

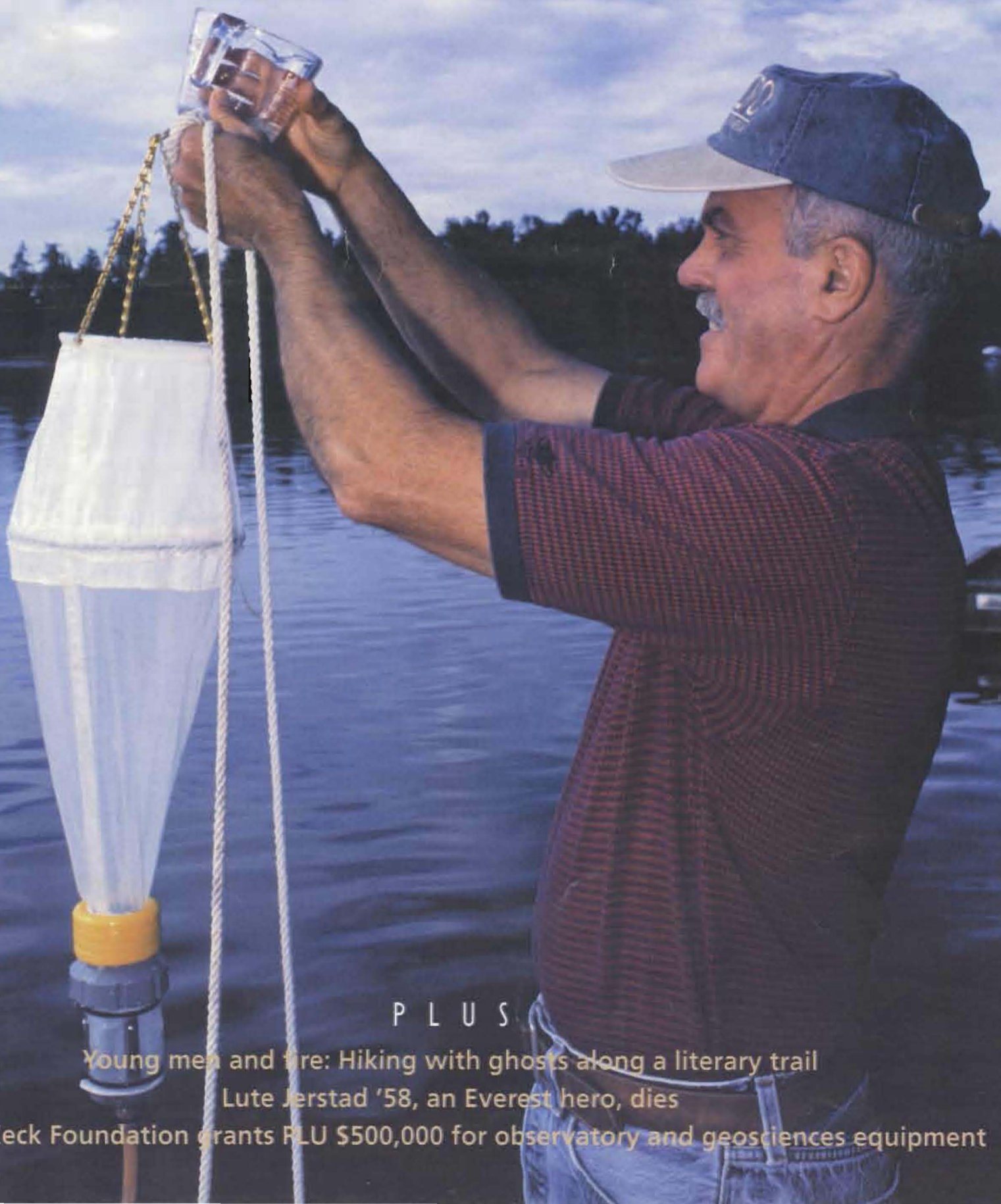
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Biology Professor Mike Crayton is hooked on algae

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, EDITOR
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University Photographer Chris Tumbusch captured Biology Professor Mike Crayton sampling plankton from American Lake on a beautiful, warm day in mid-September. After a couple of swipes with his soft nylon plankton net, Crayton found particles of a non-toxic algae called *Gloeotrichia*, which can cause swimmer's itch if left to dry on the skin, and flu-like symptoms if ingested.



In his lab in the Rieke Science Center, Biology Professor Mike Crayton readies a sample of lake algae for a toxicity test.

Crayton is an expert on toxic blue-green algae blooms in the Pacific Northwest and is often called upon to examine water samples collected from the area.

Blue-green algae, or cyanobacteria, reproduce rapidly in fresh water when it's sunny and warm and there are lots of nutrients present. Within a few days, a clear lake, pond or ditch can become cloudy with algae growth. Blue-green blooms usually float to the surface and can be several inches thick near the shoreline. The most likely causes of blooms are lawn fertilizer and leaky septic tanks (sources of nutrients).

Some blue-green algae blooms produce poisons that when ingested can kill pets, waterfowl and other animals. They can also cause serious illness in humans. To report a bloom, call your local health department.

Crayton, who has been at PLU since 1977, didn't become hooked on algae until the winter of 1989 when he was asked

to help identify the cause of death of several dogs and cats living near American Lake. At the time he didn't know much about blooms or even how to tell if one was toxic. Then, using a procedure similar to that used for red tide toxins in marine environments, he injected a mouse with a sample of the bloom to see what would happen. He was shocked at the instant results. The mouse he injected with the sample from American Lake died within a minute and a half.

Crayton knew he had stumbled onto a toxic algae bloom. His interest did not stop with identification, however. Crayton helped choose methods of treatment for the blooms, and he also helped create a public-education program designed to prevent such blooms.

As for treatment, Crayton has spent the last few years working on an effective natural treatment product that won't harm the environment. There are no such products available commercially. If all goes well, he hopes to have his work published and his product patented and put into use.

On the prevention end, he partnered with the state departments of health and ecology to produce a brochure for the public that details steps to keep blooms at bay. For a copy of the brochure, or for more information on toxic algae blooms, call Allan Moore, Washington State Department of Ecology Water Quality Financial Assistance Program, 360-407-6563.

CORRECTION

A Harstad by any other name . . . might be the wrong Harstad



The *Scene* editorial staff has learned something important about running captions with old photos: be sure to check with any living relatives of the people pictured before matching a name with a face.

Isabel (Harstad '46) Watness politely informed us that the photo we ran of Mr. and Mrs. [Bjug] Harstad and daughter in the Fall 1998 issue was actually Tjodgjei Harstad (Bjug's older brother by five years) and his family.

"I saw those two canes and thought, 'Alaska must have been really hard on Grandpa,'" laughed Watness, who realized our mistake and called us soon after. Thanks Isabel, and thanks also to the other members of the Harstad family who contacted us.



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Young men and fire: Hiking with ghosts along a literary trail

BY CLIFFE ROWE, PROFESSOR OF COMMUNICATION

Eric Thomas '82 and I went to Montana this summer to hike with ghosts we had come to know on a literary trail.

Norman Maclean had introduced them to us in his book "Young Men and Fire," completed shortly after his death in 1987.

In that book, Maclean, also the author of "A River Runs Through It," described how 13 young smokejumpers died attempting to run from a fire that swept into an area of Montana wilderness known as Mann Gulch on a hot August day in 1949. Three others in their crew survived.

Thomas, a communication major and now editorial page editor of The Bellingham Herald, and I had discovered a couple of years ago that we had reacted the same as we'd read the book. Maclean's analysis of the fire and vivid description of the young men's desperate effort to escape it had stirred our imaginations.

We wanted to explore that gulch and climb its steep flanks. We wanted to follow the escape route that ends for all but one of the 13 victims within yards of a ridge top amid a scattered cluster of crosses and small marble posts bearing their names and marking where each fell.

So we scheduled a July trip to Mann Gulch in the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness north of Helena.

On a tour boat, we passed through the narrow, cliff-lined canyon of the Missouri River that gives the wilderness its name and disembarked at Meriweather Canyon, a short distance upstream from the gulch.

As soon as we had set up our tent a mile upstream, we sought out the head of the one-mile trail that rises steeply from the canyon to the ridge above it, and climbed to a point from which we looked down into Mann Gulch.

The ranger at the Meriweather Canyon guard station had done that on Aug. 5, 1949, as he had gone up to take a look at the fire that he knew lightning had ignited in the gulch the day before. From the ridge top, he could see it burning to his left at the end of the ridge above the Missouri River.

To his right, at the high end of the gulch away from the river, the 16 smokejumpers would land at approximately 4:10 that

afternoon, pick up their tools and start down the gulch toward what was still considered a routine fire.

As they proceeded into the gulch and worked their way along the bottom of its steep north flank toward the river, winds near the river plucked bits of fire from the south ridge and dropped them into the gulch, igniting new fires. Rising winds fanned them up the gulch toward the approaching smokejumpers.

The crew's foreman, Wag Dodge, realizing what was happening, turned the men around within a few hundred yards of the oncoming fire at approximately 5:45 pm.

Eight minutes later, as they worked their way back up the gulch, at the same time angling toward the ridge above them, the foreman ordered them to drop their tools and run for their lives.

Those who have analyzed the fire estimate it was only three minutes later and 300 yards further up the ridge that the slowest of the young men was overtaken and killed.

One minute later the fastest were caught.

From the summit of the south ridge, Eric and I relived that story as we looked down into Mann Gulch.

Referring to topographical maps and the charts, photos and descriptions in Maclean's book, we identified the broad slope toward the head of the gulch where the smokejumpers had landed, the approximate route they had taken down the gulch and where they had turned back.

Our eyes moved up the opposite ridge to the area where the men must have died, but even with binoculars we saw no crosses among the tall grass and the few bushes and trees.

We scrambled down the south ridge into the bottom of the gulch and began working up the north ridge at a diagonal, much as the doomed smokejumpers had.

We sweated and struggled, even while realizing that our day with its temperature in the low 80s and gentle breeze was nothing like that 90-plus-degree day Dodge and his crew had experienced.

We slipped on the tall, matted grass and tripped and stumbled across fields of shattered, scattered rock. Then, across a

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Voice Your Opinion!

Scene is soliciting short essays from alumni, faculty and students on almost any topic under the sun. Essays must be 500-1,000 words long. Topics can be serious or humorous, but should be thought-provoking in some manner. Submit your essays to Linda Elliott, Editor, *Pacific Lutheran Scene*, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447. They can also be emailed to scene@plu.edu. The deadline for the Summer 1999 issue is April 5.

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE ARTS!

In the Spring 1999 *Scene*, we're planning to feature the arts at PLU — the many ways that students, alumni, faculty and staff are involved not just in painting or sculpture, but also in performing and communication arts.

If you have an idea for an artist or related subject we should cover, please contact Laurel Willoughby, *Scene* assistant editor, at 253-535-8410 or willoull@plu.edu by Jan. 11.

technoweb \tek'-no-web\ n a regular column devoted to PLU, technology and the World Wide Web

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR

More new information about PLU is becoming available on the Web every day. Just start out with www.plu.edu in your URL, and add any of the following addresses:

The Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ

[/pluexper/interest/organ](http://pluexper/interest/organ) — Regardless of whether you were lucky enough to attend one of the organ dedication concerts, you'll still enjoy this visual tour of the pride and joy of Lagerquist Concert Hall. Includes RealAudio samples of the concert.

Presidential Addresses

[/campus/state98.html](http://campus/state98.html) and [/campus/convo98.html](http://campus/convo98.html) — President Anderson's State of the University and Opening Convocation speeches from September 1998.

Alumni Profiles

[/pluexper/interest/alumniprofiles](http://pluexper/interest/alumniprofiles) — Interested in reading alumni profiles from *Scenes* past but don't want to search through your hard copies or the online versions? Profile articles are archived here by last name, class year and article title.

Information Technology Plan

[/~libr/ITP](http://~libr/ITP) — Everything you want to know about PLU's Information Technology Plan resides here: plan overview, advisory council, information resources newsletters and forums.

Library Virtual Tour and African Art

[/~libr/tour](http://~libr/tour) and [/~libr/art](http://~libr/art) — From the bindery in the basement to archives and special collections on the third floor, you can wander around the Robert A.L. Mortvedt Library or preview African artworks displayed there without ever leaving your seat.

And in continuing Technology Initiative news . . .

ResNet complete — This fall, PLU more than quadrupled its network capacity — from just under 200 users at four residence halls at the end of last academic year, to 889 users by mid-September, with all residence halls now connected. To make that possible, it took a group of 10 student workers and most of the full-time network staff all summer to install 1,123 network ports, 50 24-port 3Com PS40 hubs and 9 24-port Cabletron building switches. The group also tested more than 200,000 feet of cable to allow the network to handle this increase in traffic.

Web-based course materials pilot project up and running —

Five faculty members began working with information resources staff in the fall to develop web-based course materials for J-Term and Spring Semester classes.

PLU's own elected to Congress



COURTESY BRIAN BAIRD

Brian Baird, associate professor of psychology, won the Nov. 3 election to become Washington state's third district Congressional Representative. He is the first PLU faculty member to be elected to Congress.

Baird commented that his election "is tremendously exciting as there are so many important issues to deal with." He said he was thrilled with the chance to represent Washington state, calling it "an honor in which I will do my utmost possible."

He attributed the success of his campaign to the help of a group of 18 college students who organized a grass-roots effort.

"If anyone says that young people don't have an impact, we proved them wrong," said Baird, urging students be aware of their political power.

Baird contributed much to PLU during his 12-year tenure. He served as chair of the psychology department from 1995 to 1997, and published two books, "Are We Having Fun Yet?" and "The Internship, Practicum, and Field Placement Handbook: A Guide for the Helping Professions." The first book, drawing on his extensive experience in outdoor recreation and knowledge of psychology, confronts the changing dynamics of family and partner relationships as they move from indoors to out. The second book is designed to help students and faculty in field learning opportunities in psychology, social work and related programs.

"The colleagues and faculty are all very proud of Brian, and we will miss having him as a member," said Interim Provost Phil Nordquist.

Baird, too, said he will miss PLU, teaching and the students, but said, "I hope my achievement shows that political involvement is important and possible. I really want to extend my appreciation and gratitude to my friends and colleagues at PLU for all their support," he added.

Baird is eager to start work on issues such as extending the federal student loan program to include part-time students and middle-income families, and to offer a tax-deductible option if employers pay off student loans, and many other local issues. The third district encompasses Olympia, Vancouver and most of southwest Washington.

This story was reprinted with minor changes and additions from the Nov. 6 issue of The Mooring Mast, written by Kelly Kearsley '01.

President signs agreement to fight alcohol abuse on campus

President Loren J. Anderson along with seven other presidents of Washington colleges (six public, one private) gathered in Olympia in October to sign a joint agreement to search for a "comprehensive strategy" to reduce alcohol abuse on their campuses. The agreement specifies that university leaders will work together to find strategies to control drinking, from education to tougher rules. It also specifies that they will reach out to the community at large for help. "Joining with other university and college presidents in signing the initiative on alcohol provided an important opportunity to publicly affirm PLU's commitment and to share with other colleges and universities the creative steps PLU is taking in this area," said Anderson.

Alums who were either elected or re-elected this fall:

Lois Capps '59
(D-Calif.) US Congress
(re-elected)

Jack Metcalf '51
(R-Wash.) US Congress
(re-elected)

**Wash. State Representative
Craig Peterson '89**
(D-Spokane) 6th Legislative
District

**Wash. State Representative
Brian Thomas '79**
(R-Issaquah) 5th Legislative
District (re-elected)



Published Corner

Stewart Govig, professor of religion, published "In the Shadow of Our Steeples: Pastoral Presence for Families Coping with Mental Illness" The book helps bring together the sufferer, the family, the civil servant and the religious counselor into one synergistic group of rehabilitative influence. Specific examples and proven strategies are given to help turn despair into hope, even in the face of chronic mental illness. (HAWORTH PRESS; PRICE TBA)

Doug Oakman, associate professor of religion, coauthored (with K.C. Hanson) "Palestine in the Time of Jesus." Through the use of the social sciences, the book explains the primary social institutions and structures of ancient Palestine, with a view to how they are reflected in and shaped the early Jesus movement. (FORTRESS PRESS; \$21.00)

PLU Political Science Professor **Dick Olufs** published "The Making of Telecommunications Policy," which examines the history, politics and impact of telecommunications policy. (LYNNE RIENNER PUB.; PRICE TBA)

Judy Ramaglia, business professor, and **Diane MacDonald**, associate business professor, authored the textbook "Personal Finance: Tools for Decision Making." The book integrates essential disciplines such as economics, accounting, finance, consumer law, tax law and consumer psychology. (SOUTH-WESTERN PUB.; PRICE TBA)

Each book is available at the PLU Bookstore, 253-535-7665, where alumni receive a 10 percent discount.



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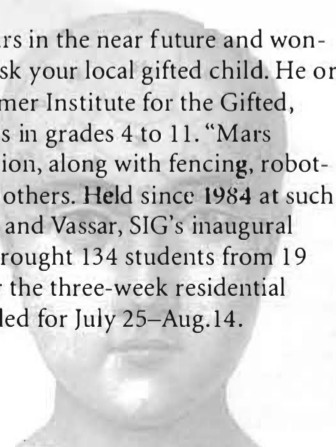
Under clear blue skies on Sept. 27, about 135 PLU students, faculty and staff hiked Mt. Rainier from Paradise to Panorama Point, where they shared a communion service and sang "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." In the early 1990s, the outing became an annual commemoration of a similar climb undertaken by the PLU band in 1896 — just two years after PLU opened its doors. The early Lutes were celebrating the fact that the new school in Parkland was finally under way. Gary Severson, chair of the board of regents, heard about the trip last year and made sure he was here this time. And he brought his family with him. "It's neat to see everyone enjoy it so much, and it's fun chatting with the students — in between huffs and puffs as they're passing me," he said with a laugh. This was the second trip for junior Cindy Messler, vice president of University Congregation, the sponsoring organization. "I love the time of praise in such a beautiful setting," she said, noting the bright sunshine and gorgeous views of Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens.

Organ dedication concerts bring audiences to their feet

University Organist David Dahl received standing ovations each night from audiences at The Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ dedicatory concerts Nov. 6-8 in Lagerquist Concert Hall. The nearly 2,000 people in attendance were able to hear and see for themselves the truly magnificent organ — 3,849 individually voiced pipes and 250 square feet of intricate carvings and 54 stops (differences in tone that can be mixed or matched). More than 30,000 hours of work went into the instrument by builder Paul Fritts and crew.

Summer Institute for the Gifted shines in premiere season at PLU

If you're planning on going to Mars in the near future and wonder what you should take along, ask your local gifted child. He or she might have attended the Summer Institute for the Gifted, held at PLU Aug. 2-22 for students in grades 4 to 11. "Mars Colonization" was one course option, along with fencing, robotics, theatre and drama, and many others. Held since 1984 at such prestigious schools at Bryn Mawr and Vassar, SIG's inaugural session in the Pacific Northwest brought 134 students from 19 states, Taiwan and Hong Kong for the three-week residential camp. Next year's camp is scheduled for July 25-Aug. 14.



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shallow gully beyond the charred remnant of a tree snag, we saw the first cross. And a short distance above that, a second.

The climb became an ordeal. My thigh muscles cramped so badly I had to lie down to relax them. We pushed on, past those crosses nearest the top of the ridge and then over the ridge itself and into the next gulch.

There we found the cross of the one smokejumper who had made it out of Mann Gulch only to die later in a hospital.

As we sat atop the north ridge recapturing our wind and strength, we appreciated even more the detail with which Maclean had described that race between young men and fire.

His words had told us eloquently of fear and desperation. Now both were more real to us.

We also knew more about the power of descriptive writing. This place had not been totally new. We had been here before, and the ghosts with us had familiar faces.

Into the Streets project a resounding success



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FROM FRONT TO BACK, **Into the Streets** volunteers **Mary Anne Ashton '02**, **Jessica Allen '00** and **Mary Jo Larsen '02** diligently paint a Habitat for Humanity house in Northeast Tacoma.

On Sept. 26, more than 140 students, faculty and staff, along with volunteers from 12 local agencies, got "Into the Streets" to better the Tacoma area by rendering service to groups such as Citizens for a Healthy Bay, Habitat for Humanity, Northwest EquiCARE, the Salvation Army and others. The event began with a continental breakfast and kick-off talk with Paris Mullen '97, former ASPLU president, in Red Square. From 9 am to 1 pm volunteers dispersed to sites throughout Tacoma and began gardening, painting, general cleaning and volunteering for the Pierce County AIDS Walk. Volunteers' hard work and individuals' and businesses' donations made the project a resounding success.

Diversity committee strives to put plan into action

One of the five areas addressed by **PLU 2000** is "activating the commitment to diversity." In November 1997 a nine-member committee of students, faculty, staff and administrators was formed to monitor and enhance the university's progress in carrying out this initiative. One major step this committee has undertaken is the development of a comprehensive diversity plan for the university. At a retreat last fall, the committee brought together university members who represent an array of diversity organizations on campus. The results of this work will assist in preparation of the plan — which should be in draft form by the end of Spring Semester. Initially, the plan will cover recruitment and retention of students, staff and faculty. Also, curricular dimensions, alumni relations and community development areas will be included.



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As promised, here's a look at the newly remodeled **Anderson Clock Tower**. Completed in early September, the 60-foot clock tower is made of Alaskan yellow cedar, and features new cedar bench-work around a reconditioned concrete base and new lighting to illuminate the clocks.

BRIEFLY...

Thanks to **Kerry Swanson '89**, director of technical services at KPLU, along with help from Lowell Kiesow, KPLU chief engineer, and Rick Anderson, PLU assistant chief engineer, live KPLU broadcasts are again made possible. KPLU recognized a great facility in Lagerquist Concert Hall and knew there must be a way for the station to offer live jazz broadcasts again. A connection across campus using equalized copper phone lines is now in place. With this technology in place, KPLU can now offer live jazz performances from MBR to its quarter million listeners throughout the region.

Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL), a fraternal society benefiting the work of Lutheran education institutions, organizations and church bodies, has initiated a member gift-matching program to assist Lutheran elementary and secondary schools, colleges and seminaries nationwide. The match is similar to that offered by Lutheran Brotherhood. Under the new program, any annual gift of \$25-\$100 by an AAL member to a participating Lutheran institution will be matched dollar-for-dollar by AAL. During a seven-month pilot period, \$1.5 million was provided to the 147 participating Lutheran institutions. Call 920-734-5721 or 1-800-225-5225.

A panel discussion of **retired military health care** concerns, held Aug. 14 in Lagerquist Concert Hall, included US Sen. **Patty Murray (D-Wash.)**

and US Rep. **Norm Dicks (D-Wash.)**. Other speakers were Washington state Sen. **Rosa Franklin '74** and **Lon Weldon** of the Retired Sergeants Major and Chiefs Association. At present, military retirees are the only federal employees without a health plan for those over age 65. The panel discussed possible local and national legislative remedies for the problem and fielded questions from the audience.

The **International SPURS** — an organization for college sophomores and upperclassmen focusing on service, patriotism, understanding, responsibility and sacrifice — recognized **Ahna Lietke '99** and **Erika Vestad '99** as co-winners of the MaryLou McCallum Outstanding Junior Advisor Award. The commendation is given each year to the junior advisor who "best shows the true spirit of SPURS by leading by example and through experience."

Journalism Professor **Cliff Rowe** took eight of his journalism students on a road trip to California to the national **Society of Professional Journalists Conference** this fall. The students had won three first-place regional awards and a first place national award from SPJ, but there was another surprise waiting for them at the banquet. SPJ named PLU the Best Student Chapter for Region 10 (Wash., Ore., Mont., Idaho, Alaska).

More than 800 attended **Family Weekend '98** the last weekend in October. Sponsored by Alumni and Parent Relations, the event included such activities as a presidential dessert reception, Great Moments in Opera, The Well, LuteBingo, Family University (where five classes were taught by PLU professors) and a dinner featuring the professional acting troupe Theatre Sports. Mark your calendars for Family Weekend '99, Nov. 5-7.

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Greg Brewis was named executive director of University Communications effective Sept. 14. For the past five years,

Brewis owned and operated the G.W. Brewis Co., a public relations, marketing and copy writing firm. Previously, he was the director of public relations at the University of Puget Sound for 11 years. Before that, he was assistant to the president and secretary to the board of trustees at UPS for six years. He holds a bachelor's degree in politics and government from UPS.

Michael Clifthorne, former program director of the American Cultural Exchange Language Institute, was promoted to **Western US regional director** of the American Cultural Exchange. Although he will remain on campus part time, his new role will take him to the central office in Seattle and to the many

language institutes throughout the region as he oversees their programs. **Elizabeth Coghlan** was promoted to program director of the ACELI effective Sept. 14. Coghlan, who replaced Michael Clifthorne, served as director of studies for the past two-and-a-half years.



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This Halloween marked several milestones in the life of **KPLU morning news host Dave Meyer**. He turned 40,

celebrated 10 years of hosting Morning Edition and also celebrated his 12th wedding anniversary with his wife, Cyn. Spending 10 years doing the same thing at the same radio station is unique. A decade of early rising required a 2 am wake-up, with a 2:30 am departure from Seattle to head south regardless of rain, sleet, snow, ice and impaired drivers leaving the bars. Since becoming a Pierce County resident two years ago, his drop in commute time allows for a 3:30 am wake-up call. Congratulations, Dave, we're glad you're here!

New to PLU is **Robert Riley**, the university's controller, effective Oct. 1. Previously, he was the business manager of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. Before that, he was the director of accounting for the college for 15 years. Riley holds a BSBA in accounting from Pittsburg State University.

PLU must be a pretty special place for the following faculty and/or administrators, who this year celebrate 20 or more years of employment at PLU. Each was recognized at PLU's annual Christmas luncheon on Dec. 17.

20 YEARS

Stephen Barndt
Kathleen Farnar
Lauralee Hagen '75, '78
James Johnson
Alene Klein '75, '78
Irmgard Knaack
Janet Moore
Thomas Sepic
Christopher Spicer
Marian Warr

25 YEARS

William Becvar
Jerrold Lerum
Ann Miller '86
Gary Nicholson
Robert Stivers
Chang-Li Yiu

30 YEARS

Arthur Gee
Paul Hoseth
Robert Jensen
Jerry Kracht
Brian Lowes
Jesse Nolph
Rodney Swenson

35 YEARS

Philip Nordquist '56
James Van Beek '60, '69

THE SCIENCES - NATURALLY!

Recognizing the importance of the breakthroughs in the natural sciences to our everyday lives, *Pacific Lutheran Scene* has devoted its cover story to exploring the many facets of PLU's natural sciences program.

Chemistry buffs react, bond

Led by assistant professors Stacia Rink and Jeff Schultz, 30 students bubbled to the surface in Fall 1998 to form a new chemistry club on campus. In meetings every other week, the group has taken a field trip to a chemistry magic show, discussed community outreach to local junior and senior high schools, arranged tours of biotechnology companies and hosted guest speakers from chemistry-related industries. The club has applied for nationally affiliated membership.

Computer scientists and engineers put PLU on the map

PLU's nationally accredited bachelor's degree in computer science is one of only four in Washington state; area employers have a preference for PLU computer science and engineering (CSCE) graduates; and the department's faculty travel to conferences around the nation and the world. These are just a few of the standout ingredients that have put PLU's relatively small — but successful — CSCE program on the national computer science map with other, much larger players.

In addition, the department has been sending a team or two each year to the Association for Computing Machinery's Scholastic Programming Contest. PLU has consistently scored high marks in the competition, in which some schools' teams don't even solve one problem. PLU has recently helped found a Northwest regional conference on computer science at small colleges. The first annual meeting will be held at Gonzaga University in Spokane in 1999, and the second will come to PLU in 2000.

Breakthroughs in science have changed our everyday lives

BY CHANG-LI YIU, PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS; DEAN, DIVISION OF NATURAL SCIENCES



FILE PHOTO

The 20th century has been marked by startling developments in science and technology that have tremendous influence on our daily lives and on our understanding of the world.

Spearheaded by the development of relativity theory and atomic physics at the dawn of the century, physics moved rapidly to understand the structure of matter. Two of the most prominent applications of this knowledge are the invention of the laser and the semiconductor.

Modern chemistry came into being following the birth of quantum mechanics. New understanding of molecular structure and mechanisms of chemical reactions led to design of indispensable materials. In biology, the spectacular deciphering of the genetic code was a crowning jewel of intellectual achievement. In geosciences, plate tectonics was triumphantly confirmed, and powerful techniques for examining the surface and interior of the earth were developed.

Technology in the second half of the 20th century has been dominated by computer-based information science and by the life sciences, rooted in knowledge of genetics. Astronomy's vista on the universe has broadened, stimulated in part by space technology. Mathematics, long the fundamental language of science, has permeated far beyond the confines of natural sciences into social sciences and business, and is now the theoretical foundation of computer science.

Simple curiosity drives Tang's research

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

The stuff of K.T. Tang's work world wouldn't exactly make light cocktail-party chatter: "Multipolar Polarizabilities and Dispersion Coefficients of Alkali Isoelectronic Sequences," "The Anisotropic Potentials of He-N₂, Ne-N₂ and Ar-N₂," "Charge Exchange Between Singly Ionized Helium Ions."

Huh?

OK, so how does the PLU physics professor scale down these subjects to tell the common Joe what he does for a living?

"I usually just say, 'I am a teacher,'" notes Tang, a 31-year veteran of the PLU faculty.

For someone truly interested in knowing what he does, Tang does have a layman's description of his core areas of study — dynamics of reaction processes and intermolecular interactions.

Everything is made of atoms and molecules that bounce around and hit each other, creating temperature and pressure changes. When these particles collide, one of two things can

happen: 1) The particles can change direction, with no energy interchanged. This is known as an elastic scattering; or 2) There can be a transfer of energy, in which one particle becomes more excited, and the other moves away with slower speed. This is known as the transport phenomenon.

"For instance, in a chemical reaction, two atoms form a molecule, and a third atom comes in to break them up," Tang says. Understanding how and why these changes occur makes up the bulk of his research.

"I feel teaching is my calling, but research is an integral part of my profession. If I'm not excited about what I'm doing — continuing, growing, being curious — how can I transmit that energy to my students?" he says.

In fact, Tang has directly involved students in his research from the very beginning, often listing them as co-authors of papers that have eventually been published as journal articles. This type of early recognition made it possible for some students to gain good fellowships, and 20 years later, they are all well-established in their fields. (continued next page)

Undergrad research uncovers negative impact on organism diversity in Tacoma's Clover Creek

BY MICHELLE WARMUTH, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

In 1967 a section of Clover Creek, a small stream in Tacoma, was diverted into an asphalt channel to control flooding. Last summer, **Kristin Tremoulet '99**, along with **Melissa Montgomery '00**, **Jon Kullnat '99** and Assistant Biology Professor **Vern Stiefel**, researched the impact the asphalt waterbed still has on the creek's community structure more than 30 years later.

During an eight-week period, the group identified and compared the diversity of benthic macroinvertebrates (animals without a spine, such as snails and insects, living on or in the surface of bottom sediments) at creek sites with an asphalt substrate (material that forms the bed of a stream) to those at sites with a natural substrate.

Each Monday the group went to four sites on the creek — two with natural beds (sand, rocks, plant material, wood) and two with man-made beds (unbroken asphalt with some sand, cobbles and boulders). They collected organisms at the sites to determine their identity and composition. They also collected water samples to measure temperature, pH, nutrient concentrations, dissolved oxygen and discharge, data that were used to determine their effect on the composition of the benthic communities.

RESULTS

Varying groups of organisms were found at each site. Many groups were the same from site to site, but the number of individuals within each group varied greatly. Diversity of organisms was highest at the sites with a natural substrate compared to those with an asphalt substrate. The Waller Road and Tahoma Land Trust sites had the largest number of total groups —

Kristin Tremoulet '99 examines a rock from Clover Creek, where she spent eight weeks researching the negative impact an asphalt water bed has on the creek's organisms.

31 and 40, respectively. The 134th Street and Tule Lake Road sites had 28 and 27 groups respectively, of which the majority of individuals were from one classification. Water temperature, pH, nutrients, dissolved oxygen and discharge were found to have no direct effect on organism diversity.

The results support the group's hypothesis that diversity would be negatively affected by the channelization of the stream. A collective paper was written about the research, which Tremoulet presented at the Seventh Regional Conference on Undergraduate Research of the Murdock College Science Research Program Nov. 5-7 in Nampa, Idaho.

The Clover Creek Council has been working to reintroduce Coho and Chinook salmon into the creek. Since these fish eat macroinvertebrates, the results of the PLU study will be used to determine if the fish will have an adequate food source.

"What better way to experience summer in the Northwest,"

Sixteen PLU undergraduates participated in research projects last summer that focused on the natural sciences. Everything from "Programmed Cell Death During Metamorphosis of Frog Tadpoles" to "Laser Cooling and Trapping Rubidium in a Vapor-Cell Trap" was explored.

said Tremoulet, a native of Lebanon, Ill., about her research experience. "I was interested in this project because it involved the environment. Also, in addition to a great learning opportunity, undergraduate research allows students to experience a more personal relationship with professors."

In addition to making the PLU Dean's List, Tremoulet is co-editor of *Saxifrage*, PLU's annual creative arts magazine, and is a member of the PLU Art Guild. Somehow, she also finds time to volunteer at W.W. Seymour Botanical Gardens in Tacoma. Last summer Tremoulet was in charge of the new PLU Community Garden. After graduation in May, Tremoulet, a biology major and art and environmental studies minor, will pursue job possibilities in botany, urban gardening or environmental art.

Tang has had more than 100 research papers published in journals, and he has given numerous conference reports and invited talks. In 1992 he won Germany's prestigious Humboldt Distinguished Senior U.S. Scientist Award, considered among the highest honors given to internationally recognized scholars.

The German government established the award at the 25th anniversary of the Marshall Plan to express its gratitude to the

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United States. Winners do not directly apply; they must be nominated by eminent German scholars and selected by a panel of experts.

So has Tang found more answers to physics puzzles by setting out to find them — or have the answers come looking for him?

"There are two types of research," he explains. "Mission-oriented (or applied) research has a definite purpose and a process: What do we and don't we understand about a particular thing? But you'll find that most fundamental principals are not discovered that way."

Instead, important findings seem to come about most often by accident or through following an interesting trail. This second type, basic research, is a little like "shooting an arrow first, then placing the target where it falls," he says with a smile.

"History tells us that the payoff for this is very great," Tang says. "We may hope for or expect results to lead us in one direction, but the opposite often happens — to our ultimate benefit. For example, NASA's placement of a man on the moon, seeing glasses for blind people and heat-resistant materials are all unforeseen byproducts. In this sense, basic and applied research are intertwined."

Tang's own research is driven by this same, simple curiosity.

"I spend a lot of time mulling over the facts, the math and the logic involved," he says. "It's a slow process, and I have a hard time convincing my wife that I'm actually working when I'm looking out the window. But eventually instinct takes over, or sometimes there's a trigger that makes the facts fall into place."

\$50,000 NSF grant allows undergrads to wet feet in DNA research

Most college undergrads studying DNA sequencing and genotyping must open a book to learn how "real" scientists perform such tasks. But thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, students at PLU and two other local universities are flipping the switch on their own automated DNA sequencer and participating in authentic research studies.

The sequencer is housed at the University of Puget Sound but shared equally for teaching and research purposes with PLU and University of Washington, Tacoma.

DNA — or deoxyribonucleic acid — is the genetic "fingerprint" present in the cells of all living things. An automated DNA sequencer allows researchers to analyze and decode many more times the amount of genetic sequences and much faster than possible through manual methods. Having such a piece of equipment on site will allow instructors to develop laboratory courses at a depth not normally experienced in undergraduate study.

New environmental studies major offered

Students interested in the environment can now choose a major reflecting just that — environmental studies. The new major was approved by the PLU Board of Regents this fall. Features special to the program include entry through an introductory course in sciences or humanities, a required internship and a required complementary major or minor. Previously, environmental studies was offered only through an individualized major program or as a minor. The minor is still offered.



COURTESY BRIAN LOWES

Using a Brunton compass, Geosciences Professor Brian Lowes shows Signe Bauman '98 how to measure the orientation (direction) of the tightly folded "chert" beds of rock they are perched on. Because the orientation of the folds is north to south, the rocks were formed by pressures coming from east to west. Lowes, a 30-year veteran faculty member, regularly conducts field trips to this site at Rim Rock Lake near White Pass, Wash.

Intel grant sponsors young people's science fair

Junior high and high school students can roll up their sleeves and dive into serious science research projects when the South Sound Regional Science Fair comes to campus on Feb. 20. The event will be the first of its kind in the area.

Sponsored by two grants (total of \$67,000) from the Intel Foundation, and additional support from PLU, the fair promotes student-based research and is open to all junior high and high school students in Thurston and Pierce counties. The fair offers students the chance to enter projects in a variety of science categories and compete for cash prizes, special awards and an all-expenses-paid trip to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Philadelphia. Prize winnings will be donated by local and community business organizations. For more information see www.plu.edu/~scifair.

"Chaos" reigns for student math fans

Math-loving Lutes no longer need to work ahead in their textbooks to get a little extra fun with numbers. A math club — dubbed Chaos by its 16 members — was launched at PLU this fall.

Subjects covered in the monthly meetings address a range of skill levels: the mathematics behind Rubik's Cube®, mathematics and probability associated with the board game Monopoly®, and a video discussing Fermat's Last Theorem. Chaos members also work together to explore internships and job opportunities for one another. The group has applied for acceptance into the Mathematical Association of America.

Murdock undergrad research conference draws 19 Lutes

A contingent of 19 PLU Natural Sciences students, faculty and staff attended the Seventh Regional Conference on Undergraduate Research of the M.J. Murdock College Science Research Program Nov. 5-7. The conference was hosted by Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, and was attended by more than 230 people representing 24 Northwest colleges and universities.

Two PLU students presented research they performed with PLU faculty last summer. Kevin Michel '99 spoke on "Investigation of the Selectivity of a Cyanobacterial Lytic Substance from Seaweed," from research done with Biology Professor Mike Crayton. And Kristin Tremoulet '99 discussed "The Effect of Substrate on the Diversity of Benthic Macroinvertebrate Communities in Clover Creek," from her work with Visiting Assistant Biology Professor Vern Stiefel. In addition to the two oral presentations, PLU students presented eight posters.

Potatoes as pathways to learning

BY GREG BREWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

One day last semester Biology Professor Tom Carlson handed out potatoes to his freshman biology lab as an experiment in understanding cell biology.

One day last semester, Tom Carlson brought a sack of potatoes to class. One potato for every two students. He was hoping that his freshman biology lab would find enzymes in them.

"The students are doing an experiment that they want to do, not something they were told to do. They designed it themselves," Carlson said. "I'm not sure it's going to work. They may not get the results they anticipate, but that's science."

That's also typical of Carlson's approach to teaching. A professor of biology at PLU for 24 years, he takes particular delight in finding innovative ways to reach his students.

"Most of us have a gut sense of how a complex idea might be explained. We often can see a clear progression of steps that will bring insight to someone who is new to any topic," Carlson said.

"But for me the fascination in teaching comes when that simple explanation brings blank stares from students. They just don't get it. That's the challenge of teaching. How can I put these concepts in terms that each individual student can grasp? What are the alternate pathways?"

Astrophysicist Dale Fixsen '77 basks in the glow of cosmic background radiation

BY BRADD BUSICK '99



COURTESY DALE FIXSEN

Those who look up into the night sky and contemplate the distinction between stars, planets and satellites may wonder what we can know about an environment that is billions of miles away.

"Quite a lot" is the answer you'll get from astrophysicist Dale Fixsen '77. And he should know.

Fixsen, who double-majored in math and physics at PLU then continued his education at Princeton, has had a unique role in the exploration of space, specifically in the area of cosmic microwave background radiation. This radiation, which illuminates the sky at 2.3 times the brightness of visible light, is considered to be definitive proof of the big-bang theory of the origin of the universe.

Fixsen, who has worked with the acclaimed Cosmic Background Explorer satellite, led one of the world's premier research teams in determining the far infrared background intensity of the cosmic microwave background.

These findings will improve measurements of galaxy motions and measurements of the universe's expansion. This will help determine when and how stars and galaxies (such as our own) formed.

The far infrared background is distinct from the cosmic microwave background (CMB). The CMB was discovered in

The potato experiment is a pathway to understanding cell biology. It's designed to demonstrate something about how enzymes work. The students hope to see if there is any difference between the enzyme content of the peel and that of the heart of the potato. They will process the potato and use a spectrophotometer to take measurements.

"Not long ago we wouldn't have had the equipment needed to conduct this experiment in groups smaller than four students. Thanks to grants from the NSF (National Science Foundation) and Murdock (The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust), we have been able to purchase the equipment and support the undergraduate research that is making biology more accessible for all students," Carlson said.

For Carlson, teaching and students are the heart of his job. "When people buy into working at a place like PLU, they are making a commitment to undergraduate teaching," he said. "The nature of our students is one of the real attractions to me here at PLU. They are nice people and, in many cases, enthusiastic about learning. The fact that they are also young allows me to keep a youthful outlook."

The self-effacing Carlson will only reluctantly admit that great teaching can make a real difference. He says success in college is mostly in the learning. "My belief is that ultimately it is up to the students to determine how good an education they will get. It depends on how much time and intellectual energy they want to invest in it."

According to one of Carlson's former students, the investment in learning was made easier by having Carlson as a teacher and a friend. John A. Lindbo '86, Ph.D., is senior scientist at Biosource Technologies in Vacaville, Calif.

"Tom was always willing to talk to me regardless of whether the subject was strictly academic or more personal in nature," Lindbo said. "I often asked him for advice or just talked to him about things that were on my mind."

"He is a very honest, hardworking and caring person who really believes that what he is doing is significant. He was always encouraging. I consider him to be a friend to this day."

about 1966 and is a remnant or fossil of the big bang. Its structure and content were determined in the first year of the universe. It has changed little since then, except it has cooled from 3 million Kelvin to 2.725 Kelvin.

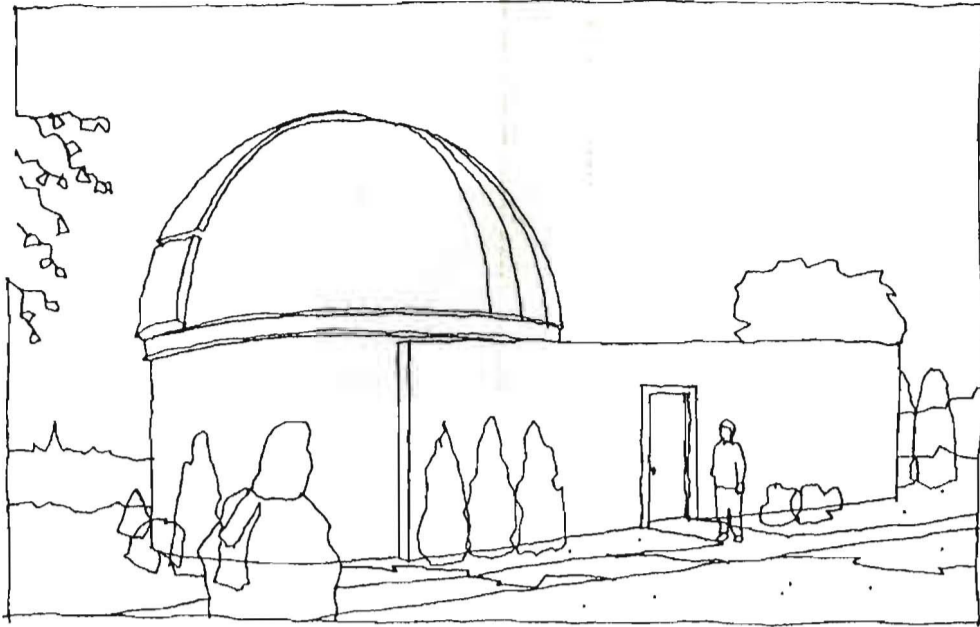
The far infrared background has just been uncovered. It is the product of stars, galaxies and dust from when they were formed to the present.

Fixsen works for Raytheon ITSS, a large aerospace defense contractor, with the TOPHAT project, which involves mounting a 1 1/2-meter telescope on top of a balloon above Antarctica for two weeks, providing yet another perspective for examining the microwave background.

Fixsen's desire to explore the universe developed during his time at Princeton. His interest and knowledge allow him to work with such space-pioneering organizations as NASA.

Strangely, Fixsen's experience with the stars also has led him into the sea. He has helped develop an underwater device that uses superconductors to detect the magnetic fields of submarines.

Fixsen lives in Savage, Md., and enjoys time with his wife, Elizabeth, and their three children: Benjamin, Sarah and Rachel. Although he has not been to PLU in recent years, Fixsen remains in contact with numerous faculty, and his son may attend here.



This architectural rendering shows the W.M. Keck Observatory that will be built on lower campus in 1999.

\$500,000 Keck Foundation grant funds observatory, geosciences

More direct study of the earth and the sky by undergraduates will result from a \$500,000 grant from The W.M. Keck Foundation to PLU and through Division of Natural Sciences. Student research opportunities will be greatly enhanced through state-of-the-art tools and new facilities.

Established in 1954 by W.M. Keck, the foundation makes grants designed to provide far-reaching benefits for humanity in the fields of science, engineering and medical research. The foundation also wishes to ensure that today's youth receive a high quality, well-rounded education. To that end, it supports programs designed to promote innovative instruction and research at leading liberal arts colleges across the nation.

Observatory

COST: \$250,000

PROJECT COORDINATOR: Steve Starkovich, Assistant Professor of Physics

Housed in a separate structure on lower campus near the softball/soccer fields and golf course, the observatory features a 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope, a 17-foot retractable dome, a large-format digital camera for research activities, and five 8-inch telescopes on permanent piers for educational use. Rieke Science Center will include an astronomy facility with computer networking for coordinated work between it and the observatory itself.

The 16-inch telescope will be one of the largest research-grade telescopes in the Puget Sound region, and will be open to the public on occasion. Construction starts in 1999, and PLU hopes to dedicate the building in fall 1999.

Astrometric (position) observations of known asteroids, as well as the search for new asteroids, will be the principal research activities at the observatory. PLU intends to become part of the Near-Earth Asteroid Research network and to work with other observatories in the study of these minor planets.

Photometric observations (color determinations) of variable stars and stellar clusters (collections of stars from a few in number to 100,000) will be conducted as well. Many variable stars have yet to be studied in careful detail, and photometric studies of stellar clusters is an important component in determining the age of the cluster.

For updates on the observatory's progress, see www.nsci.plu.edu/astro.

Geosciences

COST: \$250,000

PROJECT COORDINATOR: Duncan Foley, Associate Professor of Geosciences and Chair of the Department of Geosciences

Loud-banging hammers, quiet-bouncing lasers, and seismograms of a recent Bremerton, Wash., earthquake all mark major changes under way in geosciences.

The geosciences portion of the Keck grant includes a variety of projects, which will heavily involve undergraduate student participation and research. Field installations funded by Keck include a seismic station with a research-grade seismometer, a weather station with instrument tower and weather sensors, and a well field, which involves drilling and testing wells for groundwater resource protection and research purposes. Environmental monitoring equipment for field data collection is also part of the grant. Students in geophysics and hydrogeology will benefit from a magnetometer survey calibration site (the magnetometer was purchased earlier with funds from a National Science Foundation grant).

Two new rooms are being renovated from a former store-room in the Rieke Science center to become the Keck Center for Mapping and the Keck Microscopy Room. The center will provide students with ready access to geographic information system (GIS) capabilities. The mapping center will also house the base-station computer for a global positioning system (GPS). The field capabilities of the GPS system are being upgraded with Keck support. The mapping center will have a large scanner, a large printer, and a laminator to waterproof maps, and will be available for students and faculty from other departments. The Keck Microscopy Room will house a research-grade petrographic microscope, for the study of thin sections of rocks and minerals.

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Research opportunities for students will be increased greatly through this Keck support. The new capstone requirement, which involves senior students in geoscience research as part of their PLU program, will generate much use of the new equipment and facilities. From straightforward studies to complex cartographic issues of geological and environmental information, curriculum-wide opportunities will become available.

For updates on geosciences progress, see www.nsci.plu.edu/geos.

Mathematics Department reaches, teaches and excels

The Mathematics Department at PLU wants students to be able to do more than add numbers, measure angles and memorize theorems. "We strive to develop students' ability and mental precision necessary to analyze, criticize and create work in mathematics," noted Chair and Associate Professor Rachid Benkhalti.

While math or math education majors make up only about 20 percent of students taking math courses at PLU, most — 60 percent — are involved as part of another major that requires mathematics. The remaining 20 percent are taking math classes as part of their general university requirements. A placement system developed in 1989 for beginning math classes helps ensure that students have the necessary preparation for particular courses.

For decades at PLU, students have participated and performed very well in national and international mathematics competitions. And over just the past 10 years, department faculty have shown excellence in teaching and scholarship in various ways. For example, more than 25 research articles have been published (10 more are in progress); one textbook has been published (two others are in progress); a computer classroom was equipped through a National Science Foundation grant; and one Fulbright Fellowship was awarded.

Research program pairs PLU faculty with high school science teachers

Several faculty members have become involved with Partners in Science, a grant program available nationwide that provides local high school science teachers with a university-based, one-on-one mentored research experience. Biology professors Angelia Alexander (chair), Mike Crayton and Art Gee have received grants in the past; Physics Assistant Professor Shannon Mayer is currently partnered with Auburn High School physics teacher Dean Stainbrook '87; and two other PLU faculty have applied.

The high school teachers develop an improved image and sense of community. University faculty mentors benefit not only from research assistance, but also from contact with those shaping their future students. All develop a broader understanding of the linkages between high school and college science education.

Partners in Science is administered by the Research Corporation and funded in the Pacific Northwest by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. Each grant provides \$14,000 over two years; included in that total is a \$5,000 stipend for the high school teacher for each of two summers.

Parents Council Profile

**Bill and Donna Schlitt,
Co-chairs**



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Bill is a retired Salem, Ore.-area business owner. He serves on the board of Family Building Blocks, is an ORRA Health Insurance Trustee and is a member of several other community organizations. Donna was a staff member of the 1994-95 Oregon gubernatorial campaign, is a member of Assistance League of Salem and Family Building Blocks, and sings in the choir at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Salem, Ore. The Schlitts have a daughter, Rena '00, and a son, Michael '98, at PLU.

Why is PLU important to you?

"We have been rewarded in numerous ways by our involvement with PLU, and we would like to encourage all parents to stay in touch by getting involved. We will always be glad that we played an active part in our students' college life, and we're sure you will be also."

Parents Council

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PLU Parents Council co-chairs once asked, "Where do we fit in?"

BY BILL AND DONNA SCHLITT

Having just returned from our fifth Family Weekend at PLU, we were remarking how far our relationship with the university has progressed. Five years ago, we sat in Olson Auditorium with several hundred other parents, not knowing what to anticipate. Our son, Michael '98, was about to experience living away from home for the first time, and we were about to experience his empty room and not having his buddies around most of the time.

As we listened to the various presentations, we kept asking ourselves, "Where do we fit in?" Clark and Rae Peters, the parents council co-chairs at the time, offered the council as a possible solution. That was five years ago. We have been members ever since, and co-chairs for the last three years. It has been a wonderful experience to be a part of PLU in this way. We have had an opportunity to meet and work with staff, faculty and students and have met wonderful parents, many of them serving with us on the council.

For those not familiar with parents council, here is a brief summary: Sponsored by the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, we are group of volunteer parents and families of PLU students. Parents council members help the university inform other parents about all aspects of the university, strive to promote the welfare and advancement of the university and encourage members to participate in council projects. Some of the activities include serving as hosts in residence halls and sponsoring question-and-answer sessions for parents during new-student orientations, phoning new parents in the parent-to-parent calling program and serving as local resources in their communities.

Volunteering for PLU has given us the opportunity to stay in touch with our students by having first-hand knowledge of campus happenings. We have often said that if we wait for our son and daughter to tell us, it may be after the fact — or we'll never know!

Q CLUB

The following individuals, churches and businesses have joined the Q Club or upgraded their membership from July 1 through November 5, 1998.

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Cancer no match for courage and determination of Carol (Quarterman '89) Kummerle

BY DEBI MARSHALL, THE MARYSVILLE GLOBE

Playing with her 4-year-old son, teaching third grade at Discovery Elementary in the Mukilteo School District — these are activities Carol (Quarterman '89) Kummerle used to take for granted. Not anymore.

On Aug. 11, the young teacher celebrated her 31st birthday. A year ago, it was a milestone she wondered if she'd ever reach. Kummerle has spent the past year fighting for her life. Today she is grateful to be alive, to have conquered the disease which threatened to take her away from her young son, Drake, and husband, Paul, a Local 66 sheet metal worker for McKinstry.

In June 1997, Kummerle was feeling extremely fatigued. When she met with a doctor in Everett, he immediately ordered X-rays and tests. It was on the last day of school that year when Kummerle learned there was a large tumor in her mediastinum (an area under the sternum) and was forced to leave her beloved students early that day. Never did she imagine it would be two long years before she would be able to return to her classroom, to fellow teachers and staff members who had become close friends.

A couple of days later, a biopsy confirmed what the doctor suspected. The tumor was malignant. Kummerle had a highly aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a type of cancer that affects the lymphatic system.

Her father, Bob Quarterman, a commercial fisherman who resides in Mill Creek, Wash., and her husband accompanied her to the doctor's office, where she was told the devastating news. Kummerle felt "numb" as the physician said she needed to immediately begin six rigorous cycles of chemotherapy treatments, one every three weeks.

Along with her roles as mother, wife, teacher, daughter and sister, Kummerle also became a fighter. She was determined to do whatever it took to beat the life-threatening illness. Competition was nothing new to Kummerle. She had been a competitive athlete throughout her life, swimming backstroke and freestyle for Cascade High School in Everett and as a college student at PLU as well.

"Losing my hair was hard. I have a lot of natural curls," she said, remembering the day she began the grueling treatments that she hoped would save her life.

When school began last fall, Kummerle wasn't in her classroom. She was still undergoing chemotherapy, and the career she had so lovingly chosen had to be placed on hold. Her students, their parents and the school staff rallied around her. Her husband; father; mother, Linda Quarterman; and brothers, Craig, 20, and Ken, 29, were beside her every step of the way.

Once chemotherapy was completed, she began 25 days of radiation treatments, and the fatigue that had plagued her for months became even more debilitating. Then, last February, she was dealt another blow. Kummerle learned the cancer she had

fought so valiantly to beat had returned with a vengeance.

"I was so incredibly tired, and all I could think about was 'what's next?'" she said.

She made an appointment with a lymphoma specialist at the University of Washington in Seattle, and a different chemotherapy regiment was started. This time she became so ill she was hospitalized for six days. Three weeks later, doctors reported the tumor had actually grown.

At this point, others may have thrown in the towel, but not Kummerle. With the same determination she'd exhibited in the swimming pool, she informed physicians she'd do whatever they recommended to beat the lymphoma once and for all.

She received additional chemotherapy, learned to give herself painful injections to boost her infection-fighting cells and went through a procedure to collect specific cells from her blood that would later save her life.

On April 17, she was admitted to the University of Washington Medical Center for a stem cell transplant, a procedure similar to a bone marrow transplant.

For weeks Kummerle battled valiantly to live. She was fed intravenously because her mouth was too full of sores to eat. She fought life-threatening infections and extreme nausea, and throughout it all, her friends and family provided support.

"My pantry was always full," she said with gratitude. "Friends would arrive with baskets of soup, crackers, stuff for Drake. Ten couples we are friends with brought in 25 'meals on wheels' for Paul while I was in the hospital."

For 21 days she continued her fight. Although she was constantly filled with fear, she was determined not to give up. Finally, on May 8, she was able to return to her home in Everett. She cried as she said good-bye to the nurse who had so gently cared for her throughout the transplant.

Her battle, however, was far from over. On June 1 she was to begin further radiation treatments when her doctor called her into his office. "Carol, we've got something to talk about," he said, and as Kummerle, Drake and her father waited, her blood ran cold with fear. The physician said he had conferred with

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CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Carol (Quarterman '89) Kummerle spends some time with son Drake before heading off to Hawaii on an anniversary trip with her husband, Paul.

This article appeared Aug. 5, 1998, in Debi Marshall's "Silver Linings" column in *The Marysville Globe* (Wash.). A recent update on Kummerle follows the main text.

CLASS NOTES

1928

Hanna (Anderson) Fredrickson died on Sept. 7. After attending PLC she taught at the Sterling School near Burlington, Wash., and in Petersburg, Alaska. Hanna married Adolph Fredrickson in 1934 and they had two sons, **Stanley Fredrickson '61** and **Marvin Fredrickson '64**. She was an active member of Edison Lutheran Church where she belonged to women's groups, played the organ and taught Sunday school. She was preceded in death by her husband and is survived by her two sons.

1935

Rachel Freelin died on Aug. 10. She was a teacher in Stanwood and Belfair, Wash., and retired to Maury Island, Wash., in 1976. She was preceded in

death by her husband, Stanford Freelin, in 1967. Rachel is survived by her daughter, Carolyn, and her family.

1939

Richard Oliver died on Oct. 10. After graduating from PLC, Richard began his teaching career in Tacoma. In 1942 he reported for flight-testing and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, assigned to South Pacific Combat Air Transport. He left active duty three years later after rising to the rank of major and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with oak clusters for his role in the South Pacific, flying unarmed transport planes through combat zones in World War II. Richard married his wife, Virginia, in 1943 while on assignment at Miramar

in California. After the war, they settled in Pt. Loma, Calif., where they lived for the past 53 years. Richard joined the San Diego City Schools Elementary Division in 1945, serving as a teacher, vice principal, teaching principal and principal. In 1958 he moved to the education center where he served as the director of elementary education until his retirement in 1976. He had many talents, interests and community involvements including church, raised relief wood carving, dancing, sailing, snow skiing, scuba diving, flying his Beechcraft airplane, and at the age of 80, he hiked the waterfalls of Yosemite. Richard is survived by his wife, two sons and their wives, and three grandchildren.

1940

May (Pellett) Klinzmann and her husband, John, have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. All of them live at least 800 miles away, but they try to get together as often as possible.

1950

John Leque died on June 24. He served in the US Navy as a cryptographer during World War II and the Korean War. After graduating from PLC, he taught English and art at Collins Grade School and Ford Middle School in the Franklin Pierce School District in Tacoma for 31 years. He was an accomplished organist, a member of the American Theater Organ Club and was very active in the Lakewood Organ Club

where he was the recording secretary. John was preceded in death by his parents, Nils and Esther Leque, and two brothers. He is survived by his brothers' families.

1953

Donald Reese and Keva Mouson were married on June 7 in Massachusetts.

1955

John Ponton died on July 1. After graduating from PLC, John served in the Army Air Corps and then sold heavy equipment for 31 years. John is survived by his wife, Kaye; his daughters, Tina, Mary Kay and Renae; Kaye's daughters, Amanda and Samantha; and four grandchildren. **Norran Schnaible** died on June 3 of a cerebral aneurysm. He received a

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master of divinity degree in 1959 from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. During his 39 years of ministry he served parishes in Syracuse, Nebraska; Dodge City, Kansas; Visalia, Calif.; Minot, N.D.; Las Vegas, Nev., and Woodland, Calif., — where minutes before his death he led an early-morning Bible study. Norman was also involved in many outreach ministries. The State of California Assembly adjourned out of respect to his memory. **Bishop Robert Keller '55** was the presiding minister at the memorial service. Norman is survived by his wife, **Maudie (Straub '56)**; daughters Kathryn and Karyn; son Timothy; his parents; two brothers; and three sisters.

1956

Anne Marie Brune Borden died on June 27. She was born in Lynden, Wash., and graduated from Lynden High School in 1952. She met her husband, **William '55**, at PLC, and they were married in 1954. After leaving PLC, they settled in the Des Moines, Wash., area and had four children, Gail, Kelly, William David and Lisa. William died in 1971, and Anne moved her family to the Capitol Hill area of Seattle in 1972 where she worked at the Casey Family Program for 25 years. In 1978 she earned her bachelor's degree from Western Washington University's Center for Urban Studies in Seattle. Anne is survived by her four children and five grandchildren.

1957

Dr. William Foegen, world renowned for his work in eradicating smallpox, was appointed to the PLU Board of Regents for the 1997-2000 term. He has served as executive director of the Carter Center at Emory University in Georgia since 1986. The center was founded by President Jimmy Carter in 1982 and is dedicated to resolving conflict, promoting democracy, preserving human rights, and fighting hunger and disease throughout the world. Dr. Foegen directs the center's domestic and international health programs and also oversees both the task force for child survival and development, and Global 2000, Inc. As a distinguished professor in Emory's international health department, he is working on advancing childhood immunization levels worldwide and has succeeded in bringing issues such as worldwide child survival, immunizations and preventive medicine to the forefront of domestic and international health policy discussions. In 1973 Foegen was named PLU's Distinguished Alumnus; in 1994 he was named the University of Washington Alumnus of the Year; and in 1997 he received an honorary doctor of science degree from Harvard University.

Barbara Nelson Cheek is the coordinator for alternative learning at Pierce College in Tacoma, and was named president-elect for the College Reading and Learning Association for Washington and Idaho.

Dr. Anita Hendrickson received the 1998 Paul Kayser International Award of Merit in Retina Research. Hendrickson is chair of the biological structure department and professor of ophthalmology at the University of Washington School of Medicine. Her research is devoted to the analysis of human retinal organization and neuronal circuitry with emphasis on its central specialization, the fovea. Hendrickson received her graduate training in anatomy from the UW and soon after accepted a teaching post there. She has been chair of the department of biological structure since 1994. She also serves on numerous boards and has extensive publication credits. She is married to **Morris Hendrickson '50, '53**.

1958

Sister Frieda Gatzke is retired and serves on the pastoral care team for Luther Court Society/Foundation, in Victoria, B.C. She, along with the **Rev. Karen Johnson-Lefsrud '80**, provides ministry to three seniors' buildings.

Jerry Hanson died on April 9. He worked in the computer industry for 27 years in Seattle, California and Minnesota. After retirement he worked with disabled students in a middle school for five years. Jerry is survived by his wife, Marilyn, four sons and five grandchildren.

Lute Jerstad died of a heart attack on Oct. 31 while mountain climbing in Nepal. See story on page 19.

Gene Peisker and Ron Ho, not able to attend their 40th class reunion at PLU, had their own mini reunion when Ron traveled to Chicago that same weekend to lecture on his jewelry art at the Sculpture, Objects, and Functional Art Exhibition, the largest gathering of craft galleries in the United States. Gene and his wife, Carol, attended the lecture. Also, Ron displayed four of his necklaces in an international exhibition of narrative jewelry at the Museum of Art and Design in Helsinki, Finland. He was also one of 55 international jewelry artists in an exhibition, paying tribute to US Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright at Het Kruihui Municipal Museum of Contemporary Art in 'S-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands. This show will travel throughout Europe for a year. In April, Ron's jewelry was exhibited at the Tacoma Art Museum.

Kermit (Tim) Sveen is a fiscal and investment services manager at State Compensation Insurance Fund in San Francisco.

1960

Ron Hylland recently returned from a short-term mission to Africa. He and a team of workers from Puyallup helped construct staff housing for a Christian university near Nairobi, Kenya. He has gone on previous missions to Russia with the International School Project, affiliated with a Campus Crusade Jesus film, and to Jamaica with Medical Group Missions. He and his wife, **JoAnn (Voldahl '61)**, are building a house near Graham, Wash. Ron is an investment property manager at Century 21, Sunrise Brokers, in Puyallup.

1961

Charles Larson and his wife, Kay, returned in August from a trip to Siberia and the Russian Far East to visit with friends along the Trans-Siberian Railroad. Their first trip was in 1994, when they were counselors and teachers at a camp of 300 children and youth, and then again in 1996.

1963

Eric Lindholm died on July 1. After PLU, Eric served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. In 1972 he earned a master's degree in counseling from PLU. For the past nine years he was a counselor for the Mossyrock School District in Washington. Survivors include his wife of five years, Colleen Nida; daughter Elise of Seattle, and son Eric of Wenatchee.

1964

Conrad and Alice Houge retired in June. Conrad was a Spanish teacher at South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, Wash., and Alice was an elementary teacher at South Colby Elementary School near Port Orchard.

1965

Robert and Mary (Gilbertson) Anderson moved to Kennewick, Wash., where Robert is serving at First Lutheran Church. Mary is an educational technology consultant in

PLU CONNECTIONS

What do the mayors of Anchorage and Wenatchee have in common?

Their connection with PLU, of course!

ANCHORAGE: On Aug. 16 Mayor Rick and Mary Mystrom and their daughter, Jen '99, hosted 120 Lutes in their home for a PLU Connections event. Alumni, parents, friends and current students gathered at the Mystrom home for a wonderful brunch. President Anderson shared a university update with the enthusiastic crowd.

WENATCHEE: On Aug. 24 Mayor Earl '56 and Barbara Tilly (parents of Bart '89 and Shannon '94) hosted a gathering of alumni, parents, friends and current students from the Wenatchee area for a PLU Connections event.

PLU Connections groups are being formed throughout the country to build and strengthen the links between PLU and its many constituents. If you are a "mayor" and have a PLU connection or are just a loyal Lute who would like to help us host a PLU Connections event in your area, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, 1-800-258-6758.

Upcoming PLU Connections Events

Jan. 21	Stanford University (Palo Alto, Calif.)
Jan. 24	Phoenix, Ariz.
Jan. 26	San Diego, Calif.
Jan. 29	Pasadena, Calif.
March	Cambridge or London, England
April	Mt. Vernon, Wash.

the Spokane and Tri-Cities school districts. Their daughter, Sonja, is a senior at PLU.

Bob Running is an investment executive at Columbia Bank in Tacoma.

1966

Craig Rettkowski died on June 2. After graduating from PLU with a bachelor's degree in business administration, Craig joined the Air National Guard, and trained in AutoPilot electronics. He completed his six-year military commitment at Geiger Field in Spokane and returned to his hometown of Wilbur, Wash., joining his brother, Gale, on the family farm. In 1969, Craig married Becky Llewellyn, and they had two children, Lynette Ann and Christian James. He was involved in many community and volunteer activities. He is survived by his wife, Becky; daughter and son-in-law, Lynne and Jamie Nee; and son, Chris.

1968

John Biermann, pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Puyallup, celebrated 25 years in the ministry on June 28. He has been at Immanuel since 1994; before that he served as associate pastor and senior pastor at churches in St. Petersburg, Fla., and Federal Way and Mt. Vernon, Wash.

William Krieger is the new dean of academic education at Walla Walla Community College in Walla Walla, Wash.

Sue Molver retired in June after 30 years in the Clover Park School District in Tacoma. She was an elementary teacher from 1968-1980, a curriculum specialist from 1980-1987 and an administrator from 1988-1998. Most recently she was the director of compensatory programs.

1969

Philip and Linda (Simundson '70) Petrsek have moved from North Dakota to Tucson, Ariz., where Phil is the pastor of Lutheran Church of the King, and Linda is a special education teacher in the Catalina Foothills School District.

1971

Connie Stonack Janke is a kindergarten teacher, and her husband, Sam, is a science teacher at the American Embassy School (AES) in New Delhi, India. Their daughter, **Jill '99**, is a senior at PLU, and their son, Jesse, graduated from AES and is returning for a 13th year in Delhi. All travelers to the subcontinent are welcome!

1973

Susan Adams '73, '90, '96, Mark Johnston '94 and Devin Terry '94, along with five other researchers, developed Life-Cycle Advantage, an award-winning computer software-modeling program. The new technology is on R&D (Research and Development) magazine's list of the 100 most significant innovations of 1997. Susan was the lead researcher, and Mark and Devin were interns at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory's Tacoma office during the development of this project. George Hauser, a PLU professor, was also involved in the research while he was on sabbatical.

Gail Maestas was selected as one of the 1997 Federal 100, a group of executives from government, industry and academia who were recognized for having the greatest impact on the government systems community. The group was chosen by an independent panel of judges for their influence on the federal government's effective use of information technology. Gail, an Army nurse, is executive program director of Corporate Executive Information System (CEIS), a health-care information system that supports decision making, strategic planning and performance monitoring at all levels of the military health system. She has worked in the military health system for 25 years and established CEIS in 1995. The program is expected to be deployed worldwide in all military medical facilities by the year 2000.

Julia Mae Jackson Burton was rewarded by the Religious Workers Guild for her 40 years of service as a coordinator of cross-cultural ministries. She retired from Tacoma Public Schools in 1996 after 20 years of teaching.

Carol Ockfen is the new principal at the junior high in the Ocean Beach School District, Pacific County, Wash. She was in the Bethel School District for 25 years: seven years as a middle school teacher, 12 years as a counselor and six years as a high school administrator.

Don Kennedy and his wife, Suzanne Gorman, have started their own consulting company, DKSG software, in Lake Wylie, S.C. Suzanne writes Web pages and technical manuals, and Don designs business software with a specialty in electronic invoicing for the service industry. They have moved to a condo that sits 40 feet above the lake, where they enjoy fishing and listening to the wildlife.

Abdullah El-Kuwaiz has moved from Saudi Arabia to Manama, Bahrain, where he is a general manager of Gulf International Bank B.S.C.

1974

Jack Anderson is in the master of divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Prior to Luther Seminary, Jack was self-employed as a dentist in Renton, Wash., for 18 years. He earned his degree in dental science from the University of Washington in 1978.

1975

Deuane and Karen (McClellan '74) Kuenzi's professional choir, Gloriana, received a grant to produce a recording that will benefit cancer research. The two-CD set, "Hope" and "Comfort," will feature songs for cancer patients and their families and can be ordered at deuane@gloriana.com. Gloriana has appeared on the last four Christmas specials of the CBS show "Touched By An Angel," has been on National Public Radio three times this past year, was featured on Australian National Public Radio, and was the featured choir at the 1998 New York International Choral Festival at Lincoln Center. Their recently released CD, "Songs of America," was nominated for a Grammy Award. **Norris Peterson and Mary Waag** were married on June 20 in Normandy

Park, Wash. They met and were friends while attending PLU where they both lived in Tinglestad's Evergreen House. They were married by fellow Evergreener **Terry Teigen**. Mary is an obstetrical staff nurse at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland, and Norris is an economics professor at PLU.

1976

Brett Rogers is the new executive director of the Grays Harbor Economic Development Council. He was the assistant director for international programs at the small business development center at the Washington State University Extension Center in Vancouver, Wash. After PLU, Brett attended the American Graduate School of International Management in Glendale, Ariz.

Tony Whitley received the 1998 Rural Health Teacher of the Year award from the School Health Association of Washington in Seattle and is now serving on its board of directors. He is active in health education in the Granger School District, where he has worked since graduating from PLU. In May, **Ann (Apaka) Whitley '76** received an award for "excellence in clinical nursing" from the local unit of the Washington State Nurse's Association in Yakima. She has served as a staff nurse and is currently a charge nurse in the ICU at Providence Yakima Medical Center, where she has worked since graduating from PLU. Ann is also serving as a grievance officer for the local unit of the WSNA.

1977

Verena Reese has started a master's program at the University of Phoenix. Her son, Daniel, is 19 years old and a sophomore at California State University at Northridge. They now have a topic for conversation: teachers and term papers. **Maureen Hamon Garrett** was nominated for the Los Angeles Unified School District Middle Schools Teacher of the Year award in May. She is a mathematics teacher.

David Colombini is the new principal at South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, Wash., the largest high school in the state. He has worked in the district for 15 years, serving as a teacher and dean at Marcus Whitman Junior High and then as associate principal at South Kitsap High School. His wife, **Karoline Jane "K.J." (Johnson)**, is a second grade teacher at Artendale Elementary School in Gig Harbor, Wash. They have three children, 15-year-old Andrew, 11-year-old Neil and 8-year-old Grant.

1978

The Washington Music Educators Association recognized **Wayne Lackman**, Gig Harbor High School choral director, as the 1998 Outstanding Music Educator in the Pierce County Region. He was also elected treasurer and membership chair for the WMEA.

1979

Wayne Anthony is a program advisor at Edmonds Community College. His daughter, Kristin, had her eighth birthday in June.

Evelyn Cornwall Jerden was named to a national 18-member rural task force established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the federal/state joint board on universal service. She can be reached at EJERDEN@worldnet.att.net.

Al Bessette has accepted a position with the Lummi Indian Nation as a vocational rehabilitation counselor working with the disabled, providing employment counseling, training and job placements. He will also work with Northwest Indian College employment programs that are designed to integrate Native Americans into employment opportunities in the Whatcom County community. Al plans to begin training to become the staff representative for self-employment business plans. He relishes the opportunity to help the local Native population and to learn more about the history and culture of the Native people.

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HOMECOMING 1998

Homecoming '98 scrapbook

BY JONI NIESZ, SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT,
ALUMNI AND PARENT RELATIONS

Friday

Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon

Honored were Randy Shipley '74, Sonja Brandt Stewart '89, Valerie Hilden Blum '88, Phil Schot '83, Scott Westering '82, Scott Kessler '81 and long-time faculty member Sara Officer.



LAWSON KITA '00

Nancy Colton '85 performs at the Apple Festival.

Apple Festival

The festival featured singer/songwriter Nancy Colton (Colton '85) and the works of artist/designer Julie Ueland '85. Alums enjoyed apple cobbler and ice cream as they visited with other alumni, faculty, staff members and students. John Kuethe, professor of philosophy and religion from 1954-64, was the speaker at the Heritage Lecture.

Gala Buffet

Friday evening after the Faculty House reception, more than 300 people gathered in Olson Auditorium and Lagerquist Concert Hall, where we honored the 1998 Alumni Award recipients: Distinguished Alumnus, Bishop David Wold '56; Outstanding Alumnus, Ed Peterson '68; Outstanding Recent Alumnus, Michelle Long '84; Heritage Award, David Berntsen '58; Special Recognition Award, Harvey Neufeld '54; and Alumni Service Award, Lynne Bangsund '70.

Saturday

1958 Class Reunion Brunch, Golden Club Brunch, Nursing Alumni Brunch, and a football game vs. Eastern Oregon University (PLU 38 - EOU 12), with an opportunity to gather in the alumni tent before the game and during halftime. Saturday evening more than 200 classmates met faculty, staff and other alums at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club for class reunions.



LAWSON KITA '00



LAWSON KITA '00

ABOVE: Enthusiastic PLU cheerleaders help the audience root the Lutes to victory.

LEFT: Full back Anthony Hicks makes a winning play against Eastern Oregon State College.

Sunday



ERIC DENNON '99

The Four Freshmen perform in the Homecoming concert that raised \$5,000 for PLU's Center for Teaching and Learning and the athletic department.

Bishop Wold led a morning worship where President Loren J. Anderson preached and the Choir of the West sang. The weekend concluded with more than 500 hundred people attending the Four Freshmen concert. The concert was sponsored by the Class of '58.

Mark your calendars for next year's Homecoming, Oct. 15-17, 1999!

1999 Alumni Award Nominations

The PLU Alumni Association urges alumni, friends and students to submit names of persons to be considered for awards recognizing their contributions to society or the university.

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YOUR NOMINEE

Heritage Award

Awarded to an alumnus for years of distinguished service to the university.

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To be eligible for the 1999 awards, nominations must be received by Feb. 12, 1999. MAIL TO: Alumni Office, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447; CALL: 1-800-258-6758; EMAIL: alumni@plu.edu

Jerry Scarpace recently retired from the U.S. Air Force/Air Force Reserve with the rank of lieutenant colonel after 28 years of service. He continues in research as a social scientist at the Department of Defense, Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. He and his wife, Laura, live in Melbourne, Fla.

Traci Rasmussen has received many awards in trail riding, including the 1997 Canadian National Championship. She is a customer service representative at Conover Insurance in Yakima. Traci married Bill Sullivan in April 1998.

1981

James Laidler was appointed director of acute pain management at Oregon Health Sciences University Hospital in Portland, Ore.

Gail Whitney Furniss has a new position as professional liability claims representative for hospitals in

solutions for corporate communications clients.

1982

Linda (Tingelstad-Carlson) Davis was elected to the board of directors of the Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts in Fridley, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis. She has taught writing to all ages and art classes that include cartooning, pinhole cameras, recyclable art, etc., while running her own business, Dusty Rose Ltd.

1983

David Peterson earned a Ph.D. in forest ecology from the University of Minnesota in June. He is a research associate at the University of Washington.

Joanna Robinson Neuberger and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their son, Luke Thomas Robinson Neuberger, on May 11.

A L U M N I C O L L E G E

To be or not to be — Alumni College trip to Ashland is unqualified success

BY DARREN KERBS '96, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AND PARENT RELATIONS

Alumni College 1998 proved to be both educational and fun as 50 PLU alumni and friends, Alumni and Parent Relations Director Lauralee Hagen '75, '78, and I traveled to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival (Ashland, Ore.) in July.

Leading discussions were faculty members Bill Parker (theatre) and Megan Benton (English). We saw Shakespeare's "Henry IV" part one, "A Midsummer's Night Dream," and "Comedy of Errors," with great weather and company. We nearly rewrote "Comedy of Errors" when the air-conditioning on the bus gave out at the start of the trip home. We were a sight to see with ice bags on our heads, battery-operated fans blowing and newspapers lining the bus windows! Nonetheless, it was a bonding trip for all. Stay tuned for yet another great adventure for Alumni College 1999.

Ashland again? If you are interested in a PLU group tour to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival next summer, please call us, 1-800-258-6758.

Southern Idaho, she handles medical malpractice claims. She was recently the director of continuing education and conferences at Idaho State University.

Michael "Mik" Mikulan is a commissioned officer and registered nurse with the United States Public Health Service detailed to the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He was awarded the USPHS Outstanding Service medal with "V" for valor, for his rescue efforts to save the life of a correctional officer who was attacked by a prison inmate. Mik has been a senior medical surgical charge nurse at the maximum-security medical center for federal prisoners for six years.

Priscilla Stockner is the new executive director of the Monterey County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Monterey, Calif. She graduated from the University of Minnesota in veterinary medicine and then earned a master's degree in business administration from PLU. She is currently working on a doctorate in veterinary homeopathy.

Joni (Jerin) Campbell and her husband, Bruce, have moved to Billings, Mont., with their two daughters, Lauren and Christine. Bruce recently completed a fellowship in geriatrics and family practice in the faculty development program at the University of Arizona in Tucson. He has a new position on the faculty at the Montana Family Practice Residency. They are enjoying their new home in "Big Sky Country."

Janet (Hagen) Dahle is back at Four Square Productions in San Diego, Calif., as executive producer of media

Heidi Wilcox Parker '83, '87 and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, James Roger, on Aug. 14. He joins 29-month-old Hannah. Heidi continues to be a stay-at-home mom.

Douglas Rogelstad is a computer analyst at Legacy Health System in Portland, Ore. He is raising his two girls, 11-year-old Michelle and 7-year-old Anna Lisa, on his own.

Marc Dahlstrom recently completed filming "The Basket" with actress Karen Allen ("Animal House," "Raiders of the Lost Ark"), on location in Eastern Washington with his company, North by Northwest Productions. Marc was the executive producer and assistant director on the project. The company also completed "Mel," a family movie, with Academy Award winner Ernest Borgnine, on location in Northern Idaho this past summer. Marc began North by Northwest Productions with a group of partners in 1990 after moving back to the Northwest from Hollywood, where he worked for various television shows and networks. While working for NBC at the 1988 Olympics, he received an Emmy award. North by Northwest now has studios in Spokane and Boise, Idaho, serving corporate clients' video, film, CD programming and computer animation needs. He and his wife, **Candace Armstrong '82**, live in Spokane with their daughters, 8-year-old Amanda and 5-year-old Madison.

Kirk Talley is the new head football coach and associate professor of physical education at Crown College in St. Bonafacius, Minn. He and his

wife, **Terri (Frawley) Talley**, would love to hear from any alumni in the area.

1984

Brian Laubach and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Elisabeth, on May 1. She joins a sister, Helena Ann. Brian is teaching chemistry at Lakes High School and Pierce College in Tacoma.

Lorraine Mercurio Hamilton is the district music coordinator for the Tumwater School District in Tumwater, Wash. She continues to teach half time at Tumwater Hill Elementary School and direct the choirs at Black Hills High School.

The **Rev. Kristi Larson Beebe** serves as pastor at Nativity Lutheran Church in the Denver metro area. The church broke ground in August to begin construction and return to mission status at their new location. She underwent successful benign brain tumor surgery in September and returned to work in November.

Dennis Morrison has accepted new positions as principal, athletic director and upper grades teacher at Our Redeemer Lutheran School in Yelm, Wash.

1985

Bryan Brenchley and Lilli Khatibi '86 celebrated 10 years of marriage on Aug. 6, and they are expecting their fourth child in April. Bryan is a full-time account manager at Education Technology Inc. in Tacoma and a part-time assistant pastor at Crossroads Church in Spanaway.

Patricia Heath is in the master of divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Prior to Luther Seminary, Patricia was a paralegal for Bond & Morris, P.C., and for Leventhal & Bogue, P.C., both in Denver.

Krista (Root) Hoge and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of their son, Benton Patrick, on Sept. 9. He joins a brother, 2-year-old Stephen. Krista is an area sales manager for MedLogic Global Corporation.

Chris and Sarah (Running) Slotten announce the birth of their daughter, Lia Isabella, on July 29. She joins a sister, 3-year-old Kari.

Phyllis (Barnhart) Viehmann and her husband, Ken, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsey Faith, on June 29. She joins a brother and sister, 6-year-old Drew and 2 1/2-year-old Hailey.

Steve and Kristine (Puddy) Rinn announce the birth of their son, Erik Jonathan, on Sept. 14. Steve is a software engineer at Primus Corporation, and Kristine is an oncology fellow at the University of Washington.

Richard Johnson is manager of extended market funds and deputy head of U.S. equity index investments for Barclays Global Investors in San Francisco. He was recently promoted to principal of the firm.

Jerry Johnson has a new position as director of public relations at Marketwave Corporation, a producer of web traffic analysis and web mining software, in Seattle. Before Marketwave he was at Waggner Edstrom, a high-tech public relations agency in Bellevue. Before that he worked at Boeing.

1986

Mark Haskins completed Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Airforce Base in Alabama. He and his wife, **Kristin (Shipman '88) Haskins**, moved to Hawaii, where Mark joined the staff at the US Pacific Command. **Nancy Wendland Feehrer** is staying home with her two boys, 2 1/2-year-old Derek and 1-year-old Nathan, and writing Christian children's books. Her husband, John, is an electrical engineer at Hewlett Packard.

Diana Archibald earned a Ph.D. in English literature from Washington State University. Her dissertation was

titled, "Constructing Home Sweet Home: Domesticity and Emigration in the Victorian Novel."

Erin (Kelley) Briar and her husband, David, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah, on Sept. 14. She joins 5-year-old David, 3-year-old Rebekah and 1-year-old Kerstin.

1987

Steve Boschee died on Nov. 4. A Parkland native and graduate of Washington High School, he majored in communication and minored in computer science at PLU. Steve was a skilled communicator with the ability to "make a complicated analysis understandable to a wide range of people," as his friend and former PLU Professor David Swanson noted in a letter read at the memorial service.

Diane (Gregerson) and David Bowe '88 announce the birth of their daughter, Lena Jayne, on Jan. 13, 1998. Diane is a perinatal social worker at University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz., and David will complete his pediatric residency in July 1999. He hopes to find work in the Pacific Northwest.

Lorilea Hill and Terry Casey were married on June 26 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Battleground, Wash. Lorilea works at Pacific Junior High School, and Terry is a heavy-equipment operator.



Ross Warner left his position after nine years with the Osaka-based firm of Japan Kumon Educational Institute Co. Ltd., to move to

Beijing, China, to study under the Chinese Ministry of Trade at the University of International Business and Economics. The program develops skills to become a resource for North American companies wanting to expand into the Chinese market. Ross welcomes any fellow Lutes to stop by if they are in the neighborhood!

Kathy Gibson is the new head girls basketball coach at Issaquah High School in Issaquah, Wash. She will continue to teach physical education at Mount Si High School, where she was in the girls basketball program for 10 years, six years as the head coach with a record of 99-48. Kathy and her husband, Mark, have two children, 4-year-old Quincey and 2-year-old Tyler.

Susan Moore Hopen and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their daughter, Delaney Lynn, on Aug. 18. She joins 5-year-old Macormik and 2 1/2-year-old Zane. Susan is a stay-at-home mom.

Kathleen Anderson and her husband, Robert Lewis, were recently called to be co-pastors at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Bill Kramer was promoted to eastern regional manager at National Starch and Chemical. They produce water-based adhesives for paper, automotive and consumer products. He and his wife live in Mountain Top, Pa.

Carrie Tellefson has accepted a new position as director of administrative services for the State of Washington.

1988

Alexander Seidel is a production manager for online service at The Domain Group in Seattle.

Julie (Larson) Dumire is a first-year student in the MBA program at the University of Michigan. **Scott Dumire '90** is the northeast region business development manager for Lariat software. They can be reached at jdumire@umich.edu.

Heather (Sacher) Peterson and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their daughter, Madelyn Rose, on June 4. She has a 3-year-old brother, Caleb.

Noelle Clark Knutson and her husband, Erik Paul, announce the birth of their son, William Clark Knutson, on June 22. He has a 2-year-old sister, Anna.

Brenda Ray Scott is the new development manager for Sisters of the Road Cafe in Portland, Ore.

Jon Matson and Mary Rose Neal were married on Sept. 5 in Bellingham, Wash. Jon has a new position as a financial analyst at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Mary is a claims representative for the Social Security Administration. They met while playing softball.

Debra Skonord and Alex Hickox were married on Oct. 10 in Seattle. Debra is a product manager at Microsoft, and Alex is a product information coordinator.

Susan Donovan Winton and her husband, Craig, moved from New Plymouth, New Zealand, to Port Hedland, Australia, in August. Susan is a contract administrator at BHP's new hot briquetted iron facility. Craig was promoted to account manager for BetzDearborn at BHP.

1989

Darice Bales and Rick McGrath were married on July 11. The reception was held at the Olson Mansion at Taylor Creek in Maple Valley, Wash. Darice is an education coordinator at the Lake Washington Individual Progress Center in Redmond, Wash. Rick is a teacher and coach at Hazen High School in Renton. **Beth (Jacobson '90) Kamners**, Darice's roommate in Tinglestad's Alpine House at PLU, was one of six bridesmaids.

Dan Wiersma, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle, qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). About 15 percent of Lutheran Brotherhood's 1,500-member field force qualified for the MDRT in 1998, compared with six percent of life insurance agents worldwide. The MDRT is an independent, international association of nearly 19,000 life insurance agents.

Jerry Bull was promoted to sales floor team lead at Target in Salem, Ore. He

continues to write musicals and one of them, "In His Steps," will be performed soon.

Donna Stucky Hostick and her husband, Cody, announce the birth of their son, Dean Rainier, on July 23. Donna is a research economist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory and Cody is a senior industrial engineer at IBP, Inc., in Pasco, Wash.

Jean Tindall-O'Dell has a new position as a teacher of a toddler group at Skagit Co-op Preschool.

Susan Scott has a new position as the office and marketing manager at Thomas-Cook Architects, P.S., in Tacoma.

Elizabeth Wendt Vickery and her husband, John, announce the birth of twin girls, Molly and Emma, on Aug. 18. They join 6-year-old John and 3-year-old Danae.

Adam and Maria (Wienhold) Raynes announce the birth of their child, Kaelan Mathias, in June.

Becky Delzer Holbrook and her husband, David, announce the birth of their son, Ian, on July 18. Becky is a customer representative at Beaver Creek Cooperative Telephone Co.

1990

Bill Bloom and Karen Goeller '92 were married on May 15 in Soquel, Calif. They are living in the Santa Cruz Mountains in Boulder Creek, Calif.

Robert Simpson Jr. died on July 3. Robert was the last of 12 children born to the late Robert Lee Sr. and Helen Simpson. While attending Tacoma's Lincoln High School, Robert earned straight As and became the first African American student body president. He graduated in 1955. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from Seattle Pacific University, a master's degree in English from the University of Washington and a master's degree in special education from PLU. He was a teacher in the Tacoma and Seattle school districts. Robert also served in various capaci-

ties in many churches in the Northwest, including associate minister, interim minister and evangelist. He was a sports commentator on Tacoma's local radio station KLAY. In 1964, he was NBC television's first choice for their new program, "I Spy." Robert declined the offer and NBC went with their second choice, Bill Cosby. Robert is survived by his son, Reginald, and many other relatives and friends.

Knut Olson, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle, has qualified for membership in the Million-Dollar Round Table (MDRT). About 15 percent of Lutheran Brotherhood's 1,500-member field force qualified for the MDRT in 1998, compared with six percent of life insurance agents worldwide. The MDRT is an independent, international association of nearly 19,000 life insurance agents.

Andy Grimm was appointed head football coach at his alma mater, Bainbridge High School on Bainbridge Island, Wash. He returned as a health and physical education teacher and football coach for the offensive and defensive lines in 1994. He and his wife, Terry, live in Poulsbo with two sons, 5-year-old Alec and 2-year-old Jarrett.

Paul and Julie (Stenersen '91) Finley announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Katherin, on June 29.

Susan Shinafelt and Joseph Waters were married on June 27 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Susan is a teacher in the Fife School District and coach of the PLU women's soccer team. Joseph is coaching director of the Peninsula Soccer Club Harbor R.F.C. and coach of the PLU men's soccer team. Their marriage and coaching jobs piqued the interest of a local sports-writer who featured them in The News Tribune.

Jim and Dana (Graversen '91) Hill announce the birth of their son, Caleb James, on Sept. 10. They can be reached at hills@indy.net.

Boyd Hehn is a physician at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C.

David and Kristin (Ford '92) Martinson announce the birth of their son, Samuel David, on Aug. 4.

Teresa Dunley and Brian O'Donnell were married on Sept. 12 on Baby Beach in Lahaina, on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Teresa is a mental health counselor at Comprehensive Mental Health in Tacoma and Brian is a graphic painter at Boeing.

Roberta Carter and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Kyleen Erin, on May 9. She joins 3-year-old Quentin Alex. Roberta is a registered nurse at Southwest Washington Medical Center in Vancouver.

Ann Smith and Paul Sehdev were married on June 27, in Portland, Ore. The wedding party included **Sandi Strong '90**, **Nancy Ascher '90** and **Laurie (Schjelland) Morgan '90**. Ann is a resident in pathology at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and Paul is a fellow in infectious disease at the University of Maryland.

Lisa Dean-Erlander '90, '96 and her husband, **Todd '90, '96**, announce the birth of their son, Peter Luke, on Nov. 10.

Robyn Wells earned a master's degree in music from Miami University of Ohio in 1994. She manages her own series of summer concert tours, which to date have included more than 120 performances throughout the United States and Canada. She has given guest recitals at Idaho State, Montana State, and Miami universities, and was a featured artist with the Payette Community Concert Series. In June, Robyn was a finalist in the award-deb at competition sponsored by the Ladies Musical Club of Seattle. In July and August she performed as a soloist and accompanist in Italy and Switzerland.

Gary Gillis earned a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of California, Irvine, in December 1997. In August he moved to Boston, where he is a postdoctoral researcher at Harvard University. Gary has a National Institute of Health grant to study plasticity in vertebrate limb muscle function during locomotion. He can be reached at ggillis@eb.harvard.edu.

Ed and Kami (Beeler) Stilwell announce the birth of their daughter, Corina Renee, on May 10. Kami is a part-time pediatrician, and Ed is a grape farmer in Yakima.

Kimberly (Labe) and Joseph '92 King announce the birth of their daughter, Katrina Madison, on Oct. 5. You can see Katrina at www.pages.lvillage.com/pp/kimberlyking. Joseph has taught high school math for two years.

Lisa Harris Gonzalez and her husband, Drew, announce the birth of their son, John Michael, on Oct. 17. He joins 2 1/2-year-old Rachel.

Paul Weltz and Cindy Footh were married on June 6. Paul is an office manager at IGF Insurance in Stanley, N.D.

Chris Legler has moved to San Francisco with Sony Corporation, where he is working in finance.

1991

Susan E. Lindsey recently earned the Accreditation in Public Relations designation from the Public Relations Society of America. She continues her work as a public relations and marketing administrator for Preston Gates & Ellis LLP law firm in Seattle.

Ken Kriese earned a master's degree in wildlife conservation from the University of Minnesota in May. His thesis focused on Native American and natural resource issues. Ken returned to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta in Alaska for the summer, where he conducted research on three species of geese from a remote field camp. In the fall he moved to California to begin work on a Ph.D. in ecology at the University of California at Davis. His project is undetermined, but will focus on avian conservation biology.

Laureen Andries and her husband, Darin, announce the birth of their daughter, Kyleigh Joy, in February 1998. She joins 3-year-old Alexa Jeanne. Laureen is a marriage and family therapist at Valley Cities' Counseling and Consultation. Darin works for Hi Tech Equipment Northwest.

Scott Rapp and his wife, Amy, own Pacific Crest Mountain Bike Tours, which leads tours in the Cascade Mountains and along the Columbia River Gorge. They also own a related business, Fat Tire Publications, which produces maps for mountain bikers.

Kristi (Saari) Christianson and her husband, Gary, announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney Vianna, on Feb. 19, 1998. She joins a 2-year-old sister, Alexa Delancy.

Craig Arthur and his wife, Courtney, have purchased a home in Edmonds, Wash. Courtney teaches first grade at St. Matthew's School in Seattle. Craig teaches seventh and eighth grade at Assumption-St. Bridget School and coaches football at Seattle Prep High School. They can be reached at bigdog@asbschool.org.

Ray Wilson and his wife, Deborah, announce the birth of their daughter, Stephanie Nicole, on Sept. 15. She joins twin brothers, 18-month-old Troy and Tyler.

Mark and Hayley (Halter) Adams announce the birth of their son, Noah Lee, on May 25. He joins 2 1/2-year-old Emma Jean. Hayley is a stay-at-home mom, and Mark is a physical therapist at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Portland, Oregon. Mark will be leaving his position to join a physical therapy travel company. The family will be traveling together throughout the next year.

Daren Skonord and his wife, Pam, announce the birth of their daughter, Danielle Ann, on July 1. Daren is an insurance agent at Lutheran Brotherhood, and Pam is a physical therapist.

Ole Jorn Hornvedt graduated in 1991 but stayed another semester at PLU to finish his Norwegian degree. He then moved to Seattle and was an accountant at a real estate company. In 1993 he moved back to Norway and served one year of mandatory service in the military. Since completing his service, he has worked at Stolt Sea Farm AS as a cost analyst and at Telenor Installasjon AS as a controller. He enjoys his work and social life, and has not married.

Mark Douglass earned a master of arts in theology from the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif., in May. His wife, Betsy, is an English as a Second Language instructor.

Brooke Steveson and Alan Grossberg were married at sunset on June 26 at the Mauna Lani Resort in Hawaii. Brooke owns and operates Island Candle in Seattle and Alan is president of Grossberg-Tyler Colorgraphics, a commercial printing company in Seattle.

Sieg and Kelly Johnson announce the birth of their son, Gunnar, on May 18. He joins 3-year-old Siri. Sieg is a licensed broker at Freeman Welwood in Tacoma, and Kelly is a stay-at-home mom studying to be a doula (a woman experienced in childbirth who provides continuous physical, emotional and informational support to the mother before, during and just after childbirth). After six years in Ohio, they're enjoying being back in the Northwest.

Philip Olufson and Krista Hallock Olufson announce the birth of their son, Ian Nelson, on July 20. He joins 2 1/2-year-old Carsten Erik.

Kristi Gaimster is an auditor at Holland America Lines Westours in Seattle.

Melissa (O'Neil) Perdue is the business reporter at the Tri-City Herald newspaper in Kennewick, Wash.

1992

Edward Running earned a master of architecture degree from the University of Oregon in June. He is teaching architecture and design in the international studies program in association with the Royal Academy of Fine Art and Architecture and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Douglas Pennington is in bivocational ministry as an associate pastor at Covington Baptist Church in Maple Valley/Covington, Wash., and customer service coordinator at Safeco Insurance Company in Redmond, Wash.

Kelly Poulsen is a writer and editor for the Polaris Group in Seattle.

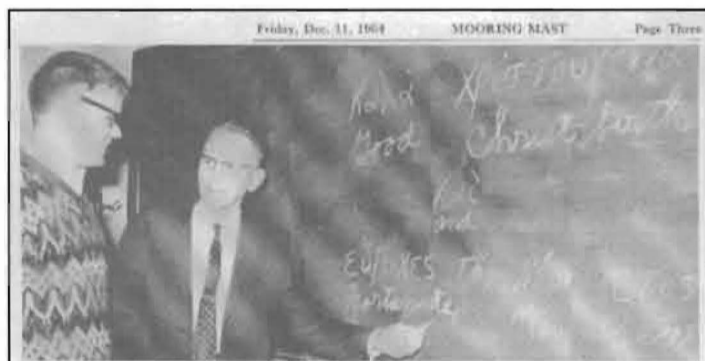
Gregory Houfek traveled the United States for several months after graduating from PLU. He then settled in Spokane, where he worked for several computer companies. In April 1997 he was transferred to Dallas, but finding Texas too hot, too flat and too buggy, he left the following September. Gregory is now teaching English to elementary and university students as he gallivants around Asia. He welcomes email from native English speakers at gregorydh@hotmail.com.

Michael Martin has returned to Seattle after a one-year dental internship in San Antonio, Texas. He has purchased a dental practice at Northwest Dental Center.

Paul Anderson has a new position teaching chemistry at Northwestern Michigan College. This is a two-year school in Traverse City, Mich.

Tim Mitchell has a new position as property accountant at RREEF Group in Seattle. **Traci (Wensel) Mitchell** was named to the Dean's List for the 1997-98 school year at the University of Washington School of Pharmacy. In the fall she began her second year in the program.

Bob Saathoff has a new position as an engineer at Hewlett-Packard's



Pastor Roe Knows His Greek; Transmits Knowledge to Pre-Sems

A Window to the Past

This picture from the Dec. 11, 1964, *Mooring Mast* shows the Rev. Kelmer Roe, associate professor of Greek and religion at PLU from 1947-67, explaining to Joe Aalbue '66 the Greek words for Christmas and New Year's greetings.

Roe's daughter, Naomi Roe Nothstein '53, said her father's students sometimes teased him, calling him "Killer Roe," since Greek is not an easy language to master. Roe now resides at Tacoma Lutheran Home with his wife of 68 years, Hannah '51.

The Roes' connection to PLU lives on in their descendants. Besides Nothstein, they have a son, David Roe '54 of Portland. Also on the alum list are Nothstein's husband, Don '50, and sons, Greg '80 and Philip '83.

At 90 and 98 years old, Kelmer and Hannah Roe continue to be involved with PLU as members of Q Club.

Interest rates lowered on new student loans through Jan. 30, 1999

In response to temporary legislation lowering the interest rates on new student loans, the United States Department of Education has lowered its interest rate for loan consolidation.

Until Jan. 30, 1999, the Department of Education is consolidating student loans — allowing borrowers to combine all of their loans into one loan — at a reduced interest rate of 7.46 percent. This rate is a full percentage point lower than recent loan rates and even more of a savings for older loans. After Jan. 30, student loans will be consolidated at a higher rate.

This offer is available only to borrowers who are in repayment. To take advantage of this opportunity, contact the direct loan origination center at 1-800-557-7392 to get an application, or download one from www.ed.gov/DirectLoan.



Tiptoe through the tulips at the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Now's your chance to see one of Washington state's renowned attractions — and not have to do any of the planning! On the morning of April 10, jump aboard a coach bus at PLU with other alumni and friends to begin a road trip to the beautiful Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.

During the day we will travel throughout the tulip-filled valley and end with a PLU Connections Event at the Shekinatt Farm, home of Ric and Becky (Wietzke '76) Landvatter. We will return to campus that evening.

Cost is \$30 per person, which includes transportation, a box lunch, and light buffet. Reserve your seat now, as space is limited! 1-800-258-6758.

Integrated Circuit Business Division in Fort Collins, Colo. **Kris (Pommerenke) Saathoff** accepted a transfer to the Integrated Circuit Business Division in Fort Collins as well.

Kimberly (Calin) Redmon and her husband, Terry, announce the birth of their daughter, Malia Rae, on Sept. 20. She joins 12-year-old Hayley and 10-year-old Hannah. Kimberly is the assistant director of human resources at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel in Reno, Nev.

Borge Steinsvik is vice-president and general manager for Fuels At Sea, a petroleum trade and shipping company in Seattle.

Kris Knutson is an auditor at Holland America Lines Westours in Seattle.

Val Tresner is in accounting and finance for special projects at Hexcel Corporation. The company produces major airplane parts for Boeing.

Jed Wilson and Katie Parkins were married on Aug. 1 at University Place Presbyterian Church in Tacoma. The wedding party included **Andrew Wilson '97** as one of the two best men. Katie is a nurse, and Jed is a student at Moody Mission Aviation Center in Tennessee.

Kristin Mattocks is in the health policy and administration master's program at Yale University. She and her partner, Betty Bourret, recently bought a new home in New Haven, Conn.

1993

Erin Quinn and Tony Bryson were married on July 11 in Green Mountain, Colo. Erin is a registration assistant at the Denver Art Museum and Tony is a customer service associate at Sprint.

Chad Petersen and Dune Ives are back in Seattle. Chad is an accountant at Callisan Architecture and Dune, after recently completing her Ph.D., is an evaluation coordinator for the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. Chad can be reached at cpetersen@callison.com, and Dune is at dives-petersen@nwalliance.org.

Terje Hals is a project controller at Fugro-Geoteam AS in Oslo, Norway.

Leah Haney and David Herlihy were married on Aug. 1 in Billings, Mont. They met in Seattle in 1995. Leah and David live in a small town in Southern Italy, where Leah works for the Port of Gioia Tauro and David works for Maersk Italia.

Daniel Voltz opened Norski's, an upscale convenience store in Chewelah, Wash. After PLU, Daniel worked for Washington Mutual Bank and in March 1997 he returned to Chewelah to begin planning the store, which was the culmination of a 10-year family dream.

Stefan Damstrom works at Bayliner Marine Corporation in the international sales group covering Europe, the Middle East, Asia, South America and the South Pacific.

Sally Hall Hubbard is a database administrator for the city of University Place, Wash. Her husband, Charles, is a graphic artist. Their daughter, Heather Ann Hubbard, was married on Aug. 22 to Ryan Wayne Davis in Oregon City, Ore.

Dave Lewarne was named teacher of the month at Mountlake Terrace High School in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. He is also a cross-country coach.

Melissa Petersen and Jason Valley were married on July 25 at Faith Lutheran Church in Bellingham. Melissa works in the Lynden School District, and Jason works at Intalco Aluminum Corporation.

Theresa Campbell is a lieutenant in the Navy, stationed at Naval Hospital — Lemoore in Lemoore, Calif., for the next two years. She is excited to be stationed there because of the new hospital and the large naval air station fighter pilot population. Theresa is certified in the holistic therapeutic method, "Healing Touch," by the Colorado Center for Healing Touch,

Inc., and is preparing for certification in emergency nursing.

Tana Jones and Duff McBride were married on Sept. 6 on Maui, Hawaii. Tana is a marketing director at Industrial Credit Union and Duff works in instrumentation.

Jeffrey Young and Kelly Hoeckelberg were married on Sept. 19 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Wash. The wedding party included **Jayne (McNutt) Leighty '93**. Jeffrey is a physician, and Kelly is a product-planning analyst in Seattle for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Christopher Manion earned a medical doctorate from the University of Colorado Health Science Center in Denver in May. His residency in orthopedic surgery is also at UCHSC.

Rev. William Walles and Sarah Nelson Walles announce the birth of their son, Payton Nelson Walles, on May 26. The family moved to Phoenix in July after Bill graduated with a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He is the associate pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Brian and Erika (Evans) Flattum announce the birth of their son, Jared Tyler, on April 11.

Jennifer Erin Slagle and Christopher Alhright Johnson were married on Aug. 1 at the University of Montana, Missoula. **Tana Jones McBride '93**, **Laura Russell Caba '93** and **Kristin Koss Flandreau '93** were bridal attendants. Jennifer and Christopher are in their third year of law school.

Hilary Burt is a mezzo-soprano and has performed all over North America. She recently performed with the Chautauqua Opera Company in Chautauqua, N.Y.

Monte Decker has joined the Tacoma office of Colliers International as a commercial real estate agent.

Kristin (Koss) Flandreau is the new sales and operations manager at RealNetworks in Seattle.

Mark Mulder has returned to PLU as the associate director of public programming and conferences.

Kelly Woyak and her husband, Denny, announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda Lynn, on June 11. Kelly is employed as office manager for Human Resources Inc.

Monica Nilsson is a personnel consultant at Olsten Norsk Personal in Oslo, Norway. She recruits and in interviews temporary help, and is a consultant for banking, insurance and finance businesses.

Bonnie Block earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy in June. She is working as a pharmacist for Kaiser Permanente in Portland, Ore.

1994

Mark Stevens and Sopheany Kon were married on June 19 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Mark is in the Army and was promoted to captain in May. He is the company commander at Fort Richardson, Alaska. Sopheany is a nurse. Mark would like to hear from other 1994-95 PLU grads at kon@alaska.net.

Diana Thompson earned a doctorate from Pacific University's College of Optometry in Forest Grove, Ore., in May. Her 3.9 GPA earned her a place in the Beta Sigma Kappa fraternity. Diana is an associate at Dr. Neil Cays' Sequim Vision Clinic in Sequim, Wash.

Brett Laidlaw and his wife, Heather Ann, were married on Aug. 1. Brett is an operations consultant at The Hartford, and Heather Ann is a claims consultant.

Penny Grellier and Walter Parrish were married on Sept. 12 at the bride's parents' home in Bremerton, Wash. Penny is a program associate at the American Lung Association of Washington, and Walter is comptroller for Tacoma Little Theatre.

Alumni Board reports on successful year

BY JONI NIESZ, SENIOR OFFICE ASSISTANT, ALUMNI AND PARENT RELATIONS

The PLU Alumni Board met Sept. 11-12. Here are highlights from the committees:

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Karen Fruehauf '92, Chair

The student recruitment committee led by **Gayle Lindeblom '67** and **Prentis Johnson '78** is focusing its efforts on targeting Lutheran youth, including LC Missouri Synod, and an increased effort to recruit and retain people of color. The fund raising committee led by **Phyllis (Grahn) Carroll '55** has focused its efforts on the class representative program. The public relations committee led by **Dick Londgren '59** has been working to increase alumni focus, involvement and coverage in *Scene*.

ALUMNI AND STUDENT SERVICES

Jim Morrell '91, Chair

Bev Knutzen '55, chair of the special events committee, updated everyone on the events planned for Homecoming '98. **Mike Fuller '94**, chair of the student services committee, reported on a successful "Senior Disorientation" program last spring. His committee is working on various ways to support the goal to "Raise Loyal Lutes" by working to educate students about the alumni association and to develop programs available to current students. **John Feldmann '82**, chair of the alumni services committee, has been focusing on building stronger connections with alumni. He has also been working with ArtCarved on the PLU ring program. **Tappy Kylo '50**, chair of board development, is working on a list of potential new board members for the future. In addition, she continues to work on developing a training program for new board members.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND AWARDS

Dave Coltom '83, Chair

Nikki Martin '73, chair of the volunteer recruitment committee, will continue to focus on identifying both volunteer opportunities and volunteers as she works with the volunteer programs intern in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. **Sandra Krause '89**, alumni recognition committee chair, is developing candidates for the 1999 Alumni Awards.

Also **Becky Burad '74** gave the Board of Regents report. The board also reflected on the organization, the staff and their participation in board activities.

Val Meyer was promoted to AVP-financial analyst for residential lending at Continental Savings Bank in Seattle. **Kristine (Johnson) '94 Meyer** is a fifth-grade teacher in the Northshore School District in Bothell.

Janel (Nygren) Brock and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of their son, Ethan Troy, on Feb. 23.

Aaron Linnerud and Jennifer Lynn Gray were married on Aug. 8 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Jennifer is a domestic violence volunteer in Bellevue and Aaron still competes in the hammer throw with **Erik Probstfield '94**. Aaron and Erik are very close to qualifying for the U.S. Olympic Trials in 2000. Erik was also best man at the wedding.

Zachary and Jill (Nyboer) '95

Hansen announce the birth of twin daughters, Meghan Lindhe and Elle Ryan, on Sept. 2. Jill will graduate from the University of Washington in June with a degree in dentistry, and Zach continues to teach and coach.

Steve Owens earned a master of social work degree from Walla Walla College in College Place, Wash., and **Erica (Baumann) '95 Owens** began the landscape architecture graduate program at the University of Washington in the fall.

Juliet Laycoe graduated from the Lewis and Clark Northwestern School of Law in Portland, Ore., in May. She is now an associate attorney with a special emphasis on family law and estate planning at Blair, Schaefer, et al.

Brian Peterson teaches biology and physical science at Auburn High School in Auburn, Wash., and coaches wrestling. **Justine (Kroehl) '96 Peterson** teaches science at Curtis

High School in University Place, Wash., and coaches fastpitch softball. They are both Young Life leaders. Brian and Justine were married on July 26, 1997, and recently bought a house in the Lake Tapps area.

Jennifer (Brandt) Trausler and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their son, Jacob, in May. He joins a 3-year-old brother, Zachary.

Stephen Morissette is the new principal of Holy Family School in Seattle. He was vice principal and taught seventh and eighth grades at St. Vincent de Paul School in Federal Way, Wash., for the past eight years.

Brent Ericksen has moved to Silverdale, Wash., with Merrill Lynch where he is a financial consultant. He and his wife, **Christina (Reller)**, live in Poulsbo.

Leah Borg has a new position as financial analyst at Multicare Health System in Tacoma.

Hilary (Kenaston) Reynolds and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their daughter, Tabitha Marie, on May 23. Hilary is the coordinator of undergraduate programs for the PLU School of Business.

Coriander Krause is in the master's program in nursing at Troy State University in Alabama. She works as a triage nurse at Maxwell Air Force Base.

1995

Skyler Cobb won first place in the Idaho State Downhill Mountain Bike Series championship, sponsored by the North American Off Road Bicycling Association. He is a sales

manager at Dawson Taylor Coffee Roasters in Boise, Idaho.

Yasmin Hussain and **Corey Caldwell** were married on May 4 at the Aston Kaanapali Shores in Maui, Hawaii. Yasmin is a CPA at Gary A. Carlington, Inc., in Puyallup, and Corey is a CPA at Globe Machine Manufacturing in Tacoma.

Chris Kim is a first lieutenant in the Army at Fort Sill, Okla., and his wife, Shery, is a homemaker.

Lauren Laslie Marlatt earned national certification from the Certifying Board of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates. She is the head nurse of gastroenterology at Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center.

Tone Lawver earned a master's degree in American history from Harvard University. His thesis was entitled "The Grange Malthusian Principles, Political Compromise 1867-1889." Tone has relocated to the Tampa Bay area in Florida to avoid the East Coast winters.

Tammy Huynh and **Romel Mendoza Mandilag** were married on Sept. 6 at Chinese Free Methodist Church.

Crystal Donahue '94 was a bridesmaid. Tammy is a mask designer, and Romel is an analyst.

Jason Glover and **Jennifer Smith** were married on July 25. Jason works at Boeing, and Jennifer is an occupational therapist.

Kami Moeller and **Eric Hayes** were married on April 4 in University Place, Wash. Eric is a firefighter in Longview, Wash.

Shane Velez is a physical education teacher at Las Juntas Elementary School in Martinez, Calif., and he coaches high school tennis.

Jason and Jennifer (Britton) Veitengruber left for a six-month medical mission trip to Guatemala in September. They will study Spanish intensively for the first two months in Antigua and then work in a medical clinic and school in a small Mayan community with the Hands for Peacemaking Foundation.

Leroy Standifer was promoted to police sergeant with the City of Tacoma.

Kristie Kim accepted a position as an accountant at Deloitte & Touche in Seattle.

1996



Jeffrey Richey and Heidi Robinson were married on Feb. 28. The wedding party included many PLU alums. **Julie Hankel '96** was the maid of honor;

Ed Hrivnak '96, groomsman; **Wendy LuCava '86**, bridesmaid; **John Ubben '84** wrote and performed a song with his wife, Julie; and **Michah Steinhilb '99** played the piano.

Jeffrey is an emergency room nurse at the University of Washington Medical Center, and Heidi is an editor at Amazon.com in Seattle. They went to Maui for their honeymoon.

Elisiev "Ellie" Hansen is a first-year student in the veterinary medicine program at Oregon State University in Corvallis, and she is a student representative for Hills Science Diet pet products. For the past two years, Ellie was a veterinary assistant and completed prerequisites for veterinary school. Over the summer she hiked, camped and biked around Portland, Ore. Ellie can be reached at ubicuri@aol.com.

Tonya Pasinetti and **Ryan McGowan** were married on June 13 at Life Center in Tacoma. Tonya is a teacher at Pope Elementary School, and Ryan is co-owner of a land development business.

Kristin Mark is an on-air personality for street promotions at KISS 106.1 FM in Seattle.

James Lamb is living in Sherman Oaks, Calif., and became the advertising coordinator for Warner Bros.

Online in Burbank, Calif. in July. He can be reached at james_lamb@warnerbros.com.

Lisa Balmes has changed professions, from teacher to the season ticket suite sales coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks. She worked with the Portland Trail Blazers on a part-time basis for eight years.

Shelly Olds and **Joey Norman** were married on May 23 at Napavine Assembly of God Church. Shelly is the nursing supervisor for the Lewis County Health Department, and Joey works at Fosco Inc.

James Bloomstine and Tonya Kannarr were married on June 20 at First Congregational Church in Tacoma. James works at Allied Building Materials, and Tonya is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma.

Shannon Park and Danforth Comins '97 are working on their master's degrees at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Shannon will earn a master of social work in August, and Danforth will earn a master of fine arts in theatre in May 2000. They look forward to returning to the West Coast.

Claire O'Donnell-Sampson completed a six-week international joint military exercise in Lithuania and Sweden, providing military medical training for Baltic nations aboard the hospital ship *USNS Comfort*. She works at the National Naval Medical Center in the cardiac, cardio-thoracic surgery unit.

Taj Giesbrecht earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington in April. He is a nuclear engineer at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash. Taj and his wife, **Andrea (Smedes)**, moved to Silverdale, Wash., where they bought their first house.

Laura Kolosseus and **Jason Schultz** were married on June 27 at Fircrest United Methodist Church in Tacoma. Laura is the foundation assistant at Wesley Homes Foundation in Des Moines, Wash., and Jason is the youth director at Gig Harbor United Methodist Church.

Anna Nelson and **Todd Holter** were married on July 11 at Parkland First Baptist Church in Tacoma. Anna is a substitute teacher and coach in the St. Paul, Minn., area and Todd is a student at Northwestern College. The couple went to Walt Disney World for their honeymoon.

Kim Nadon accepted a position as executive recruiter at Almond and Associates in Tukwila, Wash.

Yun "Ellie" Jiang works at Boeing in marketing airline analysis.

1997

Josh Pitts and **Kasey Burnham** were married on April 4 at Central Lutheran Church in Spokane. Josh is a substitute teacher and softball coach, and Kasey is an elementary special education teacher in Trentwood, Wash.

Regena Allen is a retirement plans administrator at the Weyerhaeuser Company in Tacoma.

Andrew Wilson is in the master of divinity program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn.



Dan Barritt is a usability engineer at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash.

Cari Shenandoah Schaeffer and her husband, James, announce the birth of their son, Alex John, on July 22. He joins 6-year-old Amanda Marie. James is in the Air Force, and the family moved to Hawaii in October.

Martha Pleasance completed her 1997-98 Fulbright Scholarship as an assistant English teacher at the F.A. Brockhaus Gymnasium in Leipzig, Germany.

Erika Olson and Mark Mariani '98 were married on July 25 at First

Presbyterian Church in Spokane, Wash. The wedding party included **Jenn Tolzmann '97**, **Kristin (Hollingbery '97) Rue**, **Karen Schmidt '97**, **Aaron '97 and Andrea (Campbell '96) McCarty**, **Ben Haigh '98**, **WaiTim Petersen '99**, **Aaron Sonnichsen '99**, **Corky Canaday '99**, **Marcus Womack '98** and **Brian Peterson '94**. Mark is completing his first year of medical school with the University of Washington's WWAMI program in Pullman, Wash., and Erika is working in Moscow, Idaho.

David Nova and his wife, Jane, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexa Jane, on June 24. David is a personnel representative at Boeing.

Marit (Kessel) Brooks and her husband, Calvin, announce the birth of their daughter, McKayla Anne, in June.

Kristi Benson and Daemon Repp were married on June 27 in Tacoma. The wedding party included **Jill (Zumbrunnen '96) Humphrey**, **Joy (Zumbrunnen '96) Ross**, **Krissy Summers '97**, **Stacey Broderson '97**, **Greg Aune '97**, **Scott Ross '96** and former PLU student **Mark Bly**. Kristin is a community support specialist at Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes, and Daemon works at Boeing. They live in Kent, Wash.

Nils Welin is working with Carlson Consultants in Tacoma. He develops business and marketing strategies for IPOs and start-up companies in the high tech and financial areas.

Jason Laukaitis has accepted a new corporate paralegal position at Heller Ehrman White in Seattle. He will be

specializing in mergers, acquisitions and securities regulation. He was recently at Lane Powell Spears Lubersky LLP.



Tad Monroe and Melissa Porter '99 were married on July 11 in Yakima. The wedding party included: **Margaret Core '96**, **Erin Alexander '99**, **Jennifer Licht '00**, **Chris Reinmuth '97**, **Ross Stewart '98**, **Rod Nash '96**, and **Aaron Stewart '97**. The ushers were **Aaron McCarty '97**, **Greg DeJardin '96**, **Ryan Alexander '97** and **Dak Jordan '99**.

Melissa is a psychology and religion major at PLU. Tad is a marketing associate at J.L. Darling Corp. in Tacoma and attends Fuller Theological Seminary in Seattle. For their wedding trip they went to New Hampshire; Prince Edward Island, Canada; and Boston.

1998

Heidi Splittgerber is in the master's of literature program at Colorado State University.

Sarah Schaffner and **Steven Dow** were married on Aug. 15, 1997, at Faith Lutheran Church in Albany, Ore. Sarah and Steven are attending Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa.

Keith Kaiser was appointed president of Quadrant/KMS Management Services in Olympia. He has 22 years of experience in the property management field.

IN MEMORIAM

1928

Hanna Fredrickson died on Sept. 7.

1935

Rachel Freelin died on Aug. 10.

1939

Richard Oliver died on Oct. 10.

1950

John Leque died on June 24.

1955

Floyd Ohman died on May 26.

John Ponton died on July 1.

1958

Jerry Hanson died on April 9.

Lute Jerstud died on Oct. 31.

1959

David Nelson died on Sept. 6.

1960

Gerald Erickson died on May 1.

1962

Beverly (Kimball) Nikkari died on Aug. 22.

1963

Eric Lindholm died on July 1.

1965

Mary (Kreps) Giersch died on June 23.

1966

Craig Rettkowski died on June 2.

1967

Leonard Ehly died on Aug. 7.

1970

Sandra Bergman died on Sept. 19.

1975

Carroll Dick died on Oct. 1.

Raquel Valenzuela is in communications and marketing support at SEEK Systems in Bothell, Wash.

William Krei is the new principal at North Lake School in Lakeview, Ore. He served his administrative internship at the Pe Ell School District in Pe Ell, Wash.

Kirsten Lindquist and **Mark Lagomarsino** were married on Aug. 1 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Kirsten is executive assistant to the president of Logical Computer Services, Inc., and Mark teaches fifth grade at Grace Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Tanya Robinson and **Matthew Pearson** were married on July 25 in Tacoma. Both Tanya and Matthew are psychiatric childcare counselors at the child study and treatment center of Western State Hospital in Steilacoom, Wash.

Daniel Norris and **Kathryn Cordero** were married on June 27 in Tacoma. Kathryn is a first-year student at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville, Mo. Daniel is a graduate assistant in music at Truman State University.

Thomas Hedgepeth and Allison Becker were married on May 31. Thomas is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. Allison attended PLU and is now a student at Kansas State University, where she is majoring in music education.

Lisa Sears is an accountant at Moss Adams in Tacoma.

1987

Steve Boschee died on Nov. 4.

1990

Robert Simpson Jr. died on July 3.

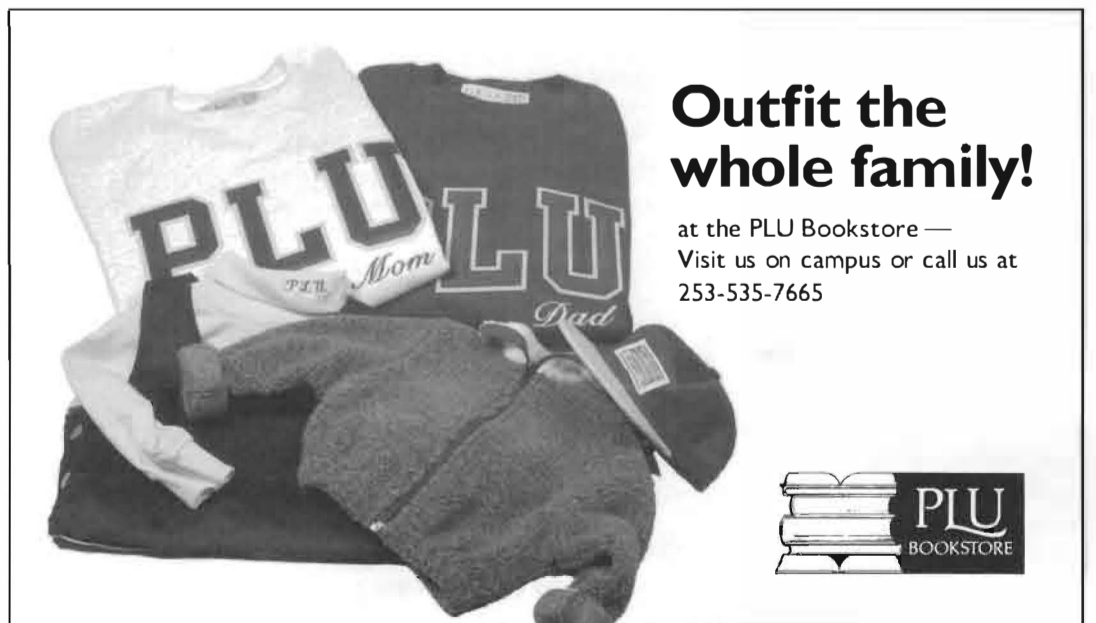
Faculty, Staff and Friends

Edith Tollefson died on July 20. Her husband, Harold, preceded her in death in 1985. She is survived by two daughters and one son.

Kenneth Johnston died on Sept. 26. He received his Ph.D. from Washington State University in 1964 and accepted the position of dean of the School of Education at PLU, retiring in 1989. Kenneth is survived by his wife of 53 years, Margaret, four children and five grandchildren.

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Courage and determination continued from page 11

specialists throughout the country and learned Kummerle was a candidate for a new form of directed radiation called proton radiation therapy. Unfortunately, the only hospital in the country offering this treatment was located at Loma Linda University in California.

On June 4, Kummerle learned she had been accepted into the new program and her insurance had approved the costly treatments. Her parents were visiting a critically ill cousin in Arkansas, and Kummerle had loaned them all her suitcases.

Wearily she drove to a nearby store, purchased a new suitcase and at 4 am the following morning, she and her son were on a plane headed for Loma Linda. Her grandparents, Gilbert and Jeanette Penn of Olympia, Wash., scrambled to accompany her, and for a week they stayed by her side, helping her get settled into an apartment and caring for Drake.

As she had done throughout her life, Kummerle refused to dwell on herself. She quickly befriended a young mother with six children who was there because her 13-month-old baby was also battling cancer. Kummerle helped care for the baby and played with the other children.

There were moments when Kummerle wondered whether she could go on. When she called Drake's godparents back home and learned they were throwing their annual Fourth of July bash, she burst into tears.

"I was so homesick that it was crushing me inside," she said. "All our friends were doing normal things, and I was down in California, fighting for my life."

She also met a couple from Hawaii who "adopted Drake and me as their second family," she said gratefully. She received radiation for 25 days and on July 15, the weary warrior and her small son, who had grown a lot in the past year both physically and emotionally, were finally able to return home.

Today Kummerle delights in life's simple pleasures: playing

with Drake, watering her flowers, watching her parents' black lab puppies grow by leaps and bounds.

"My outlook has changed completely," she said wistfully. "When I wake up each morning, I am thrilled to think I have another day here."

She looks forward to returning to her classroom in the fall of 1999. This year, her immune system is still too suppressed. She is delighted with the "peach fuzz" now covering her once-bald head.

"I feel totally exhausted but strong at the same time, because if I'm not, my whole world falls apart," she said. "Sometimes I feel like the rock that's holding everyone together, but fighting the way I did has also given me courage."

I don't think courage is a newly found attribute for this woman; I'm certain she has carried it with her, in her heart, throughout her life. Happy birthday, Carol, and many more.

Scene caught up with Kummerle for an update just before press time in November 1998.

"My type of cancer is normally 85 percent curable after the first treatment," she said. "I just happen to be in the 15 percent who had relapsed." And while only one other person with similar symptoms has been treated with proton radiation therapy at Loma Linda, the results are encouraging: that person has been cancer-free for three to four years, Kummerle noted.

In the busy time before the holidays, she and husband Paul were making final arrangements for an eight-day trip to Hawaii to celebrate their seventh wedding anniversary. They planned to stay with the couple from Hawaii whom Kummerle had met during her treatments in California.

But mid-November marked more than seven years of marriage for the couple; it also brought Kummerle her seventh cancer-free month. With similar progress (monitored by x-rays every three months), Kummerle continues to plan for a return to the classroom in fall 1999.

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 SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION: _____
 CHILD'S NAME (first, last): _____ GENDER: MALE FEMALE
 BIRTH DATE: _____ SIBLINGS/AGES: _____

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Lute Jerstad '58, an Everest hero, dies

BY BRUCE RUSHTON, THE NEWS TRIBUNE

Former Gig Harbor resident Lute Jerstad '58, one of the first Americans to climb Mount Everest, died Oct. 31 doing what he loved — climbing a mountain.

Jerstad, a Portland resident, died in Nepal after suffering a heart attack just 500 feet short of the 18,192-foot summit of Mount Kalapatar, known as an easy climb. He was 62.

A standout high school athlete who earned four varsity basketball letters at PLU, Jerstad became a national hero in 1963 when he was one of five Americans to summit the world's highest mountain.

Three weeks after Washington native Jim Whittaker stood on the summit, Jerstad became the first man to carry a movie camera to the top of Everest. But he and three others nearly died on the way down. They ran out of daylight and were forced to bivouac overnight at 28,000 feet — the highest point at which humans had spent a night outdoors and survived.

With no tent, stove or sleeping bags, the men hunkered down in their parkas and waited for morning. Two of them lost most of their toes to frostbite. The feat remains a mountaineering legend.

Jerstad suffered frostbite that cost him feeling in his fingers and toes even 20 years after the climb, but he made it down with his movie camera. He donated his Everest climbing gear to PLU in 1967. It remains on display in the campus library.

Many people still at PLU knew Lute Jerstad personally and will miss him. Among that group is Jim Van Beek '60, '69, major gift director in Development, who played basketball against Jerstad first in high school, then with him as a teammate at PLU.

"I greatly respected Lute's ability and competitiveness," Van Beek said. "One thing I remember about him was his interest in Shakespeare and drama. On the way to and from road games he would sit in the back seat, reading and quoting Shakespeare. Lute was bright, articulate and probably the best 5-foot, 8-inch player I've ever played with or against."

Standing just 5 feet 8 inches, Jerstad was known for his strength, determination and left-handed set shot on the basketball court. He once opened his backpack on the summit of Mount Rainier and pulled out a watermelon to share with his companions.

"It shows what a strong guy he was," said alpinist Lou Whittaker, Jim Whittaker's identical twin brother. Lou Whittaker said he last saw Jerstad about a year ago at Camp Muir on the slopes of Mount Rainier.

Lou Whittaker, who stands well over 6 feet tall, said Jerstad could jump as high as he could. Known as the Little Lute, Jerstad relied on his quickness as a reserve basketball guard at PLU in the late 1950s.

The team was good enough to make it to the NAIA basketball tournament in 1956, 1957 and 1958, finishing third in 1957. Jerstad was named the team's most inspirational player in 1958. He also lettered in football, basketball and baseball at Peninsula High School.

Lou Whittaker said he wasn't surprised when Jerstad conquered Everest.

"Lute was expected to go high and did," Whittaker said.

Not bad for a guy who grew up on a Minnesota farm and didn't see his first mountain until his family moved to the Northwest when he was 13. Jerstad learned many of his climbing skills on Mount Rainier, where he worked as a guide during the 1950s. Jerstad also climbed Mount McKinley before setting out for glory.

Everest changed his life. Climbing the mountain was a big deal, even 10 years after Sir Edmund Hillary became the first man on top. The 1963 American expedition was the third that put climbers on the summit.

Upon their return, the American climbers were honored with a celebration at SeaTac Airport and a motorcade through downtown Seattle. Gig Harbor also put on a parade for its most famous son.

Everest was Jerstad's last high-profile climb — he said such expeditions were too dangerous. But the mountain gave him courage.

"It gave me the guts to go out and try something different on my own," he said in a 1983 interview. He eventually formed a guide service that led treks and rafting expeditions.

Jerstad had received a master's degree from Washington State University and taught at Franklin Pierce High School before he climbed Everest. After Everest, he earned a doctorate in drama at the University of Oregon and later was a professor there and at Lewis and Clark College.

After three years as a professor, Jerstad quit to guide rafting expeditions in Asia as head of his own business, Lute Jerstad Adventures. He also operated climbing schools on Mount Hood and Mount Rainier. He scouted tigers in Asia but still had time to take mental patients on river runs and cliff-climbing expeditions.

Jerstad maintained his love for the Himalayas until he died. In 1971, he wrote about his fascination with the region for *The News Tribune*.

"Whenever I set foot in the Himalayas, I am as a child opening the cover of a vast new book; pages of folklore, of mystery, of awesome beauty," Jerstad wrote. "I sense rather than see; visualize rather than look; communicate rather than talk."

There were other adventures. In 1975, Lute Jerstad Adventures declared bankruptcy. Jerstad later blamed problems on poor decisions by his business partners. He bounced back and made the business profitable again.

Jerstad was leading a nine-member trek when he died. At his request, his body was cremated on the banks of the Bagmati River [Nepal]. His ashes will be spread at a Nepalese monastery where the ashes of two of his friends have been placed.

Survivors include his wife, Susan; daughters Kari Jerstad of Portland and Jana Cox of McKinley, Calif.; a sister, Kay Morton of Portland; and three grandchildren.

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COURTESY OF PLU ARCHIVES

Lute Jerstad '58 stands on Mount Rainier in this early 1960s photo.

Sports Roundup

BY NICK DAWSON, SPORTS EDITOR, AND LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, SCENE ASSISTANT EDITOR

PLU jumps to NCAA Division III

Along with six other Northwest Conference* schools, PLU has moved from the NAIA to NCAA Division III, effective this season. The three remaining NWC schools are in varying stages of NAIA-to-NCAA III transition.

Membership in the NCAA is less expensive than in the NAIA, and the former pays a larger proportion of team expenses. Also tipping the scales in the NCAA's favor is greater perceived prestige in intercollegiate sports.

*On Aug. 1, 1998, the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges voted to shorten its name to the Northwest Conference. The NWC includes five Washington schools (PLU, Univ. of Puget Sound, Whitworth College, Whitman College and Seattle Univ.) and five Oregon schools (Lewis and Clark College, Pacific Univ.,

George Fox Univ., Linfield College and Willamette Univ.).

Lute football team heads to the playoffs; individuals honored

On Nov. 14, PLU clinched a spot in the NCAA Division III playoffs with a 26-6 win at the University of Puget Sound — the Lutes' 11th straight victory over the Loggers. The Lutes lost, however, in the first round of the playoffs. St. John's of Minnesota won the game, 33-20.

And in end-of-season voting by conference coaches, defensive end Brandon Woods '99 was named Co-Defensive Player of the Year, fullback Anthony Hicks '00 was named Offensive Player of the Year, and Frosty Westering was selected Coach of the Year.

PLU scores top-10 finish on Sears Directors' Cup list

PLU, which in 1996 won the first Sears Directors' Cup national sports trophy presented to an NAIA institution, finished in a three-way tie for eighth place in the 1998 cup standings.

Former Lute strikes silver at world championships

Sarah Jones '96 helped the US women's eight bring home a second-place finish from the World Cup Rowing Championships held in September 1998 in Cologne, Germany. Jones added this medal to her other high finishes in the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Munich, Germany, earlier in 1998. Jones began rowing in 1992 with the PLU men's crew.

New wrestling coaches named

The Lutes' new men on the mats are head coach John Aiken '98 and assistant coach Anders Blomgren. They replace Brian Peterson and Jay Jackson, respectively.

Aiken spent last season as one of PLU's top wrestlers, compiling a 38-10 record, ending his All-America career with a second-place finish at 150 at NAIA Nationals.

Blomgren served as assistant coach last season at his alma mater, Simon Fraser (Burnaby, BC). During his career there, the team finished fifth in nationals each year. Blomgren is a 1996 All-American at 134.

Men's hoopsters welcome new assistant coaches

Daniel Picha and Ronald Rasmus have joined the PLU men's basketball staff as assistant coaches. Bruce Haroldson, head coach, and Sean Kelly, assistant coach, round out the four-man crew.

Picha, a teacher at Puyallup High School and family farmer, was assistant coach at Northwestern University and DePaul University, where the team went to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Division I national tournament. Rasmus, a writer/editor for Lycos, Inc., was assistant coach at St. Olaf and Earlham colleges.

arts events calendar

JANUARY

- 9 SAT** Northwest High School Honor Band
3pm, Eastvold Auditorium
- 14 THU** Martin Luther King Jr. Gospel Jamboree
7:30pm

FEBRUARY

- 8 MON** Northwest Theological Symposium:
"Christ and the New Millennium: A Lutheran
View of the Apocalypse"
\$25 general, \$5 with PLU ID; call 535-7423
- 9 TUE** Choir of the West Homecoming Concert
8pm
- 11 THU** Student Soloist Concert with members of
the University Symphony Orchestra
8pm
- 17 WED** Regency Concert Series: Lyric Brass Quintet
8pm
- 19 THU** Music Scholarship Auditions
Call 535-7603
- 21 FRI**
- 23 TUE** Faculty Recital: Calvin Knapp, piano
8pm

MARCH

- 1 MON** 25th Annual Schnackenberg Lecture
7:30pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center
- 3 WED** Regency Concert Series: Members of the
Regency String Quartet
8pm
- 4 THU** Faculty Recital: Marta Kirk, violin
8pm
- 5 FRI** Organ Master Class: Robert Bates, clinician
1:30pm; \$20 general, \$15 students/seniors
- 5, 6** Conference on Faith, Science and Religion
PLU Columbia Center. Call 535-7130
- 6 SAT** The Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series:
Robert Bates
8pm; \$15 general, \$10 students/seniors; no passes
- 7 SUN** PLU Spring Open House
- 9 TUE** Ensembles from Choir of the West
8pm
- 10 WED** Women's History Month Banquet
6pm, University Center. Call 535-8759
- 12 FRI** University Jazz Ensemble and Park Avenue
Vocal Jazz
8pm
- 14 SUN** University Wind Ensemble:
The Color of the Winds
Francine Peterson, bassoon. 3pm
- 21 SUN** Faculty Recital: LeeAnne Campos, soprano
3pm
- 23 TUE** University Symphony Orchestra Masterpiece
Series Program III
David Dahl, organ. 8pm

Events are subject to change; please call ahead to confirm. For concert information, call the 24-hour concert line, 535-7621, or the PLU Music Office during regular business hours, 535-7602. (All area codes are 253 unless otherwise noted.) Ticket prices for music events (unless otherwise noted) are \$8 general, \$5 students/seniors, \$3 alumni, and free for 18 and under. Season passes are available. Music events, unless otherwise noted, are held in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

PLU On the Road

February 9
Spokane, Wash. – Gonzaga University
Northwest Theological Symposium: "Christ and the New Millennium: A Lutheran View of the Apocalypse"
Prices vary, call 509-747-6677

February 13
Portland, Ore. – Gethsemane Lutheran Church
Rev. Rick Rouse '69 will preach

UNIVERSITY ON THE ROAD

March 14
Richland, Wash. – Richland Lutheran Church

March 15
Spokane, Wash. – St. Mark's Lutheran Church

March 16
Wenatchee, Wash. – Grace Lutheran Church
For more information, call 535-7423

PLU CONNECTIONS EVENTS

January 21 **Stanford University (Palo Alto, Calif.)**

January 26 **San Diego, Calif.**

January 29 **Pasadena, Calif.**

March (TBA) **Cambridge or London, England**

April 10 **Skagit Valley, Wash.**
For more information, call 1-800-258-6758

CHOIR OF THE WEST TOUR

January 19
Eugene, Ore. – 7pm, Bethesda Lutheran Church

January 20
Ashland, Ore. – 7pm, Southern Oregon State College

January 21
Stanford, Calif. – 7:30pm, Memorial Church, Stanford University

January 22
Santa Barbara, Calif. – 8pm, Trinity Lutheran Church

January 24
Phoenix, Ariz. – 8pm, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

January 25
Tucson, Ariz. – 7:30pm, Our Savior Lutheran Church

January 26
San Diego/La Mesa, Calif. – 8pm, St. Luke Lutheran Church

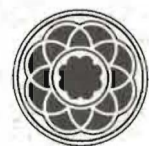
January 27
Palm Desert, Calif. – 7pm, Palm Desert Community Church

January 28
Irvine, Calif. – 7:30pm, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

January 29
Pasadena, Calif. – 8pm, Hill Ave Grace Lutheran Church

February 7
Lynnwood, Wash. – 3pm, Trinity Lutheran Church

NOTE: Not all events were scheduled at press time, so please continue to check out our website at www.plu.edu/1-events for updated event information!



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Rainy Day Poetry Reading

BY WENDY JOE LARIBIUS, '97

Rainy day poetry reading, listeners wedged inside the warmth like marshmallows while outside the rain percolates down the steaming coffee house windows while in a corner an empty microphone stands in a single beam of light piercing the amber darkness like a finger from on high, and the stool beside it beckons for the destined.

One by one, distracted disheveled people slouch up to the stool clutching worn notebooks and wrinkled papers to Their hearts, and They adjust Their sweaters then stammer apologies for Their brilliance before launching into flight as They discard the cocoon leaving frazzled hair and fraying clothes behind.

Their mouths give each word life and soul. Not a napkin flutters, not a stirrer stirs. The people sit like toasted beans, wrapped in trance by the proud figure at the microphone. With a demure smile, the poet shuffles down, finished and satisfied. The magic dissolves into Their coffee cups like frothed milk while the stage awaits another and the espresso maker screams.

CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Art Exhibits

SCANDINAVIAN CULTURAL CENTER

January 17-April 30
"The Magic of Music – A Nordic Celebration of Sound"
Opening reception, 1-4pm, Jan. 24

UNIVERSITY GALLERY

January 5-February 10
Nicholas Cann Exhibit
Opening reception, 5-7pm, Jan. 5
February 16-March 24
Annual Art Faculty Exhibit
Opening reception, 5-7pm, Feb. 16

The Scandinavian Cultural Center is located on the first floor of the University Center. Regular hours are Sun. 1-4pm and Tue., Wed. 11am-3pm. Admission is free. Call 535-7532.

The University Gallery is located in Ingram Hall. Regular hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm. Admission is free. Call 535-7573.

University Theatre

A Man For All Seasons

March 5, 6, 12, 13 at 8pm
March 14 at 2pm

University Theatre performances held in Eastvold Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 general, \$4 students/seniors and with PLU ID. No music season passes accepted. Call 535-7762.