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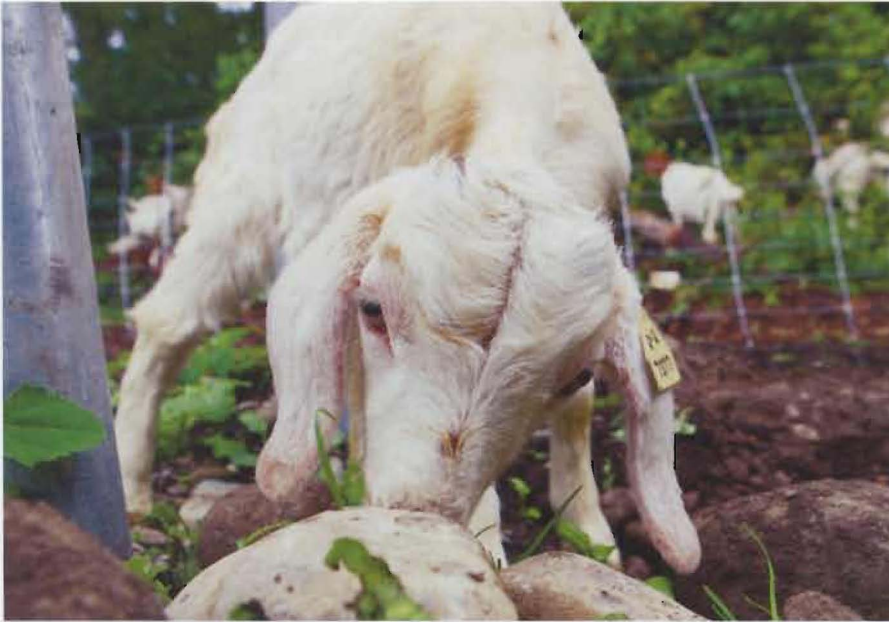
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Goat #2-2 7337 feasts on Himalayan blackberry bushes behind the University Center as part of PLU's effort to control the invasive plant. Nearly 270 insatiable goats and their cast-iron stomachs took part in the weeklong eradication effort.

SEPTEMBER

September 5 – 27

"Beggars & Choosers"

Rickie Solinger, photographer
University Gallery

September 5 – 27

"Father-Son Lessons in Imaging"

University Photographer Jordan Hartman
and his son, Carter
Wekell Gallery

September 9, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series
Kimberly Marshall, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 10, 7:30 p.m.

Heather Koller Memorial Lecture
Peter Singer, philosophy professor,
Princeton University and
University of Melbourne
Chris Knutzen Hall

September 13, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz: Marc Seales Group
Seattle Art Museum

September 16, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Cellist Peggy Thorndill and
pianist Carolyn Hoover
Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 17, 5:30 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Gordon McHenry, director of corporate
global citizenship, Boeing
Morken Public Events Room

September 18, 8 p.m.

Regency Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Writer's Story, Brenda Miller
Garfield Book Company at PLU

September 19, 8 p.m.

Visiting Writers Series, Brenda Miller
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Svend Rønning, violinist
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Miho Krehbiel
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OCTOBER

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University Gallery

October 2, 8 p.m.

Camas Wind Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 5, 8 p.m.

Artist Series: Camerata Tacoma
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 7, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Series
Paul Tegels, PLU organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 8, 7 p.m.

The Dale E. Benson Lecture in Business and
Economic History
Scandinavian Cultural Center

October 9, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Barbara Mead, managing partner,
Moss Adams
Morken Public Events Room

October 10, 5 p.m.

Writer's Story, Achy Obejas
Garfield Book Company at PLU

October 10, 8 p.m.

Visiting Writers Series, Achy Obejas
Ingram Hall, room 100

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KPLU Art of Jazz: The Tiptons
Seattle Art Museum

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Homecoming Weekend
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University Center Rededication and tours

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here & now



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SOLD FOR \$525,000

Scan Center painting is solid gold

A Norwegian painting that used to hang in PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center sold at Sotheby's auction house in London for \$525,000 on June 27.

Painted by Norwegian artist Nikolai Astrup, "White Night, Buttercups at Jølster" was donated to PLU by Tacoma resident Neil Anderson in 1999. The sale marked the first time the university sold a donated item, said Susan Young '92, director of the SCC.

"We couldn't be happier. This is going to put us in a position to offer exciting new programs, make stronger ties between PLU and contemporary Scandinavia, and enhance our scholarship program," she said.

The net proceeds of the sale after commissions and fees - about \$400,000 - will be put into the university's endowment and used to benefit the SCC, fund student scholarships and enhance the center's programming.

Sotheby's, an auction house that deals exclusively in fine art, took bids on the painting as part of its annual

Scandinavian sale. The painting was valued between \$495,000 and \$694,000. There were four bidders for the painting.

UC renovation creates new campus commons

An improved and more student-focused University Center greeted students when they returned to campus for the start of fall semester.

From mid-March through August, the building underwent its first major renovation since opening in 1970. The improvements include an expanded

dining hall, additional meeting and conference space and more student gathering areas.

On the main floor, the building gained valuable real estate with the relocation of the bookstore to Garfield Commons (see page 10). The former bookstore is now home to conference and meeting spaces, and additional storage for Dining Services.

The former meeting spaces gave way to a greatly expanded dining hall and new convenience store. The store provides to-go food items and other essentials, like personal-care products and school supplies.

Meanwhile, the ground floor is hardly recognizable. The Scandinavian Cultural Center remains unchanged, but gone are the Lute Lounge, Commuter Lounge and Coffee Shop.

The space occupied by Campus Ministry was demolished, leaving an open space and exposing the back staircase. The space is slated to become a lounge area, complete with comfortable seating and Wi-Fi.

Meanwhile, the former Coffee Shop was divided into two meeting rooms, and the former lounges were split into an array of office suites. The suites will be used by ASPLU, student media and student-run organizations, as well as student-oriented offices such as Residential Life, Campus Ministry and Student Involvement and Leadership.

A grand reopening celebration is slated for Sunday, Oct. 14, at noon.

New VP, interim dean named

PLU recently named a new vice president for admission and enrollment services and an interim dean for the School of Business.



Karl Stumo is the new vice president for admission and enrollment services. Formerly the associate vice president for admission and financial aid, Stumo is beginning his fourth year at PLU. In his new position, he is responsible for overseeing the admission, financial aid and student services offices, as well as implementing enrollment initiatives.

Stumo holds bachelor degrees in



Tom Huelsbeck, director of residential life, highlights changes to the University Center during a tour of the remodeled building.

English and communication from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. He earned a master's degree in education leadership and policy from Iowa State University.



PLU's former vice president for finance and operations, William Frame, returned to the university in September as the interim dean for the

School of Business.

Frame brings a wealth of experience to the position. A former professor and chair of the political science department at Kenyon College, Frame also

worked in corporate banking, and as vice president and corporate treasurer of the Tonka Corporation.

He worked at PLU from 1993 to 1997, before becoming the president of Augsburg College in Minneapolis. He retired from that position in 2006.

Nanolithography comes to PLU

Chemistry professor Dean Waldow produced the world's smallest PLU logo last spring. Measuring less than half the diameter of a human hair, the "nano-Rose" cannot be seen by the naked eye.

Waldow used the chemistry department's newest piece of equipment – an atomic force microscope – to scratch the outline of the logo into the surface of a compact disc. The cutting-edge process is referred to as nanolithography.

The chemistry department received a grant from the National Science

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ONLINE



LEARN HOW GARFIELD BOOK COMPANY AT PLU will better serve the Parkland community and area schools through its new location. Also online, former and current student leaders look back at ASPLU throughout the years, in anticipation of this year's Homecoming festivities.

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Online news easy to find.

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Foundation to acquire the high-end microscope. The equipment is “the BMW of atomic force microscopes,” and will contribute significantly to the undergrad experience at PLU, Waldow said.

“In chemistry, we often imagine how things look. This is the first piece of equipment that allows us to actually see, and any time you can bring in visualization, the more insights you can learn,” he said.

Unlike traditional microscopes, the atomic force microscope works through touch. A minuscule pinpoint-tip taps along the surface of a sample, similar to the stylus on a phonograph, and translates an image of the sample’s surface to a computer screen.

While the tiny version of the logo doesn’t have many practical uses, the microscope’s ability to scratch the surface of a sample does, Waldow said.

“Being able to manipulate matter on the nanometer scale helps us understand our world,” Waldow said. “More manipulation of matter leads to more scientific questions.”

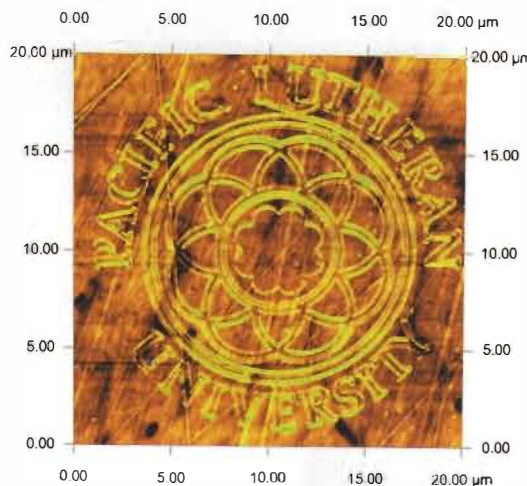
Five alums receive Fulbright awards

Jessica Hanson '07, Jamie Stewart '07, Mike Wauters '07, Vanessa Bruce '07 and Lucas Dolge '06 received Fulbright scholarships for study overseas this fall.

Hanson will travel to Austria to examine the country’s approaches to immigration, while Wauters will go to Ecuador and study Chagas disease. The remaining PLU recipients – Stewart, Bruce and Dolge – will spend next year teaching English as a second language. Stewart will travel to Indonesia, Bruce to France and Dolge to South Korea.

The group brings the total number of PLU students to receive the prestigious Fulbright award to 76. Professor Emeritus Rodney Swenson coordinates the program through PLU’s Wang Center for International Programs, helping students tailor their applications and answering questions.

The Fulbright Program was founded



An etching of the rose window, half the diameter of a human hair, thanks to the university’s new atomic force microscope.

in 1946 to promote “international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science.”

Nursing students earn honors for best public service announcement

When nursing students Rebecca Miner '06, Allyce Doody '06 and Jamye Gore '06 were asked, as part of their community health class, to come up with a concept for a television public service announcement, they never thought it would actually get produced.

“When we sent them the script, we figured they’d never actually do it.” –Jamye Gore '06

Not only did it get produced, but this spring it won an award from cable provider Comcast for best public service announcement.

Comcast cast the 30-second spot with actors, shot the video and did all of the production work. But when it came to the concept for the PSA and writing the script, it was all Miner, Doody and Gore.

“When we sent them the script, we figured they’d never actually do it,” recalled Gore, who currently works in Tacoma General Hospital’s cardiac care unit.

“Not only did it come out almost exactly the way we wanted it, but it is even being broadcasted on channels that people actually watch.” Gore says she’s seen the spot on FX and the food network in the evenings.

The public service announcement seeks to highlight the key role handwashing plays in preventing the spread of disease. The narrative follows a gentleman through a restaurant, highlighting the many times he makes contact with others and potentially spreads disease. It finishes with the central message, “Wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds.”

Quigg Award rewards campus innovation and excellence

A new award has been established to honor faculty, staff and students who demonstrate unusually inventive, original and creative approaches to advance the mission of the university. The recognition, named the Carol Sheffels Quigg Award for Excellence and Innovation, is currently accepting nominations.

The award was established through an endowment gift by Quigg '58, a regent of PLU. It seeks to honor those whose achievements have resulted in advances in knowledge, more effective teaching and learning, a stronger, more vibrant university culture, improved administrative practice, and/or exceptional service to the community. The award may recognize individuals or organizations such as academic departments, staff groups or student clubs.

Administered through the Office of the President, nominations for the Quigg award will be solicited at the beginning of each fall term. Award recipients will be announced at the annual Christmas luncheon in December.

For more information, or to submit a nomination, contact the Office of the President at president@plu.edu.

Father serving in Iraq participates in daughter's graduation

Sara Shover '07 was set to receive her degree in elementary education on Sunday, May 27, and her family was in attendance to support her – everyone except her father, who was serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq.

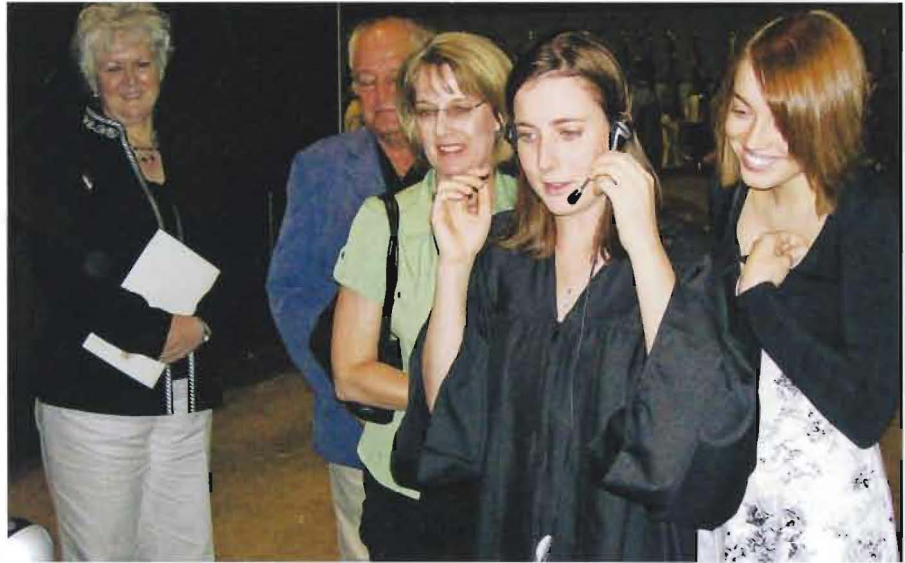
But thanks to some clever, last-minute work by Layne Nordgren '76, director of instructional technologies and library systems, and Aaron Gerow, open source implementation specialist, Command Sergeant Major Brian Shover was able to watch his daughter graduate via a video link.

The link was originally to be hosted by Freedom Calls, a foundation that coordinates video links between troops serving abroad and their families back home. Nordgren and Gerow spent significant time in the weeks prior to graduation identifying the equipment and software needed to make the two-way video conference possible. On the morning of commencement, they went to the Tacoma Dome at 9 a.m. to begin setting-up and working out the kinks. "I had something like 30 calls on my cell phone [from Freedom Calls] as we began testing the connection," Nordgren said.

Just 30 minutes before commencement was to begin, Nordgren and Gerow realized the set up wasn't going to work. The two jury-rigged a solution through the Webstream that Nordgren and his team routinely establish for important PLU events. Shover's father was able to watch the entire ceremony online. After the ceremony, Nordgren and Gerow used Skype, an Internet-based telephone service provider, to orchestrate a live video connection between the family members.

Nordgren says the solution wasn't perfect – sandstorms in Iraq caused the picture and audio to drop out occasionally. "I wish it could have been better," said Nordgren, "but to see the look on their faces, it was worth it."


Kathy Shover, Sara's mother, agreed. "It was a little bit in-and-out," she said,



After commencement, Sara Shover '07 talks online with her father, who was serving in Iraq.

speaking of the technical difficulties caused by the weather in Iraq. "But that really didn't matter. It was really a nice

experience to have the family together."

To view this, and other PLU events online, visit www.plu.edu/~lutecast. 

ACCOLADES



President Loren J. Anderson has been named to the national board of directors of the premier study-abroad provider for U.S. college students.

The Institute for the International Education of Students, IES, offers academics, internships and cultural immersion opportunities. The Chicago-based non-profit enrolls 5,000 students annually in more than 70 programs in 17 countries in Europe, Asia and South America, and in Australia and New Zealand.



Sheri Tonn, vice president for finance and operations, spent a week last summer participating in a National Security Seminar sponsored

by the U.S. Army War College, the

Army's senior educational institution. Tonn was one of 165 business, government, academic and community leaders who took part in the program. Participants met and exchanged views with the nation's future military leaders on national security issues.



Benson Family Chair and Professor of History **E. Wayne Carp** will spend the spring 2008 semester as a Fulbright Distinguished

Lecturer to Korea. Carp will teach courses on the history of American business and the history of the American family at the Underwood International College at Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea.

life of the mind

In the field with PLU's student researchers

Of all the potentially tedious chores that can make up a college student's summer job, here's a new one: spending hours on your knees, rolling over one boulder after another just to see what's underneath.

It's how Stephanie Agoncillo '08 and Melissa Youngquist '09 spent their summer. And this was a coveted gig.

In truth, to stand under blue skies and smell the salt air blowing off Washington's picturesque Strait of Juan de Fuca, it was clear this was a choice assignment. And when Assistant Professor of Biology Michael Behrens is doing the rock-rolling, all the better.

Behrens was one of many professors who led student-faculty research projects this summer. Some ventured off-campus, like this one to Washington's Olympic Peninsula. In the natural sciences alone, more than nine faculty members worked with more than 21 students to conduct fieldwork, as well as gather and analyze data.

For Behrens and his team, they spent several days in Washington's tidal areas conducting fieldwork for two separate projects -- one surveying disease in urchin populations, and another investigating a type of fish called pricklebacks that live under rocks in the tidelands. In the case of the pricklebacks, there exist three closely related species that all share the same habitat. The question Behrens and his team were asking was: If these species have the same habitat, why did they evolve into three distinct species?

To get an answer, the trio turned over one rock after another, taking inventory of the pricklebacks and the rocks they lived under, plus measuring the elevation and noting the location. Some fish were also brought back to the labs in Rieke Science Center to be dissected to determine feeding behavior. Throughout the summer, they analyzed the collected data, which Behrens hopes will enable them to produce a publication on the subject.

Either way, for Behrens, the value of this type of student and faculty collaboration is clearly evident. "It is a win-win situation for both sides," he said. "There is no way I could do that by myself -- the research simply doesn't get done without the students."

The value to the students, too, is clear. "I've never done field work," said Monika Maier '09. Along with Josh O'Brien '08 and Assistant Professor of Biology Julie Smith, she spent nearly a month in Idaho's remote South Hills region studying the nesting habits of the crossbill finch. "This was completely different than class. Instead of reading about something in a book and discussing it, we're out there doing it. And we're doing it pretty intensely."

For Maier, that meant spending nearly a month living out of tents and eating meals over a camp stove, as well as bearing a freak mid-June snowstorm and triple-digit heat. Maier even studied-up on emergency childbirth, just in case Smith, who was seven months pregnant

at the time, went into early labor.

And there was the research, of course: spotting and tagging a new species of crossbill finch, which live exclusively among the region's pines, analyzing their nesting-site selection, as well as the "song stability" of the birds' calls. After returning from Idaho, they took the recordings to Rieke to listen to the tape. They fed some of the data into the computer with the hope of assessing the stability of the birds' flight calls. Red Crossbills have recently diversified into nine different ecologically distinct taxa. These taxa are recognized on the basis of the unique flight calls, however, the long-term stability of these flight calls have not been studied.

"By making these guys camp, I knew we'd be changing their comfort level," said Smith. "But this is what field work is like. It is important for them to know what it takes to make a data set. That said, the students were certainly up to the task. They did a great job."

Behrens agreed. "If they have any sort of aspiration to go to graduate school -- particularly really good schools -- students need to distinguish themselves from other candidates," said Behrens. "That means lab and field experience. [Graduate schools] are looking for that -- it is a necessity."

This fact is not lost on Agoncillo. "Grad schools look to see what you have done," she said. "If I want to get into a good program, then I've got to have this kind of experience."

"There's another valuable part of it, maybe the most valuable of all," added Behrens. "You get a chance to work in a particular environment. You might hate it. And if you find out you hate it, then you can mark that off the list."

In the case of Agoncillo and Youngquist, the two found that even when that work included turning one rock over after another, they didn't hate it at all. For them, this type of experience, no matter what their career path may be, was the opportunity of a lifetime. **S**

By Steve Hansen



Above: Melissa Youngquist and Stephanie Agoncillo head down a ravine to reach the intertidal area.

Below: Monika Maier, assistant professor Julie Smith and Josh O'Brien take a break for a self-portrait in the South Hills of Idaho.



Mike Behrens looks for pricklebacks in the intertidal areas east of Port Angeles, Wash. Melissa Youngquist stands ready to measure elevation and record other data.

Town & gown

Garfield Book Company at PLU forges new ties with Parkland community

AT THE BEGINNING OF ANY SCHOOL YEAR, STAFFERS AT PLU'S BOOKSTORE log long hours unpacking boxes, stocking shelves and preparing for the crush of students eager to purchase textbooks for the upcoming semester. On a drizzly late-July evening – the day the sparkling new facility opened in its new location – this was certainly true. But textbooks and school supplies were not on anyone's list. Those in line included a handful of high schoolers and their parents, waiting to purchase a copy of the seventh and final book in the popular Harry Potter series.

A pack of gum-popping high schoolers isn't something one expects to find in a college bookstore. In the case of the newly opened Garfield Book Company at PLU, however, this scene is one they anticipate to see more often. The bookstore moved off campus to anchor a new retail complex located at the corner of Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue. It is part of a novel strategy to strengthen the relationship between the surrounding Parkland community, local high schools and PLU.

The 32,000-square-foot, \$8-million commercial development, known as Garfield Commons, provides an inviting entrance to the university. Moreover, the complex is part of an ambitious plan to reinvigorate the local business district.



(Top to bottom) Signage within Garfield Book Company at PLU reinforces the store's commitment to education and illustrates the expanded services it offers.

(Right) A mix of industrial materials merges with comfy seating and cozy nooks to create an inviting, urban feel to the store.



Story by Megan Haley
Photography by Jordan Hartman '02



Grow. Learn.

CASH
FOR BOOKS

(Left) Garfield Book Company at PLU is the anchor tenant of Garfield Commons, a new retail complex located on the corner of Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue. The development has an "urban village" feel and creates an inviting gateway to PLU.

(Right) Through a unique partnership with the Franklin-Pierce and Bethel school districts, the store carries apparel for the local high schools and educational resources for students and parents based on the curriculum used in the districts.

(Bottom) Sitting in the children's learning nook, four-year-old Carter Hartman is thoroughly engrossed in Dr. Seuss' "Oh the Places You'll Go!" Along with books, the children's area includes a slide, stuffed animals and other toys.



We're not just serving PLU; we're serving the greater community and the school districts.

KRISTI DOPP, DIRECTOR OF GARFIELD BOOK COMPANY

"Historically, businesses on Garfield Street have struggled," said Mark Mulder '93, director of auxiliary services. "In recent years though, the number of thriving businesses has improved steadily."

Garfield Commons will increase pedestrian traffic between campus, the bookstore and Garfield Street merchants. It will also provide opportunities for further economic development – along with the bookstore, a gourmet pizza restaurant, specialty coffee shop, tanning salon and smoothie establishment are also open for business.

For its part, the Garfield Book Company at PLU targets more than the campus community. "By and large, campus bookstores are sheltered from the real world," said Kristi Dopp, director of Garfield Book Company. "But we're not just serving PLU; we're serving the greater community and the school districts."

In addition to items typically carried by a college bookstore – textbooks, PLU memorabilia, school supplies – the 15,000-square-foot, two-story store carries products for the greater Tacoma community, the Franklin-Pierce and Bethel school districts, and home-schooled children. It's a unique combined college and independent community bookstore based on a model Mulder calls "community-embraced."

'Something had to change'

PLU had been eyeing the corner lots at Garfield and Pacific Avenue for more than a decade, said Sheri Tonn, vice president for finance and operations. In the past, Piggly Wiggly, O'Neil's grocery store, and most recently, a thrift store, were located on the site. With each business venture, the corner continued to deteriorate and become more of an eyesore.

To make matters worse, that corner served as the gateway to PLU.

"Everyone agreed that the corner was not very attractive and something had to change," said President Loren Anderson.

Something did change. The university used endowment funds to purchase the property and an adjacent vacant lot for redevelopment. PLU partnered with Lorig Associates LLC to co-develop the property.

Pierce County Councilwoman Barbara Gelman '74 saw the corner as an opportunity to partner with PLU to enhance Garfield Street. For more than 20 years, Gelman has been a fierce advocate for a pedestrian friendly Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue.

"With the purchase of the property where Garfield Commons

sits, Garfield Street essentially became the connection between PLU and the new development," Gelman said. "It's almost as if (PLU) wrapped its arms around Garfield Street."

Prior to the Garfield Commons project, Gelman's focus was on Pacific Avenue and its \$13 million streetscape improvement plan. Pierce County originally planned to construct sidewalks along a five-mile stretch of the road, but Gelman wanted more.

"They were just putting in sidewalks," Gelman said. "The plan didn't include curbs and gutters or amenities like pedestrian lighting or trees."

She successfully halted the project and had it redesigned. Gelman also secured a \$5 million grant from the Transportation Investment Board, which provided curbs and gutters along the entire five-mile stretch and added amenities at five major intersections.

When PLU announced the development of Garfield Commons, Gelman embraced the project, seeing it as a chance to improve the streetscape of Garfield, she said. The plans also fit with Pierce County's interest in encouraging redevelopment and improvements in the area.

While the Parkland-Spanaway-Midland community plan set the framework, the 2006 "Garfield Streetscape Improvement Plan" specifically targeted the Garfield Business District. The collaborative effort strives to improve the pedestrian experience on Garfield Street by providing an environment for people to walk, shop and dine.

"When you come past the Commons buildings, you'll look down Garfield and you'll say, 'Oh, what's that?' Just like a college town," she explained.

PLU and Lorig incorporated the first phase of the streetscape plan in the Garfield Commons development. Along with wider sidewalks, benches, trees and improved lighting, the development includes bike racks and outdoor plaza gathering spaces. The buildings themselves vary in height and shape. Canopies and a variety of building materials create an inviting "urban village" feel.

"We now have a complete new look on the corner and we expect that this will be a very good investment for the community and the university," Anderson said.

Connecting to the community

In the past, the idea to move the bookstore off campus had been discussed in order to free up space in the University Center, Tonn explained. So with the purchase of the land, Mulder took a sabbatical to examine the idea's viability.

(Clockwise from top left) The store has a greater selection of school supplies available, including an expanded offering of art supplies.

Next to a section full of apparel for PLU and the local high schools is a large general book area, which places academic titles alongside popular favorites.

Located in the far back corner, the Fair Trade and World Goods store carries fair trade global products as well as Pacific Northwest gifts.

The oodles of PLU merchandise, from mugs and banners to sweatshirts and license plate frames, demonstrate the store's commitment to serving the campus community.

(Bottom) A fully restored wooden crew shell hangs in the store's two-story atrium, just above the registers and next to The Perch. The seating area features an excellent view of the entire store and a quiet spot for community connections director Angie Zurcher and bookstore director Kristi Dopp to take a break.

Town & gown

With the purchase of the property where Garfield Commons sits, Garfield Street essentially became the connection between PLU and the new development. It's almost as if (PLU) wrapped its arms around Garfield Street.

PIERCE COUNTY COUNCILWOMAN, BARBARA GELMAN '74

He found PLU wasn't the first to consider relocating its bookstore off campus. In fact, the trend began several years ago as colleges and universities nationwide began looking for ways to branch out into the community, said Tony Ellis, director of education for the National Association of College Stores.

"A long standing goal of colleges and universities is to balance the campus community as well as benefiting the towns that host them, a situation that's historically been referred to as 'town and gown,'" Ellis explained.

"The bookstore is a logical part of the campus community to branch out. It can meet the needs and interests of many audiences."

A number of pioneering schools had successfully moved into their communities.

Located a mile from downtown Hamilton, N.Y., Colgate University decided to relocate its bookstore into the heart of the town center and sparked a renaissance of the area. In Washington, D.C., Howard University moved its bookstore and campus security office into the surrounding deteriorating neighborhood, successfully providing an anchor to the area.

"We had a few successful models to look at, so we could see that this project had good potential," Tonn said. "We knew we had a real opportunity here, and we didn't want to miss it."

Placing the bookstore off campus also provided a unique opportunity for PLU to interact with the community.

"I wouldn't say we've had an adversarial relationship with the community in the past, but we hadn't necessarily reached out to the community in a really strategic way," Tonn said.

The university's first intentional step into the community began in the mid-1980s with the formation of East Campus, a collection of social service organizations and community programs for low-income families. Then the School of Business reached out to Garfield Street businesses, pairing merchants with student groups to strengthen their business operations.

The bookstore seemed the next logical step. The "community-embraced" concept encourages increased interaction between students and the community, Mulder said.

Mulder has already forged partnerships with the local school districts and home-schooling community. The store will carry apparel for the local high schools and innovative teaching and learning resources for students and parents based on curriculum used in surrounding school districts. It's a feature that isn't found in other university bookstores, Tonn said.

"We're hoping to be seen as a leader in the community with regard to education and educational materials," Tonn explained. "It really allows us to showcase our faculty, our research, our student projects. We feel we have a lot to offer the surrounding community."


The rooms and layout of the store add to its community appeal. The interior mixes industrial materials, such as brick and cement, with comfy seating and cozy nooks.

The store features a large general book section, placing academic titles alongside popular favorites; a children's learning nook; apparel and school supplies; and fair trade global products and Pacific Northwest gifts.

The Fireside Lounge has casual seating, a fireplace, a stage and a kitchen for cooking demonstrations. Upstairs, The Perch features views of the entire store and, on a clear day, of Mount Rainier.

The Community Room hosts large community events, including the Writers Story for the English department's Visiting Writer Series, seminars and luncheons as well. Even yoga. At the beginning of each semester, it is used for textbook overflow.

The room features space for catering and, Dopp said, the store is currently working to partner with Garfield Street restaurants to offer catering services in the space. It's one more way the bookstore is helping bolster the local business district.

"This development will help the community feel like they're being served," Dopp said. 



TUTORING PROGRAM

TOUCHES SOMALI REFUGEES

The makeshift classroom buzzed with life as dozens of Somali Bantu children worked with PLU student-volunteers to solve math problems, sound out words and learn their colors.

Jessica Baumer '09 tried to get 13-year-old Murjan Jatar to focus on completing his math homework. But the middle-schooler, who calls himself "Tex," insisted she first read a rough draft of a love letter he wrote for his girlfriend.

Like most teenagers, school is the last thing on Jatar's mind. He is one of 26 Somali refugee children who have recently resettled in Tacoma and participated in a unique tutoring program during the spring semester. The program was developed through a joint effort by PLU and St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows in Tacoma.

"With the older kids, it's hard to get them to focus," Baumer said. "I'm there to teach them, but I feel like we're friends, too."

Baumer was one of 19 PLU students and one staff member who devoted two hours every Wednesday evening to the program. Kerri Greenaway '08, a social work major, was hired by St. Mark's to develop and coordinate the program.

Former slaves, the Somalis who participated in the program are from the Bantu tribe, and remained a persecuted minority there even after emancipation. When civil war erupted in 1991, the Bantu were forced to flee on foot to refugee camps in Kenya. There, the survivors >>

First-grader Halima Mberwa carefully sounds out the words in a picture book under the watchful eye of her tutor, Kristi Greenaway '08. According to the tutors, most of the children struggled to comprehend what they read.





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languished for 10 years or more. The United States eventually granted them refugee status, and nearly 12,000 Bantu immigrated in early 2003.

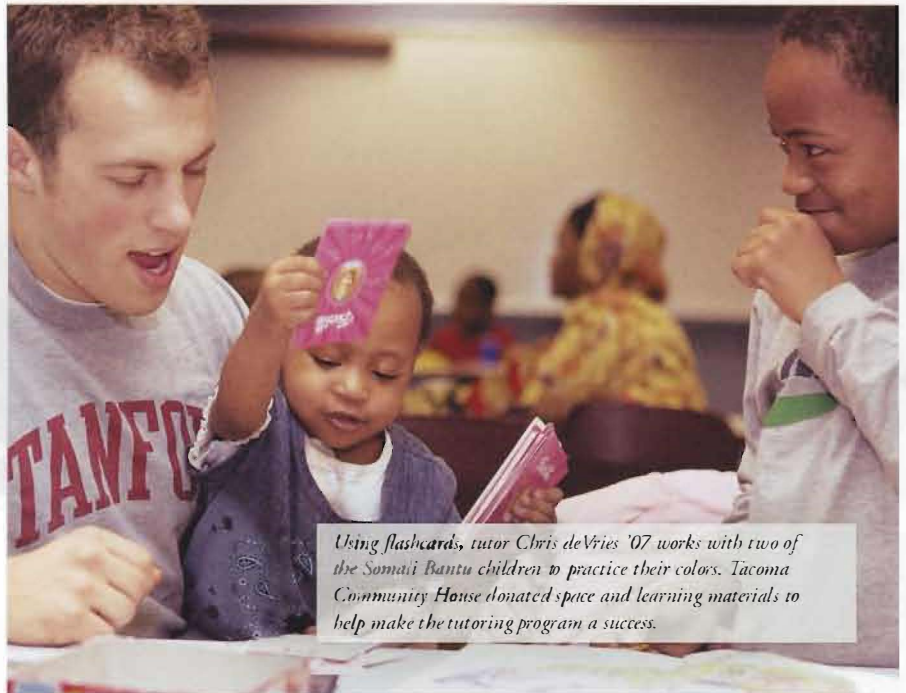
Bantu refugees began arriving in the Pacific Northwest about two-and-a-half years ago. While King and Snohomish counties are home to a large population of refugees, a small band of families have formed a tight-knit community in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, said Brigitte Fisher, social services and employment coordinator for Tacoma Community House, which is where the tutoring sessions were held.

Fisher's organization is dedicated to helping immigrants and refugees, and donated two classroom spaces and a variety of learning materials, such as workbooks, puzzles and flashcards, for the tutoring program. Fisher estimates roughly 40 Bantu adults and children live in Tacoma, with many cramming families of five or more into one tiny apartment.

St. Mark's involvement with the refugees began in 2004 when the church decided to sponsor two Bantu families – a total of 12 people. The church, whose members include a number of PLU alumni, formed a 12-member African Family Support Team to help the families get settled and adjust to life in America, said John Summerour '97, a member of the team.

"It was not long after their arrival that we recognized the families had special challenges in the areas of education," Summerour said. "They had no access to formal education in Somalia, and when they arrived, they were illiterate in their own language.

"We realized the kids were going to have special needs, and it became



Using flashcards, tutor Chris deVries '07 works with two of the Somali Bantu children to practice their colors. Tacoma Community House donated space and learning materials to help make the tutoring program a success.

obvious they needed additional tutoring."

The church applied for and received a \$3,000 grant from Wheat Ridge Ministries, an independent Lutheran charitable organization. The grant launched the tutoring program designed for the refugee children, the first of its kind in Tacoma, Summerour said.

The church contacted PLU looking for a student to coordinate the program. Summerour said the church realized PLU had the expertise to help the children and the university was active in the community, so it "seemed like a logical possibility."

Social work professor JoDee Keller put the church in contact with Greenaway, who jumped at the opportunity. She spent J-Term organizing the program and recruiting tutors from across campus, largely from the social work and education programs.

"The idea was to help these kids be successful in school ... helping with homework, communicating with them and hoping they don't get lost in the system," Keller said. "The emphasis is on learning, but also

mentoring and helping them adjust to the Western lifestyle."

Each week, the volunteers worked with the Bantu children one-on-one or in small groups. Since the Bantu were oppressed in Somalia, most of the children have had little or no education, but they did pick up some English while living in refugee camps, Greenaway explained.

"We mostly help them with literacy skills, math and language," Greenaway said. "They trick you in English. They can speak fluently, but they can't read you 'Harry Potter.'"

When the children entered the American public school system, they were placed near the same grade level as children their age, even though they lack many basic skills, Greenaway said.

Ashley Mitchell '08, a social work major who tutors twin 15-year-old boys, said the biggest barrier she's come up against is teaching reading comprehension.

"The biggest obstacle has been that they're given chapter books, but they don't comprehend what they're reading," Mitchell said. "They were forced into this age group, but they are not equipped for high school."

“The emphasis is on learning, but also mentoring and helping them adjust to the Western lifestyle.”

—JODEE KELLER

Other tutors echoed her frustration. Audrey Knutson '07, a political science and global studies major, said 10-year-old Marimaua Muya can verbally comprehend what is said but has difficulty understanding what she reads.

The Bantu children are still trying to adjust to life in the United States. During one tutoring session, Knutson asked Muya to locate Tacoma on a map of the United States posted in a corner of the classroom. Standing on a chair, Muya's focus was on the Midwest. She needed prodding from Knutson to find Washington state and Tacoma.

The children have all been in the United States for various stretches of time, from less than a year to more than three years. Some were originally resettled in Tacoma, while others were invited to move by Bantu families already in Tacoma. Those families came from Texas, Utah and even New York as part of a “second migration,” Fisher said.

Despite the tutoring obstacles, the experience has been extremely rewarding, Baumer said. The younger children are adorable and fun to play with, while talking with the older children can be enlightening. The Bantu are Muslim, and she and Jatar often talked about his religion, she said.

“I can honestly say I love going here. It just makes my week,” Baumer said.

The students are eager to learn, and that makes the tutoring time much more enjoyable, Greenaway added.

“All of these kids just really want to learn,” Greenaway said. “Their spirit is amazing and inspiring for people from PLU who think our lives are tough, but in comparison, they're really not.”

Jamila Haji, 13, has been in the United States for two years, and is still working on her reading and writing skills. But the teen is quickly adapting to the options her new country presents for her future.

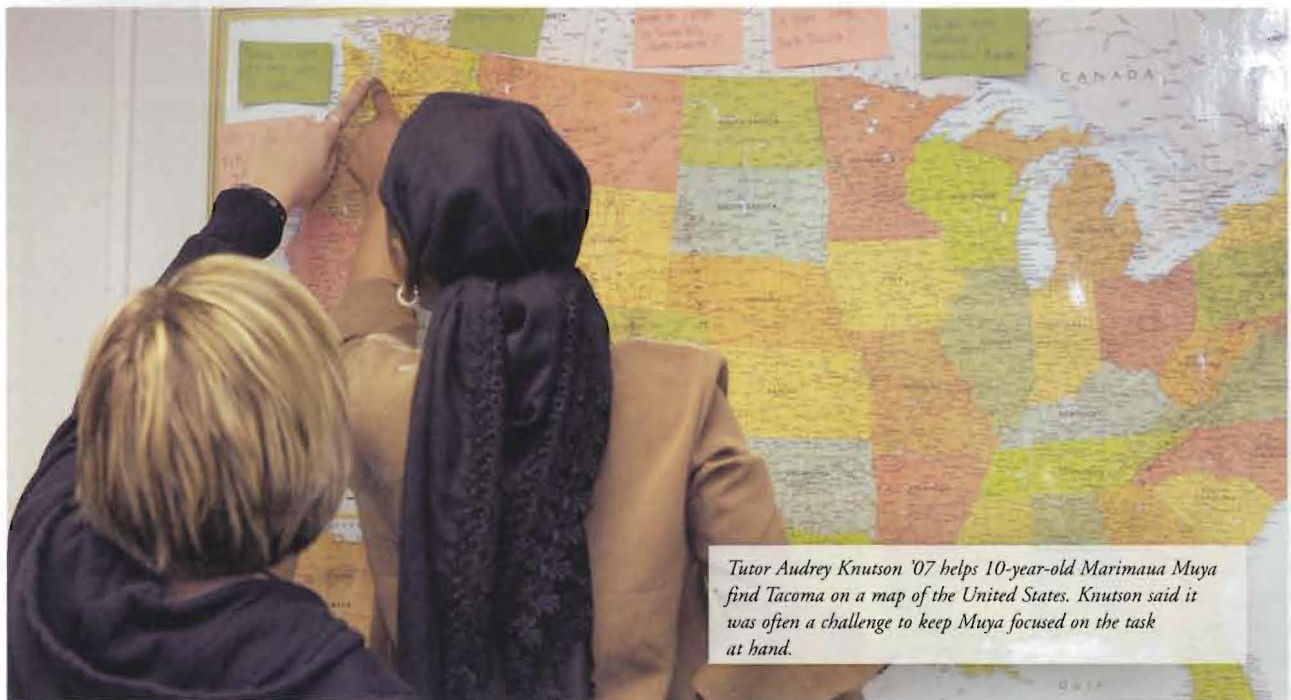
When asked what she wants to be when she grows up, Haji rattled off a

“top four” list of career options that doesn't sound much different from the aspirations of a native-born teenager: doctor, lawyer, singer, teacher. When asked which was best, she said, “The best choice is being a teacher. I like the little kids and could help them learn stuff.”

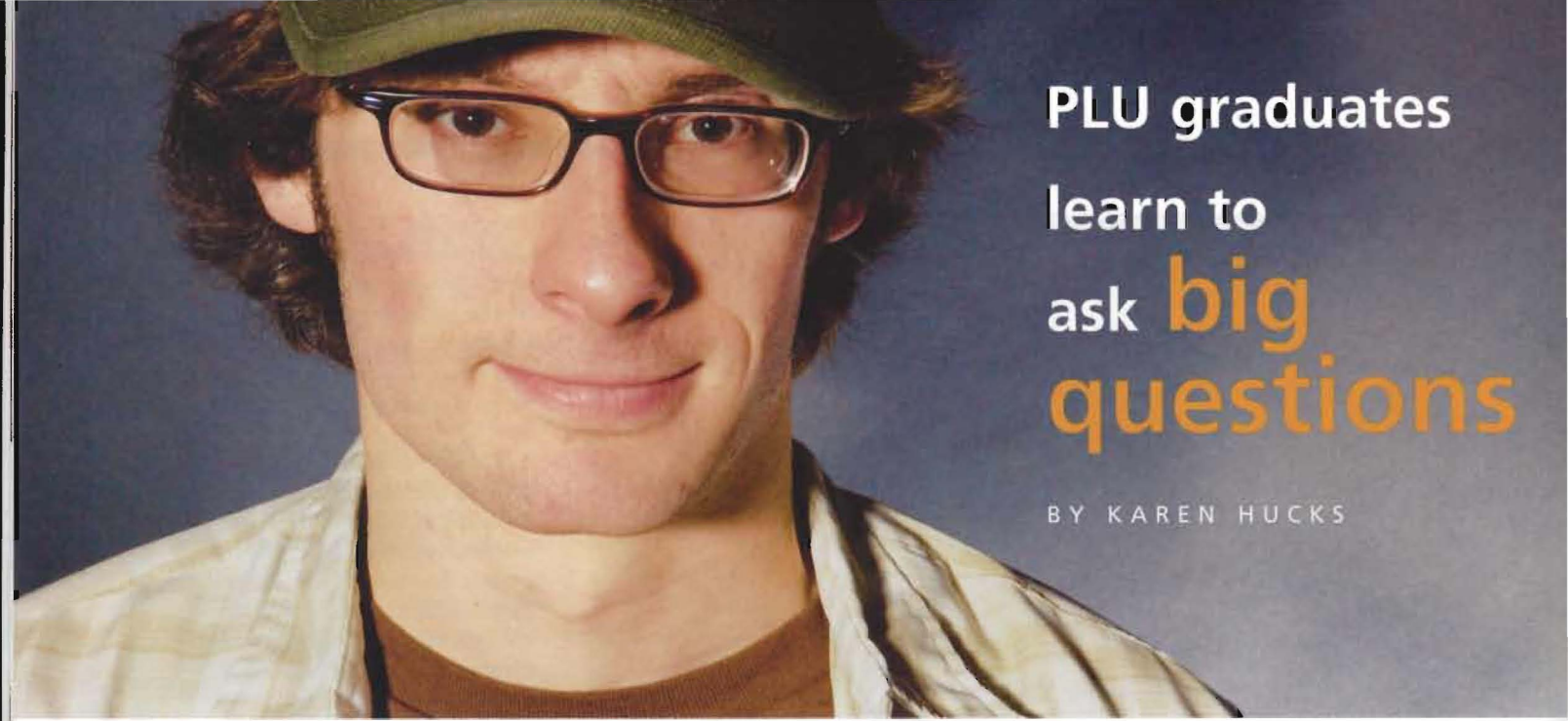
St. Mark's plans to reapply for the grant to continue the tutoring program and expand it in the future to work more directly with the Bantu parents, Summerour said. For the Bantu children to succeed in school, the parents need to be more actively involved and understand what is expected of their children.

The PLU students have had a huge impact on the Bantu children. At the end of one tutoring session, a few of the middle school and high school students expressed their desire to attend college. Summerour said he associates that desire directly to the influence the tutors have had on the children.

“The tutors have had such a huge impact on these kids,” Summerour said. “They helped them build confidence with their schoolwork, but they also act as great examples and mentors.” ☐



Tutor Audrey Knutson '07 helps 10-year-old Marimaua Muya find Tacoma on a map of the United States. Knutson said it was often a challenge to keep Muya focused on the task at hand.



PLU graduates learn to ask **big** **questions**

BY KAREN HUCKS

JP Kemmick knew as a kid in Billings, Mont., long before he came to Pacific Lutheran University, that he wanted to be a writer.

But he felt like he needed a fallback – a career sure to make him some money, just in case – so he planned to become a teacher. His heart wasn't in it, though, and he feared that job would be laden with bureaucracy.

It wasn't long before PLU's mantra to find more than a career, a personal life path that matters to you, the community and the world, seeped in.

"I just kind of gave up on the idea of a safety net," Kemmick said. "Then I accidentally happened upon a safety net."

It was his love of the environment and a commitment to save it.

In the last four years, Kemmick has become a driving force in making environmental changes on campus. He brought worm composting bins, attention to food waste and an eye toward renewable energy to campus.

On Sunday, May 27, 22-year-old Kemmick was one of 525 undergraduate students, joined by 100 graduate students, to take part in PLU's annual commencement ceremony.

The graduates come from 15 countries: Norway, Canada, Denmark, France, China, Vietnam, Zambia, Albania, South Korea, Japan, Philippines, Thailand, Bhutan, Venezuela and the United States. Forty percent of the undergradu-

ates spent part of their college education abroad, studying in more than 36 countries.

Doug Oakman, dean of humanities, said that like Kemmick, students often come to PLU with an idea in mind but then change direction.

"Their understanding of self and their life trajectory is soft," Oakman said.

Incoming freshmen come in without the "big questions" that college inspires.

"Boy, do they get them," Oakman said. "What is my life purpose?" would be one, and not just in terms of career."

He said students will change their employment several times during their lifetimes, and PLU tries to educate students to negotiate that. It's a liberal arts education that encourages students to question what the "best life" is, who is truly happy and whether financial success is a big enough purpose in life, he said.

"Educating for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care," Oakman said. "Care for other people, care for the environment, care for the world."

Kemmick credits his mother for instilling a moral code in him, and his father for taking him as a child to recycle. At college, he got involved with a group called GREAN – Grass Roots Environmental Action Now.

He and other students promoted a program called, "Are you Going to Eat That?" in which he and others in the group stood at the trash cans in the cafeteria, eating food off diners' plates to

point out how much they wasted. The head of dining services offered Kemmick a job boosting sustainability efforts in the cafeteria – better recycling, reducing food waste and increasing local purchasing.

As the head of GREAN in his senior year, he built composting bins and bought shares from a local farm.

This spring, he wrote a resolution that would raise tuition by \$20, of which \$16 would support renewable energy. The other \$4 would go directly into campus environmental efforts such as buying more efficient light bulbs.

He gathered more than 1,000 signatures, the student government passed it, and PLU's Board of Regents will consider it in October.

Rose McKenney, who teaches geology and environmental studies and advises GREAN, said Kemmick was able to get students who weren't traditionally in the environmentalism movement interested in his projects.

"He's very committed, and he has a huge amount of energy," McKenney said.

Kemmick is trying to get a job at PLU next year, to continue working on sustainability issues. If that doesn't happen, he'll find an environmental activist job.

"I really do want to write," Kemmick said. "That is the final goal. But I realized the environment wasn't going to get fixed up soon." □

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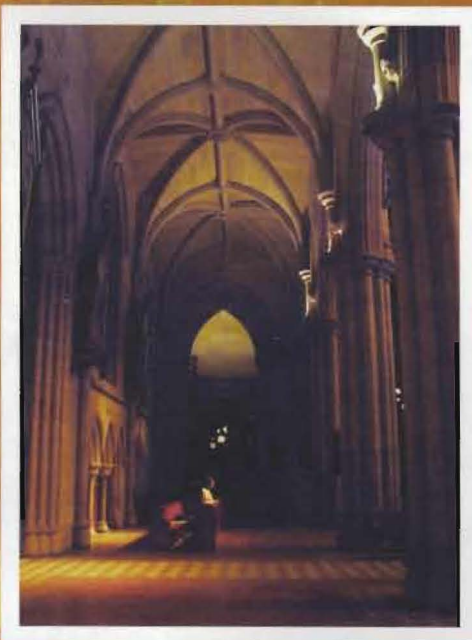
the arts

Selections from Saxifrage 2007, PLU's literary and arts magazine



Team

BY JASON COMERFORD



Prayer

BY BRYANNA PLOG

Take-Out

They write

prophecies;
folded slips of paper creased in cookies
and the bicycle man delivers them
to our motel room
where we sit, three.

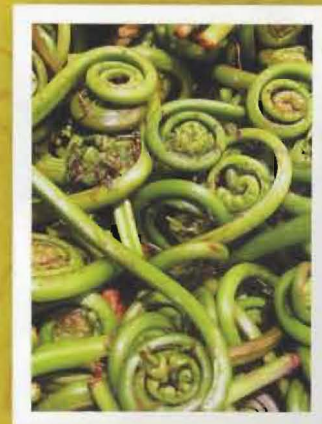
We crack them open to read:

numbers (
7,
13,
33) and fortunes (
prayers answered,
success in business,
love).

Momma folds hers and
taps our hands; "Save it
for after or spoil your
dinner."

My older sister takes her success in business,
my mother—her love,
and my prayers I take
answered,
fortunes waiting by the rice.

BY JAKE K.M. PAIKAI



Fiddleheads

BY LAURA MICKELSON

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2007 Athletic Hall of Fame

The teams that comprised the greatest era of Pacific Lutheran men's basketball, plus five individual athletes, will be inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, Oct. 12.

An "open house" social gathering at 11 a.m. precedes the luncheon ceremony, which begins at noon in Olson Auditorium. Individuals may purchase tickets for \$20 by contacting Sandra Kostelecky at 253-535-7352.

Scheduled for induction are the men's basketball teams from 1955-59, as well as Russell Cole, Keith Johnson, Scott McKay, Rachelle (Snowdon) Mulder and Kate Wheeler Sheflo.

MEN'S BASKETBALL 1955-56 through 1958-59

There can be no argument that the greatest years in the university's men's basketball history came during the 1950s when the Lutes made regular trips to the NAIA national tournament in Kansas City. Several of those teams were particularly noteworthy: The 1956-57 team that placed third in the national tournament after a heart-breaking one-point loss in the semifinals, and the 1958-59 team that lost the national title game.

Several players provided a common thread to those teams, and three of them have already been inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame: Chuck Curtis, Roger Iverson and Jim Van Beek. Curtis and Iverson still rank first and second in career scoring, and Van Beek is 15th on the list.

RUSSELL COLE '87 Cross Country (1983-86), Track & Field (1984-87)

Russell Cole set school records in the 800- and 1500-meter runs that remain on the books 20 years later.

Cole set the PLU record in the 1500-meter run, clocking 3:50.88 to place seventh in the 1986 NAIA championship meet. A year later, he twice broke his own school record in the 800-meter run, both times at the NAIA national championship meet. Cole established the

mark with a time of 1:49.70 in the semifinals before finishing eighth in the 800-meter final. That same year, Cole earned NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete recognition.

In 1985, Cole garnered NAIA All-America status by placing third at the national meet in the 800-meter run with a then-school record 1:51.71.

During his career, Cole won three Northwest Conference 800-meter titles and two 1500-meter conference crowns.

He had nearly equal success as a cross-country runner, helping lead PLU to three straight conference crowns and to the national meet from 1984-86. He twice earned first team all-conference cross-country honors and holds the 13th fastest time in the program's history, a 25:03 run in 1986.

KEITH JOHNSON '68 Men's Tennis (1967-68)

Though he played at PLU only two years after transferring from another school, Keith Johnson became the school's first great men's tennis player.

As a junior in 1967, Johnson compiled a 20-2 record as the program's No. 1 singles player. He won the conference singles title and the NAIA District I doubles title with Mike Benson. Johnson qualified for the NAIA national tournament but

Not pictured: The men's basketball teams of 1955-59, and Rachelle (Snowdon) Mulder '96.

Left: Russell Cole '87

Right: Keith Johnson '68

was unable to attend.

As a senior, Johnson piled up a 19-3 record as a singles player. Along the way, he won both the conference and district singles championships, qualifying for the NAIA national tournament. There, he won three matches to advance to the round of 16.

Johnson's single-season winning percentages of .909 (1967) and .864 (1968) rank third and sixth, respectively, on the PLU list.

SCOTT McKAY '82 Football (1978-81)

After breaking into the starting lineup late in his freshman season, Scott McKay went on to earn numerous honors as a right linebacker for several great PLU football teams.

After finishing his freshman year with 24 tackles and two interceptions, McKay led the Lutes with 105 tackles as a sophomore. McKay helped the Lutes advance to the second round of the NAIA playoffs where they lost to Findlay (Ohio) despite McKay's 18 tackles.

McKay played a key role in Pacific Lutheran's 1980 championship season. He led the Lutes with 79 tackles and also notched six pass breakups, two interceptions, one fumble recovery and two blocked kicks. As the Lutes' place-kicker, he scored 79 points, including 43 extra points, then a school record.

As a senior, McKay compiled 81 tackles to lead the Lutes for the third straight season. He also managed four interceptions and scored 29 points with placekicks. He helped lead the Lutes to an unbeaten regular season and into

the first round of the playoffs where he compiled 13 tackles, a quarterback sack, fumble recovery and pass break up in a losing effort.

McKay is one of PLU's most decorated football players, three times earning first team all-conference, all-district and All-Little Northwest honors. He also achieved honorable mention UPI All-Coast, and second team All-America honors. His senior year, he was named NAIA All-America.

RACHELLE (SNOWDON) MULDER '96 Volleyball (1992-95)

PLU's rise to a consistent Northwest Conference contender coincides with the career of Rachele (Snowdon) Mulder, who three times earned first team All-Northwest Conference honors during her collegiate career.

Mulder, a five-foot nine-inch outside hitter with great leaping ability, was a tremendous all-around talent whose season and career record for both kills and digs still stand. Her finest season may have come in 1993 when she ranked fifth nationally in both kills and digs per game.

She set the record for kills in a season (486) in 1993, and for average kills per game in a season (5.01) in 1995. She holds the PLU career record for total kills (1,606) and for average kills per game (4.22). Mulder led the Lutes in kills each of her four seasons.

Mulder established the record for digs in a season (583) in 1993 and for average digs per game in a season (5.94) in 1994. In the career category, she holds the record for total digs

(1,766) and for average digs per game (4.64).

She earned all-district honors in 1993 and was a second team all-region choice in 1995, the same year she received NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors.

KATE WHEELER SHEFLO '91 Women's Soccer (1987-90)

After seeing spot duty for two years behind fellow PLU Hall of Fame inductee Gail Stenzel, Kate Wheeler Sheflo showed her own great goal-keeping talent by setting several Lute women's soccer records. As the starter during the 1989 and 1990 seasons, she helped lead the Lutes to two of their five consecutive NAIA national title match appearances.

Wheeler holds the program's record for career goals-against average, allowing an average of 0.33 goals, and for shutouts in a season with 19, both during the 1989 championship campaign. She had 11 consecutive shutouts that season, tying a school record. That year, Wheeler started all 26 matches, notched 84 saves and gave up just seven goals in 2,777 minutes for a miniscule 0.28 goals-against average.

As a senior, Wheeler's numbers were similarly impressive as she gave up just 11 goals in 2,119 minutes, a 0.47 goals-against average. She compiled 17 shutouts that season and notched 39 saves. That year, she earned numerous honors including first team all-conference, all-district and all-region, second team All-America, and ISAA Goalkeeper of the Year. [5]



Left: Scott McKay '82



Right: Kate Wheeler Sheflo '91

ASPLU's traditional affinity for social

BY GREG BREWIS

A dedication to activism and aiming for real change in the world has been a characteristic of student leadership on campus for decades.



Saying yes to life's opportunities, fighting for what you believe in, avoiding the tyranny of the majority and standing up for what's right – that's the collective advice that four former student body presidents have for today's students.

None of them will be disappointed when they visit campus in October for Homecoming and a special reunion for alumni who were active participants in student government as undergraduates.

Students today are as dedicated as ever to social justice. It's environmental sustainability that is their prime cause.

Scene met online with four former ASPLU presidents and asked them to share their experiences as campus leaders and their advice for current students. A current student leader then confirmed that some associated students traditions live on.

"I had no political aspirations, nor grand strategic goal," said Laurie Soine '88. But when the opportunity to run for president presented itself, "I mustered the courage to say 'yes.' The amazing year that ensued taught me that simply saying 'yes' to the opportunities that life offers often results in the most unforeseen adventures."

When seizing these opportunities, students should believe in the power of their convictions, said Martha (Miller) Ward '77. "Fight for what you believe is best for students," she said. When she was in ASPLU, Ward said, "we were able to work with Student Life to make birth control

available at the Student Health Center.

"If you do not act, who will?"

Personal interaction, collaboration and compromise were the lessons that David C. Wold '56 took from his days as an ASPLC officer. He distinctly recalls the importance of "working with groups holding varying viewpoints and gaining the ability to guide them toward a workable solution to problems.

"I learned how to conduct a meeting that allows all to participate and keeps a small minority from tyrannizing the majority," he said.

Wold advises current ASPLU leaders to, "Listen carefully to your constituency; don't make promises you can't keep, and don't take yourselves too seriously."

"Be an advocate for people," is the advice that Susan (Carnine) Hecker '03 has for ASPLU officers. "That should be your number-one priority in student government, just as it is in my profession, medicine.

"The best course of action is often the hardest to take," Hecker said. "Keep the interests of our fellow students as your first priority and don't be afraid to stand up for what's right, even if it's not the 'political' thing to do. Action will always trump appearance. Know that what you do or don't do today really will impact both current and future students."

At Homecoming 2007: Proud Past, Bright Future, all former student leaders will be delighted to see that their convictions live on in student government today.

Today students are "greening" the campus and ASPLU is leading the way. "My goal this year is not to do a lot of big programming but instead keep at all of the small things that will get people into sustainable habits that can make a big difference," said Tamara Power-Drutis '08, ASPLU vice president.

Power-Drutis has been focusing on leadership development and how campus leaders, ASPLU, resident assistants and the Diversity Center can all model sustainable lifestyles.

"We are working on a student pledge where students can focus on those portions of their life that waste energy, water and recycling, composting food, transportation. By focusing on those areas we can get first-years to create a sustainable lifestyle and get in that habit right away," she said.

"I'm looking forward to meeting with former student leaders at Homecoming to learn about the issues that were important then, in particular how long sustainability has been a student concern at PLU," Power-Drutis said.

"I'd also like to challenge them to see what we are doing on campus in environmental sustainability and then join us in incorporating those practices into their daily lives." ☐



The affinity group portion of Homecoming 2007: Proud Past, Bright Future

is for everyone who was a part of ASPLU through its more than 75 years of student leadership on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. If you were the president, a senator or on a planning committee you are all invited to gather together to reminisce about your time in student government and meet the current leadership and learn what they are working on today. There will be a rededication celebration on Sunday in the newly renovated University Center, the hub of student leadership for the past 30 years, following Homecoming worship.

Join us for the following events as we rekindle old friendships and remember the leadership and community of ASPLU.

- Mentor Dinner, October 12
- ASPLU Reunion Reception, October 12
- University Center Rededication Celebration, October 14

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4 ASPLU Presidents



Laurie Soine '88 lives in Shoreline, Wash. She is an adult and acute care nurse practitioner in nuclear cardiology at the University of Washington Medical Center and is a teaching associate in the Department of Radiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.



Martha (Miller) Ward '77 lives in Seattle. She is a senior vice president in the financial services industry.



David C. Wold '56 lives in Tacoma. He is a retired Bishop of the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA.



Susan (Carnine) Hecker '03 lives in Salt Lake City. She is a physician in her first year of residency training at the University of Utah.

“My goal this year is not to do a lot of big programming but instead keep at all of the small things that will get people into sustainable habits that can make a big difference.”

—Tamara Power-Drutis '08,
ASPLU vice president



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 8Tailgate Party in Thousand Oaks, Calif.
- September 15Tailgate Party in River Falls, Wisc.
- September 20GOLD Alumni Success Series Event
- September 28-30Alumni Board Fall Meeting
- October 6Tailgate Party in Spokane
- October 12-14Homecoming
- October 20Tailgate Party in McMinnville, Ore.
- November 2-4Family Weekend
- November 4Parents Council Fall Meeting
- November 26East Coast Connection Event in New York

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We are growing...

With more than 5,200 alumni registered for the online community, there is no doubt that an alumnus you know is enjoying the full benefits and services the alumni association has to offer. Look up old friends and colleagues by name and reconnect today. Create new friendships by searching for PLU alumni geographically, by job title or by employer. The online community is a powerful social networking utility that brings people together where connections may traditionally be more difficult. Register today to gain unlimited access to our alumni worldwide anytime. Visit www.plualumni.org and click online community to get started. [5]

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Picture Perfect



Rick Evans '91 and Marla (Swanson) Evans '89 just completed their fourth adoption, a brother and sister from Ethiopia. They now have ten children: Molly (16), Samuel (16), Abby (14), Elaine (12), David (12), Isabelle (11), Dinknesh (11), Parker (9), Xander (9) and Olivia (8).



Friends for over 60 years, these seven PLU grads are there for each other through thick and thin. They have met for five reunions over the years. They consider their friendship a "treasured gift" from PLU. Left to right: Marien (Butler) Johnson '46, Dorothy (Niemen) Anderson '46, Hjordis (Rogen) Hamlin '46, Mildred (Brodland) Martin '45, June (Betew) Langton '46, Betty (Bates) Schaefer '45 and photographer (not pictured) Agnes (Roder) Palmer '45.



In an effort to "turn back time" these four friends stand on the same steps of Xavier in 2007 that they stood on in reverse order in 1957. These Lifes will return to campus on October 12-14, 2007 for their 50th reunion. 1957 photo front to back: Lorraine (Schmick) Beardemphl, Helen (Jordanger) Nordquist, Carolyn (Hoogner) Hillis, Judy (Bureker) Mortimore.

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October 11-14

For more information or to register please visit us online at www.plualumni.org.
Call 800-ALUM-PLU or 253-535-7415 to request a registration brochure. See you soon!

Thursday, October 11

LutePride Dinner

5 - 7 pm, University Center Commons

Songfest Skit Practice

7 pm, University Center

RHA Songfest

8 pm, Olson Auditorium

Friday, October 12

Classes Without Quizzes

8 am - 12:20 pm, various campus locations

Homecoming Chapel

10:30 am, Lagerquist Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon

11 am - 1 pm, Olson Auditorium

Garfield Book Company Open House

Noon - 2 pm, Garfield Book Company at PLU

Campus Tour 1

1 pm, Meet at the Clock Tower

Homecoming Lute Fest

2 pm, University Center

Mentor Dinner

5:30 pm, University Center

ASPLU Reunion Reception

7 pm, University Center

50th Reunion Reception

7 pm - 11 pm, Parkland

Campus Campfire

9 pm, Volleyball Court

Saturday, October 13

Morken Center Open House

8:30 am - 9:45 am, Morken Center for Learning and Technology

Nursing Alumni Reunion Reception

8:30 am - 9:45 am, University Center

Campus Tour 2

9 am, Meet at the Clock Tower

Into the Streets Community Service

9:30 - 1:30 pm, Meet in Centennial Square

Alumni Swim Meet

10 am, PLU Pool

Homecoming Celebration Brunch

10 am - Noon, Olson Auditorium

Homecoming Football Game

Alumni Tent: Noon - 3 pm

Game Time: 1:30 pm, Sparks Stadium

Women's Soccer Game

Noon, Soccer Field

Men's Alumni Soccer Game

2:30 pm, Soccer Field

Garfield Book Company Open House

Noon - 2 pm, Garfield Book Company at PLU

Art at PLU!

Noon - 4 pm, Ingram Hall

Archives Tour

3 pm - 5 pm, Mortvedt Library

1957 50th Anniversary Dinner

6 pm - 8 pm, Courtyard by Marriott

1969-70 Spurs Celebration

6 pm - 8 pm, Varsity Grill

1972 35th Gathering

6 pm - 8 pm, The Harmon Brewing Company

1977 30th Class Reunion and Nursing Reception

6 pm - 8 pm, Courtyard by Marriott

1982 25th Celebration

7:30 pm, Homecoming Gala at the Tacoma Art Museum

PLU GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) at Indochine

6 pm - 8 pm, Indochine

Homecoming Gala

7:30 pm - 11:30 pm, Tacoma Art Museum

ASPLU's Annual Homecoming Dance

8 pm, Union Station

Sunday, October 14

1947 Pear Bowl Breakfast

9 am, University Center

Golden Club Brunch

9:30 am - 10:30 am, Morken Center for Learning and Technology

Campus Tour 3

9:30 am, Meet at the Clock Tower

Sunday Brunch

10:30 am - 1:30 pm, University Center Commons

Homecoming Worship

11 am, Lagerquist Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

University Center Rededication

12:15 pm, University Center

alumni profiles

For Northwest broadcast president, success began as student news anchor

Ray Heacox, 76, realizes today the value of his PLU education. "I loved college so much, in general," Heacox said, "that I'd say it's the only part of life worth going back to."

As president and general manager of the Seattle-Tacoma market for Belo Corp., Heacox oversees television stations and cable news operations in the Northwest region including KING-5 TV, KONG TV and Northwest Cable News, all based in Seattle, as well as operations in Spokane, Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho.

Heacox began his media career by selling radio advertising in Portland, Ore., after graduation. Then he moved on to selling television advertising. Over more than 30 years, Heacox has made six coast-to-coast moves, finally settling into his current position in Seattle nearly two years ago.

Heacox also worked in higher education, serving as director of the graduate television management program at Drexel University in Philadelphia prior to joining Belo. While at Drexel, Heacox launched a two-year curriculum consisting of communications, media studies and business.

Heacox credits his career successes to his PLU experiences.

"Overall, a liberal arts education lent itself to getting into the TV business," Heacox said.

During his years at PLU, Heacox was active with the student television station, KCNS, for which he



anchored news shows and participated in "Saturday Night Live"-type programs.

"There's no way to do what I'm doing without my PLU education," Heacox said.

By Ashlee Parnell '09

A mother's grief helps others in need

When she began what would become a full-time crusade, Sarah Slack '95 simply wanted to raise money for her infant son's grave marker. But that modest effort soon led to the formation of the TEARS Foundation, a Tacoma-based organization that helps families who have lost babies.

Slack founded TEARS in 2002. The non-profit organization aids bereaved parents with financial expenses associated with making final arrangements for babies who have died.

"We cannot take any of the pain away from families," Slack said. "But we can lift a financial burden for them by providing funds to assist with the cost of burial or cremation services, and allow them more options when they make the final arrangements for their baby."

The creation of TEARS resulted from personal hardship. On Nov. 13, 2000, Slack and her husband, Sanford Slack, heard the words that still haunt them: "There is no heartbeat."

"My world crashed, my baby was dead," Sarah Slack said.

The financial burden of funeral expenses meant that for a year, Sarah and Sanford had to leave their child's grave without a headstone.

"I remember visiting the cemetery and everything was still fresh: my emotions, the cold air, the fresh dirt around the grave and just a number for where my son is buried," she said.

She placed a newspaper ad that read, "yard sale to help pay for my son's marker." At the conclusion of that sale, Sarah Slack raised enough money to purchase a \$600 headstone.

Today, nearly six years later, she works to help other grieving families.

"When I hear of the loss of a precious little baby," she said, "there are no words to be found. Only tears."

By Sabrina L. Coady '08



Sarah Slack with her two daughters, Jayda and Jaycee Slack.

Squires brings EMAL to Canadian football

For Scott Squires '88, playing on PLU's 1987 championship football team was a major score, but it was only the first of many.

After graduating, Squires drew on his experience to help guide him to successful coaching stints at the college level, working at several schools across the United States.

However, Squires wanted to go long, which landed him his current job as special teams coach for the Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League.

"It's an awesome challenge for me," Squires said. "There are some ideas about character and work ethic I got from PLU."

In the CFL, Squires has had to learn the differences between American and Canadian-style football, one of which is having 12 players on the field as opposed to 11. Yet, the reasons Squires loves the game remain the same.

"I like the camaraderie," Squires said. "Every week there's a goal. I want to


do a really good job."

One downside to coaching in Canada is that it has temporarily separated Squires from his family: wife, Sherith (Lundring '88) Squires and their three children. But Squires says telephones and the Internet help him stay in touch.

Squires has also had to adjust to no longer being a head coach. Prior to the Eskimos, he was head coach of California Lutheran University, which at times made him one of PLU's competitors.

But Squires has remained true to his EMAL (Every Man A Lute) background by getting together at least once a year with former PLU teammates.

Squires, who has scored many points in his professional and personal life, gives much of the credit to his time in Parkland.

"I'm just grateful for my experience there," Squires said. "I'm proud I went to PLU." 



By Breanne Coats '08

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: **1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1964, 1968, 1978, 1991**

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

1938

Lois (Morton) Madden died April 29. She began teaching in University Place, Wash., soon after graduating from PLC. In her late 20s, she married Kenneth Cogdill. During and after WWII, they lived on the East Coast and in Germany. Kenneth later served in the Korean War and was killed in action. They had one daughter, Nancy. Lois continued her teaching career at Ft. Lewis in Tacoma and in Richland, Wash. She taught in Edmonds, Wash., from 1961 to 1977. After marrying Frank Madden, she made her home in Shoreline, Wash., where she lived for 45 years. Lois was a longtime member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Edmonds, Wash., and a life-long Christian Scientist. She was a dedicated volunteer for the Sunrise Haven Christian Science Nursing Service in Kent, Wash. She also enjoyed playing piano and she played the flute in the Tacoma Philharmonic Orchestra. Surviving her are Nancy, and grandson Army CPT Kelly Sanders, who serves in Iraq, and his wife Brita.

1939

Ruth (Enroth) Siverson died April 13. She served as an elementary school teacher for 33 years in Conway and Big Lake, Wash.; Ketchikan, Alaska; and Shoreline and Seattle, Wash. She loved teaching and influenced the lives of her many students. She was also a long-time member of Bothell First Lutheran Church. Surviving Ruth are her husband, Carroll, and her daughter, Lynne.

Judy (Gerde) Jurgensen died Jan. 3. After graduating from PLC, she taught grade school for two years in McKenna, Wash. She married **Erling "Snooky" Jurgensen** in 1941 and they made their home on a wheat farm in Wilbur, Wash. Judy was active in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ladies Aid, the P.T.A., and 4-H. She enjoyed entertaining, square dancing and playing badminton. Judy was also excellent at sewing, baking and cooking. She treasured getting together with PLC friends. They would meet at various restaurants and nearly "close the place down" with all their stories, recipe exchanges, talks and, mostly, laughter. Judy would return from these events thoroughly happy and thoroughly hoarse. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Erling; her two daughters, **Nancy**

Pearson '67 (Bruce) and Janet Jurgensen '72; her son, John Jurgensen (Cynthia); and two grandsons.

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1947

Class Representative – Gerry Lider

1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1949

Doris (Steiro) Hanson died April 2. She worked for over 40 years at Porro Laboratory. She led a very active life, always striving to help others. Doris positively affected the lives of many people through her work, her activities at St. Mark's Lutheran Church by the Narrows in Tacoma, and her social network of friends that stretched back to her grade school years. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, **Benjamin '51**; daughters Kristi Abeggian (Walt) and Rebecca Christian; son Gerhard Hanson (Ann); seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1950

Class Representative – Dick Weathermon

Lawrence "Pete" and Beth (Gottwald) Peterson have volunteered at the French Hospital Medical Hospital in San Luis Obispo, Calif., for many years – Pete for 10 years and Beth for 25 years. Beth has also served as co-president of the Guild.

1951

Jack Metcalf died on March 15. He taught math and history in the Everett (Wash.) School District for nearly 30 years. He also had a long political career in Washington state government, serving as a Republican member of the House of Representatives and later the Senate. He was chairman of the Senate Environmental and Natural Resources Committee and was responsible for the creation of Washington's recycling program. In 1994, he was elected to the United States Congress, where he served for three terms, retiring in 2001. He was honored to have served the citizens of Washington and loved his years of public service. In 1997, he partnered with Senator Patty Murray to protect the marine waters of Washington state by

forming the Murray-Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission. The commission led to the creation by Congress of the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative in 1998. In 2000 he received PLU's Distinguished Alumnus Award. A loving family man, he leaves behind his wife of 58 years, Norma; his daughters, Marta Cahill (Rob), Gayle Metcalf, Lea Headley (Dennis), and Ann Bowman (Dave); 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1952

Margaret (Winters) England and her husband, Lee, are doing very well and are enjoying the quiet life on their farm in Elkview, (W.Va.) She retired as manager of their purebred Arabian horse breeding farm, LeMar Arabians. All horses and cattle have been sold since 2002. Lee is a retired accountant and business manager.

1953

Class Representatives – Naomi (Roe) Notthstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

Ruth (Moe) Hazen died March 19. She taught at Centralia (Wash.) High School and Junior College, Mason Middle School in Tacoma, and PLU. She was active in the P.T.A., receiving the Golden Acorn Award in 1979. Ruth was also a lifelong member of Zion Lutheran Church, teaching Sunday school for 27 years. Surviving her are her husband, Thomas; sons, Don (Karen) and Joe (Linda); and five grandchildren.

1955

Class Representative – Phyllis (Grah) Pejso

1956

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

1957

Class Representative – Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

1958

Class Representative – Don Cornell

John Buckner died March 10. He taught math and science at Mt. Tahoma High School in Tacoma for 30 years until his retirement in 1994. He enjoyed woodworking, fixing mechanical equipment, humorous books, silly jokes and really bad puns. Outside his family, his first love was in need of a handyman. He is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, **Norma (Hoines '59)**; his son Wayne and his wife, Marcy; and his daughter Jill and her hus-

band, Steve Rubart.

1959

Class Representative – Todd Penson

Jon Wefald, president of Kansas State University, received an honorary degree from Southwest Minnesota State University, recognizing his achievements while serving as SWMSU's president from 1977-1982. In addition to his bachelor's degree in political science from PLU, Jon earned a master's degree in political science from Washington State University and a doctorate in history from the University of Michigan.

Velma (Kjelstad) Boyles died in March. Born in 1907, she received her teaching certificate from Bellingham Normal School. She taught for two years in Marysville, Wash., and then in a one-room school in the Dhop Valley in Washington. After marrying Matteus Kjelstad in 1930, she moved to his family farm in the Dhop Valley, where she made her home for 54 years. Velma began teaching again in 1942 in the Eatonville District. She later was in charge of grade school libraries and taught library usage and remedial reading. She and Matteus were active members of the Dhop Grange and Bethany Lutheran Church. Velma was also a member of the Dhop Ladies Aid, the Order of Eastern Star, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Stella Hagen Orthopedic Guild. Widowed in 1984, she married Fred Boyles the next year and they made their home on his farm in Eatonville, Wash. When Fred died in 1993, she moved back to her home on the farm in the Dhop Valley, where her daughter lived. Surviving Velma are her daughters, Carolyn Burwash (Steve) and Charlotte Sorre (Lucio); five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

1960

Class Representative – Marilu (Miller) Person

1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Class Representative – Merl and Joan (Maier) Overland

1965

Class Representative – David Wytko

Kenneth "Skip" Hartvigson died May 4. He was very successful as a general agent for Lutheran Brotherhood Insurance from 1984 until his retirement

in 2002. He held many industry leadership positions and was the winner of countless awards. Skip was consistently recognized by his peers as one of the premier agency builders in the industry. A man of God who walked his faith, his passion was serving others. Recipient of PLU's 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award, he was known for his positive attitude, integrity, confidence and vision. Surviving Skip are his wife of 42 years, **Joyce (Haavik)**; his sons, **Brett '92** (Jocelyn) and **Koll '93**; five granddaughters; his mother, Eleanor; his brother, Larry; and his sister, Judy.

1966

Class Representative – Frank Johnson



Marcia Johnson, president of Binocular Vision Business Development, Berkeley, Calif., works with professionals who need to advise

estate and financial planning clients about long-term eldercare for themselves and their parents, and with eldercare businesses that want to expand awareness of their services.

1967

Class Representative – Craig Bjorklund



Jerry Roloson is a longtime competitive sailor, who won the Semiahmoo Regatta in April with his Thunderbird named REV. He was one of two

skippers among 60 boats to sweep his division over three races held off Blaine, Wash., and White Rock, B.C. The Semiahmoo Regatta is sponsored by the International Yacht Club of Blaine and White Rock, and, because it is sanctioned by the Vancouver Area Racing Council, is a highly competitive event that area sailors use as a tune-up for longer races such as the annual Swiftsure Classic. The picture taken by Jack Kinter shows Jerry sailing by the committee boat for a high-five after sweeping his division. Jerry and his wife, **Judy (Berg)**, live in Lynden, Wash.

1968

Patty (Petrie) Ridley retired after 26 years in elementary education. She was recognized four times as a distinguished educator in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. She and her husband, Campbell, live in Columbia, Tenn.

1969

Class Representative – Rick Nelson

1970

Class Representative – Bill Allen

Marcus Sandver traveled to Istanbul, Turkey, on May 26 to sign a joint degree program with Yeditepe (Seven Hills) University on behalf of Fisher College of Business at Ohio State University, where he is a professor of management and human resources.

1971

Class Representative – Joe Hustad, Jr.

David Soderlund, Cornell University professor, received two grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to support his research on the neurotoxic actions of insecticides at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, N.Y. Read more about his work at

www.nysaes.cornell.edu/pubs/press/2007/070605Soderlund.html

David Christopherson won his fourth national championship in cross-country skiing in March at Mt. Bachelor, Bend, Ore., sweeping all three of the races in his age group. He was undefeated in all 15 races of last year's season and was selected the most-winning male skier of all ages in the Minnesota Cross-Country Ski Association and was given an all-expense-paid trip to Iceland to compete in a race. This year he was again selected to the same honor and given another trip to the Iceland race. David was on the PLU varsity ski team from 1967 to 1971.

Carol (Ernstmeyer) Drake is a special education teacher for Metro Nashville (Tenn.) Schools. She has two daughters, Courtney, 28, who is a genetic counselor married to an Air Force officer, and Jennifer, 25, who recently graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree and is married to a scientist/engineer. Carol's husband, Ted, is an engineer with the Veteran's Administration. They live in Brentwood, Tenn.

1972

Class Representative – Molly Stuen

Mark Scholz is a middle and high school music teacher for Moriarty Public Schools in Albuquerque, N.M. He teaches choral music and the guitar. He also is an associate director for the 64-year-old Albuquerque Boy Choir, leading the nine- to 11-year-old boys with unchanged voices. He and his wife, **Sheri (Stein)** have two daughters, Jennifer, 26, who received her master's degree in social work from University of New Mexico in May, and Amy, 30, who is a construction worker and certified OSHA inspector.

Donald Topping died May 11. His first job was with United Airlines, working at SeaTac Airport and in Honolulu. He left the airlines and earned his degree from PLU. Don then went to work for Lewis

and Kitsap counties before joining Washington Natural Gas, retiring in 1997. He was an avid sports fan and a natural athlete, who excelled in any sport he played. Surviving him are his aunts, Pauline Erhart and Gloria Hagen; cousins Irene Elter and Pamela Shaw; and a brotherhood of friends, some dating back to his days at Whitman Elementary School in Tacoma.

1973

Class Representative – Karen (Wraalstad) Robbins

E. Marie Miller Fortier died April 4. She was a music educator, mentor and patron of the arts in Tacoma/Pierce County. She participated as a member of orchestras and choirs and was a very accomplished accompanist, playing for hundreds of students in concerts and competitions. In Tacoma, she taught at McCarver Junior High School, in the Clover Park School District, and at Ft. Steilacoom and Tacoma Community Colleges. Marie was a founder of the Tacoma Alumni Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon Professional Music Fraternity and was chapter advisor to the Epsilon Sigma collegiate chapter at PLU. She was also a member of the Washington State Music Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma Educational Society,

YWCA, and Tacoma City Club. A member of First United Methodist Church in Tacoma, she was active in many areas of its ministry – especially its music program. As a civic leader, Marie served on the boards for the Tacoma Youth Symphony, Allied Arts, and Tacoma Civic Arts and Pierce County Arts Commissions. In 1991, she was honored with the Pierce County Arts Commission's Margaret K. Williams Award for service in the arts. She was involved with the 29th District Democrats, Tacoma Democratic Women's League, Wright Park Neighborhood Association, and Tacoma Council of the Navy League. Surviving Marie are her husband of 63 years, Joseph; her daughters, Cherie Murchie and Judie Fortier; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

1975

Class Representative – Helen Pohlig

Larry Walsh is one of only eight school administrators in the United States to be selected for the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship in Brazil. He traveled to Sao Paulo in August to work in schools throughout the world's third-most popu-

A gift from my IRA

"My husband, Walter, was in the PLU class of 1956. I took advantage of the provisions in the Pension Protection Act to make a gift from my IRA to add to the endowed scholarship established in Walter's memory. What gives me the most pleasure is knowing that current and future generations of PLU students will benefit from this scholarship." -Joan Schwindt



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lous region. Larry and his wife, Gail, live in Olympia, Wash.

Bill Bash was elected mayor of Cornelius, Ore. (population 10,785), in November 2006.

Constance Johnson finished her Master of Science degree in nursing/health care education at the University of Phoenix in April. She lives in Saipan, an island near Guam, teaching nursing at Northern Marianas College and working as a pediatric nurse practitioner. She has two daughters adopted from China: Grace, 6, and Maggie, 7.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

David Lee married Bonnie Coffee at a covered bridge in Stayton, Ore., on June 2. They enjoy living in Corvallis, Ore.

Kristi (Rigall) Manley received her master's degree in counseling and personnel services from the University of Maryland in 2003. She works as an addictions counselor in Davenport, Iowa, and works under the professional name of Kristi Weaver Manley. Divorced from Dan Weaver in 1995, she married Paul Manley in November 2005. Kristi has two sons: Karl Weaver, 26, who is supervisor for Starbucks at Pacific Place in Seattle, and Nate Weaver, 27, who works in telecommunications sales in San Antonio, Texas. She also has a new stepdaughter, Melissa Manley Casillas, 26, of Portland, Ore. Kristi and Paul love to travel and are enjoying their second chance at love. She sends all her best to her fellow alumni.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

Nancy (Holmes) Milliron is an elementary music specialist for Bend-La Pine (Dre.) Schools.

Hiram Williams is a physician and surgeon, teaching at USC/UCLA Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He also has a second career as an actor, appearing in a number of television and film productions. He lives in Playa del Rey, Calif.

1978

Bruce Neswick, canon for music at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Ga., issued two new CD recordings. The first, "Thou Ever Blessed Morn: Christmas at St. Philip's," features his two adult choirs at the cathedral. The second, "Miracles: Music for Flute and Organ," on the Raven label, is the result of a continuing collaboration with flutist Cheryl Gobbetti Hoffman from the State University of New York at Buffalo. In addition, two of Bruce's anthems, "Alleluia! Christ is risen" and "How dear to me is your dwelling," have been published by Paraclete Press.

Dave Brauer-Rieke is the new bishop of the Oregon synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He replaces **Paul Swanson '66**, who served as bishop of the synod since the inception of the ELCA in 1988.

1979

Class Representative – Dave and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Frederick "Fritz" Lampe is the new assistant professor of community development and witness, and director of the Master of Arts program in theology, development and evangelism at Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa. The theology, development and evangelism program is the only one of its kind at a graduate seminary level in the United States and one of only two such graduate-level seminary based programs in the world. In this program, students further develop their skills in community organizing, micro-economic and infrastructural development, public health advocacy and more, all from a church-based and more theologically-informed framework. In 2006, Fritz received a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology at Syracuse University, with his fieldwork in Kenya. He also earned a Master of Divinity degree from Wartburg.

Barbara Fetty-Solders has joined Group Health Cooperative as a manager of care management in East King and Snohomish (Wash.) Counties.

Dennis Hake is chief marketing officer at Inland Imaging Business Associates in Spokane. He was previously director of business development at Advanced Input Systems in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

1980

Class Representative – Drew Nelson

Mary "Meg" IFish Hatlen received the Humanitarian Award 2007, which recognizes a nurse whose dedicated work and exemplary service have benefited society and the practice of nursing. This is one of four 2007 leadership awards from the University of Washington School of Nursing. Meg was honored at a reception and banquet at the Hotel W on May 10 in Seattle. She is a public health nurse supervisor working with Best Beginnings, a program offered by Public Health Seattle/King County that serves low-income first-time mothers.

1981

Class Representative – Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

Christine Connerly is turning her love of making jewelry into a second career. She teaches workshops, participates in craft fairs and sells jewelry online. Her Web site is www.rockpapermetal.com. She lives in Forest Ranch, Calif.

Rick Mattson most recently served a six-month tour in Chagcharan, Afghanistan, as Commander of Task Force Paladin,



Counter-Improvised Explosive Devices (C-IED), Regional Command-West (RC-W). This was his second Middle East tour attached to the Army, having spent eight months (Sept. 2004 to April 2005) doing similar work in Iraq. He previously had deployed five times as an Air Force aviator. He says it was a good experience and a great cause with the mission of saving U.S./Coalition and local lives and limbs. He returned in May with the intention of taking a few weeks off and then going back to flying A-10 aircraft. He lives in Virginia with his wife, Vanita, and children, Langley, 8, Orlea, 6, and Waverly, 3.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Philip Langham is the new executive director of the Richmond Va. Retirement System, overseeing the fiscal management of more than \$500 million in assets and a \$4 million monthly pension payroll for approximately 9,500 retirees.

Wayne Keller is chief information officer at Santa Fe Community College in Santa Fe, N.M. His wife, Lynn Tschantre-Keller, is a workers compensation manager.

Sharon (Alacantara) Quigley moved to Korea last summer with her husband, James, and children, Katie, 9, James, 7, and Mikey, 6. Sharon is a family nurse practitioner and James is an army officer.

1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

Karen Markwith was promoted to director of risk management for Franciscan Health Systems. She lives in Federal Way, Wash.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Bruce Burnside, senior pastor at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Madison, Wisc., was elected bishop of the South Central Wisconsin Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He began his call to that office on July 1.



Trudi Strain Trueit is a children's author who has signed a three-book deal with Simon & Schuster's Aladdin books to write a boys' series for middle grade readers. A former television news reporter, Trudi has published 36 fiction and non-fiction books for children,

including the popular Julep O'Toole series (Dutton). The third book in the Julep series, "What I Really Want to Do is Direct" (ages 8 to 12), was published in May. Read more about Trudi and her books at www.truditruelit.com.

Linda Salter Sommer died suddenly on Feb. 12 in Thousand Oaks, Calif., where she had lived since graduation. She taught for two years in a private Lutheran grade school and for 15 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Her interests were many and included music, scrapbooking, hiking, camping, and her home and family. She is survived by her husband, Tom; two young daughters, Tina and Erin; her parents, Ruth and Richard Salter; her brothers, **Mark '73** and **Craig**; her sister, **Jody**; four nieces and four nephews.

1985

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

Mike Grambo received national board certification as a social studies teacher. He teaches world history and weight training at Blaine High School and is the head track coach. His wife, **Cheryl (Hansen '84) Grambo**, is a registered nurse, who works in the Childbirth Center in Bellingham as an international board certified lactation consultant. They live in Lynden, Wash., where they enjoy camping, walking and fishing and their three awesome teenagers (Amy, 18, Heather, 17, and David, 15) who keep them hopping, laughing and on their knees.

Michael Nelson was named to the board of directors at the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup. He is president and owner of Tab Northwest and Archives Northwest. He and his wife, **Janet**, have two children, **Brenden, 12**, and **Rylee, 9**. They live in Puyallup.

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Annette Kuhls was named the director of care management at Harborview Medical Center in January. She oversees several registered nurse, nurse practitioner, and physician assistant teams within the hospital. Annette has more than 15 years of utilization management and case management experience in the health care industry. She lives in Maple Valley, Wash.

Jeff Cornell, his wife, Maria, and children, Alex, 15, and Tess, 13, recently repatriated to the United States after spending 14 years in Saudi Arabia, where Jeff and Maria taught in the Saudi Aramco Schools. The sun and heat of the Persian Gulf have been replaced with the warm weather and beaches of Jacksonville, Fla. Jeff teaches fourth grade at The Bolles School in Ponte Vedra Beach.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Legacy Lutes (Fall 2007)

Each fall we welcome all new students to our campus. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations extends a special welcome to our "Legacy Lutes" – those students whose parents also attended and/or graduated from PLU. We recognize this extra special commitment to their alma mater and are thrilled to have their sons and daughters carry on their legacy.

Kaitlyn Allen, Daniel '82 and Sandra (Keene '82) Allen

Scott Amundson, Phillip '81 and Janet (Gunnerson '82) Amundson

Matthew Anderson, Jack '74 and Kann (Johnson '76) Anderson

Brock Bennett, Eric '82 and Debra Bennett

Dayna Blauvelt, Mark and Colleen '89 Blauvelt

Andrew Boitano, David '83 and Capri Boitano

Mitchell Brown, Gayle (DalSanto '02) Brown

Kerri Carlsen, John '81 and Kimberly (Hopkins '82) Carlsen

Evan Carlson, Melody Carlson

Karissa Carpenter, Steven '86 and Michele Carpenter

Bridgette Cooper, Robert '86 and Roberta Cooper

Colby Davies, Scott '76 and Kathy Davis

Brittany Cooper, Robert '86 and Roberta Cooper

Christine Dyson, Mark and Linda (Freeman '75) Dyson

Ryan Foster, Michel and Kathryn (McCormick '81) Foster

Sarah Friesen, Peter '78 and Carley Blank

Brockton Gates, Jeffrey '86 and Stacy Gates

Rondi Gedde, Peter '82 and Jana (Olson '80) Gedde

Eric Griebenow, Robert and Maria '84 Griebenow

Samantha Gunnerson, Dennis '83 and Judy (Lovstrom '84) Gunnerson

Taylor Hagbo, Brian and Katherine Hagbo

Joshua Hammerling, Roy '78 and Margaret (Ekberg '79) Hammerling

Jennifer Hampton, Bryan and Patricia Hampton

Jon Hillstead, Jon and Daniela (Rowe '98) Hillstead

Whitney Hoppen, Mark and Marilyn '82 Hoppen

Jennifer Hulings, Dale and Katherine (Bayne '82) Hulings

Daniel Imhoff, Carl and Kristen (Sherman '81) Imhoff

Cali Inouye, Calvin and Roberta Inouye

Brett Jacobsen, Steven '79 and Tina (Peterson '80) Jacobsen

Erin Johnson, Lloyd '74 and Bonnie Johnson

Katharine Johnson, Fredrick '85 and Karen (Evans '84) Johnson

Keyleigh Kasper, Gregory and Connie Kasper

Megan Kautzman, Jerome and Gail Kautzman

Zachary Klein, Stephen '83 and Shelley Klein

Sarah Kruse, Donn '78 and Cathy Kruse

Jena Ladenburg, Barry and Debra Ladenburg

Katherine Lambrecht, Doug '70 and Karen Lambrecht

Megan Landers, Matthew and Barbara (Way '78) Landers

Allison Lansverk, Marvin '80 and Kay (Landerholm '81) Lansverk

Kelsey Larson, David '83 and Jennifer (Wishart '84) Larson

Andrew Leach, Gragg '87 and Holly Leach

Robert Lester, Robert '80 and Kelly Lester

Sara Main, John Faculty and Dianna Main

Kirsten McNamara, Michael '83 and Joanne McNamara

Jessica Mussie, Mark and Michelle (Hopp '77) Mussie

Hans Nelson, Michael '85 and Britt (Hansen '84) Nelson

Elise Nesselquist, Kim '00 and Krystn (Soltau '84) Nesselquist

Bethany Nylander, James and Rebecca (Blucher '02) Nylander

Caroline Olson, Richard and Diane (Van Vleet '81) Olson

Kjersten Otterholt, Dana '73 and Victoria Otterholt

Alexander Paterno, James and Peggy Paterno

Thomas Pearson, Erik '78 and Susan (Wood '77) Pearson

Amanda Peterson, Michael '80 and Tacey Peterson

James Petramalo, Thomas '80 and Catherine Petramalo

James Rayburn, Daniel and Joan Rayburn

Gretchen Romerdahl, Eric '85 and Renee (Hanson '82) Romerdahl

Kathryn Sage, Michael '74 Sage

Megan Salisbury, William and Julie Salisbury

Emilie Schaler, William and Stacie (Morris '83) Schaler

Sarah Schiesz, Douglas and Lori Schiesz

Dane Schmick, Thomas and Julie (Stockman '82) Schmick

Emily Schoenheit, Timothy and Margaret (Mueller '88) Schoenheit

Erin Siebert, Joseph and Linda (Freeman '80) Siebert

Krista Smith, Kevan and Priscilla (Pflueger '74) Smith

Alexander Smock, Cameron '85 and Julie (Stockman '85) Schmick

Carli Speer, Robert '84 and Colleen (Calvo '88) Speer

Joshua Stromberg, Paul and Debi (Conseer '83) Stromberg

Kajsa Swenson, Paul and Priscilla Swenson

Reidun Todd, Edward and Janice (Peterson '72) Todd

Emily Tollefson, Jack '81 and Colleen Tollefson

Steven Tollefson, Brian and Linda '93 Tollefson

Curtis Trondsen, Robert '84 and Michelle Trondsen

James Tupper, Geoffrey and Nancy (Soderlund '81) Tupper

Lynsey Tveit, Thomas '78 and Kim Tveit

Jessica Warner, William '75 and Janette Norby Ware

Sarah Wise, Timothy '85 and Susan (Simpson '85) Wise

Lucy Wold, Scott '83 and Susan Wold

Mary Wuest, Paul '71 and Marthe Wuest

Stuart Zaichkin, Dana '80 and Jeanette '78 Zaichkin

Kristen Ziegler, Michael '80 and Rani Ziegler

Allison Zumalt, Steve and Carol (Forbes '75) Zumalt

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DATE/PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____

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TITLE OF POSITION/COMPANY/AWARD/ DATE ASSUMED _____

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Shannon (Ryan) Mayer was awarded tenure in the physics department at the University of Portland (Ore.). Her husband, **Steve**, who is the chair of the chemistry department, received tenure last year. They live in Portland with their two daughters, Jordyn, 8, and Haley, 6.

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray Scott

Edwin Dierdorff, a recruiting specialist with Excell Data Corporation, received the Director's Award from the company in January. He also sings lead with the Northwest Sound Men's Barbershop Chorus and acts as the chapter-development/grant coordinator/fund-raising chair and as the group's Evergreen District historian and archivist. The Evergreen District hosts the annual Harmony Explosion Camp for young singers throughout the Northwest. He lives in Bellevue, Wash.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

Susan Scott is a marketing director for Architects Rasmussen Triebelhorn in Tacoma. She celebrated the marriage of her son, Benjamin Jones, to Jennifer Mills on Sept. 30, 2006 at the Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Redmond, Wash. Ben is an associate architect at Mulvanny G2 in Bellevue, Wash., and Jen is in charge of operations at The Educational.

Zarina Denan is a lecturer at the Mara University of Technology in Malaysia.

Heidi (Wisner) Kaster and her husband, Dave, own two businesses in Kingston, Wash.: Dragonfly Farms and Yardworks Landscaping.

Greg Schieferstein is the managing editor at WIFR-TV, a CBS affiliate in Rockford, Ill. His wife, Barbara Andrews, is an associate director for marketing and public relations at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Churchwide offices in Chicago. They live in South Elgin, Ill.

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely

Jeremy Soltoff, Master Sergeant (Ret.), was recognized in a public ceremony, at which he was awarded the Atlantic County (N.J.) Veteran's Service Medal in honor of his long and illustrious military career and for repeated service in hostile combat zones.

Karl Wischnofsky is director of marketing for Inventist, an invention development and marketing company, which has numerous innovations in the sporting goods and kitchen gadgets markets. One product, the AquaSkipper, made the finals for the Modern Marvels Invent Now Challenge and is in the running for

Invention of the Year. www.inventist.com, www.aquaskipper.com

1991

Marcus LeMaster lives in Singapore, where he works for DHL Express-Pacific as a product manager in the product innovation group. He is responsible for the development and implementation of new express service initiatives throughout the 14 major countries in the region. He recently completed his Master of Science degree in logistics and supply chain management from Cranfield University in the United Kingdom. When his travel schedule allows, he competes in triathlons, having completed Ironman Canada in 2002 and 2004.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

Geir Ostrem is a business manager in the United Kingdom and Ireland for Stokke AS, a Norwegian company specializing in children's furniture and equipment. He lives with his family in London.

1993

Class Representative – Barbara (Murphy) Hesner

Jay Cash is a commander with the U.S. Army's 212th military police company in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Christine Flosi has two grandchildren: Neal, 6, and Rilee, 2. She lives in Puyallup, Wash., and keeps busy doing volunteer work in her community.

Elizabeth Hartmann married Mark Hayden Allen on June 25, 2006, in Grapeview, Wash. After graduating from PLU, she served four years in the U.S. Army as a Russian linguist. She now designs and draws the plans for custom homes with Metzdorf Design. She and Mark are building their own home in Rocky Bay, just outside of Gig Harbor, Wash.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Jennifer (Berger) Allison earned a law degree from Pepperdine Law School in Malibu, Calif., in May. She began working as a reference librarian in Pepperdine's Law Library in August. During law school, she was an exchange student for a semester at the University of Augsburg in Germany. She and her husband, Ali, live in the Los Angeles area, where Ali works as a CPA.

Cheryl Ann Graf, director of emergency services at Mason General Hospital, received an honorable mention in competition for the Anna May Erickson Award, which recognizes excellence in emergency room nursing in Washington.

Sarah (Jones) Donaldson is a business owner and her husband, Jeff, is on the

International Triathlon Committee. They live in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Kim Kemmerling was installed as assistant pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Sinking Spring, Penn., on Feb. 11. On March 19, she adopted her foster daughter, Sierra, 3.

1995

Class Representatives – Krista Sickert-Bush and Stephanie Page-Lester

Kirstin Lindeman received her master's degree in public health from Boston University School of Public Health.

Cyrus Khemalaap is in Kuwait on an eight-month deployment with the Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group, working jointly with the 595th U.S. Army Transportation Group during the troop surge in Iraq. As a petty officer 2nd class, his duties include convoy security as a shooter, cargo documentation, and working with Halliburton employees. He plans to return to graduate school upon returning from deployment. His home is in downtown Portland, Ore.

Brian Ekberg graduated in 2005 with a master's degree in physician assistant studies with an emphasis in bioethics from Midwestern University in Phoenix. He is practicing in adult medicine in Las Vegas. He lives in Henderson, Nev.

Christina (DeAustria) Branson received the Bright House Network Star Teacher Award for the greater Bakersfield, Calif., area on June 15. Teachers must propose, prepare, teach and submit a lesson plan and objectives, using cable in the classroom. Her lesson was used with special education students.

1996

Class Representative – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman

Ed Hrivnak was part of a medevac crew while serving in Iraq. He wrote of his experiences in a journal kept throughout his deployment. Some of his entries were included in the book "Operation Homecoming: Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families." His journal entries also appeared in The New Yorker last year and they are now a part of a documentary, "Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience," which aired nationally on PBS. Ed retired after nearly 20 years at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma and is now a firefighter for Central Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Brandon Fix sold his company Donation Depot to Kintera, Inc., in 2003. After four years at Kintera, he has acquired the corporate facing divisions from Kintera and started WPG Solutions, Inc. WPG clients include Microsoft, EDS, United Health Group, Delphi, Guidant and many more. Brandon and his wife, **Tarren (Becker)** have three children, Hannah, 8,

Solomon, 5, and Camden, 3. They live in Tacoma.

Lisa Balmes partnered with her mother to start their own real estate agency, Chris Balmes Properties, in the Portland, Ore., metropolitan area.

Josh and Alexa (Marsh '97) Arnold moved to Hong Kong in August. Josh teaches sixth-grade math/science, and Alexa teaches fifth grade.

1997

Class Representatives – Andy and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Michael Chunn is a network performance lifecycle manager with AT&T Mobility. His team is responsible for cell site network performance analysis, as well as data compression and optimization tools for 3G wireless communications. He lives in Renton, Wash.

Mona Aboel-nil teaches eighth-grade science for Seattle Public Schools.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Kathleen (Stevens) Jones graduated from George Fox University in Newberg, Ore., with a master's degree in teaching on April 28. She teaches fifth grade at a private Christian school. She and her husband, David, recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary.

1999

Class Representative – Julie (Johnston) Von Dennewitz

Tim Simrell graduated in August 2006 from Pacific University with a Master of Science degree in physician assistant studies. He is a physician assistant and instructor of medicine in the Center for Hematologic Malignancies at Oregon Health and Science University. The center performs bone marrow and stem cell transplantation as a treatment option in variety of cancers, including leukemia and lymphoma. Tim and his partner, Roy Watter, purchased their first home in North Portland.

Judie Martin married Dario Jaeger Feb. 26 on Denarau Island in Fiji. Judie is a SAP Consultant with Axon Solutions and Dario is a chief financial officer. They live in Bothell, Wash.

Julie (Johnston) Von Dennewitz has been promoted to residential life coordinator for Beaujolais Village at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, Calif.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Nathan Bankson married Stephanie Gray on Poipu Beach, Kauai, Hawaii. After two years of service at Fort Campbell, Ky.,



and a year-long tour in Kirkuk, Iraq, with the First Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (AASLT), Nathan was reassigned to serve as a defense appellate attorney in Arlington, Va. Stephanie is studying for the Washington state bar exam and will join Nathan in the Army JAG Corps upon passing the bar. Nathan met Stephanie while assigned to the 101st. They have one dog, Mocha.



Danielle Fisher married Robert Crabtree on Sept. 22, 2006, at the Windmill Gardens in Sumner, Wash. In attendance were Leah Stubbs and **Anne Dillon**. Danielle and Rob live in Puyallup, where they are real estate agents with John L. Scott.

Nicole Pedersen graduated with a Master of Business Administration degree from Boston College on May 21. She heads back in July to New York City, where she will work as a product marketing manager for Knoll, a workplace products company. Her responsibilities will include everything from product

development to training salespeople on the products. Her office is located in the Meatpacking District of NYC.

Randall Thorn has moved to the sunnier and drier climate of Boise, Idaho, after 25 years at the Centralia (Wash.) Power Plant. He manages the Industrial Efficiency Program for Idaho Power Company. In addition to his mechanical engineering degree, engineering license and Master of Business Administration degree from PLU, he earned his Certified Energy Manager (CEM) certification in 2006. He works with the company's largest customers on energy efficiency projects. Last year the company saved about 19,000,000 kWhrs of energy and paid close to \$1.5 million in incentives to its customers.

Vance Ovena has a new position as vice president of call center technology for Merrill Lynch in Beaverton, Ore. He and his wife, **Kellie (German '98)**, have two children, Quinton, 5, and Natalie, 4.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer



Kristin Olson married Scott Sutton July 22, 2006, at Ebenezer Lutheran Church in Lake Stevens, Wash. Lutes in the wedding

In Memoriam

1938

Lois (Morton) Madden on April 29.

1939

Judi (Gerde) Jurgensen on Jan. 3.

Ruth (Enroth) Siverson on April 13.

1949

Doris (Steiro) Hanson on April 2.

1951

Jack Metcalf on March 15.

1953

Ruth (Moe) Hazen on March 19.

1958

John Buckner on March 10.

1959

Velma (Kjelstad) Boyles in March.

1965

Kenneth "Skip" Hartvigson on May 4.

1972

Donald Topping on May 11.

1973

E. Marie Fortier on April 4.

1984

Linda Salter Sommer on Feb. 12.

Friends and Staff

Gladys Domser died April 26. She joined the food service staff in 1969 and retired in 1991. During her tenure at PLU, she worked primarily in the coffee shop. Anyone who wanted to have their spirits lifted just had to visit Gladys. She had an infectious laugh and a big heart, especially for students. Her hobbies included playing music, camping, fishing and traveling. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Betty Zieg French died June 12. Her education included Doane College in Crete, Neb., and St. Margaret's House in Berkeley, Calif. In 1958, she married Dick French. Both worked at PLU. Dick was director of career planning and placement, and Betty worked in the library. Betty began her career in the circulation department and later became administrative assistant to the librarian and the library team. She retired in 1994. Surviving her are Dick and their children, Elizabeth French Truesdall (Joel) and Stephen French (Laura).

party included **Kendra Capozzi, Mairead (McSweeney) Shutt, Julie (Wilson) Kuehn, Lisa Kellogg, and Leah Stubbs '00**. Other Lutes involved were **Sarena (Magnussen) Nau and Hilary (Petersen) '00 Lester**. Kristin is a third-grade teacher in the Arlington School District and Scott is a meterman with the Snohomish County PUD. They live in Lake Stevens, Wash.



Brandy Hedger married Evan Halprin Aug. 12, 2006, at The Resort at The Mountain in Welches, Ore. Alumni **Victoria Shotwell** and

Joy Barber '00 were in the wedding party. In attendance were **Geoff Gifford, Chrissy Schreier, Julie Johnson '02, Kristin (Hovenkotter) Greco '02, Ryan Greco '03, Kristy Archer '00, Melissa Montgomery '00, Laura (Ritchie) Gifford '00**. They live in Hillsboro, Ore., where Brandy works as a medical social worker for Odyssey Hospice, and Evan works as an engineer at Intel.

Angela Meade won the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions Grand Finale last spring. While at PLU, she was a student of Mira Frohmyer and Marcia Baldwin.

Kristen (Russell) Buck completed her Ph.D. in oceanography at the University of California Santa Cruz in November 2006. She is a postdoctoral researcher at Scripps Institution of Oceanography conducting research on trace metal chemistry in Antarctic and coastal Pacific waters. She lives in San Diego, Calif.

Peter Anderson received a Ph.D. in medicinal chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a post-doctoral research fellow at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Matt Vancil graduated from the American Film Institute in Los Angeles on June 6 with a Master of Fine Arts degree in screenwriting. He already has projects lined up over the summer: writing a pilot and episodes for a show in Israel. He lives in Los Angeles.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Alisha Davis married Craig Smith on Jan. 1, 2006, at Tracey Castle in Wilkeson, Wash. Alisha is a kindergarten teacher in the Sumner (Wash.) School District, and Craig is an IT technician. They live in Lake Tapps, Wash.

Anna Edgar is an outside sales representative for GM Nameplate in Seattle, Wash.



Chelsea Perry married Trevor Lee Nov. 12, 2005, in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Chelsea is a communications and community relations specialist in the

Lake Washington School District, and Trevor is a youth pastor at their church in Mill Creek, Wash. They live in Snohomish, Wash.

Sarah Mainard married Christopher Maclachlan Sept. 26, 2006, in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Sari is a dispatcher with Valley Communications Center, and Christopher is a contractor for the Department of Defense. They live in Black Diamond, Wash.



Gina Visaya graduated from Gonzaga School of Law in 2006 and married her high school sweetheart, David Storlie, two weeks later. **Adam and Lisa**

(Dahlgren) Atkinson '01 were in attendance. Gina and David had their first child, Vincent Porter, on March 15. They live in Bellevue, Wash.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Jake Dixon is working on his master's degree in business administration at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.

Trevor Roberts, former offensive line coach at PLU and member of the PLU's 1999 national championship team, is the new football coach at Kent-Meridian High School in Kent, Wash.

Sam Dollar is a creative designer for JayRay, a communications consulting firm in Tacoma. He previously worked as both a graphic and production designer at Tom Torrens (former PLU art professor) Sculpture Design in Gig Harbor. In his three years there, he produced and fabricated steel, copper and brass sculptures currently displayed at corporations, parks and residences throughout Western Washington.

Delilah Langer appeared in the independent feature film "The Horrible Flowers," which has been screened at festivals internationally. For more information, go to www.myspace.com/thehorribleflowersmovie. Dahli also has been busy doing fashion design. She was a featured designer last spring for the renowned fashion show, Voltage: Fashion Amplified. You can see her designs at www.reinvintaged.com.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

Katherine (Novak) Toft is a registered nurse at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma. Her husband, Jeremy, is a firefighter for the City of Renton, Wash.

2005

Class Representative – Micheal Steele

Kristina Calvert married Chris Jensen on June 2 in Sumner, Wash. Kristina is a case resource manager for the division of developmental disabilities in Washington State's Department of Social and Health Services. Chris is an employment consultant.

2006

Class Representative – Jenna (Steffenson) Serr

Matt Steiner has joined Colliers International as an associate with the Seattle corporate services team of Peter Truex and John Peterson.

2007

Class Representatives — Maggie Morgan and Kaarin Praxel

Future Lutes

1987

Darin Ringenbach and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, OJ Garrett, on May 28. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

1988



Christine (Winkel) Griener and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of daughter Addison on Nov. 9, 2006. She joins Jackson, 5, and Andrew, 2. They live in Seattle.

1989

Michelle (Williams) Bailey and her husband, Brad, welcomed their son, Jackson, on June 29, 2006. He joins his sister, McKenzie, 8. Michelle is the founder of Memorial Gallery, which specializes in cremation urns and cremation jewelry. Brad works in public relations at the headquarters for Providence Health System.

Christian Lucky and Karinne Kerdel are pleased to announce the baptism of their son Paul at Notre-Dame des Angles in Cabestany, France, on April 15. Christian, Karinne and Paul live in Mercer Island, Wash.

1990

Oyvind and Michelle Lechnyr '92 Henningsen welcomed Madeleine



Elisabeth Grace on Dec. 17, 2005. She joins Kristoffer, 8, and Emilie, 5. Oyvind works for Leitor, Inc., and Michelle is a stay-at-home mom, working one night a week at Edmonds Community College. They live in Bothell.

Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen and her husband, Michael Andersen, welcomed their son, Soren Kai Andersen, on Aug. 4, 2006. They live in Vancouver, Wash., where Angela is a librarian in the Vancouver School District.

Michael "Elmo" and Olivia (Gerth) Wright announce the birth of their third daughter, Harper Douglass, on June 6. She joins sisters Jordan, 6, and Sidney, 3. They live in Edmonds, Wash.

1993

Heather (Hibbert) Rime and her husband, Todd, welcomed daughter Zoe in June 2006. Heather is a registered nurse. They live in Tumwater, Wash.



Karen Koll and her husband, Matthew Williams, are very happy to announce the birth of their son, Alfie Ludvik Koll-Williams, on Jan. 10 in London, England. He weighed 4 pounds, 10 ounces. Karen is on maternity leave from Quarto Publishing, where she is an editor, and Matthew is a data manager for Precise Media Monitoring.



Sam Capps and his wife, Kristin, announce the birth of their son, Branson, on April 10.



Daniel and Suzanne (Tiedt) Tye announce the birth of Luke William on February 28. He joins brother

Alexander, 4. Daniel is a finance manager for Rentrak, an information management company, serving clients in the entertainment, media, retail and advertising industries. Suzanne is a stay-at-home mother. They live in West Linn, Ore.



Greg and Tessa (Westby '95) Wilson welcomed daughter Vanessa on February 2, 2006. She joins her

sister, Isabelle, 3. They live in Auburn, Wash.

1994



Juliet Laycoe Hagely and her husband, Thomas Hagley, are proud to announce the birth of Benjamin Bryan Thomas Hagley

on April 26. Juliet is a partner in a law firm and Thomas is a public relations and information director for the Vancouver (Wash.) School District. They live in Ridgefield, Wash.

1996



Brett Talbert and **Wendy (Howard) Talbert**

announce the birth of their daughter, Kendall, on March 8. She joins Jessamyn, 5, and Brenna, 3.

1996



Erik and Heather (McDougall '97) Melver welcomed daughter Saskia on June 22, just in time to join big sister Anika and her

parents in their move to Hong Kong, where Erik teaches drama and Heather is a secondary education counselor. More details can be found at www.hongkongmelter.blogspot.com.

1997



Kevin and Marci (Voeller '98) Bartholomae announce the birth of their son, Braden Charles, on Feb. 27. He joins big brother Caleb, 3.

Kevin, who recently received his master's degree in business administration from Seattle University, works at Microsoft as a senior product manager. Marci is a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Tacoma General Hospital. They live in Sammamish, Wash.

Aaron and Jenny (Gotter '99) Stewart welcomed their son Peter Samuel on July 7, 2006. He joins his big brother, Luke. Aaron is the executive minister at University Place Presbyterian Church. Jenny is a stay-at-home mom and works part-time as a vocational counselor for Strategic Consulting Services, Inc. They live in University Place, Wash.



Daemon and Kristi (Benson) Repp announce the birth of Mason Leonard on Feb. 14. He joins big brother Cameron, 3. Kristi is a stay-at-home

mom and Daemon works at Genesee Investments in Bellevue. They moved from Renton to Kent, Wash., last year.



Amy (Rowley) Roth and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of daughter Piper Lynn on March 2. She joins Gavin, 2.

Amy is a stay-at-home mother, and Jason is a cardiologist in the U.S. Army. They live in El Paso, where Jason is stationed at Fort Bliss.



Dee (Baker) Kelln and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Constantine (Connor), on Jan. 10. A former elementary

Montessori teacher, Dee is now a stay-at-home mother. Dan works in landscape construction. They live in Fall City, Wash.



Tami (Spencer) Brester and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed their son, Tristan David, on Oct. 25, 2006. Tami is a teacher in the

West Linn-Wilsonville school district. They live in Beaverton, Ore.

1998



Kenneth and Stephanie (Tuck '96) Frisch announce the birth of Cassandra Mae on March 30. Kenny is establishing the foot-

ball program with **Cale Piland '97** at the newest high school in Vancouver, Wash. He became a certified strength and conditioning coach and will teach sports development for Union High School. Stephanie started Blue Ocean Events, an event production company, and is launching Portland's largest sustainable lifestyle show in March. You can learn about the Better Living Show at www.betterlivingshow.org. They live in Camas, Wash.

1999

Kristy (Halverson) Bingham and her hus-



band, Levi, announce the birth of Oscar Vaughn on Feb. 23. Kristy is a stay-at-home mom and Levi is a district manager for

Starbucks Coffee.

2000



Gregg Kuhlmann and his wife, Julie, welcomed their son, Benjamin Leonard, on Aug. 11, 2006. Gregg graduated from medical

school in June and will begin his residency in family practice/sports medicine at Capital Region Medical Center in Jefferson City, Mo.



John and Michelle (Pleny '01) Eussen welcomed their son, Andrew Michael, on April 5, 2006. John is vice president of

marketing for Wilkinson 1031. Michelle taught math and science at Wilson Middle School. She is now a stay-at-home mother and sells Sensaria bath and body products on the side. They live in Yakima.

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Ricardo and Lucy (Barker) Char welcomed daughter Kaiya on Dec. 12, 2006. Ricardo is a deputy sheriff in Grant County, Wash., and Lucy is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Moses Lake.

Jennifer (Honigs) Hill and her husband, Thomas, welcomed Karissa Piper on Oct. 17, 2006. She joins brother Kevin Patrick, 3. Jennifer is a mammography care specialist at Inland Imaging in Spokane, and Thomas is a teacher.



Leyna (Oshiro) Okamura and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsie Sachie, on May 5. They live in Mililani, Hawaii.

2002



Becca (Ehli) Miller and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of twins, Benjamin McKinnon and

Abigail Joy, on January 20. Becca is a kindergarten teacher at Mann Elementary School in Tacoma.



Gina (Visaya) Storlie and her husband, David, announce the birth of their first child, Vincent Porter, on March 15. Gina graduated from Gonzaga School

of Law in 2006 and married David, her high school sweetheart, two weeks later. **Adam '01 and Lisa (Dahlgren '01) Atkinson** were in attendance. Gina and David live in Bellevue, Wash.



Renee (Ross) Watson and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of Spencer David on Aug. 9, 2006. He joins his brother, Keegan, 2. They

live in Auburn, Wash.

2003



Floyd and Laura (Cobb) Bangerter announce the birth of their baby girl, Selena Mae, on March 10. Floyd is a chemistry

teacher at Spanaway (Wash.) High School. Laura is a software developer with Visual Health Information in Tacoma.



Theresa (Spaulding) Handy and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Aidan

Michael, on July 15, 2006. Theresa is a stay-at-home mother and Michael is a production worker at Atlas Foundry. They live in Tacoma. [S]

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heard me tell before. I used it to open the year 06-07 in my convocation address. It's the story about the visit by the astrophysicist, Stephen Hawking, to the University of Hong Kong. After his lecture, Hawking was asked what were the three most important questions to which he would like to know the answer?

Hawking said, "First, how was the world created? Second, what happens inside black holes in space? Third, how are human beings going to survive on this earth for the next 100 years?"

How can human beings survive on this earth for the next 100 years?

It's a question that, at first, catches your breath. It's a question that you would then like to dismiss. But I submit that, given the state of our global village, it is a question to be confronted; a question both powerful and real. It's very real as long as our penchant for war exceeds our passion for peace. As

long as our hunger for oil blinds us to its impact on our air, as long as one half of our human family lives on less than \$2 a day, and as long as only one out of each 100 young persons in our world has a chance for higher education.

Yes, the challenges facing our global community are daunting. That is why this university has committed itself to seek to educate a new generation of global leaders who have the vision and the capacity and the will to build, in the words of our global education vision statement, a more "just, healthy, sustainable and peace-filled world." You see, we're a small, little place with a great big idea and we're bold about it, because we go forth in the faith that God has not abandoned his creation.

Yes, we go forth in hope, because of the wonderful, young people who are part of our campus community – young men and women who bring to

us the capacities of heart and mind, that, when honed by their PLU educational experience, can help to frame a positive answer to Hawking's daunting question.

I believe that human beings can survive the next 100 years, but only if we educate a new generation of people to lead us. My generation, I fear, is not getting the job done.

That's the vision we have at Pacific Lutheran University. That's the passion that drives us. We thank you for sharing in that vision. We believe it is a noble calling. We believe that it's an effort worthy of our most generous stewardship. And so we say "thank you" for being a part of it, for sharing it with us. ☐

Loren J. Anderson is president of Pacific Lutheran University

Adapted from an address presented at the QClub Spring Donor Banquet.

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Portland

November 30, 2007, 8 p.m.
St. Mary's Cathedral

Seattle

December 1, 2007, 8 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

Tacoma

December 2, 2007, 4 p.m.
Olson Auditorium, PLU

Pacific Lutheran University's popular annual Christmas concerts return with the Choir of the West (Richard Nance, conductor), University Chorale (Steven Zopfi, conductor), and members of the University Symphony Orchestra (Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, conductor) to celebrate the joyous Christmas season with anthems, processions, carols, narration and audience participation. Tickets: \$20 General admission; \$15 Seniors (55+), students, PLU community and alumni; Children 12 and under free. Group rates available. All ticket sales are final; no passes or refunds. Tickets available November 1.

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October 16, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra with guest pianists William and Willa Doppmann
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 17, 18; 8 p.m.

Fall Choral Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 19 – November 4

Earshot Jazz Festival
Sponsored by KPLU
Seattle

October 23, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Scott Armstrong, President and CEO, Group Health
Morken Public Events Room

October 23, 8 p.m.

Regency String Quartet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 24 – November 16

Becky Frehse, mixed media artist
University Gallery

October 28, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series
Scott Montgomery, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 30

"Jimmy Jazzoid: DJ Detective"
KPLU presents the sequel to Dick Stein's live radio play
Seattle's Museum of History and Industry

NOVEMBER

November 2-4

Family Weekend

November 4, 3 p.m.

Mary Baker Russell Scholars Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 8, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz: Monktail's
Raymond Scott Project
Seattle Art Museum

November 9, 10; 8 p.m.

Opera Workshop
"L'Orfeo" by Claudio Monteverdi
Eastvold Auditorium

November 11, 3 p.m.

Opera Workshop
"L'Orfeo" by Claudio Monteverdi
Eastvold Auditorium

November 13, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 15, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Tom Spilman, President, Key Bank
Morken Public Events Room

November 15, 8 p.m.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Chris Knutzen Hall

November 16, 8 p.m.

Percussion Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 18, 3 p.m.

University Wind Ensemble and University Concert Band
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 20, 8 p.m.

Piano Ensembles
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 27, 8 p.m.

Lyric Brass Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 28, 8 p.m.

Solvvinden Flute Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 28 – December 14

"Desire for Normality"
Traveling exhibition by Arizona State
University graduates, University Gallery

November 28 – December 14

Student/Senior Art Exhibition
Wekell Gallery

November 29, 8 p.m.

University Jazz Ensemble
Chris Knutzen Hall

November 29, 5 p.m.

Writer's Story, Michael Dumanis
Garfield Book Company at PLU

November 29, 8 p.m.

Visiting Writers Series, Michael Dumanis
Ingram Hall, room 100

Christmas Celebrations

November 30, 8 p.m.

Rejoice: A Christmas Celebration from the Campus of PLU
St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland

December 1, 8 p.m.

Rejoice: A Christmas Celebration from the Campus of PLU
First Presbyterian Church, Seattle

December 2, 4 p.m.

Rejoice: A Christmas Celebration from the Campus of PLU
Olson Auditorium

DECEMBER

December 3, 8 p.m.

Keyboard Student Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 4, 8 p.m.

Student Wind and Brass Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 5, 8 p.m.

Sounds of Christmas
University Singers and
University Men's Chorus
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 6, noon

KPLU Christmas Jam
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 6, 8 p.m.

String Kaleidoscope
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 8, 3 p.m.

Composer's Forum
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 13, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz: SRJO Nonet
Seattle Art Museum


December 15, 10:30 a.m.

December Commencement
Olson Auditorium

December 15, 6:30 p.m.

Nordic Christmas Fest
Scandinavian Cultural Center

December 15, 8 p.m.

Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall 

perspective

Building a globally focused university



President Loren Anderson says PLU is committed to creating global leaders who have the capacity to build a peace-filled world.

By Loren J. Anderson

Among the very most important initiatives at Pacific Lutheran University is our commitment to global education. We call it “building a globally focused university.” It isn’t a new thing. It hasn’t happened overnight. In fact, it’s been going on for some 30 years.

In the early years our global education programs were created and developed relatively autonomously around campus. Over time they have come together to form one of the cornerstones of the university’s mission and future. That mission is driven by a large and growing number of globally informed and engaged faculty who have built a curriculum that

includes a new international honors core, a global studies major, a Chinese studies major, and a Scandinavian major. Last spring, by action of our Board of Regents, a master’s degree in conflict resolution was created that includes participation in our award-winning study abroad program.

Everyone has heard about PLU’s remarkable study away program. I am proud that Pacific Lutheran University last year was the first ever American college or university to be simultaneously on all seven continents, and we’re going to do it again in 2008.

Global studies at PLU also means that

our campus has become a home for international students and scholars from around the globe, as well as a hub for the discussion of global issues. It is a remarkable accomplishment.

Our passion for this global education effort grows from our Lutheran heritage and educational tradition. It’s a tradition that teaches us to reach out to embrace the world to care, to serve and to do so, in the words of Acts 1:8, “to the very ends of the earth.”

In recent months this passion has been focused by a story, many have

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