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Graduate Erin McLaughlin shows off her diploma as her family cheers her from behind after Commencement May 22. PLU awarded more than 570 undergraduate and graduate degrees at the ceremony, which included a keynote address by Tom Vraalsen, Norwegian envoy to Sudan.

## JUNE

### June 9, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz  
Denney Goodhew and  
The Qhromatics  
Seattle Art Museum

### June 15, 11:30 a.m.

Strawberry Fruit Festival  
Barbershop quartet  
Friendly Advice and the  
Gentlemen Jugglers  
Red Square

### June 25-July 4

Vancouver International Jazz Festival  
Sponsored by KPLU

## JULY

### July 2-11

"Vive Le Quebec"  
KPLU Travel Club  
Montreal, Quebec

### Through July 4

Vancouver International Jazz Festival  
Sponsored by KPLU

### July 14, 7 p.m.

Jazz Under the Stars  
Jake Bergevin  
MBR Amphitheater

### July 14, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz  
Johnny Conga's Tumba  
Caliente  
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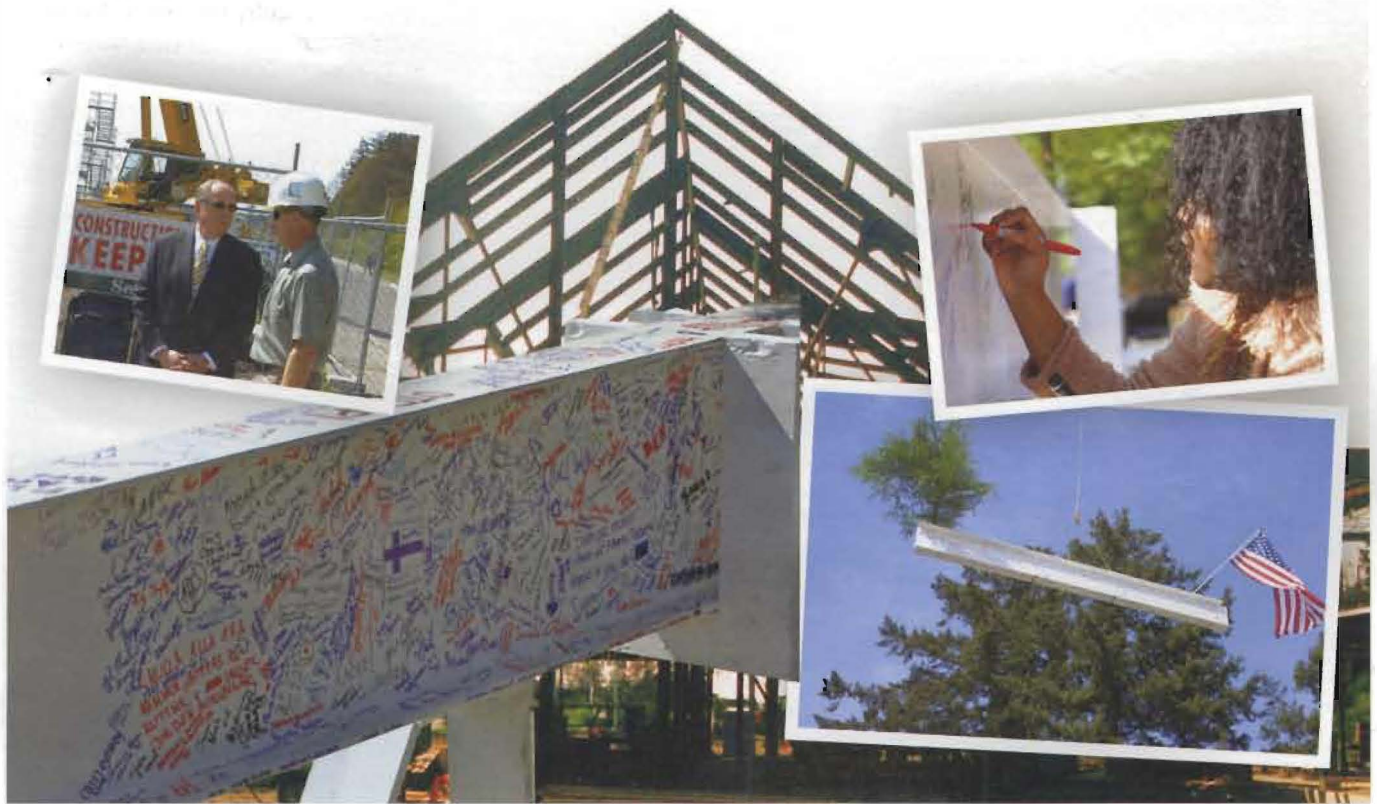
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# here & now



The Morken Center for Learning and Technology celebrated the completion of the steel framework at a ceremony in April that included lifting the final beam – which was painted white and signed by members of the community – along with a flag and evergreen tree. Top left: President Loren Anderson and project superintendent Ken Cass discuss the building's early opening.

## Smooth construction means early opening for Morken Center

**T**he Morken Center for Learning and Technology should open months earlier than planned.

Construction has gone so well, contractors expect to have the building complete by the end of the year.

The new home for the School of Business and the departments of math and computer science and computer engineering should be in use by spring semester 2006, PLU President Loren J. Anderson said. That's well ahead of the summer opening that had been planned.

The steel framing was completed in early April, and the university marked that milestone with a traditional "topping out" ceremony. The final beam was painted white and signed by members of the PLU community. A crane put the final beam in place, along with an American flag and an evergreen tree,

which is traditional for ironworkers marking the completion of the framework.

The ceremony took place during Earth Week, and Anderson noted that along with being a state-of-the-art technology center, the building is environmentally friendly. The Morken Center is designed to be LEED certified, meaning it meets requirements of the U.S. Green Building Council's program for Leadership in Environmental Engineering and Design.

This certification means increased energy efficiency, including a ground source heat pump, improved indoor environmental quality, use of recycled materials and landscaping to reduce heat and utilize storm water.

The \$19 million, 53,000-square-foot building is the biggest capital project in university history.

You can follow the progress any time with a new Web cam. Visit <http://www.plu.edu/webcams> to see the latest work.

## Capital campaign under way to revitalize historic Eastvold Hall

**A** revitalized Eastvold Hall will become the true heart of the university as the new home for the humanities, a stunning auditorium and a renewed chapel. PLU's next capital campaign is officially under way with the push to revitalize Eastvold.

The project will allow the humanities departments now scattered across campus to relocate to Eastvold. That will improve efficiency and collaboration in the departments of English, languages and literatures, philosophy and religion. Faculty offices will be built as "learning neighborhoods" that open into common areas where professors and students can meet informally.

The auditorium will become a stunning venue for theater, dance and music. The remodeling will include modern fly equipment and a new



Artist rendition of the future Eastvold Hall.



orchestra pit with a lift, as well as improved workspaces for costume, makeup and set construction. The grand Casavant organ will be restored. Along with university productions, Eastvold Hall will be an attractive venue for symposia, forums and community events.

A terrace and dramatic entrance will invite people into the chapel. The chapel will include space for choir or overflow seating, a narthex, sacristy and an alcove for the historic pipe organ, which will be rehabilitated.

The building, including the chapel, will be accessible to all with elevators and accommodations for people with disabilities.

For more information about the project or naming opportunities, go to [www.plu.edu/~deve/restoring%20eastvold/home.html](http://www.plu.edu/~deve/restoring%20eastvold/home.html).

## Historian Carp named to new endowed Benson Family Chair



**H**istory professor E. Wayne Carp, a nationally recognized authority on the history of adoption, was named to the new Benson Family Chair in

Business and Economic History.

Carp has taught American history at PLU for 18 years and served as chair of the History Department for six years. His expertise in the history of adoption has led to the publication of dozens of scholarly journal articles, speaking

engagements at conferences and seminars and regular appearances in the national news media. His recent books include: "Adoption Politics: Bastard Nation and Ballot Initiative 58," "Adoption in America: Historical Perspectives," and "Family Matters: Secrecy and Disclosure in the History of Adoption." He is currently working on a biography of Jean Paton, the

"mother" of the adoption search movement. Carp's awards include two National Endowment for the Humanities fellowships, PLU's University Faculty Excellence Award and the National Historical Society Book Prize.

Last year a gift from the Benson Family Foundation of Portland, Ore., created the first fully funded, endowed chair at PLU.

The Benson Family Foundation was created by Dale '63 and Jolita Benson with a \$3.4 million gift, the larger portion of which is intended for the benefit of PLU as one of the independent foundation's two supported organizations.

## Professor's book basis for film on Christians in Nazi Germany

**A** documentary based on history professor Bob Ericksen's book about how and why leading

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# here & now

continued

Lutherans supported Hitler was released this spring.

"Theologians Under Hitler," by *vitalvivals.com* follows Ericksen's 1985 book by the same name. Ericksen '67 outlined the careers of three prominent Protestant theologians, Paul Althaus, Emanuel Hirsch and Gerhard Kittel, who actively supported Adolf Hitler's rise to power in 1933 and continued to



support the Nazis even when Nazi brutality became widely known. The book considers issues such as how intense nationalism, traditional Christian prejudice against Jews and traditional support for a strong German state allowed many Christians to give

support to the Nazi regime.

"Theologians under Hitler" is a one-hour documentary adaptation of Ericksen's work. The program features the story of these three theologians and why their religious beliefs did not prevent them from supporting Hitler in one of the darkest times of human history. It asks timely questions, such as: Can the mind rule over the heart? How can one be sure that God is acting through events in history? And most importantly, could it all happen again? It includes interviews with Ericksen, as well as footage shot on campus.

## FAREWELL FACULTY

Combined service of this year's retirees is more than 325 years.



**Mira Frohmayer**, professor of music, hired in September 1976.



**Paul Hoseth**, professor of physical education, hired in September 1968. \*



**Paul Ingram**, professor of religion, hired in September 1975. \*



**Arturo Biblarz**, professor of sociology, hired in September 1977.

**Earl Lovelace**, associate professor of English and distinguished writer-in-residence, hired in September 1998.



**Richard McGinnis**, professor of biology, hired in August 1972. \*



**Louette McGraw**, assistant professor of education, hired in September 1995. \*



**Robert Mulder**, professor of education, hired in August 1987. \*



**Philip Nordquist**, professor of history, hired in September 1963. (See story page 14.)



**Robert Stivers**, professor of religion, hired in February 1974. \*



**Steven Thrasher**, professor of business, hired in September 1980. \*



**Audun Toven**, associate professor of Norwegian, hired in September 1967.



**Chang-li Yiu**, professor of mathematics and physics, hired in August 1973. \*

\*Entering phased retirement with continuing service to PLU.



MaryAnn Anderson chats with PLU alumni, from left Edwin Tjiramba '94, Louisa Mupetami '92 and Penda Naanda '92 in Windhoek, Namibia.

## Andersons represent U.S. and PLU at Namibian inauguration

The inauguration of the new president of the Republic of Namibia had a distinct PLU presence.

President Loren J. and MaryAnn Anderson were citizen members of the U.S. delegation to the inauguration in March. U.S. Ambassador to Namibia Joyce Barr '76 played an important official role in the ceremony and in events surrounding it.

Also attending the inauguration from PLU were Janer Rasmussen, director of the Wang Center for International programs, and Claudia Berguson, professor of Scandinavian studies.

Others present in Namibia at the time were PLU student interns who are working in Namibia and many graduates of the university who have returned to



their native country to serve in government and industry." In Namibia you are struck by a powerful sense that freedom and liberty are working," Loren Anderson said.

Before the inauguration, Rasmussen and Berguson were in Windhoek, Namibia, to participate in festivities surrounding the 25th anniversary of the Namibia Association of Norway (NAMAS), which received a Peace Builder Award at the Wang Center's Pathways to Peace symposium in January.

Berguson, Rasmussen and the Andersons also celebrated the renewal of an agreement between PLU, the University of Namibia and Norway's Hedmark University College.

Established in 2001, this three-way partnership is designed to enable students to become world citizens, aware of global problems and committed to creating constructive responses to these problems in the spirit of democracy and peace.

Signed by the three university presidents, the renewed agreement extends the partnership through 2010.

## KPLU School of Jazz connects young musicians with professionals

**A** new KPLU CD showcases the work of Puget Sound area high school musicians and benefits programs at their schools.

As part of its continuing support of music education in schools, KPLU developed a mentoring program between jazz professionals and bands from 10 high schools and one middle school. Together, they made recordings that have become "KPLU School of Jazz."

"With 'KPLU School of Jazz', we've greatly expanded our support of school music programs in the community, which are vital to fostering study at university jazz programs, including PLU, as well as nurturing future jazz artists and jazz enthusiasts," KPLU General Manager Martin Neeb said.

Schools from Tacoma to Mountlake



Terrace took part, and musicians Ernestine Anderson, Jay Thomas, Michael Brockman, Darren Motamedy, Vern Sielert, Thomas Marriot, Mark Taylor, Doug Miller, Steve Korn, Tracy Knoop and Bill Anthony lent their talents.

Because of a grant from The Boeing Co., proceeds of sales will go back to the school music programs. The CD is available at several area stores for \$12. For more details on the CD and where to buy one, go to [www.kplu.org/schoolofjazz.html](http://www.kplu.org/schoolofjazz.html).

## ASPLU raises awareness and money for ongoing international needs

**W**hen members of ASPLU returned to campus from winter break, they did exactly what many people around the world did – they got together to figure out how best to respond to East Asia's tsunami crisis.

Their response, however, was somewhat different. Headed by ASPLU President Joel Zylstra '05, the group tried to figure out how to ensure that the student body is concerned about ongoing international needs, not just thinking about one crisis after another.

To reinforce that, ASPLU promised to donate \$10,000 from its contingency fund if students could match that amount. The donations would then go to five different beneficiaries, including World Vision and Lutheran World Relief.

"Our plan was to create programming

with a purpose," Zylstra said.

This included concerts, open-mic nights, discussions and traditional PLU events like Foss Fest. In each case, members of ASPLU used the events to remind students of their global responsibility, and to seek donations of both time and money.

The results, so far, have been positive. By mid-April, Zylstra said they had received more than \$4,000 – about where they expected to be. They hoped to hit their goal by the end of the semester.

## Students volunteer to build Habitat for Humanity house

Two students helping families get houses of their own spurred others in the PLU community to get involved with Habitat for Humanity this spring.

Jennifer Ng '08 and Holly Harkema '06 organized PLU's participation in a student Habitat project, in which college and high school students help build a house for a local family.

"It's great because there's a diverse group of people that are there for the cause," Harkema said. "It makes you feel like what you are doing is worthwhile."

Each school worked on the Tacoma house at different times. Seven PLU students put up siding, built interior and exterior walls and painted.

The family moving into the house helped build it. This idea of "sweet equity" – helping with their own homes and other Habitat houses – is one of the cornerstones of Habitat's success.

"At lunch, the owner said a prayer in Russian and by the end of the prayer she was crying," Ng said. "She was really moved."

Habitat for Humanity International is a nonprofit organization that builds houses with volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. The houses are then sold to families at no profit and financed with affordable, no interest loans.

Ng and Harkema have more projects planned and hope to set up a PLU chapter of Habitat. ☐



# life of the mind

J-Term offers intense study and service opportunities as well as travel



As part of her J-Term class in Costa Rica, Shanda Burton '07 and her fellow students visited children at an orphanage.

**S**handa Burton '07 spent J-Term this year in Costa Rica studying Spanish and society.

Along with intensive language work, Bridget Yaden's class visited orphanages and a soup kitchen and helped build beds for children.

"It's more than speaking Spanish; it is a totally different connection," Burton said. "We wouldn't have taken in the whole culture without it."

More and more students are choosing study away programs that focus on service and active learning.

"Students are looking for experiences that are more adventurous," said Susan Mann, associate director of The Wang Center for International Programs. "They want their courses to be challenging and demanding and to take them to places they have not traveled before."

In addition to a healthy list of semester-long study away programs, more and different J-Term courses attract stu-

dents. PLU's month-long session has become an ideal time for students to participate in shorter, comprehensive study away programs (See photos from J-Term 2005 on page 41).

Students typically have had access to about 15 J-Term study away courses in any given year. Next year, PLU will offer 26 off-campus J-Term programs.

Among the planned programs are first-ever courses to Antarctica and Japan. Human rights and development issues will be studied in the southwest African nation of Namibia. A math course will travel to Honduras to introduce students to the importance of math education and to provide them the opportunity to work directly with children in schools there.

These programs are typical of the more diverse courses offered to an increasing number of students who want to learn about the world. By the time they graduate, 40 percent of PLU students have

spent time in at least one off-campus course – internationally and/or domestically. The national average, by comparison, hovers between 3 and 4 percent.

That places PLU in the top 10 among comprehensive masters-level universities in the United States.

"But we need to do better," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson in an address at the Pathways to Peace symposium in January.

PLU seeks to increase that percentage to at least half the student body by 2010. Citing the Global Education Strategic Plan approved last year, Mann said she aims to improve quality and quantity of opportunities.

Anderson identified the keys to PLU's continued success in building a globally focused program. "What has been happening at Pacific Lutheran University today has been the process for 30 years," he said. "It has been the result of the dedicated effort of innovative and cre-





A young boy gets the best of Brian Lubeck '08 as they play together on the grounds of a Costa Rica orphanage.

ative faculty leaders throughout this time.”

A combination of forces contributes to this growth, Mann said. More professors are getting involved in the program, the key to it all. It has not always been easy to get faculty to lead trips, Mann said, because of the extra work and time involved.

*“Students are looking for experiences that are more adventurous.”*

—Susan Mann

“It is deeply meaningful and can be a lot of fun, but it is a heck of a lot of work,” she said. “Everybody comes back tired.” The Wang Center helps faculty with administrative aspects, allowing professors to focus on the academic and student elements of their courses.

With more professors committed to study away programs, more disciplines are offering courses. That means a greater selection of increasingly innovative courses.

One program under development (and slated for implementation in 2007) is a J-Term program to Macedonia, where PLU students will explore communication and conflict-resolution strategies in the war-torn Balkan state.

Headed by Ed Inch, acting dean of the School of the Arts, PLU students will work with non-governmental organizations, media outlets and aspiring politicians to help establish peace in a region where ethnic violence is rampant.

Programs such as this connect The Wang Center’s vision to “educate for a just, healthy, sustainable, and peaceful world” with student interests. And the results, said Inch, can be profound.

“This is a great example where education is not simply an academic exercise, but a real-world thing,” said Inch. “This is education that is immediate, forceful and important.” □

By Steve Hansen

## ACCOLADES



**Deborah Tannehill**, assistant dean and professor in the School of Physical Education, delivered the 39th

Annual Amy Morris Homans Commemorative Lecture at the 2005 annual convention of the National Association of Kinesiology and Physical Education in Higher Education. Tannehill’s lecture made connections between teacher education in physical education during Homan’s era in the early 1900s to current research and practice. Only one scholar per year is invited to deliver this lecture.



**Alicia Batten**, assistant professor of religion, was named a regional scholar by the Society of Biblical Literature Pacific

Northwest Region. The award was based on a paper she delivered at the University of British Columbia titled, “James 3:13 - 4:10 as an Elaboration of Theme.” Batten was also awarded the 2004 Fortress Press Award for Undergraduate Teaching. She was commended for her upper-division course on the historical Jesus that correlates biblical studies with service learning as an integral component.



**Rick Rouse**, executive director of Church Relations, wrote “Fire of Grace: The Healing Power of Forgiveness,” detailing

how his former congregation overcame a fire that destroyed their church and forgave serial arsonist Paul Keller. He lectures regularly about the power of forgiveness.



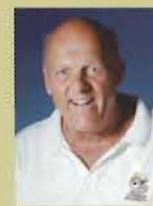
**Jeffrey L. Staley**, visiting assistant professor of religion, was an invited participant at the 19th World Congress of the International

Association for the History of Religions in Tokyo. Staley presented his paper, “Clothed and in Her Right Mind: Mark 5:1-20 and Postcolonial Discourse.” Prior to the conference, Staley gave a lecture to members of the religion faculty and graduate students at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan.



**Gregory Youtz**, professor of music, wrote three new works premiered by the PLU Wind Ensemble this spring: “Song

of Joy,” “Elegy and Celebration” and “Haboo.” “Haboo” was commissioned in 2004 by the Northwest Collegiate Wind Band Consortium.



**Frosty Westering**, former head football coach, will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame Divisional Class for 2005 in

South Bend, Ind., in August. Westering coached the team from 1972-2003 and led the Lutes to three NAIA Division II and one NCAA Division III national championships, 19 national playoff appearances and 10 conference titles. He is the winningest coach in NAIA history with 256 wins, and is the ninth winningest coach in college football history with 305 victories.





**University Congregation members experience religious traditions and meet Guatemalan family they support**

# Holy Week



**A**fter years of putting money into the offering to support a Guatemalan boy, University Congregation members finally got the chance to meet him and his family during a spring break trip.

Led by University Pastors Nancy Connor and Dennis Sepper, the group visited 8-year-old Marvin Barreno, his parents and three brothers.

“It was incredibly meaningful to have it be real, to be flesh and blood, and to

really know how the offering makes an incredible difference to Marvin and his family,” Connor said.

The group, which included 11 students and Sheri Tonn, vice president for finance and operations, experienced the culture and religious traditions of Semana Santa, or Holy Week, in Antigua, Guatemala, which is home to the second largest Holy Week celebration in the world. They also visited a hospital for mentally, physically and

Men in Antigua, Guatemala, carry the main float in the Templo de la Merced's (Cathedral of the Merced) Palm Sunday procession. The color of the men's robes changed with each Holy Week procession – ranging from purple for Palm Sunday and black for Good Friday. (Photo courtesy of Dennis Sepper.)



emotionally challenged patients, and a local coffee farmer who grows, roasts and crushes the beans at his house.

They were struck by the friendly and welcoming nature of Guatemalans, including Marvin and his family. "Even though they are so poor, they are richer than us because they are so close knit," Sarah Davis '05 said.

"They have such a unique perspective on happiness," added Laura Chrissis '06. "They seemed very satisfied and content."

Chrissis and Davis said they were humbled by the strong, loving Barreno family - with whom they enjoyed lunch, a game of Frisbee and exchanging gifts. Though they were offered food from a large buffet, the family took very little, illustrating the disparity between them and students from the United States.

"You get a sense of appreciation for what you do have," Chrissis said. "Marvin's family took just a bowl of soup and rice each. We helped ourselves."

University Congregation had sponsored a girl in the Philippines for a number of years when members decided to sponsor a second child. Drawn to its emphasis on education, the congregation decided to go through Common Hope, a Minnesota-based organization dedicated to helping children and families in Guatemala.

"Education is the centerpiece to what Common Hope does," Sepper said. Education in Guatemala is free, he said, but families have to pay for registration fees, uniforms, school supplies and books.

Common Hope helps cover these costs, making it easier for families to send their children to school. The sponsorship of \$30 per month not only allows Marvin to go to school, but his brothers as well.

The organization also helps families with health care and housing and provides literacy and job skill courses for parents.

"For me it became overwhelming," Sepper said. "To see how much it opens the door not only for Marvin, but his family." Marvin, who is good at math, hopes to become a carpenter one day.

Visiting the family allowed the group to see just how far the congregation's donations go, with \$30 a month taking care of a family of six. "It seemed like the money we do spend does so much," Chrissis said. "And yet, as college students we can afford to support them."

It meant a lot to the Barrenos to meet the PLU group. "They were grateful that Marvin could go to school," Sepper said. "And they



Rachel Curry '06 makes a palm bouquet in the streets of Antigua, Guatemala, in celebration of Palm Sunday. Photo courtesy of Dennis Sepper.

were grateful that we would travel all that way to see them."

"You could tell they were just so happy we were there," Chrissis said. "Every single one of us got a hug as we left."

Joining people who had traveled to Antigua from all around the world, the group participated in traditional Holy Week celebrations. "It was amazing to be there during Holy Week and see another culture's celebrations," Davis said. "There was a definite lack of Easter eggs and all that stuff."

The group experienced Palm Sunday with beautiful palm bouquets that are blessed during service, watched processions and biblical plays, listened to sermons and roamed through a variety of street vendors.

Comparing the festivities to the Fourth of July, Davis said there is a definite tourist influence - with vendors selling everything from bottled water to cell phone covers. "It's a national holiday for them," she said. "Some of their culture takes it very serious, it's a



Eight-year-old Marvin Barreno holds up a PLU T-shirt - a gift from the members of University Congregation who traveled to Guatemala to visit him. Photo courtesy of Nancy Connor.

somber thing for them. For others it's more a party day."

Chrissis said her favorite part of the celebrations were the alfombras, or carpets, that cover the streets before a procession. Made out of colored sawdust and embellished with flowers, fruits and vegetables, the carpets feature beautiful designs including biblical scenes, toucans and flowers. After months of preparation, the carpets take anywhere from 10 to 20 hours to create - only to be walked on minutes later by a passing procession.

"It added so much color to the city," Chrissis said. "The pure color of the country was captivating."

There are three or four processions each day, with each one lasting four to 12 hours each. Around 80 men carry the main float, wearing different colored robes for different celebrations - purple for Palm Sunday and black for Good Friday - and stopping at corners to trade men. Similar floats carried by women follow. Tradition is so strong that children walk along side their parents in each procession, training to take their place when they come of age.

"I think we all came away with a rich experience," Chrissis said. "We took the time to talk to people and see Holy Week through their eyes." □



# Garfield Street

growth benefits both businesses and university

BY MYRA WALDHER '05

Great food, scenic walks and an inviting community drew Aaron and Faith Stevens to Garfield Street so often they decided to move in.

They had been frequenting the local restaurants and bringing their 2-year-old son, Atticus, on walks around PLU when they noticed an available business space. Aaron opened a fair trade import store there in April, selling antiques, gifts and imports from all over the world at a shop called The Urge.

Stevens is excited to join the community, and the community is glad to have him. Other business owners remember him and his wife as patrons, and are looking forward to the character his store will add to the block.

“We are excited to have these new people,” said April Patterson, owner of Mi Piacce Italian Deli & Pizzeria. “All of the businesses work really well together. We don’t have problems sharing customers, and Garfield Street is starting to turn into a location to hang out instead of just businesses.”



Felix and Reyna Guzman of Reyna's Mexican Restaurant hope their young children will one day attend PLU.



Liz Myers, owner of Northern Pacific Coffee Company, loves the community feel on Garfield Street.



Faith and Aaron Stevens, with son Atticus, opened an import and antique store called The Urge on Garfield Street.





## “Not only has Garfield Street become an activity area for PLU, but its future is only looking brighter.”

- Mark Mulder '93, '00, director of Auxiliary Services at PLU

It's just one example of how Garfield Street is changing, in ways that benefit the businesses, the university and the greater community.

“I sense from the PLU community and especially from students that having a vibrant business area near campus is seen as a great amenity,” said Mark Mulder '93, '00, director of Auxiliary Services at PLU. “Not only has Garfield Street become an activity area for PLU, but its future is only looking brighter.”

PLU hopes to stimulate growth along Garfield Street with an ambitious redevelopment plan. The university bought lots on the busy corner of Pacific Avenue and Garfield and tore down the dilapidated buildings. It will be a new retail center, home to a bigger PLU Bookstore and other services, which will hopefully create new customers for the businesses in the area.

“I love change. I think it's wonderful that PLU bought that lot at the end of the road...it's very important,” said Elisa Marzano, owner of Marzano's restaurant.

Marzano, who has been in the area for 17 years, has watched the community grow. “When I first started the restaurant (the street) only had a few businesses,” she said. “Over the past few years it has definitely come along.”

Patterson is a new business owner, having taken over Mi Piacé last year. Since taking ownership she has been involved with the Garfield Street Business Association, which aims to keep businesses informed and working together for a better community.

She said she looks forward to improved sidewalks and parking, and all the owners look forward to an increase in customers that will result from the PLU redevelopment plan.

As Garfield Street develops, not only are the businesses sharing customers, they also serve each other. For instance, customers at Extreme Gaming or Tsunami Tattoo often order food from nearby restaurants to eat during their visits to the stores.

“It's a neighborhood where everybody knows everybody and people are always popping in to say hi,” said Harry

Blaisure, owner of Disc Connection. “We joke and we call it the Garfield Nation because it is such a tight community.”

Tsunami Tattoo is another new business on the block. Owner Tim McCarthy was eating lunch one day on Garfield Street, saw a vacancy and opened up shop.

“I like the street. It's an excellent place where people actually get out of their cars and walk around,” McCarthy said.

Although McCarthy said he doesn't get many PLU students as customers, Garfield Street provides him with many new clients. Northern Pacific Coffee Company owners Liz and Mike Myers have tattoos from Tsunami Tattoo and have referred most of their employees there.

The couple has owned NPCC for just over a year.

“We love the feel of the street, everybody seems to help each other and are really friends,” said Liz Myers.

NPCC is involved with both the Garfield Street and the PLU community. The coffee shop regularly hosts evenings of music, poetry, theater, meetings and the monthly Garfield Street Business Association meetings.

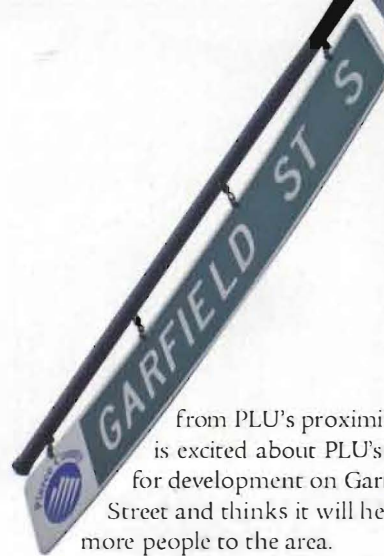
“We have six boys together and we feel like parents here,” Liz Myers said. “We have fun, we feed them. I think that's why we like it here, because of all the kids.”

Taking over NPCC was Liz's project, with her husband continuing to work as an electrician. Over the year, however, they have grown attached to and involved with the business, and Liz says she can barely tear Mike away from his work there.

Across the street from NPCC is Hobby Town, housed in one of Garfield Street's oldest buildings, once home to Parkland Light and Water and the Parkland Library. Now people come to check out model airplanes and oil painting classes.

Longtime manager Jon Packer admits that most PLU students don't have time to pursue hobbies on top of their schoolwork, so he finds his customer base in the greater community.

However, Packer says he still benefits



from PLU's proximity. He is excited about PLU's plans for development on Garfield Street and thinks it will help draw more people to the area.

Having new and different businesses in the area creates a more vibrant community. Marzano said her favorite part of owning her restaurant is getting to know the people and being a part of their lives. She remembers when Kevin Roy, owner of From the Bayou, was one of her employees, and she has enjoyed watching him succeed, recently opening a second From the Bayou in Puyallup.

Felix Guzman, owner of Reyna's Mexican Restaurant, also looks forward to change. He hopes to someday get more space for his restaurant and be able to cater more to the PLU community with a bar and entertainment. His wife, Reyna, recently gave birth to their third child, a girl named Ruby.

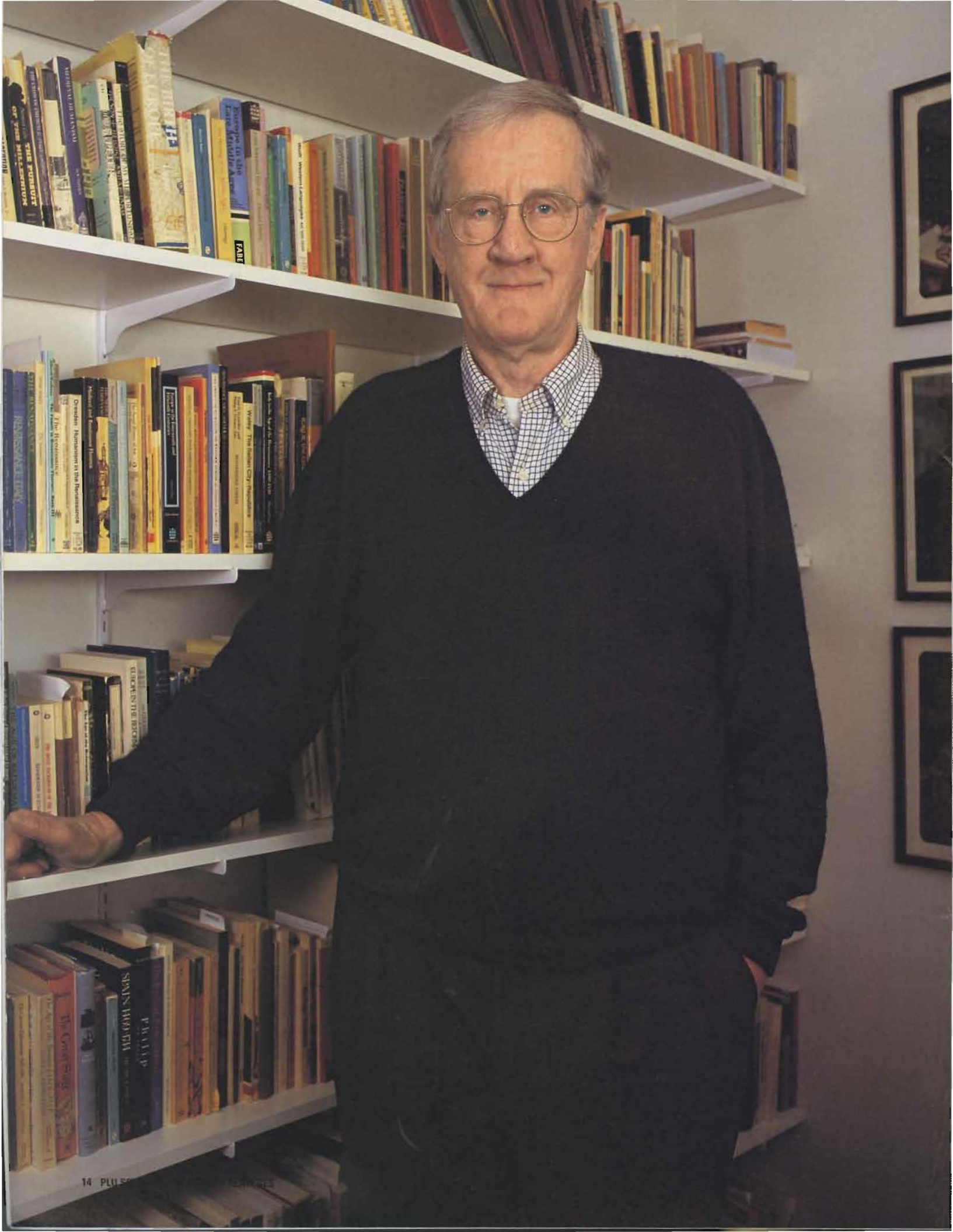
“We have the best students in this area. They are respectable. I am very proud of the students around here,” he said. “I want my kids to go to PLU. That is what I am working for. We are working to create a plan.” ☐

### Members of the Garfield Street Business Association:

Elizabeth's Holistic Health\*  
Reyna's Mexican Restaurant  
Northern Pacific Coffee Company  
Mi Piacé Italian Deli & Pizzeria  
HobbyTown  
Westside Community Bank  
Western Auto  
Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
Marzano's  
From the Bayou  
Disc Connection  
Garfield Center Building  
Dr. Daniel Olivera (dentist)  
PLU Northwest and Scandinavian Gift Shop

\*President, Elizabeth Johnson







A LUTHERAN VOCATION:

Philip

# Nordquist

INSPIRES STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES

Counting his time as a student and faculty member, retiring Philip Nordquist has been part of Pacific Lutheran University for nearly half a century. His 42-year tenure on the faculty is among the longest in the history of the university.

For decades, Nordquist '56 has played an important role at the university, from his days as standout basketball player to his integral role in shaping the history department and the vital work of inspiring students.

In all of this, Nordquist has been guided by the best principles of the Reformation, Martin Luther's commitment to faith and reason, and his willingness to wrestle honestly and intensively with the most challenging issues facing church and society. »



# Philip Nordquist



## "A Lutheran Vocation: Philip A. Nordquist and the Study of History at Pacific Lutheran University"

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Evidence of that is found in Nordquist's work as campus historian, especially in his centennial volume, "Educating for Service: Pacific Lutheran University, 1890-1990."

Nordquist has described, modeled and inspired in others the Lutheran ideal of vocation, and it is his vocation as a Lutheran scholar and teacher that is celebrated in a new book, a Festschrift in his honor.

"A Lutheran Vocation: Philip A. Nordquist and the Study of History at Pacific Lutheran University," was published this spring to mark the retirement of the man who has become an institution. Edited by history professors Robert Erickson and Michael Halvorson, the book contains essays written by 11 of Nordquist's former students who continued their scholarship with advanced degrees. Nordquist himself, of course, wrote the chapter on the history of the department.

Christopher Browning, an acclaimed historian who served with Nordquist for 25 years before taking a position at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1999, wrote a tribute detailing how Nordquist helped bring him to PLU and their lasting friendship.

"Phil continues to personify what is best about this institution. His commitment to excellence and high standards, his conviction that PLU can and must strive to preserve its sense of tradition and identity but simultaneously never compromise on issues of quality, his belief in the transformative powers of education that he conveys to his students, his call to colleagues that they take responsibility for their own faculty self-governance, and his unwavering integrity have helped to shape this institution in fundamental ways," Browning wrote. "He may retire, but equal to any of the key figures he has written about in his history of the university, his impact on PLU and his students and colleagues will be enduring."

PLU President Loren J. Anderson says Nordquist is the heart of PLU.

"Wherever Phil goes, ambling across campus, walking into the classroom, going to the Faculty House or giving a speech off campus, he literally is PLU," Anderson said. "And because he is, we not only understand our history more fully, we are made richer each day, and our future is brighter."

Nordquist is characteristically reluctant to take the spotlight, crediting other faculty for

their contributions and wondering about the fuss made over him.

"There are a lot of important people retiring this year," he said.

But his many students and colleagues are determined to honor him. Detailing everything Nordquist and his wife, Helen '57, have done for PLU could take up several volumes, so the editors decided the best tribute to him was to showcase the legacy he leaves in the countless students he has encouraged to follow their own scholarly quests.

"Most of all, Phil's students remember his inspiration toward learning. They have known him as a knowledgeable, wise and demanding teacher who exhibited a passion for history and a willingness to apply the methods of historical inquiry to the most important questions facing young students, Lutheran and otherwise," Erickson and Halvorson wrote in their preface.

Contributors to the book compiled thoughtful essays on topics ranging from Nixon to Nazis. (See sidebar for titles.)

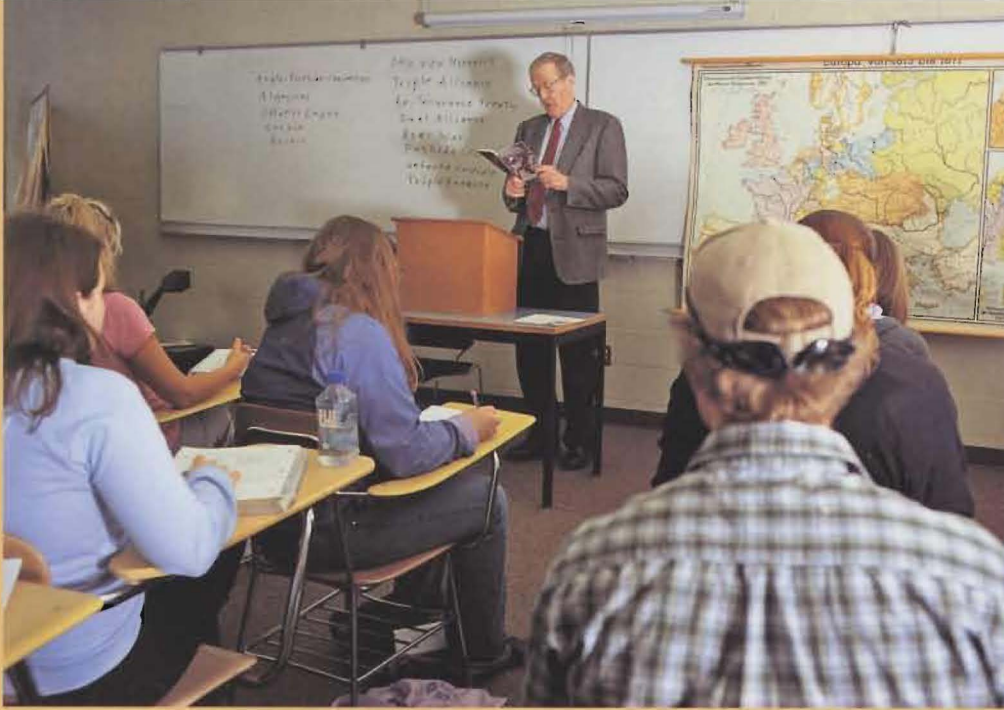
Scene asked each of the contributors to provide some personal insight into their relationships with Nordquist. Most have very specific memories of his wry wit, encompassing knowledge and utter dedication to his students and university. Here are some of their remarks:

### Defending free speech

Then-assistant professor Philip Nordquist's medieval history course in 1965 proved to be the straw that broke the camel's back, leading to my decision to drop a major in chemistry in favor of history. The course worked synergistically with Curtis Huber's class in medieval philosophy that I was taking at the same time. It served as an introduction to some of the most accomplished historical writers of the 20th century, and stimulated an intellectual engagement with historical thinking that never left me.

Phil's influence at that juncture proved critical, but it was another event outside of the classroom that impresses me most now, almost 40 years later. In 1966 I was editor of *The Mooring Mast*, and Phil had the misfortune to be appointed faculty advisor to the student newspaper during perhaps its most tumultuous year. One issue of the paper in particular so incensed President Robert Mortvedt that he called me and two staff members into his office for a presidential tongue-lashing that lasted more than an hour. Phil accompanied us, staunchly defended us in the name of free speech, and probably prevented the summary termination of *The Mooring Mast*.





It was only years later when I, too, was an untenured member of a college faculty, that I came to fully understand and appreciate how much sheer courage Phil's vigorous defense of the student newspaper staff required. Phil did not say *"Hier stehe ich, ich kann nicht anders. Gott helf mir"* ("Here I stand, I cannot do otherwise. God help me.") in President Mortved's office in 1966, but it would have been entirely fitting. The spirit behind those words did not die with Martin Luther.

*Neil Waters '67, Kawashima Professor of Japanese Studies at Middlebury College (Vt.) and chair of the Department of History in Vermont*

### A role model for a future professor

While my focus while at PLU was American history, I took a medieval European history course from Dr. Nordquist. I remember being especially impressed that every class period he would bring with him at least one, and usually more, books on the subject of the lecture. He didn't use them to teach from — that material was already committed to memory. Rather, he wanted to share with us places we could go to learn more about the topics he found so fascinating.

I also served with Dr. Nordquist on a PLU 2010 committee while I was working in the University Communications office after graduation. He encouraged me as I applied to graduate schools and proudly shared my news when I learned I had earned a fellowship to UCLA. About a year ago, I received an envelope in the mail from PLU with a copy of "PLU 2010" — and a note from Dr. Nordquist. He had remembered my service on the committee and sent the copy along personally. His thoughtful gesture was a testa-

ment to the kind of professor he is, as well as his dedication to the university. His support has meant a lot to me, and he's one of the role models I keep in mind as I prepare to become a professor myself.

*Laura J. (Ritchie) Gifford '00, doctoral candidate in history at UCLA*

### Prophetic advice

I have countless memories of being in Phil Nordquist's classes, and he has long been one of my models for my teaching. One illustration (from many) stems from one of his syllabi (or perhaps more than one) in which he suggested that "interminable professorial monologues" combined with "long, bleak periods of student silence" did not constitute education. When confronted with stony-faced passivity in my own classrooms, I frequently tell students the story of my own education and repeat this dictum to them. Most of my students over the past eight years have heard the name of Phil Nordquist.

As an undergraduate I had majored in math and history. I clearly recall one of my last conversations with Phil, before heading off to graduate school, in which he suggested I might be interested in pursuing a history of science topic for my dissertation. I remember politely nodding while internally I filed the suggestion away as highly unlikely. However, his prophetic words came back to me very clearly when, four years later, I settled on the history of popular science in 18th-century France for my dissertation research.

*Mike Lynn '89, associate professor of history, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga.*



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—PLU President Loren J. Anderson





# Philip Nordquist

## A memorable lesson on cheating

In my first history course with Phil Nordquist, I learned that the man doesn't suffer fools easily. Close to the midpoint of the semester, the student sitting next to me opined – incorrectly and to his eternal shame – that Dr. Nordquist's quiet demeanor betrayed a dull mind. Oh boy. What a dummy. Thinking that he could work less on an assigned essay and get away with it ("After all," he whispered, "Nordquist will never pick up on it"), he committed the cardinal sin of plagiarizing. To add insult to injury, he was even a bit boastful about what he thought was the clever trick he had pulled on the retired basketball player.

Two weeks after handing in the essays, Dr. Nordquist brought them to class. He made a few perfunctory comments about the funnier claims some of us had made in our papers concerning Henry VIII's libido, Martin Luther's flatulence and Leo X's love of stuffed figs and young ladies – Phil's was the driest wit in the department if not the university. And then he began to comment in a rather off-hand manner, never looking up from the offending paper, about the criminal intent that harbored every attempt at plagiarism. It was, truth be told, a moment of exquisite delight for those of us who had worked our tails off just to get a B. I think the term is "morose delectation" – taking unhealthy and morbid delight in another's person's pain. I couldn't detect the acrid smell of urine, but when this student turned as white as a sheet and his legs began to shake, I thought: The poor slob is going to liquefy right in front of us.

The interesting thing is, Phil never mentioned his name. He never shamed the student. He spoke simply and quite briefly about the injustice of stealing from others what they had labored so hard to research, write, and publish – a word, not to the wise, but from a wise professor – one that I have never forgotten.

*Samuel Torvend '73, associate professor of religion, PLU*

## Stealing from the master

I have been teaching history for about 30 years. During that time I have developed various techniques for testing students, various

remarks that I am likely to put on their papers, various responses to their questions. I also have some favorite stories to tell in my Western Civ course, and occasionally, I make a certain type of dry, ironic comment, hoping to get a laugh. For a quarter of a century, I had the luxury of thinking that these stylistic quirks that I brought to my teaching were my own creation. Then I arrived back at PLU in 1999. Almost everything about being back at PLU has been better than I had imagined. However, now that I am a colleague to Phil Nordquist, I hear student comments, and in various ways have been re-exposed to his persona as a teacher. My renewed exposure has forced me to a rather deflating conclusion. All of those things I thought I had invented I stole directly from him. I have to recognize that I am a pale and much shorter version of Phil.

*Robert P. Ericksen '67, chair, Department of History, PLU*

## Teacher, scholar and mentor

I began my freshman year at PLU with only hazy thoughts about what I wanted to do with my life. I had my first college level history class with Professor Nordquist and afterward knew that I wanted to study history. His commitment to the students and the institution of PLU has shown me the potential a professor has to impact the lives of individuals and more broadly foster a community of learning and engagement with the world. Years after having graduated from PLU, Professor Nordquist remains for me a role model of the important balance between teacher, scholar, mentor and dedicated advocate of the university community.

*Molly Loberg '98, doctoral candidate in history, Princeton University*

## Bringing history to life

I credit Phil Nordquist for bringing European history to life for me, and my own scholarly work on early modern Europe has been highly influenced by his interests in Lutheranism and the broader themes of church history. Although we chuckle sometimes about his rather reluctant embrace of computers, Phil noted back in the mid-1980s that I might profitably combine a career in computer science and history over the long term, which has essentially been the case for me. (I graduated from PLU in 1985 and worked for Microsoft Corporation from 1985 to 1993; after writing over two dozen books



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*—Molly Loberg '98*





Nordquist, second from left, was a star basketball player during his undergraduate days.

about programming and personal computers. I completed a Ph.D. in European history and begin teaching full-time in the PLU history department in the fall.)

*Michael Halvorson '85, soon-to-be assistant professor of history, PLU.*

### Teaching tolerance of viewpoints

In my experience, Professor Nordquist is unsurpassed in his ability to render thick scholarship and complicated events into a lucid, rich and enjoyable lecture. Simply stated, his generosity of spirit to students is unmatched. Yet, for me, the hallmark of his teaching is his commitment to a theme found in all his early modern courses: the centrality of the toleration of viewpoints to learning and to human wellbeing. Without being didactic or unscholarly, he consistently contrasted those times and places in Europe when people of differing beliefs could join in community with those long, sad periods when people tormented one another over differences that today appear to be relatively unimportant. In the places where toleration was attained, scholarship flourished. At the same time, Professor Nordquist also stressed that the belief in moral progress was a self-aggrandizing, naive and historically unfounded viewpoint. We today are as prone to intolerance as were those living at the time of Book of Common Prayer, the Edict of Nante or the Essays of Montagne. Thus, his teaching was perennially modern as its vantage point was the historical struggle of a pluralistic humanity.

*Christian Lucky '89, partner, Davies Ward Phillips and Vineberg and senior policy analyst for the Open Society Institute-Soros Foundation*

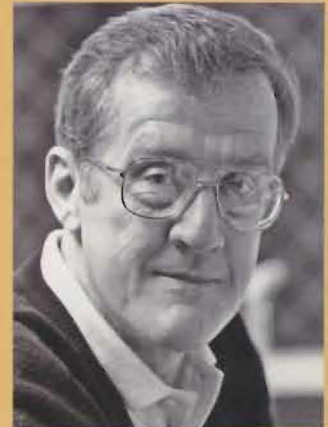
### Personal attention

I found Phil to be an enthusiastic, animated lecturer who had a love for European history and helped to instill in his students a desire to delve more deeply into the topics under analysis. He encouraged students to develop their particular interests through encouraging research and writing and by allowing students to present their research findings within the classroom setting. I also appreciated the personal interest that he took in his students. As a graduating senior, I was exploring options regarding graduate school and pursuing a career as a professional historian. On many occasions, Phil set aside time in his busy schedule to discuss the graduate school application process, graduate school degree programs and career opportunities with me. I greatly benefited from Phil's caring, compassionate nature, which led him to prepare his students not only academically, but also professionally.

*Mary Beth Ailes '89, associate professor of history, University of Nebraska-Kearney*

### Esteem and gratitude

My time as a student at PLU coincided with the arrival of a young assistant professor of history, Phil Nordquist. When I returned to PLU after spending my junior year in Germany, I thought that I already knew a good deal about the subject, so I registered for a course on the Reformation that he was teaching. Very quickly I learned that I didn't know nearly as much as I initially thought, and Professor Nordquist was able to make that clear; but he also challenged, nudged and inspired me to dig much deeper into the topic, and he also taught me a great deal about history in general, about scholarship and about teaching.







## Philip Nordquist

Even though shortly before graduating from PLU I decided to pursue graduate work in my other major, German literature and culture, what I learned from Phil Nordquist has stayed with me, influenced my development as a scholar and teacher, and even led me to pursue research in areas that combine German-language literature and history. In fact, two of my earliest publications were on 20th century literary works that explored facets of German history during the Peasants' Wars and Reformation era.

I hope very much that the essay I have contributed to this volume in honor of Professor Nordquist and his distinguished career at PLU provides at least modest evidence that I haven't forgotten everything about history that I learned from him. It is my honor to have been asked to contribute to this Festschrift, and I sincerely hope that Professor Nordquist will accept my essay as a sign of my esteem and expression of my gratitude for all that he taught

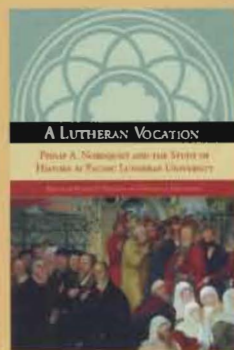
me about history, scholarship, teaching and humanity.

*Gerald A. Fetz '66, dean, College of Arts and Sciences and professor of German studies, University of Montana*

### Intellectual tutelage

Even as an undergraduate history major at PLU, I was strictly an Americanist. My three forays into European history were stellar, but unable to sway me. It wasn't until some 20 years later that I managed to land in Phil Nordquist's classroom, when he graciously welcomed me into his Reformation history class. My essay in the book is partly the fruit of those lectures and of our conversations afterward, in which Phil patiently helped me explore some of the issues I address here. I relished those chats, and I remain grateful to have experienced his generous intellectual tutelage, even if belatedly.

*Megan Benton '76, faculty fellow in the humanities at PLU, former director of the Publishing and Printing Arts Program. [S]*



### BUY THE BOOK

The book honoring Phil Nordquist is available at the PLU Bookstore and online through Luteworld at <http://luteworld.plu.edu> (ISBN is 0-87362-970-1). Cost is \$19.95, and a portion of the proceeds from the sale will be used to fund a scholarship in Nordquist's honor.



# leadership & service



The Parents Council meets regularly to talk about issues important to parents and their students.

## Council connects parents with university, students and activities

**P**arents play an important role at PLU, and the Parents Council is a great way to help them stay connected with their children's education.

Made up of more than 30 parents, the Council provides parents a voice at the university. The council acts as a sounding board for the administration and provides feedback about issues important to parents.

"The council represents the total PLU experience for current and prospective students and their families," outgoing Co-chair Tom Renne said. "The Parents Council provides an opportunity for interested parents to represent the concerns, recommendations, and opinions of the entire body of PLU parents."

Renne and his wife, Mary, have been active on the Parents Council for three years. Their son, Mark, graduated in December, and their daughter, Julie, graduated in 2001. "We have always been actively involved in Mark's and Julie's activities so it was the right fit for us to participate in the council," said Mary Renne.

The council was created in the 1980s. Council members are all parents of cur-

rent full-time undergraduate students and represent all four classes. They meet on campus twice a year to develop projects and programs such as:

- **Parent-to-Parent Calling:** This program is designed to welcome parents of incoming students and to answer any last-minute questions. Members attempt to call all first-year parents during the summer.
- **Orientation:** Members participate in a panel discussion for parents of first-year and potential students and host a hospitality tent for families.
- **Connections Events:** Council members often take part in these events around the country for alumni, parents, friends and prospective students.

Parents Council members also have organized football game tailgaters, hosted parent receptions for the music program, ushered at spring graduation and are active in the LuteRecruit program.

"Being part of the Parents Council has been very informative, constructive and fun," said Vicki Yoder, a member for two years whose son, Kevin, is a junior. We became members of the Parents Council to get a better understanding of the direction and the administration goals of PLU. We feel (our son's) educational experience can be maximized if we work in a partnership with the school."

The Parents Council also helps the university with student recruitment and fund-raising. One of its recent projects has been to work with the Washington State Department of Transportation to improve directional signage to the university on Highway 512 and Interstate 5.

"PLU is a special place and offers a very life-changing experience for all who attend and play an active role," Tom Renne said. □

*By Lorraine Ralston*

*For more information about the Parents Council, visit [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org), or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 800-ALUM-PLU.*

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# attaway lutes

Great coaches and mentors help lead tennis teams to stellar seasons



From left: Ricky Butenko '06; Erika Feltus '08; coaches Jeff Allen '87, left, and Craig Hamilton '82 talk with Butenko; coach Janel McFeat '99 advises Nicole Petrzelka '07 and Feltus.

**T**he men's tennis team had a record-breaking year, and the women enjoyed their best season in years. Their coaches credit not only outstanding players, but also their coaching predecessors.

"The success isn't necessarily tied to wins and losses, it's tied to the experience you're creating," said co-head coach Craig Hamilton '82. "And in some years, for whatever reason, it just ends up being a great year for your team."

The 2004-05 season turned into one of those great years for the Lute men's team. As the school year began, Hamilton and co-head coach Jeff Allen '87 thought they had the talent and potential to have such a season. Several players returned from the 2003-04 team that finished 13-7 and 12-2 in the Northwest Conference. With the addition of two key transfers and an outstanding freshman, Hamilton and Allen thought this could be the best team in their PLU coaching tenure.

In the fall, the coaches got another glimpse of the potential when Ricky Butenko '06 and Matt Larimore '06, won the doubles title at an Intercollegiate Tennis Association regional tournament at Linfield College. Butenko is in his first year at PLU after two seasons at Columbia University in New York, and Larimore transferred to PLU two years ago from Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. The pair then competed at the ITA Small College National Championships in Fort Myers, Fla., where they finished fourth in doubles.

As the spring season got under way, Butenko and two of the other newcomers on the team - David Miller '07, a transfer from Whitman, and Justin Larimore '08, (Matt's brother) - were among the top six players on the team.

The Lutes won their first nine matches of the season, including two over NAIA power Lewis-Clark State (Idaho), one over the University of Idaho and six

over conference opponents. On the team's annual spring break trip to California, the Lutes won three of their five matches with the two losses coming to nationally ranked teams.

The remainder of the regular season was a repeat of the start, as the Lutes completed the dual match portion of the conference schedule undefeated then won three matches to claim the conference tournament title. Along with a win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps to end their California trip, the Lutes won their final nine matches of the regular season to finish with a 21-3 overall record. The 21 victories is a new school record, breaking the mark of 20 wins set in the 1986 season.

The Lutes made it to the NCAA Division III national playoffs, but lost to Trinity University.

Still, Butenko was one of 32 players selected to compete in the individual singles championship at the national tournament, making him PLU's



second participant at the NCAA Division III Championships since the university became an NCAA member seven years ago. He and Matt Larimore were named first alternate for the doubles championship. The tournament hadn't been played at press time.

The women's team, meanwhile, enjoyed the best season in the three years Janel McFeat '99 has been head coach. The Lutes finished with an 11-8 overall record – the first winning season since 2001 – and compiled a 10-4 record in conference matches. The Lutes placed third at the conference tournament.

The highlight of the season was a six-match win streak, which included five dual-match victories over conference opponents and a first round win in the conference tournament.

The future looks bright for the women's team, since three sophomores and three freshmen comprised the top six and the Lutes lost just one player to graduation.

The PLU coaches credit longtime coach Mike Benson, for much of their success.

"Definitely," says McFeat, "because Coach Benson and my high school coach (former Lute tennis player Keith Johnson '68) were the only coaches in regards to tennis. How you drill and how you work with the girls and how you relate to them, those coaching styles came directly from Mike Benson and Keith Johnson."

With Benson as coach from 1970 to 1999 the men's teams won or shared 24 Northwest Conference championships and advanced to the NAIA national tournament 20 times. Benson's all-time record is an amazing 400-196, including 166-18 in conference matches. His conference record also includes a pair of 60-match win streaks.

Benson also coached the women's team for six seasons, from 1981-84 and 1998-99. The Lutes won the conference title five times, finished second at the AIAW (Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women) Division III national tournament in 1982 and had a 90-35 overall record under his direction.

"I feel I'm still there," Benson said. "Craig Hamilton and Jeff Allen and all those guys have made me feel so welcome. We talk often and I see them on spring break. It's still fun."

*By Dave Givard*

## New athletic director brings 25 years of experience

**A**n administrator with strong ties to the Pacific Northwest will be new athletic director at PLU. Laurie Turner, senior associate athletic director at the University of California, San Diego, will assume the job July 1.

"The various athletic administrative appointments that I have held, coupled with my sincere interest in developing student-athletes, coaches and staff, have prepared me for this position," Turner said. "I look forward to working with the athletic department staff and building on the fine tradition of academic and athletic success at PLU."



Turner has 25 years experience as a coach and administrator. From 1997-2001 she was senior associate athletic director and senior women's administrator at the University of Toledo. She served as director of Academic Athletic Services and Student Development at the University of Idaho from 1994-97 and was athletic director at Eastern Oregon State College (now Eastern Oregon University) from 1984-86.

She was women's head basketball coach at the University of Idaho (1986-94) and Eastern Oregon (1982-86) and women's head junior varsity basketball coach at Washington State University (1979-81). She also served as head volleyball coach at Eastern Oregon from 1983-85 and was an assistant men's track and field coach at Eastern Oregon in 1983.

Turner received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Washington State University.

Paul Hoseth is retiring after 37 years at PLU, the last nine as athletic director and dean of the School of Physical Education. He has served as an assistant football coach, head track coach, taught physical education and health classes and was the associate dean of the School of Physical Education prior to being named to his current position.

"It is never easy to determine when is the right time to leave," Hoseth said. "But I wanted to help move us in the direction of improved funding and fund-raising for athletics and help lay the groundwork for new and expanded physical education, recreational and athletic facilities."

The position of dean will be filled on an interim basis by professor Tony Evans, director of the Exercise Science and Fitness Program. [S]

## Longtime sportscaster Don Poier dies

Sports fans have undoubtedly heard the voice of Don Poier '74 calling games.

The longtime broadcaster died Jan. 21, at the age of 53.

Poier came to PLU in 1971 from Washington State University. He played football, and as a defensive end, he was a co-captain in his senior season. He was the punter his first two seasons, and in 1972, his 36.2 yard average was second in the conference by one-tenth of a yard.

Poier majored in communication and went on to a sports broadcasting career that spanned nearly 30 years. He worked as program director and sports director at Seattle's KING-TV, then worked at another Seattle television station, KCPQ, as sports director. He started his own production company and broadcast Pac-10 football and basketball games for more than 20 years. He also did Seattle Mariners and high school football games and reported on the hydroplane races.

In 1995 he was hired as the voice of the Vancouver Grizzlies and followed them to Memphis, Tenn., when the franchise relocated there. He was the radio play-by-play announcer from the team's inception, switching to TV for the recently completed season.

He was the voice of EA Sports' NBA Live video game from 1999 to 2003.



# Alumni Recognition Awards 2005

Recognition

## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

**George L. Long '66**

For his contribution to teaching and his accomplishments in biochemistry, Dr. George L. Long '66 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Long has had an accomplished career as a researcher and professor. In 2002, he won the Inventor of the Year award from the Intellectual Property Owners Association for his work in developing the medication Xigris, which is used to treat sepsis, a life-threatening blood disorder. That qualified him to be considered for a Nobel Prize.

His 20 years of work contributed to the development of Xigris. In 1982, Long cloned protein C as part of a study into the causes of thrombosis. While not directly related to sepsis, the thrombosis study helped Long and other researchers better understand protein C's role in blood clotting. Protein C may eventually become a basis for treatment of other circulatory diseases.

Long graduated with a degree in natural science and received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from Brandeis University in 1971. A professor and biochemist at the University of Vermont, Long continues to work in UVM's Thrombosis Research Center.

He and his wife, Helen, live in Burlington, Vt., where they own and manage the Burlington Redstone B&B. He has five children and nine grandchildren.

AWARDS



DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNUS AWARD  
**GEORGE L. LONG '66**



DISTINGUISHED  
ALUMNUS AWARD  
**ART W. THIEL '75**



OUTSTANDING  
ALUMNUS AWARD  
**DAVE HANSON '69**



OUTSTANDING RECENT  
ALUMNUS AWARD  
**KNUT OLSON '90**



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD

**Art W. Thiel '75**

For his achievements in sports reporting, Art W. Thiel '75 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Thiel, a columnist for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, has been an important figure in the Puget Sound sports community for more than 30 years. He has covered the Mariners, Sonics and Seahawks, as well as six Olympic Games and national championships including the World Series and the Super Bowl. He was named one of the nation's top 20 sportswriters by *Men's Journal*.

In 2003, Thiel wrote "Out of Left Field: How the Mariners Made Baseball Fly in Seattle," a book about the history of Seattle baseball.

Thiel's talent and depth of knowledge have earned him respect among the many organizations he writes about. "In addition to being a talented writer, Art is fair and thoughtful and cares greatly about his work and the role of sports in this community," said Randy Adamack, vice president of communications for the Seattle Mariners.

Gary Wright from the Seattle Seahawks agrees. "While those of us in the sports industry may not always agree with what he writes, he has earned admiration for saying what he believes, saying it with a special flair, and most of all for being a man of integrity."

Thiel graduated with a degree in communication. He and his wife, Julia, live on Vashon Island, Wash.

## OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS AWARD

**Dave Hanson '69**

For his outstanding work in the area of environmental protection, Dave Hanson '71 receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Hanson has worked for the Environmental Protection Agency, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and Arktos Associates, his own land and natural resource consulting company.

More recently, Hanson has provided environmental and natural resource mediation services.

He successfully mediated many controversial public policy disputes regarding topics such as the future of commercial fishing in Glacier Bay National Park, highway development near Denali National Park, the president's Alaska wetlands policy and Beaufort Sea oil development.

He also served as executive director of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office, which manages close to one million acres for the benefit of mental health programs.

In 1972, Hanson led the EPA team that removed lead from gasoline and served as the head of the Transportation Policy Branch, which was responsible for air pollution transportation control plans in 38 metropolitan areas. He helped develop the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act that created more than 120 million acres of parks and refuges.

Hanson graduated with a degree in history and received a master of arts degree in history and African studies from the University of Wisconsin. He spoke at last fall's student-run Meant to Live conference that was part of the Wild Hope program.

He lives in Anchorage, with his wife, Sheila. They have two children.

## OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS AWARD

**Knut Olson '90**

For his outstanding work in business, Knut Olson '90 receives the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award.

Olson is a managing partner at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for the region of Alaska, Western Washington and Oregon – the youngest person in that position at the company. Four times, he led the company in financial advisor profitability, and in 2004 his sales group was named Thrivent's Regional Financial Office of the Year.

Olson helped coach the PLU crew team and was a driving force in the financing and construction of a boathouse on American Lake. He received a Lute Club Service Award for those efforts in 1998. He was Q Club president from 2001 to 2003.

With his backing, Thrivent has been a sponsor of the PLU Spring Donor Banquet, President's Dinner, Christmas Concert, Lute Club Gold Tournament and the Pathways to Peace symposium.





ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD  
JENI GREGORY '95



HERITAGE AWARD  
LEE ZULAUF '51, '80



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD  
FRANK AND SANDY JENNINGS



BRIAN C. OLSON LEADERSHIP AWARD  
CHELSEA BLEGEN '06



Olson is active in other community service activities and assisted with the feasibility study for the new cancer center at Good Samaritan Hospital. A member of the Ambassadors Circle of the Norwegian-American Foundation, he was invited to participate in the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize activities in Oslo, Norway.

Olson graduated with a degree in religion. He lives in Lakewood, with his wife, Kimberly '88. They have two children.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

Jeni Gregory '95

For her humanitarian efforts helping the world's poor and homeless, Jeni Gregory '95 receives the Alumni Service Award.

In 2002, Gregory helped create World Change for Children, a nonprofit organization that provides services for poor and homeless children and is its vice president. World Change has sent 19 teams overseas, mostly to Eastern European countries, to help children. Its efforts range from providing assistance to providing friendship. This idea is illustrated in the organization's guiding principles of exchange, honesty, and leaving a "light" footprint.

In addition to her volunteer work with World Change, Gregory works full-time for the Tacoma Metropolitan Development Council coordinating mental health services for the homeless.

Gregory has national and international experience in disaster relief and is skilled in providing mental health trauma services. She was a presenter at the Pathways to Peace symposium hosted by the Wang Center for International Programs in January. Gregory graduated with a bachelor's degree in social work. She received a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington in 1996 and is a Ph.D. candidate at Union Institute.

Gregory and her husband, James, live in Tacoma.

HERITAGE AWARD

Lee Zulauf '51, '80

For her lifelong support of PLU, Lee Zulauf '51 '80 receives the Heritage Award. Throughout her career as a teacher Zulauf has been an advocate

of PLU. Along with her husband, Dwight, dean emeritus, Zulauf was a force on the PLU campus. She was on the board of the PLU Women's Club and has been an active participant in the annual Yule Boutique. She has been a member of PLUS Business, the School of Business alumni group, since its inception.

Zulauf graduated in 1951 with a degree in education and taught grade school in Pierce County for many years before returning in 1980 to earn her MBA. She received CPA certification in 1984 and taught accounting at PLU, in New Zealand and at California universities.

In 1993, Zulauf received an award from the National Junior Chamber of Commerce for outstanding work in international relations. For many years, she helped collect and send medical and educational supplies to Latvia.

Among her other community service, Zulauf is a member of the annual Assembly Planning Committee for the Southwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

She lives in Tacoma with her husband. She has three children and eight grandchildren.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Frank and Sandy Jennings

For their longtime support of PLU, Frank and Sandy Jennings receive the Special Recognition Award.

Frank and Sandy have been supporters of PLU since their son was a student in the early 1970s. They joined Q Club in 1975.

In 1991, Frank served on the search committee that brought President Loren Anderson to PLU. He was national chair of The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step campaign, which raised almost 30 percent more than its \$100 million goal.

Frank was one of the founding members of the council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He was a member of the PLU Board of Regents for 13 years, including five as chairman. He played a critical role in defining the role Lutheran colleges were to play in the ELCA.

Sandy has served on the ELCA's committees on discipline and appeals and chaired the Board of

Directors of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. She hosted many events to welcome the Andersons during the president's first year at PLU. She was also active in the most recent campaign. Both are members of the Eastvold Leadership Committee.

Frank and Sandy live in Des Moines, Wash. They have two children and four grandchildren.

BRIAN C. OLSON LEADERSHIP AWARD

Chelsea Blegen '06

For her service to PLU as a student, Chelsea Blegen receives the Brian C. Olson Leadership Award.

Blegen was the executive director of the Student Alumni Association in 2004-2005 and was the student manager for the Admission Office's Red Carpet Club, a student ambassador program for recruitment.

Blegen will graduate in 2006 with a major in religion and minors in Greek and publishing and printing arts. She plans to attend medical school.

"Chelsea's organizational skills, ability to delegate and follow-through are remarkable," said Lauralee Hagen '75, '78, director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "She is an outstanding motivator of team members."

Blegen understands the importance of being connected to PLU for life. She believes that a lifelong relationship between alumni and PLU is mutually beneficial.

She is from Scottsdale, Ariz.

*This award is named in memory of former Alumni Board President Brian C. Olson '83.*

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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

# LutesRock! HOME COMING 2005

## Homecoming 2005: Lutes Rock!

CAMPUS WILL BE ROCKING OCT. 7 TO 9 with special events, activities and reunions for Homecoming 2005. In addition to this year's class reunions of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995 and 2000 there will be a special affinity reunion for University Congregation, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

This is only a partial list of activities and events. You can keep up with the latest schedules at [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org). For more information or to register, visit us online or call 800-ALUM-PLU.



### Friday, Oct. 7

- Classes Without Quizzes
- Homecoming Chapel
- Athletic Hall of Fame luncheon
- Golf game
- Zero reunion

### Saturday, Oct. 8

- Into the Streets community service project
- Heritage Lecture
- Reunions, reception and Alumni Award Brunch
- Homecoming football game, PLU vs. UPS
- 50th Anniversary dinner
- Homecoming Gala at the Museum of Glass

### Sunday, Oct. 9

- Golden Club brunch
- Pancake breakfast
- Homecoming worship
- University Congregation reunion brunch

## ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

2005-2006 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The following candidates are nominated for the 2005-2006 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, 2005, 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](http://www.plualumni.org).

- Dayna Hall '02
- Michelle Cheney-Denning '85

Write-in candidate(s)

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BALLOT

## Permanent alumni e-mail address lets you keep up with classmates

The number of e-mail addresses you have to keep track of can be overwhelming. PLU wants to make it easier for you.

Available only to alumni, PLU's free, permanent e-mail address is one of the most under-appreciated features of the online community. All registered users have the option to create an e-mail address with the domain "[@alumni.plu.edu](mailto:@alumni.plu.edu)", providing an easy way for Lutes to recognize other Lutes in their daily e-mails.

Some of the benefits of a permanent e-mail address are:

- Having a professional address instead of a nickname or handle (johndoe@alumni.plu.edu as opposed to "seniordude.") This can be important when applying for jobs.
- Having the same address no matter which Internet service provider you



have. People will always be able to find you, even if you change jobs or providers.

• Showing you are a Lute for life.

If you are a registered member of the PLU Online Community, creating your permanent e-mail address is easy. Just click on the "Permanent E-mail" link on the online community page and follow the instructions.

Once created, you can set your options to forward all your mail from your PLU permanent e-mail address to your personal e-mail address, if you have one. You don't have to change where you currently get your e-mail delivered to use your new PLU address. That way, all your messages will continue to come to one e-mail mailbox.

PLU does not sell its e-mail addresses to any outside organization, but the alumni office occasionally sends messages to registered users.

For more information go to, [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org), and click on "Join the Click!" to get started.

## Parents Council succeeds at increasing highway signage to PLU

**F**inding PLU is easier recently thanks to the efforts of some parents and administrators.

A new PLU sign on Highway 512 East was installed earlier this year as part of a project to enhance directional signage to the university. It had been a priority for the Parents Council.

"I feel really good about it, it's been a two-year battle," said outgoing Parents Council Chairman Tom Renne. "Our next step is to get signage on Interstate 5."

The Parents Council, led by Renne, and staff from PLU, including Sheri Tonn, vice president for Finance and Operations, have been working with the Washington State Department of Transportation to enhance directional signage. The group's goal is to have PLU signs on I-5 soon. [5]

## Pencil Us In

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1	.....	New Student Orientation
September 10	.....	Tailgate at California Lutheran University
September 17-18	.....	Alumni Board Fall Meeting
September 24	.....	Tailgate at University of Wisconsin-River Falls
October 1	.....	Tailgate at Linfield College
October 7-9	.....	Homecoming Weekend
November 4-6	.....	Family Weekend
November 6	.....	Parents Council Fall Meeting
December 3	.....	President's Christmas Dinner and Concert (Seattle)
December 5	.....	Campus Christmas Concert
December 10	.....	President's Christmas Dinner and Concert (Campus)

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## Picture Perfect

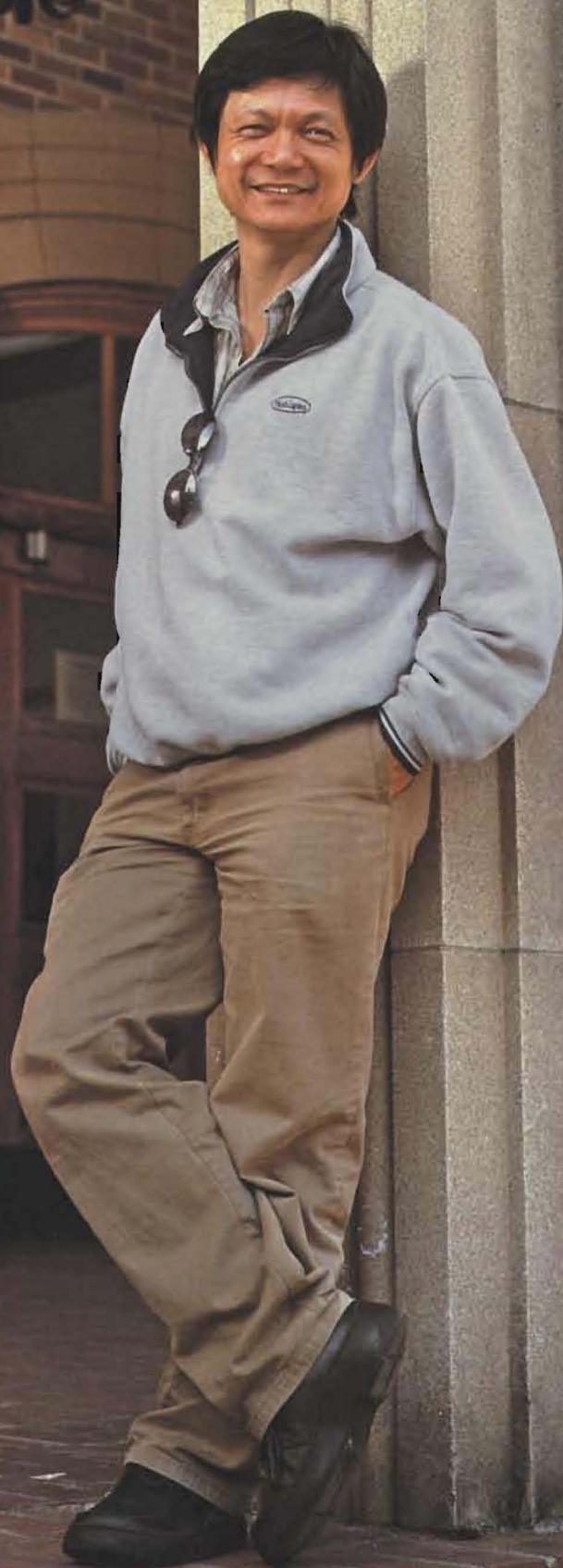
Retired Spanish professor Marisa Lacabe, left, admires a scrapbook presented to her by former students while Kimberly Alexander '03, Emily Keys '00, and Kristi Carpenter Gilbert '94 look on. Fourteen alums gathered in January to celebrate her retirement and honor the ways she helped the Spanish program grow and develop. Organized and hosted by Kristi Carpenter Gilbert '94, more than 34 former students submitted letters, photographs and memories, all of which were incorporated into a scrapbook that was presented to Lacabe at the party.





# alumni profiles

Graduate brings thought-provoking modern dance to the world



Willy Tsao '77 posed at Eastvold, site of his student dance work, during a recent visit to campus.



**W**illy Tsao came to PLU with an eye on studying business, perhaps to continue in his family's textile business. But once he was here, he found himself in a modern dance class, and he was hooked. Tsao graduated with a business degree in 1977, but he was soon back in his native Hong Kong thinking about what became his passion: modern dance.

Since then, Tsao has been an essential component in the formation of three major Chinese modern dance companies - The Hong Kong City Contemporary Dance Company, the Guangdong Modern Dance Company (the first professional modern dance company in China) and the Beijing Modern Dance Company. Tsao has been heading modern dance companies for 25 years, and he sees no end in sight.

In March, Tsao had the opportunity to visit the PLU campus while in Seattle with the Beijing troupe, which was on its first American tour. The company, which was founded 10 years ago, performed in some of the country's most prestigious venues, largely to positive reviews and standing ovations.

The performance, titled "Rear Light," is set to the music of Pink Floyd's classic album, "The Wall." The 1979 album is something of a metaphor for alienation, and the production seems to follow suit - there is a sequence that suggests interrogation, for instance. Much of the production seems to focus on individual dancers attempting to break free from the larger, collective group.

Much like Tsao himself, the company has a reputation for being innovative and iconoclastic. One thing the Beijing Modern Dance Company has a reputation for not being: Chinese. In fact, Tsao, the artistic director, doesn't really know what that means. Modern dance, in his opinion, goes beyond specific genres or cultural conventions - the core essence is freedom. "Artists should be free to express themselves," Tsao said. "That's modern dance."

That Western journalists tend to seize on the fact that Tsao and his company have been able to create such art without hindrance from the oft-controlling Chinese government frustrates him. In fact, Tsao said no Chinese government official even

viewed the current production before it left China for North American shores, despite the fact that the production focuses on what happens when people become alienated by their surroundings.

Many choose to see allusions to Tiananmen Square in the performance, for instance. Just as easily, said Tsao, you could see allusions to Abu Ghraib.

"Western critics seem to have only two perspectives [when seeing Chinese performances], either traditional or Tiananmen Square.

"That is a very superficial view - it only reflects the limitations of the audience," Tsao continued. "As dancers - as citizens - there are so many more meaningful conversations that also need to take place."

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There was a time when some of Tsao's dance companies had to address creative and political issues - namely, whether something like modern dance serves national interests and encourages patriotism. But he sees little of that now. "China is becoming more contemporary," he said. "They know that art is educational, and [the government and citizens] are proud of it. It has been interesting to see the change in attitude."

And that appears to be a recipe for continued success. Now back in Hong Kong after the completion of Beijing Modern Dance Company's first North American tour, he says he's ready for his second. And that will be soon enough - the company is scheduled to perform in Mexico City and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., in October.

*By Steve Hansen*



The Beijing Modern Dance Company gives innovative performances around the world. Photo by Ringo Chan.



The Beijing company's "Rear Light," set to the music of Pink Floyd's "The Wall," follows a theme of alienation. Photo courtesy Beijing Modern Dance Company.



## alumni profiles

continued

### Ready, Set, Eat!

**Portland personal chef puts tasty meals on busy people's tables**

**B**usy households around Portland, Ore., are thanking Shana (McGillivray '99) Larsen for making mealtime easy.

Larsen, a personal chef, owns and operates Ready, Set, Eat! She plans and prepares meals for clients who either don't have the time to cook or who simply don't want to.

Cooking everything from meatloaf and mashed potatoes to Chinese pork roast with coconut rice, Larsen offers a variety of packages – ranging in price – that can be tailored to each client.

"You can mold it however you like," she said. "You can offer services that match your interest and meet your clients' needs."

Larsen begins by meeting with clients to discuss budget, likes and dislikes, allergies or special diets and the number of meals they want.

Then, she searches for recipes and designs a menu, often experimenting with different ingredients. The day of cooking, she shops for groceries, packs up her equipment and, goes to the client's house to prepare the meals, leaves with instructions for reheating and cleans the kitchen.

Larsen said she doesn't have a typical client. Some are married and some are not, some have kids and some don't, but most are working professionals or families on the go.

She cooks for nurses who complain about hospital food, and heat up her meals at work. Another client is a busy family tired of eating fast food and takeout.

As her business has evolved, she has put a greater emphasis on healthy cooking, knowing people are concerned about that – and that they can get unhealthy but cheaper options elsewhere.

"I like to make sure people can feel comfortable eating what they're eating," she said.

Larsen, who majored in biology, admits that starting her own company



*"I feel like it's what sets me apart," she said about her biology background. "It's a different medium, but it's a lot like research. You combine things in a certain method to produce a desired result."*

without a business background was a challenge. She said she learns as she goes, makes mistakes and has a good support system.

"I feel like it's what sets me apart," she said about her biology background. "It's a different medium, but it's a lot like research. You combine things in a certain method to produce a desired result."

Larsen had originally planned to go to medical school after graduation. Then, she got married. "I hadn't pictured myself being married and in med school," she said. "The time commitment to do that just wasn't where I wanted to be."

After doing research in molecular biology at Oregon State University, Larsen and her husband moved to Seattle. While working as a cancer

research technician at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Larsen enrolled at the Art Institute of Seattle's culinary program.

"Going to culinary school was something I always wanted to do," she said.

The two moved again – to Portland – when Larsen was about one-third of the way through the program. It was then that she started her business. "I had researched being a personal chef a little bit," she said. "I decided, now's the time to start it and see what happens."

Now, halfway through her third year, Larsen is happy with her choice. There are times when she is booked so far in advance that she can't take any new clients, so her goal is to franchise Ready, Set, Eat!, and allow others to enter the personal chef profession.

In addition to her chef duties, Larsen caters small parties or events and offers cooking classes. Molding the classes to the students, Larsen provides hands-on experience to individuals or small groups. "I like the one-on-one," she said. "It's a more intimate and comfortable setting."

Larsen's biggest inspiration is her mom, who was always experimenting with new recipes and ingredients. "We would always have weird stuff," she said. "Not your typical tacos and pizza."

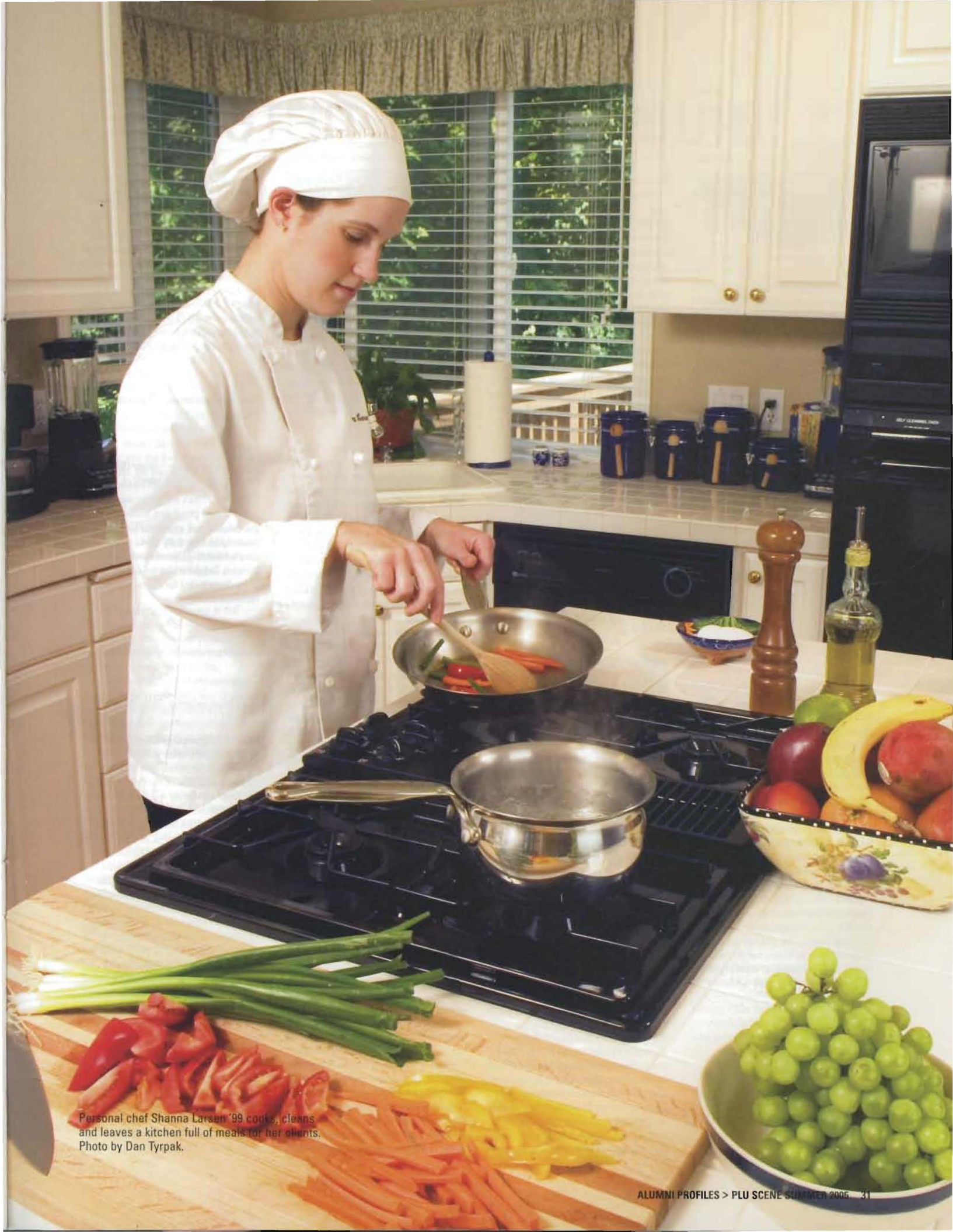
Some of Larsen's inspiration also came from a semester study abroad trip to Guadalajara, Mexico, during her junior year at PLU. She said eating authentic food revived her interest in cooking and finding new ways to prepare dishes.

Larsen said being a PLU resident assistant for three years taught her how to deal with challenging personalities – a skill she still uses today. "You learn how to live with conflict," she said. "And you're bound to have to deal with conflict when meeting with clients."

Even though she came to PLU thinking she knew what she wanted to do, Larsen said she left not as sure. "I learned a lot about myself at college," she said. "PLU was a great school for me." □

By Nisha Ajmani Wade '02





Personal chef Shanna Larsen '99 cooks, cleans and leaves a kitchen full of meals for her clients. Photo by Dan Tyrpak.



# alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: **1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1959, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1988, 1991**

## 1924

**Katherine (Anderson) Swensen** died Jan. 7. She played basketball for PLC. In the 1930s, she traveled throughout Europe and returned to the United States on the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary. Settling in Portland, Ore., she met and married Roy Swensen. She lived in Minnesota for nine years until 1952, when she returned to her hometown of Chinook, Mont., where she lived out her life. She was the head housekeeper at Ocean Beach Hospital. After retirement, Katherine was a home health care provider well into her mid-80s. She was a lifelong member of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chinook and an avid gardener. Preceding her in death were Roy, six brothers, a sister, and two grandchildren. Surviving her are her daughter, Marie Olson; sons Donald and Les Swensen; a sister; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## 1936

Class Representative - Volly (Norby) Grande

## 1938

**Marie (Wenberg) DeGroot** died Dec. 26. She was married to **Paul Preus '33** from 1940 to 1954. She received a master's degree from Western Washington University in 1957 and married Irving J. DeGroot in 1960. She taught in Mukilteo, Central Valley, Seabeck and Brownsville, Wash., and was a charter member of Silverdale Lutheran Church. Marie loved spending time with her large family and had a lifelong interest in gardening. Irving preceded her in death. Surviving her are her two sons, John C. Preus and **George I. J. DeGroot '84**; five daughters, Priscilla L. Preus, Mary E. Preus, Anne Marie Lindsey, Cheryl DeGroot, and Sandy Carter; nine grandchildren, including **Jane Lindsey '90**; and five great-grandchildren. Including her mother, **Marie Louise (Anderson) Wenberg '06**, four generations of Marie's family attended PLU.

## 1940

Class Representative - Luella Toso Johnson

## 1943

**Marjorie (Wentworth) Hughes** died Nov. 23. She earned a master's degree in music education from the University of

Minnesota and taught music in Seattle and Tacoma public schools. She also lived in Savannah, Ga.; Fairfax, Va.; Juneau, Alaska; and Japan and Germany, where her husband, Donald, was in the U.S. Foreign Service. Wherever Marjorie went, she was active in her church, serving as organist and choir director. Donald and her daughters, Margaret Hughes and Andrea Foldenauer, preceded her in death. Surviving her are her son David Hughes and his wife, Katherine; son-in-law, Craig Foldenauer; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1945

Class Representative - Annabelle Birkestol

## 1947

Class Representative - Gerald Lider

## 1948

Class Representative - Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

## 1950

Class Representative - Edna (Haglund) Dorothy



**Les McDonnell** died Jan. 10. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. After graduating from PLC, he went on to graduate studies at Portland State University (Oregon), Washington State University, and the University of Oregon. He taught in Bandon, Ore., and Toledo, Centralia and Longview, Wash., retiring in 1980 to care for his aging parents. He was a member of the Washington Education Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars, and was a hospital volunteer in Longview. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Clarence and Betty McDonnell, and their children, Beth and Scott; his niece, Debra Jenness, and her family; and many cousins. Memorials may be sent to the Red Cross or for PLU scholarships.

## 1951

**Burton Severeid** died Dec. 2. Before coming to PLC, he served during World War II. After graduation, he began a career in financial services, which spanned 50 years. He also served as an administrator for Clover Park Vocational Technical Institute from 1965 to 70. He built and managed a sales force of more than 300 registered investment represen-

tatives throughout Western Washington and co-founded Severeid and Associates Inc., a local independent insurance agency. Burton loved outdoor activities and was co-founder of the Tacoma Webfooters, the first Jeep club in Western Washington. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Ardys (Repe) '49**; his sons, David (Mary) and Bruce (Elizabeth); five grandchildren, including **Krista Severeid '99**; and several siblings, including **Donald '57** and his wife, **Lavonne '58**.

## 1953

Class Representative - Naomi (Roe) Nothstein

**Betty (Riggers) Keith** died Dec. 27. She was a dedicated volunteer, involving herself in many organizations and efforts. She was active in the Washington State Medical Association Auxiliary, the March of Dimes, and Seattle-King County Camp Fire Girls, and was chairperson of the Shoreline (Wash.) YMCA Board and coordinator of the Neighbors in Need Food Bank. In the Shoreline schools, she served as a tutor and was a PTA/PTSA president. Betty was also on the Board of Trustees at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, serving as chair in 1987, and the Shoreline Historical Museum Board of Trustees. She and her husband, **Donald '54**, who died five days after her, were married for almost 50 years. They were members of Faith Lutheran Church, Betty for almost 50 years and Don for almost 60. Their family was of utmost importance to them. Surviving them are their daughters, **Heather (Keith) Moe '81** and her husband, **Michael '84**, and **Allison (Keith) Ramsey '84** and her husband, **Scott '85**; three grandchildren; and a large extended family, including Betty's brother, **Kenneth Riggers '62**, Don's siblings, **Darrell Keith '61** and **Christie (Keith) Steele '64**, and Betty's nieces, **Mary Lea Purcell '79** and **Martha Riggers '91**.

## 1954

**Donald Keith** died Jan. 1. After attending PLC, he graduated from the University of Washington and became board certified in family practice. Throughout his life, he was very dedicated to the medical community - both locally and nationally - serving several clinics (including his own practice in Lake Forest Park) and medical organizations. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Foss Home, the King Co. (Wash.) Medical Society Board, the King Co. Health Planning Council, the Washington Academy of Family Physicians, the Washington State Medical Association, the Washington State Family Practice Education Advisory

Board, the Governor's Task Force on Health Cost Control, the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American Board of Family Practice. He was also a clinical assistant professor at the UW School of Medicine and was very active in Rotary. In 1980, Don was the Washington State nominee for the Good Housekeeping Family Doctor of the Year. Both PLU and the UW Medical School honored him in 1986 as a Distinguished Alumnus.

## 1955

Class Representative - Phyllis (Grahn) Pejsa

## 1956

Class Representative - Ginny (Grahn) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

**Jim Bricker** was appointed by outgoing Washington Gov. Gary Locke to the state's Gambling Commission. Gov. Christine Gregoire also appointed Jim to the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

## 1957

Class Representative - Marilyn Katz

## 1958

Class Representative - Don Cornell

**Marilyn (Stolzenburg) Roberts** died Jan. 21. She taught English at Fife (Wash.) High School for several years before staying home to raise her three children. She later worked for many years as an administrative assistant for the Metropolitan Park District at the Point Defiance Zoo in Tacoma, retiring in 2003. Active in her community, Marilyn was involved in the Tacoma Art Museum, Christmas House, Point Defiance Zoo Society and her church. She was also a member of the American Association of University Women for 45 years, serving as president from 1972 to 76, and belonged to Zonta for 26 years, holding numerous offices. Survivors include son Mark Roberts; daughter Pamela Lilley; daughter **Paula (Roberts '01) Ramos** and her husband, **Chris Ramos '94**; and five grandchildren.

## 1961

Class Representative - Ron Lerch

## 1962

Class Representative - Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias



**Gretta (Wesson) Merwin** will receive an honorary master's degree in humane letters from Central Washington University (Ellensburg) in June.

### 1963

Class Representative – Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

### 1964

**Roy K. Carlson** died Jan. 27. He is survived by his sons, Eric '91 and Scott.

### 1967

**Brad Munn** died Oct. 29 in Lincoln, Neb. He was the director of personnel at PLU in the late '60s and early '70s and was a big Lute sports fan. He retired as a University of Nebraska–Lincoln administrator. He served in a number of organizations throughout his life including the Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club; Sesostris Shrine; Whitman Lodge No. 49 in Pullman, Wash.; Scottish Rite in Spokane; and the Society of Professional Journalists. He was also a past president of the Pullman Kiwanis Club, past lieutenant governor of the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis District and Young Man of the Year in 1969 in Pullman. Surviving him are his wife, **Judy '81**, son Todd (Jessica) Munn, daughter Dorothy Jean (Matt) Binder and four grandchildren.

**Robert Krieger**, a toxicologist at the University of California–Riverside, received the International Award for Research in Agrochemicals, the most prestigious award given by the Agrochemical Division of the American Chemical Society. He also was selected by the Society of Toxicology as the recipient of the Public Communications Award at their annual meeting in New Orleans in the same month. "Professor Robert Krieger has made extremely important contributions to our understanding of human exposure to pesticides, especially developing methods for determining actual exposure and uptake, as well as interpretation of that information as it relates to the significance of the pesticides in our environment [including homes and lawns]," said James Seiber, director of the Western Regional Research Center of the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. Bob is active in several professional societies and has authored or co-authored more than 250 published papers, book chapters and abstracts, including serving as editor for the *Handbook of Pesticide Toxicology*, published in 2001. He lives in Riverside

### 1968

**Jim Girvan** is in his third year serving as dean of the College of Health Sciences at Boise State University. His wife, **Georgia (Stirn)**, continues as director of the Idaho Regional Alcohol/Drug Resource Center, at Boise State University.

### 1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

**Robert Beath** retired from his position as assistant superintendent for Educational Service District 105 in June 2004, completing 35 years in public education in Washington state. He had two retirement celebrations: one in Yakima, Wash. (where he lives), and one in Bellingham, Wash., to say thank you to those who supported his work. His six-point retirement plan includes projects, exercise, creative/learning adventures, family, social service and travel. His wife, Linda, continues in her position as associate vice-president for undergraduate studies at Central Washington University. They continue to enjoy the company of their son Joel; daughter-in-law Trudy; and two grandsons, Donovan and Brandon, who live in Yakima.

### 1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

### 1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

**Carol Schramel Carr** died January 17, following a five-year battle with ovarian cancer. After receiving her degree in education from PLU, she taught in the Tacoma School District for many years. Her family says she loved laughter, life and travel. A trip to China was a highlight for her. She is survived by her parents, John and Millie Schramel; her daughters, **Marci (Carr) Garrett '92** and Mikaela and Kelsey Carr; two grandchildren; and her companion and best friend Michael Schrumm.

**Lewis "Sandy" Simpson** moved from Alaska to Santa Fe, N.M., with his partner, Bruce Iglehart. Sandy is a training specialist with the Los Alamos National Laboratory developing health, safety and environmental training for workers. They enjoy life in Santa Fe, and are active in gay and lesbian advocacy and cultural events. They also enjoy visiting Sandy's five grown children

### 1972

**Kay Magnuson** died Dec. 31. She retired from Brown's Point Elementary School in 1999 after teaching 1,300 kindergarten students over her 27-year career. Her success as an educator is celebrated in the successful lives of countless former students. Kay spent her life caring for others, and her main focus was always on her family. Her husband, Herman, preceded her in death. Surviving her are daughter Barbara Green (Garryl); sons James Magnuson (Kim) and Jeff Magnuson; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### 1973

**Crystal Schuh** retired (at least temporarily) and moved to the Dallas area to be closer to her aging parents. She's enjoying the friendliness of Texas and encourages "y'all to come and visit."

### 1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

**Don Poier** died Jan. 21. He played football at PLU for three seasons (1971-73) as a defensive end and was a co-captain in 1974. He served as program director for KING-TV in Seattle and spent more than 20 years as an announcer for Pac-10 football and basketball games. He became the voice of the Grizzlies when they began in 1995 in Vancouver, British Columbia. He moved with the team to Memphis, Tenn., in 2001, doing radio play-by-play the past three seasons before moving to television this season. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; eight children and 10 grandchildren.



**Jenifer Haler** was named West Richland (Wash.) Outstanding Educator of 2004 and retired after teaching for 30 years. Her husband, **Larry**, was

elected Washington State Representative from the 8th District.

### 1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

**David Nelson** moved to Maputo, Mozambique, after three years in Zambia. He is the deputy director of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) Global AIDS Program in Mozambique. His wife Ubon, son James, 12, and cat Harry, are tolerating his love of living in developing countries. All agree that the seafood and beaches of Mozambique are pretty nice, but it gets a little too warm in the summer.

### 1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

**Brad Munn** died Oct. 29 in Lincoln, Neb.

### 1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

**Marcus Stroud** was called as pastor to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Concrete, Wash. He began his official call on Feb. 19 after serving two years as with the congregation. He and his wife, **Susan (Wantz) '79**, have two sons, Aaron, 18, and Nathan, 14.

### 1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

**Sally Balmer** is the new pastor and teacher at Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ in Anacortes, Wash. She received her master's of divinity degree at Vancouver School of Theology in Vancouver, British Columbia, and has served UCC congregations in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Washington state. She has also been active in community work, speaking at local anti-hate rallies and at a Safe Schools vigil, and co-facilitating a program addressing diversity in schools.



**Robert Kratzke** was appointed as the first person to hold the John C. Skoglund Chair in Lung Cancer Research at the University of

Minnesota. The chair is funded by a generous gift from the family of John Skoglund. Bob does research in acquired genetic abnormalities in lung cancer and mesothelioma. He has been a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota since 1994 and lives in Edina with his wife Marian and daughter Andrea and their new dog Ozzie.

### 1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

**Linda Holt Ayrris** illustrated a new children's book written by Oregon authors Marie and Roland Smith, "E is for Evergreen," which is full of depictions of the people and places of Bainbridge Island, Wash. Linda is an accomplished artist whose renditions of plants regularly appear on the pages of *Sunset* magazine, and whose client list includes Nintendo, Chateau St. Michelle, Alaska Airlines and the Woodland Park Zoo. She received a silver medal from the Best in the West Society of Illustrators, and has been recognized in the "Communications Arts Annual." Linda also works through the mentoring program at Eagle Harbor High School with Bainbridge Island teens that have artistic aspirations.

**Lionel Alford** presented his dissertation defense for a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering on April 4 at the University of Dayton, Ohio. He says his dissertation successfully describes for the first time in history how flapping animals produce lift.

### 1981

**Diane (Van Vleet) Olsen** and her family have moved from Richland, Wash., to Ashburn, Va., in the Washington, D.C., area. Her husband Richard was promoted to the Reston, Va., offices of Lockheed



Martin. Their daughter Christy, 19, is a freshman at PLU. Caroline, 16, and Courtney, 9, are adjusting well to life in the nation's capital. Reach her at [diane\\_olsen316@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_olsen316@hotmail.com).

## 1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

**Dana Schroeder** has been the director of pastoral care and clinical pastoral education at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio, since 2003.

**Kevin Allen-Schmid**, a music teacher at Flathead High School in Kalispell, Mont., directed his choir in a performance of "Saving Jacob," an original music and narration combination that tells the story of Jacob Feightner, 3, who miraculously survived a canoeing accident, in large part due to the efforts of an ALERT helicopter rescue crew. The concert raised nearly \$2,400 for the ALERT program.

## 1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

## 1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

**Mark and Kathy (Schramm '85)** Falk live in North Tacoma with their two children, J.P., 12, and Leah, 7. Mark is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Bain in University Place and Kathy is in her eighth year of running her PartyLite candle business. [marktalk@harbornet.com](mailto:marktalk@harbornet.com)

## 1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn Stelling

**Linda (Panik) BeMiller** died Jan. 17. Dedicated to her community, she worked for The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and Grantmakers, Inc., and was involved in The Tree Planting Project (a community enhancement activity of the American Leadership Forum). She was also named Tacoma-Pierce County Municipal League Person of the Year. Surviving her are her husband, David; sons Stephen, Nathan, and Aaron; daughters-in-law Connie and Carmen; granddaughter Haley; and sister Karen.

**Tim Rundquist** was part of a team of lawyers in Minnesota that scored a major legal victory with nationwide implications. On March 3, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled in favor of three beekeepers, represented by Tim's team, holding that landowners who sprayed pesticides on their hybrid poplar groves could be held liable for damages to the beekeepers' neighboring apiaries. At issue was the landowners' (the State of Minnesota and International Paper) use of Sevin XLR Plus, a carbaryl-based

product that acts like nerve gas in destroying insects.

**Elizabeth Pulliam Weston's** first book, "Your Credit Score: How to Fix, Improve and Protect the 3-Digit Number that Shapes Your Financial Future," was published by Prentice Hall in October 2004. Liz lives in Los Angeles with her husband, Will, and daughter, Bey, 2.

**Linette Zimmerman** was elected 2004-2006 Northwest Region Governor of Soroptimist, an international volunteer service organization for business and professional women that works to improve the lives of women and girls in local communities and throughout the world. She lives in Port Orchard, Wash., where she is also a paralegal and social worker for the law office of Wecker, Hunko and Bougher.

## 1986

Class Representative -- Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

**Karen (Bell) Steen** won the National Master's Indoor Mile for Club Northwest in Boston with a time of 5:08.12. She was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame last year.

## 1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

## 1988

**Julie (Wood) Bickford** has left the hospitality industry after nearly 18 years, most recently as the director of catering and convention services at Sunriver Resort, a four-diamond golf resort in central Oregon. She has started her own business, MHR, Inc., which specializes in the recruitment and placement of mid- to upper-level managers and executives in the hotel, resort and restaurant industries.

**Pat Hanley** was appointed to the Anchorage District Court. He has also served as an assistant district attorney in Anchorage.

## 1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

**Christopher Bassett** is a detective for the King County Sheriff's Department. Until March, he was deployed to Iraq as a chaplain (captain) with the Washington Army National Guard's 1-103rd Armor at Camp Victory in Baghdad. He plans to start a church in the Bonney Lake/Lake Tapps (Wash.) area, where his lives with his family. His wife, Cheri, is pursuing her undergraduate degree in ministry while homeschooling their children, Caitlin, 10; Juli, 9; Hunter, 7, and Jadin, 5.

## 1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

**Doreen Morris** is a family nurse practitioner at the Oregon Veterans Home in The Dalles, Ore. She also shares a clinic in The Dalles with her husband of 27 years, Dr. Daniel Morris, and is a medical adviser for diabetes services at Mid-Columbia Medical Center.

## 1991

**Jim Morrell** received an Accomplished Under 40 Award from the Vancouver (Wash.) Business Journal and Leadership Clark County on Nov. 11. As vice president of information systems at iQ Credit Union, he was appointed to chair the Credit Union National Association Technology Committee's executive committee. The Washington Credit Union League also recognized him as one of tomorrow's leaders. Jim volunteers to serve on credit union and local school district technology boards and helps with iQ Credit Union's fund-raising efforts for Doernbecher Children's Hospital in Portland, Ore. In addition, he serves as a basketball referee at the college level.



**Dan Keene** was named the new head women's soccer coach at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma after a national search.

As an assistant with the UPS program from 2001-04, he was instrumental in the team's advancement to the NCAA National Championship game this past season. Dan served as the men's head coach at Green River Community College from 1992-99. He is also involved with local youth clubs, FC United and Eastside FC, two of the premier clubs in the state, and served as an assistant coach for the women's Under-17 Olympic Development State Team in 1997.



**Paula (Hibbard) Noel** lives on the island of Hawai'i in Waimea, a town at the foot of Kohala Mountain. She is healing multiple sclerosis with rest, nutrition, exercise and great community support. She also works to bridge the gap between elders and children through dreams and genealogy. After earning her Ph.D., receiving her diagnosis, and teaching at the university level, she decided to retire early due to her health and live and heal. She is now swimming with dolphins, visiting volcanoes and "living at the end of the rainbow (literally)." She says life is good and she can be reached at [pumanoel@yahoo.com](mailto:pumanoel@yahoo.com).

## 1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

**Bill Feeney** is the new vice president at Wycoff Insurance of Mount Vernon (Wash.).

## 1993

Class Representative – Kristina (Kurle) Dolan and Jennifer (Kreger) Nickel

**Erin Lindberg** married Halvard Berg at Gift of Grace Lutheran Church in Seattle on Sept. 18 with Pastor **Jerry Buss '83** officiating. **Lene Meilvåg-Knight** served as a bridesmaid. Erin is the manager and personnel director of Bernstein/Fader Surgical Clinic in Seattle, and Halvard works for Costco Corporation. They live in Sammamish, Wash.

**Gus Gustafson** was promoted to senior operations group manager for Microsoft Corporation's Worldwide Enterprise sales division. He and his wife, Cathy, live in Woodinville, Wash.

**Theresa (Campbell) Everest** was chosen for the 2004 Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses Military District Award for Excellence in Women's Health Education. Theresa was honored by her military peers for her work in women's health at a conference in San Diego. She was selected by the Navy to attend the University of Colorado School of Nursing for a post-master's certificate in the women's health nurse practitioner program. She obtained her master's in nursing administration and education while stationed in Great Lakes, Ill.

## 1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

## 1995

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



**Katy McCallum** married Brian Sachse Nov. 13 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Spokane. **Julianne (Pagel) Bogaty, Kimberly (Lusk)**

**Manz**, and Katy's brother, **John McCallum '97**, were in the wedding party. Katy is lead pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Brian is a teacher and coach at Ferris High School in Spokane, where they live.

**Mike Lee** accepted a position covering environmental affairs for California's third largest newspaper, the San Diego Union-Tribune. He and his family moved from Sacramento to Fallbrook, Calif., where his wife **Kristen (Buckley '96)** takes care of sons Grant, 4, and Owen, 2.

## 1996

Class Representatives – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer Riches





**Jakki Hurineko** married Donald Stodola on Aug. 7 at the Clock Tower in Tacoma. Jakki's maid of honor was **Sally (Johnson '84)**

**Falcone**, Madison and Eleanor Bigelow, daughters of **Rod '90** and **Stacy (Bryan '93) Bigelow**, were flower girls. Honored friends at the celebration included **Heidi Welch**, **Christine Layne**, **Tabatha (Smith) Farrington**, **Elisa (Ellis)** and **Tim Woods '90**, **Kevin** and **Jenny (Chase) Myers '00**, **Brad '00** and **Valerie (Weist '98) Watamura**, **Molly Hernandez '92**, and **Carole Meland '79**. Jakki is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma. Donald is a patrol officer for the Tacoma Police Department. They live in Tacoma.

**Teresa Miller** was selected by Portland General Electric to serve as its lobbyist for state governmental affairs. Before joining PGE, She worked in the Oregon Capitol for four consecutive legislative sessions. Most recently, she worked for six years as a lobbyist for The Tresidder Company, a Salem-based government-relations firm.

### 1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson



**Heidi Jantz**, singer/songwriter, recently released her debut album. "Entries on an Unlined Page," is an acoustic folk album that

tells stories of everyday living through Heidi's unique brand of poetic songwriting. For further information, visit her website: [www.heidjantz.com](http://www.heidjantz.com). She lives in Spokane.

**Don Pruett** left a job in research and development at Georgia Pacific Corp. to become a science teacher. He teaches one science class at Sumner (Wash.) High School in the morning and travels within the Sumner School District during the afternoon. He also helps mentor elementary school teachers on instructional skills in science. He also develops basic labs that demonstrate science concepts to younger students and coordinates the district's science fair.



**Angela Phay** married Jonathan Anderson Aug. 15 at First Baptist Church in Portland, Ore. The reception

was held in the backyard of Jon's parents' home in Wilsonville. Lutes in attendance included **Cathy (Martila) Doyle '96**, bridesmaid, **Borgny (Arneson) Anderson '67**, mother of the groom, **Jenny (McClure) Appel '96**, **Corie (Krueger) Roberts '97**, **Stacey (Silcox) Powell '97**, and **Maija (Durr) Vance '01**. Angela is a flight attendant with United Airlines, while Jonathan is a systems engineer. They live in Quincy, Mass.

**Scott Kolbet** graduated from Catholic Distance University with a master of arts degree in theology, summa cum laude. He is a pastoral associate at St. John Fisher Church in Portland, Ore.

**Matthew Bliss** recently opened Beyond Fitness, a fitness company offering in-home training and lifestyle and nutritional counseling. He and his wife, Heather, live in Tacoma.

### 1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

**Tanya Robinson** is an intensive children's case manager at Western Montana Mental Health Center in Kalispell. She also works part-time at Summit Preparatory School. Tanya has lived in Montana with her two children for almost two years.

**Kaia Benson** works in Tbilisi, Georgia, as the regional program manager for the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program in the southern Caucasus. The Muskie is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and provides citizens of Eurasia the opportunity to study at a master's level in the United States. In November 2003, the citizens of Georgia staged what is known as the "Rose Revolution." Their new president, Mikheil Saakashvili, is an alumnus of the Muskie program.



**Katherine Walker** and **Brian Loffer '97** were married July 31, 2004, at the United Methodist Church in Gig Harbor, Wash. Amy (Norman) Roth played the cello for the ceremony. The reception

was held at the Canterwood Golf and Country Club in Gig Harbor. Katherine "Katie" works as a financial aid administrator at PLU, and Brian is the assistant principal at Bethel High School in Spanaway, Wash., where he previously taught math and AP statistics.

### 1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

**Kelli Rasche** died of cancer March 19.

**Tawnya Kyle** married Jason Henningsen Oct. 1 at the Little White Chapel in Las Vegas. She is a registered nurse at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center in Tacoma, and Jason works for R.W. Henningsen Logging. They live in Belfair, Wash.

### 2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

**Bianca Luebeck** completed her degree in teaching by earning the second state exam summa cum laude on Jan. 31. She lives in Hamm, Germany, and started teaching at a high school near Muenster, Germany, in February.

**Laura Pauli** was promoted in August to program coordinator for environmental education at Frost Valley YMCA in the Catskills of New York. She lives in Claryville, N.Y.

### 2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

**Garth Gustafson** is a full-time missionary with YWAM (Youth with a Mission) based in Kona, Hawaii. On March 25, he led a team to Thailand's tsunami relief area, where they spent two months.

**Gabe Miller** is a certified flight instructor for Galvin Aviation based at Boeing Field in Seattle. One of his flight students is his brother-in-law, **Mark Renne '04**, who also works in the customer service department at Galvin Aviation. Gabe's wife, **Julie (Renne '01)**, was recently promoted to department manager for two departments at the Bellevue Square Nordstrom in Bellevue, Wash.



**Kami Rumpel** married Robert Liliequist Aug. 1 at Gleneagle Golf and Country Club in Arlington, Wash. **Danielle (Cook) Beck** was

matron of honor, and **Erin Harlan '02** sang in the wedding. Kami is a third- and fourth-grade teacher at Totem Falls Elementary School in the Snohomish (Wash.) School District. Robert is a machinist at GMS Metal Works in Auburn, Wash. They live in Bellevue, Wash.



**Brad Powell** was ordained to the Holy Diaconate by Bishop Seraphim of Ottawa on Feb.

## In Memoriam

### 1924

Katherine (Anderson) Swenson on Jan. 7.

### 1938

Marie (Wenberg) DeGroot on Dec. 26.

### 1943

Marjorie (Wentworth) Hughes on Nov. 23.

### 1950

Leslie McDonnell on Jan. 10.

### 1951

Burton Seve Reid on Dec. 2.

### 1953

Betty (Riggers) Keith on Dec. 27.

### 1954

Donald Keith on Jan. 1.

### 1958

Marilyn (Stolzenburg) Roberts on Jan. 21.

### 1961

Sam Gange on Feb. 13.

### 1964

Roy K. Carlson on Jan. 27.

### 1971

Carole Schramel Carr on Jan. 17.

### 1972

Kay (Gifford) Magnuson on Dec. 31.

### 1974

Don Poier on Jan. 21.

### 1976

Brad Munn on Oct. 29.

### 1985

Linda (Panik) BeMiller on Jan. 17.

### 1999

Kelli Rasche on March 19.

### Faculty and Staff

Martin Hillger died Dec. 24. He taught English at PLU from 1962-67. During World War II, he served throughout Europe and earned a bronze star.

Stewart D. Govig, professor emeritus of religion died unexpectedly, April 10. He joined PLU in 1958 and retired in 2001. In the final decade of his career and since retirement, he published three books and articles that contributed to the literature of religion and health.

Kathy Berry, director of printing, died of cancer March 16. She joined PLU in 1994. She was an accomplished supervisor and cared deeply about each of her staff as individuals.



3, the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. **Eric Ruthford** was in attendance. Brad remains a student at St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in Crestwood, N.Y.

**Linda (Hutson) Pyle's** Bobcat Fiddling group performed at the Arizona Music Educator's Conference in January. They were one of only two string programs in the state chosen to perform. She keeps busy directing the largest junior high orchestra program in the state of Arizona, and she and her husband, **David '98**, were expecting their first child in May. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz.



**Suzanne Beauchene** married **Ryan Heiberg** Aug. 22 at the Shilshole Bay Beach Club in Seattle. Her sister **Renée Beauchene-Lunt '02** was one of her bridesmaids. In attendance were **Kory Onaga '00**, **Jill Muhm '01**, **Aimee Sloboden '03**, **Marcie Durick '03**, and **Justin Lunt '03**. Suzanne is a registered nurse in labor and delivery at New York Presbyterian Weill-Cornell Hospital. She is also studying to become a dietician. Ryan is a financial consultant.

**Josh Miller** married **Michelle Hanson '03** Sept. 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland. Josh is a U.S. Army warrant officer, who received his aviator rating on Jan. 18, and Michelle is a substitute teacher in the Enterprise (Ala.) School District.



**Sara Johnson** married **Regan Wirkkala** at Cullaby Lake in Warrenton, Ore., on Aug. 21. **Shauna Hoekert '01** was a bridesmaid. Sara is working part-time as a co-occurring disorders counselor in Long Beach, Wash., and full-time on her master of social work degree at Portland State University (Ore.). Regan is a public water system manager in Naselle, Wash.

## 2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

**Katie Guelker-Cone** served in the Peace Corps for two years as a health education volunteer in a small village in Guinea, West Africa.

**Kristian Wiles** received a master of arts degree in sociology from the University of Delaware on Jan. 8.

**Whitney Madison** married Jack Skinner at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Butte,



Mont., on July 26, 2003. **Heidi Ruud** and **Andrea McElroy** were bridesmaids, while **Ashley Orr '00** was a reader.

The reception took place in Butte at the home of Whitney's parents. Whitney is a K-8 substitute teacher in the Brentwood (Calif.) Union School District, and Jack is a mechanical engineer at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif.



**Sarah Kohn** married **Scott Atchison** Jan. 29 at The Canal in Seattle. PLU alumni in the wedding party included **Anna Edgar**, **Alayna**

(Post) **Broderon**, **Becca (Ehli) Miller**, and **Megan O'Brien**. Sarah works in sales and marketing for GM Nameplate in Seattle, and Scott is a pitcher for the Seattle Mariners.



**Michael Colón** married **Janiece Fitch '03** Sept. 25 at Central Lutheran Church in Spokane. The wedding party included **Sara (Kendall) Spartz**

'03, **Michael Baylous '02**, and **Mark Lydell '01**. Janiece is an assistant buyer for Harry & David.



**Kristina Liljengren** married **Alex Walker '03** Sept. 5 at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. **Josh Reiman '03** and current PLU student **Bennett Walker '05** were in the wedding party. Kristina is the marketing and patron services coordinator for the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, and Alex teaches eighth-grade English at Mountain View Junior High School in the Sumner School District. They live in Tacoma.

## 2002



**Alayna Post** married **Ryan Broderon '96** Aug. 20 at Lakewold Gardens in Tacoma. PLU alumni in the wedding party included **Anna**

**Edgar**, **Sarah (Kohn) Atchison**, **Megan O'Brien**, **Becca (Ehli) Miller**, **Janel**

(**Broderon**) **McFeat '99**, **Stacey (Broderon) Zuber '97**, **Ian McFeat '99**, **Ryan Bethel '97**, **Dan Desmond '97**, and **Todd Miller '96**. Serving as candle lighters/readers were **Kristin Diericks '04**, **Meredith Woolsey** and **Stacey Calahan**. Alayna is an account manager for Softchoice, and Ryan is an account executive for Super Graphics, a division of GM Nameplate. They live in the Ballard neighborhood of Seattle.

## 2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman



**Eric Brady** married **Lindsey Wildfang '04**, on July 31, 2004, at Tacoma First Presbyterian Church. **Andrea Hively '04** was Lindsey's maid

of honor, and **Annanise Wedell '04** was a bridesmaid. Nick George served as a groomsman. They live in Pullman, Wash., where Eric is a graduate fellow at Washington State University, studying for his master's degree in geology. Lindsey is a registered obstetrics nurse at the Pullman hospital.

**Scott Nguy** joined the Peace Corps in March as a health HIV/AIDS volunteer in Botswana. Last year, he taught fifth-grade special education in Boston. Photos and journal entries of Scott's experiences in Botswana can be viewed at [www.snguy.com](http://www.snguy.com).



**Kevin Freitas** married **Sarah Champion '01** Jan. 16 at Skamania Lodge outside Vancouver, Wash. They had planned the wedding for the

15th, but a local ice storm forced them to postpone the ceremony until the next day. PLU grads in attendance included **Gavin Jensen '01**, **Holly (Johnson) Jensen '01**, and **Kristin Nilsen '01**. Kevin works as the webmaster at PLU, and Sarah is a marketing and sales coordinator at Davita, Inc., in Tacoma.

## 2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

**Casey Carlson** was signed to a future contract by the Seattle Seahawks. He was a linebacker for the Lutes.

**Aaron Dennis** completed a 500-hour contract with the Cultural Resources Department of Virginia State and Polytechnic University as an archeologi-

cal field technician based at Ft. Pickett in Blackstone, Va. He then took a volunteer position as teacher ambassador through Pearl S. Buck International, a development and humanitarian assistance organization founded by the late American Nobel Laureate author. Aaron lives in Buck's childhood home of Zhenjiang, China, where he works at Sopo Experimental International Primary School.

**Molly Marten** was recently hired as a financial services representative by Summit Financial Group. **Ed Grogan '93** serves as president, and **Dan Wiersma '90** is managing partner for the company, a fee-based financial planning firm serving clients, associates and professional partners in several states and internationally, with services including investments, estate planning, business and retirement planning, asset allocation, securities brokerage and insurance review.



**Benjamin and Marianne (Silveira) White** were married at Peace Lutheran Church in Salem, Ore. Benjamin is a graduate student at Montana

State University in Bozeman, Mont. He received a fellowship from MSU in the physics Ph.D. program. Marianne is chiropractic assistant.

## Future Lutes

### 1984

**Curt Christiansen** and his wife, Monique, announce the birth of their son, Sawyer, on Dec. 19. Curt continues to work for a nonprofit housing agency in Palmer, Alaska, and Monique teaches special education at Palmer Middle School.

### 1987



**Vianne Kay (Koch) Reay** and her husband, **Mark**, announce the birth of identical twins **Andrew Mark** and **Michael**

**John** on June 5. Vianne is music teacher (on leave) in the Edmonds (Wash.) School District.

### 1988



**Jake and Theresa (Wallace) Mathew** announce the birth of their twin daughters,



Faith Victoria and Isabella Joy, on Oct. 8. They join sister Grace, 9, and brother Elijah, 7. Jake is a licensed psychologist, and Theresa is the Pacific Region manager for business development at Revenue Cycle Solutions. They live in Langley, Wash.

**Barbara (Eisner) Benevento** and her husband, Jon, announce the arrival of Kellen Joseph on March 18. He joined Everett, 3. They live in Portland, Ore.

### 1989



**Tami (Johnson) Hayes** and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of their first child, Riley Sue, on Dec. 23. Jeff works for

Fidelity Investments, and Tami cares for Riley at home.

### 1990



**Lorraine "Lori" (Lewis) Phillips** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first child, Cecilia Lorraine, on Feb. 5.

Lorraine is an attorney at Keller Rohrback LLP and Brian is a chemical engineer with his own firm, *AirPermits.com*. They live in Seattle.



**Laurel (Hopkins) Fisher** and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of Ian David on Oct. 1. He joined sister Julia Grace, 2.

They live in Buckley, Wash.



**Pam (Meyer) Johnson** and her husband, Doug, announce the birth of Carson David on Dec. 6. Carson joined brother

Cameron, 5. Pam works in international human resources for Russell Investment Group, and Doug is a pharmaceutical rep with Novartis. They live in Tacoma. Visit their website at <http://hambug.homestead.com>.

### 1991

**Lisa (Backlund) VanDoorne** and her husband, Roland, announce the birth of their son, Kaes, on Jan. 16, 2004. He joins Abigail, 4. Lisa is the owner/principal of Paradigm Publishing. They live in Anchorage.



**Scott Rapp** and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Charlie Walker on Nov. 19. He joined John Henry, 2. They live in

Salem, Ore., where Scott is the owner of Adventure Maps, Inc.

### 1992



**Julie (Cram) Platt** and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of their son, Chad Kolyer, on Dec. 6 at Evergreen

Hospital in Kirkland, Wash. He joined big brother, Charlie, 3.

**Diana (Peters) Ray** and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of their son, Edward, on Dec. 1. He joined brother Henry, 2. They live in Milwaukie, Ore.



**Stephanie Bullard-Beaes** and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their second child, Schuyler William, on Dec. 31. He joined brother Haven

Michael, 21 months. Stephanie continues to take time off from teaching sixth-grade at Pine Lake Middle School in Issaquah, Wash., to raise the boys. Kevin is a program manager for Microsoft. They live in Issaquah.

### 1993

**Kristi (Barrons) Quadrato** and her husband, Craig, proudly announce that Anna Kaitlyn became their daughter on Jan. 4 through the beautiful gift of adoption. She was born on Nov. 6, 2003, in Zhuzhou, Hunan Province, China. Kristi is a stay-at-home mom, while Craig is a U.S. Army engineer. They are moving back to Tacoma this summer.

**Jeff Perry** and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of Olivia Jane on Jan. 21. She joined Lillian, 5; Sophia, 4; Eva, 2; and Logan, 1. Jeff is a family medicine physician, who serves as the medical director of Valley-Wide Health Systems in the Arkansas Valley region of Colorado. They live in La Junta, Colo.

**Jonene (Zinne) Bernhardt** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of their son, Caleb Weston, on July 23, 2003. He weighed only 3 lbs. 7 oz. at birth, but is doing very well and trying to keep up with big sister Alicia Marie. They live in Portland, Ore.

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**Jennifer (Norman) Williamson** and her husband, Charles, announce the birth of their son, Max, on Sept. 21. He joined sister Paige, 3. They live in Missoula, Mont.

**1994**



**Dan and Karin (Wiitala '95) Roney** announce the birth of Elliot Daniel on July 17, 2004. He joined Brendan, 3. They live in Seattle.



**Aaron and Rachel (Firman '95) Hubler** announce the birth of Caleb Matthew on July 10, 2004. He joined sister, Cassandra, 3. Aaron is a middle school teacher in the Meridian

(Idaho) School District. Rachel is a stay-at-home mom, who also is an educational tutor and violin instructor. They live in Boise, Idaho.

**Kim Kemmerling** became a foster parent to a wonderful nine-month-old girl in May. She lives in Magnolia, N.J.

**Ryan and Liesl (Floor) Brown** announce the birth of Larson Ryan on Dec. 15. He joined Collin, 3, and Annalisa, 1. Ryan is a sales manager for Econobox, while Liesl stays home full time. They live in Sammamish, Wash.

**1995**



**Trent and Kim (Carl '97) Erickson** announce the birth of Jack Edward on Oct. 25. He joined big sister Ellie, 2. They live in Federal Way, Wash.



**Yasmin (Hussain) Caldwell** and her husband, Corey, announce the birth of their first child, David Christopher, on March 3. They live in Puyallup, Wash.



**Robyn (Guntrip) LaChance** and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of daughter Lauren on April 26, 2004. Robyn is vice president of marketing at Sound Credit Union in Tacoma. They live in Kent, Wash.



**Scott and Stephanie (Page) Lester** announce the birth of their daughter, Seeley Oecille, on May 11, 2004.

Stephanie recently accepted a quality assurance coordinator position with the Fred Hutchinson Research Center in Seattle. Scott works at SCS Engineers, an environmental consulting firm in Bellevue, Wash. They live in Issaquah, Wash.



**Brett Stevenson** and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of Ellie Marie on Sept. 9. She joined Ashley, 3. They live in Everett, Wash.



**Karen (Andrade) Shelver** and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of son Zachary on Jan. 16. Karen is a Web content editor for Washington Mutual Bank, and Brian is a product manager for Microsoft. They live in Redmond, Wash.

**1996**

**Joe Hertig** and his wife, Christine, announce the birth of Joseph Aiden on Oct. 12. He joined sister Sarah, 6. They live in Missoula, Mont.



**Jason Dahlberg** and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of their first child, Jacklyn Sofia, on July 4, 2004. They live in Seattle.



**Margaret (Core) Ryan** and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of Sarah Margaret on Nov. 11. She joined brother Nathan, 4. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash.



**Anna (Nelson) Holter** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Ingrid Elizabeth on Oct. 31. She joins Kaarin Grace, 2.

Anna is a stay-at-home mom, while Todd is a physician assistant at St. Croix Orthopedics in Stillwater, Minn. They live in North Hudson, Wis.

**1997**



**David Quiggle** and his wife, Valerie, announce the birth of their first child, Tyler Joseph, on Nov. 6. David is a police officer with the City of Kirkland (Wash.). They live in Bothell, Wash.



**Andy and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson** announce the birth of Megan Kristine on Aug. 10. She joined big brother Bryan Andrew, 2. Andy is the vice president of finance at Atlas Products in Nampa, Idaho.

Stephanie is taking time off from teaching at Boise State University to be a full-time mom. They can be reached at [tomliam@hotmail.com](mailto:tomliam@hotmail.com) or [stephanietomlinson@hotmail.com](mailto:stephanietomlinson@hotmail.com).



**Amy (Cram) Gillespie** and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of Katelynn Louise on Nov. 11. She joins Shannon Christine, 4. Amy is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Tacoma General Hospital. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash.



**Aaron and Jenny (Gotter '99) Stewart** announce the birth of Luke David on May 7, 2004. They live in Fircrest, Wash.

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**Peggy (Anderson) Deardorff** and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Ryan Samuel on March 23, 2003. They live in Banks, Ore.

1998



**Brian and Nikky (Hammond '01) Berkenhoff** announce the birth of their daughter Sophia Katherine on Jan. 3. Brian is a portfolio manager with Harbour Investment Management, and Nikky left her position as readership editor of The Herald in Everett to be a full-time mom. They live in Marysville, Wash.



**Joel and Raissa (Peters '01) Larson** announce the birth of Isaac Richard on Dec. 1 at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Tacoma.

1999



**Jonathan and Ahna (Lietke) Strand** announce the birth of Joseph William on Dec. 13. Jonathan completed his

Ph.D. in physics at the University of Minnesota in November, and began work in January as a technology development process engineer with Intel in Santa Clara, Calif. Ahna is enjoying her new vocation as a stay-at-home mom.

2000

**Megan (Swanson) Brown** and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of son Matt on June 25, 2004. She's a financial specialist at State Farm Insurance and lives in Keller, Texas.

2001

**Jennifer (Honigs) Hill** and her husband, Thomas, announce the birth of their son, Kevin Patrick, on March 15, 2004. Jennifer is a mammography technical assistant at Inland Imaging, LLC, in Spokane.



**Heidi (Keller) Massie** and her husband, Levi, announce the birth of their son, Hudson Levi, on Feb. 9.

He joined sister Emma, 2. They live in Vancouver, Wash.

2002



**Renee (Ross) Watson** and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of their daughter, Keegan Hardie, on Nov. 9. They

live in Auburn, Wash.



**John and Shari (Dodge '01) Schock** announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Jeannette, on March 19, 2004.

David is a computer engineer with Intel Corp., and Shari is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

2003



**Justin and Janelle (Strope) Luckman** announce the birth of their son, Liam, on July 21, 2004. He joined brother Kendall, 4. The couple had a

very busy year following their marriage on Aug. 30, 2003, with new jobs, a new house and a new baby. Janelle is a registered nurse at Madigan Army Medical Center at Ft. Lewis in Tacoma. Justin is a youth association manager. They live in Puyallup, Wash. [S](#)



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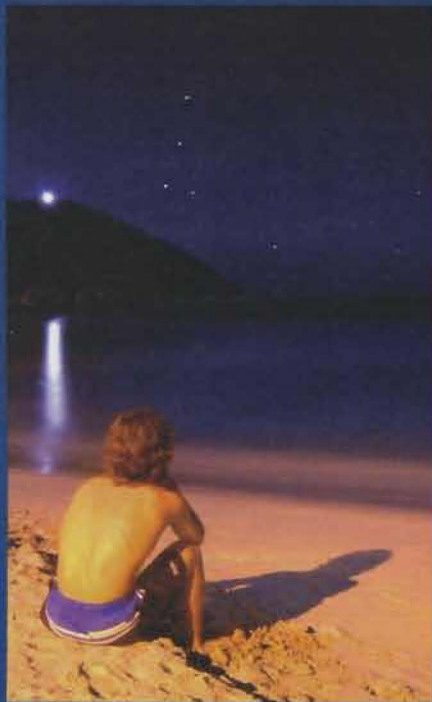
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# the arts

Selections from J-Term study away photo contest winners



**Contemplation:** Kyle Duba '07 took this self-portrait at Emerald Bay on the Island of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin islands.



**Mysterious:** Kelly Jones '07 found this shot during a walk in the clouds of Machu Piccu, Peru.



**Jeeps Crossing Salar:** Molly Feider '06 tracked a caravan of 4x4s traveling across the Salar de Uyuni in Bolivia.





**Fists Up:** Jenny Curtiss '07 took this shot of Joe Flood '05 at the British Museum while they looked at an exhibition on Egyptian artifacts.



**Unexpected Cross:** Jenny Curtiss '07 found an unusual angle at Warwick Castle outside of London.



**Climbing Fox Glacier:** Christy Pelland '05 captured this self-portrait in New Zealand.



TABLE I  
Comparative Statistics

	Corruption Index I	Freedom Index II	Ownership Index III	Composite Index IV	Environment Index V
Tier 1	88.3	39.6	38.0	18.6	31.0
Tier 2	76.0	46.5	42.3	28.7	38.9
Tier 3	59.1	65.4	54.2	47.1	44.2
Tier 4	18.7	88.4	81.7	84.2	58.5
	Power Distance Index VI	Uncertainty Avoidance Index VII	Individualism Collectivism Index VIII	GDP \$ Per Capita (95 - 00 Avg.)	GDP Growth Rate (90 - 00 Avg.)
Tier 1	69.5	59.4	19.5	\$ 892	- 1.1%
Tier 2	56.3	60.2	27.6	\$ 2,032	1.7 %
Tier 3	42.6	71.3	56.7	\$ 4,596	1.7 %
Tier 4	24.7	35.1	77.0	\$ 24,127	2.5 %

Sources: See text for details. Economic data from Human Development Report 2002.

papers dealing with a multi-disciplinary framework for economic development, founded more on human nature and bureaucracy than on economic theory.

Something was missing from the old development models – principally the role of freedom, ownership, corruption and complexity. Our thesis is that political economics and psychology of control are directly linked to the intrinsic human tensions between ownership and responsibility, freedom and actualization, and control and corruption – or a “triad of strains.” The basic tenets of the triad are: That without ownership there can be no responsibility; freedom and responsibility go hand-in-hand; and unwise use of political control severely undermines economic development.

Our research on the triad ranked 97 countries comprising 90 percent of world population on basis of the following indexes developed by others: corruption (Transparency International), freedom (Freedom House), ownership (Heritage Foundation), culture (Hofstede), and environmental sustainability (Yale University). (See Table 1, entitled *Comparative Statistics*.)

We found with few exceptions, countries with high individualism (defined as Tier 4) also have low corruption and high wealth. All the countries with low individualism (defined as Tier 1), high

corruption and low wealth are either current/former communist states and/or theocracies. These are large, old and complex bureaucratic cultures.

Conversely, the fully developed nations are comparatively younger, smaller, far more individualistic and transparent in nature. This lack of bureaucratic complexity may help explain their prosperity.

Specifically, the link between higher levels of individualism and lower levels of corruption is very strong. Most important, the high wealth and low corruption countries have independent cultures versus the dependent cultures found in low wealth and high corruption nations. Our contention is that both bureaucracies and theocracies have no incentive for efficiency, adding layers of complexity and often corruption.

Underdeveloped nations such as Uzbekistan, Indonesia and Russia have a very high level of corruption and a low level of both freedom and ownership. Their income levels are additionally very low, as well as life expectancy and environmental sustainability.

Conversely, developed nations such as the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States, have a low level of corruption, a high level of both freedom and ownership and income levels nearly 30 times higher. These countries have a disdain for power and control, big gov-

ernments and bureaucracy, can accommodate risk, and are individualistic in nature. Importantly, not only is income level much higher, but wealth is far more equally shared – a trait generally not attributed to capitalism. Moderate bureaucratic control implies prosperity, just like in the private sector.

### Conclusion

What does all this mean? At the important national level, central plans and theocratic mandates do not motivate, but merely lead to poverty, human rights abuse and militarism. Control and authority become the overriding if not only motive, leading to spiraling levels of corruption. And, at that point, the human condition is seriously undermined by a lack of control over their own fate, resulting in a tacit acceptance of the status quo of impoverishment.

Freedom is perhaps the most deeply embedded and resonant human desire, but a wish to be self-reliant owners and to care for what they have is a close second.

Fortunately, electoral democracies now represent 120 of 192 existing countries, versus 100 years ago when there were just a handful of democratic nations. Apparently, freedom and ownership – the bane of control and tyranny – are contagious. [5]

Bruce W. Finnie is an associate professor of finance.



# calendar

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**July 17, 10:30 a.m.**

KPLU Jazz Cruise  
Jessica Williams

**July 20, 11:30 a.m.**

Raspberry Fruit Festival  
Steel drum band The Toucans

**July 21, 7 p.m.**

Jazz Under the Stars  
Tony Pacini  
MBR Amphitheater

**July 28, 7 p.m.**

Jazz Under the Stars  
PLU Regency Jazz Ensemble  
MBR Amphitheater

**July 28-31**

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Jazz Festival  
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**August 4, 7 p.m.**

Jazz Under the Stars  
Derek Nelson Quartet  
MBR Amphitheater

**August 5-7**

Anacortes Arts Festival  
Sponsored by KPLU

**August 11, 7 p.m.**

Jazz Under the Stars  
Trish, Hans, and Phil  
Vocal Group  
MBR Amphitheater

**August 11, 5:30 p.m.**

KPLU Art of Jazz  
Floyd Standifer Quartet  
Seattle Art  
Museum

**August 14, 10:30 a.m.**

KPLU Jazz Cruise  
The Paul deLay Band

**August 17, 11:30 a.m.**

Peach Fruit Festival  
A cappella group The Coats

**August 18, 7 p.m.**

Jazz Under the Stars  
The Deardorf/Peterson Group  
MBR Amphitheater

**August 20, 10:30 a.m.**

Summer Commencement  
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# perspective

## Bureaucracy: The bane of incentive



Bruce Finnie, associate professor of finance, says corporate profitability and national prosperity are linked to individual freedom and ownership.

*By Bruce W. Finnie*

**E**instein once quipped, "Bureaucracy is the death of all sound work." While he was referring to the effects of socialism on countries, research has shown that his statement holds true. Many problems in both corporate management and international development can be attributed to the detrimental effects of bureaucracy.

Both corporate profitability and national prosperity are directly linked to freedom and ownership. Distributed ownership and the freedom to act on one's own behalf empower both companies and countries. In fact, two-thirds of the variation in per capita income

around the world can be explained on the basis of ownership and freedom alone. Additionally, countries with high levels of freedom and ownership have much higher levels of environmental sustainability.

### **Bureaucratic complexity/profitability**

When I was a faculty fellow with a large multinational corporation, my assignment was to determine if its accounting system portrayed what was actually happening. The company was about to lose billions but could not detect the impending implosion because its data were too complex to interpret.

Accounting complexity also contributed to the demise of Enron. Any system that is not transparent will be prone to corruption and ultimately to failure. This is even true for complex engineering systems, which are prone to failure with sometimes-catastrophic results.

After additional research proved my thesis that professional freedom and small size are the keys to corporate success, the thought occurred to me and my co-authors that perhaps the same reasoning could be applied to countries. We began working on a series of

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