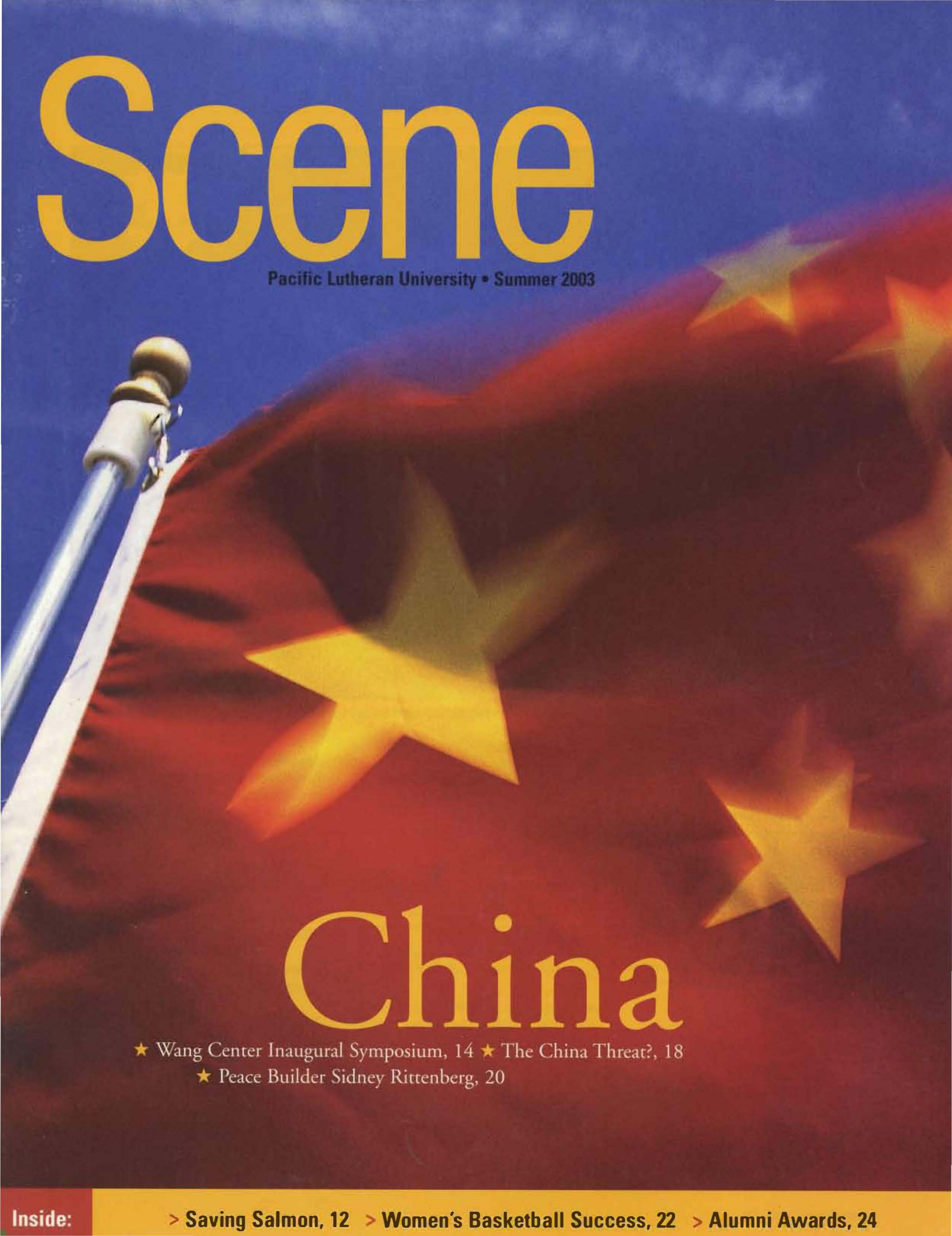


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The popular Jazz Under the Stars program draws crowds to the Mary Baker Russell Amphitheater every summer. Here, Seattle songstress Greta Matassa is seen performing in the lower right hand corner of the window.

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and Magician Jeff Evans
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KPLU Jazz Cruise, Little Bill

JULY

July 13, 9:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise, Pearl Django

July 17, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars, Randy Porter
MBR Amphitheater

July 20 – August 9
Summer Scholars

July 21 – 24
South Sound Jazz Workshop

July 23, 11:30 a.m.
Raspberry Festival, Calypso Blue: Steel
Drum Band
Red Square

July 24, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars, South Sound Jazz
Workshop Faculty
MBR Amphitheater

July 27, 9:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Sonando

July 31, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars, Mark Taylor
MBR Amphitheater

AUGUST

August 7, 7 p.m.
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
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Former Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy talks with students in a political science class. The Nobel-prize nominee spoke later to a packed audience.

Former Canadian foreign minister addresses war and peace in campus visit

Former Canadian Foreign Minister and Nobel Peace Prize nominee Lloyd Axworthy spoke individually with students and before a packed house about human security and the road to peace during a campus visit.

Axworthy's lecture was titled, "Human Security: From the Landmine Treaty to the Responsibility to Protect," but with developments in the world, many of his comments were directed toward the war with Iraq.

He is well known for his innovative ideas on foreign policy. He was nominated for the Nobel Prize for his leadership on the Ottawa Treaty, a global accord banning anti-personnel landmines. He promoted a human security agenda that focused on humanitarian crises around the world and worked to achieve cooperation between governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Axworthy was elected to the Canadian Parliament in 1979 and served in the

Canadian government for over a quarter of a century. He was instrumental in Canada's successful candidacy for membership on the United Nations Security Council and was the impetus behind several major initiatives at the United Nations. He is now head of the Liu Centre for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia, where he guides development of research, policies and partnerships aimed at solving pressing global issues, including human security.

Government grant helps expand International Core

PLU's growing International Core, also known as Core II, will expand in the next few years, thanks to a \$173,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's international education development program.

"PLU's International Core is one of a kind," said Ann Kelleher, who is a professor of political science, chair of the International Core Committee and

project director for the grant. "With the grant, the program can take the next major step."

The grant will provide more courses: a fourth section of the first semester Authority and Discovery course, and several second and third-year courses, including studies on value-based ethics. One of the highlights is the addition of a human rights course taught by philosophy professor Paul Menzel.

Also as part of the grant, all language courses will have international issues incorporated into their curriculum in the fall.

"The grant will also allow us to broaden issues, look at the world beyond the U.S. and Europe," Kelleher said. Included is a new course on China.

With almost half its classes team-taught by more than 25 faculty from diverse disciplines, the International Core is growing rapidly. This year, 45 students graduated from Core II, and more than 85 freshmen were enrolled in the second semester history class.

Goals during the grant period include adding courses in natural sciences, communication and education.

Nursing alumni association honors researcher with award

For her outstanding accomplishments in nursing research and scholarship, Lori (Stanke) Loan '82 was honored with the 2002



Lori Stanke Loan '82

Distinguished Nursing Alumni Award.

Loan serves on the executive board of directors and as chief of nursing research at Madigan Army Medical Center.

She oversees more than 40 funded grants garnering nearly \$8 million

dollars to support nursing research. Her current work examines the associations between the structure of hospital nurse

staffing, patient turnover and indicators of patient outcomes and safety.

In 1991, Loan was named a Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation Scholar for her work aimed at improving respiratory care for sick and premature infants. Her studies detailing lung injury in ventilated infants were recognized by the Western Institute of Nursing and the Army Medical Department. These organizations honored Loan with the Carol A. Lindeman Award and the Major General Kenyon Joyce Award for outstanding research in 2002.

In her 20-year career as an Army civilian, Loan has received the Order of Military Medical Merit (1999), a Commander's Award for Civilian Service For Outstanding Leadership (2000), and the prestigious Meritorious Civilian Service Medal from The Army Surgeon General (2000).

Loan earned her Ph. D. in nursing and a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Washington. She lives in Sumner, Wash., with her husband, Brad, and two daughters, Alia and Tana. She is a member of the PLU Nursing Alumni Board of Directors.

Nominations are being accepted for this year's award. PLU nursing alumni who have made outstanding contributions to nursing practice, scholarship or service will be considered. Please submit the nominee's name, graduation year, home or e-mail address and phone number, as well as a description of contributions to nursing, to Jillinda Bossen '74 at Bossen@CareWiseInc.com.

South Puget Sound colleges discuss diversity at workshop on campus

More than 200 people from a dozen colleges in the area came to a diversity institute on campus aimed at strengthening campus connections.

The South Puget Sound Higher Education Diversity Partnership is made up of representatives from colleges and universities in the area. The institute earlier this spring is believed to be the only one like it in the Northwest, said Associate Provost Bill Teska.

Several PLU faculty, students, staff and administrators participated in

presentations and panel discussions on a wide range of topics. Associate Director of Multicultural Affairs Eva Johnson '95 facilitated a roundtable discussion and helped plan the daylong seminar. Judy Mladineo, director of the Women's Center, and students Natalie Gulsrud '03 and Mat Jibben '03 of the Sexual Assault Prevent & Education Team, presented, "A Little Help From Your Friends...Building Effective Peer Education Programs."

Alina Urbanec '97, director of Career Development, and student diversity advocate Fritz Kilcrease '03 presented, "We to the World: Helping Study Abroad Students Reintegrate." Meg Billings, David Gerry '76, '90 and Charry Bentson from International Programs presented "Designing Inter-Institute Programs to Bring International Students to Campus." Kathlyn Breazeale of the Religion Department and Deborah Miranda

from English presented "Sweetgrass, Tobacco, Cedar and Sage: Integrating Indigenous Worldviews and Women and the Sacred."

More than 540 receive diplomas at May Commencement

PLU awarded more than 540 graduate and undergraduate degrees at Commencement May 25. About 900 students will graduate this year in ceremonies in May, August and December.

The graduates, their families and friends heard a compelling address by Sidney Rittenberg, visiting professor of Chinese Studies. An extraordinary witness to modern Chinese history, Rittenberg is the author of "The Man

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Senior debaters second in country; team ranks fifth nationally

PLU'S SENIOR DEBATE TEAM OF LEAH SPRAIN '03 AND KYLE MACH '03 placed second in the nation, and the forensics team ranked fifth overall, at the end of the season.

Sprain and Mach competed with 258 teams before losing a split decision in the finals of the National Parliamentary Debate Association's annual competition in Portland, Ore.

PLU finished 24th out of the 93 schools that participated in the national tournament, giving the team an overall ranking of fifth out of 396 schools in the country.



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Who Stayed Behind,” based on his experiences living in China for 35 years after the Revolution of 1949. He is now widely consulted on U.S.-China relations. (See story page 20)

Families increase collection at Scandinavian Center

Two local families with longtime ties to PLU enriched the Scandinavian Cultural Center’s artifact collection with their recent donations.

Arne ’41 and Gloria (Rummer) ’41 Pederson have been supportive of the SCC ever since the initial fund raising. This time, their contribution included Norwegian pewter plates, Nordic dolls, a wooden Viking ship replica, Norwegian rosemaled bowls, platters and spoons, a man’s Norwegian costume and a butter churn and wooden mold. Arne taught at PLU for 33 years in the School of Education and Gloria owned Gloria’s Scandinavian Gifts near campus for years.

Janice Baxter said she is pleased to have her mother’s and aunt’s collections in a place where they will be appreciated. She and her husband, Bill, donated 132 Danish porcelain plates. The Baxters have been involved with PLU for many years; Bill previously

served on the Q-Club board, and the family contributed to building both Mary Baker Russell Music Center and Rieke Science Center. Their daughter, Ann Baxter ’90, received her master’s in education from PLU.

“Thanks to the generosity of folks like these, the collection continues to grow, which enhances our ability to provide comprehensive Scandinavian exhibits that accurately depict the Scandinavian immigration experience,” said Susan Young ’92, director of the SCC.

The collection consists of strictly donated items and contains about 2,500 pieces, worth \$250,000.

Regents welcome four new members to board and thank retirees

Three members of the Board of Regents have retired, and four new members have joined the board.

New Regents for the 2002-2005 Term are:

Dale Benson, ’63, representing the ELCA. Benson has served on both the Alumni Board (’76 - ’79) and Parents Council (’86-’93). Three of his four children are also PLU alums. Dale owns Benson Associates, an investment

management firm in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Jolita ’63, have made significant contributions to the Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step.

Richard Hildahl, ’65, representing the ELCA. Hildahl is retired from Ernst & Young, where he spent his career working in international petroleum. He now has his own consulting company and travels the world on behalf of his business. Hildahl is also a member of the Wang Center for International Programs Advisory Board. He and his wife, Connie ’65, live in Longbranch, Wash.

David Greenwood, ’74, at-large member. Greenwood is the senior vice president/chief financial officer of Geron Corp, a biotech firm that specializes in stem cell research. He earned his MBA from Harvard and spent several years as an investment banker with JP Morgan. He’s been at Geron since 1995. He and his wife, Margaret ’74, live in Monte Sereno, Calif., and have two children.

Peter Wang, ’60, at-large member. A native of Taiwan, Wang earned a Ph.D. in probability theory at Wayne State University, where he began his teaching career.

Later he held professorships in mathematics and statistics at Michigan State, Iowa and Stanford universities. He is

Danish plates donated by Janice and Bill Baxter enhance the Scandinavian Cultural Center’s collection.





From left, part of the PLU team in Trinidad and Tobago: Kathi Breazeale, Oney Crandall, Kay McDade, Maxine Herbert Hill, Barbara Temple-Thurston. Also on the trip, but not in the photo are Jill Whitman, Jeff Clapp and Lisa Marcus. Photo courtesy Jill Whitman.

regarded among the nation's top researchers in predicting and assessing security threats. Wang left teaching to establish several international trade business ventures and also became a highly regarded entrepreneur and developer of computer-aided design and computer assisted engineering data handling systems. Most recently, he and his wife, Grace, established The Wang Center for International Programs at PLU. They live in Pebble Beach, Calif., and have three grown children. Peter is also a member of the Wang Center for International Programs Advisory Board.

Retiring Regents are **Becky Burad**, who served seven years, **Larry Neeb** who served eight years and chaired the Business and Finance Committee, and **Gerry Anne Sahlin**, who served nine years.

Thriving Trinidad and Tobago program fosters understanding

Six PLU faculty and staff members were immersed in the culture of Trinidad and Tobago as they spent spring break visiting PLU's nine-year-old study abroad program there.

Led by Barbara Temple-Thurston, dean of Humanities and director of the Trinidad and Tobago program, the group researched material for courses with a global focus that offer experien-

tial learning opportunities in the richly-diverse nation of Trinidad and Tobago.

During the next two years the research they began will produce educational connections between Caribbean cultures in Trinidad and Tobago and multicultural neighborhoods around PLU, such as Salishan.

The group learned about Trinidad and Tobago's culture, religion, history, traditions, economy and environment. They visited with religious leaders, government officials, educators, folk historians, Carnival organizers, business leaders, social service agencies, environmental activists and museum curators. They experienced firsthand the Hindu festival Phagwa or Holi, spent an extraordinary evening with the Malick dance and drum performers and attended a staged production of "Echo in the Bones."

Team members included Jeff Clapp, assistant professor of theater (he visited T&T in January); Kathi Breazeale, assistant professor of religion, Oney Crandall, director of the Center for Public Service; Maxine Herbert-Hill, director of Cooperative Education Internships; Kay McDade, associate professor of sociology; and Jill Whitman, professor of geosciences. The trip was funded by a three-year grant from the American Association of Colleges and Universities/ Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education to explore liberal education and global citizenship.

Grad enlightens group on economics in the 21st century

More than 70 graduates and friends of the School of Business gathered in Seattle earlier this spring to hear a fascinating lecture by Andy Turner '74, managing director of the Frank Russell Company. Turner, a former professor of finance spoke on "20 years After - Financial Economics in the 21st Century."

Turner's comments focused on the current economic shift in the information economy and the premise that it takes 20 years for the economy to accept a new paradigm. Turner said the early '70s saw a similar shift with the birth of Modern Portfolio Theory, and he predicts the next economic shift will be what he calls a "bioeconomy."

Those in attendance also heard updates on the progress of the new Morken Center for Learning and Technology, which will incorporate the School of Business, the Department of Mathematics and Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering.

For a copy of Turner's lecture, contact development officer Doug Page at page@plu.edu.

Students earn prestigious grants for undergraduate and graduate research

In-depth research and creative projects continue, with ambitious PLU students and graduates earning top study grants.

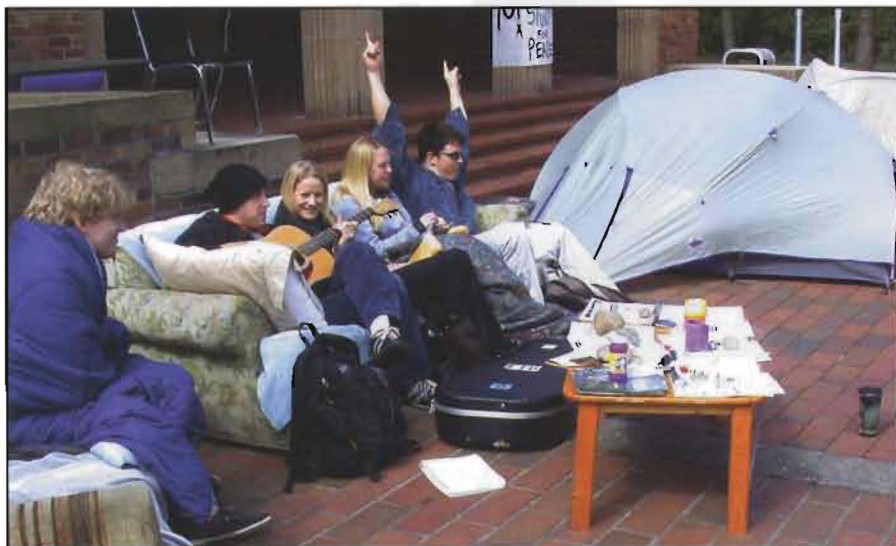
Four PLU graduates have won prestigious Fulbright Scholarships to study abroad, bringing PLU's total to 60 since 1975.

This year's winners are Fredrick Kilcrease, Natalie Gulsrud, Sarah Trask and Denise Thompson, all '03. The first three will go to Germany, where Kilcrease will study economics, Gulsrud will pursue environmental studies (particularly global warming) and Trask will do a teaching assistantship. Thompson will study geology at the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

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Students and staff staged a weeklong "campout" vigil in Red Square this spring. Clockwise from left: Alan Rice '05, Sean Bendickson '03, Sara Wolbrecht '02 and peer ministry coordinator, Bromley Henningsen '03 and Glen Olson '03. The weeklong campout was organized to show opposition to the war in Iraq and provide opportunities for people to become involved in peace efforts.

Also, six ambitious research projects are under way by students who received Severtson/Forest Foundation grants.

Severtson fellows for 2003-04 and their projects are: Gennah Wilde Stocks '05, "The Effect of Maternal Perinatal Analgesia on Newborn Sucking;" Aaron Bell '04, "Repression: Not Just a Negative Issue Anymore;" Erin Burgess '04, "Community Forest Management, Fuelwood Scarcity, and Household Meal Preparation Choices: Evidence from Rural Nepal;" Aaron Dennis '04, "Zooarchaeology & Fijian Culture History;" Allison Gaboury '04, "Voice Recognition by Adults: Unconscious Processes;" Eric Hessler '04, "Motor Skill Consolidation;" Heather Knous '04, "Toddlers' Comprehension of Partially Known Words."

Last month, the 2002-2003 research fellows presented results of their year's worth of research. They are: Thu Nguyen '04, "Musicology and Choreography in a Communist Country: Political Suppression, Restriction and Dictation of Music and Dance in Vietnam;" Janice Moore and Nicole Hemphill-Harmon both '03, "Incarcerated Mothers and Their Children;" Amanda Bieber '03, "Salishan Community Assessment;"

Kimberly Andre '03, "History of NAMAS (Namibia Association of Norway);" Reginald Todd '03, "An Investigation of Compliance With Emergency Vehicle Right-of-Way;" Jennifer Harsch '03, "Localizing Casual Processes in the Brain," and Scott Nguy '03, "Newborn Infant Preference for Higher-Pitched Voices."

The upper-division social science research grants honor S. Erving Severtson, emeritus professor of psychology, and former vice president and dean of student life. They are funded in part by the Forest Foundation.

Trip to China creates new educational and religious connections

Modern day China is undergoing an amazing transformation in many areas including politics, the economy and the religious landscape. Church Relations Director Rick Rouse and PLU Regent Jon Vaswig '80 learned that firsthand when they traveled with a delegation to China in November to deliver wheelchairs, provide medical treatment for the needy, train local health care

FOUR RETIRING FACULTY members with more than 130 years of service between them were honored at May Commencement.

They are:



William Becvar, professor of theater, hired in August 1973.



Arthur Gee, professor of biology, hired in September 1968.



Gary Minetti, director of Counseling and Testing and associate professor in the School of Education, hired in September 1965.



David Yagow, senior lecturer of religion and former associate provost, hired in August 1976.

professionals and meet with religious and government officials.

The trip was sponsored by the Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash., through its philanthropic foundation. It was the first mission for China Partners Network, a new service network that includes partners from the hospital, PLU, and Lutheran congregations in Western Washington. China Partners was formed in fall 2002 to support the work of the Amity Foundation,



Disabled children received wheelchairs as part of the China Partners Network trip. (Photo courtesy Rick Rouse.)

an independent, Christian-based social service organization in China.

Leading the trip was Dr. Donald Mott, the hospital's chief medical officer. Other participants included Don's wife, Barrie Mott, and hospital therapists Steve Shores and Brett Nidiner. Vaswig is senior pastor at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Wash., and is president of the China Partners Network board.

The first day in Shanghai, they met with Chen Mei Lin, executive associate general secretary of the China Christian Council, the umbrella organization that coordinates all Protestant churches in China. They discussed many of the changes taking place in China. The church is beginning to recognize, for example, that it should be involved in social ministry programs to help meet many needs.

The Amity Foundation, which is supported by the ELCA Division for Global Mission, has led the way with its orphanages, clinics, schools and literacy programs, AIDS education and poverty eradication projects.

The team spent three days in Tancheng, a city of one million located in a poor, rural area where its health care professionals diagnosed and treated disabled children who have childhood diseases such as polio and cystic fibrosis. Mott and Rouse represented Rotary International at a wheelchair dedication ceremony and presented 80 wheelchairs to Amity that were distributed to children and some adults with special needs.

The team then spent about a week in Nanjing, the capital of the Jiangsu Province—a growing and prosperous city of six million people. In Nanjing,

they participated in another wheelchair donation ceremony, where they presented Amity with an additional 160 chairs. The medical delegation spent time working with disabled children and training health care workers in the latest therapy techniques.

They met with Ambroise Aiming Wang, vice president and dean of Union Seminary (the national Protestant seminary) and one of his professors. Christianity is exploding in China, and Wang said they are unable to train pastors fast enough. Because of limited facilities and faculty, the semi-

nary can admit only 40 new students out of more than 300 applicants every year, so it is looking to seminaries in the USA for help in training both professors and pastors.

In all, Rouse said they came away with a clearer sense of mission and need for future work that could be sponsored by the China Partners Network.

They made important connections with Amity and discussed specific ways PLU students and faculty could be involved in service-learning opportunities, including a J-term. ☐

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By Drew Brown, online editor

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This edition of Scene Online will focus on the news from April's inaugural symposium on China, May Commencement and summer activities.

Past online issues of Encore!, including photo albums, are available in the Encore! archives (www.plu.edu/encore/archives.html). We hope you enjoy our new format, and feel free to send your comments, questions and story ideas to scene@plu.edu.

life of the mind

History professor helps keep local Native American language alive

PLU history professor Coll Thrush has always felt what he calls “the deepest sense of place” when it comes to the area where he grew up.

Raised in Auburn, Wash., near the Muckleshoot Indian Reservation, he came into contact with the Muckleshoot language – Lushootseed – in the names of local place and plant names derived from the language. Today, through his research and in the classroom, Thrush is trying to preserve the Lushootseed language and culture.

“Lushootseed is very lyrical,” Thrush said. The throaty sounds and clicks that make up Lushootseed would sound much stranger than foreign languages such as Spanish or French to a Washingtonian.

At one time, Lushootseed dialects were spoken north to Bellingham and south to roughly the Deschutes River—a region that includes what is today the urban Tacoma-Seattle-Everett corridor.

Seattle’s Pioneer Square was once a settlement, a village that was called, in rough translation, “Little Crossing Over Place.” Obviously, settlements like this have disappeared. Even more disturbing is the loss of many native dialects.

“Traditions are passed through stories,” Thrush said. “Losing an elder is like a library burning down.”

Ironically, many traditions and languages have been saved in the last century by university professors like Thrush who have researched, recorded and preserved Native languages.

Thrush also preserves Lushootseed through his classes, where Native American culture is studied. He starts by taking local places that seem familiar, and addresses them by their Lushootseed name.

“My job is to disorient, take some-



History Professor Coll Thrush is working to keep alive the ancient Lushootseed language.

thing familiar, and make it unfamiliar,” Thrush said. “They soon realize that these dialects are part of the history and culture of the place they live.”

One example is downtown Tacoma area around where the Museum of Glass now stands: it is known in Lushootseed roughly translated as “Winding River” and spelled as “puyaləp.”

Thrush is still researching and studying the language. He finds doing so challenging, not as much because of the unique letters and accents, but because there are very few native speakers left.

“Part of learning language is conversation,” Thrush said. “It is difficult when there is almost nobody to talk to.”

Thrush has been aided in learning through tapes of native speakers, and one member of the Upper Skagit Tribe elder, Vi Hilbert, who many credit for saving Lushootseed. Hilbert teaches Lushootseed at the University of Washington, has written eight books and helped linguists

produce two Lushootseed dictionaries.

Students in Thrush’s J-Term course, Environmental History of the U.S., met Hilbert while visiting the recently opened Squaxin Museum Library and Research Center in Shelton, Wash.

Here is an example of Lushootseed

ORIGINAL	TRANSLATION
d'id'olalič Little Crossing- Over Place	Site of Pioneer Square, Seattle
həxčətx'əd Frequented by Black Bears	Site of Downtown Olympia
sč'itlq'ub Those Near the Water	Steilacoom
st'iləq'ac Wild Strawberry	Site of Downtown Puyallup
puyaləp Winding River	Downtown Tacoma (near Glass Museum)

Thrush has brought local Native American tribe members into the classroom to supplement his lectures and student research. His students also learn through visiting settlements, some that still exist and others that are long gone.

"Students learn as much from absence as they do from presence," Thrush said. "They ask really good questions about why settlements are gone, and look for what has been left behind. They also realize there is a history here, and it can be regained."

By Drew Brown

Summer program offers training in computer network security

Much-needed training to combat computer hackers will be offered at PLU this summer. After a two-course program, students will have expertise in network security, which could help them find a job or earn a raise.

There are weaknesses in every computer system, and experts say the hacker community is continually testing those weaknesses. While some of these attacks may just cause inconvenience, others represent serious threats.

"Our society is so dependent on computers in general and the World Wide Web in specific that any attack on these systems could have a severe impact on our economy, our privacy, and our national security," said Professor Richard Spillman, who is organizing the program.

Spillman said new programs to combat hackers are developing across the country, but there are none in Washington state. With large employers such as Microsoft, Boeing, and Intel here, it's crucial to have people trained to protect computer systems.

PLU's program includes two parts: Computer Network Security and Cryptology, which will be offered from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. May 27 to June 21, and Introduction to Network Security, which runs at the same time from June 23 - July 19. The courses are offered to PLU and non-PLU students, as long as they have met the proper prerequisites. For more information, contact Spillman at 253-535-7406 or spillmrj@plu.edu [S]

ACCOLADES



Greg Guldin

Greg Guldin, professor of anthropology, wrote "Cultural Diversity in School: A Guide for School Board Members and School Administrators." The 90-page manual, was a project of the Washington State School Directors' Association's Diversity-Multicultural Advocacy Team. Guldin, the organization's diversity consultant, has worked with a number of local school districts on a range of issues related to educational diversity. The manual offers extensive information and practical advice on addressing and fostering cultural diversity in school.



Peter Grosvenor

Peter Grosvenor, assistant professor of political science, won a Canadian government Faculty Enrichment Grant to undertake work in Newfoundland and Labrador this summer. Under his proposal, "Atlantic Canada: Provincial Government, Party Politics, and Political Economy," he will undertake a month of field research to develop extensive new course material on Eastern Canada.



Janet Rasmussen

Janet Rasmussen will continue in her role as director of the Wang Center for International Programs. Her leadership during the center's inaugural year has advanced PLU's global initiatives.

Jill Whitman, professor of geosciences, began a three-year term on the U.S. Science Advisory Committee to the Ocean Drilling Program.

USSAC is the scientific steering committee responsible for the overall long-term scientific direction and continuity of the program.

KPLU law and justice reporter **Paula Wissel** won a spot in the National Press Foundation's Homeland Security Conference in Washington D.C. Feb. 9-12.



Loren J. Anderson

PLU President **Loren J. Anderson** was awarded the Outstanding Executive Award of the Association of Lutheran Development Executives. Anderson was cited for his skill, commitment, selflessness and remarkable contributions he has made throughout his career, both to the larger philanthropic community and to PLU.



Chung-Shing Lee

Dr. Chung-Shing Lee, ePLU director and assistant professor of business, and Jeffrey K.H. Liu '03 presented "A Case Study of Taiwan Electronics Industry's Supply Chain Management Strategy" at the Conference of the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences. Lee also visited the College of Economics at Sichuan University in Chengdu, China in December to discuss further academic cooperation between PLU and Sichuan University. In addition, he delivered a presentation on "Achieving High Performance on E-Business Supply Chain Management" at the Department of Business Management of the National Sun Yat-Sen University in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.



Grad revitalizes salmon runs in the

Nisqually River delta

By Drew Brown

JEANETTE DORNER '94 IS RESTORING 31 ACRES OF PASTURE ON THE NISQUALLY RIVER DELTA, CONVERTING IT TO ITS PRISTINE STATE AS A SALT MARSH ESTUARY. IN TIME, THE AREA WILL AGAIN PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO SHORE BIRDS AND NATIVE FISH SPECIES, INCLUDING THREATENED SALMON.

(TOP) JEANETTE DORNER '94, Salmon recovery program manager, and Florian Leischner, a salmon recovery and restoration biologist, survey the project area. The green vegetation to the right is part of the previously existing salt marsh estuary.

Dorner is the salmon recovery program manager for the Nisqually Indian Tribe. Her job is to restore and protect salmon habitat all along the Nisqually River corridor, from Mt. Rainier to Puget Sound. The work is supported by grants, principally from the federal government.

"The river has been a tribal cultural resource for thousands of years," Dorner said. "The tribe has successfully protected its legal right under treaty to fish in the Northwest. Now we are restoring this watershed to ensure that there will be salmon plentiful enough to fish today and in future generations."

Dorner has managed clean-up and natural vegetation restoration projects on the banks of the Nisqually and its tributaries. Her biggest undertaking has been the restoration of a portion of the delta on tribal property, near the confluence of the Nisqually, Red Salmon Creek and the southern end of Puget Sound. The land is adjacent to The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Nisqually Delta Refuge.

Over the past century, the overall area and quality of the natural wetlands at Nisqually has been compromised by the construction of a series of dikes designed to make the land suitable for farming by blocking the ebb and flow of water. The non-native and unnatural habitats that resulted from dike construction

have hurt juvenile salmon, migratory birds and other species in the region.

Under Dorner's supervision, last August the tribe removed dikes surrounding the project site and filled "borrow ditches" between the dikes and the pasture from which dirt was "borrowed" by farmers to build the dikes. Otherwise the pasture was left unchanged.

With the dikes removed, twice a day at high tide about a foot of water covers the entire area. Sediment from the tidewaters has covered the decaying pasture grasses and created a mudflat. In some places the mudflat will build to the point where natural salt marsh vegetation will begin to grow, eventually returning the land to a salt marsh estuary.

Juvenile salmon are already returning to the area to feed and become acclimated to their new life in saltwater before embarking on their ocean journey. It is a crucial link in restoring to successful salmon runs.

"It's simple," Dorner said. "Humans needed to get out of the way and let nature take its course to restore the habitat."

Dorner and her team have staked out the mudflat and are watching the area closely during this, the first growing season, to see what kind of vegetation will replace the pasture grasses and how much natural sediment will accumulate.

Dorner has been interested in environmental issues for years and her work in salmon recovery began when she was in graduate school at the University of Washington. She established a council for Muck Creek in Roy, Wash. There volunteers removed weeds and grass from the creek bed and planted trees and native shrubs on the shore. This, in turn allowed salmon to swim upstream again and give Roy its first salmon run in more than 50 years.

"It was very exciting," Dorner said. "At that point, I was hooked."

Her environmental roots go back further. At PLU, she was a double major in earth sciences and environmental studies. The latter didn't even exist then—she developed an independent major.

"Interest in the environment really built up when I was in school," said Dorner, whose parents, Celine and


Bryan, are both math professors at PLU. "My professors had the knowledge to help me pursue it fully." PLU now offers majors and minors in the subject.

Dorner said she was influenced by professors such as Jill Whitman, professor of geosciences and chair of the Environmental Studies Program, and Sheri Tonn, professor of chemistry, now vice president of finance and operations. They encouraged Dorner to pursue the next step in her journey—a Fulbright Scholarship to India. Dorner's research had her in Delhi doing a water quality study on the Yamuna River, the main tributary of the Ganges.

In India rivers are holy, and citizens take wilted garlands off statues, put them in the plastic bags and drop them in the river. Dorner thought she was educating citizens by telling them of the environmental hazards of plastic. She later learned that a man made his living collecting and recycling those bags.

"It was a profound moment. I learned how important it is to fully understand a community before trying to make changes to their way of life," Dorner said.

Her relationship with the Nisqually Tribe during graduate school led to a job offer after graduation in 1999. She immediately began working on their estuary restoration project. Dorner now regularly watches juvenile Chinook salmon use the estuary. But this is only phase one, and nature takes decades to make changes.

"It's exciting, but I realize I will have passed retirement age when we know the ultimate impact of this change," said Dorner, who is expecting her first child in July. "I'm doing this for my grandchildren and future generations." 



A CROSS SECTION of earth from the restoration site shows blackish, oxidizing pasture grasses under a thin layer of reddish sediment deposited by seven months of tidal action over the site.

“HUMANS NEEDED TO GET OUT OF THE WAY AND LET NATURE TAKE ITS COURSE TO RESTORE THE HABITAT.”

-JEANETTE DORNER '94



(Top) Dr. M. Roy Schwarz '59, president of China Medical Board of New York, discusses health care with speaker Paul Tai, a member of the Wang Center board.

(Right) "We need to know each other more," Ambassador Wang Yunxiang, consulate general of the People's Republic of China, told the audience.



Symposium builds bridges between

By Katherine Hedland '88 • Photography by Chris Tumbusch

The theme of the Wang Center's major China symposium was building bridges, but founder Peter Wang also sees the mission as opening gates and windows.

"We open gates to your heart and windows to see outside," said Wang '60. "Once you are willing to open your heart, once you are willing to see, then can the work begin toward a more peaceful world."

The inaugural Wang symposium drew 700 people from the Asian, business, academic and other communities interested in the top-notch speakers and compelling topics at the downtown Tacoma Sheraton. It represents another major step in the development of PLU as a globally-focused university that engages every student in the task of understanding the diverse, wonderful and sometimes difficult world.

"This symposium symbolizes our com-

mitment to educate global citizens and peace builders, and to offer PLU to this community and region as a place where global issues are studied and discussed," PLU President Loren J. Anderson said.

Peter Wang was overwhelmed by the response to the symposium from people both inside and outside of PLU.

"It's the most gratifying experience of my life," said Wang, who with his wife, Grace, donated \$4 million to start the



(Top) Wing Center Director Janet Rasmussen, center, talks with students about peace efforts.

MaryAnn and Loren Anderson visit booths set up by students for Educating for Peace Day.

(Right) Greg Youtz, chairman PLU's Chinese Studies Department, played the drum for the dragon dancers at the Museum of Glass.



cultures, opens door to the world

Wang Center for International Programs. "I have never seen so much energy from our faculty, our staff and our students."

A goal of China: Bridges for a New Century was to bring together people from different sectors of both nations to find similarities and work together. Speakers say that is key to healthy relationships.

"We need to know each other. We need to know each other more," said Ambassador Wang Yunxiang, consular general of the People's Republic of China, who is based in San Francisco. "Both the United States and China are very impor-

tant and great nations in the world."

He said the two countries complement each other, but must have mutual trust and understanding to find solutions to problems that do exist.

"Of course the United States and China are facing some difficulties—especially with two different civilizations, two different cultures—but the relations are guided by common interests," he said.

John Holden, president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, said the time is right for such exploration.

"This is an opportune time for global

citizens to take the time to build bridges that will ensure a peaceful future," he said. "We have never, ever been more closely interrelated."

Sidney Rittenberg, PLU's visiting professor of Chinese studies, said he has known for decades that the two nations should work together. Rittenberg, 81, was honored with the Wang Center's first Peace Builder Award (see story page 20) and spoke at the symposium.

When he first went to China nearly 60

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(Top) John Holden, president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, spoke during the opening session about the importance of the nations working together.

(Left) Peter '06 and Grace Wang, third and second from right, received a standing ovation at the opening session. At left are Tacoma Mayor Bill Baarsma and Ambassador Wang Yunxiang, consulate general of the People's Republic of China.

“When three people go somewhere together, there will be a teacher for me among them.” John Holden, president of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, quoting Confucius. He said it was an appropriate saying for people at the seminar to remember.

years ago, he discovered a country with the greatest population and history that was desperately in need of capital and expertise in science and technology. The U.S. had those things.

“If we could bring them together, I thought it would be one of the best things that could happen,” Rittenberg said. “I decided that’s what I wanted to devote my life to.”

Rittenberg pleaded for peace, saying it’s not a luxury, but a prerequisite for future generations.

“We must have peace. We live in a perilous world that has developed the weapons to destroy the Planet Earth,” he said. “The U.S. and China can play a major role in securing peace for the world.”

In an effort to advance knowledge and understanding, there were two packed days of seminars on topics of cultural, economic, societal and political

importance. Participants also got to view and discuss the work of acclaimed Chinese film director Wu Ziniu and to see Tacoma’s Dragon Boats on the Thea Foss Waterway.

All the events brought together people from different backgrounds with a common interest.

“Now the bridge has been lowered,” Wang said. “Now faculty, students, leaders, politicians and business people can walk across the bridge to another culture, look at it, study it, understand it and appreciate it.”

Campus kicks off symposium with day dedicated to peace

“Educating for Peace Day” preceded the symposium with events for students, faculty and staff on campus. The day was designed to better equip those committed

to peace with skills to solve conflicts.

It began with a rededication of PLU’s peace pole, located on the south side of Mortvedr Library. It was first dedicated in 1997 as a gift to the university from The World Peace Prayer Society of Japan. The PLU community then had the opportunity to learn about different countries at the student fair, where booths highlighted various countries. Simulations engaged students, staff and faculty in actively and dynamically dealing with conflict. Split into four groups, participants discovered ways of transforming and transcending conflict in different situations.

Recipients of last year’s Wang Center grants made presentations on their research, and this year’s recipients were named at the President’s Reception.

“It is truly an international week on our campus,” President Anderson said.

Student winners of the 2003-04 Wang

“Competition is helpful, monopoly is not,” PLU Visiting Professor of Chinese Sidney Rittenberg, on the economy.

grants are Rosanne Christian, Chinese studies; Aaron Kyle Dennis, anthropology and German; Lindsay Smith, Spanish and global studies; and Josi Tolman, French and global studies.

The following faculty were also awarded grants: Kelly M. Goedett, psychology; Peter Grosvenor, political science; Gina Hames, history; Paul Manfredi, languages and literature; John Moritsugu, psychology; Barbara Temple-Thurston, English; Teru Toyokawa, psychology; and William Yager, business.

Presentations of first-year grants were made by Nova Schauss, *Faces of Women*; James Kozak, Beijing “Themes of Development:” *Images of China’s Capital*; Thu Nguyen, *The Politics of Music in Communist Vietnam*; Kimberly Andte, *The Namibian Association of Norway*; Amanda Kaler and Jeannie Sur, *The Asia Pacific Environmental Exchange: An Opportunity to Work for Social and Environmental Justice from the Ground Up*; Heidi Kyle, *Theresienstadt: The Nazis’ “Model” Ghetto and the “Waiting Room” for Auschwitz*; Leah Sprain, *Study of Consumer Activism in Central America*; Juli Miller, *Creating Digital Opportunities in Africa*; Jennifer Harsch, *Understanding Religion and Spirituality: A Cross-Cultural Study Between the USA and Tanzania*; Carlee Smith, *Children: The Innocent Victims of War*.

Symposium Highlights

The symposium presented distinguished speakers on a number of topics of global importance, from business to social issues. Distinguished speakers included PLU graduates and faculty, as well as visiting scholars and experts from around the country and world.

Large group sessions were held on the following topics:

The Rise of China: Challenges to the Global Economy, Nicholas Lardy, Institute for International Economics and Andrea Riniker, Port of Tacoma.

Partnering with China on Behalf of Human Rights, Lisa Stearns, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, and Susan Dwyer-Schick, political science, PLU.

Russell EMPulse China Portrait,

Andreas Udbye ’83, World Trade Center Tacoma; and Jennifer Kim and Christopher Bush, Frank Russell Company.

Youth Culture and School Reform, Chen Xiangming, Peking University, Stanley Rosen, University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

China and the USA in the American Century, Warren Cohen, University of Maryland, Baltimore County; David K.Y. Tang, Preston, Gates and Ellis; Jim Pence, PLU provost.

An ambitious agenda of smaller sessions helped explain different aspects of China and its relationship with the U.S. Topics covered:

Business

The Context for Business Relations, Winston Zee ’76, ’78, Baker & McKenzie, Hong Kong; Richard J. Ellings, National Bureau of Asian Research and Paul Tai, professor, University of Detroit Mercy.

Development Challenges, Priscilla A. St. Clair, economics, PLU; Gregory E. Guldin, anthropology, PLU; Wing T. Woo, University of Southern California, Davis.

Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle Study Mission, Hallock Beals, Wells Fargo Bank; Joseph Borich, State China Relations Council, John W. Ladenburg, Pierce County Executive, Greg Yourtz, Chinese studies, PLU; Juli Wilkerson, Tacoma Economic Development Department.

Pacific Rim Business Perspectives, Haruo Horaguchi, Hosei University, Tokyo; Ding Lu, National University of Singapore, J. Thad Barnowe, business, PLU.

China’s Science and Technology Development in the 21st Century, Xue Lan, Tsinghua University, Beijing; Janet Rasmussen, director, Wang Center.

The Internet and E-Business, Chung Shing-Lee, PLU School of Business; Sze Chan ’85, Mirrors Group, Taipei; Xiaoping Chen, University of Washington; Robert Grenley, IDmicro, Tacoma; Karl Weaver, Newport Technologies; Xue Lan, Tsinghua University, Beijing.

Civic and Environmental Investment, Jimmy Chen, Cheno Marine, Tacoma; Lit Ng, business leader and philanthropist,

Monterey, Calif.; Xiaoli Ding, International Marketplace, Woodinville, Wash.

Business Strategies, Joseph Borich, Washington State China Relations Council; Karen Sutter, U.S.-China Business Council; Martha Choe, Washington State Office of Trade and Economic Development.

Arts and Culture

The Arts, He Chengzhou, Nanjing University and Zhi Lin, University of Washington; Richard Moe, emeritus dean of the arts, PLU.

Contemporary Chinese Cinema, Paul Manfredi, PLU; Yingjin Zhang, University of California, San Diego; Yomi Braester, University of Washington.


Spiritual Life, Evelyn and James Whitehead, Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History, University of San Francisco; Paul Ingram, religion, PLU.

China 101, Tesc Wintz Neighbor, World Affairs Council.

Health Care

Dr. William Foege, ’57, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; Dr. M. Roy Schwarz ’59, president, China Medical Board of New York; Rev. John Vaswig ’80 and Dr. Donald Mott, China Partners Network.

Higher Education

Gordon Slethaug ’62, University of Hong Kong; Robert Thomas, Wayne State University; K.T. Tang, physics, PLU. 

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Does China threaten us?

A new, market-oriented China will soon share the world stage with U.S.

★ By Greg Guldin ★

What if China's military were patrolling the skies and seas beyond Neah Bay and the Florida Keys and its corporations buying up American companies and resources and taking advantage of cheap American labor?

What if China kept sending emissaries to lecture American officials about the shortcomings of the American system: homelessness, unemployment, violence, racism and the way we discard our elderly?

Although some Americans might welcome the Chinese pre-eminence, others among us would naturally resent the overbearing Chinese presence—domination even—in our lives.

But of course, this is—not yet—the global reality. And it might never be. But imagining such a reversal might help us decide how we'd like the world to be structured—and to understand how others see the world.

Does China Threaten Us?

Some analysts have not tired of seeing China and the Chinese as a "threat" to America and American interests.

The racist "Yellow Peril" of the 19th and early 20th centuries blended half a century ago with the "Red Menace" of communism to create a fearful bogeyman that bedeviled Chinese-American relations for decades. Then, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, some of these analysts have rushed in to warn us that China should be our new "number one enemy."

For a decade and more we have thus been hearing about "the China Threat."

In 1992, Ross Munro of the Center for Security Studies wrote how China was a real menace to the United States, and others soon joined the chorus.

China, we were told, was an economic threat, a military threat, a political adversary. Its robust economy both threatened out global economic standing and bankrolled aggressive Chinese military moves throughout Asia. George W. Bush picked up the theme when he declared during the 2000 presidential campaign that China would no longer be considered in his administration a strategic partner of the

USA (as it had been for over a decade), but our competitor.

Economic Powerhouse

Having emerged from the orthodox communism of the Mao years, China embarked in the 1980s on a policy of "market socialism" that dismantled the economically stagnating communes and returned land to individual households.

This unleashed a wave of prosperity that washed over many rural communities and created a mini-boom in the countryside, which, in turn, provided the cash and the labor for a spurt in local industries.

From there it was an expanding circle of economic growth, as coastal areas opened to foreign investment and new economic reforms opened the country to an explosion of private sector expansion.

"Getting rich was glorious," declared China's foremost leader of the time, Deng Xiaoping, and year after year the Chinese economy grew.

Now 20 years on, the world is witnessing one of history's most sustained economic expansions that has lifted hundreds of millions of Chinese out of poverty. Being the world's fastest-growing economy for two decades running, averaging a 9 percent annual growth rate, is no mean feat. By last year, China led the world as a destination for foreign investment and had the world's second-largest foreign currency reserve at US\$280 billion.

But does China doing well economically make it a threat to us? Unlikely. For all its rapid growth, China's share of world trade is only around 4 percent — about the same as Italy's. And we should consider the great benefits of China's growth: millions of consumers in other countries are gaining from the low prices and high quality of Chinese goods and businesses across the globe are profiting from supplying a vast new market. Especially when other economies are stuttering, China's contribution to world market demand is vital.

Some analysts see a slowdown in China's mid-range future. The transition to a full market economy and the challenges of

global competition on the Chinese domestic market — induced by China's entry into the World Trade Organization — mean that unemployment levels and a slew of bankruptcies of state-owned businesses will continue to cloud China's otherwise rosy economic scene. And large numbers of people out of work and, perhaps for the first time in their lives, not supported by a robust social benefits system raises the specter of social instability.

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Awakening Dragon?

Just using the image of the powerful dragon awakening evokes a negative image in the American mind. Whereas dragons are positive and powerful symbols of rulers and the heavens in the Chinese cosmology, for Westerners dragons are to be feared, loathed and slain.

But even if we discard this clichéd negative symbol of the Chinese, the question remains: what is the role on the world stage for an increasingly prosperous and self-confident China?

Chinese themselves, like Americans, have a strong sense of patriotism and want their country to be respected by other nations. They react strongly to perceived slights — such as when their embassy is bombed or their fighter pilots shot down. These acts — committed by the U.S. — were the cause for much dismay in China. The U.S. reacted, though, as if we were the wounded party when Chinese and others did not take at first blush our protestations of innocence. One Chinese analyst believes "China's rapidly increasing wealth and strength have not been accepted by the West" and "that is the major factor contributing to the belief that the

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During his early days in China, Sidney Rittenberg, visiting professor of Chinese studies at PLU, knew and supported Chairman Mao Zedong. (Photo courtesy Sidney Rittenberg.)

Bringing Chinese History to life:

Professor Sidney Rittenberg honored for commitment to building peace

★ *By Drew Brown*



“It was always my goal to build bridges between people,” Rittenberg said.

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

“It was always my goal to build bridges between people,” Rittenberg said. “I never gave up on that idea, even through the hardships.”

For all his work, Rittenberg received the Wang Center for International Program’s first Peacebuilder Award at the China symposium.

“Sidney Rittenberg is a pioneer in building peace between China and the United States and promoting relations between our two peoples,” said Ambassador Wang Yunxiang, consulate general of the People’s Republic of China.

“I am immensely thankful to Pacific Lutheran University for this award and to (Wang Center founders) Peter and Grace Wang who made it possible,” Rittenberg said. “I will take it as an encouragement to do more together with you in the future.”

Rittenberg, 81, who was also a speaker at the symposium, has taught classes on China at PLU for five years. He brings decades of experience in China, where he worked as an interpreter, aid worker, program developer, business consultant and translator of major texts.

His journey began during World War II, when he was drafted and sent to the Army Far Eastern Language and Area School at Stanford University, where he studied Chinese. After the war, Rittenberg joined the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Agency in China, as a famine relief observer.

He then became a neutral interpreter (for the three sides, U.S. Army, Nationalist and Communist) in one of the Truce Teams set up to conciliate in the Chinese Civil War by President Truman’s Special Envoy. Rittenberg’s work helped develop his relationship with the Chinese. In 1946, China’s Communist leadership invited him to remain to help set up

their English language program.

His work ended abruptly in 1949 when Soviet leader Joseph Stalin accused him of being a spy for the U.S., forcing the Chinese government to send him to solitary confinement. Upon Stalin’s death in 1955, Rittenberg was released.

“With the billions of dollars of aid China needed (from the Soviets), my incarceration is not excusable, but understandable,” Rittenberg said.

Eventually, both Mao and Zhou Enlai made a number of public apologies to Rittenberg and made him a ranking member of the Communist Party, giving him access to information rare, if not unprecedented, for an American.

Rittenberg decided that the times, and his new privileged position as a “hero” who had been through severe trials and had not turned against China, made it



favorable for him to remain. And most simply put, he loved China and wanted to continue bridging the gap between United States and Chinese cultures.

Rittenberg continued living in China, met his wife, Yulin, married and started a family. He worked with Chinese journalists, training editors, translators, radio announcers and others in English. He also took part as a Chinese/English interpreter in the translation of major texts, including the Selected Works of Mao Zedong, and at times interpreted for Chinese leaders in their talks with foreign visitors.

Yet he was forced to weather another incarceration starting in 1968, this for an astonishing 10 years, for actions and criticisms against the dictatorship and bureaucracy during the Cultural Revolution.

He left China after his release, and he and his wife and four children resettled

in the U.S. Since then he has taught, consulted, and (in 1993) penned the story of his years in China, “The Man Who Stayed Behind” (with Amanda Bennett of The Wall Street Journal).

Rittenberg, who lives on Fox Island, was introduced to PLU by Ned Graham ’85, who along with being the youngest son of the Rev. Billy Graham also has worked to spread Christianity in China. After talking with Chinese Studies professor Greg Guldin, and visiting PLU’s campus, Rittenberg knew it was the right place to teach.

“I feel at home here because PLU is dedicated to education for service, not just education for education’s sake or education for a career,” he said. “I feel at home at PLU and enjoy immensely my interaction with my students and the faculty and other colleagues.”

He has taught courses in Chinese anthropology, history and philosophy while at PLU. Rittenberg’s most recent course, Chinese Culture and Thought, focused on many branches of ancient Chinese philosophy.

“I don’t demand they remember a lot of names and dates,” Rittenberg said of his students. “I have them write mostly about what they think, turning these philosophies into a sounding board.”

Of great importance to Rittenberg, who gave the Commencement Address in May, is finding happiness and encouraging others to do so. “College students will have spirited, lively discussions about philosophy, but when asked about happiness, they’re stumped,” Rittenberg said.

He has maintained happiness by continuing his work to improve relations between the U.S. and China. Along with teaching, lectures and frequent trips back to China, he and Yulin have established Rittenberg & Associates, which consults individuals, agencies and businesses who work with China.

“The road to happiness leads through other people’s hearts,” he said. “It doesn’t matter how much you are able to accomplish. It’s the attempt, trying to serve others, that is important. It’s not the quantity, it’s the quality.” □

(Pictured above) Rittenberg talks with, from left: Veasna Hoy ’03, Leah Rue ’06 and Ben Rasmus ’06.

attaway lutes



Shannon Hayes (with ball) '04 and Courtney Johnson '05 helped the women's basketball team become a success and both will be back next season.

Women's basketball team enjoys remarkable turnaround

Since PLU made a move to the National Collegiate Athletic Association at the start of the 1998-99 school year, few Lute athletic teams have enjoyed the success experienced by the women's basketball team.

A scant decade ago the Pacific Lutheran women cagers finished with only two wins in 24 games. Seven seasons ago PLU was 17-9, only the second winning record in the previous 15 seasons. At that point, Gil Rigell took over the program, and the results have been undeniably remarkable.

In his first season, 1997-98, Rigell led the Lutes to a 21-7 record and their initial Northwest Conference championship. The team lost in the first round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national tournament, but the groundwork was clearly in place for PLU's jump to NCAA Division III status.

In the past five years the PLU women's basketball team has won the

Northwest Conference championship outright three times and shared it once. In four NCAA tournament appearances the Lutes have twice reached the Elite Eight, once the Sweet 16, and the other time lost in the second round. Pacific Lutheran has compiled a 7-4 overall record in its four NCAA tournament appearances.

For a program that 10 years ago struggled to win a single game, the turnaround has been outstanding.

Rigell came to PLU in 1995 as a student, after earning his associate's degree at Green River College and coaching basketball and tennis for several years at Lakes High School.

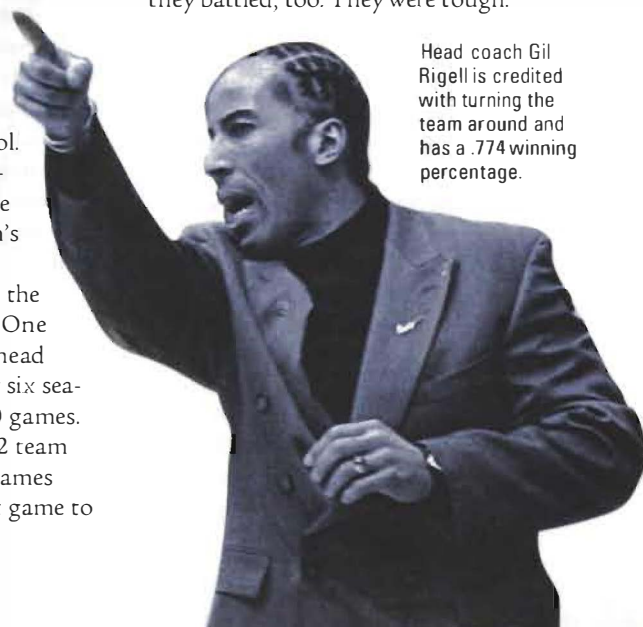
As a 32-year-old, Rigell compiled a 9-0 singles record while playing for the 1996 PLU men's tennis team. The next fall, he became an assistant coach for the women's basketball program. One year later he took over as the head coach, and in each of the next six seasons the Lutes won at least 20 games. The highlight was the 2001-02 team that won a school record 23 games before losing in an Elite Eight game to

eventual national champion Wisconsin-Stevens Point. The six straight 20-win seasons is particularly noteworthy because never before in the history of the PLU women's basketball program had any team enjoyed a 20-win season.

Rigell has a 127-37 win-loss record, a .774 winning percentage. He ranks among the national leaders in Division III for winning percentage by a coach.

His coaching job this past season may have been his best, and the Lutes played their best basketball of the season when it mattered most. They advanced all the way to the Sweet 16. After finishing second during the Northwest Conference season, PLU beat Puget Sound at home and regular season champion Whitworth in Spokane to earn the conference's automatic berth in the national tournament.

After a first round bye, the Lutes beat Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.), 68-54, at home, in the second round of the NCAA playoffs. The Lutes then traveled to Wisconsin, where for the second straight year they were eliminated from the tournament. This time, No. 1-ranked Wisconsin-Eau Claire scored a basket with 3.2 seconds left to hold off the unranked Lutes, 43-41. "We had our chances. We had good looks throughout the game, the kind of shots that we've been making in recent games, but we didn't put them down," said Rigell. "But they battled, too. They were tough."



Head coach Gil Rigell is credited with turning the team around and has a .774 winning percentage.

The previous season, the Lutes lost their top three players in all-conference honorees Becky Franza '02, Jessica Iserman '02 and Jamie Keatts '02. The returnees represent only 31 percent of scoring and 35 percent of rebounding from the 2001-02 conference championship team.

Rigell built the team around two veteran players, 5-8 senior Hilary Berg '03 and 6-3 junior Courtney Johnson '04. Berg was the team's "spiritual" leader who played each game with fierce determination. Johnson was a pivotal performer on offense, leading the Lutes with 11 points per game, and on defense where she finished among the national leaders by averaging nearly 4.5 blocks per game. She received first team All-Northwest Conference recognition.

Sophomore Shannon Hayes '05, a returning starter, improved on offense and generally drew the assignment of stopping the opponents' top scorer. Aundi Kustura '05 recovered from a foot injury to average 7.7 points per game.

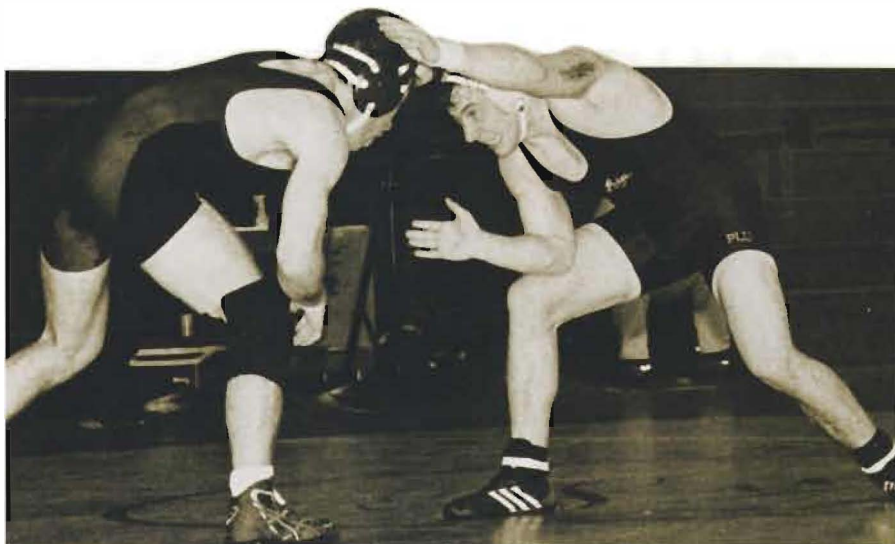
Then there were the newcomers. Mallory Mann '06, a freshman from Conway, Ark., replaced Franza at point guard and had a stellar first season with averages of 5.6 points and 4.5 assists per contest. "Mallory's poise and great court awareness played a key role for us making the national tournament," Rigell said.

Freshman Kelly Turner '06 finished second in the nation in three-point shooting percentage (48 percent) and earned second team All-Northwest Conference honors, and freshman Anna Sticklin '06 led the Lutes in scoring in several late-season games. Transfers Pam Isaacson '06 and Sara Wilcox '05 were key contributors off the bench.

"Gil has done a good job as coach of the women's basketball team," said PLU Athletic Director Paul Hoseth. "To take a young team such a long way in the national tournament is indicative of his coaching ability."

The good news about the 2002-03 PLU women's basketball team, besides a trip to the Sweet 16 and a 21-8 final record, is that the team loses only one player, senior Hilary Berg. "It's so darn tough getting out of our conference," said Rigell, "that we like our chances once we get out. We're right there, we're knocking on the door."

By Nick Dawson



PLU's Rich Vigorito, right, is one of the wrestlers who will have to transfer schools if they want to compete. PLU has eliminated its wrestling program.

PLU puts pin on wrestling program but tries to help athletes transfer

PLU, one of only five non-Division I four-year schools in the Pacific Northwest and Canada to offer collegiate wrestling, has dropped its wrestling program.

The lack of Division III and Northwest Conference wrestling programs was a primary factor in the decision. With the demise of the PLU program, Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., is the only remaining Division III school in the Northwest Conference, and in the Pacific Northwest region, with a wrestling program. All other varsity sports at PLU are affiliated with the Northwest Conference or are moving in that direction. All have strong regional and national connections.

"Our preference is not to drop sports, but Northwest Conference and Division III wrestling in the Northwest is essentially non-existent," Athletic Director Paul Hoseth said. "This has not been easy and certainly was not taken lightly. Hoseth told head coach John Aiken '98 in April, then made the

announcement to team members.

Hoseth pledged that the PLU athletic department "will work with the current wrestlers to help them with their future plans," including possible transfer to other institutions with wrestling programs. Of 16 wrestlers listed on this year's roster, none are seniors, and 13 of them competed. The top wrestler during the 2002-03 season was junior Josh

Rhoden '04, who won the Division III Great Lakes Regional championship at 174 pounds to earn a berth at the national tournament. In five years as a NCAA Division III member, PLU sent three wrestlers to nationals.

Among the remaining non-Division I wrestling programs in the Pacific Northwest are Simon Fraser University, in Burnaby, B.C., Central Washington University in

Ellensburg, Southern Oregon University in Ashland, and Pacific University.

"The athletes should be the No. 1 priority and right now they don't feel like they are," said Aiken, a PLU All-America wrestler who coached the last five years. "They are going to have to change their goals and plans, and that's the important thing." □

By Nick Dawson

PLU WRESTLING ALL-AMERICANS (TOP 6 FINISH AT NATIONAL TOURNAMENT):

- Paul Giovannini, 5th, 134 lbs. (1981)
- Mike Agostini, 5th, 177 lbs. (1982)
- Chris Wolfe, 3rd, 142 lbs. (1985)
and 4th, 142 pounds (1986)
- Jeff Lipp, 6th, 177 lbs. (1985)
- Adrian Rodriguez, 2nd, 126 lbs. (1987)
- Bob Freund, 6th, 150 lbs. (1988)
- John Godinho, 6th, 134 lbs. (1990)
- Brian Peterson, 2nd, 150 lbs. (1993)
and 1st, 158 lbs. (1994)
- Nate Button, 5th, 134 lbs. (1994)
- Quoc Nguyen, 4th, 118 lbs. (1995)
- Tuan Nguyen, 4th, 118 lbs. (1996)
and 3rd, 118 lbs. (1997)
- John Aiken, 2nd, 150 lbs. (1998)
- J.J. Hanson, 3rd, 190 lbs. (1998)

alumni news & events

Alumni Recognition

2003 Awards

Distinguished Alumnus Award



KENNETH "SKIP" HARTVIGSON '65

Because his life and approach to work embody the mission of PLU, Kenneth "Skip" Hartvigson '65 receives the Distinguished Alumni Award.

He had a remarkable career in sales starting with Proctor & Gamble from 1965-1972 and Connecticut Mutual Life from 1972-1983. He was a highly successful Lutheran Brotherhood general agent for 19 years until he retired in December. In the first five years after joining Lutheran Brotherhood in 1984, Hartvigson more than tripled his agency's earnings. His expertise made him a sought-after speaker and mentor, and he has shepherded the careers of numerous Lutes over the years. The values, mission, sense of commitment and work ethic he instills have helped those he manages reap success.

Hartvigson has served his "beloved" university in many ways since his days as senior class president. A valued volunteer, he is a member of the Board of Regents, sits on the School of Business Administration Advisory Board and is a member of the business alumni club PLUS Business. He and his wife, Joyce (Haavik '65), have been leaders in fund-raising campaigns, are Q Club Fellows and members of the Heritage Society and Lifetime Giving Society.

Hartvigson and his wife share homes in Seattle and Mexico. They have two sons, Brett '92 and wife Jocelyn, and Koll '93, and five grandchildren.

Outstanding Alumnus Award



BILL KEES '65

For his dedication to the Lutheran Church and his advocacy for youth, Bill Kees '65 receives a 2003

Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Kees is director of the ELCA Youth Ministries and Gathering. He has made it his life calling to challenge the church to make young people full members of the church. His ministry is defined by a deep sense of empathy for and interest in youth and their contribution to the community of faith. As part of that, he oversees the Lutheran youth gatherings. The ELCA carries out the largest gathering of youth in North America, bringing together 40,000 youth and their sponsors from 3,000 congregations every three years to affirm young people in their faith.

A former parish pastor, he served five congregations in Minnesota and California more than 21 years. At PLU, he was a member of the Choir of the West, and he has had a strong relationship with PLU's Campus Ministry for years.

He and his wife, Carolyn '66, live in Park Ridge, Ill. They have two children, Matthew, '93, and Amanda, a '92 graduate of California Lutheran University, and six grandchildren.

Outstanding Alumnus Award



CALVIN WATNESS '50, '61

For his work in promoting education and decades of service to students and the community, Calvin Watness

'50 and '61, receives an Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Watness started his career as a teacher in the Kent and Clover Park school districts. He was director of Adult Education and Summer School for Clover Park, dean of extension services at Fort Steilacoom Community College (now Pierce College) and after retirement in 1980 was director of Adult Education at Northwest Regional Education Lab. He served as administrative manager for the Puyallup Tribe of Indians from 1982 to 1986. He tried retirement, and though he enjoyed bowling and fishing in Alaska, he wanted to return to work. He vol-

unteered for numerous organizations, most notable being president of the Washington State Retired Teachers Association and state director of AARP. He works part time as a reverse mortgage specialist in a program that allows senior citizens to access money from their home equity.

During his academic career, Watness spearheaded several drives to seek state aid for summer programs and was an advocate for adult education who helped propose new community colleges in the '60s. He created night programs that allow adults to attend classes while working — and are still a model today.

In 1970, Watness helped develop the self-help housing program House My People, which has built hundreds of homes and continues today as Northwest Housing Program. He also was on the original committee seeking incorporation for Lakewood starting in 1971. Lakewood achieved cityhood in 1996.

He and his wife, Julia, '52, live in Lakewood. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award



DAVE HOWELL '89

For his visionary work in combining the arts and technology, Dave Howell '89, receives the 2003 Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award.

A founding employee of the highly successful gaming company Wizards of the Coast, Howell was a pioneer in the electronic publishing industry. In the mid-'80s, he envisioned digital publishing becoming an indispensable part of readers' lives. He created a powerful "reader recommender," a computer algorithm to help people make book selections.

He founded AlexLit (AlexLit.com), which publishes books and short stories online and makes his reader recommender available to everyone. The timely launch of his



company preceded the development of hand-held computer "books," and he invented a converter to convert text of books into various formats used by the hand-held devices. His company is now known as Seattle Book Company. At Wizards of the Coast, he was responsible for card production and online customer support, and ultimately served as director of the Book Publishing Division.

Howell started in business at age 17, when he formed Magnetic Media Merchants in 1983, selling computer diskettes to business in his hometown of Walla Walla, Wash. Since then, he has started several other companies, authored several books, published books and games, founded a yearly science fiction convention and created many computer programs for Web sites.

He is also a musician, graphic designer, calligrapher and has worked in the Seattle theater scene. Another goal is to write and perform his own works in musical theater. Howell lives in Tukwila, Wash.

Alumni Service Award



DAN WIKLUND '70

For providing medical services to some of the neediest in the world, Dr. Dan Wiklund, '70, receives the Alumni

Service Award.

Wiklund, a physician at Puyallup Dermatology Clinic, serves on the board of Health Teams International, based in Tulsa, Okla. The mission is to deliver medical and dental care to areas including Mongolia, Tibet and Cameroon. The team partners with in-country pastors to deliver the Christian gospel to "unreached peoples," often animists in nature. He donates several months of his time each year to the organization, often practicing under extreme and primitive conditions. In seven years, volunteers have seen over 40,000 patients. He lobbies for better sanitation and knowledge about public health in poor rural areas, hoping to help prevent common maladies such as worms, parasites, AIDS and malaria.

Wiklund is also a clinical associate professor at the University of Washington Medical School, where he was named UW Teacher of the Year for Clinical Faculty. He works with a Seattle area Christian medical

students group, encouraging them to participate in third world medicine. He has also set up an Internet consulting partnership with doctors in China, India and the Philippines, in which they send him photos and descriptions of skin problems and he makes recommendations for their care.

He and his wife, Ulrike, live in Puyallup, Wash. They have three daughters.

Heritage Award



HELEN (JORDANGER) NORDQUIST '57

For her longtime dedication to PLU, Helen Nordquist '57, receives the 2003 Heritage

Award.

Nordquist will retire in May with nearly 25 years of service in the Q Club office. She made her work much more than a job - it has been a personal crusade to encourage support for PLU and to thank those who offer it. She knows donors by name and works hard to build relationships with alumni and contributors. Her willing and caring attitude will be missed around the office, but her work will be long remembered by the thousands of students who have been helped with Q Club Scholarships.

Nordquist has served as a class representative and is a longtime member of the PLU Women's Club, once known as the Faculty Wives Club. She has been involved with the annual Yule Boutique since its inception and works diligently to ensure the annual event, which benefits student scholarships, is a success.

She is a member of the Lutheran Social Services Board and is active in Trinity Lutheran Church.

She and her husband, Philip, '56, longtime faculty member and campus historian, live in Tacoma. They have two sons, Chris and Paul '92.

Special Recognition Award



CLARK AND RAE PETERS

For their commitment to recruiting students and raising funds for PLU, Clark and Rae Peters receive the 2003

Special Recognition Award.

Neither of them attended PLU, but both

their children did, and they have become grand supporters of the university. They were co-chairs of the PLU Parents Council and have been members of the past two campaign committees. They can be seen cheering at nearly every football game.

Because their children, Diana '92 and Scott '94 had such good experiences at PLU, Clark and Rae have been particularly interested in recruiting students and sharing their story with other parents and prospective students.

Rae grew up in Hawaii, and knowing how far students travel and what cultural differences they find here, they have always looked for ways to support students from Hawaii.

They are true friends to the university and epitomize the family atmosphere that is a hallmark of PLU.

Brian C. Olson Leadership Award



ELISABETH PYNN '03

The Brian C. Olson Leadership Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated a commitment

to the university and the Alumni Association. By recognizing the importance of connecting students and alumni, the recipient has shown potential for lifelong service to the university. Senior Elisabeth Pynn '03 receives the 2003 Brian C. Olson Leadership Award.

Pynn came to PLU from Walnut Creek, Calif., and graduated in May with a degree in psychology. She hopes to use her education as an industrial/organizational psychologist or high school counselor. She has been involved with admissions events and hosted students for the Red Carpet program, has been a member of the residence hall government, served as a resident assistant, and acted as a student representative to the PLU Alumni Board.

Last year, Pynn served as the first executive director for the Student Alumni Association, implementing programs and events for the student body. Her personal goal for SAA has been to "invoke a strong sense of community and excitement for students at PLU." Pynn lives in Seattle, Wash., and is engaged to Jacob Himmelman '03.

This award is named in memory of Brian C. Olson '83.

Alumni Recognition Award Nominations

Awards are given each year to alumni, friends and students for outstanding achievements and years of service.

Nominations must include supporting letters and be returned to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations by Dec. 31, 2003. Here are the categories:

Distinguished Alumnus Award

Through years of dedication and service, this alumnus has achieved professional or vocational distinction.

YOUR NOMINEE

Outstanding Alumnus Award

Awarded to an alumnus, beyond 15 years of graduation, who has excelled in a special area of life.

YOUR NOMINEE

Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award

Awarded to an alumnus, within 15 years of graduation, who has excelled in a special area of life.

YOUR NOMINEE

Heritage Award

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

YOUR NOMINEE

Special Recognition Award

Awarded to an alumnus or friend of the university who has uniquely served the university.

YOUR NOMINEE

Alumni Service Award

Awarded to an alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer leadership and/or service to their community.

YOUR NOMINEE

Brian C. Olson Student Leadership Award

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated potential for a lifelong commitment to the university and the alumni association.

YOUR NOMINEE

Join the Lutes at the Rainiers



Enjoy your Labor Day Weekend with fellow Lutes at a Tacoma Rainiers ballgame at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. We invite you to join us for a night of baseball, food and fun Saturday, Aug. 31. We have reserved the Upper Deck for use by PLU alumni, parents and friends that night. For just \$15 per person, you receive VIP parking, entry into the park with special seating, an All American BBQ and a baseball signed by a player. Come watch the Tacoma Rainiers (Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners) take on the Salt Lake Stingers. Call the Alumni Office or go to www.plualumni.org.

Homecoming 2003 – Attaway!

Calling all Gladiators, Knights and Lutes: Mark Oct. 17-19, 2003, on your calendar and make plans to join us for Homecoming 2003: ATTAWAY! In addition to reunions for the classes of 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and 1998, we are excited to welcome all those who have been involved in the football program for a special reunion celebrating 75 years of PLU football. Please watch for the Homecoming registration brochure this summer outlining all the details of the weekend's festivities. We look forward to offering many of the popular events that have become a tradition during Homecoming Weekend and we hope to see many of you there!

Friday, Oct. 17

Register for the Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon and learn first hand about the accomplishments of several athletes who will be inducted. Football reunion

Pencil Us In

(UPCOMING EVENTS)

Twin Cities Connection Council Cookout	August 10
Alumni College at Holden Village	August 17-23
PLU Day at the Tacoma Rainiers	August 30
Tailgate at Azusa Pacific University	September 13
Tacoma Museum Madness	September 27
Tailgate at Linfield College	October 4
Alumni Board Meeting	October 4-5
Homecoming Weekend	October 17-19
Tailgate at Willamette University	November 1
Family Weekend	November 7-9
Parents Council	November 9

The Twin Cities Connection Council would like to invite all alumni, parents, students and friends from Minnesota, western Wisconsin and northern Iowa to a Summer Cookout. This potluck event will be on Sunday, Aug. 10 from 3-7 p.m.. For more information contact Al Dungan '59 at 952-942-5282


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

attendees will take part in many activities, including a day of golf, a cookout and a special reunion program.

Saturday, Oct. 18

Start out the day with a college workout challenge, led by Susan Westering '80. Alumni will have the opportunity to attend the Heritage Lecture, reunion brunches or the Alumni Tent and the Lute Football game at Sparks Stadium. There will also be an opportunity to join a PLU tour of the new Tacoma Museum of Glass. While their parents are attending reunions, children of alumni can take part in "LuteCamp" on campus. Finally, join us at the Homecoming Gala, where we will honor the 2003 Alumni Award recipients, enjoy a wonderful meal and be entertained by some of PLU's finest musical talent.

Sunday, Oct. 19

We wrap up the festive weekend with a Pancake Feed, a special University Congregation worship service and an afternoon Wind Ensemble concert. 

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

2003-2004 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Alumni Board of Directors brings these new candidates to the Alumni Association for confirmation. Please vote for three candidates; two response boxes are provided for two alumni in the same household.

Detach and mail by July 15, 2003 to: Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, Nesvig Alumni Center, Tacoma, WA 98447, or cast your ballot online at www.plualumni.org.

- Richard Weathermon '50
Sumner, Wash.
- Pamela (Weeks '72) Russell
San Diego, Calif.
- Carmen Rowe '92
Tacoma, Wash.

BALLOT

Picture Perfect



Karolyn Labes '91, Dr. Susan (Weiss) Walker '91, Scott Faulkner '91, David Stearns '91, Mark "Moses" Douglass '91, Chelle (Kilian) Stearns '92 gather at the wedding of Scott and Andrea Faulkner.



Scott Etherton, Matt Rygg '00, and Julie Johnston '99 get together at Oregon State University in Corvallis. Scott, a former resident director of Foss and Pflueger, is now assistant director of residential life at OSU. Matt graduated from OSU with a master's degree in college student services in 2002 and continues to serve as a resident director. Julie graduated from OSU with a master's degree in education and college student services administration in June and also serves as a resident director.

alumni profiles

Music promoter and cancer survivor Cameron Clark brings arts to chemotherapy patients

As a PLU student, Cameron Clark brought popular acts including Kenny G and the '80s band Toto to campus.

In graduate school at the University of Redlands, he booked Jerry Seinfeld for a comedy show and Mario Cuomo for a lecture.

And today, as a professional event producer, he puts big-name acts like B.B. King, Marc Cohn, Ray Charles and Joan Baez on stages in Bend, Ore., and among other things, just finished a run as producer of Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo Tunes concert series.

"Music is therapy."

But the most important venue Clark '88 wants to fill is a chemotherapy room at a Bend cancer clinic. After a grueling regimen of chemotherapy halted his testicular cancer, Clark has an even greater appreciation for the arts and is compelled to share his joy.

"Music is therapy," he said.

He has launched Project Art Infusion, which he will use to bring art and music into the lives of cancer patients.

Donations will pay for artwork for the walls of the chemotherapy room, performers to play while patients are having chemo, a PA system to broadcast recorded music and comfortable chairs for family and friends to sit in while keeping patients company. He also plans to connect patients with mentors who have been through treatment, to support them along the way.

"The first time I walked into the chemo room, I was shocked at how much it felt like a morgue," said Clark, who was diagnosed in February 2002 and experienced months of debilitating treatment. "I figure if you're going to sit and poison people through a tube, surround them with life – give them a reason to live."

Clark seeks donations at the events he puts on and uses connections he's made



Cameron Clark '88, says surviving cancer made him appreciate life. He hopes to make the treatment process more pleasant by providing art and music to patients. Photo courtesy Bend Bulletin.

to bring in performers from around and outside of Bend.

Clark's event planning began at PLU, where he said administrators including former President William Rieke '53 and former Vice President for Student Life Erv Servertson '55 encouraged the fledgling entrepreneur.

Grads from the '80s probably remem-

ber the Romantics playing in Olson or the weekend dances featuring the Crazy Eights, all produced by Clark.

"The opportunities that were available to me were phenomenal," he said. "If you fuse those—the classroom learning with all the hands-on extra curricular opportunities—college can be a great life learning experience."

After earning a master's degree at Redlands, he moved to Bend, where he worked as elementary school counselor and a TV and radio broadcaster. In the summers, he worked on event planning and after a couple years was running Cameron Clark Concert Productions/C3 Events.

He's still dedicated to his production company, but this new initiative and his family have taken priority. "This is my calling, my service, now," said Clark, who married his wife, Amy, in a special ceremony in Cuba in September and is now a father figure to her 4-year-old son, Zachary. "What's really important is to let those you love know you love them and take their love in and give to your families and your community."

Clark is in remission and says his

doctors don't expect a recurrence of the disease.

"I am cured," he said. "I use that word."

The exhausting regimen of eight-hour days of chemotherapy created side effects that have lasted long past his last infusion. Clark's lung capacity is diminished, and is not back to full strength. He can't put in the 60- or 80-hour weeks he used to work.

"And that has been a blessing," he said. "We get on these tracks of life where we get on this escalator going up and we don't get off long enough to be stunned by the everyday beauty."


"I won't get back on it. I will absolutely take the time to enjoy things," he said.

Clark speaks frequently of beauty, and says his cancer helped him rediscover it.

"When one has a life event like this,

everything is new again," he said. "Your perspective is changed forever."

"You sort and shelve things according to what you want to have in your life. I'm going to spend my next days and weeks looking for the beauty - that's where I reside, and it's a beautiful place to be.

"It's really an honor to get to be here," Clark said. "There's so much great stuff waiting for us." 

By Katherine Hedland '88

To make a donation or learn more about Project Art Infusion, e-mail cconcerts@aol.com or call 541-389-0995. Donations may be mailed to 208 S.E. Vine Lane, Bend, Ore., 97702.

PLU grad is named the World's Smartest Person

WHO'S THE SMARTEST PERSON IN THE WORLD? A PLU grad, according to the International High IQ Society. After scoring 22 points out of 25 possible on the society's online Test for Exceptional Intelligence, Andrew Nierman '96 was named the World's Smartest Person. Designed so gifted individuals will receive average scores, but only geniuses will achieve high scores, the test was taken by more than 50,000 people from 60 countries. Nierman's score was impressive; he answered two of the most difficult questions, which had yet to be answered correctly by anyone else.

"I think there's a little bit of a difference between being the world's smartest person and winning this contest," Nierman said in a Newhouse News Service story. "The smartest person in the world probably wouldn't bother entering this contest. I just thought it would be fun."

Now a doctoral candidate in computer science at the University of Michigan, Nierman, who was profiled in the Summer 2002 Scene, said he was able to perform above his intelligence level by being resourceful and persistent. He began with the easiest problems to build his confidence, gradually progressing to the more challenging ones, and wrote original computer programs to help decode some of the questions.

Find the answer on Scene online www.plu.edu/scene

A common phrase has been encoded to below. Decipher the encoded message to uncover the original saying.

**AFFDXVXAAAGXXDF
XXFGGAFAGGXXFG
AAXAAXFXFFGG
AFXGGVGGAFFAAG
VGGAXFXGXFFAAF
XDFFFAVFDXFDDXF**

▲ Andrew Nierman '96 now holds the title of World's Smartest Person and was the featured speaker at the Q Club banquet in May.

< Wonder how hard this test really is? Here's one of the questions that Nierman alone answered correctly.

By Nisha Ajmani, '02

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1951, 1952, 1960, 1965, 1972, 1978, 1981, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

1938

Class Representative – Stan Willis

1939

Charlotte (Goplerud) Larsen died Dec. 16. After PLU, Charlotte taught at Sheridan Elementary School in Tacoma. She and her husband, **Haakon**, married in 1944. They moved to West Seattle, where they raised their two sons. Charlotte was active in her church, where she played the piano and organ for more than 50 years. Her husband died in 1999. Charlotte is survived by her sons, **Donald '78**, and Robert, and four grandchildren.

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

May (Pellett) Klinzmann's husband, John, died in December 2001. May lives in an assisted living-care center in Wray, Colo. She has one son, one daughter, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. One grandson teaches in France and another teaches in Oregon.

1944

Charlotte (Swanson) Bumgardner died Feb. 5. She was a fifth-grade teacher in Beaverton, Ore., for 29 years. Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, **Jesse '49**. She is survived by a son, David, and sister, **Lois (Swanson) Brass '51**.

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1946

Class Representative – Isabel (Harstad) Watness

1947

Class Representative – Gerald Lider

1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

Etta (Claussen) Smithson died Feb. 6. After PLU, Etta interned at Tacoma

General Hospital, then worked at Roosevelt Memorial Hospital (Bremerton, Wash.) laboratory and the Bremerton Medical Laboratory. Etta married Myrton Keeler in 1952. He died after the birth of their daughter, Barbara. In 1957, Etta married Charles Smithson, and they lived in South Kitsap County. In 1989, they moved to Sequim, Wash., where Etta was active in their church, Dungeness Valley Lutheran. She was also an avid gardener and watercolor artist. Charles died in 1996. She is survived by her three children, Barbara, **Paul '82**, and **Suzanne '83**; and six grandchildren.

1949

Class Representative – Luther Watness

1950

Class Representative – Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

1953

Class Representative – Helen-Joanne (Enger) Olsen

David Thorp died Dec. 23. After PLU, David taught art and special education in the Clover Park School District, retiring in 1982. He was also a member of Trinity Lutheran Church for more than 50 years. David's wife of 47 years, **Barbara (Carstensen '53)** preceded him in death in 2000. They enjoyed traveling and spending time with their children and grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his brother, **Selmer "Bud" Thorp '48**. David is survived by his daughter, **Deanna Nowadnick '76 (Kurt '76)**; son, **David '81 (Christy Moen '80)**; four grandchildren; and sister, Thelma.

1954

Class Representative – Iver Haugen

1955

Class Representative – Phyllis Grahn Carroll

Judd Doughty died Dec. 15. Judd worked as a disc jockey at KMO-AM radio and then moved to television, hosting, "These are Yours," a program for the Clover Park School District. He also taught English, drama and was the debate coach at Bethel High School and later helped turn KPLU-FM, a small campus radio station, into a 100,000-watt powerhouse. Judd was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, **Nancy (Halvorson '57)**. He is survived by his three children, Elizabeth, Carolyn, and Patrick, and seven grandchildren.

Duane Thompson is retired after 43 years of active ministry in the Lutheran Church.

He and his wife, Judith, have returned to live in the Pacific Northwest.

1956

Class Representative – Ginny (Grahn) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

John Reay is still teaching in the math department at Western Washington University. He spoke on "Anti-symmetry and 2-homothetic transformations," at the PLU math department's faculty colloquium in April.

Thomas and Delphine (Danielson)

Housholder have three sons who are all ELCA pastors. **David '83** is at Grace Lutheran in Huntington Beach, Calif., Michael is at Lutheran Church of Hope in W. Des Moines, Iowa, and Timothy is at King of Kings Lutheran in Woodbury, Minn.

Norma Borgford is serving as interim pastor at Wilbur (Wash.) Lutheran Church. She is enjoying the small town, rural atmosphere.

1957

Class Representative – Carol (Bottemiller) Geldaker and Helen (Jordanger) Nordquist

1958

Class Representative – Don Cornell and David Knutson

Robert Rodin died Jan. 25. After PLU, Robert attended seminary at Augusta College in Rockville, Ill. After seminary, he married his wife of 31 years, Anita. Robert served as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Walnut Grove, Minn., St. John Lutheran Church in Chehalis, Wash., St. Mark Lutheran Church in Seattle, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Butte, Mont., and Zion Lutheran Church in Medford, Ore., retiring in 1994. Robert is survived by his wife; sons, Rolf and **Jon '86**; daughter, Amy; brother, **Dennis '58** and two grandchildren.

1959

Class Representative – Alvin Dungan

Arthur Kempf died Jan. 16. Before PLU, Arthur served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He married **Thelma (Salvage '63)** and after PLU, taught school in Tacoma. In 1964, he moved to Sacramento, where he taught school and received a Teacher of the Year award before retiring in 1983. He was involved in his church, including teaching Sunday school, assisting with home projects, and in the Mobile

Missionaries Assistant program. Thelma preceded Arthur in death in 1991. He is survived by his wife of 11 years, Vivian; one son and two daughters; 15 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren

1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

Morris Hauge retired from active priesthood in the Episcopal Church in November. He was the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Seattle from 1994 to 2002.

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkell) Matthias

Carl Foss died Jan. 11. Carl served in the U.S. Air Force and later worked in the Washington State and Federal correctional systems. He attended Fuller Seminary in Pasadena and more recently received his ordination with the Assemblies of God. His earlier work in the correctional system led him to establish "One to One Ministries," a prison ministry he served as a chaplain. Carl is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carol, five children and 10 grandchildren.

1963

Class Representative – Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

Jo Ann (Threewit) Lo Bianco is a retired elementary principal. She would enjoy hearing from old friends. joannbigma@aol.com

1964

Class Representative – Kathy (Taylor) Edlund

Carole Fredrickson is in her 24th year with Windermere Real Estate. Her education degree has helped her to continue to learn new and challenging things in her career and to pass them along to her clients.

John Anderson retired after 34 years in ministry, in which he often used both English and German. He and his wife, Marilyn, live in Camrose, Alberta, where John is serving as the interim university pastor, at Augustana University, until July 31.

1965

Stan Hoobing has been serving Redeemer Lutheran Church in Boise, Idaho, as interim pastor since October

2002. He and his wife, Carol, are making their home in the house where Stan grew up.

Mary (Olson) Baich has a new position as president of the Vesper Society.

1966

Class Representative – Jack Oliver

Patricia (Morrison) Syron works with special education students at Moscow (Idaho) High School. She and her husband, Leslie, live on 44 acres with their three large parrots and seven finches. Their first grandchild, Sophia Caputo, was born Oct. 14.

1967

Class Representative – Angie (Nicholson) Magruder

Kenneth Tetz died Jan. 6. After PLU, Kenneth was a manager at Union Oil for two years. He then worked at UniLever for 12 years, Reynolds Metals for four years and Weyerhaeuser for four years before buying Tetz Oil Company in Ilwaco, Wash., in 1988, from his father, Kenneth Sr. In 2002 he sold the company. Kenneth's interests included sports, hunting and investing. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Dee; sons, Gerald and Scott; and seven grandchildren.

Koran "Karl" Kasperson died Jan. 22. After PLU, Karl taught junior high for three years. In 1970 he became the owner of Bainbridge Island Lumber Company. He retired and sold the company in 1987 and became involved with the Bainbridge Island Historical Society as vice president and docent. He also enjoyed golf, fishing and travel. Karl is survived by his wife of 36 years, Eva; two sons, Leif '94, and Kris; and one grandson.

1968

Class Representative – Michael Ford

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

Nancy Schultz moved to Tacoma after 31 years in pediatric practice in Fairbanks, Alaska. She is physician/pediatrician, working at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

Glenn and Cecilia (Satterthwait '73) Zander urge everyone to make sure they

have carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in their homes after the recent death of their daughter, **Kara '02**, to an accidental CO poisoning. This inexpensive warning device could have saved her life and the life of her friend. Glenn continues as pastor at St. John Lutheran Church in McMinville, Ore., and Cec works as an RN in the short stay unit of the local hospital.

1972

Kris (Ekstrand) Molesworth has a new position as executive director of the Museum of Northwest Art in La Conner, Wash., the only museum devoted exclusively to collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting contemporary art by Northwest artists. She is the former director of Northwest Bookfest.

Robert Hasselblad was elected to serve as vice-president for the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) national board. He serves as the Tacoma representative to the LVC board. He and his wife, **Kathleen (Burwash) '89, '94**, have been involved with LVC since returning to Tacoma in 1998. Robert has been self-employed as a lumber broker for the past 28 years. He is also a part-time writer, published in poetry and fiction. He and Kathleen have three grown children, Isaac, Sarah, and Anna who is a junior at PLU. Besides LVC, his interests include walking, reading and art.

1973

Class Representative – Nikki Martin

Abdullah Ibrahim El-Kuwaiz was named, by royal decree, Saudi ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Dennis Andersen is the co-author of "Distant Corner: Seattle Architects and the Legacy of H. H. Richardson," an architectural history of Seattle, 1880-1895. It was published by University of Washington Press.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

Kristin Lindlan is a librarian at the University of Washington. She co-authored "Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop: Instructor Manual," written in PowerPoint with an accompanying trainee manual and published by the Library of Congress. The manual serves as the basis for a two-day workshop for catalogers in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Winnifred (McLean) McComas is retired from teaching and working with primary and preschool children in a church setting.

Doug Ruecker was named a partner for the Pacific Northwest regional financial

offices of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. **Doug** has been with AAL since 1990 and will manage Southwest Washington and Oregon.

1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

John and Nancy (Beam) Palm live in Vancouver, Wash., where John teaches fifth grade. In the fall, John earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, after completing a rigorous and comprehensive yearlong program. The program included completing a portfolio and a series of exams covering a broad range of curricula and instruction.

Jonathan Mohr was awarded a Ph.D. in computing science by the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. He is a professor of computing science at Augustana University College in Camrose, Alberta.

Tom Brandt was named a partner for the Pacific Northwest regional financial offices of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. He has been with Lutheran Brotherhood since 1990 and will manage Northwest Washington.

Rebecca Thompson earned a master's degree in physical education and dance at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1980. In 1994, Rebecca challenged the California State Board and earned a certificate of physical therapist assistant. She went on to complete a doctorate in clinical psychology at John F. Kennedy University in 2000 and is now working in the neuropsychology department at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital-Fulton campus in Orange County, Calif. She presented her research study, "Fibromyalgia and the High Risk Model of Threat Perception: A Personality Profile of Patients with Fibromyalgia," at the American Psychological Association convention in San Francisco in 2000.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Tom Gallagher moved back to Park City, Utah. He hopes to open a water filtration business with his sons.

Patricia (Speicher) Leal is coordinator of the Strategies in Parenting Program for the Siskiyou County Health Department. She was employee of the month in September 2001. Patty and her husband, Ken, have five children, Sarah, Seattle Pacific University '04; Nathan, Simpson College '06; David, high school '05; and twins, Anna and Mary, high school '06. Patty and Ken celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary 9/11/2001.

Kristi (Rigall) Weaver is a counselor intern and graduate degree candidate at

the University of Maryland. Her husband, Daniel, is a family physician in the U.S. Air Force. They have two sons, Nathan, 23, and Karl, 22.

1977

Class Representative – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

1978

John Gordon and Catherine Burton were married in July 2002. His first wife, **Muriel (Balch '80)** died in 2000. John is an engineer and manager at Ceramatec Inc., in Salt Lake City, Utah, and Catherine is a doctor.

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Timothy and Beth (Purdy) Kobernik live in the Kingdom of Bahrain, where Timothy is a physician in the U.S. Navy. They miss beautiful Washington State.

Jim Steele is working full-time on a doctorate in education at George Fox University in Newberg, Ore. He is focusing on adult and post-secondary education management. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Tualatin. Their daughter, **Bethany '00**, and son, **Matt**, live in Seattle.

1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

Donna Kahre is a contracts manager, responsible for contracts and programs, at Honeywell International in Paris, France.

1981

Munro Cullum was named the chairman of the Department of Psychology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas in March. Munro and his wife, **Heike (Wilhelm '81)**, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last summer.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Jon Zurfluh has a new position as principal at Emerald International School in Shanghai, China. The school opened in August 2002 to serve expatriates living and working in Shanghai.

Guy Ellison was named a partner for the Pacific Northwest regional financial offices of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Guy has been with Lutheran Brotherhood since 1988 and will manage East King County (Wash.). His daughter, Claire, graduated from PLU in May.

Candace Armstrong and **Steve Mumm** were married in Spokane, Wash., in fall 2002. Their children, Murphy, 13, Amanda, 12, and Madison, 10, participated in the wedding. Candace is president of the Spokane Planning Commission and Steve is a chief operating officer.

1983

Class Representative – David Olson

David and Wendy (Vermeer) Housholder and their son, Lars, moved to Huntington Beach, Calif., where David is the new senior pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. Wendy is a homemaker.

Jens and Leslië (Wieland) Klaar own a small summer art gallery, High Tide Arts, in Homer, Alaska. It features their artwork as well as other local and Alaskan artists. Their children, Erika, 13, and Bjorn, 9 are active in Nordic skiing, coaching and racing.

Allen Chery is the general manager at LHM First Lease in Sandy, Utah. His wife, Pam, is a trainer at Paccar Financial.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Paul Menter was named director of finance and administrative services for the City of Aspen (Colo.) in August 2002. He and his wife, Sandra, and twin daughters, Alexandra and Jordan, 9, live in Aspen.

Rod Nubgaard has a new position as director of the human resources management directorate for the U.S. Coast Guard. He was previously with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Rod and his wife, **Lisa (Woods '82)** are actively involved in their community through coaching two soccer teams, serving as director of soccer and executive board members for Seneca Sport Association, and serving on the board of directors of the Maryland Soccer Foundation.

Duane Dudley has a new position as business financial advisor for Merrill Lynch in Anchorage. Merrill Lynch has only 40 business financial advisers in the country. He was previously vice president of commercial lending for Northrim Bank in Anchorage.



Lorraine (Mercurio) Hamilton and her husband, **Jeff**, recently built a new

home in Olympia. They have two children, **Alix**, 12, and **Ross**, 10. Lorraine is the choir director at Black Hills High School and the district music coordinator for the Tumwater School District. In the

fall, she had a PLU student teacher, **Cammy Anderson '02**, who now teaches in the Bethel School District.

1985

Class Representative – Janet (Olden) Regge

1986

Michael Herzog and **Kathy Gere '95** were married Jan. 3 in Santa Rosa, Calif. Michael works for Advanced Fibre Communications.

Rolf Agather lives in Sumner, Wash., with his wife, Tamera, and children, Brooke, 11, and Grant, 8. He is working for Russell Mellon Analytical Services in Tacoma.

Jon Price is the operations manager at the Pat Moore Foundation in Santa Ana, Calif.

Lori (Davis) Davis Perry was reassigned as assistant professor of English at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Phillip Lindley was elected to a two-year term on the Hallowell (Maine) City Council. He is also the utilities analyst and public information coordinator for the Maine Public Utilities Commission.

Dave Parkhill is the safety analyst for the Chelan County Public Utilities District in Wenatchee, Wash. He and his wife, **Cari**, have two boys, **Kyle**, 8, and **Britt**, 5.

Beth and Eric Utto-Galarneau moved from Lake Tahoe, Nev., to Aberdeen, Wash., to co-pastor at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church.

Scott Moon completed his sixth year as the medical director and radiation oncologist at the Mississippi Cancer Institute. He will be joining the largest oncology group in Hawaii in June as the newest board certified radiation oncologist. **Scott** and his wife, **Jill**, have two sons, **Joshua**, 7, and **Tyler**, 4.

1988

Kathrine Brooks and **Douglas Riley** were married in May 2002. They live in Ventura, Calif., with their three boys. Kathrine is a teacher and Douglas is a mortgage consultant.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

Jon Ball is working for General Electric in their nuclear fuels division in Wilmington, N.C. Recently he was pro-

moted to plant manager and global supply chain leader. In this position, he is responsible for manufacturing and delivering nuclear fuel and components for U.S., Asian, and European utilities. **Jon** and his wife, **Jennifer**, have three boys and one girl, **Payton**, 9, **Davis**, 8, **Riley**, 6, and **Kayla**, 4.

Alan Rogstad is the executive director of Mt. Cross Lutheran Camp for Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Northern Calif.

Susan (Andrews) Spengler and her husband, **John**, have two sons, **Grant**, 3, and **Bennett**, 2. The boys are learning to ski and climb with mom and dad in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. Susan is balancing teaching part-time, mothering and doulaing. A doula is a person who provides non-medical support to women during labor and delivery.

James Clay moved to Sandpoint, Idaho, to work with Litehouse Custom Printing, Inc., a specialty products company.

Lisa-Britt (Tonning) Davies and her husband, **Rick**, announce the birth of **Erik Christian** on Dec. 20. He joins **Jared Nilsen**, 2.

Kathleen (Burwash) Hasselblad moved back to Tacoma in 1998. After earning her master's degree in social sciences at PLU in 1994, she did doctoral studies in American diplomatic history at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Since 1998, she has worked for Highline Community College's office of instruction. Kathleen is a project manager, writing and administering grants for international programs. Her work has enabled her to travel several times to Namibia and South Africa. Kathleen and her husband, **Robert '72**, have three grown children. Daughter, **Anna**, a junior at PLU, is the fourth generation in Kathleen's family to attend PLU.

1990

Class Representative – Sean Neely and Angel Vahsholtz-Anderson

Marya Gingrey is the new director of diversity for the Puyallup School District. She previously worked in her own law office.

Ann Smith Sehdev and her husband, **Paul**, returned to the Pacific Northwest from Baltimore, Md. They are both physicians, Ann is at Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Paul is at Providence St. Vincent Hospital. They are also in the process of adopting a baby from Bombay, India.

Matthew and Sharon (Bales '91) White have two daughters, **Noelle**, 1, and **Natalie**, 3. Matthew is a social studies teacher and assistant girls soccer coach at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup.

He is also the head boys' soccer coach at Puyallup High School. Sharon is a stay-at-home mom and active in MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers).

Knut Olson was named managing partner for the Pacific Northwest regional financial offices of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Knut, the youngest MP in the organization, has been with the company since 1990. He oversees Thrivent Financial associates in Western Washington, Western Oregon, Hawaii and Alaska. **Knut** and his wife, **Kim (Morter '88)**, live in Lakewood, Wash., with their two children, **Karsten**, 10, and **Kinsey**, 8.

Gregory Barrett-Wilt completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Virginia (U.Va.) in January. His work was in the field of biological mass spectrometry, specializing in protein identification and peptide sequencing. His dissertation was on large-scale identification of peptides presented to the immune system by B cells and identification of proteins regulating mitosis in *Xenopus laevis*. It took six-and-a-half-years, but he finally made it! Greg now works for ISIS Pharmaceuticals in Carlsbad, Calif., where he is applying the techniques that he used at U.Va. for protein identification by mass spectrometry.

Jonelle Tenneson and **Dan Radford** were married on April 27, 2002, in Silvana, Wash. **Pam (Meyer) Johnson '90** was in the wedding party. Jonelle is an IT business analyst/project manager at Safeco Insurance and Dan is a software application developer.

Lisa (Harris) Gonzalez and her husband, **Drew**, have returned from living in England for three years. They are living in Edmond, Okla., with their two children, **Rachel**, 7, and **John**, 4. Lisa is a registered nurse and Drew is a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Tinker Air Force Base.

1991

Michael Standish was promoted to the rank of major in the U.S. Army. He is scheduled for a one-year overseas tour as military liaison/instructor to the Saudi Arabian army. He also completed a master of science degree in environmental management in April 2002. Michael and his wife, **Tracy (Bromley '92)**, live in Missouri.

Julie (Birdsell) Funfar was promoted to training coordinator for La Petite Academy, Inc., in January. She oversees training for 113 schools in six western states. La Petite Academy is a pre-school/child care company with 700 locations nationwide.

Warren Beymer became a partner at Market Designs, Portland, Ore., in January. He recently traveled to Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Taiwan and Malaysia to



conduct focus groups. His wife, **Lori (Dorn '91)**, is a stay-at-home mom and preparing for a master's degree in education. They have two children, Joshua is in first grade and Elizabeth is in preschool.

1992

Kimberly Neu and Gene Wilson were married Sept. 21 in Bull River, Mont. Kimberly is an administrative assistant and Gene is self-employed. They live in Henderson, Nev.

Rebecca Benson is pursuing a master's degree in professional accounting at Seattle University.

1993

Melanie Kasting completed her fifth year as a high school math teacher in Las Vegas, Nev. She also leads children's music at her church and is looking forward to a mission trip to Honduras this summer.

Brad Beck and Jennifer Abrams were married Oct. 5 in Kirkland, Wash. Brad is the marketing manager at Baseline, a graphic arts distributor. He is also completing a master of arts degree in history at Western Washington University. Jennifer is an assistant to the chief operating officer of Sparling, an electrical engineering firm. They honeymooned in Mahini, French Polynesia, and make their home in Seattle.

Theresa Campbell and Eric Everest were married in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in June 2001 while Theresa was stationed in Lemoore, Calif. Eric is now retired and Theresa is stationed at Naval Training Center Great Lakes since January 2002. She is the women's health clinic nurse at USS Red Rover, recruit training center medical in-processing, and a forensic nurse examiner for the Navy. Theresa is also pursuing her master's degree in nursing.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

1995

Kim Griffin Esperon received a promotion to licensed clinical social worker last August.

Mike Derum owns and operates ActorsHelp.com. He helps actors, casting directors, producers, and agents come together through electronic submission of head shots, resumes, and videos for all levels of movie and television productions. Mike and his wife, Therese-Marie, live in Valencia, Calif.

Shannon Bates plays saxophone and flute in the San Diego band, Riboflavin'. The band is preparing to release their second CD. Shannon is also writing a novel while trying to publish a novella and short stories. She still plays soccer and is enjoying San Diego.

Eric Stewart is completing his Ph.D. at the University of Notre Dame and coaches high school soccer. His wife, **Rikka (Petersen '95)**, is an administrative assistant for The Healy Group. They are in the process of adopting a child.

1996

Class Representative – Steve and Kim (Nadon) Leifsen

Shawna Rowe and Mike Haas were married Aug. 10 in Olympia. They live in Connecticut, where Shawna is an elementary music teacher. They will soon transfer to a U.S. military base in Okinawa, Japan.

Kristine Bingman has a new position in the research and publications department of TOC Management Services, a nonprofit membership employers association in Tigard, Ore. She earned her law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School in May 2002.

Christian Marien and **Ileen Kvale** were married July 20 in Pleasanton, Calif. **Kelly Crithfield '96** was the best man, **Phil Johannessen '97** was a groomsman, **Steve Leifsen '96** sang, **Kirstin (Lindquist) Lagomarsino '98** attended the gift table, and campus pastors, Dennis Sepper and Nancy Connor, shared in the service of Holy Communion. Christian is the pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Pleasanton, and Ileen works in finance.

Danforth Comins is spending his second season with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, in Ashland, playing the parts of Benvolio in "Romeo and Juliet," and a messenger and in the ensemble in "Antony and Cleopatra." In his first year he played in the ensemble in "Julius Caesar," was an officer in "Idiot's Delight," and Alarbus, Second Goth and in the ensemble in "Titus Andronicus." Danforth received a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Illinois.

Scott and Rebecca (Gilge '98) Benson live near Lake Chelan, Wash. Rebecca is teaching kindergarten at Morgen Owings Elementary School and Scott is working with his brother and father as manager of their 21-acre wine grape vineyard. They plan to produce wine in the fall.

1997

Class Representative – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Joseph and Kerstin (Hendershot '99) Anderson were married in September

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2000. Their first child, Josiah, was born in November 2001. They live in an old house in the Hilltop area of Tacoma and are members of Peace Lutheran Church.

Tracey Sund accepted a new position as assistant regional counsel with the Massachusetts Department of Social Services in the Worcester Legal Office.

Jeremie and Beth (Salzman) Lipton moved to Albuquerque, N.M. Jeremie was selected to the JAG Corp of the U.S. Air Force. He completed Officer Training School in Alabama and was commissioned in December. He is stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base. Beth continues to work as a veterinarian.

David Quiggle received the 2002 National Alcohol and Tobacco Agent of the Year award from the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association.

Laura Anderson completed medical school through the U.S. Navy at the University of Hawaii. She is now in the Middle East serving as a surgeon for a field artillery regiment of the U.S. Marines. She can be reached at: LT Laura Anderson USN HG Btry 11th Marine RAS UIC 39792 FPO AP 96426-9792

Silas Bowman is a captain in the U.S. Army, serving with the 3rd Infantry Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was deployed on Feb. 12. His wife, **Cynthia (Andrew '96)**, and two children, Andrew, 4, and Sarah, 2, await his return in Bamberg, Germany.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon Herlocker

Bo Nielsen successfully defended his thesis, "Managing Knowledge in International Strategic Alliances: Theory and Practice," at the Copenhagen Business School in January and was awarded a Ph.D. in international economics and management. He is an assistant professor of international business at the Copenhagen Business School, Department of International Economics and Management.

Irene Derting has a new position as compliance analyst at Stanford University.

Jacqueline Harmon joined four other women poets in reading original pieces composed in honor of artist and Seattle resident Gwendolyn Knight in March. The event was commissioned by the Tacoma Art Museum in association with Free Ya Mind.

Misty (Banks) Smith, head girls' basketball coach at Emerald Ridge (Puyallup)

High School, was named 2003 Coach of the Year by the Tacoma News Tribune. The Emerald Ridge team, in its third year of existence, went from 2-18 in 2002 to 13-11 in 2003. The team advanced to the West Central District tournament.

Daniel Horn is a captain in the U.S. Army. In January, he was assigned to a three-year tour of duty in Germany, where he is on a NATO assignment with the Extended Air Defense Task Force in Giessen, serving as the detachment commander and logistics officer.



Carol Thielen and Paul Alexander were married Dec. 7 in Lacey, Wash. **Stacey Snowden '99** and **Cathy**

Alexander '01 were bridesmaids. **Aurora (Bray) Tallacksen '98** also participated in the wedding. Carol is an internal auditor for Fidelity National Financial, Inc., and Paul is an information technology manager for Mellinium Funding Group. They live in Vancouver, Wash.



Katye Haroldson and **Chad Witt** were married Jan. 8 in Santa Monica, Calif. Katye is a streaming media encoding specialist at Sample Digital and Chad is an account executive at Getty Images, both in Santa Monica.

1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

Michele McGinnis and **John Shaver** were married June 29, 2002, at California Lutheran University. **Heidi (Johnson) Hiatt '99** and **Karin Anderson '99** were in the bridal party. Michele is a preschool teacher at Hope Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., and John is a United Methodist minister.

Patrick and Michelle (Saylor '98) Query live in Chicago, where Michelle is in the master's of occupational therapy program at the University of Illinois, Chicago, and Patrick is in the Ph.D. program in English at Loyola University.

Karlene Miles is in her third of teaching. Last September she began her current position as the choir director at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Christine Dunham is a senior teller at Washington Mutual Bank.

Brian Trenholm and Sarah Moeller were married Aug. 3 in Spokane, Wash. Sarah is a quality assurance analyst at Safeco

Insurance, and Brian is an operations coordinator at Weyerhaeuser.

Jarrad Mock and Casey Hovis were married Oct. 18 in Tacoma. The wedding party included **Crystal (Stoehr) Cochran '01**, **Cailyn Akers '02**, **Melissa Lagen '02**, **Evan Thomas '01**, **Ben Cochran '02**, **Wai Tim Petersen '98**, and **Chad Balcom '99**. Casey is the office manager for the Old Spaghetti Factory and Jarrad is the rental car division manager for Parkland Chevrolet. They honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii, and make their home in Tacoma.

Neil Crist has a new position as lead marketing manager for two key global marketing systems for Microsoft. These systems span marketing functions to include prospect/lead management, campaign management and events management in more than 75 countries. Neil joined Microsoft in 1999 as a frontline product manager on their Worldwide Events application, which at the time was an internal application for sales and marketing events. Worldwide Events is part of the Microsoft marketing systems initiatives. Neil's wife, **Bobbi (Junell '98)** is a newborn intensive care nurse at Tacoma General and Evergreen hospitals. They live in Snoqualmie, Wash.

Kevin Lint and **Jaymie Johnson** were married Nov. 16 in Bellingham, Wash. Kevin is a Web and graphic designer and Jaymie is a television producer. They honeymooned in Kauai, Hawaii, and make their home in Bellingham.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Bianca Luebeck graduated from the University of Muenster, Germany in June 2002. She teaches religion and math at a German high school.

Mark Hjelmervik completed his second year of teaching choir and guitar at Calaveras High School in San Andreas, Calif. He also leads worship and helps with the youth group at San Andreas Community Covenant Church.

Elizabeth Reynolds and **Gary Fassnacht** were married Aug. 31. Elizabeth works for the Clover Park School District in Tacoma, and Gary is a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Dean Grisham passed the Critical Care Registered Nurse exam on Jan. 17. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy.

Jennifer (Richards) Kerr works in the operating room at Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro, Ore. She and her husband, Avery, recently bought their first house.

Forrest Griek is a history teacher at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way, Wash.

Randall Thorn was promoted to plant operations superintendent at TransAlta Centralia Generation on Oct. 1. He was previously the engineering manager.



Leif Hatlen and Jill Wilmosky were married Aug. 24 in Olympia. Jill works in the North Thurston (Olympia)

School District and Leif works at Rainier Pacific Bank.



Tricia Schmidt and Mike Berger were married Aug. 24, 2002. **Cheyenne Zhart '01** was in the wedding

party. Mike is an assistant basketball coach at PLU and Tricia is a teacher in the Tacoma School District.

Gregg Kuhlmann and **Julie Doering** were married March 1 in Jefferson City, Mo. **Scott Rosendahl '00**, and **Andrew Forschmiedt '01** were in the wedding party. **Tim Kelly '00** and **Erik Wells '00** attended the wedding. Gregg is a master's student at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and will begin medical school there in the fall. Julie is an administrative manager and researcher for ReSource Institute, an engineering company.

Julie Bergman is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. She was deployed to Kuwait in March and is serving as a nurse.



Tharen Michael and Chris Inverso '01 were married July 27, 2002 in Salem, Ore. **Holly Peterson '01**,

Salena Goudreault '99, **Shayna (Cusack) Hamilton '00**, **Michele Iannitto '00**, **Kristen (Gurske) Kavon '00**, **Michael Mauss '02**, **Brian Fulker '02**, **Jonathan Carlson '01**, **Scott Sarrensen '01**, and **Jake Allan '01** were in the wedding party. Tharen is teaching first grade at Oakbrook Elementary School in Lakewood. Chris is working at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma and applying to medical schools around the country.

2001

Class Representative – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

Gabe Miller was deployed with the U.S. Marine Corps and is serving in Kuwait. Prior to leaving for Kuwait, Gabe was promoted to non-commissioned officer. He is also training to become a commercial airline pilot. His wife, **Julie (Renne)**

Miller '01, is a department manager at the Tacoma Mall Nordstrom store.

Heather Young and Jerry Ladd '00 were married Sept. 15 in Snohomish, Wash. Heather is an agency field specialist at State Farm Insurance and Jerry is a geologist.

Daniel Ljungstrom moved to Boras, Sweden. #anielljungstrom@hotmail.com or www.angelfire.com/wa/pungan

Brad Powell and Elizabeth Drobac were married May 25. **Eric Ruthford '01** was the best man. Brad continues to study at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary.

Kelly Ringler and Joel Flores '02 were married July 27, 2001, in Puyallup. Kelly is the office manager at McKendry Insurance, and Joel is a student at Seattle University School of Law.

Brookhunter Whelchel is employed by the Transportation Security Administration, a division of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as a security screener at Seattle Tacoma International Airport. He previously worked in the marketing department for the Oregon Zoo and as a biological science tech for the U.S. Geological Survey at the Gorge (Ore.).

Kara Zander died on Nov. 26 from an accidental carbon monoxide poisoning caused by a fireplace damper being closed before a pressed log was completely burned out. At the time of her death she was living and working in Portland, Ore., and planning to apply to the George Fox University graduate school program for elementary school counseling. Kara was interested in mentoring at-risk children in order to encourage and help them become healthy adults. She is survived by her parents, **Glenn '71 and Cecilia (Satterthwait) '73 Zander**, and two brothers.

2002

Class Representative – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Jacob Risbecker has a new position as an IT project manager at Bilprovningen in Vallingby, Sweden.

Nicholas Gorne is a drama, choir and piano teacher at Bret Harte Union High School in San Andreas, Calif.

Annalisa Beeler and Craig Brewster were married on Aug. 17. The wedding party included **Lynn Waller '02**. Annalisa is a special education teacher in the Marysville (Wash.) School District.

Lynn Waller and Carl Frair were married May 17. **Annalisa Beeler '01, Pia Dam**

'00, Heather Fox '01, and Jennifer Johnson '01 were in attendance. Lynn is a retail manager.

Mary Koch and Alan Davies '01 were married Jan. 3 in Olympia. **Desiree Henderson '02, Carter Smithhart '01 and Erik Trask '01** were in the wedding party. Mary and Alan are pursuing graduate degrees at Colorado State University.

Courtney Ulmer and Joseph DiRaddo were married Aug. 4 in Issaquah, Wash. Courtney is in the operations management-training program at Gordon Trucking Inc.

Philip Palermo has a new position as a reporter at The Puyallup Herald.

Ethan Hulme and Amanda Holmberg were married Dec. 28 in Cannon Beach Oregon. They are now living in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Kristal Sutton and Shawn Graham were married June 15 in Yakima, Wash. Kristal is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at Providence Toppenish Hospital and Shawn is a merchandiser for Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. They live in Yakima.

Future Lutes

1984

John and Michelle (Schinnerer '95) Neeb announce the birth of Jacob Christopher on Feb. 19. He joins Emma Louise, 2.

1985

Dave Rich and his wife, Meg, announce the birth of Caroline Grace on Oct. 19. She joins Thomas Edward, 3. They recently moved to Redmond, Wash., and are happy to be back in the Northwest near grandparents. Dave is vice president and chief operating officer at cQue Corporation, a medical software company.



Oct. 25.

Matthew Bergeson and his wife, Maricris, announce the birth of Shane Branden on

1987

David Rogelstad and his wife, Suzanne, announce the birth of their first child, Brittany Anne, on March 7. David is a pilot with United Airlines. He flies out of San Francisco.

1988

Elizabeth (Berentson) Slocum and her husband, Chuck, announce the birth of



In Poulsbo, Wash.

Caroline Faith on Nov. 20. Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom and Chuck is the pastor at Vinland Lutheran

1989



Liste (Tonnesen) Slichko and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of Rozlyn Jane on Feb. 1.

She joins Lance Evan, 3. Liste is a registered nurse in the women and newborn center at Tacoma General Hospital and Mathew is a human resource generalist at Boeing.



Arne Gard and his wife, Kristin, announce the birth of twin girls, Sofia Kathleen and

Marie Elise, on April 16, 2002.

Brian and Lise (Hannon '90) Olsen

announce the birth of Christopher David on April 29, 2002. He joins Grace, 8, Joy, 7, and Faith, 5. Brian is the pastor at



Harvest Church in Lancaster, Calif., and Lise is a stay-at-home mom.



Suzanne (Catlin) Schumitz and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of Brian Scott on Oct. 1.

He joins Benjamin, 8, and Lauren, 6. Suzanne is a stay-at-home mom and Robert is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army.

Nancy (Andrew) Clark and her husband, Bret, announce the birth of Emma Katherine on March 5. She joins Ian, 3. Nancy is the readers' advisory librarian for the Anchorage (Alaska) Municipal Libraries.

1990

Laura (Schubert) Baldwin and her husband, Emory, announce the birth of Sophia Madeline on Nov. 8.

Pam (Caird) Kramer and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of Andrew Martin on Feb. 21. Pam is the adoptions

In Memoriam

1931

Helen Quale died Feb. 7.

1939

Charlotte (Goplarud) Larsen died Dec. 16.

1944

Charlotte (Swanson) Bumgardner died Feb. 5.

1948

Etta (Claussen) Smithson died Feb. 6.

1953

David Thorp died Dec. 23.

1955

Judd Doughty died Dec. 15.

1959

Arthur Kempf died Jan. 16.

1962

Carl Foss died Jan. 11.

1967

Kenneth Tetz died Jan. 6.

Koran "Karl" Kasperson died Jan. 22.

1990

Richard Hubert died Nov. 12.

1993

Edith Hidalgo died March 9, 2002.

Faculty and Friends

Curtis Huber, professor emeritus of philosophy, died Jan. 19. See story on back cover.

Jane Williamson died March 10. She was a longtime faculty member in the School of Education. She earned her Ed.D. in education from Colorado State College. She was a faculty member from 1964 through 1990, served as coordinator of the counseling and guidance program for 13 years and distinguished herself as a consultant to the nation's Head Start programs, Gifted Council and Educational Training Center.



program manager at the Department of Social and Health Services in Olympia.

Craig and Karin (Gilmer '91) Kupp announce the birth of Katrina Grace on Jan. 8. She joins three brothers, Cooper, 9, Ketner, 6, and Kobe, 3. Craig is the director of sales at AEGON Direct Marketing Services, a Quest business unit.

1992

Alan and Karen (Bennett) Herr announce the birth of Amelia Belle on May 25, 2002. Her sister, Frances Ruth, was born on May 24, 2000. They live in Norwich, England, where Alan is doing post doctoral work in plant genetics.

Melinda (Wilson) Rumage and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Kara Jane on Jan. 22. She joins Sean, 5, and Seth, 3. Melinda is an at-home mom and Steve is a scout executive with the Boy Scouts of America.

1993

Chad and Carolyn (Garrison '92) Barnett announce the birth of Callie Lou on Oct. 4. She joins Carson, 6, and Cody, 3. Chad is in pharmaceutical sales at GlaxoSmithKline in Olympia.

Cris and Michele (Dorn) Turner announce the birth of Brynn Nicole on Feb. 28. She joins Bailey, 3, and Kelsey, 1. Cris is a school counselor at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, Wash., and Michele is a physical therapist in Poulsbo, Wash.

1994

Karie (Post) Cato and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of their daughter, McKenna Jane, on Aug. 12, 2002.

Scott and Becka (Wilson) Thompson announce the birth of Olivia Iris on Sept. 16. She joins Jack, 3, and Henry, 2. Scott is the regional finance manager for UPS Supply Chain Solutions.

1995



Kim Griffin Esperon and her husband, Stan, announce the birth of their first child,

Kaitlyn Juliana, on Feb. 14, 2002. Kim received her LCSW (licensed clinical social worker) in August 2002. Stan is also a social worker.



Marcia (Olson) Lane and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Eric Richard on Nov.

13. Marcia is a registered nurse and board certified medical surgery nurse at Providence St. Peter Hospital in Olympia. Daniel is a cable technician.

James Marron and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of Isaac James on March 5, 2002. He joins Hannah Rose, 3. James is an attorney at Paul R. Gary & Associates, PC, in Portland, Ore.

1996



Farah (Hussain) Peterson and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Gabriel Clarence on March 28, 2002.

Patty (Wales) Bickell and her husband, Noah, announce the birth of Parker John on Dec. 15. Patty is a teacher for Gwinnett County (Ga.) Public Schools.

Eric Latimer and his wife, Emily, announce the birth of Annie on Jan. 22.



Anna (Nelson) Holter and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Kaarin Grace on Aug. 17. Anna is a stay-at-home

mom and Todd is completing military physician assistant school at Offutt Air Force Base.

Gregory OeJardin and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of Micah Jonathon

on Jan. 2. They moved to Okinawa, Japan where Greg teaches English and PE at Kubasaki High School with the Department of Defense.

1997



Matt and Kristina (Hickok '98) Daheim announce the birth of Micah Joseph on Aug. 1. Matt is an attorney in the Washington

State Attorney General's office and Kristina is working on her master's degree in English literature at Central Washington University.



Kim (Carl) and Trent '95 Erickson announce the birth of Ellie Jean on Aug. 16.

1998

Tom and Allison (Becker '00) Hedgepeth announce the birth of Kathryn Alane on Aug. 27. Tom is a data analyst for Sea West Wind Power.

2000



Christine (Axley) and Seth Albright '98 announce the birth of Cameron Christopher on

Sept. 6. [S]

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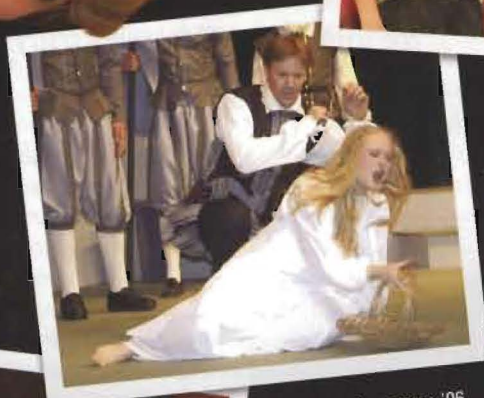
From left, Katherine Rothwell '03, Meridith Jarvimaki '04 and Danielle Dodge '06 in "The Miss Firecracker Contest." Photo by Leah Sprain



From left, Matt Shimkus '03 and Sam Young '04 in "Pippin." Photo by Chris Tumbusch.



Emille Rommel '03 in "The Miss Firecracker Contest." Photo by Leah Sprain.



Nicole Sorenson '06 as Ophelia in "Hamlet." Photo by Leah Sprain.



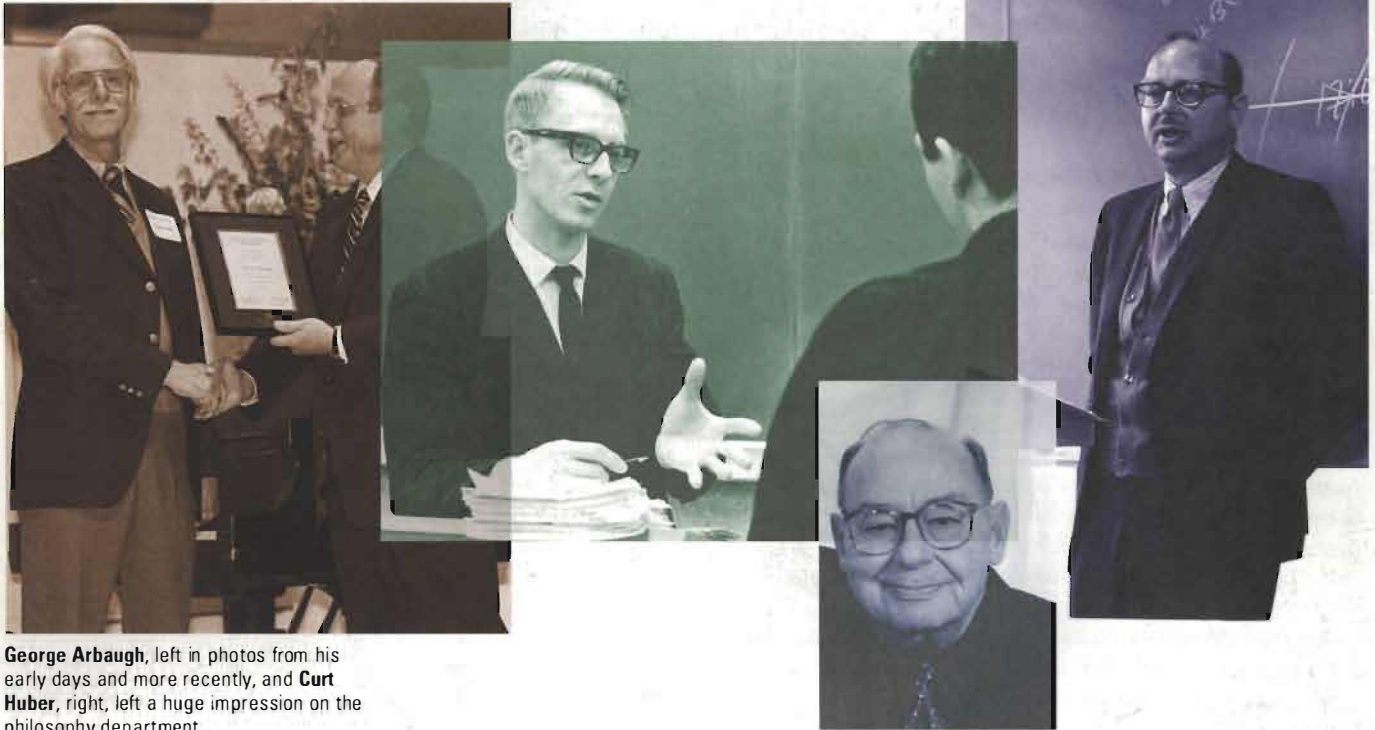
From left, Carl Peterson '04 and Matt Shimkus '03 in "The Mousetrap." Photo by Leah Sprain

Sarah Davis '06 in "Pippin." Photo by Chris Tumbusch.



perspective

Celebrating the lives of two great philosophy teachers



George Arbaugh, left in photos from his early days and more recently, and **Curt Huber**, right, left a huge impression on the philosophy department.

By Paul Menzel

George E. Arbaugh and Curtis E. Huber were great philosophy faculty, accomplished academics and gifted teachers. The university lost both professors, who taught at PLU for nearly half a century, this past academic year.

Curt came to PLU in 1964 and retired in 1991. He died Jan. 19, just short of his 75th birthday. George came to the university in 1959 and taught until his death Oct. 6, 2001, just short of his

69th birthday. His 44-year tenure is the longest term of faculty service in the history of PLU.

Together, Curt and George largely defined the PLU philosophy department for the latter half of the 20th century, and in significant part they shaped what a PLU education is. Their passion and first love was teaching. To satisfy the graduation requirement in philosophy, a great many PLU graduates took a course from one of them.

George started at PLU at the young age of 25 with a new Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, where he studied under some of the best philosophers in the country. Having received his own undergraduate education at Augustana College, Rock Island, he quickly committed himself to teaching undergraduates at his new institutional home. His teaching talents were soon recognized;

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