Olympic Committee

with Winter Sports and will be heading to Vancouver for the 2010 games. With Siena's arrival, Jenny is now staying at home with their new blessing.



Michele (McGinnis) Shaver and her husband John are the proud parents of Kendal Mary,

born June 14. Madison, 3, is very proud of her baby sister. The Shavers make their home in Southern California.

2000



Lisa (Drake) Lovely and her husband Bryan celebrated the birth of their daughter, Avalyn Marie, Jan. 17. Avalyn joins her

brother, Jace Charles, 2. Lisa is a fourth grade teacher in Tacoma.



Kevin Stokesbary and wife Kelly welcomed their second child into their family on Mar. 5. Parker Noah

joins big brother Payton, 2.



Natalie (Julin '00) and her husband, Brian Julin-McCleary, are the happy but tired parents

of Toby Joshua born Dec. 21, 2005, and Sophie Elise born Dec. 1, 2007. The Julin-McClearys currently live in Corpus Christi, Tex., where Brian serves as intern pastor at St. John Lutheran Church. Natalie is a full time toddler entertainment director and family chef. In August, the Julin-McClearys will move back to St. Paul, so Brian can complete the final year of his Master's of Divinity degree at Luther Seminary.



Michelle Matlock Nikisch, husband, Arthur, and big sister, Haylee Madison are happy to announce the birth of a second child, Bennett Patrick, on Mar. 21.



Mindy (Norris) Sneva and husband, Jordan, joyfully welcomed their new son, Asher Eugene, Jan. 23. The Sneva family lives in Burlington, Wash.



Rich Kuehn and wife Julie celebrated the birth of their first child, Haylie Pearl, Feb. 18. They reside in Edmonds, Wash.

2001



Jennifer (Hiatt) and Aaron Jackson became parents of daughter, Natalie Marlow, on Apr. 20. The Jacksons make their home in Sylvania, Ohio.

Amanda (Stafford) and Jess Nelson celebrated the birth of their son, Henry James, on May 28. Amanda is a stay-at-home mom and Jess a teacher and the head football coach at Stadium High School. The Nelsons reside in Tacoma.



Heather Trolia Mueller and husband, Russell, became parents of a baby boy, Max, on Jan. 15.

Heather is a school teacher in the Sumner School District. The family makes their home in Puyallup, Wash.

2002



Brian and wife **Abby (Schuetz '04) Riehs** were blessed by the arrival of their daughter, Emma

Jane, on Nov. 29, 2008. Brian works for a consulting firm and Abbey is a stay-at-home mom living in Tacoma.



Lorien (Southworth) Maples and husband Aaron announce the birth of their first child, James Sleem Maples, on

February 7. The Maples reside in Southern California.

2004

Solveig (Berg) and Pat '05 Munson celebrated the birth of their first child, Graham Richard Munson, on May 6. Graham weighed 9 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Grandma reports he is already a football player.



Sara Comstock and her husband, Joshua Livermore, welcomed their first child, Abram Comstock Livermore, on May 17. They currently live in Iowa City, Iowa.

2005



Barbara Barnett and husband, **Michael**, welcomed their son, Samuel Kristian, Feb. 23. Michael is an elementary school teacher for Tacoma Public Schools

and Barbara works in PLU's office of student life.

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Legacy Lutes

Each fall we welcome new students to our campus. The Office of Constituent Relations extends a special welcome to our "Legacy Lutes" – those students whose parent(s) also attended and/or graduated from PLU. We recognize this extra special commitment to their alma mater and are thrilled to have their sons and daughters carry on their legacy. Please note that only parents who attended PLU are listed below.

Kristina Aarsvold – Nancy (Ellertson '83) Aarsvold

Whitney Adams – Cynthia (Morris '98) Adams

Nathaniel Allen-Slaba – Linda Allen '68

Amy Aplin – Paula (Knapp '85) Aplin

Heyley Barnard – Jill Himlie '78

Sean Boaglio – Dennis '78 and Susan (Wilecox '78) Boaglio

Kiersten Bowers – Mark '81 and Elizabeth (Nemeyer '81) Bowers

Tobias Call – Andrew Call '80

Michael Campbell – Victoria (Gohsman '79) Campbell

Taylor Carlisle – Kelly '83 and Nancy (Holm '83) Carlisle

Robert Casteel – Lori (Hanson '83) Casteel

Tanzy Caulkins – Robert '79 and Lisa (Catterall '81) Caulkins

John Christensen – Allan Christensen '74

Jeffrey Collins – John '76 and Sylvia (Negstad '77) Collins

Megan Corbi – Monika McFadden '73

Rebecca Denning – Robert Denning '87, Michelle (Cheney '85) Hellwig

Andrew Douglass – Mark '81 and Teresa (Grambo '83) Douglass

Thomas Farrow – Lori Farrow '86

Brendan Fitzgerald – Theresa (Crowley '83) Fitzgerald

Michelle Granlund – Karl '82 and Renae (Schiff '82) Granlund

Andrew Gubsch – Timothy '82 Gubsch, Susan (Dalziel '84) Gubsch

Jesper Hallberg – Gail (Robinson '82) Hallberg

Kaaren Hatlen – Mark '82 and Mary (Zitzewitz '84) Hatlen

Britta Henden – Duane Henden '62

Brian Holden – Sheryl (Larsen '74) Holden

Sarah Holliday – Susan (Slater '87) Holliday

Evan Hoover – Jed Hoover '81

Timothy Hurd – Michael '83 and Calene (Lukin '83) Hurd

Olivia Inlow – Linda Beattie Inlow '74

Minda Jerde – Dwight '79 and Debra (Kenagy '79) Jerde

Rachel Johnson – Mark '83 Johnson, Lynn Bartlett-Johnson '74

Michelle Kalista – Michael '83 and Sherrie '02 Kalista

Caitlen Kay – Danny Kay '68

Joanna Kraft – Todd Kraft '84

McKenzie Kruml – Denise (Crawford '79) Kruml

Julia Lampson – Kirsten (Pedersen '87) Lampson

Maryse LaRussa – Marilee (Squires '87) Lewis

Bradley Lasham – Melissa (Berentson '85) Lasham

Mark Lee – Robert Lee '76

Conor Lien – Craig Lien '76

Megan Lockert – James Lockert '76

Christopher Lund – Karyn (Arkins '90) Lund

Elaina Mathieu – Lauren (Mathieu '94) Ramey

Steven Mattich – Peter '78 and Joan (Nelson '77) Mattich

Paula McFadden – Guy McFadden '73

Brooke McIntyre – Robert McIntyre '79

Anna Milliren – Janel (Johnson '84) Milliren

Rebecca Miyamura – Lyle Miyamura '84

Jorgina Moore – David '72 and Mirth (Anderson '72) Moore

Mary Moralez – Sandy (Faye '88) Cassio

Kyle Nothstein – Phil Nothstein '83

Amy Olsen – Linda (Peightel '80) Fender

Suzanne Olsen – Steve '79 and Nancy (Lee '78) Olsen

Daniel Olson – Brian Olson '83, Mary (Boyd '81) Olson

Kelsey Olson – Debra Olson '78

Audrey and Dylan O'Neil – Michael James O'Neil '87

Matthew Peters – James '70 and Stephanie (Irwin '79) Peters

Ryan Phillips – Dean '81 and Susan (Lee '81) Phillips

Anna Rasmussen – Douglas '84 and Jeanine (Case '86) Rasmussen

Ryan Read – Stephen Read '91

Kaitlin Reese – Dana Reese '86

Anna Reinman – Mark Reiman '79

Frank Roberts – Bill Roberts '04

Jill Rogers – Thomas '90 and Lois (Maier '81) Rogers

Chiara Rose-Witt – Lynnette Rose '83

Lisette Savin – Jazelle (Budlong '84) Savin

Tara Schaumberg – Gene Schaumberg '61

Tierney Schofield – Shirley Schofield '91

Nathan Shoup – John '87 and Debbie (Mortensen '87) Shoup

Tamara Siburg – David '80 and Patricia (Tengesdal '80) Siburg

Jack Sorensen – Evan (Adelson '77) Sorensen

Alicia Stephens – Lisa Berntsen '87

Kelsey Svaren – David Svaren '78

Rachel Thomas – Carol Gabrielson '83

Elizabeth Tipple – Brian '80 and Traci (Wortley '82) Tipple

Heather Waetzig – Cristal Waetzig '92

Jennifer Walling – Michael Walling '77

Alana Weber – Christopher Weber '84

Kara Whitton – Robert Whitton '83

Christopher Yoder – Joan (Kahny '79) Yoder

Kelsey Yonce – Michelle Yonce '09

Here and Now *continued*

Foundation created the first fully funded endowed chair at PLU, The Benson Family Chair in Business and Economic History.

Reisberg joined the PLU faculty in 1981 and since 1994 has held the rank of professor. Reisberg has contributed to the literature in special education by focusing on topics that can positively impact the lives of students with academic and behavior difficulties, among them classroom management, technology-based instructional methods, and para-educator training.


MediaLab wins regional Emmy, national nod

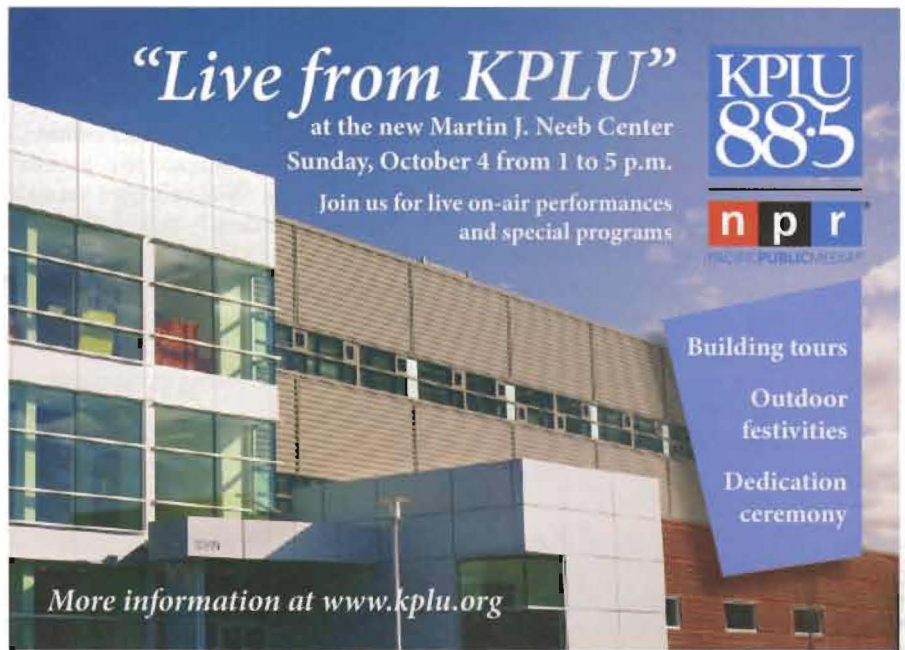
Four student researcher-filmmakers in PLU's MediaLab program won a 2009 College Division Emmy Award this May at the 46th Annual Northwest Regional Emmy Awards.

Junior Melissa Campbell and seniors Julie Olds, Shannon Schrecengost and Emilie Firn were honored for their originally produced "Illicit Exchanges: Canada, the U.S. & Crime," a 30-minute film that explores the effects of crime, drugs and gangs in communities across North America. The documentary won in the News Long Form category, competing against colleges and universities from Alaska, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Research on "Illicit Exchanges" began in October 2007, and the team began conducting interviews and filming in January 2008. Their work premiered at the Seattle Museum of History and Industry in October 2008.

"We found that issues of crime, poverty, gangs and drugs existed in every community we visited," said Robert Marshall Wells, MediaLab's faculty adviser and Assistant Professor of Communication at PLU. "This award just exemplifies the hard work and dedication that MediaLab students invest."

In addition to the Emmy, "Illicit Exchanges" has won a national 2009 Honorable Mention Award from the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts in the long-form documentary category, as well as a First Place Grand Prize Award from the National Broadcasting Society. 



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outside the classroom in these difficult economic days ahead.

Priorities for the year began to emerge. The first goal, we said, is that we must maintain enrollment and make sure that all students are ensured full access to a PLU education, even in these difficult economic times. So we resolved to live within the lowest tuition, room and meals increase in seven years – with an associated determination to dedicate more resources to student financial aid.

We launched Project Access, a bold new initiative undertaken on behalf of students who are facing unprecedented financial challenges in realizing their dreams of a college education. As a result, when the campaign is complete, 300 students will have additional Q Club scholarships of \$3,500. This from hundreds of donors who have reached out to do more because they care.

Commitment to quality

Our second goal became to continue to build a stronger and better university, in spite of the financial uncertainty. We kept pushing our quality agenda forward. The results have been both satisfying and impressive:

■ Last year our faculty adopted a new general education program to be implemented this fall. We could have stopped progress on academic reform. But we said no, we're going to keep going. Across the country colleges and universities suspended hiring faculty. But we said no, we're not going to do that. We are going to replace our retiring faculty with new tenure-track faculty. We know we must maintain the excellence in teaching and learning that we enjoy across the campus, and renew it with fresh talent as we always have.

■ We received a \$1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to help students from all economic backgrounds study abroad. We said that we would go out and match it, and within months we succeeded. And so we were able to announce a new \$2 million study-away scholarship program to increase access and opportunity for all.

■ This year we were the recipient of the Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, an acknowledgment that PLU continues to be a nation-

al leader in globally focused education. In fact, we are the first private college or university in the Western United States to receive that award.

■ We have raised \$1.6 million toward a \$2 million goal to fully fund an endowed faculty chair in Holocaust studies, a program that makes PLU unique among Lutheran institutions nationally.

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■ A year ago we received a \$750,000 National Science Foundation grant to purchase a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, the only such instrument at a private university in the Northwest. It is only one example of our expanding investment in student-faculty research and creative projects. But we needed more than \$400,000 to remodel Rieke Science Center to install it. We turned to our alumni and friends, and within weeks that need was fully funded.

Certainly we have tightened our belts in response to challenging economic times. But at the same time we continue to fulfill a commitment to keep moving our quality agenda forward and you are helping make that possible.

Focused on the future

Third, we said that we have to keep our eyes on the future. Even though we are fully occupied dealing with the present, we've got to keep looking ahead. So we said we're going to keep repairing our roofs. Because we're not going to develop a maintenance deficit. We're going to keep buying computers. Because we're not going to develop a technology deficit. We're going to keep building our endowment. Because

that secures our long-term future.

Yes, and now the Board of Regents has authorized us to begin working on PLU 2020: The Long Range Plan for our Next Decade. We believe that the economic situation we're in is not going to last forever. And as it starts to mitigate and we start to gain momentum again, we want this university to be positioned to move forward even faster. And the PLU family of alumni, friends and donors are helping us make that possible.

This commitment to the future is the PLU educational promise.

It is a promise that is both distinctive and incredibly powerful: At this Lutheran university we believe that every single student is a unique, precious child of God. Each student is a kind of heirloom seed of potential and possibility. And we challenge them with the most powerful and provocative question there is: What is your vocation and calling?

“What will you do with your one wild and precious life?” It is the question that has the potential to focus and motivate us for a lifetime. Not everyone answers that challenge here at PLU. But every student confronts it here. And, we hope, each student learns to live it here.

I have never worked with a more hopeful generation of students who have engaged these “big enough” questions than those who are enrolled at Pacific Lutheran University today. These are young people of significant talent. These are young people who are serious about their education. These are young people who are fearless about engaging the world. They believe they can make a difference in the world. They believe that they can make a lasting contribution. And they can, with our help.

I thank you and all of the alumni and friends of PLU for believing in the PLU educational promise, for putting your support behind your belief, for recommending us to prospective students, and for sharing the good word about the work that goes on here. We cannot do it without you. We celebrate your partnership and our shared dream of the PLU educational promise. ☐

Loren J. Anderson is president of Pacific Lutheran University.

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October 13, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra performs Karin Rehnqvist's "Arktis-Arktis!" Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 14, 7 p.m.

Lecture by Swedish composer Karin Rehnqvist
University Center, Scan Center

October 15, 6:30 p.m.

David and Marilyn Knutson Lecture in Theology: New Testament scholar John Dominic Crossan
University Center, CK

October 20, 5:30 p.m.

Faculty Scholarship Dinner
University Center, Scan Center

October 24, 9:30 a.m.

PLU Women's Club Fall Brunch: KPLU General Manager Paul Stankavich discusses KPLU History and current happenings
University Center, CK

October 27, 5 p.m.

Spring Semester 2010 Study Away Orientation
University Center, Regency Room

October 30, 11 a.m.

ELCA Seminary Visit
University Center, 2nd Floor Foyer

NOVEMBER

November 5, 8:30 a.m.

Continuing Nursing Education Conference
University Center, CK

November 6-8

Family Weekend 2009
www.plu.edu/parents

November 9, 7 p.m.

3rd Annual Got (Socio-Economic) Privilege?
University Center, Regency Room

November 10, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra and faculty flutist Jennifer Rhyne will perform Egil Hovland's "Concerto for Piccolo and Orchestra."
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 11, Noon

Veterans' Day Celebration
Mary Baker Russell Music Center,
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 12, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

November 13, 3 p.m.

Division of Social Sciences Lecture
Xavier, Nordquist Lecture Hall

November 14, 10 a.m.

Confirmation Class
University Center, 212

November 16, 8 a.m.

International Education Week
Wang Center

November 16, 7 p.m.

3rd Annual Got (Language) Privilege?
University Center, Regency Room

November 21, 10 a.m.

Nordic Sweater Exchange
Scandinavian Cultural Center

December 2, 5:15 p.m.

Light Up Red Square
Eastvold, Red Square

DECEMBER

December 4, 7:30 p.m.

Annual Sankta Lucia Celebration.
Mary Baker Russell Music Center,
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 4, 8 p.m.

Sankta Lucia Reception
University Center, Scan Center

December 9, 7 p.m.

Norwegian Christmas Service
University Center, Scan Center

December 10, Noon

KPLU Christmas Jam live concert and broadcast with guest artist Sara Gazarek
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 10, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
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December 11, 3 p.m.

Division of Social Sciences Lecture
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December 11, 6 p.m.

Nordlyset Christmas Party
University Center, Scan Center


December 11, 6 p.m.

School of Nursing Recognition and Pinning Ceremony
Trinity Lutheran Church

December 12, 10:30 a.m.

Fall Commencement 2009
Olson Auditorium

December 19, 6 p.m.

Nordic Christmas Fest
University Center, Scan Center 

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A Pacific Lutheran University Christmas Celebration

December 5, 7:30 p.m.

Newmark Theater, Portland, Ore.

December 6, 3 p.m.

Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU

December 7, 7:30 p.m.

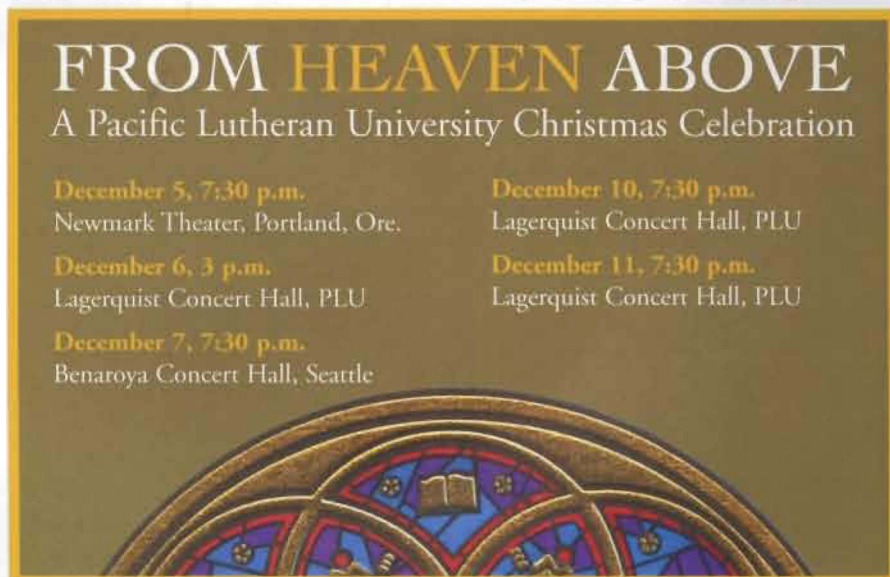
Benaroya Concert Hall, Seattle

December 10, 7:30 p.m.

Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU

December 11, 7:30 p.m.

Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU



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perspective

The PLU educational promise



President Loren J. Anderson believes these difficult economic times have enabled PLU to focus on the core strengths and fundamental values that have served the university well.

By Loren J. Anderson

(An adaptation of an address given at the university's Spring Donor Banquet in May.)

The true nature of a person or an organization often shines through during times of adversity. We're seeing that all around us these days as the local, national and global communities face the turbulence of economic uncertainty. Many are finding it difficult to persevere. Others are finding in these challenges pathways to new opportunities.

There is no doubt that this is also a remarkable time in the history of Pacific Lutheran University. We are being tested

in new ways. But the remarkable result for us has been a return to the core strengths and fundamental values that have served and continue to serve us well.

I call it the PLU educational promise.

Economic crisis and our priorities

In the fall of 2008, we began the year once again celebrating the joys of teaching and learning with great new and returning faculty and a lively spirit across campus.

Little did we know that within a few days of fall convocation, we would find ourselves in the midst of an evolving

global economic crisis. It stopped us in our tracks, much as it did every citizen.

Our first reaction was to say, we've got to tighten our belts. We've got to become more cautious, more defensive, and measure our priorities much more carefully.

But, before long, another deeper realization came to us: No, it's not about retrenching. We now must do much more. We need a game plan. We need a strategy. We need to figure out what goals are going to inform and drive the work of the university both inside and