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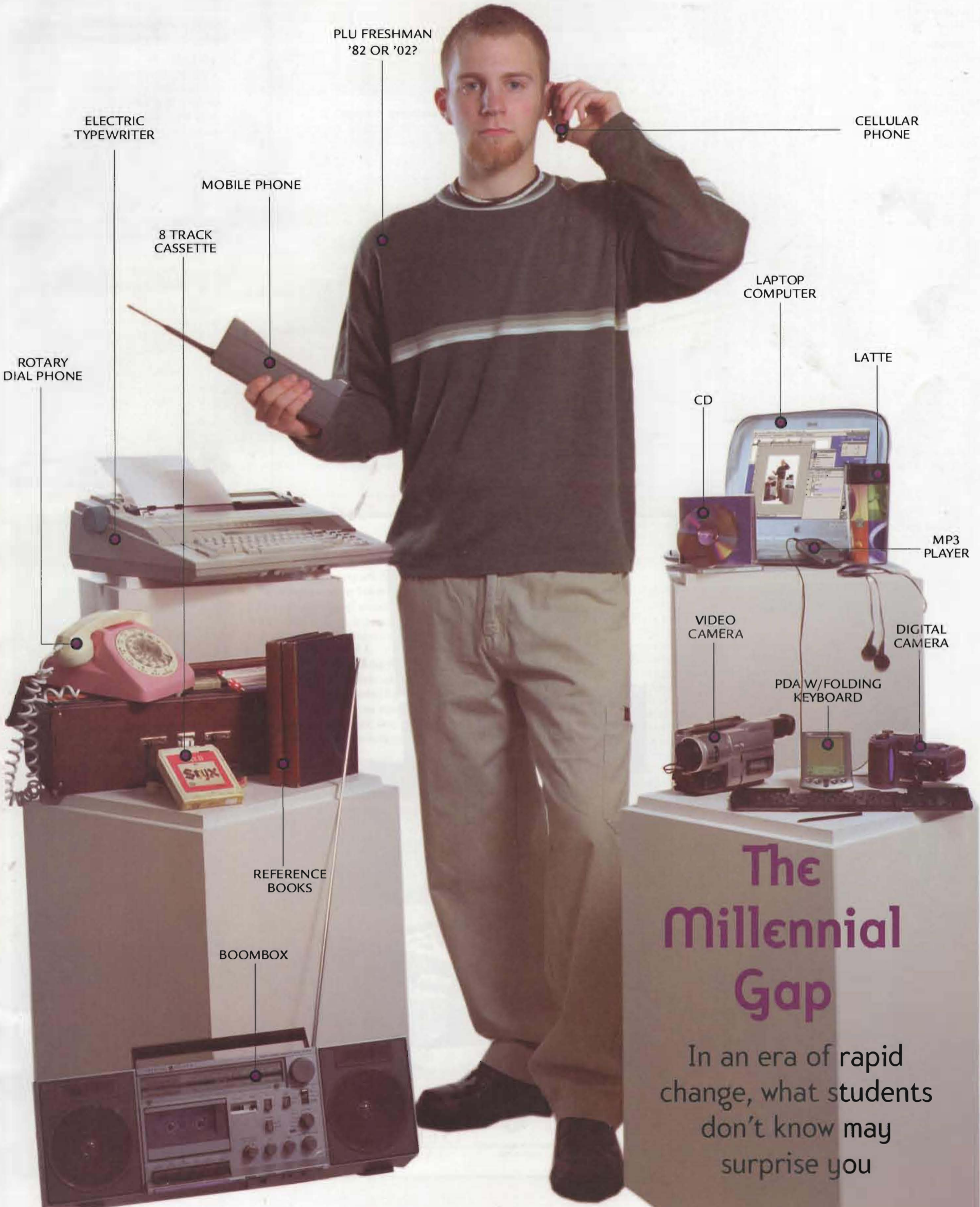
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**On the cover**  
 David Wolbrecht '05 poses with technology past and present.

Photo by Chris Tumbusch.



# calendar

**MUSIC**

**All events are at Mary Baker Russell Music Center, Lagerquist Concert Hall at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The concert information line is 253-535-7621; the ticket order line is 253-536-5116.**

**Jazz Under the Stars**

7-9 p.m. Thursdays, July 11 – Aug. 15, at Mary Baker Russell Amphitheater. Each evening's outdoor concert is followed by a visit to the WM Keck Observatory. Admission is free.

July 11

TBA

July 18

John Stowall Quartet

July 25

Collaborative Works

August 1

PLU South Sound Jazz Workshop Faculty Concert: The culmination of the PLU Summer Jazz Workshop featuring PLU jazz faculty members and some special guest artists from the Puget Sound area

August 8

Jazz vocalist Greta Matassa

August 15

The Bob Movar Quartet

Check out the Music Department Website for information on these and other summer concerts at [www.plu.edu/music/events.html](http://www.plu.edu/music/events.html)

**FRUIT FESTIVALS**

Noon Wednesdays in Red Square. Take a lunchtime break to enjoy fresh fruit, ice cream and lively entertainment. Contact 253-535-7129 or 800-756-1563 for more information.

June 19

**Strawberry Festival**

Jump Up: Swing band

July 24

**Raspberry Festival**

Castro the Magician and the Gentlemen Jugglers

August 14

**Peach Festival**

Kinship Celtic Band

**KPLU JAZZ CRUISES**

Sunday Brunch, Argosy Cruises

More dates TBA

For updated information visit <http://events.publicbroadcasting.net/kplu/events.eventsmain>

June 30

**Mimi Fox and Greta Matassa**

July 14

**Pearl Django**

July 28

**The Duffy Bishop Band**

August 11

**Don Lanphere with New Stories**

August 25

**Rebecca Kilgore**

**RAINBOW OF GIFTS**

July 28 - August 1

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**SUMMER SCHOLARS AT PLU**

July 21-Aug. 10

Summer Scholars is a residential program for academically talented and motivated students in grades four through eleven or who are in home school. Each student designs a personalized program from the featured courses. Recreational opportunities and evening activities are also provided. Contact 235-535-8549 for more information or visit [www.plu.edu/~sumschol](http://www.plu.edu/~sumschol)

**SUMMER COMMENCEMENT**

Saturday, August 24, 10:30 a.m.

**ALUMNI EVENTS**

Contact Alumni and Parent Relations for updated information at 900-ALUM-PLU or <http://www.plu.edu/~arel/welcome.html>

Friday, July 19 - Monday, July 22

**Alumni College**

Ashland Shakespeare Festival

Saturday, August 17

PLU Day at the Tacoma Rainiers

**NOTE: Not all events were scheduled at press time; check our website at [www.plu.edu/~newsinfo/calendars.html](http://www.plu.edu/~newsinfo/calendars.html) for updates.**

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# in the news

## Eastvold renovation, CLT come to forefront of campaign planning

The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University achieved a major milestone in March with the announcement of a \$1 million capstone/completing grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for the Center for Learning and Technology.

The Murdock grant will support construction of new classrooms, laboratories and offices for the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering in the CLT. The award is another incentive in the campaign, as the grant is contingent on PLU raising the balance of the funds to complete construction. To date \$11.5 million of the projected \$19 million CLT goal has been raised. The overall campaign now stands at more than \$98 million in commitments.

In other fund-raising news, great strides continue to be made in planning for the renovation of Eastvold Auditorium. The Eastvold Restoration and Expansion Leadership Committee—chaired by Dean Emeritus Dick and Marcia Moe and Kurt and Pam Mayer—has met several times to establish naming and commemorative opportunities and to begin developing the case for support for each of the Eastvold project components. At the last meeting, two families on the committee, the Moes and Ron '70 and Ingrid (Knutzen '70) Gintz, stepped forward with leadership gifts to move the project forward. A separate campus design planning committee has begun working with Lorig and Associates on the project.

As the new home for the Division of the Humanities, a retrooled Eastvold will reaffirm the central role of the humanities in PLU's mission. An exciting addition will be The Gintz Family Theater, a black box theater with movable chairs and lighting in which the theater department can stage small performances, rehearsals and classes. The expanded Eastvold will also feature a refurbished and enlarged Tower Chapel, and provide updated broadcast facilities for KPLU-FM 88.5.

David Aubrey, vice president for development and university relations, hailed recent campaign progress, saying, "We celebrate these generous gifts, but it is also the gifts of all donors that have brought us ever closer to reaching our goals for The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University."

## PLU makes special tribute to the Ben B. Cheney Foundation

Earlier this year, the university paid a special tribute to a local institution that has been a longtime, steadfast partner and supporter of PLU.

In March, students and faculty gathered for the annual Ben B. Cheney Foundation Scholars Luncheon to recognize and thank the foundation and its Executive Director, past PLU President Dr. William O. Rieke '53 for helping to provide the best possible educational and personal growth experience for PLU students.

Since 1976, the foundation has contributed nearly \$1 million to provide merit scholarships for 134 students and also to supply funding for capital projects, including the revitalization of Xavier. Its support of PLU's mission to educate for lives of service is invaluable.

## Provost Paul Menzel heads back to the classroom

After eight years as the university's chief academic officer, Provost Paul Menzel will leave his administrative duties and return to the classroom.

Teaching has always been a priority for Menzel, a philosophy professor who has taught one course a year during his term as provost. He is eager to devote himself full-time to working with students again.



Paul Menzel

During Menzel's tenure, the university has expanded international educational opportunities and continually upgraded technology. He set priorities for faculty and curriculum and played in central role in establishing PLU as

one of the Associated New American Colleges dedicated to the integration of liberal arts and professional programs.

"We appreciate Paul's service to the university and the faculty and his commitment to providing the highest quality of education," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson. "Students will benefit from having him in the classroom more, but the entire university will miss his leadership."

Menzel, who joined the faculty in 1971, was dean of the Division of Humanities and chair of the philosophy department before becoming provost in 1994. He specializes in social philosophy and ethics and has become an internationally known expert in the field of health care ethics and philosophy of health economics. He has written two books on the subject, including "Strong Medicine: The Ethical Rationing of Health Care."

## PLU gains exposure in The Chronicle of Higher Education

PLU made a splash in an important story in The Chronicle of Higher Education this spring.

The Chronicle featured images from graduate Charlotte Gogstad's e-portfolio in a March 8 story about how grads are using multimedia options instead of a standard resume. Gogstad '01 developed her CD-ROM while she was a senior. It contains examples of her student work, details about her studies and even video testimonials from her former employers. She said in the article that her e-portfolio helped her land a job with a British telecommunications company.



VISIT [WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE/](http://WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE/) TO READ THE STORY.

## Student journalists spark movement to remember reporter

The PLU student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists developed a meaningful, evocative tribute to slain Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl that drew national attention.

"Our students were so shaken by Pearl's murder they wanted to do something to show solidarity," said Joanne Lisosky, a journalism professor. They wore off-white or pearl-colored ribbons attached with pearl-headed pins on campus this week. When asked why, they said, "For Daniel Pearl. Not only soldiers are dying for our freedoms."

The national SPJ was so impressed with the PLU chapter's efforts, it sent out a press release across the country. Stories were published in newspapers across the state and country and on National Public Radio and CBS Radio. The national chapter called on its members and others to find ways to honor the life and service of Daniel Pearl and other murdered journalists, including public ways that serve as a reminder of the essential role that journalists play in America and around the world.

SPJ President Al Cross, political reporter and columnist for The (Louisville) Courier-Journal, said the PLU students' actions add meaning to the words that he and others have found inadequate in expressing their grief and outrage about Pearl's murder.

## Faculty, students research Nordic approach to democracy

PLU's innovative program to work with universities in Norway and Namibia to study the Nordic approach to peace and democracy has already spurred research and travel opportunities for faculty and students.

A semester-long class at Hedmark College is being developed, and plans are underway for a course on PLU's campus as well. At every level, the program will enhance understanding of cultural differences, politics and human rights issues by focusing on the relationship between a country's societal practices and its approach to world issues of democracy and development.

The first of the faculty-student research teams are engaged in study surrounding the Nordic approach. Jennifer Hasty, assistant professor of anthropology, and Ruth Rondema '03, an anthropology student, are conducting work in Namibia this summer. Ann Kelleher, professor of political science, and Scandinavian Studies student Kimberly Andre '03

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Sam Amoo (left), University of Namibia, and Inger Haug, Hedmark College

# encore!

## Encore! highlights the summer at PLU

FROM DREW BROWN, ENCORE! EDITOR

There are plenty of events at PLU this summer, and Encore! will be there to tell you about them. Read May's commencement address and learn about summer fruit festivals, Alumni events and much more! Don't forget to visit the "More Encore!" section ([www.plu.edu/encore/moreencore.html](http://www.plu.edu/encore/moreencore.html)) to receive more detailed information about the people and news found in this edition of Scene.

Readers have done a fantastic job in giving our staff ideas for stories, or just telling us what they're up to. Keep those e-mails coming to [encore@plu.edu](mailto:encore@plu.edu). We've received a lot of great tips for our "This Week at PLU" page, and hope the comments keep coming. Thanks for reading, and enjoy the latest edition of Encore!

## SUMMER PHOTO ALBUM

As the summer unfolds, so do the events on campus. We'll update this periodically over the summer with images from events like commencement, the fruit festivals, Jazz Under the Stars and other exciting campus events.

## THIS WEEK AT PLU

Week to week, the stories keep coming. In the last few months, "This Week at PLU" readers have read updates on PLU's No. 1-ranked fastpitch softball team – and Melissa Korb's six no-hitters this season – as well stories about successful alumni. Feel free to bookmark [www.plu.edu/encore/thisweekatplu.html](http://www.plu.edu/encore/thisweekatplu.html) and return every Wednesday. The summer issue also has an ever-growing archive of past stories of the week, and connections to all the PLU news sources: KPLU, The Mast, the Athletic Department, News and Information Services, Campus Voice, as well as links to updated arts and events calendars.

## THE WANG CENTER

Find out how students and PLU community members responded to Wang Center Planning Team's recommendations – and what ideas they have for the direction the center should take. A questionnaire about the Wang Center for International Programs provided important answers.

In June, read about the selection of the center's interim director, who will lead the center's international activities, help find a full-time director and coordinate this year's symposium.

## in the news

are studying the work of nonprofit organizations in Norway with a group that works with agencies in Namibia.

Sam Amoo from the University of Namibia and Inger Haug of Hedmark College visited PLU this spring to speak to the university community about the exciting joint venture. The partnership between the three colleges will "help students at likeminded universities become citizens of the world," Provost Paul Menzel said.

Partnering with the two divergent universities was a natural for PLU. Namibia and Norway both have large Lutheran populations and make protecting human rights a priority.

So far, the program has generated more than \$300,000 in commitments, mostly from the Norwegian community in Seattle.

### Influential Choir of the West Director Maurice Skones dies

Former Choir of the West Director Maurice Skones, who was credited with bringing national attention to PLU's choral program, died May 2, in Tucson, Ariz.

Skones, 75, came to PLU in 1964 as chairman of the music department and director of the Choir of the West. During his 18-year tenure, he achieved a national reputation for the choir, was instrumental in the fivefold increase in music majors and encouraged emphasis on contemporary music. While at PLU, he developed a new type of choral sound, which departed in some ways from the Lutheran choral tradition of emphasis on sectional unity. In its place he created a "heterogeneous" choral formation in which the choir is organized not by sections but by quartets.

A native of Montana, he graduated from Concordia College in Minnesota, completed his master's degree at Montana State University and earned his doctorate from the University of Arizona. Skones left PLU in 1983 to head choral activities and graduate programs in conducting at the University of Arizona.

Memorials can be made to the Dr. Maurice and Patricia Skones Vocal Music Endowment Scholarship Fund at PLU.

A memorial service will be held on the PLU campus in late August. For specifics, email [devane@earthlink.net](mailto:devane@earthlink.net)

### Academic Distinction Commission strives for educational excellence

How will a PLU student be distinguished from other college graduates? The PLU 2010 Academic Distinction Commission envisions possibilities that might be reflected in the experiences of two mythical PLU students:

Allison Tredwell '09 is from Fargo, N.D., majoring in sociology with a minor in Chinese Studies. As a junior, she spent the fall semester at Zhongshan University in Guangzhou (Canton), where she studied Chinese and interned with the World Bank. Already published, Allison's senior capstone project focuses on research conducted with Professor Greg Guldin on the use of education as

an instrument for reducing poverty and inequality. Allison has applied for a Fulbright Scholarship in an effort to return to China and study health and social welfare systems. Her long-range career goal is to work for the United Nations in Human Rights.

Jorge Ramirez '10 is a junior from Tucson, Ariz. He is a computer science and economics double major concentrating in the study of ethics involved with the integration technology in underdeveloped nations. Jorge spent the spring semester in Trinidad and Tobago at the University of the West conducting research to better understand how the Caribbean culture and society have been influenced by technology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Upon his return to PLU, Jorge plans work in the Center for Learning and Technology with Professor Ken Blaha developing software systems for a group of agencies that deliver services to residents in Tacoma's Hilltop area.

Those student vignettes illustrate the Academic Distinction Commission's recommendations that a PLU education focus on the university's international study and undergraduate research opportunities and more intentionally incorporate the Lutheran heritage with issues of ethics and service/experiential learning.

"The journey toward distinctiveness is an ongoing one. In many wonderful ways, PLU is already distinctive," the commission says in its report as part of the PLU 2010 long-term planning. "We cannot, however, rest on our well-earned laurels; the higher education landscape promises to be dynamic and potentially uncertain over the next decade or more."

**TO READ THE FULL REPORT AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PLU 2010 LONG-RANGE PLANNING PROCESS VISIT [WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE](http://WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE).**

### Study examines students' technological proficiency

As part of its ongoing commitment to ensuring technological competence, the Instructional Resources Committee is studying how well prepared students are for the increasingly high-tech workforce.

The committee is compiling results of a survey taken in the spring. The thrust is to get a better understanding of what technological background students have initially and how well prepared they are by the time they graduate. The primary question the committee aims to answer is, "Did students learn?"

"PLU is working hard to be successful and have students be technologically literate," said Chris Hansvick, professor of psychology and IR Committee member.

Students in the PLU class of 2006 are a part of a new generation of learners. Traditional-age freshmen have grown up in the digital age and will move into a workforce with a high level of technical expectations waiting for them, Hansvick said. Many students enter the university with advanced technological skills, but others have gaps in their computer backgrounds. Through this study and various university initiatives, PLU will bridge any gaps and graduate every student with technological proficiency, said Dean of Information Resources Chris Ferguson. These resources will supplement an already strong PLU education.

"Technology can enhance educa-

tion," Ferguson said. "It can deepen the teaching-learning experience."

PLU has already taken the initiative with the use of eCourse, the online class supplement on which professors post educational materials and students exchange information. PLU has also significantly increased archives and current information available at Information Resource and maintains skilled and dedicated faculty and staff to provide the most up-to-date opportunities to students.

### Former debaters wanted to participate in reunion

PLU has a strong history of successful intercollegiate forensics competition, most recently its 2002 Championship at the International Debate Education Association Tournament in Romania. Now there are plans to recognize the alumni who made this program the success it is today.

PLU will host its first Forensics Reunion in the spring of 2003. This event is for all those associated with or interested in PLU forensics. This will be an opportunity for graduates to reflect on their experiences with forensics and support future endeavors. Organizers are compiling a database of alumni who participated in forensics and planning for the reunion.

"The time has come to weave together our history as one of the oldest nationally competitive forensics programs in the country," said Amanda Feller, visiting assistant professor of communication and co-director of the program. "The time has come to honor one another, to celebrate success and to renew friendships of this longstanding program."

Today, participants attend an average of 15 tournaments a year, including three national tournaments and one international tournament. For the 2001-2002 academic year, PLU is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> out of 350 programs in the country in the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

The squad hosts three tournaments a year: a fall warm-up tournament, the Theodore O.H. Karl Tournament (the largest high school tournament in the region) and the Betsy Karl Tournament for college programs.

Roughly 15 core members and 15 students from courses such as Argumentation and Public Speaking comprise the current squad. Edward Inch, chair of Communication and Theatre Department, is also a co-director.

If you would like to receive information on this event or lend a hand, send an email titled "Reunion" to Amanda Feller at [fellerae@plu.edu](mailto:fellerae@plu.edu).

### Moving tribute to Jim Holloway will go up near music building

One year after the tragic death of PLU assistant professor of music James Holloway, a memorial is being crafted to be placed later this year near the Mary Baker Russell Music Hall, where the beloved teacher created beautiful music and inspired countless students.

Kathryn Sparks, PLU's curator of visual resources, designed the piece of artwork that will be dedicated to Holloway's legacy. Inspired by the invitations she designed for Holloway's wedding to Judy Carr, Sparks brings

her close friendship and respect for his artistry to the tree-shaped sculpture. It depicts the life of a brilliant and caring teacher, an inspiring colleague, a trusted friend and a great and gifted servant. Beyond that, Sparks wants her metal sculpture on a brick base to show Holloway's many loves, which ranged from music and cooking to family and the Lord.

A scholarship fund created in Holloway's memory has grown to more than \$100,000, and the first scholarship in his name was awarded last month.

**FIND OUT HOW TO GIVE TO THE FUND AT [WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE](http://WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE).**

### PLU selected for initiative to ensure global citizenship

PLU has been selected to participate in a new initiative—Liberal Education and Global Citizenship: The Arts of Democracy—a curriculum and faculty development project sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and supported by the Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education.

PLU was one of only 10 schools chosen from a pool of very competitive applicants to participate in this national initiative. Applicants had to demonstrate a commitment to expanding the investigation of global knowledge within the major, spurring greater civic engagement and social responsibility and promoting in students and faculty a deeper understanding of, debate about, and the practice of democracy.

"The three-year project will support faculty teams as they work to develop curricula, particularly as related to the university's international study semesters such as the one in Trinidad," said PLU Provost Paul Menzel. "Team members will participate in a four-day faculty institute, an online global seminar and forums at regional and national meetings."

The core team from PLU includes: Barbara Temple-Thurston, team leader and dean of humanities, who is a specialist in African and Caribbean literature; Lisa Marcus, English; Kathryn Breazeale, religion; Jill Whitman, geosciences; Jeffrey Clapp, theater; and Lone Crandall, director of the Center for Public Service.

Updates and information about the project can be found at [www.aacu.edu.org](http://www.aacu.edu.org).

### Donors create small scholarships to pay big dividends

Several years ago, Don '49, '50 and Gini '50 Wick decided to do something special to honor their family, their alma mater and to help students complete a college education. They decided to create an endowed scholarship, called the Wick Family Endowed Scholarship, as way to provide financial support for oth-



Maurice Skones



Barbara Temple-Thurston

ers and to leave a family legacy at PLU.

Today, their scholarship has grown in value and contributes several scholarships each year to deserving students. "We know how difficult it is for so many families to afford a college education so we felt this was an important thing for us to do," Gini Wick said. "And each year, we receive wonderful, moving letters from the students expressing their thanks and the difference the scholarship has made in their ability to attend college. It's just wonderful!"

Establishing a scholarship, either during one's life or through one's estate

plans, is a perfect way to honor or memorialize the life of a loved one, or, like the Wicks, to show gratitude and encourage lifetime learning. Once the fund has reached a certain amount, the investment earnings are used to provide scholarships based on criteria established by the donors.

At PLU, more than 90 percent of students receive financial aid, with the average award being \$15,000.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CONTRIBUTING TO PLU, VISIT ENCORE!



School of Education Dean Lynn Beck, speaking to students from Naches Trail Elementary School

## PLU inspires sixth-graders to continue their education at 'I'm Going to College Day'

Sixth-graders went to college for a day last month when PLU hosted 135 students from the Bethel School District. The fifth annual "I'm Going to College Day" gave the students, many from low-income families, an up-close look at college life and reassured them that anyone can make it to college – even if they don't think they can afford it.

"Regardless of what your social or economic standing is, you can go to college," Financial Aid Director Kay Soltis said. "There are lots of resources out there to help."

PLU is the only university in the state to offer such a program. The university brings about 100 students from a different Bethel elementary school to campus every year. This year, students from Naches Trail Elementary sat in on a class prepared specially for them, ate in the university's dining hall with college students and toured the campus. Each

child received a backpack filled with school supplies and a T-shirt. Students get an official letter of one-day admittance to PLU and are encouraged to think about ways to prepare and save for college.

Also attending were the Promise Scholars, talented students who have been selected by the Bethel Educational Scholarship Team. If those students continue to do well in school, they are guaranteed a \$500 scholarship when they graduate.

"We are committed to helping our students find out firsthand just how exciting college can be, as well as helping them find ways to fund their post-secondary education," said Bethel School Superintendent Tom Seigel. "PLU is offering a wonderful opportunity to these sixth graders."

## PLU PEOPLE



DEBORAH MIRANDA

**DEBORAH MIRANDA**, assistant professor of English, recently had her poetry and essays included in several anthologies. Her work can be found in "The Dirt is Red Here: Contemporary Native California Poetry and Art," edited by Malcolm Margolin, Hey Day Books, June 2002; "This Bridge We Call Home: 20 Years After This Bridge Called My Back," edited by Gloria Anzaldua and AnaLouise Keating, forward by Cherrie Moraga, Summer 2002.

An article will appear in the women's studies journal *Frontiers* this summer. The same article is also included in a critical anthology, "Toward a Native American Women's Studies: Critical/Creative Representations," edited by Ines Hernandez-Avila, Fall 2002.

Miranda also delivered two papers at the SW/TX Regional American Popular Culture Association Conference in Albuquerque, N.M., in February, and read her poetry on KUOW-Seattle, last month.



CHUCK BERGMAN

**CHUCK BERGMAN** (English) attended the Steering Committee meeting of Second Nature; a group organizing a network of West Coast colleges and universities focused on the greening of college campuses. The network includes Stanford, UC Berkeley, University of Oregon, and Lewis and Clark. PLU has been invited to be one of the universities on the network's Steering Committee. He also presented a paper at the Annual Convention of the Modern Language Association in December in New Orleans. The paper's title was: "Wild Lives: Narrative, Subjectivity, and the Possibility of Biography in Wild Animals." Bergman also presented a slide lecture at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater called "Writing the Lives of Endangered Animals."



SUSAN MANN

**SUSAN MANN**, director of Human Resources, was an invited participant at the Oxford Round Table on Civil Rights held at Oxford University in England in March. She made a presentation titled "Sexual Orientation: Creating Institutional Inclusiveness."



WHITNEY DOLMAN

**THREE RECENT GRADUATES** have won prestigious Fulbright scholarships. **WHITNEY DOLMAN '01** of Olympia, Wash., won a teaching fellowship in Germany. **BERIT OLSEN '02** of Seattle will study in Norway, and **LIA OSSIANDER '02** of Chugiak, Alaska, will study in Germany. They bring the total number of PLU Fulbright scholars to 56, significantly more than other comparable universities. The Fulbright award is the U.S. government's premier scholarship program, created after the end of World War II to foster mutual understanding among nations.



BERIT OLSEN

**THE PLU ARCHIVES LED BY KERSTIN RINGDAHL**, together with 13 other archives in the Pacific Northwest, received a \$350,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to form the Internet-accessible Northwest Digital Archives. Participating institutions will produce electronic finding aids for their rich collections, forming a searchable database maintained at Washington State University.

The Northwest Digital Archives will enable PLU students and faculty to access primary source materials that document the political, cultural, and natural history of the region. Participating institutions are: University of Idaho, Montana Historical Society, University of Montana, Oregon Historical Society, Oregon State University, University of Oregon, Center for Pacific Northwest Studies, Pacific Lutheran University, Seattle Municipal Archives, University of Washington, Washington State Archives, Washington State University, Western Washington University and Whitworth College.



LIA OSSIANDER

## 2001 FACULTY RETIREES

**BARBARA AHNA**, Assistant Professor of Business; began at PLU on Sept. 1, 1980. Bachelor of Arts, University of Oklahoma, 1967; J.D., University of Puget; Sound School of Law, 1978.

**MYRA J. BAUGHMAN**, Professor of Education; began at PLU on Sept. 1, 1970. Bachelor of Arts, PLU, 1962; Master's of Education, Western Washington University, 1969; Ed.D., University of Nebraska, Lincoln, 1975.

**PAUL BENTON**, Associate Professor of English; began at PLU on Sept. 1, 1969. Bachelor of Arts, Whitworth College, 1965; Ph.D., Princeton University, 1970

**DIXIE MATTHIAS**, Adjunct Professor of Biology; began at PLU on Sept. 11, 1975. Bachelor of Science, Pacific Lutheran University, 1962; Master of Science, University of Washington, 1965

**DONALD WENTWORTH**, Professor of Economics; began at PLU on Sept. 1, 1972. Bachelor of Science, University of Minnesota, 1965; Master of Arts, University of Minnesota, 1970; Master of Arts, University of Illinois, 1971; Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1972



PAUL BENTON



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# campus features

## PLU's small sociology department yields big success

BY DREW BROWN

**PLU** sends an extraordinary number of sociology graduates to some of the most prestigious graduate schools in the country—many with lucrative scholarships. The breadth of student success in the last few years is even more impressive because the program has just five faculty members and a little more than 20 students.

"The prestige of the programs the students have been accepted to has been quite remarkable," said Dick Jobst, who has been a sociology professor at PLU since 1967.

PLU's sociology majors get plenty of real-world experience, along with guidance from their professors.

Katie Luther '02 will join the Ph.D. program at the University of California Riverside. She received a Dean's Fellowship. Her most rewarding opportunity at PLU came with her recent collaboration with professor Joanna Higginson. They received an S. Erving Severtson/Forest Foundation Research Fellowship Award to research how incarcerated women parent. To research, they spent time at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy, Wash.

LeAnne Jones '02 won a full scholarship and an \$11,000 stipend to focus on nonprofit management and community development at the University of Delaware.

Kristian Wiles '02 is considering offers from Delaware and Syracuse, and also a Dean's Fellowship offer from UC Riverside. Wiles, who developed his senior thesis on homosexuality, and the five-stage process of the "coming out," presented his

findings at the recent Pacific Sociological Association Conference in Vancouver, B.C. Jones, Luther and other PLU students and faculty participated in the conference with paper presentations and discussions.

It was just one of many opportunities they have had to grow as sociologists over four years and one thing that sets PLU apart. Students have already given conference presentations and done fieldwork before graduation—an activity many sociology students don't have until graduate school.

"Our goal is to give them concrete skills where they will become true sociologists," Jobst said.

Onora Lien '00 is another success story. Not only is she currently working on her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins, but she has vast field experience. Within a week of Sept. 11, she was asked to join a four-person rapid response research team for the Center for Civilian Biodefense Strategies. They went to New York City to document the volunteer efforts, public reaction and response to the World Trade Center attacks.

Higginson is impressed with the caliber of students.

"They have all had exceptional initiative—they knew what they wanted, were focused and goal-oriented in making it happen," she said.



**SMALL DEPARTMENT, BIG SUCCESS:** (BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT): Sociology professors Dick Jobst, Joanna Higginson, Kay McDade and Anna Leon-Guerrero; (BOTTOM ROW): grads Katie Luther, Kristian Wiles and LeAnne Jones.

Students credit their professors for their success.

"They teach as a unit, they all are willing to help students to succeed," Jones said. "They also know good research, and the people at these schools know who our professors are."

Wiles credits his faculty mentors for his success.

"Their knowledge and support have provided me with endless opportunities," Wiles said.

## Commencement speaker M. Roy Schwarz '59 shares experience and success with friends

BY NOREEN HOBSON '99

**D**uring his first week at PLU, away from his 800-person Idaho hometown, M. Roy Schwarz '59 saw a professor writing free-form on the chalkboard and speaking enthusiastically about zoology, a subject Schwarz didn't even know existed. He found another professor teaching history without notes, personally engaging his students.

"PLU really changed my life," said Schwarz, this year's commencement speaker.

While at PLU, he wasn't sure that his grades were good enough, or that he would be able to excel in medical school, but Schwarz was compelled by medicine. He wanted to practice and teach it, and a professor told him he could achieve anything. So he did.

After earning his degree at PLU, Schwarz went on to earn his M.D. from the University of Washington School of Medicine. He is now president of the China Medical Board of New York, a private foundation established to promote high quality, Western medicine in China and elsewhere in the world. The board has programs in China, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam, Mongolia and Nepal. Schwarz holds professorships at the universities of Wash-

ington, California/San Diego, and Illinois. Dr. Schwarz initiated and is founding director the WAMI (Washington, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) Program at the University of Washington, which provides medical education to three states that have no medical school.

During his May 26 commencement address, "China: The Dragon Awakes," Schwarz referred to Chinese proverbs and spoke about his knowledge as a scholar, his commitment as a physician and his caring as a person. It was a lesson for the 575 graduates about the relationship between China and the U.S. and how much there is to be learned. "China today is not the China of tomorrow or next week. China is going through monumental change," he said.



**M. Roy Schwarz**

Schwarz was named an outstanding alumnus in 1969, a distinguished alumnus in 1979 and received an honorary doctorate of humane letters at commencement for his contributions to global health. He returns to PLU frequently, and the university remains an important part of his life. He describes his experiences and longstanding PLU relationships as "precious memories and precious people." He has stayed involved with many alumni activities and served on the Board of Regents. "The values and things that PLU stands for are the values that I've decided to stand for."

Schwarz says it's important to give credit to the people who have shaped his life, and he never forgets people he has seen give of themselves. In that vein, Schwarz dedicated his address to close friends from PLU who passed away this year: Phyllis Babcock '56, Ellen Garrity '56 and Eugene Strandness '50—people he says "enriched my life immensely."

GO TO [WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE](http://WWW.PLU.EDU/ENCORE) TO READ THE COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS BY DR. M. ROY SCHWARZ.

# Wang Center planning team ready for fall startup

BY DREW BROWN

**T**he Wang Center for International Programs—a truly distinctive international education program—will be in place at PLU this fall.

At a spring town meeting attended by donors Drs. Peter '60 and Grace Wang, the Wang Center Planning Team laid the groundwork for startup of the center. The Wangs donated \$4 million to establish the program to promote global understanding and peace.

The team recommended creating an administrative structure for the Wang Center. "It will serve as an all-campus hub for international activities and information exchange at PLU," said planning team member Tamara Williams. The Wang Center will be both an academic support unit and a coordinating body for international activities.

Also at the meeting, Ann Kelleher, another planning team member, presented a history of PLU's role in international education. She said PLU has done an amazing amount without an organizing structure, and can do even more with the Wang Center.

"There is a synergy that will come from a center that has centralized administration without centralized decision making," Kelleher said. "We are convinced that if we keep doing what we've done in the past, it will be done the right way."

The university will select an interim director by early summer to lead the search for an executive director, raise funds, organize the Spring 2003 Symposium and coordinate the university's international activities. By June 2003, an executive director will assume leadership of the Wang Center.

The planning team also recommended the working title for the April 2003 symposium of "China in the 21st Century: Prospects for Peace." It will have both an academic and cultural slant, featuring both national and international speakers who give a global perspective to Chinese issues.

The team also implemented a three-part grant program, which began last month, to further internationalize curriculum, encourage new initiatives and foster student involvement. The first recipients were announced last month.

At least four awards of up to \$2,500 will be made to faculty for individual or collaborative projects that enhance international education at PLU, and at least two awards of up to \$5,000 will be made to faculty for individual or collaborative projects in the area of Peace Studies. Ten PLU stu-



Drs. Peter '60 and Grace Wang at the spring town meeting.

dents will receive awards of up to \$1,000 for academic activities with an international focus.

A Web site ([www.plu.edu/~wangctr](http://www.plu.edu/~wangctr)) will help continue conversations about how the Wang Center should develop. The site includes comments, questions and suggestions from the campus community.

"The direction Wang Center planning takes involves everyone at PLU, faculty, students and staff," said planning team co-chair Carlton Benson, assistant professor of history. "We hope that our recommendations will give the center direction and bring the campus community into the next stage of the conversation."

Associate Provost Bill Teska also co-chairs the committee. Other members are Gina Hames, history and global studies; Kelleher, political science and International Core; Richard Louie, physics, global studies; Gunnulf Myrbo, Scandinavian Studies, Judith Ramaglia, School of Business, IEC; and Williams, Languages and Literature and The Americas.

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## Faculty working to bring Peace Studies to PLU

Looking back at her career both as a history professor and student, Beth Kraig remembers time periods that history teachers often glossed over—the time between wars.

"In history classes, this has been considered a void," Kraig said. "What we were missing from this period was something that we may call 'peace.' We want to find out what happened during peace times."

More than a dozen PLU faculty (led by psychology professor Chris Hansvick and Kraig) have proposed the creation of a Peace Studies program at PLU. These faculty members make up the Peace Studies Working Group.

In the works since spring 2001, the group takes seriously PLU's mission to educate for lives of service, thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care. In-

spired by that, the group has its own mission: "to cultivate graduates who are aware, responsible, and actively engaged in the affairs of the world."

The Peace Studies group hopes to create an interdisciplinary program committed to understanding the origins of conflicts that create violence and intolerance and dedicated to the strategies and visions of movements seeking sustainable justice and peace.

The first big step in this program is a seminar in Peace Studies that will be offered next fall as a four-credit independent studies seminar, where students will be working under the framework of "Peace and Conflict In the Last Century."

"We all see ourselves as students of peace in this process," Hansvick said. "This program is of the most energizing things I've done at PLU."

## Wang Center awards grants

The first student grants for international study were announced last month. The winners, including student, major (if applicable), project and grant amount:

**Heidi Kyle, history**, for interviews and archival research at the National Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C., \$1,000.

**Amanda Kaler, English**, for research on the Basel Convention and sustainable fishing practices in the Philippines, \$750.

**Kimberly Croft, Chinese studies**, for research on Chinese bureaucratic regulation of fisheries, fleets, and aquaculture, \$750.

**Jeannie Sur, global studies**, to use her Korean language skills to assemble training materials for environmental groups and workshops at Seoul University, \$750.

**Rosa McLeod and Jennifer Redding**, both leaders of the student group Students for Justice Coalition, to attend a conference, "The Power of Nonviolence," in New York City, \$1,250. They will also share their experiences with PLU students in Peace Studies seminars.

**Jennifer Harsch, psychology**, to complete research in Tanzania for a cross-cultural study of concepts of religion and spirituality, \$500.

**Bryson Adams, Spanish**, to study Spanish language and culture in Cuzco, Peru, \$1,000.

**James Kozak, Chinese studies**, to produce a video exploring urban identities in Beijing, Shanghai, and Hong Kong, \$1,000.

**Juliann Miller, communications**, to assist Professor Joanne Lisosky in the production of a video about UNESCO's Community Multimedia Centres in Africa, \$650.

**Nova Schauss and Alexa Folsom-Hill**, to organize an art exhibit that emphasizes international reproductive health and safety, \$350.

**Thu Huynh Nguyen, political science**, to travel to Vietnam to study the impact of state policy on contemporary Vietnamese music and dance, \$1,000.

**Kimberly Andre, Scandinavian Studies**, to travel to Norway to research and write a history of the Namibia Association of Norway (NAMAS), \$1,000.

**Leah Sprain**, to research fair trade coffee cooperatives in Central America, \$1,000.

# Bridging the

**K**endall Blair '05 creates databases for science faculty members, can discuss the crisis in the Middle East with authority and knows how to navigate the Internet with ease.

But this bright, articulate 19-year-old PLU freshman has no knowledge of John Hinckley's 1981 assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan. And she had never heard that three others also were hit by bullets.

"I didn't know he'd been shot," Blair said. "I think I knew there was some kind of attempt, but I thought they missed."

David Wolbrecht '05, a Regents Scholar, remembers something about the Berlin Wall falling down.

"I remember there was a big wall and a lot of people cheering then I went and played with Legos," he said.

Blair wasn't even born when Reagan was shot, so of course she doesn't remember. Wolbrecht, also 19, was only 7 when the wall crumbled in 1989.

These are examples of the generation gap that exists between today's students entering college at the traditional age of 18 and their elders. Wolbrecht and Blair agreed to discuss the generational differences to help understand how what we know because of how old we are affects how we relate to other generations.

The inherent age difference between professors and students or parents and children creates a generation gap in and of itself. But the increase in available information, the pace of technological change and the stimuli young people are exposed to has resulted in cultural differences like never before.

PLU Provost Paul Menzel said it's crucial for faculty to be aware of the knowledge their students bring with them to college, and for students to see all that the older generation has to offer.

"It takes a certain amount of generosity from all generations to get to that level of understanding," Menzel said.

Professor Tom McBride of Beloit College in Wisconsin develops a list every year to give faculty an idea of the mindset of incoming freshmen.

"One of the things we have to be aware of is that faculty get older every year so the students seem to be getting younger," he said. There has been a "hardening of references," meaning things that are culturally significant to a professor in his or her 40s have virtually no significance to an 18-year-old and can't be easily used as examples, McBride said.

For instance, today's 18-year-olds were born after the 1980-81 hostage crisis in Iran and were toddlers when the Space Shuttle exploded in 1986.

Compact discs were invented before they were born, and they have never used a record player—or even a cassette player, let alone an eight-track. A mouse has never been just a rodent to them.

Many experts in generational theory refer to those born from 1982 on as the "Millennial Generation."

They made up the Class of 2000. Those in the previous generation, born from 1961 to 1981, are still called "Generation X" by some or the 13<sup>th</sup> Generation. Before that, of course, are the Baby Boomers.

PLU Campus Pastor Dennis Sepper became interested in generational theory several years ago and has done extensive research into how the gap affects relationships between college students and their elders.

"Each generation has some common experiences that define how they react to things," he said. "It bonds that generation. I'm bonded to other Boomers because of the assassination of JFK and because I stayed up until 2 in the morning watching Neil Armstrong walk on the moon."

Eric Nelson '82, professor of classics at PLU, has been faculty development director for the Freshman Experience Program and is a strong advocate for integrating technology into the classroom. He concedes his comments occasionally fly by students who don't relate.

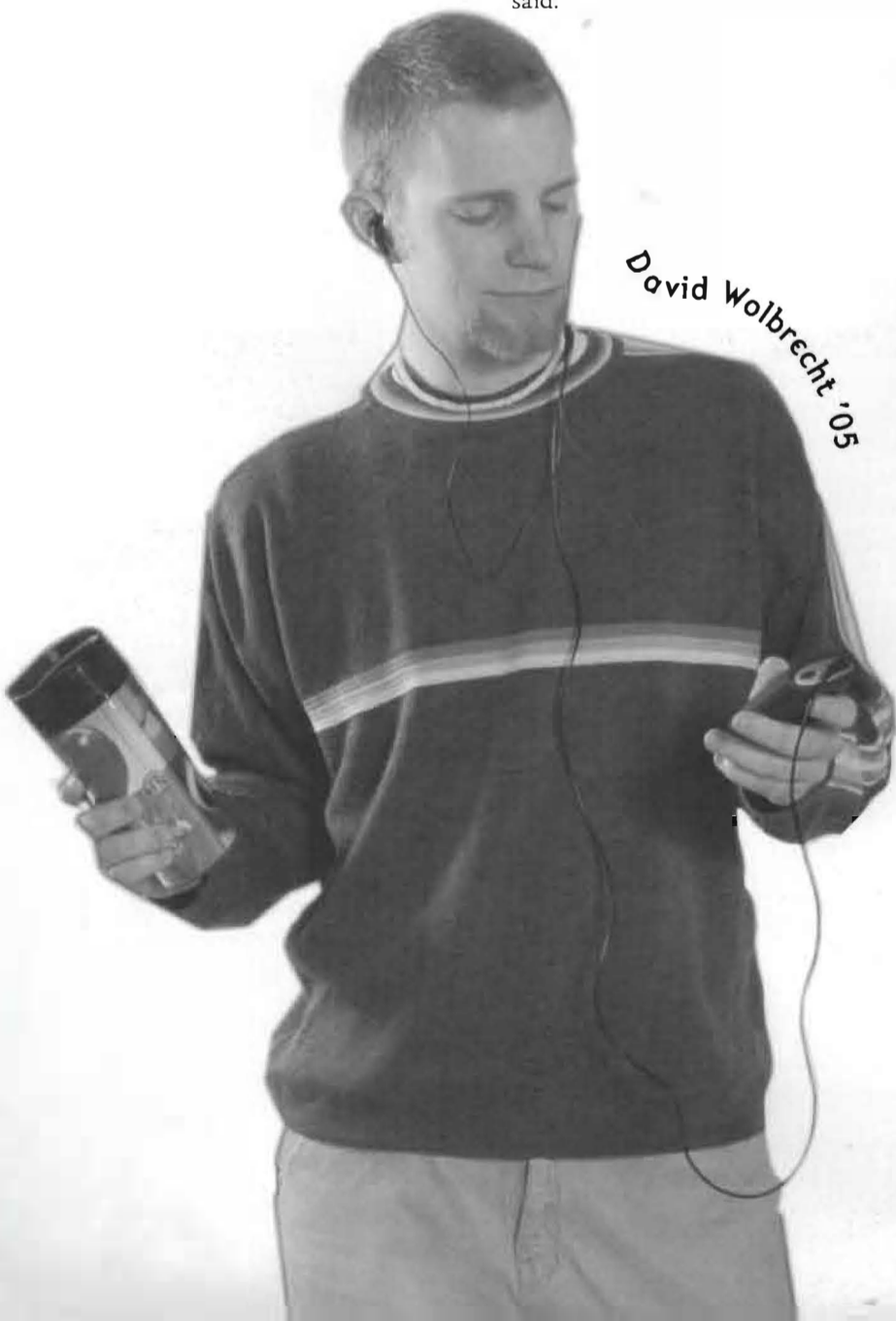
"Oftentimes when we're communicating with someone or lecturing, we do so in terms of shared knowledge as a reference point, even if it's a reference to a 'Seinfeld' episode," he said. "That kind of shared knowledge is harder to come by."

## Generation goes from the Dewey Decimal System to the World Wide Web

The rapid shift in technology has presented some obstacles, as children are becoming experts on computers earlier and earlier in life and older people are trying to catch up.

Where students in the '80s spent hours in the library searching through card catalogs and poring over stacks of books before returning to their room to compose a paper on a typewriter, today's students are more likely to be found sipping a latte in a coffee shop while browsing the Web on a laptop computer.

"A card catalog?" Blair asked, straining to remember the relic relied upon by so many before her. "Wow, that was a long time ago—first or second grade—and then it switched to computers. I remember the switch though. That was a big deal."



David Wolbrecht '05



## RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE HAS

CREATED A NEW GENERATION, BUT PLU STUDENTS AND

FACULTY WORK TOGETHER TO OVERCOME THE DIVIDE

# gap

Sepper says that proves his thesis that the changes in the last two decades are monumental.

"I really think there is a major cultural shift going on, and technology has accelerated that," Sepper said. "It is as big as the shift from the oral to the written word when Gutenberg invented type. It's something that only happens every 500 to 600 years."

Wolbrecht laughed when asked if he ever used a typewriter.

"Way back, when I was 5 or something to play with, but that was a one-time thing," he said.

And music? He's never seen an eight-track player.

"My parents have a record player," he said. "I don't think I've ever listened to it though."

Provost Paul Menzel cautions against making too much of the so-called generation gap.

"Generational differences can easily be overblown," he said. "They can't be ignored, but there's something inherently trendy about talking about the generation gap. It doesn't make that big a difference—the fundamental components of a good piece of writing are the same in 2002 with a computer as they were in 1982 with a Selectric or in '62 with a manual or in 1862."

But how students go about researching and communicating is vastly different.

"One of the biggest changes is the number of ways to communicate—with cell phones, voice mail, email, they expect you to learn about their communication and respond right away. People will get back to us in a much shorter period of time than they did 30 years ago," Menzel said.

And research is entirely different than in years past.

"I always go to the computer first," Blair said. "Then magazines and articles, and then I go to books

as kind of a last-minute resort."

Blair, a biology major, says she can find almost all the scientific research she needs online. But she understands how the computer age can be baffling to older people.

"I used a computer in first grade. I'm not afraid to mess around with it," she said. Technology has grown by such huge leaps and bounds in the last decade so I can see why it would be hard for people who haven't grown up with it. My parents and my grandparents are not really willing to explore very much. They're afraid they'll break something if they do."

But the students are keenly aware that some see using technology as the easy way to do things.

"We don't have to do anything to get hold of someone across the country," Wolbrecht said. "I think we expect things instantaneously."

"I know a lot of older generations think we're lazy," Blair said. "It may not take us quite as long to get things done, but it's higher quality. Maybe we have a little more free time."

On the other side of the argument:

"We're almost lazier because we have the technology," Wolbrecht said.

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Kendall Blair '05



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**Kendall Blair and David Wolbrecht commented on some of the major cultural events in the past two decades based on their own knowledge. Here are a few examples:**

### THE COLD WAR

"I have no idea of even what the connotations of that would be for my life." —Wolbrecht

### THE CHALLENGER EXPLOSION

"I know a little about that, I think I've seen the footage once." —Blair

### WACO DISASTER

"I've heard about it before, but I couldn't tell you what happened." —Blair

"I knew there was something about a house in Texas." —Wolbrecht

### THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

"It was just something else they taught in health." —Wolbrecht

### DESERT STORM

"We watched that on TV all the time. It was kind of terrifying as a little kid." —Blair

But even at the tender age of 19, Blair already sees generational difference in those younger than she is.

"The kids I babysit are even better at using a computer than I am and they're in fifth and sixth grade," she said.

### Technological advances result in changes in teaching and learning

All this change has necessitated reforms in how professors design courses, how administrators plan events and how students respond to activities. College students these days are accustomed to TV, video and computer enhancements with flashy graphics and multiple images. Also, they prefer to be participants, rather than observers.

"They think in collage," Sepper said. "We've got to provide that kind of stimulus."

Sepper supplements sermons with images projected on screens, and uses PowerPoint presentations for youth gatherings.

"Just sitting and watching is a very Boomer thing to do," he said. "In a classroom, that can be a challenge to a professor used to standing in front of a classroom and giving a 40-minute lecture.

Sepper says most professors are making the transition, pointing out campus historian Phil Nordquist's Heritage lecture last fall. Nordquist '56 traced the history of the basketball program at PLU using huge images displayed through computer to a screen towering above him in the new high-tech lecture hall named for Nordquist.

Nelson, the classics professor, has been at the forefront of the push to integrate more technology in coursework, and he says the faculty has worked hard to keep up with advances.

"There have been big changes in a short period," Nelson said. "We used to have complaints from students who were required to get an e-mail account. Now we get complaints from students when faculty don't use e-mail and post things on the Web."

Faculty members have had to catch up technologically, then learn how to best fit what they know into their curricula. They want to supplement and improve upon their syllabi and lesson plans, not just add on extra work, Nelson said.

And they have to be prepared to help students navigate the technological sea as well.

"Students come with a wide variety of technological skills," Nelson said. "They may know how to surf the Web, but they don't really know what it is. They know how to search for something on Netscape, but they don't know about the electronic resources at the library."

Also, students now have access to seemingly endless information that doesn't go through any filter. Rather than consulting a World Book Encyclopedia like previous students, they search on the Internet and find a wealth of information—but it can't all be taken as presented. Colleges must teach students to be more critical of the information they find, to confirm sources and challenge some of what they read.

Blair said it's important to learn to look critically at online information.

"Anybody can put anything on the Web," she said. "It's important to know how to pick out what's reliable."

She and Wolbrecht said they appreciate all their older professors have to teach, but they sometime communicate better with those who sincerely try to relate to them.

Blair says most professors try hard to keep up-to-date, noting that one of her science profs even found a way to integrate pop star Britney Spears into a lecture about molecules.

At the same time, Menzel says students can't write off a professor with a white beard or gray hair—and he doesn't think they do.

"I think we have a remarkable number of older faculty who are greatly appreciated," he said. "I think it's a little more difficult for some older faculty to communicate and relate to younger students, but not that much. Humor isn't limited to culture, nor is hearing one's stories or caring about someone."

By Katherine Hedland

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### Beloit College creates frame of reference for students and faculty

Each year, Beloit College in Wisconsin assembles the Mindset List, a compilation of items that indicate the viewpoint and frame of reference of entering students. The vast majority of first year students in 2001-2002 are about 18, having been born in 1983.

Since Beloit started distributing the list to other colleges and the public, it has become widely circulated. It's not meant to be scientific, but to give an idea of students' frame of reference.

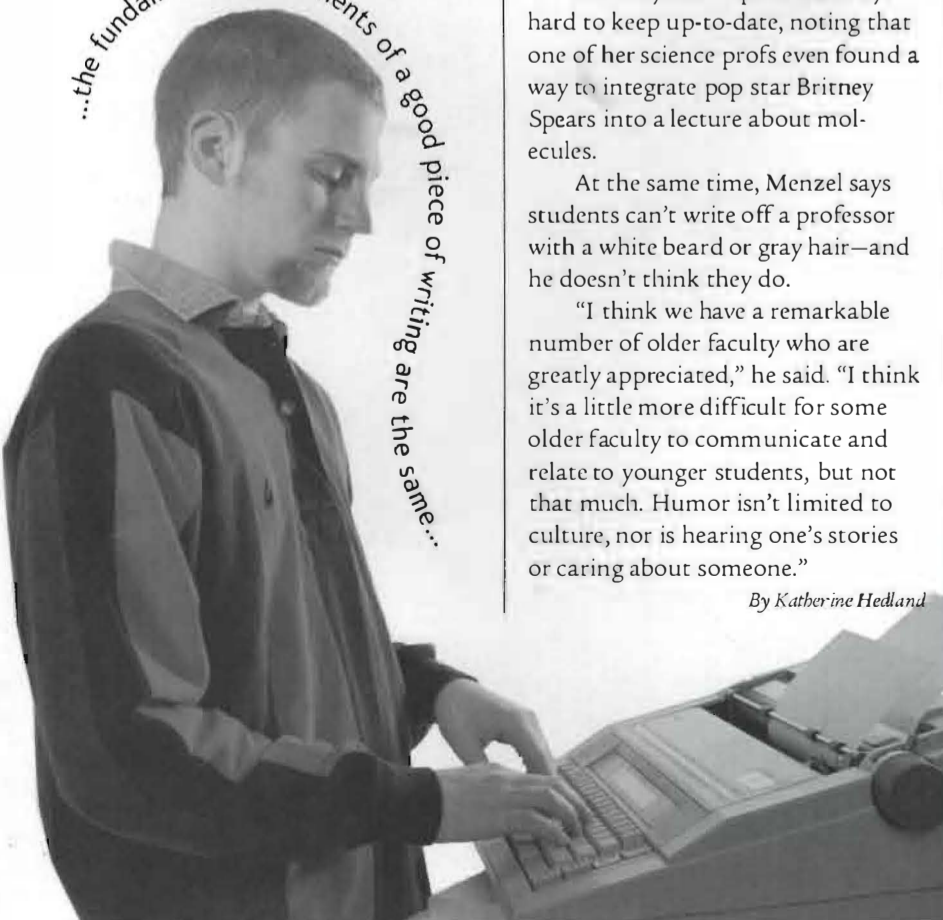
"What the list says to me year after year is how much this particular generation has been enjoying a really good time," said Professor Tom McBride, who oversees compilation of the list. "The '90s were really a time of peace and prosperity. This is a generation that for the most part has lived with no cold war or recession. It is important that we think about the touchstones and benchmarks of a generation that has grown up with CNN, home computers, AIDS awareness, 'Just say no' and the Bush political dynasty."

One of the most striking things to McBride is how older people view the list. "Old hippies are becoming old fogies and they're not really liking the idea," he said with a laugh.

Here are some of the things included on the Mindset lists for 18-year-olds the past three years:

- The Kennedy tragedy was a plane crash, not an assassination.
- They have no clue what the Beach Boys were talking about when they sang about a 409, and the Little Deuce Coupe.
- They only know Madonna singing "American Pie."
- They neither know who Billy Joe was, nor wonder what he was doing on the Talahatchee Bridge.
- They have never used a bottle of White Out.
- IBM Selectrics are antiques.
- They feel more danger from having sex and being in school, than from possible nuclear war.
- Recording TV programs on VCRs became legal the year they were born.
- There has always been Diet Coke.
- They never heard anyone say, "Book 'em, Dano," "Good night, John-boy," or "Kiss my grits," in prime time.
- Artificial hearts have always been ticking.
- The Social Security system has always been on the brink.
- They have never experienced a real recession.
- Boeing has not built the 727 since they were born.
- They don't remember Janet Jackson when she was cute and chubby.
- They have always had access to email.
- Tylenol has always been impossible for children or adults to open.
- Volkswagen beetles have always had engines in the front.
- Ron Howard and Rob Reiner have always been balding older film directors.
- They have probably never used carbon paper and do not know what cc and bcc mean.
- Major newspapers have always been printed in color.
- They are the first generation to prefer tanning indoors.
- Most of them know someone who was born with the help of a test tube.

...the fundamental components of a good piece of writing are the same...



# leadership and service

## Regent's Scholarships change lives with full tuition packages

BY GREG BREWIS

Many students come out of high school with the focus, drive and ability to change the world. They come from any walk of life and study in any academic discipline. Every year, among hundreds of talented students at PLU, there are 12 of the best and the brightest on campus. They are PLU Regent's Scholars.

"The Regent's Scholar program began in 1993 to offer a highly visible reward and recognition for the best of the high caliber students entering PLU," said David Gunovich '82 '95, PLU's director of admissions. "The program also serves as a recruiting tool to help attract top students to the university."

Each year three freshmen students are named Regent's Scholars and receive a full tuition scholarship that is renewable for up to four years. To be eligible students, must have a high school GPA of 3.8 or higher and a combined score of at least 1250 on the SAT (or 28 on the ACT). Finalists must also interview before a faculty panel and demonstrate leadership, service and academic ability.

The PLU Regent's Scholarships literally change lives.

"It's hard even now for me to describe how much the Regent's Scholarship meant to me," said Jana Dee (Steiner '98) Strasburg, one of the first Regent's Scholars. "I just love PLU and I know I would have never been able to attend there without it. I credit PLU and the Regent's Scholarship for setting me on the path to a special career in science."

Strasburg earned her undergraduate degree in physics and electrical engineering and is now a graduate student in physics at the University of Washington. She is at work on her thesis project, firing laser beams at reflectors on the surface of the moon to measure the distance between the Earth and the moon to

within a millimeter. Such measurements enable her research team to undertake sophisticated tests of gravitational physics in the solar system.

The program is the only continuing legacy of the manned moon landings—Apollo astronauts placed the reflectors Strasburg is shooting at on the moon.

"I still come back to PLU to visit my engineering and physics professors and to give something back by meeting with students and giving talks on campus," Strasburg said. "Now the support goes both ways."

Another Regent's Scholar and future scientist, Lia Ossiander '02 graduated last month magna cum laude with honors in chemistry and German. While at PLU she was an All-American cross country runner and an outdoor recreation guide. In April Ossiander was one of three PLU students to receive a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. She will study pollution travel in the Baltic Sea for a year at the University of Rostock in Germany as a chemical oceanographer.

"There is absolutely no doubt about it. I am going to help save the world," Ossiander said. "I'm going to pull on all of my past experience and use my science to help humanity understand the impact that we are having on our planet. We are going to save our oceans and the planet from global warming caused by greenhouse gasses.

"And you know what? I wouldn't be in this position now without the Regent's Scholarship. Because I was given so much support for four years, I am graduating without having to worry about paying back student loans. I can do what I want and go where I want and I'm going to take full advantage of it," she said.

Ossiander, who is from Chugiak, Alaska, said that when she was first applying to college she had no idea which of her nine top schools she would choose. "My decision to come to PLU surprised me. But when I visited campus and met the great people here and then when I was offered a Regent's Scholarship I knew it was the right place for me," she said.

"Regent's Scholars are people who come to PLU with special talents and abilities," David Gunovich said. "And PLU is a special place that challenges them to succeed. The combination results in top-notch students who have unlimited opportunities after graduation."



Among other academic accomplishments, Lia Ossiander '02 is an All-American cross country runner.

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1997 Dr. Cynthia Edwards, University Place, Wash., ELCA, '76  
 1998 Dr. William Foege, Atlanta, Ga., At-Large, '59  
 1997 Mr. Roe Hatlen, Apple Valley, Minn., At-Large, '65  
 2000 Mrs. Anne Long, Bellevue, Wash., ELCA, '86  
 1995 Rev. Dr. Larry Neeb, Fenton, Mo., At-Large  
 2000 Mrs. Karen Phillips, Mercer Island, Wash., ELCA, '55  
 1997 Mr. Martin Pihl, Ketchikan, Alaska, ELCA  
 1994 Mrs. Gerry Anne Sahlin, Bow, Wash., ELCA  
 1997 Mr. Jim Stauffer, Missoula, Mont., ELCA  
 1997 Mrs. Susan Stringer, Bellevue, Wash., Alumni, '76  
 2000 Bishop Martin Wells, Spokane, Wash., ELCA

#### 2001-2004 TERM

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 1996 Ms. Becky Burad, San Francisco, Calif., Alumni, '74  
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 2000 Ms. Roberta Goodnow, Bellevue, Wash., At-Large, '75

1995 Mr. Ken Hartvigson Jr., Seattle, Wash., ELCA, '65  
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 1998 Ms. Katherine Johnson, Shoreline, Wash., ELCA, '77  
 1995 Mr. William W. Krippaehne, Jr., Seattle, Wash., ELCA  
 2001 Ms. Michelle Y. Long, San Ramon, Calif., At-Large, '84  
 1995 Mr. Gary Severson, Kirkland, Wash., At-Large  
 1995 Rev. Rebecca Lucky Shjerven, Gig Harbor, Wash., ELCA, '83

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## Pacific Lutheran welcomes three new coaches into fold

BY NICK DAWSON

A pair of Pacific Lutheran graduates and the son of one of the school's most well-known and successful coaches have joined the school's coaching staff.

John Yorke '91 has been selected to replace Joe Waters as men's soccer head coach. Jerrod Fleury '96 has been named women's soccer head coach, replacing Sue Waters. And in men's basketball, PLU reached back into its past in order to move into the future. Dave Harshman, an assistant coach for two seasons from 1972-74 and the son of Lute coaching legend and Basketball Hall of Fame member Marv Harshman, was named head coach. He replaces Bruce Haroldson, who retired after 19 seasons at the university.

### DAVE HARSHMAN, MEN'S BASKETBALL

"We are very pleased to have Dave Harshman join our staff," said PLU athletic director Dr. Paul Hoseth. "Successful Division III coaches must be excellent teachers. Dave has been teaching basketball skills to various ages of young people for many years. We believe he has the experience, skills and enthusiasm to be successful at PLU."

Since 1994, Harshman has run "Hoops With Harsh," providing instruction and player development to individuals and groups. In addition, since 1989 he has worked as a college and high school basketball color analyst for Fox Sports Northwest based in Bellevue. He also served as color analyst on Seattle SuperSonics radio broadcasts from 1994-96.

Harshman last coached in the college basketball ranks at Washington State University, where he was an assistant for two seasons from 1987-89. Prior to that, he was the associate head coach at Lamar University during the 1986-87 season. He also held assistant coaching positions at Iowa State University from 1976-77, at University of Nebraska from 1977-78 and at Michigan State University from 1978-81, including the Spartans' 1979 national championship season. Harshman was head basketball coach from 1974-76 at Spokane Falls College.

In addition to his college experience, Harshman was an assistant coach of the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics during the 1983-84 season and the head coach and general manager of the Continental Basketball Association's Wisconsin Flyers during the 1982-83 campaign.

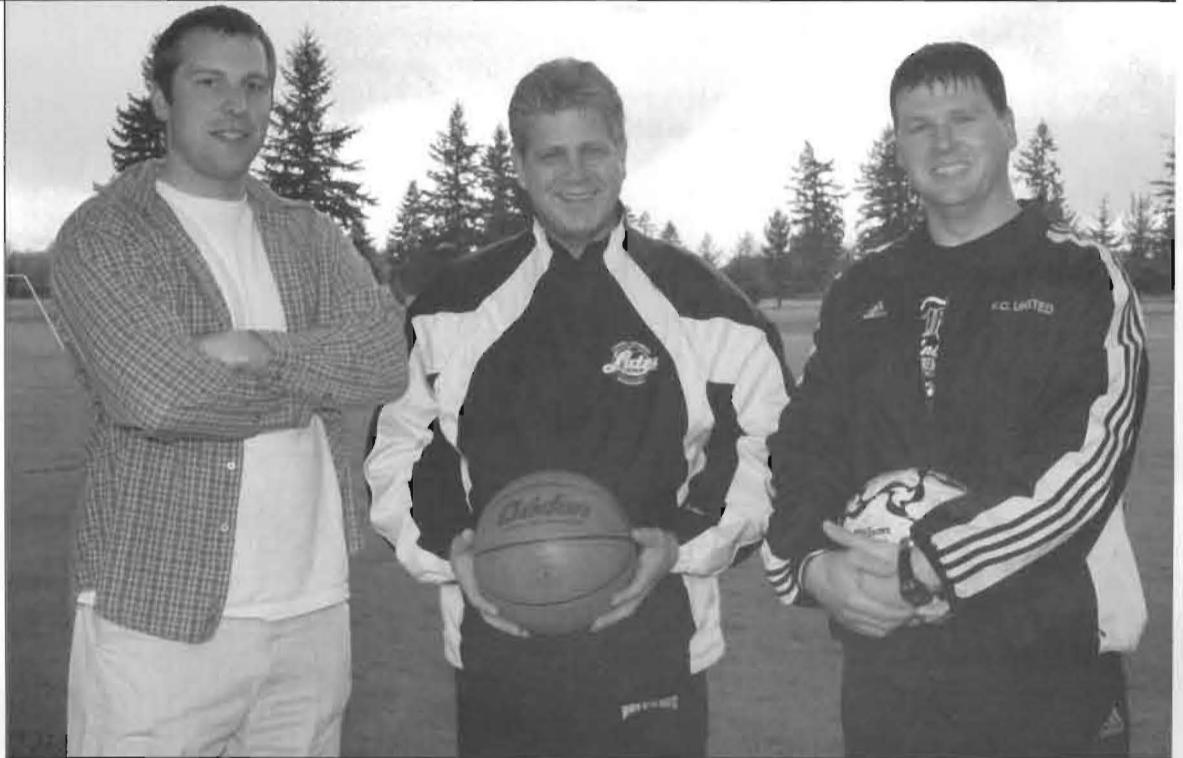
Harshman earned his bachelor's degree from Washington State University in 1970.

Dave Harshman's father, Marv, coached at Pacific Lutheran from 1945-58, compiling a 236-116 record. He later went on to coaching success at Washington State University and the University of Washington.

### JOHN YORKE '91, MEN'S SOCCER

Since 1993, Yorke has been a social studies teacher and boys varsity soccer coach at Auburn High School, where he earned South Puget Sound League Coach of the Year honors in 2000 and 2001. He also served as the girls varsity head coach at Auburn High School from 1998-2001. Prior to that, Yorke was the Green River Community College women's soccer coach from 1991-95. He is currently on the coaching staff for area club team FC United.

Yorke played two years of college soccer at Green River Community College before playing a year each at PLU and Belhaven (Miss.) College. He



THREE NEW COACHES (LEFT TO RIGHT): Jerrod Fleury '96, Dave Harshman and John Yorke '91.

returned to PLU and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration.

### JERROD FLEURY '96, WOMEN'S SOCCER

Fleury is an eighth-grade health and physical education teacher in the Federal Way School District. He served as women's soccer head coach at Central Washington University in 1998 and 1999, leading his 1998 team to the Pacific West Conference championship with a 12-6-1 record. Fleury started his coaching career at Tacoma Community College, where he was the men's soccer head coach from 1991-93. He became the women's coach at TCC in 1996 and 1997, finishing with a 36-1-3 overall record and leading both teams to league

and state championships. Fleury also coached boys and girls high school soccer in several area schools.

Fleury earned his bachelor's degree in physical education at PLU, and is scheduled to finish work on a master's in athletic administration from Central Washington later this year.

"The field of candidates for both (soccer coaching) positions was outstanding. We are pleased to have both John and Jerrod join our coaching staff," said Hoseth. "I am confident that these men will give excellent leadership to their programs and will help to provide an outstanding collegiate experience for their athletes."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### MEN'S CREW

The PLU men's crew team rowed a career-best time to win the national championship in the men's varsity lightweight 4 with coxswain competition at the Dad Vail Regatta last month. A total of 31 boats from NCAA Division II and III, along with Division I club teams, competed. PLU rowed 6:33.6 in the championship final, finishing ahead of University of San Diego, 6:35.8, and St. Thomas University (Minn.), 6:39.1. The Pacific Lutheran boat members are Brian Grant, Brian Paulson, Bjorn Larsen and Cameron McVay with Elisa Kurchowsky serving as coxswain.

### SOFTBALL

The team clinched a spot as the No. 1 seed in the college world series, finishing the national tournament in fourth place. The team improved its regular season record to 34-0 and tied an NCAA mark for consecutive victories. Melissa Korb, who came into her senior season with PLU career records for strikeouts, strikeouts per seven innings and winning percentage, has added to those marks. Korb had 68 career wins, 677 career strikeouts and 31 career shutouts going into the national tournament. When it comes to strikeouts, no one in PLU history compares to

Korb, who has 596 in her career, an average of 9.9 per seven innings pitched. This season she pitched six no-hitters.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

For the second time in the past four years, Pacific Lutheran saw its season come to an end in the "Elite Eight" of the NCAA Division III women's basketball championship tournament. The Lutes dropped a 64-47 decision to host Wisconsin-Stevens Point in the NCAA Division III women's basketball championship playoffs. Senior center Jessica Iserman, playing her final game in an outstanding career, led Pacific Lutheran with 14 points and eight rebounds. Iserman earned all-conference honors for the second straight year, joining senior point guard Becky Franza '02, a three-time honoree, on the team. With a 23-4 record in 2001-02 (a school record .852 winning percentage), the Pacific Lutheran women's basketball program has now won at least 20 games in five straight seasons. Prior to that, no team in the history of PLU women's basketball had won more than 18 games in a year. Head coach Gil Rigell has had an outstanding run in those five years, leading the Lutes to a cumulative 106-29 record (.785 winning percentage) and to four Northwest Conference titles.

## Annual Alumni Women's Spring Luncheon a success

There was great enthusiasm for inviting all PLU alumni women to the Annual Alumni Women's Spring Luncheon. For 50 years, the event has been put on for women of the '30s to the '50s. Internationally known artist Julie Ueland '79, was the featured speaker at the March 23 luncheon, sponsored by the Special Events Committee of the Alumni Board. After a delightful luncheon and delicious desserts, Julie reflected on some of the biggest events that have occurred in the lifetimes of the women in attendance, the changing roles of women, and her personal journey as a working wife and mother, starving artist, and successful businesswoman. We invite all PLU alumni women to mark your calendar now for the 2003 luncheon set for Saturday, March 15.



Alumni Board member and Special Events Chair Lisa Ottoson '87 (FAR RIGHT) takes a moment to pose with her mom and grandmother. ▲



Alumni Director, Lauralee Hagen '75, '78 (CENTER) celebrates PLU women with two past alumni board presidents, Esther Ellickson '58 and Carol Geldaker '57. ▼

## Homecoming 2002 Oct. 4-6 brings together Residential Life, other alumni

In 2002, the Choir of the West celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary by being the first official "alumni affinity reunion" to be held during the Homecoming festivities. It was an incredible weekend for everyone involved. This year's affinity reunion will include all past members of the Residential Life Staff and Hall Councils. With this in mind, we have chosen the "The Greatest HOME on Earth" as the theme for Homecoming 2002.

This year we pay special tribute to members of the classes of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997 and all Residential Life Staff and Council\* alumni. But remember, Homecoming 2002 is for everyone! We look forward to offering many of the popular events that have become a tradition during Homecoming Weekend and we hope to see you on campus Oct. 4-6. Here's a look at the schedule:

### FRIDAY, OCT. 4

You can attend a regularly scheduled class, register for the Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon to hear firsthand about the accomplishments of the PLU graduates being inducted into the Athletic Hall of

Fame and attend the Annual Heritage Lecture. Finally, join us at the Homecoming Gala, where we will honor the 2002 Alumni Award recipients, enjoy a wonderful meal and be entertained by some of PLU's finest musicians.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 5

Class reunion brunches, an alumni service project, the Golden Club Brunch at the Gonyea House, the Alumni Tent and the Lute football game at Sparks Stadium and the Class Reunion/Residential Life Affinity Reunion event at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club are just a few of the activities planned for Saturday.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 6

University Congregation will certainly be one of the highlights of the weekend. We encourage you to end your Homecoming Weekend by joining the PLU community for this very special worship service.

*\* Residential Life Affinity Reunion information is being sent directly to past residential life staff and hall council members. If you have not received information by the end of June, please contact us.*

## PLU Live: Lutes In Volunteer Endeavors

The Volunteer Committee of the Alumni Board invites you to become a participant in PLU LIVE. (PLU Lutes In Volunteer Endeavors). Over the next few months you will learn a variety of different ways to get involved in volunteer efforts on behalf of PLU. Some of these opportunities will be on campus, while others may be in the local community or far from campus. Imagine an Adopt-a-Highway project in your community sponsored by PLU alumni and friends. Could you see yourself organizing that project? Give us a call and tell us you are interested! Picture 40 Lutes meeting in Mexico to build a Habitat for Humanity House. Sound good to you? Drop us an e-mail and express your interest! Would you like to Paint Tacoma/Pierce County Beautiful this summer on behalf of PLU? Sign up now by calling or going online at [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org).

## PLU Football Tailgates

Chapman College, Orange, CA  
September 21

Whitworth College,  
Spokane, WA  
October 19

Menlo  
College,  
Atherton, CA  
November 9



## PLU Night at the Tacoma Rainiers Aug. 17

Join us for a night of baseball, food and fun at Ball Night Saturday, Aug. 17, at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. We have reserved the upper deck for PLU alumni, parents and friends to watch the 2001 Pacific Coast League Champion Tacoma Rainiers (Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners) take on the Salt Lake Sting-

ers. For just \$17 per person, you receive VIP parking, entry into the park with special seating, an All-American BBQ—and a free baseball. Buy your tickets online at [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org) or give us a call.

# Homecoming 2002 Alumni Recognition Awards

## Distinguished Alumnus Award

For his outstanding work as a professor and author in the field of chemistry, **Dr. H. Eugene LeMay Jr. '62** receives the 2002-2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award.



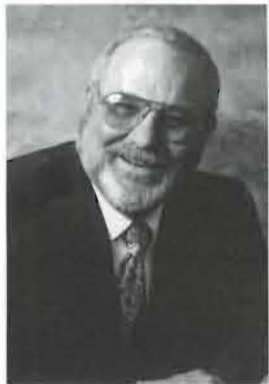
After receiving a bachelor of science degree in chemistry from PLU in 1962, LeMay received a master of science degree in 1964 from the University of Illinois and Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry in 1966.

LeMay has served as a chemistry professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, since 1966. His numerous teaching awards include the 2000 Carnegie Foundation/CASE Nevada Professor of the Year, the 2000 Senior Scholar Mentor Award for the College of Arts and Sciences and the 1997 Nevada Regents Teaching Award.

He co-authored "Chemistry: The Central Science," the most widely used chemistry textbook in the country, "Quantitative Inorganic Analysis" and "Chemistry: The Study of Matter."

Dr. LeMay is the faculty adviser to InterVarsity Campus ministry. He and his wife, **Carla (Hansen) '64**, are also active in their church, where he serves as chairman of the board. They have three grown children and five grandchildren.

## Outstanding Alumnus Awards



**Neal Arntson '58** receives a 2002-2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award for achievements in business and his community.

Arntson received a bachelor of business administration degree in 1958 and is the president and CEO of Albina Fuel Company in Portland, Ore. He

served as president of the Oregon Petroleum Marketer's Association and president of the Asphalt Emulsion Manufacturers Association. He is a board member of the International Bitumen Emulsion Federation and the Foundation for Pavement Rehabilitation and Maintenance Research.

Neal and his wife, Joyce, serve their community as supporters of the "I Have a Dream" program in Portland. This program helps students from low-income areas receive a college education. In addition to their financial commitment, they also serve as mentors. Neal and Joyce are also members and leaders at St. James Lutheran Church.

Arntson has been a member of the PLU Board of Regents since 1996 and past member of the Q Club Advisory Board. Neal and Joyce have seven children. Daughter Anne and her husband, Bill, serve as chairs of the PLU Parents Council.

For his work in Lutheran higher education and administration, **Duane H. Larson '75** receives a 2002-2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award.

After graduating from PLU with a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy in 1975, Larson received a master's of divinity degree from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and a Ph.D. in systematic theology from the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, California.

Larson serves as president of Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and professor of systematic theology. Previously, he was assistant professor and associate professor of systematic theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Pa., and has served as a pastor.

He also serves as the Lutheran co-chair on the Lutheran-Episcopal Coordinating Committee, which oversees implementation of the agreements made by the two churches in "Called to Common Mission."

His many published works include the books "Times of the Trinity" and "From Word and Sacrament: Renewed Vision for a Diaconal Ministry" and collaboration on "The Historical Dictionary of Lutheranism."

Larson and his wife, Kathy, live in Dubuque, Iowa.



## Outstanding Recent Alumnus Awards

**Julia Rehwinkel '98** receives a 2002-2003 Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award for her work with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as a project manager for the HIV/AIDS awareness program.

Rehwinkel joined the Peace Corps in February 1999. When USAID began its HIV/AIDS prevention program in British Guyana, it asked the Peace Corps to send a volunteer to help - the Corps chose Rehwinkel. She served 11 months as the HIV/AIDS Youth Project coordinator.

After the Peace Corps, she stayed with USAID in Guyana and is now the HIV/AIDS project manager, credited for the success of the program. She immerses herself in the Guyanese culture, traveling throughout Guyana and representing the USAID program at Guyanese meetings and events.

Rehwinkel has been able to fulfill a sense of adventure as well as professional goals. She has lived in rustic conditions, suffered from several of the endemic health problems as natives and been stifled by post-election strife, but she continues to treasure her experiences in Guyana.

She will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall to pursue a master's degree in international health policy and management, with emphasis on infectious diseases.

**Connor Trineer '92** receives an Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award for his work in the theater and entertainment industry.

Trineer received a Bachelor of fine arts degree in theater from PLU in 1992 and a master of fine arts degree in acting and directing from the University of Missouri in Kansas City.



Trineer has appeared in popular television shows including "One Life to Live," "Touched by an Angel," and "ER." This past

year, Trineer achieved national name recognition for his starring role as Charles "Trip" Tucker III in the new Star Trek series, "Enterprise." He has also performed on stage in Boston, New York City, Los Angeles and the Utah Shakespeare Festival. Trineer lives in the Los Angeles area, where he is active in the Circle X Theater Company.

PLU professor of theater, William Becvar, calls Trineer "one of the theatre's 'best and brightest.'" Becvar first encountered Trineer in a film history class when the actor was a freshman. His assessment of Connor's PLU and professional career holds high praise: "He was a pure joy with whom to work and still, after 29 years at PLU, is one of my very favorite actors."

## Heritage Award

For 70 years of faithful support and service to his alma mater, **Herman (Bud) Anderson '31** receives the 2002-2003 Heritage Award.

Anderson has maintained the tradition of philanthropy established during the Depression years by his father, past PLU Regent H. E. Anderson. Anderson served on the PLU Alumni Board from 1960 to 1963 and on the Board of Regents from 1962 to 1967. He is a member of the Campaign Steering Committee for The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University. He also serves as a member of the Center for Learning and Technology leadership committee.

Anderson is most associated with the Anderson Clock Tower that stands in front of the University Center. It was dedicated in honor of his parents in 1971 and remains a campus landmark. More recently, he established the H. E. and Vivian Anderson wing in the newly revitalized Xavier Hall.

He and his wife, Vivian, have been partners in their support and enthusiasm for PLU. They live in Tacoma.

## Special Recognition Award

**Arthur Hansen** receives the 2002-2003 Special Recognition Award for his longtime support of Pacific Lutheran University.



Hansen and his beloved late wife, **Jennie (Lee) '34**, lived in Honolulu, where he started AH Hansen Ltd., a wholesale meat distributing company, in 1952. After the sale of the company and Arthur's

retirement, the Hansens moved to Seattle.

They have been strong supporters of PLU since the early 1960s. They actively recruited students on behalf of PLU and opened their home to prospective students and alumni. They established the Jennie Lee Hansen Endowed Scholarship, affirming their belief in an education that promotes Christian values.

In October 1997, Hansen enthusiastically supported the Campus Computer Network upgrade with a gift. In June 1998, the Jennie Lee Hansen Recital Hall in the Mary Baker Russell Music Cen-



ter was dedicated. Hansen is a member of the Campaign Steering Committee for The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University and supported PLU through his pace-setting gift to the Center for Learning and Technology. He lives in Seattle.

#### Alumni Service Award

For her outstanding volunteer service as a pediatrician and member of Northwest Medical Teams, **Phyllis (Nybakke) Cavens '61** receives the 2002-2003 Alumni Service Award.



In 1979, Cavens joined the first group that Northwest Medical Teams sent to Thailand to treat Cambodian refugees who were victims of the

"killing fields." Since that time, she has been to Ethiopia, Somalia, Mexico, Jamaica, Uzbekistan, and Honduras, where she has served as a pediatrician.

In 1985, Cavens went to Ibat, Ethiopia, the site of a refugee camp high in the mountains. Cholera, a disease that kills 70 percent of patients, struck the camp a few days after her team arrived. With the medical team on site, the epidemic subsided in a week, after 600 people were treated.

The list of places Cavens has traveled and international crises that she has served in are extensive and can be found in the book, "Being a Pediatrician," written by her husband, Travis Cavens, M.D.

Phyllis and her husband, who have two grown children, live in Longview, Wash.

#### Brian C. Olson Leadership Award

The Brian C. Olson Leadership Award is presented to a current student who has demonstrated a commitment to the university and the Alumni Association. By recognizing the importance of connecting students and alumni, the recipient has shown potential for life-long service to the university. Senior **Tim Vialpando** receives the 2002-2003 Brian C. Olson Leadership Award.



Vialpando is pursuing a double major in secondary English language arts and English writing. Vialpando served as ASPLU President for the 2001-2002 school year and has been a speaker at many campus events including Admissions Open Houses, Convocation, and Family Weekend. He also was president of Foss Hall, a student intern in the Residential Life Office and ASPLU programs director. He has served both the PLU Board of Regents and Alumni Board as a student representative.

Vialpando, from Westminster, Colo., attends PLU on academic and Q Club scholarships. He is one of seven charter members of the Student Alumni Association. The group will be a valuable resource to the Alumni Association in years to come.

*This award is named in memory of Brian C. Olson '83, an avid PLU supporter and Alumni Board president who died of cancer in 2000 at age 39.*



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## 2003-04 Alumni Award Nominations

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

#### Distinguished Alumnus Award

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

YOUR NOMINEE

#### Outstanding Alumnus Award

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

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#### Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award

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

YOUR NOMINEE

#### Alumni Service Award

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

YOUR NOMINEE

#### Heritage Award

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

YOUR NOMINEE

#### Special Recognition Award

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

YOUR NOMINEE

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In order to be eligible, nominations must include supporting letters or documentation, and be returned to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations by Friday, Jan. 9, 2003

MAIL TO: Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447-0003

DUE DATE: JAN. 9, 2003

## A life of service— Jan Shabro

Along with Kevin Wimsett '96 and Calvin Goings '96—who were featured in the last edition of Scene, "Lives of Service,"—Jan Shabro '64, '88 serves on the Pierce County Council. She was first elected in 1994.



"When I was at PLU, little did I imagine I would be entering the political scene," Shabro said. "My public service in this job has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life."

Shabro got both of her degrees—a B.A. and M.A. in education—from PLU. Prior to being elected to the council, Jan worked for the Washington State House of Representatives and the Office of the Secretary of State, was a public school teacher and an instructor for the Boeing Company.

Because of term limits, Shabro leaves at the end of this term. She will seek a seat in the Washington State Legislature. She has been a Pierce County resident for more than 35 years.

# alumni class notes

Under each year is listed that group's official Class Representative or Representatives (CR). If there isn't a name under your graduation year, that means there isn't a designated CR. If you would like to represent your class, or know someone who might make a good CR, call 1-800-ALUM-PLU or e-mail [alumni@plu.edu](mailto:alumni@plu.edu).

Other classes with CRs are: 1938 Volly (Norby) Grande and Stan Willis, 1940 Luella Toso Johnson, 1946 Isabel (Harstad) Watness, 1947 Gerald Lider, 1948 Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen, 1955 Phyllis Grabn Carroll, 1956 Ginny (Grabn) Haugen and Clarence (Osterli) Johnson, 1962 Leo Eliason, 1963 Paula (Heyer) Billingsly and Judy Perry, 1966 Jack Oliver, 1968 Michael Ford, 1975 Ed Voie, and 1978 David Dahl.

Class Representative positions available: 1935, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1951, 1952, 1960, 1967, 1992

## 1927

**Dorothy (Fowler) Fitts** died on March 1. Dorothy graduated from high school at the age of 16 and was in the first graduating class of Pacific Lutheran College at the age of 18. Her first teaching job was in a one-room, rural schoolhouse in Montana. She also taught in Spanaway, Vaughn, Benston and Tacoma. For the last 20 years of her career, Dorothy taught kindergarten at Park Avenue Elementary School in Tacoma. After she retired, she continued to tutor students until just a few years ago. She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, James (Jimmy). Dorothy is survived by three daughters, Marga, Marianne, and Jeanne; and eight grandchildren.

## 1939

**Lennard Axel Anderson** died on Feb. 25. After PLU, Lennard taught music in the Tacoma schools for 10 years before going into private teaching. He was the staff pianist for several years at KVI Radio and had a daily program, gave many recitals and performed with the Tacoma Philharmonic, where he served as official pianist. Lennard is survived by his wife, Jean; daughter, Vernice; granddaughter, **Kari Lade '88** and two stepchildren, Nara and Drew. Remembrances in his name may be made to PLU, Piano Department.

## 1949

CR: LUTHER WATNESS

**Wilbert Ericson's** book, "The World War II Experiences of Lt. j.g. W.M. Ericson," was published last year. A copy is in the PLU library. He and his wife, Irene, traveled to Japan in the spring. This was their seventh visit since Wilbert retired in 1988. They celebrated Easter with their daughter, Dr. Joan Ericson, and her family in Tokyo.

**Don D'Andrea** died on March 22. Don played center on PLU's 1947 Pear Bowl Championship football team. In 1992, he was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame both as a football player and as a member of the 1947 team. Don was also named to the Associated Press, Little All-American Team in 1947, and drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. He was a graduate of the School of Education and retired from a career in education in 1979. Don was preceded in death by his wife of 50 years, Betty. He is survived by his daughter, Larie (D'Andrea) Jacobson.

## 1950

CR: EDNA (HAGLUND) DOROTHY

**Carl "Bud" Hatley** died on Feb. 8. Bud coached football and track and later became the athletic director at Federal Way (Wash.) High School from 1965 until he retired in 1982. In 1988, he was inducted into the Washington State Secondary School Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame. While at Federal Way, he was instrumental in such projects as the construction of Federal Way Memorial Stadium, the expansion of the school district from a single high school to multiple high schools, and the implementation of Title IX for girls sports. Before Federal Way, Bud was a teacher and coach and later the athletic director in the Fife School

District from 1951 to 1965. After PLU, Bud earned a master's degree in physical education from Columbia University. He is survived by his wife, Pat; daughter, Corla; son, Rab; and two grandchildren.

**Edward Rosin** died in January. After PLU, Ed married his wife, Margaret. They lived in Yakima, Wash., where Ed was a teacher, counselor and vice principal in the West Valley School District. They then moved to Bellevue, Wash., where Ed was an assistant principal at Newport High School until his retirement in 1980. After retirement, Ed and Margaret moved to Kelso, Wash. Wherever Ed lived, he was an active member of his church, which included serving as Sunday School superintendent, an church council, and as a choir member. After retirement he also served as a lay ministry associate. Ed is survived by his wife of 51 years, Margaret; four children and four grandchildren.

## 1951

**John Szabo** died on Sept. 28. He was a teacher in the Prescott (Ariz.) School District for 25 years. He also served four years as a first sergeant in the Combat Engineers unit of the U.S. Army during World War II. John was preceded in death by his wife, Norma. He is survived by his three sons and eight grandchildren.

**John Anders Wald** died on Dec. 21. During World War II, he served in the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army. After the war, he graduated from PLU and later became a loss control manager for Reliance Insurance in Portland, Ore., retiring in 1989. His wife, Darathy, two daughters and five grandchildren survive him.

## 1953

CR: HELEN-JOANNE (ENGER) OLSEN

**LeRoy Johnson** died on March 4. After PLU, LeRoy taught school in Olympia, Wash. and in Augsburg, Germany for the U.S. Army dependent children. LeRoy retired as an elementary school principal from the Clover Park School District in 1984. After retiring he came to PLU, where he was a supervisor for student teachers in the School of Education. LeRoy enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling. He is survived by his wife, **Shirley (Molter) '53**; four children, Chris, Cathy, Karla, and Ken; and granddaughter, Hannah.

## 1954

CR: IVER HAUGEN

**Jerry Varner** died on March 29. Jerry worked at The News Tribune and retired after 33 years. Jerry loved to play golf, throw horseshoes, and watch baseball. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Lois, several sons and daughters, including **Deann (Jay '82) Edgers**, and 20 grandchildren.

## 1957

CR: CAROL (BOTTEMILLER) GELDAKER AND HELEN (JORDANGER) NORDQUIST

**Dale Storaasli** died on March 16. After PLU, Dale was a teacher in the Franklin Pierce School District where he remained until his retirement, except for one year of teaching in Spain. His interests included oil

painting, computers and mountaineering, reaching the summit of Mt. Rainier six times. Dale was preceded in death by his parents, **Bill '10** and **Alma '09**; sister, Sylvia; and brother, **Orville (Bud) '38**. He is survived by his brother, **Lester '49**.

## 1958

CR: DON CORNELL AND DAVID KNUTSON

**Josie Shapira** is in a legal and psychiatric internship program.

## 1959

CR: ALVIN DUNGAN

**Sister Frieda Gatzke** is retired but continues to work with seniors as a peer counselor in Victoria B.C.

## 1961

CR: RON LERCH

**Sam Gange** is playing Senior Olympic basketball for Saddlebrooke (Ariz.) 65. They recently won a gold medal at the Tucson Senior Olympics and he is having a great time playing basketball again.

## 1964

CR: KATHY (TAYLOR) EDLUND

**Roy Carlson** became a pharmacist for the Stillaguamish Indian tribe in Arlington, Wash., after he retired from Providence Medical Center in Seattle. Roy lives on Camona Island.

## 1965

CR: PEGGY OGDEN-HOWE

**Peggy Ogden-Howe** was called to serve as associate pastor at Advent Lutheran Church in Arlington, Texas. She also serves as synod ecumenical representative.

## 1967

**Greg Karlsgodt** accepted a call to be the executive director of Kagodus Renewal Ministry in January. He was previously the pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Missoula, Mont., for 10 years. Kagodus is a retreat ministry founded and directed by **Olaf Magis '51** until his death in 2000. Greg's wife, **Carrol (Kirby) '67**, retired from nursing in the fall of 2000 and now provides computer expertise for Kagodus.

**Scott and Farah (Peters) '69) Fisher** received a grant from the U.S. State Department to bring 30 students from the former Soviet Union to California State University, Dominguez Hills, for a one week workshop on how to mentor technology skills.

## 1969

CR: ROSE (LANES) STEINER

**George Wigen** has embarked on a new career in the real estate profession with his wife, Judy. They are working at Keller Williams in Gig Harbor, Wash. George was previously in the field of corrections for 34 years. He began his career with the State of Washington, in 1969, as an adult probation and parole officer. In 1972, he joined the Federal Bureau of Prisons as a case manager

and retired as a warden in 1998. From March 1998 until January 2002 he served as chief of the corrections bureau of the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

## 1970

CR: LOIS (WEHMANN) LACURAN

**Mikkel Thompson** died on Jan. 14. After graduating from PLU, Mikkel spent a year studying at the University of Hamburg, Germany. He then returned to the U.S., where he obtained a master's degree in musicalology from the University of Iowa; a master's degree in theology from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.; and a doctor of ministry degree from San Anselmo Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor to congregations in Washington and Idaho. Mikkel is survived by his mother, Mary Helen, and sister, **Turi '74**. His father, former pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tacoma, Erling Thompson, preceded him in death.

## 1971

CR: JOSEPH HUSTAD JR

**Chuck Clarke** was chosen to head Seattle Public Utilities by Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels. Chuck has been the director of the regional office of the federal Environmental Protection Agency as well as the Washington State Department of Ecology. He joined former Seattle Mayor Paul Schell's administration in July 2000 as deputy mayor for issues and projects dealing with utilities, transportation and environment. He has also served as director of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources.

**Clayton Kirking** is chief of art information resources at the main research branch of the New York Public Library. He is the administrator and manager for all services of art and architecture collections.

## 1972

CR: PAM (WEEKS) RUSSELL

**Mike Warner** was awarded the 2001 Most Valuable Fund Drive Worker Award from the University of Oregon Athletic Department. He raised \$1.7 million.

**Terry (Monson) Silvestrin** has a new position as advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) at Tacoma Women's Specialists. Terry was recently certified as a Menopause Clinician, and is one of only nine such clinicians in the state of Washington.

## 1973

CR: NIKKI MARTIN

**Crystal Schuh** and Steven Satterwhite were married on Nov. 3 in Miami, Fla. Crystal recently celebrated 20-years with WPLG-TV, Miami, where she is the engineering supervisor. Steven is a photojournalist and musician.

## 1974

CR: DAVE JOHNSON

**Becky (Wulf) Harrison** is working in home health as a physical therapist. Her husband, Bob, is a pilot for Continental Airlines and their oldest son, Michael, is attending West

Point. They live in Rural Retreat, Va., and invite their friends to come visit the Blue Ridge Mountains.

## 1976

CR: GARY POWELL

**Jon Lackey** has a new CD, "Ich Liebe Dich - An Evening of German Lieder," released by Water's Edge Records and recorded at National Public Radio in Washington, D.C. Jan, a concert tenor, was accompanied by pianist and Fulbright Scholar, James Jelasic. The CD features the music of Beethoven, Brahms, Grieg, Marx, Schubert, and Schumann. Jan has appeared throughout the U.S. and Canada in solo recitals and as guest artist. [www.watersedgerecords.com](http://www.watersedgerecords.com)



**Glen Singleton** died on Jan. 2. After PLU, Glen taught at Eatonville and then in the Tacoma schools for 30 years. His wife, Kathy, his four children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive him.

## 1977

CR: LEIGH ERIE AND JOAN (NELSON) MATTICH

**Debra (Horst) Bode** recently moved to Corvallis, Ore., to be near family. She is working in the laboratory at The Corvallis Clinic.

## 1979

CR: DAVID AND TERESA (HAUSKEN) SHARKEY

**Daniel Anderson** is now the pastor of adult ministries at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Burnsville, Minn. His wife, Lisa, is practicing medicine with Allina Medical Group in St. Paul. Their daughter, Alexis, 5, is looking forward to kindergarten in the fall.

## 1980

CR: DREW NELSON

**Tom Hansen** moved to Alaska in June 2000 to assume the new position of regional director for Young Life Alaska.

## 1981

CR: DREW NELSON

**Scott Cummins** left his legal career and the corporate rat race to stay home and take care of the children in Seattle, Wash. [www.pscaltcummins.com](http://www.pscaltcummins.com)

**Janet (Hagen) Dahle** and her husband, Rolf, announce their adoption of Charlotte Nicole, 2. She joins Danielle, 7.



## 1982

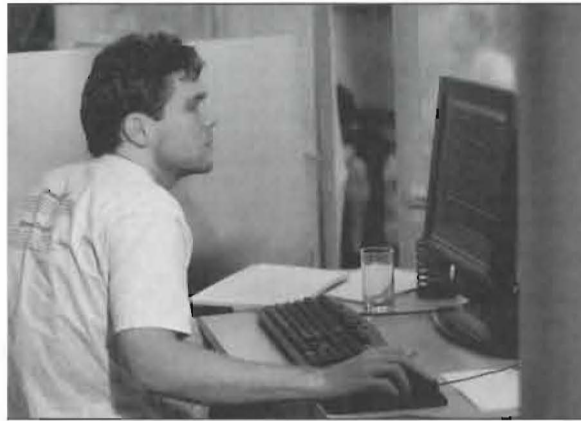
CR: PAUL COLLARD

**Guy and Brenda '83 Ellison** are Lutheran Brotherhood representatives. They recently earned membership in LB's fraternal benefit society's Executive Club and live in Issaquah, Wash.



# More than just brains: PLU grad strikes balance while winning a few bucks

BY NOREEN HOBSON '99



Andy Nierman '96

"IF YOU WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN, AS SOON AS YOU ARE DEAD AND ROTTEN, EITHER WRITE THINGS WORTH READING, OR DO THINGS WORTH THE WRITING."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Andy Nierman '96 is more than just the "computer nerd" that his computer science degree might lead people to believe. At PLU, he was an honored tennis player and strong student-athlete. While in the Ph.D. program at the University of Michigan, he has succeeded in competitive TopCoder computer programming competitions, played at the national Ultimate Frisbee competition and boxes for the university.

The TopCoder competition meant accomplishing what 7,000 other participants could not. Twenty-five thousand dollars accompanied the prestige Nierman earned in the finals of the programming event. The tournament involves solving three programming problems of varying difficulty and finding problems with other contestants' submissions. For the best score, problems must be solved quickly and, of course, correctly. His winnings were well-spent. "I paid off some bills, went to Hawaii for my honeymoon in July, and invested the rest."

Nierman can trace his ancestry back to Benjamin Franklin. "Benjamin Franklin did both (reading and writing), and I will probably do neither," said Nierman, responding to Franklin's quote. "But I still have hope that I won't be forgotten the instant that I am dead. I imagine my mark will be of less national importance, and more on a personal level with those that I interact with. I see teaching as a great way to make this positive differ-

ence in many people's lives."

His Michigan path may lead him into other classrooms in the future. Teaching is a primary reason for earning his doctorate, maybe even returning to the Northwest, "to work at a small college that emphasizes teaching—so PLU would be a great place to be."

The Yakima native took part in many PLU activities, "learning to program computers, playing tennis and intramurals, playing violin in the symphony, and participating in various religious groups and activities," he recalls. "My exceptional memories revolve mainly around spirituality and growing in my faith. I was probably most affected by the strong community of Christians (students, coaches and faculty) at the university."

While the challenges for this multi-talented, multi-tasking alum continue, Nierman rises to the occasion.

"I think the biggest challenge is actually balancing all of the activities that I participate in," Nierman said. "Pulling an 'all-nighter' to study for an exam is not a good idea right before a tennis match."

At Michigan it's Ultimate Frisbee and boxing schedules that he maintains alongside schoolwork. He may seem to over-commit, but perhaps his success demonstrates what being well rounded is all about.

**Susan (Pomeroy) Wittenberg** is the recipient of the 2002 Paralegal of the Year Award sponsored by the National Federation of Paralegal Associations and Lexis/Nexis Document Solutions. She received the award for her work at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. The award ceremony was in May at the national convention in Indianapolis.

## 1983

CR: DAVID OLSON

**Karen Weathermon** and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of Peter Richard, on Sept. 14. Karen is the associate director of general education at Washington State University in Pullman.



**Matthew Johnson** accepted a position as a human resources management specialist for the U.S. Army in Heidelberg, Germany. His tour will end in October 2006. He would love to hear from college friends and he welcomes visitors traveling through Europe.

**Cheryl (Ensor) Capoccia** and her husband, Robert, adopted two children in August 2001. Jessica Sara, 6, and Torrey Ruth, 5, join Dominic, 8, Isoiah, 5, and Totiana, 5. In September, Cheryl and Robert bought a bigger house in Lakeside, Calif. They own and operate LaserQuick and have recently moved the business to a larger facility.

**Judy (Enloe) Dubois** died on Sept. 19. After receiving her BSN and MSN at PLU, Judy spent the majority of her career in both nursing education and administration, mainly at St. Peter's Hospital and Group Health in Olympia, Wash. Her husband, Louis, three children and her parents survive her.

## 1984

CR: MARK CHRISTOFFERSON

**Paul Martin** has lived in Humboldt County, Calif., since 1989. He and his wife, Marcella, have two children, Colin, 7, and Cote, 4. Paul is a photographer and owns a photography business.

**Pamela Bridgeman** is the president and founder of Quiet Stream Ministries, a ministry of reconciliation, focusing on a spiritual and emotional healing for Christian ministers and leaders.

## 1985

CR: JANET (OLDEN) REGGE

**Tim Rundquist** recently published his second novel, "50,000 Watts of Jazz from Fargo." This book, along with his first novel, "How Heavy Is the Mountain," are available at Amazon.com and the PLU Bookstore ([luteworld.plu.edu](http://luteworld.plu.edu)).

**Christopher Bivins**, illustrator of the recent book, "Bears Barge In," is one of three finalists in its category for the 2001 Henry Bergh Children's Book Award. The author of the book is Jani Sensei.

**Patrice Carlson** is self-employed as a scientific illustrator in Seattle. She was previously a high school art teacher for nine years.

**Michael and Lisa (Hollister) Hirohata** announce the birth of Kevin Kainoa, on March 27, 2001. He joined Tyler Makaa, 8.

**Elise Lindborg** and her partner, Kelli Henderson, recently launched [ZippyDogs.com](http://ZippyDogs.com), promotional products to help businesses grow. Elise also runs [www.ciggybutt.com](http://www.ciggybutt.com) and [www.gaysmokeout.net](http://www.gaysmokeout.net). Kelli celebrated seven years as production manager for the Seattle Times. Elise and Kelli celebrated their anniversary on March 23.

**Ian Ritchie** is the district archaeologist and **Marcia Rose-Ritchie '84** is the recreation planner, both for the Douglas Ranger District, Thunder Basin National Grassland, in Douglas, Wyo. Both Ian and Marcia received national awards for excellence for their, "Exemplary public archaeology and historic preservation efforts associated with Rainbow's End Resort and Darr Homestead." Rainbow's End Resort and Darr Homestead are buildings that were located on private ranches. They were acquired by the Forest Service in recent land exchanges. Marcia and Ian are coordinating efforts to obtain the funds to fully renovate the buildings. [maseritchie@fs.fed.us](mailto:maseritchie@fs.fed.us)

## 1986

CR: BRIAN DOHE

**Michael Swan** and his wife, Rebecca, announce the birth of Noah, on Aug. 16.

**Deborah Allison** died on Jan. 12 as a result of complications from asthma. She was employed as a surgery technician at Group Health. Her two sons, her parents and her fiancée survive Deborah.

**Barbara (Denhoed) Kwekel** and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of Jacob Timothy, on Sept. 8. He joins Nick, 11, Hannah, 8, Emily, 6, and Andrew, 3.



## 1987

CR: DARREN HAMBY

**Jennifer (Crill) Fox** and her husband, Colin, announce the birth of Miriomi (Mimi) Anne, on Nov. 24. She joins Malcolm, 3, and Holden, 1. Jennifer works part-time as a

physical therapist for rehab patients in their homes in Seattle.

**Anne Lien** began her new job at Accenture in Oslo, Norway, in October. She is a service manager.

**Lisa Ottoson** was promoted to assistant vice president at Federal Home Loan Bank in Seattle, where she also is the director of product development. She has been at Federal Home Loan for six months. Lisa continues to lead her Tacoma firm, TechHatch, and commutes on the Saunderson to Seattle, four days a week.

**Sue Nixon** was named president and CEO of the Leonhardt Group, a Seattle-based brand strategy and design firm. Some of their clients have included Microsoft, Washington Mutual, Nordstrom and the Experience Music Project.

**Runnoe "Sparks" Connally** was named "Man of the Year," by the Southwest District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, for his work in orphanages in Santiago, Chile. Sparks has been on four work teams since 1998 as seen on [www.visionforchile.org](http://www.visionforchile.org), and is planning a fifth trip in September.

## 1988

CR: KRISTINA PFEIL AND SHERI (LUNDRING) SQUIRES

**Antonette (Vernon) and Doug '91 Wood** announce the birth of their son, Ian Murray, on Sept. 30. Antonette is still doing consulting work at Point B Solutions Group in Seattle, where she is a senior associate. Doug is a program manager.



**Greg Nyhus** and his wife, Katharine, announce the birth of David Gregory, on Nov. 8.

**Christine Winkel Grienerauer** and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Jocksan Robert, on Jan. 10. They live in the Seattle area.

## 1989

CR: LISA (HUSSEY) FERRARO

**Heidi (Lemke) Peirce** and her husband, Khai, announce the birth of Creston Newell, on March 2, 2001. He joins Reilley, 7, and Lydia, 3. Heidi is a stay-at-home mom and Khai is a teacher at Truman Middle School in Tacoma. The family attends Clover Creek Bible Fellowship, where Heidi is involved in women's ministry.

**Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro** and her husband, Jae, announce the birth of their son, Ryan, on Oct. 5. He joins Tyler, 4. Lisa is the director of major gifts at Norwalk Community College Foundation in Norwalk, Conn.

**Kelly Cornellier** and Robert Leber were married on July 14, 2001 at First United Methodist Church in Olympia, Wash. Kelly works for the State of Washington and Robert for J.B. Hunt. They live in Locey.

**Patricia (Smith) Lisoskie** received the Presidential Award for excellence in math and science teaching. She is a teacher and mentor coordinator in the Tumwater (Wash.) School District.

## 1990

CR: SEAN NEELY AND ANGEL VAHSHOLTZ-ANDERSON

**Sally (Nelson) Dominguez**, inspired by the cover story in the last issue of Scene about the \$4 million gift for the Wang Center, said: "It was good to hear of the recent gift. I graduated from PLU as a Spanish/Global studies major. I also studied abroad for two semesters...my experiences on those programs changed my life. Since I graduated, I have

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been working among the Mazahua Indians in Mexico. My Mexican husband and I have started our own program called the Mexican Indigenous University Center ([www.miu.org](http://www.miu.org)). We primarily work with high school and university students. During J-Term, we were also blessed to have a wonderful PLU student with us receiving credit for an independent study class—freshman John Lee Warfolk. Traveling is a wonderful way to learn and I am glad that PLU continues to put a special emphasis on international education and that we were able to give John Lee that opportunity in Mexico."

**Rachel (Daack) Bork** and her husband, Ian, announce the birth of Emma, on March 14, 2001. She joins Aidan, 4. Rachel left her position as an insurance agent to be a full time mom.

**Michele Toppe** was promoted to assistant director for student development at Portland (Ore.) State University in August 2002. She completed her first marathon in September and ran the Boston Marathon in April. Michele and her husband, Daryl, live in Portland with their son, Isaac.

**Kimberly Gross** started her own public relations firm, KG Communications, in June 2000 after four years at a firm in Bellevue, Wash. KG Communications specializes in marketing communications consulting, graphic design and public relations. [www.kgconline.com](http://www.kgconline.com)

## 1991

CR: ROXIE GIDDINGS

**Erick and Cara (Cossairt) Swenson** announce the birth of Riley James, on Jan. 4. He joins his brother, Tristan, 4.



**Wendy (Kirkpatrick) Doman** and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Riley Patrick, on Aug. 23. He joins his sister, Bailee, 3.

**Jeff and Margriet (Carlson '92) Current** announce the birth of Jacob Neil, on Oct. 15. He joins Evan, 2. Jeff became a financial adviser with Waddell & Reed in January. Margriet has taken a year off from teaching English as a Second Language to be at home with the boys. They live in Spokane.



## 1992

**Bobbi (Adams) Blankenship** and her husband, Lindy, announce the birth of Lindsey Ann, on Dec. 15. Bobbi became a certified chemical dependency professional in October, and works as a chemical dependency counselor at Green Hill Training School in Chehalis, Wash.



**Roy and Elisabeth (Sundby) Marchetti** and their daughter, Katya, 1, live in Bakersfield, Calif., where Roy is the

division administrator of technology for Kern County Superintendent of Schools.

**Jennifer Hague** died on Sept. 9. After graduating from PLU, Jennifer remained in Tacoma and served in aquatics at the Boys and Girls Club before accepting a position as Director of Aquatics at the Lakewood YMCA. Most recently she was the senior program director at the Briggs Community YMCA in Olympia. Jennifer is survived by her parents, Jim and Biff; sisters, Lynne, Dee Anne, Heidi and Wendee; and brother, Craig.

**Blake and Larissa (Ulberg '91) Belknap** announce the birth of their daughter, Kennedy Jane, on Jan. 6, 2001.

**Kerri (Derning) Radford** and her husband, Neil, announce the birth of Sarah Nicole, on Oct. 25. She joins Jessico Lynn, 18 months. Kerri, Neil and their family recently moved to Honolulu, where Neil is stationed at Pearl Harbor. He is the operations officer on the USS Fletcher.



**Lane Kadel** recently joined the owners of Resource Management Associates, Inc. (RMA) in Oregon, as an owner and vice president. RMA provides contract services in the areas of professional engineering, road design, construction management/inspection, forestry, and trade services. Lane has eight years of management and customer service experience in auto and wood products industries and two years of power plant marketing experience.

**Lesley (Smith) Niemi** and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of their daughter, MacKenzie Addison, on Jan. 7, 2001. She joins Jonathan, 4. Lesley continues to teach elementary music for the South Kitsap School District in Olalla, Wash.

**Elizabeth (Loomis) Glabe** and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Natalie Louise, on Dec. 24. She joins Naah Scott, 2.

**Michelle Jackson** and Luke Hammons were married on Aug. 4 at the Lake Chelan Boat Club in Monson, Wash. Michelle is a teacher and coach at Kamiak High School in the Mukilteo School District and Luke works for UPS. They honeymooned in Tahiti.

**Kara Quello** and her husband, Brady, announce the birth of Kaydn Elizabeth, on Sept. 9. Kara has a private voice studio in her home and also teaches choir part-time at a private school. Brady is an attorney.

**Jane Lin** is in her fourth year of working for the Seattle Seahawks in Kirkland, Wash. Originally hired as a graphic design consultant, Jane converted drawings and updated the entire playbook. In her current role, she is an assistant to the coaching staff in various projects. Jane continues her music ministry at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, singing solos and directing the children's choir. In this photo, Jane was singing the National Anthem at a Seahawks game. Recently, Jane took leisure trips to France and Costa Rica.



**Marcy (Stromme) and Jeff '91 Wood** announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan, on Jan. 3.

## 1993

CR: KARI ANDERSON

**Susan Halvor** graduated from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in 2000. After graduation she was called as associate pastor to Joy Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Alaska, where she serves with **Martin Eldred '83**.

**Erich Schmidt** served three years as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy after he graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in dentistry. After the Navy, he purchased an established dental practice in San Diego. Erich spends time sea kayaking and has built an all-wood kayak.

**Hilary Burtt** was accepted to the urban teacher education program at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash.

**Wendy Kritsky** and Peter Wilton were married on June 15, 2001. Wendy is a physical therapist at UPMC Rehabilitation Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., and Peter is a technical support specialist at Vacollect.

**Jim Grossnickle** accepted a position at the University of Washington's Redmond Plasma Physics Lab and is continuing to work on a project funded by the federal government.

He was awarded a doctorate in plasma physics/fusion and a master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics, both from the University of Washington.

## 1994

CR: DAN LYSNE AND CATHERINE OVERLAND

**Kirstin Jensen** has a new position as head softball coach and instructor at Highline Community College in Des Moines, Wash.

**Lora (Whitmore) Nordstrom** and her husband, Ben, moved to Illinois where Ben is the new director of alumni programs at Wheaton College. Lora continues as an account executive, developing new business in the Chicago area, for Bensussen, Deutsch & Associates.

**Jim and Mari (Yokers) Matthias** announce the birth of Jedrek Andrew, on Dec. 8. He joins one sister, Sidra, 4.



**Leah Borg** and James Jacobs were married on Aug. 25, 2001 at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, Wash. Leah is a financial analyst at Multicare in Tacoma and James is a driver for Penzoil-Quaker State. They honeymooned in Alaska and live in Part Orchard, Wash.

**Mai Yang** and her husband, Ger, announce the birth of Tia Elizabeth, on Aug. 8. She joins Yah-Tsheng Amadeus, 7, and Maylea Heaven, 3. Mai is a social worker at the Department of Social and Health Services in Spokane. Ger is a doctoral student.



**Ryan and Liesl (Floor) Brown** announce the birth of Callin Michael, on Aug. 14. Ryan is a sales representative for Tharco, a corrugated box manufacturer in Auburn, Wash. Liesl has left her job at Anderson Chamberlin, Costco's in-house broker, to stay home with Collin.

**Gino Casello** and his wife, Shawna, announce the birth of their daughter, Gabriella, on Oct. 23. Gino is a partner at NW Investments in Gig Harbor, Wash.

**Janel (Nygren) Brock** and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of Austin Carl, on March 6. He joins Ethan, 4, and Andrew, 2.

**Aaron and Rachel (Firman '95) Hubler** announce the birth of Cassandra Rose, on Sept. 4.



## 1995

CR: ERIN (KOSTER) FULLER AND MARIT (RASMUSSEN) NIERMAN

**Daniel Mattson** and his wife, Marianne, announce the birth of Adeline Jay, on Nov. 4. Daniel is a nurse anesthetist at Bayne-Jones Army Community Hospital at Fort Polk, La. He recently graduated from the U.S. Army graduate program in anesthesia nursing and passed the certification exam for nurse anesthetists. Daniel was also recognized as the distinguished honor graduate of his class.

**Doug and Marit (Rasmussen) Nierman** announce the birth of Gwyneth Margareta, on June 6, 2001. Marit is a teacher in the Wenatchee (Wash.) School District and Doug is a stay-at-home dad.

**Aaron Vance** has a new position at America Online/Time Warner (AOL/TW), U.S., as the new senior manager. He will be forming and running a new international marketing analysis team, which will require traveling to AOL/TW's 12 international partners. Aaron will also assist in defining and implementing all the marketing reports and analysis needs and requirements.

## 1996

CR: STEVE AND KIM (NADON) LEIFSEN

**Kristin Picard** and Sidney Nicholson were married on Sept. 29. Kristin is a financial coordinator for Hurst Chiropractic and Sidney works for the State of Washington.

**Kevin Marousek** joined the Peace Corps. In June, he began a three-month training program that will be followed by a two-year commitment to serve in Kazakhstan, the ninth largest country (geographically) in the world. Kevin is scheduled to live in Almaty, the country's former capital and largest city, located near China. He will be teaching English.

**Christina Miethner** has a new position as senior administrative officer for the pension department staff of the Swedish National Social Insurance Board.

**David and Jill (Zumbrunnen) Humphrey** announce the birth of Natalie Ann, on Aug. 18. She joins older sister, Riley Lynn, 2. David completed a master's degree in education in March 2000. He is a teacher in the Paradise School District in Modesto, Calif.



**Kristin Mark** was promoted to host her own show at KISS 106.1 FM radio in Seattle. Known on-air as "Kristin the Island Girl," she can be heard weekdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. She previously worked in various promotion/marketing and on-air positions at KISS.

**Vicky (Young) Schauer** is in the master's degree in education program at PLU. She was previously a substitute teacher in the Peninsula School District.

**Brandon Fix** was the recipient of a 2001 Rising Star Award from the Business Leaders of the Year program. He is the president and CEO of Donation Depot in Tacoma, helping non-profit agencies use the Internet as a fund-raising tool. Brandon is also choir of the South Sound chapter of Washington Software Alliance and works with Technology Consortium.

**Joel Barnett** and Heidi Peterson were married on Aug. 18, 2001 at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Joel is employed by Washington Mutual Bank and Heidi is a biologist for Seattle Public Utilities.

## 1997

CR: ANDREW AND STEPHANIE (MERLE) TOMLINSON

**Keith Dussell** is training for the 2002 gay games in Sydney, Australia. He will be throwing the discus in track and field.

**Brandon Hardenbrook and Sonja Anderson** were married on July 28 in Spokane, Wash. **David Godtliebsen '97, Ryan Chandlee '97, and Robin Ober '00** were in the wedding party. PLU Pastor Nancy Conner officiated. Brandon is a pharmaceutical sales representative for Johnson & Johnson. He was previously a captain in the U.S. Army. Sonja received a master's degree in history from New Mexico State University. She is now attending law school at the University of Washington. They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

**Karyn D'Addio** received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree, specializing in anesthesiology, on June 2. She has a one-year internship in Largo, Fla., before beginning a three-year residency at SUNY in Brooklyn, N.Y.

## 1998

CR: SHANNON HERLOCKER AND NATE SEARS

**Elisabeth (Burkhalter) Rosson** and her husband, Marc, announce the birth of Luke Maxwell, on July 31, 2001.

**Harold (John) Burkholder** received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. His extensive training included navigation, ship handling, engineering, naval warfare, management, and leadership as well as a demanding daily physical fitness program.

**Kara (Workman) Klotz** has a new position as media specialist at Saint Martin's College in Olympia. She was previously at The Chronicle in Centralia, Wash.

**Brooke (Daehlin) Ells** has a new position as program director at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Kalispell, Mont. Brooke and her husband, **Aaron '97**, live in nearby Lakeside.

**Heidi Richardson** and Gustavo Tapete were married on Sept. 2 at Lake Meridian in Kent, Wash. Heidi works at IKEA and Gustavo works at Las Margaritas. They live in Auburn, Wash.

**Erin Sanesi** and Timothy Cachell were married on July 14, 2001. Erin is a human resources representative for Starbucks Coffee and Timothy is a production manager for Gage Industries. They honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and make their home in Sherwood, Ore.

**Raquel Fleming** was accepted to New York University's School of Communications in the fall of 2001.

## 1999

CR: JULIE JOHNSTON AND KARLENE MILES

**Alice (Pell) Langehennig** has recorded two CDs, "Quiet Praise," a collection of meditative hymns and "Jubilant Praise," a collection of jazz blues hymn arrangements. Alice is also the music director at First United Methodist Church in Hereford, Texas.

**Eric Allert and Jenny Villarin '01** were married on Aug. 18 in Folsom, Calif. Jenny is a nurse and Eric is the director of youth and family ministry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, Wash.

**David Krueger and Dakota Iverson '00** were married on Aug. 4 in Sammamish, Wash. Dakota teaches second grade in the Lake Washington School District and David works in corporate real estate for



Shurgard Storage in Seattle. They live in Issaquah, Wash.

**Ashley Little** is a diagnostic medical sonographer at the University of California, Davis, Medical Center.

**Melissa Dreyer** completed graduate school in Atlanta, Ga., in September. She moved to Boston in October and is a freelance writer in the advertising industry.

## 2000

CR: ASHLEY ORR

**Emily Keys** is a social service specialist for the State of Oregon Department of Human Services and Child Welfare

**Mary Beth Leeper** began a three-year Mennonite Central Committee assignment in Santo Cruz, Bolivia, where she will work with PRONATS, a children's program. Mary Beth previously served with Habitat for Humanity in Tijuana, Mexico. She is a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Auburn, Wash.

**Jay Torgerson and Chenoah Klinefelter** were married in Mount Vernon, Wash., and now live in Beaverton, Ore., where Jay is an investment representative at Edward Jones and Chenoah is a home visitor.

**Kacie Bane** has been the sole graphic designer and prepress manager at Eagle Printing Graphic Design for the last year in Richland, Wash. She was recently accepted to

the Master of Science in Design graduate program at Arizona State University and will move to Phoenix to begin classes in the fall.  
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**Luke Balash** is doing well in the frozen north as a teacher in the health department at North Pole (Alaska) High School.

**Erik Wells** is pursuing a doctor of chiropractic degree at Cleveland Chiropractic College in Kansas City, Mo.

**Katherine Graff** graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, with a master's degree in social work in June 2001. She is a social worker at Northwest Youth Services.

**Nathan Wolfe** is the owner of Trico Contracting in Burlington, Wash. Katherine and Nathan are building their first home in Mount Vernon.

## 2001

CR: LINDA (HUTSON) PYLE AND KEITH PRANGHOFER



**Betsy Kellenbeck and Matthew Cole** were married on July 14, 2001 in Gresham, Ore. Betsy is a financial adviser assistant at

American Express Financial Services and Matthew is a band teacher in the Bellingham (Wash.) School District.

**Linda Hutson and David Pyle '98** were married on Dec. 28 at Westwood Baptist Church in Olympia.

**Jennifer McRae '01, Heather Dewey '01, Ryan Enbom '98, Dave Urban '98, Alex Sasser '98, and Carrie Loe '01** were in the wedding party. Lute musicians performing at the wedding included: **Emily Murer '02, Annie Mastrodonato '02, Justene Jeanotte '00, Ashley Wilson '01, and John Wells '02.**

Linda and Dave honeymooned in Maui and are now living in Scottsdale, Ariz., where Dave is an intern junior high pastor and is attending Phoenix Seminary and Linda will teach orchestra.



**Michelle Pleny and John Eussen '00** were married on Feb. 2 at St. James Catholic Church in Vancouver, Wash. **Amy (Crabtree) '99**

**Gearhard, Anneliese Platzer '01, Sara Wolbrecht '01, Maija Durr '01, Rayno Spies '01, Jarrad Mock '99, and Christian Foreman '00** were in the wedding party. **Leah Orcutt '03** played the violin and **Michael Dailey '03** played the organ. Former and current members of the Choir of the West also performed. Michelle and John honeymooned in the Caribbean and are now living in Yakima, Wash., where Michelle works in client relations and John is an account executive, both at Quest Membership Services.

**Stacie Lintvedt and Jason Hanson** were married on Sept. 29 at Peace Lutheran Church in Colfax, Wash.

**Katherine Koch '01, Emily Lentz '01, Erik Samuelson '01, and Chris Duppenhaller '01** were in the wedding party. They live in St. Louis where Stacie is studying for a master's degree in social work at Washington University and Jason is a production editor for Elsevier Science Publishing Company.



**Courtney Woodard and Brian Black** were married on July 29, 2001 at First United Methodist Church in Tacoma. **Whitney (Martin) '01**

**Johnston and Ashley Call '02** were in the wedding. **Gretchen Hjelt '02** was the vocalist. Courtney is a financial consultant at Financial Consulting Solutions Group Inc. in Redmond, Wash., and Brian is a student.

**Jennifer Honigs and Thomas Hill Jr.** were married on Aug. 11 at Hannah's Garden Inn in Spokane, Wash. **Katie Weidmann '01** was in the ceremony. **Rob Rydberg '02, Alayne Brown '02, Chris Ode '00, Don Early '01, Anne Kalunian '02, Katie Olson '03, Alissa Olin '02, Kellie Windenburg '02 and Cindy Geiger '01** were guests. Jennifer is an eligibility clerk at West Corporation/Delta Dental and Thomas is an assistant manager at Blackbuster. They are living in Spokane.

**Whitney Martin and Jeremy Johnston '99** were married on July 21, 2001 in Portland, Ore. **Amy Reed '01, Courtney Black '01, Kate Babbo '02, Josh Johnston '97, and Eric Arena '99** were in the wedding ceremony. Whitney works in the School of Science and Engineering and Jeremy is a law student, both at Seattle University. They live in Seattle. (photo/email)

### In memoriam

1927

**Dorothy (Fowler) Fitts** died on March 1.

1932

**Ruby Knutzen** died on Jan. 24.

1939

**Lennard Axel Anderson** died on Feb. 25.

1940

**Margarethe (Bischof) Carson** died in August 2001.

1949

**Don D'Andrea** died on March 22.

1950

**Carl "Bud" Hatley** died on Feb. 8.

**Edward Rosin** died in January.

1951

**John Szabo** died on Sept. 28.

**John Anders Wold** died on Dec. 21.

1953

**Lester LeRoy (Lee) Johnson** died on March 4.

1956

**Ellen (Henry) Garrity** died on Jan. 13.

1957

**Dale Storaasli** died on March 16.

1970

**Mikkel Thompson** died on Jan. 14.

1974

**Gary Smith** died in March.

1976

**Glen Singleton** died on Jan. 2.

1983

**Judy (Enloe) Dubois** died on Sept. 19.

1986

**Deborah Allison** died on Jan. 12.

### Faculty and Friends

**Lynn Stein** died on March 20. Dr. Stein was a member of PLU's School of Education faculty from 1961 through 1981. His wife, Ariadne, two daughters, six grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren survive him.

**Mae Gilbertson** died on March 9. Mae is survived by her husband, PLU faculty emeritus, **Gordon**; son, **Jan '65**; daughters, **Sally Cowan '73** and **Rosemary Campbell '70**; and seven grandchildren, including **Reed Campbell '96.**

**Florence Vedell** died on March 15. Florence was active in the PLU Women's Club from 1967 to 1991, while her husband, Howard, was on staff at PLU.

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### Promotions/Awards

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF POSITION/COMPANY/AWARD/DATE ASSUMED \_\_\_\_\_

# perspective

*Maria Cristina Fridenstine (Del Rosario '75) was a student at PLU, and an employee from 1977 until moving a few years ago. She was director of MICA (Minority, International, Commuter and Adult Students) Services and director of the Multi-Ethnic Resource Center. She was a grievance facilitator for 10 years and an affirmative action officer for five. She also taught ethnic and racial studies classes at PLU, and was a member of the President's Council.*

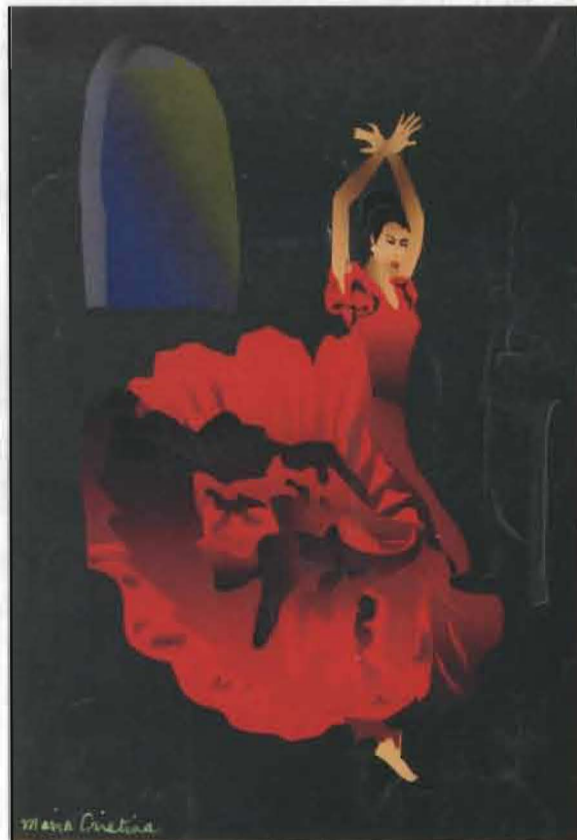
## Grad uses technology to spark artistic vision

BY MARIA CRISTINA FRIDENSTINE (DEL ROSARIO '75)

My drawings are another form of my chronic doodling, a habit born of a short attention span. Sketching with pen and pencil was a hobby until I discovered the drawing tool in Microsoft Word more than a year ago. After that, drawing became even more fun. The tool's color palate has provided almost instant gratification to my hunger to color.

I consider this, my most recent artistic endeavor, as old-fashioned sketching using non-traditional tools: a monitor, a mouse, and an inkjet printer. No clip-art, photos, previously existing scanned prints or other graphics software were used to add to or form my compositions. While I have pursued no serious training in art, I am strongly influenced by the works of Van Gogh, Gauguin and just about every illustrator of children's books.

My previous work in counseling college students and teaching writing seminars about symbolism in fairy tales provides the character to most drawings.



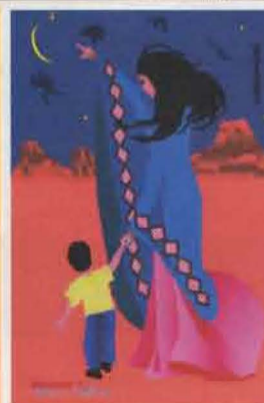
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