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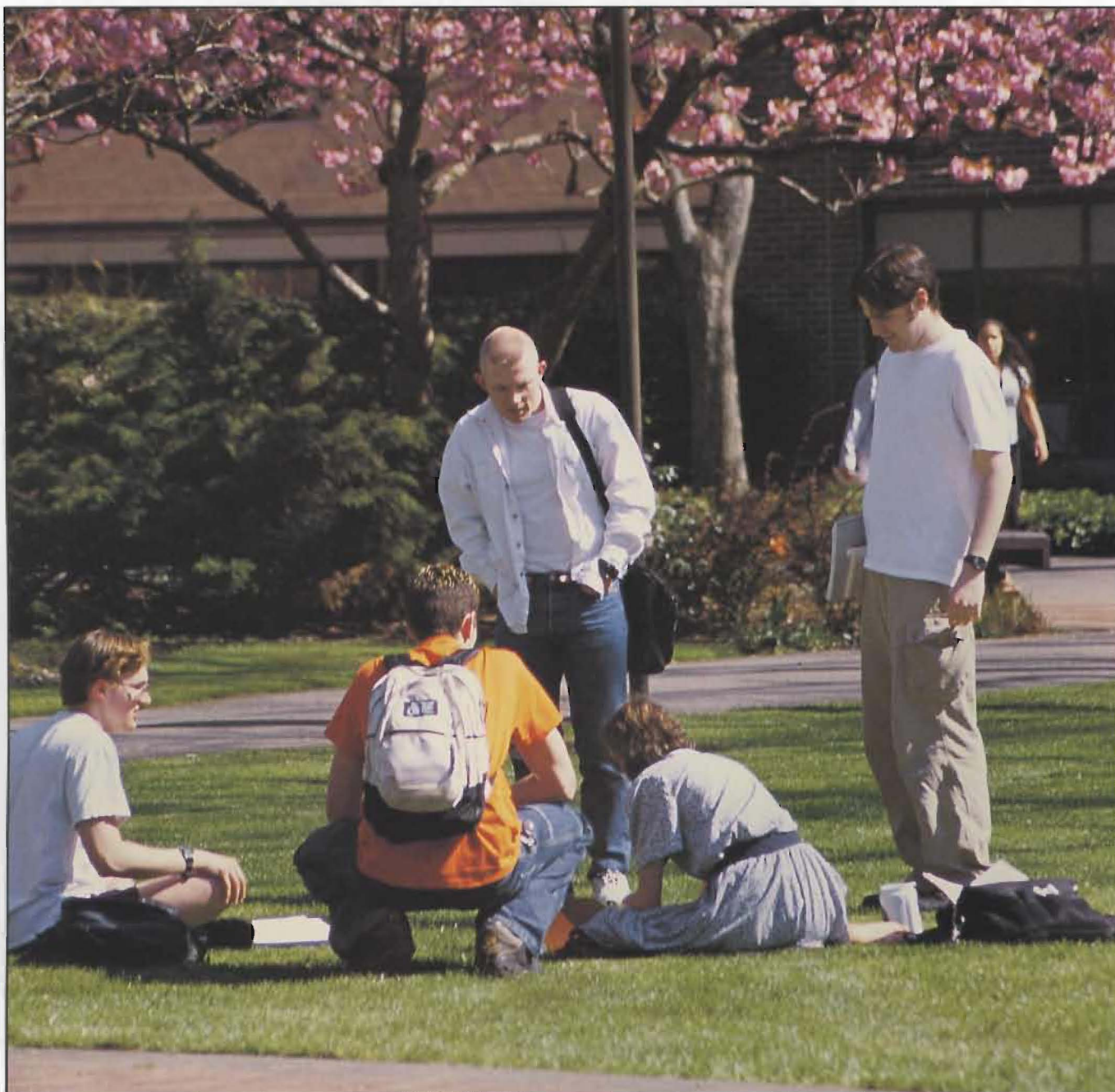
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April 4, 8 p.m.

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Ensemble and Vocal Jazz
Ensemble
Scandinavian Cultural Center,
University Center

April 6, 8 p.m.

Early and Baroque Concert:
Pergolesi's Stabat Mater with
University Singers,
Faculty/Student Baroque
Orchestra and student soloists
MBR

April 8, 8 p.m.

Regency Concert Series: Lyric
Brass Quintet
MBR

April 11-12, 8 p.m.

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Dance 2003
Eastvold Auditorium

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Richard D. Moe
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on the Gottfried
and Mary Fuchs Organ:
Roberta Gary, guest
organist

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here & now

China Symposium will bring acclaimed speakers on broad topics

This spring is a banner semester for speakers at PLU, with the annual Spring Lecture Series already under way and the public symposium on China set for April.

Nawang Dorjee, director of education for Tibetan Children's Village in Dharasmala, India, kicked off the lecture series in February with "Tibetan Culture and History: An Insider's Perspective." Steven Mintz, history professor at the University of Houston, gave the Schnackenberg Lecture for 2003: "Beyond Sentimentality: The History and Future of America's Families and Children." Dr. Carolyn Osiek, professor of New Testament studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, gave the spring Religious Studies Lecture, "Sex and Power: The Bible on Women and Men." Jeri Laber, founder of Human Rights Watch, presented this year's Women's History Lecture.

Lloyd Axworthy, the Canadian foreign minister who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for his work on banning landmines, will present, "Human Security: From the



Freshman Alex Montances looks at a display called "We are America! Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, Past and Present." It was the work of 27 students in Beth Kraig's J-Term course Asian American History and Culture. The class broke into small groups to conduct in-depth research and retell personal histories to capture a sense of the shifting, varied nature of Asian Pacific Islander Americans and their diverse identities.

Landmine Treaty to the Responsibility to Protect" on March 19.

In recognition of Earth Day April 24, David Orr will speak on "Leadership in a Vacuum: Colleges and the Question of U.S. Sustainability." He chairs the

Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College and is known for his pioneering work on environmental literacy in higher education.

Also coming in April is a major symposium examining China's place in the global community and contemporary issues related to Chinese culture, economy and society. "China: Bridges for a New Century" takes place Thursday and Friday, April 10 and 11, at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Tacoma,

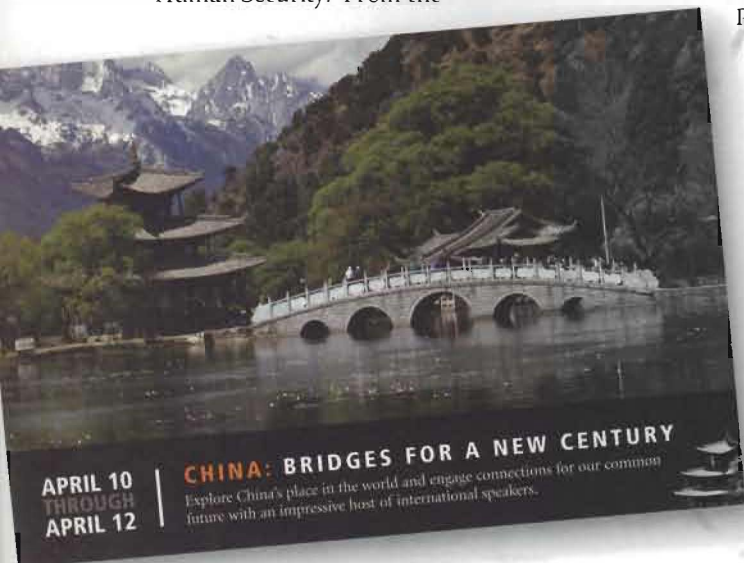
and is hosted by the Wang Center for International programs.

"This will be a very stimulating conference, providing multiple points of view and avenues for cross-cultural engagement," said Janet Rasmussen, director of the Wang Center.

Speakers from China, Japan, Norway and North America will discuss economic development, business and trade, health care, human rights, youth culture and school reform, technology, spiritual life and the arts. Former U.S. Ambassador to China, J. Stapleton Roy, is among those giving keynote addresses.

This inaugural public symposium for PLU's Wang Center also features an "Educating for Peace Day" to be held on campus Wednesday, April 9, and a program on contemporary Chinese film with noted movie director Wu Ziniu on Saturday, April 12.

Visit www.plu.edu/encore/ for more on the China Symposium.



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CHINA: BRIDGES FOR A NEW CENTURY
Explore China's place in the world and engage connections for our common future with an impressive host of international speakers.

\$2 million grant to help students discover their place in the world

Students will explore ways to serve their communities and the world in meaningful ways through a grant of nearly \$2 million awarded to the university from the Lilly Endowment.

"The receipt of this large grant will greatly assist the university in realizing the highest ideals for Lutheran higher education," President Loren J. Anderson said. "We prepare our students to think critically and be engaged in society, and we hope this intellectual journey will be personally transforming for them."

The grant will enrich the university's current offerings and provide major support for faculty, students and staff.

One of the core tenets of PLU's mission is to help students discover their calling or "vocation" and to find ways to use their talents to serve others, so this project is called "Exploring Vocation at PLU." The university was one of only 39 institutions to receive funding from the Lilly Endowment for this project this year.

Lilly Endowment, Inc. was established in 1937 by members of the Lilly family as a vehicle by which to pursue their personal philanthropic interests.

Jimmy Carter and Bill Foege share dreams and accomplishments

Dr. Bill Foege '57 and former President Jimmy Carter always have high praise for each other. And both seem to have a way of deflecting admiration and passing it on to others, seeking action rather than credit. But they also celebrate each other's achievements.

When Carter received one of the world's greatest honors - the Nobel Peace Prize - in December in Oslo, Norway, his friend Foege was there.

"It was not only wonderful to see his efforts acknowledged and recognized, but to hear the compelling speech he gave," Foege said. "His life and his hopes for the future were in that speech."

Foege, a member of the PLU Board of Regents and an internationally recognized expert in global health issues, admires Carter and his humanitarian efforts. Carter calls



Bill Foege '57

Foege one of the most influential people in his life. Those words were repeated during the broadcast of a recent PBS documentary on Carter.

In 1977, President Carter appointed Foege director of the Centers for Disease Control. Carter called on Foege's expertise once again in 1986 when he named Foege executive director of the Carter Center, a nonprofit public policy center founded by Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter to fight disease, hunger and poverty.

"At the Carter Center, we have a motto (Bill) helped conceive," Carter wrote in supporting Foege's nomination for the prestigious Lasker Award for his advances in medicine. "The only failure is not to try."

Foege led the effort to eradicate smallpox worldwide, and is now speaking out against the national plan for mass vaccinations because of the threat of terrorism. Smallpox vaccines are unique in that they protect against disease up to four days after exposure, he said, so typical pre-emptive immunization is not necessary. And given the risks of the vaccine, he said it's more prudent to save it in case of an outbreak.

University will study water issues and develop plan

A \$40,000 grant from the Russell Family Foundation will allow an in-depth study of water-related issues at PLU. By the end of the year, PLU will develop a comprehensive plan for storm water and water conservation on campus.

"It's very important for the university to look at water use, which is becoming one of the most important environmental issues around the country and world," said Chuck Bergman, project director for the grant. Bergman is an English professor and environmentalist (See Perspective, back page). Co-director

is Sheri Tonn, vice president for finance and operations.

The grant, which will support a collaborative campus effort on sustainability with a water focus, runs throughout 2003. Among other things, the grant will fund a one-week workshop for a broad group of faculty, staff and students. Many environmental studies faculty members will redesign their courses to include expanded study of water issues.

Computer students

take first and second at regional conference

Lute computer wizards ran away with the top two prizes at a regional competition last fall.

The juried competition was staged in conjunction with the Northwest regional meeting of the Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges. Seven undergraduate teams submitted abstracts describing their research or special project. PLU placed first and second. A third team won honorable mention.

The first place award went to Ludvig Ungewitter '03 and Tobias Mann '03 for "Simulation of a Disassembly-to-Order System." Their faculty adviser is Tosh Kakar.

Nathan Yocom '02 and Michael Wright '02 earned second place honors with "pGina: Graphical Identification and Authentication." Ken Blaha advised them on the project.

Bryce Brockman '03 earned honors for "MPIGALib: Library for Island Model Parallel Genetic Algorithms" with guidance from faculty adviser David Wolff.

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Activist clubs work together to share goals and encourage action

Students from activist clubs across campus banded together last fall to form the Student Activist Coalition.

The club includes representatives from such clubs as the environmental organization GREAN, Feminist Student Union and Advocates for Social Justice.

Anna Hasselblad '04, co-president of Advocates for Social Justice, said other clubs are still joining.

SAC is a group of like-minded people with a lot of energy and interest in the same things, Hasselblad said. "One of the main goals of SAC is educating and critical thinking, taking a proactive stance and going out and making some noise," she said.

Teach-ins, protests and lectures are the types of activities the club may participate in.

"Part of being a privileged American who attends a liberal arts school is serving other people and using your education," Hasselblad said.

Another goal of SAC is for different clubs to work together so they know what the other is doing. SAC will also enable individual clubs to network on campus and increase connections off-campus.

Ann Hasselblad '04



To join SAC, a club must be proactive and get involved with issues that serve the community.

By Lindsey Trauba '05
Mast news intern

Northwest Lutheran Choir seeking voices for new alumni-led choir

Deuane '75 and Karen (MacClellen '74) Kuenzi will organize and direct a new group they have recently created, The Northwest Lutheran Choir.

The choir will consist of singers from throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, and has already recruited several members of PLU's Choir of the West. They will come together three times a year for rehearsals and concerts, performing everything from J. S. Bach to John Rutter.

A typical rehearsal/concert schedule will involve three nights of rehearsals (Wednesday through Friday) followed by two concerts (Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon). All singers will be expected to learn their parts on their own prior to rehearsals.

"We would love to add even more PLU alumni to the choir," Deuane Kuenzi said.

Those interested can send audio tapes with two selections to: Deuane Kuenzi, Messiah Lutheran Church, 805 Fourth St. N.E. Auburn, Wash., 98002. The audition deadline is May 1. Rehearsals and concerts are tentatively scheduled to start this fall.

Latest Choir of the West CD chronicles 75th anniversary tour

The latest recording by the Choir of the West is available. "A Mighty Fortress," was released in December. It commemorates the



75th anniversary tour of Scandinavia in the summer of 2001 and includes performances recorded in some of Norway and Sweden's most majestic cathedrals.

Recordings range from the moving spirituals "I'm Gonna Sing til the Spirit Moves in My Heart," "Give Me Jesus," and "Glory to the Newborn King," to Lutheran classics such as "Beautiful Savior" and "O Day Full of Grace."

CDs are available at the PLU Bookstore or through the online bookstore at luteworld.plu.edu

Nationally recognized debate team prepares for alumni reunion

Going into second semester, PLU's debate team was ranked third in the country against other schools that compete in the National Parliamentary Debate Association.

The team won several regional tournaments in the fall, and several outstanding debaters consistently win top honors. Among them are Kyle Mach '03 and Leah Sprain '03, who took first place in a tournament in Salt Lake City in January, and Chipso Chikara '04, who won four first-place awards in individual speaking events at the same tournament. Adam Holt '03 and Andrew Orr '03 were, with Mach, named outstanding speakers.

Throughout the year, the squad has invited the public to debates on topics of general interest.

The entire team is looking forward to a reunion in May with alumni debaters. The event, intended to celebrate the past and prepare for the future of forensics at PLU, will be May 9 and 10. Current students will debate the first day, and alumni will debate the second. A banquet and fund-raiser will be Saturday night at C.I. Shenanigan's on the Tacoma waterfront. Cost is \$50. Proceeds will help send students to national and international competitions.

For more information, contact Amanda Feller at fellerac@plu.edu.

Wabash Center funds religion grant for faculty development

The Department of Religion is in the second year of a two-year, \$42,000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.

The grant's goal is to strengthen the department during a time of major faculty turnover and transition.

"The Wabash grant provides an opportunity for faculty to meet and share their teaching goals and strategies," said Alicia Batten, assistant professor of religion. "It has been very helpful to discuss and learn from one another about common questions and issues that we all must address in our classes."

Grant activities, including spring and fall retreat-workshops for the entire department and a monthly discussion group for tenure-eligible faculty, began in September 2001 and conclude in August.

"The coordinated set of activities is deepening the department's culture of reflection on teaching and supporting the department's newer faculty in the early stage of their careers at PLU," Batten said.

School of Business honors outstanding family businesses

Firms ranging from a resort-town restaurant to an independent roofing contractor were honored in the 2002 Washington Family

Business Awards sponsored by the Family Enterprise Institute of PLU's School of Business in November.

They were chosen from 27 finalists and more than 175 nominations. Firms were judged on their innovative business strategies and practices, performance, family and business links, contributions to community and industry, multi-generation family business involvement and longevity.

Winners were Harkness Furniture of Tacoma and Preston Premium Wines of Pasco, small business; Wayne's Roofing, Inc. of Sumner, medium business; Alaska Distributors Company of Seattle, large business; W.A. Botting Company of Woodinville, heritage

business; Alec's By The Sea of Ocean Shores, new business.

"The judges were impressed by the richness of the stories and the strength of these family businesses," said Catherine Pratt, associate dean of PLU's School of Business and director of Family Enterprise Institute.

Also recognized at the workshop were three Washington firms that went on to win national awards last year. They are Fitterer's Inc., Ellensburg, second runner-up, small business; The Bartell Drug Company, Seattle, second runner-up, large business; Cowles Publishing Company, Spokane, honorable mention, large business. ☐

encore!

Encore! keeps you in step with spring

By Drew Brown, online editor

A busy spring is sure to bring plenty of updates to Encore!, as we take you through PLU's China Symposium and May Commencement. Encore! will be updated frequently throughout the months with news, press releases and photos from campus happenings. You can also find additional information on topics from this edition at www.plu.edu/encore/.

Another way to find more information on stories from Scene is to read our online edition. When you see **bolded blue text**, just click on it for further information. Instead of the More Encore! list, this allows Scene to give online readers several links (from articles to pictures to off-campus Web sites) within the same story. It will change the way you experience Scene.

In this edition of Encore! readers will find more information on Scene stories:

- ⊙ See more photos and hear more stories from those who went on the PLU's study tour to Namibia.
- ⊙ Find out more about April's China Symposium—who's coming, what events are being held and how you can join in.
- ⊙ Follow the progress of the recently finished 2010 report.
- ⊙ Read weekly updates of what's happening on campus.
- ⊙ See more photos and get more information on the works of professor Charles Bergman, the focus of this issue's Perspective.

If you have a story, news or Web link you feel should be a part of our online edition, contact us at scene@plu.edu. Keep those ideas and comments coming.

life of the mind

Understanding of Islam grows but student says media coverage flawed

By Karyn Ostrom '04

On Sept. 10, 2001, one day before the terrorist attacks on New York City, PLU religion professor Paul Ingram delivered the first of three lectures in an adult education class devoted to the study of the Islam religion. Fifty people were in attendance at the presentation held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Auburn, Wash.

One week later, at the second installment of the lecture series, the sanctuary was filled with 400 people.

Ingram's experience serves as a vivid illustration of the growing interest in Islam propelled by the events of 9/11. Within a week of the terrorist attacks, he and other PLU faculty had organized discussions and teach-ins to answer students' questions.

Ingram, an expert in Islam, observed that the vast majority of people who attended the lecture wanted to make more sense of the pluralistic culture in which they live.

He also thought most were optimistic about current and future relations between Christians and Muslims, despite what he said was distorted coverage of Muslims by the media. Furthermore, they asked good questions about what could be done and what has been done to account for the current state of foreign relations.

"Islamic extremism is not a Muslim thing to do at all," he said. "The Quran doesn't condone terrorism."

He compared the acts of terrorism with the conflicts between the Catholics and Protestants in Ireland and said, "Muslims are not the only ones who use religion to justify violence."

He also said that any religious faction has the potential to become extreme and lead to violence.



Mohammed Amiri '02 worships at the Islamic Center of Tacoma.

Mohammed Amiri '02, a Muslim who grew up in the United Arab Emirates, is frustrated by the misconceptions about Islam that have festered in the wake of 9/11. But he said he can understand where people are coming from if they only know the information presented by the media — information, he said, that is mostly negative.

Amiri said the media have focused on the oppression of Muslim women, but

that many Muslim women, like his sister, a doctor, are educated professionals.

The segregation of women and men at most Islamic mosques, he said, is so people will stay focused on prayer and worship and not on each other. The traditional clothing women wear to cover their bodies, with the exception of their hands and face, is designed to give them more respect.

Amiri noted that this, too, was the

case historically in other cultures. But over time other cultures have changed, while Islam has remained the same.

Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world. Ingram said the most prominent reason for this trend is that Islam appeals to people experiencing injustice.

In some ways, Islam is the first "liberation theology" because of its rejection of racism, slavery and economic and gender oppression. Ingram said such social justice issues and the desire to defend and be an advocate for the persecuted are what provoke some to convert to Islam and practice the faith.

For Amiri, Islam is far more than a religion. Born to Muslim parents, Amiri said Islam defines his culture, traditions and beliefs.

The benefits of following Islam are many, he said, and what he finds to be especially helpful is how his religion answers all of his questions, provides structure in his life and establishes guidelines for how to live. "It teaches you how to deal with people in life and in business, and how to treat your family," Amiri said.

Amiri considers one of the main differences between Islam and Christianity to be the regard of Jesus Christ. He explained that Islam respects a number of prophets, one of whom is Jesus. Muslims do not believe that Jesus was the Son of God, or that he was crucified.

What Muslims do believe is outlined in the Five Pillars, the set of beliefs that defines Muslim thought and culture.

The first is the declaration of faith stating that there is one God (Allah) and that Muhammad is his prophet.

The second pillar calls for Muslims to offer prayers at five compulsory daily prayer times and Sawm, the fasting from dawn to dusk every day during the month of Ramadan, is the third pillar.

Muslims are also expected to contribute to charity in a ritual called Zakat, as the fourth Pillar.

Finally, all who can afford to make the pilgrimage to Mecca (Hajj) during their lifetime are to do so. Mecca was the birthplace of Muhammad, the last of God's prophets, in 610 A.D. and is in present-day Saudi Arabia.

On Fridays, Amiri joins other local Muslims in congregational prayer at the Islamic Center of Tacoma mosque

at noon. He has also gone to Mecca during Ramadan, where he was one of roughly two million other believers present.

It was a powerful experience to be united with Muslims and offer prayers and worship, he said. He recalled the masses of people circling the Kaaba, the structure of worship God commanded Abraham and Ishmael to build.

While Amiri is grounded in his faith he understands that each individual must look for something to answer his or her questions.

By taking studies in history of religions, taught by Ingram, Amiri

said he has been exposed to various doctrines. Amiri planned to move back to the United Arab Emirates after his December graduation. He wants to work in a business-related occupation.

There is no existing student Muslim group at PLU. Amiri attributes this to the relatively small number of practicing Muslims.

In spite of this, Amiri said in the five years he has lived in the United States, he has not had difficulty practicing his faith. He said, "If you believe in something, you can practice it anywhere."

Reprinted from the Mooring Mast

ACCOLADES

Earl Lovelace, distinguished writer-in-residence, was awarded an honorary doctorate of letters by the University of the West Indies, Trinidad/Tobago last fall. Lovelace traveled to speak at the event at which he was honored. Several newspaper stories were done about his accomplishments.



E. Wayne Carp

E. Wayne Carp, professor of history, was featured in the Oct. 28 edition of the *Chronicle of Higher Education* for his work in the field of adoption. He is considered a leading expert and has published many books on the topic. The article "Adoption Studies Hits the Humanities, With Surprises in Store," by Jennifer K. Ruark, highlighted books by him and others.

Maxine Herbert-Hill, director of Cooperative Education-Academic Internships, was named president-elect for the Northwest Career Educators and Employers Association. She will be president in 2004-05. Members include co-op,

internship and career center personnel from community colleges and universities and employers from around the region.

After 38 years of service to PLU, **Gary Minetti '67**, Ph.D., will retire as director of Counseling and Testing this summer. He joined the PLU Counseling Center staff in 1965, served as director since 1975, and received his license as a clinical psychologist in 1978. His dedication to the well-being of PLU students has been exemplified throughout his years. In addition, he has taught in the psychology department and is an associate professor in the School of Education.

Patricia Kirkwood, assistant professor and reference librarian, published, "How to Find Materials Properties Data," in "Handbook of Materials Selection." Following an overview of the logical steps helpful in resolving information needs, Kirkwood details the processes and sources best employed for finding data on materials properties.



Maxine Hong Kingston

Acclaimed author Maxine Hong Kingston brings poetic gift to PLU

Aclaimed author Maxine Hong Kingston talked about her search for poetry and peace during a visit to PLU.

Kingston is best known for her novel "The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts," which chronicles Chinese myths, family stories and events from her California childhood that have shaped her identity as a first generation Chinese American. Kingston finds herself creating her own stories by filling in the blanks her mother left. The book won the National Book Critics Circle Award and was named one of Time Magazine's top nonfiction books of the 1970s. Kingston, also wrote the award-winning novels "China Men" and "Tripmaster Monkey."

PLU English professor Lisa Marcus is one of several professors who teach Kingston in the classroom, and considers her "one of the most important writers of the last three decades."

While at PLU, Kingston discussed everything from Chinese-American culture to creative writing to making peace.

Kingston said she is excited by PLU's

Wang Center for International Programs, especially PLU's Peace Studies classes and the Peace Studies Working Group. "I think it is absolutely wonderful," she said. "Learning about peace in the classroom is the first step. I hope the process will create PLU students who will write the peace works of the future."

Kingston's latest work, "The Fifth Book of Peace," has taken an extraordinary journey. Traced all the way back to the late 1980s, it all began with a rumor she heard regarding three lost books of peace in China. She hoped to track them down to "balance the damage" done by Sun-Tzu's famous book "The Art of War."

After years of research in China, she wrote her fictional book of peace, only to see it destroyed in the 1991 Oakland Hills fire. After that, she wrote an entirely new book—this time non-fiction and personal—reflecting on her ideas on ending conflict and her coming to terms with the Vietnam War.

Writing an almost 800-page peace work of her own revealed changes about her future as a writer.

"At that point, I wanted to be socially irresponsible," she said with a smile. "I wanted to write as I did as a child, about my feelings, my inside." To do that, Kingston turned to poetry.

The result was the recently released "To Be the Poet," in which Kingston chronicles her attempts to adopt "the life of the poet," and in later sections shares her poems.

Kingston, who is also a creative writing professor at the University of California, Berkeley, wants to continue shaking up how college students are taught creative writing. Kingston doesn't back away from her 1970s statement that college interfered with her creativity. "Creative writing is a seed, it mustn't be criticized right away," Kingston said. "College writing has to be about building a supportive community of writers." In her own Berkeley classroom, she takes time out for activities like meditation, which helps her students move from a "rational to an imaginative state."

At a campus reading and discussion, she encouraged all to participate in her favorite form, the short poem. Kingston, PLU students and faculty shared their immediate responses, with everything from the inspirational, ("Desire never says enough,") to the political, ("Inspections, Not War.")

"That is what I love about poetry, both the discovery and response are immediate," Kingston said. "It is a gift."

By Drew Brown

New nursing program offers fast track to a professional career

College graduates looking for a career change are discovering new opportunities in health care through a program at Pacific Lutheran University.

The entry-level master of science in nursing program will enroll its first class in June. By the end of the following summer, successful students will be able to take the RN licensing examination while completing coursework for a master's degree. The full program takes 36 months.

"I've always loved science and been interested in a career in nursing," said Maria Pecchia, who graduated from PLU in 1999 with a double major in biology and history. "This program is the only one that will allow me to become an RN after 15 months and get back into the work force while I complete my master's degree. I could never afford to spend the three more years in school that similar programs require."

Applicants must hold a baccalaureate or higher degree in any field and have completed courses in statistics, human anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and developmental psychology.

The first 15 months is a period of intense, full-time coursework and clinical training in preparation for the national exam for a registered nurse's license.

After passing the NCLEX-RN exam, students enter the 21-month advanced practice portion of the program. These graduate-level classes are offered one day and one evening each week enabling students to also work part-time as registered nurses.

"It's an exciting new program that is good for our students and good for the nursing profession," said Emily Mize, graduate coordinator in the PLU School of Nursing.

Mize estimates that an entry level RN can work half-time and earn \$20,000 a year. "There are many job openings, with real job security and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others," Mize said.

"In addition, with a master's degree and a few years of experience as an RN, graduates of the program will be well-



Graduate coordinator Emily Mize, left, talks with Maria Pecchia '99 about the new entry level master's in nursing program. Pecchia is the first student to apply.

positioned to fill a teaching position in many of the nation's nursing schools where there is a critical shortage of instructors," she said.

Nurses holding a master's degree are also often well qualified to move into leadership and management positions in nursing, Mize said.

For more information call 253-535-8264, email gradnurs@plu.edu, or visit www.plu.edu/~nurs

Visiting Norwegian professor has much to teach and learn at PLU

Thousands of miles from home in Oslo, Norway, Gerd Melsaeter is sharing her knowledge with PLU students while extending the university's good reputation throughout the Scandinavian community.

Melsaeter, a visiting professor of nursing, came to PLU in the fall of 2001 as part of a sabbatical she earned as dean of the four campuses of the Oslo nursing program. Her experience was so powerful that she continued her work in the 2002-03 academic year.

She focuses on research and working with students in their practicums as well as writing stories for Norwegian magazines and newspapers on the differences in educating in the health care field.

"The people here are good people," she says. "The university is not so big. They can integrate more of the theory and practice."

The day after Jimmy Carter received the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, Melsaeter spoke lovingly of the award

given in her hometown and of a vision of bringing peace through education.

"The university and educational system can do so much more for peace in the world," Melsaeter says. "We must learn more about other people."

She says students should understand the experience of being a foreigner in order to sympathize with others in a similar situation, and to empathize with those from other cultures.

Hands-on practice is a key element that Melsaeter has seen at PLU. She believes that the personal connections students make with one another, professors and especially patients, set the PLU nursing school apart from the programs she has participated in Norway. The global traveling professor, who has studied Asian and European programs, hopes to create a program that allows students and professors to live and study in a series of countries with diverse cultures and methods. She sees opportunities to incorporate many of the strengths of the PLU nursing program on international levels.

Terry Miller, dean of the School of Nursing, said having Melsaeter at PLU has been a great experience – both in the educational and cultural sense. "I think Gerd and other Norwegians offer a perspective on nationalized health care," he said. "It's just been a great cultural exchange. And she's just a wonderful person." □

By Noreen Hobson '99

Gerd Melsaeter



ADVANCING DEMOCRACY, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

NORWAY/NAMIBIA PROJECT GROWS WITH TEACHER TRAINING, COURSES AND STUDY TOUR

Students research human rights in Namibia, and PLU professors train Namibian teachers in rural schools as part of the growing program to study the Nordic approach to peace and democracy.

"The Norway/Namibia Project offers a truly unique opportunity to study issues of economic development, justice, and peace from multiple perspectives," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson, who led a delegation on a Namibian study tour during J-Term.

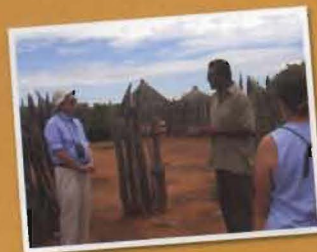
The program was established in 2001 by PLU, Hedmark University College in Norway and the

University of Namibia 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.

In addition to the tour, professors trained teachers in rural Namibia last semester, and 13 PLU students participated in Human Rights and Development in Namibia during J-Term. The students met with children infected with AIDS, heard from political leaders, visited African villages and studied the processes and problems of guaranteeing civil liberties in developing societies. These photos by students and others tell the story of the remarkable work being done as part of this program.

For extensive coverage of the program go to www.plu.edu/core/ [S]

(LEFT) President Loren J. Anderson and University of Namibia Vice Chancellor Peter Katjavivi discuss the PLU/Norway/Namibia partnership. *Photo by Karin Anderson '99*



(TOP) Primary school students in rural Okakarara greet PLU students who toured the rarely visited village. At a meeting with the mayor and members of the town council, PLU students learned the town government is working to provide more reliable electrical, water and other resources for the villagers.

Photo by Amanda Bieber '03.

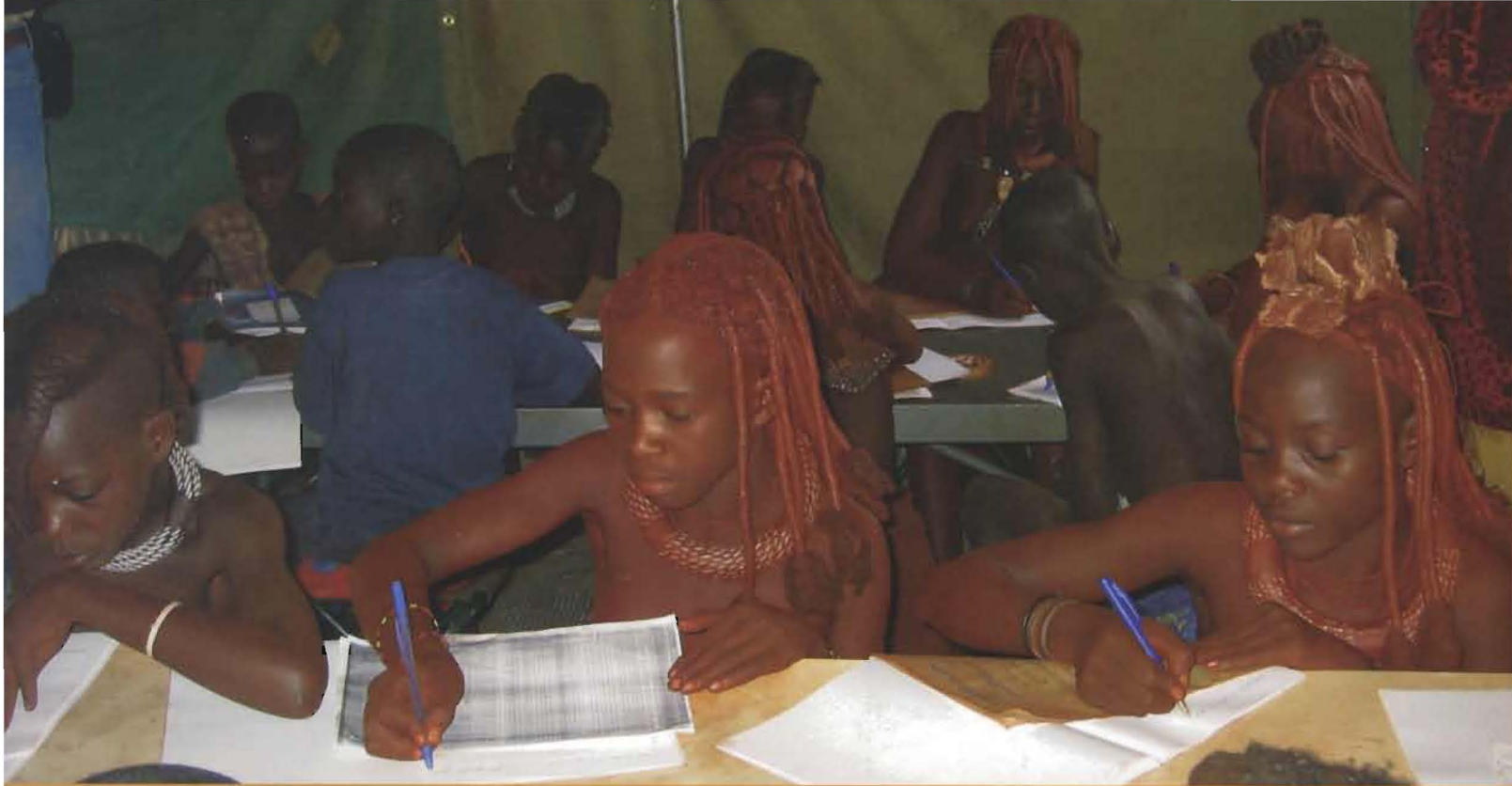
(LEFT COLUMN READING FROM TOP TO BOTTOM) From left, President Anderson, Birgit Andresen, Norway's Namibia Association twinning officer and PLU study tour guide, and former South West Africa Peoples Organization (SWAPO) leader Uazavara Katjivena. Katjivena shared Namibia's history with the study tour. *Photo by Elaine Grinnell.*

Norwegian Vice Consul Kim Nesselquist '83 and PLU Professor Ann Kelleher talk at a dinner with J-Term students in Namibia. *Photo by Elaine Grinnell.*

Jan Brekke, Norway/Namibia Project Advisory board member, tours the Tsameb Cultural Village, an open-air museum of homesteads of Namibian tribes, with Tsameb's Director of Tourism Mr. Kasiringua. *Photo by MaryAnn Anderson.*

(BOTTOM) At Penduka ("Wake Up"), an economic empowerment project for women initiated by Norway's Namibia Association (NAMAS), women who have disabilities or are escaping domestic violence are taught trades and work to support themselves. A Herrera woman sews. *Photo by Doug Page.*





(TOP) Students complete work at one of the mobile schools in rural Opuwa. The OvaHimba are one of the most isolated ethnic groups in Southern Africa, but the mobile schools allow teachers to come to them. The Ondao Mobile School project was started and is administered by Norway's Namibia Association (NAMAS). USAID is funding professors from PLU, University of Namibia and Hedmark University College to train teachers in Namibia to provide culturally relevant curriculum to the OvaHimba learners, who have been designated as "marginalized" by the Namibian government. OvaHimba women wear ochre, a clay mixture, that colors their skin, protects them from the sun and is a sign of beauty. PLU faculty participating include: Paula Leitz, associate dean of the School of Ed, and Associate Professors of Education Jan Lewis, Louette McGraw and Sue Yeriati. *Photo by Doug Page*



(TOP LEFT) Paula Leitz reviews English instruction with Ondao Mobile School teachers. *Photo by Steve Leitz*



(TOP RIGHT) Rob Rydberg '03 visits with children at Catholic AIDS Action in Katutura. Children there are either HIV positive or the children of HIV positive parents. Another student, Robin Dudley '06, completed a two-day service project at the center. *Photo by Amanita Bieber '03*

(RIGHT) The presidential delegation reunited with many successful Namibian alumni during the tour. Pictured are former campus pastor and development officer Ron Tellefson and his wife, Eileen; **Kuuva Kongeli '91**, senior forensics controller for the Department of Home Affairs; **Louisa Mupetami '92**, deputy director of scientific services for the Ministry of Environment and Tourism; **Edwin Tjiramba '94**, director of communications and marketing at the University of Namibia; **Lahja Kandongo '94**, chief reporter for the Namibian Broadcast Corporation; **Penda Naanda '92**, the personal assistant to the Minister for Foreign Affairs; MaryAnn and Loren Anderson. *Photo by Doug Page*



LUTHERAN VOLUNTEER CORPS

works for social justice in Tacoma and around the nation

By Katherine Hedland '88

Photography by Chris Tumbusch

She adjusts the knit hat on a 2-year-old girl and helps a little boy navigate down a step as children clamor around her on the playground in downtown Tacoma.

When Karla Nelson decided to work for social justice as a member of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps, she didn't know that could mean simply comforting a toddler. But caring for these delicate children – reading to them, taking them outside to play, making sure they get a home-cooked meal – is important work, and Nelson looks at the opportunity as a blessing.

"I didn't want a normal job, and I liked the idea of sustainable living," said Nelson, a 2002 graduate of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. She is one of six members of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps based in Tacoma. She works at First Place for Children's downtown day care center. Many of the children there have great needs. All are from low-income families. Some have been neglected or abused.

"For some of these kids, we are their stable place," said Becky (Hucko '79) Fontaine. "For others, we are the place they get fed."

Fontaine is the executive director of First Place for Children, which provides day care, parenting services and other resources to low-income children at six sites in the Tacoma area, including PLU's East Campus. First Place cares

for 232 children every day, ranging in age from four weeks to five years. Fontaine wanted to become involved with LVC because of the benefit to both her agency and the community.

"The staff at the center downtown would say they don't know what they'd do without Karla," Fontaine said. "She is really an integral part of that center."

This is just one example of how Lutheran Volunteer Corps is reaching out to the community. Many alumni work to make the program a success in Tacoma. And so far, 16 PLU grads have joined LVC in other cities.

Volunteers commit to a year of working for social justice, living in intentional community and simplified living. In Tacoma, that means sharing a house with five people and living on a meager stipend. Their rent is subsidized by the agencies they give their time to. Volunteers do not have to be Lutheran.

"It's a great service to the community in an area that's fighting to keep its head above water," said Lois Bekemeier '82, one of the founding members of the local support committee that brought LVC to Seattle and Tacoma in 1995 and '96. Bekemeier's husband, Luther, was vice president for development from 1976 to 1992 and also serves on the local support committee.

"This is the best-kept secret in the Lutheran community," said Robert Hasselblad '72, who is on the local



Karla Nelson talks to children on the playground at First Place for Children's downtown center. She is one of six LVC volunteers living in Tacoma.



Photo courtesy Robert Hasselblad

The Local Support Committee includes from left, Lois Bekemeier '82, Joanna Robinson '83 (seated), Emily Dehne, Susan Polege (standing in back), Kathleen Hasselblad '89, '94, Tim Neuberger (holding son Luke) Courtney Drake, former Vice President for Development Luther Bekemeier, Robert Hasselblad '72 and Tashia Weisenberger.



LVC organizer Robert Hasselblad '72 and Becky (Hucko '79) Fontaine, executive director of First Place for Children, pose with dozens of stuffed animals donated for children served by First Place.

support committee and in the fall succeeded Lois Bekemeier as the Tacoma representative to the national steering committee. He and his wife, Kathleen '89, '94, help volunteers get settled, show them around town and provide support during their year in Tacoma.

"We just fell in love with this program and these young people," he said. "It was a fit for both of us."

This year's Tacoma volunteers (five women and one man from all over the country), have different community placements: First Place, Epworth LeSourd United Methodist Church, Habitat for Humanity, Sexual Assault Center, Nativity House drop-in homeless shelter and L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community, which works with people with disabilities.

Former Campus Pastor Martin Wells was integral in bringing the program to the Puget Sound area, and others with PLU connections help make the program a success.

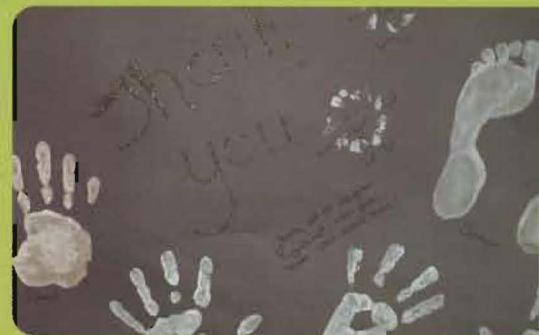
LVC also serves communities in Baltimore, Chicago, Milwaukee, Wis., Minneapolis-St. Paul, Washington,

D.C., and Wilmington, Del. The national organization, which operates independently of any church body, hopes to expand into other cities as more volunteers join. There is also a program called LVC Plus available to older people who want to volunteer.

Volunteers from PLU include Katie Gilliam '02, who works as an administrative paralegal at Legal Action of Wisconsin, and Jill Muhm '01, who is in her second year of volunteering, now at N Street Village in Washington D.C.

"A lot of young people who come in for a year, end up going into the ministry, social service or education," Bekemeier said. "It's not just a one year thing, it's a lifetime of service." ☐

For more information, go to www.lvchome.org or call 202-387-3222. Members of the local committee are also happy to make presentations in the community.



Thank-you notes show appreciation for the services First Place for Children provides to needy families.



Katie Gilliam '02, left, and Jill Muhm '01 are serving with Lutheran Volunteer Corps right now. Gilliam is in Wisconsin, and Muhm is in Washington D.C.

A photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, several students are sitting on a green lawn, some reading, some talking. In the background, a large brick building with many windows is visible, along with trees. The scene is bright and sunny.

A REMARKABLE NEW ERA PLU 2010:

THE NEXT LEVEL OF DISTINCTION

By Lynn Beck



We are on the threshold of a remarkable new era in the life of Pacific Lutheran University.

After three years of study and discussion, spring will mark the completion of the new long-range plan, "PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction." Setting forth our highest hopes for the future, this document will serve as the framework for strategic planning in the years immediately ahead.

The 2010 report is foremost a reaffirmation of PLU's core identity as a Lutheran university in the Pacific Northwest. That identity is the platform from which the university will address the challenges of the future: pursuing our aspiration to build a more distinctive academic program, claiming PLU's unique culture, fully engaging our students in the learning process, strengthening our resource base and more completely realizing our mission.

The mission statement that emerged from the PLU 2000 long-range planning process captured well over the past 10 years our identity, strengths and purpose: "PLU seeks to empower students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership, and care—for other people, for their communities, and for the earth." Now the 2010 planning process has clarified, reaffirmed and elaborated on that mission statement and has set out a vision for the future based on the best of our past accomplishments.

Summarized below, the five chapters of the 2010 report identify specific programs and initiatives that are intended to make the university even more distinctive as it carries out its mission. These advisory recommendations—together with a list of possible action steps that emerged from the planning process—amount to a vision statement against which decisions will be made in the coming years, guiding ongoing annual planning across the university and engaging the full campus governance structure.

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Chapter 1

Mission and Vision: A Framework for Distinction

The 2010 report first explores how the university's mission flows from the historical identity of PLU in its geographic and social context. It calls on the campus community to recommit its energy and resources in pursuit of five action-oriented aspirations or ideals:

- cultivating academic excellence,
- building an engaged community,
- enhancing global perspectives,
- seeking fiscal strength, and
- nurturing a sense of life as vocation in the fullest sense.

The chapter concludes with reflections on how our Lutheran heritage and our Pacific Northwest location form the foundation upon which our aspirations will be realized.

PLU's past achievements, aspirations and plans for action are shaped by the rich, inclusive and unique environment for teaching and learning that is a hallmark of Lutheran higher education.

Similarly, our Pacific Rim and Pacific Northwest location contributes to our emerging international focus, our ethnic roots and our contemporary vision.

Chapter 2

Awakened to the World: Empowered Students Discovering Meaning and Purpose

The second chapter of the report reaffirms that students are at the heart of the university's mission—our first commitment is to serve, support and empower students. Among other things, this chapter challenges the campus community to be focused and intentional in attracting, recruiting and retaining students who desire the distinctive education PLU offers.

Articulating PLU's mission in a clear and compelling way is an important first step in attracting students who are academically strong, open to ideas and people and willing to enter into a community characterized by study, dialogue, inquiry and exploration. Doing this will require the continued development and refinement of how we describe the PLU experience to prospective students and their families so they fully understand the rich array of opportunities that await them here. It is a story that centers on our mission and affirms our commitment to ensure that students think deeply, act responsibly and live joyfully.

Secondly, we must place a high priority on building an even stronger admissions recruiting program in order to ensure a bright, talented, engaged and ethnically diverse and balanced student

population. We must strategically reach out to more potential students in our city, state, region, nation and world. We must strengthen important existing recruiting networks and build new ones. We must engage all members of the campus community in recruitment, support and retention efforts.

Third, we must do more to support and develop campus cocurricular programs that offer students opportunities for deep engagement with people, cultures, ideas and the environment. We must find ways to blur the boundaries between the classroom and the world and provide students with a rich array of opportunities to inquire into the human condition and natural world as they learn to care for, lead and serve within it.

Chapter 3

Committed to a Flourishing Academic Culture

The third chapter of the 2010 report examines the necessity of sustaining a vigorous and distinctive academic culture in order to achieve our vision and our goals for students. It also identifies the systems and resources we need to sustain and nourish our unique intellectual community.

At the center of our campus culture, and at the center of our vision for the future, is a commitment to the "life of the mind." It is a commitment to

A REMARKABLE NEW ERA PLU 2010:

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WRITING THE 2010 REPORT

by Lynn Beck

As the writing team began to consider how to craft this report, members discovered that a number of deep and enduring themes cut across the work that had been done in town meetings with alumni and friends, in campus conversations, and in the work of the study commissions. These were the themes that seemed to capture the ideas, values, and commitments that matter most to the PLU community. They provided the organizing framework for the report.

It became apparent to the team that these themes and, indeed, our distinction was and is built solidly on who we are now and on the hard work that has brought us to this point. A significant aspect of the 2010 report, thus, focused on articulating, celebrating, intensifying and broadening the values that remain at the heart of what the university is and does. It was a real pleasure to reflect on the things that have made PLU great and to imagine how we will look in the future as we achieve even higher levels of distinction.

We believe that the final report captures the intentions, hopes, dreams, and ideas of the many wonderful people who contributed to its writing. We know that we have been informed and energized, personally and professionally, by the conversations, debates, celebrations, and reminiscences that have emerged from our collective work. We emerge from this process challenged and stretched and inspired. We hope that "PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction" challenges, stretches, and inspires others as we boldly move forward.

I encourage you to read the reports, study commission work and the full text of the report. Visit www.plu.edu/encore/ for more information.

practice rigorous critical reasoning and employ creative imagination as we explore the meaning of life, address novel challenges, grapple with problems, and live with integrity. This is our culture. It is distinctive to PLU in at least three important ways.

First, we draw from our religious and cultural roots to provide an education that expands possibilities for meaningful life and work. The report calls it "an elite education for all," meaning that we will provide an education of the highest quality that welcomes and serves everyone—first-generation college students, older adults, students with disabilities, students from minority groups and underrepresented cultures, exceptionally gifted students, students who are highly creative, and others.

A second mark of distinction at PLU is our focus on the whole person. We prepare our students to meet the intellectual, moral, personal and social challenges they inevitably face. Our commitment is to help each individual grow and mature, finding a balance between individuality and group responsibility, and encouraging all to see themselves as important contributors to our community.

Thirdly, within our culture, knowledge is not sufficient as an end in itself, nor is it merely a tool to serve self-interest. Our distinctive PLU education is value-saturated and focused on equip-

ping all learners to make sound ethical decisions about how they will use their knowledge in the world.

The academic chapter concludes with a series of observations and recommendations on specific steps that might be taken to build an even more robust academic culture. These include developing a system for more effective decision making; providing support for the professional and personal development of administrators and staff; and promoting the integrity, autonomy and responsibility of faculty who are the ultimate guardians and drivers of the university's academic culture.

Chapter 4

Claiming the University's Distinction: Purposeful Learning, International Education, and Undergraduate Research and Creative Projects

In many ways, the fourth chapter is at the heart of the 2010 report. It highlights three areas that are currently important curricular emphases and will likely become even more distinctive features of our academic program in the next decade: purposeful learning, international education, undergraduate research and creative projects.

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PURPOSEFUL LEARNING

The report encourages the community to expand our commitment to “purposeful learning.” It is our commitment to recognizing that knowledge and learning are an integral part of each individual’s personal values and of the work each does in the world. A PLU education is not about learning for learning’s sake. We are doing what we do here on behalf of the planet and of people everywhere now and in the future. That belief directly guides our perceptions about what is important enough to learn and how we go about our academic work.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Because knowledge and learning at PLU are purposeful with the university focused on benefiting the world and its inhabitants, it is hardly surprising that paramount among the 2010 report’s recommendations are specific goals related to clarifying PLU’s vision for international education and expanding opportunities for international and intercultural study. Blessed with a recent infusion of gifts and grants to help us in this work—including a \$4 million endowment gift from Peter ’60 and Grace Wang to establish The Wang Center for International Programs—the university must now use these resources to craft bolder and deeper opportunities for faculty, staff and students to cross boundaries and engage with persons, ideas, cultures and environments.

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AND CREATIVE PROJECTS

Just as international education is an outgrowth of the university’s funda-

mental understanding of knowledge and learning, so is its emphasis on the responsibility that students take for their own education and their capacity for substantive, independent thought. The report calls on the campus community to expand existing opportunities for undergraduate research and creative projects for students, intensify student engagement in the learning process, discover new ways to promote investigative learning, and regularly honor and celebrate student and faculty academic accomplishments.

Chapter 5

A Place of Purpose: Aligning Resources with Mission, Goals and Priorities

Chapter five of the 2010 report outlines areas that will require increased investments of money, time and energy if we are to achieve our vision; identifies sources of revenue that could be available as we pursue continuing distinction; and suggests a strategic pathway and decision-making structure for analyzing and setting priorities and making choices.

Over the next decade, significant investments will need to be made if we are to realize our long-range academic program priorities; create and maintain the best learning environments; support faculty, staff and student employees; identify and attract academically capable, diverse, open and committed students; and maintain and improve the university’s fiscal health.

The report considers possible sources of financial support for achieving these goals including revenue from student enrollment, endowment fund raising,

and research activity. Concluding that the greatest and most realistic source of revenue is resource reallocation, the report boldly calls upon the campus community to develop a multiple-year plan for reallocating current resources to support academic and other program priorities. It also acknowledges the inter-connections among different resource categories and reminds us that we must be wise stewards of time, energy, the physical plant, other material resources, and the talents of faculty, staff and students.

In its essence, the 2010 report proclaims Pacific Lutheran University a unique place, a distinctive academic community that provides students a values-based education that engages them in and with the world. It embraces our past and the rich spiritual tradition that grounds us. It boldly faces the future as it challenges the community to move aggressively to ensure that resources are available to support our deepest commitments and highest priorities. And it affirms as our mission and purpose education for lives of thoughtful inquiry, care, leadership and service.

The 2010 report is both a call to conversation and action. To succeed in achieving our goals, we must now develop a set of academic priorities and reasonable strategies for accomplishing them. In the coming months, faculty and administrative leadership will work collaboratively to move ahead together in creating the next level of distinction for Pacific Lutheran University.

Lynn Beck is dean of PLU’s School of Education. Since 1999, she has been on the PLU 2010 Project Leadership Team, and she helped write the final report. [S]

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Assistant coaches provide expertise, dedication and longevity

Successful athletic programs often have dedicated assistant coaches who tend to serve in less visible roles but are extremely important to the athletes and the continuity of the program. PLU has many part-time assistant coaches who have full-time positions away from campus and spend their late afternoons and weekends coaching.

Here's a look at some of these dedicated coaches:

Assistant Track Coach Gary Carew.

Originally from Trinidad, Carew was a member of his country's 440-yard relay team in the 1976 Summer Olympic Games in Montreal. During Carew's 17 years of coaching at PLU, every school record in all sprints, hurdles, and relays have been rewritten many times. More than 20 of these student-athletes have been recognized as All-Americans. "Gary's contribution far exceeds his exceptional background as a world class athlete and a very effective coach," said head coach Brad Moore. "The relationships that Coach Carew develops with his athletes are not only positive for the sprinters but have an inspirational impact on the entire team of athletes and coaches."

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Assistant Track Coach Jerry Russell. Russell brings more than 30 years of coaching experience to the PLU



Assistant coaches, from left, Gary Carew, Phill Scott and Tim Templin help their teams succeed.

program. He has coached at PLU for 15 years with primary emphasis currently in the throwing events, decathlon and heptathlon. Russell has played a major role in the development of PLU's track and field program to national prominence. Moore said, "Jerry's contributions, primarily in the field events, have been tremendous and his excellent recruiting has been invaluable during his tenure at PLU."

Assistant Track Coach Kevin Eager.

Eager has been on the PLU coaching staff for nine years and works primarily with the jumping events. PLU jumpers have won five conference titles and two All-American honors during Eager's tenure. Eager, a PLU graduate with a degree in history, teaches at Gig Harbor High School. Moore says, "Kevin is a true track and field enthusiast who brings enormous positive energy to the program. He has a great deal of love and loyalty for PLU which began as a youngster growing up in the Parkland area."

Assistant Softball Coach Phill

Scott. Scott is in his ninth year as an assistant coach. He also coaches summer fastpitch with Head Coach Rick Noren and conducts various clinics in

the Northwest. According to Noren, "Phill is and has been an extremely dedicated servant. His commitment to the team and PLU is remarkable. The players not only respect him for the teaching he provides on the field, but he inspires those around him with his positive nature and spiritual leadership. Without Phill, PLU softball would not have achieved the great success it has enjoyed."

Assistant Volleyball Coach Tim

Templin. Templin has served seven years as assistant volleyball coach at PLU. He is active in numerous volleyball camps and clinics throughout the state. Templin received his undergraduate degree in business and a master's in teaching from PLU. He teaches at Kalles Junior High School in Puyallup. According to Head Coach Kevin Aoki, "Tim knows the game and has dedicated so much time and energy to the volleyball program at PLU. We have been successful because of people like Tim." □

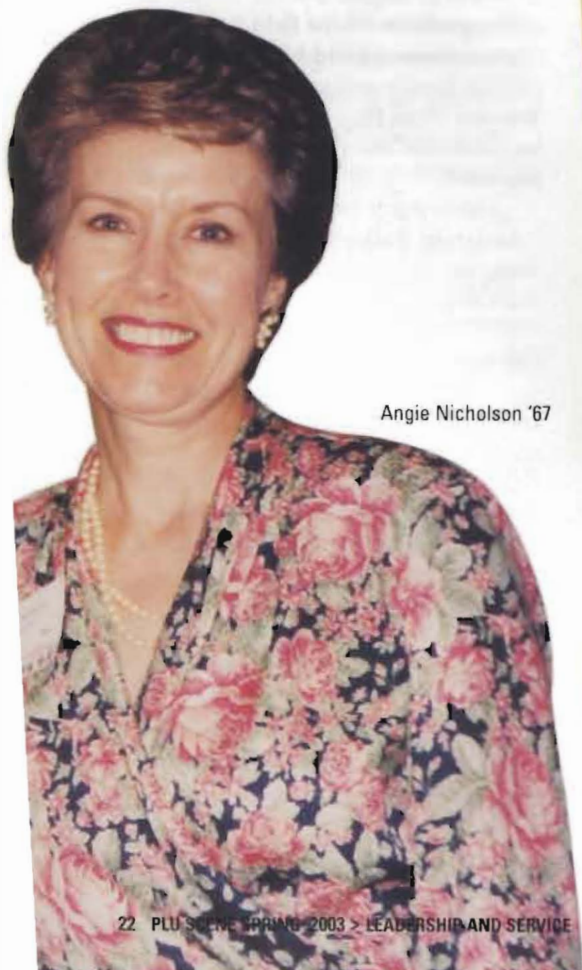
by Paul Hoseth, dean, School of Physical Education.



leadership & service

Class representatives help connect classmates and encourage giving

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Angie Nicholson '67

More than 65 graduates, from as far back as 1936 to as recent as 2002, serve as class representatives linking PLU with their classmates.

Class representatives are ambassadors for PLU and provide essential fund-raising support to ensure the Annual Fund can meet the needs of the university each year. Annual Fund dollars support such things as necessary technology upgrades, vital student scholarships, exceptional faculty recruitment and retention, important resources for the library and much more.

Class representatives from around the country write letters to classmates, help solicit Class Notes for Scene and encourage alumni giving. It’s easy to stay in touch in the electronic age, so you don’t have to live near PLU to take part. In fact, many organize alumni events in their own cities far from campus. If you’re interested in serving as a class representative contact Heather Dewey '01 at deweyhn@plu.edu.

Here, three class representatives tell why they serve in this important role.

Angie Nicholson Magruder '67

What is PLU to me? What was it? Why do I care, after 35 years? Why have I decided to be a class representative?

I want to share what it means to me

after such a long time, now living so far away on the East Coast. Luckily my parents live in Lakewood, Wash., so I have been able to keep up with PLU over the years. PLU to me has always embodied honesty, charity and concern for others, both here and around the world.

I offered to be a class rep, to encourage my classmates to get reacquainted with PLU and all it offers, as well as to reconnect with classmates, and get to know those I didn't before. The more I find out about PLU today, the prouder I am that I took on this role.

Being a class rep has allowed me to stay current with all that is happening. You may not be aware (as I was not), that the Q Club annually helps more than 1,100 students and raises more than \$1.4 million for scholarships! The Annual Fund provides the backbone of day-to-day financial support of the university, and the number of those who give (not the amount of the gift) is one of the factors in the university's national rankings.

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Mark Christopherson '84

Why give?

Put simply, I give back to PLU because I can help provide someone else the opportunity for an education. Ninety-three percent of today's students receive financial aid; most of this aid comes from your and my contributions to PLU in the form of gifts to the Annual Fund or Q Club memberships. Without our help, very few students are able to afford the cost of an education at PLU. Giving back to PLU will help to open a door for somebody else, and directly serve someone who needs help.

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My gift is more than just a donation to PLU. It's an investment in the life of a young Lute, which in turn strengthens PLU as an institution and society as a whole. The return we all receive is incalculable. That's why it's so important that we all do our part, whether it's a one-time contribution, an annual gift in the form of Q Club membership or various other financial options that contribute to PLU's Annual Fund.



Mark Christopherson '84

Your gift to PLU's Annual Fund isn't just a tax-deductible donation; it is an investment in the future of the university, the community and our society. We must continue to make PLU affordable to everyone who is academically qualified, and to support the impact that an education can make in someone's life.

Ashley Orr '00

When I graduated in May 2000 I knew I wanted to give back to PLU. One of the ways I can express my gratitude for all that PLU has given me is to participate as a class rep.

I became a member of Q-Club when I was a freshman living in Foss Hall and working as a TelALute (student caller) I encouraged everyone to give. I'm currently in a graduate program in Southern California and am reminded of the struggle for a private school education. While I budget every penny, I continue to consider my monthly Q Club gift a necessity; for someone else it truly is.

Lutes are everywhere. The other day I spotted a PLU sticker on the back of an SUV on the 405 and although I tried to speed up, L.A. traffic kept me wondering who that Lute was and where they were going. I guess that's part of an enduring question among alumni: who is going where? Although I may never know who was on the 405 that day, I am able to keep up with other

alums by reading Scene each month. It's easy to keep Lutes updated by going online to www.plu.edu.

I hope to continue the legacy set before me by other incredible alumni and know that you too share this hope. Generations have benefited by all we do as alumni, and future Lutes will as well. ☐

"I guess that's part of an enduring question among alumni: who is going where?"



Ashley Orr '00

alumni news & events

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HOLDEN VILLAGE AUGUST 17-23

You are invited to join other alumni, parents and friends of Pacific Lutheran University for a time of learning, beauty, fun and fellowship during PLU Week at Holden Village.

Holden Village is an ecumenical Christian retreat center, rooted in the Lutheran tradition. Once the site of one of the largest copper mines in the United States, Holden Village is nestled in the enchanted beauty of the Cascade Mountains near Lake Chelan. You can travel to Holden Village only by a scenic boat ride from the town of Chelan or from Field's Point Landing, 15 miles uplake. A bus ride completes the journey to the village.

Holden Village is a perfect place for a reunion of your PLU friends, a family vacation or a personal "retreat." The activities at Holden are many and var-

ied. Bible studies and conversations on Christian faith, science, the arts, as well as social justice and global concerns offer a range of learning opportunities. Daily worship sets the rhythm of life in the Village. Craft classes, concerts, forums, special events and just plain fun are part of each and every day at Holden. Located in a beautiful valley on the edge of Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, Holden offers countless opportunities for scenic mountain hiking and alpine lake fishing.



Holden's core educational program is primarily adult in nature, with plenty of opportunities for children attending with families. An adult must accompa-

ny youth under age 18. Each year during the summer, five to eight teachers lead sessions on such topics as theology, prayer, ethics, social justice, the environment, literature, interpersonal and family issues, global and multicultural issues, lifestyle and the economy. Programs this year, center around the theme "For the Healing of the Earth." A portion of the teaching staff during PLU's Alumni College week will be members of the university faculty and alumni. They include Registrar Julia Pomerenk '83 (literature) and Professor Rose McKenney (environmental studies).

Remote and isolated, Holden Village is truly a place apart. Accommodations are comfortable but not elaborate. More than 400 volunteers give their time to Holden each summer to create this unique community of renewal and challenge for thousands of guests each year. So leave your cell phone, pager, fax machine, computer, palm pilot, and digital cable behind and join us for PLU Week at Holden Village. You'll be glad you did!

TRAVEL

Holden Village is located in a remote area of the Cascade Mountains near Lake Chelan. You can travel to Holden only by a scenic boat ride from the town of Chelan or from Field's Point Landing, 15 miles uplake. A bus ride completes the journey to the village. You will receive a map to Lake Chelan along with a boat schedule in your confirmation packet.



ACCOMODATIONS

Guest rooms are in simple and comfortable lodges. Rooms accommodate 2 to 4+ persons and assignments vary according to size and makeup of the village at the time. Families are typically housed in one bunk/family room. There are no private bathrooms available. Singles usually share with one other person. Special requests are met whenever possible. Changes requested on arrival are very difficult, if not impossible. Please provide special needs information on the form below to make your stay as comfortable as possible.

FACILITIES

Facilities include a library, saunas, bookstore, craft area, pottery shop, museum, snack bar, post office, Jacuzzi, pool hall and bowling alley. Holden Village is located in a remote area of the Wenatchee National Forest. There is usually a nurse on the staff. No direct telephone communication is available; and emergency evacuation is difficult.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are required, and our deadline is May 1. Please return the form at right (directly to Holden Village with a copy to the alumni office) including a deposit of the price of the first night's lodging for each person in your party. Payment may be made in cash, personal or traveler's checks only. Reserve only as much time as you actually plan to stay, as you will be charged for the full amount. [S]

ALUMNI COLLEGE 2003: REGISTRATION

HOLDEN VILLAGE RATES (per person, includes all meals)

	Adults	Age 12-17	4-11	0-3
1 night	\$58	\$46	\$29	\$15
2 nights	\$104	\$83	\$52	\$26
3 nights	\$147	\$118	\$74	\$37
4 nights	\$188	\$150	\$94	\$47
5 nights	\$227	\$182	\$114	\$57
6 nights	\$264	\$211	\$132	\$66
7 nights	\$301	\$241	\$151	\$75

Maximum family rate for one week or less is \$950. (Family = two parents plus own children 17 and under)
 Single parent family rate for one week or less is \$654. (Parent plus own children 17 and under)
 Half Work / Half Pay rate is fifty percent of normal rate. Write to staff coordination for available rates.

• HOLDEN VILLAGE REGISTRATION FORM •

LAST NAME FIRST NAME BIRTHDATE

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ADDRESS CITY/STATE ZIP

PHONE NUMBER E-MAIL

Special needs (medical conditions requiring wheelchair access van, first floor room, caretaker housed nearby, near bathroom, crib, etc.)

If you would like to be roomed near or with others, please indicate:

Do you need further travel information? Yes No
 Have you been to Holden before? Yes No Year _____

For Office use only:
 Postmark _____
 Amt \$ _____
 Receipt # _____
 Red Id# _____
 Confirmed _____

Return to: Registrar, Holden Village, HCOO Stop 2, Chelan, WA 98816-9769

PLU Connection Events

As you might expect, the mercury dipped below freezing early February in Colorado and Montana. However, the temperature inside at the PLU Connection Events held in those states was warm. PLU alumni, parents, prospective students and friends in Denver for a Connection Event just prior to the Choir of the West Concert at Augustana Lutheran Church. It was the last stop of a six-day, three-state tour for the student ensemble.

While the members of the Choir of the West headed back to Parkland to begin the second semester of class, Laura Polcyn '75, '79, vice president for admissions and enrollment, and

Lauralee Hagen '75, '78, director for alumni and parent relations, headed to Montana for events in Billings, Missoula and Whitefish.

In addition to the opportunity for those with ties to PLU to come together for food and fellowship, lively discussion centered around PLU's long-range plan, PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction.

PLU Alumni Women's Annual Luncheon Saturday, March 15

In March of 2002, the luncheon once known as the PLC/PLU Women of '30s, '40s and '50s Luncheon, came of age! The invitation

to the gathering was extended to all alumni women in the region.

To mark this occasion, we were fortunate to have 1979 PLU graduate and internationally known artist Julie Ueland as our featured speaker.

This year, Dr. Phyllis (Nybakke '61) Cavens, recipient of the 2002 Alumni Service Award, was invited to be our speaker. Phyllis is a pediatrician and member of the Northwest Medical Team. Cavens has been with the team since its beginnings in 1979 and has traveled to Thailand, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mexico, Jamaica, Uzbekistan and Honduras.

Dr Cavens also served as one of the doctors at the 1994 Olympic Games in Atlanta. [S]

Pencil Us In

(UPCOMING EVENTS)

Annual Women's Luncheon
Alumni Tennis Team Reunion Match
Alumni Board Spring Meeting
Alumni Baseball Game
Parkland Area Adopt-A-Highway Project
Q Club Banquet
Forensics Reunion

Saturday, March 15
Saturday, March 15
March 28-30
Saturday, April 5
Sunday, April 6
Friday, May 2
May 9-10

For more information: www.plualumni.org or call 800-ALUM-PLU.

Picture Perfect



PLU 2000 graduates gather in Hermosa Beach, Calif. in July, 2002. (left to right: Ashley Orr, Marjie Sackett, Janelle Nagel, Nicole Pederson, and Kato Percell.



"The Sixties Women!" Several classmates from the class of '64 gathered to celebrated their (shhh!) 60th birthdays! Left to right: Back row: Kathy (Taylor) Erlund, Linda (Zimmer) Betz, Ann (Soine) Crahtree, Kathy (Zell) Trumbell-Hansen; Middle row: Karleen Karlson, Marilyn (Rasmussen) Hnlvor, Carole (Haaland) Frederickson, Marion (Rasmussen) Hokenstad; Front row: Jeri (Robarge) Reid, Ruth (Danielson) Nielsen.

PLU Alumni Serving in the Armed Forces

Are you, or is a member of your family, serving in the Armed Forces, including the reserves?

The PLU community is grateful for your service to our country and we are proud to offer you our support. We would like to share the news of your activities in the Class Notes section of Scene and, if you wish, publish your e-mail address so that others might have the opportunity to stay connected with you. Please write us at the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, PLU, Tacoma, WA. 98447-0003, fax to 253-535-8555, go to the Alumni and Parent Relations Web site (www.plualumni.org) and complete the related form or email us at alumni@plu.edu.

alumni profiles

Rural conditions bring great rewards for grad volunteering in Afghanistan



Cory Heins '77 talks to an Afghani child as part of his volunteer work for World Concern. All photos courtesy of World Concern.

If you're one of the many PLU friends of Cory Heins '77, don't be offended if you haven't heard from him lately. He's been a bit hard to reach, living in Afghanistan and working for World Concern, an international relief organization that has helped the country that has been torn by civil war and famine for 20 years. Communication comes via battery-powered satellite phone, from a dark, quiet, electricity-free office that doubles as his home.

Afghanistan became even more dangerous for American relief organizations in the months following September 11, as the U.S. and its allies fought the ruling Taliban government. Heins started participating in the Afghan relief project in December 2001 and January 2002 as the distribution coordinator, responsible for providing logistical support and assisting in the distribution of food and emergency

supplies in the northeastern Afghani province of Takhar.

One of the first projects he coordinated was the distribution of 5,000 pairs of boots and shoes to boys and girls between the ages of 3 and 14. At the time, Heins was the only westerner in the remote district of Chah Ab.

Heins returned to Afghanistan last November, overseeing projects that



Heins has been welcomed by the Afghan people.

include building roads, repairing schools, building schools from scratch, building bridges and constructing water systems for villages.

"With over 5,200 local people working on our projects, we are quite busy," Heins said.

Then there are the days driving out to the sites.

"It's a bone rattling adventure," Heins said, via e-mail. The roads are a disaster, and there are the inevitable challenges of snow, rain and deep, voluminous mud.

In northeastern Afghanistan, transportation is by donkey, and there are no road signs. Distribution is very detailed and time consuming. Compensation is a combination of wheat, oil or lentils. There are no telephones, newspapers, running water, postal service, music or television. It's the most remote

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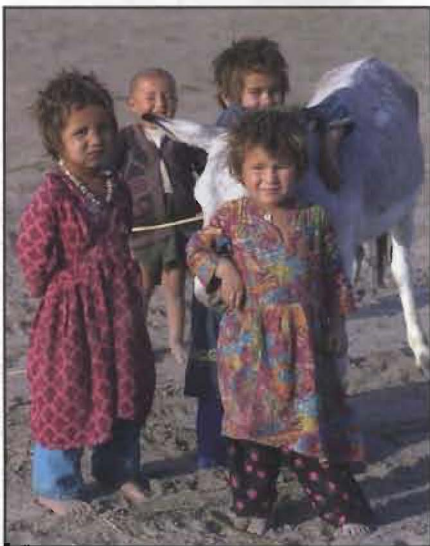
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place Heins has ever been.

But the people are grateful and loving, despite their circumstances.

"It's truly the Land of the Greeting," Heins said. "Many people approached me in the streets to welcome me. It is always a handshake and a placing of the hand over the heart." Heins is frequently asked if he fears for his safety, and the answer is always "no."



Many children face difficult circumstances

"The Afghan people surrounded me with their world-renowned hospitality," Heins said. "They wouldn't allow a visitor to venture out alone. Unthinkable."

Heins compares his feelings about people of Afghanistan to that of those at PLU.

"What stood out were the people at PLU and the friendships that I made," he said.

He has also done relief work in Nepal and Vietnam, and worked on a development project in Bangladesh for World Concern in 2001. His involvement in international relief began in the early '90s, when he helped build a school and 172 clean-water wells in Cambodia.

Heins lives in Edmonds, Wash., and works as a real estate broker when not volunteering for World Concern. He encourages everyone to help in any way they can. "Even the smallest effort can have a great effect on someone's life. I know. I've been there."

By Drew Brown

Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame inducts university president

Jon Wefald first moved to Minot, N.D. as a teenager with his family. For the first year and half, he and his siblings Kanut, Ann and Bob, and parents, Walma and Olav, lived in Par's Motel. A lot has changed in the 53 years since.

Today, Wefald '59, is in his 16th year as president of Kansas State University.

Wefald has presided over the university since 1986, and his success recently garnered the "full-blooded Norwegian" induction into the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame.

"I come from humble beginnings," Wefald said. "Nobody's more surprised than me."

Wefald struggled through Minot High School and was told by an English teacher that he wasn't smart enough to make it in college. He sought a different environment after graduation, but wanted to remain close to his Scandinavian roots. Ignoring his teacher's discouragement, Wefald left for what was then Pacific Lutheran College.

"PLU gave me a sense of confidence about my future and an opportunity to blossom," Wefald said. "I owe Pacific Lutheran a lot."

Wefald graduated cum laude and went on to earn a master's and a Ph.D, both in history and political science. He then took a faculty position in 1965 at Gustavus Adolphus College in Minnesota. In 1971, Wefald jumped at the opportunity to be Minnesota's Commissioner of Agriculture, a position he held until 1977. His years at Southwest State University (Minn.) as president (1977-1982), and as Chancellor of Minnesota's State University system (1982-1986) made him an ideal choice for president of what was then a struggling Kansas State University.

During Wefald's tenure, KSU has added more than 1.8 million square feet of new university buildings,

and enrollment has increased from about 13,000 in 1986 to about 23,000 in 2002. KSU students are now second in the nation among public universities in the number of Rhodes Scholarship winners since 1986, and KSU is the only public university over the past 15 years to rank among the top 10 of U.S. schools in winning 91 Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholarships since 1986.

While honored by the accolades that have come with KSU's success, nothing gives him more personal satisfaction than his induction into the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame in October. The best part is the Hall of Fame happens to be in Minot.

The Hall has inducted 55 individuals since it began in 1984, including Charles Lindbergh, Buzz Aldrin and Walter Mondale.

"It's a long way from living in Par's Motel," Wefald said. "Going back to Minot for this honor was the ultimate thrill." □

By Drew Brown

Jon Wefald '59



alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1951, 1952, 1960, 1965, 1972, 1978, 1981, 1986, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1995

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

1938

Class Representative – Stan Willis

Goldene (Gerritz) Robinson died Sept. 15. Goldene was a retired teacher from the Bethel School District in Spanaway, Wash. She also received a master's degree from PLU. Goldene was preceded in death by her husband, Otto, and their son, Lee. She is survived by her sons, Dwight and Bill; daughter, Lynne; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1939

Wesley Gabrio died Aug. 21. After PLU, Wesley received a master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1946 and an M.D. from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army as deputy chief of obstetrics and gynecology. After his time in the military, Wesley practiced medicine in Seattle for 50 years, delivering approximately 7,000 babies. He was past president of the Washington State Obstetrical Association. Wesley was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, Beverly. He is survived by his son, Robert; daughter, Janet; and one grand-daughter.

Carol Snyder died Nov. 12. After PLU, Carol taught school in Washington on Fox Island, in Buckley and for many years in Puyallup. She was a member of the Puyallup First Baptist Church and sang in the choir. Carol was preceded in death by her parents and one brother. She is survived by her brother, Robert Snyder.

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1946

Class Representative – Isabel (Harstad) Watness

1947

Class Representative – Gerald Lider

1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

Arnold Towe died Oct. 8. He was a neuroscientist, teacher, and researcher during his 50-year career at the University of Washington Medical School. He was a pioneer in his field and the recipient of numerous grants, including one of the longest running grants in the history of the National Institutes of Health. His work focused on the nervous system, brain circuitry, cerebral cortex and mathematical modeling. He also played classical guitar and was a skilled boxer. Arnold is survived by his wife, Laurie, and sisters, **Ruth (Towe) Johnson '47** and **Valborg (Towe) Aakre '49**.

Gustaf Anderson died Nov. 12. After PLU, Gustaf taught in Spokane for three years before going to work in the trucking business. In 1972 he bought his brother's blueberry farm, where he continued to work until his death. He was a member of the North American Blueberry Council and served as the chairman of the Washington Blueberry Commission. Gustaf is survived by his wife of 56 years, **Dorothy (Nieman '46)**; four sons, **Gerald '70**, **Donald**, **Richard '78**, and **David '81**; one brother, **Albert**; three sisters, **Selma**, **Nina Larson '41** and **Anna '47**; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1949

Class Representative – Luther Watness

1950

Class Representative – Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

Robert Bischoff returned from Nairobi, Kenya, where he taught English as a second language at the Nairobi Evangelical Graduate School of Theology and Hope University from Sept. 23 to Nov. 8. The VISA mission was under the auspices of the Free Methodist Church.

1952

Margaret (Winters) England and her husband, Lee, continue to live on their farm in West Virginia. They have sold all their Arabian horses and only have two dogs and three cats. Margaret had five-way bypass surgery in February 2002 and is doing very well.

1953

Class Representative – Helen-Joanne (Enger) Olsen

1954

Class Representative – Iver Haugen

1955

Class Representative – Phyllis Grahm Carroll

Mary Estergreen Johnson is a volunteer at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia. She teaches English to seminary students from Croatia and other countries of the former Yugoslavia, as well as from Belarus, Ukraine, Romania, and Bulgaria. She also has opportunities to preach in student chapel and in congregations. Mary's permanent home is in Tacoma.

1956

Class Representative – Ginny (Grahm) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

1957

Class Representative – Carol (Bottemiller) Geldaker and Helen (Jordanger) Nordquist

1958

Class Representative – Don Cornell and David Knutson

Jorgine Shapira is still working as a legal intern. She is also selling household products.

1959

Class Representative – Alvin Dungan

Dorothy Cable died July 22. After PLU, Dorothy received a master's degree from Washington State University. She was a librarian and teacher, most recently at West Hills Christian School in Portland, Ore. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, John. She is survived by her daughter, **Joan '66**; son, John; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Don Douglas died Nov. 1. After PLU, Don earned a master's degree from the University of Oregon and a Ph.D. from the University of Oklahoma. His teaching career included Pennsylvania State University, Wartburg College, California Lutheran University, the University of Washington and Trinity College in

Issaquah, Wash., where he helped to acquire the campus and establish the Providence Point retirement community. He also trained students at Operation Nightwatch, one night a week for 14 years, in downtown Seattle. Don is survived by his wife of 42 years, Louise; his children, Scott, Christopher, and Katie; and seven grandchildren.

1960

Philip Erlander retired from his position as pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs. He served as a pastor for 28 years. His previous calls included Lutheran Church of the Cross in Berkeley, Calif., and St. Philips Lutheran Church in Pacoima, Calif.

1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

Chuck Larson died on Sept. 11. After PLU, Chuck went to the University of Southern California, where he studied vertebrate biology and participated in a research program aboard a vessel in the Antarctic Ocean. He later worked for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game before obtaining a teaching degree, retiring from teaching in 1989. Chuck and his wife, Kay, also lived in Haifa, Israel, for a year and a half, serving the Baha'i Faith, including restoring 18 stained glass windows in the Holy Shrine at the Baha'i World Center. Chuck is survived by his wife, five children and 15 grandchildren.

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Class Representative – Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

Gloria (Reinertson) Koll co-authored two books published by Pilgrim Press, "Daughters Arise! A Christian Retreat Resource for Girls Approaching Womanhood," and "Daughters Arise! A Journal for Girls Approaching Womanhood." They are based on her five summers presenting retreats for girls and their mothers or mentors. Gloria's husband, **Bill '63**; daughter, **Karen '93**; son, **Rob '96**; and daughter-in-law, **Melissa (Davis) '98**, make them an all-PLU family. Gloria and Bill recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary and live on Whidbey Island, Wash.

1964

Class Representative – Kathy (Taylor) Edlund

Stan Hoobing and his wife, Carol, moved to Boise, Idaho, where he is the interim pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church.


Gary Sund and Denice Irish were married Sept. 28 in Sequim, Wash. Gary is an attorney and Denice is a social worker. The couple honeymooned in New Orleans and the Caribbean.

1966

Class Representative – Jack Oliver

Pat (Morrison) Syron is back at Moscow (Idaho) High School working with special education students. She was previously in Hawaii for 10 years.

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June 20, 2003
The Classic Golf Course –
Spanaway, WA

Mark your calendar
and join other
supporters of PLU
athletics in this
fundraiser
for our sports teams!

Noon: Lunch
1 p.m.: Shotgun Start
6 p.m.: Dinner, Awards,
and Raffle

Yes, I'm interested!

Please send registration information to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

(Please mail to Tony Berger
17710 SE 106th, Renton, WA 98059
or e-mail: tony-berger@att.net)

Franklin and JoAnne (Hagen '69)

Johnson moved to the Oregon Coast after Frank retired. Frank now supervises student teachers as an adjunct professor at Pacific University. He is also a wine steward at a local establishment. JoAnne retired from senior services in Portland and is looking for part-time social work in the North Coast area.

1967

Class Representative – Angie (Nicholson) Magruder

Barry Stewart died Sept. 6. After PLU, Barry received a master of arts degree from the University of Washington. He taught for 31 years and was honored as Teacher of the Year in 1990. Barry was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. He is survived by his adopted son, Chris, one grandson, one brother and two sisters.

1968

Class Representative – Michael Ford

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

Doug Anderson has a new position as manager and bookkeeper for the McMinnville (Ore.) Area Chamber of Commerce. He previously owned Anderson Brothers Jewelers in McMinnville. He has also worked as a seasonal tax-preparer for 10 years.

Sharon (Granssee) O'Brien died July 29. After PLU, Sharon taught school until 1981, when she became a court clerk for Marin County, Calif. Sharon is survived by two children.

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

Ric Swenson moved from Woodstock, Vt., to San Antonio, Texas, to manage Fine Art Tile Enterprises. Ric's daughter, Larraby, graduated with a music degree from Bennington College last year.

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

Robert Shaw died Sept. 26. After PLU, Robert was a teacher and head of special education at Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Wash., retiring several years ago. He is survived by his wife, Janet; daughter, Donna, and son, Michael.

Joyce (Viele) Gregory died April 26, 2002 from inflammatory breast cancer. She is survived by her husband, Stephen '72, a network administrator at SERRV International in New Windsor, Md.

Mark and Sheri (Stein) Scholz live in Albuquerque, N.M., where Mark is a fund-raising director at IFS and Sheri works for BIA.

1973

Class Representative – Nikki Martin

John Oberg has a new position as director of education sales at Lesson Lab, Inc.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

Gene Sharratt retired from his position as superintendent of the North Central Educational Service District in Wenatchee, Wash., where he served for 11 years. After receiving a master's degree at PLU, he earned a doctorate from Washington State University. He taught for nine years, and then became an elementary school principal, an assistant superintendent and superintendent. Gene and his wife, Carol, are building a home in Cle Elum, Wash.

Connie (Cook) Britt died Oct. 19. Connie was a teacher at Brooklake Elementary. She co-developed the "Love and Honor" curriculum, which became the foundation for a nationally recognized youth abstinence education program called "Operation Teen Respect." She was her children's biggest fan in their sports activities and their lives. Connie is survived by her husband, Mark; children, Kendra, Matthew and Caitlin; mother, **Elaine Cook '76**; brothers, **Steven '76**, and **Keith '76**; and sister, Teri.

David Schnur and **Ronald Nelson '75** celebrated their 25th anniversary with family and friends in October. Ron is a trustee at the Long Beach (Calif.) Museum of Art and David is director of human resources at CDM Engineers Constructors Inc., in Irvine, Calif.

1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

Dennis Jaraczski is a commercial loan officer at Banner Bank in Renton, Wash. He lives in Kent, Wash., with his wife, Roxann, and daughter, Jessica.

Adrian Kalil represented the San Diego Swim Masters and DSST and brought home seven top-ten finishes for the U.S.A. at the Games in Sydney, Australia, in November. He earned a gold medal in the men's 4 x 100 freestyle relay, setting a new IGLA/Games record by over 30 seconds and a silver medal in the men's 4 x 100 medley relay. He also placed fourth in the 200 freestyle and in the 4 x 50 medley relay. The games were held at the Olympic complex and included 1,340 swimmers from 25 countries.

Adrian is a staff anesthetist with Kaiser Foundation Hospitals in Portland, Ore.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Betty Vellias died Oct. 8. After receiving a master's degree in education from PLU, Betty began her teaching career in the Vashon Island (Wash.) School District. She moved to the Bethel School District, where she stayed for 30 years. Betty retired in 1990 as assistant superintendent for elementary education. She spent her retirement years traveling with her husband of 44 years, Christ. She is survived by her husband, three children and seven grandchildren.

Sallie Wenzel died Oct. 15. Sallie came to PLU after having five children. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from PLU, taught in several capacities and concluded her career in the Bethel School District in Spanaway, Wash. She was a volunteer at Camp Leo Juvenile Diabetes camp and a member of Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church. Sallie is survived by her husband of 47 years, Dr. John Wenzel; four sons and one daughter; and seven grandchildren.

Rick Wells has a new position as interim principal at Shelton (Wash.) High School. He was an assistant principal at Shelton since 1997.

Ward Weaver was recently promoted to social worker 4 at the Department of Social and Health Services in Bremerton, Wash.

1977

Class Representative – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

Claudia Riiff Finseth's Scandinavian holiday-tradition story, "Lucia," was published in the December issue of Cricket, the award-winning literary magazine for children. Claudia has published many articles and a book related to the cultural traditions of Scandinavia.

1978

Kirk Nelson is vice president of policy and law at Qwest, Washington, since 1999.

Bruce Neswick, canon for music at St. Philip's Episcopal Cathedral in Atlanta, recently played hymn festivals for the Nashville chapter of the American Guild of Organists and for Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, the latter in celebration of that institution's 150th anniversary. For the Louisville event, Bruce wrote a hymn-anthem setting of the Kentucky Harmony tune "Bray," with new words by Thomas Troeger. In mid-October, Bruce conducted a diocesan

choral festival in Houston, for which he wrote an anthem, "I Appeal to You."

Trina Anderson is looking for fellow nursing classmates (still in nursing or not) who graduated in May, August or December of 1978. She is also looking forward to a 25th reunion event. plunur5e@webtv.net

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Wayne Anthony taught English at Chengdu College of Education in China this fall as a participant in a teacher exchange program between Edmonds Community College and Chengdu College of Education.

1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

1981

Marta (Cronholm) Runnels and her husband, Rick, moved to Cincinnati in 1988. Rick is a 757 captain with Delta Airlines and Marta is a part-time public relations associate at St. Ursula Villa, where her daughters, Carlyn, 12, and Cayle, 9, attend school.

Edna Giesler and Larry Staerkel were married Nov. 9. Edna works at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh.

Mike Kintner is the new vice president and loan officer of NCW Community Bank in Wenatchee, Wash. He is a 1997 graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington, a 1992 graduate of Northwest Intermediate Commercial Lending School, and holds a master's degree in International Management from the University of Denver.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

1983

Class Representative – David Olson

Stephanie (Nelson) Mantey has a new position as a human resource representative at Kyocera America, Inc. She was previously the human resource manager at AVX where she worked for 16 years. AVX, a subsidiary of Kyocera, closed their Vancouver, Wash., location

David and Wendy (Vermeer) Housholder and their 13-year-old son, Lars, live in Huntington Beach, Calif., where David is the new senior pastor at Grace Lutheran Church. www.gracehb.org

Mike McNamara moved from Everett, Wash., back to Anchorage, Alaska,

where he started a private practice in hand, orthopaedic surgery. He is also involved in men's ministry and enjoys his family and the outdoors. Mike and his wife, Joanne, have three children, Kirsten, 13, Shannon, 7, and Jacob, 6.

Ron Anderson accepted a transfer with Therapeutic Associates Inc., to Liberty Lake, Wash. As the regional director, he heads the new division. Ron and his wife, **Becky (Babington '81)**, now live in Liberty Lake, a suburb of Spokane, with their four children, Max, 13, Jake, 10, Sam, 5, and Bryn, 2.

Sharon Friedrich has a new position as senior associate attorney at McKinley & Irvin, PLLC. Her practice focuses on complex family law litigation. Sharon was previously at Hermes Law Firm in Everett, Wash.

Douglas Rogelstad and Theresa Mason were married Aug. 30 in Portland, Ore. Douglas is the systems administrator and Theresa is in charge of scheduling home health nurses, both at Legacy Hospitals.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Steve Lucky is a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Air Force. He was transferred from Offutt AFB in Omaha, Neb., where he served as the executive assistant to the deputy commander, U.S. Strategic Command, and assigned to Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, Mont., where he lives with his wife, **Cheryl (Ulleland '83)**, and two daughters.

1985

Class Representative – Janet (Olden) Regge

Steven Weston and his wife, Evelyn, are serving as co-pastors at First Lutheran Church in Renville, Minn. They have three sons, Samuel, 9, Benjamin, 7, and Jonathan, 3.

Herbert Becker is a pediatric ophthalmologist specializing in retina surgery. His other work interests include pediatric trauma, HIV, premature babies and tumors. Herbert and his wife, Lisa, are the parents of 4-year-old twins, Madison and Crosby. pedsretina@hotmail.com

Scott Higgins was recently assigned commander of the U.S. Naval Station at Rota, Spain. He was previously the executive officer at the Naval base at Port Heuneme, Calif., for four years. Scott and his wife, Louise (MacDonald '85), are the parents of three sons and one daughter.

Leanne (Galati) Davis accepted a position as senior economist with Seattle Public Utilities in June. She is responsi-

ble for all financial planning for Seattle's drainage and wastewater utility. Leanne and her husband, Antonio, have two children, Matias, 4, and Elena, 1.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Dan Lee died Oct. 21. Dan received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting from St. Martins College in Olympia before coming to PLU and earning an MBA. He worked for Weyerhaeuser for 21 years, his last position as an engineering project manager. His many interests included fishing, sports, music and especially his family and friends. Dan is survived by his wife of 24 years, Janet, and two daughters, Mikkel and Brenna.



Brian Steves is the band and orchestra director at Kamiak High School in the Mukilteo (Wash.) School

District. In November, his 188 member marching band was one of 12 bands selected from more than 300 bands that completed the exhaustive application process to perform in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The parade is televised and watched by more than 65 million people. Kamiak was the first Washington state band to participate in the parade. Brian has been at Kamiak since 1993.

Mark Miner died Oct. 9. After PLU, Mark worked in Tacoma and Seattle before returning to Philomath, Ore., to join the family real estate appraisal business. In 1998, he moved to Eugene, Ore., to work as a Web designer, returning to Corvallis in 1999 as a Macintosh computer consultant and free-lance Web designer. Mark served on the board of directors of the Macintosh Computer User Group; he also enjoyed swimming, surfing, triathlons and photography. Mark married Katherine Vickers in July 2001. He is survived by his wife, and son, Kai.

1988

Yunus Yusoff is the senior lecturer in the computer science and IT department at the local university in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. After PLU, he worked as a pro-

duction supervisor at Hewlett-Packard in Malaysia for a short time. Yunus then returned to PLU where he completed a master's degree. His previous position was as the IS security quality assurance manager at a bank in Malaysia.

Shelley (Johnson) and Shawn '89

Langston moved to Sequim, Wash., where Shawn has a new position as principal at Sequim High School and Shelley is the director of special services. They have two daughters, Brittany, in ninth grade and Kelsey, in seventh grade.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

Cullin (McBride) Contino and her husband, Mark, moved to the East Bay area of California, where Mark is the marketing manager for TopCon Positioning Systems and Cullin is a neuroscience specialist for Bristol-Myers Squibb.

1990

Class Representative – Sean Neely and Angel Vahsholtz-Anderson

1991

Shana (Weatherly) Osmer is a consultant for Creative Memories, teaching scrapbooking techniques and selling albums and supplies.

Scott Faulkner and Andrea Lenz were married Oct. 26 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Reno. Scott is the executive director of the Reno Chamber Orchestra. He was named one of the top 10 business leaders in the state under the age of 40, by the Nevada Business Journal in the October issue. Andrea is an associate professor of music at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Jeremy Desel was honored with four Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in December. His investigative report, "Nylabone," led to a national product recall. This year, Jeremy was also named "Texas Television Reporter of the Year" by the Houston Press Club and honored with a Dallas Press Club "Katie" award. Jeremy lives in Houston and is beginning his fifth year with KHOU-TV, a CBS affiliate.

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Angela Schaer and Timothy Kaufmann '90 were married Nov. 2 at Meadowcreek Golf Resort in New Meadows, Idaho. Angela is an attorney at Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett, Rock, Fields, Chtd., and Timothy is a small business owner.

1992

Karen Lee and Glenn Young were married May 25 at Cape Elizabeth, Maine. **Mary Marsh '91, David "Beek" Hanson '91, Karl Swenson '91, Renate DeWees Sorg '91, Ron Crump '91, Kaaren (Goeller) Bloom '92, Bill Bloom '90, Abe Beeson '93, and Jim Hansen '90** attended the wedding. Karen is a senior client services representative at Management Research Group in Portland, Maine.

Kelly Shepherd is an assistant principal in the Mukilteo (Wash.) School District.

Teddy Rieke is a new member of the Cascade School Board in Leavenworth, Wash. She is also a substitute teacher in the district. Previously she was a teacher at Upper Valley Co-op Preschool for three years.

Brian Watson is artist in residence at Clear Creek Elementary School in Silverdale, Wash. He teaches art to first-through sixth-grade students. He also continues his professional art career as a sculptor and painter. www.collectivevisions.com

Melanie Herrett recently changed her last name to Saint James. She completed her doctor of ministry degree in spiritual formation at Azusa (Calif.) Pacific University.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Ann Huber and Dave Taylor were married Aug. 31 in Marshall, Minn. They live in San Diego, where Dave is a mechanical design engineer at Solar Turbines, Inc. and Ann is perfecting her surfing skills after completing her master's degree in August. They plan to return to Seattle.

David Benson is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy. He recently completed the Officer Indoctrination Course at the Officer Indoctrination School, Naval Education and Training Center in Newport, R.I.

Clark Halvorson competed in the grueling Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, in October. He finished 278th out of 1,455 finishers, including professionals, from around the world. Only 1,600 triathletes of more than 50,000 hopefuls qualify for the world championship. Clark qualified at the Ironman Canada in August, where his daughters, Emily and Maia, were able to cross the finish line with him. Clark's

wife, **Jenny (Robinson) '95**, was on the sidelines to cheer him on at the end of the Hawaii race, which consists of a 2.4-mile swim in the Pacific Ocean, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2 mile run. His time was 10 hours, 14 minutes and 46 seconds. Clark is an environmental specialist for the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and Jenny is a teacher. They live in Olympia.

1995

Alan Lee is teaching science and physical education at Hawkins Middle School in the North Mason School District in Shelton, Wash.

Scott Lester received a master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix last fall. He and his wife, **Stephanie Page-Lester '95**, recently moved to Issaquah, Wash.



Juvenile Department.

Amy Brizee and **Justin Bradley** were married Aug. 24 in Bend, Ore. Amy and Justin are community justice officers for the Deschutes County (Ore.)

1996

Class Representative – Steve and Kim (Nadon) Leifsen

Steven Cook and **Rachel Jones** were married Nov. 2. **Heidi Stout '98, Lori Grimberg, Jenny (Chase) Myers '00, Erik Larson '96, Brian Anderson '97, Kevin Myers '00, Stephen Schubert '95 & '96, Bruce Story '94, Jay Torgerson '00, Andy Grimberg '98, and Jeremy Cook** were in the wedding party. Steven and Rachel live in Tacoma.

1997

Class Representative – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Hanna Peterson received a master's of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., on June 15, 2002. She was ordained as a minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church, USA, on Dec. 1, at College Place Presbyterian Church in Walla Walla, Wash., and installed as the new associate pastor at Hollister (Calif.) First Presbyterian Church on Dec. 8.

Corie Roberts has a new position as physical education teacher in the Enumclaw (Wash.) School District. She was previously at Summer (Wash.) High School.

Mark Brannfors was promoted to Microsoft systems administrator at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Brian Walker and his wife, Sara, live in Boise, Idaho, with their son, Isaac, 1. Brian is a social studies teacher at Timberline High School.

David Quiggle and Valerie Bunge were married Nov. 9 in Seattle. David is a police officer and Valerie works at AT&T Wireless.



Stacey Broderson and **Brian Zuber** were married April 27 at Newcastle (Wash.) Golf and Country Club. **Janel (Broderson)**

McFeat '99, Kristi (Benson) Repp '97, Joy (Zumbrunnen) Ross '96, Jill (Zumbrunnen) Humphrey '96, Ryan Broderson '96, Amanda Cheatham and **Heather Cheatham** were in the wedding party. Stacey is the charter seat coordinator for the Seattle Seahawks and Brian is COD of Silver Cloud Inns and Hotels. They live in Kirkland, Wash.

Erica (Wood) Row received a master's degree in music from Mannes College of Music in Manhattan, N.Y., in May. She is auditioning for apprenticeships with regional opera companies and is planning to give a recital in New York in the fall.

Lisa (Treadwell) Lawrence and her husband, Josh, own Southern Crosse, a wine import/export brokerage company.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon Herlocker

Misty (Banks) Smith is the new head girls' basketball coach at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup. She is also a teacher and the girls' track and field coach.

Bethany Barham and **Troy Nyholm** were married June 15 at the United Methodist Church in Redmond, Wash. Bethany is a research assistant at the University of Washington and Troy is a pilot.

Michael Halter and **Dana Robertson** were married April 6, 2002, in Redmond, Wash. Michael is an independent consultant for the Idaho Department of Water Resources and Dana is working on her master's degree in public affairs. She is also a public affairs coordinator for the Lee Pesky Learning Center.

Bethany Daugherty and **Jonathan Tilley** were married in Denmark Nov. 9.

Jessica Ross and **Dan Shaw** were married May 18 at Ohme Gardens in

In Memorium

1938

Goldene (Gerritz) Robinson died Sept. 15.

1939

Wesley Gabrio died Aug. 21.

Caro! Snyder died Nov. 12.

1942

Frank Evancich died Sept. 25.

1948

Arnold Towe died Oct. 8.

Gustaf Anderson died Nov. 12.

1959

Don Douglas died Nov. 1.

Dorothy Cable died July 22.

1961

Chuck Larson died Sept. 11.

1963

Valeria McCreedy died Oct. 20.

Ervin Marlow died in November.

1967

Barry Stewart died Sept. 6.

1969

Sharon (Gransee) O'Brien died July 29.

1970

Joseph Bushnell died Nov. 9.

1971

Cathy (Harzog) Pedersen died Oct. 6.

1972

Robert Shaw died Sept. 26.

Joyce (Viel) Gregory died April 26.

2002

1974

Connie (Cook) Britt died Oct. 19.

1976

Betty Vellias died Oct. 8.

Sallie Wenzel died Dec. 15.

Patricia German died Nov. 21.

1987

Dan Leed died Oct. 21.

Mark Miner died Oct. 9.

1990

Judith Squires died Dec. 3.

2001

Kara Zander died Nov. 26.

Wenatchee, Wash. **Natasha Morrisson '99** and **Bethany Barham '98** were in the wedding party. Jessica is an environmental coordinator for the City of Wenatchee and Dan works at Farwest Iron Works.

1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

Elizabeth Kinney received an LL.B. degree from the University of Victoria, Faculty of Law, Victoria, British Columbia, in May 2002.

Marissa Ling and **Bryan Vanderslice** were married Sept. 8 in Las Vegas. A reception will follow in Honolulu. Marissa is a claims adjuster at State Farm Insurance and Bryan is an operations manager.

Todd Hughes joined the tax division at Hughes Panagiotu, P.S., a Tacoma-based retirement plan administration and CPA firm. He will practice in qualified retirement plan research and plan design. Todd recently graduated from Gonzaga Law School.

Mandy Mainard and Alex Englund were married June 29 at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, Wash. The wedding party included **Sommer Everson '00** and **Kelli Mainard '97**. Mandy is a kindergarten teacher in the Sedro-Woolley (Wash.) School District and Alex works at Skagit Ford and Subaru in Burlington.

Melissa Holcomb and **Jeff Priester '00** were married Oct. 19 in Colbert, Wash. **Adam Shantz '00** was in the wedding party. Melissa is a lieutenant in the U.S. Army and is working as a registered nurse at Tripler Army Medical Center. Jeff is a residential electronics systems designer at Design Systems, Ltd. They live in Kaneohe, Hawaii, on the island of Oahu.



Keith Pulley and **Renée Rutledge** were married Aug. 10 in Portland, Ore. **Rob Resendez '00** and **Scott Schuler '00** were in the wedding party. Keith received an MBA from Willamette University and is underemployed and looking for a job in the Portland area. Renée is a student.

Angela O'Brien was promoted to page department coordinator for Audiences Unlimited at Universal Studios. They coordinate the audience for most sitcoms and award shows including

"Friends," "Will and Grace," and "The American Music Awards."

Cathy Harper and Dan Shaffer were married May 11, 2002, in Puyallup. Cathy is a senior auditor at Moss Adams LLP in Seattle and Dan is a controller.

Ann Cordts and **Mark Woodard** were married Nov. 2, in Auburn, Wash. They are stationed at New River Marine Air Station near Jacksonville, N.C., where **Mark** is a pilot for the U.S. Marines. They recently bought a new house and plan to live there for three years.

Collette Broady and **Joshua Preiss** were married March 16, 2002, in Minneapolis. **Lauren Woodside '00**, **Katrina (Schwartz) Erickson '00**, **Jacob Broady '01**, and **Stacey Schadler '01** participated in the ceremony. Collette is an intern pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Franklin Park, Ill., and Joshua is a Ph.D. student in philosophy.

Angie Lucas and **Matt Hayes** were married July 6 at Oregon City Evangelical Church. **Camilla Fredrikson '99**, **Rachael (Radek) Urban '00**, and **Kristin Ross '00** were bridesmaids. **Erika (Bennett) Lucas '99** and **Dave Urban '00** also participated in the ceremony.

Heide Humiston and **Justin Maschhoff** were married July 14 in Tacoma. Heide is a teacher and Justin is a biologist and technical specialist at Forest Concepts, LLC.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Jenelle (Durkee) Mazzoncini is a hair designer at Caruh Salon & Spa and her husband, **Joey**, is a student at the University of Washington School of Medicine. They live in Seattle.

Corey Dunn received a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Oregon in June. He is now a Ph.D. student at the University of Oregon.

Shayna Cusack and **Maco Hamilton** were married July 19 in Vancouver, Wash. **Betsy Ruud '00**, **Tharen Michael '00**, **Whitney Freed '01**, **Amy Friedrich '00**, and **Holly Peterson '01** were in the wedding. Shayna is a fourth-grade teacher in the Kalama (Wash.) School District and Maco is the youth coordinator at Mt. View High School. They honeymooned in Cancun, Mexico.

Nicholas Baeth completed his master of science degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in December 2001. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in mathematics at UNL and was the winner of the UNL Emeritus Faculty Fellowship for the 2001-2002 school year.

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TITLE OF POSITION/COMPANY/AWARD/ DATE ASSUMED _____

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Katherine (Pelozo) Baeth completed a master's degree in music performance at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) in August. She is teaching private flute lessons and is the editorial assistant for the Journal of the American Musicological Society.



Amy Schouten and Kevin Green were married Sept. 28 in Seattle. **Rebecca Wells '01, Ruth Ann Hagglund**

Rouse '99, and Yeilyn Serrano '99 were in the wedding party. Kevin is a composer



Heather Hochhalter and **Satoshi Shimoi** were married Aug. 17 at Robinswood House in Bellevue, Wash. **Kathleen Pizzolatto '99** and Take Sato

were in the wedding party. Heather is a rehabilitation services aide at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle and Satoshi is a software engineer at Pioneer Technologies in Olympia.

Tim O'Neill is a product manager for Salton, Inc., a housewares company in Lake Forest, Ill. Their products include the George Foreman Grill and Looney Tunes and Scooby-Doo licensed products.

Brandy L'Roy is a registered nurse in surgical specialties at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland.

Suzanne Sampson is a combat information center and electronic warfare officer in the U.S. Navy.

Nate Grygorzewicz has a new position teaching social studies in the Shelton (Wash.) School District. He previously taught in the Tumwater (Wash.) School District.

Joy Barber is serving with Literacy AmeriCorps. She teaches citizenship and English as a second language classes at the Chinese Information and Service Center in the International District of Seattle.

Jeffrey Priestler and **Melissa Holcomb '99** were married Oct. 19 in Colbert, Wash. **Adam Shantz '00** was in the wedding party. Jeffrey designs and installs electronic systems at Design Systems, Ltd., and Melissa is a registered nurse at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii.

2001

Class Representative – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

Linda Dauer and Travis Irish were married June 9, 2001. Linda is a health and art teacher in the Copenhagen (N.Y.) School District and Travis is a staff sergeant in the U.S. military.

JoAnne Landis and Daniel Buhl were married Aug. 31 in Tacoma. JoAnne is a teacher in the Federal Way (Wash.) School District.

Emily Lentz and Kyle Grunenfelder were married July 6 in Puyallup. Emily is a nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital, and Kyle is a teacher in the Bethel School District.

Kara Zander died Nov. 26 of carbon monoxide poisoning. Kara most recently worked at the Academic Book Center in Portland, Ore., and looked forward to taking graduate courses to reach her goal to be an elementary school counselor. She is survived by her parents, **Glen '71** and **Cecilia (Satterthwait '73)** Zander and two brothers, Joel and Jeremy.

Camilla Fjeldstad and Daryl Miller were married July 9 in Portage, Wis. Camilla is a translator and interpreter, and Daryl is a hot end technician.

Katrina Richardson and Scott Butler were married March 23, 2002, in Winthrop, Wash. Katrina is a registered nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital and Scott is a firefighter, both in Spokane, Wash. They recently bought their first home.

Ryan Dirks received a master's degree in sports medicine from Oregon State University and **Tiffany (Willingham)**

Dirks '01 received a master's degree in education from Western Oregon University, both in 2002. Tiffany is a special education reading specialist at Dayton Elementary School and Ryan is working on his Ph.D. in sports medicine at Oregon State University.

Courtney Manar-Garnett and Felix Angeles were married July 21. Courtney is a social worker at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and Felix is a student.

2002

Class Representative – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Tyler Kalberg is an account coordinator at JayRay, a communications consulting agency, with offices in Seattle and Tacoma.

Michael Dailey has a new position as organist at St. John the Evangelist Church in West Chester, Ohio. St. John's is a Catholic parish of more than 2,400 families, a choir, and a beautiful pipe organ and piano. www.stjohnwc.org

Elisabeth McLain and **Michael Saulibio** were married April 26, 2002, at Point Defiance Lodge in Tacoma. Elisabeth works in Environmental Services at PLU, and Michael is a second lieutenant and nurse in the U.S. Army.



Colleen Lorenz is serving in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) as a program assistant at St. Joseph

Center/Bread & Roses Café in Venice, Calif. The Jesuit Volunteer Corps is the oldest and largest Catholic lay volunteer program in the U.S. Jesuit Volunteers commit themselves for one year to the four tenets of the JVC: spirituality, simple living, community and social justice.

Dahli Langer is a Teen PRIDE advocate for family and children's services in the PRIDE Program in Minneapolis. PRIDE helps women and teens get out of prostitution through advocacy and supportive services. She recently purchased a condominium in downtown Minneapolis.

Future Lutes

1984

Dawn (McCalley) Darby and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of Cessalie Margaret on Oct. 13. She joins Ashleigh, 7, William, 6, Philip, 4, and Haylee, 3.

1985

Rebecca (Torvend) Rainsberger and her husband, Frank, announce the birth of their first child, Rex Torvend, on Oct. 21.

1986

Knut Torvik and **Michele Larson** announce the birth of their first child, Cecilia, on May 1. They recently transferred to Houston where Knut works for ConocoPhillips.

Kathy (Ebel) Perlot and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Justin Brandt on Nov. 8. Kathy is a teacher at Hanford Middle School in Richland, Wash.

Joseph Tobiason and his wife,



Parthenia, announce the birth of Evan Joseph on Dec. 8. Evan is two hours old in the

photo. Joseph is a research scientist at Micro Encoder, Inc., in Kirkland, Wash. Parthenia has left her practice as a family physician to be a stay-at-home mom.

1987



David and Karen (Durham '90, '96) Harkness announce the birth of Christina Rose on May 23, 2002. She joins Sarah Leanne, 5.

David is a police officer for the City of Lake Forest Park (Wash.), and Karen teaches private violin lessons.

1988

Lisa (Norris) Lampe and **Calvin Lampe** announce the birth of Rory Arthur on Sept. 16. He joins Ethan, 3. Lisa is taking a long maternity leave. She will return to work, part-time, as a law clerk to the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Calvin is a fifth-grade teacher at Englewood Elementary in Salem.

Mary Eun and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Danica Gracie, on Nov. 18. Mary is a supply chain manager for Weyerhaeuser Company in Naperville, Ill.



Cynde (Laur) Rivers and her husband, Darren, announce the birth of their son, Tallin Kai, on

Nov. 22. Tallin joins a brother, Kele Tamas, 1. Darren was recently hired at the Tacoma Fire Department as a firefighter and Cynde continues as the EMS coordinator at MultiCare Medical Center. Cynde also wrote the chapter on communicable diseases in the recently published textbook, "Pediatric Core Curriculum."

1989

Kristin (Carlile) Houle announces the birth of her daughter, Natalie Erin, on Aug. 31. She joins Madeleine, 2.



Paal Ryan and his wife, Liz, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Angelo, on July 26. Paal is the head of the mechanical engineering department at T.E. Inc., a mechanical and electrical consulting firm in Renton, Wash.



Beth Vorderstrasse and **Eric Phillips '87** announce the birth of Annika Margaret on Aug. 25, 2001. Beth and Eric both work at Washington State University.

1990

Jane (Stewart) Bjork and her husband, Kevin, announce their adoption of Brody Christian, who was born in Romania on Feb. 14, 2001. He joins Ally Jane, born in Bulgaria on May 7, 2001.



Katy (O'Connor) and Steve '89 Vitcovich announce the birth of Benjamin Patrick on June 25, 2001. Katy is the vice president of human resources at URM Stores, Inc., and Steve is the general manager of J. Curry and Associates both in Spokane, Wash.



Jan (Hodenstad) Stemple and her husband, Ed, announce the birth of Luke Nathan on Feb. 21, 2002.



Kimberly (Labs) and Joseph '92 King announce the birth of Joshua David on Nov. 14. He joins

Katrina, 4, and James, 2. Joseph teaches high school math, and Kimberly is enjoying her time away from the office.



John Ralston and his wife, Tonya, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor

Sadie, on Aug. 13.

1991

Greg Felton and his wife, Ann, announce the birth of Margaret Greta on Oct. 13. Greg also received the 25-year Purple Award from the University of Washington Diabetes Care Center.



Susan (Weiss) Walker and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Julia Grace on Sept. 25.

Jill (Felgenhauer) Williamson and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Mason Ray on Nov. 9.

Steve and Jennifer (Pearson) Cooper announce the birth of Adam James on Oct. 20. He joins Ryan, 2.

Heidi (Porter) Stenzel and her husband, Casey, announce the birth of Cade Alexander on Nov. 7. Heidi is a stay-at-home mom and Casey works for Microsoft.

Larry Deal and Lisa Simonsen announce the birth of Keith Robert on Sept. 19. He joins Bruce Lorence, 2.

1992

Julie (Kraft) Nock and her husband, Brad, announce the birth of Dean Dale on July 11. Julie stays home with Dean and Brad is a middle school history teacher. They live in Louisville, Colo.

Mark Van Beek and his wife, Carrie, announce the birth of Maxwell James in March 2002. He joins Shalyn, 8, and Kendra, 8.



Trina (Ourham) Peters and her husband, Perry, announce the birth of Kelson Matthew on May 24. Trina is on leave from the Enumclaw (Wash.) School District and Perry is a sales representative for Nu-Ray Metals in Auburn.



Lisa (Gilman) Swanson and her husband, Don, announce the birth of Delaney Theresa on Aug. 23. She joins Donnie, 16, and Jordan, 14.

1993



Kelly Hoeckelberg-Young and Jeffrey Young announce the birth of Braden Jeffrey on July 9.



Heidi Worthen Gamble and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of Hannah Elizabeth on Oct. 21, 2001.



Ed Grogan and his wife, Kathy, announce the birth of Quinn on Feb. 14, 2002, on the island of Maui. In April 2002, they returned to the mainland to raise Quinn near family and friends. They recently completed their home in Gig Harbor, Wash., and Ed

transferred his financial planning practice back to Tacoma.

1994



Val and Kristine (Johnson) Meyer announce the birth of Kyle Matthew on May 8. He joins Jessica, 2. Val works for Washington Mutual's Capital Markets Group in Seattle.

Brian and Justine (Kroehl '96) Peterson announce the birth of Karli Jean on May 15, 2002. She joins Marcus Roy, 2. Brian also received the 2002 Teacher of the Year award from the Auburn (Wash.) School District. He is also the wrestling coach.



Kristen (Vold) Jaudon and her husband, David, announce the birth of their first child, Emily Lynn, on April 6, 2002. Kristen is a freelance copy editor/proofreader and stay-at-home mom. The Jaudons live in Ballston Spa, N.Y.



Aaron Linerud and his wife, Jenna, announce the birth of their son, Aidan Hunter, on Sept. 5. Aaron works in sales at White Water Forest Products in Spokane. Jenna is an emergency room social worker at Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. They purchased a new home in September.

1995

Trent and Kimberly (Carl '97) Erickson announce the birth of Elyse "Ellie" Jean, on Aug. 16.



Mike and Kristen (Buckley '96) Lee announce the birth of Michael Owen Lee on Aug. 22. He joins William Grant, 2. Kristen received her master's degree in education from Washington State University in December 2002 and is a teacher in the Kennewick (Wash.) School District. Mike is a reporter at the Tri-City Herald.

1996



Tonya (Pasinetti) McGowan and husband, Ryan, announce the birth of Elli Marie on March 19, 2002.



Curt and Rachelle (Snowdon) Mulder announce the birth of their son, Jordan Curtis, on June 15. Rachelle is an urgent care specialist at Spokane Mental Health and Curt has a master's degree in counseling psychology from Trinity International University in Chicago.



Andrea (Campbell) and Aaron '97 McCarty announce the birth of Ellie Grace on June 16, Father's Day, 2002. Andrea is a first-grade teacher in the Camas School District. She also recently completed her master's degree in reading and literacy. Aaron is a product manager for Boise Distribution. They live in Vancouver, Wash., where they purchased their first home.

1998

Chyl Helms and David Smart announce the birth of their son, Amoruso David, on July 4. Chyl is a registered nurse at Tobago Regional Hospital on the island of Tobago, West Indies. She is taking time off to be home full-time.



Karen (Leikem) and Lance '99 Kenmore announce the birth of their son, Mason Clarence Edward, on June 20.

2000



John Allen and Sarah (Nicholson '01) Hires announce the birth of Nehemiah Philip on Nov. 9. John Allen works with adolescents as a social worker for the State of Washington and Sarah tele-commutes part-time for Youth for Christ foster care and is a stay-at-home mom. [S]

Scene

Next deadline for Class note submissions is:

March 28, 2003

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with Mexico may cut through dry deserts, but we continue to fight over the water in the rivers, the Rio Grande and the Colorado River, especially.

That's what I discovered when I wrote my most recent book, "Red Delta: Fighting for Life at the End of the Colorado River."

I began work on the book during my recent Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship in Mexico. While working on my project on "Humanities and the Environment," I visited the Mexican delta of the Colorado River. Not many Americans even know that the Colorado River empties into the head Gulf of California, between Sonora and Baja California. Its last 100 miles flow through the deserts of Mexico to this inland sea.

It's perhaps a measure of how far removed our way of life has made us, that we know so little about the actual river. We have plumbed it and dammed it, choked it and subdued it, so that it is no longer even a river. It is simply the largest plumbing system in the world—the work not of nature but of armies of engineers and lawyers. Indeed, the only two species on the Colorado River not in danger of extinction are engineers and lawyers.

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Some 23 million Americans turn on their faucets and out flows water from the Colorado River. That number is



La Flor del Desierto blooms into an exquisite sunset that sweeps over the delta and the spectacular Ciénega.

expected to grow to 38 million by 2020. From San Diego and Los Angeles, to Las Vegas or Phoenix, we have taken a huge gamble that we could build a society in the arid desert hugely dependent on this one river. After years of California using millions of gallons more than its legal allotment, the Department of the Interior is enforcing a Supreme Court ruling that the state take only its fair share, even as the population there multiplies. In the desert southwest, we are already at our limits in water use, but continue to grow as if water were a limitless resource.

What we have done in the desert is not a model of the wise use of water. The river was subjected to the principle of "total use." To build this desert society, we had to take for ourselves virtually every drop of the water in the Colorado River. It required the building of about 90 dams and diversions on the Colorado River, a 50-year frenzy of dam construction. Every drop of water in the river is actually used up to three times by humans. In dry years, not a single drop reaches the sea.

Wildlife always came last. The river

itself, as a river, was forgotten.

Our control of the river was complete. No studies were done of the effects on habitats or species. Freshwater fish have an endangerment and extinction rate, in the United States, that rivals that of the tropical rainforests. But the worst devastation was reserved for the river's delta in Mexico. We simply turned our back on it. Americans took the river's water. The devastation of the river's delta we gave to Mexico. We took the wealth. They got the environmental costs.

And it was a spectacular delta. Aldo Leopold, the great father of modern environmentalism, explored the delta before the dams went in upriver. He described it in an essay as "a wilderness of milk and honey." How rich was this river delta? To get an idea, you must imagine this. Americans are familiar with the Grand Canyon. It is a symbol of our national greatness, a part of our national psyche. Few think, when they see the canyon, where all that dirt went. The answer is: the delta in Mexico. Without the silt from the Colorado River, Palm Springs would be a resort

town on the shores of the Gulf of California.

The delta is two million acres in size, as big as the state of Connecticut. It was more spectacular than the Nile and Ganges deltas, to which it was compared. But because it was in Mexico, it is a huge blind spot for Americans.

Until recently.

And that is the story of "Red Delta," the amazing and utterly unexpected revival of ecosystems in the Mexican delta of the Colorado River. As water resources returned, because of bureaucratic mistakes by the United States or because of huge El Niño floods, life in the desert delta returned. One of the most spectacular marshes in North America has grown up in the rich desert soils just 35 miles south of the Arizona border with Mexico. The Ciénega de Santa Clara is a 50,000 acre marsh—that's 3.5 times the size of Manhattan Island. It's home to some

250 species of birds, many of them endangered like the Yuma clapper rail.


This revival suddenly became an object lesson for both Mexicans and Americans—all we need to do in the delta is provide a modicum of water, and the ecosystems will return. This is the story of "Red Delta": the unexpected revival of the great ecosystems in the delta and the binational efforts to study and protect them. It's a grass-roots effort that has reached to the very highest levels of the governments of both Mexico and the United States.

The effort to sustain this unlikely recovery in the Mexican desert means finding a modicum of water to sustain the ecosystems. That puts the delta in the heart of the water wars in the arid southwest. Efforts are under way to get an amendment to the 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico that would designate a certain small amount of water for ecological purposes. Much progress has been made, as the book shows. It is

the first time that wildlife values, for example, are included in the laws that govern the management of the Colorado River.

The delta of the Colorado River is an object lesson in how we have not managed our water resources wisely. It is not simply a problem in the arid southwest, where water is relatively scarce. It is true here in the Pacific Northwest, as well, where water is abundant. We have dammed our rivers, and in the process endangered our native salmon.

Puget Sound may look pristine on a gleaming summer day, but each day we dump more than a billion gallons of polluted water into this precious inland sea. It is becoming dangerously polluted. The killer whales of Puget Sound, for example, are giving us a dire warning at the moment. According to toxicologists, they are the most contaminated marine mammals in the world. Their numbers have been declining for about eight years. They live on salmon, like many humans. They should be a warning to us.

In PLU's Environmental Studies Program, we have chosen to address the issues of water and water sustainability directly. We have recently received a grant (see story, page 5) from The Russell Family Foundation to work on a campus water sustainability project. As we enter the United Nations' Year of Freshwater, we will work to make water a focus in our Environmental Studies curriculum and to make water sustainability a goal in campus operations. 



Locals in Mexico call the eared grebe "pato marijuano," the marijuana bird, for its brilliant red eyes.

Charles Bergman is a professor in the department of English. His book, is available at major bookstores, the PLU Bookstore or through Luteworld at luteworld.plu.edu. See more photos at www.plu.edu/encore/



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KEVIN FREITAS '03 is a senior geosciences major and staff Web developer at PLU. His parents gave him his first digital camera for Christmas in '99, and he hasn't been without one slung over his shoulder since. From Parkland to Scotland, the urge to capture the world through the chip in his digital camera has led him to snap nearly 30,000 photos. "For remembering life," he says, "there is no greater addiction." An ever-growing gallery of his photos can be seen on his Web site at www.kevinfreitas.net.

calendar

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April 24, 8 p.m.
Student Series:
student brass recital
MBR

April 29, 8 p.m.
Choral Series: University
Chorale Homecoming
Concert
MBR

April 30, 8 p.m.
Student Series: Piano
Ensemble Recital
MBR

MAY

May 1-3, 8 p.m.
"Hamlet"
University Theatre
Eastvold Auditorium

May 4, 2 p.m.
"Hamlet"
University Theatre
Eastvold Auditorium

May 1, 8 p.m.
Choir of the West and
University Symphony
Orchestra
MBR

May 2
Q Club Banquet
Olson Auditorium

May 4, 3 p.m.
Richard D. Moe Organ Recital
Series on the Gottfried and
Mary Fuchs Organ: Charles
Brown, guest organist MBR

May 4, 7:30 p.m.
Student Series: Solvinden
Flute Choir MBR

May 6, 8 p.m.
Choral Series: University
Singers Homecoming Concert
MBR

May 8, 8 p.m.
University Concert Band and
University Men's Chorus
MBR

May 9-10, 8 p.m.
"Hamlet"
University Theatre
Eastvold Auditorium

May 9, 8 p.m.
Jazz Series: Jazz Series:
University Jazz Ensemble and
Vocal Jazz Ensemble
Scandinavian Cultural Center

May 10, 2 p.m.
"Hamlet"
University Theatre
Eastvold Auditorium

May 11, 3 p.m.
Band Series: University Wind
Ensemble's Children's Concert
Olson Auditorium


May 11, 4 p.m.
Student Series: Guitar
Ensemble
MBR

May 13, 8 p.m.
University Symphony Orchestra
Masterpiece Series: Concert IV
MBR

May 14, 8 p.m.
Student Series: String
Kaleidoscope
MBR

May 15, 8 p.m.
Student Series: Composers'
Forum
MBR

May 23, 8 p.m.
Choral Series: Choral Union
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perspective

Professor Charles Bergman's new book "Red Delta: Fighting for Life at the End of the Colorado River" details one of the world's water worries



(Left) The delta's fertile green lagoons tell a story of hope and recovery. **(Right)** The flat-tailed horned lizard faces vanishing desert habitats.

By Charles Bergman

When the United Nations designated 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater, it turned yet another spotlight on what most experts believe will be the most important environmental and health issue of the coming century: water. Though obscured by our current geopolitical anxieties over Muslim terrorism, the squandering of freshwater resources and the big gulp ethics of

rich nations lurk in the shadows as a growing source of tension and conflict.

Americans typically like to distance themselves from such global water worries, imagining them in such faraway places as Eritrea or Ethiopia. Water is a problem for dry and developing nations, we think.

We need to think again.

Water problems are not only right here with us at home, but they affect

our relations with our nearest neighbors. The word "rival" derives from the Latin word riva, for river: rivals are people on opposite banks of a river, fighting over water. Our long disputes with Mexico, for example, have been as much about water as they have been about land, as much about dividing the waters as grabbing for land. The border

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