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Caring AT THE CORE

Four young doctors
describe the moment
they found their
passion in medicine

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Students in professor Fern Zabriskie's J-Term financial accounting class use the game of Monopoly to learn the principles of accounting. Teams use each move of the game as an accounting transaction to generate a set of financial statements at the end of the period. Who is the winner? The one with the most cash? The most net assets? The highest income? Zabriskie said the answer is not always so clear.

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March 14 - April 11

Stone Soup Ceramic Exhibition
University Gallery, Ingram Hall

April 1, 4 p.m.

Northwest Horn Symposium 2012
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 3, 8 a.m.

Entry-Level Masters of Nursing session
Ramstad 202

April 3, 10, 17, 10:30 a.m.

Norm Hollingshead: Three Postwar
Operatic Greats
Garfield Book Company Community
Room

April 3, Noon

Ung Symfoni from Bergen, Norway
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 3, 2 p.m.

Bachelors of Nursing information session
Ramstad 202

April 4, 7:30 p.m.

Department of Religion's Ingram Lecture:
Daniel Kent
Scandinavian Cultural Center

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Lyric Brass Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Parkland Community Garden Meeting
Garfield Book Company Community Room

April 10, 6 p.m.

Master of Science in Finance information
session
Room 138, Morken Center

April 10, 6 p.m.

Terry Arndt: The Ten Secrets to
Financial Success
Room 201, University Center

April 12, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series:
Kevin Hagen, Director of Corporate Social
Responsibility at REI
Leraas Lecture Hall, Rieke Science Center

April 13, 2 p.m.

Psychology Colloquium Series
Nordquist Lecture Hall,
Xavier Hall

April 13, 8 p.m.

KammerMusikere
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series:
Ann Marie Rigler, Guest Organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Harp Ensemble Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 17, 6 p.m.

PLU MBA information session
Room 103, Morken Center

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Mystery Lovers Book Club of Tacoma
Garfield Book Company Board Room

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School Districts Fair
Locations across campus

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Visiting Writer Series: Melinda Moustakis
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April 18, 7 p.m.

Visiting Writer Series: Melinda Moustakis
University Center Regency Room

April 18, 7 p.m.

Mary Lowe: "Queer and Martin Luther"
Scandinavian Cultural Center

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Hebrew Idol
University Center

April 20 & 21, 7:30 p.m.

Dance 2012
Eastvold Stage, Karen Hille Phillips Center
for the Performing Arts

April 21 & 22, 9:30 a.m.

Norwegian Rosemaling Class
Scandinavian Cultural Center

April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Faculty Recital: Oksana Ezhokina, Piano
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 22, 1 p.m.

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here & now

Meade wins prestigious Beverly Sills Award

In 2008, Angela Meade '01 was in her third year of studies at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia when she signed a contract with New York's Metropolitan Opera production of Verdi's "Ernani." She had signed on to serve as a "cover," or understudy, for star soprano Sondra Radvanovsky, in the role of Elivra, the female lead.

It was only one day later when she got the call. "They told me Radvanovsky is sick," recalled Meade. "Do you want to sing tomorrow night?"

It was her Met debut. And since that magic moment, the Centralia, Wash., native has become a rising star in the world of opera.

This January, the Metropolitan Opera named Meade the recipient of the prestigious seventh annual Beverly Sills Artist Award. The annual award is given to a singer between the ages of 25 and 40 who has appeared in a featured solo role with the Met. The award includes a \$50,000 prize, the largest award of its kind in the United States.

Meade, who was chosen as PLU's

alumna of the year in 2011, said she had never been exposed to opera before she came to PLU. But once she sang her first aria, she knew she'd found her passion and her profession.

"I just love the feel of it," she said in an interview when she returned to PLU last year. "It's so powerful. It's the acting, the singing – it feels like you're singing from your soul."

James Bash '76 and Barbara Clements contributed to this report.

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Lute named Washington state poet laureate

Kathleen Flenniken '07, a graduate of PLU's master of fine arts program, has been named Washington state poet laureate for 2012-2014.



Trained as an engineer, Flenniken is president of Floating Bridge Press, a non-profit that teaches poetry and publishes Washington poets. "This is a dream job — speaking in support of the arts and humanities, and of poetry in particular, getting a chance to organize poetry events around the state, visit schools, reach kids and teachers and remote communities," she said.

She is the author of two books of poetry, "Famous," which was a finalist for the Washington state book award in 2006. This year she published "Plume," poems about the Hanford nuclear site, near her childhood home of Richland, Wash.

Flenniken lives in Seattle.

Full slate of lectures, symposia take place this spring

The campus was busy during spring term with several high-profile lectures and symposia taking place.

In February 20 and 21, the philosophy department hosted a symposium centered on issues related to food, including organic agriculture and food system sustainability. Numerous discussions took place at the two-day event, including a presentation by Assistant Professor of Chemistry Justin Lytle, and a keynote address by Paul B. Thompson, the W.K. Kellogg Chair in Agricultural, Food and Community Ethics at Michigan State University.

On March 8 and 9, the fifth annual Powell and Heller Holocaust Conference took place, focusing on the Nazi plunder of Jewish valuables, along with belated efforts at restitution. Peter Hayes, of Northwestern University, delivered the address "What Took so

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President Krise begins in June

A highly regarded university administrator, professor of English and retired Air Force officer has been named president of Pacific Lutheran University.

The Board of Regents met Feb. 29 to receive the unanimous recommendation of the presidential search committee and elected Thomas W. Krise the 13th president of PLU.

"His experience, his proven leadership ability and his understanding of the values and aspirations of the university make Thomas Krise a perfect fit with PLU," said Bruce Bjerke '72, chair of the Board of Regents.

"I know the campus community will quickly embrace President Krise as we work together to meet the challenges and the great opportunities of the decade ahead," Bjerke said.

Thomas Krise, 50, has been Dean of the College of the Pacific, the arts and sciences college of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California since 2008.

He earned a B.S. (1983) in history from the U.S. Air Force Academy, an M.S.A. (1986) in management from Central Michigan University, an M.A. (1989) in English from the University of Minnesota, and a Ph.D. (1995) in English from the University of Chicago. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society.

He is married to Patricia Love Krise, a Fortune-50 manager and executive currently with the Ford Motor Company. They live in Stockton, California.

"Patty and I are delighted and humbled to be tapped for this important journey," Krise said.

"We were both struck by the spirited sense of mission at PLU, as well as the strong sense of connection and vocation among the students, professional staff, faculty, regents, and alumni," he said. "The bonds to the Lutheran community as well as to the local and regional communities are a source of great strength."

Krise is a member of the Episcopal Church that is in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in

America (ELCA). Search committee members remarked that Krise demonstrated a keen understanding of the Lutheran tradition of higher education and PLU's mission and values within that tradition.

"Loren and MaryAnn Anderson leave behind a magnificent legacy and big shoes to fill," Krise said. "But, as my late father liked to say, 'All things are possible with a great team.' Pacific Lutheran University is clearly a great team and it's the chance of a lifetime to be chosen to guide the university into a vibrant future."

Prior to his appointment at Pacific, Krise was chair of the Department of English at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Before moving to UCF, he served 22 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served on the faculty of the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, as a senior military fellow of the Institute for



THOMAS W. KRISE

National Strategic Studies in Washington, D.C., and as vice director of the National Defense University Press.

Krise's academic interests focus on early Caribbean, early American, and 17th- and 18th-century British literature. He has served as General Editor of the McNair Papers monograph series and Managing Editor of *War, Literature, and the Arts: An International Journal of the Humanities*. He has published numerous articles and other works, including *Caribbeana: An Anthology of English Literature of the West Indies, 1657-1777* (University of Chicago Press).

Krise will arrive at PLU in June to assume the presidency. He succeeds Loren J. Anderson who will leave PLU in May, after 20 years at the university.

Look for more information about Thomas W. Krise, the 13th president of PLU, in the Fall 2012 issue of Scene, which will be released in August.

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The third annual Jolita Hylland Benson education lecture took place March 15, with Yong Zhao, associate dean for global education at the University of Oregon, delivering the lecture “Catching Up or Leading the Way: American Education in the Age of Globalization.” Zhao discussed how globalization and technology are dramatically altering the world we live in, and how the United States is responding to it.

And, of course, there was the Wang Center Symposium in February, with its emphasis on issues related to water. *For a more detailed story on this event, see page 8.*

Geoscientists return to Antarctica

For the second consecutive winter, a PLU geosciences student spent 40 days with his professor in one of the most inhospitable places on earth – the mountains of West Antarctica, some 1,000 miles away from McMurdo Station, the home of the U.S. Antarctic Program.

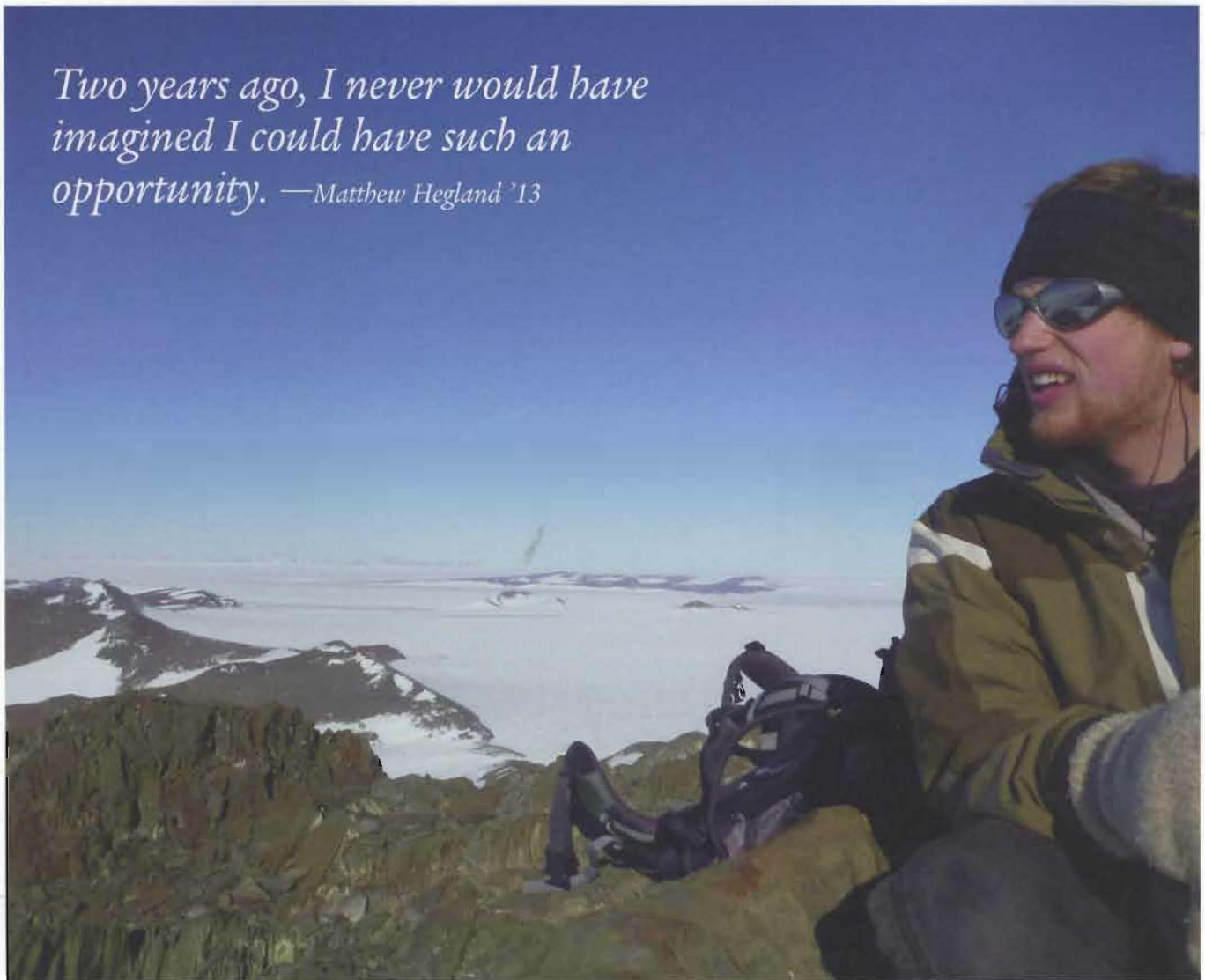
Good thing for Matthew Hegland '13 that his prof, Visiting Assistant Professor of Geosciences Claire Todd, is a lot of fun to hang out with. And the science is interesting, too.

Hegland is the only undergraduate student working on the six-member team whose project is to study deglacia-

tion – that is, how fast ice has been melting – during the last millennia. Funded by a \$125,000 National Science Foundation grant secured by Todd, the group is collecting and measuring the glacial deposits in the area, thereby tracking the thinning history of the Weddell Sea Sector of the West Antarctic ice sheet.

For 40 days in December and January, the six researchers lived out on the ice, in tents, hundreds of miles from the nearest living being. The group mapped and sampled glacial deposits in the area, thereby tracking the thinning history of the area. The goal for Todd and her team was to gain insight into ice sheet dynamics, and the history of sea level contribution from this

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sector of the ice sheet.

“My experience in Antarctica was both unbelievable and illuminating,” Hegland said. “Two years ago, I never would have imagined I could have such an opportunity.”

To read more about Todd's and Hegland's research in Antarctica, visit www.plu.edu/rockon.



Religion professor Antonios Finitzis receives the Carol Sheffels Quigg Award for Excellence for his work with the Hebrew Idol program.

Faculty and Staff honored at Christmas luncheon

PLU faculty and staff members were honored this past December at PLU's annual Christmas and holiday luncheon. Three members of the PLU staff were honored for their superior work and dedication: Kevin Berg (systems manager, Registrar's Office) Ericka Borell (bursar, Business Office), and Cathy Krebs (administrative assistant, Office of Admission).

In addition, six faculty members were honored as Faculty Excellence Awards recipients. The recipients were nominated and selected by their peers, signifying their high regard among those who know them well. This year's awards went to Maria Chavéz-Pringle (associate professor of political science), Ann Kelleher (professor of political science), Jo Dee Keller (associate professor of social work), Beth Kraig (professor of history), Erin McKenna (professor of philosophy) and Teru Toyokawa (associate professor of psychology).

Also at the luncheon, this year's Carol Sheffels Quigg Awards for Excellence and Innovation were announced. The award, established by PLU alumna and former regent, Carol Quigg '58, pro-

vides support for faculty, staff and students who have demonstrated unusually inventive, original and creative approaches to advance the mission of

the university. This year, three groups received Quigg awards: the Environmental Studies Program, Hebrew Idol and Career Connections. [5]

ACCOLADES

Lynn Hunnicutt, associate professor of economics and director of PLU's Center for Vocation, presented “Non-Lutheran ways to be a Lutheran School in the Pacific Northwest” at the Symposium on Legacy and Leadership held at Concordia, Texas, in October. The event was and sponsored by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America.



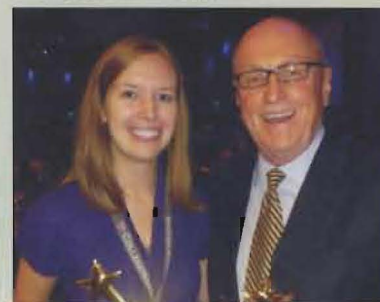
James Albrecht, associate professor of English and dean of humanities, published “Reconstructing Individualism: A Pragmatic Tradition from Emerson to Ellison” (Fordham University Press).

Michael Halvorson '85, associate professor of history, published “Baptismal Ritual and the Early Reformation in Braunschweig” in the Fall 2011 issue of “Archive for Reformation History.” The essay examines the role of baptism and other evangelical ceremonies in the insurgency phase of the Protestant Reformation.

Paul O. Ingram, professor emeritus of religion, has two contributions to the new “Encyclopedia of World Religions,” titled “Science and Religion: The Contemporary Scene” and “Science and Religion: History of the Relationship.” He also published two essays: “The History of Buddhist-Christian Dialogue” in a collection of essays of the same name, and “On Buddhist-Christian Dialogue in an Age of Pluralism and Science” in a collection of essays titled “Pedagogical Issues in Buddhist-

Christian Dialogue.” He has also published the book “Theological Reflections at the Boundaries” (Cascade Books).

Loren J. Anderson, PLU president, and **Amber Dehne Baillon**, associate director of Student Involvement and Leadership, were honored at the NASPA Region V awards ceremony in San Diego. Anderson received the President's Award, citing his support of PLU's student life division, the student experience outside of the classroom and student life programs and facilities. Baillon received the west region's Outstanding New Professional award.

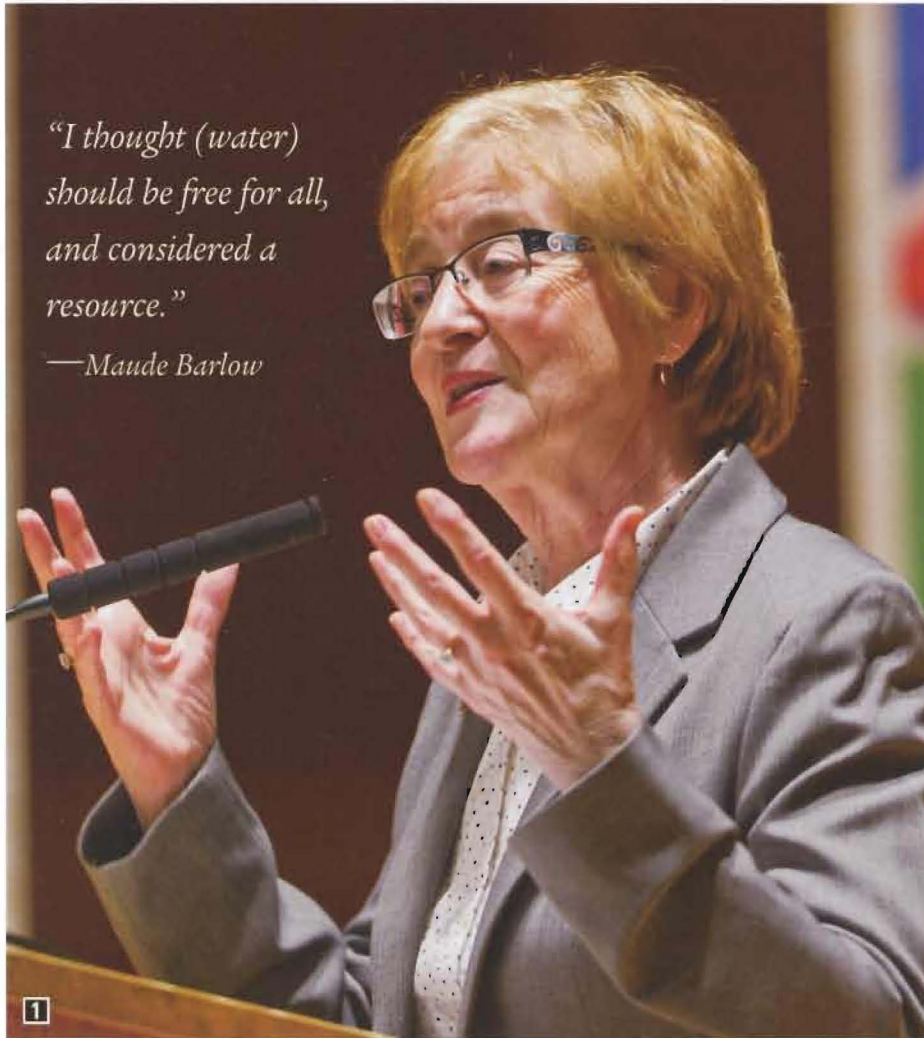


She was praised for her work in developing a student leadership institute, for being the driving force behind the Redefining Action social justice learning experience, and for being a leader in developing the First-Year Experience Program. NASPA is the leading association for the advancement, health and sustainability of the student affairs profession.

Correction: In the Winter 2011 issue of Scene, it was noted that Kaitlyn Sill, assistant professor of political science, was awarded Louisiana State University's 2010 Distinguished Dissertation Award for her dissertation titled, “Institutional Design and the Economy: Disentangling the Effects of Judicial Independence and Judicial Review on Economic Development.” In fact, Sill was nominated for the award, but did not receive the top prize.

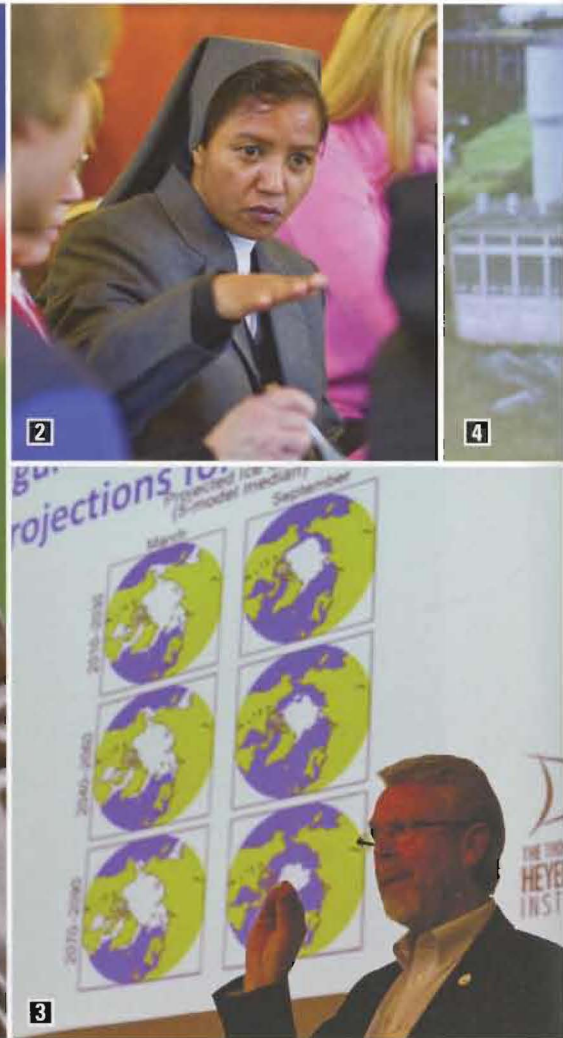
life of the mind

Trickle-down: Wang symposium addresses how water issues affect us all



"I thought (water) should be free for all, and considered a resource."

—Maude Barlow



Maude Barlow didn't start out interested in water. Nothing of the sort, she recalled recently from her home in Ottawa, Canada. In the mid-1980s, Barlow was working in the women's movement and focusing on laws that would eventually be known as NAFTA. While looking over various trade agreements at the time, Barlow noticed that water was listed as a tradable commodity. Odd, she thought.

And unfair.

"I thought (water) should be free for all, and considered a resource," she mused before she delivered the keynote address at the 2012 Wang Center

International Symposium, Our Thirsty Planet.

"I guess since I wasn't a lawyer or a scientist, I saw these issues with fresh eyes," said Barlow, who has a degree in English literature.

Since that epiphany, Barlow has become a leading voice on water conservation and the view that it is something that should be conserved and administered as a public – not private – resource. She has authored 16 books, including "The Politics of Water," "Blue Gold" and her most recent book, "Blue Covenant." Barlow is the recipient of 11 honorary doctorates as well as many

awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the "Alternative Nobel"). In 2009, she served as senior advisor on water to the president of the United Nations General Assembly, and was a leader in the campaign to have water access recognized as a human right. She is currently working on her next book in the series "Blue Futures," which will review solutions to the growing water crisis.

As for those who ask "what water crisis"? Barlow points to the fact that two billion people now live without access to clean, drinkable water. The World Health Organization estimates that, of



1. Author and activist Maude Barlow argues against privatization of water as part of the keynote address at the Wang Center International Symposium
2. Sister Helen Puwein speaks to the social role of women and water in India.
3. Willy Østrem, vice-president of the Norwegian Academy of Polar Research, addresses the impact of climate change in the Arctic Ocean.
4. Dean Butterworth, U.S. Park Ranger at Olympic National Park, discusses the removal of the Elwha River dams on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

all the sickness worldwide, about 80 percent can be traced to contaminated water. And the water crisis is not only affecting third-world countries, or areas such as China or India, she notes.

California has a 20-year supply of freshwater left; New Mexico has a 10-year supply; Arizona is simply out, and has to import most of its drinking water. In all, 40 states are struggling with some sort of water issue or reoccurring drought. The water in the Oglala Aquifer serves much of the west-central United States. It is being used eight times faster than it is being replenished, her book notes.

Barlow said that water issues even affect her first passion: social justice and the plight of women. During her research, Barlow discovered that access to clean water can't be separated from

human rights issues and, more specifically, the issue of women's rights. One issue, she said, can't be solved without addressing the other.

"If a woman has to walk for miles to clean water, or any water, it affects the health of her family and its general welfare," she said. "Her sons or daughters may not be able to go to school because she's out collecting water."

In "Blue Covenant" Marlow urges against the privatization of water resources, as in Africa and Latin America. If water sources aren't under some sort of public entity - then "it really doesn't matter if you have all the water in the world" the resource will go to the highest bidder, rather than be conserved for the public good, she stated. For the most part, Europe has kept much of its water resources in public

hands and so has the United States.

During the upcoming presidential election, those concerned with environmental issues need to press the candidates not only on climate change issues, but on water issues, she said. She also stressed that water should not be casually swapped across borders from one area that is water rich, such as Canada around the Great Lakes, to areas such as California - a proposal that has been considered in the past.

As for what a single individual can do? Stay involved, press your public officials on the situation, be water-wise in how much water it may take to grow a crop or produce a commodity you take for granted. And along that line, she added, don't drink bottled water. Ever. ⁵

-Barbara Clements

OUR THIRSTY PLANET

2012 WANG SYMPOSIUM

FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2012

The 2012 Wang Center International Symposium: Our Thirsty World, proved to be a terrific success, featuring many speakers and topics on the world's most precious resource: water. The event, which took place February 23-24, featured keynote addresses by Maude Barlow (see accompanying story), and Terje Tvedt, professor of geography at the University of Bergen.

Speakers came to PLU from as far away as Norway, Namibia and India, and included PLU alums such as Jeannette Dorner '94 and Karissa Bryant '03, as well as PLU Professor Emeritus of Religion Robert Stivers. Diverse and engaging topics included the Port of Tacoma and its impact in the South Sound Region, geopolitical issues in the Arctic region, and water and its social role among women in Shillong, India.

It was the fifth such symposium hosted by PLU's Wang Center for Global Education since 2003 - its reputation and reach continues to grow with each event.

"We wanted to be able to have broad conversations on global issues," said Neal Sobania, executive director of the Wang Center for Global Education. "That is what the symposia have always been about - to get students to engage with the experts in the field."

The overarching goal of PLU's biennial international symposia is to stimulate serious thinking about contemporary issues and to provide a forum for the campus community and the broader Puget Sound community to engage individuals of international, national and local stature - from scholars and authors to business people and hands-on practitioners.

To read more about the recent Wang Center Symposium visit www.plu.edu/ourthirstyplanet



ING DOWN THE STUDIO

BY CHRIS ALBERT

Professor examines the complexities of an unapproved art community in China

In a studio in the Blackridge Art Village of Beijing, world-renowned artist Zhong Biao speaks to his assistant about what he has planned for his next project. His work has been on display in exhibits throughout the world, but the place where he creates it may soon be destroyed.

Observing on the outside is Paul Manfredi, associate professor of Chinese, who has known Zhong since 2005. At first, Manfredi had a simple fascination with Zhong's art, particularly his paintings. That developed into a budding friendship and, later, Zhong's work became a focus of Manfredi's academic writing.

But here, Manfredi is doing something different – he is documenting Zhong, his work, and his community through a camera lens.

LEFT: "Overwhelming Bravery" by Zhong Biao (acrylic and charcoal on canvas, 280x200 cm).

BELOW: Artist Zhong Biao works on a canvas in his studio in the Blackridge Art Village. The studio, along with that of 400 others, is slated to be torn down by the Chinese government.

Manfredi has taken on the project of filming a documentary on the Blackridge Art Village, which is slated for destruction at the hands of the Chinese government.

Manfredi has been able to pursue the documentary through Kelmer Roe and Wang Center grants.

"The goal is to achieve or provide an accurate snapshot of what it means to be an artist in contemporary China," Manfredi said.

The story of the Blackridge Art Village is far from simple.

Would they benefit more financially from sub-leasing to officially sanctioned tenants? Or not? What about the community that is already there – what rights do they have? Does the fact that Blackridge is an established, functioning (albeit technically illegal) community matter? Does it matter that the

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artwork that is being created in Blackridge appears in galleries in districts in China and throughout the world?

The questions continue to pile up, even as Blackridge seems destined to be torn down within the year.

Manfredi has one more trip to China and one more question to answer: What's next?

"Do you tear it down and reconstruct exactly what was there, but with approval this time?" Manfredi said. "It's very open ended."

We will all know in the Spring of 2013, when he hopes to have the documentary finished. [S]



MEXICO

PAST AND PRESENT

Photos and story by
Theodore Charles '12

As is the case each January, a large portion of the student body was studying somewhere other than the PLU campus. According to the Wang Center for Global Education, 311 students participated in study-away programs in 21 different off-campus locations, like Martinique, Namibia, Greece, New Zealand – even Antarctica.

Senior anthropology major Theodore Charles traveled to Mexico with Bradford Andrews, assistant professor of anthropology, as part of the class “Culture and Prehistory of Central Mexico.” We asked Theodore to take some photographs and share his thoughts on what was his fifth study-away experience at PLU.

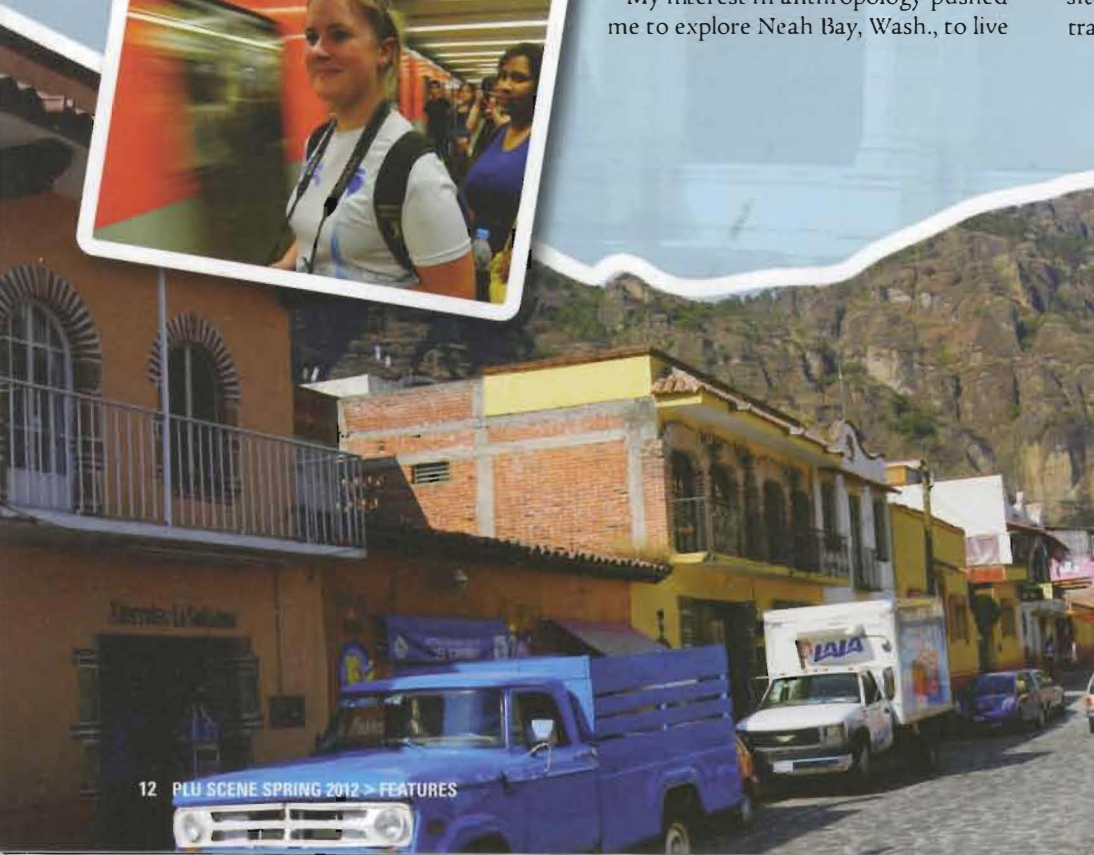
To read more from Theodore, as well as many other students who studied far away from the PLU campus this J-Term, visit <http://sojourner.plu.edu/2012/>

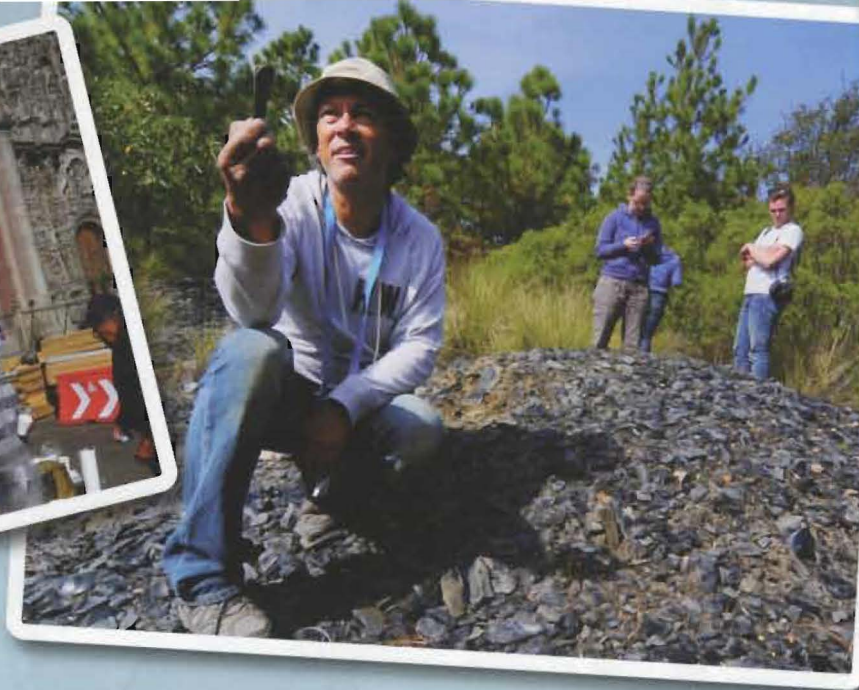
Mexico City. It was my fifth and final study away experience at PLU.

My interest in anthropology pushed me to explore Neah Bay, Wash., to live

with the Makah people during my first January Term. Then, I ventured to Greece and Uganda in separate programs, finally returning to Neah Bay my junior year. Each class was amazingly unique – priceless opportunities to interact with other cultures, curated by PLU faculty-mentors and indispensable local guides.

Bradford Andrews, assistant professor of anthropology, has been traveling to Mexico since the 1980s and is an expert on Mesoamerican archaeology. Joining him as we did, his experience provided opportunities to meet famous scholars and explore archaeological sites that are far out of the public eye. I traversed clinking mountains of vol-





canic glass and cobblestoned alleyways, both ringing with the sounds of the past intermingling with the present.

Our guide, Pedro, spent weeks searching for the best places to dine and visit. Our academic studies were paralleled by a culinary adventure, eating delicious tamales and tacos indigenous to the area. After a full day of clambering over ruins, we would relax with a massive glass of fresh squeezed orange juice and piles of tacos, mounded full of many cheeses, meats, and vegetables.

But archaeology is more than scholars and dig sites. The same could be said of any study-away experience.

It's people. It is culture.

It's the hustle of cars battling buses for space, careening around corners to the beat of strained motors.

It's the many intertwined odors floating on unfelt breezes, simultaneously summoning a weary traveler and prohibiting him from finding its sources.


It's the distinctive calls the vendors make: the shrill whistle of the tamale vendor, the wail of the propane dealer, the repetitive chant of the knife sharpener.

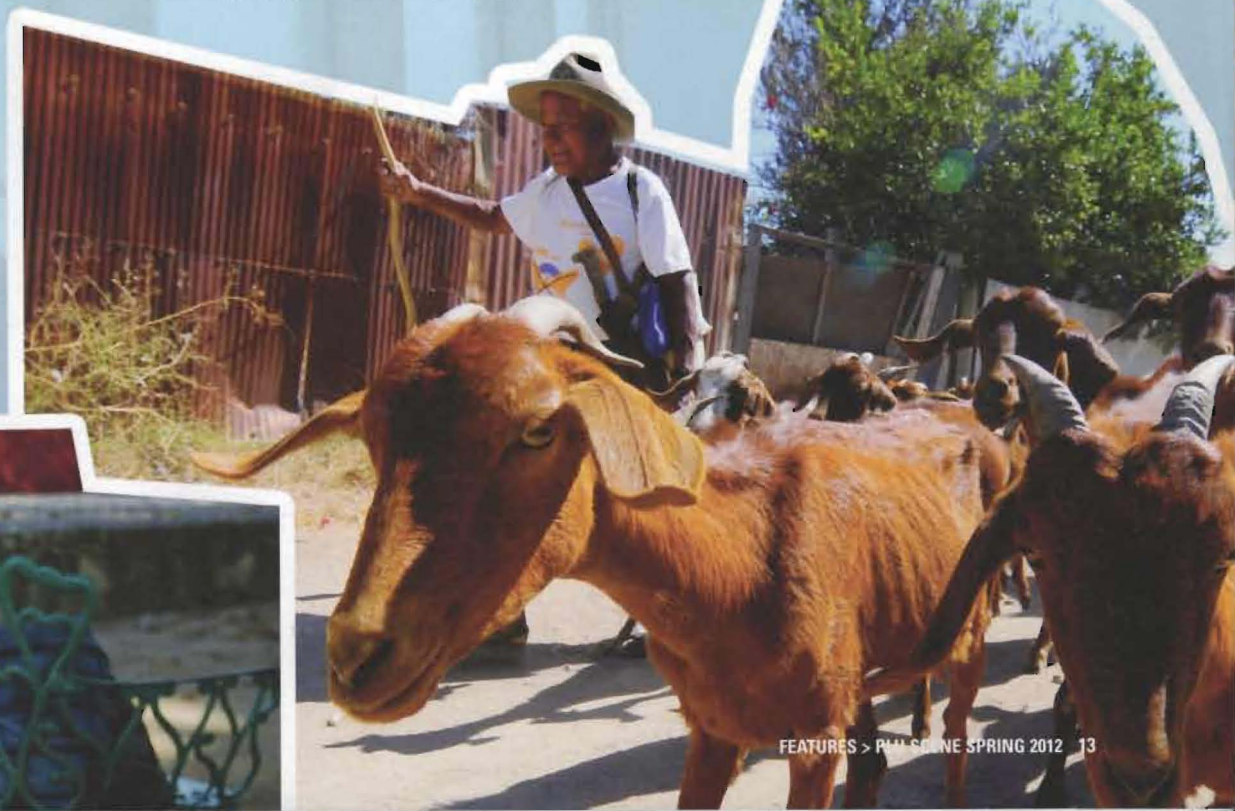
It's the traditional dancers in the Sunday market, whirling in the shadow of the national cathedral.

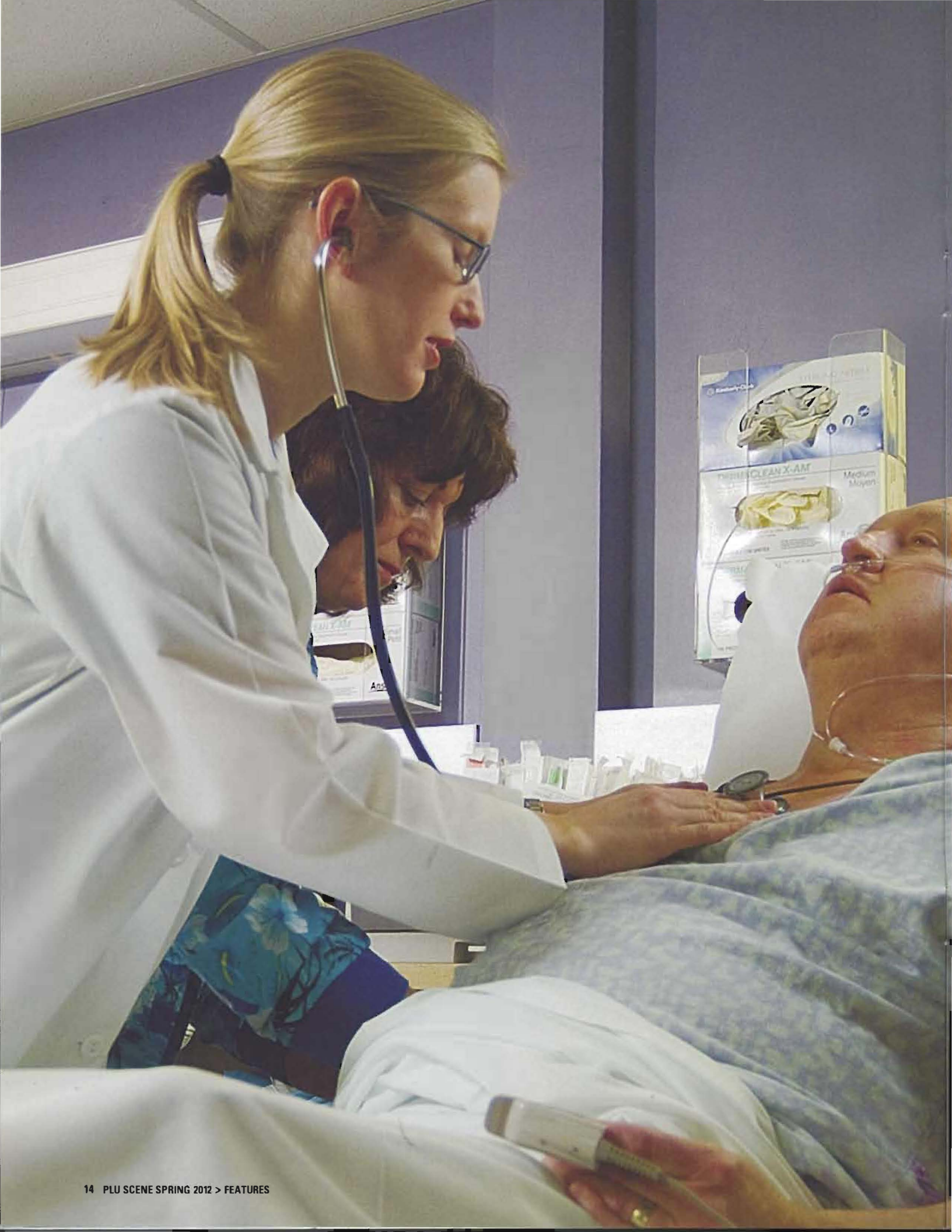
It's the lovers who embrace in silence, sitting in the square upon the stones of

destroyed temples and the bones of their rulers. Their life together is yet to unfold.

These are all things I saw during my time in Mexico City — much of it at once. To say the past is alive here is a fallacy; all points in time seem to be represented here, never dying or slipping into the cupboards that usually hold forgotten memories.

Mexico is both the most beautiful and interesting place I have ever visited. 





BY CHRIS ALBERT
AND BARBARA CLEMENTS

Caring AT THE CORE

At PLU, we talk a lot about finding one's passion. That has been at the core of the university – and those who have studied here – since its inception. With this in mind, we decided to ask a few alums from a single profession how they came to find their passion.

We asked four young physicians – those who graduated PLU in the '90s or later – to describe how they came to the profession they love, and the moment they knew that this was their calling.

An opportunity
to care about
people different
from ourselves

DR. JENNIFER AVILES '97
ER physician, Highline Medical
Center, Wash.

In an emergency department in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Jennifer (Tolzmann) Aviles '97, was caring for a heroin addict when a sense that she describes as a calling for compassion washed over her.

"I was caring for him and God changed my heart for this man," she said. "He took away my fears."

This was a man that in most circumstances a person would not trust, and maybe not even acknowledge.

Dr. Aviles was a young resident and it was *that* moment and *that* patient – the when, where and who – that made her decide emergency medicine was the path for her.

"In his vulnerability, I realized that medicine is an opportunity to care about people different from ourselves and it's an opportunity to show God's love," she said.

Now an emergency physician at Highline Medical Center in King County, she couldn't see herself following any other path.

"Emergency medicine is appealing to me because I treat patients of all ages with a broad spectrum of medical problems," she said.

"It is rewarding because it is an opportunity to provide compassionate care to patients in their time of crisis – whether they are having a heart attack or their 3-year-old jumped off the bed and cut their lip."

When asked for her advice to students considering a career in medicine, Aviles said, "Take advantage of opportunities to explore the field of medicine. Practicing medicine can be a challenging and rewarding vocation. For me, that calling is to provide compassionate care." –C.A.

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Caring for the whole patient

DR. NATHANIEL SCHILCHER '00

ER Physician, St. Joseph's Medical Center, Tacoma

To say Nathaniel Schilcher '00 was born to be a doctor is not much of an over statement.

"I got the bug early," he said. "It really started in the early single digits."

His mother, Carol (Martin '75) Schilcher was a nursing graduate from PLU, and his father was a hospital administrator. So talking about health care was common around the dinner table.

Schilcher also got the college bug early. He started PLU at 14 years old and graduated at 17.

While working in a clinic before and during PLU, he found himself drawn to the ER. Working with patients for the first time, he knew this was the path he was meant to be on.

He also knew that, as a 17-year-old college graduate, he had some time. His lack of life experience kept him from applying to medical school immediately.

"I didn't want to work in a lab. It didn't sound fun to me because I enjoyed caring for patients," he said. "I wanted to care for the whole patient."

So, he applied to law school, earning his J.D. before getting his M.D. The two degrees have allowed him to work not only clinically, but on an administrative level helping to shape patient care policies.

"It's been a great way to mix the two," Schilcher said.

The ER isn't for everyone.

"You have to enjoy the day-to-day practice of caring," he said. "You have to bring that Christian ethos to it that at times is challenging." —C.A.



"I work with talented, brilliant, and compassionate colleagues, and the women who fight this disease are truly inspirational."

A passion for research

DR. JENNIFER SPECHT '94 Oncologist, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance

It comes down to a series of small steps, fleeting encounters, or choices that may not seem significant at the time, but in the view of hindsight, they become key compass points that lead to one's calling.

That is the way that Dr. Jennifer Specht '94 sees it. Specht is an assistant professor in the Division of Medical Oncology at the University of Washington. She sees patients at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and has a joint appointment at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She's researching new treatments to

battle breast cancer, specifically "triple-negative" breast cancer that is an aggressive type more likely to metastasize and for which there are fewer treatment options.

For Specht, her journey started with her family's deep Lutheran roots in Kelso, Wash. She knew she was probably going to attend PLU and study science after attending the PLU Summer Scholars program. (She didn't know she'd also meet her husband there, Erik Brannfors '95.)

Once she arrived on campus, the biology major met now-retired biology professor Art Gee, who ignited her passion for research. Gee encouraged her to apply to medical school, which she did, graduating from the University of Washington in 1999.

"Gee was one person at PLU who made a big impact in my life," she said. And she's so glad she took the plunge into med school and into research. After

graduation, she worked as a research fellow at the

National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, M.D., and returned to the University of Washington and Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center where she completed her residency and fellowship training. Specht was recruited to the faculty in 2006. She absolutely knows she's found a right fit for her passion.

"I work with talented, brilliant, and compassionate colleagues, and the women who fight this disease are truly inspirational." —B.C.

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Late-night lesson leads to career studying chemotherapy


DR. GREG AUNE '97
Pediatric Oncologist, University of Texas at San Antonio

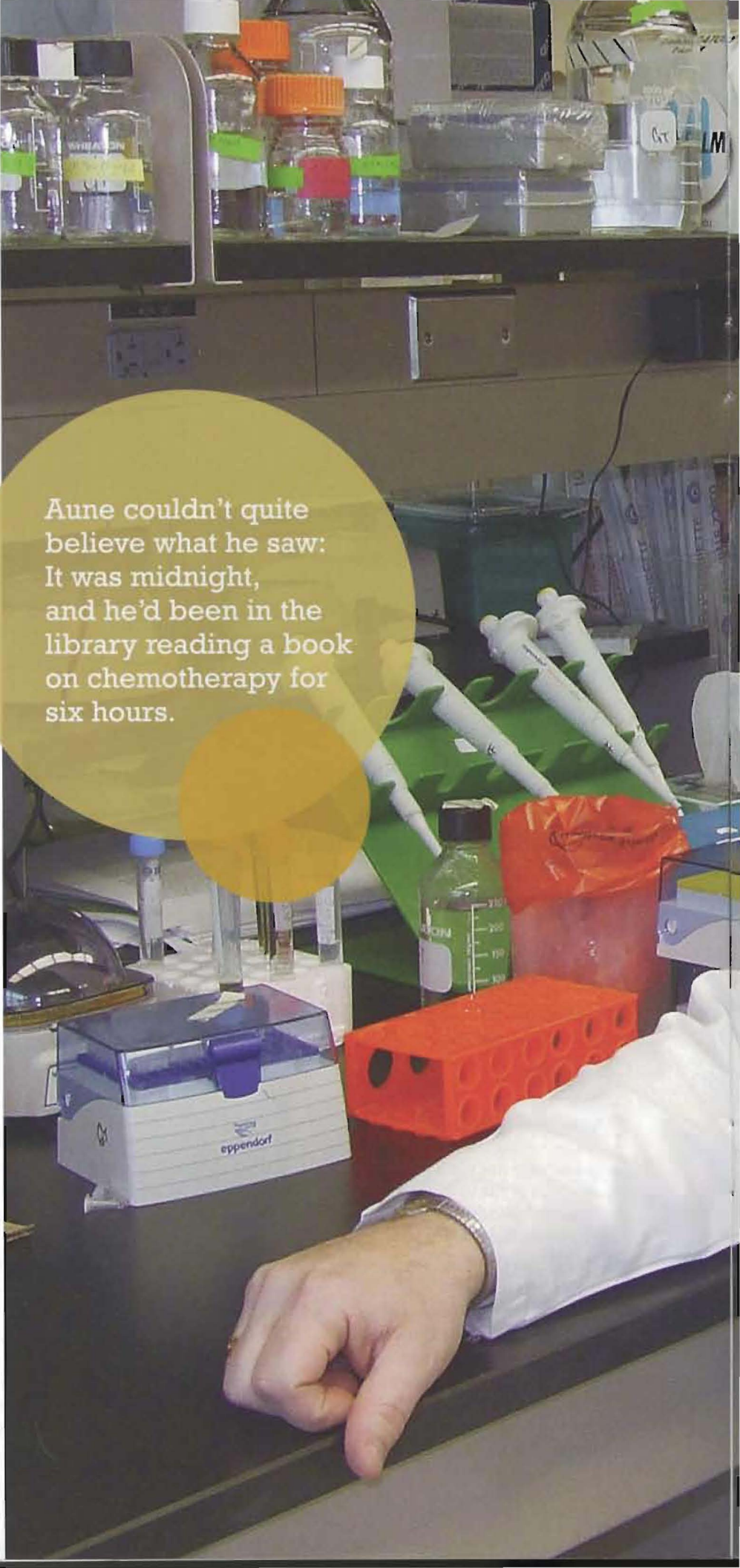
During his sophomore year, Greg Aune '97 was holed up in the library at the University of Washington. He was looking up sources for a research paper -- for PLU Chemistry Professor Craig Fryhle -- when he thought to check the time. He couldn't quite believe what he saw: It was midnight, and he'd been in the library reading a book on chemotherapy for six hours.

Aune, who went on to receive degrees in biology and chemistry, and then a masters and M.D. at the University of Texas at San Antonio, decided he'd found his passion: cancer research. He now runs a research laboratory and a clinic at the university, with a focus on how chemotherapy affects children later in their adult lives.

When he considers that he discovered his "true calling" in a library he chuckles. One would have thought he'd discovered his passion for cancer research and pediatric oncology much earlier. At age 16, Aune was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and went through a yearlong series of treatments. The treatments and recovery delayed Aune's graduation from Colfax (Wash.) High School by about a year. There was little question that Aune was going to attend PLU, since his father, sister and numerous cousins were Lutes already.

But still, he wanted to check out other colleges before making his choices. But when he visited campus, he knew PLU was for him. "All the professors had this open door policy," he remembers. "I realized later how rare that was."

And when he's in Tacoma, he often looks up Fryhle, and laughs about that long-ago assignment that changed his life. —B.C. 



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SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
UT HEALTH
SCIENCE CENTER
SAN ANTONIO

Many of the doctors and scientists who have graduated from PLU have one thing in common: The countless hours they spent in Rieke Science Center. To learn more about PLU's efforts to update this important facility, visit

www.plu.edu/rieke

giving back

Campaign surpasses \$120 million with two months to go

With two months remaining, PLU's "Engage the World: The Campaign for PLU," has already proven to be among the most successful in the history of the university, providing essential and far-reaching support of teaching and learning at PLU.

All told, gifts continue support for academic excellence, ensuring access for students through scholarships, and the continuing enhancement of campus facilities. Gifts to the campaign have made possible:

- Three new endowed faculty chairs in Holocaust Studies, Lutheran Studies and Elementary Education, and a professorship in Norwegian & Scandinavian Studies,
- Several capital improvements for the "schoolhouse," including the new Martin J. Neeb Center, and the renovation of Rieke Science Center, Olson Auditorium and the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts,
- Increased financial aid for students: an additional \$13 million in endowed scholarships, providing \$650,000 per year in perpetuity, plus another \$13 million for Q Club Scholarships.

So far, more than 20,000 PLU supporters have made gifts totaling \$120 million - more than \$20 million beyond the goal. But, in the final two months, we are hoping to build on this success, with the idea of making the final year of the campaign the best year yet.


Many are choosing to do so in honor of Loren and MaryAnn Anderson and their 20 years of service to the university. Under their leadership, PLU has become a globally focused university, sending students and faculty around the world to study, research and work on global issues.

The Andersons have established two endowments at PLU: the Loren and MaryAnn Anderson Wang Center



The Black Box Theater, part of phase one of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Student-Faculty Research Fund, and the Loren and MaryAnn Anderson Global Scholarship Endowment, which helps qualified and needy students with international travel costs.

Even as this campaign winds down, there are other important projects that are still needing support, including PLU Annual Fund, the Rieke Science Center, the baseball field challenge, and the all-weather athletic fields. 

If you wish to honor the Anderson's legacy with a gift to one of these two endowments, or if you wish to make a gift to PLU's Annual Fund or contribute to a capital project, you may do so by visiting www.plu.edu/honoring-andersons, or by calling 800-826-0035.

Regents approve major initiatives at January meeting

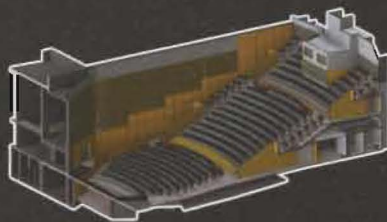
The PLU Board of Regents held its winter meeting at the end of January with an unusually large number of major initiatives on the docket for consideration, adoption and approval.

The board authorized the administration to proceed with construction of the second phase of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

Completed earlier this year, the first phase included repair and restoration of the roof, brickwork and Rose Window and the construction of a new studio theater and set construction shop.

Work will begin this summer on the complete restoration of Eastvold Auditorium and the Ness Family Chapel (formerly Tower Chapel).

Chapel renovation is funded through a generous \$2 million gift from Kaare and Sigrunn Ness, in honor of their children Arne Ness '69 and Cindy (Ness) Mannes, grandson Shane Ness '99, and others. It will include a new entrance to the chapel and an elevator to all floors. Regents adopted the third in a series of long-range plans for the



Among the many items approved by the PLU Board of Regents was the authorization to proceed with construction of the second phase of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

university. "PLU 2020: Affirming Our Commitments, Shaping Our Future" was developed over three years by hundreds of contributors. It contains four key themes:


- Affirmation of mission and identity.
- Confidence that the university is well-positioned to meet coming challenges and opportunities.
- A commitment to remain a community with a shared calling to teaching and learning.
- A relentless aspiration to excellence.

The first new academic program at the university in nine years was approved by the board. The master of science in finance degree is an industry-focused, cross-disciplinary program that prepares graduates to excel in financial careers.

The existing endowed professorship in Lutheran studies became a fully endowed chair with board approval following the receipt of an anonymous gift of \$1 million. Professor of Religion Samuel Torvend '73 will continue to hold the position.

The board ratified the appointment of Claudia Berguson as the university's first Svare-Toven Professor in Norwegian and Scandinavian Studies. She is associate professor of Norwegian and Scandinavian studies in the Department of Languages and Literatures.

In other action the board authorized continued discussion regarding the construction of a senior/intergenerational housing project on campus, set tuition for the coming year, and approved faculty tenure, promotion and sabbatical leaves.

The next meeting of the board, May 4 to 5, is President Loren J. Anderson's last. 

—Greg Brevis





attaway lutes

With Lute standout undergoing cancer treatment, teammates step up

Baseball America magazine named PLU right-handed pitcher Max Beatty '13 as its top 2012 professional draft prospect currently playing NCAA Division III baseball.

What "Baseball America" didn't know at the time, however, is that Beatty was diagnosed with testicular cancer and will miss the 2012 season.

In December, Beatty heard from his doctor the shocking news that he had cancer. Following a surgical procedure,

Beatty was hopeful of returning to his team this spring with the goal of helping the Lutes battle for the Northwest Conference baseball title.

That won't happen, however, because doctors found cancer tracers in post-surgery blood work. Beatty now faces a different battle. He started chemotherapy treatments in February and as a result is not in school this semester so that he can focus on his treatments.

"He told me that he'd just been hit

with a bombshell," remembers Brock Gates '12, a teammate who also shares a house with Beatty, "and the worst thing I thought was that he was ineligible. It turned out so much worse than that." Gates remembers that when Beatty told him that he had testicular cancer, "I thought he was pulling my leg. I said, 'Dude, don't joke with me like that,' because he's such a jokester."

But Beatty wasn't joking, and now the Lutes will be without one of the top



Members of the baseball team all shaved their heads in tribute to Beatty – all except Nathan Eisenhauer '12, who kept his frizzy hair because Beatty likes it.

right-handed pitching prospects in all of Division III baseball.

Instead, Beatty has been facing five cycles of chemotherapy treatments (five days on, two weeks off and repeat) during the past several months. The end goal is that Beatty becomes cancer free and regains both the health and pitching form that made him the top Division III draft prospect this year.

"The (Beatty) family has tried to stay positive and we've tried to stay positive," PLU head coach Geoff Loomis said regarding Beatty's treatment and recovery. "The baseball piece is secondary right now to Max regaining his health."

"Baseball America" had good reason to list the sturdy junior at the top of its potential draft list, noting his 6-foot 2-

inch, 210-pound body, and a four-pitch arsenal.

His statistics solidify his stature as a potential future professional pitcher. Beatty had a solid 2011 campaign for the Lutes, compiling a 5-4 record and a 3.75 earned run average to earn honorable mention All-Northwest Conference honors.

He carried that momentum into summer baseball with the Corvallis (Ore.) Knights of the West Coast Baseball League, helping the Knights win the league title while earning second team All-West Coast League and West Division all-star status. He finished with a 6-2 record and a 2.70 earned run average in 12 regular-season and play-

off appearances for the Knights. He led the Knights with 63-1/3 innings pitched and 53 strikeouts and tied for the team lead in wins.

Now, the task of facing collegiate hitters takes a back seat to a more serious challenge for Beatty.

Amazingly, Beatty is the third PLU player in the 10-year tenure of head coach Geoff Loomis to face a serious illness. The other two are Nolan Soete '06 and Eric Stanczyk '06, '07.

Soete, now 30, was diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia, a rare blood disorder, in the fall of 2002. His treatment included a five-day blast of chemotherapy to destroy his immune system, which led up to a successful bone marrow transplant from his sister, Jacinda, who turned out to be a perfect match.

Soete took a year off from school and baseball before playing his final two seasons and earning his degree from the university. Nolan came back "probably too early," he said, and hit only .200 as a junior, before hitting .300 during his senior season. Even then, Soete feels like it took him about five years before he felt physically as strong as

he had before the illness.

"I've been through a lot of the experiences that he's going to go through," Soete said of Beatty, "and I'm sure we'll talk more about it."

He added, "I have no doubt that Max is going to get through it."

Stanczyk, 28, who came to PLU the same year that Soete was diagnosed, was

found to have testicular cancer later that year. He had the testicle removed and went through radiation treatments to wipe out any remaining cancer cells.

It took Stanczyk about 18 months, he said, to get his hormone levels back to a level where he felt the energy he had prior to his diagnosis. He did not miss any school and continued to



PLU pitcher and "Baseball America" standout Max Beatty '13 in action during the 2011 season. Beatty has withdrawn from PLU this semester to focus on his battle with cancer.

play during his recovery, even earning honorable mention all-conference and academic all-district honors as a senior. He received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from PLU.

Still, as the Lutes prepare for the 2012 season, they do so without their best pitcher, and one of their best friends.

"We're a family, and he's one of our family members," Gates said, adding that the team will support him "whatever it takes."

As a way of showing that support, all of the team members except one shaved their heads prior to the start of the season. The one who didn't, senior pitcher Nathan Eisenhauer '12, kept his frizzy hair for a reason. It seems that Beatty is a fan of Eisenhauer's mop of hair, and he couldn't think of a better way to honor Beatty than to keep his hair.

"We lost our biggest dominating force," Gates said. "We're going to have to find a way to adapt. It's not one person that is going to have to fill Max's shoes. We're going to have to do it as a team, find a way as a team to be competitive." [S]

—Nick Dawson

alumni news & events

LUTE UNIVERSITY
AT THE
OREGON
SHAKESPEARE
FESTIVAL



Jeffrey King and David Kelly in The Oregon Shakespeare Festival's 2011 production of "The Imaginary Invalid." Photo by Jenny Graham.


Lute U returns to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, July 6-9

We cordially invite alumni, parents and friends to attend Lute University 2012. The biennial trip to the nationally renowned Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., is July 6-9. Nestled in a beautiful mountain valley in southern Oregon, the festival has been a rich and rewarding experience for past participants.

The group will leave Friday morning, July 6, on a deluxe coach bus. Our overnight accommodations will be at the Plaza Inn and Suites at Ashland Creek. The hotel, located in the heart of the beautiful downtown, offers many amenities. Included in the trip, there will also be a special group meal on Friday night when we arrive, and private lectures by members of the company. Other meals will be on your own, and there is no shortage of wonderful restaurants within walking distance of the hotel and the theaters.

Participants will enjoy four magical plays during their stay. All Lute U attendees will have the opportunity see "Romeo and Juliet," "Troilus and Cressida" and "As You Like It." In addition, attendees will choose either "Animal Crackers" (musical) or "The Very Merry Wives of Windsor, Iowa." There are also limited tickets available for a Friday night performance of "Henry V."

The cost of this trip is \$925 per person for double occupancy, and \$1,225 for single occupancy. This includes transportation to and from PLU, three nights lodging, four theater performances as well as a special dinner event with the whole group.

Participants will return to PLU on Monday, July 9. Space is limited, so make reservations by June 1 by mailing the reservation form or visiting www.plualumni.org. 

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Prices per person:

- Double occupancy \$925
 Single occupancy \$1,225

Price per person \$ _____
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Optional tickets (indicate preference and number attending):

- _____ Friday evening performance of "Henry V" (\$68): \$ _____

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Please list the names of registrants:

- I am traveling alone, but would like to share a room.
(Please register as single occupancy and if a single roommate becomes available, we will contact you.)
 Please contact me/us regarding the possibility of meeting the group in Ashland.
 Please contact me/us regarding a payment plan.

Please mail completed registration form and payment no later than June 1. If you are considering the trip, please let us know that with a call or an e-mail to alumni@plu.edu.

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A more detailed itinerary will be sent to those who register. Tickets for the performances will not be mailed in advance. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations at 253-535-7415, 800-ALUM-PLU or alumni@plu.edu

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Let's Play Ball!

That's right, baseball season is upon us and we are getting ready for one of our favorite summer events, PLU Night at the Rainiers. Last year, more than 800 Lutes enjoyed an evening at the ballpark. In preparation for an even bigger crowd, the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations has purchased even more tickets, with the plan of taking over Cheney Stadium. This event is a great way to end your summer with a bang while enjoying the company of other Lutes.

PLU Night at the Rainiers will take place on August 24, 2012. For only \$10 a person, participants will enjoy admission to the game, a hotdog, soda, chips and viewing of fireworks after the game. The Tacoma Rainiers will be taking on the Las Vegas 51s.

There will be a PLU hospitality tent with lots of Lute mementos, PLU information and friendly smiles for all attendees. The entire evening's program will represent PLU and the best the university has to offer. Everything from the national anthem, to the first pitch, to the on-field games between innings will feature Lute participants and programs.

Twelve hundred tickets are available. Ticket sales will begin April 1, 2012. Register early to ensure you can attend this fun-filled summer tradition. Tickets can be purchased from the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations for \$10 through www.plualumni.org or by calling 253-535-7415.



PLU NIGHT
AT THE TACOMA
RAINIERS
AUG. 24, 2012



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PLU's Alumni Print Directory

There are many perks available to you through the free PLU Alumni Online Directory, such as connecting with old friends, accessing career services, and creating a permanent PLU forwarding e-mail address. Registration is easy, just visit www.plu-alumni.org and click "Join" on the right side of the page. After four easy steps you can reconnect with old friends as well as network professionally.

Our Alumni network is stronger when we have the most up-to-date information. That is why PLU has contracted with Harris Connect to update contact information for our alumni. Harris Connect specializes in alumni and membership publications, and the data specifications involved with this type of project.

The information you provide through this process will help produce a beautiful hardcover publication. This useful print directory is just another way the Alumni and Constituent Relations Office is working to keep you connected with fellow Lutes. Thank you in advance for your participation. [S]



This spring you will be sent a postcard like this one asking you to call-in to verify and update your contact and career information.

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

2012-2013 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following candidates are nominated for the 2012-2013 Alumni Board of Directors. Please vote for two candidates – two response boxes are provided if two alumni live in the same household.

Detach this form and mail before August 1, 2012, to the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations, Nesvig Alumni Center, Pacific Lutheran University, 12180 Park Avenue S., Tacoma, WA 98447. You can also cast your ballot online at www.plualumni.org.

Jessica Holden '07

Kelly Ryan '11

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE(S)

BALLOT

Pencil Us In

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 18-20Choir of the West Spring Tour, Wash. and Ore.
- April 20-21Dance Ensemble
- April 22PLU Sunday
- April 27-28Relay for Life
- May 4Celebrating 20 Years Together, PLU campus
- May 5Celebrating 20 Years Together, Greater Tacoma Convention Center
- May 6Parents Council Meeting, PLU campus
- May 6-7Alumni Board & Parents Council Meeting, PLU campus
- May 27Spring Commencement, Tacoma Dome
- June 13Berry Festival
- July 6-9Lute U: Oregon Shakespeare Festival
- July 11Berry Festival
- July 12, 19, 26Jazz Under the Stars, MBR Amphitheater
- August 8Berry Festival
- August 2, 9, 16Jazz Under the Stars, MBR Amphitheater
- August 24PLU Night at the Rainiers, Tacoma
- September 4Opening Convocation
- September 28-30Homecoming 2012

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



alumni profiles

Zee rises in global law firm while retaining close PLU ties

GLOBAL LAW

Attorney Winston K.T. Zee '76 says he has learned one truth in decades of practicing law on the international level from his office in Hong Kong. "No one and no nation is an island," he said. "Countries and economies are complexly intertwined and we are truly all in it together."

Now serving on the top executive committee of the global law firm Baker & McKenzie, the lawyer said "it's the law that bridges complexities and brings order to our differences. Without it, there'd be chaos. We need it if we're to make any progress."

Zee has come a long way from his days on the PLU campus when, as a young, wide-eyed kid from Hong Kong, he was exposed to new ways of thinking while developing many of the values he's used successfully in his professional life. He thrived in the smallness of the university and valued its liberal arts tradition and the close attention he received from passionate faculty.

It was a coincidence that found Zee studying in Tacoma. His parents had wished their son to have the advantages of an overseas education, but worried what may come of him "without close supervision," he joked. As it happened, PLU physics professor K.T. Tang visited Hong Kong (Zee was a student at the high school where Tang had once studied) and made an impression on Zee and his parents.

"They thought that if I studied physics in Tacoma, Professor Tang

could keep an eye on me," Zee said.

The retired physics professor remembers him well. "He was an excellent student in my physics classes," Tang recalled. "One day he asked me what he should do in the interim. I suggested that he should join the study tour to Africa. There he saw an elaborate funeral proceeding. This made him think

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about the deeper meaning of life. After he came back, he decided to study philosophy and religion."

Drawn toward philosophy and religion, Zee fondly remembers another professor George Arbaugh. "His basic philosophy class opened my eyes to ideas I'd never considered," Zee said.

Zee remained at PLU after his BA studies to earn an MBA. "For me, it was not just the perfect way to understand complexities of business and problem solving, it improved my English."

At the time, Watergate and the opening up of China inspired Zee to go to law school. He was accepted at Georgetown, earning a J.D. and second master's degree (taxation). At Baker & McKenzie, he progressed through the

ranks on matters involving China and developed expertise in taxation and foreign investment issues, often handling major cases involving billions of dollars, including energy and intellectual property cases. Zee later served as co-head of the firm's China practice. It was last year that he was elected by the partners to the executive committee and now

travels to meetings throughout the firm's 70 offices across the globe.

Zee's life partner, Peggy Chan, PLU '77, runs the publicly listed business she founded in Hong Kong, Excel Technology International Holdings Limited, where she is chairman and CEO. It was after the two left PLU to go to

Washington, D.C. (Peggy to attend George Washington University while Zee studied at Georgetown), they decided to marry.

The couple travelled back to Tacoma in 1982 to tie the knot.

"Getting married at the University Chapel seemed perfect for us," Zee said. "It felt right."

David Zee, the couple's son, is attending graduate school at the University of California at Berkeley. The Zee connection to PLU remains strong through Zee's nephews Timothy and Jeremy Zee, now PLU undergrads.

"PLU is very important to us," Zee said, who has hosted events in Hong Kong for PLU alums and visiting Lute faculty and officials. "We feel a part of the PLU family." □

—Dwight Daniels '79

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: 1959, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1980, 1991, and 1995

1929

Irene (Oiseth) Corbett died Nov. 24. Irene was a longtime teacher in Coram, Mont., until she retired in 1973. She was active in Canyon Community Church, serving as treasurer for 25 years, Ladies Aid member and church pianist. Irene was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, an Avon lady and was the first lifetime honorary member of the Teakettle Quilters Guild of Columbia Falls, Mont.

1931-1935

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1936

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

1937-1939

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1940

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

1941-1944

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1941

James Mark Slover died Sept. 17. After attending PLU, Mark enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the 298th Infantry Division in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war he returned to Washington where he married **Lorena (Poland '40)** in 1946. Mark taught in the Seattle Public Schools until his retirement in 1972. Mark was active in the senior chapter of the Kiwanis Club of Juan de Fuca and served as the organization's president. Mark was also a member of the Sons of Norway, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Angeles, Wash. Mark was preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, **Lorena**. He is survived by his two daughters, Sandra and Ruth, and his two granddaughters.

1945

Class Representative – **Annabelle Birkestol**

1946

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1947

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1948

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

1949

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1950

Class Representative – **Dick Weathermon**

Ruth (Arnesen) Hammer of Shoreline, Wash., died Nov. 28. After PLU, Ruth worked for a number of years as a microbiology laboratory technician at Children's Hospital and the U.S. Public Health Hospital before retiring to devote herself to her family, her church and other charitable endeavors. Ruth is survived by her loving husband of 55 years, **Agnar Hammer**; sons **Anders Olin '81** and **Karl '84**; and five grandchildren, including Lutes **Kristina Hammer '12** and **Brittany Hammer '16**.

Eugene Anderson died Jan. 9. After PLU, Eugene served in the U.S. Navy until 1949. Gene then worked in lumber sales for Cheney Studs, LP, Brazier, Burns and Pac-West Lumber companies.

1951-1952

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

1951

Howard Anderson died Sept. 4. After high school, Howard was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the South Pacific. After returning home to earn his teaching degree from PLU, he taught in the Tacoma School District for 18 years in the woodshop and mechanical drawing department, and for six years teaching math at Gray Jr. High. Howard and his wife shared a great love and a life that was characterized by respect, peace, laughter and devotion to family and God. Howard was preceded in death by his wife, **Nancy (Lutter '60)**. He is survived by his three children, Denise, Debbie and **Darren Anderson '96**, and four grandchildren.

1953

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

1954

Golden Club Class Representative Committee

James Gibson died Sept. 15. After serving as a proud U.S. Marine, Jim graduated from PLU. Jim had a 37-year career at Tacoma Public Schools as a teacher and high school counselor. He is a past president of the Washington School Counselor Association. After retirement, Jim spent his time volunteering at Tacoma Little Theater, Senior Meal Site and Fish Food Bank. Jim had a passion for art, music and singing. He sang in many choirs including the Clef Dwellers, the Elks Gleeman and various church choirs. He also founded and coordinated the Listen Live at Lunch summer concerts at First Lutheran Church in Tacoma,

where he was an active member. James is survived by his wife of 49 years, Beverly; children Julie, Kyle and Andrea; and four grandchildren.

Ramon Barnes has received many honors since leaving PLU. In 1956, Ramon started the wrestling program at Puyallup High School. He later became the athletic director at Puyallup High School in 1970. In 1986, he was inducted into the State of Washington Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame and, in 1991, he was inducted into the State of Washington Athletic Director's Hall of Fame. In 2010, he was inducted into the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame and, in 2011, he was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (located at Oklahoma State University). Ramon also served on the board of trustees for Pierce College from 1977-2000.

1955

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

Carol (Brace) Neuleid-Stout, after retiring as a librarian for Steilacoom High School, co-authored with Nancy Covert, "Steilacoom School District #1: Pierce County's First School District." The book is being printed by Carol's husband, Orville Stout, of Media Production Associates in Tacoma.

1956

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

1957

Class Representative – **Ed Larson**

Bill Foege wrote the book, "House on Fire: The Fight to Eradicate Smallpox," published by the University of California Press in May 2011.

Pat (Gahring) Curry and husband, Dick, are wintering in Mesa, Ariz. They are sun lovers.

1958

Class Representative – **Don Cornell**

1959

Class Representative – Vacant

1960

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

Barbara (Isaacson) Olson and husband Chuck retired and moved from Santa Cruz, Calif., to the Lake Country of rural Minnesota. The couple is celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary all year. In June, they held an open house in Minnesota. Lutes in attendance were: son, **Sven '92** and **MaryAnn (Harkness '92)** of Tacoma; **Dave '61** and Linda Gaenicke of Port Townsend, Wash.; sister **Karleen (Isaacson '61)** of Burien, Wash.;

and **Lanie (Hoeger '61) Suess** of Grass Valley, Calif. At the wedding held in Roseville, Calif., in 1961, Karleen was maid of honor, David was the soloist and **Don Schultze '61** (unable to attend) of Penryn, Calif., was best man.

Ming Yee (Wang) Chen retired after 30 years of teaching; five years in Washington and 25 years in Maryland. More than 300 people celebrated her retirement. Ming Yee received a "Governors Citation," plus many other awards throughout her career.

1961

Class Representative – **Ron Lerch**

1962

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

Ralph Carskadden died Sept. 13. After PLU, Ralph was confirmed in the Episcopal Church, becoming a postulant in the Diocese of Olympia. He later entered Berkeley Divinity School, earning a Masters in sacred theology in 1965. This started a long career in the Episcopal Church in different positions such as deacon, priest, canon liturgist and rector. In 1986, he began his fine arts degree at the University of Washington. Ralph was the founding member of the diocesan Dismantling Racism Training Team; he was instrumental in encouraging dialogue on diversity and promoting inclusion. He served three years on the City of Seattle Arts Commission.

1963

Class Representative – **Merlyn** and **Joan (Maier) Overland**

In September, the 1960-era quartet, the Lutheranaries, reunited to sing three numbers. The music was well received. The Lutheranaries are **Doug Mjorud '65**, **Gary Hagen '65**, **Bob Olsen '63** and **Nate Stime '64**

1964

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

Joanne (Jensen) LaFrumenta graduated in August from the University of Florida with a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction. She is now working in mathematics education.

1965

Class Representative – **Dave Wytko**

Barbara Ann (Schmid) Ruud of Bellevue, Wash., died June 14 after a two-year battle with melanoma. Barb was a stay-at-home mom who devoted her love to her four children and nine grandchildren. For more than 25 years she provided in-home daycare to more than 50 children. Barb was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church where she served on Altar Guild and sewed quilts for Lutheran

World Relief. She was an expert seamstress and gardener. She enjoyed the Village Theatre and was a constant presence at her grandchildren's many activities. Barb is survived by her husband, **Ken Ruud '62**; their children, **Kendra (Ruud '87) Mills, Brian Ruud '90, Betsy (Ruud '00) Miller** and Karen Dennis.

1966

Class Representative – **Frank Johnson**

1967

Class Representative – **Craig Bjorklund**

Craig Bjorklund retired after 23 years of teaching social studies and coaching the swim team at Layton (Utah) High School. He is still coaching three high school swim teams: Layton, Davis and Northridge high schools; plus the city's swim team, the Layton Surfers. That makes for a very "active" retirement, but hopefully it will keep him young!

Paul Hartman published a critically acclaimed suspense novel last fall. "The Kairos" (available at Amazon.com) is premised on long-secret Dead Sea Scrolls detailing where the teenage Jesus lived and who He loved.

1968

Class Representative – Vacant

Gary Beard works as a simulator instructor on the Boeing 787 in Renton, Wash.

1969

Class Representative – Vacant

Rick Nelson was selected in January 2010 to be adjunct math instructor at Tacoma Community College. He is in his fourth quarter of teaching at TCC, and is enjoying it very much. He plans on retiring from public education in the near future from Auburn High School.



Tom Rasmussen was re-elected in November to his third four-year term on the Seattle City Council, where he chairs the transportation committee. He represents Seattle on several regional and state associations and boards. Tom began public service in Yakima, Wash., as deputy prosecuting attorney. He lives in Seattle's Alki neighborhood with his partner, Clayton Lewis.

Ralph Todd Jr. died Nov. 26. After PLU, Ralph attended Harvard Business School's advanced management program. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1953. His career in banking included association with National Bank of Washington, First National Bank of Nevada, First National Bank of Pennsylvania and Washington Trust Bank of Spokane, where he was senior vice president. Ralph was a breeder of registered Hereford cattle, and a devoted hunter and fisherman. He collected duck decoys and first edition books. He is survived by his wife, Natalie; three children, eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

1970

Class Representative – **Bill Allen**

Agnes (Miller) Exley died Aug. 25. Agnes graduated in PLU with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and became a teacher in the Weyerhaeuser School District. She retired in 1986. Agnes was a member of Sound Life Church in Spanaway, Wash. She was preceded in death by her husband of 29 years, Walter. She is survived by six children; 25 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Marcus Sandver died Sept. 18. After PLU, Marcus attended the University of Colorado, where he received his master's degree in labor relations in 1973. There he met his future wife, Jean Hart. Marcus received his Ph.D. in labor relations from the University of Wisconsin in 1976. He was hired at Ohio State University in the department of management and human resources, where he remained until his retirement in 2011. Marcus was twice selected as a Fulbright professor to teach internationally. He was an avid reader and loved traveling and discovering new places. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, and spent many of his happiest moments outdoors. He is survived by his children, Justin and Kimberly.

Nelda (Peterson) Gorman died Oct. 25. After PLU, Nelda taught elementary school for several years in Warden, Wash. Nelda married Jerrell in 1975 and wherever the U.S. Coast Guard took them, she enjoyed teaching children. She worked in schools in Alaska and Oregon and volunteered in Awana clubs in churches. She is survived by her husband, Jerrell, and her son, Jon.



Monroe David Lee died Nov. 17. David graduated with a bachelor's degree in art. He graduated with a master's degree from New York University. David spent many years working with financial aid administration at colleges and universities across Washington state. He appreciated backpacking, gardening and the companionship of his friends and family. He is survived by son, **Erick Lee '92**, daughter Kiersten Goose; sisters Deanna Gately, Barbara Hall and Paula Gilman; nieces, nephews and grandchildren.

1971

Class Representative – Vacant

Michael Neils recently took a new position as chief development officer at the Parents Television Council in Los Angeles, Calif.

1972

Class Representative – **Molly Stuen**

Lee Dawson retired this summer from his general dentistry practice after 35 years in Kent, Wash. **Richard Eidal '73** continues the practice in the same Kent location. Lee and his wife, Debbie, have moved from Washington to Bozeman,

Mont., to help their son, Ryan, manage the family ministry they started in 2001, Lions Ridge Adventure Education Camp. Now the grandkids are now only a quarter mile away. Only 45 minutes from Yellowstone National Park, they would love company. www.lionsridge.org

1973

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

Tim Brueckner is retiring after 33 years as pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in Gold Beach, Ore.

Norma Aamodt-Nelson completed her doctorate in sacred music through Oxford University in August 2011.

1974

Class Representative – **David E. Johnson**

Jacklyn (Cootes) Doyle died Sept. 25. While raising her family, she worked for Doctor's Hospital and continued working after her children were grown. She retired as director of Multicare's Day Surgery of Tacoma after 48 years of nursing. Generous of heart and spirit, Jackie put her family and friends first. Jackie is survived by her husband of 58 years, Joseph; four children and many grandchildren.

Paul Skones is in the process of releasing Maurice H. Skones recordings of the PLU Choir of the West and University of Arizona Chamber Choir. For more information, contact pskones@comcast.net.

Jerry Harke died Oct. 14. After receiving his master's degree from PLU, Jerry entered the U.S. Army, serving for more than 20 years, earning the rank of lieutenant colonel in public affairs. He had a second career as a public relations executive for the trade associations in Washington, D.C., including the American Farm Bureau. He was an accomplished photographer and novelist. He is survived by his beloved wife of 32 years, Kathleen Fyffe.

1975

Class Representative – **Lauralee Hagen**

Bernad Bottens is a weekly contributor to www.woodworkingnetwork.com, where he recently wrote an article on wood finishing. His articles on that subject were also published in Custom Woodworking Business magazine.

Rebecca Larson is the deputy general secretary of the ACT Alliance in Geneva, Switzerland. ACT is the humanitarian and disaster relief arm of the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and 102 other global organizations.

1976

Class Representative – **Gary Powell**



Deanna (Thorp) Nowadnick published her first book, "Fruit of My Spirit: Reframing Life in God's Grace." What started as a short story for her sons about how she

met their father at a PLU off-campus gathering quickly became a larger story about the hugeness of God's love and faithfulness. When Deanna is not writing, she serves as the client service coordinator for the Planner's Edge. She is active in her church, Peace Lutheran in Monroe, Wash., playing the violin and editing the monthly newsletter.

1977

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

Eric Lemnitzer is working as the vice president for estimating at Combs Construction Company in Phoenix, Ariz.

1978

Class Representative – **Pete Mattich**

Jehu Bryant died Oct. 28. After Jehu retired from the U.S. Air Force, he attended PLU and received a bachelor's degree in business administration. He loved his family, traveling, his dogs, and was a charter member of "his" Seattle Seahawks. Jehu was a proud member of the Iota Mu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and a distinguished member of Who's Who Worldwide. He is survived by his wife, Maxine; five children and four grandchildren.



Robert McCoy is the play-by-play announcer that comes with the video webcast of the Whitman College men's and women's home basketball

games, and men's baseball. He also hosts interviews with coaches and players at halftime and between games. McCoy has been the public announcer for DeSales High School basketball and football games for several years. He also helped with the PA duties last summer during the Walla Walla Sweets baseball season. McCoy was pastor at the Christ Lutheran Church in Walla Walla, Wash., from 1987 to 2003. He currently works part time for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, preparing employees who deploy to Afghanistan. He also provides assistance for families during deployment.

1979

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

1980

Class Representative – Vacant

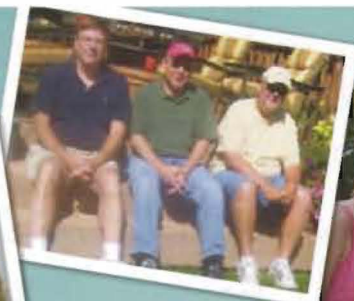


Tom Hansen retired after 28 years of service with Young Life. He served as area director and associate regional director in Western Washington from 1982-2000. In 2000, Tom moved to Alaska as the inaugural regional director for that state. He developed ministry throughout Alaska and built the personnel and financial resources to support that ministry. In 2011, Tom began

Picture Perfect



Julie Nelson '87 recently traveled from Canada to the Pacific Northwest and met with her roommates throughout her time at PLU. Here she is with (at right) **Debbie (Mortensen) Shoup '87**.



Steve Farner '69 was visited by former Evergreen dorm mates **Bill Lundstrom '70** and **David Lee '70** in Colorado this past summer. They toured Rocky Mountain National Park and generally caught up on old times. Unfortunately, David passed away this fall. Bill and Steve were happy to have caught a chance to visit with David prior to this untimely event.



Lutes got together to celebrate the wedding of **Nichole (Pedersen '00) Coughlin** to **Tim Coughlin** on Oct. 17, 2009, in Naples, Fla. From left to right, the bridesmaids were: **Margie Sackett '00**, **Ashley Orr '00**, the bride, **Janelle (Nagel '00) Langler** and **Katie (Perrell '00) Coppedge**.



Each year, PLU girlfriends get together for a Christmas party. This year, they brought along their future Lutes. From left to right: **Svea and Axel Griek**, children of **Forrest '00** and **Jennie (Bow '02) Griek**; **Colby and Carter Graham**, children of **Kristal (Sutton '02) Graham**, **Macey Moretensen**, child of **Erik '01** and **Meredith (Woolsey '02) Mortensen**; **Isla Broderson**, child of **Ryan '96** and **Alayna (Post '02) Broderson**, **Abby and Ben Miller**, children of **Becca (Ehli '02) Miller**; **Kylan Minzel**, child of **Anna (Edgar '02) Minzel**; **Mason Miller**, child of **Todd and Stacey (Calahan '02) Miller**; and **Scott Nelson**, child of **Greg '02** and **Megan (O'Brien '02) Nelson**.

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with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and will be serving as national advancement officer focused in the Western United States. Sometime in 2012, he and his wife, Becky, expect to move from Anchorage to Denver. Tom and Becky have three children, ages 27, 24 and 19.



Anne Hoilo currently resides in Norway with her husband, **Leif Ongstad**, and her four children, **Tormod**, 18, **Ragnhild**, 16, **Ingvild**, 12 and **Sigurd**, 10.

1981

Class Representatives – **Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips**.

Gary Nelson successfully reached the summit of Mt. Everest (29,035 ft) on May 19, 2011. Gary has now reached the summit of the tallest mountains on five of the seven continents.

1982

Class Representative – **Paul Collard**

1983

Class Representative – **Dave Olson**

Steven Ellersick's daughter, **Erin '15**, was inadvertently left off the "Legacy Lutes" list in the Winter 2011 issue of Scene.



Ward and Kim (Olson '80) Davis of Fair Oaks, Calif., are enjoying life as parents of three and grandparents of six. Ward serves as the plant/property

manager at Arcade Church in Sacramento (www.arcadechurch.com) and Kim continues to pour herself in the lives of her family and friends. Both are incredibly thankful to God for strong, healthy relationships within their family, who has been equipped to serve the community with the love of Christ. Ward blogs occasionally at <http://maintenance-manmusings.blogspot.com>.

1984

Class Representative – **Mark Christofferson**

Thomas Layson joined the communications team at the Association of Washington Business in Olympia. Tom's Puyallup-based New Media Solutions enterprise will stay in operation, providing video-based content to South Puget Sound clients.

1985

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

Elizabeth (Pulliam) Weston published two books: "The 10 Commandments of Money," was published in paperback by Hudson Street Press; The fourth edition of "Your Credit Score," her first book, came out in December 2011.

1986

Class Representative – **Dave Carlson**

Chris Amend was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Following his promotion, he was reassigned to **Gisson Air Reserve Base (Indiana)**, where he assumed command of the 434 Operations Group. He oversees two KC-135 flying squadrons and all air-field operations.

1987

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



Stacy Waterworth was promoted to fire captain for Fire Station #15, located in southwest Tacoma. Stacy loves her

job and finds it amazing that in March she will celebrate 23 years with the Tacoma Fire Department. She lives in Olympia, Wash., with her partner, **Wendy**, and their two boys, **Carter** and **Cooper**.

1988

Class Representative – **Brenda Ray Scott**

1989

Class Representative – **Brendan Rorem**

Mary (Stephenson) Scott is a Foreign Service worker in Khartoum, Sudan. She is the controller for the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Jennifer (Hartley) Carlson began a new business venture as a **Mary Kay** independent beauty consultant. As a consultant she can sell **Mary Kay** skin care, body care, fragrances and color cosmetics. She can also help other women who are interested in starting their own **Mary Kay** business.



David Mays was recently promoted to manager, CEO communications for **Kaiser Permanente**, the nation's largest

non-profit integrated health care system. He was also recently recognized by the United States Parachute Association for 15 years active participation in the sport of skydiving. David and his wife, **Dr. Janice Alley** (pictured at the USPA awards ceremony), reside in San Francisco, Calif.

1990

Class Representatives - **Erick Benson** and **Mark Kurtz**

June (Piggot) Nau Harrington died Sept. 20. Later in life, June earned her B.A. from PLU and her M.B.A. in education from Gonzaga University. She taught at Gray Middle School in Tacoma, where she was loved and adored by her students. An avid runner, June could always be seen running around University Place, Wash. She also had a passion for creating beautiful gardens. She held a love of the piano, which she taught for more than 40 years. June is survived by her four children, **Edward Nau '99**, **Brad**, **Darci** and **Alyssa**; and seven grandchildren.

Jack (John) Hatley is currently working for Boeing in Everett, Wash. He is also in the process of creating a microbrewery. www.backyardbeers.com

1991

Class Representative – Vacant

Megan (Evans) Anderson died Nov. 18. After PLU, Megan started her career as a teacher in Washington, later moving back to California to work as a youth director. When she and her husband, **Mark**, were expecting their second child she took on the role as a full-time mom. Megan was an avid runner. She loved

gardening and had an emerald thumb. She loved spending time with her Bible study group at church and walking her dogs; but most of all she loved raising her kids and watching them grow. Megan is survived by her husband, Mark, and their three children, Logan, Lacey and Landen.

Heidi (Rynearson) VanDyken and her husband, Mike, are serving as full-time missionaries in Mexico. They have been in country for two months looking forward to seeing all that God has in store for them. They also operate a bed-and-breakfast for short-term mission groups coming to serve at the many orphanages in the Ensenada, Mexico, area.

1992
Class Representative – **Rebecca Benson**

1993
Class Representative – **Barbara (Murphy) Hesner**

Eric Schuck returned from an eight-month deployment to Kuwait with the U.S. Navy Reserve. Eric was awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Award for his service in support of operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn. In civilian life, he was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of full professor in the economics department at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore.

Cheryl (Kragness) Brost was named the official spokesperson for Altrient, the manufacturer of high-performance nutritional supplements. Cheryl also earned the title, "Seventh Fittest Woman in the World," at the 2011 Reebok CrossFit World Games.

1994
Class Representatives – **Dan Lysne** and **Catherine (Overland) Hauck**

1995
Class Representative – Vacant

Amanda (Hermesmeier) Durkee was recently named one of American Marketing Association's "Four Under 40 Emerging Research Leaders" in October 2011. <http://www.marketingpower.com/Calendar/Pages/4under40MarketingResearchEmergingLeadersAward.aspx>

1996
Class Representatives – **Steve and Kimberly (Nadon) Leifsen**

1997
Class Representatives – **Andy and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson**

Nancy Barker died Sept. 5. Nancy received her master's degree from PLU. Teaching was a lifelong profession and passion to Nancy, culminating at Pierce College from 1978 until 2011, which included tenure as division chair of the science and technology division. She is survived by her husband, Wilbur; son, Nathan; stepson, Bill, and five grandchildren.

Heidi (Hamilton) Wasem recently moved to eastern Washington with her one-year-old daughter and began working at Mid-Columbia Libraries.

Steve Rue recently exhibited his artwork in the Jundt Galleries at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

Nichole (Staba) Dailor recently earned her Ph.D. in school psychology from Central Michigan University. She lives in Illinois with her husband, **Sean Dailor '94**, and sons, Michael, 11 and Kyle, 8.

1998
Class Representative – **Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart**

Eric Moody was recently promoted to assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus.

Mike Safford completed his seventh season as the play-by-play voice of the Boise Hawks and the Chicago Cubs class-A affiliate. He surpassed the 500-broadcast mark in late August, one of only five broadcasters in the last 25 years in the Northwest League to do so. (Current PLU basketball radio broadcaster Bob Robertson is one of the others). Mike is also beginning his 11th year as the sports information director at The College of Idaho, and has been named to the NAIA Sports Information Directors Association statistical committee.

1999
Class Representative – **Julie (Johnston) Bulow von Dennewitz**

2000
Class Representative – **Ashley Orr**



Emily (Keys) married Brock O'Quinn July 23 in Portland, Ore. Lutes in the wedding party were:

Meagyn (Keys '98) Karmakar, Dana (Van Schepen '00) Blizzard, Kristin (Ludwig '00) Langguth, Mary Beth Leeper '00, and Morgan Keys '07. Other Lutes in attendance were: **Aaron Stewart '97, Jenny (Gotter '99) Stewart, Ross Stewart '98, Shannon (Herlocker '98) Stewart, Amber (Davison '98) Padilla, Angela (Jantz '00) Gill and Holly (Peterson '01) Perez.**

Robby Larson recently joined the board of directors of Emerging Leaders for Oregon, a nonprofit organization that seeks to inform, inspire, equip and gather Oregon's emerging generation of leaders to actively engage with and improve their communities, businesses and government.

Brice and Julie (Frye '98) Johnson have moved to Frankfurt, Germany, where Brice will be working as the European joint community/coordinator director for Youth Compass.

In Memoriam

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Friends and Family

Robert Torrens died Sept. 2. In 1970, the year Robert came to PLU as the director of campus dining services, the care and feeding of students moved from Ingram Hall into the University Center. There he helped create and implement a new strategy for providing nutritious and healthy meals for the community. Known to students as "Uncle Bob," he was well known for soliciting student opinion on the dining experience and following through with enhancements to sustain student satisfaction. Robert retired in 1993.

Richard Tarbox died Sept. 23. Richard began work at PLU in 1986 and was well known to the campus community. He spent many years working in facilities across campus, primarily in Ingram Hall and Rieke Science Center. A personable, warm and supportive colleague, Richard always had time

for friendly conversation. His tradition of delivering holiday cards to friends and colleagues was a much-appreciated expression of his interest in and support of others.

R. Gary Baughn died Oct. 1. Gary was a member of the PLU Board of Regents from 1979-1987. Gary spent most of his professional career with Nordstrom, holding a number of high profile positions including data processing manager, controller and vice president of operations. Gary was a very generous man and possessed great vision, intensity, pride, modesty, honesty, strong work ethic and religious convictions. Gary is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sylvia; son **Kevin Baughn '92**, daughter **Julie (Baughn '94) Werner** and granddaughter Lindsey.

Orville Hall died Nov. 12. Orville worked as a groundskeeper for 11 years at PLU, retiring in 1986. Orville loved to travel and was an avid collector of many things. He was an Elks member for 27 years, where he and his wife, Rose, danced the night away on many a New Years Eve. He is survived by his wife of nearly 51 years, Rose.

Audun Toven died Nov. 15. Audun joined the PLU faculty in 1967, building what has become one of the most outstanding Scandinavian studies programs in the nation. Through his efforts, literally thousands of students studied the history, culture and language of Norway here at PLU. Audun also encouraged many PLU students to study in Norway. On numerous occasions, he led the Oslo Year Program at the University of Oslo. He is responsible for creating the Scandinavian studies major in 1976 and later the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. In 2000, Audun was presented the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. Norway's ambassador, His Excellency Knut Volleybaek, conferred the honor of Knight of the First Class on behalf of King Harald V. In May 2011, after many years of untiring work to help complete funding of more than \$1 million in financial support, the university announced the establishment of the Svare-Toven Norwegian and Scandinavian Studies Professorship, which was named in his honor.

Theodore Brueckner died Jan. 1, 2012. Ted served on the PLU Board of Regents from 1964-1971. After graduating from Capital University with his BA in German literature, Ted followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather and entered seminary. He graduated from the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in 1945. Ted served 17 years of ministry at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. In 1971, Ted left St. Matthew to serve the North Pacific District (ALC) as assistant to Bishop Solberg. Ted retired from fulltime ministry in 1983. They were active members of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore.

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Nicole (Pedersen) married Tim Coughlin of Morristown, N.J., Oct. 17, 2009, in Naples, Fla. Nicole joined Knoll, Inc., in

July 2007 after earning her MBA from Boston College.



Heidi Zimmer married Douglas Gridley Jan. 3 in Waimanalo Beach, Hawaii. Lutes at the wedding were **Amy**

Oshiro '00 and **Jackie Walton '01**.

2001

Class Representatives – **Brianne (McQuaig) Vetrees** and **Michael Mauss**

2002

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



Sara (Poole) married Brad Holland Oct. 23, 2010, at the Wood River Cellars Winery in Eagle, Idaho.



Erin (Goudie) Anderson married Ryan Anderson Sept. 3 in Port Ludlow, Wash. **Sarah Mickelson '02**

was the matron of honor.



Anna (Buzard) Van Pelt married Miles Van Pelt Oct. 1 in Seattle.

2003

Class Representative – **Elisabeth (Pynn) Himmelman**



Kristyn Smithers-Wilson married Mark Wilson in July of 2009. The couple just bought a new home in Lake

Oswego, Ore., and are excited to move in!

Stacy Mallicoat just published her first book, "Women and Crime: A Text/Reader."



Amanda Kaler married Brian Ellis Sept. 4 in Philomath, Ore. **Sarah Harmon '03** was the maid of honor.

Amanda is currently a graduate fellow with the Office of International Affairs at the University of Oregon, pursuing a dual master's degree in nonprofit management and arts administration.

2004

Class Representative – **Tammy Lynn Schaps**

Marissa (Meyer) Taylor published her debut novel, "Cinder," released Jan. 3 from Feiwel & Friends, an imprint of Macmillian Publishers. The first in a four-book young adult series, Cinder retells the story of Cinderella set hundreds of years in the future.

Dennis Hanson married Julie Mattox Nov. 11 at the Oregon Golf Club in West Lynn, Ore.



Katie (Alexander) Wright married Dustin Wright Sept. 25, 2010.

2005

Class Representative – **Michael Steele**

Sara (Stores) Stauffer was recently hired as the head varsity softball coach at Central Catholic High School in Portland, Ore. Stauffer returned to Central Catholic in 2006 as a junior varsity and varsity softball assistant coach, and began teaching health/physical education and social studies in 2007. During her time as assistant coach, the Rams won three Mount Hood Conference Championships, placed second in state in 2007, and third in state in 2010.

Cory Kantorowicz recently received his doctorate of pharmacy from Pacific University in May. He is working as the staff pharmacist for the Safeway Pharmacy in Newberg, Ore.



Sheely Mauck decided to try her hand at entrepreneurship after 10 years of working for Boys & Girls Clubs in South Puget

County. Sheely is helping to found Telefina Premier Communications. Telefina is a hosted VoIP phone service provider for small businesses and nonprofits in the Puget Sound region. They are continuing to grow steadily as they strive to be the premier communications partner for small businesses across the state. Sheely is still connected to youth work as an independent contractor. She works with School's Out Washington to provide youth program quality coaching, training and program assessment for after-school programs

2006

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

Laura (Chrissis) Lunde is the new catering sales manager for FareStart in Seattle, Wash.

Stacey (Stone) Semmler married Matthew Semmler July 30 in Spokane, Wash. Lutes in attendance were, **Geoff**



Bullock '87, Ruth (Christanson '85) Bullock, Tiffany (Stone '02) Cook, Kimberly Stone '13, Kathryn Bullock '12,

Elizabeth Chase '06, David Swoish '06 and Amy (Anderson '07) Swoish. Stacey and Matthew reside in Anchorage, Alaska, where Stacey works as an attorney and Matthew works for the Department of Homeland Security.

Rase McCray has been working for Jefferson College of Health Sciences in Roanoke, Va., for a year as their writing specialist and assistant professor. In the previous issue it was stated that his position was as an admission counselor, which was incorrect.



Kelsey (Burwell) married Tony Morfitt Oct. 8 in Denver. Lutes in the wedding were: Katie (Wheeler '06) Conboy, Merissa

(Andre '05) Marr, Leah (Marshall '06) Burns, Kelly (Trout '06) Van Wyhe, Michelle Jones '06 and Nicole (Swanson '06) Edwards-Hoff.

2007

Class Representative – **Kaarin Praxel**



Michael Perez married Lisa Lennick '08 June 25 in Red Square on the PLU campus. Lutes in the wedding were Quim Urich '08,

Paul Woolsey '08 and Jessica Caulkins '11. Both Mike and Lisa are graduate students at Suffolk University in Boston. Mike is working on his Master's of Economic Policy, and Lisa is working on her Master's of Public Administration.



Amy Beard married Christopher Gerdes '08 July 30 in Olympia, Wash.

Rebecca Mares is the Cooking Matters senior coordinator at the Care & Share Food Bank in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Jennifer (Furumasu) Reeher married John Reeher Oct. 30 in Tacoma, Wash.



Liz Lamb-Ferro married Matt LaCroix Sept. 24 in Spokane, Wash.

Melissa Huggins graduated from Eastern Washington University with a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing in June. She was recently hired as the Get Lit! program coordinator at EWU, where she runs an annual literary festival, as well as educational outreach programs that provide creative writing opportunities for K-12 classrooms and their students.

Ellen (Brotherston) Aronson took a job at the Point Defiance Zoo Society after spending 16 months at home with her daughter, Linnea. She was recently promoted to the operations director for the society. Ellen is still involved with the PLU GOLD Committee. Ellen and her husband, Kyle, live in Puyallup, Wash.

2008

Class Representatives – **Christy Olsen Field and Courtney Stringer**



Candice (Ziegert) married Timothy Tobin Aug. 20 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Chehalis, Wash. Lutes in the wedding

party are Lynn (Rosendahl '08) Hrabar and Melissa (Virus '07) Glaser. Other Lutes in attendance included Heather Crande '08, James Glaser '11, Karin Rothermel '15 and Ana Ramos '08.

Anne (Hoblitt) Linn began a master's program in August 2009 in international health and development at Tulane University, New Orleans. This program is a Peace Corps Master International Program, where Peace Corps service forms a part of the program. Anne and her husband, Patrick, have departed for Senegal where she will serve as a preventative health educator.

2009

Class Representative – **Amy Spieker**



Laura (Comstock) married Mitch Dietz Sept. 10 in Portland, Ore.

Sarah Kehoe got a new job as a reporter with the Kent Reporter in October 2011.

Jonathan Paul Lee appeared in the ensemble for "Oklahoma!" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in Seattle.

Christian Stauffer is currently employed as a program engineer with Flextronics in Shanghai, China.



Katherine (Collins) married Elliot Riling Sept. 3 in Georgetown, SC.



Ashlee (Parnell) married Christopher Davis May 21 at Pine River Ranch in Leavenworth, Wash. Lutes in the wedding

included: Caroline O'Connell '09, Allison Tompkins '09, Brittany Culver '08, Tyler Pederson '07, Drew Gardner '08 and Andy Preis '07. Ashlee and Christopher honeymooned in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. They are now living in Tucson, Ariz., where Chris is doing his medical residency as an ER resident and Ashlee is applying to graduate school.

Mercede Ogan is currently working as a library media assistant for Stephens Middle School. She recently applied for and received a \$100,000 grant from Target and the Ellen DeGeneres Show for her school.

<http://salkeiz.k12or.us/content/stephens-middle-school-awarded-100000>

2010

Class Representatives – **Nick Caraballo and Jillian Foss**

Rachel Ballard published her first novel, "A Long-Forgotten Truth," the story of a young woman's search for her biological father (and ultimately, herself).



Karen (Henjun) married Scott McDaniels '08 Sept. 10 in Reno, Nev. Lutes in the wedding party included Patrick McGrath '10,

Jonah Nelson '08, Jeff Danforth '08, Erik Krippaehne '10, Kelcy Joynt '10, Lauren Poole '10 and Anella Olbertz '10.

Kirsten deLohr Helland performed at the Balagan Theatre in Seattle, Wash., in the musical "Spring Awakening." She has also performed at Seattle's Fifth Avenue Theatre in the musical "Oklahoma!"

Erin Milliren currently works at WithinReach in Seattle as a Bilingual Community Outreach Specialist.

2011

Class Representatives – **Caroline Olsen, Adam Story and Lynsey Tveit**

Sarah Wise is seeking an MFA in graphic design at the Savannah College of Art Design in Savannah, Ga.



Emily (Schoenheit) married Terrence Pallister Jr. June 25 at Lake Oswego, Ore.

Megan Buchholz has been appointed to be a volunteer for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. For the next year, along with five other YAGMs, she will be serving in West Bank/Jerusalem. She will be living in Ramallah while working in Jerusalem in the Helen Keller School of the Blind and Disabled.

Katherine Shotwell recently received a new position as an accountant for R.S.M McGladrey.



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Future Lutes

1990



Brien Thompson and wife, Rebecca, announce the birth of their son, Benjamin Russell

Thompson, on Feb. 28. The family resides in Seattle.

1991



Paula (Hibbard) Noel Macfie announce the birth of her daughter, Kalani Akua Noel Macfie, on April 21, 2010. Kalani joins big sister, Zoey.

1995



Juliet Laycoe Hagley and husband, Thomas, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Diane,

on Oct. 27. She joins big brother Benjamin, 4.

1997



Susan (Wagener) Dyrseth and husband, Cameron, announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on October 22, 2010. Lucas joins big brother Erik, 4.

1998

Shelly (Stone) Smelser and husband, Michael, announce the birth of their daughter, Sierra, on April 19, 2010.



Tina (Newman) Muller and husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Cooper Max, on Aug. 12. He joins big brother, Tegan, 3. Tegan and

Cooper are best buds and already conspire against mom and dad. Chris is a juvenile probation officer and Tina oversees the living-learning program in university housing at California Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo. They live near the beach in Arroyo Grande, Calif.

1999

Bryan Powell and wife, Shawn, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia, on Sept. 2. Olivia joins big brother Connor, 2.



Heather (Magoon) Thibeau and husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their daughter, Hadley Violet, on Feb. 17.

Hadley joins big sister, Delaney, 6.



Heather (Dooley) West and husband, Jevin, announce the birth of their son, Braylen, on Aug. 31. The family moved to Sweden in March.



Patrick Ryan and wife, Lynn (Fransen '02) Ryan, announce the birth of their daughter, Kendall Diana, on July 4. Kendall joins big brother, Kian.

2000

Patricia (Gannon) and husband, Bradley Busick, announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Lauryn, on May 23. Olivia joins big brother Andrew, 2.



Sarah Lord and husband, Adam Sundstrom '01, announce the birth of their daughter, Ada Josephine, on April 6. Ada joins sister

Nora, 5 and brother Erik, 3.



Forrest Griek and wife, Jennie (Bow) Griek '02, announce the birth of their son, Axel Martin, on Aug. 11. Axel

joins big sister, Svea.



Nichole (Pedersen) and husband, Tim Coughlin, welcomed their first child, Charles (Charlie) Patrick Coughlin, on June 3 in New York City.

2001



Matthew Cole and Betsy (Kellenbeck '00) announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Hope,

on Aug. 12, 2010. She joins Aaron Matthew, 6 and Ryan James, 3. Matthew is a band director at Tahoma Senior High School in Maple Valley, Wash., and Betsy is a part time para-planner for Randall S. Linde and Associates with Ameriprise.

2002



Erik Dordal and wife, **Christa (Bogue) Dordal**, announce the birth of their daughter, Ella Louise, on Nov.

10, 2010. She was born early by emergency C-section. She joins siblings Elijah, 5 and Ayden, 3. Her whole story is at www.ellalouisedordal.blogspot.com



Anna (Edgar) Minzel and husband, Colin, announce the birth of their son, Kylan Patrick, on July 15.



Julie (Feltmann) Dennis and husband, **Joshua Dennis '03**, announce the birth of their son, Rowan Alexander, on Oct. 21.



Katrina (Neilsen) Nash is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Ethan, on July 13.

2003



Krista (Deal) Phillips and husband, **Brett Phillips '03**, announce the birth of their daughter, Ainsley Joy, on March 16.

Andrew Loe and wife, **Erin (Fuetz '04) Loe**, announce the birth of their daughter, Addison Lauren, on Dec. 8.

2004



Lindsey (Robinson) Jennings and husband, **James Jennings '06**, announce the birth of their son, Henry, on Nov. 11.



Amy Kostelecky-Roe and her partner, Catherine, announce the birth of their daughter, Leah

Simone on Jan. 14.



Crystal (Tullis) Morey and husband, **Mitchell Morey '93**, announce the birth of their daughter,

Harper, on June 15. Harper joins big brother Maguire, 2.



Katie (Alexander) Wright and husband, Dustin Wright, announce the birth of their daughter, Annabelle, on Dec. 11.

2005



Andy Sprain and wife, **Erin (Wolfe '06)**, announce the birth of their daughter, Sophia Marie, on Sept. 26.



Jessica (Boye) Thomson and husband, Luke, announce the birth of their daughter, Claire, on Sept. 15, 2010. Jessica and Luke will be welcoming their second child in May 2012.



Chenda (Minn) Johnson and husband, **Dino Johnson**, announce the birth of their daughter,

Kennedy Norah, on Oct. 15.



Kirsten (Morton) Cummings and husband, Karl, announce the birth of their daughter, Annaliese

Kjersten, on Oct. 12 at the Naval Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla. The Cummings are stationed in Jacksonville for a three-year naval shore tour and defiantly miss the great northwest. They look forward to introducing Annaliese to their true home soon!



Kelley (Campbell) Valdez and husband, Tom, announce the birth of their daughter,

Claire, on Nov. 8. Claire joins big brother, Noah.

2006



Andrea (Gabler) Ames and husband, Patrick, announce the birth of their first son, Dominic Robert Ikaika, on Aug. 15.

Andrea and Patrick were married July 12, 2008. They are teachers in the

Meridian School District and live in Lynden, Wash.



Kathryn Irwin announces the birth of her son, Tucker Daniel Irwin-Pernini, on Jan. 7th. In November 2011

she was approved for ordained ministry in the ELCA.


2007

Joe Lindquist and his wife, **Katy (Goode '04) Lindquist**, announce the birth of their daughter, Sonja Mae, on May 24. (May 24th is also Joe's birthday!)

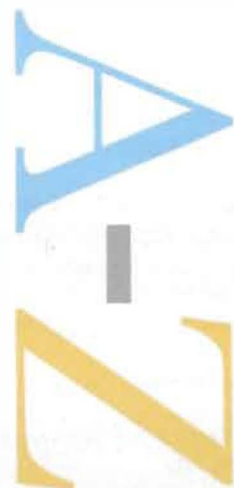
2008

Jaclyn (Aldrich) and husband, **John Escalera '08**, announce the birth of Jasmine Anne on Sept. 19. Our little Lute was 6lbs.302 and 18.5 inches long. We are overjoyed with her arrival and would like to share our happy news with all our fellow Lutes.



Jenna (Grubbs) Ervin and husband, Gunnar, announce the birth of their son, Barrett, on Aug. 2. 

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To celebrate 20 great years of leadership, President Loren J. Anderson and MaryAnn Anderson will be honored during a two-day celebration May 4 and 5, 2012. The event will not only honor the Andersons for their years of service to the university, but will be a celebration of the PLU community as it reflects on 20 years of unparalleled success and growth.

A campus celebration will take place from 10:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4, in the University Center. Loren and MaryAnn will be honored with a short program at 10:30 a.m., with food and festivities to follow. The event will be free and open to all.

On Saturday, May 5, the Andersons will again be feted at the "Black and Gold Gala Celebration" at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

Beginning with a 6 p.m. reception and followed by a 7 p.m. dinner, the evening will include a celebratory program, as well as performances by PLU's Choir of the West and PLUtonic. In addition, the Michael Benson Band will provide music for dinner and dancing.

Tickets for the celebration will be \$75 per person. For more information and reservations, visit www.plualumni.org or call 800-ALUM-PLU.

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that would enable him to pass along the experience he had gained over the years.

He says that in choosing the university where he would ultimately teach, his thought process was similar to that of a high school student looking for a college. (And considering he has a daughter in college now and a high school senior exploring all options, he has some recent experience.)

Every university, after all, has its positives and negatives. Brown considered his options.

“Do I want a larger school where there may be greater opportunities for research,” he asked. “Do I want a school where teaching is prized; where it is honored?”

“What kind of students do I want to teach,” he recalls asking himself. “In the end, I wanted to work with high-caliber students.”

Brown chose PLU and has been an assistant professor of business here since 2010.

While here, he has also been able to continue his research, much of it relat-

ed to his activities in business. Of particular interest to Brown is analyzing how large-scale alliances work – it is something he actively researches and acts as a consultant with industry leaders. As an example, he cites his work with Bluetooth™ standards.

That work involves more than 15,000 firms that are members of the Bluetooth Special Interest Group, and about 600 unique individuals who actively contributed knowledge to Bluetooth technology development. Members of these firms actively collabo-

calendar

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April 24, 8 p.m.

Choir of the West: Homecoming Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 25, 10:30 a.m.

Lite/Light/EnLIGHTenment Poetry
Garfield Book Company Fireside Lounge

April 25, 5 p.m.

BFA Exhibition Opening Reception
University Gallery, Ingram Hall

April 25, 8 p.m.

Concert: Regency String Quartet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 26 - May 27

BFA Exhibition University Gallery, Ingram Hall

April 27 & 28

Relay for Life, PLU Track

April 27 & 28, 7:30 p.m.

Vpstart Crow: “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare: Abridged”
Eastvold Black Box Studio, Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

April 27, 8 p.m.

Wind and Brass Student Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 28, Noon

Bassoon Ensemble Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 29, 3 p.m.

Mu Phi Epsilon Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

MAY

May 1, 8 p.m.

University Chorale Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 2, 7 p.m.

Visiting Writer Series: Gjertrud Schackenberg, Scandinavian Cultural Center

May 2, 8 p.m.

University Jazz Ensemble Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 4, 10:15 a.m.

Celebrating 20 Years Together:
Loren J. and MaryAnn Anderson
University Center

May 4, 8 p.m.

Percussion & Steel Pan Ensembles
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 5, 9 a.m.

Natural Sciences Academic Festival
Rieke Science Center and Morken Center

May 5, 3 p.m.

Solvvinden Flute Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 5, 6 p.m.

Black and Gold Gala Celebration
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center

May 6, 8 p.m.

Guitar Orchestra and Ensemble Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 7, 10:30 a.m.

Pat O'Connor: Travel Tanzania/Climb Kilimanjaro 2010
Garfield Book Company
Community Room

May 8, 8 a.m.

Entry-Level Masters of Nursing information session
Ramstad 202

May 8, 2 p.m.

Bachelors of Nursing information session
Ramstad 202

May 8, 5:30 p.m.

Jazz Combo
The Cave, University Center

May 8, 6 p.m.

Master of Science in Finance information session
Room 138, Morken Center

May 9, 8 p.m.

Concert Band Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 10, 11 & 12; 7:30 p.m.

“Almost, Maine”
Eastvold Stage, Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

May 11, 5:30 p.m.

HERmonic/PLUtonic Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 11, 5:30 p.m.

School of Business Honors Banquet
Scandinavian Cultural Center

rate to advance Bluetooth technology and then return back to their companies to compete for profits. Brown, in essence, wants to understand these competitive and collaborative dynamics while competitors work together.

And that gets us back to the plaque on his office wall.

The idea of working together for a greater common good also describes the business competition that was so influential for Brown when he was an MBA student. It was, and still is, called the International Collegiate Business

Strategy Competition. Teams of students create a simulated company, develop a product concept and business model for that company, and then run that company - top to bottom - for a simulated 20 consecutive quarters. Brown said about every aspect of business is evaluated and measured in the competition.

Last year, upon arriving at PLU, Brown discovered the competition was still going and supportive business school leaders created the opportunity to take six outstanding PLU students to

the competition in Long Beach, Calif.

"These students were amazing and so dedicated to learning, working and winning," Brown shared as he described the hundreds of hours each student put into the competition.

How well did they do in their first time ever participating in the event? "The challenges, emotions and achievements my students experience in the competition are pretty close to what I experienced in the business world," he said.

They took first place. [S]

—Steve Hansen

May 12, 8 p.m.

Choral Union Spring Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 13, 3 p.m.

University Wind Ensemble Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 14, 6 p.m.

A Celebration of Leadership
University Center

May 14, 6 p.m.

Parkland Community Garden Meeting
Garfield Book Company
Community Room

May 15, 3:30 p.m.

Jason Edwards: Seven Summits Plus One
Garfield Book Company Community Room

May 15, 4 p.m.

Executive Roundtable: Darrel Bowman,
CEO mynetworkcompany.com
Garfield Book Company
Community Room

May 15, 6 p.m.

PLU MBA information session
Room 103, Morken Center

May 15, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 16, 8 p.m.

String Kaleidoscope
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 18 & 19, 7:30 p.m.

"Almost, Maine"
Eastvold Stage, Karen Hille Phillips Center
for the Performing Arts

May 20, 2 p.m.

"Almost, Maine"
Eastvold Stage, Karen Hille Phillips Center
for the Performing Arts

May 26, 8 p.m.

Commencement Celebration Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 27, 2:30 p.m.

2012 Spring Commencement
Tacoma Dome

JUNE AND JULY

June 13, 11:30 a.m.

2012 Fruit Festival, Red Square

July 6-9

Lute University trip to Oregon Shakespeare
Festival, Ashland, Ore.

July 11, 11:30 a.m.

2012 Fruit Festival
Red Square

July 12, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Mary Baker Russell Amphitheater

July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Mystery Lovers Book Club of Tacoma
Garfield Book Company Board Room

July 19, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Mary Baker Russell
Amphitheater

July 26, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Mary Baker Russell
Amphitheater

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

August 2, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Mary Baker Russell Amphitheater

August 8, 11:30 a.m.

2012 Fruit Festival
Red Square

August 9, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Mary Baker Russell Amphitheater

August 16, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Mary Baker Russell Amphitheater

August 24, 11:30 a.m.

PLU night at the Rainiers
Cheney Stadium, Tacoma

September 4

Opening Convocation
Olson Auditorium

September 28-30

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Working Together



Professor Kory Brown and five of the six new students who will be competing in the International Collegiate Business Strategy Competition in Long Beach, Calif., this year. We'll find out in April how they did.

On Kory Brown's office wall there is a small rectangular plaque. He earned it 17 years ago for his participation in a business simulation competition when he was an MBA student.

The plaque is a curious memento given Brown's accomplishments since then: For nearly two decades, he worked in the semiconductor and wireless industries on communication technologies like Bluetooth, USB, IrDA, ZigBee

and related smart grid technologies. In 2006, he left industry to earn a Ph.D. in management and strategy.

So, given all those accomplishments, what was it about that plaque?

"I learned more from that competition than I learned from my four-plus years of MBA school," he said with a smile. (And this comes from a guy who was named his university's MBA Student of the Year.)

To be sure, Brown's comment con-

tains some amount of hyperbole. But there is a point to it. As someone who has been deeply involved in so many levels of business – R&D, marketing, strategy development, engineering and executive management – he's keenly aware of what it takes to succeed.

But as invigorating as the challenges were, Brown decided to exit industry, earn his Ph.D., and look for a university

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