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Spring commencement at the Tacoma Dome featured an address by Joyce Barr '76, executive director for East Asian and Pacific Affairs in the U.S. Department of State. More than 700 students graduated.

JUNE

June 8, 10:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Pearl Django

June 12, 5:30 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

June 14, 7:30 p.m.
KPLU Listener Request Concert
Presented by Seattle Repertory Jazz
Orchestra
Benaroya Hall, Seattle

June 15, 3 p.m.
KPLU Listener Request Concert
Presented by Seattle Repertory Jazz
Orchestra
Kirkland Performance Center

June 18, 11:30 a.m.
Strawberry Festival
Red Square

June 20-29
Vancouver (B.C.) International
Jazz Festival
Sponsored by KPLU

June 20-29
JazzFest International
Victoria, B.C.
Sponsored by KPLU

JULY

July 8, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars: 10th Anniversary Gala
Pearl Django and Greta Matassa
Museum of Glass, Tacoma

July 10, 5:30 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

July 10, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Vocalist Dennis Hastings
MBR Amphitheater

July 13, 10:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Jessica Williams

July 16, 11:30 a.m.
Raspberry Festival
Red Square

July 17, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Greg Williamson Pony Boy Big Band
MBR Amphitheater

July 20, 10:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Gail Pettis

July 24, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
David Joyner Trio
MBR Amphitheater

July 24-27
Centrum Jazz Port Townsend
Sponsored by KPLU

July 31, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Hip Bone
MBR Amphitheater

AUGUST

August 1-3
Anacortes Arts Festival
Sponsored by KPLU

August 7, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Vocalist Gail Pettis
MBR Amphitheater

August 13, 11:30 a.m.
Peach Festival
Red Square

August 14, 5:30 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

August 30-September 1
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KPLU Art of Jazz
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A sumo-size smackdown takes place at Foss Hall's annual weekend event, F-Games. Photo by Jordan Hartman '02



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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

here & now



Amateur radio station bolsters PLU's emergency preparedness

With the installation of a licensed amateur radio station this summer, PLU hosted a series of operator courses in April available to students, faculty and staff.

Amateur radio, often called ham radio, is both a hobby and a service that allows operators to communicate with one another. The term "amateur" doesn't

reflect an operator's skills. Rather, it indicates that amateur radio communications can't be commercialized.

The PLU station, call sign W7PLU, is co-chaired by Doug Oakman, dean of humanities, and Rob Benton, facilities' auto mechanic. KPLU's engineer Nick Winter is the station trustee.

The station is part of the PLU Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which currently relies on computers and cell phones for communication. In the event of a catastrophic event, cell phones, the Internet and possibly satel-

lite phones may not work, Oakman said, pointing to the response to Hurricane Katrina as an example. Shortwave radios may be the only means of communication available.

"There has never been a time in any disaster when amateur radio operators weren't operating," Benton added. The radios are portable and don't rely on a network.

PLU's station will have two radios that can operate simultaneously. The operators will be able to connect with Willamette University in Oregon, PLU's

emergency-response partner, and the Pierce County amateur radio system.

Oakman and Benton have further hopes that PLU's station could spark the formation of a new student club. "Students can acquire skills that are both rewarding on a personal level and also are generally rewarding for the community," Oakman said.



Liisa Nelson at the new community garden

Community garden aims to connect Parkland to PLU

The PLU Community Garden celebrated the grand opening of its new, permanent site on upper campus and kicked off Earth Week events April 20.

Located on 121st Street South behind Ingram Hall, the 10,000-square-foot site and 22 garden beds is much larger than the garden's previous plot.

Festivities included a ceremonial ribbon cutting by President Loren Anderson, a blessing of the garden by university pastors Dennis Sepper and Nancy Connor, and a volunteer work party to get the first growing season started.

This year marks the third growing season for the garden. First established in 1997 by student Brian Norman, the community garden didn't live past his graduation a year later. In April 2006, Becky Mares '07 and student Kate Fontana '08 decided to reestablish the garden.

Food sustainability was a hot topic

that summer, with Fontana receiving a fellowship to recreate the garden and Rachel Esbjornson '08 looking at how to increase student awareness about the issue. Mares brought to the table her volunteer experience working at Pierce County Emergency Food Network's Mother Earth Farm and the expertise of its manager Carrie Little.

"She is a major asset," Esbjornson said. "She looks at it (planting) from a farmer's perspective."

The PLU garden is organic. All the food is donated to Trinity Lutheran Church to distribute to needy Parkland families.

Brock to lead the School of Business

An expert in marketing, management and organizational behavior has been named dean of the School of Business.

James L. Brock, 63, has a distinguished career in higher education administration, teaching and writing.

He has been the dean of business schools at Susquehanna University (Pennsylvania) and at Montana State University. He also has been a corporate marketing executive.



"Jim Brock brings just the expertise we need to provide proven leadership to our talented business faculty and to take full advantage of

our new facilities in PLU's Morken Center for Learning and Technology," said Provost Patricia O'Connell Killen.

Brock sees the position as an opportunity to "help galvanize the PLU School of Business and strengthen the high quality reputation that PLU carries regionally and nationally."

He received his doctorate in marketing from Michigan State University, earned his MBA at San Francisco State University, and his bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of California, Berkeley.

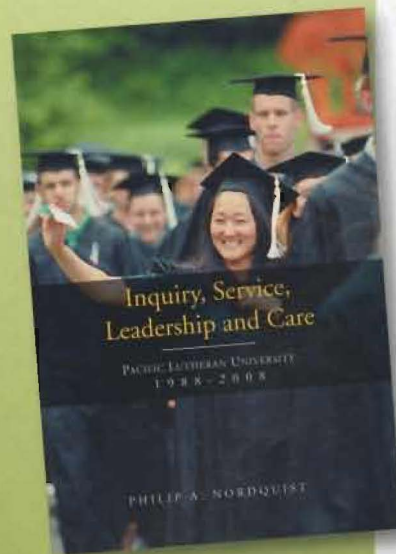
Brock succeeds William Frame, who has served as interim dean of the school since September.

THE HISTORY OF Pacific Lutheran University 1988-2008

The first 100 years of Pacific Lutheran University's history, dutifully chronicled by university historian Philip A. Nordquist '56 in the volume "Educating for Service: Pacific Lutheran University, 1890-1990", was the story of how a small educational institution founded by Scandinavian immigrants grew into one of the largest Lutheran colleges or universities in North America.

Nordquist's second volume, "Inquiry, Service, Leadership and Care: Pacific Lutheran University, 1988-2008", focuses on the following 20 years in the life of PLU, as the institution worked through struggles with enrollment and finances, the retirement of many of its most influential faculty, two of its most successful fund-raising campaigns, and its ultimate emergence as one of the country's most globally-focused universities.

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Students return to New Orleans to continue recovery effort

Fifteen students and three staff members traveled to New Orleans over spring break, continuing the recovery effort in a city still struggling to rebuild nearly three years after Hurricane Katrina.

The alternative spring break trip was organized by Campus Ministry and sponsored by University Congregation. The PLU group volunteered through Lutheran Disaster Response in New Orleans and stayed in volunteer lodging at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Throughout the week, students and staff members worked non-stop gutting and painting homes. They worked alongside hurricane survivors, who willingly shared their harrowing stories. The group recorded their thoughts and experiences, and posted photos to their blog at <http://plunola.blogspot.com/>.

"It was the family with whom we worked that made the time in New Orleans valuable," wrote Kyle Franklin, Campus Ministry program specialist. "The sights we saw will stay with us forever."



Elise Erickson, Campus Ministry's music and worship coordinator, helps organize a group of PLU volunteers.

Conference unites art and religion

Artists, musicians and scholars gathered on campus for PLU's second "Art, Religion and Peace Conference" in February.

Last held in 2005, the conference explores ways in which the visual and musical arts of religious communities promote justice and peace.

"The arts have been an integral part, and remain an integral part, of religious

traditions, both historically and today," explained Associate Professor of Religion Samuel Torvend '73.

The conference featured Robin Jensen, the Luce Chancellor's Professor of the History of Christian Art at Vanderbilt University, whose keynote address, "The Victory of the Cross in Early Christian Art: Transforming the Iconography of Conquest," marked the inaugural Alice Kjesbu Torvend Lecture in Christian Art.

PLU faculty members also presented on a variety of topics, and Sascha and David

Retiring faculty



R. Michael Brown
professor of psychology,
hired in 1982



Suzanne Rahn
associate professor of
English, hired in 1981



Kwong-Tin Tang
professor of physics,
hired in 1967

Phased retirement



Celine Dorner
associate professor of
mathematics, hired in
1981



Audrey Eyler
professor of English,
hired in 1981



Kathleen Farner
professor of music,
hired in 1978



Paul Menzel
professor of philosophy,
hired in 1971



Judith Ramaglia
professor of business,
hired in 1982



Robin Jensen

Schönhaus discussed their father, Cioma Schönhaus', recently published work, "The Forger: An Extraordinary Story of Survival in War-time Berlin." The book chronicles Schönhaus' use of graphic arts to forge documents used by Jews to escape the Nazi regime in the 1930s and '40s.

A banner year for student Q Club callers

A plucky team of student callers has set another record in dollars raised for PLU through telephone solicitation.

The 10 students and three student supervisors, known as TelALutes, spend evenings throughout the year calling thousands of alumni, parents and friends of the university asking for support of Q Club scholarships.

The program helps keep constituents connected to campus through personal contact and is remarkably effective in securing financial backing for the university.

The staff liaison to the TelALute team is Laura (Hunter '03) Rose, associate director of annual funds.

"With the addition of some new calling software and more student callers, the goal for this year was set at \$250,000. So far we have raised more than \$300,000 and see the potential to hit \$320,000 by the end of the year," Rose said.

Senior Emily Dooley said that the calls are easy to make and that potential donors are glad to hear from the student callers. "We can invite them back to campus to get a tour to learn how their PLU is progressing with new academic programs and buildings. They are really interested in learning about the new things that are going on. Then they think about giving back," she said.

Ambassador Joyce Barr addresses class of 2008

Career Foreign Service officer Joyce Barr '76 gave the keynote address at Spring Commencement, held at the Tacoma Dome on May 25. Candice Hughes, the first student from Trinidad and Tobago to attend PLU through the scholarship program - and now the first to graduate - was nominated by faculty and staff to be the student speaker.

Barr joined the Foreign Service in 1979 and is currently the executive director of East Asian and Pacific Affairs in the State Department,

responsible for the management and financial support of all U.S. diplomatic missions in the region. From 2004 to 2007, she served as the U.S. ambassador to the Republic of Namibia.

Barr graduated magna cum laude from PLU with a Bachelor of Business Administration. At commencement, she received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from PLU.

This year marks the third 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 2008 included 600 undergraduates and 115 graduate students. [S]

ACCOLADES

Assistant professor of education **Vidya Thirumurthy** was elected to a three-year term as secretary of the Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI). Thirumurthy said her goals include increasing the association's membership and providing more professional development opportunities to members from outside the United States.



Rona Kaufman was awarded a 2008 Graves Award in the Humanities. The \$8,000 award will support travel and research expenses

for her sabbatical next school year, during which she plans to examine the literacy of cookbooks. Kaufman, an assistant professor of English, is the sixth PLU faculty to receive the prestigious award that is presented to college and university professors across the nation who demonstrate unusual skill and enthusiasm as teachers. It supports projects that will enhance their ability in the classroom. Past PLU recipients

include: **Patricia O'Connell Killen**, religion (1991), **Beth Kraig**, history (1993), **Lisa Marcus**, English (1997), **Jim Albrecht**, English (1999) and **Alicia Batten**, religion (2006).



Ruth Kohler

Four PLU women were acknowledged at the Women's Center 12th annual Inspirational Women's Banquet for inspiring others and working towards community, justice and equity. Nominated by the campus community, those honored included:



Tammy Lynn Schaps

Alicia Suarez, assistant professor of sociology; **Ruth Kohler**, manager of the Wellness Center; **Tammy**

Lynn Schaps, assistant director of admission; and **Bobbi Hughes**, director of the Women's Center.

life of the mind

High-profile lecturers engage the campus community

Philosopher Peter Singer, diplomat Stephen Lewis and poet Mary Oliver (clockwise from top) were just three of the many lecturers who visited campus, challenging the PLU community to, in the words of Oliver, "think and not sleepwalk through life."



Rich, diverse and often divergent voices came to PLU this last year to challenge our outlook on life and our choices.

Should one eat meat, or not? What of world hunger, the environment, corporate greed, genocide and women's rights? What can one person do to address these issues? All speakers stressed that individual choices and actions do matter – even when faced with problems on a global scale.

Fall kicked off with world-renowned philosopher Peter Singer, who is credited with launching the animal rights movement 30 years ago with his book "Animal Liberation." He challenged students to think about what they eat, how their food was raised and how the animal was treated before it was killed for food. He also challenged ideas on giving money to panhandlers, or not.

"I've talked with panhandlers before and they've told me that just giving them money doesn't do much," Singer said. "They like people to notice them, even with a smile. The worst reaction is when people pretend that they don't exist."

The theme of individual responsibility reappeared again five months later during the Wang Center symposium on global health. Stephen Lewis challenged his listeners to not become hardened against the daily news feed of children dying, women being mistreated or the desecration of the environment.

Lewis is the former United Nations AIDS envoy to Africa. He is currently the professor of global health to the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York and co-director of AIDS-Free World, an AIDS advocacy organization.

Speaking to a packed auditorium, Lewis recounted the defining moment in his career. It came while touring a pediatric AIDS ward in Africa, where he noticed every crib was filled with three, four, five babies, most infected with AIDS and clinging to life. Then a shriek made him freeze and snap his attention to the corner of the room.

A young mother was wailing. Her child had just died. This happened every 10 minutes in this ward. Given that the transmission of AIDS from mother to infant is entirely

preventable, Lewis said he was disgusted that this scene, played out every day, was allowed to continue.

On top of the AIDS pandemic, 10 million children under the age of five die each year of entirely preventable diseases. That's 27,000 children a day.

"Has the world gone mad?" he asked. "How is it okay to live with this?"

Even before the recent crisis of rice shortages around the world, Lewis noted in February that major food programs have had to halve their allotment of food to developing countries. He cited a lack of interest or support from developing nations, including the United States.

One of the most important issues facing the world today, Lewis insisted, was gender equality.

Around the world, women lack schooling, are forced into marriages as young girls, endure genital mutilation and face systematic rape and butchery in places like the Congo. This mistreatment of women can be tied back to poverty, hunger and environmental degradation, he said.

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Women's rights and women in power were also addressed by such speakers as Brenda Miller, who read from her book "Season of the Body," and a brash talk by Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner on her push to secure rights for working mothers.

Sut Jhally, the founder and executive director of the Media Education Foundation, urged men to seriously consider how male gender roles can contribute in violence against women. Jhally spoke at PLU's first Men Against Violence conference.

Those who would have us think about economics also visited campus. UCLA professor Naomi R. Lamoreaux

spoke on how corporations can be destroyed by greedy managers, while "the father of supply-side economics," economist Arthur Laffer, talked in March about his views on the current climate of recession, deficits and tax stimulus packages.

On Earth Day, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver remarked she could count on the PLU audience to appreciate her sense of humor, even though she'd encountered audiences in other states that did not. She pushed her listeners to think and not sleepwalk through life.

Bookending the year, speakers again focused on the clout of the individual.

In early November, Peter Metzelaar talked about choices his mother made in the winter of 1944 to escape the Nazis and lead her son to safety. The two first hid in a cave and then a room in Hauge. When his mother discovered informants were planning to disclose their whereabouts, she disguised herself as a Red Cross nurse and led her son to a new safe house. Metzelaar recounted his story at the first Powell and Heller Family Conference in Support of Holocaust Education.

The year wrapped up in April with a talk by Carl Wilkens, the only American to remain in Rwanda through the 1994 genocide that claimed one million lives. Wilkens discussed the choice he made to stay, even as other relief and aid workers fled.

During the three months of violence, Wilkens helped save 400 orphans targeted to be hacked to death by local militia bands. He stressed that relationships and the willingness to stand firm helped him survive the horror and be at peace with his decision to stay.

"You need to realize the potential of taking that first step," he said.

The PLU tradition of hosting major symposia, annual lectures, seminars and workshops is crucial to a flourishing academic culture. These events provide a forum for faculty and visiting scholars to share knowledge, engage students in non-classroom settings and extend the academic resources of the university out into the community. [5]

—Barbara Clements

BY STEVE HANSEN

The Roots

of Leadership

Three presidents find strength
through their PLU experience

Duane Larson

> President
Wartburg Theological Seminary

DUANE LARSON '75 had no intention of serving as the president of Wartburg Theological Seminary – he was installed as its 12th president in 1999 – until he got a call from a search committee. “The position was totally off my radar,” he recalled, “I had an off-campus interview, and it was very clear that this was a call.”

A call, in pastoral terms, refers to a call by God. As a Lutheran minister at several California churches for many years and a professor of systematic theology at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg since 1993, he had accepted many of them. This, he says, was the biggest surprise of them all.

When he came to PLU he says he took to the campus “like a fish takes to

water,” an apt metaphor for his move from San Diego to the soggy Pacific Northwest. He came to campus knowing he wanted to go into the ministry, or perhaps be an academic. He ultimately majored in philosophy.

Larson quickly got involved with the Mooring Mast. By his second year, he was the editor, became embroiled in heated campus politics and took positions on controversies of the time, one involving the president. Despite the turmoil, he looks back at that time fondly – “the tension was healthy,” he recalled – and thinks about how it shaped his career as a pastor and educator.

“That experience at PLU aided me immensely. I delight in the irony – simply put, back then I was ‘anti-

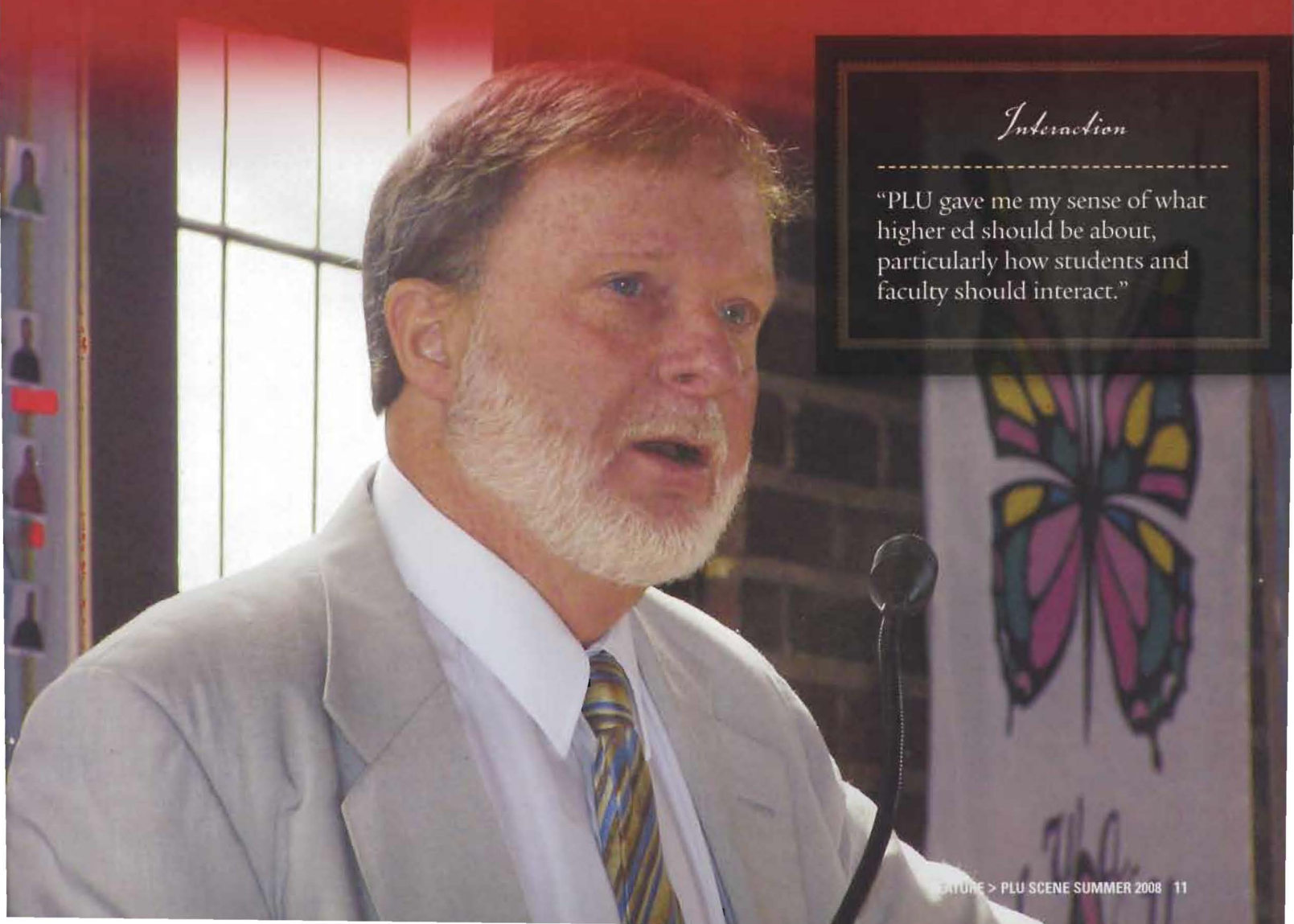
establishment.’ Now I am the establishment.”

Anti-establishment or not, his time at PLU underscored how the important relationships he made would affect the way he has led the Debuque, Iowa, seminary, part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

“PLU gave me my sense of what higher ed should be about, particularly how students and faculty should interact,” Larson said. “My time at PLU informed my understanding about how faith and reason should and could always work together for the growth of the human being.”

Interaction

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Scott Ransom

► President
University of North Texas
Health Sciences Center

SCOTT RANSOM '84, president of University of North Texas Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth, always knew he wanted to go into the medical profession – and he had the grades to do it.

Ransom came to PLU from Kent, Wash., and immediately fell in love with the campus. PLU already had a strong reputation, too, in the sciences.

But what Ransom didn't enjoy was writing – in fact, he avoided taking his required Writing 101 course for as long as he could. "I was dreading it," Ransom recalled. "But professor [Katharine] Monroe took a less than average writer and turned me into an excellent one."

Ransom, a clinical obstetrician who

has become an expert in health care improvement and leadership, has been published in numerous medical and scientific journals. He credits the attention he received in that PLU classroom.

"Monroe's many years of experience enabled her to figure out how to turn on the lights in me – what it takes to be a good writer," said Ransom. Then, after a short pause, he added: "In a semester!"

Ransom says he was happy to continue his practice in Ann Arbor, Mich., and serve as an adjunct professor at the University of Michigan. But after a persistent push by the UNTHSC trustees, he had to reconsider. There was simply too much good that needed to be done in the health care field. As president, he

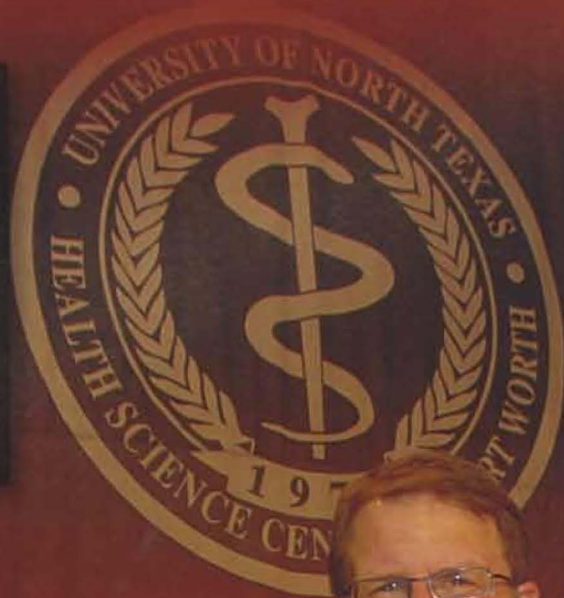
could make a big impact.

What makes a good doctor, in his opinion, are the same things that make a good educator: common sense, an ability to lead, an ability to keep up with the knowledge of the day and, most importantly, the ability to communicate. He saw that in the way professor Monroe worked with him, as well as other professors on the PLU campus. Those skills, he said, are something he uses every day in his tenure as president.

"As doctors, we need to listen; to walk in our patient's shoes," he said. "We don't teach that enough in medical school."

Communication

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Jon Wefald

> President
Kansas State University

JON WEFALD '59 was a self-described average student when his no-nonsense teacher asked him what he planned to do after high school. After he told her, he got a chilling response.

"I wouldn't even consider going to college," she told him.

It was a challenge Wefald, now the second longest-serving president of Kansas State University, would never forget.

Soon thereafter, Wefald was on the Empire Builder heading westward from his hometown of Minot, N.D., for the first time in his life. He took a cab to Parkland, knowing no one and never having set foot on campus, and began what would become a remarkable career of academic study and public service.

As the "average student" looked back on his first semester at PLC, he recalled a moment when he came to the realization: "I think I can do this as well as anyone here."

And he did. Wefald went on to become the president of the PLC history club, receiving straight As in the major. He had his Ph.D. by age 25 and, by age 32, he was named the commissioner of agriculture for the state of Minnesota – a job, he says, he lucked into: "I hadn't even supervised a secretary!"

It is possible Wefald understates his potential when it comes to his early days at PLC, but there is no doubt it had an indelible impact on him. The list of faculty members he credits with his development read like a who's who of PLU intellectual notables – Walter Schnackenberg, Elvin Akre and Donald Farmer, to name a few.

After a couple of successful presidencies in Minnesota (including resuscitating the failing Southwest State University), he found his way to K-State in 1986. Under his

leadership, it has become one of the premier land-grant universities in the United States.

Wefald ascribes his success to making sure he has "smarter" people around him, to building relationships and trusting those relationships.

"I've got hundreds of people making the important decisions at K-State," he said. "When you trust people, they trust you."

Trust

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Building relationships, building scholars

Student-faculty research reception

BY MEGAN HALEY ANDERSON

Academic posters, scholarly articles and videos illustrated the intellectual life of the university at the third annual Student-Faculty Research Reception on April 24.

Sponsored by the Office of the Provost, the reception is just one venue where faculty and student researchers display their work and explain the intricacies of the collaborative research represented. This year's reception featured 24 projects from the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences divisions, and the School of Business.

"The heart of the university is its intellectual life, which is invisible," said Patricia O'Connell Killen, provost and dean of graduate studies. "The research reception is one of the best ways we have of displaying the really exciting thinking and problem-solving and framing of new knowledge that our students engage in with faculty."

Geosciences professor Jill Whitman added that tangible representations of the research work, such as posters and papers, are an important part of the process - not a diabolic plot hatched by professors to torture students. Decisions must be made about what to include and how to present the information.

More importantly, presentation opportunities provide students with experience explaining their work in a variety of settings, from PLU-sponsored events to professional conferences, said Neal Yakelis, assistant professor of chemistry.

"People tend to think of research as scientists in white lab coats locked up in a lab," Yakelis said. "But the development of scientific ideas really happens in and out of the lab. You have to be able to communicate well to explain the significance of your work to colleagues and to the public."

Students spend anywhere from a few months to a year or more working on projects with faculty. Many travel beyond the boundaries of campus to conduct research or share their work at professional conferences.

For example, Chris Hamre '07 and chemistry professor Dean Waldow spent nearly two-and-a-half years examining polymer blends using dynamic light scattering and cloud point measurements. In that time, the two traveled to the University of Minnesota, where Hamre got hands-on experience using specialized equipment, and presented at a national conference in New Orleans.

According to Killen, one of the early fields to develop undergraduate collaborative projects was chemistry. It provided a model for similar endeavors in other disciplines, such as the social sciences and humanities. Undergraduate research is an initiative at colleges and universities across the nation, and it's also a key element in PLU's strategic plan, "PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction."

Currently, three endowments for collaborative research exist: the Kelmer Roe Research Fellowship in the humanities, the Severtson/Forest Foundation Fellowship in the social sciences and the Undergraduate Research Fund in the natural sciences. Killen said the goal by 2010 is to have endowments for all PLU's schools and divisions.

"Endowment funds are the engine behind us," Killen said. The funds provide student and faculty stipends and cover research and travel costs.

"When donors choose a student-faculty research endowment as one of their options, they are making it possible for PLU to do the type of integrated teaching, learning, research, public engagement that is essential to the university carrying out its mission," she continued.

Among the many donors in attendance were Naomi and Don Nothstein, founders of the Kelmer Roe Research Fellowship in the humanities. Named for Naomi's father, who taught Greek, religion and philosophy at PLU, the fellowship is one of only two in the region dedicated to the humanities. The other is at Reed College in Portland, Ore.

The Nothsteins originally planned to fund a scholarship. Ultimately, they decided on the fellowship because of the collaborative nature of the research, and the benefits students reap from the scholarly work and the strong relationships they build with faculty members.

"To get into a good graduate school," Don Nothstein said, naming some of the top schools in the country, "to have something like this, especially if it gets published, is necessary."

Past Kelmer Roe fellowship recipients Doug Oakman, dean of the humanities division, and Ronan Rooney '07 recently accomplished that feat when their co-authored paper, "The Social Origins of Q: Two Theses in a Field of Conflicting Hypotheses," appeared in the summer issue of the *Biblical Theology Bulletin*.

These types of projects demonstrate a student's ability to think like a scientist and connect theory to practice. Beyond that, it trains students to think critically.

"It's one of the ways they develop habits of mind that are connected to being good citizens, too, because research questions are rarely neat," Killen said.

The process of developing a hypothesis, and determining how to explore that question and collect data, may look like a method useful only in academic research. However, Killen contends it's a central skill for people living in a democratic society and thinking through public issues. [S](#)



“People tend to think of research as scientists in white lab coats.
It’s also about being able to communicate, to explain your
work to colleagues and the public.”

—Neal Yakelis, assistant professor of chemistry—

Learn, Live, Laugh

Mail! Always a good thing.

Photo by
Courtney Stringer

Sure, we're working hard.
But college is **FUN**, too!.

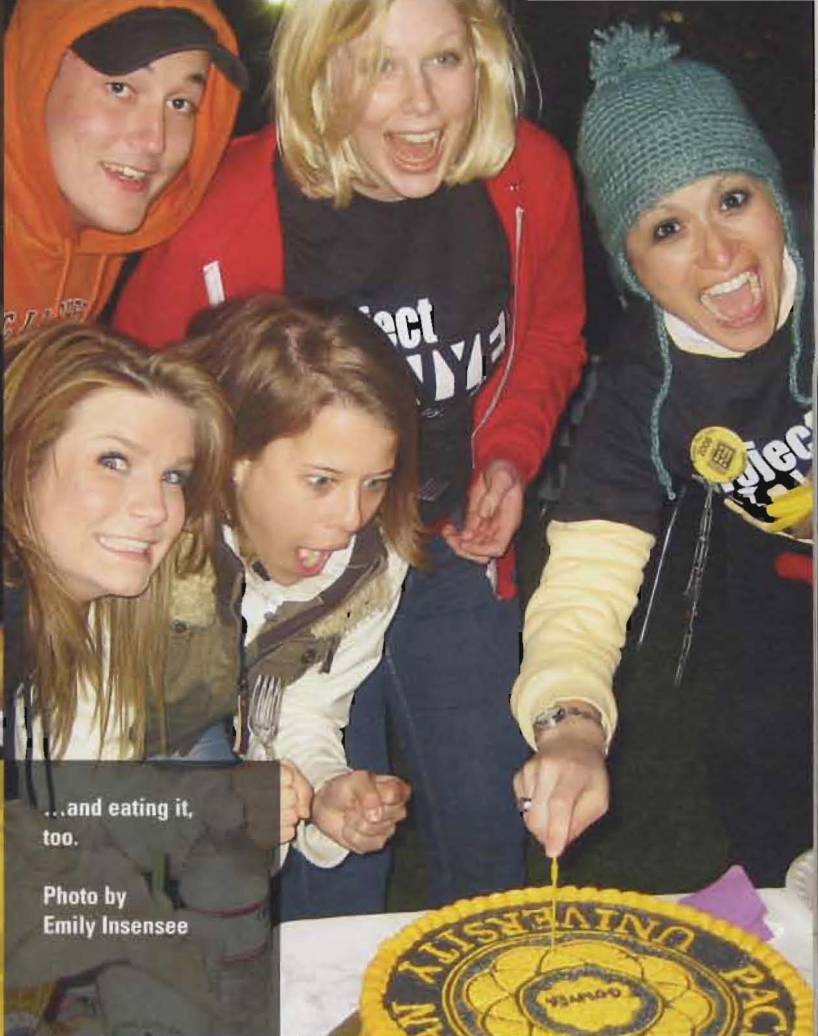
The intellectual and personal growth of students has always been the essential, defining aspect of life at Pacific Lutheran University. Our shorthand for it is "Challenge, Support, Success." But life at PLU is also about relationships – students living and learning together. We wanted to know more about what life on campus is really like from a student's perspective. So Scene asked students in four residence

halls to take their digital cameras with them for a weekend in April to create a photographic record of life outside the classroom. We had no idea what we would get back. This photo essay is the result. Because it wasn't planned, it's not a perfectly balanced view, but it is entirely genuine. And it seems clear that while PLU students work hard in class, college is fun too! At PLU it's "Learn, Live, Laugh."



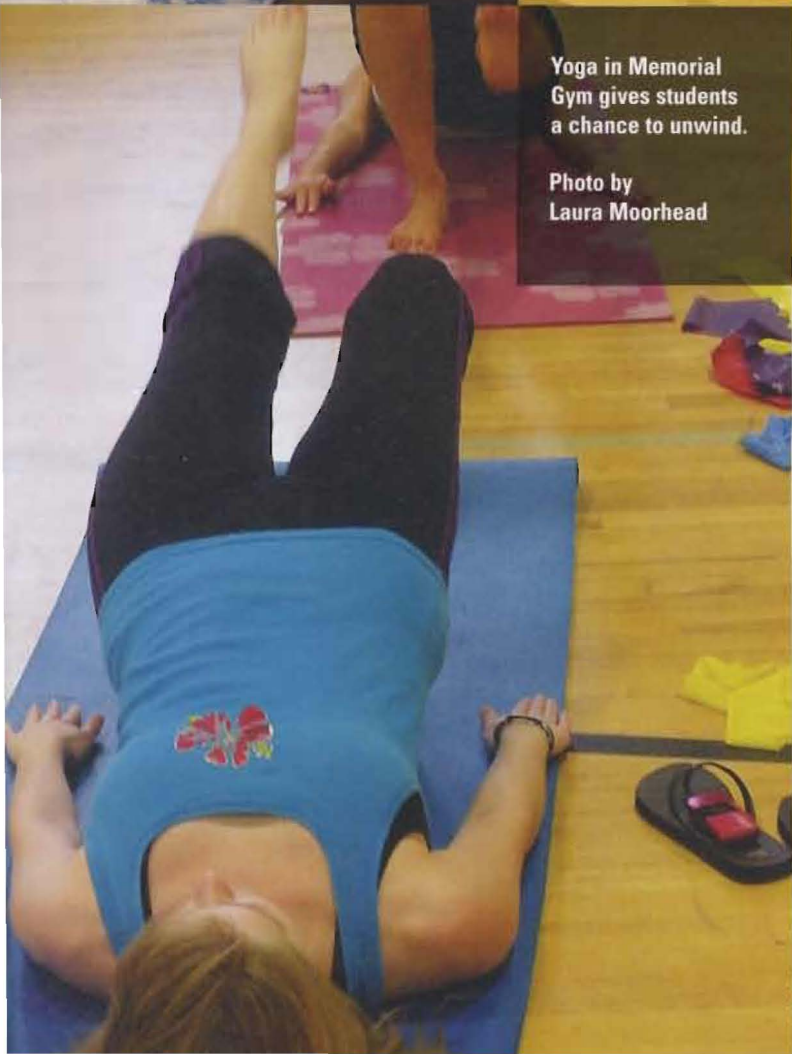
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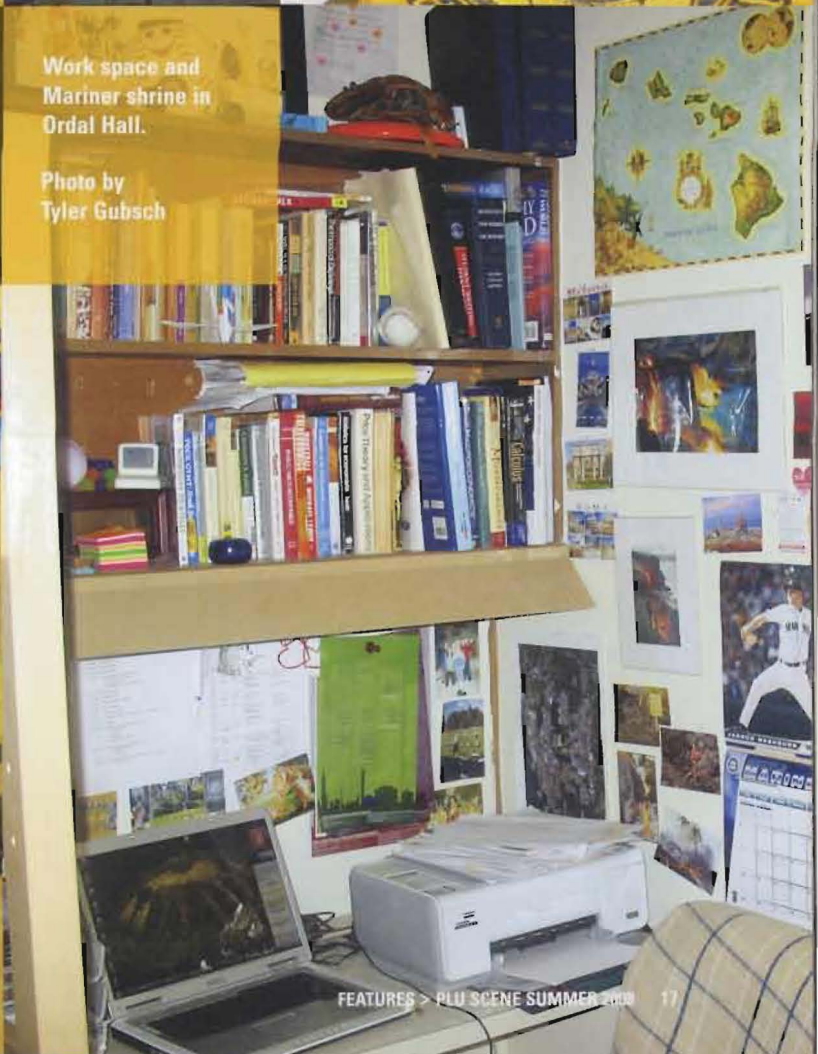
...and eating it,
too.

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Yoga in Memorial
Gym gives students
a chance to unwind.

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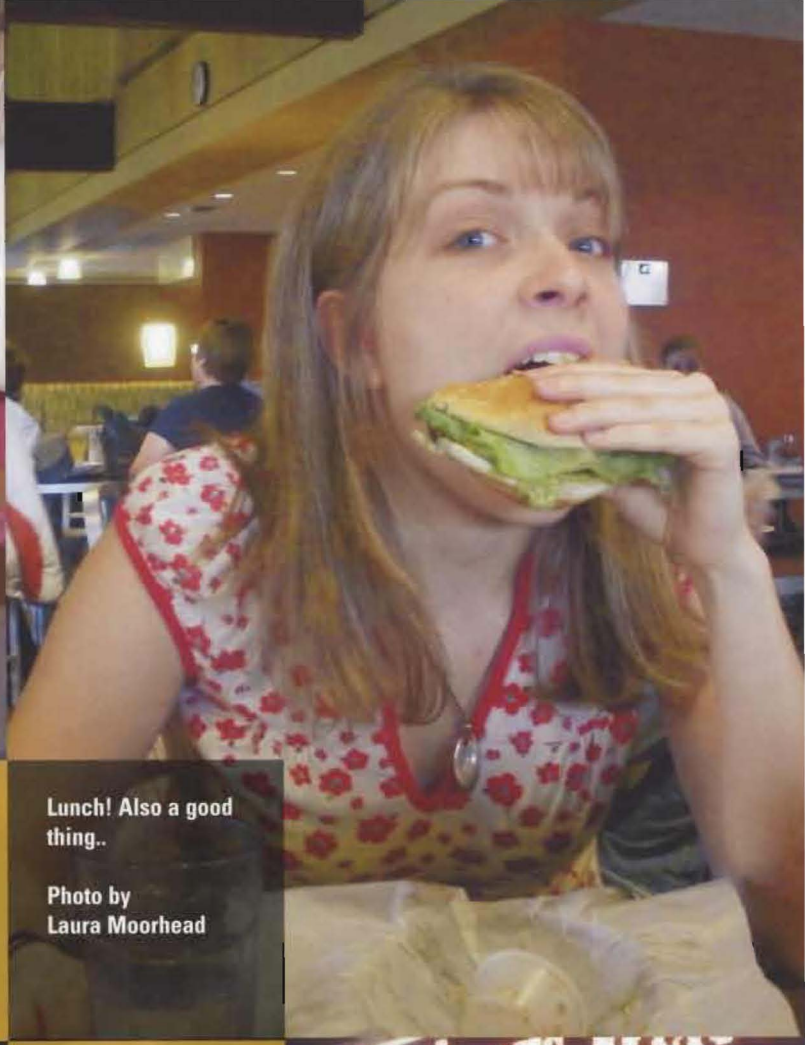
Work space and
Mariner shrine in
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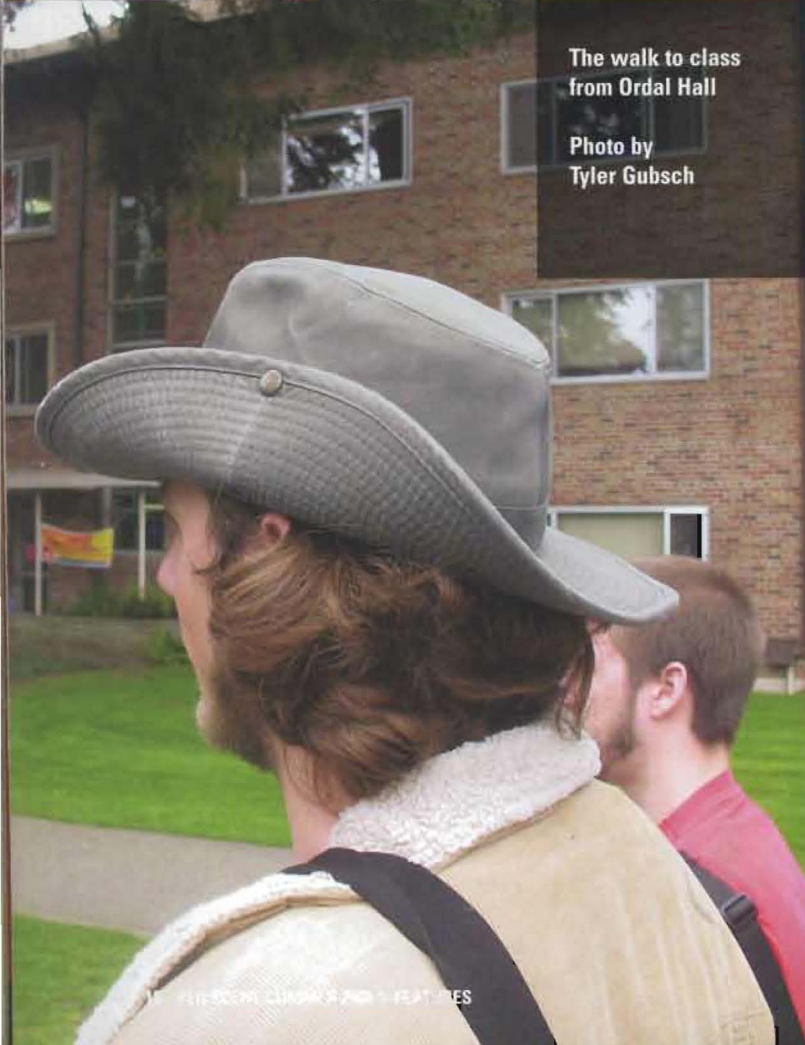
The fine art of residence hall decorating.

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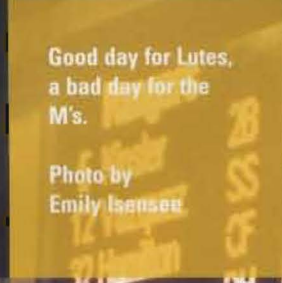
Lunch! Also a good thing..

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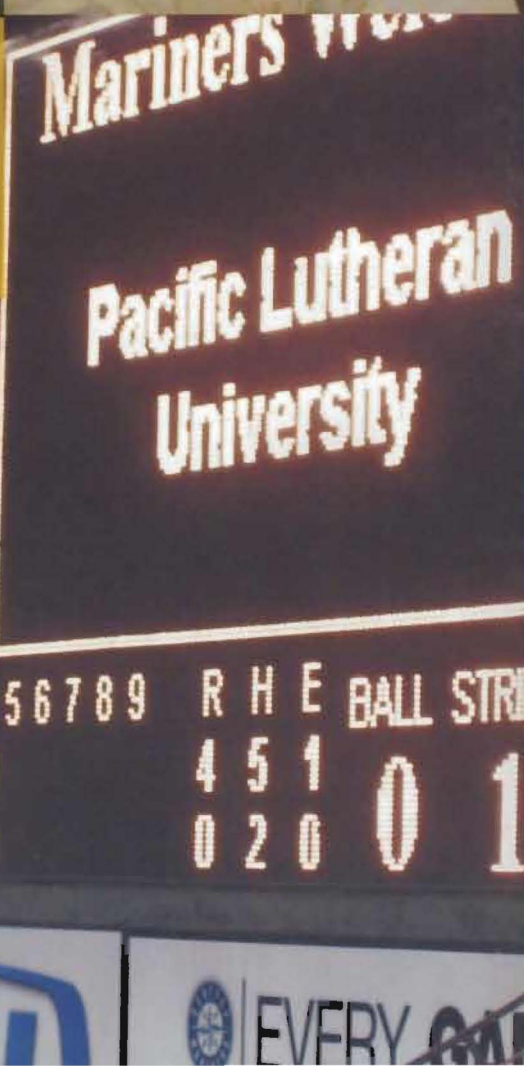
The walk to class from Ordal Hall

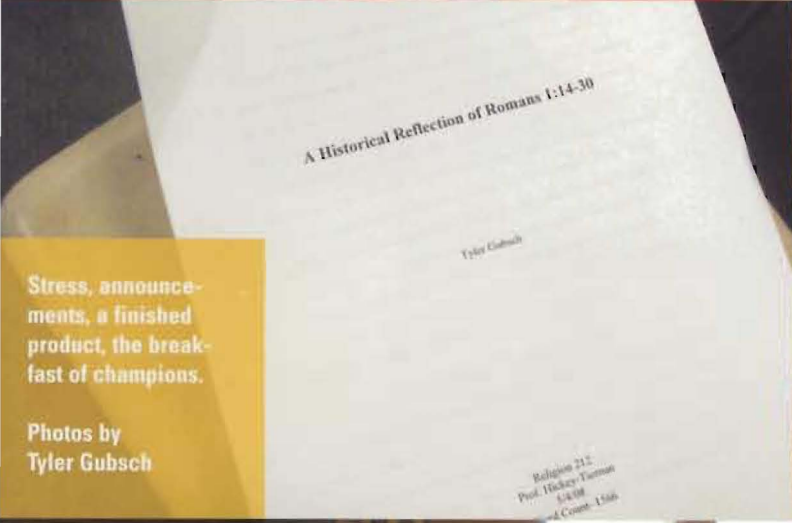
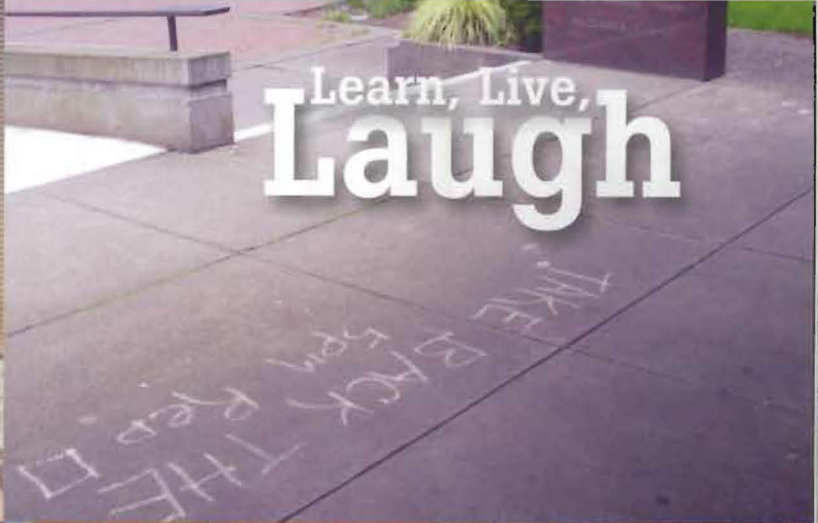
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Good day for Lutes, a bad day for the M's.

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Stress, announcements, a finished product, the breakfast of champions.

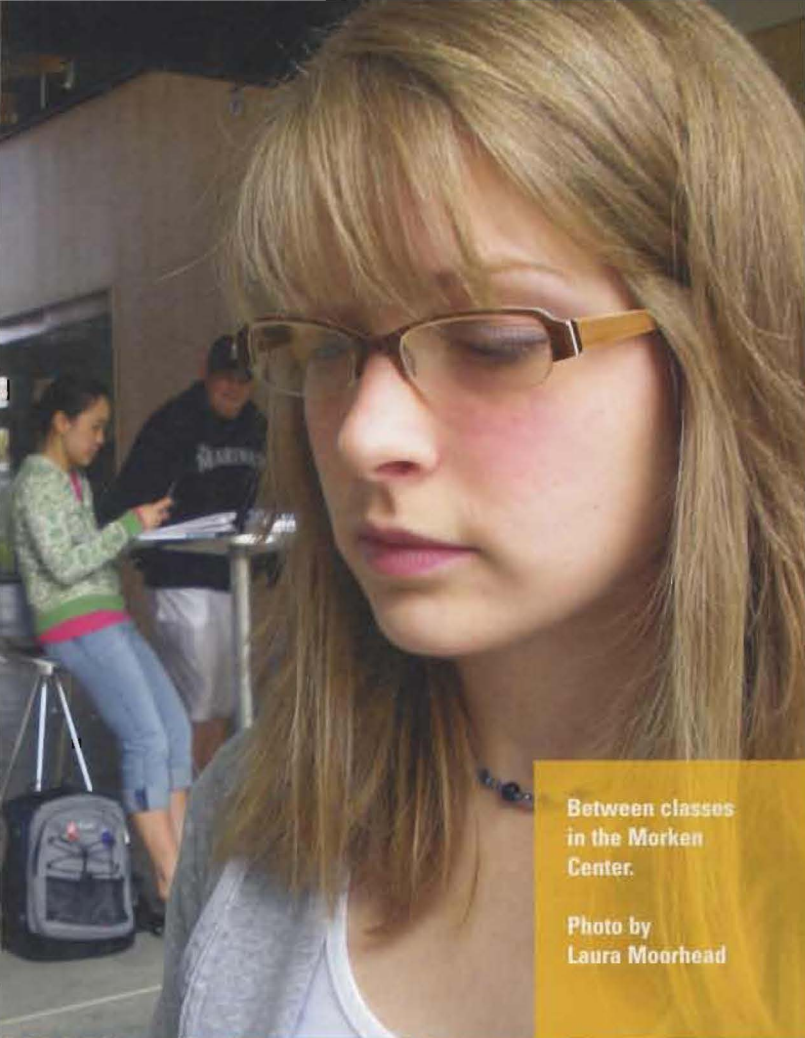
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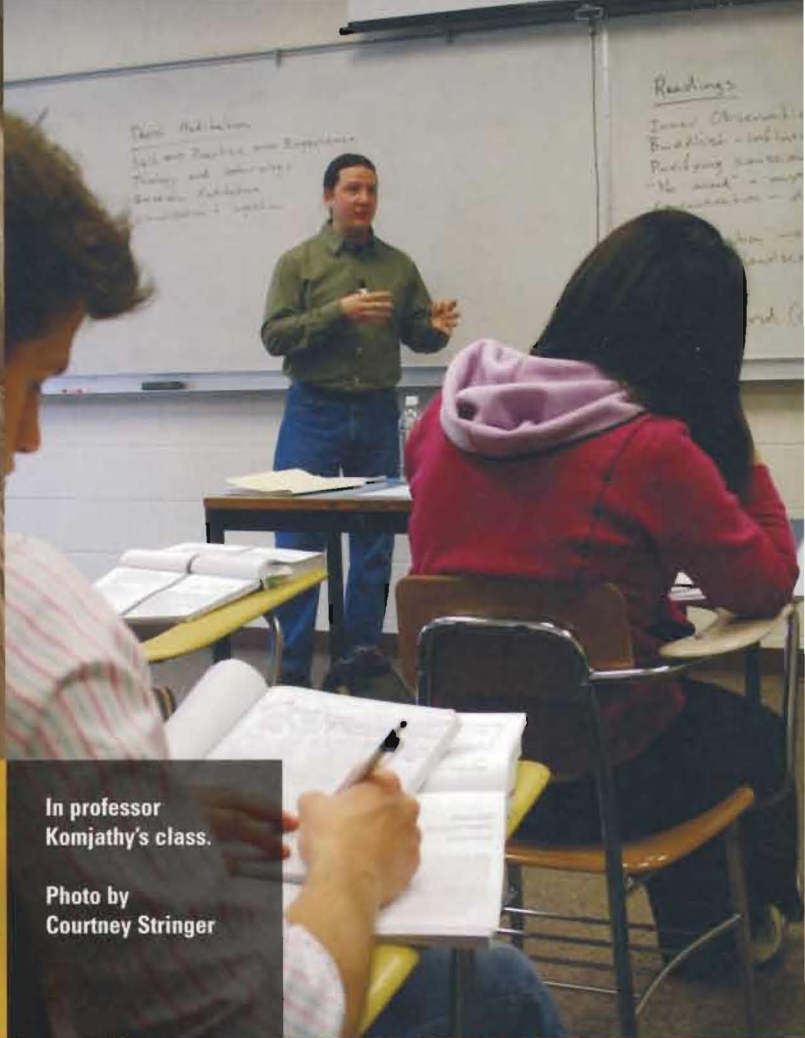
The newly remodeled UC has become a comfortable place to dine with friends.

Photo by Laura Moorhead



Between classes
in the Morken
Center.

Photo by
Laura Moorhead



In professor
Komjathy's class.


Photo by
Courtney Stringer



Wearing the team
colors – black and
gold.


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Amber Dehne

Learn, Live, Laugh



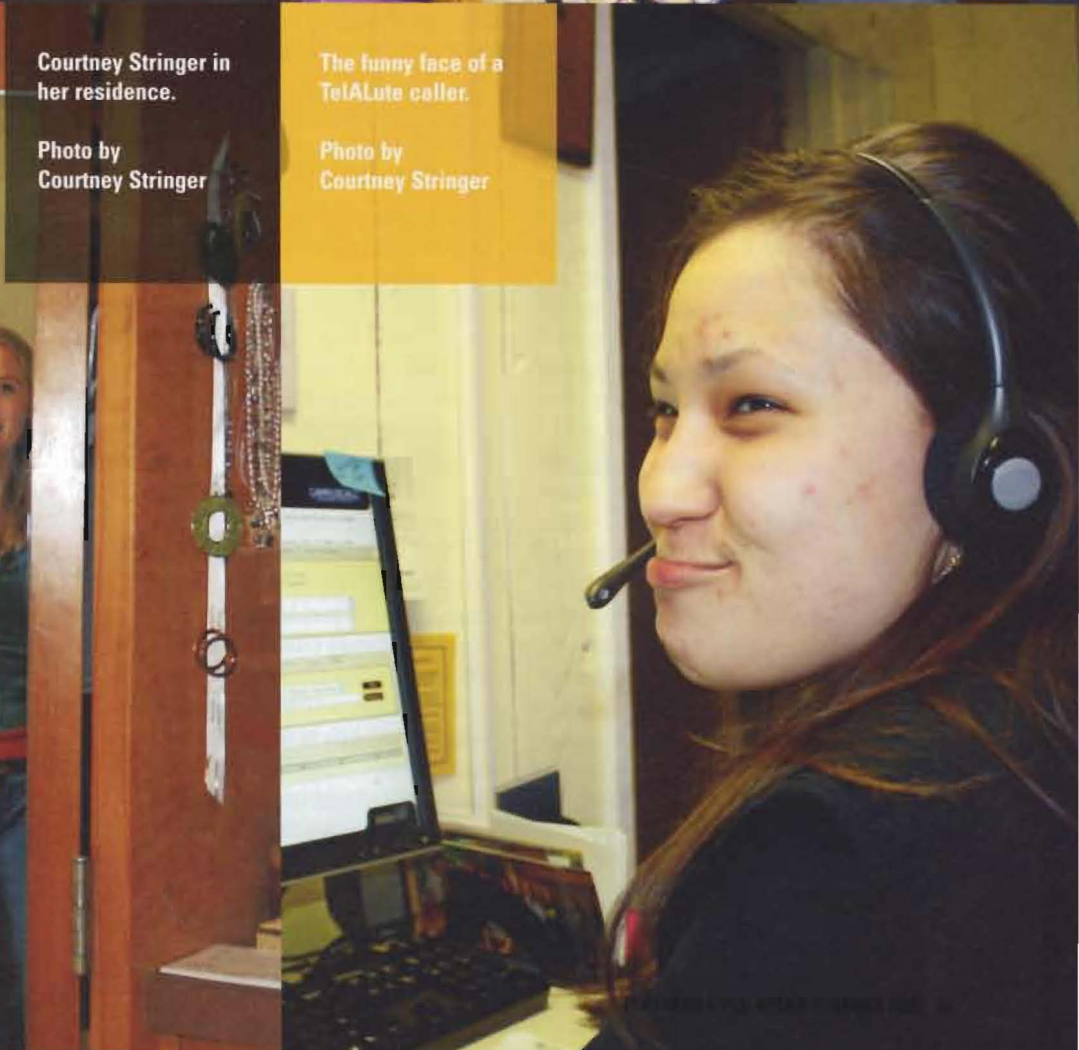
Stocking up at the
Old Main Market in
the UC.

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Courtney Stringer in
her residence.

Photo by
Courtney Stringer



The funny face of a
TelALute caller.

Photo by
Courtney Stringer

giving back

Endowment for scholarships: a direct investment in students

Agnes Berge Smith graduated from Pacific Lutheran College in 1932 with a vision.

During the spring of that year, she traveled with the Choir of the West to sing at the Chicago World's Fair. The trip was the premier occasion of what she called many "liberating experiences" that she had while studying music here.

Smith never forgot the powerful influence the PLC experience had for her and she was determined to ensure that future music students' lives were touched in a similar way.

In 2000, the estate of Agnes Berge Smith left \$2.5 million to fund 16 music scholarships at PLU. These merit-based awards now enable the university to attract the most talented students to its music program.

And in recognition of the importance to Smith of the Chicago choir tour, a portion of her gift supports music-group travel. Now, with her help, students in the four major performing ensembles have the opportunity to travel and perform abroad at least once during their four years at PLU.

"Enhancing the endowment for the financial support of students is critical to ensuring access to college for all, regardless of their economic standing," said Karl Stumo, vice president for admission and enrollment services.

"It also enables the university to attract a diverse group of highly-qualified students, and enrich their educational experiences."

The Agnes Berge Smith Music Scholarship is a good example.

"It's one of the most prestigious music scholarships offered, and is the largest financially," Stumo said. "To be recognized as what students call an 'ABS Scholar' brings them both prestige among their peers and much needed financial support."

Endowed scholarships also give donors a way to feel that they are making a direct investment in students who are highly talented academically, who are in financial need or who have spe-



Sarah Hassen '08 is an Agnes Berge Smith Scholar and a music arts and English double major. She played the oboe in PLU music ensembles.

Giving Back

This continuing series explores the university's charitable opportunities for alumni and friends to invest in the future and engage the world with Pacific Lutheran University.

Spring '08

Endowment for academics and mission

Summer '08

Endowment for student access

Fall '08

Annual giving and special projects

Winter '08-'09

Academic facilities

Spring '09

Wellness, recreation and athletic facilities

cial talents in music, business, education, community service, campus leadership and other areas.

According to Stumo, an endowed scholarship gift is not only an investment in one student, it also frees up institutional resources to be used to support other students.

"In effect the donor gives a double gift," he said. "And for the donor it's not just a general contribution to the

financial pool. They get to know and have a direct connection with the students they are supporting and helping to succeed."

The total university endowed scholarship fund stands at \$42 million. Income from the endowment provides more than \$2 million annually in scholarship support for students. Endowment scholarships and grants mirror the university's commitment to student access, the recognition of scholarly achievement, and a commitment to global education.


New scholarship programs:

- Global Scholar Grant Program
- PLU Achiever Opportunity Grants
- Global Study Opportunity Grants

Continuing scholarship programs:

- Regents' Scholarships
- President's Scholarships
- Academic Merit Scholarships

—Greg Brewis

There are many ways to make an investment in the PLU endowment. Contributions can be made outright or through planned giving vehicles, such as a bequest provision, trust, gift annuity or gift of life insurance. To learn more about investment options and ensuring the legacy of PLU, please contact the Office of Development at 253-535-7177, or visit www.plu.edu and click on "Make a Gift." 

attaway lutes

Developing student-athletes into campus leaders

Jen Thomas '98, '99 wears many hats in the PLU athletic department: assistant athletic director, a senior woman administrator and assistant athletic trainer.

One of Thomas' roles is mentor for the Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC). The council is just one of several methods by which athletics is seeking to develop student leadership and more effectively connect athletic programs to the university as a whole.

"We have some great leaders in our programs, but sometimes the only people they interact with are their own teammates," said Laurie Turner, PLU director of athletics. "Our goal is to provide leadership opportunities for athletes beyond their teams and contribute to the larger campus community."

Developing leaders in athletics fits with the mission of the university, Turner said. "It's why we do what we do. We believe that we can have an impact on these young men and women for a lifetime."

Thomas is finishing her fourth year overseeing the SAAC. Her work supports the National Collegiate Athletic Association requirements that "a student-athlete advisory committee is an entity made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. The SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations and policies that affect student-athletes' lives on NCAA member institution campuses."

Thomas' work is clearly paying off. At the outset, SAAC met once a month. Attendance – and effectiveness – was irregular as committee members sought to determine SAAC's role on campus. Much has changed in the intervening years: twice-monthly meetings are now well attended, with most of the sports sending multiple representatives.

The council has taken a strong leadership outside athletics as well, initiating programs that have improved the student-athletes' connection to the



Jen Thomas '98, '99 serves as mentor for the Student Athlete Advisory Council, one of several methods by which athletics is seeking to develop student leadership and more effectively connect athletic programs to the university.

university. For instance, SAAC annually sponsors the Fall Kickoff, which takes place the first week of classes, enabling all of the student-athletes to have an opportunity to be introduced to the athletics staff, socialize with athletes from other sports, eat pizza, and receive an athletics t-shirt. Another strategy is the creation of an ASPLU Senate seat for student-athletes. The senator will function as a strong advocate for athletics within student government while also building stronger connections between athletics and the general student population.

Additionally, the athletics department regularly sends representatives to NCAA-sponsored leadership conferences. There, student-athletes from around the country gather for several days to learn leadership styles and deal with real-life issues in team settings.

Carl Field, SAAC representative for football, attended the 2007 Student-Athlete Leadership Conference and came back with the "buddy team" program. It pairs PLU athletic teams with

others of similar size as a way of building support and interdependence among the teams.

For instance, volleyball and men's tennis were paired during the school year. Several members of the men's tennis team were regulars at the volleyball matches, and a number of the volleyball players returned the favor during the spring tennis season.

"I think there's been some success (with the program) that we can build upon," Thomas said.

SAAC president Missy Waldron, a member of the softball team, will be the Northwest Conference SAAC vice president during the 2008-09 school year. She and men's tennis representative James Odan will attend the NCAA Student-Athlete Development Conference this summer. "The opportunities I've been given have helped me develop more as a leader," she said.

Next school year, Waldron added, SAAC will spearhead a campaign to

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ALUMNI RECOGNITION

With more than 37,000 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 contributions to the business world and his achievements as a lawyer, Bruce Bjerke '72 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

During his career as an attorney, Bruce has been repeatedly named a "Super Lawyer" by Washington Law & Politics magazine and as one of Seattle's "Top Lawyers" by Seattle magazine. As one of the leading corporate attorneys in Seattle, Bruce specializes in corporate transactions, and mergers and acquisitions, representing both buyers and sellers of hundreds of privately held companies.

Bruce graduated magna cum laude from PLU in 1972 with a major in history. As PLU's only Rhodes Scholar, Bruce was one of 32 students from the United States to receive the honor and opportunity to earn his Master of Arts in Jurisprudence from Oxford University, England. He graduated with honors in 1974, and then received a Juris Doctor from the University of Washington, Order of the Coif, in 1976.

Bruce currently serves as president of the board of the Pike Place Market Foundation, chair of the board of Childhaven and a member of the Board of Regents of Pacific Lutheran University. He was previously the president of the board of directors of the Pike Place Medical Center. For involvement in his community, Bruce received the Award of Excellence by Butch Blum in 2005.

Bruce is an avid reader who loves to sail and is proud of his Norwegian heritage. Bruce and his wife, Jill (Farver '71) raised their family in Walla Walla, Wash., but currently live in Seattle.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

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



For her contributions to higher education administration and her achievements in the area of fundraising, Connie Kravas '67 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

As vice president for development and alumni relations at the University of Washington, Connie has spearheaded

one of the most successful short-term fundraising programs in the nation, helping the university to reach their \$2 billion fundraising goal more than a year ahead of schedule.

Connie graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in 1967 with a degree in English literature. She received her master's degree in sociology at Indiana State University in 1969 and her Ph.D. in administration and supervision from Washington State University in 1975.

Prior to working at the University of Washington, Connie served as vice president for development and alumni relations at the University of California at Riverside.

She has worked as both associate and executive director of university development at WSU, both president and vice president of the WSU Foundation, and was associate vice president and vice president for university advancement at WSU.

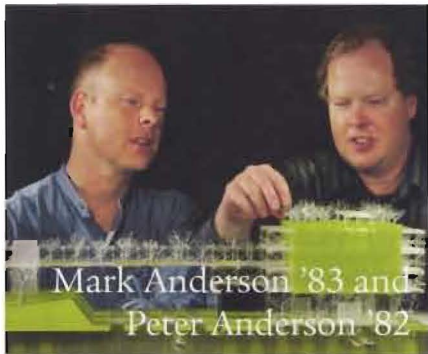
Among her many recognitions, Connie was named major gift laureate in 1998 by the Institute for Charitable Giving, in recognition of lifetime achievement in major gift fundraising and contributions to the profession.

She is also a member of the board of directors for the Banner Corporation. She was named one of WSU's Women of the Year in 1996, and received the centennial Alumni Achievement Award from PLU, awarded to 100 alumni on the occasion of the university's 100th anniversary.

Connie lives in Seattle with her husband, Gus '65.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

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



For their world-recognized accomplishments in architectural design, Mark Anderson '83 and Peter Anderson '82 both receive the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Mark and Peter began as carpenters, then worked as design-build contractors, and now work as a team as the principals in their firm, Anderson Anderson Architecture. Started in 1984, the firm has offices in Seattle and San Francisco. In addition, these brothers have taught architecture at the university level, lectured throughout the United States and Asia, and led study-abroad programs in six Asian countries. They have written two books of their own, and their work has appeared in books, professional journals, newspapers, and in television programming on PBS, CNN, ABC, the Travel Channel, and NHK-TV, Tokyo.

As two of the brightest and most imaginative architects in the country, it is no surprise their work has been featured in numerous group and solo exhibitions, with some prints in the permanent collection of the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. Mark and Peter's honors include Sunset magazine's Western Home Award, an American Wood Council Award, a highly competitive Progressive Architecture Honor Award, and several awards from the American Institute of Architects. They are also one of the three finalists of 170 entrants for an upcoming Habitat for Humanity project.

Equally impressive is the teamwork exhibited by these two men, shadowing each other through their entire career. Mark, majoring in history and Asian studies, and Peter, majoring in French and in foreign area (China) studies, both graduated from PLU in 1983 and 1982,

respectively. Both received Masters in Architecture from Harvard University in 1986 and 1988, and Peter simultaneously did graduate work in the Center for Advanced Visual Studies at MIT.

Mark and Peter reside in Seattle and are the sons of Charles Anderson, PLU chemistry faculty emeritus, and Margaret Anderson.

OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

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

For her outstanding talent and achievement as a gospel singer, Crystal Aiken '97 receives the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award.

Crystal recently won "Sunday's Best," a gospel singing competition on BET (Black Entertainment Television). Crystal's talent drew in more viewers than ever. Crystal won a recording contract with Zomba Gospel, a new car and \$300,000 to better her community.



Crystal graduated from PLU in 1997 with a degree in biology, and from there received her nurse practitioners license. She currently works as an emergency room nurse at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Tacoma. After losing her father five years ago, Crystal started to share her talent and sing competitively. The idea of competing in Sunday's Best came from someone she barely knew, a woman who had been touched by Crystal's voice.

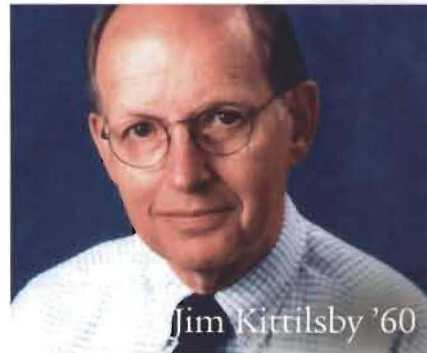
Crystal, without fail, gives all glory to God and plans to continue her career in that fashion. Christ Life Center Church in Tacoma, the YMCA, and Tides: Loads of Hope are among the programs Crystal will help with her winnings.

Crystal is the daughter of Shirley Aiken '71, PLU nursing faculty emeritus. Crystal will record her first album this year.

HERITAGE AWARD

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

For his profound impact on athletics at PLU and his contributions to the baseball team in particular, Jim Kittilsby '60 receives the Heritage Award.



In 1970, Jim left behind 11 years in professional baseball administration to be PLU's sports information director, assistant athletic director and head baseball coach.

Over the next 16 years, athletics at PLU were transformed. Among the many changes in which Kittilsby played a vital role: transitioning the university's mascot from Knights to Lutes, managing Lute Club, and expanding media coverage for PLU athletics.

His creative efforts like "old time prices night" and "PLU traumatic occurrences awards" (PLUTO) gave new life to PLU events. Jim also served PLU as the director of special funding for the Office of Development.

Jim Kittilsby graduated from Pacific Lutheran College in 1960 with a business degree.

Over the next 11 years, Jim worked in professional baseball administration for teams such as the San Francisco Giants, Seattle Angels, Seattle Pilots and the Milwaukee Brewers.

Kittilsby has won three "best in nation" awards for his recruiting books and media guides, and was named Puget Sound's athletic administrator of the year in 1978 by the Tacoma News Tribune.

For his contributions to Pacific Lutheran University, Jim was named the Distinguished Alumnus in Sports in 1980 and elected to the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001.

Jim lives in Kalispell, Mont.

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ALUMNI RECOGNITION 2008

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

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

For their dedication to enriching the lives of medically fragile children and their families in the Tacoma area, Dr. John and Jan (North '76) Winskill '76 received the Alumni Service Award.



Since 1991 the Winskills have raised over \$216,000 and served over 1,500 children through their program, Toys for Kids. The Winskills started the program with the help of the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center, giving Christmas joy to families undergoing intensive care medical treatment. Dr. Winskill raises funds all year and, with the help of Mary Bridge Children's Hospital, locates worthy recipients. In one Toys 'R' Us shopping spree each year, the Winskills and volunteers pick out gifts off each child's individual wish list. The money left is donated to the Mary Bridge Helping Hands Fund.

In 1989, John and Jan gave birth to their first son, Christopher. Christopher stopped breathing on his own at three months of age and spent most of his first year at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. It was during this time in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit that Dr. Winskill realized the financial and emotional impact that extended hospitalization has on families. John and Jan graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in

1976, John with majors in religion and social work. He continued on to receive his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Washington.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

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

For her 15 years as an ambassador for Pacific Lutheran University, MaryAnn (Waalén) Anderson receives the Special Recognition Award. MaryAnn Anderson came to PLU in 1992 as wife of newly elected president, Loren Anderson. From that time on, MaryAnn has been "a great ambassador for PLU who can articulate the mission just as well as Loren," said Bob Gomulkiewicz '83, chair of the PLU Board of Regents.

MaryAnn has truly made her mark on many things at PLU, namely her work with the people and programs of this community. If anyone can see the potential and possibilities in PLU, it is MaryAnn. Under her leadership, the doors of the Gonyea House are open, hosting thousands of guests each year. MaryAnn places high importance on building relations with PLU's constituents, understanding the impact it can have on the PLU community.



MaryAnn's advice and expertise are in demand across the campus, as she partners with the Office Development and University Relations, the Office of Admission, Alumni and Parent Relations, and the Wang Center for International Programs. MaryAnn supports faculty, staff and especially students by attending many campus events, including athletics, music and lectures.

Her involvement in the local community currently includes the Board of Trustees at the Annie Wright School and the Board of Directors at the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation. She has also served on the KPLU Advisory committee, and the Board of Directors at the Children's Museum of Tacoma. She is a member of University Congregation.

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 her leadership on the campus of PLU and her intended lifelong dedication to the university, Courtney Stringer '08 receives the Brian C. Olson Leadership Award.

As executive director of the Student Alumni Association, Courtney promotes the idea that each student's relationship with PLU can and should be a lifelong commitment. Courtney graduated in 2008 with a Chinese studies degree and a business minor. Although her leadership involvements are countless, Courtney found time to spend a semester in China.

As the president of University Congregation, Courtney leads a council of her peers to help plan church services for the campus. As captain of the women's lacrosse team, she motivates her team members. She is also a TelALute caller and resident assistant for the Chinese wing of Hong International Hall.

Courtney is from Bellevue, Wash.

'Hey, batter batter!'

The Alumni and Parent Relations Office is proud to sponsor a night at Tacoma's Cheney Stadium as the Tacoma Rainiers take on the Las Vegas 51s Friday, Aug. 15, at 7:05 p.m. Admission is \$9.50 and includes a hot dog, chips, soda and a fireworks show. Tickets can be purchased at www.alumni.org or by calling us at 253-535-7415. All tickets will be distributed by mail prior to the game. 



Picture Perfect



Jonathan Carlson '01 and Mark Renne '04 are two of many former PLU football players who have become pilots. Pictured here, Jonathan and Mark prepare to fly out of Denver for Great Lakes Airlines, a commuter airline for United and Frontier.



The marriage of Molly Banks '03 and Sean Kennedy '03 turned out to be a splendid Kodak moment for a large gathering of Lutes. Pictured left to right, in front: Robin (Andrew '78) Walker, Emily Fantelli '03, Laurel Jo Hyland '99 '02, Jean (Swanson '72) Swanson, Kristen (Becklund '02) Philips, Kyle Kennedy '08, Kijrsten Kennedy '07, Kelly (Schott '02) Mullin. Left to right, in back: Peter Swanson '72, Bob Andrew '49, Cale Zimmerman '09, Brendan Phillips '99 '03, Marc Kostic '03, Zach Zimmerman '02, Adele (Anderson '03) Kostic, Megan Banks '07, Peter Swanson '72, Cindy (Michaels '80) Kennedy.

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

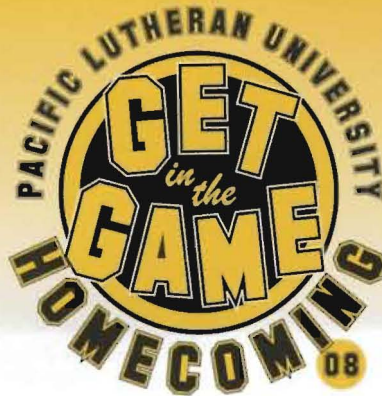
2008-2009 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following candidates are nominated for the 2008-2009 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, 2008, to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, Nesvig Alumni Center, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA 98447. You can also cast your ballot online at www.plualumni.org.

Tom Gilmer '58
Write-in candidate(s)

BALLOT



Wear your school colors proudly when you come back to campus October 9-12 for Homecoming 2008: Get in the Game. In addition to this year's class reunions of 1947-1949, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 there will a special affinity reunion honoring both men's and women's basketball.

This is 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.

THURSDAY

October 9, 2008

Songfest

FRIDAY

October 10, 2008

Classes Without Quizzes
Homecoming Chapel
Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon
Lute Fest
1958 50th Reunion Reception
Basketball Reunion

SATURDAY

October 11, 2008

Nursing Alumni Reunion
Economics Reunion
African American Alumni Reunion
Class Reunion Continental Breakfasts
Into the Streets Community Service
Homecoming Celebration Brunch
Homecoming Football Game, PLU versus Gustavus
On Campus Football Alternatives
1958 50th Reunion Dinner
PLU GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) Mixer
Homecoming Gala at the Tacoma Art Museum

SUNDAY

October 12, 2008

Homecoming Breakfast
Golden Club Brunch
Homecoming Worship

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A ranching family and their 'holy cow' moment

As Clarice Swanson '89 walks in the barn located on her family's 400-acre Walla Walla cattle ranch, her mind isn't on the hundred or so Herefords and Black Angus chewing on new grass just down the road.

It's on the tiny balls of grey striped fluff peeping at her feet. These turkey chicks, or polts, represent one of the few Unimproved Standard Bronze flocks on the West Coast. Even if the chicks or their parents didn't have the shelter of a barn to escape the snow-tinged wind outside, they'd survive on their own, Swanson notes proudly.

All told, about 100 of these chicks will be carefully nurtured through the summer and fall. Then, they will grace holi-

day tables of Seattle and Bellevue gourmands willing to pay \$70 for about 15 pounds of meat.

The chicks are among the many animals raised at Thundering Hooves Ranch, www.thunderinghooves.net. Lois



Gordon Huesby '56, Keith Swanson '89 and Clarice Swanson '89.

'59 and Gordon Huesby '56 and the next generation - Joel and Cynthia Huesby, Clarice '89 and Keith Swanson '89, and Brian and Jenny Huesby - have

guided the ranch to produce mainly organic beef, as well as organic chicken, pork, lamb and turkey.

Joel Huesby recounted the "holy cow" moment 10 years ago that prompted the family decision to go organic: The ranch had received a cow that was barren.

"So we decided to eat her," Huesby said.

The cow had been raised on grass alone, without the supplements and fillers typically found at feedlots. The meat was less greasy and tasted great. The family - which includes Joel's wife Cynthia Huesby, Clarice's husband Keith Swanson '89, and Brian and Jenny Huesby - decided to give organic and sustainable ranching a go.

The ranch has been certified organic for the last six years, but even before certification, Joel Huesby and Clarice Swanson stressed the century-old ranch has always been about stewardship of the animals, the soil and the general environment.

It can take up to three years to raise beef on organic cattle before they are ready for processing and end up on a dinner plate, as compared to 15 months in a feedlot, Joel Huesby said. But the trade off is worth it.

Once the land returns to its natural cycles and is weaned off expensive and corrosive pesticides and fertilizers, the soil is more productive. In turn, the animals are healthier, he said, with all the fervor of a revivalist preacher.

For Keith and Clarice Swanson, returning home to Walla Walla was part of the natural cycle as well. Both graduated from PLU with degrees in education. For the next 15 years, Keith taught English in the Federal Way School District, while Clarice taught music in the Highline School District before becoming a stay-at-home mom.

When a 10-acre spread became available next to the family ranch, the Swansons jumped at the chance to go into the business and embrace a new way of life.



Turkey polts at Thundering Hooves Ranch.

"We'd taught for years, it was time to try something else," Keith Swanson said. "This way our five kids could run around, and they love all the wide open spaces."

Keith Swanson is the ranch's marketing and sales director, and every other week, he takes meat over to buying clubs in the Seattle area. That includes the turkeys, which Clarice Swanson rescued from an Oregon farmer who was tired of raising the birds and was going to slaughter the lot of them. The birds are closely related to their wild cousins, and she's looking for others in the state who share her passion for raising the birds and are interested in diversifying the flock.

"These are really the domestic version of the wild turkey," she said, watching as the adults preened their iridescent feathers in the weak spring sunlight and eyed a photographer suspiciously. "They can take care of themselves."

—Barbara Clements

Across cultures: plying the global caviar trade

He says they call him "Mr. Frank" because it's not easy for his business associates to pronounce "Karwoski" (Kar waa skee).

By cultivating that simple and direct personal approach for 40 years, Frank '55 and Carol (Schuler '53) Karwoski together have worked a brilliant business plan.

Locally they found supply where there is little or no demand. Following a tip, they found virtually unlimited demand across the globe.

The Karwoskis are in the caviar business, bridging cultures from Native American Indian suppliers to Japanese and Russian customers.

They have life-long friends among the Northwest tribal fishermen who supply Franco Fish Products in Tacoma with 90 percent of its salmon roe. Four other plants in Alaska follow the salmon runs there.

Their employees – many have been with the firm for decades – wash, sort, cure, pack and ship up to 3 million pounds of caviar a year.



Frank and Carol Karwoski and egg technician Ron Burdick at the Tacoma plant of Franco Fish Products.

The Karwoskis regularly visit Japan to meet with their wholesalers, who are like family. More than 60 percent of the caviar is shipped to Japan. There are also Franco clients throughout Europe, primarily in Russia and Ukraine.

"The key to success is gaining the confidence of your suppliers and your customers," Mr. Frank said. "You do that by knowing them, finding out what they want, getting down to their level and meeting their needs." [S]

—Greg Brewis

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WHEN THE NORWEGIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION sought to support its Web site www.norway.com with a printed publication – each with the goal of presenting modern Norwegian culture to a North American audience – it didn't have to look far beyond the PLU campus to get help.

Launched in May 2007 and published three times a year, Norway.com magazine was the brainchild of, among others, Kim Nesselquist '83, PLU regent and executive director and CEO of the foundation. Between the pages, there are plenty of Lutes, as well.

Tiffanie Clark '07, who connected with the publication through MediaLab, worked her way from intern to managing editor. Lauren Holly '07 related her experiences studying in Hamar, Norway, as part of PLU's study-away program. Recent graduate Christy Olsen '08 has also joined the editorial team.

"I still can't believe this is what I am doing," said Clark. "Without my experience at PLU, I can't imagine that any of this would have happened!"

—Steve Hansen

alumni class notes

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

1930

Cora Vista Svare died Jan. 2. She studied music at PLC, and at the University of Washington. From PLC, she received a normal degree in 1930, a Bachelor of Arts degree in education in 1939, and a Master of Arts in education in 1955. She taught school for nine years. Her husband, **Carroll '31**, was a distinguished physician and officer in the United States Army. Through the years, Cora maintained close ties with PLU as a member of Q Club, and as a supporter of the Scandinavian Cultural Center and the music department. Cora was a gifted pianist and church organist. She also served her church as a member of the altar guild. She appreciated beauty. Carroll preceded her in death. Surviving Cora is her son, **Craig '66**, his wife, Gloria, and their sons, Ragnar and Noah; and her son Curtis and his wife Almut.

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

Ray Hinderlie died Jan. 2. His teaching career, which began in a two-room schoolhouse in Central Valley on the Kitsap Peninsula, spanned 39 years – 24 years in Kitsap County and 15 years in the Highline School District. He was active in the State Principals' Association, a member of the Port Orchard and South Central Kiwanis Clubs and the Burien Elks. A lifetime member of the Musicians Union, he played saxophone, piano and banjo in dance bands for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Irene; his daughter, Arlene Wade; his sons **Richard '68** and **Sandy '72**; and three grandchildren.

Virginia (Davis) Pifer Johnson died Feb. 23. She was an active civic and community member in Seattle. Her many activities included the Queen Anne Fortnightly, the Seattle Milk Fund, Women's University Club, Sunset Club, Seattle Symphony, ACT Theatre and her bridge club. She was an avid reader and a world traveler. Virginia was predeceased by her husbands, Bert Senner, Drury Pifer and Richard Johnson. Surviving her are her sons David Senner (Patricia) and John Senner; her daughter, Barbara Carson (Thomas); eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

1938

Ovedia (Hauge) Swanstrom died Jan. 20. She taught for many years in elementary schools in Fife and Tacoma, and was an

active member of Life Center Church throughout her adult life. Dee's strong faith and generous spirit touched many lives. She traveled widely, but her heart was in her home, where she extended loving hospitality to family and friends throughout the years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred. Surviving Dee is her son, Carl; and her daughters Marjorie Raleigh and Ginny.

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

1941

Eleanor (Gardner) Rippon died Jan. 24. She lived a life of service to her community and to her church. She was a Sunday-school teacher, a youth-group leader, a church organist, a piano teacher and a tutor. In recognition of her contributions, she was voted "Mother of the Year" by the Seattle Gold Star Members. Eleanor enjoyed travel and often combined recreation with service through "Volunteers in Mission" in locations such as Mexico and Alaska. Her husband of 64 years, Stan, preceded her in death. Surviving her are six children: Alice, Jeanne, George, Dorothy, Margaret and Bill; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

1942

Ebba Dorothy (Larson) Harshman died March 31. A woman of strong faith and the daughter of a Lutheran minister, Dorothy regularly volunteered her services for various church activities. Born in Astoria, Ore., Dorothy grew up in Tacoma, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1939. Dorothy majored in education at PLU and was also crowned PLU's first homecoming queen in 1942. In 1985, she received the Alumnus of the Year award for her years of loyal support to PLU and the alumni association. Family and friends were extremely important to Dorothy as she helped organize many family reunions. She was "assistant coach" at Marv's many basketball games, her husband's #1 loyal fan, but at home, took the position of head coach. Dorothy and Marv attended many Final Four college basketball games around the country – with her natural leadership abilities, she united the coaches' wives for get-togethers like an afternoon shopping spree. Dorothy was preceded in death by her son, Brian, and brother, Roy. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Marv; sons Michael and David (MaryAnn); brothers Art (Lorraine), Dick (Sharon) and Bob. She's also survived by her sister-in-law Maria Larson, and numerous grandchildren, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Anders Sola died Aug. 23. He was part of the first class of the new University of Washington School of Medicine, graduating in 1950. He then served in the Air Force until 1954. In the solo medical practice that he maintained until his retirement in 2002, he specialized in myofascial pain. He was also a clinical adjunct professor with the University of Washington School of Medicine for many years. Anders published 29 research papers, many of which were collaborative efforts, and contributed numerous articles and chapters to medical textbooks in the area of chronic pain treatment and management, particularly trigger point therapy. He was a pioneer in this field, which is now well established – in part, thanks to him. His papers and book chapters attracted international attention in Europe and Asia, and he was one of the first U.S. physicians invited to visit China in the early 1970s. In 1992, he received the Janet Travell Clinical Pain Management Award from the American Academy of Pain Management. Those who knew him say that his greatest gift to the world was the compassionate and sincere care he gave to every patient. His wife of 63 years, **Dorothy (Jensen '44) Sola**, died May 2007. Surviving him is his son, **Jon Sola '68** and his wife, Pamela.

1943

Class Representative – Lorna (Rogers) Greer

1944

Barbara Xavier Clark died March 13. She was the daughter of Professor John U. Xavier, for whom PLU's Xavier Hall was named. Her husband, **Robert Clark '44**, served in the United States Air Force for 22 years, during which time the couple traveled to several countries and states. They made Indialantic, Fla., their home 49 years ago, but continued to travel extensively. Barbara was a member of several community service organizations, ranging from Pink Lady Auxiliary at Holmes Regional Medical Center to Indialantic's Garden Club by the Sea. She is survived by Robert, her husband of 65 years; her son, Larry; and her daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Kevin Palin.

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1946

Lois (Robertson) Olsen died Jan. 2. She lived a life of service to her church, Bethlehem Lutheran. She was a Sunday-school teacher, a youth-group advisor, a member of the choir for 60 years, and a worker in women's circles. Lois enjoyed many long camping trips with family and friends and loved to travel, taking many

trips to Norway. Surviving her is her husband of 61 years, **Karl '47**; her daughter Lynn Berkow (Jay); her son, Glen Olsen (Elaine); her daughter, Carol Iversen (Greg); and five grandchildren, including **Nissa Ann Iversen '06**.

Isabel Harstad Watness died Jan. 3. She married **Luther Watness '49** in 1947 and spent her life as the wife of a Lutheran clergyman and as mother to seven children. A former member of the Choir of the West, she had a passion for music. She also enjoyed Ikebana and travel. Most of all, she cherished her Lutheran faith and had great trust in God. In 1985, Isabel joined the PLU staff as executive secretary in humanities, and worked for the university until 1995. She and her family established the Harstad Lecture in memory of her grandfather and PLU's founding president, Bjug Harstad. They created an endowment to fund a series of lectures that helped carry out Harstad's wish that Scandinavian Americans not lose touch with their ancestral culture and traditions. Luther preceded Isabel in death. Surviving her are her children, **Eric '70**, **Kathleen '71**, **Rolf, David '82**, Philip, Elisabeth and **Andrea '86**; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Hjordis (Rogen) Hamlin died Feb. 5. Having earned a master's degree in music and voice, she was a music teacher and singer/entertainer in the Portland, Ore., area. She also enjoyed cooking, gardening, being a hostess, and spending time with family and friends. Hjordis was widowed by both Ted Landsem (20 years) and Howard Hamlin (16 years). Survivors include her daughters, Carolyn Haughton, **Gloria (Landsem) Atkinson '64**, and Ardell Razor; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

1947

Class Representative – Gerry Lيدر

Guttorm Gregersen died Aug. 16, 2007. He left his studies at PLC to serve as a soldier in the Europe and the Pacific theaters during World War II. After the war, he completed his degree at PLC and went on to earn a degree in journalism at the University of Washington. A man of varied interests, he studied Japanese at the University of Chicago and was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Oslo. In 1951, he began his master's degree at PLC and started teaching in the Tacoma School District. From 1957-1966, Guttorm was a principal for the Department of Defense Schools in France and Germany. In 1966, he returned to Washington and served as an elementary school principal in Puyallup. Throughout his life, he was very involved in the Norwegian-American

community and was a correspondent for the *Western Viking* for over 30 years. In recognition of his support of Norwegian culture and his efforts to connect Norwegian emigrants to their homeland, Norway's King Harald V honored him with the Saint Olav's Medal in 2000. Guttorm was an active supporter of PLU and regularly attended university events. He was dedicated to his family, from whom he derived great joy. They remember him as a man of integrity and a great source of strength and compassion. Surviving him is his wife of 58 years, Inger; his daughter, **Gerd-Inger (Gregersen '72) McDougall (Mark '75)**; his son, **Paul Gregerson '77** (David Cahill); granddaughters, **Heather Liv (McDougall '98) Melver (Erik '96)** and **Annelise McDougall '04**; and great-granddaughters, Anika Liv and Saskia Melver.

Richard Langton died Jan. 21. He was the first member of his family to attend college when he enrolled at PLC. He served in the United States Navy for three years during World War II in the South Pacific and China. He later served for 22 years in the Naval Reserve, retiring as lieutenant commander. In 1951, he earned his Ph.D. in education from the University of Washington. He was appointed as the youngest school superintendent in Washington in 1955. During his 33-year career in school administration, he served in Tukwila, Wash; Cheney, Wash.; North Phoenix, Ariz.; Medford, Ore.; and Spokane. He also served as dean of men at PLC. Upon retirement in 1986, Dick and his wife, **June (Belew '46)**, returned to Eastern Washington, where they lived in Cheney and he taught part-time at Gonzaga and Eastern Washington University. He is survived by June, his wife of 62 years; their sons Chris (Eileen), Nick (Kerry), and Randy (Dottie); and seven grandchildren.

1948
Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1949
Oscar Peterson died Feb. 14. While at PLC, Pete was a four-year letterman in football, an All-Conference guard, and co-captain of the 1947 championship Pear Bowl team. He was an assistant football coach for **Marv Tommervik '42** in 1948 and was inducted into PLU's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994. College was interrupted by four years of service in the United States Navy, where Pete specialized in malaria control in the South Pacific at Guadalcanal during World War II. He was in the first class to complete the Master of Arts degree in PLC's Master of Education Program. During his long career as an educator in the Tacoma school district, Pete served in many capacities: as a biology teacher, head wrestling coach, assistant football coach, assistant principal and principal. He was also the proud longtime member of numerous clubs, including the Elks,

Tacoma Old Jox Club and Old Timers Club. His love of the outdoors was shared by family and friends. He enjoyed snow skiing, boating, hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening, swimming, cooking and attending many sporting events and concerts. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, **Myrtle (Davidson '48)**; his daughters, Joan Rayburn and **Julie (Peterson '80) Morgan** (John); his son, Jerry Peterson (Denise); and nine grandchildren.

1950
Class Representative – Dick Weathermon

1952
Erma Miller died Jan. 2. She taught school for many years at Manette Elementary School in the Bremerton (Wash.) School District. Her love for, and her skill in, teaching was not limited to public schools. She was also an adult Sunday-school teacher at the Bremerton Church of the Nazarene for more than 50 years. Erma was involved in many activities outside the home: FTA, WFA, NEA, Beta Xi Chapter, Kitsap County Retired Teacher's Association and Delta Kappa Gamma. In 1976, she retired from her career in education. Over the years she received letters and visits from former students, thanking her for the lifelong skills they had learned in her classroom. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Bob. She is survived by her three daughters and their husbands, Laura and John Jacobs, Sue and Richard Dymess, and Roberta and Orv Halley; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

1953
Class Representatives – Naomi (Roe) Nothstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

1954
Gloria Evanson Keller and her husband, Walter, have been married for 53 years. Thirty-two members of their immediate family – five children and spouses and 14 grandchildren and spouses – attended the wedding of their oldest grandson, Erich Keller, to Susan Gavin. Gloria and Walter have two new great grandchildren. Gloria is a retired registered nurse. They live in Valparaiso, Ind.

1955
Class Representative – Phyllis (Grah) Pejisa

1956
Class Representatives – Ginny (Grah) Haugen and Clarene (Dsterli) Johnson

Carl Warren Meyers died Feb. 27. After attending PLC, Warren attended Augustana Lutheran Seminary and was ordained in 1960. He served churches in Minnesota, Utah and California before his retirement in 1990. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years, **Anne (Stewart)**; his

daughter, **Carla (Meyers '82) Smythe**; his sons, Timothy and Stewart; his daughter-in-law, Lisa; and his granddaughters, Hannah and Laura Smythe.

1957
Class Representative – Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

1958
Class Representative – Don Cornell

Jon Soine completed a very successful year as president of the Whatcom County (Wash.) Association of Realtors. An active real estate agent for over 28 years, he was recently elected as the Washington Realtors vice president of government affairs and to the executive board, representing the 25,400 Realtors in Washington. He has also been appointed to the executive board of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition, which is comprised of 130 business and environmental groups and has raised \$100 million for parks, trails, waterfront easements and farmland preservation efforts affecting every city and county in Washington. Jon is an active board member of numerous other boards, including the Lutheran Shalom House at Western Washington University and the Whatcom County Terriquarium's

effort to build a world class earth aquarium center on the Bellingham waterfront. In addition, Jon is helping his daughter raise his five year-old granddaughter. At his PLU 45th reunion, he reacquainted with **Linda (Hurd) Taylor** and they organized a trip to China to the 2006-07 China-USA Trade Exposition, where they had a PLU reunion in Beijing with fellow Lutes, including **Ron Soine '61**, **Laurie Soine '82**, **Jerry Benson** and their spouses.

1959
Class Representative – Todd Penson

1960
Class Representative – Marilu (Miller) Person

Phil Erlander is a part-time interim pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1961
Class Representative – Ron Lerch

1962
Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963
Class Representatives – Merl and Joan (Maier) Dverland

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1964

Ted Vigeland received the 2008 Charles A. Preuss Distinguished Alumnus Award from Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland. He is an assistant professor of orthopedics at OHSU.

1965

Class Representative – David Wytko

Dick Running was elected to a four-year term on the Board of Education of Linn-Benton Community College in Albany, Ore. LBCC has approximately 24,000 students (full and part-time) and a total annual budget of about \$84 million. It serves the residents of Linn and Benton Counties.

1966

Class Representative – Frank Johnson

1967

Class Representative – Craig Bjorklund

Stephen Nelson is the chief financial officer at Mineral Hill, a Canadian company focused on exploring and developing industrial mineral, aggregate and precious base metal properties.

1968

Harlan and **Mary (Seastrand '70) Lyso** retired and returned to the United States

following a career administering international schools. Harlan served as head of school (superintendent) at schools in Trinidad, Indonesia, and Niger, and for the past 20 years, in Korea at Seoul Foreign School. Mary taught at the school for 14 years, but has spent the past six years working for a non-governmental organization (Eugene Bell Foundation) delivering tuberculosis medication and supplies to North Korea. Harlan was recently honored as the International Superintendent of the Year for 2008. Their two children, **Theresa Lyso-Zimmer** and **Amos Lyso** graduated from PLU in 1995 and 1997, respectively.

1969

Class Representative – Rick Nelson

William Leonard received an *Unsung Hero* award from the Bonneville Power Administration, an agency under the U.S. Department of Energy. This honor, presented at BPA's Portland (Ore.) headquarters on March 13, recognizes excellence in a chosen field, technical achievement, community outreach and service as an "unsung hero."

1970

Class Representative – Bill Allen

Michael Hanlon is director of human resources for Novartis Consumer Health.

His wife, Ramona, is a stock options day trader. They live in Lincoln, Neb.

Kathleen Adams died March 12. "Kippy" became a registered nurse at the Tacoma General Hospital Nursing School in 1949. She practiced in the field of pediatrics and later completed her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at PLU. A devoted wife and mother who also enjoyed all types of outdoor activities, Kippy was especially fond of camping, hiking and playing baseball. She is remembered as a caring and selfless person, who was always ready to take care of others. Surviving her are her husband, Lester; her daughter, Mary Rhine (Richard); her son, Dell Adams (Sue); and five grandchildren.

1971

Class Representative – Joe Hustad, Jr.

1972

Class Representative – Molly Stuen

Willard Bill died Dec. 26. After receiving his Master of Arts in education from PLU, he went on to earn a Ph.D. from the University of Washington. During his long career as an educator, he worked at Skagit Valley Community College, the University of Washington (in both the office of minority affairs and the College of Education), the office of the superintendent of public instruction, and North Seattle Community College. One of Washington's best-known and influential Indian educators, Willard spent his last three years as the Muckleshoot tribal historian, writing a history of the Muckleshoot Tribe. He also served on many educational boards and committees and shared his love of athletics through coaching track and football. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Ann; his children, Julie Bill Wonderling (Brad), Denise Bill, Jennifer Bill Youngman (Bill), and Willard Bill Jr.; and seven grandchildren.

1973

Class Representative – Karen (Wraalstad) Robbins

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

David Johnson retired in September after 25 years at Cal Poly Pomona. After growing bored with retirement, he returned to higher education in January as the interim director of student development at Saddleback Community College in Mission Viejo in Orange County, Calif.

Sarah Cooper retired from 11 years of teaching nursing at Walla Walla Community College. She had previously taught nursing administration for 20 years in Boise, Idaho. She's enjoying her free time and is planning to catalogue and scan a collection of photos for her family. Learning to use Photoshop has been part of this process.

1975

Class Representative – Helen Pohlig

Kay Messmer York and her husband, Doug, minister on the Swinomish Indian Reservation in LaConner, Wash., as Assembly of God United States missionaries. They have facilitated the publication of a *Native Book of Hope*, and are currently involved in the research and development phase of a *Native Book of Hope* for children. Kay also works as a substitute teacher at La Conner Elementary School.

Paula (Pudwill) Evjen graduated in October from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, with a Master of Arts degree in teaching. She is co-director of the Puyallup District Honor Chorus, which performed in May. She is also grandmother to three wonderful grandchildren (all boys, ages five, three, and one). Paula would love to hear from friends and classmates, and can be reached at paula@evjen.name.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Nancy Faaren is the new principal at Capitol High School in Olympia.

Dan Nelson is the principal architect at Designs Northwest Architects in Stanwood, Wash. His firm has worked on commercial and public projects, such as the Camano Island gateway and the Camano Island Senior Center, but the majority of the firm's projects are residential.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

John-Paul Olafson was recently appointed senior warden (that's church council president in Lutheran-speak) at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Sacramento, Calif. Last fall was the trip of a lifetime – cruising for 15 days from San Francisco to Fort Lauderdale, through the Panama Canal with his partner of 29 years, Bill Burgua, and their best friends.

1978

Class Representative – Pete Mattich

Rochelle Doan is director of development and community relations at Kitsap Mental Health Services in Bremerton, Wash. She is responsible for overseeing all development and community relations at KMHA including the Golf Classic, Silver Rose Society, major gifts and public grants and private foundations in support of agency services.

Dave Brauer-Rieke was elected to the office of Bishop of the Oregon Synod ELCA in 2007, requiring a family move to Portland. His wife, **Gretchen Brauer-Rieke**, retired from her nurse-midwifery practice and is now teaching nursing. Son **Aaron '07** is a first-year law student

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at UC Berkeley; daughter Clare is finishing her junior year at PLU; and son Nate is a freshman at Portland State University.

1979

Class Representatives – Dave and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey



Mary (Rice) Russell married Timothy Frank on July 23, 2007. Mary is a nurse practitioner with Advanced Neurology Specialists in

Great Falls, Mont. Timothy is retired from the Air Force and works part time as a dentist at Malmstrom Air Force Base.

Brad and Marlena (Scheller '80) Falk are empty nesters, having married off both of their boys, and welcomed their first grandchild in May. Brad is a financial advisor with Falk Financial and Marlena is a registered nurse. They live in Reardan, Wash.

1980

Class Representative – Drew Nelson

Greg Paulson died Feb. 12. He worked his entire life in the family motorcycle business. He loved boating, fishing, traveling and spending weekends with friends and family at the family beach house. A man of generosity, honesty, faith and integrity, Greg touched the hearts of many. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Ann; his twin daughters, Julie and Diane; his parents, **Jerry '57** and Carol; and his brother, Chris.

Ladd Bjorneby serves as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Millwood, Wash., near Spokane.

1981

Class Representative – Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

Rand Ballard was recently elected to serve as the chairman of the Meals on Wheels Association of America Foundation (MOWAAF) Board. Rand is the executive vice president, chief operating officer and chief customer officer for MedAssets, Inc.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Christopher Cock is director of choral and vocal activities at Valparaiso University, where he holds the Duesenberg Chair in Lutheran Music.

1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

Michael Carlson married Sharon Sigler Nov. 3 in Citrus Heights, Calif. Their "Brady Bunch" family consists of Chris,

18, Brianna, 16, Lacey, 11, Carolyn (CC), 10, and Joshua, 9. Mike works for the Sacramento Police Department as a facility manager and administrative analyst at the new Central Area Police Substation. He has been with the department since 1984. He previously worked for 14 years as a 911 supervisor/dispatcher, and 10 years in the Chief's Office as an administrative analyst (like Radar in M.A.S.H.). Sharon is an insurance underwriter. They live in Rio Linda, Calif. (Mike works just two blocks from I-5, so call and stop by when in Sacramento.)



David Housholder of Huntington Beach, Calif., is planting a new church (*robin-*

woodchurch.com); leading the Alpha Course (*alphausa.org*) on a regional and national level; starting a new company that helps aging churches reach a more diverse audience (*reachingemergingcalifornia.com*); and operating a nationwide business that helps non-profits get their finances and business plans focused (*thornheart.com*). He and his wife, **Wendy (Vermeer)** have been married for 26 years.

Leland Whitten died Jan. 5. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam War veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He worked for 10 years as a personnel manager in Bremerton, Wash., retiring in 1996. His wife, Nancy, preceded him in death. Surviving him are his sons, Stacey and Keith.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Penny (Ferguson) Walters is an administrator for Malheur County in Ontario, Ore., where she lives with her husband, Leslie – a corrections officer – and their children Molly, 18, and Darrick, 15

Larry Nelson was promoted to vice president of human resources at the corporate offices of the Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation. Larry has over 30 years of experience in human resources in the mining and nonferrous metals industries.

1985

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

Scott Dumas is vice president at Mechatronics Inc. in Preston, Wash. He and his wife, Linda, have a son, Daniel, 23. They live in Kent, Wash.

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Darrel Bowman is the new chairman of

the board for the *strykerraidfund.org*, whose goal is to raise \$15 million to fund a memorial park at Fort Lewis for all our fallen soldiers. He was also re-elected for a 5th year as the chairman of the IT and Emerging Technology Skills Panel for South Puget Sound. The panel's goal is to shape the technology curriculum throughout high schools, community colleges, and universities in the region, so that it reflects an attractive and effective career choice.

Randy Grant recently published a book (with John Leadley and Zenon Zygmunt of Western Oregon University) titled "The Economics of Intercollegiate Sports" (World Scientific Publishing Co.). He is a professor of economics at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore.

Leif Borge is the new chief financial officer at Aker Kvaerner, a leading global provider of engineering and construction services, technology products and integrated solutions across a number of industries.

Christine (Johnson) Kuramoto is an assistant professor of medical English in the medical education department of Kyushu University in Fukuoka, Japan. Her husband, Tetsuo, is an associate professor at Saga University in the department of culture and education.

Patti (Bentson) Carey is a communications and marketing manager in the office of the education ombudsman with the Washington state governor's office.

She lives in Seattle with her five-year-old daughter, Amelia, and her husband Todd.

Beth and Eric Utto-Galarneau are co-pastors at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in Aberdeen, Wash. They have two children: Grace, 10, and Isaiah, 6.

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray Scott

Terry Marks was presented with the AIGA Fellow award on March 13. This award is granted to members as "a means of recognizing mature designers who have made a significant contribution to raising the standards of excellence in practice and conduct within their local or regional design community as well as in their local AIGA chapter." Founded as the American Institute of Graphic Arts in 1914, AIGA is the oldest and largest membership association for design professionals and represents 22,000 designers in 59 chapters and 240 student groups. Mark's firm, tmarks, is a strategic design firm representing clients as diverse as Seattle Cancer Care Alliance and DC Comics.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

Mary (Walker) DeMuth released her fifth book, "Authentic Parenting in a Postmodern Culture" (Harvest House), last summer. She has three novels and a memoir releasing with Harper Collins in the next two years. She and her family

In Memoriam

1930

Cora Vista Svare on Jan. 2.

1936

Ray Hinderlie on Jan. 2.

Virginia (Davis) Pifer Johnson on Feb. 23.

1938

Ovedia (Hauge) Swanstrom on Jan. 20.

1941

Eleanor (Gardner) Rippon on Jan. 24.

1942

Anders Sola on Aug. 23.

Dorothy (Larson) Harshman on March 31.

1944

Barbara Xavier Clark on March 13.

1946

Lois (Robertson) Olsen on Jan. 2.

Isabel Harstad Watness on Jan. 3.

Hjordis (Rogen) Hamlin on Feb. 5.

1947

Guttorm Gregersen on Aug. 16, 2007.

Richard Langton on Jan. 21.

1949

Oscar Peterson on Feb. 14.

1952

Erma Miller on Jan. 2.

1956

Carl Warren Meyers on Feb. 27.

1970

Kathleen Adams on March 12.

1972

Willard Bill on Dec. 26.

1980

Greg Paulson on Feb. 12.

1983

Leland Whitten on Jan. 5.

1990

Jeanette Mason on Dec. 4.

2001

Julie Marples on March 17.

Faculty

Velmont Tye died March 24. He was an associate professor of psychology at PLU from 1962-1964. He held a master's degree in psychology from the University of Missouri and a Ph.D. in psychology from Ohio State University. In his professional life, Velmont prided himself as an ordained minister first, and a psychologist second. Numerous published articles and studies bear his name. He also found time for gardening, camping, photography, swimming, and horseback riding. Velmont and his wife, Mary, had two children: Timothy (deceased) and Deborah Lopez.

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spent two and a half years planting churches in southern France and have been back in the states for over a year.

Erik Moen has opened Copore Sano LLC, an orthopedic/sports physical therapy private practice in Kenmore, Wash. Erik's practice specializes in the treatment of the endurance athlete. www.BikePT.com

Dan Wiersma (along with **Ed Grogan '93**) was featured in *Forbes* as one of Goldline Research's 2008 Selection of "The Ten Most Dependable Wealth Managers of the Northwest and Hawaii." He was also listed for the second year in a row in *Seattle* magazine as "Five Star Wealth Managers Best in Client Satisfaction."

1990

Class Representative – Sean Neely

Jeanette Mason died Dec. 4. She retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital, American Lake, in Tacoma after 30 years of service. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Donald. She is survived by her brother **William** (Linda); her sister, **Joanne** (Sam) Mires; brother **Al** (Ginny); her sister-in-law, **Yvonne**; special friends **Don** and **Marilee Rowe**, **Mary Evans**, and **Kathy Metcalf**; goddaughter **Alexandria Rowe**; and many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and cousins.

Elaina (Holland) Dulaney has returned to high-tech public relations after six years as a stay-at-home mom. She formed her own public relations and communications company called Salt and Light Communications, LLC. Her clients include Marketing Alchemist, Waggener Edstrom Public Relations and Microsoft Corporation. Her husband, **Steve**, is studying to become a Christian counselor at Mars Hill Graduate School. They live in Kirkland, Wash., and have two boys, **Abe**, 8, and **Ben**, 11.

Rod Bigelow is the new chief operating officer at the Toledo Museum of Art in Ohio. He oversees finance, human resources, information technology, facilities, maintenance and protective services.

1991

Michelle (Calhoun) Holford recently accepted a position as an account supervisor for the international public relations firm of Weber Shandwick. She is based in Minneapolis, with accounts in Washington, D.C., Miami and Los Angeles.

Shana (Weatherly) Osmer is an adoption counselor at the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County. She works from home as a Creative Memories consultant. She and her husband, **Jim**, live with their wonderful dogs, **Blixa** and **Rudy**, in Federal Way, Wash.

Jim Morrell, senior vice president of support services/CID at IQ Credit Union,



has been named Information Technology Executive of the Year by Credit Union Times magazine. He accepted the award on March 4 at the Credit Union National Association's annual Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C.

Shannon Affholter was recently elected to the Everett (Wash.) City Council. During his ten years in Everett, he has served on the parks board and the board of adjustment, and organized the city's largest Block Watch Network, connecting more than 20 block watch groups.

Stacey Whitmire is a network morning host and music director at WAY-FM in Franklin, Tenn. Her husband, **Brent Whitmire**, is a concert photographer. They live in Spring Hill, Tenn.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

Mike Martinez is the new president and chief operating officer at CallCommand, a leading provider of integrated and automated personal communications. He's based in Irvine, Calif.



Jennifer Hallman and her husband, **Derek Luhn**, recently enjoyed a special time for their family, when Derek took an 18-

month sabbatical from corporate life after 15 years at Microsoft. They've taken full advantage of the opportunity by traveling, spending time with extended family and enjoying activities they normally wouldn't be able to do. The family has trekked across the Northwest in an R.V.; visited Hawaii for Jennifer and Derek's 10th anniversary; moved to Whidbey Island (Wash.) for the summer; cruised through the San Juan Islands in a boat; visited family in Indiana, California and Washington; camped at state parks with friends; vacationed in Florida for the shuttle launch; enjoyed a two-week cruise through the Panama Canal, and much more. Jennifer took on the mission of home-schooling their children, **Sarah**, 6, and **Ella**, 3, while traveling.

1993

Class Representative – Barbara (Murphy) Hesner

Greg Wilson, assistant principal at Woodbrook Middle School in Lakewood, Wash., was selected as the Distinguished Assistant Principal of the Year for the West Pierce County region.

He will be recognized by the Association of Washington Middle Level Principals (AWMLP) in October.

Matthew Kees works for Christian Musician Summit, Inc., as the director of CMS Productions, an organization that hosts one of the largest Christian musician and worship conferences in the country each November at Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, Wash. CMS Productions has expanded to produce conferences in Northern California and in Buffalo, N.Y., and also hosts the Songwriter Boot Camps in Redmond and in Nashville, Tenn. For more information, go to www.ChristianMusician.com.

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1994
Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Thomas Keiter is an office assistant with the Land Trust Alliance in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Jessica, were married Oct. 6, 2006, and live in Bethesda, Md.

Mark Carrato is posted at the United States Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, working for USAID in the Alternative Development Office. He manages a five-year program, in partnership with the government of Colombia, that generates economic and social alternatives to illicit crop production by promoting market-driven, private sector-led business initiatives throughout Colombia. The program also enhances the competitiveness of the Colombian economy by promoting economic policy and institutional reforms to maximize employment generation and income growth.

1995
Class Representatives – Krista Sickert-Bush and Stephanie Page-Lester

Shannon Bates accepted a position in February at the 71-year-old music publishing company, Neil A. Kjos Music Co., working as an editorial assistant, and in copyrights and licensing. She continues to play saxophone in an award-nominated afrobeat/funk/soul band called Society, to pitch her novels and short stories, and to play on three to five soccer teams year-round in the San Diego area.

Stephen Schubert worked for many years as a systems architect for IBM, but for the past few years has been a game developer for Wizards of the Coast. He played an integral part in the creation of the recent fourth edition of the Dungeons

and Dragons role-playing game, leading the development of the mathematical framework of the new game. Stephen is also the lead developer for the Dungeons and Dragons Miniatures tabletop game. He and his wife, **Katherine (Dibblee '96)**, live in Auburn, Wash., with their three-year-old daughter, Laura Jane.



Shelby Heimbach married Josh Lentz on Sept. 1 at Willows Lodge in Woodinville, Wash. **Nikole (Sager) Jansen** was the maid of honor and **Christina (Hanby) Donegan** was a bridesmaid. Jason Lentz, the groom's brother, was the best man. Shelby is the marketing communications manager for Simpson Strong-Tie and Josh is the West Coast regional manager for Cygnus Business Media. They live in Seattle.

1996
Class Representative – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman

Erik Monick is a physician and cardiology fellow at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. On July 14, 2007, he married Rachel Reisner, who is an emergency room physician.

1997
Class Representatives – Andy and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Josh and Lisa (Treadwell) Lawrence are pleased to announce the launch of their family's winery, Gard Vintners, featuring grapes from their estate vineyard in Royal City, Wash. The name Gard (meaning "farm" or "estate") is in honor of the family's Scandinavian heritage and more than 40 years in agriculture. The winery is currently "virtual" (no tasting room, yet) and can be found at www.gardvintners.com.

Keith Dussell has been accepted to the University of Alaska School of Engineering in Anchorage, where he will pursue a Master of Science degree in project management. He was also a quarterfinalist for the Expo 6 Screenwriting Competition (attracting development from a director and a producer) and placed in the top 20 percent in the prestigious Nicholls Fellowship (the screenwriting competition from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences).

1998
Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Jamie (Meyers) Bredstrand is a support services technician with the Skagit County sheriff's office. She and her husband, Jeff, a Seattle firefighter, live on Camano Island, Wash., and can be reached at Jamieb@co.skagit.wa.us.



Yukiko (Higashi) Gatlin was sworn in as a citizen of the United States of America on Jan. 29. She is a teacher and her husband, Eugene, is a broadcast engineer. They live in Tacoma.

Ryan Fletcher is the new associate pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Issaquah, Wash. He was previously pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilton, Wis., where he was active in developing relationships between Latino, Anglo, and other minority populations. After PLU, Ryan received his Master of Divinity degree from The Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, and worked for a year for the Division of Global Mission in Cameroon.

1999
Class Representative – Julie (Johnston) Bulow von Dennewitz

Rob Wotton is a vice president/commercial loan officer at Cowlitz Bank in Bellevue, Wash. In this small commercial bank, he works with a great team of lenders and offers a wide variety of business banking products. His community involvement includes serving as vice president of Bellevue Lions Club. Rob also enjoys family time in Snoqualmie, Wash., with his wife, Julie, and their two sons, surrounded by many good neighbors.

Audra (Buckley) Osborn and her husband, James, live in Fort Worth, Texas, where Audra is a third grade teacher and James is a buyer for Bell Helicopter.

Kevin Lint released his debut CD, "Story Problems," in November. He describes his songs as "Americana rock," a mixture of rock, jazz, hip-hop and roots music. He lives in Mukilteo, Wash.

2000
Class Representative – Ashley Orr

2001
Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer

Brianne (McQuaig) Vertrees launched a full service marketing consulting firm, Seed Marketing LLC (www.seedmarketingllc.com). Her husband, **Brian '00**, is in his fourth year at Stemilt Growers Inc., and is the promotions manager. They live in Wenatchee, Wash.



Melissa Link married Brandon Olin in Guayabitos, Mexico, on Feb. 29. Lutes in attendance included **Brian '98** and **Nikky (Hammond '01) Berkenhoff** and **Paulie Payne '02**. They live in Seattle, where Melissa is a nurse and Brandon is an architect.

Brita Willis married Beejay Amrao Feliciano on Sept. 15 in Yakima, Wash. Beejay is a surgery resident. They live in Seattle.

2002
Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Nicholas Gorne graduated in May with a Master of Arts degree in education from

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the University of Puget Sound. He lives in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Janelle Hanson graduated in May with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She lives in Honolulu and plans to marry Jon Allen of Hawaii in early 2009.



Anna Edgar married Colin Minzel on Dec. 29 at Pickering Barn in Issaquah, Wash. The bridal party included **Alayna**

(Post) Broderon, Megan (O'Brien) Nelson, Becca (Ehli) Miller, Sarah (Kohn) Atchison, Kristal (Sutton) Graham, and Kristin Diercks '04. Anna is a sales representative at GM Nameplate in Seattle and Colin is a graphic installer at SuperGraphics.



Colleen Lorenz married **Leif Johnson** on Aug. 18 in La Conner, Wash. Lutes in the wedding party included **Jason Schafer, Pat Marquardt,**

Corey Fish '05, Heidi (Johnson '99) Hiatt, Zach Hiatt '99, Melanie Jechort '75, and Paul Johnson '71. Colleen is an employment placement specialist for Skagit County (Wash.) Community Action Agency. Leif is an attorney with the Skagit County public defender. They live in Mount Vernon, Wash.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Ruth Rondema is a public service representative at Portland State University in Oregon.



Holly Gentes married **Chris Spencer** on March 15 at the Seattle Aquarium. Other Lutes in attendance were **Nora (Flagg)**

Armstrong, Linda Kammerer, Deborah Brooks, Sarah Rensel '02, Aimee (Burkenbine) Hecimovich, Lori Olsen '99, and Professor Emeritus Rae Terpenning. They bought a nice house in Sumner, Wash., and are in the midst of landscaping their new property. Holly works as an office clerk in Kent. Chris balances his time working as a job placement technician for the state, playing in the Rainier Symphony as a section bassist, helping coordinate his church's men's choir, and pursuing other musical interests.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

2005

Class Representative – Micheal Steele

Kelsea Lundquist earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Northwestern University on Dec. 15. She is a physical therapist with Saint Joseph Mercy Health Systems and lives in Ann Arbor, Mich.

James and Alison (Stark '04) Leiman both completed their Master of Public Administration degrees June 2007 at The Evergreen State College in Olympia. They now live in El Paso, Texas. James is the chief security officer for the International Boundary Water Commission with the U.S. Department of State. Alison is the county grant writer for El Paso County.



Melanie McGary married **Matt Cashin** Aug. 26 in Bellingham, Wash. Lutes in the wedding party were **Lisa Hutson and Rachel Pesis '06.**

Melanie and Matt live in Faribault, Minn., with their son, William.

Kym Pesola lives in Washington, D.C.

2006

Class Representative – Jenna (Steffenson) Serr

Nicole Sorenson is an office assistant with City Year New York, a non-profit in urban education, national service and community service. She's leading a capitol improvement project to redesign their office space, interviewing architects and leading a task force of six people to help with the project. Construction is beginning this summer. Because of their non-profit status, they have received several heavily discounted proposals. Her fiancé, **Alan Markley**, also lives in New York. She lives in Brooklyn.



Alan Markley is living his musician dream in New York City, teaching piano lessons to young students, playing jazz gigs, and writing rock

songs. He's also working for a national and international not-for-profit that he loves. He thinks NYC is great, but thinks he will eventually move back to suburbia. For now, though, it's very exciting. He's looking to connect with other Lutes out east. He and his fiancée, **Nicole Sorenson**, are planning an Oct. 4 wedding.

Crissy Richards married **Mario Pagulayan** June 8, 2007. Crissy is an assistant account executive for Communications Pacific, and Mario is in the United States Air Force. They live in Honolulu.

Janae Yandell is a client associate with Merrill Lynch. She lives in Bothell, Wash., with her husband, Antonio Marin, who is a violin teacher.



Emily Short married **Chad McCann** July 28, 2007, at Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Ore. PLU alumni **Molly Feider and Jamie**

Forslund were bridesmaids. Emily is an admission counselor at PLU. Chad is a Doctor of Physical Therapy student and a graduate resident director at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma.

2007

Class Representatives — Maggie Morgan and Kaarin Praxel



Ellen Brotherston, daughter of **Stuart '79 and Ruth (Swenson '79) Brotherston**, married **Kyle Aronson** on Aug. 11, 2007, at

the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia. **Vanessa Bruce** was the maid of honor and **Anne Spilman, Kirsten Blume, and Shannon Murphy** were bridesmaids. Many other Lutes were in attendance. Ellen and Kyle live in Puyallup, Wash.

Joe Lindquist married **Katy Goode '04** on July 8, 2007, in Tacoma. Joe is a substitute teacher in the Puyallup (Wash.) School District. Katy is a case aide.

Jessica Rush married **Mark Pasqual**, who is in the United States Army, on March 10, 2007. They live in Tacoma.

Future Lutes

1987



Karstin (Weik) Kliewer and her husband, **Matt**, announce the birth of **Keely Anne** on Aug. 26, 2007. She joins **Kayna, 6; Maximus, 5; and**

Marek, 3. Karstin is a stay-at-home mom. Matt works in manufacturing and quality control at Boeing. They live in Federal Way, Wash.

1990

Loren and Jennie (Acker '91) Camp announce the birth of their son, **Carson Reed Camp**, on Oct. 16. He joins **Miles, 7; Piper, 6; Mattie, 4; and Josie, 2.** Loren is a financial advisor. A busy mom, Jennie is also an elder in the Presbyterian

Church and holds a Ph.D. in American Literature. They live in Platteville, Colo.



Mike Hansen and his wife, **Carol**, announce the birth of their son, **Peter Wesley**, on Dec. 26. Mike works at Radioframe Networks, and

Carol is a speech pathologist for the Issaquah school district. They live in Redmond, Wash.

1991

Christopher Omdal and his wife, **Carrie**, welcomed their third daughter, **Sara**, in November 2006. She joins **Mia, 7, and Lisa, 5.** Chris is a major in the U.S. Air Force and is spending 2008 helping rebuild the Afghanistan Air Force.



Lori Messenger and her husband, **Skodt Jones**, welcomed their son, **Virgil Sirius Jones**, on April 2, 2007. He joins

Freya Messenger Jones, 4. Lori is a smokejumper with the United States Forest Service. They live in Missoula, Mont.

1992



Christina Wolbrecht and her husband, **Matthew Doppke**, announce the birth of **Jane Elizabeth**

Doppke on Sept. 18. She joins big sister **Ella, 3.** They live in South Bend, Ind., where both **Christina and Matt** are on the faculty at the University of Notre Dame.

1993

Shawn Simpson and her husband, **Scott Haines**, welcomed their son, **Luke Anthony Haines**, on June 23, 2007. Shawn teaches English at Todd Beamer High School in Federal Way, Wash. Scott is also a teacher.



Duke and Amy (Neel '98) Paulson announce the birth of their peaceful and precious son, **Ryker Joshua**

Dean Paulson. Ryker means "strong leader." He joins brother **Kiefer, 6**, who prayed for a brother daily for four years, and two adoring sisters, **Keely, 4, and Brooke, 2.** They feel tremendously blessed by their children and the joy of their lives is raising them. Tacoma has become home to them and they love it. Duke loves working

in a nonprofit downtown, where he can help people improve their lives. Amy enjoys being the kids' social director and chef.

1994

Catherine (Overland) Hauck and her husband, Joseph, welcomed their daughter, Annaliese Christine, on May 13, 2007. They live in Seattle.



Lisa (Chapman) Hill and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Alyssa, on Nov. 25. She joins big sister Kylie, 3.

Lisa is a stay-at-home mom, and Matt works for Boeing. They live in Auburn, Wash.

1996



Michael Gintz and his wife, Anne, are proud to announce the birth of Taryn Margaret on May 10. She joins big sister Lauren, who is

almost two years old. Michael works in downtown Tacoma as the C.F.D. for The Gintz Group. Anne stays busy with the girls. They live in Federal Way, Wash.

1997



Casey Feskens and his wife, Crystal, announce the birth of Lola Ray Burgoyne-

Feskens on Jan. 10.



Renee (Tredo) McCormick and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Dawn,

on Oct. 11.

1998



Ken and Kourtney (Goldsmith) Johns announce the birth of

Kellen Robert on Nov. 15. He joins Katelyn, 4. Ken is a chiropractor at U.S. Healthworks in Tacoma and Puyallup, Wash. Kourtney is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash.

1999



Kaj and Janell (Wagenblast) Martin

announce the birth of Luke Gregory on Sept.

19. He joins Phoebe, 4, and Asha, almost 2.

Danika (Mutomb a Kabey) Nicholes and her husband, Roderick, announce the birth of their son, Myles, on Aug. 28. He joins Chloe, 2. Danika is an accountant for the students association at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. They live in Desoto, Texas.



live in Issaquah, Wash.

Timothy, on Dec. 3. Paul owns two construction companies and Jessica is a third grade teacher. They

2002



Kristal (Sutton) Graham and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of their son, Colby

Michael, on Dec. 28. He joins his brother, Carter, 2. Kristal is a registered nurse in the labor and delivery department at Toppenish Community Hospital in Yakima. Shawn works in human resources for Spinner Corporation.

2000



Danielle (Fisher) Crabtree, and her husband, Robert, welcomed their son, Kaden Avery, on March 6, 2007.

They live in Puyallup, Wash.

2001



Kami (Rumple) Liliequist and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of their daughter, Alayna Renae,

on Oct. 14. Kami is a fourth-grade teacher in Snohomish, Wash., and Robert is a machinist. They live in Renton, Wash.

2005



Melanie (McGary) Cashin and her husband, Matt, welcomed their son, William, on Nov. 3, 2006. Melanie works part time at the Faribault (Minn.)

Public Library, and Matt works in construction and referees hockey. [S]

Attaway Lutes continued

increase faculty knowledge of, and interest in, PLU athletic programs. "We want to connect more to faculty around campus," she said, "and to get faculty more involved in supporting athletics."

—Nick Dawson

All-sports awards

The Pacific Lutheran University volleyball team had a record-setting season while winning its second consecutive Northwest Conference title. That success was reflected at the 2007-08 All-Sports Dessert held May 4 in Olson Auditorium, with two volleyball players receiving top honors and head coach Kevin Aoki's squad earning their second annual Team of the Year recognition.

Di Maggio, the volleyball team's senior setter, was named the Woman of the Year in Sports. She received All-America second team recognition, and first team all-conference and all-region honors. Di Maggio broke her own

school record by averaging 11.93 assists per game this season. Di Maggio is a nursing major out of Tumwater (Wash.) High School.

Football player Andrew Eisentrout was named the Man of the Year in Sports. He earned Northwest Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors after leading the conference with 11.5 quarterback sacks this season. Eisentrout earned d3football.com 2007 third team All-America honors and was a first team All-West Region selection for the second consecutive season. He graduated in December 2007 with a degree in biology.

Volleyball player Beth Hanna earned the title Athlete of the Year. She became the first PLU volleyball player ever to earn first team All-America honors, and she was named the national Division III Freshman of the Year. She was also named Northwest Conference Player of the Year, among many honors. She ranked fourth nationally with an average of 5.34 kills per game, easily surpassing the school record 5.01 kills per game. Hanna has been accepted into

PLU's nursing program.

Soccer player Michael Ferguson was also named Athlete of the Year. Ferguson scored 14 goals during his senior season and finished his career with 49 goals, tying the school record. Named the 2007 Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Year, Ferguson led the conference in goals scored and in points with 33. He earned all-conference first team honors for the third time, making him only the fourth player in PLU history to do so. He is majoring in business with a minor in marketing.

Other award winners: The George Fisher Scholar-Athlete award went to Tory Silvestrin, men's tennis, and Lauren McDonald, women's cross country and track and field. The Frosty Westering Inspirational award went to Lisa Gilbert, women's soccer and softball. The Student Athlete Advisory Committee Award went to Amy Spieker, women's basketball, and Gary Wusterbarth was named the Distinguished Alumnus in Sports. [S]

—Nick Dawson

perspective

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the existing program in visual arts and design. The decision to add a second full-time art historian to the department – the position I currently hold – was the first step in establishing the art history degree program and addressing growing student interest.

But designing an art history major meant more than meeting student demand. It also required us to think carefully about where our strengths lie and how those strengths could best be integrated with the programs that PLU, the Department of Art, and the School of Arts and Communication already had in place.

During my initial brainstorming, the driving question became, “What does art history mean to me?” I admit, I was caught off guard by the question. After years of studying, thinking, teaching and writing about the subject, I found myself far from a working definition of my discipline as I actually practiced it. After all, what, exactly, is art history good for? Why is it worth teaching? And, why is it a program that PLU should embrace?

As an art historian, I try to understand the art object in context. I consider the visual characteristics of the object itself, as well as the artist’s intent, how the work of art is exhibited, and how it is received by the public. I tend to consider art as not only an aesthetic expression, but also as an index of social and cultural change. In my own scholarly work, for example, I compare art made in East Germany and West Germany over four decades of division and since Germany’s unification in 1990. What drives my interest in this subject is the Germans’ ongoing interrogation of their national past through art, whether it’s the legacy of National Socialism or the tensions that remain after 40 years of division in eastern and western states.

At its best, art history should make us curious about the past as well as the present, just as it expands our appreciation and understanding of a wide spectrum of aesthetic objects. The artists I study are sensitive recorders and interpreters of their everyday

situations and their positions in history. These are also the kinds of artists I focus on in my teaching, in the hope that, by working through historical and contemporary examples, students are inspired to engage in a thoughtful examination of what goes on around them.



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- Heather Mathews

All of this soul-searching had a significant place in my considerations about the introduction of an art history major at PLU. But establishing the philosophical basis of teaching the subject was only the first step. The second – and arguably the more important – was to determine, what, exactly, would be the practical application of that philosophy. To begin with, we chose to focus on our teaching and research strengths and created a course of study that combines historical and contemporary elements. Both my colleague, former department chair John Hallam, and I specialize in the modern period, so the historical component of the curriculum centers on the sixteenth through the 21st centuries, from the Renaissance to the present, with an emphasis on Europe and the United States. We then sought to complement this with a contemporary component emphasizing the

professional practice of art history.

The basis of this plan is to link classroom learning and applied and professional experience. With courses in museum and exhibition studies, critical writing, and art theory, we hope to prepare students for a variety of potential careers in the art world. Our larger aspiration is to tie this coursework to the strong program of arts internships already in place within the School of Arts and Communication, which places PLU students in galleries and museums locally and internationally.

As exciting as it is, the new art history major isn’t the only significant development within the art department this year. We’ve also begun to reassess the university’s permanent art collection and to develop a new plan and vision for the role of the University Gallery. Both are important assets, not just for the Department of Art, but for the university and our regional community. The permanent collection includes work by important artists from the United States and Europe, and it is a valuable teaching tool that allows students to study original objects not offered in textbooks or slides up close and in detail. The University Gallery is, in many ways, the public face of the Department of Art, showcasing the work of local and nationally known artists, our faculty, and our students.

What I find most promising about both the permanent collection and the University Gallery is their tremendous potential as venues for hands-on work in museum and exhibition studies, and especially for faculty-student collaboration. All the potential of these resources, together with the creative ambition and collaborative spirit of the faculty and students of the Department of Art, make PLU a really inspiring place to be. And I couldn’t ask for a better place to be learning by doing. [S](#)

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the arts SOAC Week

School of Arts and Communication week in early April highlighted the talents of students, faculty and alumni in the communication, art, music, and theater departments.



(TOP) Raku firing demonstration by professor Spencer Ebbinga.



(LEFT) Senior Chris Staudinger performs outside Eastvold as senior Bradley Stieger plays violin.



(RIGHT) Retired art professor David Keyes works at the pottery wheel.



(RIGHT) Sophomore Dylan Twinar does battle with senior Travis Morris in Red Square, while senior Bradley Stieger plays violin in the background.

(BOTTOM) Carol Cullum, sophomore, and Whitney Grimm, senior, screen-print a T-shirt.



perspective

What, exactly, is art history good for?



Heather Mathews, professor of art history, hopes that, by working through historical and contemporary examples of art, students are inspired to engage in a thoughtful examination of what goes on around them.

By Heather Mathews

May marks the end of my first year as a member of the Art Department at PLU. I arrived here shortly after finishing my dissertation in art history at the University of Texas at Austin, with some teaching under my belt but little real knowledge of what to expect as full-time faculty. Any new faculty member will tell you that the first year is challenging – new surroundings, people and classes. We're confronted with seemingly endless new opportunities along with new responsibilities, and each one competes with every other for our attention.

As in any new situation, there's a period

of adjustment. There are practical concerns, such as ordering textbooks and deciphering classroom technology. Then there are the more fulfilling interactions – introductions to colleagues and students, often with hopes of future collaboration or at least a longer conversation over coffee.

But at some point, everything screeches to a halt. Lunch dates made with abandon fade into impossibility as the day-to-day demands of the semester take over. When, exactly, does one strike a balance? How do we manage the everyday while planning for the longer-term?

It seems the only way to master the demands of campus life is to learn by doing. Fortunately, I've had support throughout the process from my colleagues in the Department of Art and the School of Arts and Communication.

The Department of Art is a highly energized place these days, and my introduction to it was a quick one. Even before the fall semester began, I was brought into discussions to begin defining plans for a bachelor of arts in art history, a really exciting addition to

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