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A student makes a big splash at the annual Foss Games event on lower campus. Photo by Ted Charles '12.

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June 6, 7 a.m.

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Professional Teaching
Standards Orientation
University Center, CK

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Regency Room

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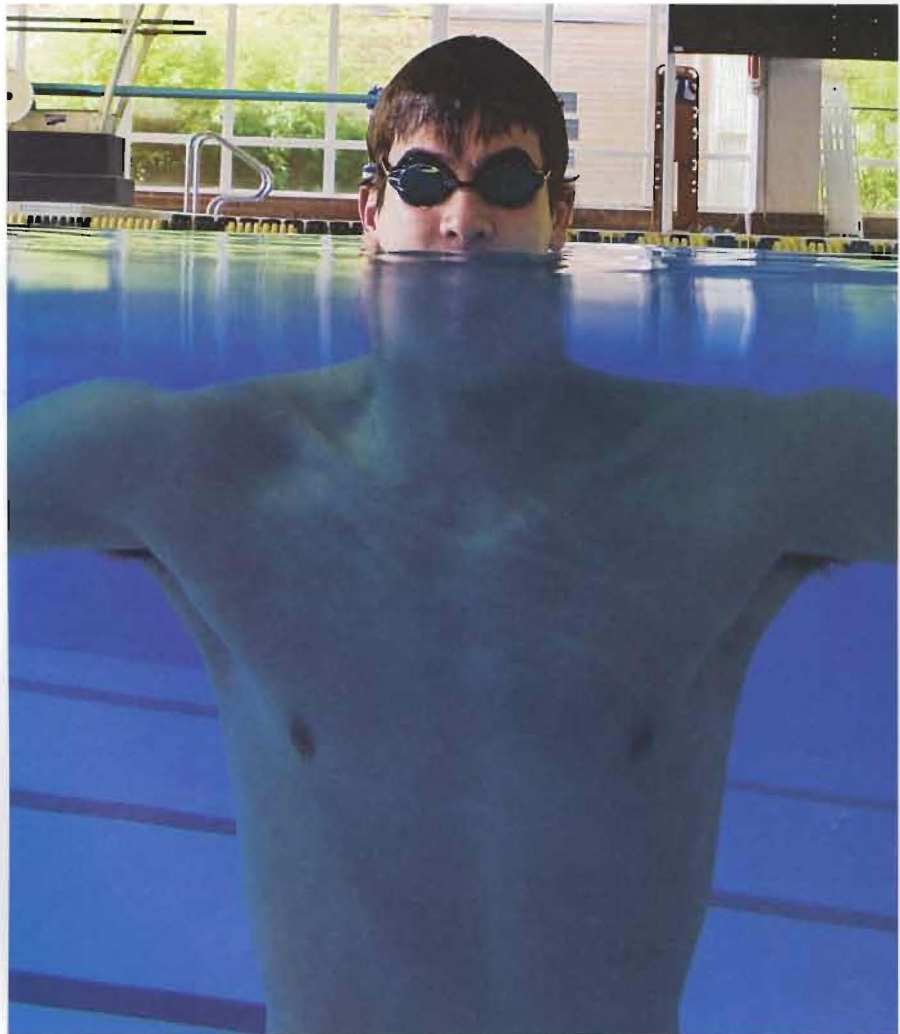
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here & now



Raising money for children's health, one doodle at a time

What do you get when you put together more than 30 shirtless PLU students and a bunch of permanent markers? For starters, more than \$2,300 in donations for the Free Care Fund at Tacoma's

Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. And you get a bunch of drawn-on students. "It's visual, engaging and gets people to give money," said Harold Leraas, Progress Club president. The club seeks to raise awareness about child healthcare, as well as other healthcare issues in the United States. The Free Care Fund ensures children without coverage receive the health care they need. The event works like this - for one

day shirtless students stand in places like Red Square and, for a donation of at least \$1, anyone can write their name or draw a picture on the students with a permanent marker. Donate extra, and you might get to write on someone's face.

"I definitely don't mind getting drawn or written on when I know that the money is going to somewhere worthwhile," said Marta Behling, Progress Club treasurer.



Robinson travels to Rome to perform on Easter Sunday

Solveig Robinson, associate professor of English, was one of 150 singers and full orchestra who performed Andrew T. Miller's cantata "The Birth of Christ" at the Basilica Santa Maria Ara Copeli - on Easter Sunday.

Robinson heard about the ensemble auditions through her regular choir, the Northwest Repertory Singers, with whom she has performed since the group's founding in 2001. She also studied voice with PLU's Marcia Baldwin one year before she retired. "If it hadn't been for her, I wouldn't have had the courage to audition for this performance."

For Robinson, the opportunity to sing in a world historic site was too great to pass up. "The music is so beautiful that I am equally excited about performing the cantata," she said, "and performing at the center of Western Christendom on the major feast day of the liturgical year is also pretty amazing."

'Bold and brazen' women of PLU honored

At the 13th annual Inspirational Women's Banquet this spring, 52 women - students, staff and faculty - were recognized as 2009 Inspirational Women.

"We received a record number of nominations of women who are inspiring our community," said Bobbi Hughes, Women's Center director, told a crowd of more than 100 people. The women were described as shining examples of leadership at PLU.

Three of the women were singled out for special recognition for the positive impact they have made at PLU. They included Angie Hambrick, director of multicultural affairs; Sharon Jansen,

professor of English; and Luann Corso, program coordinator of continuing education in the School of Education.

35 years of discussing important historical issues

For the 35th year, the annual Walter C. Schnackenberg Memorial Lecture took place on the PLU campus. Sponsored by the Department of History, guest speaker Joshua Fogel discussed the topic "The

Nanjing Atrocity in Chinese Historical Memory."

The Schnackenberg lecture began in 1974 in honor of his frequently expressed wish to establish a lectureship that would regularly bring distinguished members of the world academic community to PLU to discuss significant topics of historical interest.

Walter C. Schnackenberg was a 1937 graduate of PLU (then called Pacific Lutheran College) and then began a lifetime relationship with the university. He taught at the college from 1942-1944, leaving to travel until returning in 1952.



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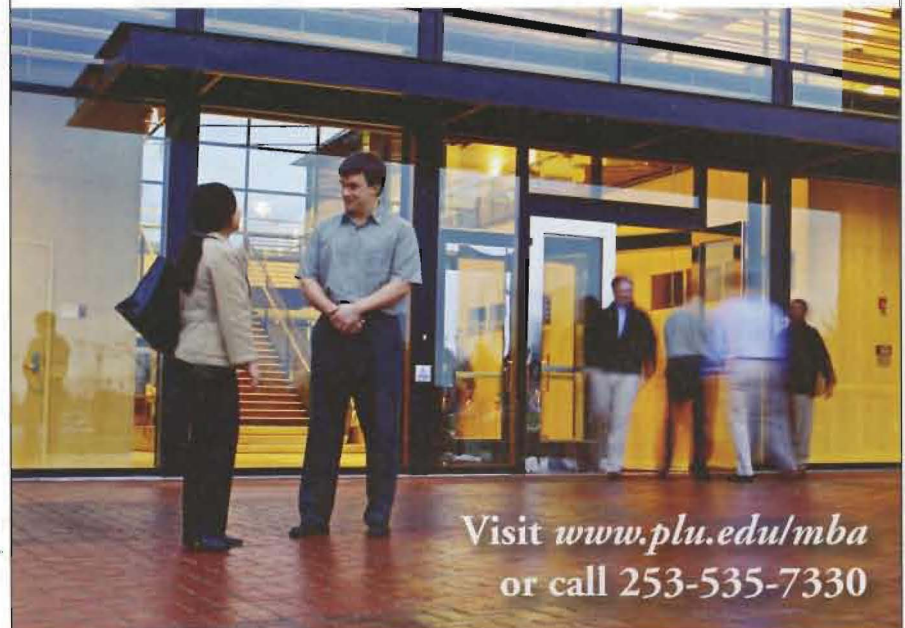
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Taking root in the community

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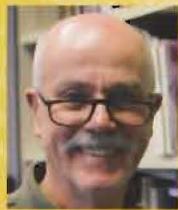


Five trees were planted on lower campus to honor **Elvi Nukk Urv '53** (left), who, along with her family, came to Parkland from a displaced persons camp in Estonia in 1949. They arrived thanks to Lutheran World Relief and a sponsorship by then-President Seth Eastvold. Urv, her sister and her parents lived for a time in the basement of Old Main (now Harstad Hall), and Urv's father, Kuno Nukk, planted many of the birch trees – common in Estonia – still located near Harstad Hall. The event marked the 60th anniversary of Urv and her family coming to the United States, a “blessed gesture of generosity and kindness by President Eastvold, (which) set the generations of my family on the road to higher education and to making contributions to their communities,” said Kristi Urv-Wong, Urv's daughter.

Faculty Retirement: Phased and Full



Roberta Brown
Languages &
Literatures



Michele Crayton
Biology



Bruce Finnie
School of Business



Greg Guldin
Anthropology



Sandra Knapp
Senior Lecturer in
Music



Brian Lowes
Geosciences



John Main
Biology



Chris Meyer
Math



Duane Swank
Chemistry

He then became an associate professor of history and political science, and became professor of history in 1958. Schnackenberg also served as chair of the Department of History from 1963-1973, and as faculty representative to the Board of Regents during the 1972-1973 academic year.



Westering family honored by local sports hall of fame

The family of longtime PLU Football coach Frosty and Donna Westering was honored June 4 as the 2009 "First Family of Sports" by the Tacoma/Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame.

The Westering family – Frosty, Donna, Holly, Sue '77, Brad '80, Scott '82 and Stacey '83 – join three other families that have been so honored: Dick and Sylvia Hannula, Scott and Sis Names, and Joe and Cleo Williams.

During a 40-year college coaching career, Frosty Westering compiled a 305-96-7 overall record. His record at PLU was 261-70-5 (.784 winning percentage), and no PLU team under his guidance had a losing season. He coached the Lutes to NAIA national championships in 1980, 1987 and 1993, with national runner-up finishes in 1983, 1985, 1991 and 1994. After PLU switched to NCAA Division III affiliation, Frosty led the Lutes to four consecutive national playoff berths, including a national championship season in 1999.

Scott Westering, Frosty's son, will begin his fifth year as PLU's head football coach this fall.

Poet David Whyte addresses class of 2009

Renowned poet and author David Whyte gave the keynote address at Spring Commencement, held

at the Tacoma Dome on May 24. Marit Barkve was nominated by faculty and staff to be the student speaker.

An associate fellow of the Said Business School at the University of Oxford, Whyte is one of the few poets to take his perspectives on creativity into the field of organizational development, where he works with a wide and diverse international clientele. In organizational settings, Whyte illustrates how we can foster qualities of courage

and engagement, qualities needed if we are to respond to today's call for increased creativity and adaptability in the workplace.

This year marks the fourth time commencement has been held off campus at the Tacoma Dome, allowing students to bring an unlimited number of friends and family to the ceremony. The graduating class of 2009 included approximately 650 undergraduate and graduate students. [S]

ACCOLADES



Michelle Ceynar, associate professor of psychology and **Joanna Gregson**, associate professor of sociology, wrote

"Finding Me Again: Women's Post-Divorce Identity Shifts" forthcoming in *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*.

Assistant Professor of Music **Zachary Lyman's** interview with Larry Austin regarding Charles Ives' "Universal Symphony," part of his doctoral paper, was published in the recent edition of *American Music*.

Assistant professors of biology **Julie Smith**, **Michael Behrens**, and **Jacob Egge** each received formal notice of approval of three grants from Murdock in support of research projects. Together, the grants total \$123,500.



Robert Ericksen '67, professor of history, has written the chapter on German protestant churches and the holocaust, "Protagonists: Protestants," in "The Oxford Handbook of Holocaust Studies," Oxford University Press.



Rick Barot, assistant professor of English, is one of five finalists in the Best Gay Poetry category of this year's Lambda

Literary Awards. His book, titled "Want," is published by Sarabande Press.

Eas Easwaran, assistant professor of computer science and computer engineering, has been elevated to a senior Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers member. IEEE is the main professional organization in his field and is a worldwide well known professional and technical organization.



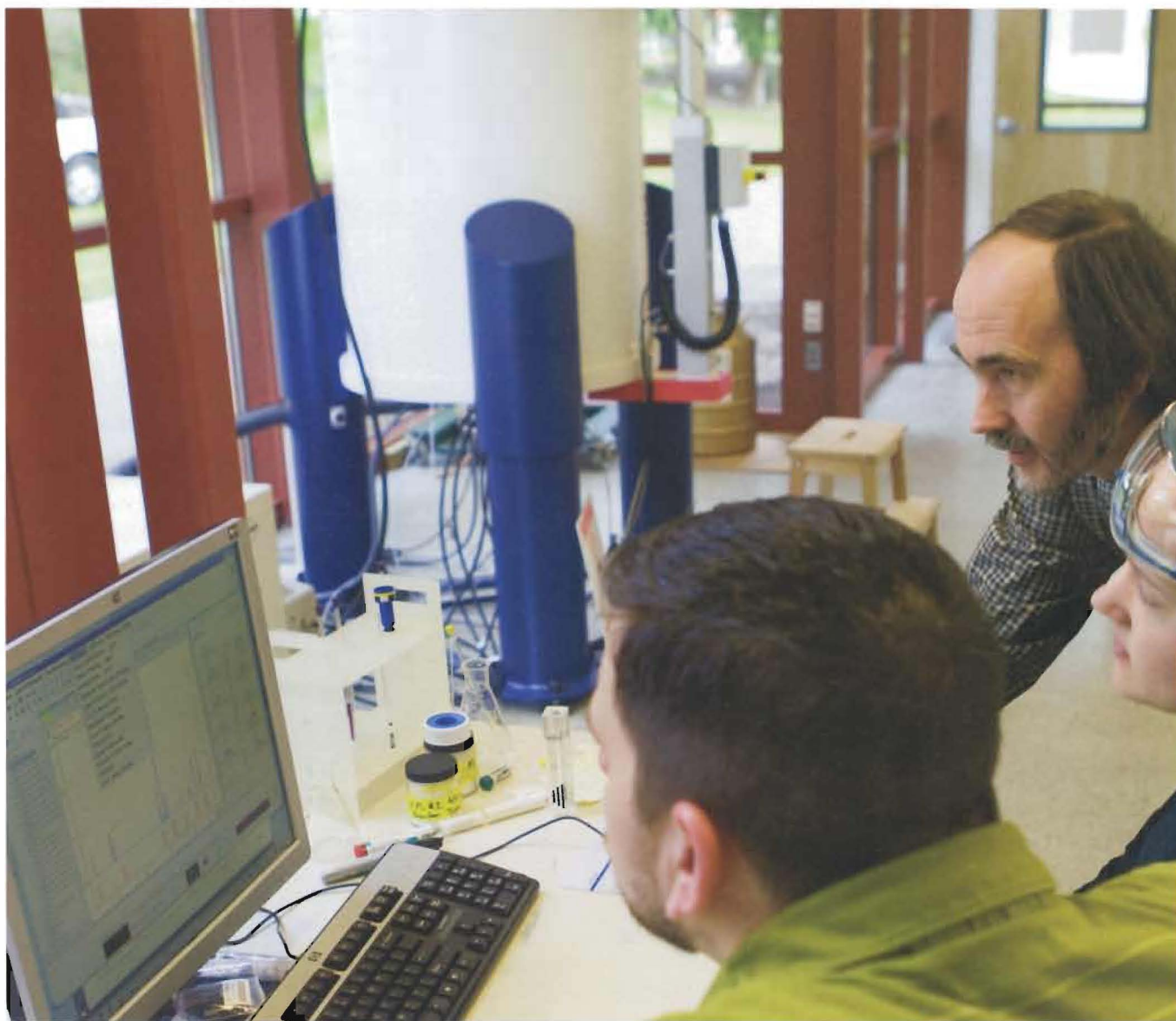
Rose McKenney, associate professor of geosciences and environmental studies, has been selected to be one of four Franklin

Fellows, July 6-24, in Lugano, Switzerland. McKenney will teach the course "Sustainable Living and World Citizenship."

David Ward, assistant professor of marriage and family therapy, was named educator of the year at the Washington Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual awards banquet.

life of the mind

New chemistry department instrument will help students and pros probe world of the atom



Professor Neal Yakelis, student Erin Johnson and professor Craig Fryhle (from left) study readouts from PLU's new magnetic resonance spectrometer.

It looks like a rather fat, squat water heater.

But to the students and professors gathered around it – or, more accurately, the computer that transmits readouts from it – the machine is pure magic.

It is called a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, or NMR. Today, the students from Professor Neal Yakelis' organic chemistry lab are trying

to figure out the structure of an unknown substance. Yakelis gives the students a rundown on how to order the machine to drop the sample into the depths of the NMR, and then await test results on how protons are oriented in the unknown liquid.

The machine works by an electronic arm plucking out a sample from a rotating tray and slowly lowering it into

a tube, which then goes down on a column of air into the machine. There, a powerful magnet that is 200,000 times as strong as the Earth's magnetic field spins the compound at super-fast speeds. As the machine analyzes the sample, information starts appearing on the computer.

To an untrained eye, the readouts seem like random squiggles and blobs.

Erin Johnson prepared samples to be analyzed in the NMR



But the frequencies mean quite a bit to the chemists and the students. It tells them – on a molecular level – how atoms comprising a molecule are bonded together and what parts of the molecule are in motion with respect to the other parts of the molecule. On a more basic scale, it will help them decipher the compound they are looking at. Some solid samples need to spin inside the magnet at nearly the speed of sound to get the best data.

The spectrometer contains a series of chambers, with the outside chamber forming a vacuum jacket. The outer chamber is then filled with liquid nitrogen, which is at a temperature of minus 321 degrees Fahrenheit. Inside the chamber, a superconducting magnet sits in a broth of liquid helium, which is even colder, at minus 452 degrees Fahrenheit, or just a few degrees above

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the lowest known temperature in the universe. The magnet is charged with electricity, which aligns the spins of the nuclei in a sample, thereby allowing it to be studied.

After watching their sample drop into the NMR, the students focus their attention back on their computer in front of them.

A few clicks of the keyboard and

chemistry majors Erin Johnson and Jessica Dottl return to the lab to await their results, which will be e-mailed to them.

Johnson said the automation of the \$700,000 machine is amazing. She's been waiting eagerly since the beginning of the year to use the machine. With good reason.

Undergraduate students like Dottl and Johnson usually do not have access to such a powerful instrument. They know full well that having used the spectrometer – one of the first of its kind located in a West Coast undergrad institution – will help them land future jobs.

"You can say (on your resume) that this is another piece of equipment you're familiar with," Dottl said.

Not only for the students, but for the professors of PLU's chemistry department as well, the nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer is a dream come true. It's easy to see they still can't quite believe, after two years of waiting and receiving a National Science Foundation grant they didn't expect to get, that it is finally here.

"When the crates came," said Yakelis, "we were very excited."

The grant to purchase the NMR was a collaborative effort by chemistry faculty led by Professor Craig Fryle. The machine is now in full display on the north side of a glass-walled laboratory at the Rieke Science Center on lower campus. Rebuilding the north side of Rieke to support the unique device – including Professor Dean Waldow's "science on display" glass enclosure – brought the NMR cost to more than \$1 million, all of which was paid for by sources outside the university.

Eventually, the group sees not only students using the machine for student-faculty research, but local community and four-year colleges bringing samples over as well. The chemistry faculty members plan to have Webcasts from the NMR lab to teach local college and high school students about NMR spectrometry.

"This is really going to be the crown jewel of the instruments in our department," Waldow said. [S](#)

—Barbara Clements

PLU wins Simon Award

Prestigious honor confirms university's role as a leading globally focused university

This spring, PLU received a powerful acknowledgement that it continues to be seen as a leader in globally focused education. The university was awarded the 2009 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, a prestigious award that honors outstanding efforts on and off campus to engage the world and the international community.

PLU is the first and only private college in the West to have received this honor.

"This kind of recognition confirms a focus and mission we have had for decades," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson. "Our university is one that stresses how small a world we have become, and the necessity to see and engage the world in thoughtful scholarship and a passion for service and care."

Neal Sobania, executive director of the Wang Center for International Programs, agrees. "For me, it's a significant validation of the work that people have been doing on campus for a long time," he said. "And that's to increasingly make PLU a globally focused university."

Sobania noted the focus on global scholarship began more than 30 years ago, when PLU became one of the first universities to establish a Global Studies Program in 1977. Now, more than 40 percent of the students participate in at least one study-abroad pro-



gram before they graduate. This compares to the national average of 3 percent, and puts PLU among the top comprehensive masters-level universities in the country with the percentage of students studying abroad. When students involved in near-campus or in-state J-Term programs are included, the percentage jumps to over 50 percent.

The prestigious 2009 Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization - named for the Illinois senator, a strong supporter of international efforts throughout his life - will also undoubtedly enhance PLU's stature as a globally focused university.

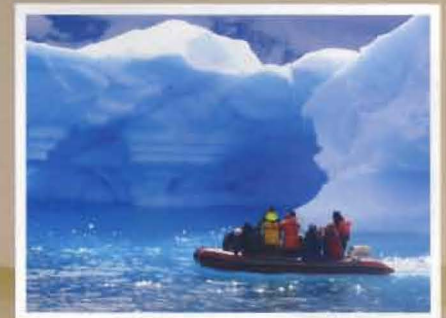
The honor was awarded by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, the world's largest nonprofit association dedicated to international education. Along with PLU, four other colleges and universities were honored. All five will be featured in the NAFSA report "Internationalizing the Campus 2009: Profiles of the Success at Colleges and Universities," which will be pub-

lished later this fall. The report recognizes institutions that are leaders in the growing effort across higher education to better prepare students for a global economy and an interconnected world.

Sobania notes that it wasn't simply PLU's successful study-away programs that earned the university its honor.

In general, "PLU has made a conscious decision to talk about "study away" rather than "study abroad," Sobania said. "We do so because the south Puget Sound is so richly diverse that one does not need to travel more than a few blocks to have a cross-cultural experience."

Many of those cross-cultural experiences happen right on campus. For instance, more than 230 international students study on-campus, representing 24 countries. On-campus groups also focus on international issues, such as



the Invisible Children Club, which looks at issues facing children in Uganda. Even The Mast, the student

The prestigious Simon Award for Campus Internationalization honors outstanding efforts on and off campus to engage the world and the international community.

newspaper, has an international editor. And, every other year, the Wang International Symposium brings major speakers who focus on pressing international issues.

Additionally, the university has developed an International Honors Program and 36 Fulbright student scholarships have been awarded in the past decade to PLU scholars, with more than half of those in research areas. Faculty members have also received Senior Fulbright Scholar Lecturing Awards in such countries as China, Korea, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Uganda.

The Simon Award wasn't the only significant announcement acknowledging PLU's emphasis on global education. Friends of the university met a \$1 million challenge grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, establishing a \$2 million scholarship fund that will enable up to 70 Global Scholar Grants for low-income students, who otherwise might be unable to participate in PLU's study-away programs.

The fact that PLU is able to engage in partnerships with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation underscores the university's leadership on global education issues, and is certainly the type of thing that NAFSA: Association of International Educators would have been looking for when considering universities for the Simon Award.


The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation gave the university the \$1 million chal-

lenge grant to initiate the endowment fund a year ago. Since then, the matching \$1 million was raised from donors, including the estate of Arthur H. Hansen, Loren and MaryAnn Anderson, Charles Bergman and Susan Mann, and Iver '54 and Ginny '56 Haugen.

Earnings from the endowment will provide approximately \$100,000 a year to fund up to 70 Global Scholar Grants for students who otherwise might be unable

to participate in PLU's study-away programs.

Given that PLU admits more Washington Achiever Scholars than any other independent university in the state, as well as 800 Pell Grant and 700 State Need Grant recipients, the Global Scholar Grants program will enable the university to further its commitment to making study-away opportunities available to all of its students.

"This new endowment will provide a significant boost to many deserving PLU students for generations to come," said Sobania. "The Global Scholar Grants program and the many accomplishments of these students also will continue to enhance PLU's stature as a globally focused university." 

Barbara Clements, Greg Brewis and Steve Hansen contributed to this report.



Matters of Faith

Seven students consider the nature of spirituality

At PLU, students talk about spirituality. They think about the meaning of life – human experiences of love, joy, creativity, success, suffering, death, of making and keeping commitments, of extending oneself on behalf of others. Students grapple with the meaning of integrity. They seek to find a purpose, something that is, in the words of some of my former students, “worth giving your life for.”

PLU students search for, and articulate to themselves and to each other, convictions that provide steadiness and inspiration. They test their aspirations and convictions against the ideas, concepts and theories they engage in class. They search out faculty who will converse with them about how what they are learning in their courses connects to who they are becoming. They spend time with mentors who listen as they give voice to their developing senses of themselves and their vocations in the world.

The vignettes that follow provide a glimpse into the spirituality of PLU students – each one’s whole, integral, embodied response to life. These spiritualities are diverse. Some are theistic, others humanistic or naturalistic. Some are rooted in historic faith heritages, others emerge more from improvisation. Some reflect a connection with recognizable faith communities. Others are more solitary.

PLU students’ conversations about spirituality continue a two-century tradition that is part of the transition into full adulthood in a nation where religion is voluntary. Their conversations also reflect a decade-plus intensification of students’ interest in open exploration of spirituality as part of their educational journeys. PLU students’ spiritual quests exemplify those found in a large-scale study of students who entered 236 diverse colleges and universities in the United States in the fall of 2004. In 2007 UCLA’s Higher Education Research Institute published the findings in *The Spiritual Life of College Students*:

A National Study of College Students’ Search for Meaning and Purpose (www.spirituality.ucla.edu).

Today, more than ever, students seek an educational experience that challenges them to think, not just about the disciplines they are studying, but also about themselves and their world. Centered in the Lutheran tradition of higher education, benefiting from the Wild Hope project’s work encouraging discussion of “big-enough questions” and implementing a revitalized general-education program this fall, PLU is well prepared to welcome seeking students. Here they will find that the pursuit of academic and professional excellence, the discernment of a life path or vocation, and the identification of a worthy purpose are intertwined.

—*Patricia O’Connell Killen, Ph.D.*

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Katie Garrow '11

Major: Global Studies and Spanish
Hometown: Hoquiam, Wash.

Exploring faith traditions through exploring challenging questions

KATIE GARROW GREW up Lutheran, and has always considered herself Lutheran.

But as she continues her spiritual journey, she has found herself supporting issues that sometimes run contrary to what she grew up believing. She supports gay, lesbian and transgender rights, and women's rights, including the right to choose an abortion. She is very involved in social justice issues. Theologically, she's not convinced there is an afterlife – and such uncertainty doesn't bother her.

Garrow might now consider herself a humanist-agnostic.

She thinks about her best friend since high school, an evangelical Christian, with whom she remains close. It is a testament to tolerance on both sides.

"For her, there's a clear right and wrong," Garrow said. "For me, I'm not so sure that we can always decide that – we live in a morally ambiguous world. That's not to say she's always wrong and I'm always right, but that we see the issue of morality very differently."

Garrow likes to ask questions that many people might not consider, or already feel are settled, such as: Who is God?

Why has God been used as a tactic to oppress people? How can more than one religious tradition claim to have truth when others claim the same thing? Who's right?


Asking question like these led her to become the Religious Relations Director for ASPLU. "I appreciate and am interested in people's spirituality," Garrow said. "I want to explore various faith traditions with other students and support and explore with them on their own spiritual journeys."

In the end, Garrow believes that the path to spiritual wholeness can operate on different levels – it might be the path she's taken, or that of her best friend from high school.

The key, of course, is the exploration.

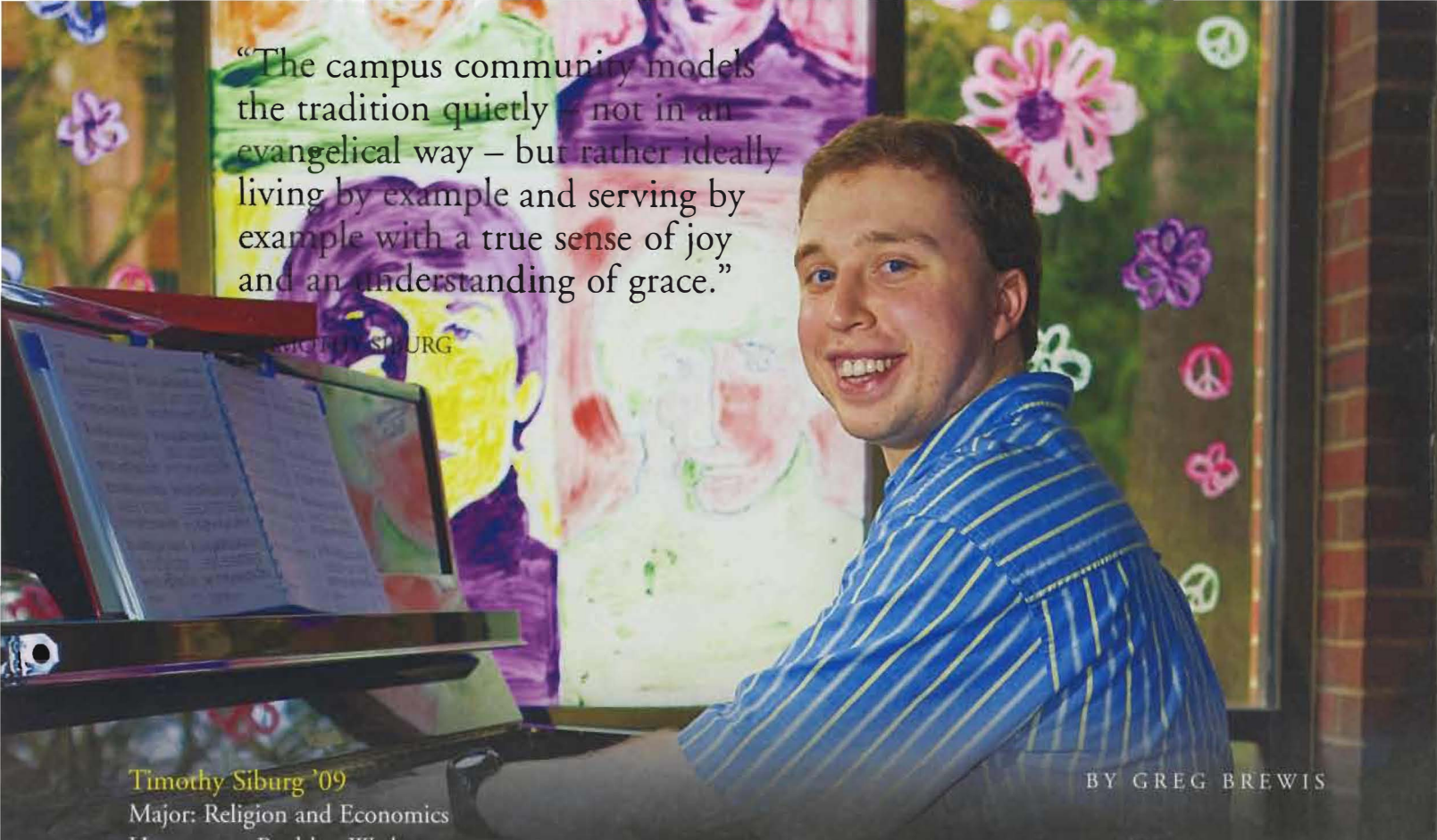
Katie Garrow takes a moment to meditate on PLU's upper campus lawn. She believes people can find 'spiritual wholeness' in many different ways.





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—KATIE GARROW



“The campus community models the tradition quietly – not in an evangelical way – but rather ideally living by example and serving by example with a true sense of joy and an understanding of grace.”

Timothy Siburg '09

Major: Religion and Economics
Hometown: Poulsbo, Wash.

BY GREG BREWIS

Embracing the ‘bigger questions’ and living with a true sense of joy

CALLING ANY UNDERGRADUATE an expert in spirituality might be an overstatement. But in speaking with Timothy Siburg, it is abundantly clear that he has done some deep thinking about the nature of spirituality at PLU.

And he has some serious credibility.

Last summer, he was one of only 50 undergraduates in the nation invited to attend the annual conference of the Fund for Theological Education, an organization dedicated to support young people as they explore and respond to God’s calling in their lives.

Siburg graduated in May with a double major in religion and economics. He plans to attend graduate school and continue his research on the effectiveness of the service that religious, non-governmental organizations provide in less-developed regions of the world.

“The overall spirituality of the PLU campus comes out of our focus on vocation,” Siburg said. “It’s the very Lutheran concept of looking at your

passions and finding your life’s calling.”

For Siburg it is all part of the idea of answering a call to be part of something that is bigger than ourselves, trying to engage questions of service, finding what we hold most dear and learning how we can most effectively contribute to the social contract.

“Spiritual growth or exploration is unique to each individual,” Siburg said.

He said many students take immediately to the ideas that are proposed at PLU during the First Year Experience program. These are the “bigger questions” in life that fully engage these students throughout their college careers.

“The best place to have deep spiritual conversations is in the residence halls late at night,” Siburg said. “The deepest theological and philosophical conversations in my life occurred after 11 at night. That’s part of the growth experience at PLU.”

Siburg said many students at PLU gain

a broad understanding of the Lutheran tradition of a values-based education just by watching others on campus live out their lives.

“The campus community models the tradition quietly – not in an evangelical way in the sense of going around preaching what they believe – but rather ideally living by example and serving by example with a true sense of joy and an understanding of grace,” he said.

He said some students will not understand how the Lutheran tradition has influenced their education until after they graduate. “It may take them until later in life to realize that the concept of vocation that PLU is focused on is something that is inherently connected to the Lutheran heritage and tradition,” Siburg said.

A four-year resident of Stuen, Timothy Siburg says sitting down to the piano with a hymnal helps him reconnect and regain his personal focus.

Bashair Alazadi '12

Major: Business

Hometown: Everett, Wash.

BY STEVE HANSEN

Finding strength through community

WHEN SHE CAME to PLU as a first-year student, one might excuse Bashair Alazadi for being slightly more anxious than most students. Alazadi is Shi'ite Muslim.

There might have been a few butterflies, she said, but that had more to do with going to college than on matters of faith. On that account, she says she has felt comfortable since the moment she first set foot on campus. "Everything just felt so nice – everyone was so welcoming," she said.

Alazadi values community – it is an essential component of her family life and her Muslim faith. Her family fled Nasiriyah, Iraq, in 1990 after a failed uprising and a subsequent crackdown from dictator Saddam Hussein. After four years in a refugee camp in Saudi

Arabia, she and her family landed in Everett, Wash. She was only four. The tight-knit Iraqi community of 100-or-so families has sustained her ever since.

Alazadi's personal journey and faith traditions may be nothing like most of those at PLU, but she does find among students a common reliance in community. And there, she finds great comfort. She sees herself no different than so many other PLU students – thoughtful and curious, and genuinely interested in matters of faith.

She loves the fact that so many people are willing to ask her about her faith, and she loves to talk about it. And in doing so, she feels a strengthening of the connection both to her Muslim faith and to her fellow students.

"It is so cool seeing students go to chapel, that they too value that community," she said. Alazadi typically doesn't attend chapel herself – she does, however, use that time to pray. "It is a nice time to remember God in your own way," she said.

For Alazadi, being spiritual means observing and maintaining the traditions of her faith community. She wears the traditional Iraqi head covering and dress, and she finds time to pray every day. "Spirituality means, even though I'm at PLU, I maintain the structure of my life."

Every day, Bashair Alazadi will find a quiet place on campus to take part in her daily prayers, something that helps keep structure in her life.

"It is so cool seeing students go to chapel, that they too value that community. It is a nice time to remember God in your own way."

—BASHAIR ALAZADI



BY CHRIS ALBERT

Daniel Baker '09

Major: Recreation and Religion

Hometown: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Celebrating God's creation and bringing others along

STANDING ATOP a mountain with unobstructed views and seeing the contours of valleys below is an awe-inspiring event for Dan Baker.

In fact, it is where he relates to God.

It is something Baker wants to share. He hopes to inspire youth by helping them explore the same things that inspire him – a chance to see God's creation in all its glory.

One place Baker has found what he's after is at Camp Lutherhaven, an ELCA camp near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. It's a place where the outdoors is the setting for ministry for youth.

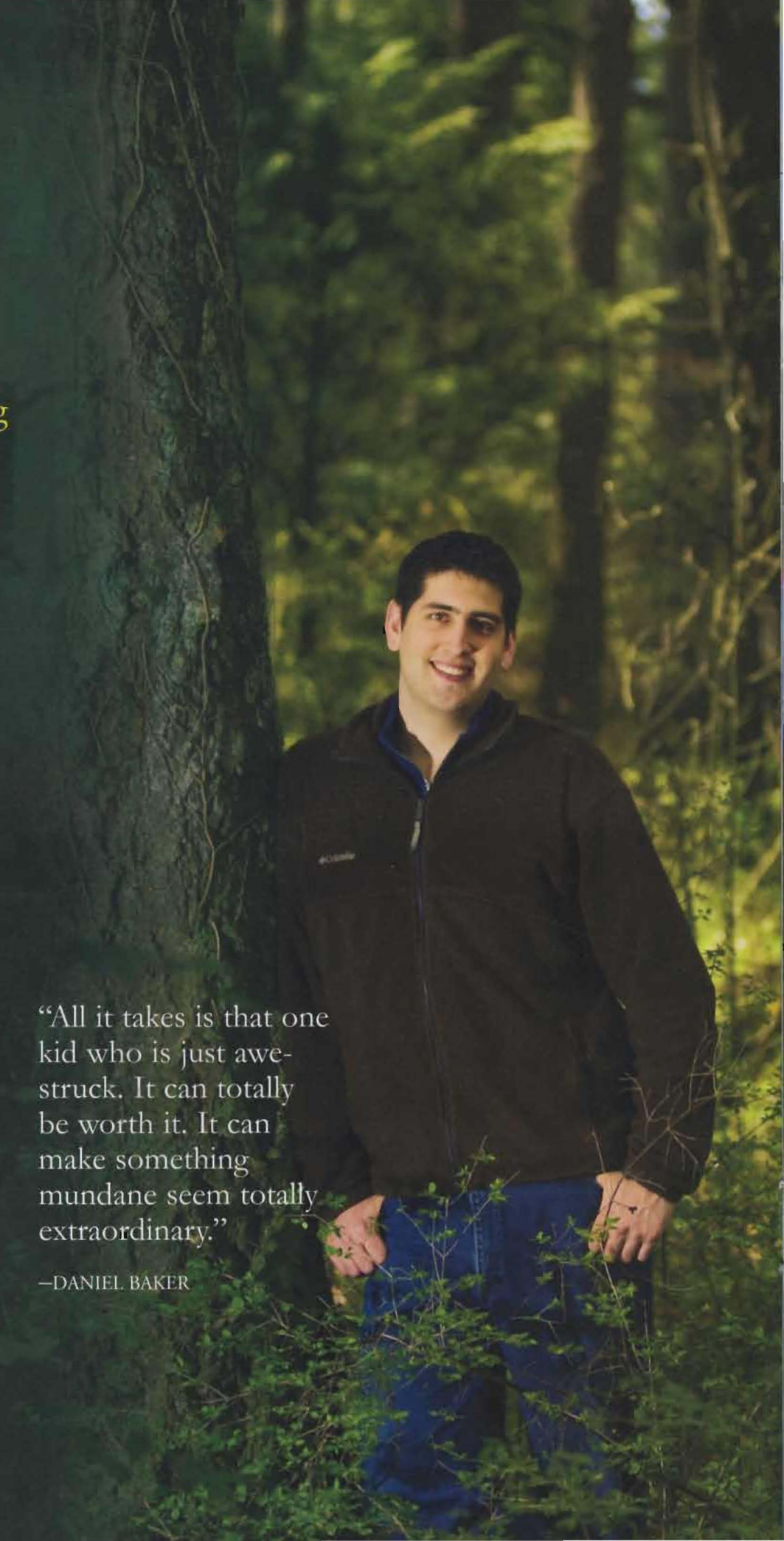
"When you get [young people] on top of a mountain, they get that awesome outdoor experience," he said.

"All it takes is that one kid who is just awestruck," Baker, religion and recreation major, said. "It can totally be worth it. It can make something mundane seem totally extraordinary."

Having those mountaintop experiences and sharing those moments with youth are what make ministry in nature so valuable. And the more he puts into it, the more fulfilling it becomes.

"You get filled as you pour out," Baker said. "There's a spiritual high you get out of that."

Daniel Baker wants to inspire others to explore the outdoors, what he calls 'God's creation.'



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“Affirming this passion to serve others as part of my life’s vocation. At the same time I feel a great responsibility. It has been a challenge to transfer this desire and calling to serve others into my normal everyday routine.”

—KATIE BRAY

Katie Bray '09

Major: Physical Education

Hometown: Spokane, Wash.

BY STEVE HANSEN

Living a life of faith focused through service to others

FOR KATIE BRAY, going to church and being part of a religious community – namely, St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in her hometown of Spokane, Wash. – has always been an integral part of her life. Spirituality is fed from faith – a faith in God. For Bray, that hasn’t changed.

However, her time at PLU has made her re-think the way she defines and expresses her spirituality. “It has definitely become broader,” she said. “I feel that I have discovered that I best express and live out my faith through service to others.”

This really became apparent to Bray after spending two months of her summer break at Miracle Ranch Children’s

Home in Valle de las Palmas, Mexico, just southeast of San Diego. The home is for children who have been abandoned, neglected and abused.

The experience was incredible – for the simple reason that Bray was able to live faith at its most fundamental: By loving children who simply weren’t receiving it.

Bray attributes the focus PLU places on being globally minded, thinking of others and emphasizing personal growth as key to preparing her for such an experience.

“Affirming this passion to serve others as part of my life’s vocation has been very powerful,” said Bray. “At the same time I feel a great responsibility. It has been a challenge to transfer this desire

and calling to serve others into my normal everyday routine.”

Working as a Campus Ministry intern has given Bray the opportunity to plan and lead various service projects throughout the year.

“It is a small way that I can help others discover their callings and where their gifts can be put to best use in service to others,” she said.

Katie Bray holds a photograph of Malina and Darina, two girls who live at the Miracle Ranch Children’s Home in Mexico. Bray finds working with children like these a great way to put her faith into practice.

Lauren Eaton '09

Major: Nursing

Hometown: Portland, Ore.

Celebrating Shabbat with the PLU family

WHEN SHE ARRIVED on campus as a first-year student, Lauren Eaton set out looking for the Alijah Jewish Club that she had read about. She didn't find it. There hadn't been any members for two years.

"I cried during my first Shabbat, because without my family it seemed very empty to celebrate by myself. It had always been a mark of solidarity in my family that we would always be together on Friday nights to do our prayers together," Eaton said.

Four years later all that has changed. Thanks to Eaton, the Alijah Jewish Club has been rebuilt. Having graduated with an undergraduate degree in nursing last month, Eaton leaves behind a club with a healthy membership base.

"Now, there are six Jews on our leadership team and about 20 others who regularly attend Shabbats and other meetings and activities," she said. "We also have big events at Hanukkah in the fall and Passover in the spring when we have between 50 and 75 people attend."

"There are many different reasons why people come to Jewish club. Some of them want to keep their traditions alive. Many of them are in a religion class and they are interested in learning more. Many of them are just friends of ours," Eaton said. "I think some of them only come for my freshly baked bread."

"For me spirituality is a sense of oneness and a sense of community. You are part of something larger than yourself. Whether you are in Outdoor Rec and you see it in nature, or whether you are in University Congregation or in Alijah Jewish Club, certainly you see yourself

to be part of something that is much larger than you can understand. There is a comfort and a strength in that.

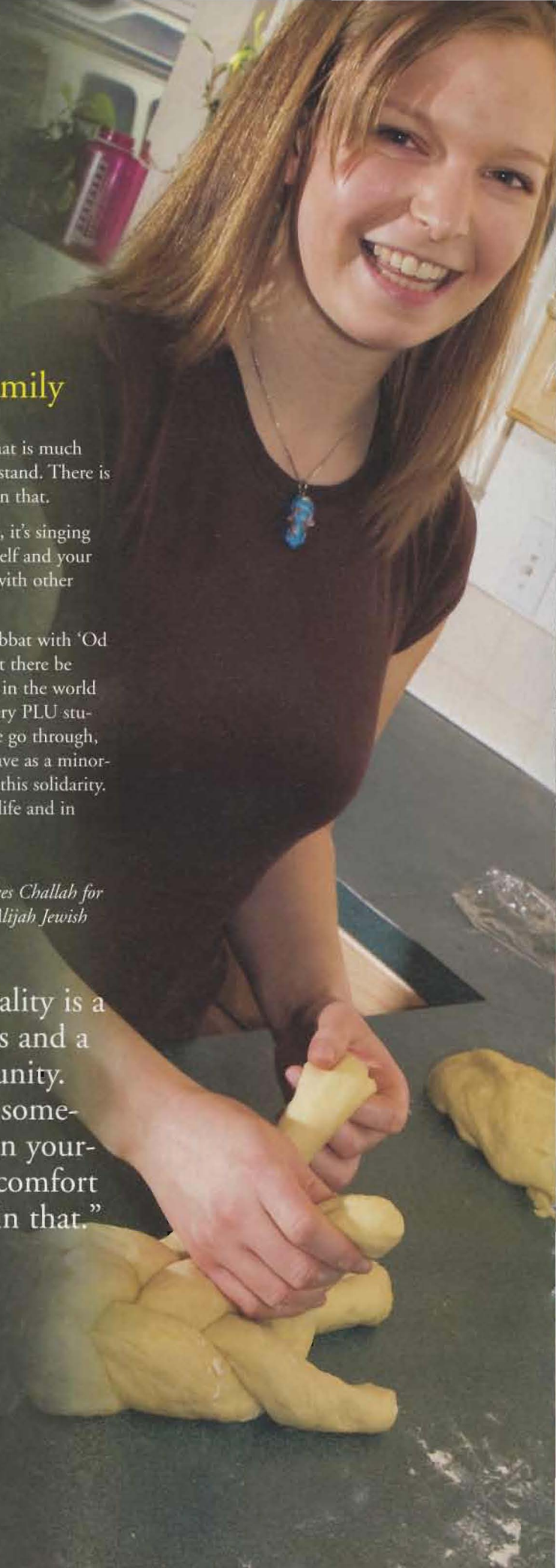
"Spirituality is connection, it's singing for me. It's enjoying yourself and your faith. It's discussing God with other people," she said.

"I pray and end every Shabbat with 'Od yavo shalom aleinu' of 'Let there be peace.' Peace is important in the world and also in the lives of every PLU student. Whatever stresses we go through, whatever difficulties we have as a minority group, we always have this solidarity. Let there be peace in this life and in your world."

Lauren Eaton regularly bakes Challah for the Friday Shabbat of the Alijah Jewish Club.

"For me spirituality is a sense of oneness and a sense of community. You are part of something larger than yourself. There is a comfort and a strength in that."

—LAUREN EATON



Mycal Ford '12

Major: Business and Communication

Hometown: Tukwilla, Wash.

BY STEVE HANSEN

Building a relationship with God based on openness and communication

When Mycal Ford discusses his faith, his story is that of a classic Christian conversion. He was an all-star athlete. He was, and remains, handsome and popular. In high school, success came easy. And with it, so did other things – like alcohol, drugs and women. Of this, he's not proud. And through it all, he remained unfulfilled.

One Sunday, he was invited to a church service during his senior year. He was captivated. He made a commitment to follow Christ, and has been dedicated ever since.

That said, ask him if he's religious and he bristles. "I do not like that term," he said.

Ford prefers to talk about spirituality and, in particular, his "relationship with God" – emphasis on relationship.

As he looks back, part of what kept him from considering a religious life was what

he saw as the requirements of such beliefs. "It was assumed that, to be Christian, you had to be against this or for that. Against abortion. Against gay rights. My religion was not going to be contingent on social issues."

When he stepped into that Sunday-morning church service, he came to understand that living a spiritual life did not require stumping for a set of predetermined social issues.

"God is more concerned about our heart than those social issues," Ford said. "What he's after is our heart."

Ford now attends church every Sunday, but it is clear what is most valuable to him is that relationship – something that goes both ways. He always carries his Bible, along with a journal in which he keeps track of his thoughts as he reads it. "It is

prayer or a love letter to God. It helps me connect with Him," he said.

Ford hasn't forgotten his life before that Sunday morning. In some ways, it is what keeps his faith real. "Christians are disgusting creatures, just like everyone else," he said with a laugh.

His point? We all have different things that make us tick – some good, others not. Ford's been there. Because of that, he doesn't dare judge others. And he doesn't want anything like that to stand in the way of a relationship that he has found so fulfilling.

Mycal Ford carries his Bible and a journal with him wherever he goes. The journal allows him to carry on a conversation with God – a "love letter to God," as he calls it.

"It was assumed that, to be Christian, you had to be against this or for that. My religion was not going to be contingent on social issues."

—MYCAL FORD



Swimmer Jay Jones rewrites the record books. And he's only a sophomore.

When PLU swimming head coach Jim Johnson recruited Jay Jones out of Mt. View High School in Vancouver, Wash., during the 2006-07 school year, he knew that the young man with an ordinary last name could be an extraordinary swimmer for his Lutes.

"In (swimming) recruiting you go by times, not like other sports such as basketball and football where it is more subjective," Johnson said. "He had good times, so we knew he was good, but I didn't know he was this good."

Indeed, what Jones accomplished during his sophomore season has already pushed his name onto the list of all-time great male swimmers at PLU.

Jones showed hints of his potential greatness during his freshman year, capping off his season by winning the 200-yard butterfly at the 2008 Northwest Conference Championships. Jones raced to the victory with a time of 1:56.61, winning by 1.38 seconds. The victory earned PLU its first NWC men's individual event title since Mike Simmons won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1999. Earlier in the meet, he established a new school record of 1:57.05 while finishing fourth in the 200-yard individual medley.

This season, Jones shattered all expectations, even his own, when he won three individual event championships at the conference meet and also obliterated four PLU men's swimming records.

Jones broke school records and gained national meet provisional qualifying times by winning the 200-yard butterfly, 200-yard individual medley and 400-yard individual medley at the Northwest Conference Championships in February. Jones became the first PLU swimmer to win three events at a conference meet since Marc LeMaster took the 50-, 100- and 200-yard freestyles at the 1990 cham-

pionships. Jones also became the first-ever PLU swimmer, male or female, to win an outstanding swimmer award at the conference meet.

By the end of the meet, the man with the ordinary last name had done the extraordinary, setting new school records in the 100-yard butterfly (51.38), 200-yard butterfly (1:54.38), 200-yard individual medley (1:55.01), and 400-yard individual medley (4:07.74).

"Starting this season, I was planning on just breaking my own record in the 200 IM," Jones said. "In the back of my mind I also wanted to snatch the 200 fly and 400 IM records as well, but I wasn't sure if I'd be successful in pulling it off. I surprised myself with how much I accomplished this season. I gained more confidence as the season progressed and, in the end, at conference, I felt I had a good chance."

"Jay came in this year after a strong first season, and continued training in the off season," said Allison Kolp, who served as PLU's interim head coach while Johnson took a year off because of illness. "We were able to push Jay in practice further than we did last year and increased his distance in the pool significantly. Jay knew what he needed to do this year, and he was able to swim smarter races, which comes from experience."

Despite establishing those four swimming records, Jones did not receive an invitation to compete in the NCAA Division III Swimming and Diving Championships held in Minneapolis, Minn. His provisional qualifying times in the 200-yard butterfly, 200-yard individual medley and 400-yard individual medley all were more than a second slower than the cutoff for entry. The NCAA Division III national meet qualifying standards have become so fast that even the most successful swim programs in

the Northwest Conference - Whitworth and Puget Sound - get few athletes into the national meet. You would have to go all the way back to Mike Simmons in 1999 to find the last time that a PLU swimmer competed at the Division III national meet.

Qualifying standards, already stringent, will plummet next year because most Division III national caliber swimmers are taking advantage of the latest technology in competition equipment - full-body suits. The suits have dramatically reduced times at every level. In fact, nearly every world record now on the books was set by a swimmer wearing the new suit.

Jones, for his part, did not wear the new full-body suit at the conference meet - yet still set four school records. It is reasonable to assume that unless Jones gets one of those expensive suits, he may never compete at the national meet.

For his part, Johnson thinks that Jones has the talent and work ethic necessary, even without the competitive body suit, to take the next step. "I'm confident that he'll get there the next two years, and when he gets there he'll place (in the top 16)."

Jones, too, believes that he can qualify for the national meet in his two remaining years at PLU. "If I show the same improvement next season as I did this season, then I definitely will find a spot at nationals. But the faster my swims get, the harder it gets to drop time off my races. My primary focus next season will probably be the same as this past season, which is just to beat my personal best times."

"He's probably the most naturally gifted swimmer we have, and he has not reached his full potential," Johnson said. "If he stays and swims four years he'll be the best swimmer we've ever had." S

-Nick Dawson

ALUMNI RECOGNITION 2009

WITH NEARLY 40,000 ACTIVE ALUMNI, THERE IS ALWAYS A REASON TO APPLAUD AND CELEBRATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR REMARKABLE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR NOMINEES AND TO THIS YEAR'S LIST OF AWARDEES.



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

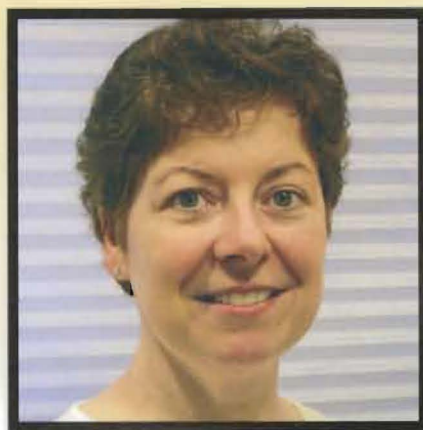
Through years of dedication and service, this alumnus has achieved professional or vocational distinction.

For his achievements within the professional organ community and his support of music at Pacific Lutheran University, **David Dahl '60** receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

An accomplished performer and leader among his peers, David has played recitals across the United States, Europe and Japan. During his 30 years of service as a faculty member and university organist, he encouraged each student to develop his or her full potential. David's students have earned reputations not only as performers, but also as church musicians who understand the value that fine music has for congregational worship.

David earned his bachelor's degree in music from PLU in 1960 and master's degree from the University of Washington in 1962, followed by advanced training in Europe. A student of David's identified him as a mentor who possesses the "wisdom of a scholar

and the humanity that puts it to service for others." This is evidenced by his career as a teacher, as a church musician for Christ Episcopal Church, Tacoma, and his role in PLU's acquisition of the acclaimed Gottfried & Mary Fuchs Organ in Lagerquist Hall.



OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

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

For her contributions to the field of neonatal nursing, **Jeanette Zaichkin '78** receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

During her 30-year career in neonatal nursing, Jeanette has been a bedside nurse, an educator and an author. Jeanette received her nursing degree from PLU in 1978 and her master's degree from the University of Washington in 1986. She has served as a clinical nurse specialist in a variety of settings and serves as an editor and consultant for the American Academy of Pediatrics Neonatal Resuscitation Program.

In 1996, Jeanette wrote "Newborn

Intensive Care: What Every Parent Needs to Know," a reference book for parents coping with the NICU experience. This first edition received a Small Press Book Award in 1997. The American Academy of Pediatrics recently acquired the book, and this third edition will be the first AAP publication with a nurse as the editor-in chief.

Jeanette was named a Distinguished Alumnus by the PLU School of Nursing in 1999. She currently works at Seattle Children's Hospital as the Neonatal Outreach Coordinator.



OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

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

For his outstanding scholarship and dedication to furthering social justice, **Brian Norman '99** receives the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award.

Brian, a PLU Regents' Scholar, graduated summa cum laude with degrees in environmental studies, French and women's studies. His interest in language as a means of advancing social

justice led him to focus his career on black, feminist and protest literature.

Since earning his doctorate in English in 2004 at Rutgers University, Brian has taught at both Idaho State University and Loyola College in Maryland, where he also helped develop and strengthen women's studies and African American studies programs. His courses challenge students to recognize the complexity of past and present social injustices, and literature's unique role in addressing them.

A model scholar-citizen, Brian balances his civic activism around LGBT and other rights with his publishing efforts. His first book, *The American Protest Essay and National Belonging*, has been called the "first book of its kind, heralding a new era in the field of protest studies."



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Awarded to an alumnus or friend of the university who has served the university in a unique or special way.

For their lifelong dedication to Pacific Lutheran University, **Naomi '53** and **Don '50 Nothstein** receive the Special Recognition Award.

CELEBRATING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR REMARKABLE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, CONTINUING PLU'S LONG TRADITION OF GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES.

For more than 50 years, the Nothsteins have been dedicated and supportive Lutes. Their philanthropic hand at PLU is evident in the Kelmer Roe Fellowship. This research grant in the humanities is competitive and popular among students and faculty.

As advocates for PLU in their church and the community, the Nothsteins have always shown a special interest in "future Lutes," not only identifying qualified applicants but taking the initiative to connect them with admissions directly.

Naomi worked tirelessly on her 50th class reunion which, in large part to her efforts, was a huge success. Don, one of the first PLU graduates to attend medical school, served as a pathologist in the Seattle area from 1961 to 1986.

Don and Naomi's sons, Greg and Phil, both graduated from PLU and their grandson, Kyle, will begin at PLU in the fall. Whether at homecoming, Choir of the West concerts or student capstones, the Nothsteins' show a continued investment in the life of PLU.



HERITAGE AWARD

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

For his extraordinary service to PLU that spans more than 50 years, **Jim Van Beek '59** receives the Heritage Award.

Jim's name has become synonymous with PLU. As a student-athlete, Jim and his teammates took Lute basketball to four appearances in the NAIA National Tournament, finishing second in 1959. Both the 1955-1959 team and Jim, as an individual, have been inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame.

As Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, Jim's commitment and professionalism had a positive influence on his colleagues, many of whom have chosen careers in higher education. He brought his passion for PLU to the Office of Development in 1991 and since then has had responsibility for raising funds for more than 70 named endowed funds for student scholarships, athletics and other support. He was instrumental in obtaining funding for the Names Fitness Center, the hardwood floor in Olson Auditorium, renovations to Olson and other major gifts to the university.

ALUMNI RECOGNITION 2009



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

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

For her long and distinguished record as an educator and environmental activist throughout Pierce County, **Thelma Gilmur '42 '46** receives the Alumni Service Award.

Thelma developed her love of nature at a young age but first began to make it her career when she was a teacher in the Tacoma area. Whether in lessons to her children, students or Girl Scouts, Thelma ties environmental education into everything she does.

Gilmur has played most every role within the Tahoma Audubon chapter since being a charter member in 1969. For her volunteer work since 2001, the Tahoma Audubon Society awarded her Lifetime of Service and Leadership in February.

In 2008, the Pierce County Conservation Award, the Helen Engle Lifetime Achievement Award, was given to Thelma from the Cascade Land Conservancy for her role as an environmental advocate in the community. Snake Lake, China Lake, Swan Creek and the Gilmur Forest Preserve donated by Thelma and her husband in 1998 are

a few pieces of nature Thelma is best known for conserving.



THE BRIAN C. OLSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

Presented to a student who has demonstrated commitment to the university and the alumni association. By recognizing the importance of connecting students and alumni, this student has shown a potential for lifelong service to the university.

For his leadership, both abroad and on campus, and his intended lifelong dedication to the university, **Andy Guinn '09** receives the Brian C. Olson Leadership Award.

Andy graduated a member of the prestigious Pinnacle Society and summa cum laude in 2009 with math and physics degrees. Andy is a model for the liberal arts education, incorporating ideas from multiple disciplines into a four-year search for vocation.

Andy took a focus on a global education to a new level by studying-away five times during his college career. His involvement in a number of student organizations is evidence that Andy accepts all opportunities to challenge himself academically and in the extracurricular.

Andy is from Arvada, Colo., and will begin his master's degree in applied mathematics at University of Colorado, Boulder, beginning this fall.



For being the embodiment of the university's mission statement and her intended lifelong dedication to the University, **Maren Anderson '09** receives the Brian C. Olson Leadership Award.

Maren graduated a member of the prestigious Pinnacle Society and summa cum laude in 2009 with a degree in Norwegian. Maren takes advantage of most all the opportunities the university provides to supplement the academic experience.

Her leadership roles as Student Orientation Coordinator, Student Alumni Association Executive Director, Co-Editor of the Mast and Constituent Relations Intern show Maren as an individual who is passionate about connecting Lutes of all ages and walks of life.

To these leadership roles, Maren brings her ability to communicate and relate to each person, her vast knowledge of the university, and her gift of seeing potential in every situation.

Maren is from Tacoma, Wash., and will begin her doctorate in Scandinavian studies at the University of Washington this Fall. [S]

Hey, batter batter!

The Office of Constituent Relations is proud to sponsor a night at Tacoma's Cheney Stadium as the Tacoma Rainiers take on the Omaha Royals. The event will take place Friday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. Admission is \$9.50, which includes a hot dog, chips, soda, the ball game and a fireworks show. Tickets can be purchased at www.alumni.org or by calling 253-535-7415. Please register prior to Wednesday, Aug. 12, as all tickets will be distributed by mail following that date.



Hello from the Office of Congregation Relations!

We are the newest addition to the Constituent Relations team but, as before, we exist to nurture the university's relationship with the 622 ELCA Region 1 congregations in the Pacific Northwest. Along with Kim Kennedy-Tucker (pictured above, right) and our two student team members, this office seeks to build relationships through visitations with congregations, pastors, students and families.

Each year we host on campus events for workshops, youth events and conferences such as the Summer Theological Conference. Our office manages the Partner Congregation Program consisting of congregations who commit to be donors to PLU and, in turn, receive a \$1,000 scholarship for each of their confirmands who choose to attend PLU.

Congregation Relations also keeps corporation delegates connected to PLU by bringing them together on campus annually and updating them on happenings at PLU year-round.

To learn more about us, please visit our website at www.plu.edu/~crel, or call us at 253-535-7423. Thank you!

—Reverend G. Lee Kluth, Director

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

2009-2010 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following candidates are nominated for the 2009-2010 Alumni Board of Directors. Please vote for two candidates – two response boxes are provided if two alumni live in the same household.

Detach this form and mail before Aug. 1, 2009, to the Office of Constituent Relations, Nesvig Alumni Center, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447. You can also cast your ballot online at www.plualumni.org.

- Laurie Soine '87
 Write-in candidate(s)

BALLOT

Thursday, October 1, 2009

- Songfest

Friday, October 2, 2009

- Attend Classes
- Homecoming Chapel
- Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon
- Various Welcome Back Activities on Campus
- 1959 50th Reunion Reception
- Friday Night Lights Campus Campfire and Pep Rally

Saturday, October 3, 2009

- **Homecoming Lute Fest**
 - Alumni University
 - Community Service Event
 - Continental Breakfast
 - Fun Run
 - Nursing Alumni Reunion
 - Reunion Coffee Hours
- **Family Fun at Sparks**
 - Tailgate Chili Feed
 - Homecoming Football Game
- **Black and Gold Bash**
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center
 - 50th Anniversary Dinner
 - Student Media Reunion
 - Music, dancing and memories for all!

Sunday, October 4, 2009

- Golden Club Brunch
- Homecoming Worship
- Homecoming Celebration Lunch
- Martin J. Neeb Center Dedication

Homecoming is for everyone!

Wear your school colors proudly when you come back to campus October 1-4 for Homecoming 2009: Live from PLU. In addition to this year's reunions for classes which end in a 4 or a 9 there will be a special affinity reunion honoring all alumni who participated in student media and a dedication of the Martin J. Neeb Center, home of KPLU and the Office of Development and University Relations.

This is just a sampling of the weekend's activities and events. Please watch for registration materials this summer. For more information or to register visit us online at www.plualumni.org, or call 800-ALUM-PLU.

alumni profiles

Tilden flies high as Alaska Airlines' new president

As a boy, Brad Tilden '83 would look up from the yard at his home and see airplanes launch into the sky from the nearby Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Someday, he wanted to fly. And while going to PLU and working toward a degree in business administration and accounting, the high-energy Tilden did just that - he took what money was remaining from his summer jobs and

began training for a private pilot's license.

Never did Tilden, 48, think he would one day become president of Alaska Airlines.

Tilden has worked for the Northwest icon for the last 18 years, holding a number of posts including chief financial officer, rising to the post of president in December 2008. Prior to joining Alaska in 1991, he spent eight years with the accounting firm Price Waterhouse at its offices in Seattle and Melbourne, Australia.

A self-described geek and math lover, Tilden said he decided to go to PLU

because he thought of becoming a teacher, and the school had a good reputation.

But once at PLU, he changed his mind.

"I noticed all the accounting majors had job offers waiting for them in the fall of their senior years," Tilden laughed. Today he serves on PLU's board of regents.

As he settles into his office, he looks at pictures of family members that crowd for space around his computer. They include his three daughters Lauren, 22, Jacquie, 20, and Maria, 17, and his wife, Danielle (Yoakum) Tilden

"To be competitive, you really have to keep innovating and keep changing." —Brad Tilden '83



'84. Tilden's sister, Juli Tilden '86, is a Lute, along with four of his wife's siblings.

When Tilden graduated from PLU in 1983, the country was facing a crushing recession. But then, as now, businesses were hiring people who will roll up their sleeves and do the hard work. And think creatively. And be problem solvers, he said.

"Every business has a shortage of this type of employee," he said.

His college job at Amtrak helped him pay for PLU, but also taught him to work hard and be available to do whatever. In his case, that meant washing dishes on the train. It was because of this job, in fact, he had saved enough to pay for his pilot training.

This do-whatever-needs-to-be-done attitude has helped Alaska navigate an industry that has weathered 9/11 and plummeting passenger counts, soaring fuel rates and, of course, today's recession. Tilden credits Alaska's success to its people. "I don't think you'd find a team like ours anywhere else in the industry."

Despite the recession, the company is in good shape, with \$1 billion cash on hand (much higher than other airlines), and the airline has snagged another JD Powers award for customer satisfaction. And as to what keeps him up at nights? There's the competition of the low-cost airlines such as Virgin and Southwest always nipping at the company's heels.

"To be competitive, you really have to keep innovating, and keep changing," he said of business survival in the 21st century.

The company now has one of the most fuel efficient fleets in the industry (all 737s), was the first to sell tickets on the Internet, the first to have check-in kiosks, the first to allow check-ins from home. After unusual items, Alaska reported a net income of \$4.4 million in 2008, its fifth consecutive profit. The \$3.5 billion company has tripled in size during the last 18 years.

Given all the work at the office, and shuttling the one daughter still at home to and from her events at Issaquah High School, there isn't much time for hobbies - like flying or cycling, another activity he enjoys.

But he's never lost that wonder of that young boy looking up at the planes. He'd like to get back to flying again.

"I know it sounds corny, but there's really nothing like it," he said.

—Barbara Clements



"Anytime I get to one of my big milestones, I realize anything is possible."

—Maureen Francisco '99

Making dreams a reality, and making a reality show, too

To say Maureen Francisco '99 is a go-getter would be selling her short.

A list of her accomplishments runs long and seems to have no end. She calls it just a start to her "Things She Wants To Do Before She Dies" list.

She's always wanted to run in a marathon. Now she's run in four. She wanted to be a television reporter. She's since worked in multiple markets. She wanted to work for a non-profit. She's currently the media director for Child United, which seeks to reduce the effects of poverty in Third World countries through education.

It's just the way she is, said Joanne Lisosky, associate professor of communication, whom Francisco credits as being a guiding force for her when she was at PLU. The two still stay in touch.

"It does not surprise me that she went out and became a very powerful woman in the world," Lisosky said. "She's absolutely charming - just delightful to be around in every way."

But a recent adventure allowed Francisco to indulge in something she's wanted to be a part of - reality TV.

"I've always been fascinated with reality shows," she said. "But when you're a reporter there's a conflict of interest."

So she put that dream on hold for awhile to focus on other projects. Then she moved on from reporting and

found herself a slot as a contestant on the Fox Reality Channel's Solitary 3.0.

"I know I have time and there's no conflict of interest," Francisco said when the show aired this Spring.

The show is a grueling combination of physical and emotional challenges.

Contestants are isolated in a room and given different challenges to complete. "It is a different kind of television," Francisco said. "This is the only reality show where you are playing against yourself, because the only way you lose is if you quit."

It's a true test of will, she said.

Recently Francisco met her breaking point in a challenge that had contestants drinking a large quantity of milk - which if you've ever been part of a residence hall "gallon challenge," you know there's only so much milk the body can absorb before it comes back up.

Although she didn't win, Francisco said the experience was very positive. She was able to go beyond some of her personal thresholds.

"Anytime I get to one of my big milestones, I realize anything is possible," she said.

"She's a great role model for young women, I think in many ways, because it wasn't always easy for Maureen," Lisosky said. "She always worked at it."

No longer on Solitary 3.0, Francisco has jumped into other projects.

She's still the media director for Child United and she's continuing to pursue other media ventures.

Oh yeah, and she's finishing her memoir. [S]

—Chris Albert

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1959, 1968, 1980, 1987 and 1991.

1935

Harold M. Dempster died Feb. 11. He is survived by his wife **Ida (Thompson) Dempster**.

1936

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

1938

Elva Bergman Williams died Dec. 27. Elva attended PLU and the University of Washington. She taught in Elk Plain, Wash., Ilwaco, Wash., and at Stadium High School, Tacoma. She is survived by three sons, two daughters, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; her brother, Jack Bergman, and sister, Mary Gurney.

1940

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

1941

Evelyn (Knibbe) Elliott and her husband Chalmers celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Feb. 14 at an eatery in Puyallup with their four children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1942

Edith Marie (Gustafson) McDaniel died Dec. 13. She was born Sept. 6, 1921, in Tukwila, Wash. Edith loved PLU and was happy to attend the annual alumni breakfast for individuals who had been alumni for 50 years or more. She was the Foster Tukwila School District librarian and never went anywhere without running into a friend or former student. She was very proud of her Swedish heritage. Edith is survived by her daughter-in-law, Amy, and two grandchildren, Miles and Melissa McDaniel. Her husband, Bob, and sons, Michael and Steve, preceded her in death.

Emmy Louise (Hoff) Watson died Feb. 12. She taught third grade, worked as a consultant to the National Alliance of Businessmen and retired from the Washington State Employment Security Department. In 1945 she married Bill and they celebrated 60 anniversaries prior to his death in 2005. Emmy loved dancing, golf, shoes, reading, pretty dresses, politics, cooking, the PLU girls and her family. She is survived by her daughters, Janice Watson-O'Connor and Gayle Watson; son-in-law, Terry O'Connor; her sister, Betty Woodhams, and sister-in-

law, Helen Hay; nieces and nephew, Dianne Hoff, Carolyn Hoff, Mary Lou Jones, Marcia Costa, Nancy McKibbin, Michael Hay and their families.

1945

Class Representative – **Annabelle Birkeistol**

Fern Harriet Erickson died Jan. 8. Born in Montana, Fern graduated from PLC and spent most her adult life in California. A teacher and much more, Fern was a sought after, benevolent, guiding light to three generations of family. She was adored and admired by all. She was always and simply Fern – concerned, interested, enthusiastic, patient and charismatic in the most understated way. Fern wanted to know what you were about, yet she never pried or judged. She made time for everyone. There were no strangers in Fern's life, just people she hadn't yet met. She was elegant, gracious, dignified and egalitarian. She left the world a better place. Three simple ideas guided her: be good to yourself; stand aside and let life unfold, beautifully; this life or something better.

1947

Class Representative – **Gerry Lider**

1948

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

Mary A. Everson died Dec. 3. Mary was born June 4, 1926, in Washburn, N.D., later moving to Portland. She received her nursing degree and served in the Air Force for 20 years. Mary is survived by her sister, Elizabeth Norcross.

1950

Class Representative – **Dick Weathermon**

Jess Thompson's e-mail address is jwilthomp@yahoo.com. He hopes some old schoolmates from the years right after World War II will contact him.

Signe (Baker) LaMont retired in June of 2008 after spending 57 years as a teacher, beginning her career in Holden, Wash. She has been a member of Oberlin Congregational Church in Steilacoom since the age of two, where she has taught Bible school and Sunday school for years. Her time is now spent volunteering at the VA Hospital and the Old Soldiers' Home. Signe is a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Alpha Delta Kappa – Zeta chapter, an international sorority for female teachers. Signe married James LaMont on June 24, 1950.



Jeanne Baird is waltzing into her eighth decade, teaching a weekly Bible class, planning and escorting a monthly trip for seniors, and

working in a couple of volunteer organizations. The joy, pride and love of her life, however, is her garden. Drop by 4001 E. F Street in Tacoma for a cup of tea, a tour of her arboretum and some old-fashion conversation.

1951

Inez Irene (Larsen) Allen died Jan. 16. Inez was born Nov. 13, 1928, in Bristol, S.D., to Agnes and Lars Larsen. In 1941, her family moved to Tacoma. While attending PLU, Inez met and soon married **Clifford Allen '50**. They moved north to Seattle, where they built a wonderful home, raised their family and shared their lives for nearly 60 years. Inez worked for the Shoreline School District for over 20 years, building many lifelong friendships. Inez is survived by her loving husband, Clifford; son, Jeff (Barb) and daughters, Kathy (Jerry), Debbie (Bob), and Teri (Kara). Grandchildren include Ryan, Amy, Sara, Alex, Sam, Emily and Elli. She is also survived by sister, Lois and brother, Curt.

Glenn L. Evanson died Feb. 25. Glenn was born Sept. 8, 1924, in Arnegard, N.D., to Norwegian immigrants. He married **Beverly R. Dodge** in 1962 and they had three children. Beverly died in 1987. Glenn married **Edith Cofer** in 1993. He was employed for many years as a teacher in the Great Falls (Mont.) Public School system. He retired in 1979 and worked several years as distribution manager for Consumer's Press. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Edith; sons, **Timothy '87**, Jon (Maria) and Daniel; grandson, John; siblings, Eleanor Wright, Phyllis Hutchinson, Jean Ellenz, **Gloria (Evanson '54) Keller**, Delores Price, Orvis Evanson and **Gerald Evanson '63**.

Richard W. Rupert died Feb. 2. Dick grew up in Tacoma, served in World War II, and then came to PLU. Dick touched so many lives through his teaching. He was both a commercial and avid sports fisherman. Dick enjoyed restoring antiques. He was most pleased working on his farm in Gig Harbor with his grand children and his two Dalmatians.

1953

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

1954

Ernest Elmer Carlson died Jan. 9. In addition to PLU, Ernest graduated from Augustana Seminary Lutheran School of Theology. He continued to study the Swahili language at Syracuse University and AV Communications at the University of Minnesota. Following his ordination into the Lutheran Ministry in 1959, he and his wife Nancy served as missionaries in Tanganyika, Tanzania. After returning to the United States, he served as pastor at Calvary Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Calvary Lutheran Church, Rush Point, Minn., and for 20 years at Zion Lutheran Church, St. Paul. Ernest is survived by his wife of 49 years, and their three children, Dr. Rolph Eric Carlson, Birgit Lyn Carlson and Bjorn Edward (Christin) Carlson; three grandchildren, Henry Christopher Croll, Grace Elizabeth Carlson and Peter Christian Carlson; brother, Carl (Sally) Carlson; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gary and Roberta Boxmeyer; son-in-law, David Otto Simanek and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews as well as many friends in places near and far. He will be sorely missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

1955

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

Richard C. Griswold died Dec. 22. Born in Spokane, Richard played football and obtained his bachelor's degree from PLU. He married **Lois Rae Boan**, who preceded him in death. They spent most of their lives in Pottlatch, Idaho, where Richard taught math and science. His passion was to teach, coach and help kids excel. While at Pottlatch, he coached football, basketball and track. He later started the wrestling program. After retiring in 1989 as the guidance counselor at Pottlatch High School, he received a distinguished service award from the Idaho High School Activities Association. Survivors include two sons, Michael (Christina) Griswold and Patrick (Becky) Griswold; daughters, Marlee (Hoss) Eaton and Lynn Griswold; one brother, Bernard Griswold; and one sister, Florence Kingrey; very special close friend, Cleo Bell McKown; and six grandchildren, Scott Holbrook, Derek and Brandi Griswold, Naomi Eaton, Hayley Couture and Trevor Griswold. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, and his sister Evelyn.

Faith (Bueltmann) Stern recently published the book "Lots of Loy; Descendants of Hans Jurich Loy." This family history publication is included in the Library of Congress Genealogy Collection.

1956

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

Dean Warren Hurst died Feb. 25. He grew up in California and served in the Army during the Korean War. He met his wife, Lorraine while in the state of Washington. They resided in San Diego for 53 years, where he was a teacher for 24 years. Dean is survived by his wife, Lorrie; daughters, Carla (Mark) Schwartzel, and Lynn and Kyja Hurst; grandsons, Jason (Joanna), Ryan, Brandon and Kevin Schwartzel; great-grandchildren, Daniel, Quinn, Emily and Cayden Schwartzel.

1957

Class Representative – **Marilyn (Hefty) Katz**

Mary Ann (Richardson) Pitzler died Jan. 21. Mary spent years in service as a child and maternity nurse. After nursing she embarked on a new career and started the Lake Hills Montessori Preschool. Mary devoted the next 28 years to teaching, encouraging and molding two generations of children.

1958

Class Representative – **Don Cornell**

Janet Laurene (Sveen) Sayers died Feb. 12. She was raised in Yakima, Wash., and attended PLC and Central Washington College of Education. Janet worked for Trans World Airlines as a stewardess, where she met her husband, Joseph Sayers, also a TWA employee. Joe and Janet raised one son, Michael. A 40-year resident of the same home, Janet was a neighborhood stalwart, typified by her constant involvement in the close-knit community. She was an avid and competitive Scrabble player and active in TWA's philanthropic and social organization. Janet is survived by her son, Michael and his wife, Kim, their twin sons, Logan and Callum; and brothers Menton, and **Kermit Sveen '59** and their families.

1959

Jon M. Wefald has announced his retirement at the end of the 2009 academic year. Jon currently serves as the 12th President of Kansas State University, having held that position since 1986.

1960

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

1961

Class Representative – **Ron Lerch**

1962

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

Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Mitchell died Mar. 4. He was born in Minneapolis and raised in Lake Oswego, Ore. He attended PLU and graduated from California State University Hayward. Jerry served in the Vietnam War, earning two Good Conduct medals. He spent his career as an

accountant and was an enrolled agent with the IRS. He taught classes in real estate, tax preparation, bookkeeping and math. Jerry enjoyed golfing, fishing, bridge, cooking and reading, and was a member of Christ Church Parish. Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Donna; his daughters, Janna Lee (Eric) Pendergrass and Erika Lynn Budd; his brothers, Richard (Caroline) Mitchell and Philip (Barbara) Mitchell; and his grandson, Connor Riley Mitchell.

Charles Mays died Mar. 5. He was born in Colfax, Wash. He received a B.A. from PLU, a bachelor of divinity from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and a doctor of ministry from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, Calif. He loved being a pastor. His congregations were in Fairfax, Va., Renton, Wash., Minneapolis, Minn., and Port Angeles, Wash. Charlie advocated tirelessly for a fair society. He was a scholar who enjoyed learning and teaching. He is survived by his wife, **Sandy (Erickson '83)**; his twin brother, **Tom '62**; and sisters, **Linda (Mays '65) Branae** and **Nancy Mays '73**; daughters, Marsha Conces and MaryBeth Ryan; and son, Steve Mays. His grandchildren are Tim and Nick Conces and Nathan and Zachary Ryan.

1963

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

Stanley Hagen died Jan. 20. He was born in New Westminster, B.C., on March 11, 1940. He was a small businessman, and as hardworking as he was effective, heading up 10 different ministries in British Columbia in a political career that spanned more than two decades. Most recently, he was Minister of Agriculture and Lands in Premier Gordon Campbell's cabinet. Stan is survived by his wife, Judy, five children and extended family.

Robert E. "Bob" Johnson died Feb. 16. Bob was born and raised in Seattle, received his B.A. from PLU and his master's degree in history from San Francisco State University. He taught for many years and designed an environmental curriculum. He owned the Moraga Book Company with his wife **Myrtis (Kabeary)**. Bob is survived by his wife, Myrtis, daughter, Liv, brother, Mark Johnson and sister, Jacqueline Harris.

Alden Erickson died Feb. 2. He grew up in Tacoma before serving two years in the army. After graduating from PLU with a degree in education, he spent the next 16 years teaching math at Mann Jr. High School. Al returned to school and got his master's degree in accounting, spending the next 15 years as a controller. He loved music, mathematical games, taxes and travel. Al was a good father, brother and friend with a kind heart, gentle soul, and playful sense of humor. He is survived by his children, Alden Erickson and Dour Erickson (Penny Hopkins), and his grandchildren, Lauren and Brian

Erickson. He is also survived by his sister, **Barbara (Erickson '64) Edmonds (Ken '64)**.

1964

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

1965

Class Representative – **Dave Wytko**

Daniel Jaech died Feb. 22. He enjoyed traveling, reading, golf and good humor. He is survived by his wife Barbara; his sons, Benjamin (Jamie) and Matt (Jessica); brother, John (Annie); and uncle, Emil and aunt Myrtle Jaech.

1966

Class Representative – **Frank Johnson**

Richard Trainer died Jan. 10. After receiving his B.A. from PLU, he continued his studies at Willamette University and Eastern Washington University. Rich served his country several years in the Army Reserve and the Coast Guard. He was an active member of American Legion Post 163 and was a Master Mason at the Masonic Lodge, Friday Harbor, Wash. Richard loved the beauty of the outdoors, especially sailing, golfing, biking, hiking and camping. His passion for sailing combined with friendships brought him to San Juan Island and "home." Rich is survived by his brother, **Phil Trainer '77** of Graham, Wash.; his sister, Cindy Warrington and brother-in-law Ken of Calgary, Alberta, Canada. His niece and nephew Jennifer and Jeff Trainer of Wash. and his two nephews, Ryan and Matt Warrington of Calgary, also survive him.

Ingrid (Otheim) Beard lost her husband on Apr. 14, 2008. He passed away while at King Solomon Christian Camp in Solomon, Kan. They were involved in RV ministry through their Christian Church called S.O.S. Ingrid makes her home in Brunswick, Ga.

1967

Class Representative – **Craig Bjorklund**

1968



Mike and Janet (Estes '66) Douglas' twin granddaughters were exposed to PLU basketball at a PLU vs. California Lutheran

University game. The girls play on a traveling basketball team. Mike and Janet's son, Rob is the Director of Youth Ministries at their church Westminster Presbyterian Church in Westlake Village, Calif.

Penny (Johnson) Leake, Ph.D., R.N. has won an American Journal of Nursing

2008 Book of the Year Award in the Electronic Media category for her project entitled "Community/Public Health Nursing Online." Penny wrote and developed over 50 online case studies illustrating the roles of nurses in community and public health settings. Her project is being marketed to accompany four of the leading community and public health nursing textbooks published by Elsevier Publishing Company, a leading publisher of health science books. Leake is on the faculty at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, in the Department of Nursing.

1969

Class Representative – **Rick Nelson**

Philip Petrasek has been awarded the Tom George Award for Man of the Year in honor of his lifetime of community service, and recognition as a renowned philanthropist in Ferndale, Wash. Philip and his wife, **Linda (Simundson '70)** have spent their married life reaching out to the communities and churches in areas they have adopted as home. Philip is pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, coordinator of the Ferndale Community Service Cooperative, member of the Police Advisory Commission, as well as the Critical Incidence Stress Management Team for Ferndale. He is active in the Community Coordinating Association and works with Mayor Gary Jensen and Police Chief Michael Knapp on concerns and issues in the community.

1970

Class Representative – **Bill Allen**

Eric Godfrey now holds the dual title of vice president and vice provost for student life at the University of Washington. The joint decision was declared by both UW President Mark Emmert and Provost and Executive Vice President Phyllis Wise. Eric has been working in student life positions throughout his career, first at California State University Long Beach, then at the Pennsylvania State University, and most recently at PLU. The Division of Student Life at the UW consists of 2,000 full- and part-time employees responsible for 16 different departments on campus.

Jim Ageson was honored by Concordia College with the Wije Distinguished Professorship, the college's prestigious award for scholarship and teaching. Ageson is chair of the Division for Arts and Humanities at Concordia and has been a model teacher-scholar in the religion department since 1985. He is known as a challenging teacher who supports students as they begin the serious study of religion. In the past year, Ageson has had two books published: "The Future of Lutheranism in a Global Context" and "Paul, the Pastoral Epistles and the Early Church." His expertise on the Apostle Paul is widely recognized among New Testament scholars, and his recent book on Paul is included in the distinguished Library of Pauline Studies.

Gary Edwin Brandel died Dec. 1. Gary treasured every friend. He had an appreciation for fine wines and gourmet cooking as well as a passion for gardening, photography, jewelry making and other artistic endeavors. During the holidays, Gary would create the most amazing gingerbread mansions to donate to various charities. His early years were spent in the grocery business at Alameda Foods in northeast Portland where he developed many friendships. His current career as a learning and development consultant at Wells Fargo brought him great satisfaction. Gary was married to **Judy (Benson)** for 40 years. They were blessed with three sons, Scott (Tanya), Sean, and Ryan; and two grandchildren, BZ and Haley.

Richard Swenson is now teaching oral English in China after teaching many places in the United States during the past 40 years. JingDeZhen is the birth place of porcelain and is a remarkable place to teach. Richard had a lifelong interest in ceramics and art, having taught for more than 30 years at the university level. He is enjoying a great life in China and plans to retire there someday. Feel free to contact him at ricswenson0823@hotmail.com.

1971

Class Representative – **Joe Hustad, Jr.**

1972

Class Representative – **Molly Stuen**

1973

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

Alvina (Hauf) Olstead was ordained as an ELCA pastor Oct. 12 in Ferndale, Wash., by **Bishop William Chris Boerger '71**. She moved to Opheim, Mont., with husband, **Halvar Olstead '71**, where she is serving as pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Opheim. She is also teaching music part time in the Opheim Public Schools. Halvar and Alvina are both retired from teaching and have three grown children and grandchildren.

Jim and Glenda (Ostrem) Donovan both retired last July from the Centennial School District in Portland, Ore. Glenda spent 24 years as an elementary classroom teacher. Jim spent 11 years as an elementary teacher and 24 as an elementary principal. Their daughter, **Emily (Donovan '04) Ehigh** is a second grade teacher in the Federal Way School District. She and her husband, Tommy are expecting their first child in April.

1974

Class Representative – **David Johnson**

Ann (Balerud) Stump is a full-time Neuro ICU charge nurse at Texas Health Resources/Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. Her husband Brian is a professor

of geophysics at Southern Methodist University. They are now proud grandparents, times two: Kevin and Alisha Stump became parents of Sawyer William on Sept. 19, 2008, in Plano, Texas; and Julia and David Morrison became parents of Ava Claire Dec. 26, 2008, in Richardson, Texas.

1975

Class Representative – **Helen Pohlig**

Hub Walsh was sworn in as Merced County Supervisor. He beat out four other hopefuls to win the District 2 seat. Hub is married to Rita and has two children and one grandchild. He holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and sociology from UC Berkeley, a master's degree in social science from PLU and a second master's degree in business administration from California State University Stanislaus.

William E. Powell, General Motors North America vice president of industry-dealer affairs, retired in March. Bill began his career with GM in 1977 at Buick Motor Division in Flint, Mich. He moved through a span of sales assignments prior to becoming general manager of the dealer network investment and development group, and later the regional general manager of GM's Southeast region for the vehicle sales, service and marketing organization. He played a key role in the successful realignment of GM's channel structure and dealer network during a challenging period for the industry. Importantly, he was instrumental in strengthening GM's dealer development program, which was the first in the industry according to GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner. Bill graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, and earned a master's degree from PLU.

1976

Class Representative – **Gary Powell**

1977

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

Jayne (Adams) Clement retired from the Yelm School District after teaching 31 years. She has remarried and is starting her second career running a driving range and mini golf course in Olympia, Wash., with her new husband.

Janice (Ritchey) Jones sang at Carnegie Hall with the choir Novum Chamber Singers. Jan serves as the group's president. She currently is a music teacher at Westridge Elementary in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Kristi (Sagvold) Spohr was honored by the Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce as teacher of the year. Kristi is a French teacher at Othello High School. She has accompanied students to France eight times and sings in a church choir.

1978

Class Representative – **Pete Mattich**

Elizabeth James has been promoted to director of the distance education program at the Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. In this capacity she directs one of the oldest and most established programs for students getting a masters degree in public health entirely online.

1979

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

Jeffrey Allen Craig died Dec. 5. Jeffrey grew up in the Federal Way, Wash., area. He graduated from PLU, where he met his wife of 20 years, **Darla (Berg '86) Craig**. Jeff enjoyed outdoor activities which led him to scouting where he earned his rank as Eagle. He had a zest for learning, humor and cooking, but soccer, friends, and family were his passion. He is survived by his wife, Darla and two children, Kyra, 10, and Kian, 4. Other survivors are brothers, Brad and **Wade '85**; sister, **Rachelle Katzman**; parents, **Jim and Jan Craig**; and nieces and nephews, **Justin, Kelsi, Tulley, Keely, and Koby Craig** and **Alison, Kayla, Ben and Ana Kautzman**.

Leslie Forsberg is the author of a new travel guidebook "Wanderlust and Lipstick: Traveling with Kids," which can be found in bookstores. She is writing another book, "Moon Pacific Northwest Guidebook," due to be published in early 2010. Leslie also writes about travel for several magazines. When not on the road, she lives in Seattle with her husband and 15-year-old daughter.

1981

Class Representative – **Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips**

Fredi "Edna" (Giesler) Staerkel was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor at the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh.

1982

Class Representative – **Paul Collard**



Andrea (Leuenberger) Slichter has accepted a new position as national sales manager for Novelty Hill and Januik wineries.

Prior to joining Novelty Hill and Januik, Slichter served as a regional sales manager overseeing an international portfolio of premium wines. Novelty Hill and Januik are independently owned wineries that share a tasting room and production facility in Woodinville, Wash. Andrea and her husband Jim make their home in Freeland, Wash., located on Whidbey Island.

Susan Caulkins has become an associate at Davies Pearson after having been in private practice on the Kitsap Peninsula for more than 20 years. She looks forward to expanding her work to meet the needs of Davies Pearson's Pierce County clients. Caulkins graduated from Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College in 1985.

1983

Class Representative – **Dave Olson**

1984

Class Representative – **Mark Christofferson**

Rod Nubgaard received the Coast Guard's Superior Achievement Award – its highest civilian award – for leading people, programs, resources and policies managing the Coast Guard Exchange, morale well-being, and recreation programs.

1985

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

Karen Calfas will become the new assistant vice chancellor in charge of student wellness at the University of California, San Diego. Her new role includes promoting and expanding the existing student affairs wellness initiative, fundraising for and development of a new student wellness center, and transforming existing departments under her oversight into a more cohesive and collaborative source of holistic wellness services. Karen has been part of the San Diego State University faculty as a full professor and has been directing the Department of Health Promotion under Student Health Services since 1992. She has been an adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Public Health since 2005 and an assistant clinical professor at the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine at UCSD since 1994. Karen received her doctorate in 1990 from UCSD and her bachelor's from PLU. She has been a licensed psychologist in the state of California since 1993.

Kathleen Martin remembers getting up early in the morning while living in Hong Hall to attend her golf classes from Mr. Carlson. While she was learning which club to use, her older brother Greg "Piddler" Martin was working as a caddie on the PGA tour for Dan Forsman. Greg just wrote a book called "Caddie Confidential," about the life and times of a caddie on the PGA tour.

1986

Class Representative – **Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly**

Eric Larson joined the U.S. State Department Foreign Service in January of 2008 as an information management specialist and is now posted at the U.S. Embassy in Algiers, Algeria. If you are headed that way or would like to talk

about a career in the Foreign Service, e-mail him at ericlarson64@hotmail.com or LarsonEO@state.gov.

1988

Class Representative – **Brenda Ray Scott**

1989

Class Representative – **Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro**

Whitney Keyes has just published a book called "Media Tips for Authors." Whitney is the President/CEO of Whitney Keyes Productions in Seattle.

Michelle (Williams) Bailey and her husband, Brad, own Memorial Gallery. The gallery carries more than 800 items by more than 40 woodworkers, stone carvers, sculptors, painters, metallurgists, glass blowers and other artisans. The urns and jewelry made to store cremation ash are used for both humans and pets.

Sandra Cochran has been elected executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. She will have responsibility for all aspects of the company's finance, accounting, strategic planning, investor relations and information services functions. Previously, Sandy served as chief executive officer and president at the nation's third largest book retailer, Books-A-Million.

Julie (Didier) Frazier works at the University of Puget Sound in the office of annual giving. Her husband, John, is in his 12th year as a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker Bain. Their 10-year-old daughter, Hanna, attends Concordia Lutheran School. They reside in Tacoma.

1990

Class Representative – **Sean Neely**

Kristen (Bennett) Johanson competed in the Lavaman Triathlon in Kona, Hawaii, last April through Team in Training, which benefits the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. She did this in honor of her brother, Karl, who has since passed away from leukemia; however, he was alive at the time of the event. Kristen's sister, **Karen (Bennett '92)** and brother-in-law **Alan Herr '92** were very helpful in watching her kids while she trained. Anyone who is interested in becoming a bone marrow donor can find out more information at www.marrows.org.

Erik D. Benson, a partner with the Seattle-based venture capital firm Voyager Capital for the last 10 years, recently joined the board of directors of the Nordic Heritage Museum in Ballard (www.nordicmuseum.org). Erik's family includes wife, **Jenny (Moss '91) Benson** and 20-month old son, Soren.

1991

Ron Shrum has accepted a yearlong assignment in Grottaglie, Italy, to perform

supply chain recovery lead duties for Boeing at a 787 partner site.

Kauna Ben Shingenge, along with his wife, Justina and son, Erastus, 14, has moved from the United Nations to become a diplomat in Tanzania. He serves in the ministry of foreign affairs in the Namibian Embassy.

Brenda I. Morris has been named CFO of Iccicle Seafood Inc.

1992



Class Representative – **Darcy (Pattee) Andrews**

Paul Nordquist and **Melissa Braisted** were married Nov. 14

in San Francisco. Paul is with the Ross Division of Abbott Laboratories and Melissa is an architect with Jensen Architects in San Francisco. Alums attending the festivities were **Kevin '94** and **Kristi (Osborne '99) Eager, David Jerke '03, Ted '55** and **Alzora (Albrecht '57) Carlstrom**, and Paul's parents, **Phil '56** and **Helen (Jordanger '57) Nordquist**.

1993

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

Cliff Mills graduates from the University of Washington's School of Social Work in June with his MSW in clinical social work. He is continuing his duties as a supervisor at the King County Crisis Line. He will also be working out of one of the emergency rooms in King County.

1994

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



Shannon Tilly and **Craig Norton** were married in Salt Lake City. Immediate family members **Bart Tilly '89** and **Earl Tilly '56** were

Included in their wedding party. **Shannon** and **Craig** live in Salt Lake City where she is an OB/GYN and **Craig** is an E.R. nurse. Both are avid bikers and skiers.

Mai Yang has been promoted to social services supervisor in the community services division of the aging community services division of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

1995

Class Representative – **Christi Rupp**

Esther Chon married **Charles Thomas Bohannon** Sept. 23. Esther hopes all is

In Memoriam

1935

Harold M. Dempster on Feb. 11.

1938

Elva Bergman Williams on Dec. 27.

1942

Edith Marie McDaniel on Dec. 13.

Emma Louise Watson on Feb. 12.

1945

Fern Harriet Erickson on Jan. 8.

1948

Mary A. Everson on Dec. 3.

1951

Inez Irene (Larsen) Allen on Jan. 16.

Richard W. Rupert on Feb. 2.

Glenn L. Evanson on Feb. 25.

1954

Ernest Elmer Carlson on Jan. 9.

1955

Richard C. Griswold on Dec. 22.

1956

Dean Warren Hurst on Feb. 25.

1957

Mary Ann (Richardson) Pitzler on Jan. 21.

1958

Janet Laurene (Sveen) Sayers on Feb. 12.

Norman Forness on Apr. 2.

1962

Gerald "Jerry" Eugene Mitchell on Mar. 4.

Charles Mays on Mar. 5.

1963

Stanley Hagen on Jan. 20.

Alden Erickson on Feb. 2.

Robert E "Bob" Johnson on Feb. 16.

1965

Daniel W. Jaech on Feb. 22.

1966

Richard Trainer on Jan. 10.

1970

Gary Edwin Brandel on Dec. 1.

1979

Jeffrey Allen Craig on Dec. 5.

Friends and Faculty

Carrol DeBower, professor emeritus of education, and longtime PLU faculty member died Jan. 23. He came to PLU in 1965, remaining here as an education professor for all but two of the next 27 years. Carrol believed that students learn when they are active and engaged, and his teaching mirrored that philosophy. He was also the driving force behind PLU's educational administration program. His most important and lasting legacies may well be the hundreds of educators who learned and improved their craft through his tutelage.

John Schiller, professor emeritus of sociology and longtime PLU faculty member, died Mar. 10. John often said that it was out in the community where

he could test what he was teaching and, through those experiences, teach theories and concepts to his students in a more meaningful way. Schiller became PLU's second sociology professor in 1958 after serving as a parish pastor and Protestant chaplain for 10 years. During his 33-year career at PLU he chaired the sociology department, served as Dean of the Division of Social Sciences, directed the division's graduate programs, and was instrumental in the creation of the social work program. He was PLU's Regency Professor in 1976-77.

Charles A. Peterson died Mar. 3. His wife, **Joanne (Van Lierop '61) Peterson** and daughter, **Jennifer (Peterson '05) Barnett** were by his side. Peterson earned a Ph.D. in business at the University of Minnesota, and subsequently taught at PLU for 20 years. Charlie also started and ran numerous businesses, as well as running the 700 Club Operation Blessing and its counseling center. Charlie planned to run a mission school in Hong Kong, but returned to Puallup, Wash., after suffering a stroke and contracting multiple sclerosis.

Margaret Olive Moilien died Nov. 18. Margaret was a second-generation descendent of Norwegian immigrants. Margaret taught school, married **Jerrold**, and moved to **Portland, Ore.**, when her husband accepted the call to become pastor of Central Lutheran Church. She was widowed in 1971. She served on the Board of Regents at Pacific Lutheran University. In 1969 she launched a new career in community service, eventually becoming associate director of Neighborhood House, providing family, aging and emergency services. During this time, Lutheran Family Services Northwest established an award in her name given annually to an individual for outstanding community action and volunteer activities.

Retired Lt. Col. Howard L. Vedell died Mar. 25. Howard came to PLU in 1967, following a 25-year career in the U.S. Army. During his 23 years at PLU, Howard served as the business and purchasing manager. After retirement, he remained active in a number of organizations including the Military Order of World Wars, youth leadership programs, ROTC scholarships and Rotary scholarships. Howard was an avid bridge player and could be found playing weekly at Faculty House with the same group for more than 30 years.

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well with her School of Nursing class of 1995. She would like to be e-mailed at echon_abby@comcast.net with any information on how everyone is doing, especially her friends that are living overseas.

Skyler Cobb is now serving as regional sales manager for Franke Coffee Systems of Seattle. He resides in Meridian, Idaho.



Karl Hoseth received a Teacher of the Year award from the Bethel Education Association. He was selected for his hard work

and dedication to students and their learning communities.

1996

Class Representatives – **Mari (Hoseth) Lysne** and **Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman**

Ed Hrivnak was one of 20 people honored with the Red Cross Real Hero Award by the American Red Cross Mount Rainier Chapter. Twice last year Ed was on the Spanaway Lake shore at the right time. Three people credit him with saving their lives during two separate water rescues. Ed credits his wife, two neighbors, and a friend who assisted in the events.

Joseph Paul is a program manager for Northrop Grumman TASC. He is currently managing a U.S. Department of Defense counter narco-terrorism program in Afghanistan.

Isaiah Johnson has been appointed as the first and only African-American principal in the Auburn School District. He serves as principal of Cascade Middle School. A pioneer through most of his life, he assumes his new role with great pride. Isaiah makes a home with his wife Leta and three children, Elijah, 11, Azaria, 6, and Neviah, 3.

1997

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

Aaron Christian was named Coach of the Year in the Cascade Collegiate Conference. Aaron is in his third season as Concordia University Women's basketball coach. He guided his team to a 29-4 record, a share of the regular season crown, and a first-ever berth to the NAIA Tournament.

1998

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

Eric Lowe and **Kristen Heath '04** were married March 9, 2008. The wedding party included **Mark Brannfors '97** and **Michele Anderson '97**. Eric is the son of



Tom '63 and Mary Jo (Nelson '64) Lowe.

Kristen received her master's of public health at Portland State University in 2006. Currently,

Eric and Kristen live with their two cats and work in information technology at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, Wash.

Raymond Brandt RN BSN just opened a new business: American Rare Coins and Collectables in Tacoma at the Freight House Square. He is a professional numismatist. He and his wife Rachel live in Tacoma.

Carolyn Benard has moved across the country to work at The Corps Network and continues to support the corps movement. She lives in Washington, D.C., and reports that it is an exciting place to be right now.



Daniel Bennett married Amy Van Der Meulen in March of 2007. He is a police officer with the city of Bellingham, Wash. She is a nurse. The couple resides in Noosack, Wash.

1999

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

2000

Class Representative – **Ashley Orr**

David Jaspers was ordained a deacon last year. In June he became a priest at the Archdiocese of Portland (Ore.). David grew up at St. Paul Church in Eugene, Ore., attending the parish school. He always sensed when someone was hurt. He was a regular kid who wanted to be a professional football player. While at PLU he studied Spanish and history, ran track, and played football. It is important to David to inspire young men to be open to a religious vocation.

2001

Class Representatives – **Keith Pranghofer**

2002

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

Captain Lee Demotica joined the National Guard in 2006 after being on active duty for four years. He is currently the Army Medical Department recruiter for the Hawaii Army National Guard.

Kelly Panem and her husband Daniel

Hanamoto have recently moved to Tucson, Ariz. Their son Camren joins them in their home and they are expecting twins in June.

Matthew Edminster married Nicole Elizabeth Newlands on June 21, 2008. Matthew recently obtained the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force. He serves as a flight nurse on California Shock Trauma Air Rescue. Nicole is a financial counselor. They live in Livermore, Calif.



Chuck Woodard married Michelle Westerberg Oct. 11 at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church in Ashland, Ore. The wedding

party included three PLU alumni; **Chris Roden, Jason Bennie, and Steve Yahns '01**. Several EMAL families were in attendance for the service and reception. Chuck is a project manager at Cascadia PM, LLC and Michele works for the Oregon Tourism Commission. They reside in Salem, Ore.

2003

Class Representative – **Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman**

Stacey Kreitz received her master's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay and is employed with Brown County, Wisc., Human Services Child Protective Services.



Angela Hansen married **Peter Olson '08** Aug. 3 at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Puyallup, Wash. They are living in West Seattle

where Peter is a marketing manager for Jobvana.com. Angela teaches sixth grade in Kent, Wash., and recently earned her National Board Certification. Their wedding party included **Gina Hansen '00, Nicole (Uken) Carstensen, Kendall Looney, Audrey (Pinning) Miller, Keith Olson '01, and Erick Hansen '06**. Angela is the daughter of **Karen (Henderickson '71) Hansen**.

Captain Brett Phillips is a health care recruiter with the First Medical Recruiting Battalion stationed in Huntington, WV.

Captain Aaron Morrison is currently deployed to Afghanistan.

Whitney Kruse married Sam Forck Feb. 21 in Bothell, Wash.

2004

Class Representative – **Tammy Lynn Schaps**

Elizabeth Stone married Joseph G. Flood in August. She is a science teacher in the Highline School District. The couple resides in Tukwila, Wash.

Captain Zachary Nesary is currently deployed to Baghdad out of Fort Carson, Colo. This is his second tour in Iraq.

Stephen Blas was awarded the distinguished Bronze Star for his acts of bravery. "When placed in extraordinary circumstance ... ordinary people rise to the occasion, and so, a hero is born," said Capt. Cox, the commanding officer at the ceremony. Proudly representing Navy medicine, Stephen served as a mentor to Afghan medics during his deployment.

2005

Class Representative – **Micheal Steele**

Bryce Robbert married Sarah Lamb July 26, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church of Walla Walla, Wash. **Lute Colin Suess '04** was part of the wedding party. Bryce is an environmental scientist for White Shield Inc. Sarah is a high school math teacher in the Clover Park School District. The couple makes their home in Edgewood, Wash.



Laine Walters married Michael Young Sept. 1. Fellow Lutes in attendance were **Wendy (Liddle '03) Skorborg** and **Trista Winnie**

'06. Laine is now working as a parish administrator for Church of the Redeemer, an Episcopal parish in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Michael works as deputy administrator for the town of Natick, Mass.

Kendall Blair has moved to Des Moines, Iowa after working as a research technician at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle. She started medical school at Des Moines University in the fall of 2007. Kendall will be moving to Detroit, Mich., in August to complete her last two years. She has both served in and led medical service teams to El Salvador through the global health department at Southern Methodist University. Earlier this year, Kendall was notified that she was awarded an internship at the World Health Organization. She will be spending six weeks in Geneva, Switzerland, this summer studying complications of labor and delivery.

2006

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

Melanie Newport is graduating with a master's degree in American history from the University of Utah and will pursue a Ph.D. at Temple University in the same subject. She studies conservative social movements.

Rachel Hesse married Jason Brown Jan. 16, 2007, in Tacoma. Rachel is a family counselor at Youth Villages in Nashville. The Browns reside in Lebanon, Tenn.

Noah Baetge, a tenor, won the regional finals for the Metropolitan Opera National Council auditions, an annual national talent-seeking event for New York's Metropolitan Opera Company. Ten finalists will be chosen to compete for the grand finals. The biggest reward for winning the MDNC auditions is a career. Many finalists go to the Met's Young Artist training program and get roles with the company.

Kym Pesola got a great job working in the marketing and communications office at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, the eighth-ranked MBA program in the United States.

Holly Hughes has edited a book "Beyond Forgetting: Poetry and Prose about Alzheimer's disease." Through the power of poetry, the works written by 100 contemporary writers enable the reader to move beyond forgetting, the stereotypical portrayal of Alzheimer's disease, to honor and affirm the dignity of those afflicted. Holly's chapbook "Boxing the Compass" was published in 2007 and her poems and essays have appeared in a number of literary journals and anthologies. She teaches writing at Edmonds (Wash.) Community College, where she co-directs the Convergence Writers Series.

First Lieutenant Jennifer Hyatt attended the Army's OB/GYN course in Hawaii. She has been working in the Postpartum/Antepartum unit at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C.



Megan Coughlin is starting off 2009 as Megan Winchester. She was married Dec. 28.

Nicole Potts married Joseph Hawe Aug. 16 in Puyallup, Wash. PLU alumni that were part of the bridal party included **Rachael Cook, Stephanie Turner** and **Dona McAlpine**. Nicole graduated from PLU with a B.S. in physical education, and in May earned her master's degree in occupational therapy from Pacific University in Hillsboro, Ore. The groom earned his B.A. in business administration from St. Martin's University.

2007

Class Representative – **Kaarin Praxel and Maggie Morgan**

Sarah Kirkegaard has signed a deal with Primary Care Sequim (Wash.) to practice medicine as a nurse practitioner for three years. She and her husband John Shelley have an organic garden and run their home with solar energy.



Chelsey Elliott married Kyle McGuire Nov. 7 at the Puyallup Pavilion. She works in Rocklin, Calif. Her mother **Rose Elliott '05** teaches at Collins Elementary school.

2008

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

Chelsea Gorrow recently joined the NCW Media ranks as the new Leavenworth-Peshastin reporter. Her resume includes time spent blogging for the Tacoma News Tribune, work at a television station in North Carolina as well as for CNN International in Great Britain.

Bonnie Nelson received a Guilford Award from Psi Chi, the National Honor Society in Psychology. Her third place award was for her submitted paper and research on "Working Together or Not; Do Mutual Contributions Impact Rapport?" Bonnie is a *summa cum laude* graduate currently serving a year as an AmeriCorps NCCC team leader in Colorado. She plans to attend graduate school in educational psychology.

Elna Himmler was honored with the 2008 Steilacoom Historical Education Foundation Alumnus Award during half time at the Steilacoom High School alumni basketball game. Elna works with 18- to 21-year-old students who have multiple learning and living disabilities in a Thurston County School.

Future Lutes

1990



Kara Hermstad-Buckaloo married Derek Buckaloo July 14, 2007, at Camp Lutherhaven on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

They welcomed Matthew Derek Buckaloo on Apr. 7, 2008. Matthew joins his big brother, Kai, 11, and big sister, Anneli, 8. They and their parents reside in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where Kara works for Nordstrom and Derek is assistant professor of history at Coe College.

1993



Mark and Hollie (Jantz '95) Eastman announce the arrival of Finn Elijah Eastman on Oct. 2. He joins two brothers, Haden, 6,

and Liam, 3. Mark is teaching math at Ferris High School in Spokane, Wash. Hollie works hard at home and runs the Funky Junk Antique Show twice a year (www.funkyjunkantiqueshow.com).



Kori (McNary) Dewing and husband Bob welcomed their second child into their family. Alana Anne Dewing was born Jan. 10 and

joins brother Ciaran, 2.

1996



Annette (Goldstein) and Mike Mueller '99 were blessed with their third child Kai Emerson Mueller on Thanksgiving

Day, 2007. Kai celebrated his first birthday in grand style with a turkey dinner. His older siblings Mackenzie, 7, and Evan, 5, provide lots of entertainment for him and love him tremendously.

Michael Gintz and wife Anne became parents of a baby girl on Feb. 28. Allison Anne joins two older sisters at their home in Federal Way, Wash.

1997



Brian van Valey and his wife Kelly welcomed a third child, Baylor John, into their family on Oct. 22. Baylor joins his siblings Angus, 3, and Finley, 2, at their home in

Snohomish, Wash.



Kim Arends gave birth to son Sage William on Jan. 20.

1998



John Aiken and wife **Erika (Hedeem '99)** became parents of a baby girl, Annabelle Gladys, on Oct. 13. Annabelle joins brother, Samuel, 3, at

home in Tacoma. John is the dean of students and the wrestling coach at Auburn High School.

1999



Zach and Heidi (Johnson) Hiatt welcomed a new daughter, Sawyer Marie, to their family on Aug. 6. Sawyer joins brother Cameron, 2. They live in

Richmond Beach, Wash.

Lori (Johnson) Rogers and husband Paul celebrated the birth of their daughter Lia on July 27. Lia resides with her sisters Jaida and Amaya in Seoul, South Korea, where her mom is an educator with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools and her father is a business consultant.

2000



Veronica (Paulson) and husband Jason Kaipainen '99 welcomed their second child on Christmas Eve. Jaron Philip

weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 inches long. He joins Cameo, 6, who is a wonderful sister. Veronica is an elementary school counselor in Spanaway and Jason is a software programmer for TrueBlue, Inc. They reside in Puyallup, Wash.



Micah Warren and wife Carol welcomed their first two children, Levi Micah and Henry Aaron, on Jan. 27, 2008.

Micah is an instructor of mathematics at Princeton University.



Crystal (Landers) Burman and husband Philip welcomed their first child, Luke Westley Burman on Sept. 19. They currently live in

Renton, Wash.



Jennifer (Vredenburg) Narciso gave birth to a baby girl, Nina Grace, on Oct. 14. Jennifer is the athletic secretary

at Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma.

2001

Shari (Dodge) and John Schock '02 celebrated the birth of Megan Jane on Nov. 3. She joins siblings Grace, 5, and Nathaniel, 3. Shari is a stay-at-home mom and John is a software engineer at Intel Corporation. They reside in Lakewood, Wash.



Leyna (Oshiro) Okamura and husband Nathan are introducing the newest addition to the Okamura 'ohana:

Jordan Makaio, born Oct. 19. Jordan joins sister Kelcie, 2.

Jennifer (Dickinson) Johnson and husband Steve became parents of a baby boy, Jordan Brian, on Oct. 3. Jennifer is the director at My World Too Childcare. The Johnsons reside in Tacoma.



Adam Atkinson and Lisa **(Dahlgren) Atkinson** have a new addition to their family, Maya Maurine Atkinson, born Sept. 4. She

joins brother Kyle, 3. The family makes their home in Boise, Idaho.

2002



Justine Colombo and **Mark Hammond** celebrated the birth of their son, Bo Spencer, on May 26, 2008. His

friends call him "Mohawk." They live in Everett, Wash. Justine is a part time social work discharge planner at Providence Regional Medical Center. Mark is a program manager/consultant for DSHS, in the Aging and Disability Services Administration.

2003



Dana (Rasmussen) Kiehl and husband Jake welcomed daughter Siena Ruby into their family on Oct. 3, 2004



Daniel and Breanne (Pautz) Tanzer celebrated the birth of a son, Alexander Joseph Tanzer on Dec. 15. The Tanzers live in

Sweden where Daniel is a banker and Breanne is a teacher.

2006

William Conine and his wife Amanda welcomed son William into their family on Dec. 24. William is a software engineer at General Dynamics C4 Systems and Amanda is a homemaker. They reside in Oviedo, Fla.

Allyce (Doody) Valladres gave birth to a baby boy, Kai, on Mar. 4. [S](#)

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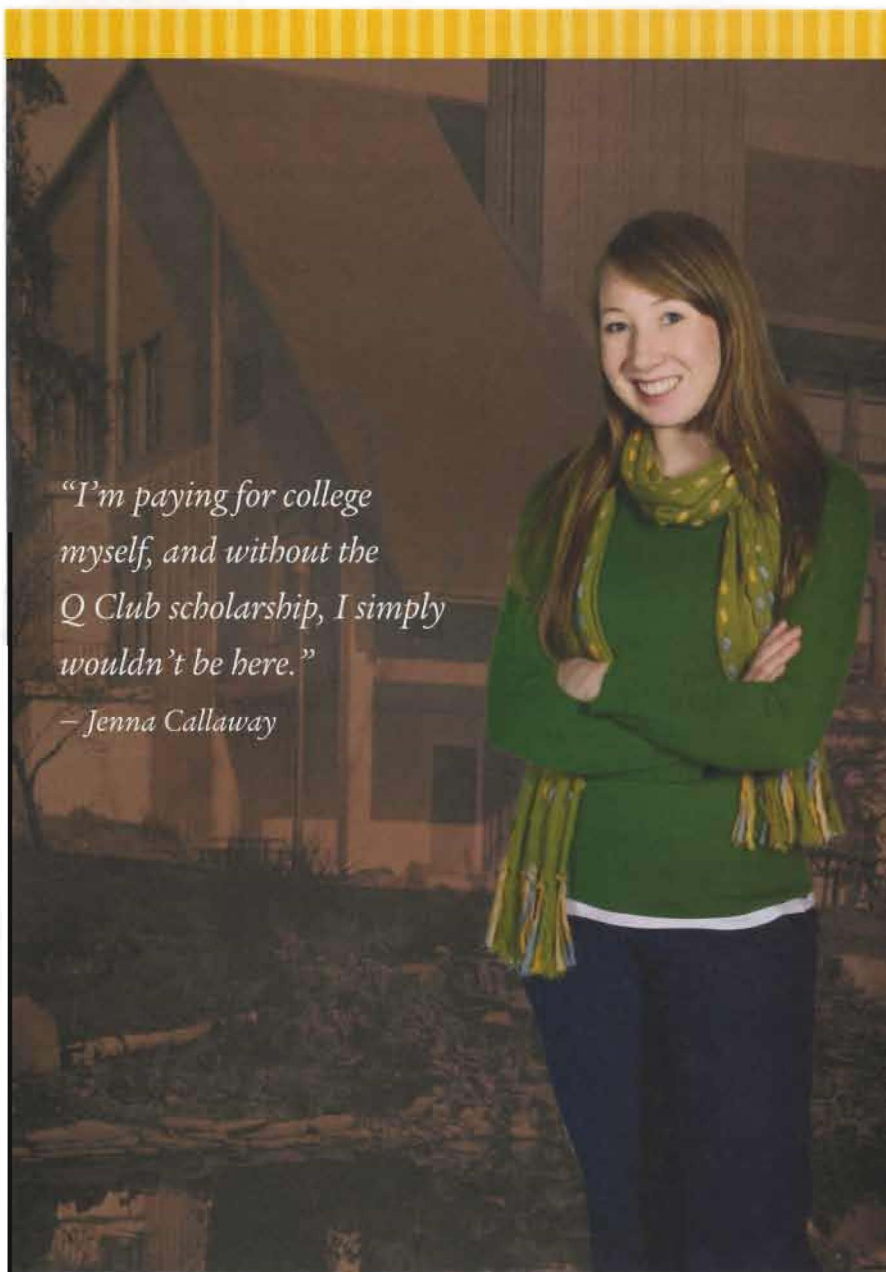
Project Access is a fund-raising initiative designed to provide \$1 million and 300 scholarships of \$3,500 each to new and continuing students at PLU.

"Last fall, when we were confronted by what is an unprecedented meltdown of the nation's economic system, it struck me that we were heading into a very difficult time financially for many PLU students and their families," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson.

"So the question became: What special initiative might the university undertake that would help shore up our financial aid program and ensure we are doing the best job we possibly can in support of current and prospective students and their families?" he said.

The answer became Project Access. Since the initiative began in February, more than 750 donors have funded one or more Project Access Q Club scholarships, or a portion of a scholarship, depending on their ability to give. Fully funded \$3,500 scholarships are named in the donor's honor or in the honor of a loved one. Donors also will receive a profile of the student who receives their support.


"One thing that we have learned is that concern for our students and their families is shared broadly by PLU graduates and friends of the university alike," Anderson said. "Donors to this project are a remarkable combination of people. There are those who are among our lead donors each and every year. And there are those who are less frequent contributors. Both have seen the need and stepped up to do a bit more for students in this unprecedented time."



"I'm paying for college myself, and without the Q Club scholarship, I simply wouldn't be here."

— Jenna Callaway

Project Access assures that the university will be able to put together the strongest package of financial aid for each and every student. "There will be a new series of named scholarships which will link donors to specific students and that is always exciting and, I think, positive," Anderson said. "Most of all, it provides a stronger base for our entire

financial aid program. So, in the end, all students will be helped." 

—Greg Brewis

More than 95 percent of students attending PLU rely on financial aid in the form of grants and loans. You can help meet the needs of these students by supporting Project Access. Visit us online at www.plu.edu/project-access.

perspective

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group through our interaction with the people who live in these communities. First, the sense of discomfort we felt when entering these communities, because we belonged to a world economic order that, for the inhabitants of these communities, is always beyond reach.

Second, we couldn't help but notice a basic imbalance in our relation to the people we encountered there. While we could enter their communities freely, be generously housed and fed, they could not so easily do the same. They do not travel to "visit" us, but to survive. The stories they told of crossing the border, and their experiences in the United States were, in contrast to ours in their community, filled with hardship, discrimination and fear.

Naturally enough, we wanted to help and yet the hard lesson we had to learn is that we could not – at least in any direct way. For we could not change the dynamics of global trade which have caused a kind of forced migration of men from these communities. Nor could we take any action against the violence that these communities have suffered at the hands of Mexican national traditions and political structures.

Instead, the most productive role we could play was to bear witness to the stories we heard. That is, our responsibility lay in the United States, not in Mexico. For the problems besetting these people, our understanding and respect was more important than clothes, shoes or money.

It is perhaps an understandable reflex that, when we in industrialized nations picture the "global citizen," we

imagine Americans or Europeans abroad, building water pumps, or donating money for schools in Afghanistan. While this kind of work can indeed be important, our experience in rural Mexico brought home the importance of moving past this reflexive understanding of global citizenship to one that emphasizes, above all, listening and dialogue. —*Carmina Palerm*

Carmina Palerm is assistant professor of Spanish at PLU.

PART TWO

Pacific Lutheran University encourages its students to become global citizens, priding itself on offering a global education with programs on all seven continents. In its most honorable presentation, this international perspective inspires students to think beyond themselves as Americans, to look at how the American way of life impacts other cultures and countries. In its most respectable form, it promotes a "World of Understanding" that students can use to learn about cultures and cultural diversity in the United States and abroad, develop intercultural skills and become involved citizens, both locally and globally.

However, during my semester in Oaxaca and as part of my Kelmer Roe Fellowship research project on emigration, I found myself wondering who was included in the definition of global citizen and how the migrants impacted by globalization defined themselves.


I discovered the term "global citizen" didn't translate into a definition the Mixteca people could understand. The Mixteca region has the highest migration rate in Oaxaca. Some villages have

as much as a 50 percent decrease in their population due to migration. Frente Indígena Organización Binacional (FIOB), is an organization that is part of the Mixteca community both in Oaxaca and in California, where the large Mixteca population has created their own transnational community which they call Oaxacalifornia.

This to me clearly signified a conception of global citizenship. However, as pointed out by Centolia Maldonado Vasquez, regional director of FIOB in Juxtlaahuaca, "global citizen" is an academic term that has no meaning to her daily life. Neither did the term "transnational" have meaning. "We are a bi-national organization," she told me. "This is because our people are here or in the United States. Although I am in solidarity with people from Central America, bi-national represents our true reality, our daily struggle."

I was amazed by the clarity and simplicity of the statement. Terms mean something. The term "global citizen" carries within it an altruistic ideal that is based on a unity of human equality and posits peace, justice and sustainability for the entire planet. However, it is also a vague term that cannot be defined by the best way to achieve this. It is also subjective and potentially exclusive of more pinpointed activism like that of the Mixteca.

Receiving a global education is undoubtedly important. Hearing directly the stories of people's lives and struggles is different than reading it in a book. However, multiple realities worldwide may not lead to one answer on how to achieve global justice and sustainability. It may even result in perspectives that are in opposition to one another. The importance of conscientious action abroad cannot be underestimated; neither can one neglect the home component. In this way we inspire an effective and comprehensive impact both locally and globally.

—*Jackal Tanelorn* 

Jackal Tanelorn graduated from PLU in May with a major in Spanish and minors in Norwegian and religion. He was one of Carmina Palerm's students in the Oaxaca gateway program.

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June 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

June 12-13

Charting Your Course 2009
University Center, Regency Room

June 13, 8:30 a.m.

HIV Class for Spring
Administration Building, 214

June 15

Charting Your Course 2009
University Center, Regency Room

June 15, 5:30 p.m.

Summer Theology Conference Dinner
Faculty House

June 16, 6 p.m.

Summer Theology Conference Dessert
Reception
Faculty House

June 17, 11:30 a.m.

Strawberry Festival
Red Square

June 26, 2 p.m.

Nordlyset Strawberry Festival
University Center, Scan Center

June 26-July 5

Vancouver (British Columbia) International
Jazz Festival
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June 26-July 5

JazzFest International (Victoria, B.C.)
Sponsored by KPLU

JULY

July 8, 4:45 p.m.

SCC Executive Board Meetings
University Center, Scan Center

July 8, 5:30 p.m.

SCC Council Meetings
University Center, Scan Center

July 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

July 9, 7-9 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Kareem Kandi Group (Saxophone)
MBR Amphitheater

July 12, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

KPLU Jazz Cruise with the Thomas Marriott
Quartet

July 15, 11:30 a.m.

Raspberry Festival
Red Square

July 16, 7-9 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Vocalist Dina Blade
MBR Amphitheater

July 23, 7-9 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Dan Kramlich Trio (pianist and
PLU jazz faculty member)
MBR Amphitheater

July 26, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

KPLU Jazz Cruise with Pearl Django

July 30, 7-9 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Island Jazz Quintet, featuring
vocalist Maggie Laird
MBR Amphitheater

AUGUST

August 5, 11:30 a.m.

Peach Festival
Red Square

August 6, 7-9 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
David Joyner Trio (pianist and PLU
jazz faculty member)
MBR Amphitheater

August 7-9

Anacortes Arts Festival
Sponsored by KPLU

August 9, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

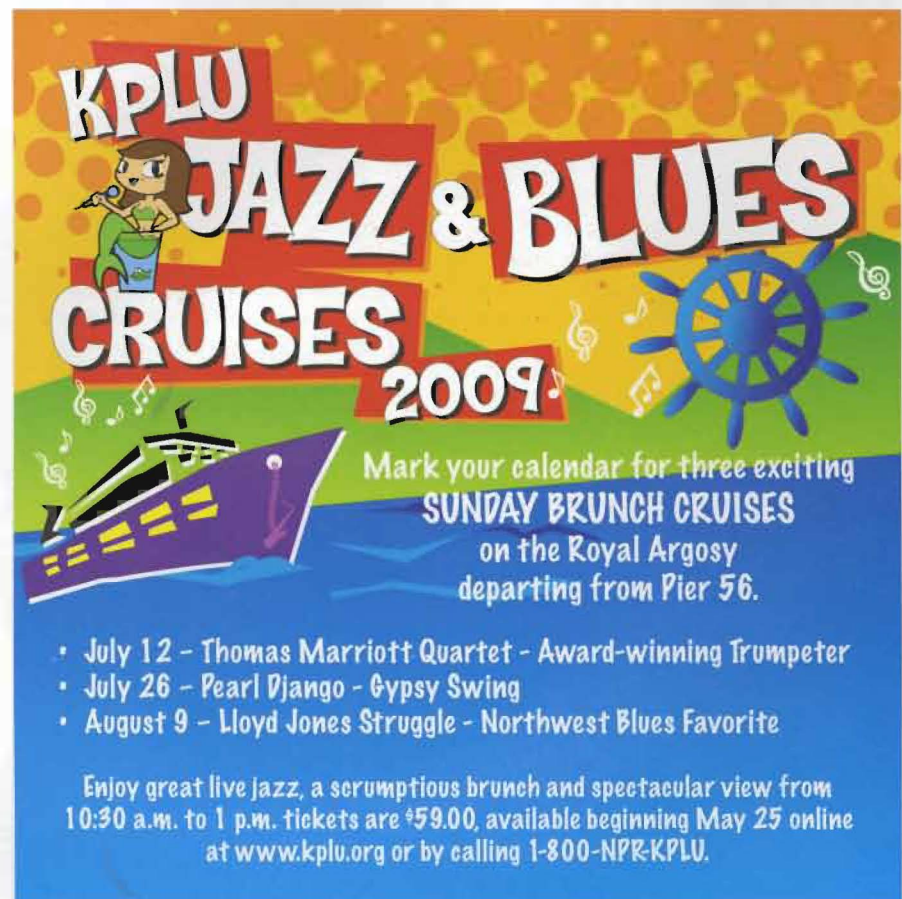
KPLU Blues Cruise with Lloyd Jones

August 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

August 13, 7-9 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars
Gary Scott Quartet
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perspective

Rethinking the global citizen



During their time in Oaxaca, Mexico, student Jackal Tanelorn and professor Carmina Palerm found the term 'global citizen' has little meaning to the community members that live there.

By Carmina Palerm and Jackal Tanelorn

PART ONE

The field of Subaltern Studies came into existence to address a perceived problem with the way that existing scholarly paradigms in anthropology, Latin American studies, and many other fields, had understood the "objects" of study: people in cultures other than those of the scholar. Subaltern Studies sought to engage the subaltern as an ally and participant in the academic process. The communities being studied in this way, at least partly, have a voice in describing themselves, rather than always being described as the Others by the dominant culture.

Subaltern Studies has sometimes been misused by scholars, who have used it to give blanket explanations of power relations within a given society, rather than doing the careful work of examining the complexity of these relations in detail. However, it nevertheless proved useful to me and to my students when, as part of the 2008 PLU Fall Gateway Program in Oaxaca, we partnered with an organization called Witness for Peace to examine the effects of recent trade policies on communities of indigenous people in rural areas of Mexico.

Witness for Peace argues that, while free trade may have benefited con-

sumers in industrialized countries, it has also decimated many rural communities of Mexico.

Our group visited two communities in Southern Mexico: the region of the Mixteca in Oaxaca and the community of Tzajalchen in Chiapas. What we witnessed in these communities were indigenous groups who have not only been marginalized from the world economic order, but from the political and cultural structures of the nation they reside within.

Two things became clear for our