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On the cover

The portrait statue of Martin Luther was created by Tom Torrens in 1984 to commemorate Luther's 500th birth anniversary in 1983. It is located on campus near Eastvold Chapel. The Rose Window in the background is on the east wall of Eastvold Chapel.

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July 17-22

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July 17-22

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Tuesday, June 6, from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit will be open afterwards, Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Fridays, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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Oct. 6-8

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OTHER EVENTS

June 21

Strawberry Festival summer festival with music and strawberry dessert at Red Square, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., dessert is free to PLU community, \$2.50 for guests

July 26

Rasberry Festival summer festival with music and rasberry dessert at Red Square, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., dessert is free to PLU community, \$2.50 for guests

Aug. 16

Peach Festival summer festival with music and peach dessert at Red Square, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., dessert is free to PLU community, \$2.50 for guests

Sept. 17

Fall Admissions Open House

Nov. 3-5

Family Weekend

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CONFERENCES & EVENTS— Offers planning guides for internal and external events and conferences, information about summer camps at PLU, photographs of the facilities, a scrapbook of sites on campus and in the Tacoma area, and a calendar of events.

SUMMER SESSIONS CATALOG— The Summer Sessions catalog gives information on and descriptions of the courses being offered at PLU this summer. It also gives information about the university's services and facilities and lists local summer activities.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION— This redesigned site includes more information about the School of Education program, services offered to education majors, opportunities for continuing education, and links to useful resources for educators.

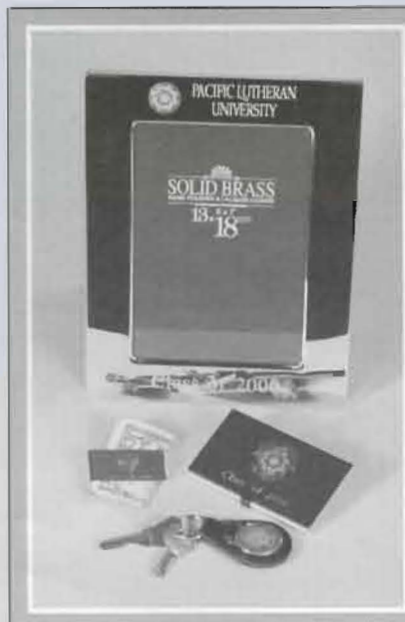
DEVELOPMENT— Looking for ways to give back to PLU? The Development website outlines a variety of different opportunities for contributing to the university.

CAMPAIGN— PLU has launched a \$100-million campaign. Learn more about it, and about those who are volunteering to make it a success, on this new site.

PLU BASKETBALL CAMPS— PLU Basketball is offering four camps this summer: Sweet Shot Shooting/ Individual Moves Camps, Position Camp, Rookie Camp, and Excellence in Competition Camps. Find out more about these camps, led by Bruce Haroldson, head basketball coach, and Pat DeSmet, assistant basketball coach.

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President Anderson elected vice chair of NAICU

PLU President Loren J. Anderson was elected to a one-year term as vice chair and chair-elect of the board of directors of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) at the association's 24th annual meeting in Washington, D.C., last February. He will serve as NAICU's chairman for 2001-2002.

NAICU represents private, nonprofit colleges and universities on policy issues with the federal government, and serves as the unified, national voice of independent higher education institutions. Founded in 1976, NAICU has more than 900 members.

"President Anderson brings to his position a wealth of experience in higher education management, and a thorough command of the issues affecting America's colleges and universities," said NAICU president David L. Warren.

"His leadership will be vital as we work with Congress, the White House, and the U.S. Department of Education on student aid funding, education tax benefits, and government regulatory matters this coming year."

Anderson received his bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Concordia College, his master's degree in rhetoric and public address from Michigan State University, and a doctorate in communication theory and research from the University of Michigan. He also has participated in the Institute for Educational Management and the Seminar for New Presidents at Harvard University.

Anderson was elected to the position by NAICU's 44-member board of university presidents.

PLU students mentor developmentally delayed students

The sight of youngsters standing at a bus stop in the morning isn't out of the ordinary, except for one thing. This group of public school students is on its way to the pool at Pacific Lutheran University.

For the next hour they'll learn not only swimming basics, but life skills most of us take for granted: such as social etiquette and how to use public transportation.

This group, from the Franklin Pierce and Bethel School Districts of Washington state, is comprised of students with developmental delays, and the class is part of PLU's pilot physical education program. The program, developed by PLU Professor Mary Ann Kluge and Bethel's physical therapist Jan Galvin, is designed to provide PLU's PE majors with practical experience and to prepare the public school students to be as independent as possible.

Now in its 12th year, the program evolved from Kluge's belief in the therapeutic value of water. The program's goal, she explains, "is for university students to acquire attitudes of understanding for individuals with disabilities and to apply theoretical knowledge to a real-life setting."

University students who work one-on-one with the public school students, agree: the process is challenging. The biggest reward, says Brian Anderson '01, is "the smile that spreads across the student's face when he accomplishes a task."

Eric Kurlle '92, now a Bethel high school teacher, attests to the program's benefits. Having trained in special education, he brings eight students to PLU's pool for lessons each Thursday.

Jay Reifel, Bethel School District's associate superintendent for community activities, says that the program is very beneficial because Bethel doesn't have a pool, because of safety issues, and PLU's program is valuable, especially for this particular student population. "They get lots of individual attention and it makes a difference. The program is very beneficial from the standpoint of their outlook on life."



PLU students teach developmentally delayed students to swim



Lecture halls, art galleries filled for millennium series

Lecture halls from Leraas to Chris Knutzen were filled almost to capacity during the recently completed Millennium Symposia-Arts Series. The well-attended events prompted Provost Paul Menzel to rate them as "the best attended lecture series we've had."

The fall lectures, designed to focus attention on academic contributions during the past millennium, featured PLU's own experts: Steve Starkovich speaking about "Timeless Questions of the Cosmos," Duncan Foley speaking about "Geology at the Leading Edge," Patricia O'Connell Killen speaking about "Religiousness in the 21st Century" and Peter Grosvenor speaking about "The Liberal Democratic Nation State in the Global Politics of the New Millennium."

Especially gratifying was that "we had the highest attendance of non-PLU audience at our own lectures," Menzel says.

The spring lectures focused on the issue of diversity, a major facet of the 21st century, and included Vicki Ruiz speaking about "Latina Images,"

Rebecca Walker speaking about "Changing the Face of Feminism" and Quintard Taylor speaking about the "Racial Frontier."

"As a university," Menzel added, "we need to have more discussions about cutting-edge issues for the public; not just in classrooms."

Commenting on the millennium series' accompanying art show, Kathryn Sparks, director of the university's art galleries, says, "We had a good response to the millennium art exhibit. About a third of the featured artists took part in the opening reception. While we didn't count visitors, student monitors noted that there were a number of repeat visitors. We're looking at the possibility of hosting repeat exhibits featuring these artists' works on a regular basis" (see some of the millennium art show in Lawry Gold's art pieces on page 24).

PLU's vocal jazz ensemble wins first place at renowned college jazz festival

Pacific Lutheran University's 15-member Park Avenue Vocal Jazz Ensemble won this year's first place in the college vocal large ensemble division at the University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival.

The ensemble consisted of 12 vocalists, who were accompanied by students on the piano, string bass and percussion. Park Avenue's winning set featured Chick Corea's classic "Spain," Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Lady," the traditional "Sweet Georgia Brown," as well as an arrangement by Bliss of Stanley Turrentine's "Sugar."

Approximately 17,000 students from around the United States and Canada attended the February festival, a 33-year tradition for the University of Idaho's Lionel Hampton School of Music. In addition to colleges and universities, elementary through high school students participated in the event, which included concerts by more than 40 jazz artists as well as workshops by jazz masters.



Kent Kurrus conducts the PLU jazz band

ANAC discusses integration of liberal arts and professional studies

One-hundred-thirty members of the Association for New American Colleges (ANAC) gathered at the Pacific Lutheran University campus in early April for a three-day conference to discuss ways in which to integrate liberal arts and professional studies.

Of the group, 18 PLU faculty members, including Provost Paul Menzel, School of Arts Dean Kit Spicer, School of Business Dean Don Bell and School of Education Dean Lynn Beck, took part.

Conference subjects focused on exploring the philosophical traditions that have produced the current estrangement between liberal arts and professional programs and strategies to overcome the situation.

Keynote speaker Sheldon Rothblatt, professor of history at the University of California-Berkeley and visiting professor of the Swedish Royal Institute of Technology of Stockholm, spoke about the historical development of the liberal and professional education traditions in the United States and about current efforts to re-integrate them.

PLU shares in Gates Foundation grant

PLU is sharing in a \$1.6 million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to be used to expand a statewide program designed to involve elementary school students in math, science and engineering.

The gift also initiates a Washington Mathematics, Engineering and Science Achievement program (MESA) center, focusing on the needs of rural and tribal schools. Nearly \$1 million of the gift will be used to establish integrated science and mathematics education in elementary schools, including curriculum development, teacher professional development and parent education.

Program sponsors include PLU, Washington State University, Gonzaga University, and the University of Washington. A major focus of the Gates Foundation is "helping to improve people's lives through health and learning."

Sankta Lucia festival celebrates 50 years at PLU

December 1, 2000, marks a special event in campus history when the Scandinavian Cultural Center (SCC) celebrates half-a-century of its Sankta Lucia festival.

This year, past 'Lucias' will join with the honoree of 2000 to mark the start of the Christmas season at Pacific Lutheran University.

More than 500 people will join in the event, which begins at Lagerquist Hall and proceeds to SCC for an evening of dancing, Swedish holiday foods and entertainment. "It's a great family event," says Susan Young, one of the coordinators of the traditional celebration. Watch for more information in the fall issue of *Scene*.



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Campus vigil remembers immigrant killed by NY police



"Students, staff and community members, donning purple armbands and [carrying] white candles, gathered in Red Square [on a night, in early March] for a vigil honoring Amadou Diallo, a U.S. immigrant killed last year by New York police officers. A New York jury found the officers not guilty [in late February], sparking nationwide debate on police brutality and racism," wrote Jennifer Dillon '01, the assistant news editor of PLU's student newspaper, the Mooring Mast. "Almost 70 people showed up for the vigil, which used the example of Diallo's death to focus on the broader issues of racism and police brutality in the country," Dillon wrote. Among the speakers were Jason Hulen '01 of B.L.A.C.K. @ PLU and Ron Vignec, a former PLU campus pastor, Dillon reported.

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"Pray in the Spirit at all times"
Ephesians 6:18

BRIEFLY...

Reisberg appointed dean of information resources



PLU's Associate Dean of Information Resources Leon (Lenny) Reisberg recently was appointed dean of information resources, effective until the summer of 2001.

Reisberg is responsible for the university's Mortvedt Library, and Computing and Telecommunication Services.

A member of the university's School of Education faculty since 1981, Reisberg served as chairman of Special Education and as associate dean of the School of Education prior to his promotion to the associate deanship last summer. Reisberg received his B.S. in education from the University of Texas in 1972 and his Ed.D. from the University of Kansas in 1981.

"The efforts involved in combining telecommunications and library services under one umbrella are both very interesting and a challenging area for me," Reisberg says. "But the combination makes a lot of sense since both areas focus on the effective access and use of data and information."

Reisberg's goals are (1) to continue working with the library to improve electronic resource access for students and faculty; (2) to provide support for faculty who are interested in enhancing current classes with direct use of technology and (3) to help students develop the technological skills they will need after graduation, he says.

New ASPLU officers elected



Jason Weber



Keith Pranghofer

The Associated Students of Pacific Lutheran University (ASPLU) announced in March that Jason Weber '01 was elected, by student vote, to be next year's ASPLU president. Keith Pranghofer '01 was elected vice president. Weber is from Tacoma and is majoring in business, Pranghofer is from Stanwood, Wash., and is pursuing a double major in chemistry and biology. According to PLU's student newspaper, the Mooring Mast, a total of 871 students voted in the election, which was held on March 7.

Professional journalists honor Mooring Mast

PLU's student newspaper, the Mooring Mast, has been recognized by the Society of Professional Journalists for outstanding work in the society's annual Mark of Excellence college and university journalism competition.

The newspaper was recognized as the best weekly college or university newspaper in Region 10 of the society, which includes Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. According to Mast Editor-in-Chief Laura Ritchie, this means that PLU's student newspaper is one of the 12 best weekly college or university publications in the U.S.

In addition, several Mast staff members won individual awards in the society's competition. They include Andrew Bentz '01 for sports column writing, Paula Faas '00 for general column writing, Laura Ritchie '00 for editorial writing, and Eric Ruthford '01 for general news and feature reporting.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I loved the picture of Greg Pickett '00 demonstrating during the WTO conference in the latest issue of Scene (Spring 2000, p. 7). It's hard not to feel sorry for him—trying to bring back the glory days of the '60s for the political left-wingers. Those on the Left should embrace globalization. Foreign investment has done more to raise the standard of living in Third World countries than Leftist utopian dreams ever did. And the Chief protestor himself, Bill Clinton, embraces this view.

But like Marxism in the '60s, the new Utopian agenda will fail. Why? The Scriptures teach that poverty, environmental destruction, and harm to our neighbor originate within our hearts. The solution to these problems, at root, is a spiritual one. Ideology will not solve our spiritually diseased hearts. Yet, the church does have the answer: Proclamation over Protest. Ideologies strive to reverse the effect of sin without the Cross of Jesus. They will fail. I would have hoped to see Greg Pickett proclaiming the Cross of Jesus, rather than a crossed out WTO symbol.

Marc Johnson '73, MD
Pueblo, Colo.

Foege receives honorary doctorate, exhorts Class of 2000

Pacific Lutheran University held its first commencement of the new century by honoring one of its former students. An honorary doctorate of humane letters was conferred on Dr. William H. Foege '57 during the May 21 ceremony, held at Olson Auditorium.

Since his graduation, much of Foege's life has been dedicated to public service. Serving first as a medical missionary in Nigeria, he later worked with the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other organizations to eliminate smallpox and encourage childhood immunizations. Currently, he is a professor of public health at Emory University and serves on PLU's Board of Regents.

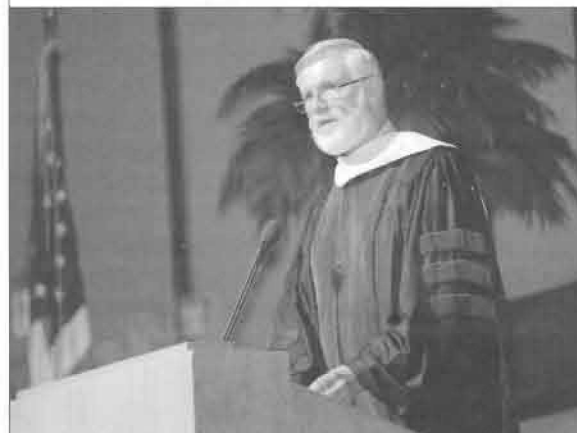
Foege, also the commencement speaker, built his address around PLU's motto of "educating for lives of service." He told the graduates that they "face challenges as no previous generation has been challenged."

Comparing the graduates to explorers, he said they must carry out constant maintenance on their moral compasses. He urged them to be involved, not just be spectators of life. "Give quality work throughout your lives," he said, even though "there's no way of knowing how your efforts will affect the future."

In his concluding remarks, he rephrased Rudyard Kipling's "Ballad of East and West." In life, he said, the four things greater than all things are "purpose, faith, wisdom and love."

Foege's honor marked the 86th time in the past 51 years that PLU has conferred honorary degrees and citations of honor. These are given in recognition of significant achievements and dedication to education, religious service, or service in the professional fields, the arts or to the public. That afternoon, the university awarded 517 bachelor's degrees and 48 master's degrees.

In a separate ceremony, held the previous day in Lagerquist Concert Hall, 11 ROTC students were commissioned, including five from St. Martin's College, of Olympia, Wash., and 39 nursing students were pinned.



Dr. William Foege speaks to the Class of 2000 during Commencement 2000 ceremonies.

PLU orchestra goes on musical and cultural tour of Germany

During its musical and cultural tour of Germany in January the 60-member Pacific Lutheran University Symphony Orchestra took its music to the heart of the country as well as to the places where Martin Luther lived.

The orchestra's tour of Germany—with concerts in Sondershausen, Ilmenau, Eisleben, Bad Schmiedeberg, Berlin and Hannover—marked its first European tour. Orchestra members played a repertoire covering some of the greatest composers in German history, including Bach, Wagner and Mendelssohn.

"The tour was awesome—one of the best times I've ever had," says trombonist Ryan Wagner, a junior music education major from Federal Way, Wash. "Performing in the churches was an amazing experience because there was so much

history. Orchestra members also had a chance to really bond, which showed a lot in our performances."

In addition to playing in the concerts, orchestra members experienced firsthand the places and the culture in which the composers lived. They also visited the sites of Martin Luther's birth and death, as well as played below the very pulpit from which he preached. They climbed to Wartburg Castle and stood in the room where Luther first translated the Bible into the German language.

The PLU community also was able to enjoy the orchestra's German performances at its homecoming concert later. CDs (\$15) and cassettes (\$12) of the concert are available by calling PLU Audio Services at 253-535-7268.



The PLU Symphony Orchestra

Business students win prize in human resources Jeopardy contest

PLU business students Christina Huber and Jaime Zook won second place in the Human Resources Jeopardy competition, held in April at Portland (Ore.) State University.

The pair, both seniors, "worked very hard to achieve second place and represented PLU very well," said Robin Koch '82, '94,

who coached them for the event and who is an instructor in the Professionals in Human Resources certification course offered through the University of Washington in Tacoma.

A dozen teams from Region V schools (the Northwest and Alaska) participated in the event. The game tested their knowledge of laws, regulations and terminology of the field and practice of human resources.

The competition, Koch said, "is provided by school chapters as a means for graduating students to prepare for the national (PHR) exam," which was held in May. Using the Jeopardy TV game format, they competed against other college teams for 30-minute game sessions.

"PLU's team was in sixth place going into the second day and advanced to the final round where they competed against Portland State University," Koch added.



Christina Huber (left) and Jaime Zook show off their prize certificates.

PLU faculty retiring in May 2000

MERRILY J. ALLEN

Associate Professor of Nursing

- At PLU from 1982 to 1987, and 1991 to present
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Washington, 1959
- Master of Science in Nursing, University of Washington, 1984
- Doctor of Nursing Science, University of San Diego, 1993



STEPHEN E. BARNDT

Professor of Business

- At PLU from 1978 to present
- Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics, Washington State University, 1957
- Master of Business Administration, Ohio State University, 1967
- Ph.D. in Management, Ohio State University, 1971



GARY A. CHASE

Associate Professor of Physical Education and Exercise Science

- At PLU since 1970
- Bachelor of Science, Physical Education, Washington State University, 1962
- Master of Science, Physical Education, Washington State University, 1964



DAVID P. DAHL

Professor of Music

- At PLU since 1969
- Bachelor of Arts in Music, Pacific Lutheran University, 1960
- Associateship, American Guild of Organists, 1961
- Master of Arts in Music, University of Washington, 1962



CALVIN H. KNAPP

Professor of Music

- At PLU since 1959
- Bachelor of Music, Juilliard School of Music, 1950
- Master of Music, Juilliard School of Music, 1951
- Doctor of music education-performance, Columbia University Teachers College, 1973



MARILYN A. LEVINSOHN

Associate Professor of Nursing

- At PLU since 1992
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing, University of Minnesota, 1968
- Master of Public Health, University of Minnesota, 1978



WILLIAM E. PARKER

Professor of Communication and Theatre

- At PLU since 1987
- Bachelor of Science in Theatre and English, Memphis State University, 1966
- Master of Arts in Theatre, Southern Illinois University, 1969
- Ph.D. in Communication and Theatre, Southern Illinois University, 1974



CLEO MASSICOTE PASS

Professor of Nursing

- At PLU since 1990
- Bachelor of Science, Lienhard School of Nursing, Pace University, 1975
- Master of Arts in Nursing, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1976
- Master of Education in Nursing, Teachers College, Columbia University, 1977
- Doctor of Science in Nursing, University of Alabama in Birmingham, 1983



MOSHE ROSENFELD

Professor of Computer Science

- At PLU since 1986
- Master of Science in Mathematics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1963
- Ph.D. in Mathematics, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1967



RODNEY N. SWENSON

Professor of German

- At PLU since 1968
- Bachelor of Arts in German, Bemidji State University, 1952
- Master of Arts in German, University of Minnesota, 1956
- Ph.D. in German, University of Minnesota, 1967



DAVID L. VINJE

Professor of Economics

- At PLU since 1970
- Bachelor of Science in Economics, North Dakota State University, 1962
- Master of Science in Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1964
- Ph.D. in Economics, University of Wisconsin, 1970

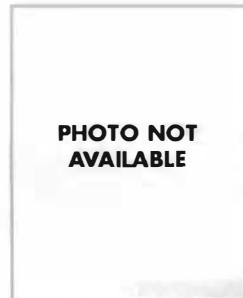


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Residential Life picks first South Hall residents

BY ELIZABETH JERABEK '02

The Residential Life Office (RLO) made 230 PLU upperclassmen very happy in February by selecting them from a pool of 347 applicants for residency in South Hall next year.

Interest in South Hall appears to have grown with every information session RLO has sponsored. Attendance at the student feedback sessions in October and November was fair but certainly nothing like the crowd at the very last application information meeting on Feb. 2.

Both seats and applications were at a premium that evening as RLO Director Tom Huelsbeck cautioned students to take one application because he was concerned about running out. The South Hall open house on the following day

also reflected the large amount of student interest. Tours of the hall, which were only supposed to last 30 minutes, often stretched to 45 minutes or even an hour, due to 10-15 minute question-and-answer periods at the end of every tour.

"Even after we had answered questions we still had people hanging around wanting to talk about South Hall," said Jeff Jordan, executive director of residential life and auxiliary services.

Despite the fact that the application for South Hall is the most complex housing application RLO offers, the process has gone smoothly so far. RLO has received very few complaints and isn't anticipating many more.

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South Hall is now ready for its residents. Those selected had the opportunity to view their apartments in May. The hall will be dedicated during Homecoming in October.

PLU students take a memorable 'deep breath' in Cuba

BY KARA LARSON '01

My experience in Cuba is best described as an 18-day deep breath.

For two weeks in January, I visited Havana and other parts of the country with a group from Pacific Lutheran University.

Cuba looks as though a slow-moving tornado hit it 40 years ago. One building might be in perfect condition with a sparkling coat of paint, but the next will be in such disrepair that you can see the houses behind it through a gaping hole in the masonry or a missing front door. Nothing seems unusual. Casey Hovis, 19, a sophomore at PLU, described Cuba as "uniquely beautiful, the way it is."

This is Cuba, so close and so foreign, so rich and so poor. It is a community that asks to be seen by American eyes.

Because all trade with Cuba is illegal, Americans are prohibited from traveling there.

There are exceptions. Students, adults taking part in exchange programs and relatives of residents are sometimes allowed in, but even then the travel must be "fully hosted." In laymen's terms, it must appear to a U.S. Customs agent on your return trip that you didn't spend any money on food or lodging while you were in Cuba.

Luckily, our group of 17 students, one instructor and a chaperone had no problems getting in or out of the country.

In Cuba, there is no commercial advertising. Because it is a socialist country, people are assigned jobs through the government and food is rationed. People have very little money to spend. There are no billboards for Nike or online companies, but other messages abound.

"This is Cuba, so close and so foreign, so rich and so poor. It is a community that asks to be seen by American eyes."

I was fortunate to be in Cuba at the time of the dispute between the United States and Cuba over 6-year-old Cuban Elian Gonzalez. Most billboards were plastered with pictures of the boy and statements such as "Salvemos a Elian" (Save Elian!). And other billboards, posters, murals and flags were celebrating each year of freedom since the Cuban revolution.

For an American it's almost an epiphany: they don't sell Coke, they sell "the Revolution."

On Nov. 25, 1999, Gonzalez was found floating on an innertube in the Atlantic Ocean. His mother and 10 other passengers died when the boat they were taking to the United States sank. Elian was picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard and brought to Miami, where he is residing with a great-uncle. [Following a raid by U.S. federal government agents in April on the Miami home of the boy's great-uncle, Elian was reunited with his father, who has legal custody of the boy and traveled from Cuba to receive him. —Editor]

Between the United States and Cuba, the facts have been twisted. Most of the people I spoke with were convinced that Elian should be returned to Cuba, and many people in the United States—especially the students I traveled with—agree.

Still, people in Cuba claim the boy was kidnapped. Elian's relatives in Florida say he should not be returned because his mother died



Cuban children enthusiastically welcome members of the visiting PLU class.

trying to bring him to freedom. Cuba says keeping him in the United States is a violation of international law. Other Cubans say Elian's father and grandparents, who are now celebrities in Cuba, are receiving economic favors from the government for voicing their opinions in the case. And the list goes on and on as the argument goes back and forth.

It was close to the end of our first week of travels when we heard that Cuba's president, Fidel Castro, was to attend a rally at the National Assembly Headquarters in Havana. This rally was an invitation-only affair for medical professionals, but it centered on the Elian case. We were told that our chances of getting in were slim, but that our host would try.

Four hours later we were standing outside the National Assembly Headquarters. We were handed press passes and "Save Elian!" T-shirts and then steered toward the security station across the street where they inspected our cameras and personal belongings for bombs. Minutes later, we were seated in the second and third rows among Cuba's most honored medical professionals and members of the foreign press.

Castro is a powerful man. The rumors are true: He lives in green fatigues. But he acted so presidential, shaking hands and waving. I was



The J-Term PLU class poses for a group shot in Cuba.

expecting the old grump Americans describe, the man who made my parents hide under their elementary school desks.

But Castro is the most loved and honored man in Cuba. As soon as he took his seat, the rally began with several speakers, live music and cultural dances. Castro smiled and applauded for all, nodding and conversing with his neighbors.

About halfway into the rally, a speaker announced us as the American guests from Pacific Lutheran University in Washington. (She didn't say Washington state.) And he had this glare, sort of creepy and sort of privileged, that drills into your mind. He looks just like he did in pictures from his youth—in cotton suits, whispering to Ernest Hemingway, smoking with Che Guevara—only he has aged. His face is pale, his head is bald and his beard is long and gray. He just kept looking at us. Perhaps he thought we were assassins sent from the U.S. capital. Perhaps he thought we were ambassadors. Perhaps he thought we must be the only Americans in the world with level heads on our shoulders. I'll never know.

It was the end of the trip when I realized how lucky I'd been to see Castro, who makes infrequent public appearances. Joelle Skaga, 21, a junior at PLU, said, "To be here in Cuba, at all, is a privilege. But to have been in the presence of Fidel Castro? I couldn't ask for anything else."

Our trip to Cuba was a dizzying experience: new music, new dancing, new food, new smells. Still, I left in a panic. Had I asked the right questions? Did I see all of Cuba? Did I live as a Cuban or as an American? I'd had 18 days to see the country, but I wanted more time. I wanted more interaction, more conversation. I just wanted more.

Isn't that the American way?

Kara Larson and a group of PLU students went to Cuba as part of a J-Term class. She wrote this article for the Tacoma News Tribune's Young Adult Page (YAP) of March 4, 2000. It is reprinted with permission. The photographs are by Maryanne Ashton '02, another member of the PLU class.

Scene Forum:

The future of Lutheran higher

Philip Nordquist: During a recent presentation to the university's Board of Regents, Tamara and I discussed whether or not it makes any sense for there to be Lutheran colleges or universities. I began addressing

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PHILIP NORDQUIST

There are other themes that are also vitally important to what we do in Lutheran higher education. Among them are academic freedom, vocation, caring for the Earth and for others, the responsibilities of citizenship, and service. Over the last 20 years at PLU, we have worked hard to lay out effectively many of these underlying themes and make them clear.

These are among the topics that we may wish to address today. But first I'll ask each of you to reflect on them and suggest others.

Tamara Williams: My background gives me a point of view that is different from others in this conversation and also determines my choice of topics. I am not a Lutheran nor was I raised in the Midwest or Northwest. I was born in South America, raised in Mexico City, educated in Mexico, then Canada, and then the United States.

My religious background combines an affiliation with the Episcopal Church, strong multi-generational interests in Buddhism and spiritualism, an affinity with Quakerism, a Catholic education and, most recently, membership in a local Jesuit parish.

I mention my background to reiterate that I come to the discussion of Lutheran higher education as very much of an outsider, as a result of both personal and educational

background and of professional and institutional interests. It is important to mention,

finally, that I am not alone as an outsider. The face of PLU's faculty is changing and can be characterized as increasingly diverse in terms of age, gender, ethnic, religious, and educational background, as well as in terms of the depth and breadth of their disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and personal commitments. This diversity, moreover, has yielded a distinctive and remarkably innovative and exciting array of curricular programs that are shaping PLU's identity as we move into this next century.

Having said all this, I would like to introduce a question that for me highlights one of PLU's greatest challenges: how to embrace the tension between our university's distinction as a Lutheran university, on the one hand, and its need to become more inclusive and diverse in every aspect of what we do, on the other?

Richard Rouse: I agree that the dialogue of faith and reason is critical to what Lutheran higher education stands for and it is something that we should explore more fully today.

I also want to address components of our "PLU 2000" long-range planning document. Four of the five axioms that were surfaced in that document find their roots in Lutheran higher education: 1) the fusing of liberal arts and professional education, 2) the affirmation of the vital tradition of Lutheran higher education—affirming and making that connection in all we do at the university, and strengthening our connection with the church, 3) focusing on "educating for lives of service" certainly comes out of Luther's concept of vocation, and 4) the development of a more diverse community that is Tamara's particular interest. As Lutherans we welcome that diversity. We welcome people of diverse cultural and faith backgrounds to be in dialogue with us in our common search for the truth.

In reflecting on Ernie's book, "Lutheran Higher Education," it seems to me that we have two challenges before us. The first is to help our university community recognize and claim the rich heritage of our Lutheran higher education. That is what we have been trying to do with the Lutheran Conversation series on campus.

The second challenge is to assist the church in making the connection between faith and learning. Many of our congregations do not fully appreciate the concept of dialogue between faith and reason. We need to help our constituent congregations reclaim the rich tradition of Lutheran higher education and the origin of the faith and reason dialogue, and how we can be partners with the church in the search for truth.

Ernest Simmons: Too often, for those who are outside the Christian education tradition, the mention of "Christian university" leads them to think of something like Bob Jones University. That scares the bejanners out of most faculty who think you are going to run roughshod over academic freedom and ask them to violate their conscience as academic scholars. That's not Lutheran higher education.

One way I have found it helpful to discuss Luther's concept of the dialogue between faith

Philip Nordquist

the topic by quoting Jaroslav Pelikan who said, "The church is engaged in education because it is dedicated to the truth." I believe that is so, and it should be the first way in which we understand our business.

In addition to the fundamental search for the truth, there are also themes in Lutheran higher education that come out of the Reformation and also out of the long history of the church which has been attempting to deal with education for 2,000 years, now. Among them is the notion of Lutheran dialectical theology—the Christ and culture paradox, in H. Richard Niebuhr's phrase—which I believe provides the best foundation for church-related education.

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TAMARA WILLIAMS

Tamara Williams

education

Last spring *Scene* hosted a roundtable discussion of the current status and future of Lutheran higher education. Participants from Pacific Lutheran University included **Philip Nordquist '56**, professor of history; **Richard Rouse '69**, director of church relations; and **Tamara Williams**, associate professor of Spanish, chair of the Global Studies Program, and special assistant to the provost for international education.

Also joining the forum was **Ernest L. Simmons**, professor of religion and director of the Dove Center for Faith and Learning at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. His book, "Lutheran Higher Education: An Introduction for Faculty," was published in 1998 by Augsburg Fortress. Simmons was on campus as part of PLU's Conversation 2000 Lecture Series. He spoke on "Models for Faith & Learning: The Challenges for Church Colleges in a New Century."

Their conversation was transcribed and edited for publication.

and reason is by using his metaphor of the two hands of God. There is a left hand of God and a right hand of God and both proceed out of a common head. The left hand in the world today is the hand of reason and the right hand is the hand of faith and of the Kingdom of God to come.

Today, we find that some Christian colleges and universities clearly emphasize the right hand of Christian freedom—encouraging faith and worship—but may de-emphasize the role of academic freedom, as if they had the left hand tied behind them. Conversely, in public higher education we see that the left hand—emphasizing reason—is given full sway and the right hand is reduced and restricted. Clearly, public universities are trying to hold up the banner of academic freedom, the hand of reason, but in many cases it would be inappropriate to talk about a Christian freedom as embodying part of their identity.

The Lutheran model of Christian higher education embraces both hands. We emphasize both academic freedom and Christian freedom.

That leads us to a very important issue that reaches beyond our campuses. The colleges of the church are uniquely positioned to be the interface between the wider world—with all its booming, buzzing confusion—and the faith heritage and tradition of the Christian community. Our campuses could well be some of the most important places in society to carry on an informed and reasonable discussion of religion with integrity.

Rouse: We do have the best of both worlds. Academic freedom, with faith and value questions and issues very much part of the conversation.

Simmons: And they have been so all along. This comes back to your first point, Rick: the cultivation of Lutheran heritage. For decades there was a virtual pipeline of people who attended church-related colleges, who kept connections up as they went through graduate programs, and who came back and taught at their undergraduate

college or a sister institution. The identity-forming process for these faculty included our Lutheran heritage.

That pipeline has diminished. Today we must be much more intentional about making faculty aware of the heritage of our Lutheran colleges. We need to find ways of making people aware of our rich educational/theological heritage because it can no longer be assumed to be conveyed through ethnicity or other traditional channels as it once was.

Nordquist: One of the things that Lutheranism did quite well when it was more ethnically and denominationally organized was to produce leaders. You could easily see them coming along the path to become deans or presidents or bishops. Now that the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) has become larger and more amorphous, this progression to leadership doesn't work out as well. Where will the leaders of our Lutheran colleges come from and how much will they know about our tradition when they do come?

Rouse: And within the church, as well, it is difficult to find leaders with a complete understanding of the traditions.

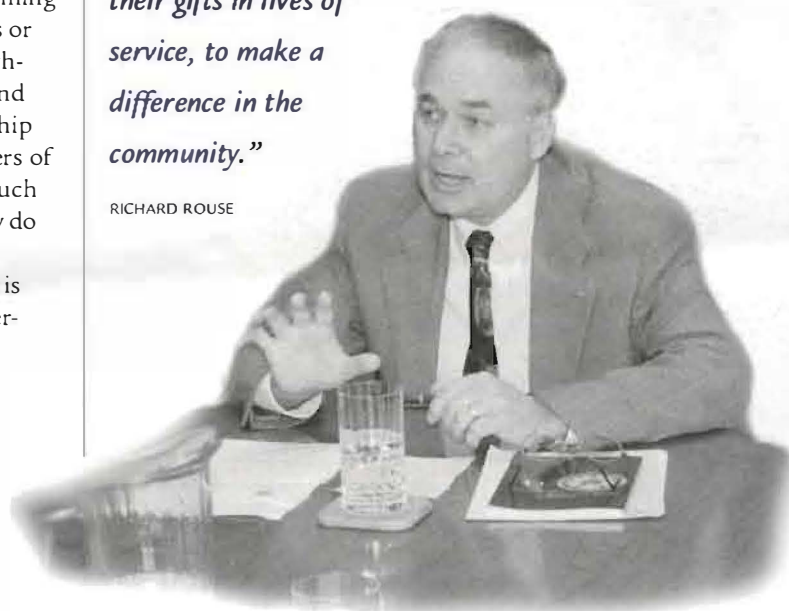
Williams: There is an approaching leadership vacuum at PLU as there is in higher education in general and nationwide. Our institution is not unique in this regard. The questions then become what does the PLU community seek in its leadership? And how will this leadership be developed and nurtured? Will leadership at PLU require a strong commitment to Lutheran higher education? If this is the case, has our community come up with a shared understanding of Lutheran higher education that is dynamic, flexible, and inclusive—a shared understanding that allows for the kind of breadth and diversity in leadership that is necessary to make PLU more relevant and attractive to both students and faculty in an increasingly diverse and complex educational marketplace?

Nordquist: What of postmodernism? The rules we live by are certainly being rearranged quite dramatically today. The Enlightenment, as the foundation of many of our educational endeavors, seems very

old fashioned when you read about the radical relativism that has emerged from postmodernism. Will the church and our universities function better in this kind of setting? [Postmodernism holds that the

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RICHARD ROUSE



Richard Rouse

origins of religious or moral traditions are irretrievably lost and that contemporary men and women have no access to the sources of what their ancestors believed to be true. Postmodernists claim that there is no such thing as the truth, there is only your truth and my truth. —Editor.]

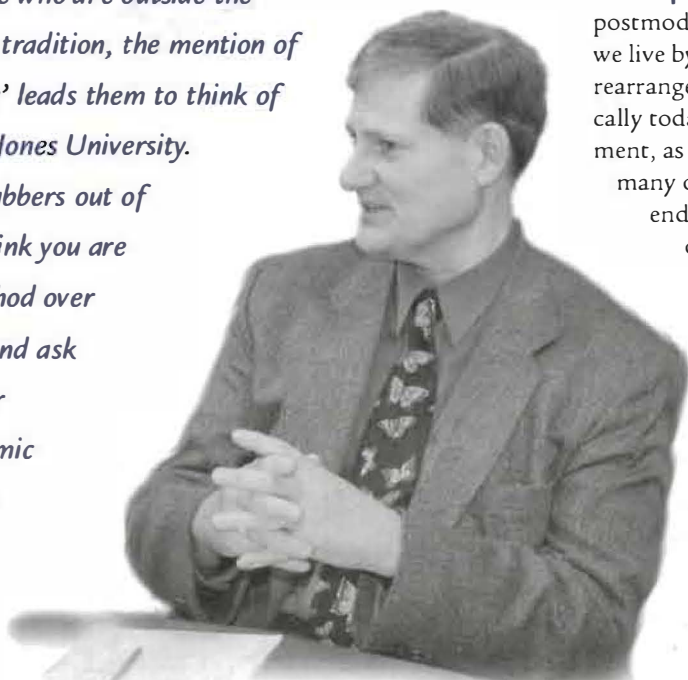
Simmons: That issue is at the heart of the notion of diversity. The positive side of postmodernism is its affirmation of the contextual nature of all thought and the contention that there are no such things as value-free facts. At the same time, we have to avoid becoming so ensconced in our own community—intellectually and ethically—that we can no longer bridge to other communities in a dialogue for the common good.

Nordquist: How do we maintain enough leadership in the faculty on our campuses so that the reason-faith dialogue will continue? We can publicize the dialogue in our mission statements all we want, but it requires a goodly number of people on the faculty and staff who think this is important and want to participate. How do we accomplish that? By being very selective rather than letting the market determine our outcomes? By inserting criteria saying a certain percentage of the faculty has to hold to some view? What happens when we start running up against academic freedom? We need to be more self-conscious about how we maintain this dialectical conversation or it will wither away.

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ERNEST SIMMONS



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Simmons: Absolutely. We do have to pay attention. We cannot take this for granted anymore. But at the same time we cannot simply return to the Lutheran college identity of the 1950s. That would be disastrous and very unhealthy. I'd much rather have on our faculty an engaged Methodist, an engaged Roman Catholic, or an engaged Presbyterian who is willing to talk about these matters in an intentional and conscious way than a Lutheran member who could not care less. Lutheran membership alone is not going to guarantee that this dialogue will take place.

Williams: I agree. Even those of us who work hard on diversity issues have learned the "identity politics trap." One cannot assume that a faculty hire who identifies as a Lutheran brings with her a perspective, interest, or passion on Lutheran higher education. There are Lutheran faculty at PLU who don't have a vested interest in the dialogue and discussion as subject matter for intellectual pursuit. To have our faculty fully engaged in the discussion of the future of Lutheran higher education, finally, will require another layer of time commitment from a group that is already overburdened.

Simmons: Tamara, that was a wonderful turn of phrase, "the identity politics trap." It is true that the downside of multicultural diversity is isolation—people don't talk to one another. Instead, we must incorporate diversity precisely into a common good, not create a context where

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separate groups can rant and rave at each other and never reach agreement.

Williams: And at the same time maintain their distinct identities. It is very challenging. But the pathway to this new kind of institution is not clearly apparent. It will be interesting to see how we get from here to there.

Simmons: When I look at the larger society, I see that reaching across diversity barriers is the path. We need to rediscover the common good by enabling our students to have concern for others, to learn self-transcendence, to learn how to build consensus across diversity. We need the opposite.

Rouse: This is just what Lutherans provide to our students: an emphasis on critical thinking while inviting faith and values to be part of the dialogue, to be part of the conversation.

Nordquist: Unfortunately, many of our students, even if they are Lutheran, have little understanding of what it means to be Lutheran. As a result, they are unable to enter into any conversation about our heritage and future very quickly, and maybe not until long after they graduate.

The students here who are most religiously active are evangelical. They have lots of energy and lots of enthusiasm but it's not based on Lutheran theology. Now I don't mean to denigrate these students in any way—because their energies are important and do need to be tapped and channeled—but they have clearly contributed to a different atmosphere on campus than what existed 20 years ago. Their evangelicalism and, sometimes, fundamentalism affects the way in which they approach academic life in all kinds of ways. However bright they are, many times they

don't want to deal with the really hard questions of the sort we have been discussing today. The question becomes: How do you organize campus life so that those who come from an evangelical and even fundamentalist perspective can begin to enter into the dialogue?

Williams: I have encountered several kinds of evangelical students. There are those who espouse a theology of radical discipleship, who are very disposed to thinking critically about the world and for whom systematic critiques of social problems, for example, are not resisted. Then there are other evangelical students who are very frustrating to educate because they believe they have such a hold on "truth."

It is most interesting to me to reflect on the question of whether or not students know what is happening to them in the context of Lutheran higher education. I believe they don't. And I would have to add that I'm not sure that the faculty really has come to terms with what is happening to students here. While clearly PLU is an institution of higher learning where intellectual, developmental and emotional growth is nurtured and where the mystery of young lives and minds unfolds in many ways, I'm not sure that the totality of this experience is or can be attributable to Lutheran higher education.

Simmons: At the heart of all this is the sense of community that exists on our campuses and is often not found on public college campuses. It's a welcoming sort of communication with our students, a clear articulation of what we stand for, how we work together to address problems. That's why it is so critical that we have faculty and administrators on every Lutheran campus who are willing to communicate and share the ideas and dialogue, and address the hard questions.

There is a real conviction, energy—almost a joy—that can be tapped if we can find ways to communicate. The fear I have is that in the face of the division of campus into religious or ethnic identity groups we will all retreat back into our own isolation.

Rouse: As you talk about the importance of the campus community and the kind of community that we create and experience here at PLU and at other Lutheran institutions of higher learning, we need to remember that's not an end in itself. The goal is to prepare our students to serve in the larger, worldwide community, to lead productive lives, to use their gifts in lives of service, to make a difference in the community.

Simmons: That's right. Community is a means, not an end. Because our students come to campus at first with a very limited understanding of community, we need to teach them how our community affirms the individual's intrinsic value and talents.

We are in the process of creating a new global society and I don't think anyone has a blueprint of what this is to look like.

Williams: PLU does have a tangible sense of community. Students and faculty alike know it and feel it. But there is also a sense that this feeling of community is eroding. With all the demands that faculty have on them—with students working more hours and having many more obligations—I am wondering what institutions like ours can do, in a very concrete way, to ensure that the sense of community will continue.

I also wonder about the effect of technology on campuses like ours where students are increasingly wired up to their rooms. They can do all their library research in isolation. When you combine the time demands of their classes with the fact that they are spending more and more time alone, what does that do for us? In our drive

to become competitive—in terms of being wired—we may be endangering one of our institution's strongest assets.

Simmons: It is clear to me that faculty and students are not going to discuss topics such as faith with people whom they don't know and don't trust. With the erosion of opportunities for us to interact, that trust cannot develop—for there is no better way to develop trust than in spending time together. We need to create ways to spend more time together, to engage in discussion, to commiserate about how things are going. We must engage in the building of trust, in community-building activities in conjunction with the educational enterprise.

Nordquist: We now have circled around the topic of what makes PLU a special place. We have touched upon many possibilities. But the university's admissions officers must find a way to reduce our conversation to a few messages that distinguish us and are easily understood and compelling for prospective students and their parents. What would you advise these admissions counselors to say?

Rouse: In other words, what is the competitive advantage of being a Lutheran institution? If we really believe what we say about Lutheran education then we are giving our students the best of both worlds. It is a place where faith and values can be in dialogue with reason, with the intellectual pursuits. These two are played out quite well on our campuses. Here, faith and learning come together to shape the whole person, body, mind and spirit.

Simmons: That's right Rick. That's what I would say, too. One of the things that students should expect here is that dynamic, dialectical interaction with the best that the Christian tradition and, in many cases, other religious traditions have to offer.

Rouse: That, combined with the best in academics.

Simmons: They shouldn't leave here without having engaged in value-reflective inquiry that confronts, encourages and nurtures their own faith and spiritual growth as well as their own intellectual growth.

Williams: I probably wouldn't put it in those terms. Instead, I would say that students can come to PLU and can explore any doubts that they have, from their personal choices to their religious commitments to their inquiries about values. This is very different from other institutions that are church-related, where some doubts might be squelched.

Rouse: It is a very nurturing environment here. A recent survey of Lutheran alumni proves it. On our Lutheran campuses there is that nurturing environment where the faculty and staff do nurture the hopes and dreams of every individual, helping him or her in self-formation.

Simmons: Whether or not Lutheranism is going to be the most adaptive and creative way to understand and articulate the Christian tradition in the 21st century is an open question—just as whether the Baptist, Methodist, or Mennonite tradition is the way. But with the changing social environment that we now face, we do need diversity in Christian higher education, with institutions that embody the best of their own faith's community traditions. Our Lutheran voice should be present in the conversation, but not at the expense of others.

In the end, we do our students a great disservice if we don't prepare them to live and engage in a diverse, multicultural society. We also do them a disservice if we don't equip them to contribute to the formation of a more just community.



\$100-million campaign launched \$8 million, \$12 million gifts bring total raised to more than \$65 million Two building projects set to begin

The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step, a \$100-million fund-raising drive, was announced publicly last month at the annual Q Club banquet. The campaign will build the endowment, restore and expand facilities, and strengthen annual support.

A total of \$65.7 million of the goal already has been raised. It includes two major gifts that were announced by President Loren J. Anderson during the May 6 banquet.

The first is an \$8 million commitment from the Donald and Wanda Morken family that will provide lead funding for a new campus building, the Center for Learning and Technology.

"Our Board of Regents has authorized the university to proceed with the preparation of final plans for the Center for Learning and Technology," Anderson said. "We are able to do so because of the Morkens' \$3 million commitment toward planning and construction of the building.

"The Morkens, through commitments previously made to the university, have also set aside a \$5 million endowment which will preserve and assure the future of this facility," Anderson said.

The Morken family has a rich and distinguished history at PLU. Don Morken has been a regent at the university for 10 years and is a 1960 graduate. His father, Ed Morken, was a regent for 16 years. Morken and his wife, Wanda, have provided financial support for the Q Club, KPLU, the general operating budget, the endowment, the Genesee Scholarships, and the Morken Family Scholarship. Don Morken is founder and president of the firm of Genesee Investments.

The second gift, the largest in university history, was received in late April. The \$12 million commitment—from a PLU graduate who wishes to remain anonymous—will provide support for facilities' construction, scholarships and endowment support. It is one of the largest gifts ever to higher education in the Pacific Northwest.

The campaign kickoff ceremony was led by Frank Jennings, chairman of the campaign steering committee, and campaign co-chairs Anne Long '86, Richard Moe and Donald Morken '60.

"This campaign will be about the endowment, renovating and constructing buildings, and ensuring the financial stability of the university," Jennings said.

"But these are only superficial descriptions of the campaign. At its heart, the campaign is about our alumni and friends supporting our students and faculty, today and into the future."

CAMPAIGN GOALS

One of the three goals of the campaign is to build the university's endowment. A total of \$55 million will be sought in present gifts and future commitments toward the endowment.

A second priority in the campaign is to raise \$20 million—about \$4 million per year in annual operating support. This includes proceeds from the Annual Fund, the annual Q Club campaign to provide financial aid, as well as special restricted and program grants to support new initiatives, and underwrite the acquisition of equipment and technology.

The third goal of the campaign is to raise \$25 million for the restoration of Xavier Hall, to restore and rebuild the Eastvold Chapel and Auditorium, and to construct a facility to house the computer science and mathematics programs, and the School of Business. These projects grow directly from the campus master plan approved by the Board of Regents in 1997.

Progress during the 20 month "quiet phase" of the campaign resulted in the \$65.7 million jump-start on the \$100 million goal. The funding that has already been received will support several projects that will begin immediately.

XAVIER HALL RENOVATION

In remarks during the kickoff celebration, President Anderson announced that the renovation of Xavier Hall will begin this summer and project planning for the new Center for Learning and Technology will begin immediately.

"Renovation of the second oldest building on campus, Xavier Hall, will begin in July," Anderson said. "The \$5 million project will include \$3.5 million for construction and \$1.5 million for an endowment to support academic programs and

technology in the facility."

Serving first as the college's library and now housing six Social Science departments, the more than 60-year-old structure will be transformed into a teaching facility appropriate for the 21st century.

The former reading room/lecture hall will be named in recognition of longtime faculty member, history Professor Philip Nordquist, a 1956 PLU graduate.

"The Social Sciences Division has an excellent track record," says Dean of Social Sciences Ann Kelleher. While proud of its position in the university, "the building must be transformed from its historic past to provide another level of academic quality and service."

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President's Message

Last month we took a grand step toward realizing our dreams for securing our future. Our collective vision now seems within our grasp: dramatic increases in endowment support, new and renovated facilities, continued support for students, faculty and their academic endeavors.

The \$100-million Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University was launched with over \$65 million in commitments already in hand. That is a remarkable accomplishment and a tribute to our steering committee members and the many alumni, friends and family who made early leadership gifts.

My sincere thanks to all those who have made our success to date possible. My gratitude goes, too, to those of you who will step forward in the coming months to help us complete this work.



Loren J. Anderson
President

The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step

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NEW CENTER FOR LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY

The Board of Regents has determined that planning will begin immediately for the design and development of the new Center for Learning and Technology. The first major new academic building constructed on campus since the Mary Baker Russell Music Center in 1993, the new complex will be approximately 50,000 square feet. The cost of the center is yet to be determined.

"Preliminary planning for this facility is now underway and, soon, development concepts will be turned into preliminary design drawings," Anderson said. "This project will clearly demonstrate that PLU is committed to providing an educational experience that best prepares graduates for successful lives of service in a world heavily influenced by technology."

This new building will advance the use of technology, teaching and learning to the foreground. Housing the School of Business, the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, and the Department of Mathematics, "it offers a unique opportunity to create a space where three disparate units not only share space but program synergy," says Business School Dean Don Bell.

"Through technology the building invites the broader community, reaching out to it by being

connected to it. Rather than a series of disjointed parts, the building will be an integrated whole," Bell says.

"I don't know of any institution in the country where plans have been attempted to create such a learning space. It's one of the most interesting, exciting projects I've worked with," Bell added.

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

President Anderson also reported to the Q Club banquet audience on the growth of the university's endowment during the past decade.

"In the early '90s, the endowment was at \$6 million; by 1997 it had reached \$24 million. Since planning for the campaign, it has nearly doubled, reaching \$44 million. In 10 years, the university's endowment fund has grown 750 percent. The entire community worked to change the trend lines of our financial profile."

In a post-banquet interview, Frank Jennings summarized the feelings of campaign leadership. "We are responding by remaining focused on our mission, by strengthening our academic and co-curricular programs, and by securing resources needed to meet these challenges and excel.

"That's what the campaign is all about: collective accomplishments of our faculty, students, alumni and friends, and the critical contributions that they have made and will be making to the human community."



Balloons drop to launch PLU's \$100-million campaign in Olson Auditorium on May 6.



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Profiles of and comments from Campaign Steering Committee leadership

DON MORKEN '60

PLU regent, member of the PLU Heritage Society; president of Genesee Investments; and campaign co-chair

"Yes, I am enthusiastic about PLU! However, my enthusiasm is embedded in reality. PLU's many supporters demonstrated in the last campaign that a major fund-raising campaign could be successful beyond our wildest dreams. The current campaign is moving along very well, and I predict PLU's friends will collectively help us surpass our \$100 million goal. I know firsthand how critical the success of this campaign will be to the long-term future of the university. Part of my consideration to participate in the campaign is PLU's obvious need to upgrade several of the existing campus buildings. Current campaign efforts will help accomplish that important objective."

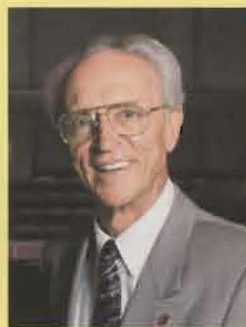


something that will still be causing ripples throughout the new millennium."

RICHARD MOE

Former dean of the PLU School of Arts; member of the PLU Heritage Society; member of the board of trustees of the Tacoma Art Museum; and campaign co-chair

"It's very important, through the Endowment Fund, to continue the greatness of the university; to be able to do things that cannot be done with the operating budget. It's this that makes the distinction between a great university and an ordinary university."



FRANK JENNINGS

Former PLU regent; member of the PLU Heritage Society; retired director of Eddie Bauer Corp.; and chairman of the Campaign Steering Committee

"PLU has a long and rich tradition of preparing young men and women, not only to excel in their chosen vocational endeavors, but also to live useful lives in service to others. This tradition, commitment and experience is worthy of our safekeeping. I'm pleased and excited to work on behalf of The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step. As I visit with alums I'm always impressed by how important their PLU experience was in shaping their values, and in preparing them



for their life experiences. Our future, as was true in the past, will depend on persons who are prepared and willing to be of service to others. PLU has the resources, commitment, and experience to continue this important tradition. Through our combined generosity, we can ensure The Next Bold Step into a second century of "educating for service" at Pacific Lutheran University."

ANNE LONG '86

Former PLU regent; member of the PLU Heritage Society; founder of Long Painting Co. and Swift Equipment Co.; and campaign co-chair

"I'm so enthusiastic about working on the campaign as co-chair and also as part of the leadership committee for the Center for Learning and Technology because I have seen what a dramatic difference the last campaign made for PLU. Our endowment is still low, but has increased at a very respectable rate. The university is now on a sound financial footing and ready to move forward into the future. I graduated from the School of Business and am very excited about building an excellent facility that will house the School of Business and serve other disciplines and the community. The building renovations that will be made will preserve and bring much-needed technology to two of our older campus buildings, as well as provide an appropriate space for KPLU."



DR. WILLIAM FOEGE '57

PLU regent; senior advisor to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; executive director of the Task Force for Child Survival and Development; Presidential Distinguished Professor, Department of International Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University; and campaign co-chair

"An investment in PLU's endowment becomes an investment in students, society and the world;



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A momentous step forward

BY NANCY COVERT

Through a combination of outstanding leadership, a focused mission, and an ambitious agenda for the future, Pacific Lutheran University is poised for another momentous step forward.

As part of its commitment to preserving its well-established reputation as a Lutheran institution of highest academic quality, PLU has embarked on its most ambitious fund-raising campaign—The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step—in the institution's 110-year history. Its target—\$100 million.

The campaign will support the university's mission by focusing on three major priorities: building the endowment, strengthening annual support, and enhancing facilities.

ENDOWMENT

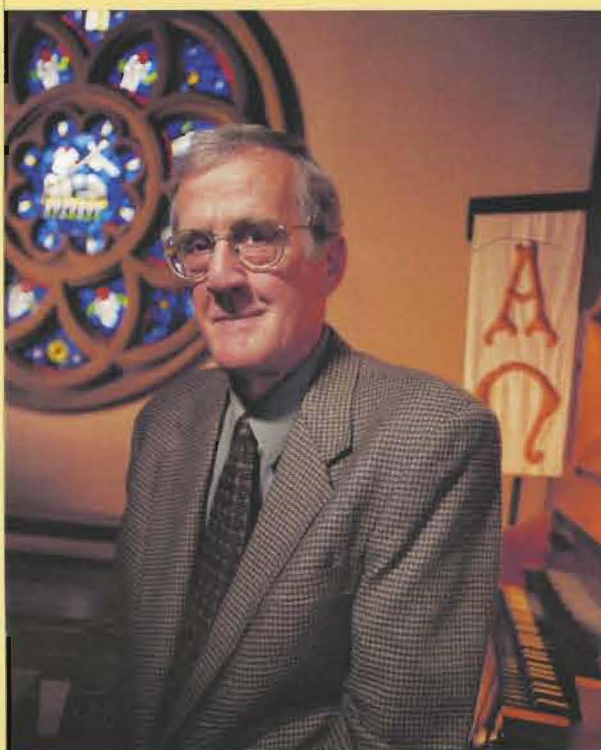
Within the present Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University, \$55 million has been designated for the Endowment Fund. During the past 10 years, the fund has increased from \$6 million to \$44 million; another \$75 million is anticipated through committed trust and estate expectations.



"Commitment to service—it's something you learn from role models and experience. Students find both at PLU," observes Q Club member Ingrid Gintz, whose father, husband, Ronald, and son also attended the university. *"This campaign will help bring that very special education to more people. As PLU's founders made sacrifices to ensure the well-being of future generations, so should we."*

"A stronger endowment liberates the university from immediate economic pressures," says PLU history Professor Phil Nordquist. "It gives the institution the necessary latitude to be adaptive, creative and forward thinking."

In keeping with that objective, an enhanced endowment fund will set PLU on a par with peer institutions. The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University has identified three primary initiatives to be supported by increasing the endowment:



"PLU encourages and participates in the conversations that emerge as students discover their spiritual and intellectual identities. We don't force that dialogue but allow it to develop naturally in classrooms and halls, chapel services and public lectures. Students aren't computers—they have passions, concerns, spirits, bodies, brains. And here, they grow as whole people."

PHIL NORDQUIST, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY

- Student scholarships. Through the campaign PLU hopes to increase significantly the number of endowed scholarships in order to recruit and retain the best students.
- Faculty support. A strong endowment will enable the university to offer competitive salaries, maintain the faculty at an optimum size, and support teaching and research.
- Technology enhancement. Technology initiatives supported through the endowment will include equipment upgrades, additional "smart" classrooms, computer-training facilities, and expansion of Internet resources to enhance teaching as well as library and career-placement services.

ANNUAL FUND

While many benefits come to the university through strengthened endowment, equally critical to PLU's financial stability is the growing and generous annual support of alumni and friends. Annual gifts enable the university to provide an education of the highest quality and fund program enhancements while maintaining a balanced budget. While endowed scholarships provide financial aid to some PLU students, the backbone of the financial aid program is annual support.

In recent years, the Annual Fund has provided 7.7 percent of PLU's annual operating budget. By means of their annual gifts, 20 percent of alumni have made the university a philanthropic priority. While this support is gratifying, these percentages remain below those of most peer institutions. It is time to renew efforts to involve more alumni in

preserving and enhancing the quality of the university for future generations.

FACILITIES

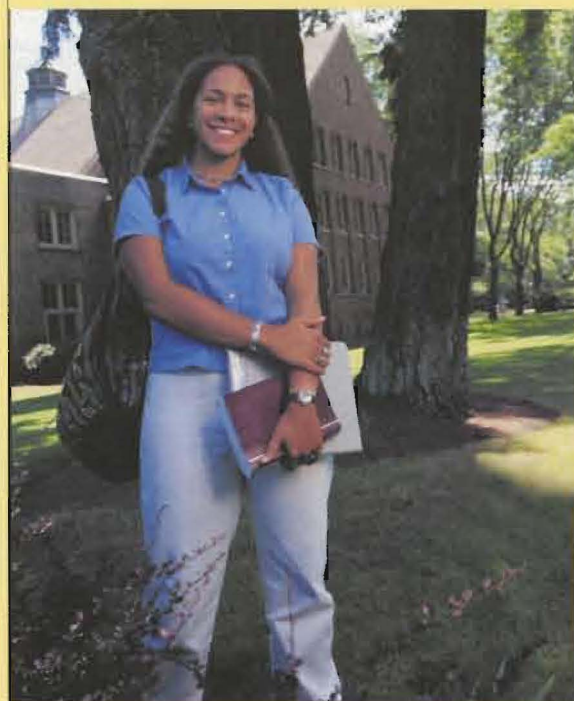
A school with a strong commitment to the liberal arts must provide high-caliber facilities to support its academic programs. Architecturally distinctive facilities, complete with appropriate equipment (including technology), inspire students and faculty and enhance the academic vitality of the university.

The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University will enable the institution to complete the revitalization of the facilities that support the liberal arts core:

- Xavier Hall must be completely upgraded to provide the social sciences faculty and students with improved facilities and supportive technologies.
- Eastvold Auditorium, when retooled and expanded, will reaffirm the central role of the humanities in PLU's mission.

Finally, in keeping with the emphasis of the New American College on integrating the liberal arts and professional preparation, campaign funding will underwrite construction of a facility that will fulfill the need for a state-of-the-art business and technology center.

- The Center for Learning and Technology will be a consummate expression of the New American College and will bring the use of technology in teaching and learning to the foreground as an institutional priority. Plans call for a facility that will provide a much-needed home for the School of Business, the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, and the Department of Mathematics.



"I'm a big fan of the J-Term," says Tiana Harper, a music education major who has spent her Januaries exploring mountains in New Zealand, studying moral philosophy on campus, and learning Spanish while working in a Costa Rican bakery staffed by blind women. *"My friends who went to other colleges always ask, 'How did you do all that?' And I tell them, it's PLU."*

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CAMPAIGN VOLUNTEERS

More than 90 volunteers have been involved in planning and carrying out the initial "quite phase" of The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University. Led by the campaign steering committee, these volunteers have shared the university's story with potential major donors including individuals, businesses, corporations and foundations. Now, with the public launch of the campaign, they will continue to be instrumental in reaching out to supporters from university constituencies, encouraging all to participate in taking the next steps to achieving our campaign goal.

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Prepared for the campaign

Campaign foundation lies in strong programs, successful students and faculty

BY NANCY COVERT

Building on a tradition that is more than a century old, PLU takes pride in a reputation that relies on qualities that set it apart from other institutions. PLU is committed to providing an education that enriches personal values, embraces critical skills essential to lifelong learning and it offers pragmatic training, enabling graduates to assume leadership roles.

As the institution focuses on the future there are vital signs that point to its success, signs that are the foundation upon which the successful Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University has been built.

A dynamic and effective academic program. The first and fundamental call of the university's long-range plan, PLU 2000, was to press a series of initiatives aimed at strengthening the PLU learning community. The track record on this mandate is clear: 1) there is a new, and much stronger, core curriculum, 2) there have been major changes in each professional school's curriculum, and adjustments and improvements in majors and minors and interdisciplinary programs across campus, 3) in the context of our New American University identity, the institution has a new, clear focus on liberal arts and professional program integration. Active learning, international education, information technology across the curriculum, and service learning are important and distinctive accomplishments.

Achievement of enrollment goals. In 1995, PLU 2000 committed the university to expand its enrollment by roughly 300 students—from 3,300 to more than 3,600. It was a goal based on a judgment that 3,600 to 3,700 students would represent essentially full capacity, given our current faculty, programs, and facilities. The university achieved that objective in the fall of 1998 and has sustained it ever since.

Improving financial strength. The university faced some challenges in the early 1990s—operating deficits, poorly positioned debt, and a small endowment. PLU 2000 called for a long-range effort to strengthen the institution's fiscal condition. The entire community worked and sacrificed to change the trend lines of our financial profile. As a result, 1999-2000 was the seventh consecutive year of balanced operating

budgets. The university's endowment fund grew from \$6 million in 1990 to \$44 million today.

Student satisfaction. PLU 2000 committed the university to be student-centered: 1) the tendency for students to continue with and complete their education at PLU is improving—we refer to it as "retention." Of particular note is a rather dramatic increase in freshman to sophomore retention, 2) in a survey of graduates six months after commencement, our Office of Career Development has found 70 percent of the respondents fully employed, 12 percent employed part-time, 15 percent in graduate school, and 1 percent volunteering. Only 2 percent described themselves as seeking employment, 3) in a recent national student satisfaction survey, PLU students were compared to students at 253 other four-year private institutions. PLU students rated the university more favorably than the norm group on 7 of the 12 dimensions of the inventory: instructional effectiveness, concern for the individual, student-centeredness, campus life, campus climate, service excellence, and campus support services.

External endorsement and recognition. Program examinations by those outside the university family have had positive results: 1) The university has been consistently ranked in the "Top 10" among regional universities by U. S. News and World Report for quality and value, 2) the university has received very high ratings by students on a national Student Satisfaction Inventory for quality of academic experience, vibrant living/learning community, and concern for students, 3) in a recent survey, more than 350 of our constituents revealed their endorsement of the university's educational quality, religious foundation, and exceptional faculty, 4) the university received enthusiastic commendations by the accreditation team of the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges for focused mission, goals and careful planning.

New Long-Range Planning Initiative. Planning is underway to update PLU 2000 under the title of PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction. During 1999-2000, feedback is being gathered—through an extensive program of town meetings—from external constituents regarding

current practices and future directions for the university. In addition, the university's Long-Range Planning Committee will finalize the procedure and structure for the campus dialogue to be conducted during 2000-2001. The new long-range plan is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Regents in May 2002. Revised action initiatives are anticipated that will guide the university's development for the remainder of the first decade of the 2000s.

PLU spirit powers fund-drive surge

The following editorial appeared in Tacoma's News Tribune on May 10, 2000.—Editor

Lute spirit may be an essence that can't be bottled, but it's real enough to show up on the bottom line.

Pacific Lutheran University's President Loren J. Anderson believed in Lute spirit when he took over the reins of a financially troubled university in 1992. He called on legions of PLU graduates to show their spirit by opening their hearts and wallets for their alma mater. Anderson was right. Because of his strong leadership and the deep loyalty of PLU graduates, the university has been on a dramatic upswing ever since.

PLU announced last week it has raised more than \$65 million during its current \$100 million, "The Next Bold Step" fund-raising campaign. The money will be used to build the university's endowment fund and restore and expand facilities.

It's not just the amount raised so far that's amazing. It's the staggering size of some of the gifts. An anonymous PLU graduate chipped in \$12 million—one of the largest gifts ever to a Washington school. Then there's the \$8 million pledge from PLU alum Don Morken and his family.

That's impressive, especially in light of the university's financial woes of the early 1990s that forced budget cuts, program reductions and layoffs. In 1992, PLU's paltry endowment was only \$8 million. Today, the endowment fund is about \$45 million. The fund drive would add \$55 million more.

Especially for private colleges and universities like PLU, a robust endowment is crucial to institutional survival. Interest from the fund provides a steady source of support—a hedge that's especially important during the inevitable dips in student enrollment or alumni contributions.

PLU's rosy financial picture is a credit to Anderson's leadership and to the loyalty and generosity of PLU graduates. But it's also a credit to the value of the educational experience that created Lute spirit in the first place.

leadership and service

Morken deeply involved in PLU for over 40 years

BY BASSAM BISHUTI

Don Morken '60 has been deeply involved in the life of PLU since he was a student here. According to Gary Severson, chair of PLU's Board of Regents, "there never has been anyone who loves PLU more." His latest gift to PLU is a pledge to provide the lead funding for the new Center for Learning and Technology (see page 11).

Morken has served PLU in many ways. He is a member of the Board of Regents and has served as chair of its budget and finance committee. He was awarded the PLU Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1996-97 for his professional distinction in the field of investment management and his outstanding dedication and service to PLU, and is co-chair of the current \$100-million Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University—The Next Bold Step.

In addition, he and his wife have funded several university scholarships and programs, provided funds to establish the first distinguished professorship at the university and co-endowed the Raphael Lemkin Prize for an annual essay competition about genocide.

Morken's motivation for supporting PLU can be summarized by the slogan of the 1992 campaign: "make a lasting difference," he says. "I think that I and others can make a lasting difference to the university and its future, not just by giving money but by providing advise and expertise when the university needs the expertise."

He says he is happy to see that PLU "is open to adopting new ideas and concepts." The new learning and technology center is a prime example. "This will further put PLU on the map among Northwest universities," he says. "It will integrate business and computer studies programs and



Don Morken attended the banquet in April in which this year's winners of the Lemkin award were honored. From the left, history Professor Bob Ericksen, award winner April Reitan '00, Morken, Wanda Morken, award winner Brita Willis '01, and Provost Paul Menzel.

attract the best high school students, the best faculty, and the support of donors and of venture capital."

He fondly remembers the special attention that Professor Dwight Zulauf gave him in his senior year at PLU. "He introduced me to the mathematical present-value concepts which became vital in my work in investments and securities. PLU has a lot to do in the success I have had."

Morken's father, Ed, was a longtime member of the Board of Regents and both his daughter, Sonya, and her husband, Anthony Prata, are currently enrolled at PLU. "I want to make sure that they are involved in PLU and that they continue the tradition," he says.

Born in Harstad Hall, Larson never severed ties to PLU

The PLU President's Medal, one of the university's highest honor, was awarded to Paul V. Larson '38 for his service to the university. The award was given during the May 6 Q Club Banquet. During the banquet it was also announced that the Q Club service award has been renamed the Paul Larson Service Award in his honor.

Larson was born in Harstad Hall—Old Main—the oldest building on the PLU campus, and has been a life-long friend and supporter of the university.

His father, Ludvig Larson was a student here and graduated in 1903 from what was Pacific Lutheran Academy. He later served the university for years as a faculty member and business manager during the Depression.

After receiving a B.A. in education from Pacific Lutheran College, Larson continued with his studies for a graduate degree and taught mathematics and physical education at the Parkland Junior High School before becoming principal.

Larson's wife, Nina Anderson, also studied at PLC and graduated in 1941.

Throughout his career, Larson has supported PLU in various ways but he has been most associated with the Q Club. He was invited to join the club as a charter member when it was founded in 1972. The invitation came from David Berntsen '58 who was his pupil at the school and who now is a development director for major gifts at PLU's Development Office. Larson went on to serve as Q Club director for 10 years, retiring this year.

"We called a few people for the Q Club," Larson modestly characterizes his work. The fact, though, is that he



Paul Larson (left) received the President's Medal from PLU President Loren J. Anderson at the Q Club banquet in May.

is credited with recruiting more than 850 people to the club.

Berntsen says, "some volunteers recruit a few people over the years, but not Paul. He is amazing. He recruited over 80 people a year in a 10-year span!"

The family has seen three other PLU graduates—Larson's son Larry graduated in 1967, and Bruce in 1992. Larry's daughter Emily graduated this year.

Larson says: "I have been around PLU all my life and the university is important to me. After I retired, I had the opportunity to help, especially in the contacts I have made throughout my life. I have enjoyed being able to help out."

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Top sports awards go to baseball, track & field and volleyball stars

BY NICK DAWSON

A record-setting baseball player and two women who led their teams to outstanding achievement during the 1999-2000 season were the top award winners at the annual Pacific Lutheran University All-Sports Awards dessert held on Sunday, May 7.

Jay Chennault, who broke numerous season and career records for the PLU baseball team, was selected by the university coaches and athletic staff as the Man of the Year in Sports. Track athlete Sarah Axley and volleyball player Ingrid Lindeblad shared the Woman of the Year in Sports Award.

"The All-Sports Dessert honors our best student athletes," says PLU athletic director Paul Hoseth. "Each year we get a list of outstanding nominees from the coaching staff, and this year was no different. It's always a difficult yet enjoyable task to come up with the award winners."

Man of the Year in Sports: Jay Chennault, Baseball

The soft-spoken Chennault has let his bat do the talking through four outstanding seasons on the PLU baseball team. In those four years, the Kelso, Wash., native has rewritten numerous single-season and career records.

Entering his senior season, Chennault already had established PLU career records for runs (114) and hits (157). He continued to add to those numbers in 2000, raising the standard so high it seems unlikely that those records will be broken anytime soon.

During the season, he eclipsed career records for doubles and runs batted in. The latter mark is particularly amazing given the fact that for his first three seasons at PLU, Chennault batted either first or second in the lineup, positions generally regarded as non-conducive for driving in runs.

In addition to his career records, Chennault holds single-season records for at-bats, runs and hits.

"Jay's quiet leadership is not to be taken for granted because he is very loud in his ability to perform at the highest level," says PLU baseball head Coach Larry Marshall. "As coaches we often talk to our athletes about the fact that success



Jay Chennault

comes as a result of hard work. Jay has exemplified that in his career. He's a naturally gifted player who has worked very hard to become one of the finest players I've had the privilege to coach in my 17 years at Pacific Lutheran."

Perhaps as remarkable as Chennault's athletic success is his excellence in the classroom. PLU geology Professor Duncan Foley has called Chennault one of the finest students in the history of Pacific Lutheran University's geosciences program. Chennault, who graduated this spring with a 3.74 grade point average, has been accepted into the Northern Arizona University graduate program where he will study volcanology.



Sarah Axley

Woman of the Year in Sports: Sarah Axley, Track & Field

Sarah Axley follows in the footsteps of her older sister, Christine, in more ways than one. Like Christine, Sarah is an outstanding PLU sprinter who figures to score points at the NCAA Division III national meet. Like Christine, who shared the Woman of the Year in Sports recognition in 1999, Sarah will share the same honor in 2000.

Axley has established herself as one of the nation's top sprinters with national meet qualifying times in both the 100- and 200-meter dashes. In addition, she serves as the anchor runner on both the 400- and 1600-meter relay teams that will wear the PLU black-and-gold at nationals.

Sarah exhibits the same kind of dedication to her school work that she exhibits on the track. A Dean's List honoree for four straight years, she maintains a 3.67 grade point average as a business administration major with accounting and finance concentrations.

She is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, the national accounting fraternity, and last year worked as an accounting assistant at Metro Parks in Tacoma.

"Sarah is one of our team leaders both on and off the track," says PLU track & field Coach Brad Moore. "She has so many skills, including her dedication and work ethic, that allow her to be successful in both academics and athletics. She has been a real inspiration to us in the track and field program."

Woman of the Year in Sports: Ingrid Lindeblad, Volleyball

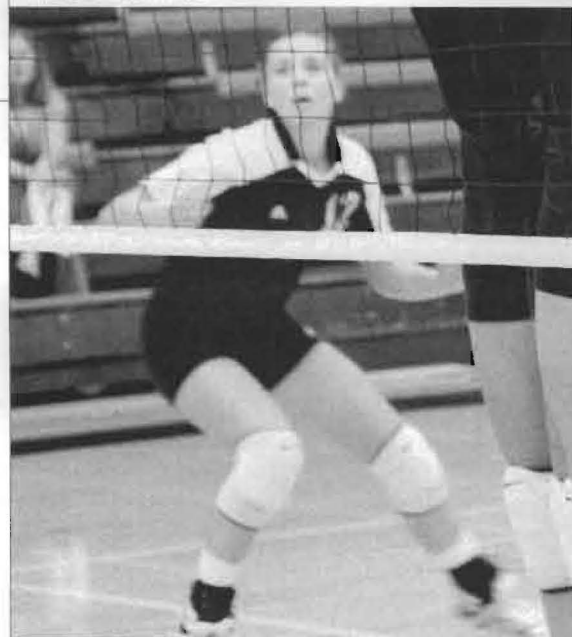
After spending a semester attending school and playing volleyball at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, Spokane native Ingrid Lindeblad decided to transfer to Pacific Lutheran University. It was one of the best things that could have happened to the PLU volleyball program.

Lindeblad, a two-time all-conference selection, led the Northwest Conference in assists per game with 10.8 and was a key reason that the Lutes won their first-ever conference title in 1999.

PLU experienced another volleyball first when it qualified for the NCAA national tournament. "Ingrid has been a tremendous leader for us," says head Coach Kevin Aoki. "She leads by example and is willing to put her teammates first. She is a remarkable person whom we will really miss."

Her off-court success is as impressive as her athletic endeavors. Lindeblad twice was selected to the GTE Co-SIDA academic all-district team by virtue of her athletic success and a 3.92 grade point average.

She graduated this spring from PLU with a degree in English and a writing emphasis. She served as the English Department's undergraduate teaching fellow during her senior year and has been a Writing Center tutor since 1998. She will attend Emerson College in Boston, Mass., starting in the fall of 2000.



Ingrid Lindeblad

Other athletes who were honored this year:

Female Senior Athlete: Maree George, track and field; and Mandy Flores, volleyball and softball.

Male Senior Athlete: Clayton Harris, tennis; John Eussen, football; and Forrest Griek, cross country and track and field.

Lute Inspirational: Tharen Michael, softball.

Lute Service: Dave Templin '86, teacher and coach; and Kristen Gurkse, student.

Dr. Stan Mueller Award for Athletic Training: Ashley Zook and Kristen Mitchell.

Homecoming 2000 Alumni Recognition Awards

Distinguished Alumnus Award

JACK METCALF '51

Jack Metcalf receives the 2000 Distinguished Alumnus Award for his work as a United States representative, a Washington state legislator, a high school teacher, and his involvement in community organizations.



After graduating from Langley High School in Langley, Wash., Metcalf attended the University of Washington and PLU, receiving two bachelor's degrees in 1951. He then served in the U.S. Army and worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before teaching middle and high school mathematics, history and government in the Everett (Wash.) School District for 29 years.

In 1960, Metcalf was elected to the Washington state Legislature where he served for 24 years, representing three different legislative districts in the state House and Senate. He became a member of the U.S. Congress in January 1995 and is currently serving his third term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Metcalf and his wife of 50 years, Norma, have four daughters and 11 grandchildren. They own Metcalf's Log Castle Bed and Breakfast on Whidbey Island, Wash.

Metcalf will be retiring at the end of this congressional term as he pledged to serve no more than three terms.

best investment, she answers, "No, my husband is. And I hope my son is next best."

Heritage Award

WILLIAM RAMSTAD '47, '49

William Ramstad receives the 2000 Heritage Award for his many years of service to and association with the university.



After service with the Air Force in Europe during World War II, as a B-24 navigator, Ramstad earned a bachelor of arts in communications from Pacific Lutheran College in 1947 and a bachelor of arts in education in 1949. He went on to receive a master of education degree from the University of Washington in 1954 and a doctorate from Stanford in 1963.

His long and distinguished career of work and public service has culminated in retirement from four different careers. In the private sector, he was vice president of Key Technologies International, vice president of Pacific Media Ministry, and vice president of Jostens Learning Corp.

In his lifetime, Ramstad has exemplified PLU's mission of training people for service. He followed his father, a member of the faculty for nearly 40 years, and mother, the first staff member in the alumni office, by serving PLU in several capacities. As a member of the Board of Regents, he was an informed and active member of the academic affairs committee.

Ramstad and his wife, Betty Ann, are longtime Q Club and Heritage Society members. They have two children, Mary Lynn Ford '68, and Timothy Ramstad. Betty Ann has two sons, Robert Barrett and Thomas Barrett. They also share 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They reside in Rancho Bernardo, Calif.

Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award

CALVIN GOINGS '95

Calvin Goings receives the 2000 Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award for his achievements in the field of local and state politics.



Goings, a lifelong resident of Puyallup, Wash., began his life in government as a student at Franklin Pierce High School, serving as associated student body president in his senior year. At Pierce College, while Goings studied for his associate degree in arts and sciences, he was elected commissioner of Pierce County Fire District No. 6. After receiving the degree, he enrolled at PLU, majoring in political science and minoring in history, while continuing to serve as a district fire commissioner.

In 1995 Goings became the youngest person ever appointed to the Washington state Senate, and the next year became the youngest person ever elected as a state senator in Washington.

When Goings is not working at the state capitol or volunteering his time, he works as the executive director of the Washington Credit Union Foundation and resides, with his wife, Amy, in Puyallup.

Alumni Service Award

SUE ELLEN JOHNSON '73, '78

Sue Ellen Johnson receives the 2000 Alumni Service Award for her dedication and service to several community and church programs.



Johnson attended PLU after her five children were all in school. She received her bachelor's degree in 1973 and her master degree in education in 1978. Following graduation, Johnson started a 19-year teaching career at Bordeaux Elementary School in Shelton, Wash.

Concerned for peace and justice issues, Johnson has been actively involved in a variety of related programs. She became a part of the Lutheran Peace Fellowship.

While on tour in Israel, Johnson became involved in helping the Palestinian people in their search for peace and justice. As a result of that experience, she wrote a book entitled "The Other Side of Welcome," to help young readers understand what is at the heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Johnson is an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Shelton and provides a worship service and Sunday School for the residents of Fir Lane Convalescent Center. She and her husband, Carl, reside in Union, Wash. and have five children: Deborah Killough '79, David '74, Daniel, Dale, and Steven.

Special Recognition Award

GEORGE ARBAUGH

George Arbaugh receives the 2000 Special Recognition Award for his leadership to the PLU faculty as the institution made the transition from small church college to university, from 1959 to the present day.



Arbaugh received his undergraduate degree from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill., where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa in 1959.

At the age of 25 he joined the PLU faculty as the first professionally-trained philosopher and helped create the modern department of philosophy we have today. Arbaugh was chair of the committee that drafted the university's statement of objectives and was its primary author. The statement remained part of the official university catalog for the next 30 years.

Former students considered his courses among the most demanding. He has challenged his classes at PLU and promoted critical examination of philosophical issues for over 40 years. To this day, Arbaugh continues to teach effectively, especially in the Honors and Integrated Studies Programs.

Arbaugh and his wife, Donna, live in Parkland, Wash., and have three sons, John '88, Karl '85 and William.

Outstanding Alumnus Award

PEGGY CHAN '77

Peggy Chan receives the 2000 Outstanding Alumnus Award for her work in international consulting, her strong support of education and her commitment to family.



After earning her bachelor of science degree in mathematics and a bachelor of arts degree in English in 1977, Chan moved to Washington, D.C., to be near her husband, Winston Zee, '76. There, she began her career with Arthur Young and Company and quickly became responsible for managing large computer projects for the firm. After her husband was transferred to Hong Kong, she remained in Washington, D.C., to complete a master of science degree in computer science from Georgetown University before returning to Hong Kong to join him and to start her own firm.

Excel Technology International (Hong Kong) Ltd. began on Valentine's Day 1988, and specializes in information technology consulting, computer systems development, technology marketing and recruitment. By 1991, the firm managed projects worth \$10 million and employed 40 people. Now the company employs more than 170 people. More recently, Chan began NetFun, a company specializing in Internet games for children.

In 1991, Chan received the Hong Kong Inc. business magazine's city business award, and the magazine suggested that she could be Hong Kong's first female governor. But family has always come first for her. When people tell her that Excel is her

PICTURE PERFECT

Do you ever get together with a group of your PLU friends to share a meal, watch a game, attend a Christmas Festival Concert or take a vacation trip? Your Alumni and Parent Relations staff loves to hear about these gatherings and we think others will too. When space permits, we are happy to print photos from some of these special occasions. Please share these times with us so that we can share them with the readers of *Scene*.

RIGHT: Prospective student Lei Tokuda, with her parents, Gar and Lorraine Tokuda, speaks with Admissions Counselor Heather McDougall '97 at the PLU Connection Event in Honolulu, on Feb. 27, 2000.



LEFT: 1994 alum Mark Carrato, visits with Ery Severtson '55 at the PLU 2010 event in Eugene, Ore., on Feb. 15, 2000.



RIGHT: 1993 graduates Brad Chatfield, Sam Capps and Hillary Burt at the PLU 2010 Seattle event.

Annual Spring Women's Luncheon

For more than 50 years local-area women have gathered for an annual luncheon to celebrate their association with Pacific Lutheran University. Lynn Beck, recently appointed dean of the School of Education, was introduced and spoke to the group. The luncheon was followed by a musical program in Lagerquist Hall of the music center.



Irma Bendock '41, Deloris Pease '42, and Ruth Hendrickson '42 spend their April Fools' Day at the spring women's luncheon.

PLU Alumni Board Spring Meeting

The Alumni Board held its annual spring meeting on campus on the weekend of April 7-8. The board welcomed new member Capt. Paul Carlson '60, who will complete the term and fill the spot left by Helen "Topsy" Kylo '50 who recently resigned.

A special certificate was given to each of the following board members for their leadership in three new programs: to Michael Fuller '94 for the first annual Alumni Leadership Institute for student leaders, which was held on campus on March 11; to Beverly Tranum Knutzen '55 for the alumni career fair known as Java, Jobs and Jazz, which will be an annual event at Homecoming; and to John Feldmann '82 who, with the help of a volunteer committee, developed the newest PLU affinity group known as PLU GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) and hosted the first event in Portland, Ore.

The nominations committee, led by Nikki Martin '73, presented its recommended board candidates. The awards and recognition committee, led by



Topsy Kylo and Gayle Lindeblom with Alumni Board President Darren Hamby '87.

Sandra Krause Olson '89, presented its recommendations for the 2000 Alumni Recognition Awards (see article on page 17). The board approved both sets of recommendations. The board also honored three retiring members, David Coltom '83, Gayle Lindeblom '67 and Topsy Kylo '50 at the banquet on Saturday night. The fall meeting of the board will be on Sept. 15-16, 2000.

Your Time and Talents are Needed!

"Educating for Lives of Service" is a core value at Pacific Lutheran University. After graduation, many alumni perpetuate this credo while volunteering through local charities, nationwide organizations and their churches. Why not volunteer at PLU? There are many ways to assist university programs beyond simply writing a check. Because service is important to Lutes, past and present, PLU wants to bring together alumni who are willing, by utilizing their time and talents, to offer support to the university.



Being a PLU volunteer isn't all work! Q Club Director Ingrid Gintz '70 and Q Club Advisory Board member Lynne Bangsund '70 share a hug with PLU's star running back Anthony Hicks '00. Several members of the NCAA-III Championship football team joined a volunteer group for dinner and shared their PLU experience.

The PLU Alumni

Board seeks enthusiastic alumni who are interested in becoming involved and reacquainted with PLU to serve on one of several board committees. You can lend a hand to help the Alumni Board in the following types of activities: alumni programs, special events and services, student relations, fund raising, student recruitment, awards and recognition, or communication and volunteer programs.

To learn more about ways to get involved at PLU, phone the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 253-535-7415 or 1-800-ALUM-PLU.

Homecoming 2000, Oct. 6-8, 2000

"Look to the Stars"

The completion of the new W.M. Keck Observatory and the presentation of alumni recognition awards to six stellar individuals are just two of the reasons we chose "Look to the Stars" as the theme of Homecoming 2000. Homecoming at PLU is quickly becoming a weekend not to be missed. With events such as the alumni career fair, Java, Jobs and Jazz; the Gala Buffet and Concert; a football game featuring the NCAA-III National Champion Lutes coached by the division's Coach of the Year Frosty Westering; a special Homecoming Worship on Sunday; and a possible concert featuring a famous PLU alum. Homecoming is for everyone!



Homecoming Apple Festival

This year's Apple Festival will focus on 25 years of Fulbright Scholarships at PLU and the Heritage Lecture will be given by Professor Rodney Swenson, who has helped put PLU on the map by assisting 51 PLU students win the prestigious scholarship. The second annual alumni career fair—Java, Jobs and Jazz—will be held during the festival. If you would be willing to talk to current PLU students about your career path and current vocation, please sign up on your Homecoming registration form or call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Gala Buffet and Concert

A delicious buffet of hearty hors d'oeuvres will be followed by an evening of music and recognition in Lagerquist Concert Hall in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center (see profiles of award recipients on page 17). You won't want to miss this collage of music performed by talented PLU alumni, faculty, and students.

Alumni Tent

The Lute football team will host Eastern Oregon State University at 1:30 p.m. at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup. Come early and stop by the Alumni Tent to sign in, connect with other PLU alums, register to win prizes, pick up a few alumni give-aways and enjoy a snack! Stop by again during halftime—it will be "the place to be!"

Class Reunions

This year we will honor the classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, and 1995 at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club. The 50th reunion class (1950) will be honored along with other graduates of 50 years or more at the president's home, the Gonyea House, on Saturday morning, and the 1950 grads will be hosted at a special dinner on the PLU campus that same evening. In addition, some reunion classes are planning additional class events. Specific information will be sent to members of those classes.

Homecoming Worship

Join the university congregation for a special worship service in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. The Choir of the West will provide music; Rev. David Wold, bishop of the Southwest Washington Synod will be the presiding minister; and President Loren J. Anderson will preach. Alumni of the Choir of the West will be invited to join the choir at the close of worship. Come early and join us for a complimentary continental breakfast.

Homecoming 2000 Schedule

Look for Homecoming schedules and other information on the PLU website www.plu.edu/alum, in your mail and in the fall issue of *Scene*.

Bendikas reflects on a PLU welcome half-a-century ago

I was overwhelmed by the welcome, it was all unexpected, but like a big bang therapy to my worry-prone mind. So much unknown lay ahead. So much to learn and to get used to.

OMAR JURGIS BENDIKAS '51

The Union Station arrival on Nov. 11, 1949, was the conclusion of a 7,000-mile, trans-Atlantic, cross-country trip and also a new beginning for the young man, who had spent four years in West German displaced persons camps. For Omar Jurgis Bendikas '51, the past was behind.

Refugees were being resettled in North and South America, the United Kingdom, Australia, etc. Expectations of returning home were dashed by the "Big Three (Allied) Conference" at Yalta. The Western powers agreed to let the Soviet Union impose Communist regimes on most Eastern European countries, including Lithuania.

"I was overwhelmed by the welcome," Bendikas says. "It was all unexpected, but like a big bang therapy to my worry-prone mind. So much unknown lay ahead. So much to learn and to get used to."

His anxieties were quickly allayed as he saw many friendly eyes focused on him. The PLC student body, along with the Lutheran World Federation, had raised a scholarship fund to sponsor several Eastern European refugee students. "I was one of the lucky ones selected.

"The time was to accept it, enjoy it and be grateful. Most of all—be grateful," he says from the distance of more than half-a-century.

"On campus my life continued to be action-filled." Bendikas supplemented his PLU grant by serving in the dining hall, and doing janitorial and gardening work. "I wasn't bored, and the \$600 scholarship grant stretched out for two years of schooling.

"When I look at the value of education I received at Pacific Lutheran College, the strong liberal arts program stands paramount. Courses in literature, philosophy and ethics are unforgettable, along with some teachers like Herbert Ranson, Grace Blomquist, Jesse Pflueger and Dwight Zulauf."

Bendikas completed his studies for an MBA at Washington University in St. Louis but, in 1953, he was drafted into



Omar Bendikas and his wife, Dana

the Army. He says he was tagged with the nickname "Omar" by his fellow recruits, whom he attempted to enlighten by reading excerpts from the "Rubaiyat" of Omar Khayyam. When it came time for him to complete the naturalization process, Bendikas requested the name be added.

Following his military duty, he married, raised three children, helped his parents operate their Wisconsin dairy farm and spent the next 30 years with Market Facts Inc. a major market research company.

Throughout Bendikas' life, PLU's philosophy of educating the individual for a lifetime of service, has been a recurrent theme.

Now retired he's become an avid alpine skier and snowboarder. In appreciation of his heritage, and in recognition of his parents' efforts, he spent the past three years restoring their farm.

The greatest joy of his life, though, has been a fairly recent event. Through a chance comment exchanged at a church picnic, Bendikas became reunited with a childhood sweetheart from his Lithuanian hometown. They've been married for a dozen years and, Bendikas says, "the rest of the story is two very happy people."

1950

Beth Gottwald Peterson was recently featured in an article in the San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Gazette for her volunteer efforts. Her involvement includes helping in a second grade classroom at Los Ranchos Elementary on Tuesday mornings, teaching Sunday School, singing in the choir, and serving in the Altar Guild at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, as well as working in Mt. Carmel's People's Kitchen where she organizes food deliveries and "dishes up" the meals. Beth also gives many hours to French Hospital where she supervised the Candy Strippers for 10 years and is a regular at the reception desk. Beth and her husband, Larry '50, volunteer together at the Performing Arts Center in San Luis Obispo, as ushers and floor captains.

1957

Virginia Prochnow, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Yakima, Wash., recently attended IRA 2000: Distributions for the New Millennium, to increase her knowledge of retirement planning. She also earned membership in the 1999 Leaders' Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. Virginia is affiliated with the Mauritsen Agency in Spokane, Wash.

1942

Josie Shapira is retiring and recovering from accidents. Her Jewish and Norwegian heritage has sparked an interest in genealogy.

1959

Twila (Gillis) Springer and her husband, Bruce, are enjoying their retirement after teaching in Oregon, Hawaii, Washington, and seven overseas locations. They are kept busy with traveling to visit their four children and nine grandchildren who live in Washington, California, and Australia, and with their acreage in Part Angeles, Wash.

Al Dungan has retired after 19 years as an addictions counselor. He is now writing for "Insights for Preachers," "Faith Inkubators," and "The Clergy Journal," providing sermon helps for busy preachers. He is currently at work on Advent 2000 sermon helps for "Faith Inkubators."

1960

Gary Peterson and his wife, Cindy, are enjoying their retirement in Wickenburg, Ariz., about 50 miles northwest of Phoenix. They enjoy hosting friends who come down for baseball spring training.

Karin (Stromberg) Grice is touring the U.S. in an R.V. during a one year sabbatical from her job as director of human resources at Emerald Heights in Redmond, Wash. She will return in September.

John Olson retired after 22 years as executive director of the Spokane Council of Ecumenical Ministries in Spokane, Wash. He also served as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Spokane for the last 11 years.

1961

Donald Wall is retired and lives in Coupeville, Wash., with his wife, Jean. They have two children, Jennifer and Alexander.

1963

Robert and Kay (Whisler '64) Olsen announce the graduation of their daughter, **Lori Jo**, in December, with a bachelor of science degree in biology. Lori Jo is the 10th member of their extended family to attend PLU, including **Richard '59** and **Clintena (Wells) '64 Olsen; James Olsen '63; Paul '67, '74** and **Karen (Walley) '72, '73 Olsen; Ruth Olsen Peterson '73; and Jerry Olsen '88**. Her grandfather, Dr. Robert Olsen, taught chemistry at PLU from 1947 to 1977.



1965

Mary Baich was named executive director of the Fairview Foundation, a nonprofit corporation in Minneapolis. Mary has been with Fairview Health Services since 1991 and has served as director of community health since 1992. She holds a master of hospital and healthcare administration degree from the University of Minnesota (U. of M.) and is also an adjunct faculty member at the U. of M. department of health care administration.

1966

Christopher Howell received a Pushcart Prize, his second, for his poem, "A Party On The Way To Rome." He is a professor of English and creative writing and director of the University Press at Eastern Washington University. Christopher and his wife, Barbara Anderson, have two children, Evan, 8, and Emma, a freshman at Oberlin College.

1969

Marv Slind will be teaching Early Modern and Scandinavian history at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, in the fall. He was previously at Washington State University in Pullman.

Bill Ranta will be inducted into the Oregon High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame in October. He recently retired from teaching and coaching after 30 years at Benson High School in Portland.

Rick Rouse was elected president of the Society for the Advancement of Continuing for Ministry, an organization of more than 100 church-related colleges, universities and seminaries in North America with representatives from Germany, Great Britain and Scandinavia.

Larry Cress died on April 3. After PLU, Larry earned a doctorate from the University of Virginia in 1976. In 1987 he became professor of history at the University of Tulsa. He became dean of Willamette University College of Liberal Arts in 1994, was a professor of history at Willamette

and held the Dwight and Margaret Lear Professor of American History chair. His memberships included the American Council of Academic Deans, Phi Beta Kappa, and Oregon Symphony Orchestra in Salem Association. He had many writings included in scholarly publications. Larry is survived by his wife, Linda, and daughter, Meghan.

1972

Karen Stenberg French and her husband, Douglas, announce the graduation of their son, Travis, from Huron University in February. He earned a degree in business and finance.

1973

John Hushagen is arborist and owner of Seattle Tree Preservation Inc. His wife, **Jan Schurman '76**, is a nurse practitioner at Garfield/Nova Teen Health Center in Seattle. Jan is working toward a master's degree in health administration at the University of Washington. Their daughter, Ella, 18, graduated from Garfield High School in June. Their son, Sam, will begin ninth grade in the fall.

1974

Debbie (Kidd) Flajole was privileged to receive a first-degree black belt in Tae Kwan Do from Korean Grand Master Tae S. Lee, on Feb. 28. She was 'honored and humbled' by the journey and found it

DonationDepot.com is PLU grads' answer to online charity



Donation Depot staff, from left, Brandon Fix, Matt Ashworth and David Goodsell

There are 17,000 charities in Washington state and more than 700,000 in the United States. If you plan to donate to any one of them or have questions about their operations, you may want to refer to the Tacoma-based Donation Depot website for more information.

The brainchild of PLU graduate Brandon Fix '95, the company developed as a

new way to raise funds for charities, according to Donation Depot co-partner Matt Ashworth '95, another PLU graduate.

According to Ashworth, Fix pondered fund-raising issues while working as marketing director of the Pierce County Boys & Girls Club. His solution was to establish the company, design a website, and recruit Ashworth from his public relations job at the Washington state Health Department.

Starting a new business is risky, Ashworth says, but "it's

something we believe in. It's also a good motivator for working 12-hour days."

Headquartered on Pacific Avenue in downtown Tacoma, Donation Depot recently added a third PLU graduate to its staff—David Goodsell '99, a member of the recent Division III Championship football team. He will be heading the marketing department.

"The Donation Depot," Ashworth says, "is a handy road map guiding prospective donors through the intricacies of charitable contributions."

Currently, nonprofit organizations raise \$170 billion annually. "We're optimistic that there's room for us to help raise more. It's an easier process to use and we can help local charities." Ashworth adds that they expect to charge only 3 percent for operating expenses.

The website, which went public on March 17, also has a volunteer site for those interested in connecting with others seeking volunteer work for a particular charity.

to be rewarding both physically and spiritually.

Peg Zander received the C.S. Mott Award at the Oregon Community Education Association conference in March. The award, named in memory of Charles Stewart Mott, founder of the Mott Foundation, is presented to a community education professional or volunteer from a school district, community college or agency, for outstanding service or professional achievement.

1975

Steve Adelson and his wife, Linda, created Backtrack West, an educational organization that offers living history courses focusing on the rich legacy of the American West. Their primary clients are teachers.

Dennis Jaraczski recently joined Olympic Bank and Mortgage in Federal Way, Wash., as vice president and commercial lending officer. He was previously at Key Bank and Washington State Bank for 18 years. Olympic Bank and Mortgage is a division of Kitsap Bank.

Stephen Fullenweider died on Jan. 31. He participated in the concert band and the jazz band, playing electric piano, trumpet and cornet and also studied composition. After PLU, he had master's classes with Krysoff Pendernecki and accompanied the Martha Graham troupe. Stephen earned a certificate in harpsichord and early music performance practice and matriculated at Curtis School of Music, in Philadelphia. In 1978 he received a master of arts degree, cum laude, from the University of Pennsylvania. Post-graduate work included private studies with Milton Babbitt and Elliot Carter. In 1977 he married Jann Boyd and they had a son, Jan and two daughters, Anna and Lara. An accomplished and ecumenical liturgical musician, Stephen served parishes in many states. In 1984 he was awarded a composition fellowship at the Tanglewood Music Festival and began working as corporate archivist at CBS headquarters in New York. Later he was an editor of music texts at Holt, Rhinehart, and Winston Publishers. He also was a founding member of Amara, a composer's performance group in New York and of the Tabor Camerata, an early music performance society in Phila-

delphia. From the age of 14, Stephen composed, both for the liturgy and for concert performance. His numerous commissions ranged from anthems for Saint James' Church to a jazz mass for Saint Peter's Church. In his last years, he continued performing and composing in Saskatoon, Canada, where he organized concerts at the Chapel of the Lutheran Theological Seminary on the University of Saskatchewan campus. On the eve of his death, his chamber work, "Cree Winter," inspired by the 6,000 year-old medicine wheel near Saskatoon, was premiered by his colleagues in the Saskatoon Composers' Performance Society Inc. to critical acclaim. Stephen is survived by his wife and three children.

1976

Thomas and Janette (Soderstrom) Mahoney and their son, Ryan, recently moved to Danville, Calif. Randy is senior applications chemist at Varian Analytical Instruments in Walnut Creek. Jan is at home full-time after 18 years at Syntex/Roche Bioscience in Palo Alto, Calif.

Joe Brooks is the plant manager at Tree Top Inc. in Cashmere, Wash.

Jan Schurman is a nurse practitioner at Garfield/Nova Teen Health Center in Seattle. She is working toward a master's degree in health administration at the University of Washington. Her husband, **John Hushagen '73**, is arborist and owner of Seattle Tree Preservation Inc. Their daughter, Ella, 18, graduated from Garfield High School in June. Their son, Sam, will begin ninth grade in the fall.

Bob Moluf has completed a job transition that began in 1993 when he left his position as an editorial director at Augsburg Fortress Publishers. His new career focuses on electronic information exchange using Oracle databases and Web servers.

Trudy (Thorsness) Lund received the Delta Kappa Gamma Golden Apple Award for outstanding excellence in education. She is a first-grade teacher in the Anchorage (Alaska) School District. Trudy and her husband, Curt, have three sons, Chris, 19, a sophomore at Washington State University; John, 17, a high school senior; and

Steve, 15, a high school freshman.

Verna Powers Hazen completed her second master's degree, on MBA, through the Executive MBA program at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), last May. She is the director of financial aid programs and services at RIT. Her husband, **Logan Hazen '74**, is the director of residential life at the University of Rochester, N.Y. They live in Rochester.

1977

David Voss has worked at Stryker Howmedica Osteonics for 17 years. He was recently promoted to Northwest area director, which encompasses 10 Western states. His wife, **Debbie (Oftebro '76)**, is a homemaker. She is actively involved in Cub Scouts and is a School Site Council member for the local school district. They will continue to live in Rancho Murieta, Calif. Their son, Erik, will be a freshman at PLU in the fall.

Fred Davis is the coordinator of the Life Skills program in Washington, D.C.

1978

Ben McCracken '78, '90, became the assistant principal at Pioneer Valley Elementary School in the Bethel (Wash.) School District, in September.

1979

Tara Otonicar and Kenneth Nordstrom were married on Aug. 4 in Lakewood, Wash. They live in Olympia.

Timothy Cline received the 1999 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, an honor that carries with it not only public recognition and an opportunity to join a network of 1,502 outstanding educators around the nation, but also an unrestricted financial award of \$25,000. Criteria for selection include exceptional educational talent and promise and distinguished achievement in developing innovative educational curricula, programs and/or teaching methods. Timothy is the principal at Hopson Senior Memorial Middle School in Barrow, Alaska.

Evelyn (Cornwall) Jerden is hoping to hear from PLU alumni who are interested in a gathering in the Tucson, Ariz., area. ejerden@worldnet.att.net

Bradley Falk, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Reardan, Wash., recently earned membership in the 1999 Leaders' Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. He is affiliated with the Mauritsen Agency in Spokane, Wash.

Beth (Coughlin) Zier ran in the Boston Marathon for the third time, in April. In addition to running the 26.2 miles, she was the guest speaker just prior to the race at a service that was held at a church near the starting line. It was an outdoor service for runners and spectators. Beth shared about God's grace in her life, as she told about her survival of a near-fatal car accident in 1980 and her return to running. Beth's running and speaking ministry is called, "Running with the Good News . . . the Victory has been Won!"

1980

Patricia (Kirkwood) O'Neill began her new position as science librarian and associate professor, at PLU in August.

Karen Bates-Olson and her husband, Kevin, enjoy living in Spokane, Wash., and raising their two daughters, Amy Carol, 7, and Katie Ann, 2. Karen is the associate pastor at St. Luke Lutheran Church and Kevin is a math professor at North Idaho College.

Muriel (Balch) Gordon died on April 3. She graduated from Clover Park High School in 1976. After receiving a bachelor of science degree in nursing, she worked as a registered nurse at Lakewood (Wash.) Hospital for several years before moving to Salt Lake City, where she continued her nursing career. Muriel is survived by her husband, John, and two sons, John and Trevor.

1981

Diane (Van Vleet) Olsen and her husband, Richard, recently moved to Richland, Wash., where Richard is a business manager for Lockheed Martin and Diane stays at home with their three daughters, Christy, 14,

Caroline, 10, and Courtney, 4.

Elizabeth (Wallis) Reinking and her husband, Mark, moved to St. Louis, Mo., last summer. Elizabeth is working for Christians Linked in Mission, a nonprofit organization that supports projects of justice and hope around the world by linking people in faith-centered partnerships. They have two children, Jason, 17, and Sarah, 10.

Patrick Swenson is a teacher at Evergreen High School in Burien, Wash., and the publisher of TaleBones, a fantasy magazine that has won many prizes.

LeeAnne Campos and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Lilianna Elizabeth on Jan. 20. She joins Miranda, 6. Michael continues to work for Weyerhaeuser Corp. in Federal Way, Wash. LeeAnne is in her eighth year of teaching private voice lessons at PLU. She also is the vocal instructor at the Cappella Girls' Chorus, working with the director, Stephanie Charboneau, a third-year music student at PLU; the assistant director, **Donald Stojack '82**; and the accompanist, **Debra Steichen Stojack '83**. In November, LeeAnne was the soprano soloist in a performance of Poulenc's "Gloria" with the Bellevue Chamber Chorus, directed by **Geoffrey Boers '80**.

1982

Susan (Pomeroy) Wittenberg left KPS Health Plan to join the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center's grant and contract administration in Seattle. She is responsible for negotiating commercial research agreements with pharmaceutical companies. Susan also is working on National Institute of Health grants for cancer research funding.

Oneida (Battle) Blogg was the first project manager of the MESA program. She would like to hear from former participants who have now become PLU alumni. Odblagg@excite.com

Linda (Tingelstad-Carlson) Davis recently exhibited her artwork for the first time at a one-day event and sold three of her works. Besides owning her business, Dusty Rose Ltd. she also teaches writing and art at Banfill-Locke Center for the Arts in Fridley, Minn., and serves on the board of directors. Last summer Linda organized and implemented

the River Days art festival located at the juncture of the Mississippi River and Rice Creek. The festival included art exhibitions, dance, music and educational events. The closing event was a performance by a professional Shakespearean group. The second annual River Days will be on July 9.

1983

Bruce Berton, an officer with the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service, began a new assignment at the U.S. Consulate in Hong Kong last summer. He was previously at the U.S. Consulate in Hamilton, Bermuda, for four years.

In January, **Joy McNally** joined Bader Martin Ross and Smith, P.S., in Seattle, as an accountant in the tax department. Joy has a master's degree in taxation from Golden Gate University.

Craig Norman retired in February from EMC Corporation where he was in high tech sales and marketing for nine years. His positions included work as account executive, district sales manager, Northwest area director, and director of product marketing and strategic planning. His retirement will allow him to spend quality time with his wife, Kris (Pope), and sons, Sean, 14, and Jason, 11.

Jackie (Romano) Vignal is the lead foster care caseworker at Catholic Community Services and her husband, Bruce, is a reservation agent.

1984

Joseph Strandjord and his wife, Karina, announce the birth of Olivija Winter on Dec. 9, 1998. She was born 16 weeks early, weighed one pound and seven ounces and was 11½ inches long. She is now over 17 pounds and doing great.

In January, **Steven Neuder** was ordained as a minister of word and sacrament and installed as associate pastor of children, youth and family ministries at Pasadena Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Calif. He and his wife, Elizabeth, had their first child in May.

Dawn (McColley) Darby and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of Haylee Faye on Jan. 26. In June, they are returning to Tacoma after an absence of six years. Paul will be leaving the Army and beginning an occupational medicine residency at the University of Washington. Dawn will continue her busy schedule as a homemaker and mother of four.

David Schaut has entered onesthesiology training after 10 years as a general practitioner in Denver, Colo. His recent publication was "Sevoflurane Inhalation Induction for Emergency Cesarean Section in a Parturient with no Intravenous Access," in *Anesthesiology* 86:6 of June 1997.

Erik Ryan is the new CEO and owner of Chicago Kenworth Inc. a four-store dealership for heavy-duty Kenworth trucks, parts and service in Bolingbrook, Ill. He previously had a sales position with the Kenworth Truck Company in North Carolina.

David Sperry is a pilot for Hawaiian Airlines and based in Seattle.

David Moylan returned to PLU in August 1999 to assume the position of telecommunications manager after eight years of military service and 10 years as a civilian in telecom engineering.

1985

It was incorrectly reported in the spring edition of Class Notes, that Brent and Susan Andersen were married on Aug. 3. Following is the correct information: **Brent Andersen** and his wife, Susan, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Olivia on Aug. 3. Brent

is also the chairman of the department of anesthesia at Portland Providence Medical Center.

Michael Halvorson and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of Felix Michael on March 20. He joins an older brother, Henry James. Michael has been active at PLU as a visiting assistant professor in the History Department where he has taught classes on the history of early modern Europe.

1986

Barbara (Vial) and Robert '87 Jagels announce the birth of Kelly on Nov. 25. She joins Laura, 3.

Jud and Sari (Tollefson '87) Keim have moved to St. Peter, Minn., where Jud has accepted a position with the Gustavus Adolphus College football program as the defensive coordinator. He previously coached at California Lutheran University with **Scott Squires '88**.

Barbara (Heftte) DiBlasi and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Lucas on Jan. 6. He joins Edison, 2. Barbara is the print production advertising manager at the Target Corporation in Minneapolis.

After completing a Ph.D. in justice studies at Arizona State University in 1996 and raising her two sons, **Kathleen Cameron** was recruited by Pittsburg State University, Kansas, to design and develop a new bachelor of science degree program in justice studies. She currently is the director of that program. Kathleen's son, Jim, graduated from Arizona State University in May.

Walt and Whitney (Pohl) Miles announce the birth of Scott Henry on Feb. 9. He joins Jeffrey, 7, Joey, 5, and Matthew, 2. Whitney is a full-time homemaker and Walt is the president of Miles Sand and Grovel.

1987

Shannon (Tellock) Heizenrader and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of Sabrina on Dec. 9. She joins Grant, 3. Shannon is the communications coordinator at Providence Health System.

Kevin Ylvisaker recently received an MBA degree from the University of Washington. He and his wife, Robin, have two daughters, Allyson, 3 and Lauren, 1.

Mary Michele Petrelli has a son, John, 6. Marymichele@msn.com

Rich and Ashlyn (Flanders) Arnold announce the birth of their seventh child, Joyce Rebecca on June 4, 1999. She joins Chelsea, 13, Nathan, 11, Starre, 9, Nadine, 7, Tabitha, 5, and Josiah, 3. Rich also received a master of divinity degree from Multnomah Biblical Seminary in May 1999. He continues to work as a computer network administrator while waiting for a call to pastor.

1988

Marli (Denison) Bartness and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of Aidan Christopher on Oct. 1. Marli is on leave from her job as an elementary school counselor and enjoying being a mother.

Cynde Laur and Darren Rivers were married on Jan. 30 in Gig Harbor, Wash. Because it was Superbowl Sunday, the ceremony was performed during halftime. The wedding became the talk of several fire stations because along with the food and drink, they provided a big screen TV during the reception! Cynde's father, **Rev. Hendrik Laur '60**, performed the ceremony.

Deborah Laur '01 was matron of honor. For the honeymoon, the couple traveled to Hawaii for a scuba diving trip. Cynde is the EMS coordinator at Mary Bridge Trauma Center in Tacoma and Darren, Mr. July in the 1998 Firefighters of the Northwest calendar, is a firefighter

and paramedic with the Bremerton Fire Department. He graduated from California State University, Fullerton, in 1995 with a degree in communications. They are building their dream home in Gig Harbor.

Paula (Sinderson) Bender and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Caleb Christopher, in May. Paula is a fourth-grade teacher and Chris is a personal lines manager at a Sacramento, Calif., insurance agency.

Teresa (Corrie) Noll received a master of arts degree in literacy education from PLU in December 1999. She is an English as a Second Language instructor at Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash.

Jody (Bennett) Moen and her husband, Michael, have two sons, Colton Michael, 1, and Connor James, 3. Jody is a school counselor in the Yakima (Wash.) School District and Michael is a general contractor with the Gilbert H. Moen Co.

1989

Brad Medrud is a land use planner at AHBL in Tacoma. He was certified by the American Institute of Certified Planners in July 1999. Laura (Beck) Medrud is an administrator at PLU.

Amy Jo Mattheis Holmquist and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of Elias Anders on Dec. 21.

Jonathan Edmonds, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Bellingham, Wash., recently earned membership in the 1999 Executives' Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. He is affiliated with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle.

Jil (Freitag) Rael and her husband, Eric, moved with their two children, Nicholas, 5, and Samantha, 3, from Alaska to New Mexico in January. Jil is working while Eric is finishing his engineering degree. Jil plans to go to law school at the University of New Mexico.

Joel and Patty (Schmutz) Maier announce the birth of Jonathan August on May 21, 1999. He joins Emma, 3. Joel is teaching 6th grade at COHO/NOMS school in the Seattle School District. Patty is job-sharing the clinic coordinator position at a pediatric clinic in Seattle.

Heidi (Hermanson) Nagel recently returned to the Seattle area after several years in Madison, Wis., and Fort Collins, Colo. She has a new position as a genetic counselor for a perinatal obstetrics practice that is affiliated with Swedish Medical Center. Heidi also is playing cello with the Bellevue Philharmonic. Her husband, Dove, is a geographic information systems specialist with the U.S. Forest Service at the Pacific NW Research Lab at the University of Washington. He does data modeling for prescribed burning for forest fire prevention.

Cecilie (Hensrud) Myhre is a client manager at AC Nielsen, the American market research company, in Norway. Her husband, Pool, runs the Ferrari dealership in Norway.

Ruth Ann Rufener and Russ Allen were married on Aug. 28 in Leavenworth, Wash. Ruth Ann is principal/business manager at Bruce Dees and Russ is a tool grinding technician.

Lisa (Hillemeier) Mauer and her husband, Erik, announce the birth of Madeline Virginia on Sept. 28. Lisa received the Clinician of the Year award from the University of Virginia Health South Rehabilitation Hospital where she was the outpatient coordinator before moving to Boston. They are moving back to Alaska in July. Lisa continues as a physical therapist specializing in assistive technology but will be staying home with Madeline and exploring career opportunities after they move.

1990

Craig and Karin (Gilmer '91) Kupp announce the birth of Kobe Thomas on June 29, 1999. He joins Cooper, 7 and Keiner, 3.

Daren Skonord, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Spokane, Wash., recently earned membership in the 1999 Leaders' Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. He is affiliated with the Mauritsen Agency in Spokane, Wash.

Lance Davenport and Mari Barghorst were married in May and honeymooned in the Cook Islands. Lance has been a police officer for eight years.

Keith Haugen completed his residency in family medicine in June 1999. After taking several months off to fly-fish in New Zealand, He has begun practicing medicine in the tiny town of Cottonwood, Idaho (pop. 890).

Rob and Amy (Detwiler '92) Kelly announce the birth of Brenna Elizabeth on Feb. 7. She joins Bryon, 2. Rob is an emergency room physician at Solem (Ore.) Hospital.

Deidre (Brown) Leer and her husband, Don, announce the birth of Dawson on July 3, 1999. He joins Kiana, 6, and Dexter, 3.

Kevin Anderson and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of Mitchell Staton on Oct. 19. Kevin is a social worker in the Tohama (Wash.) School District and Julie is a pediatric occupational therapist in the Good Samaritan Children's Therapy Unit.

Julie (Wilson) Spackman and her husband, Bob, recently moved to Bend, Ore., from Fairbanks, Alaska. Their second child was born in April, joining Lillie, 2.

Eric Strom and Lisa Donner were married on May 30, 1999. Eric is the associate pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Wis. Lisa is a 1994 graduate of Wittenberg University.

Marya Gingrey received a low degree from the University of Washington in June 1997. She is the in-house counsel for the Seattle Housing Authority. Her daughter, Mikayla Lynn, will be 2 years old on Oct. 18.

Tom Noettveit and **Kari Bruu** announce the birth of Marie on Feb. 10. She joins Henrik, 2. Tom is the accounting director at Narman ASA, a Norwegian-based, computer anti-virus and data security company. Kari is on maternity leave.

Lisa (Harris) Gonzalez and her husband, Drew, moved to Newmarket, England, in February. Drew is stationed at the RAF Lakenheath base with the 493rd FS. Lisa is pursuing Red Cross volunteer opportunities on base and within the local community. They are enjoying living abroad and traveling with their two children, Rachel, 4, and John, 1.

Darin Green and **Anne Erickson '88** announce the birth of Samantha Elise on Nov. 10. She joins Alexander, 3. Samantha arrived unexpectedly, three weeks early and Darin delivered her at home with the help of a 911 phone operator. All went well!

Claudia Yeaman received the Excellence in Teaching Award (teacher of the year) from the Franklin Pierce (Wash.) School District in April. She is a special education teacher at James Sales elementary school.

1991

Ann (Ostlund) Boucher and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of Sarah Christina on Dec. 20. She joins Nicalena, 2. Ann is an editorial assistant with the Bureau of Land Management, in Billings, Mont.

Jennifer Meyer Brown and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Rachel Sandra on June 21, 1999. She joins Makenna Lindlee, 2.

Robert and Heather (Postlethwait '92) Pinkley announce the birth of Garrison on Dec. 30. He joins Alexandra, 2.

Patrick Foran and his wife, Laura, announce the birth of Andrew on Jan. 19. He joins Matthew, 2.

John and Robyn (Heft '92) Heller announce the birth of Gabrielle Christine on Feb. 14. She joins Jahna, 5, Ryker, 3, and Summerlyn, 20 months. John is the materials specialist at the Chelan County (Wash.) P.U.D.

Josie Piety and James Hollis were married in September 1995. They have returned to Western Washington where Josie is a special education teacher in the Central Kitsap School District after teaching in Sunnyside, Wash., for several years. They have a son, Jacob, 3.

Shannon (Duff) Horn and her husband, Russ, announce the birth of Brianna Marie on Sept. 26. She joins Nadia, 3. Russ is the network administrator of the clinic at Beale Air Force Base, Calif. Under his direction, the information systems office received the Air Force's top ISO of the year award. Shannon loves staying at home with her girls.

1992

Chuck and Michelle (Mate) McFarland

announce the birth of Audrey Groce on May 21, 1999. They recently moved to Kennewick, Wash., from Yakima, Wash., where Chuck is the manager of the AT&T Wireless store and Michelle is a stay-at-home mom.

Adam and Katrina (Haugen '91) Sturgill announce the birth of Noah Ryan on Feb. 12. He joins Aaron, 3.

Brett Hartvigson is a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in La Jolla, Calif. He recently earned membership in the 1999 Top Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. He is affiliated with the Southern California Agency in Thousand Oaks.

Ken and Lisa (Barlau '91) Hamilton announce the birth of Levi on Jan. 4. He joins Kaela, 2. Ken is a staff geologist at Blaes Environmental in Phoenix, Ariz.

Douglas Pennington and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of Rachel Ann on Feb. 22. She joins Madison, 3.

Jennifer Nelson is a legal assistant at the King County Prosecutor's Office. She previously worked as a manager at Q-Lube for five years.

Andy Finley has a new position as account executive at VoiceStream Wireless. He works with businesses in Whatcom, Skagit and San Juan counties in Washington state.

Jane (Greenwood) Hansen and her husband, Shane, announce the birth of Sarah Jeanne on April 6. She joins Hannah, 5, and Tom, 3. Jane received a master of arts degree in special education from PLU in May and is a special education teacher at Gig Harbor (Wash.) High School.

Jaymes and Linda (Hollandsworth) Toyen announce the birth of Emily Koy on Dec. 28. Linda works part-time for the Sammamish Family YMCA as the program coordinator of the parent-child programs and teaches swimming lessons. Jaymes is the director of audiovisual services at the Westin Hotel in Seattle.



Chance class project inspires Tilden's airline career



Brad Tilden

From early childhood, Brad Tilden '83 was fascinated with airplanes. Today, he not only pilots a Cessna 172 but, as vice president and CFO of Alaska Airlines, he also flies at least twice a month in the company's airplanes.

Tilden's love of airplanes, he says, began on a field trip to the airport where he saw his first Boeing 727. After high school he enrolled at PLU with teaching as his goal. A year or so into his studies, he decided that the proverbial grass of work-opportunities looked greener on the business school's side of the fence.

As an undergraduate Tilden became acquainted with Alaska Airlines' then-CEO Bruce Kennedy, who enlisted Tilden's help on some business projects. "It may have been fate," Tilden muses.

Throughout his undergraduate years Tilden worked as a resident hall assistant and assistant hall director. Summers were spent as an Amtrak train attendant on the Empire Builder. Following graduation he went "Down Under," working at Price Waterhouse's Melbourne, Australia, office; as well as in its Seattle office. Earlier this past decade, he interviewed for and was hired by Alaska Airlines. In 1997 he received an MBA from the University of Washington.

The company recently was the sole airline named in Information Week's first-ever, top 100 e-businesses, where it was ranked 20th on the list. The publication cited Alaska Airlines specifically for being the first U.S. airline to sell

tickets online, as well as to enable its customers to check in at the airport via self-service kiosks. Today, 8 percent of the airline's tickets are sold directly on the carrier's website.

Proud of his company's cutting-edge technology, Tilden says it is "a group of people who want to ensure their customers have a great travel experience."

Tilden commented on the January crash, in which an Alaska Airlines plane crashed on a flight from California to Seattle, killing all 88 people on board. He said that was a horrible tragedy, but it was heartening to see his co-workers' reaction. "People came together in ways I never would have imagined, to help the friends and families of the victims. Seeing them made me really proud to be part of the Alaska Airlines team."

Tilden looks back with gratitude on his PLU education. Before he came to PLU, he says, he was an "all right" high school student. But when PLU English Professor Charles Bergman conferred the first A grade on him, it was an occasion that profoundly influenced him. "I figured if I could earn an A in English, what couldn't I accomplish." PLU, he says, is a great school. "I'm fortunate to have attended it, and have fond memories of very caring instructors."

Tilden and his wife, Danielle (Yoakum '84) are the parents of three daughters: Lauren, Jacquie and Maria. Danielle's parents have worked at PLU, and three of her siblings and one of Tilden's sisters also attended PLU.

1993

Jeffrey Perry and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the adoption of Lillian Rase, born on Sept. 2. Within 20 minutes of submitting their application for adoption, to the Crisis Pregnancy Outreach in Tulsa, they were matched with Lillian, who was 20 hours old.



Tim and Jennifer (Dykstra '92) Irwin announce the birth of Andrew James on Jan. 17.

Kevin Winder is a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Salem, Ore. He recently earned membership in the 1999 Executives' Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. He is affiliated with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle.

Samuel Capps is a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Seattle. He recently earned membership in the 1999 Leaders' Club, based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. He also earned the FIC (Fraternal Insurance Counselor) designation from the National Fraternal Congress of America, completing extensive basic and advanced training courses. He is affiliated with the Great Northwest Agency in Seattle.

Kara (Berger) McQuillan and her husband, Peter, bought their first home and moved in on March 1.

Kevin and Jennifer (Brown '94) Winder announce the birth of Margan Elizabeth on Jan. 12.

Toby and Kirstan (Leatha '94) Tobin announce the birth of Kendall Scott on Nov. 25. **Pastor John Vaswig '80**, assisted by **Todd Kelley '88**, baptized Kendall at Mt. View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Wash., on March 5. His godparents are **Jeff '93** and **Britt '95 (Miller) Scott**. Kirstan quit her job as a headhunter to be a full-time mom.

Toby is the senior sales executive at Boise Cascade Office Products.

Janine (Wheeldon) Jones and her husband, Dan, announce the birth of Emily Louise on March 9. Janine is now a stay-at-home mom and continues to work on her master's degree in initial teaching through Gonzaga University.

Jennifer Erin (Slagle) Johnson graduated from the University of Montana School of Law in 1999, passed the bar exam and is now a public defender for Cascade County in Great Falls, Mont.

Gro Mesna Andersen and her husband, Inge Korbu, announce the birth of Haakon on June 26, 1999. Gro resumed teaching and conducting band in May, after one year of maternity leave. They moved into their new home in April 1999.

Nicole Fernald and Kurt Hatch were married on July 17, 1999 in Tacoma. **Wendy Kritsky '93** and **Kim (Nirk) Waterstraat '93** were in the wedding party. Nicole completed a master's degree in education in 1998. Kurt received a master's degree in administration and principal's certification in 1999. They have accepted positions to teach overseas at an international school in Shanghai, China, for the next two years.

Barbara Allendoerfer received a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington in June 1999. She is a social worker in the mental health unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Tacoma. She lives near Green Lake in Seattle.

Joni Roback and Jason Pfeiffer were married on Sept. 4 at Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, Minn. Joni is a pediatric physical therapist at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo., and Jason is a medical malpractice defense attorney with Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin law firm also in Kansas City. They recently purchased their first home and are busy remodeling the 1910 construction. jroback@cmh.edu

1994

Daniel and Karin (Wiitala '95) Roney moved to Seattle in November and Dan was promoted to the position of director of product development at ELF Technologies in January.

Edwin Tjiramba and his wife, Emmy, announce the birth of their son, Nguundjo, on Sept. 17. Edwin was recently appointed director of institutional development at the Polytechnic College of Namibia. He returned to the Northwest in January through a U.S. government grant to assist the Polytechnic College with its faculty and administrative staff development. Ron Tellefson, former director of major gifts at PLU, is mentoring Edwin in institutional development. Emmy is a secondary school teacher.

Zara (Eicholtz) Walters is in the National Guard and was promoted to the rank of captain on March 7 at the Washington National Guard Armory in Seattle. She was "pinned" by her husband, William, and her father, James Eicholtz. Her position is full-time.

Helga Eikehaug moved to Bergen, Norway, and started school. She is studying business administration.

Eric and Amy (Westenforf '95)

Reisner announce the birth of Davis Michael on Feb. 13. Amy is a second-grade teacher in the Lake Stevens School District and Eric is an information specialist at PeaceHealth Corp.



Sarah Reeve received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine in May.

Elizabeth Gilje is the new president of KPS Health Plans in Bremerton, Wash. She was selected by the receivership now operating the company. Elizabeth is the owner of Clariot, a health care consulting practice. She is taking a leave of absence to accept the KPS job.

1995

Lonna Roberts and **Robert Frans '96** were married in June 1999. Lonna is a hydrologist with the United States Geological Survey in Tacoma and Robert is a chemist.

Ann Gullickson and Rager Weese were married on July 10 in Fairbanks, Alaska. Ann is employed at Great Alaskan Holidays Inc. and

Roger is an engineer at RSA Engineering Inc.

Michael Boze is a city trainer with the Hertz Corporation in Sacramento, Calif.

Jennifer Flaskerud and Mark Rosales were married on Oct. 2, in the chapel at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. Mark is studying to be a minister of music and Jennifer is designing wide area networks for GTE.

Betty Miller began the school year teaching third grade on the small South Pacific island of Saipan. She recently was promoted to the position of principal of the Saipan International School and is greatly enjoying island life with her daughter, Teresa.

Alex and Jenny Brown MacLeod announce the birth of Birch Elizabeth on Dec. 29.



Kathy Martilla and Daniel Butler were married on Feb. 19. Kathy and Daniel are physician's assistants in family practice with migrant worker health care in Central California.

Maiken (Sorensen) Hamilton and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Emma Marie on July 14, 1999. Maiken is a registered nurse in oncology at Tacoma General Hospital. Michael is a firefighter and paramedic.

Thomas Taylor is a platoon commander in the U.S. Marine Corps, at Cherry Point Air Station in Havelock, N.C. He and his wife, Jay, have one child, Mollie Joy, 1.

Liese Lindholm and Wayne Hironaka were married on Aug. 15, at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lacey, Wash. Liese is a registered nurse with the Center for Sight in Sacramento, Calif., and Wayne is a lab technician at Consolidated Engineering Inc. in Sacramento.

1996

Kelly Cysouw and Russell Hargrove were married on Sept. 11 at Fort Lewis, in Tacoma. **Rochelle Clayton Strunk '94** and **Lonna Roberts Frans '95** were

bridesmaids. Kelly is a registered nurse at Providence St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia, Wash.

Patrick Calcote received a master's degree in education from PLU in 1999. He is an eighth-grade science teacher at Keithley Middle School in the Franklin Pierce School District in Tacoma.

Corrie (Benston) Thibodeaux completed her first year as director of marketing at Sprague Pest Solutions in Tacoma, specializing in environmentally sound pest control solutions.

Scott and Rebecca (Gilje '98) Benson live in Salem, Ore. Rebecca is teaching a bilingual first-grade class at Richmond Elementary School and Scott is enrolled in a vineyard management and winery operations program. He plans to start a vineyard in Eastern Washington in the next two years.

Annette Goldstein and **Mike Mueller '99** were married on July 31, 1999, in Eugene, Ore. They met at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp after Annette graduated from PLU. Mike attended PLU the following year and received a master's degree in education. He is a bilingual eighth-grade teacher and Annette is a bilingual elementary teacher, both in the Wenatchee (Wash.) School District.

Molly Delk-Wood has been living in Washington, D.C., since 1996 while working in the aviation industry. She recently joined Valley Oil Co., a national aviation fuel distributor in Salem, Ore. The company, owned by her father, was started by her grandfather in the 1950s. Molly will continue to work in the Washington, D.C., area for the next two years and then she and her husband, Richard, plan to move back to the Northwest.

Jenna Edlund, after nine months at PACCAR as a purchasing project manager, was promoted to the position of commodity manager, overseeing \$90 million in accounts. Three days later she was offered and accepted a program manager's position at Intel, in the server products division, in Du Pant, Wash. She began her new job in April.

David and Jill (Zumbrunnen) Humphrey announce the birth of Riley Lynn, in November.

Jamie Anderson and Robert Passaro were married in May 1998. **Teresa Miller '96** was the maid of honor. Jamie is a graduate student in the University of Oregon's literary nonfiction program. Robert is a copy editor at the Register-Guard in Eugene.

Christine Haffey and Appi Habbaut were married on Feb. 18 in Tander, Denmark. Christine is an operations officer in the U.S. Army and Appi is a security officer.

Kathleen (Carlisle) Fountain was hired by California State University, Chico, last summer, as a reference librarian, specializing in political science.

Soma Sexton is a registered nurse with Nursing Management Services. She travels throughout the United States serving three-to-six month assignments at various hospitals. She works in labor and delivery, the nursery, and with postpartum patients.

Joseph and Koriene (Salisbury) Paull announce the birth of their first child, Robert Salisbury, on March 16.

Laurie Steinke and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of their first child, Madison Nicolle, on July 7, 1999. Laurie is a registered nurse at Meydenbauer Medical and Rehabilitation.

Paul and Jenny (McClure) Appel announce the birth of their first child, Michael Andrew, on Oct. 30. Paul is a special education teacher and baseball coach at Rogers High School in Puyallup, Wash. Jenny is the director of youth and children's ministry at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Puyallup. Paul will receive a master's degree in special education from PLU in August. Jenny entered the master of arts in education program with initial certification at PLU in June. The Appels live in Puyallup. pjappel@hotmail.com



1997

Jill McBurney has a new position as production and copy assistant at Coastal Living magazine in Birmingham, Ala. Coastal Living is published by Southern Progress Corp., a subsidiary of Time Inc. Jill joined Coastal Living in 1998 as editorial assistant.



Brian Walker has a new position as a social studies teacher at Timberline High School in Boise, Idaho. His wife, Sara, is an elementary school teacher.

George Owings was an ecommerce consultant at Oracle before leaving to help form CBex, an Internet startup company conducting mergers and acquisitions online. He is still an avid divermaster at Under Water Sports in Tacoma.

Lisa Treadwell and **Josh Lawrence** were married on Sept. 25 at the First United Methodist Church in Olympia, Wash. Lisa is an executive producer at Pro2Net and Josh is a territory manager at CopyCa.

Tracey Sund was named to the dean's list at New England School of Law in Boston with a 3.59 GPA. She is in her second year at NESL.

Ryan Chandlee is the owner of HomeBrewLabels.com, an Internet startup company, combining his interest in brewing and computer graphics. He creates customized beer and wine labels. Ryan is also in his final year at the University of Minnesota School of Law.

After PLU, **Jen Hamlow** attended school in Salzburg, Austria, on a Fulbright Scholarship. The following year she taught English at two schools in Vienna. Jen is now attending graduate school at DePaul University in Chicago while working as a program assistant at I.E.S.

1998

Shannon Finsand is a staff accountant at CBSI, an information technology consulting company in Beaverton, Ore.

Dawn (Masewicz) Peterson is a high school English teacher at Life Christian Academy in Tacoma.

Michael Taylor and **Chelsea Morris '99** were married on July 31 in Astoria, Ore. Michael is a special education teacher in the Tahama (Wash.) School District and Chelsea is also a teacher.

Jeremiah Savage is the academic director at YBM Education Inc. in Seoul, Korea.

Joe Patterson and **Allison Roth** were married on March 11 in Tualatin, Ore. **Angie Lucas '99** was the maid of honor.

Ryan Hoff and **Katie Tippett '99** were married on July 24, 1999, in Pasco, Wash. **Leah Conrad '99**, **Lindsay Fowler '99**, and **Pete Collins '99**, were in the wedding party. Katie is a desktop publisher at Global Technologies Inc. in Richland, Wash. Ryan is a draftsman at Lampson International in Kennewick and a student at Washington State University, Tri-Cities branch, completing a mechanical engineering degree.

Nicole Carpenter and **Zack Douglass** were married on Sept. 11. **Danielle Rosendahl '98**, **Jen Core '98**, **Alyssa Fishback '98**, **Erin Sanesi '98** and **Tony Rosendahl '98** were in the wedding party. Nicole owns the Meringue boutique in Salem, Ore., and Zack is the general manager of Line-X of Salem.

Michelle Sayler and **Patrick Query '99** were married on Aug. 7 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. **Ryan Alexander '97**, **Jay Chennault '00**, **Jennifer Core '98**, **Dak Jordan '97**, and Jennifer Wolfe were in the wedding party. They live in Corvallis, Ore., where Patrick is pursuing a master's degree in English at Oregon State University.

Nathaniel Ennen is working as a member of the ski patrol at the Grand Targhee ski area in Wyoming.

Lewissa Swanson received a master of arts degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota in May.

Amy Ekrem has been working on a master of arts in education degree at PLU since obtaining her bachelor of arts degree. She is a teacher at Minter Creek Elementary in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Tamra Miller was promoted to the main evening news anchor position at KIMA-TV (CBS) in Yakima, Wash., broadcasting Monday through Friday at 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. She also is a producer at the station. She previously worked at a sister station in the Tri-Cities.

1999

John Aardappel is an ROTC "Gold-Bar" recruiter at the University of Texas, El Paso. He will continue as a recruiter until Officer Basic Course begins.

Shana McGillivray and Greg Larsen were married in July 1999. Shana is working at Oregon State University (OSU) in the college of pharmacy. She plans to pursue a master's degree in education and teach high school biology. Greg is a student at OSU.

David Potts is a system engineer at Lucy.com in Portland, Ore.

Lesley Evans is working part-time and pursuing a master's degree in engineering management at Saint Martin's College in Lacey, Wash. She received bachelor's degrees from PLU in applied physics and philosophy in December.

Sierra Rowe is working with Jesuit Volunteers International in Arico, Chile, until November 2001. She is a social worker for a girls group home. The job is both "wonderful and difficult." sierrarowe@hotmail.com

Casey Dean and **Katie Vantol** were married on Oct. 8, at Academy Chapel in Vancouver, Wash. **Keith Schackel '99** was in the wedding party. Casey has a degree in

business and economics and Katie is currently a student at PLU, majoring in English. The couple honeymooned in Puerto Vallarta.

in memoriam

1924

Ruth (Fadness) Thorson died in August 1999.

1939

Marguerite (Hansen) Staswick died on Jan. 10.

1953

Carla (Cain) Strand died in January.

1954

Priscilla (Asper) Schot died on April 22, 1999.

1967

Charles Gleysteen died on Jan. 13.

1969

Larry Cress died on April 3.

1975

Stephen Fullenweider died on Jan. 31.

1980

Muriel (Balch) Gordon died on April 3.

Faculty and Friends

Thomas Anderson, past member of PLU's Board of Regents, died on Jan. 20.

Thora Augusta Westby died on Jan. 15. After attending PLA (Pacific Lutheran Academy), she was a telephone operator in

Tacoma for 14 years before marrying Peter Westby. Thora was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church where she was baptized, confirmed, and married. In retirement they lived in DuPont, Wash., where they were members of DuPont Presbyterian Church. Thora was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, Peter. She is survived by her four children, **Gail Petersen '60**, Norman Westby, Elaine Westby, and R.T. Westby; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Ruth Hagen died on March 8.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, **Lauralee Hagen '75, '78**, the director of alumni and parent relations at PLU. Her husband, Bud preceded her in death in 1988.

Professor Paul Liebelt died on April 22. He was a faculty member of the Department of Mathematics at PLU from 1970 to 1984 and was instrumental in designing and developing the university's program in computer science.

Vice President Emeritus Rev. Harvey Neufeld '54 died on April 28. He served in a number of PLU administrative positions until he retired in 1994 as vice president for Church Relations. He traveled more than a million miles on behalf of PLU and, in 1993, wrote a book, "Travelin' with Harv," to reflect his "very happy life" at PLU. The book is available at the PLU Bookstore for \$10. Please call 253-535-7665.

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2000-2001 Alumni Board of Directors

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Due date: **July 19, 2000.**

Don Cornell '58

Kim Corbray '98

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perspective

The art of Lawry Gold



The work of Associate Professor of Art Lawry Gold was exhibited at PLU's University Gallery throughout the month of April 2000. The exhibit was partly Gold's sabbatical show and partly a segment of PLU's Millennium Symposia-Art Series and showcased several of Gold's functional art pieces. Following are some images of his work and his own words in commentary.

I am particularly interested in what art was for, before our current attitudes about artists and market places defined our relationship to it.

I am interested in art that, although beautiful, was more than decorative. I thought about ancient art, which was probably as much ritual object as decoration. What objects in our lives might be ripe for this kind of special attention—for ritualizing consciously?

I think today's world is dominated by habits of thought and rituals that are oriented away from the

mysterious and toward the economics and efficiencies of time, space and entertainment. I felt certain functional household objects might be the ritual objects I was thinking about. I chose tables, clocks, and lamps as a starting point.

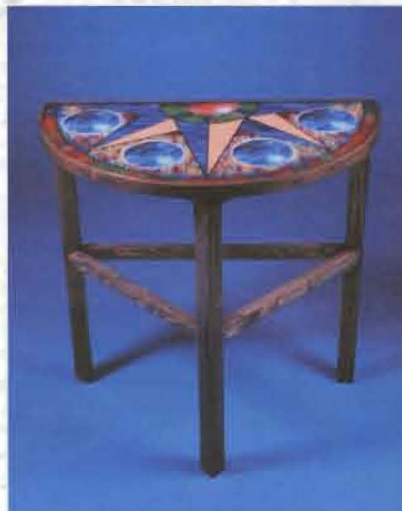
In my show at PLU's University Gallery, the theme is game boards. Many of the pieces in the show are based on the geometry of games, but without rules for play. I hope observers discover a way into the logic and form of the design and imagine their own rules.

RIGHT AND BELOW: **Time Flies** is a piece that is essentially self-explanatory. It is filled with references to the passage of time (the cycle of moons, the sunset-to-night color on the 'house,' and the clock itself) and to our awareness of time in the pattern of eyes open and eyes closed on the roof shingles and the way it seems to fly by through the use of wings. It uses the idea of a 'grandfather clock' as its point of departure, another reference to time, although in this case, ancestral (part of millennium art show).



RIGHT: **Light Flight** is a lamp that is as much folk art sculpture. One tower has illumination, the other can soar. They are connected by a mahogany bridge that is suspended above a pond in a field of toothpick grass. Careful how you touch this one!

BELOW: **Half Round** As I worked with the idea of game tables I thought about my own, very tiny house and came up with a table that might fit in a small place or hallway. Nothing more exciting than that—except for the design itself!



BELOW: **Seven Days** My favorite piece is an elaborate game board with nature and the seven days of creation as its central theme. It is made of hand-painted imagery with many layers of epoxy and beads. Each of the unmatched legs is fashioned in the style of a particular ancient civilization's column design (part of millennium art show).



BELOW: **My God Look at the Time** is a clock that uses the style of a 1950s horror film to highlight the growing sense of 'not having enough time' as an impending monster from outer space (part of millennium art show).



LEFT: **The Lake House** is in part a metaphor of my own, little shack on the Hood Canal where I live and work. Perhaps the 'lake' that lies below it represents unconscious desires that lie hidden behind all our actions.



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