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The sun sparkles off a reflecting pool at Tacoma's Museum of Glass, the location of the July 8 Jazz Under the Stars anniversary gala. After 10 years, PLU's summer concert series still sparkles, too.

SEPTEMBER

September 10, 7:30 p.m.

"Looking Back to Look Forward"

KPLU's election 2008 event with

Juan Williams

Museum of History and Industry, Seattle

September 11, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz

Orchestra Zerabonda

Seattle Art Museum

September 14, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series

Paul Tegels, university organist

Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 15, 7 p.m.

To Torture or Not to Torture: A Discussion of the Ethics of Torture

Scandinavian Cultural Center

September 18, 7:30 p.m.

"The Moral and Political Wars of Health Care Reform"

Paul Menzel, professor of philosophy

Scandinavian Cultural Center

September 23, 8 p.m.

Camas Wind Quintet

Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 24, 6 p.m.

State Farm MBA Executive Leadership Series

Jim Brock, dean of the School of Business

Morken Center Room 103

September 25, 8 p.m.

Visiting Writer Series, Cate Marvin

University Center Regency Room

September 25, 8 p.m.

Regency Jazz Ensemble

Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 27, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Diana Walker, pianist

Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 28, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Violinist Svend Rønning and

harpist Juliet Stratton

Lagerquist Concert Hall

September 29, 7:30 p.m.

David and Marilyn Knutson Lecture

Susan Ross, professor of theology and faculty scholar, Loyola University

of Chicago

Xavier 201

OCTOBER

October 1, 5 p.m.

Reading and Colloquium

Stephen Corey, poet and editor

of "The Georgia Review"

Garfield Book Company at PLU

October 2, 6 p.m.

State Farm MBA Executive Leadership Series

Jim Hilger, vice president of finance,

DaVita

Morken Center Room 103

October 4, 8 p.m.

Artist Series: Camerata Northwest

Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 5, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series

Susan Ferré, guest organist

Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 6, 7:30 p.m.

Dale E. Benson Lecture

"Globalization and Growing American Inequality"

Peter H. Lindert, University of

California, Davis

Scandinavian Cultural Center

October 9, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz

Seattle Art Museum

October 9-12

Homecoming Weekend

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October 12, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Early and Baroque Concert

Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 14, 7:30 p.m.

Department of Religion Public Lecture

Kevin O'Brien, PLU assistant professor of religion

Xavier 201

October 14, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra

With guest soloists from the PLU

piano faculty

Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 18, 3 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra invitational

Guest clinician Paul Elliot Cobbs, director of the Tacoma Youth Symphony Association

and the Everett Symphony

Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 19, 3 p.m.

University Wind Ensemble

With saxophone soloist Paul Haar

Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Raphael Lemkin Lecture

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Candice Hughes, the first graduate from the Trinidad and Tobago exchange program. Photo by Jordan Hartman '02

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Vocalist Dennis Hastings, drummer Steve Bentley, bassist Osama Afifi and pianist David Joyner after the July 10 Jazz Under the Stars concert. Joyner is also PLU's director of jazz studies and producer of Jazz Under the Stars, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year.

Gala marks a decade of Jazz Under the Stars

A July 8 gala at the Museum of Glass in downtown Tacoma was a fitting place to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Jazz Under the Stars.

Each year, the outdoor summer concert series sponsored by PLU and KPLU, brings popular Northwest jazz musicians to the Mary Baker Russell amphitheater on Thursday evenings in July and August. An extra performance

was added to the lineup this year to mark the anniversary. It featured Pearl Django, and Greta Matassa and her trio.

"We're proud to have sustained a professional-level summer jazz concert series for 10 years," said David Joyner, director of jazz studies and producer of the concert series.

"It is a testament to PLU's commitment to America's unique cultural treasure, the wealth of jazz artists in

the Northwest and the discerning tastes of the Jazz Under the Stars audience," he continued.

It was only fitting that Pearl Django returned for the anniversary performance, Joyner said. After all, they were the band that started it all in 1998, when the concert series was born.

Since assuming the role of series producer in 2001, Joyner has strived to showcase the abundance of jazz talent in the region. He regularly introduces



new talent while also featuring some encore performances.

The series returned to the MBR amphitheater for the remaining six concerts. Stargazing opportunities were available at the W.M. Keck Observatory following the performances.

Grant supports environmental research

On a sunny day last May, a small group of faculty members and alumni donned waders and trudged into Clover Creek.

Under the watchful guidance of environmental studies faculty, the group learned how to collect field data about the creek – the same type of work students in the “Environmental Methods of Investigation” course learn to do. The field trip was part of a three-day workshop to evaluate the environmental studies curriculum.

The workshop was one of several projects funded by a \$90,000 grant the environmental studies program received from the Wiancko Charitable Foundation in December 2007. It also supported three student-faculty research teams, a research retreat and provided mini-grants for environmental projects.

“We want to use the funds in a way that makes the maximum impact for PLU, but also for the environment,” explained William Teska, professor of biology and chair of environmental studies. “We want to make the world a better place, and to make our region a better place.”

The grant provides a unique opportunity to move the already strong environmental studies program to a truly superb one, while also building on its interdisciplinary nature, Teska said.

This interdisciplinary approach was evident in the first round of student-faculty research projects: one led by assistant biology professor Michael Behrens examining pricklyback fishes; another by Claire Todd, visiting assistant geosciences and environmental studies professor, looking at climate change on Mount Rainier; and the third by philosophy professor Erin McKenna to study meat production and the environment.

“We utilize interdisciplinary studies here because we truly want to come



Michael Behrens, assistant professor of biology, examines pricklybacks in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

together to solve environmental problems,” Teska said.

Faculty selects general education program

This spring, faculty voted to adopt a revised General Education Program, ending a four-year process.

The program consists of academic elements all students must complete as part of PLU’s liberal arts education.

According to the program’s description, it “prepares graduates to ask significant questions, engage relevant knowledge, and wrestle with complex issues.” It goes into effect for the 2009-10 academic year.

Three faculty committees worked on the process, writing the principles of the program in the first year, then researching other institutions and creating guidelines the following year. The final two years examined various models for the program, said Erin McKenna, philosophy professor and former faculty chair.

During the study, the committee sought feedback on numerous occasions from faculty, staff and students. Overall, the biggest refinements were made to the social science and religion

A poster for a Christmas celebration at Pacific Lutheran University. The top text reads "A PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION" and "WONDROUS CHILD" in large, stylized letters. The central image is a painting of the Virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus. Below the image, there is text about the concert series and specific dates for Portland, Seattle, and Tacoma. At the bottom, there is a website URL and a phone number, along with the PLU logo and name.

A PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

WONDROUS CHILD

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY'S popular Christmas concerts return with the Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra presenting joyous anthems, processions, carols, narration and audience participation. Tickets: \$20 General admission; \$15 Seniors (55+), students, PLU community and alumni; Children 12 and under free. Group rates available. All ticket sales are final; no passes or refunds. Tickets available November 1.

CONCERT DATES

PORTLAND
December 5, 2008, 8 p.m.
St. Mary's Cathedral

SEATTLE
December 6, 2008, 8 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church

TACOMA
December 7, 2008, 4 p.m.
Olson Auditorium, PLU

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elements, as well as the perspectives on diversity, McKenna explained.

"We were trying to take things that seemed confusing and complex, and tried to show coherence and cohesion to the program," she said.

So the revised program doesn't simply collect dust for another decade, a position was created in the Office of the Provost to oversee the revised general education program. On Sept. 1, Jan Lewis, currently associate dean and professor of instructional development and leadership, became the associate provost for curriculum and assessment.

Fulbright awards scholarships to three alums

Three PLU alumni were awarded Fulbright scholarships for study overseas this fall.

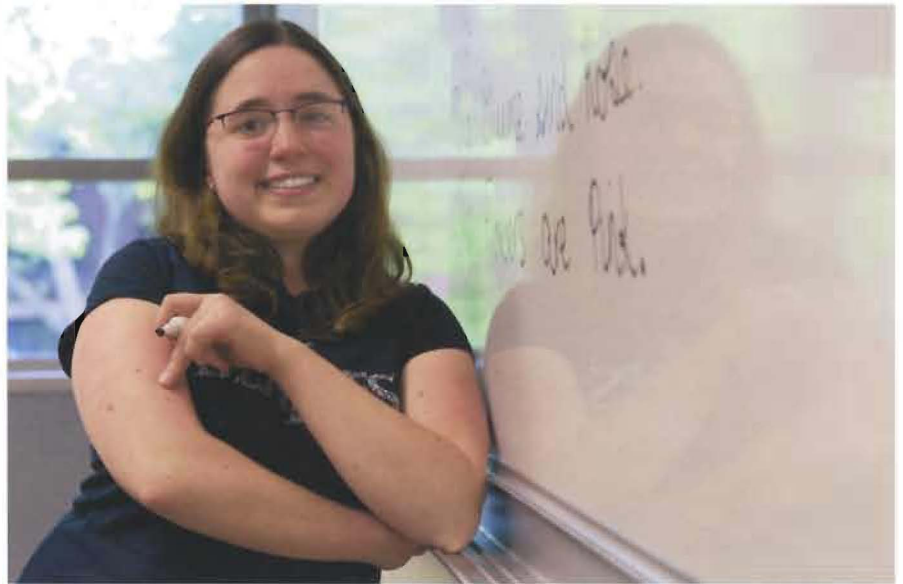
Ericka Hummel '08 and Daniel Wilson '06 will spend the year teaching English as a second language in Germany. Jennifer Henrichsen '07 will study press protection in conflict situations while completing an advanced master's degree in international and European security in Geneva, Switzerland.

The trio brings the total number of PLU students to receive the prestigious award to 79. Troy Storfjell, assistant professor of Norwegian and Scandinavian Studies, serves as the Fulbright program advisor, helping students with their applications.

Hummel is looking forward to being immersed in the German culture, and having the opportunity to share her culture.

"It's what the Fulbright is all about," she said. "The world is becoming a smaller place, and learning to identify with other cultures matters in every aspect of life, from politics to economics to education."

The Fulbright program was founded in 1946 to promote "international good will through the exchange of students in the fields of education, culture and science." It operates in more than 140 countries.



Ericka Hummel '08 is one of three PLU students to receive Fulbright scholarships this year. She will teach English in Germany.

PLU's commitment to the earth lauded

The Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce awarded PLU its 2008 Tahoma Business Environmental Award.

The annual award recognizes an

entrepreneurial effort that meets a high standard of excellence for environmental preservation and protection accomplishments. PLU was honored for its outstanding commitment to projects in environmental sustainability.

PLU was lauded for developing an integrated approach to make sustainability a campus priority. The university has taken a leadership role in local, regional and even national forums, and its planning, operations and program practices reflect its commitment to the earth.

The campus community honored for making sustainability a priority.

A number of endeavors also demonstrate this commitment. These include constructing new and remodeled buildings to the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards, supporting student Sustainability Fellows annually and purchasing 20 percent of its energy from renewable sources.

Additionally, PLU's Campus Master Plan sets forth a number of lofty goals, among which are the following: to become carbon neutral by 2020, reduce energy use 25 percent and reduce water use 20 percent by 2011.



Jason Brune, executive director of the Resource Development Council of Alaska, honors PLU President Loren J. Anderson for the university's commitment to the environment.

President Loren Anderson accepted the award at a breakfast ceremony featuring a keynote address by Jason Brune, executive director of the Resource Development Council of Alaska.

COLLEGE SUCCESS FOUNDATION

Foundation helps college students succeed

Since 2001, more than 200 PLU students have benefited from scholarships provided by the College Success Foundation.

Formerly the Washington Education Foundation, the organization provides assistance to low-income, high-potential students in Washington. Scholarship recipients also receive mentor support from college faculty and staff, and guidance from the admission and financial aid offices.

The foundation currently administers five scholarship programs: the Achievers Scholarship Program, Chateau Ste. Michelle Scholarship Fund, Costco Scholarship Fund, Leadership 1000 Scholarship and Washington State Governor's Scholarship for Foster Youth.

The first cohort of Achievers Scholars at PLU included 17 students. That number has grown nearly every year, and this past academic year, PLU welcomed 117. Over the past seven years, 215 Achievers Scholars have come to the university.

Additionally, PLU's had five Governor's Scholars, one Leadership 1000 Scholar and two Take Aim Scholars (the program is no longer funded). In all, the 223 scholarship recipients received more than \$4.5 million from the foundation.

The foundation's CEO and chair, Bob Craves, was recently awarded the Stanley O. McNaughton Leadership Award in recognition of his advocacy on behalf of college students. The award was given by the Independent Colleges of Washington, of which PLU is a member. [S]

ACCOLADES



Virtual reference services librarian **Holly Senn** and music professor **Greg Youtz** were among 80 Washington state

artists to receive Grants for Artist Projects from the Artist Trust. A



visual artist, Senn uses discarded library books to make sculptures and installations exploring the life cycle of ideas. She

received \$1,500 to purchase an iMac and Photoshop. Meanwhile, Youtz received \$1,500 to defray the costs of creating a professional recording of his composition "Fragments: Three Songs of Hope." It is part of a nine-movement oratorio called "Drum Taps: Nine Poems on Themes of War," and the professional recording will be used to market the premiere of "Drum Taps."

Associate business professor **Chung-Shing Lee** co-authored the paper, "The DNA of Industrial Competitors," which appeared in the July-August issue of *Research-Technology Management Journal*. Lee wrote the paper with Jonathan C. Ho, assistant professor of management at Yuan Ze University in Taiwan. The paper draws an analogy between the business environment and an ecological system, in which firms become species. It analyzes how a species engages in strategic actions in response to both changes in the environment and movements of other species within the ecosystem.

Kent Gerlach, professor of instructional development and leadership, was named to the 14-member editorial advisory board of Thompson's Title I Monitor, which

examines the federal Title I compensatory education program, the largest source of federal assistance for elementary and secondary education. Gerlach is the only board member from higher education and will serve a two-year term.



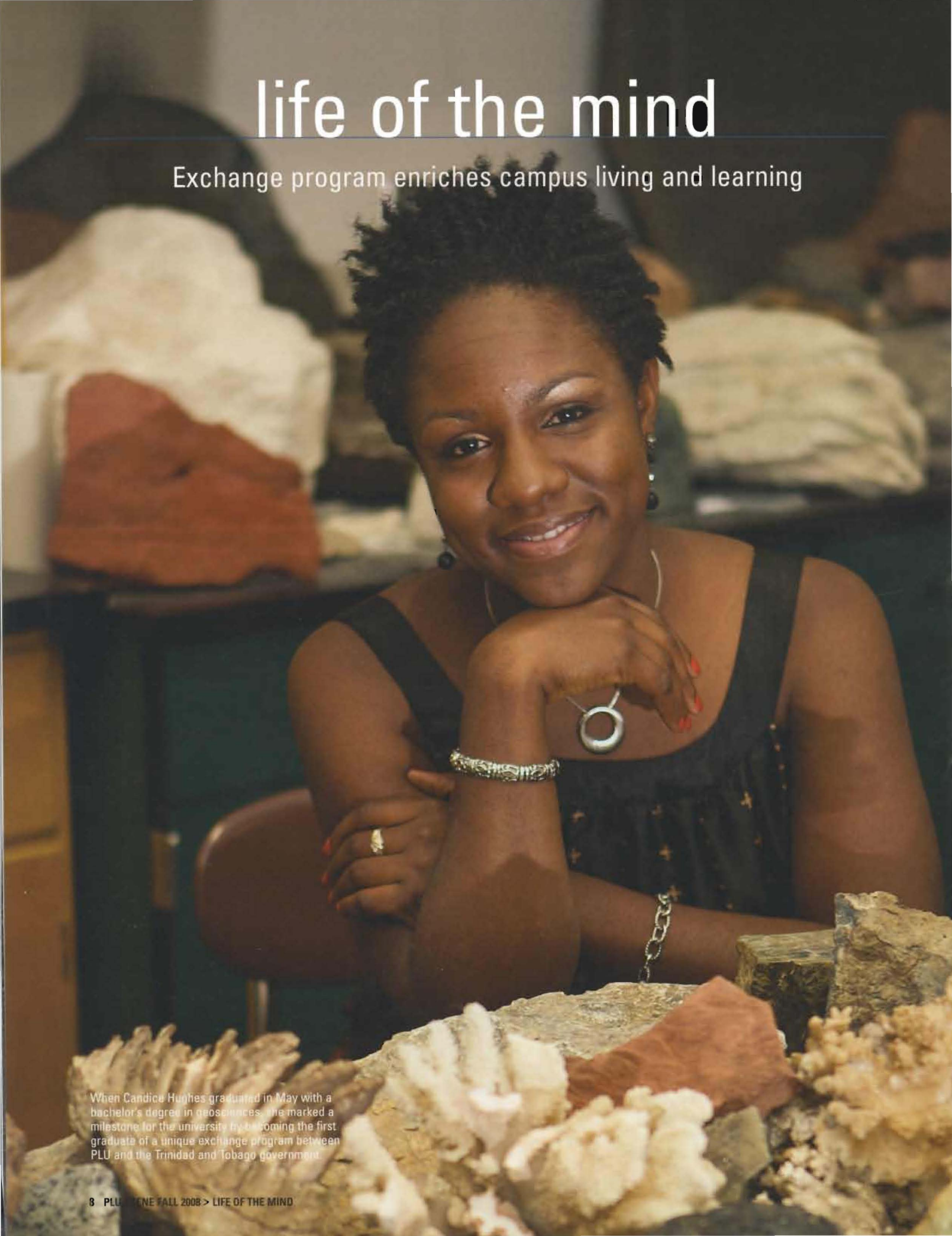
Colleen Hacker, professor of movement studies and wellness education, joined the U.S. Olympic Women's Field Hockey Team

in Beijing, China, as part of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games. Her inclusion on the coaching staff was the fourth time she has attended the games as part of a U.S. coaching staff – the previous three times were with the U.S. Women's Soccer Team.

The PLU Board of Regents approved 12 faculty recipients of Regency Advancement Awards, intended to enhance opportunities for professional development and encourage faculty to pursue scholarship and creative projects. The faculty members who received the award for the 2008-09 academic year are: **Spencer Ebbinga**, art; **Michael Halvorson**, history; **Susan Harmon**, business; **Diane Harney**, communication and theatre; **JoDee Keller**, social work; **Erin McKenna**, philosophy; **Laurie Murphy**, computer science and computer engineering; **Eric Nelson**, languages and literatures; **Matthew Smith**, biology; **Marianne Taylor**, psychology; **Claire Todd**, geosciences; and **Robert Marshall Wells**, communication and theatre.

life of the mind

Exchange program enriches campus living and learning



When Candice Hughes graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in geosciences, she marked a milestone for the university by becoming the first graduate of a unique exchange program between PLU and the Trinidad and Tobago government.

Six years ago, Candice Hughes '08 realized that, despite her ambition, college just wasn't in the cards. As consolation, the Trinidad and Tobago native dreamed of figuring out a way to go back to school part-time in a few years.

Her opportunity emerged just two years later with the advent of a unique exchange program, forged between PLU and the Trinidadian government.

For more than a decade, PLU has been sending students for a semester of study on the Caribbean island nation, located just off the coast of Venezuela. In 2004, the program sought three Trinidadian students to study alongside PLU students in PLU-designed courses and at the University of the West Indies.

"Our students were going down there, having a rich experience and gaining so much, but we weren't really giving back to Trinidad," explained English professor Barbara Temple-Thurston, founder and director of the program. "I thought it would be lovely if we could do a real exchange."

And thus, a "real" exchange was implemented. The Trinidadian students would live with the PLU students, take courses alongside them, be immersed in the cultural life of the islands and complete a service-learning project. At the semester's conclusion, the most promising student would receive a four-year scholarship to PLU, funded jointly by PLU and Trinidad's Ministry of Community Development, Culture and Gender Affairs.

Hughes jumped at the chance.

"I learned about the program and I was like, 'Are you kidding me?'" she said in her Caribbean-accented English. "It was a complete, complete blessing."

To be accepted, local students must have excellent grades, a successful interview with PLU faculty and ministry representatives, and be involved in their country's "Prime Minister's Best Village Trophy Competition," a year-round program that highlights the traditional cultures, including music, food, dance, drama and sports. It seeks to preserve and build pride in the nation's diverse traditions, Temple-Thurston explained.

Hughes was part of the first trio accepted to the program. And, after studying alongside PLU students, she was chosen as the first to come to

Tacoma to complete her degree.

Hughes marked another milestone for the program this past May, graduating with a bachelor's degree in geosciences and serving as the senior class speaker.

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At PLU, Hughes immersed herself in campus life. She participated in theater and Dance Ensemble, held leadership roles in the Diversity Center and ASPLU, and spearheaded the first campus Caribbean Carnival in February 2006. The now-annual event showcases the dance, music and history of Trinidad and Tobago, provides an outlet for the program's participants to demonstrate what they learned, and exposes the students who don't study away to another culture, she explained. To top it all off, Hughes even fit in a semester studying environmental issues in Botswana.

"We don't walk around thinking PLU's got diversity. We see a lot of the same people, but we are diverse, in more ways than one," she said.

To make her point, she cites the active international student community, the breadth of academic disciplines the university offers and the varied backgrounds of its students, faculty and staff. In four years at PLU, she's broadened her understanding of the world and her place in it.

"It's a two-way street," she explained. "It's not just that we've been coming

and giving PLU all this diversity. We have been gaining so much, too."

Her transformation from "a girl from Trinidad" to a "world citizen" started that first semester, when she lived and learned alongside PLU students in her native land. She gladly served as a resource for the PLU students, but she also learned a great deal about her culture.

Culture is a key theme of the program. Due largely to its colonial past, Trinidad and Tobago are home to a rich mix of religions and ethnicities, from African and East Indian to Chinese, Syrian and Portuguese. Trinidadians express great pride in their diversity through a variety of festivals. The PLU program is designed to explain the deeper historical roots that anchor these festivals, Temple-Thurston said.

According to Hughes, the knowledge she gained in the program makes her a better Trinidadian and a better ambassador for her country.

Currently, there are six Trinidadian students studying on the PLU campus as part of this program. Through their work in campus organizations and clubs – and by simply living in the residence halls and attending class – they are having a profound effect on the PLU campus.

"Everybody knows about them. Who ever thought about Trinidad and Tobago before?" Temple-Thurston asked. "The program has heightened awareness of our Caribbean neighbors and the issues we face in a globalized world. Now almost any PLU student knows where Trinidad and Tobago is, they know somebody from it or they know something about the culture. It's remarkable."

The pressure of being the first student supported by the joint scholarship was high. But Hughes rose to the challenge, building a strong foundation and placing high expectations on the subsequent scholarship winners.

Listening to the 25-year-old speak today, she exudes self-confidence. She's poised, enthusiastic and excited to return to Trinidad this fall to begin her next challenge: working closely with PLU and the cultural ministry to promote the study away program and the opportunities it presents for future students. Both PLU and the Caribbean nation are better for it. S

—Megan Haley Anderson

A man in a maroon shirt and khaki pants stands in front of server racks. The server racks are filled with various components, including a fan status indicator with a green light and a red circular logo. The background is a dark blue with glowing green lights and labels like 'COM', 'CPU', 'GROUP SELECT', and 'UP'. The overall scene is a data center environment.

The intersection of real and virtual

Robert Marshall Wells

learning >>>>

TEACH TECH

When Nicholas Carr penned an article in *The Atlantic* last summer, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?," the buzz it created became a topic of scholarly debate: Are the Internet and similar new technologies enhancing or detracting from the learning experience? Today, college professors who face a generation weaned on YouTube, Facebook, instant messaging and Wikipedia can find daunting the challenge of engaging young minds on esoteric

topics such as the works of 19th century German philosophers or the chemistry of carbon compounds. At the same time, advances in technology allow students real-time cross-global chat from Tacoma to Taipei and give aspiring archeologists experience with digs around the world through real-time video conferencing.

The website "Supercomputing Online" celebrated June 30, 2008, as the 20th anniversary of crossing the threshold to the modern Internet and all that was to come. Scene took the occasion to assem-

ble five PLU faculty members for a conversation about technology and its affect on teaching and learning. The forum was moderated by Robert Marshall Wells, assistant professor of communication, and included Spencer Ebbinga, assistant professor of art; Greg Johnson, associate professor of philosophy; Rose McKenney, associate professor of geosciences/environmental studies; and Bridget Yaden, assistant professor of Spanish and director of the Language Resource Center. Their conversation has been edited for clarity and length. >>

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Rose McKenney



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Robert Marshall Wells: How have you seen technology change teaching and learning? In particular, what are some of the benefits you've seen?

Bridget Yaden: I've definitely seen technology change teaching. I've seen access to resources by students improve. Our first-year language classes meet only three hours a week, and that's not nearly enough time to become proficient in a language, so the access to resources via the Internet has really changed the way we teach. Now students can have 24-hour access to information. They don't have to wait for the language lab to open.

Greg Johnson: There is greater access to research material in general. For instance, there are several places where you can actually read primary sources that before were only available in hard copy. This accessibility to such resources is a nice change.

Rose McKenney: I think the information explosion and new technologies are a very beneficial resource. It's almost impossible to have access to science articles without the resources on the Internet.

Yaden: Particularly for language learning, I've used Skype video for live interactive conversations with native speakers anywhere in the world. It's a powerful tool. In January, one of our classes was talking with children in China. The quality was amazing. It's safe to say we'll probably use this for our beginning Spanish courses, where we have programs in Mexico and Spain. Or students might use these resources before they study abroad to get some practice time with native speakers.

Spencer Ebbinga: I think there is a lot of flash and bang with new technologies, and some do have useful applications. The problem is when students do not learn the

fundamentals before all the bells and whistles, or if the technology is not particularly useful.

DO YOU WIKI?

Wells: As an educator, what are the challenges you have seen in the adoption of new technologies, particularly in terms of research and classroom teaching?

Johnson: Even though there are benefits from this technology, it can also be a kind of "gateway drug," either to introduce students to bad habits or enable their already bad ones. What is needed is to discuss with students how sources such as Wikipedia can be used and when it can be used best. So, we can ask, "What's the place of Wikipedia in particular, or other Internet sources in general, in generating scholarship like term papers?"

Wells: So how do you use it?

Johnson: Well, I am tempted to say that the Internet is like the sacred: it both repels and attracts you! As I indicated, the question about Wikipedia for me is what place should it have in the educational process. To say you should never use Wikipedia is simply out of touch with what is actually being done. I use it and I tell my students that I use it. This does not, however, mean I use it as a primary resource. So, one of the things I've tried to do with students is talk about when to use Wikipedia and what is an appropriate way to use it.

If, for example, you're doing a research paper, Wikipedia might open up questions in a different way and it might point you to better resources such as, in my case, the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, which is a very good source and often a link to some Wikipedia entries on philosophy. Again, it's a question of what constitutes a resource, when is it best used and to what end.

Wells: What about from the perspective of the sciences?

McKenney: In the sciences we often use technology and the Internet for academic research. And there is a tendency at times for students to go to simple tools, such as Wikipedia, which is a good place to get a general background. It's the whole issue of discernment and using the appropriate set of resources. You wouldn't use a child's book as a reference, unless you're doing a children's literature review. Often new technology is the best tool for a task.

Yaden: Back in 2001, our department felt the need to develop a policy on machine translation – we didn't have a machine translator. There is a time and place to find sources to figure out what an Arabic speaker, for example, is trying to say without being concerned about complete accuracy. You plugged the language into the translator and got the gist. But when you are using the translator to short-cut the language-acquisition process as a student of that language, you are using the tool incorrectly.

McKenney: It's the whole short cut mentality. It just doesn't work in the sciences where you need to learn to manipulate data on your own. You can't have one person in the group doing the research with the computer and sharing it with the class. Each student must develop individual skills.

Johnson: I see PowerPoint being used more and more in presentations, but it raises some problems for me. PowerPoint presentations seem to create more passivity, which is ironic. It's a technology that is supposed to be interactive, but the opposite is often the case. PowerPoint is often like giving students – and me – anesthesia. And the same is true with other Internet technologies. When someone sits in front of a computer screen and is Googling, the

claim is that this is interactive – note the use of *interface* – but in fact it's passive. The question here is how one who is connected to a global network through the Web becomes simultaneously what the philosopher Leibniz called a "monad," which is self-contained and windowless, that is to say isolated. This is one challenge for understanding the passive interaction of the Internet.

McKenney: I think the same thing goes on with classroom slide shows and videos. The lights go off and it's easy for students to think they can just sit back and watch.

Ebbinga: The same thing happens in art history. It's after lunch. The lights go down. The art slides go up. They are out cold. Part of the way you can counter that is by breaking things up and presenting short snippets of video or other media presentations.

FEAR FACTOR

Wells: There is an assumption that students are 'tech savvy.' Is that true? Do you find apprehension on the part of the students regarding technology? Is there apprehension among the faculty?

Yaden: There are different styles, personalities and approaches to technology among students. And there are generational differences as well. Older students seem to have more fear than those who are younger. Then there are personalities. Not all students love tech.

Johnson: I find that students can do most anything regarding technology. In this regard, they set the tone. I do find apprehension among some faculty, and I think it has to do with the distinction between the "real" and the "virtual." Many often think that because an encounter is not face-to-face – a criticism of what occurs online – it's not real. My experi-

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I think there is a lot of flash and bang with new technologies. The problem is when students do not learn the fundamentals before all the bells and whistles, or if the technology is not particularly useful.

Spencer Ebbinga



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Bridget Yaden

ence from listening to and watching students, however, is that this might not be the case. With students, what's virtual is real, whereas often the face-to-face is, dare I say, the virtual. Think of Facebook and MySpace, or their online avatars, IM identities, and so on. These are not just virtual; rather these are real for them. And I think this causes some difficulty for those who see the Internet as just some virtual, not real place we go to be something we really are not in our face-to-face relations. Students are leading the way in challenging some of these presuppositions, and I think faculty should engage these changes. For me these are fundamental philosophical questions about reality, the self and a host of other questions that are taking on new forms. It's exciting even if students embody a challenge to some deeply held beliefs about such questions.

McKenney: In the sciences, there are parts of technology where students master it hands-down. Funny thing is, for example, I don't have a cell phone, which makes me a technical illiterate in that area compared with students. But many students have a huge knowledge gap and cannot perform tasks with technology that I find to be simple, like how to clip text out of a PDF. With faculty, I think some of the apprehension comes into play in that if the technology you're using or learning in class fails, it's going to be in front of 40 people. Every ... single ... time.

Ebbinga: I think the teacher has to have command of the subject, and if the students are way ahead of you, in this case, in the area of technology, that can be challenging. You have to know how to handle the situation. I have a student in class now that is like that, so I have to work creatively to keep him interested in class.

Wells: How can faculty get over our apprehension? Or should we? If using rock, paper, scissors works for you, shouldn't you stick with it?

McKenney: I use lots of rocks! But seriously, I think in geology, you can at times look at a virtual image of a rock with good results. But there will always be times when you want to use actual rocks.

Johnson: Well, there is a degree of narcissism in being a faculty member. I mean, we have advanced degrees and we know everything! So, when we are confronted with something we don't know, such as new technologies, it's intimidating to the say the least. But more importantly it may be resisted because it challenges assumptions about ourselves.

HIGH TECH LOW BROW

Wells: Do you use Facebook? Is there a place for Web-based tools like Facebook or YouTube in the classroom?

McKenney: I have a Facebook page, but I use it to communicate with people in the field. I don't use it in any other way.

Johnson: I do have a page. I started using it about a year and a half ago because I found out, with maybe the exception of two or three students, every student has a Facebook page. And this is a very real world for them. I have a profile and I use it to communicate with students and for office hours. Are these hours "real" or "virtual?" All I know is that it has worked well ... until the semester is over and I usually delete these students from my "friend" list. Many, I have found, are absolutely offended to no end. They come up to me and say, "You deleted me from your list of friends! Why?" And I'd look at them, and say

quite frankly, "Well, I'm not your friend." You can imagine the reaction, but it again helps me to think about not only the "real/virtual" distinction, but in this case how they use such so-called "social networks" to define not only themselves but what constitutes a friend.

You can also use technology to introduce philosophical questions. For instance, I use YouTube in my existentialism class. I've also used clips of "The Simpsons" to talk about a range of issues. Here I would say that distinction between "high" and "low" culture is questioned and even erased. Students, again, lead the way here in merging their academic lives with popular culture.

Yaden: I remember when Rona Kaufman (associate professor of English) started off her class with a video clip on the use of the direct and indirect pronoun, when to use "who" and "whom." If you start speaking directly about a topic like that in class you'll put them to sleep. So she starts off with a two-minute clip from "The Office." In the clip, it states that "whom" is not a real word, but one that professors make up to scare students. This kind of approach is a hook, a motivator, and lets students know that faculty are interested in what happens outside of class.

Ebbinga: I had my students do a project in new media for YouTube, where they had to publish a stop animation video piece. One consideration in the project is that they had to publish it on YouTube. I was trying to introduce and expand the scope of what art could be, that it isn't just taking a chisel to a piece of stone or oils to canvas. Art can be so much more, and we should explore technologies like this.

Wells: I can hear several of our colleagues protest that this is dumb-down content.

Johnson: Perhaps, but then I would ask what exactly does it mean to "smart-up" content? Who is to say that a clip from "Fight Club" is less effective for addressing the question of self-liberation than, say, Kierkegaard's "Sickness Unto Death"? Both are resources, and whereas the former reflects more the lives of students, the latter reflects an old philosophy prof like me!

Your point, however, raises the question of lived experience as it relates to what we do in a classroom setting, not in the sense of simply relating material to students but showing how their questions have a history. They have similarly been asked before, even if in different settings. It may be that faculty tend to think that life revolves around the seminar setting and that "real" teaching occurs in this way. It's just not the case for students. They get their lives from "The Hills," "Rock of Love" and so on. I can use their interests to show that philosophy has a history of asking similar questions. For instance, Aristotle on the nature of friendship, or the existential question of an authentic self work perfectly in discussions of Facebook. But, I have to know something about their lives, which is why I am convinced more and more that faculty need to become a little more "multilingual" here in the sense of learning about the lives of students. And this means, among other things, letting go of the "high culture/low culture" distinction.

McKenney: In science, if you try to teach something and don't hook it back to the real world experience, it's going to seem detached. And how long are they going to remember that? [S](#)

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Greg Johnson





Care for


Virginia Graves empties a composting bucket at the dishwashing station in The Commons.

By Steve Hansen | Photography by Jordan Hartman '02

the earth

Dining and Culinary Services' new composting program is a big step toward sustainability

It all started because of the health department.

 A year ago, when the University Center closed down for its remodel, Dining and Culinary Services had to find a new place to feed the majority of the university's students. They moved to the Columbia Center. That space, however, could not accommodate a commercial dishwasher, so meals were served on paper plates to alleviate health department concerns. But contaminated paper can't be recycled – complicating the university's stated commitment to care for the Earth.



The U.C. cut the amount of trash it sends to the landfill by 70 percent. Or, put another way, the garbage-truck size trash compactor that sits on the U.C. loading dock used to be emptied once a week. Now, it is emptied about five times a year.



You can, however, compost contaminated paper. And with that, Dining and Culinary Services embarked on an ambitious composting program – sending the plates, napkins, food waste and other biodegradable materials to a composter. Now, more than a year later with a sparkling new U.C. feeding the university at full capacity, the composting program continues. Meals are no longer served on paper plates, but just about anything else that can be recycled or composted is being spared the landfill. By any measure, the program is hugely successful.

Wendy Robins, sustainability operations manager for Dining and Culinary Services, has overseen the changes in the U.C. She estimates that, at the end of the 2007-08 academic year, the U.C. reduced what it sends to the landfill by 70 percent. Or, put another way, the garbage-truck size trash compactor that sits on the U.C. loading dock used to be emptied once a week. Now, it is emptied about five times a year.

The re-opening of the U.C.'s dining area, called The Commons, allowed Director of Dining and Culinary Services Erin McGinnis '90, Robins and other members of their staff to completely re-think just about every aspect of food service, right down to the drinking straws (now compostable paper, as opposed to plastic).

Called the Green Tray program, all food waste, from vegetable trimmings to the scraps left over from the grill, are scooped into five-gallon buckets discreetly placed throughout the kitchen and food-service line. The dishwashing procedure was also changed. Diners are now encouraged to leave their trash on their tray when

they send it to the dishwasher. This enables the dishwashers, who are well-versed on what can and cannot be composted, to properly sort the contents of each tray.

Robins and her team even changed the location of the napkin dispensers, moving them from every table to the condiment bar, with the goal of reducing the number of napkins used. Successful composting, of course, works hand-in-hand with waste reduction – something Robins and her team also continue to focus on.

In many ways, these efforts could be seen as relatively esoteric. But aside from the very real, earth-friendly benefits the program has, there is a financial component, too. In the 2006-07 academic year, the cost of emptying the compactor was \$14,481. The following year, the cost was \$4,200. Even when you add \$4,757 to compost the rest, that still leaves a savings of \$5,524.

And there are spin-off benefits, as well. Robins notes that several colleagues have told her they never recycled or composted at home, but after working on campus, they are starting to do so.

There is an impact with students, too – when Robins talks about it, she could be forgiven for sounding like an admission counselor. “There are a lot of little reasons why students choose to come [to PLU]. The Green Tray program can be one of those – we can attract students who care about this,” said Robins. “Even here, [in Dining and Culinary Services] we can provide an opportunity for students to participate in their own education.” ⁵



Top, left:
Simple measures such as better signage has helped cut food waste at The Commons.

Top, right:
The food-waste buckets aren't pretty, but the money they help save is.

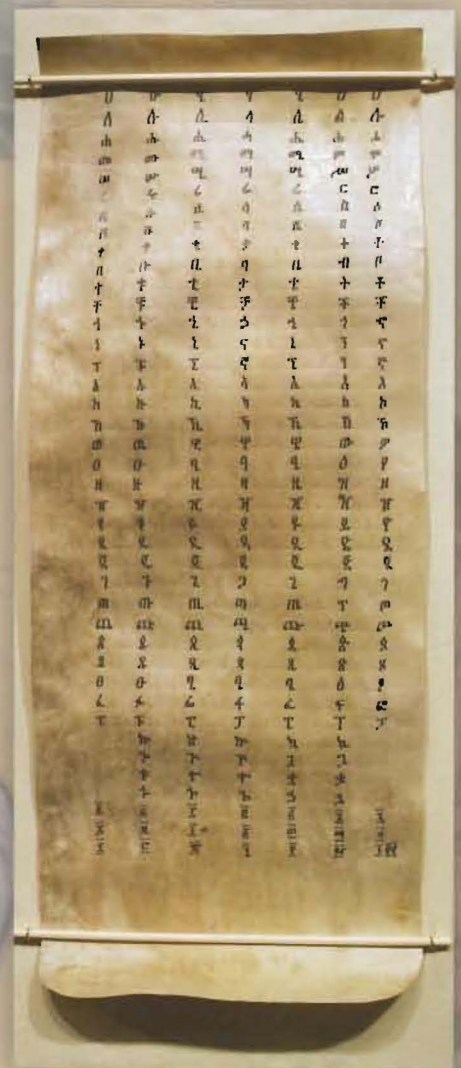


Right:
By having Dining and Culinary Services staff sort trash, recyclables and food waste, the composting process has become much more efficient.



the arts

Picturing faith: continuing traditions of iconography and illumination



The Department of Art at Pacific Lutheran University presented an exhibition of devotional images and objects drawn from the work of accomplished iconographer Kathy Sievers and from the collection of Executive Director of the Wang Center Neal Sobania, and his wife, Elizabeth.

Sievers' work continues the centuries-old tradition of the Christian icon, a form with deep roots in the Byzantine and Eastern Christian churches. The Sobania's exemplary collection features icons, illuminated scrolls, and parchment Bibles from the Christian communities of Ethiopia. Together these vibrant bodies of work demonstrate the enduring power of the image in contemporary global Christianity. The exhibit took place July 28 through August 22.

(TOP LEFT) The Incredulity of St Thomas. **(TOP CENTER)** Mother of God. **(TOP RIGHT)** Ge'ez fidel. **(LEFT)** Bookstand (atanos) Icon.

giving back

Enhancing the student experience, one scholarship at a time

Every year thousands of students are provided the opportunity to attend PLU because of the dedicated support given to them by alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff - even fellow students. Gifts to Q Club, PLU's annual fund, help strengthen academic and athletic programs, support campus life and other areas of need at PLU. Most importantly, these gifts support student scholarships.

Ninety-five percent of all PLU students receive some form of financial aid through scholarships, grants and endowments, many of which are funded by PLU constituents. Gifts to Q Club help lessen the financial strain on students and their families, support the faculty in enriching curriculum, and allow students to expand their campus activities and learning experiences.

Many people have gone above and beyond the call to support PLU and Q Club. We profile a few of them here. While their affiliation to PLU is varied, they share a spirit of dedication and commitment to supporting the students of PLU.

Kelly Ryan '10

Hometown: Missoula, Mont.

Giving history: Student Q Club member since the 2007-2008 academic year

PLU affiliation: Current student

Student activities: TelALutes, Debate/Forensics, Student Alumni Association, University Congregation, Resident Assistant

Why I give to Q Club: "It's important for students to get used to giving back, regardless of what organization they give to. As a student, PLU has given me so much, and I feel I'm doing my part by supporting Q Club."

Ann Kelleher

Hometown: Tacoma

Giving history: Giving to Q Club since 1993

PLU affiliation: Professor of Political Science

Why I give to Q Club: "I give to the students. That's the attraction of Q Club. With over 28 years of dealing with students, I see



Jillian, Jerry and JeanMarie Foss support PLU because it encourages students to ask important questions.

how much promise they have, how much they want to learn. That's the beauty of this program; that's the point of why I give back. So many students could not be here without that aid. They work for it and they deserve it. Our students, more so than at other universities, have to deal with more demands on their time. They work their way through school, they work hard at their studies, they play sports, participate in the arts, they are excellent people. I only wish we had more to give."

Jerry and JeanMarie Foss

Hometown: Fircrest, Wash.

Giving history: Giving to Q Club since 2006

PLU affiliation: Current parents

Activities: JeanMarie volunteers in PLU's Office of Constituent Relations. Both JeanMarie and Jerry have been on the Parents Council since 2006 and will be co-chairs for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Why we Give to Q Club: "Living in Western Washington, we both knew about PLU but didn't really know PLU. In 1995, our dad, Julian Foss, became interested in the new Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ installation and, after his death, the Foss family created an endowment in his name for its upkeep. We later met alumnus Darren Kerbs '96 through our church and got to know a little more about the university. Our daughter Jillian, as a freshman in high school, decided

she wanted to attend PLU after she graduated. By then, we were hooked on PLU. Now, we see how the university approaches education by not just giving students all the answers. It has a bigger goal: Teach students to ask questions."

Leanne Jones '02 and Kristian Wiles '02

Hometown: Portland, Ore.

Giving History: Giving to Q Club since 2002

PLU Affiliation: GOLD alumni, Leanne serves on the Alumni Board
Student Activities: ASPLU, Diversity Center, Coalition and Harmony

Why we Give to Q Club: "As professionals in higher education we think it's important to give to Q Club to support student scholarships. Our PLU education has a significant impact in our lives, and this would not have been possible without Q Club contributions from other donors. Now it's our turn to give back."

Pete '78 and Joan '77 Mattich

Hometown: Olympia

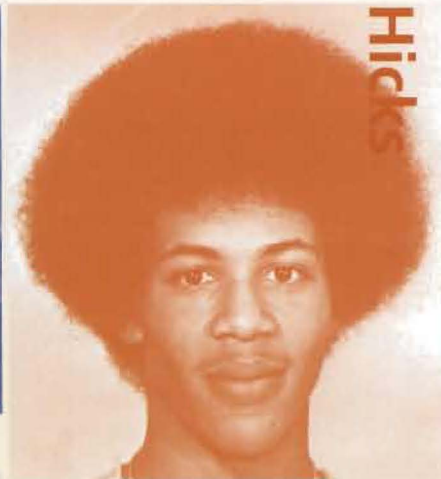
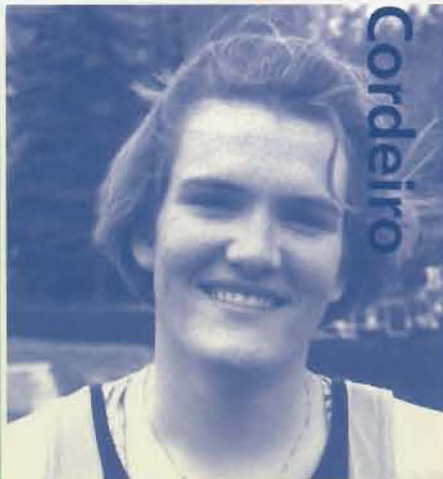
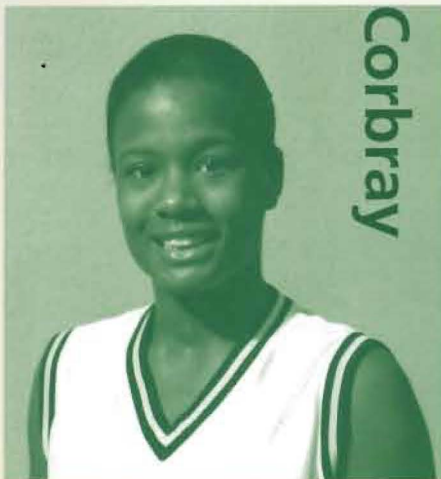
Giving History: Giving to Q Club since 1987

PLU Affiliation: Former students

Student Activities: Pete played basketball and Joan was involved in cheerleading

Why we Give to Q Club: "We began to give money to Lute Club after graduation and were contacted by Jim Kittilby in the early '80s about Q Club. Our four years at PLU were very meaningful in both education and spiritual growth. You just can't out-give God and we feel blessed to be a blessing to the university. A college education is important, but very expensive. The future leaders of tomorrow need our financial help today to cope with rising costs. My company matches a large part of our annual giving to PLU, which makes it a win-win for the Lutes too. We are very grateful and thankful for the 'quality education in a Christian context' experience we enjoyed at PLU - and this is just our small way of saying thanks." [S]

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2008-09

HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES

The 2008 Pacific Lutheran Athletic Hall of Fame class, the 19th in the hall's history, consists of six outstanding athletes who wore the black and gold.

The Athletic Hall of Fame induction luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, in Olson Auditorium. Tickets may be purchased by calling the PLU athletic department at 253-535-7352.

Kim Corbray '98 (Women's Basketball 1994-98)

If the turnaround of the women's basketball program could be credited to a single athlete, 5-foot-4-inch guard Kim Corbray would be that individual. The 1993-94 season saw the Lutes finish with a 2-22 record. The following season, Corbray came to PLU as a freshman hoping to help salvage the program. She started every game and led the Lutes in scoring as the team finished with an 11-14 record. Corbray went on to start in all but one game during the next three seasons. A four-time first team all-conference honoree, she led PLU in scoring all

four seasons. As a junior, Corbray averaged 18.2 points per game and was honored as the 1997 Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges Player of the Year. In her senior season, Corbray helped lead the Lutes to a 21-7 record, en route to their first conference title in more than a decade. In the team's lone national tournament game, Corbray wowed the crowd by making 10-of-13 field goal attempts and scoring 22 points. Corbray's name can be found on 30 different categories in the record lists, including single-season records in scoring (492) and steals (102); and career records in scoring (1,730), steals (289), free throws made (375) and free throws attempted (499). Her single-game records include field goals made (13) and attempted (26).

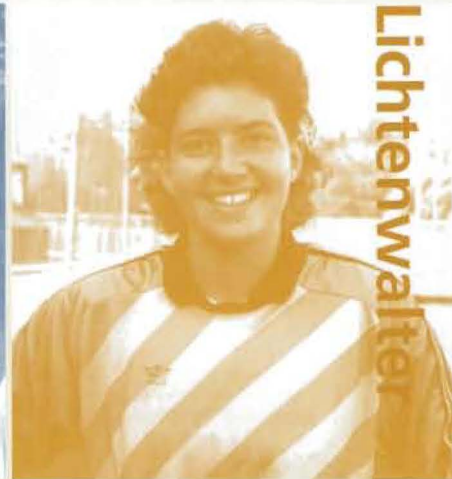
Wendy Cordeiro '95 (Track and Field 1992-95)

The school record holder in both the shot put and the discus, Wendy Cordeiro was one of the most dominating throwers in the history of the Northwest Conference. On the conference level, Cordeiro was almost untouchable, winning the discus at the Northwest Conference Championships all four years and standing atop the awards podium in the shot put three times. She was named the outstanding athlete of the meet at the 1993 NWC Championships. Wendy jumped onto the national stage as a freshman in 1992 by winning the NAIA national championship in the discus. Her sophomore

year, she placed fifth in the discus, but also qualified in the shot put and took seventh. As a junior, Cordeiro finished runner-up in the discus and repeated her seventh place finish in the shot put. In her senior year, Cordeiro returned to the top of the podium by winning the national title in the discus for the second time, as well as placing third in the shot put. Her throw of 158 feet 2 inches in the discus remains a school record by nearly 15 feet, and her 46-foot 6-inch effort in the shot put is a school record by more than three feet. In the four years that Cordeiro competed for PLU, the Lutes won four Northwest Conference titles in track and placed no lower than 12th at the national meet, including two top-five finishes.

Tony Hicks '75 (Men's Basketball 1973-75)

In the two years that Tony Hicks played basketball for PLU, he proved himself to be one of the most talented players ever to wear the black and gold. A transfer from Spokane Falls Community College, Hicks led the Lutes in scoring (15.6 points per game) in his first season as PLU went on to win the Northwest Conference title. That year, he earned a handful of honors, including First Team All-Northwest Conference and First Team NAIA District I, as well as earning an honorable mention NAIA All-America nod. As a senior, Hicks led the team in scoring average and shooting percentage, averaging 22.5 points a game while shooting .516 (222-for-411). The leading



scorer in the Northwest Conference, Hicks earned first team honors in the NWC and NAIA District 1 for the second straight year. His 22.5 scoring average as a senior is the third highest single-season scoring average in PLU men's basketball history. Hicks averaged 19.1 points per game over his two seasons, trailing only Tom Whalen '59 and Chuck Curtis '66 in PLU men's career basketball annals. In addition, the 562 points that Hicks tallied during the 1974-75 season ranks him fifth on PLU's single-season total points list.

Karl Lerum '98
(Football 1994-97 and Track and Field 1995-98)

Karl Lerum is without a doubt one of the best two-sport athletes ever to compete at PLU. On the football field, Lerum was one of the most prolific receivers ever to play for the Lutes. He holds school records in career receiving yards (3,508) and total receptions (237). As a sophomore, Lerum led the Lutes in scoring with 48 points, and in his junior and senior seasons he led the team in receiving. A three-time first team all-conference selection, Lerum helped PLU to three playoff appearances, including finishing national runner-up in 1994. When Karl wasn't scoring touchdowns, he was busy scoring points for the PLU track and field team. Lerum was thrice named the NWC Male Track and Field Athlete of the Year, something no other athlete has accomplished. In his four years of competing at the conference

championships, Karl won the decathlon and 100-meter hurdles three times each, as well as taking first in the long jump, triple jump, 400-meter hurdles, and multiple 400 and 1600-meter relays. He was a three-time All-American after finishing third in the decathlon his sophomore year, and runner-up as a junior and senior at the national meet. Lerum ranks among PLU's top 13 all-time in 10 different events, including first in the 400-meter dash (47.89) and second in the decathlon (7,225). His senior year he was named the PLU Man of the Year in Sports.

Brenda (Lichtenwalter) Nichols '89
(Women's Soccer 1990-93)

Following in the footsteps of current Hall of Fame inductees Gail Stenzel '89 and Kate (Wheeler) Sheflo, Brenda (Lichtenwalter) Nichols was one of the great goalkeepers during the glory years of Pacific Lutheran women's soccer. Nichols helped lead the Lutes to two of their five consecutive NAIA national title match appearances. After playing as backup to Wheeler her freshman year, Nichols took over as starting keeper in the 1991 national championship season, allowing a paltry average of 0.49 goals per match while posting 15 shutouts. As a junior, Nichols maintained the same high level of play between the posts, allowing only 15 goals in 2,176 minutes of play - 0.62 goals-against average. She then notched a career-high 94 saves dur-

ing her senior season. Over her career, Nichols earned first team all-conference and all-region honors three times, as well as picking up two All-American honors, second team in 1991 and honorable mention in 1992.

Eric Monson '83
(Baseball 1979-82 and Football 1978-81)

A two-sport athlete, Eric Monson lettered a total of seven times in baseball and football. On the football field, Monson was an offensive threat, leading the team in receptions, yards and scoring. A senior co-captain, Monson was first team all-conference, NAIA all-district, Little All-Northwest and NAIA Honorable Mention All-America selection as a receiver. As impressive as he was on the football field, the baseball diamond was where Monson left his mark. In his senior season, he established 11 PLU season and career-batting records. When he concluded his four years at PLU, Monson was the all-time career leader in at bats, hits, runs, triples and batting average. Currently, Eric's name can be found on seven different record lists, including first in career triples with 11, and first in single-season batting average with a .446 average. Monson earned Northwest Conference and NAIA District 1 all-star honors in his sophomore through senior seasons. He was drafted in the 11th round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Kansas City Royals in 1982. [5]

By Kenneth Chilcoat '08

100 YEARS OF SUCCESS

ON AND OFF THE COURT

Since its conception more than 100 years ago, basketball at Pacific Lutheran University has influenced the lives of many Lutes. Some seasons have been full of victories, both planned and unexpected. Other seasons our teams have suffered defeats. Win or lose, the players have learned valuable lessons and taken with them memories of the coaches who were mentors, the teammates who shared a camaraderie and passion for the game, and the support of fans from the stands.

For many, the influence of PLU basketball extends well beyond their years as a player — the memories formed and lessons learned during those few years were formative and, in many cases, helped determine where they find themselves today. The reflections below, shared by past and present PLU basketball players, demonstrate a rich history of success for PLU basketball. A success not only in the points on the scoreboard, but also in the victory of making a difference in the lives of the men and women who were players.

Pacific Lutheran University basketball players and coaches, past and present, will relive these memories and more as they gather for the affinity portion of **Homecoming 2008: Get in the Game!**

1900-1950

"Back in the years from 1938-42, PLU had some of the greatest athletic teams. Growing up in Parkland, those basketball (and football) players were our heroes."

Carl Fynboe '49

"Playing with and for Marv Harshman was a gratifying experience. To know I played for a coach that was inducted into the Hall of Fame is pretty significant. Coach Harshman taught me skills that have led me to success when coaching."

William Reiss '50



"The camaraderie of the '54-55 team taught me a lot. It was really a team; we all put forth our best. Individual efforts



were never made at the expense of someone else. We won the co-championship that year; we weren't in the running for it, but our hard work paid off."

Jack Hoover '56

"The experience of being the first of the thirty-two teams to appear on the floor and be introduced at the national NAIA tournament in Kansas City in 1956 was remarkable. The Lutes would play a dominant role at the tournament for the rest of the decade."

Phil Nordquist '56

1960

"It is easy for me to say that the foundation for whatever success I've enjoyed began at PLU. I will never forget the lifelong friends I made, and the experiences I shared with Coach Lundgaard, my teammates and the entire Pacific Lutheran University community."

Hans Albertsson '65

"Our coach, Dee (Arko) Poulsen was wonderful. She taught us the love of the game. You don't always see that in players today, but we enjoyed every



chance we got to play. The camaraderie between teammates was great, we all had the same love and passion for basketball. That passion and love for the game led me to coach girls' basketball." *Kay Lundquist '65*

1970

"We [the basketball team] started as competitive acquaintances and soon became friends in reliance, cohesively working toward a focused goal. The respect, friendship, and experiences have remained for my lifetime. The process endured longer than a remembered score in a final game." *Allan Kollar '70*

"As a kid, I remember the basketball games in a sold-out Memorial Gym. Games with a wild crowd and standing-room only, that was my first introduction to PLU basketball. That experience, as a junior-high kid, sold me on where I wanted to go to college." *Gary Wusterbarth '77*

"We had a small but dedicated program. We washed our own uniforms and purchased our own shoes. Still, we practiced and played hard and were usually victorious against much larger schools." *Linda Zurfluh '73*

1980

"Focus on the process. Mary Ann Kluge, a fabulous coach and tremendous role model, taught us that it's not about focusing on the score. When you focus on practicing hard, focus on the fundamentals, and play smart, the scoreboard will reflect that." *Melanie (Bakala '89) Donaldson*

"Our game against the University of Kansas at Allen Fieldhouse in 1988 stands out in my mind. For one night PLU played on the biggest stage of college basketball."

Jeff Neumeister '89

"There are so many things that come to mind when I think about PLU basketball. First and foremost, it was fun."

Dave Lawson '81

1990

"PLU basketball had a tremendous impact on my life. I firmly believe my experiences at PLU led me to coach. I had this deep desire to help provide those same awesome experiences I enjoyed as an athlete to the youth of today. Those four years at PLU were some of the best in my lifetime and I wouldn't trade them for anything."

Cheryl (Kragness '93) Brost

"We had great times and challenging times that helped us, as a group and as individuals, grow stronger."

Brandon Fix '96

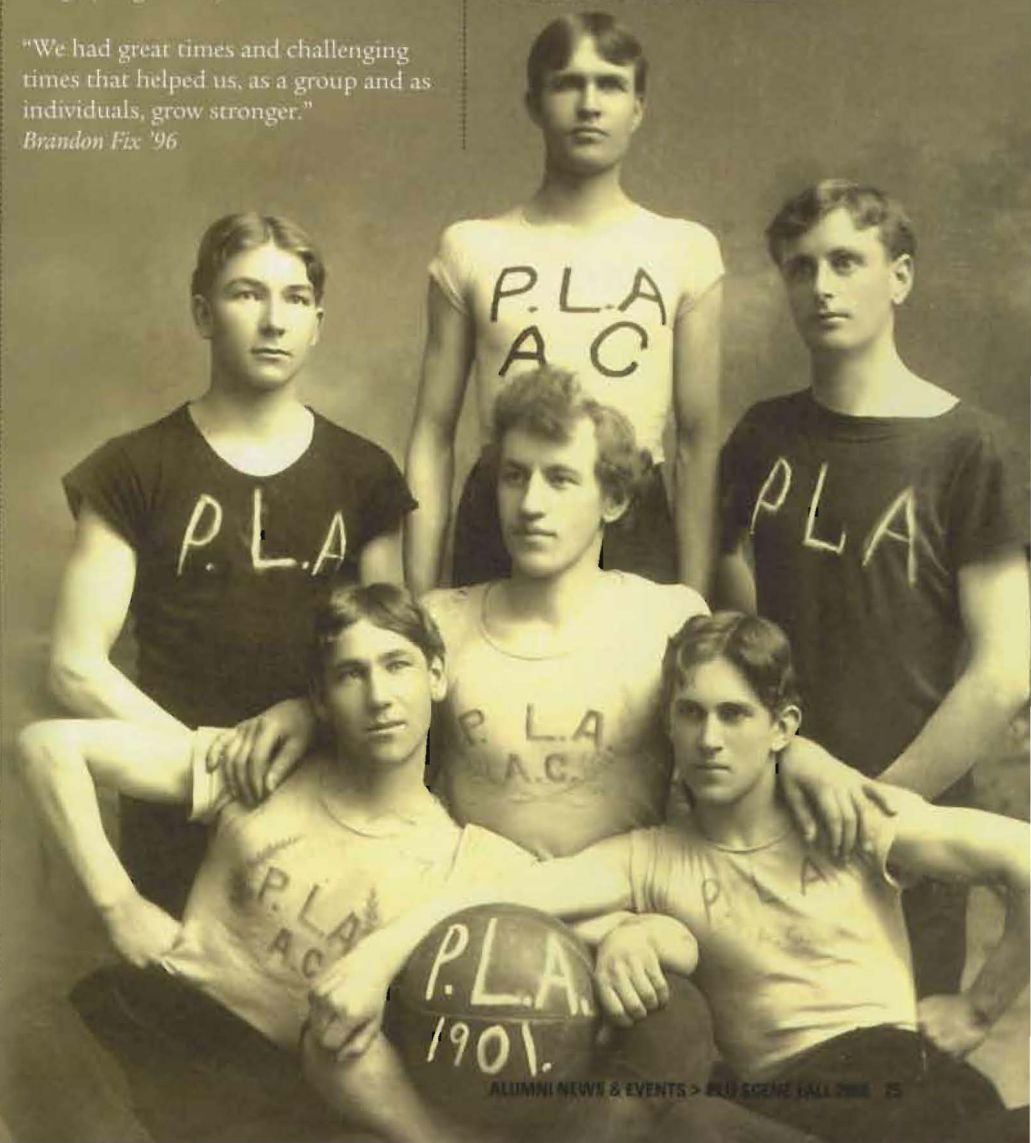
2000

"My greatest memory was having the opportunity to host the national tournament my senior year (2006). There was nothing more exciting than playing in the Sweet 16 in front of all our home fans in a packed gym. I considered my team a second family. You go through so much together throughout a season, everything from overtime wins to heart-breaking losses, that it builds a tight-knit bond between everyone. It's awesome to be part of something so special."

Kelly Turner '06

Thank you to all the past and present basketball players who contributed to this article. Due to limited space we were not able to include all your memories here, but plan to use them in various Homecoming materials as we approach the PLU basketball affinity events.

A special thank you to PLU Archives and Special Collections for collecting these images, memories from over one hundred years of PLU basketball.



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Picture Perfect



(RIGHT) Rose '05, Chelsey '07 and Evelyn (Knibbe) Elliott '41, '64 (left to right) are three generations of Lutes seen here celebrating the most recent of the graduates, Chelsey, in 2007. Evelyn and Rose are both teachers, and Chelsey is the promotions coordinator for KCMS/KCIS, a Christian radio station in Seattle.



(LEFT) These friends, all formerly involved in ASPLU, reunited this summer to relive memories of the group's monthly get-togethers. Shown here (left to right) are John McClimans '07, Anne Spilman '07, Tiffanie Clark '07, Tova Emry '07, Shannon Greene '08 and Ellen (Brotherston) '07 Aronson. The group came together to celebrate the marriage of Christy (Olsen) '08, also formerly involved in ASPLU, and Carl Field '08.



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In his road trip across the United States, Totten has spent time with classmates in Minnesota, Virginia, Florida and Arizona. The Online Community can search the PLU database by geographic location, name, job title, or employer.

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Pencil Us In

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4-7	New Student Orientation
September 13	Tailgate at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.
September 19-21	.....	Alumni Board Fall Meeting
October 9-12	.....	Homecoming Weekend
October 31-November 2	.....	Family Weekend
November 2	.....	Parents Council Fall Meeting
November 8	.....	Tailgate at Menlo College, Atherton, Calif.
November 24	.....	PLU Connection event, New York City
December 5	.....	President's Christmas Dinner* (Portland)
December 6	.....	President's Christmas Dinner* (Seattle)
December 7	.....	Campus Christmas Concert
December 13	.....	President's Christmas Concert and Soirée* (Tacoma)

* President's Christmas Dinner invitations are extended to members of PLU's Heritage Society, Lifetime Giving Society, and O Club donors at the Fellows level and above.

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HOMECOMING 2008

OCTOBER 9-12



Homecoming 2008: Get in the Game is full of many activities. Below is a sampling of Saturday's events.

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GO LUTES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

COFFEE HOUR REUNIONS

9 am - 10:15 am, Free

The following classes and affinities will gather for coffee and reminiscing:

1947, 1948, 1949, 1958 and Pear Bowl Alumni in the Morken

Center for Learning & Technology

1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993 and African American Alumni in the University Center



PLU GOLD HAPPY HOUR AT HOTEL MURANO

6 pm - 8 pm, Hotel Murano, 3rd Floor Lounge, \$25 (includes Homecoming Gala ticket)

Calling all PLU Graduates Of the Last Decade! Join fellow young alumni for a few appetizers and a chance to reconnect before attending the Homecoming Gala down the street! No host bar.

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION BRUNCH

10:30 am - Noon, Olson Auditorium, \$20

All alumni and friends are invited to this special event celebrating our common affinity to PLU! This brunch will include student entertainment, delicious food and the opportunity to honor the 2008 Alumni Award recipients.



HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Alumni Tent: Noon - 3 pm

Game Time: 1:30 pm, Sparks Stadium, Various Prices

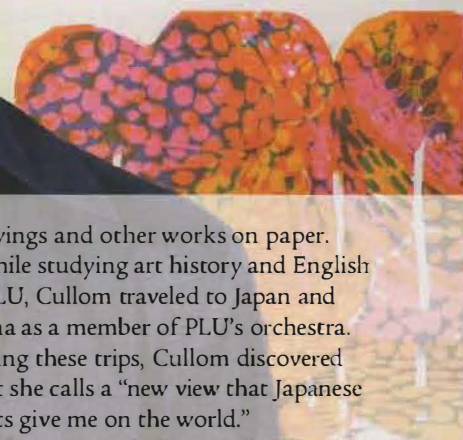
PLU Lutes will take on Gustavus Adolphus College in this year's Homecoming Game. Be sure to stop by the Alumni Tent to connect with fellow alumni, pick up alumni give-aways and enjoy a snack.

HOMECOMING GALA

7:30 pm - 11:30 pm, Tacoma Art Museum, \$45 [\$25 for GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) Alumni, includes Happy Hour]

Join us at the Tacoma Art Museum in the heart of downtown to mix, mingle and reconnect with fellow PLU alumni and friends. Live jazz music provided by the David Joyner Trio (David is a member of the PLU music faculty). Museum galleries will be open and PLU alumna Abby (Buck '03) Houston will demonstrate her oil painting throughout the evening in the Open Art Studio. A dinner hors d'oeuvres buffet will be served in addition to a no host bar. Guests must pay for their own parking.

alumni profiles



Gallery owner sees Japanese art through unique lens

As a Seattle art gallery owner, Beth Cullom '93 has found work that feeds her soul.

After leaving PLU, Cullom went to work as a bookkeeper in a Seattle fine print gallery. Cullom spent the next 12 years working her way up to assistant director at Carolyn Staley's Fine Japanese Prints in Seattle. Today, Cullom is owner and director of the newly opened Cullom Gallery, which features contemporary Japanese prints,

drawings and other works on paper.

While studying art history and English at PLU, Cullom traveled to Japan and China as a member of PLU's orchestra. During these trips, Cullom discovered what she calls a "new view that Japanese prints give me on the world."

Visitors to the Cullom Gallery can become absorbed by the scent of green

tea, calm background music and soft light that illuminates each frame of print art. Cullom shifts exhibits every two months, resulting in six shows per year.

Cullom was recently accepted as a member of the Art Table, an organization of professional women working in the visual arts. She also is currently working on plans to expand her business and launch a new blog titled Megane, which is Japanese for lens.

Through her gallery, Cullom shares new perspectives with visitors and clients. Cullom says she enjoys “helping others find the same excitement in this type of art,” through teaching visitors and clients about the history behind Japanese print art so that they may understand and appreciate “the fragile and quiet type of art.”

—Julie Olds '09

Through many journeys, PLU remains a touchstone

Despite moving frequently during the past nine years, Alana Seaton '99 still has the PLU coffee mug she received her freshman year sitting in her cabinet.



More than a walk down memory lane, the mug is a constant reminder of where Seaton's journey of self-discovery began.

After graduating from PLU, Seaton moved to New Orleans to pursue a master's degree in music therapy.

But three days after her thesis was approved, Hurricane Katrina struck. Seaton and husband Joel were forced to make critical life decisions.

“I've had to really stop and re-focus on what defines me as a person,” said Seaton. “You can make plans, but you kind of have to go along with the greater forces in the world.”

For professional opportunities, the Seaton family decided to move to Knoxville, Tenn., where they purchased their first home. They are now expecting their first child, and Seaton works in a musical therapy clinic.

Since moving to Knoxville, Seaton says she has focused her energy on personal changes such as her work, being



Donna (Hanson) Eines '52 enjoys quilting largely because it fosters such a supportive community.

pregnant and preparing for a baby.

Seaton attributes much of her success to the analytical skills and values she learned at PLU, and she fondly recalls countless hours spent sitting outside Xavier, living in Ordal and Harstad, and building strong relationships with professors.

“I did really love my PLU experience,” Seaton said, adding that while sometimes it is hard to look back, “you can't really plan for when life turns upside down.”

—Kelsey Liddle '10

Stitchin' times saves Eines

While raising four children, Donna (Hanson) Eines '52 discovered the world of quilting. Each quilt she makes by hand takes about one year and becomes like a child – “special in its own way.”

Eines started quilting in 1975 when her sister-in-law prompted her to try the craft. “Quilters can be a little obsessive,” Eines said. “They talk about quilting all the time.”

Eines' quilts have appeared in magazines and books, been exhibited at numerous museums and shows, and her patterns have been published and sold. Most recently, she participated in several one-woman shows, including one at the LaConner Quilt Museum in 2003, at PLU's Scandinavian Center in 2004, and at the Cannon Beach Historical Society in 2007.

“Through quilting I've become friends with people I wouldn't have been in con-

tact with otherwise,” Eines said.

While some people use sewing machines, every step of the process for Eines is done by hand, from creating a design on graph paper to stitching and stuffing batting. She does both pieced and appliquéd quilts and has never sold a single quilt.

“It takes a long time by hand,” Eines said. “But I'm not in it to make money.”

Instead, she gives quilts away to family members or decorates her home in Edmonds, where she lives with husband Ivar '51.

Eines first learned the art of quilting in the '70s by reading books available at the time. Of particular interest were stories about pioneer-era women who moved West, yet made quilts to stay in touch with friends back home.

“Quilts are very meaningful to people,” Eines said.

Eines decided to share her love of quilting with others when she became a charter member of Quilters Anonymous, a group of quilters from Snohomish and King counties. The group meets once a month and hosts an annual quilt show at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.

“We had over 400 quilts at our last show,” Eines said.

She also meets with a smaller group of Quilters Anonymous members each week to work on projects and socialize.

“I love the community of quilting,” Eines said. “When we get together in our little groups, everybody knows each other, sharing opinions and help.” ☐

—Heather Dunning '08

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1964, 1968, and 1991

1932

Margaret Elliott died Feb. 24. She began her teaching career at Widewood School in Port Orchard, Wash. She went on to teach at Pleasant Ridge School in Poulsbo, Wash., and Navy Yard City School in Bremerton, Wash. Margaret was especially proud to have taught for 29 years at Manette School in Bremerton. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, Mountaineers, Camp Sealth Alumni and Black Bloomer Bunch. She was active with the Camp Fire Girls at Camp Wataka, Camp Sealth, Camp Zanika Lache and Camp Kirby, all in Washington. Margaret had a contagious love of life. In retirement, her passion was to travel and to attend the Seattle Opera and Seattle Ballet, the Bremerton Symphony and Bremerton community concerts. She leaves behind her niece, Joann Conklin; Joann's children, Ricky and Cheryl; Cheryl's son, Nicholas; many cousins and lifelong friends.

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

Hedvig (Dahle) Matson died June 4. She married Arthur Matson in 1939. She was a faithful member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was also a member of Totem Yacht Club. Hedvig lived a life full of love and laughter and is remembered as faithful, quick-witted and fun loving. She is survived by her son, Richard (Donna) Matson; daughter Terry (Pyong) Yi; five grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

John Alvin Arne died April 15. After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, Al and his wife, **Olga (Hugo) '37**, settled in Poulsbo, Wash., where he worked for the Navy as a chemist. He was an active member of Poulsbo's First Lutheran Church, where he taught Sunday school and Bible studies, and served as an officer of the church. He was also active in the community as a board member for the Education Service District for many years, a volunteer senior police officer, a docent at the Underwater Warfare Museum and a member of the Martha and Mary Nursing Home. After retirement, Al and Olga traveled the world. He is survived by his son **Karl '72**; his daughters, Anne Minec (Herve) and Lisbeth Lusk (Gary); seven grandchildren, including **Kimberly (Lusk) '95) Manz** and her husband, **Erik '99**; and six great grandchildren. Olga preceded him in death on April 7.

1937

Olga (Hugo) Arne died April 7. She taught in Kitsap County schools for more than 20 years, including three years at the two-room Harding School near Poulsbo. She met **John (Al) Arne '36** at PLC and they were married in 1943. Their life together, both in raising a family and in service to their community, was centered in Poulsbo's First Lutheran Church. She taught Sunday school for many years and sewed many quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Olga enjoyed sewing, crocheting, oil painting and reading. After retiring, she and Al traveled the world, and they especially enjoyed trips to France to visit their daughter and family. She is survived by her son **Karl '72**; her daughters, Anne Minec (Herve) and Lisbeth Lusk (Gary); seven grandchildren, including **Kimberly (Lusk) '95) Manz** and her husband, **Erik '99**; and six great grandchildren. Al followed her in death on April 15.

Edward Machle recently published his book, *A Philosopher Looks at Jesus: Gleanings from a Life of Faith, Doubt, and Reason*. Ed is a professor emeritus in philosophy of the University of Colorado and a Presbyterian minister. He lives in The Woodlands, Texas.

1938

Glenn Gustavson died May 11. His career in education as both an elementary school teacher and principal in the Seattle Public Schools spanned 37 years. He was active in Lions International for over 50 years, had a lifetime involvement in Scouting (Eagle Scout) and was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church. He was also a master gardener. Glenn and his wife, Beverly, lived 35 years in Edmonds and 28 years in Quilcene, moving to Bainbridge Island during his last year. He is survived by Beverly, his wife of 67 years; his daughter, Karla Waterman (Gary); his son, Michael (Joan); four grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

John Stuen died May 31. During World War II, he served as a flight instructor at Pensacola Naval Air Station and as an officer on the USS Ticonderoga with the Pacific Fleet. In 1945, John married Florence Mohr. He worked at Boeing Airplane Company and farmed in eastern Washington, later becoming a public school teacher. He first taught in Port Orchard, Wash., and later taught math at Jane Addams and Washington junior high schools in Seattle. In 1979, he retired to Shelter Bay in La Conner, Wash., and then to Bellingham, Wash. In addition to being devoted to his family and church, John was an avid golfer and loved singing tenor in his barbershop quartet, the Norwegian Male Chorus, as

well as many church choirs. While living in Seattle for 25 years, he and Flo were active members of Faith Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council and taught Sunday school. He also served for 12 years on the board of the Seattle Compass Center and was a tutor for many years with the Whatcom Literacy Council. He is survived by Florence, his wife of 63 years; his son **John '68** and his wife, Linda; his son **Tom '69** and his wife, **Karen (Ranheim) '70**; his daughter, Betsy Stuen-Walker and her husband, Jim Walker; and seven grandchildren, including **Mindy Callaway '95**, **Eric Stuen '00**, **Alex Walker '03** and his wife, **Kristina (Liljengren) '02**, and **Bennett Walker '05**.

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

1943

Marcus Stuen died on May 21. He graduated from the Medical College of Wisconsin and was a board-certified psychiatrist with a long history of service, both in the private and public sectors. This included private practice in Tacoma, and tours of duty with the Veterans Administration facilities in Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Boise and Honolulu. Through the years, he held several positions with the Department of Health for the State of Washington. Mark was in the Navy during World War II; the Army during the Korean Conflict; and again in the Army during the post-Vietnam era, ending his military service at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma with the rank of colonel. In earlier years, he was active in the Washington State Psychiatric Association, serving as its president in 1967. He was a member of the Washington State Medical Association and the Pierce County Medical Society. He served for several years on the council of the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. An avid skier, he was a past president of the Enumclaw (Wash.) Ski Club. He was also a private pilot, having earned his license in 1940, and was a life member of the Tacoma Elks Lodge #174. Throughout his varied, busy and often stressful career, the most important concern to Mark, and source of great joy, was his family. His family is grateful to him for his legacy of faith, humility and service. His two wives preceded him in death: **Priscilla Preus Stuen '44** and **Corinne Bildt Stuen '48**. Mark is survived by his son **Andy '70** (Joanna); his son **Paul '76** and his wife, **Karin (Larson) '81**; his daughter **Molly Stuen '72** and her husband, **Zenon Olbertz '71**; his daughter **Margot (Stuen) '80) Johnson** and her husband, **Timothy '80**; his stepdaughters, **Linnea Bildt**

Epstein '76 (Gene) and **Tamra Bildt Johnson '84** (Rick); his stepson, **Brian Bildt '78** (Linda); 19 grandchildren, including **Sally (Stuen) '99) Williamson** and her husband, Roger; and current PLU student, **Anella '10** and **Elaine '11 Olbertz**, and one great grandchild.

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1947

Class Representative – Gerry Lider

Paul Pflueger died April 16. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1946 during World War II. When he was 21, he was captain of the USS LCI 702. He had a long career as a physicist with Boeing. Paul lived his life according to his strong faith in God. He loved spending time with family and friends, and they enjoyed his fantastic barbecues, philosophical discussions and flower gardens. His marriage of 61 years to his wife, Babe, was a model of love and respect. One child, Lee, preceded him in death. Paul's legacy lives on in his children and their spouses: Tim (Chris), Sue (Rick), Gary (Annie), Kathy (Christopher); 17 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

Rumohr (Gulhaugen) Roberts died March 25. After receiving her degree in music from PLC, she married Ed Gamm and they moved to Minnesota where Ed was studying medicine. They raised their five children in Park Rapids, Minn., where Rum taught piano, directed the St. John's Lutheran Church choir and played the organ for over 17 years. She also directed an excellent community choir that performed annual concerts, and was a leader of an organization that brought many arts performances to Park Rapids. Rum was a primary developer of the city's art and history museum and served as president of the Minnesota State Arts Board. During these years, she also completed her master's degree in music from Bemidji State University. When Ed died in 1979, she moved to Minneapolis, where she worked for the Minnesota Orchestra. She obtained her degree in counseling from St. Thomas University in St. Paul and spent the following 10 years counseling individuals and families in the Minneapolis metropolitan area. In 1986, Rum married Walter Roberts and made a home on Gleason Lake in Plymouth, Minn., for the next 22 years. They enjoyed sailing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. A woman of great faith, she made Central Lutheran in

Minneapolis her church home. There she served as president of the congregation, and as leader of the Stephen Ministry and the prayer ministry. She is survived by Walt; her sons, Curt, Paul and Mark; her daughters, Laurel and Lisa; 17 grandchildren; one great grandchild; her stepchildren, Walt III, Kirby and Susie; and two step grandchildren

1950

Class Representative – Dick Weathermon

1953

Class Representatives – Naomi (Roe) Nohstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

1955

Class Representative – Phyllis (Grah) Pejisa

Phyllis (Grah) Pejisa and her husband, Don, met with five friends from PLC's Class of 1955 (and their spouses) on Feb. 25 at a restaurant in Peoria, Ariz. (the Mariner's Cactus League home) for huge memories and great food. Classmates were: **Kathy (Biery) Hoyer** and husband Jerry, **Iver Eliason** and wife **Camille (Emerson '59)**; **Don and Alta (Prestbye) Gaarder**; and **Harriett (Vorvick) Turik** and husband Hank. The four girls were roommates at PLC and three were attendants for Alta and Don's wedding. The Gaarder's celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August 2006 in Pierre, S.D. Home base for each of the other four couples is: Pejisas in University Place, Wash.; Hoyers in Humboldt, Ariz.; Eliasons in Parkland, Wash.; and Turiks in Oliver, British Columbia, Canada.

1956

Class Representative – Ginny (Grah) Haugen and Clarene (Osterii) Johnson

1957

Class Representative – Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

1958

Class Representative – Don Cornell

Norm Forness was PLU's delegate to the inauguration of Michael C. Maxey as the eleventh president of Roanoke College in Salem, Va., on Oct. 26, 2007.

1959

Class Representative – Todd Penson

Richard Selle is a retired military chaplain living in Indio, Calif. He served five campaigns in Vietnam and received several honors, including three bronze stars and two air medals. His wife, Mary Louise, whom he married on July 12, 2003, is a piano teacher and interior decorator.

Lois (Grimsrud) Capps received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from California Lutheran University at the May 17 commencement ceremony, where she



Richard and Anita (Hillesland) Londgren, who are the directors of the Scandinavian Center at CLU.

1960

Class Representative – Marilu (Miller) Person

Beth Ratko died March 16. She taught special education in the White River School District until her retirement in 1972. She enjoyed reading, genealogy, being with her family and friends, and traveling to Europe, Mexico and China. She was a member of the Eatonville and Gig Harbor Methodist churches. Because of polio as a young child, Beth never rode a bike or drove a car; but her determination and grit throughout her life was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She lost her husband, John, in a logging accident in 1952. She is survived by her sons, John (LaVerne) and David (Claudia); four grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

Leland Weaver died April 15. He had a passion for chemistry, teaching, politics and people. These interests came together during his 28-year career at Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Wash. He was the recipient of several teaching awards and commendations, including being voted one of the top three science teachers in the state of Washington in 1968. He also taught summer and night school at Fort Steilacoom Community College, Fort Lewis and McNeil Island Penitentiary. Leland belonged to the American Chemical Society, National Science Teachers Association and National Education Association. He served as past president of the Puget Sound Science Teachers Association. Active in his community, he served on and chaired the Planning Commission for the City of Roy, Wash. He also was a member of the Growth Management Coordinating Committee for Pierce County, and the Charter Review Commission. Leland volunteered as a lobbyist for AARP and was a Democratic precinct person, realizing a lifelong dream when he was elected to serve as a delegate to the 1978 National Democratic Convention. He also served in the Naval Reserves. In addition to his PLU degree, he held a master of science degree in natural sciences from Seattle University. His wife of 47 years, **Joyce '71**, preceded him in death. Surviving him are his daughters, Leanna (Doug) and Cheri (Jim); his sons, Daniel (Cecilia), Thomas (Tracy) and Paul (Linda); and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Class Representative – Merl and Joan (Maier) Overland

1965

Class Representative – Dave Wytko

Ron Miller was chosen by the Montana Academy of Family Physicians as the 2008 Montana Family Physician of the Year. He received the award in June at the academy's annual primary care conference in Chico Hot Springs. He works with several other physicians at Glacier Medical Associates in Whitefish, Mont. He has been an active member in the Montana Academy of Family Physicians since he started his medical practice 36 years ago.

Mardy (Geisler) Stevens, a retired educator, is the president of the American Association of University Women's Oregon chapter. The AAUW, founded in 1881, promotes education and equity for women and girls. Mardy also holds a degree in special education from San Francisco State University.

1966

Class Representative – Frank Johnson

1967

Class Representative – Craig Bjorklund

1969

Class Representative – Rick Nelson

Rick Rouse is the author of a new book published by Augsburg Fortress. A Field Guide to the Missional Church: Embarking on a Journey of Transformation. He is the senior pastor at Prince of Peace Lutheran in Phoenix, Ariz.

1970

Class Representative – Bill Allen

1971

Class Representative – Joe Hustad, Jr.

1972

Class Representative – Molly Stuen

Signe (Otheim) Will's son **Mark Gunderson '07** (whose father was the late **Gordon Gunderson '72**) married Ashley deVries on Dec. 28, 2007, in Puyallup, Wash. Erik Gunderson was the best man, and **Karissa (deVries) '05**

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Alwert was the matron of honor. Lutes in the wedding party also included the "Zoo

Football Players" (2004 era); **Geoffrey Schock, Dusty Macauley, Scott Manning, Scott Anderson, Zach Abraham, Jason Anglin** and **Jason Olson**. Mark is a PE teacher and football/ baseball coach in the Kent (Wash.) School District. Ashley is a dental hygienist in Enumclaw, Wash. They live in Bonney Lake, Wash.

1973

Class Representative – Karen (Wraalstad) Robbins

1974

Class Representative – David Johnson

Becky (Wulf) Harrison is a physical therapist at Wythe County Community Hospital in Wytheville, Va. Her son David is following his brothers by attending the United States Military Academy at West Point. Sons Michael and Daniel are both Army officers, presently serving state-side. Becky lives in Rural Retreat, Va.

1975

Class Representative – Helen Pohlig

Mike Stork died on April 16. He began his career in education in 1975 at Purdy Elementary School and moved to Artendale Elementary School in 1985. He spent his entire three-decade career in the Peninsula School District, except for the two years he spent in Lagos, Nigeria, where he taught at the American International School. Mike was a much beloved and respected teacher. Before retirement, he made three trips aboard National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration vessels in the Teacher at Sea program. His book on the Foss Maritime Company was released last year by Arcadia Publishing as part of its "Images of America" series. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Kathie; his son, Jim; and his daughter, **Rachel (Stork '02) Crane**.

Dan Hossley is the new CEO of Moonstruck Chocolate Co., a hand crafted artisan chocolate company based in Portland, Ore. The company also owns and operates 14 Moonstruck Chocolate Cafes in Oregon, California, Illinois, Michigan, Massachusetts and Virginia.

George Johnson died March 15. He worked for the Tacoma-Pierce County Opportunity and Development Council, which later was renamed Metropolitan Development Council. In 1968, he was

named as executive director until he resigned to accept a gubernatorial appointment as the first African American to direct a social program for Tacoma-Pierce County. In 1972, George was appointed by Governor Daniel Evans to the Parole Board for a five-year term. He became the first African American to be confirmed by the state senate to serve in that capacity. He went on to serve additional appointments under four succeeding governors. George retired in 1995 with the distinction of being the longest continuously tenured parole board member in the United States. He was active in many local and state organizations and served his church in many capacities. He believed that "to whom much is given, much is required." His son Larry preceded him in death. Surviving George are his high school sweetheart and wife, Velma; his sons, Darryl (Barbara) and George IV; his daughters, Beverly (Artis) and Patrice; and six grandchildren.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

1978

Class Representative – Pete Mattich

Trina Anderson has worked for 30 years at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital in Alaska. She is looking forward to seeing her fellow nursing classmates at the Nursing Alumni Luncheon at Homecoming 2008!

Edythe (Marsh) Marshall is a registered nurse at John Muir Health in Concord, Calif. She was awarded the Florence Nightingale Award for Best at Teaching, Educating and Mentoring. She was also recognized for her research project: Evidence-Based Practice for Tight Glycemic Control for Adult Stroke Patients and Length of Stay. It was the study that most improved practice care and collaboration for the health system for which she works.

1979

Class Representative – Dave and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Talis Colberg received his Ph.D. from the University of Alaska Fairbanks in May. He serves as the Attorney General of Alaska. His wife, Krystyna is an office assistant. They have two children, Dominique, 23, and Eva, 13, and live in Palmer, Alaska.

Evelyn Cornwall Jerden was named to the board of directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) in February. She is the senior vice president of operations of the LICIT Corporation located in Rye, N.Y., which owns 15 rural telephone companies in 10 states. She telecommutes from Tucson, Ariz., where

she lives with her husband, Marc, son Chris, 14, and daughter, Lisa 14.

1980

Class Representative – Drew Nelson

1981

Class Representative – Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

Patricia Bellingham Wolford died Sept. 5, 2007. She earned her teaching certificate from Western Washington College in 1944 and began her career at the ripe age of 19 at Boulevard Park Elementary School in the Seattle School District. In 1956, she and her new husband, Lloyd, moved to Olympia to raise a family and she put her teaching on hold. By 1976, she was ready to return to the classroom, teaching third grade at Lakes Elementary School in the North Thurston School District. She began graduate studies at PLU shortly thereafter, with a focus on early reading education. She went on to become the Chapter One reading specialist at Mt. View Elementary School in the North Thurston School District. She loved all of her students, but particularly cared about those whose potential had gone quietly unnoticed by others. She retired from teaching in 1987. Patricia stayed involved with kids, education and her fellow teachers through the Delta Kappa Gamma retired teacher association. She also pursued her interests in genealogy, history and travel. She and Lloyd shared a love of great writing, dry humor and West Coast Jazz. Her laughter, sense of humor and understanding endeared her to most everyone she met. She loved her time at PLU and was proud to be a PLU alumna. She was preceded in death by Lloyd. She is survived by two daughters, Joan and Chris; two sons, Steve and Paul; her stepdaughter, Catherine; her sister Mildred; her brother, Richard; and seven grandchildren.

Salvador Mungia was elected 2008-09 president-elect of the Washington State Bar Association at the June 6 meeting of the board of governors. He assumes the office of president-elect beginning at the close of the WSBA annual meeting on Sept. 18 and will assume the WSBA presidency in September 2009 for a one-year term. Since 1986, Salvador has been with the firm of Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson and Daheim, where he is a partner. Involved in his community, he is a past commissioner of the Tacoma Human Rights Commission, has served on the Grand Cinema Board of Directors, and is currently a director for the Palmer Minority Scholarship Foundation. He is also a past board member of the ACLU of Washington and has been a cooperating attorney with that organization since 1986.

Greg Lehman is the new communications officer/staff photographer at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Greg start-

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ed his successful career as a photojournalist in Aberdeen, Wash., and went on to work as the chief photographer for the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin for 18 years. In 2005, he retired from the daily newspaper business to run his own photography business.

Gayle (Ensor) Warner moved from Wenatchee, Wash., to Vancouver, Wash., in September 2007. She is an office manager/client representative for RIS Insurance Services in Portland, Ore. Her husband, Ken, is a therapist for Columbia River Mental Health Services in Vancouver.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Deborah Erickson was granted tenure and advanced to the rank of associate professor at California Lutheran University. In addition to the bachelor's degree she received from PLU, she holds a master's degree from California State University San Bernardino and a doctorate degree from University of the Pacific.

1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

Eric Dooley's oldest daughter, **Emily '08**, graduated from PLU on May 25. Eric is a missionary pastor in Vietnam.

Jack Jaumal is the author of *Images of America*, a book released on June 30 that evolved from a research paper he did for American History Seminar, an upper division history class he took at PLU in 1983.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Scott Ransom was awarded Distinguished Fellow of the American College of Physician Executives in New York City at the organization's annual meeting in April. He lives in Fort Worth, Texas, with his wife, Elizabeth, who is an otolaryngologist, and their three children: Kelly, 17; Christopher, 13; and Sarah, 11.

1985

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

Keith Folsom is working on his Ph.D. in computer science at Indiana University.

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Dan Merchant made his debut as a feature documentary director with "Lord, Save Us From Your Followers."

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Rod Cory is an Internet sales training manager for RHDi in Tacoma

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray Scott

Karla (Fullner) Satchell has achieved tenure as an associate professor of microbiology-immunology at Northwestern Medical School in Evanston, Ill. Her husband, Don, whom she married in 2003, is the international technology director for Microban International. They live in Evanston with their three-year-old son, Grant Philip.

Michelle (Clark) Molyneux died June 11. In addition to the bachelor's degree she received from PLU, she held a master's degree from Portland State University. She had taught eighth grade science at Maple Grove Middle School in Battleground, Wash., since September 2000. There she was an inspiration to her students as she continued to teach while she endured chemotherapy. Before teaching at Maple Grove, she spent 12 years teaching severely disabled students, mostly at Battle Ground High School. She was a 25-year member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Vancouver, Wash., where she met her husband, Chris at the age of 17. Her greatest joys in life were her happy marriage and her three daughters. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, **Chris '90**; her daughters, Katie, Sarah and Maddie; her mother, Lynne Clark; her sister, Patti Clark; her brother, Michael Clark; her step-mother, Linda Clark; her grandmother, Florence Snider; and her father and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Kathleen Molyneux. She was preceded in death by her father, Michael Clark.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely

Dave Pearson has been promoted by the Seattle Seahawks to vice president/communications and broadcasting. He is responsible for shaping the team's public image and serves as the liaison between the local and national media and the Seahawks' front office, coaches and players. He also oversees all team publications, website content and the Seahawks' broadcasting department.

1991

Susan (Robins) Cheek died May 4. She was a tireless community volunteer, serving as a Girl Scout leader, youth soccer coach, PTA leader, and church council member. She also worked as a pre-school teacher and most recently a para-educator at Mt. View Elementary School in Puyallup, Wash. Susan's warm heart, kind ways and bubbly personality touched those who knew her. She made countless friendships and provided unending love and support. Her family was most important to her. Surviving her are her husband, **Paul '89**; her daughters,

Shannon and Kaitlyn; her parents, Edward and Ena Robins; and her brother, Gordon Robins, and his family. She was preceded in death by her son, Dillon, in 2002.

Brian Kott was honored in the June issue of South Sound Magazine as one of "Eight Doctors Who Make a Difference." The article profiled several South Sound (Wash.) doctors who have a positive impact on their patients, the community and the world. Brian is an interventional neuroradiologist with TRA Medical Imaging at Tacoma General Hospital. He lives in Gig Harbor, Wash.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

Cindy (Specht) Dapkus is the teacher at TinkerBell Preschool, a parent co-operative in Grants Pass, Ore. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Matt, and children, Elijah, 7, and Lydia, 5.

1993

Class Representative – Barbara (Murphy) Hesner

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

1995

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

Mark Henderson is the new principal at Seattle Lutheran High School. He was previously the dean of students at SLHS. He lives in Seattle.

1996

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

Tom Churchill is the new superintendent at Hood Canal School District.

Jim Buchan is the new coach of the women's and men's soccer programs at Lake Erie College in Cleveland, Ohio. He was previously the head coach of the women's and men's teams at Mesa State College, where he was a two-time Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC) Coach of the Year, as well as a two-time Division II Great Plains Coach of the Year.

1997

Class Representatives – Andy and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Sharon Hagerty and her husband, Kevin West, live in Wabash, Ind., with their daughter, Alexandria. They are self-employed.

Roger Brodriak is a social studies teacher at Archbishop Murphy High School in Everett, Wash. He started a mock trial program at the school in 2005. His team recently placed sixth at the 2008 state championship meet and qualified for the American Mock Trial Invitational in Charlotte, N.C. He lives in Marysville, Wash.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart



Nigel Barron is the skipper of a custom 53-foot racing sailboat in Seattle called the Artemis. He and his crew compete in the Swiftsure (www.swiftsure.org), a race

held every Memorial Day in Victoria, British Columbia. In 2007, they were first in class and first overall. With trying conditions this year, they were third in class and third overall. Nigel races the Artemis to Hawaii most summers, but took this summer off. He will take part in the

In Memoriam

1932

Margaret Elliott on Feb. 24.

1936

John Arne on April 15.
Hedvig (Dahle) Matson on June 4.

1937

Olga (Hugo) Arne on April 7.

1938

Glenn Gustavson on May 11.
John Stuen on May 31.

1943

Mark Stuen on May 21.

1947

Paul Pflueger on April 16.

1948

Rumohr Roberts on March 25.

1960

Beth Ratko on March 16.

1961

Leland Weaver on April 15.

1975

George Johnson on March 15.
Mike Stork on April 16.

1981

Patricia Bellingham Wolford on Sept. 5, 2007.

1988

Michelle (Clark) Molyneux on June 11.

1991

Susan (Robins) Cheek on May 4.

2006

Rachael Spears on May 7.

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Transpac (www.transpacificyc.org) race from Los Angeles to Honolulu in 2009 and has a busy racing schedule ahead in preparation. Nigel usually races with a crew of 15-17 in the Puget Sound and Canada, and a crew of 8 in Hawaii. His job is to take care of all maintenance and logistics and to make sure the boat is ready to race when the owner and the crew arrive – no matter where the race is starting.

Brandon VanDyke completed his sixth year as the director of bands and orchestra at Tualatin High School in Tualatin, Ore. On March 19, the school's orchestra won the Pacific Conference Orchestra Festival. On May 9, they went on to perform at the Oregon State Orchestra Championships in Corvallis, Ore. Under Brandon's direction, the Tualatin orchestra has now qualified for the state contest in four of the last six years. The Tualatin High School marching band performed in the Portland Rose Festival Starlight Parade on May 31. They placed third in open class in the 2007 Starlight Parade. Brandon is also still performing regularly with the Oregon Symphonic Band, which was awarded the Sudler Silver Scroll in December of 2007 by the John Philip Sousa Foundation.

1999

Class Representative – Julie (Johnston) Bulow von Dennewitz

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

David Jaspers was ordained a transitional deacon on April 19, after six years in Catholic Seminary at Mt. Angel in St Benedict, Ore. Next year, he will continue his studies for the priesthood at seminary during the week, while working in a parish in the Portland (Ore.) Metro area on the weekends.

Joy Barber moved to Bellingham, Wash., last summer to pursue her Master of Arts degree in English at Western Washington University. She also received a full teaching assistantship and will be teaching English 101.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer

Robert Gunstrom died May 26. Bob was a professional bowler, who also loved to write. He authored the book, *Killer Bowling*, and wrote bowling columns for the Tacoma News Tribune. He loved helping people and was a board member of the Pierce County Housing Authority and a longtime board member of the Pierce County AIDS Foundation. He was also on the Governor's Advisory Committee on AIDS. A deeply religious man, Bob enjoyed serving at his church. He is survived by his children: Rick, Christine (Greg), Terri Kim, Jim, Bobby and Billy (Tamara); and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Angela Meade made her Metropolitan Opera (New York City) debut – and professional opera debut – March 21, singing the role of Elvira in Verdi's "Ernani" with Marcello Giordani, Ferruccio Furlanetto and fellow Washington state native Thomas Hampson. She also recently won several prestigious opera awards, including first prize at the George London Foundation Competition and special first prize from the Gerda Lissner Foundation.

Janelle Gilge is the new director of rehabilitation services at Tuality Healthcare in Hillsboro, Ore. She oversees Tuality's clinical programs related to physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech pathology. She holds a master's degree in health care administration with a concentration on finance from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health in Minneapolis.

Lisa Atkinson was promoted to assistant vice president and professional banking officer at Bank of Cascadia in Boise, Idaho.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs



Kayle Kolari married David Lovejoy Jan. 20, 2007, at The George Marshall House at Fort Vancouver, Wash. They live in Portland, Ore.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman



Amellia Partlow married Christopher Carbonella July 7, 2007, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, Wash. Amelia graduated from PLU with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications. **Emily Murer '03, Michael Neman '04, Brie Anna Bales '03, and Todd Randolph '04** were attendants. Amelia works in the financial industry and Christopher is a project manager for a renewable energy company. They live on Whidbey Island, Wash.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

Nancy Cowden married the love of her life, Attila Bodo-Vass, on Feb. 23 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore. She is also very excited about her new position at Thrivent Financial. As a congregational relationship manager, she

helps Lutheran churches maximize their community service potential and coordinate social, educational and other programs. Attila is a contractor/carpenter. They live in Clackamas, Ore.

Cinzia Massaro Clapp took second place in the Emerald Bodybuilding's Fitness and Figure Championships in Bellevue, Wash. The Emerald Cup is the largest amateur bodybuilding, fitness and figure competition in the nation, and third largest in the world.



Sara Comstock married Joshua Livermore Jan. 11 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. She's a partnership program coordinator for Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Iowa, where Joshua is a graduate student in environmental engineering. They live in Iowa City, Iowa.

2005

Class Representative – Micheal Steele



Chenda Minn married **Dino Johnson** on Aug. 11 at Semiahmoo Resort in Blaine,

Wash. Lutes in the wedding were **Maylynn Eleno, Jaime Skarshaug, Ty Johnson, Noah Roehl and David Eichholtz.**



Kirsten Morton married Jeffrey Cummings March 28 at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle. **Allison Tonge** was her maid of honor and **Svea**

Erickson was a bridesmaid. **Kendall Blair** was also in attendance. The couple traveled to Oahu and Kauai for their honeymoon. Kirsten completed her first two years as a high school band director in Ashland, Ore., and is starting her master's degree in instrumental wind conducting at the University of Washington this fall. A University of Washington graduate himself, Karl is a naval aviator stationed on Whidbey Island flying the mighty P-3 Orion. They own their first home in Oak Harbor, Wash.

2006

Class Representative – Jenna (Steffenson) Serr

Rachael Spears died May 7. She was a Past Honored Queen and a majority member of Job's Daughters Bethel #23, a lifetime member of Fern Chapter #7 Order of Eastern Star and an active member of

her church. She worked for Washington Mutual Bank in Seattle. Those who knew her were touched by her zest for life and her sparkling personality. She was preceded in death by her mother, Deborah Spears. Surviving Rachael are her father, William Bentson; her stepmother, Lynn Bentson; grandmothers Gloria Spears and Shirlee Benjamin; brother Joshua Spears; stepsister Megan Kirkhart and stepbrother Michael Deibert; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Heidi Jarnagin is a lead environmental engineering trainer with the United States Department of Energy. She lives in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

2007

Class Representatives — Maggie Morgan and Kaarin Praxel

2008

Class Representatives – Emily Dooley and Courtney Stringer

Matthew Johnson married **Amelia Hye-Jeong Wagoner** Aug. 16 in Stanley, Idaho.

Future Lutes

1984



David Chun and his wife, Heidi, welcomed Ella Dee into their family on March 20. Ella joins sister Dakota, 11, and brother Marley, 2.

David will be teaching fifth grade math at Iolani School in Honolulu until the year 2030! David requests: "Any other old Lute dads out there, please send in notes, so I'm not the only one from the eighties." (Editor's note: See submission below.)

1987

Terry (Nelson) Donor and her husband, Pete, welcomed their daughter, Hannah, in September 2005. She joined Josiah 17, Micah, 15, and Noah, 13. Terry is a home-maker and Pete is the director of employee relations at Tacoma Lutheran Retirement Community. They live in Lakewood, Wash.

1989



Brien Flannigan and his wife, Sally, announce the birth of Dylan Thomas on Jan. 1. He joins his brother, John Patrick, 3.

1990



Carol (Jensen) Kolasinski and her husband, Ken, announce the birth of Kate Jensen

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Kolasinski on Jan. 30. She joins her sister, Kendal Lynn, 4. Carol is a skydiving instructor/bookkeeper with Skydive Snohomish. Ken is an elevator constructor. They live in Marysville, Wash.

1991

Travis and Gina (Propocio '94) Remington welcomed Stellen Rhineholt on Nov. 16, 2007. He joins Desmond Dean, 5, and Ava Margolyn, 3. They moved to Albany, Ore., four years ago to be closer to family. Travis is the vice president of finance for Barenbrug USA, Inc., the second largest grass seed company in the world. Gina works part time as a family physician in her own office in Dallas Ore.

1992



Karen (Deveney) Fruehauf and her husband, Dale, announce the birth of twins, Owen Dale and Ella

Jan on May 15. They join Joseph, 7. The twins were conceived through the gift of embryo adoption.

1993

Brad and Molly (Tvedt) Uhlenhoff welcomed their son, Truett, adopted at birth on Nov. 23. He joins Madison, 15; Sophia, 10; Elisabeth, 8; Alaina, 8; and Kaia, 4. They live in Nampa, Idaho.

1995

Jennifer (Johnson) Higgins and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of twin daughters, Marin and Silje, on Jan. 25.



They join big sister Ailey, 3. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom, and Andy is a building official for the City of Sammamish.

1996



Tamara (Bushek) Sohl and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Taylor Aurora, on Jan. 19. She joins her big brother, Jaden, who is almost 3. They live in Lawton, Okla.

1997



Stacey (Broderson) Zuber and her husband, Brian, welcomed their daughter, Alexis Kaitlyn, on March 12, 2007.

She joins Jordan, 3. Stacey is a stay-at-home mom in Kirkland, Wash.

Sharlene (Rittgarn) Hoffman and her husband, David, announce the birth of Daniel Wayne on Nov. 3, 2007. They live in Chehalis, Wash.

1998



Shannon (Jones) McCarthy and her husband, Kevin, joyfully welcomed their daughter, Madeline Kathleen, to the world on Sept.

30, 2007. She is a corporate attorney with the law firm Kirkpatrick & Lockhart Preston Gates Ellis LLP in Boston, Mass. Kevin quit his job to be a stay-at-home dad. They live in Salem, Mass.

Erin (Romine) Albaugh and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their son, Myles Joseph, on Feb. 14, 2007. He joins twin siblings, Natalie and Drew, 3. His sister Ellie died in infancy in June 2003. Erin is an instructional facilitator and teacher at Hudtloff Middle School in Lakewood, Wash. Andrew is a scientist and database manager. They live in Tacoma.



Angela (Kellogg) Gunter and her husband, Britt, happily announce the birth of their first son, Jack Thomas, on April 8. Angela is a human resources manager at PricewaterhouseCoopers in San Jose, Calif., and Britt is a paramedic in Santa Cruz. They live in Morgan Hill, Calif.

2000



Matthew and Aimee (Sieverkropp '01) Dubbs welcomed son Mason on July 29, 2007. Matt is a software design engineer in test for Cactus Commerce and Aimee is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Ephrata, Wash.

2001

Matthew and Betsy (Kellenbeck '00) Cole celebrated the birth of their second



son, Ryan James, on Jan. 23. Matthew has taught for seven years at Bellingham (Wash.) High School. He earned his Masters of Music

Conducting at the American Band College in 2005 and was a National Board of Professional Teachers candidate for 2007-2008. Betsy works part time as a registered client associate at AG Edwards, a division of Wachovia Securities, and enjoys being a mom.

Julie Dames Ryan and her husband, Kelly O'Neil Ryan, announce the birth of their son, Finnegan Ryan, on Oct. 25, 2007. Kelly is a trust administrator.

Kristen Roddel and her husband, Thomas Steinle, announce the birth of Brady Thomas Steinle on April 16. Kristen is a school counselor in the Garden Grove Unified School District. They live in Santa Ana, Calif.

Jonas and Alison (Brennan) Tanzer announce the birth of son Lucas on March 12. They live in Söderköping, Sweden.

2002

Brian and Jamie (Gabriel '99) Farman welcomed their daughter, Addison Rose, on March 21, 2007. She joins her sister, Brynna, 3. Addison's godparents are **Matt Dubbs '00** and **Aimee Sieverkropp-Dubbs '01**, and Jeff and Jessica Farman. Jamie continues to work as a seventh grade block teacher in Mill Creek, Wash., and Brian is a police officer in Kirkland, Wash.

2004



Paul and Mary (Boerger '05) Caseley announce the birth of Benjamin James

on April 14. They are both teachers in the Peninsula School District. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash. [S]

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'79) Petersen

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Susan (Lee '81) Phillips

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Jordan Ramos- Joseph Ramos '07

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'83) Randich

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and Ann (Forney '84)
Reiersen

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Robson '66, Linda (Carlson
'66) Robson

Carly Romo- Daryl '84 and
Julie (Hueners '85) Romo

Sonja Ruud- Jan Ruud '79 and
Linda Faaren '78

Christopher Schmidt- Miles
Schmidt '85

Mallory Schumacher- Diana
(Stanich '81) Schumacher

Krista Seaman- Louise Sawyer
'78

Peter Seberson- Steven '78
and Stephanie (Gilliland '81)
Seberson

Jessica Shaw- Steven Shaw
'88, Helen (McCarthy '88)
Falzett

Allison Small- Gail (Bossler
'79) Small

Ron Snively- Marilyn
(Barnhart '85) Snively

Lucas Strohbach- Margret
(Dries '77) Strohbach

Luke Stromberg- Deborah
(Consear '83) Stromberg

Victor Swanson - Michelle
(Hagen '81) Swanson

Stena Troyer- Richard Troyer
'77

Katherine Wehmann- Ronald
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mented in both structure and process, resulting in high costs and lapses in care quality. There are numerous causes of this fragmentation. Number one on the list is the framework used to administer a fee-for-service payment system whereby health care encounters are unbundled and separate charges are billed for each individual aspect of care. This system encourages misalignment of incentives and, even under the best of circumstances, does not create strong, systematic incentives to deliver efficient high quality care.

Disjointed health care is also caused by lack of integration and communication between systems and providers. For example, a diabetic may concurrently receive health care services from a clinic, home care service, hemodialysis unit and a hospital. If a low blood sugar noted during dialysis treatment is not communicated to the clinic, the diabetic may require extra home health visits or a preventable hospitalization.

To decrease harm and improve quality, both candidates advocate for similar policy changes. These include public reporting, pay-for-performance, electronic medical records, emphasis on preventive care, chronic disease care management, some sort of malpractice reform and more consumer information. There is evidence to support the benefits of most of these potential policy changes, but they are expensive solutions. Voters may balk on health care reform packages if they feel their out-of-pocket costs for this "higher quality care" will skyrocket.

The two major political parties have extremely different views about the issue of providing access to coverage to serve the 47 million people without insurance. The Republican candidate advocates a shift from employer to individual health plans, de-regulation that would allow cross-state shopping for insurance, and establishing high-risk pools offering insurance benefits to individuals with pre-existing health problems.

The Democratic side supports employer "pay or play," in which nearly all employers either contribute to providing coverage or pay a tax to a pub-

licly funded plan. Coverage for all children and a national health insurance exchange – including choice of private plans, public plan options, benefits like Federal plans and guaranteed access – are also included.

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The obvious question for many Americans is, "Will my cost for care go up?" Voters may instinctively feel that covering more uninsured people will raise the price of care for everyone. If health care reform is to succeed, advocates and candidates will need to convince voters that caring for the uninsured (i.e. shifting costs for uncompensated care) is more expensive in the long run, and better access to disease prevention and early treatment of illness will help control costs. Both leading candidates agree that subsidies for purchasing insurance are needed. Democrats offer sliding-scale premium assistance and rate protections. Republicans promote insurance independent of work and a flat tax credit for private insurance. They expect competition to make premiums affordable.

Any large-scale effort to change the current system will be disruptive for at least some insured Americans. Other satisfied health care customers may fear reform will threaten the delivery system they know and love. All presidential candidates will need to reassure voters that health reform will provide better access, more choices, high quality and an affordable price.

The good news for Americans who care about health care is that the 2008 presidential election has begun a much-needed dialog about health reform. It remains to be seen whether it will continue to be a top issue during and after the general election. While both parties take divergent approaches for overall health reform, and the media and ad campaigns critique and dispute the details of the plans, the real challenge starts in 2009 and will depend on whether the new president makes health care a top priority. There is already a health care reform proposal sponsored by Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, waiting for the new president. The Healthy Americans Act, a bi-partisan bill, is radical when compared to the Republican candidate's reform plan and seems to go further than plans promoted by Democrats.

At this point in time, the specifics of the Wyden-Bennett bill don't matter any more than the details of the two presidential candidates' health reform proposals. When all is said and done, health care reform will happen only if Congress engages in effectual health reform debates, can find a way to pay for it – and can compromise on ideological differences. [5]

Lori A. Loan '82, Ph.D, RNC, is a hospital executive and health services researcher as well as an affiliate faculty member in the School of Nursing at Pacific Lutheran University. She believes there is no secret formula for health care reform in America. The plan that eventually emerges will be negotiated, compromised and incremental. The good news is that the 2008 presidential election provides fertile ground for serious debates about this complex and vital issue.

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October 21

Powell and Heller Family Conference in Support of Holocaust Education
Location TBD

October 21, 22; 8 p.m.

Fall Choral Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 22, 8 p.m.

Visiting Writer Series, Aimee Bender
Scandinavian Cultural Center

October 28, 8 p.m.

Regency String Quartet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

October 29, 8 p.m.

Jimmy Jazzoid live broadcast and performance
Museum of History and Industry, Seattle

October 31–November 2

Family Weekend

NOVEMBER

November 2, 3 p.m.

Mary Baker Russell Scholars Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 2, 7 p.m.

Artist Series: Elizabeth Brown, guitar and lute
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 6–8, 8 p.m.

Opera Workshop
"Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss
Eastvold Auditorium

November 9, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series:
10th anniversary of the Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ
David Dahl, university organist emeritus, and Paul Tegels, university organist, with Choral Union and the Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 9, 7 p.m.

Opera Workshop
"Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 10, 6 p.m.

State Farm MBA Executive Leadership Series
Katherine Elser, senior vice president and

CFO, BECU

Morken Center Room 103

November 13, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

November 13, 8 p.m.

Percussion and Steel Pan Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 16, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Vanessa Sielert, guest saxophonist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 16, 7 p.m.

Guitar Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 18, 8 p.m.

Artist Series: Ramped Up!
Faculty flutist Jennifer Rhyne and guest flutist Paul Taub
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 20, 6 p.m.

State Farm MBA Executive Leadership Series
Louis Cooper Jr., COO, Port of Tacoma
Morken Center Room 103

November 20, 8 p.m.

Piano Ensembles
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 21, 8 p.m.

University Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 22, 8 p.m.

University Wind Ensemble and Concordia Wind Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 23, 3 p.m.

Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall

DECEMBER

December 2, 5 p.m.

Jazz Combos
The Cave, University Center

December 2, 8 p.m.

Lyric Brass Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 3, 5:15 p.m.

Light Up Red Square
Red Square

December 3, 8 p.m.

University Concert Band and Sølvvinden Flute Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 4, noon

KPLU Christmas Jam
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 4, 8 p.m.

Keyboard Student Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 5, 7:30 p.m.

Sankta Lucia Fest
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Wondrous Child

A Pacific Lutheran University Christmas Celebration

December 5, 8 p.m.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland

December 6, 8 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church, Seattle

December 7, 4 p.m.

Olson Auditorium, PLU

December 8, 8 p.m.

String Kaleidoscope
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 9, 8 p.m.

Student Wind and Brass Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 10, 8 p.m.

Sounds of Christmas
University Singers and University Men's Chorus
Lagerquist Concert Hall


December 11, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

December 11, 8 p.m.

Composers' Forum
Lagerquist Concert Hall

December 13, 2:30 p.m.

December Commencement
Olson Auditorium 



perspective

The November election could finally bring health care reform



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By Lori A. Loan

Will health care reform be the cornerstone of the 2008 presidential election? As an estimated 47 million in the United States remain uninsured and health care costs continue to rise, Americans are becoming increasingly concerned about access to affordable, quality health care. Presidential candidates are talking about reforming the health care system, although few details are forthcoming.

For the first time since the early 1990s, the U.S. political environment offers the real possibility of fundamental health system reform. When it comes to the comparative importance of different

issues in deciding their vote, health care has consistently been among the top three issues chosen by American voters, far behind the economy and closely behind Iraq. The Republican and Democratic candidates have provided an outline for their proposed reforms, both aimed to control costs and increase access to and quality of health care. As evidenced by the limited successes of past health reform efforts, achieving these three domains will be challenging, often requiring difficult trade-offs. There is consensus across party lines regarding the major problems afflicting the U.S. health care system – it is ineffi-

cient, harms too many, serves too few and costs too much.

Numerous voter polls indicate that the majority of Americans would like to transform health care to minimize inefficiencies, but there is no broad consensus on a fix. Thus, candidates have so far refrained from conveying detailed positions regarding this complex issue to avoid voter rejection or misinterpretations.

Compared to other industries providing products of similar sophistication, health care delivery is extremely frag-

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