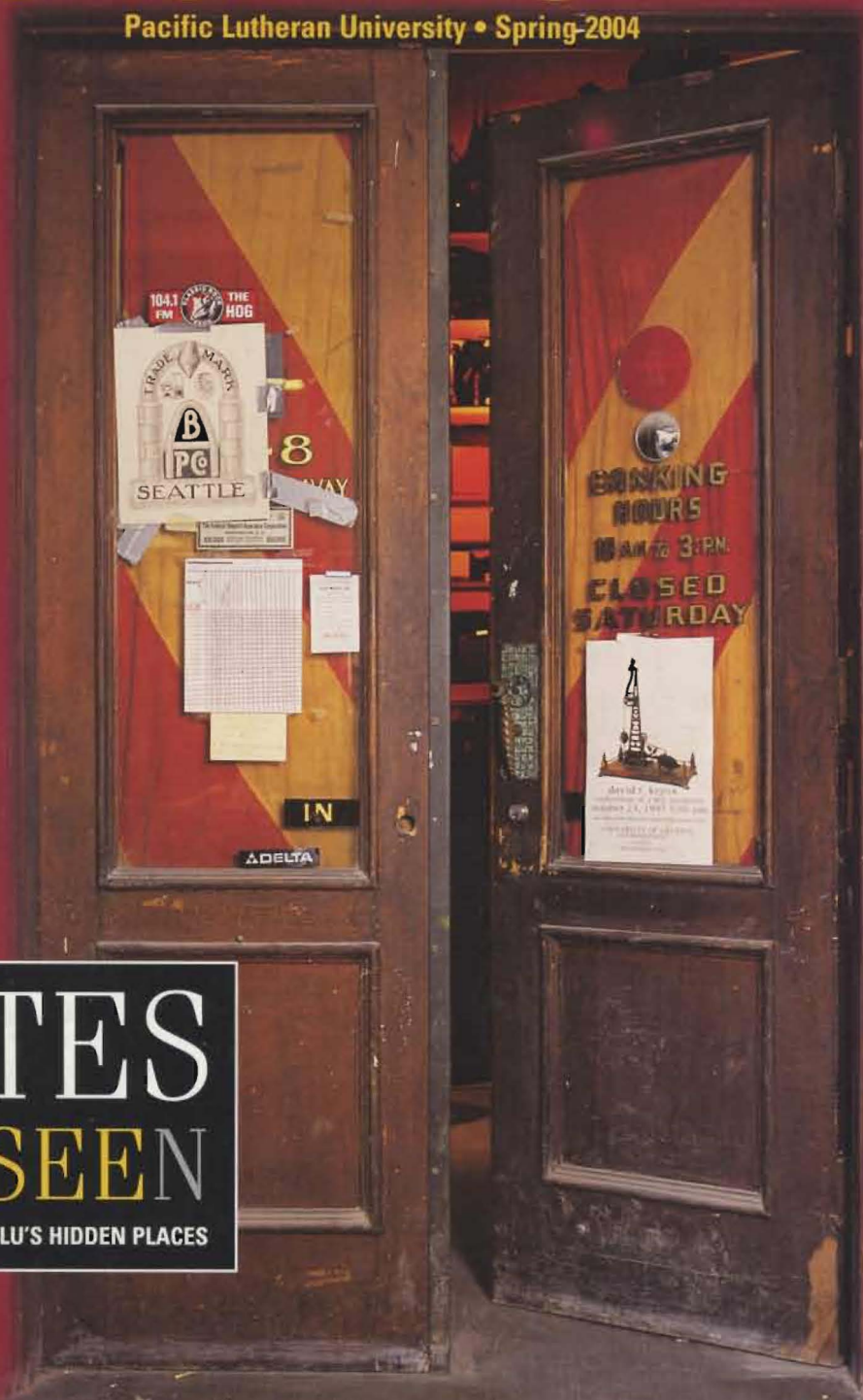


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Lila Moe Scholarship Recital
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Youth Orchestra, Bergen Norway:
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Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Regency Concert Series: Camas Quintet
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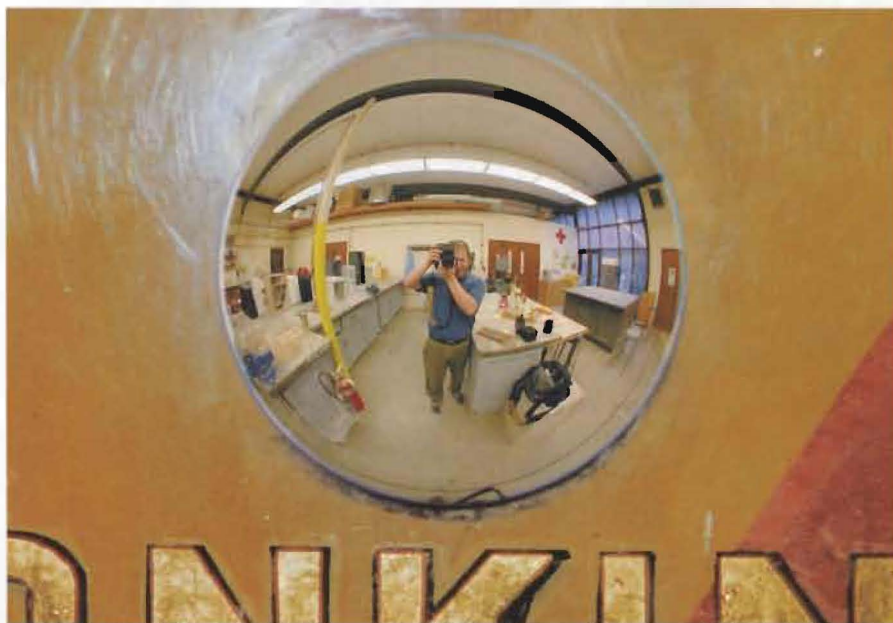
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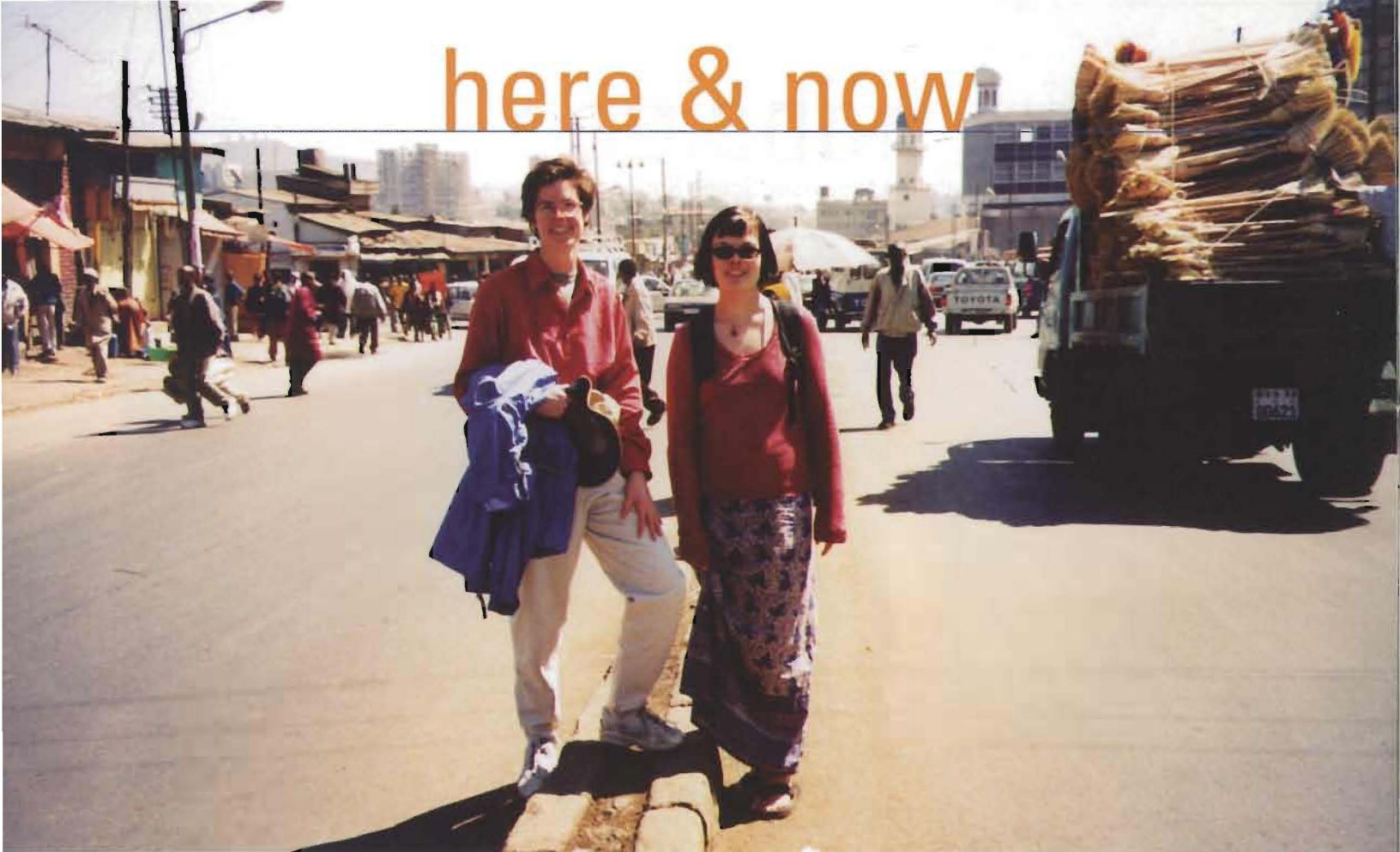
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This door leads into art professor David Keyes' office in Ingram Hall. He bought the door at an auction after an old bank was torn down. Photo by Jordan Hartman '02.

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here & now



Economics professor Priscilla St. Clair and Erin Burgess '04 saw a little of the city of Addis Ababa when they attended a conference in Ethiopia in December. Photo courtesy Priscilla St. Clair.

Economics professor, student present research at conference in Ethiopia

Faculty-student collaboration provided an extraordinary chance for a student to present a paper at an international conference in the rarely traveled country of Ethiopia.

Erin Burgess '04 and economics professor Priscilla St. Clair attended a conference on environmental sustainability organized by Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia in December. St. Clair was invited to speak at the conference, and she asked to bring along Burgess, her research assistant.

"It was my first time out of the states," said Burgess, a double major in economics and environmental studies.

They joined researchers from as far away as China, Norway and Kenya to discuss environmental issues pertinent to Ethiopia, a country that has long struggled with problems including land erosion and poverty.

St. Clair, who specializes in environmental issues of Third World countries,

collected data on forest management in Nepal in 2000. Using a Severtson research fellowship, Burgess helped sort data during a project last summer and presented some of the findings at the Ethiopia conference. She was the only undergraduate to address the conference.

"I thought she did a very nice job," St. Clair said. "It's a fantastic opportunity for a student to get to do something like that, so I'm glad PLU supported it."

The university helped cover Burgess' travel costs, and she said her professors helped accommodate the trip by allowing her to take finals early.

Though Ethiopia is not a common tourist spot, St. Clair and Burgess stayed at an eco-tourist resort, which offered solar powered hot water, fine food and conference workshops in a literal treehouse, high up in the branches of huge trees that are home to wild monkeys.

Burgess, who is from Billings, Mont., hopes to live in Seattle and then go to graduate school. Like St. Clair, she is interested in environmental economics. The pair continue to research whether

community forest practices in Third World countries have a greater effect on the poorest local families. They hope to present more of their research at an economics conference this summer.

Grants and gifts help push the Morken Center toward completion

An \$850,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation has added even more energy to the drive to complete fund raising for the Morken Center for Learning and Technology. PLU will receive the money once it completes its \$19 million goal to fund the Morken Center.

In addition, earlier in the campaign the university was awarded a \$1 million challenge from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust. The terms of both challenge grants are the same - they will be awarded only upon successful completion of the Morken Center fund raising by May 31st.

The university's efforts also received a boost through a \$250,000 pledge from

the LeMay family and Harold LeMay Enterprises.

"The Kresge Foundation challenge offers a resounding message of support and encouragement to the many friends of PLU who have been waiting to make a commitment to this project," PLU President Loren J. Anderson said. "And the LeMay family's support will help us take the lead in the increasingly technological world."

It is the largest gift to PLU from the LeMay family, which has deep connections to the university. Harold LeMay Enterprises is a Parkland-based refuse hauling service, operating in Pierce, Thurston, Grays Harbor and Lewis counties.

"We hold as important values community and education, both of which are represented in PLU's new Morken Center," said Nancy LeMay, Harold's widow.

Family members involved in the business include Nancy LeMay, who assumed day-to-day operations of the business upon Harold's death; Norman LeMay '67, Doug LeMay, Hal LeMay '84 and Barb LeMay-Quinn. H. Eugene LeMay Jr. '62 is a professor of chemistry at the University of Nevada. Norman's son Craig is a 2003 PLU graduate, and daughter Jill graduated in 1996.

With the Kresge and Morken challenges and LeMay pledge, the Morken Center has commitments of \$14.4 million. All gifts made from this point will help PLU qualify for the challenge grant.

PLU plans to complete fund raising by May 2004 and finalize construction by fall 2005. The Morken Center will house the School of Business with the Department of Computer Science and Computer Engineering and the Department of Mathematics. The 53,000-square-foot building will include classrooms, faculty offices and state-of-the-art laboratories.

Music professor, conductor Raydell Bradley dies

Raydell Bradley, associate professor of music and faculty member since 1992, died Nov. 27. He had been fighting serious illnesses



including kidney disease, diabetes and a recurring viral infection.

In addition to teaching courses in music education, Bradley directed the University Wind Ensemble and Concert Band. He was also the musical director and conductor of the Washington Wind Symphony and had served on the music staff of the First Christian and Findlay Street Christian Church of Seattle.

Bradley pursued his music education at Truman State University in Missouri, where he earned a B.A. in music education in 1981 and his master's degree in 1986. He completed his doctorate in instrumental conducting in 2000 at the University of Washington, where he was the recipi-

ent of the Dorothy Danforth-Compton Foundation Fellowship.

Before accepting his appointment at PLU, Raydell was director of bands at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. He served as assistant director of bands at Truman State University and was on the music faculty in the Omaha public schools.

A concert featuring students, faculty and past and present members of groups he conducted took place in January.

Student clubs aim to increase awareness of diversity issues

One new and one returning student clubs, Fused and BLACK@PLU, are opening eyes to different cultures on campus.

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IF YOU LIKED THE VARIETY OF PHOTOS FROM THIS ISSUE'S COVER STORY, you'll love the additional pictures from unknown spots on campus you'll find online at www.plu.edu/scene/. The online version of the magazine also brings more information on student-faculty research – the subject of this issue's Perspective – and gives readers more details on the works and accomplishments of faculty.

You'll also find helpful links and continually updated calendars to keep you up-to-date on everything happening on campus.

here & now

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BLACK@PLU, which stands for Black Leaders Actively Communicating Knowledge at PLU, was dormant for two years and is back to bring awareness of racial issues to PLU and the surrounding community.

"We really need to be involved with each other," President Sharron Allen '06 said. According to Allen, issues of race are "not black issues, but people issues." The club, which is open to anyone, is spreading the word through events such as a platform to discuss racial questions with a panel of speakers from different ethnicities, a Gospel jamboree to honor Martin Luther King Jr. and activities throughout Black History Month.

Fused – meaning mixed, multi-racial and multi-ethnic – also focuses on raising awareness. President Lisa Henderson '04 said the idea is to get students to share their experiences and realize that others understand where they're coming from. Not all members are multi-racial; for example, one student is Japanese, but grew up in China.

The club spent fall semester getting people and ideas together and is now planning activities. "We have no set standards," Henderson said. "Students are welcome to bring their ideas. Whatever the students want to do, we'll do." So far, Fused has sponsored campus-wide movies and is planning an event based on holidays around the world.

Sharron Allen '06, president of BLACK@PLU, speaks at the King celebration.



Jonathan McLean and Worthy Praise sing at the Gospel Jamboree, which was organized by the newly reformed BLACK@PLU in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

University buys Garfield Street property for redevelopment

The urban blight at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Garfield Street will soon be gone.

The site of the former Piggly Wiggly grocery store, Johnson's Drug and an adjacent vacant lot is under new ownership. And the new owner has big plans.

"Everyone agreed that the area, the gateway to PLU, was an eyesore and something had to change," said Sheri Tonn, vice president for finance and operations. Something did change. The university purchased the lots.

"We are hoping for a complete new look on the corner in the next one to two years," Tonn said.

The move was an endowment fund investment decision made by the investment and real property subcommittees of the Board of Regents' budget and finance committee. Endowment funds

were used to buy the properties, and income from the properties will enhance the endowment in the future.

"The regents expect that this will be a very good endowment investment," Tonn said.

The university intends to retain ownership of the property in perpetuity and lease the ground to a developer.

Covenants in the lease will restrict the kinds of tenants that may occupy the space, giving the university some control over the atmosphere of the Garfield business district.

The redevelopment of the site also fits with Pierce County's interest in making the Pacific Avenue and Garfield intersection one of its retail-core redevelopment projects.

The buildings on the site will be demolished soon.

The university is working with a number of developers to assess the possibilities for new retail and other mixed use, including commercial and residential spaces.

<https://lutebid.plu.edu/>

Student version of eBay looks for buyers and sellers on the net

People looking for books, electronics or even a new carpet can check out Lutebid, PLU's Internet auction site.

Lutebid, created by Associated Students of Pacific Lutheran University as a service to the student body, launched last summer. Though it has not been too busy, ASPLU hopes Lutebid will evolve into a place students regularly go to buy or sell belongings.

"It has wonderful possibility," said Scott Stauffer '05, ASPLU president. "It's fully functional and completely secure."

According to Stauffer, PLU is one of the first universities on the West Coast with such a program.

ASPLU contracted ePLU, the student-run e-commerce and technology management center in the School of Business, to oversee the day-to-day maintenance of the site. A PLU ePass, which allows access to various online services including e-mail, is required for access to Lutebid. Students must stick to ePass guidelines while using the site and are not permitted to sell anything illegal. Violations are reported to and handled by the Student Conduct System.

Micheal Steele '05, ASPLU director of public relations and personnel, says marketing is under way. Lutebid is working with business capstone classes to spread the word and plan a publicity campaign. Find the site at <https://lutebid.plu.edu/>.



University Symphony Orchestra tours West Coast during J-Term

Audiences far from campus had the opportunity to hear the University Symphony Orchestra perform in January.

The orchestra's tour explored the rich heritage of music from two worlds – the

old and the new – during stops in Portland, Ore., Ferndale and Olympia, Wash., and Monterey and Pleasanton, Calif. Works representing the European origins of the orchestral repertoire included Johannes Brahms' rustic and delightful "Serenade in D Major," "Op. 11," Richard Wagner's musical birthday gift to his wife and son, and works by Mozart and others. From the new world, the orchestra performed works by contemporary American composers

James Romig and Cindy McTee, ragtime music by Scott Joplin, and the fiery "Tangazo" by Argentinian composer Astor Piazzolla.

Conducted by Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, the orchestra undertakes an ambitious four-concert series every year. In addition, orchestra members participate in the annual

Christmas concerts, host an annual invitational for several high school orchestras and present a spring concert featuring outstanding PLU soloists.

During the January tour, the orchestra also visited high schools in Ashland and Salem, Ore., and Olympia.



Aaron Hageman '05 reads at open mic night. Photo by Nisha Ajmani '02.

Poets take stage to share work at weekly coffee shop readings

From political statements and plays to short stories and animated poems, PLU poets share their work every Tuesday at Northern Pacific Coffee Company, one block from campus.

Hosted and founded by PLU's creative arts magazine Saxifrage, Poetry Open Mic at NPCC has been a hit with both students and the surrounding community. "There are people who haven't

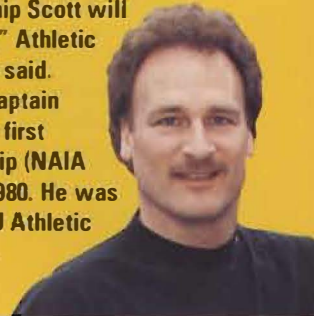
Westering succeeds Westering as Lute football coach

Scott Westering '82 will follow in his father's footsteps as head football coach. Frosty Westering retired after 32 winning seasons at PLU.

Westering has been an assistant coach for 23 seasons and has been the offensive coordinator since 1983. He teaches physical education and is operations supervisor of the Names Fitness Center. The university went through a national search before deciding on the inside candidate.

"We are excited about the future of football at PLU and the leadership Scott will bring to the program," Athletic Director Paul Hoseth said.

Westering was a captain and member of PLU's first national championship (NAIA Division II) team in 1980. He was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.



missed a week since we started," said Jane Berentson '04, co-editor of Saxifrage.

The idea came from Dan Russell '04, co-editor of Saxifrage, who works at NPCC. "We wanted to have a poetic outlet for those who write poetry at PLU," Berentson said. NPCC's book-filled Garfield Street location creates the perfect ambiance for coffee and prose, Berentson said.

Averaging five to 10 minutes at the microphone, writers typically read one to four pieces. Reading original work is encouraged. Saxifrage occasionally invites poets from around Tacoma to share their work and encourage students. The group usually hangs out to compare notes afterward.

The student newspaper The Mast now publishes poems from open mic night so the authors can see their work in print.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Saxifrage, and the editors want to make it special. Berentson hopes Poetry Open Mic will help increase submissions to the magazine this year. "People are more comfortable (with sharing their work) and more inspired," she said. Students submit work, ranging from poetry and short stories to photography and drawings, for publication each year.

The coffee shop also stages other entertainment involving PLU students, including comedy, jazz and music open mic nights. [S]

life of the mind

Religion courses help students understand differing traditions

The study of religion helps people understand their own religious convictions and how religion is intertwined with social issues, politics, and the economy. PLU's Department of Religion helps students appreciate both.

Especially now, when religion figures prominently in many global conflicts and domestic debates, the study of religion is crucial to a liberal arts education, said Patricia O'Connell Killen, chair of the department.

"How are people going to live with difference?" Killen asked. "They can't without coming to understand their own religiousness and religions other than their own."

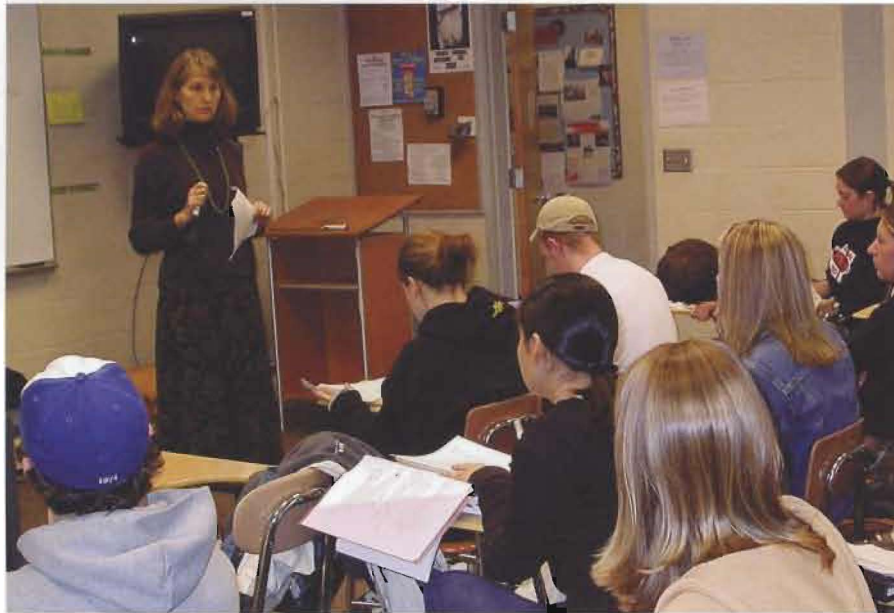
PLU's religion department is recognized as the best, most comprehensive undergraduate program in the Northwest. It offers substantial literacy in Christianity—biblical studies, church history, ethics and theology—as well as courses in the history of religions and



Professors Peter Trudinger, Marit Trelstad and Bob Stivers were among faculty of the Department of Religion who met to discuss transition in the department at the home of retired religion professor David Knutson.

the interdisciplinary study of religion. Some courses contribute to PLU's interdisciplinary programs and many have an international focus.

The department's program is rooted in the ideals of Lutheran higher education, including academic freedom and open-minded questioning. PLU and the



Alicia Batten, one of the newer faculty members in the Department of Religion, lectures during a J-Term course.

department strive to be hospitable places for students of other faiths or no faith.

All PLU students are required to take two religion courses. Majors and minors delve more deeply into the study of religion. Majors go on to an array of careers from international development to social work, education or ministry. One graduate organized an interfaith council in her community after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Faculty members are committed to great teaching, to scholarly research and to talking with students about big questions in their lives. The department does not sponsor ministry or worship. These are handled by Campus Ministry. When invited, faculty preach in chapel, advise student religious organizations and participate in on-campus programs about religion and spirituality.

The department is in major transition, with the retirements of several longtime faculty members and the hiring of replacements. Of the 10 faculty members, six have been at PLU less

than five years. Two more retirements are imminent.

To address the transition and to pass on its heritage of excellent teaching, the department secured a \$42,000 grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion that supported two years of workshops and reflection on teaching religion.

"We're bringing forward the best of the past and looking forward to the future," Killen said.

In the fall the department received another grant for \$49,000 from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to pilot a possible Center for Religion, Cultures and Society in the Western United States that will increase understanding of religion's regional dynamics, especially its influence on the health and welfare of communities. This project continues the department's long-standing commitment to public education and to supporting congregations and clergy of the ELCA and its ecumenical partners.

Faculty members also are recognized for their extensive research and publications. Killen is a sought-after national source on contemporary Christianity

and religion in the Northwest and the U.S. Professor Douglas Oakman speaks internationally on the social world of the New Testament, and his book "Palestine in the Time of Jesus" was just published in Italian.

Professor Paul Ingram, an expert in world religions, has spoken frequently on understanding Islam since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. He received the 2003 Book of the Year Award from Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies for "The Sound of Liberating Truth: Buddhist-Christian Dialogues in Honor of Frederick J. Streng."

Professors Robert Stivers, John Peterson, Peter Trudinger and Killen have had books appear during the past year. All faculty have published articles or books and are engaged in scholarly research in addition to their commitment to the classroom. (A complete list of faculty publications can be found at Scene Online.) Professors Suzanne Crawford and Samuel Torvend have funded student-faculty research projects under way.

"We're bringing forward the best of the past and looking forward to the future."

-Patricia O'Connell Killen

Department faculty also are heavily involved in other campus projects. Several contributed to PLU 2010. Killen, Oakman and Torvend helped design the \$2 million Wild Hope Project exploring vocation. Killen co-authored and co-directs the project. Professor Alicia Batten provides leadership in the Global Studies Program and Peace Studies Initiative. Professors Marit Trelstad and Kathlyn Breazeale help lead the Women's Studies Program. Trelstad is involved in the PLU-Norway-Namibia project.

"We've built a truly excellent department, and people recognize that," Killen said. "It's a privilege to be part of a department that is solidly grounded in PLU's Lutheran heritage, committed to excellence in teaching, scholarship and service, and advancing PLU's global emphasis through teaching about religion in the world." [5]

-By Katherine Hedland Hansen '88

ACCOLADES

Janet Holmgren, Paloma Martínez-Carbajo and Bridget Yaden, all from the Department of Languages and Literatures, gave presentations at the conference of the Washington Association of Foreign Language Teachers in Wenatchee in October.



Richard Nance, professor of music, published settings of "Like As The Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks," "Psalm 36" and

"Hodie Christus Natus Est" through Walton Music. Hinshaw Music published his "Songs of Celebration" for mixed chorus and brass quartet.

A joint paper by **Dane Wu**, professor of mathematics, and **Laura Bangerter '03** titled "An Alternate Approach to the Total Probability Formula," was accepted to be published in the International Journal of Mathematical Education in Science and Technology. Wu also published two papers in peer-reviewed journals. One paper on applications of conditional probability was published in the International Journal of Mathematical Sciences, Vol. 2, No. 2, 2003. The other paper on how to measure advertising effectiveness appeared in the winter 2003 issue of Marketing Management Journal.

Chung-Shing Lee, associate professor of business and ePLU director, published a book chapter "Business Model Innovation in the Digital Economy" in "Social and Economic Transformation in the Digital Era." The chapter presents methods to assist business executives and entrepreneurs in evaluating and building business models in the digital economy.



Dean Waldow, professor of chemistry, gave an oral presentation titled "Implementing a Research-Rich Laboratory

Experience in Physical Chemistry: Thermodynamics and Kinetics" at the Washington College Chemistry Teachers Association. He was also an invited panelist for a discussion with four-year college faculty on integrating research into the undergraduate curriculum.

Religion professor **John Petersen's** book "Reading Women's Stories: Female Characters in the Hebrew Bible" was published in November by Fortress Press.



Robert Stivers, professor of religion, published his book "Christian Environmental Ethics: A Case Method Approach,"

in November.

Rae Terpenning, senior lecturer in music, attended the National Flute Association Convention in Las Vegas where she was both a lecturer and a performer. Her presentation, "Magical Moyses: How to Teach Your Students to Have a Terrific Tone," was part of an NFA Pedagogy Committee session. She was also one of eight flutists to perform Henry Brant's "Ghosts and Gargoyles" for the closing ceremonies.

Chuck Bergman, English professor, has received more recognition for his book, "Red Delta: Fighting for Life at the End of the Colorado River." He received the 2003 Washington State Book Award and the Southwest Book Award.



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MEGAN QUANN CELEBRATES her first-place finish in the 100-meter breaststroke at the U.S. Open Dec. 4 in Federal Way, Wash. An Olympic gold medal winner in 2000, she is preparing for the U.S. Olympic trials and the Summer Games in Athens.

QUANN HAS BEEN retooling her stroke in hopes of breaking the world record in the 100-meter breaststroke.



OLYMPIC GOLD WINNER takes time out from studies to train for Summer Olympics

Sometime in the early afternoon, Megan Quann takes a nap.

This is probably not an uncommon endeavor for the average PLU student. What Quann does to deserve this nap most assuredly is.

A typical day means Quann, who completed her freshman year at PLU last May, is awake by 4:15 a.m. and at the King County Aquatic Center one hour later. After a regimen of stretching, she completes a two-hour workout, where she typically knocks out 7,000 meters, beginning at 5:30. Then she's off to the weight room with her fiancé, Nathan, where they work out together until

Quann, of course, became the nation's darling in 2000 when, as a 16-year old, she won the 100-meter breaststroke at the Sydney Summer Olympic Games, and helped set a world record in the 4x100-meter medley relay with an unofficial breaststroke split that shaved 0.23 seconds off the world's fastest time.

That Quann, at such a young age, has already logged so much high-profile pool time can only help her as she prepares for upcoming events. In 2000, she was the youngest medal winner on the U.S. Olympic squad. She sees this as a huge benefit. "I know what it is going to be like — I'm a veteran now," she said. "I'm not going into it naive."

As part of her preparation, Quann attempts to visualize each of her future races — imagining each stroke, each split, each time. "You feel like you've already raced the race a hundred times," she said. "It makes it so much easier."

Such techniques are clearly working. Quann won the 100-meter breaststroke at the 2003 U.S. Summer Nationals in College Park, Md., and then backed it up Dec. 4 with a gold medal in her home pool at the U.S.

Open in Federal Way, Wash.

As the venue for the U.S. Open, the King County Aquatic Center was abuzz — a couple dozen members of Quann's aquatic club, the South Sound Titans, cheered her on, and many of the timers and officials not-so-convincingly attempted to suppress their enthusiasm when she stepped up to the blocks. Media lined the pool. And the local hero didn't disappoint. After besting her closest competitor by nearly a full second in the preliminaries, she went on to win the event with a time of 1:08.13.

The time is slightly off pace of the American record of 1:07.05 she set in Sydney, but Quann is where she wants to be. In the recent months, she has been working on some stroke revisions, a small step backward to ensure she is stronger and faster by the time the Olympics begin. Nothing short of another Olympic gold — and a world record while doing it — is in her sights.

From here, Quann will compete at the U.S. Olympic Trials July 7-14 in Long Beach, Calif., and, assuming all goes as planned, at the Olympic Games in Athens in August.

Any visualization of Quann's upcoming performance probably will be supplemented with memories from a trip she and her family took to Athens a year after her Olympic triumph. When she was there, one of the stops on the itinerary was the Olympic Pool. Did she get a chance to take a few laps? "They wouldn't let me in the water," she said. "But I did get a chance to stand on the first-place podium."

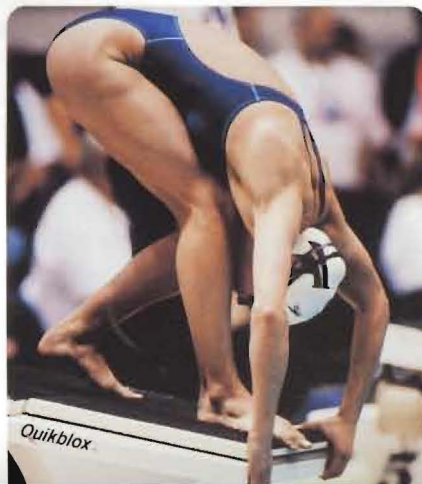
That is something we all might visualize this summer. **S**

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9. Sometime after that, she tries to do ordinary 19-year-old things, and then, if she can fit it in, she takes a nap. All this is book-ended by another two-hour swim workout at 3:30 p.m. For those counting, that's five or six hours of training, each day, six days a week.

That's the dedication it took for Quann to earn Olympic gold medals — and she expects to add to that collection this summer. Knowing that working college studies into her schedule would be too much, Quann is taking time off from PLU, planning to return in Spring 2005.

FROM THE MOMENT she stepped onto the starter blocks at the King County Aquatic Center, it was clear Quann was a hometown favorite.



By Steve Hansen
Photos by Jordan Hartman '02

COUPLE

AND

FAMILY THERAPY



Through the use of a one-way mirror and microphones, student therapists Ariya Niphatthanaphan '04 and Shannon Armitage '04 view a counseling session.

"There's a real need in the community for mental health services for the uninsured."
– Shannon Armitage, MFT graduate student and center coordinator

Couple and Family Therapy Center has been a mainstay in the local mental health community for 20 years

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BY STEVE HANSEN



MFT student Kim Mues '05.

"If we didn't have a clinic, it would be difficult to maintain the quality in the education that we are known for." - Professor Cheryl Storm.

THE WINTER MONTHS, especially around the holidays, are the busiest at PLU's Couple and Family Therapy Center. Especially during the evenings, the ground floor of the East Campus building bristles with energy, its four counseling rooms serving as an essential component of Pierce County's social safety net.

"There's a real need in the community for mental health services for the uninsured," said Marriage and Family Therapy graduate student and center Coordinator Shannon Armitage '04. PLU's center provides it—and has been doing so for 20 years.

Since 1984, the center has been giving people the tools to solve their problems—from couples working on their relationship to people battling drug abuse to adolescents ordered to counseling by a judge. The program also works with children. There is no "typical" client. "I wish there was a typical client," Christina Holland '04 said. "It would make [providing therapy] so much easier."

Most clients are the working poor and, for this reason, services cost as little as \$10 per session—one of the lowest fee scales in the state.

According to professor and center Director Charlie York, the center works with the people most in need—clients who are on a waiting list or cannot afford or do not qualify for therapy at other mental health clinics. Such a need has been exacerbated in recent years—when the economy is in a slump, mental health units have less funding and can accept fewer clients. PLU's clinic has been hard at work filling this void.

The center's unique position has a side benefit: the sheer variety of clients, as well as the volume and breadth of casework, ensure that the experiences of the student therapists are unparalleled. According to PLU professor Cheryl Storm who, with

York, oversees the center, "students are hot tickets in the job market."

Duke White '97 is one of those hot tickets. He had been working in the mental health community for more than 20 years but knew the PLU MFT program would put new tools at his disposal. "I already had a lot of experience, but PLU's MFT program fine-tuned me," White said.

In 1999, White established the Foundation for Multicultural Solutions, an agency that provides multicultural and bilingual family-centered support services to people in the Tacoma area. He specializes in working with families and children, many ordered to him by a judge or Child Protective Services.

Tough work, said White, but the rewards are great. When he is able to help a runaway youth return to his or her parents, or enable a foster child to adjust to his or her new home, he knows he has made a difference. And the foundation upon which such successes are built, in part, came from his work at the CFT Center. "The diversity of clients at PLU is so great," he said, that it complemented his previous experience.

Most students don't have White's background. The center proves an invaluable opportunity for students to develop experience in a working clinic while still under the supervision of licensed mentor. The center enables students the opportunity to apply what they've learned in an environment that is supported by their peers and professors. "If we didn't have a clinic, it would be difficult to maintain

the quality in the education that we are known for," said Storm.

The CFT Center is run by students. Professors York and Storm oversee the program, but students take care of the nitty-gritty—from scheduling to diagnosis to making sure the printer has enough toner. All students work in the clinic at least one semester of the six- to seven-semester master's program. At any given time, a student will have 10 to 15 cases, on which they work in pairs, as co-therapy teams. The arrangement allows students, who are becoming confident in their skills, to work with each other, offering different perspectives and ideas. "Working in teams helps you understand that the way you see things isn't the only way to see things," said Holland.

The center also serves another purpose. Aside from providing mental health services for an underserved population and enabling supervised opportunities for students to address those needs, the CFT Center is one more opportunity for PLU to serve the community as a whole. "It puts PLU out there," said York. "It is consistent with the service component of a Lutheran education." Armitage has a similar opinion. "The clinic has a real neighborly relationship with this community," she said. "People here know that the university is for them." [5]

Students Katrina Robinson '05 and Matt Youngberg '04 discuss counseling.



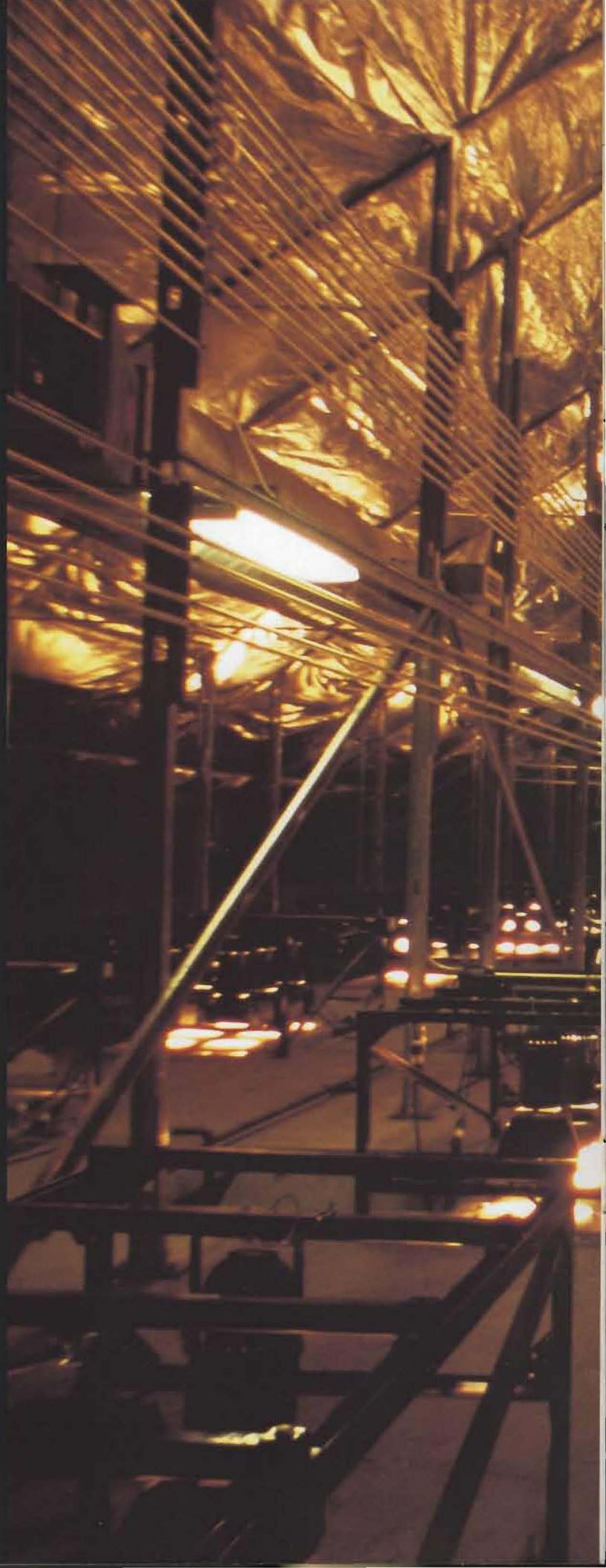
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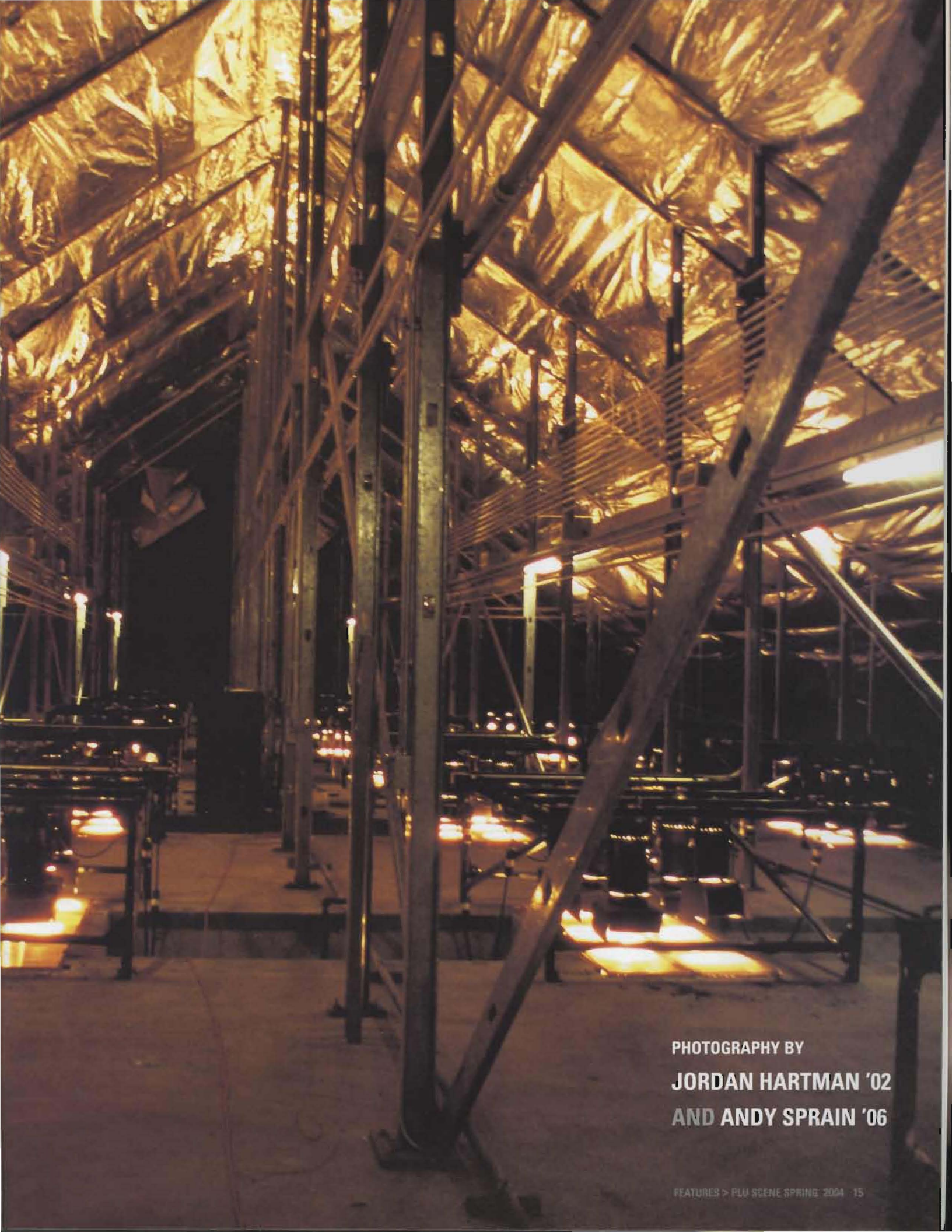


SCENE HAS PUBLISHED thousands of beautiful photographs of the PLU campus over the years. Everyone recognizes the Rose Window, the spire on Eastvold, the clock tower in front of the UC or the sculptures on Red Square.

But have you ever looked up the inside of the spire? Or been surrounded by the majestic Fuchs organ? Now you can, as Scene takes readers on a tour of some of the hidden places on campus, captured by university photographer Jordan Hartman '02 and student photographer Andy Sprain '06. Led by the man who knows every corner of campus, Stage Manager Art Giddings, they climbed stairs to attics, teetered across catwalks and crawled through basements taking pictures of places most people never see. We've sorted through hundreds of those photographs to bring you this look at PLU's Sites Unseen. After you've been through the photos on these pages, visit Scene Online (www.plu.edu/~scene/) to see more.

RESONANCE From the attic that rises to 25 feet at its peak, the house lights shine down onto Lagerquist Concert Hall in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. The huge space was designed to enhance the incredible acoustics in the hall.





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JORDAN HARTMAN '02
AND ANDY SPRAIN '06



KEY MASTER The audience can't see the spot university organist Paul Tegels occupies behind the Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ at the front of Lagerquist Concert Hall. Hidden in the pinewood aerie, he plays the keys and operates a series of levers, springs and pushrods that control the sound.



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PIPE DREAMS Of the 3,849 pipes that make up the Fuchs organ, no two are alike. Some are more than 16 feet tall, others no bigger than a pencil.

ALL DRESSED UP The costume shop in the basement of Eastvold overflows with shoes, handbags and other outfits used in theater performances. The mannequin is used to design original costumes, which are sewn on machines outside the costume shop.

PROJECTING VOICES Choral members performing in a 2003 Christmas concert, as seen through one of the peepholes cut from cinder block wall in the old projection room at the back of Eastvold Auditorium.





THINGAMABOBS Artists find inspiration everywhere. Professor David Keyes collects all kinds of objects to aid in sculpting. The sculpture office in Ingram Hall holds what Keyes calls his "3-D vocabulary of images."



IN SPIRE The spire on the top of Eastvold is one of the most recognizable architectural landmarks on campus. Here's a view from inside looking straight up. The ladder leads to catwalks above the auditorium.

VIRTUAL PATIENTS 'Charlie Templeton' and other 'patients' in the Nursing Skills Lab provide hands-on experience dealing with realistic looking limbs and even blood-like fluid made from cornstarch.



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GOOD IMPRESSIONS The university's offset press produces up to 11,000 impressions an hour. At left, electronic reprographics/digital specialist Skot Beilke and senior offset press operator Brian Sergent.



BJUG'S BASEMENT The walkway between the exterior walls of Harstad Hall, named for PLU's founder Bjug Harstad, leads down the stairs to the basement of the oldest building on campus. The original foundation, laid in 1891, still exists.

OPENING TIPOFF Height has its advantages on the court, and in photography, as shown from the catwalk above Olson Auditorium.





DEPTH OF FIELD Looking across Foss Field from the roof of the Rieke Science Center, Foss Hall and the Names Fitness Center look much farther away than they are.

ADVENTURE AWAITS Ready to be taken out, equipment used on Outdoor Recreation trips hangs in a loft behind the ASPLU offices on the lower level of the University Center.

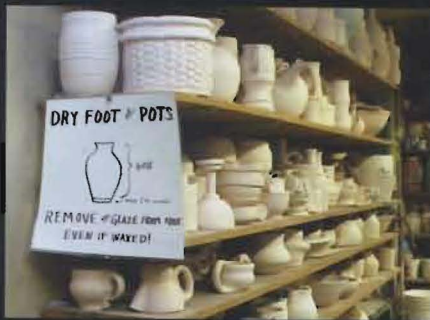


THE RED ROOM It's really not red, but the natural light in the ventilation room in Rieke makes it appear close to the color of the brick exterior.

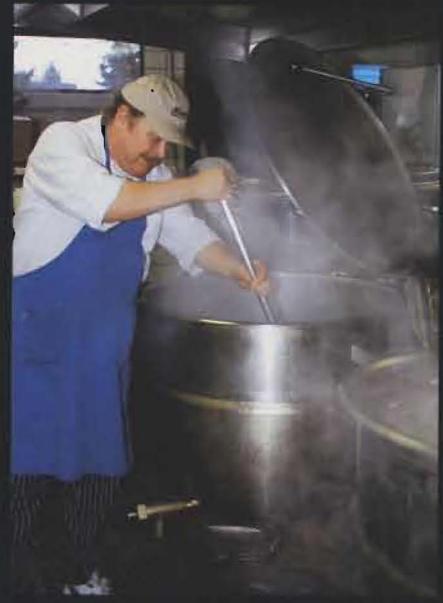
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IN MEMORIAM Memorial Gym was built in 1947 to honor PLU students who served in World War II. This boiler room is far beneath the hardwood floors.

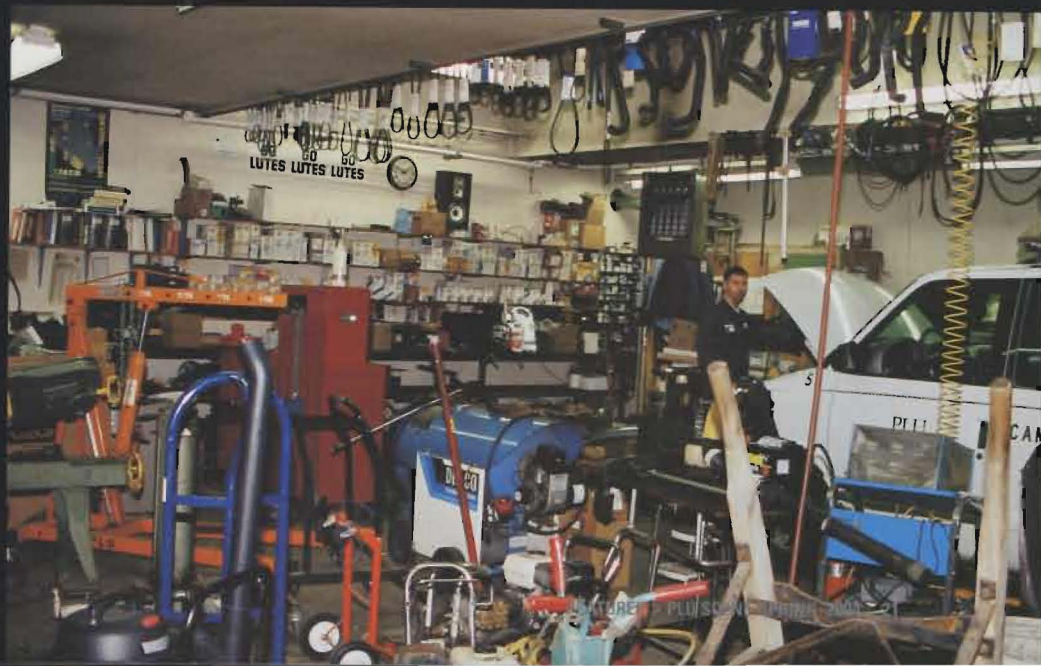


SERVING SIZE Lead cook Ken Bjorkheim stirs a huge pot of pasta in preparation for lunch in the University Center. Dining Services serves 2,000 meals each day.



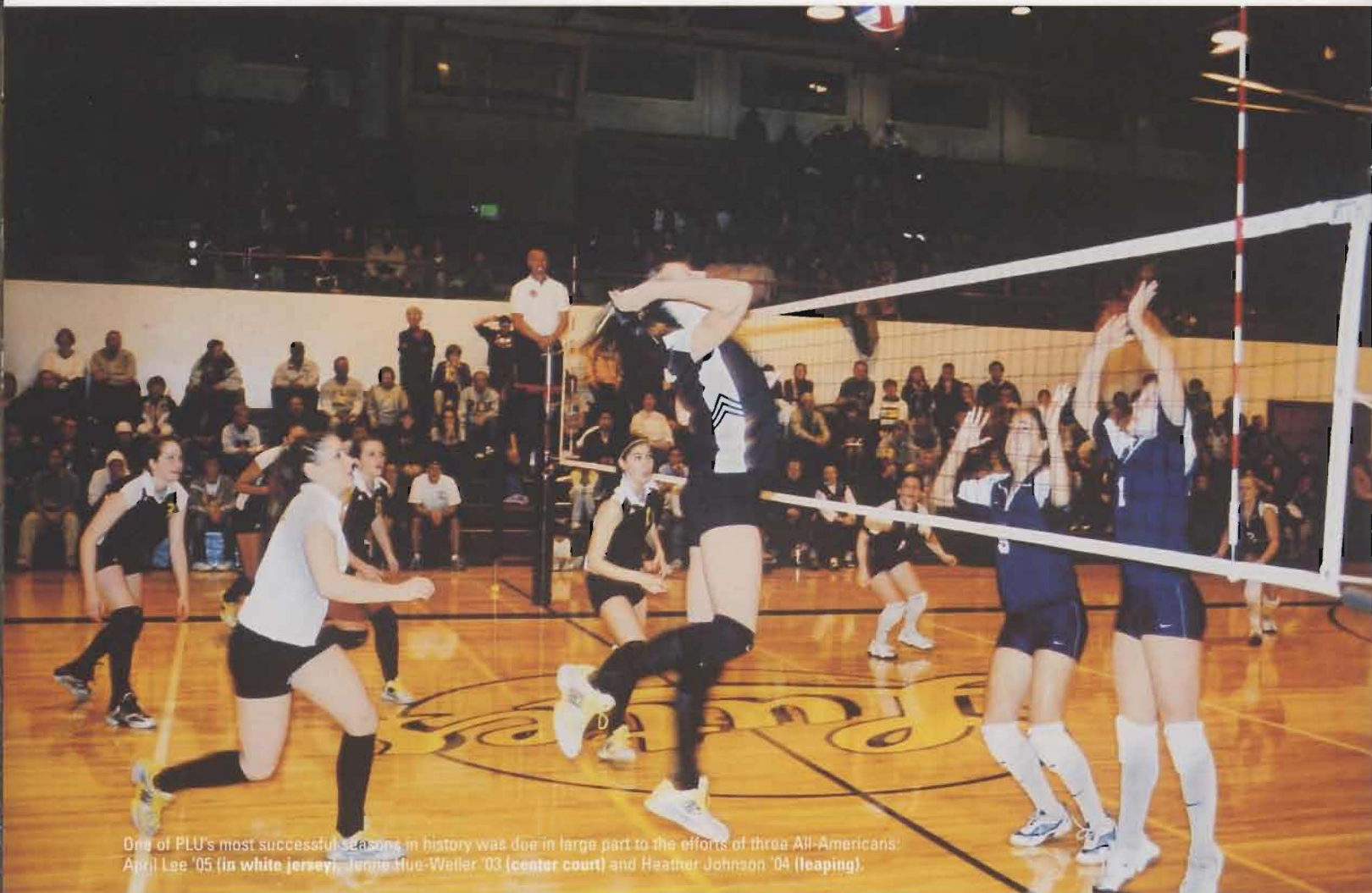
WORK IN PROGRESS Shelves in Ingram Hall store unfinished pieces by pottery students.

TUNE UP Mechanic Rob Benton keeps PLU vehicles and other machinery in working order at the auto shop on lower campus.



attaway lutes

Three volleyball players named All-Americans



One of PLU's most successful seasons in history was due in large part to the efforts of three All-Americans: April Lee '05 (in white jersey), Jenne Heu-Weller '03 (center court) and Heather Johnson '04 (leaping).

A record-setting season for the volleyball team also netted accolades for three top players.

Jenne Heu-Weller '03, Heather Johnson '04 and April Lee '05 were named NCAA Division III Honorable Mention All-Americans by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. It is the first time a PLU volleyball player has been named to the national list. All three also made the All-West region team.

"It's an honor to be an All-American but it's not the most important thing," Heu-Weller said. "When it all comes down to it, it's the relationships that are most important."

Although the team was disappointed

not to make its second appearance in the NCAA Division III national tournament, the 2003 season was one of its best. The Lutes finished with a 21-5 overall record – the second best mark for wins in a season and a school record .807 winning percentage. PLU finished second in the Northwest Conference, one game behind Linfield College. The Lutes had a 13-3 conference record and remained in contention for the league title until the final day of the regular season.

For Heu-Weller and Johnson, the All-American honors cap their collegiate careers. Heu-Weller graduated in December with a degree in biology.

Johnson will graduate this spring with a degree in communications.

"It's been a good four years," Heu-Weller said.

To say that Heu-Weller changed the way the game is played at PLU is not an overstatement. In 2000, Heu-Weller's first year at PLU, head coach Kevin Aoki began the season with an offensive scheme that featured two setters sharing equal time. That soon changed, as Aoki retooled the offense to feature Heu-Weller's skills the rest of her college career. She accumulated 3,730 assists in her career, a 10.25 per game average, and set a school record with an 11.26 per game average as a sophomore. She also

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 "When it all comes down to it, it's the relationships that are most important."*



ser a school record this past season with a .302 hitting percentage.

Away from the volleyball court, Heu-Weller has been involved in church missionary work in Liberia for the past few years and has traveled to the country twice as part of the program. The program mainly provides medical assistance, although it also conducts sports camps in volleyball and football. She plans to remain involved with the program. "I want to do something to help," she said.

Johnson has another year of eligibility remaining but will not use it, deciding to graduate this spring. She came back from a knee injury and full reconstruc-

tive surgery to become one of PLU's offensive threats at the net. "Toward the end of this season, I felt pretty close to where I was before the injury," said Johnson, who finished among PLU's top three in kills the past two seasons. Johnson tallied 435 kills in her college career, including a season-best 294 this year.

After graduating, Johnson hopes to work in public relations for a sports team. She completed an internship with the Hula Bowl in January, and last summer worked for the Tacoma Rainiers in the promotions department.

Despite losing these two players, the volleyball team will not be devoid of star power. PLU's third All-American honorable

mention, April Lee, is only a sophomore. She also came back from an injury, a stress fracture, early in the 2002 season. Upon her return, PLU head coach Kevin Aoki put Lee in the libero position – a back-row spot for defensive specialists – and kept her there. This season Lee led the team with 422 digs, a 4.59 per game average, finishing third in the conference. Lee is still undecided about a major, although she would "love to teach and coach." [S]

– By Dave Girard

Upper left: Lee saves the ball from going out of bounds. **Lower Left:** Heu-Weller sets up. **Above:** Johnson makes one of her 294 kills this year.

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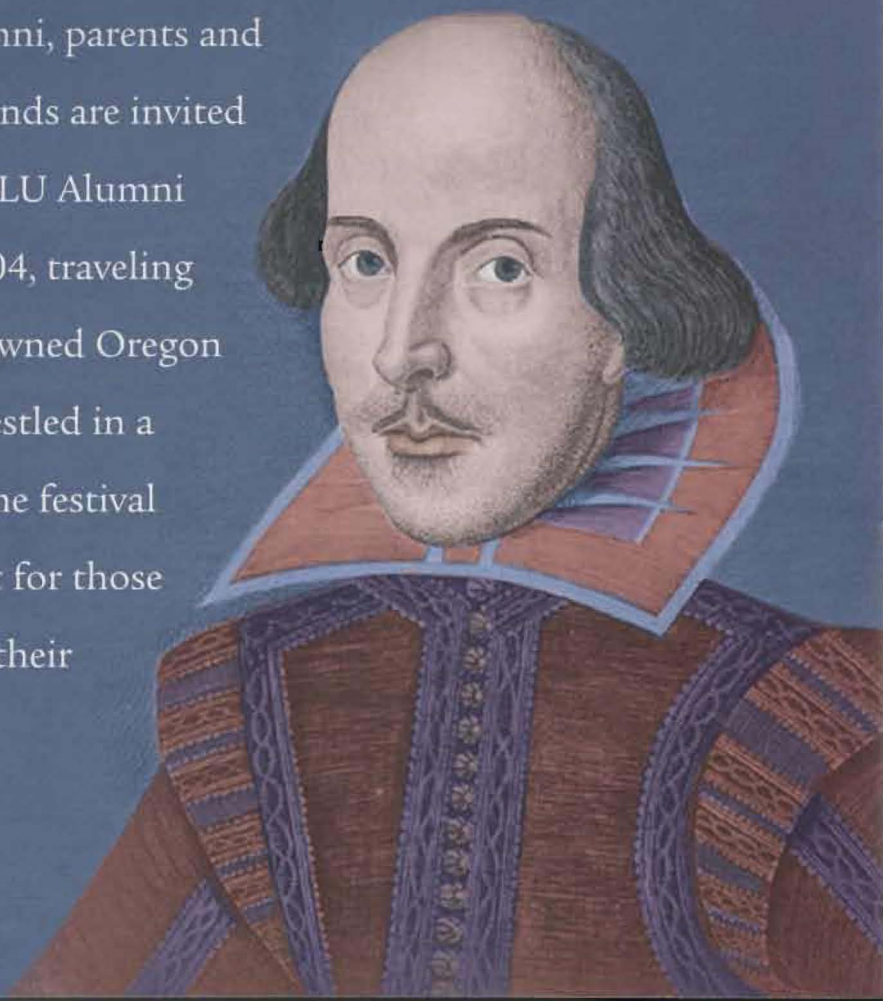
ALUMNI COLLEGE 2004
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Photo courtesy OSF



Alumni, parents and friends are invited to attend PLU Alumni College 2004, traveling to the renowned Oregon

Shakespeare Festival June 25-28. Nestled in a beautiful southern Oregon valley, the festival has been a rich and rewarding event for those whose love of fine theater parallels their love of beautiful surroundings.



You will leave Friday morning, June 25, and travel on a deluxe-coach bus, equipped with air conditioning and television. You'll stay at the Best Western Windsor Inn in Ashland. Each room is standard with kitchen appliances, and guests can make use of the swimming pool and fitness room. A complimentary continental breakfast is available, as well as a courtesy shuttle that takes you directly to the Oregon Shakespeare Plaza.




Graduates of the 2002 Alumni College at the Shakespeare Festival

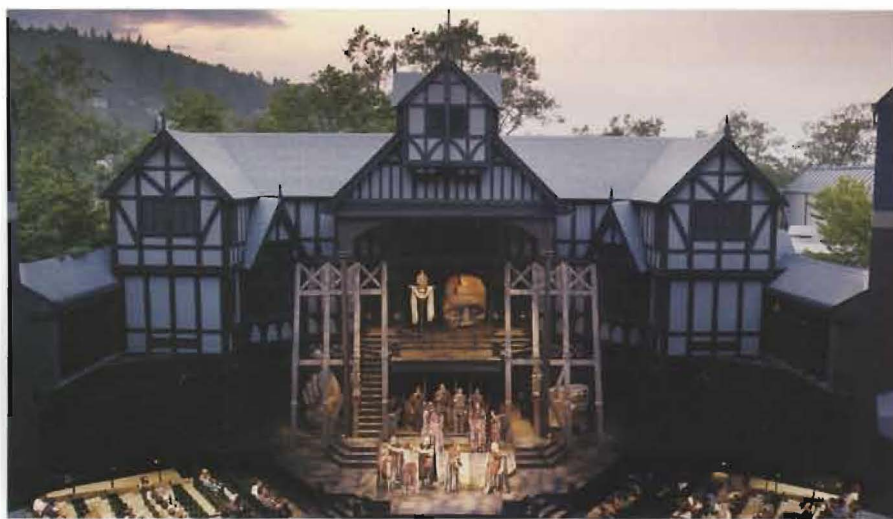
Experience the magic of four plays: "Much Ado About Nothing," "Comedy of Errors," and "The Royal Family," and then your choice of "King Lear" or "A Raisin in the Sun." There will also be an opportunity for a backstage tour, giving you a peek at what happens behind the scenes, and a private lecture by a company member. **Julia Pomerenk '83** and **Karen Weathermon '83**, longtime festival attendees who majored in English, will accompany the group and lead lively discussions about the performances. We will return to PLU on Monday, June 28.



Puck and Puckter from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' Photo courtesy OSF.

The cost of this trip is \$525 per person for double occupancy, or \$650 for single occupancy. This price includes transportation to and from PLU, three nights lodging, four performances, a backstage tour and lecture, as well as a special dinner with the whole group. Space is limited—make your reservation by May 31 by returning the reservation form.

We hope you will be able to join us for this educational and thrilling adventure! 



Open to the sky, the outdoor Elizabethan stage seats 1,200 people. Photo courtesy OSF.

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Double occupancy \$525

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Please list the names of registrants:

I am traveling alone, but would like to share a room.

(Please register as single occupancy and if a single roommate becomes available, we will contact you.)

Please contact me/us regarding the possibility of meeting the group in Ashland.

Please contact me/us regarding a payment plan.

Please mail completed registration form and payment no later than May 31 to:

Office of Alumni and Parent Relations
Alumni College Program
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA 98447

A more detailed itinerary will be sent to those who register. Tickets for the performances will not be mailed in advance. If you have any questions, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 253-535-7415 or 800-ALUMI-PLU.

ALUMNI COLLEGE 2004
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Picture Perfect



Arnold '41 and Marcella (Frederick) '41 Kettler hosted a gathering of PLC alumni at their home in Tacoma for a time of remembrance. Pictured from left to right are: Fred Hill (widower of Martha Simonson Hill '41) and his second wife Verna; Nina (Anderson) Larson '41; Lenore (Jahlstrom) Bozarth '41; Bernice (Eklund) Peterson '43; Evelyn (Knibbe) Elliott '41 and her husband Chalmers; Marcella and Arnold and Alalie (Fosso) Johnson '41.

School of Education graduates Mike Stork '75, Jill (Olson) DeYoung '84, Sylvia (Meacham) Wallen '75, Mark McDougall '75 and Gerd-Inger (Gregersen) McDougall '72 boated to Olympia in July. Mike, Jill and Sylvia have taught together for 20 years at Gig Harbor's (Wash.) Artondale Elementary. The McDougalls teach at the International School in Taipei, Taiwan.

Connection Councils form to keep alumni in touch



Anna (Lietke '99) Strand left and Olaf Malmin '62, center, attended a PLU Connections event in the Twin Cities, at the home of Alumni Board member Al Dungan '59 and his wife Hildred '60 last summer. They have organized several events for Lutes in the Twin Cities, Minn., area.

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is working to create what will be known as Connection Councils all around the world. The first councils are being formed in the Twin Cities, Minn.; Anchorage; Denver; Kalispell, Missoula and Billings, Mont.; Eugene, Ore.; Honolulu and Mt. Vernon, Bellingham, Everett, Spokane (area), Yakima, Wenatchee and the Tri-Cities in Washington state.

These Connection Councils will be leadership teams located in geographic regions designed to assist the university in keeping connected with alumni, parents and friends in their region. If you are interested in serving on a PLU Connection Council, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

One such Connection event took place Aug. 10 at the home of Alumni Board member Al Dungan '59 and his wife, Hildred. Dungan, with the help of local alumni, has organized several events for Lutes living in the Twin Cities, Minn., area. Opportunities to come together for food and fellowship followed by a visit to places such as the American Swedish Institute, the Minnesota Science Museum and the Mill City Museum have been held in the past year.

Pencil Us In

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 7Hawaii Connection event, Honolulu
- March 14, 15, 16PLU To You events, Wenatchee, Tri Cities, Yakima
- March 26Parkland area Adopt-A-Highway project
- March 27, 28Alumni Board Spring Meeting, PLU campus
- April 17Parents Council Spring Meeting, PLU Campus
- April 17Hawaii Club Luau and Student Alumni Association Auction, PLU Campus
- April 18, 19,PLU To You events, Boise, Spokane
- May 1Q Club Spring Donor Banquet
- May 15Annual PLU Alumni Women's Luncheon
- May 23Spring Commencement

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

You're Invited

The PLU Hawaii Club has announced that its seventh annual luau will take place Saturday, April 17, on campus. This annual event lets participants experience the spirit, life and cultures of Hawaii and the Pacific Islands through food, music and dance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This year, the Hawaii Club has invited the Student Alumni Association to host its second annual SAA Auction in connection with the luau. Primarily a silent auction, was a part of the Spring Family Weekend Talent Show last year and proved to be a big hit with students and parents.

Both of these organizations are led by students. This initiative to combine efforts for one great event should make for a very special evening. We encourage all alumni, parents and friends to join us. Also on campus that weekend are Dance Ensemble's Dance 2004 and home softball games.

Cost of the luau/auction event will be \$15 for adults and \$12 for students. For additional information or tickets, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

New online community

Thousands of alumni have logged into the new online community. If you haven't updated your records, go to www.plualumni.org, select Online Community, and follow the prompts. Users will be prompted to provide specific information, including a unique personal access code. This code is the 10-digit number above your name on the mailing label of Scene (the number begins with several 0s). After your first visit to the system, you can select your own password.

If your record isn't current, make any updates to the directory or call the alumni office for help. If you can't access the Web or have any other questions or comments, call 800-ALUM-PLU or email alumni@plu.edu.

The online community includes a searchable directory of all alumni;



Members of the PLU Hawaii Club perform a native island dance at last year's luau.

career mentoring and job posting at the Career Center; a permanent PLU email address and a community Yellow Pages.

Parents Council

The PLU Parents Council met on campus in November and meets again April 17. Co-chairs Tom and Mary Renne challenged members to be involved in the council and in the life of the university. Several projects are in the works for this ambitious group, but the primary focus of the council is to meet the following goals: submit the names of at least five potential students, and to contribute to the PLU Annual Fund by joining Q Club or giving a one-time gift. If you are interested in serving on the Parents Council for the 2004-05 academic year, please contact Tom Renne at t.renne@comcast.net or Lauralee Hagen at hagenl@plu.edu. You can also call 800-ALUM-PLU or 253-535-7203 for more information.

Family Weekend

Family Weekend 2003 was a great success, with many parents attending organized campus activities and spending quality time with their PLU student. A fantastic football game, LAFFS comedy club and University Congregation were all part of

the weekend events. One of the highlights of Family Weekend 2003 was Classes Without Quizzes. The course catalog looked like this: The Book in Society: Bestsellers taught by Solveig Robinson; Louis Armstrong: Cornerstone of Jazz History, David Joyner; Tony Blair and the Hazards of "Conviction Politics:" An Analysis of British Policy in Iraq, Peter Grosvenor; and Games People Play, Norris Peterson '75.

Next year's Family Weekend will take place Oct. 29-31.

Also fjord tour

PLU professor Audun Toven will lead a course in Norwegian as part of the Oslo Fjord Heritage Seminar put on by The Norse Federation this summer.

The seminar will run from Aug. 8-20 and includes a cultural history of the Oslo Fjord area through tours, and 20 hours of Norwegian language taught by Toven. There will be visits to battlefields, museums and other sites.

The seminar is based at The Center for Senior Development near the fjord. The tour is limited to 20 participants. Cost is \$1,995 including room, board and transportation from Oslo. A nonrefundable deposit of \$200 is due May 1. For more information, visit www.norseman.no or email norseman@norseman.no or contact the alumni office. [S]

leadership & service



The TelALutes who call alumni are front row, from left: Madeleine Jonsson '06, Cami Woodard '07, Beth Johnson '04, Dan Carney '07, Jeanine Dryver '05. Back row, Jami Savage '06, Liz Kanyer '05, Molly Marten '05, Becca Walsh '05, Christina Waldon '07, Heather Dewey '01 (assistant director, Annual Fund and Q Club), Robin Stillson '06, Jenna Steffenson '06 and Lindsey Paxton '07. Not pictured: Maggie Morgan '07, Tammy Lynn Schaps '04, Grace Sun '05.

TEALUTES

“Good evening, may I speak with...”

“This is a student calling from Pacific Lutheran University.” From the basement of the Nesvig Alumni Center, PLU students call thousands of alumni, parents and friends and raise more than \$200,000 in gifts for the Annual Fund every year. The TelALute program keeps constituents connected to the campus, while securing ongoing financial support through the Annual Fund and Q Club. Calls provide students and alumni the opportunity to talk about what’s happening on campus and how alumni gifts personally affect the students. Next time the phone rings, it just might be “...a student calling from Pacific Lutheran University.”

Q: What is one of your most memorable phone calls?

A: Daniel Carney '07, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Last fall I spoke to a 1996 nursing graduate who told me PLU had been crucial in helping her achieve her goal

of becoming a doctor. I’m interested in human anatomy and physiology and was excited to learn about her experiences. She even offered to give me a tour of the hospital where she was working to help me decide if I wanted to pursue a career in medicine.


Q: Why do you feel it is important to support Pacific Lutheran University?

A: Jenna Steffenson '06, Little Falls, Minn.

Maybe the more appropriate question is “Why not?” Many students are able to attend PLU because of the financial aid provided by alumni and friends. Every class that I attend, every time I sit in the stands at a sporting event, or eat in the UC, I am thankful for the generosity of others. This support system does not end when we cross the stage at graduation. PLU will be a significant part of your life forever.

Q: What about your job do you enjoy most?

A: Jeanine Dryver '05, TelALute Student Manager, Port Angeles, Wash.

My favorite part of this job is the opportunity that we have to make connections with alumni. Their stories inspire me, as does their generosity to PLU. Being a TelALute has helped me to realize the importance of giving to PLU. It’s great to know that alumni believe in the university and are willing to give back to their alma mater. 



Jenna Steffenson

alumni profiles

Educator finds his creative side after retirement



Even though he has sold more than 600 paintings, Dick Weathermon '50 considers it little more than a hobby. 'I never want to have to set my alarm to paint,' he said.

Scattered on the coffee table of Dick Weathermon's Sumner, Wash., home are invitations and announcements from various galleries up and down the Southeast Alaskan coast. As Weathermon '50 opens an envelope and runs his index finger down the list of names of featured artists — a who's who of landscape painters that cater to the Alaskan tourist trade — he asks, in mock surprise: "Who is this? Dick Weathermon?"

The question shouldn't be much of a surprise — Weathermon has sold more than 600 original paintings since he first picked up a paintbrush in 1985. Still, the question is genuine — he remains surprised that someone would actually recognize his name, let alone purchase his paintings.

Weathermon, a regular face around the alumni office, has no formal art training—his only contact with the art world was, in his words, as an "interested looker." But, as he considered retirement, he thought oil painting might be a pleasant hobby.

His late wife Helen (Jensen '49) gave him an easel and, after a few lessons and

a few years, he sold his first work to a bus driver in Sumner.

A few years later, almost by chance, he sold a miniature canvas to a gallery owner in Petersburg, Alaska, for \$40. Since then, he's been something of a mainstay in the region, with representation in Juneau, Sitka, Petersburg, Ketchikan, as well as several galleries in South Puget Sound—including the Harbor Gallery in Gig Harbor, Sumner Art and Framery, Puyallup Custom Frame and Art Company, and the White Dove Gallery in Lakewood.

As he describes his canvasses—mostly naturescapes of Mt. Rainier and Washington's Cascade Range, as well as the coastal regions of Southeast Alaska — Weathermon discusses the technical and aesthetic lessons he learned with each canvas as much as the time and place he was depicting. "The most exciting thing in life is learning," he said.

His 35 years in education — much of it as a superintendent of schools in Pullman, Wash., Manila, Philippines, and Sumner — only underscores this viewpoint. It also belies his genuine humility in the face of success. "A super-

intendent seldom rises above his board," he said.

Similarly, he considers his paintings a collaboration with Helen, with whom he hiked the trails of Mt. Rainier weekly. Many of his paintings are based on images taken by Helen, an accomplished photographer.

Fall and winter are the seasons Weathermon catalogues his paintings and begins to work on canvasses that likely will be sold during Alaska's tourist season. Still, he sees his pursuits as nothing more than an engaging hobby. "I never want to have to set my alarm clock to paint," he said.

That mentality allows him the opportunity to pursue other endeavors. This past fall, notably, he spent considerable time working with PLU's alumni office writing and recording the narration to the "75 Years of PLU Football" video. Weathermon was a member of the storied 1947 Pear Bowl football team that won a Thanksgiving Day victory in front of 6,000 fans.

"You're looking at a guy who has lived a charmed life," he said. □

—By Steve Hansen

alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available: **1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1951, 1952, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1996.**

1930

Stan Dahl died Oct. 14. After graduating from PLC, Stan taught in Silverdale, Mukilteo, Tacoma and Vaughn, Wash. He served as the principal of Harbor Heights Elementary School in Gig Harbor, Wash., from 1952 until 1960, when he began working for Dahl Contractors, a road-stripping company. Stan was a man of action and endless projects known for his generosity, loyalty, honesty and optimism. Preceding Stan in death were his wife, **Norma (Preus) Dahl '35**; his sister, **Irene (Dahl) Hageness '27**; and his brother, Orv Dahl. Survivors include his children, **Susan (Dahl) Atkins '67**, **Melissa (Dahl) Erickson '69** and **Peter Dahl '71**; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, brothers-in-law, **Olai Hageness '31**, **Paul Preus '33** and **Marcus Stuen '43**.

1935

Herb Norgaard died Sept. 18. After attending PLC, Herb served four years in the military. He went on to a 27-year career in the postal service in Everett, Wash. He is remembered for his friendly ways, his sense of humor and his easy laugh. Surviving Herb are his wife of 60 years, **Ruby**; sisters, **Ruth '31** and **Esther '38 Norgaard**; three children and their spouses, Skip and Shari Norgaard, Jan and Tim Melhorn and Ginger Norgaard; nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

1936

Class Representative - Volly (Norby) Grande

1938

Class Representative - Stan Willis

1940

Class Representative - Luella Toso Johnson

1945

Class Representative - Annabelle Birkestol

1946

Class Representative - Isabel (Harstad) Watness

1947

Class Representative - Gerald Lider

Art Larson received a great honor on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of

Rogers High School in Tacoma. The Tacoma School Board voted to change the name of the Rogers High School Performing Arts Center to the E. Arthur Larson Center for the Performing Arts. Art served as the first principal of Rogers High School from 1968 to 1980 and helped develop the school's reputation for excellence in the performing arts. A committee of students, administrators, staff and community members recommended the name change to the school board. An official dedication took place in March.

1948

Class Representative - Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1949

Class Representative - Luther Watness

1950

Class Representative - Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

Charles Musto died Sept. 23. During World War II, Charles served with the United States Marine Corps in the Pacific. He worked for 31 years in the Tacoma School District and was a much-loved teacher, principal and administrator. His wife, Betty, preceded Charles in death, as did his children Theresa and Charles. He is survived by his daughters, Cathy (Mark) Kimmitt and Jodi Jensen; his brother David; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Helen Vawter died Nov. 4. She taught in elementary schools in Puyallup, Wash., from 1950 to 1971 and was the first to receive the Golden Acorn Award from Karshner School. For 72 years she was a member of the Tacoma First Christian Church, where she held numerous service and leadership positions. She is survived by her nephew, Allan Vawter and his wife, Ginger; a great-nephew, two great-nieces; two great-great-nieces; two great-great-nephews; and her sister-in-law, Theresa Vawter.

1953

Class Representative - Helen-Joanne (Enger) Olson

1954

Class Representative - Iver Haugen

1955

Class Representative - Phyllis Grahn Carroll

Suzanne (Skubinna) Nelson died Nov. 29. She earned her degree in teaching from

PLU. She also met her husband of 45 years, the late **Len Nelson '54**, in college and began a life of lasting friendships and contributions to her community and church. She was a charter member of Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Wash., a member of the Lakewood Orthopedic Guild and an active member in the PLU community. She is survived by her daughter Teri Litt; sons **Drew Nelson '81** and **Kurt Nelson '86**; her brother, Myron Skubinna; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1956

Class Representatives - Ginny (Grahm) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

1957

Class Representative - Marilyn Katz

Eula Stevens died May 4 in her home in Arkansas at the age of 91. Her husband, Edgar, preceded her in death in 1999.

Louise (Makay) Tucker is the Washington State leadership chairperson for the General Federation of Women's Clubs. For seven years, she has served as co-chairperson in charge of construction for the Battleground (Wash.) Chamber of Commerce's annual entry in Portland's Grand Floral Parade.

1958

Class Representatives - Don Cornell and David Knutson

1959

Class Representative - Al Dungan

1961

Class Representative - Ron Lerch

1962

Class Representatives - Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Class Representatives - Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

1964

David Kniefel is principal at Design Research Reports, a market research company in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Mary (Griffiths) Wiltse was installed as pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 14.

1967

Class Representative - Angie (Nicholson) Magruder

Louise (Gustafson) Jardine died July 22 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Gary.

1968

Class Representative - Michael Ford

1969

Class Representative - Rose (Lanes) Steiner

Patty Thoe is the Mason County coordinator for Senior Services for South Sound, a nonprofit agency started in 1973 in Olympia, Wash., as the Senior Center of Thurston County. She has worked with adults in many social service settings. She lives on Harstine Island, Wash.

Barbee (Linthicum) Ehli died Oct. 27. After graduating from PLU, she taught at Bryant Elementary and Fern Hill Elementary Schools in Washington. Her love for teaching and for her students was second only to her love for her family. Barbee is survived by her husband of 54 years, Adam; son **Michael Ehli '82** and his wife, Barbara; daughter Janet Fairchild and her husband, Dale; daughter Cynthia Darland; her brother, Jack Linthicum, and his wife, Dawn; six grandchildren, including **Rebecca (Ehli) Miller '02**; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert and Byrna (Rowberg '70) Klavano returned from England after a year of teaching during the week and traveling during the weekends and holidays. Their travels included much of England, Africa and several parts of Europe. Bob was part of the Visiting International Faculty Program and returns to teaching middle school math in Parkland. Byrna was an aide in a school for children with multiple handicaps and returns to her job as a microbiologist at Northwest Medical Specialties. Byrna enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Bob pursues photography.

1970

Class Representative - Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

Pat Kelly is the new principal at Orting Middle School. He has 32 years of experience in education, having served at different times in his career as a teacher, coach, athletic director, assistant principal and principal. He and his wife, Lisa, a band teacher at Olympic Middle School, have two daughters, O'Rian and Anam.

James Aageson is the chair of the Division for Arts and Humanities at

Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. James has taught New Testament studies and intertestamental literature at Concordia since 1985.

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

1972

Maxine Marlow performed in the annual Monday Musicales benefit scholarship concert, which benefits graduating Port Angeles and Sequim high school students. The Oct. 12 concert featured area musicians who contributed their talent to raise scholarship funds. Recipients are selected through auditions each spring. Maxine, a PLU graduate in flute performance, received a master's degree from Eastern Washington University and taught at the University of Iowa while pursuing a doctorate of musical arts.

Gayle (Severson) Berg and her husband, Rick, live on a ranch in Lennep, Mont., where they recently received a visit from **Janine (Galbraith '72)** and **Jerry Skaga '73**. Gayle has survived 30 years on the fourth-generation cattle ranch. The Bergs' youngest daughter, **Solveig**, is a senior at PLU and sings in the Choir of the West.

1973

Alma (Schamber) Shea died Oct. 12. After graduating from PLU, she received her master's degree in public administration in 1974 from the University of Puget Sound. Alma was a member of the Phi Chi Theta business fraternity and volunteered as a Dale Carnegie trainer and a Laubach Literacy Tutor. She was an active member of her church and enjoyed gardening and traveling. Alma loved life and the time she spent with her friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Timothy Shea**, granddaughter Aimee Shea, sister Esther Schamber, and her father. She is survived by her mother, Marie Schamber; sons **Robert Shea '74** and John Shea; daughter Janice Smith; four brothers; four sisters; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

Allen and Barbara (Schneider) Banks moved to the United Kingdom after four years at the Navai Strike and Air Warfare Center in Fallon, Nev. Allen has been with NATO in Afganistan since August, but will return soon to his job as head of intelligence at NATO Naval Headquarters North. Their son, Taylor, is in his first year of medical school at the University of Virginia, while daughter Lauren is a sophomore at Sweet Briar College in Virginia. Barbara lives just outside London in a small brick Victorian cottage and is enjoying the English countryside

and village life. They plan to retire in two years to their house on Hood Canal.

Jillinda (Greene) Bossen is the 2004 president of the PLU Nursing Alumni. For information about her organization, contact Jillinda at jrbossen@comcast.net.

Alice Welchert is a prison psychologist. Her job allows her the opportunity to meet fascinating people, a dream come true. She enjoys living in Los Osos, which is on the beautiful central coast of California.

Bruce Voie retired in July 2001 as director of probation services for Douglas County. He is now self-employed as the owner of Home Study Services and is guardian ad litem on child-custody matters and adoptions. He and his wife, Lori, live in East Wenatchee, Wash.

1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

Rod Herling retired as Grays Harbor (Wash.) juvenile court administrator, a position he has held since 1986. Thirty-two years ago, he came to the county straight out of college. During those years, Rod served as a probation officer, administered diagnostic psychological assessments, worked on social services grants and served at the Health and Human Services Department. He lives in Aberdeen, Wash., with his wife, **Dresmond**, who works at Harbor High School.

Anne (Neilsen) Gresham recently retired and moved from Minnesota to her Orcas Island home. She is happy to be back in Washington.

Stan Petty suffered a heart attack and died March 17, 2003, at his ranch house in the San Jose foothills of unincorporated Santa Clara County, Calif. He was a man of greatly varied interests and talents. He liked books and he loved music, particularly the flute. He owned a *Sir Speedy* copy business in Sunnyvale. He also owned three horses: a Tennessee walking horse, an Arabian, and a Missouri fox trotter. After graduation from PLU, Stan received his MBA from Willamette University in Salem, Ore. Stan and his wife of 24 years, **Sheryl Wold '76**, together learned woodworking and remodeling by buying fixer-uppers to save money. They also joined riding clubs. He is survived by Sheryl; his mother, Shirley Petty; two brothers, Bert and David Petty; a sister, Susan Petty; and sister-in-law, Sandra Hattan.

Cheryl Bostrom co-authored "Children at Promise: Nine Principles to Help Kids Thrive in an At-Risk World." Cheryl, a former teacher of the year who lives in Lynden, Wash., has taught and mentored

junior and senior high school students in public and Christian schools.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Cindy McTee has been named to the American Music Center Board of Directors, elected by the organization's 2,500 members. The AMC is a national nonprofit service and information organization that seeks to advance new American music. As a member of the AMC, Cindy serves in an advisory capacity. She is a Regent's Professor of Music at the University of North Texas, having joined the faculty in 1984. She also served as chair of the College of Music's division of composition studies in Cracow, Poland, with Krzysztof Penderecki. In addition to her PLU degree, Cindy holds degrees from the Yale School of Music and the University of Iowa.

Larry Green has been selected to join Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Financial Consulting Group, an elite group of senior financial consultants representing the top 2 percent among peers in the organization. He is one of 22 senior financial consultants nationwide selected to join the 50 current members in the group, which represents the organization's "best of the best" in terms of financial experience. Larry was selected to join the FCG by passing extensive licensing requirements, earning advanced industry designations, achieving certain sales production levels and exhibiting exemplary conduct.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

David Herivel died Nov. 19, after fighting a courageous 15-month battle with T-cell lymphoblastic lymphoma. He was a financial associate at Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and served the church all his life in many capacities, especially ministering to youth and through music. David was a vocalist and guitarist. He enjoyed woodworking, as well as working with electronics and audio recording. At PLU, he and his wife, **Dianne (Hiett) Herivel '76**, sang in the Choir of the West under the direction of Maurice Skones and were members of Spiritborne, a contemporary Christian music group. David was preceded in death by his father, William Herivel. He is survived by his wife; daughters Jennifer Thomas, Rebecca Herivel and **Emily Herivel**, a current PLU student; his mother, Dorothy Herivel; sisters Marcia Herivel, Marita Ericksen, Kathy La Rose, Suzanne Maloney and **Debbie (Herivel) Hushagen '70**; and brothers John Herivel, Nick Herivel and Doug Herivel.

Debra (Christianson) Florian, has been named president of the Washington State Music Teachers Association. She

and her husband, **Mike '78**, live in Poulsbo, Wash.

1978

Bruce Neswick completed in July an 18-day tour of England with his choirs, the Cathedral Choir of Adults, and the Choir of Girls, Boys and Adults of the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Ga. Under Bruce's direction, the choirs sang daily services at Hereford, St. Albans and Coventry cathedrals, as well as Westminster Abbey. Bruce recently conducted choral clinics for Augsburg-Fortress Press in Columbus, Ohio, and in Philadelphia. He also played the dedicatory recital in September of the new organ at St. Thaddeus Episcopal Church in Aiken, S.C.

1979

Class Representatives – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Leslie Forsberg has been the managing editor of Alaska Airlines Magazine at Paradigm Communications since 2001.

Greg Fowlie-Neufeld lives in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, where his wife, Marilyn, is an assistant pastor at Zion Lutheran Church. Greg, a parish pastor for 15 years, is unemployed but continues to seek a call. They have four daughters between the ages 16 and 8.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Cary Bassani died Oct. 4. As a vocal performance major at PLU, Cary studied with Barbara Poulshock, who provided his first exciting experience in several forms of music, especially opera, which became his great love for the rest of his life. A devoted Christian, he shared his many talents with his church and his community. Cary was also a devoted and supportive husband to his wife, Linda, and father to his son, Ian, both of whom survive him, along with his mother, Maxine Bassani. His father, Victor Bassani, preceded him in death.

Steve Stenga lives in Soldotna, Alaska, where he and his family are involved with commercial real estate brokerage and commercial construction. He and his wife, Mary, are marathon competitors and have traveled outside Alaska for various races over the years. Daughters Jennifer, 14, and Jessica, 12, compete in swimming, soccer and basketball.



Linda (Van Der Maas) Priebe, mezzo soprano, presented a recital entitled "Uff Da! Folk Music, Passion and High Art from Norway

and America" at the residence of the Royal Norwegian Embassy Oct. 10 in Washington, D.C. The program featured Edvard Grieg's passionate "Mountain Maid" song cycle sung in New Norwegian and John Carter's spectacular "Cantata" song cycle. In January, Linda entered the "Working Artists" development program for emerging professional singers established by renowned soprano, Veronica Tyler, formerly of the Metropolitan Opera. Linda is a practicing attorney and has been assistant general counsel at the White House Office of Drug Policy since 1999. In November, she began work at the White House Counsel's Office. She and her husband, Brian, live in Cheverly, Md.

1983

Class Representative – David Olson

Hal Snow completed his first year in real estate, after spending 14 years in the wholesale grocery industry. He lives in Shoreline, Wash., and works at Windermere Real Estate.

Barb Rasmus is the new Ocosta (Wash.) High School athletic director. She is responsible for all sports activity and personnel scheduling, as well as participating in the interview processes for the coaching staff. Barb was a classroom

teacher at the elementary and junior high school level in Ocosta for 22 years. She has also coached volleyball for all of her 23 years in that district, in addition to several years of coaching girls' basketball, track and fastpitch.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn Stelling

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Brendan Glaser is the dean for workforce and continuing education at Lower Columbia College in Longview, Wash. In his new position, Brendan oversees the former Business and Industry Center, as well as other college workforce training programs. He taught business and technology courses at LCC from 1990 until 2002, and then served as director of workforce and continuing education before his promotion to dean.

Beth (Davis) Luttmann teaches first grade at the elementary school she attended as

a child in the Burns-Hines School District in Burns, Ore. She has taught school for 18 years and lives in Hines, Ore.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Shawna (McLaughlin) Graves and her husband, Don, recently bought their first home in Battleground, Wash. They enjoy living in the country with their cat and horse and keep busy on the professional rodeo circuit, where Don is a steer wrestler.

1988

Alex Seidel founded WarrantyGuy.com in the summer of 2003 and acts as vice president of business development and marketing. He lives in Redmond, Wash.

Eric Swansen is the new city manager in Farmersville, Calif. He was the senior management analyst for the city of Shoreline, Wash., when he was selected from a field of 20 candidates for the position.

John Wolfe is the new executive director of the Port of Olympia. He was the port's marine terminal manager for three years before being selected for this new position from a field of several hundred candidates. John and his wife, **Deborah (Osborn '87)**, live in Olympia with their two children.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

Nancy (Andrew) Clark is the head librarian at the Samson-Diamond Branch of the Anchorage Municipal Library system. She has been with AML for almost 11 years. She and her husband, Bret, are parents to Ian, 3, and Emma, 1. Nancy can be reached at bretandnancy@gci.net.

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

Robert Vogelsang left Washington Mutual after five years to become vice president in charge of funding and treasury management at Columbia Community Bank in Beaverton, Ore. Robert and his wife, Teresa, are thrilled to be closer to family.

Li Wang is a global messaging specialist at Transitions Optical. He and his wife, Zifan, have two children, Grace, 18, and Samuel, 9. They live in Beijing, China

Rob Carney has recently published two award-winning books. His collection, "New Fables, Old Songs" won the 2002 Dream Horse Press National Poetry Chapbook Prize and was published in January

2003. It is available through either www.dreamhorsepress.com or amazon.com. His first book, "Boasts, Toasts and Ghosts," won the 2002 Pinyon Press Poetry Book Award and will be available on amazon.com. After graduating from PLU, Rob earned a master's of fine arts degree in creative writing from Eastern Washington University in 1992 and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in 1997. He is in his seventh year, coming up for tenure, in the English and Literature Department at Utah Valley State College. Rob and his wife, Jill, live in Salt Lake City, Utah, with their son Quentin, who was born May 7, 2003.

Eric Lorenz is a senior global commodity manager for RadiSys in Hillsboro, Ore.

1991

Moriaki Miyajima is a teacher of English in Niigata, Japan.



Kristie Pfendler married Ben Bonham July 26 at Pt. Reyes Seashore Lodge in Olema, Calif. **Lori (Cruikshank) Sauter** was Kristie's matron of honor, while

Ann (Ostlund) Boucher and **Jana (Town) Ostlund** did readings in the ceremony. Kristie is a developmental biologist in the San Francisco bay area, and Ben is a neuroscientist at the University of California at San Francisco.

1992

Edward Running is an architectural designer with Yost Grube Architects in Portland, Ore. He received his master's degree in architecture from the University of Oregon in 1998.

Pamela (Turner) Flood and her husband, Sean, live in Elk Grove, Calif., where Pamela stays home to care for their son, Frank. Sean is an officer with the California Highway Patrol. They're expecting their second child in June.

1993

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

Lisa Rutherford is the new director of nursing at Heritage College in Toppenish, Wash.

David and Jennifer (Olson) Jones live in Portland, Ore. David is the sales manager at JVN Northwest Inc., and Jennifer is an account manager at Update Management. They have a daughter, Lauren Rose, who was born on Nov. 5, 2001.

Debra Papacek married Mark Kafentz in June 28 at Visitation Catholic Church in

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Tacoma, Wash. Debra is a health teacher in the Puyallup School District, and Mark is an investment representative with Edward Jones. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

Berith Ballard spent two weeks in England last summer and had the opportunity to attend the International Church Music Festival in Chester and sing under Sir David Willcocks. The festival lasted only four days, so she was able to travel extensively in Scotland and England. Berith recently composed a piece of music, "Meditation on the Psalms," inspired by her trip and dedicated it to the Kent Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir. The director of that choir, Gabriel Dumitrescu, agreed to perform the piece at the church on Sept. 14, as well as publish it and some of Berith's arrangements of Swedish Christmas songs through his publishing company, Musica Romanica. Berith is the new director of the Svea Male Chorus. She retains her position as director of the Swiss male chorus Edelweiss in Bonney Lake, Wash.

Rick Topel graduated from the Chapman School of Seamanship's professional mariner training course. This program prepares men and women to operate and maintain vessels in a safe, efficient manner and provides the opportunity to advance into the marine-industry careers of deck hands, mates, navigators and captains. Rick received his captain's license from the U.S. Coast Guard in September and serves on the Angel II yacht.

Tana (Jones) Gudbranson is a marketing manager for Brenthaven in Bellingham, Wash. Her husband, Greg, is the owner of an insurance brokerage. The couple lives in Bellingham with their son, Jax, 2.

Monica Nilsson married Øystein Halvari Rinde Oct. 18 in Oslo, Norway. Monica works with the BP group (British Petroleum) and is the human resources advisor at Castrol and BP Lubricants.

Hilary Burt married Benjamin Eldridge Aug. 9 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island, Wash. Among the attendants was **Stacey Sunde '92**. The couple met in 2001 at the wedding of **David Benson '94**. They honeymooned in the San Juan Islands and then settled in Chicago, where Ben is an engineer, and Hilary is a kindergarten-eighth grade teacher.

1994

Class Representatives – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Mark Carrato has accepted a presidential fellowship as the El Salvador desk

manager for the U.S. Agency for International Development. He lives in Washington, D.C.

Jim Matthias received an associate's degree in electronic engineering technology and began work at the Bonneville Dam in June. He and his wife, **Mari (Yokers)**, purchased a new home several miles from their old one and moved in July. They live in Underwood, Wash., with their children, Sidra, 5, and Jedreck, 2.

Kirstin Jensen is the head softball coach at Dominican University in San Rafael, Calif.

John Bridges married Angela Radcliff Aug. 16 at Lake Lawrence Lodge in Yelm, Wash. John is an associate chiropractic physician at Steamboat Chiropractic Clinic, and Angela works for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. They live in Shelton, Wash.

1995

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

Julie (Crawford) Rice works at Providence Rochester Family Practice. She has worked for the Sisters of Providence Health System for 17 years and for Providence St. Peter Hospital Fast Track Program for four years. She also works for the Thurston County/Olympia police department jail system.

Rachael Gunn and George Lord married Sept. 13 on the big island of Hawaii. They live on a 300-acre farm with 80 head of beef cattle to keep them company. George is an electronics engineer, and Rachael loves her job as a research associate for the National Center for Juvenile Justice, a nonprofit organization based in Pittsburgh. She says living in the East will be an adjustment, but she's looking forward to it.

1996



Troy Toland and **Christie Vogelbacker** married Sept. 5 in the wooded outdoor setting of Home Spun Ministries in Eatonville, Wash. **Josh Hamblin '96** served as best man, and **Rick Valtee '00** and **Colin Sannes '93** were groomsmen. The couple met as elementary school students in the Bethel School District. Troy works for Bank of America in Seattle, while Christie works at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup.

Aare Valvas and his wife, Carrie Booker, live in Seattle, where Aare is a sales

executive for The Cobalt Group, Inc. and Carrie is a recreational therapist. They are expecting their first child in May.

Lisa Balmes is a special events manager for Junior Achievement, focusing on fundraising efforts to provide programs to more than 100,000 students in the greater Puget Sound area. She lives in Bellevue, Wash.

Carrie Soto married Kyle Erickson Aug. 1 at Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church. Several PLU classmates participated in the wedding, including **Kacey (Cockram) Hahn, Lea (Wicklender) Corvin, Wendy (Howard) Talbert, Sarah (Parker) Lewis,** and **Jennifer Riches**. Carrie is a mental health therapist at the Ruth Dykeman Children's Center. Kyle is also a mental health therapist. They live in Bothell, Wash.

Amy Wigstrom is the new executive director of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra. Amy previously served two years as director of performing arts at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts in Sun Valley, Idaho. She also worked in production and education at the Seattle Opera.

James Lamb and his wife, Lori, recently bought their first home in Monrovia, Calif. James is the Web developer for Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena, and Lori works in human resources at Warner Bros. in Burbank.

1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Jessie Gargas and Mark Mattox were married Aug. 2 at Hyatt Vineyards in Zillah, Wash. Jessie is a pediatric resident in Children's Hospital at the University of California at San Diego, while Mark is an F-18 flight instructor at Miramar Air Station.

Maggie Peterson has joined Cozen O'Connor, a full-service law firm, as an associate attorney in the products liability and complex tort group. The firm is among the 100 largest law firms in the United States serving business and private clients. Prior to joining Cozen O'Connor, Maggie was an associate with George W. McLean Jr. & Associates, where she handled a variety of civil litigation matters. She lives and works in Seattle.

Heidi Vanderford lives in New York City and reports she is "getting adjusted and figuring out the city, bit by bit." She was in residence at Glimmerglass last summer, and sang in November with Washington Opera as one of the Walkuries in Wagner's "Die Walkure," a production in which Placido Domingo sang the lead character, Siegmund. She has a manager, attends about two auditions a week and just landed a great church job.

Matthew Engelbert and Nicole Marshall married July 19. Nicole, who is from upstate New York, is a woman brave enough to take Matthew's name. They live in a 400-square-foot apartment in Manhattan with their cat, Miranda.

In Memoriam

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Stan Dahl died Oct. 14.

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Faculty

Music professor Raydell Bradley died Nov. 27.

Former English professor Jack Cady died Jan. 14.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Signe Baumann and Jim Fritsch were married Oct. 18 in Salem, Ore. Signe's sister, **Erica (Baumann) Owens '95**, was matron of honor. Signe is a lab technician at Prince William Sound Science Center, and Jim is a guide for Points North Heli-Adventures and Orca Adventure Lodge. They live in Cordova, Alaska.

Aurora (Bray) Tallackson is pursuing a master's degree in design at the Institute of Design in Chicago. She expects to complete her degree in 2006.

Rachel (Paul) Harris and her husband, James, recently bought their first condo in Kirkland, Wash. Rachel is a teacher in the Lake Washington School District, and James is a computer technician for Volt Computer and Engineering Services.

Mark and **Erika (Olson '97) Mariani** live at Azusa Pacific University, where Erika is a resident director for a freshman residence hall for women. Mark is in his second year of residency in family medicine at Pomona Valley Hospital.

Alicia (Manley) Lawver is the editor and publisher of Sound Living Magazine, a general interest magazine for the Tacoma/South Sound region. A special holiday edition came out in December. The first full issue launched in February 2003. Alicia began this venture with her husband, Nathaniel, after the birth of their son, Nathaniel "Eddie," in September 2002. They also have a daughter, Abigail. Nathaniel is a life and disability insurance specialist with Pilkey-Hopping Ekberg in Tacoma. The Lawvers live in Tacoma. (www.soundlivingmag.com)

Tadd and **Charlotte (Martin) Foote** recently moved from Boise, Idaho, back to the Seattle area, where Charlotte is a psychotherapist and Tadd is a computer animator.

Brandon VanDyke received his master's of science degree in music from the American Band College of Oregon University in Ashland on July 3. Brandon is the director of bands and orchestra at Tualatin High School in Tualatin, Ore.

Kari (Stoll) Barnes spent four months on a temporary assignment in Eindhoven, Netherlands, after receiving her MBA from PLU in 2002. In March 2003, she was promoted to regional sales manager for Paccar Parts and was transferred with her husband, Scott, to Nashville, Tenn.

Makyla (Miller) Moody graduated from the University of Denver College of Law in May 2003 and passed the July 2003

Colorado Bar Exam. She and her husband, **Eric '98**, live in Denver.



Leslie Jean Harstad married Anders Jens Bell Aug. 16. Leslie, who received her master's degree in education from PLU in 2000, is a middle school teacher

in Creswell, Ore. Anders is a business student and entrepreneur. They live in Springfield, Ore.

Joel Larson and his wife, Raissa, recently relocated to the Tacoma area after spending several years in Philadelphia. In June, Joel started his new position as the network administrator in the Office of Development and Alumni Relations for the University of Washington.

Tina Marie Newman was promoted from assistant director to acting director of student development programs at the College of New Rochelle in New Rochelle, N.Y. Tina oversees orientation, residence life, on- and off-campus activities, clubs, publications and student government. She also received the second place National Activities Award for Student Activities Director of the Year 2002-2003.

Bo Bernhard Nielsen has been appointed assistant professor of international business and strategy (tenure track) at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash. Nielsen also holds an adjunct faculty position at the Copenhagen Business School, teaching in the distant learning business program.

1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

Korina Schellhase and Travis Woods were married August 2003. Korina is a pediatric physical therapist and Travis is a computer programmer. They live in Las Vegas, Nev.

Ron Podmore, author and KCTS/PBS Golden Apple teaching recipient, was featured in Teacher Magazine. The article explores the explosion of American Sign Language being taught to hearing high school students in the Puget Sound region and the variable response from universities and colleges across America.

Tricia Stevely is the new youth director for Hope Lutheran Church in Klamath Falls, Ore. She oversees the junior high and high school programs at the church. She is also planning to start a young adult and singles program.



Jennifer Goody married Rene Edward Hughes Sept. 6 in Tacoma, Wash. **Kelly Smith '98** was the maid of honor. Jennifer is a human

resources manager at the American Heart Association, and Rene is a land surveyor. They live in Bellevue, Wash.

Danika Mutomb and **Kabey** married Roderick Nicholes Oct. 25 in Dallas. They live in Desoto, Texas.



Julie Johnston received a master of education degree in college student services administration from Oregon State University June 15. She is the

resident director of Tingelstad Hall at PLU.

Eric Allert has enrolled at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., to earn a master of divinity degree in youth and family ministry. After leaving PLU, Eric served as a youth associate for St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Seattle. He also worked as a chaplain intern at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Tacoma and as the director of youth and family ministry at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Olympia, Wash.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Heather Meier is the Puyallup (Wash.) Herald's new lifestyles coordinator and lead designer. During the past three years, she designed pages for the Northwest Guardian of Fort Lewis and wrote for the Tacoma News Tribune.

Nathan Bankson graduated from Lewis and Clark Law School in May with his JD degree, passed the Washington Bar Exam in July and began practicing law as a member of the Judge Advocate's General Corps upon completion of officer training in Virginia with a rank of first lieutenant. He is stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., as a member of the 101st Airborne Division.

Phil Edlund works as Lutheran community services specialist for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. In the fall, Phil started work on his MBA in technology and innovation management at PLU. He continues to be involved with Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, and serves as chair of the childcare kindergarten board. In late 2002, Phil led in the com-

pletion of a new playground for the childcare center.

Mindy Norris and Jordan Sheva were married Aug. 9 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Mount Vernon, Wash. Mindy's matron of honor was **Larissa Norris '98**, and **Josh Sneva '99** was one of Jordan's best men. **Beth (Colwell) Isenath '99**, **Holly Peterson '01**, and **Desi Wreyford '00** were bridesmaids, while Hilary (Petersen) Lester '00 and **Sarah (Axley) Williams '00** were candlelighters. **Holly Peterson** and **Leah Stubbs '00** provided the vocals. The wedding hosts were **Bob** and **Judy Adeline '76**. Mindy is a third-grade teacher, and Jordan is junior high history teacher in the Sumner (Wash.) School District. They live in Puyallup.

Angela Jantz married Michael Gill July 5 in Spokane, Wash. The reception took place at the Davenport Hotel. Angela's bridesmaids included **Hollie (Jantz) Eastman '95**, **Heidi Jantz '97**, **Emily Keys '00** and **Julie Johnston '99**.

Megan Swanson was the first assistant softball coach of the Keller (Texas) High School coaching staff in 2003. The coaches were named high school coaching staff of the year by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Megan is head coach this year at Central High School in Keller, Texas.



Jennifer Vredenburg married Adam Narciso Sept. 26 in Tacoma, Wash. PLU alumni involved in the wedding were **Jenelle (Durkee)**

Mazzoncini, **Erika Juntunen**, **Miki Shintaki**, **Patty (Milton) Brem**, **Danielle Hodge**, **Jenny (Ripley) Angell '01**, **Sarah (Nicholson) Hires '01**, **Regan Myers '02**, **Mike Manuel '02**, **Jesse Thomas '03** and **Gavin Brem '99**.



Ashley Orr is in her first year of teaching seventh- and eighth-grade social studies (her dream position) at Calle Mayor Middle School in Torrance, Calif., where she has been a substitute teacher for three years. She will finish her master's degree in education in May.

Leif Lunoe married **Emily Carlson** on Orcas Island, Wash., Aug. 2. Attending the couple were fellow Lutes **Lindsay Gilster '99**, **Trevin Carlson '99**, **Peter Lunoe '02**, and **Toby Kock**. Leif is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Washington and Emily



works as a graphic and production artist for KNCB Dave, a Seattle-based advertising agency. Also in attendance were Emily's parents, **David and Flavia (Flaherty) Carlson '72, Paul and Kelly (Wilson) Carlson '74, Carl '80 and Julie (Carlson '81) Knox, Adam '01 and Sarah '00 Lord Sundstrom, Mike and Janel (Greenlaw) Schlitt '98, Sarah Haley Pierce '00, Kari Hovde '99 and Michelle Iannitto Kock '00.**



Beth Steele married Coby Cavanaugh Aug. 31 in Portland, Ore. Several Lutes were in the wedding party, including best man **Andy Seitz '97** and bridesmaids **Rona Pryor '99, Tiana Harper '00 and Megan O'Hanlon '01. Brian '00 and Jill (Schnaser '01) O'Hanlon** gave readings, and Beth's father, **Jim Steele '76**, played the guitar. Two days after the ceremony, Beth started her new job teaching drama at Rowe Middle School in Milwaukie, Ore. They live in Portland.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

Eric Ruthford has completed a term of service as a U.S. Peace Corps volunteer. He taught English as a foreign language for two years in Dneprorudny, Ukraine.

Ari Mattson and Katherine Zimmer were married June 7 at Camp Lutherwood in Cheshire, Ore. PLU alumni in attendance were **Jennifer Smith '01, Pete Bonifaci '02, Krystal Torkko '02, Joe Scheidt '03 and Jessica Darling '03.** They live in Philadelphia.

Otis Morgan died Sept. 22 in Tacoma. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Patricia; his mother, Ora; brothers Odell, James, Lorenzo and Randy; sister Carolyn; stepchildren Elena, Marcy, Eli, Miguel and Julian; and many grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Whitney Dolman recently returned from Germany, where she taught English on a Fulbright Scholarship. She now works at Stewart Title and Escrow in Olympia, Wash. She plans to attend PLU next year to pursue a master's degree in marriage and family therapy.

Gabrielle (Free) Easterby married Nicholas Barnes April 5, 2003. She teaches at three schools in Puyallup, Wash.

Angela Meade is studying at the University of Southern California. In 2002 she sang the role of Queen of the Night in "The Magic Flute" and **Madame Silberklang** in Mozart's "Impresario." Last fall she sang the role of the mother in Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel." Angela won the American Educators of Italian Origins United competition, and was named the Marilyn Horne Scholar for the 2002-2003 school year. This past summer, she attended the International Vocal Institute on the island of Hvar in Croatia. Angela received a teaching assistantship for this year, which covers the full tuition and a stipend. She will assist in teaching a Broadway musical class that deals with diversity in musicals.



Amy Reed married **Derek Reinke '98** July 12 in Wilsonville, Ore. Amy's attendants included her matron of honor, **Whitney Johnston '01.** Among Derek's best men were **Scott Pierce '99, Mark "Louie" Andrus '99, Edward Nau '99 and Justin Johnson '99.**

Paula Kirby married Benjamin Franz April 19, 2003, in Steversville, Md. Paula is the new director of marketing and communications at R & R Events, Inc. Benjamin is the train director for Amtrak at Union Station in Washington, D.C. The couple lives in Ferndale, Md.

Emily Laine and **Zac Thorpe** were married July 26 in Seattle. Included in the wedding party were classmates **Stacey Schmidt, Heather Longacre, Garrett Schroeder, Erik Mortensen, Doug Moore, Brooks Gladow, Keith Pranghofer, Andy Sears and Nate Wiggins. Tim Holmes '00** and current PLU student **Carrie Thorpe** also were in the wedding. Emily is a senior consultant in risk and advisory services at KPMG, a public accounting firm in Seattle, and Zac is an assistant manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car. They live in Seattle.

Victoria Shotwell earned her master's in social work from the University of Denver. She works as a family advocate in the life skills center at an alternative high school in Denver.

Keith Helmka received his master's degree in social work from the University of Washington in 2002 and is working as a social worker for the Department of Veterans Affairs at American Lake. He lives in Sumner, Wash.

Teralyn Colbert is the youth director at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley, Calif. She was the first facilitator of the "Walking Together" program in

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Orange County and is a board member of the Huntington Beach Interfaith Council.

Stacie (Lintvedt) Hanson earned her master's degree in social work from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., in May. She is now working as a research associate at the Center for Social Development at Washington University. Her husband, **Jason**, works as an editor of medical journals at Elsevier Publishing in St. Louis.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Regan Myers and **Amy Wheeler '03** were married Aug. 1 at By His Word Christian Fellowship Church in Tacoma. Regan is an account representative for Gordon Trucking in Tacoma, Wash., while Amy is a PLU student and an intern with Youth for Christ's foster-care program.

Matthew Edminster is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. He lives in University Place, Wash.

Joseph Michels is doing graduate work at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. He will be appearing in a production of Carlisle Floyd's "Of Mice and Men."

Tim Rothlisberger is a kindergarten teacher in the Highline School District in Seattle. He lives in Renton, Wash.

Mike and **Abby (Buck '03) Houston** were married Aug. 9 at West Hills Covenant Church in Portland, Ore. Abby is working on a master's degree in art therapy at Marylhurst University, and Mike is a freelance advertising copywriter.

Lindsay Nelson and **Nick Hanculak** were married July 18. Lindsay is a trauma nurse at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, and Nick is a senior design engineer at Kenworth Truck Company. They live in Kirkland, Wash.

Kelley Brandt traveled in Europe last year, studied with Oberlin Conservatory of Music, and performed in "La Traviata" in Italy. She is a graduate student at New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, working with Edward Zambara toward a master's degree in vocal performance with an emphasis in opera.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Michelle Smith is serving a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps as a community health volunteer in the West

African country of Benin. She will be working with host country nationals to promote disease prevention and HIV/AIDS awareness. Michelle became interested in the Peace Corps after visiting Ecuador during a one-month visit through PLU.

Leischen Moore is in her first year at New York University School of Music Theater Graduate School.

Shannon Fritzke is a health teacher at Skyridge Middle School in Camas, Wash. She moved to Vancouver, Wash., in August.

William Nation married Kiersti Zenkner at his parents' home in Eatonville, Wash. William teaches seventh grade at Eatonville Middle School, and Kiersti is a personal trainer at Bally's Fitness Center in Puyallup. They live in Eatonville.

Future Lutes

1983

Joseph Foss and his wife, Else-Marit, announce the birth of Marie on June 27. She joins Peder, 2. Joseph is a senior legal advisor at the University of Oslo, while Else-Marit is a physician. They live in Oslo, Norway.

1984

Cyndee Kraiger and her husband, Brett Burris, announce the birth of Alexa E. Kraiger Burris on July 3. Cyndee is a manager at Microsoft. The family lives in Redmond, Wash.

1986



Ken and Suzy (Arter '92) Swanson

announce the birth of Abigail Rose on June 23. Ken is a research scientist for Battelle and the astronomer for Rattlesnake Mountain Observatory. Suzy stays home to care for Abigail.

1988

Marianne (Morley) Meese and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of Andrew Thomas on Oct. 26. Andrew joins Emma, 5, and Anna, 2. They live in Beaverton, Ore.

1989

Brian and Jennifer (Laraby '91) Jacobson announce the birth of Sarah Kathryn on July 14. She joins Haley, 2.

Lori (Rasmussen) Nehls and her husband, Dan, had a second son on March 22, 2003. Joshua Matthew joined his

brother, Brady, 18 months. Lori is a stay-at-home mom, and Dan is a neurosurgeon. They live in Tacoma.

Mary Beth Ailes and her husband, Pradeep Barua, announce the birth of Brian Ailes Barua on May 28, 2003. He joined Christopher, 3. Mary Beth is an associate professor of history at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, where she was granted tenure last spring.

1990

Peter Gradwohl and his wife, Andrea, announce the birth of Major Gradwohl on Nov. 7. He joins Max, 6, and Sophie, 3.



Teresa (Dunley) O'Donnell and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Everett Robert on Aug. 3. He joins Hayley Marie, 3. Teresa is a case manager with the State of Washington's division of developmental disabilities. They live in Lakewood, Wash.

Pete Ostenson and his wife, Wendy, announce the birth of Elsa Rose Ostenson on June 16.

Boyd Heyn and his wife, Anne, announce the birth of Madeleine on Nov. 1. She joins Alexandra, 3. Boyd is senior staff physician at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. They live in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

1991



on Dec. 12, 2002. They live in Seattle.

Brooke (Grossberg) Steveson and her husband, Alan, have a son, Miles Benjamin, born

1992



Maria (Parfit) Pederson and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of Markus Bjorn.

Kristin Mattocks and her partner, Kim Callicoate, announce the birth of Ella Callicoate Mattocks on Oct. 22. Kim is a graduate student at Yale University. They live in New Haven, Conn.

on Dec. 12, 2002. They live in Seattle.



Karen (Kelley) Mares and her husband, John, announce the birth of their daughter, Kelley Samantha, on

Aug. 20, 2002. Karen is working part time teaching art to toddlers at Gymboree, and John is a technical manager for ACS, Inc. They live in Portland, Ore.

Jan (Korver) Wolsleben and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of Cian Jacob on Sept. 27. He joins Fianna Ruth, 3. They live in Beaverton, Ore.



Stephanie Bullard-Bearse and her husband, Kevin Bearse, announce the birth of Haven Michael Bearse on Sept. 3. Stephanie is taking time off from teaching sixth grade at Pine Lakes Middle School in Issaquah, Wash. Kevin is supporting the family as a program manager for Microsoft. The three Bearse live in Issaquah.

1994



Karl and Alison (Wigstrom '93) Hoseth announce the birth of Kaelen Andrew on Nov. 5. He joins sister Annika Kailey. Kaelen was born into a family with a rich PLU tradition. His aunts are **Mari (Hoseth) Shouse '96**, **Amy Wigstrom '99** and **Abby Wigstrom-Carlson '97**. Grandparents include Paul Hoseth, PLU's Dean Physical Education and Athletic Director, his wife Jeanne, the Rev. Dean Wigstrom, a member of the Board of Regents, and his wife, Helen.



Per and Lisa (Johnson '91) Bakken announce the birth of Lina Sophia on Aug. 4. She joins Luke Alexander, 4.

Courtney (Miller) Mohatt '94 and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of Chloe Hope on July 18. Chloe joins Claire, 6, and Olivia, 2. Courtney is a registered nurse at Children's Hospital of Denver, and Jon is a major in the U.S. Air Force. They live in Aurora, Colo.

Andrew and Nicole (Mathieu) Gray announce the birth of Jonathan Andrew on May 9, 2003. He joins Nathaniel, 2. Andrew is a mental health therapist at Greater Lakes Mental Health in Lakewood, Wash.

Bjorn Larsen and his wife, Lilineth, announce the birth of Christian Berdin on Sept. 24. Bjorn is the CEO of BEL Consult, and Lilineth is a teacher. They live in Oslo, Norway.

Sean and Nichole (Staba '97) Dailor announce the birth of Kyle Nicholas on March 14. He joins Michael, 3. Nichole is a student life coordinator at the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. They live in Natchitoches, La.

1996



T. Nicholas and Jennifer (Dyer) Jones announce the birth of Holland Irene on Aug. 26.



Taj and Andrea (Smedes) Giesbrecht added a daughter, Lilianna Marie, to their family in 2002.

She has two siblings, Caleb, 4, and Molly, 3. The Giesbrechts live in Silverdale, Wash.

Brent and Heidi (Roseleip '98) Donnelly announce the birth of their daughter, Grace, on Sept. 1. Brent works in mort-



gage lending in Vancouver, Wash., while Heidi stays home with Grace.

1998

Bryan and Heather (Treibel '99) Zagar announce the birth of Luke Anthony on June 16. Bryan is a teacher at Keithley Middle School in Parkland, and Heather is a registered ER nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash., where they recently bought a new home.

1999

Libby (Brossia) Whitehead and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of Timothy James on Sept. 29. They live in Findlay, Ohio.

Neil and Bobbi (Junell) '98 Crist announce the birth of Jackson Robert on Sept. 9.

2001

Jason and Michelle (Libby '03) Hulen announce the birth of their son, Issac Daniel, on Sept. 19. [S]

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again the joys of my own early research experiences.

As a rookie researcher I saw quickly that laboratory work is not as glamorous as it may sound. Laboratory research is painstaking—typically slow, and frequently mundane. There are few “eureka” moments. There are, however, many small thrills and triumphs, moments in which the biology is much more fun in the flesh than it is in a textbook. I enjoy sharing these experiences with my students, seeing their satisfaction when they master a technique and their awe when they visualize in the laboratory biological processes and molecules they have previously only heard of in the classroom. I see them thrive when given the freedom to think independently and when given the respect such freedom implies.

Progress in science is rarely made through astonishing leaps, but rather through small discoveries generated by the execution of many carefully planned experiments. Collectively, these small discoveries contribute to a body of knowledge that moves us inexorably forward. In their hands-on research experiences, students see this for themselves. Furthermore, they find that they can make meaningful contributions

to this body of knowledge. In doing so they learn how to become scientists, acquire marketable laboratory skills, and have fun.

Yes, science in action is fun. My students and I see the laboratory as a playroom full of toys—the tools that let us pursue exciting adventures and solve challenging puzzles. Research students are surprised to learn that doing science actually generates more questions than answers. There is never a dearth of problems to address, and there is always the challenge of asking the right question with the right experimental tools.

Many of the skills I learned as a laboratory scientist have kept me in good stead for life in general. For example, as a scientist I am often reminded to keep an open mind. Most of the interesting scientific discoveries in which I have participated have been unexpected. Preconceived notions are dangerous, and being slow to judge is a good strategy. In the laboratory I have also learned the value of tenacity. Good scientists are always willing to refine, tweak and repeat experiments over and over. Few skills in life, be they baking bread or riding bicycles, come without repeated effort and determination.

Research can entail long

hours in a laboratory where the interactions with professors, colleagues and peers allow you to get to know them in new ways.

Some of my most valuable friendships started in the laboratories where I spent long hours as a graduate student and a post-doctoral scientist. The shared frustrations and joys of research have made for strong bonds. I feel a unique kind of intimacy with those who have shared with me reagents, test tubes, ideas, experimental results and endless mugs of coffee.

No classroom experience can bring biology to life as can an adventure into research. I am encouraged to see that PLU is increasingly

aware of the importance of undergraduate research experiences. This is evidenced by the development of the university-supported Natural Sciences Undergraduate Research program (<http://www.nsci.plu.edu/research/home.html>), which provides support for faculty and students to go on summer research adventures. My students and I cannot recommend these experiences highly enough. [S]

Mary Ellard-Ivey is associate professor of biology. Ideas for this article include those from conversations with a number of my research students, including Elaine Lee '04 and Katie Thonstad '04.



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May 7 and 8, 8 p.m.

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May 8, 3 p.m.

Student Guitar Ensemble
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May 11, 8 p.m.

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May 13, 8 p.m.

Composers' Forum
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 14 and 15, 8 p.m.

University Theatre presents "Picasso at the
Lapin Agile," Eastvold Auditorium

May 15, 6:30 p.m.

Fourth Annual Spring Banquet
Scandinavian Cultural Center

May 16, 2 p.m.

University Theatre presents "Picasso at the
Lapin Agile," Eastvold Auditorium

May 21, 8 p.m.

Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 23, 5 p.m.

Reception for Senior Exhibition
University Gallery, Ingram Hall

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Central Lutheran Church, Yakima, Wash.

April 15, time TBA

Baker City High School, Baker City, Ore.

April 16, time TBA

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Boise

April 18, 4 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Vancouver, Wash.

CHOIR OF THE WEST

April 21, 7:30 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Longview, Wash.

April 22, 7:30 p.m.

Central Lutheran Church, Portland, Ore.

April 23, 7:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Salem, Ore.

April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Central Lutheran Church, Eugene, Ore.

April 25, 7 p.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn, Wash.

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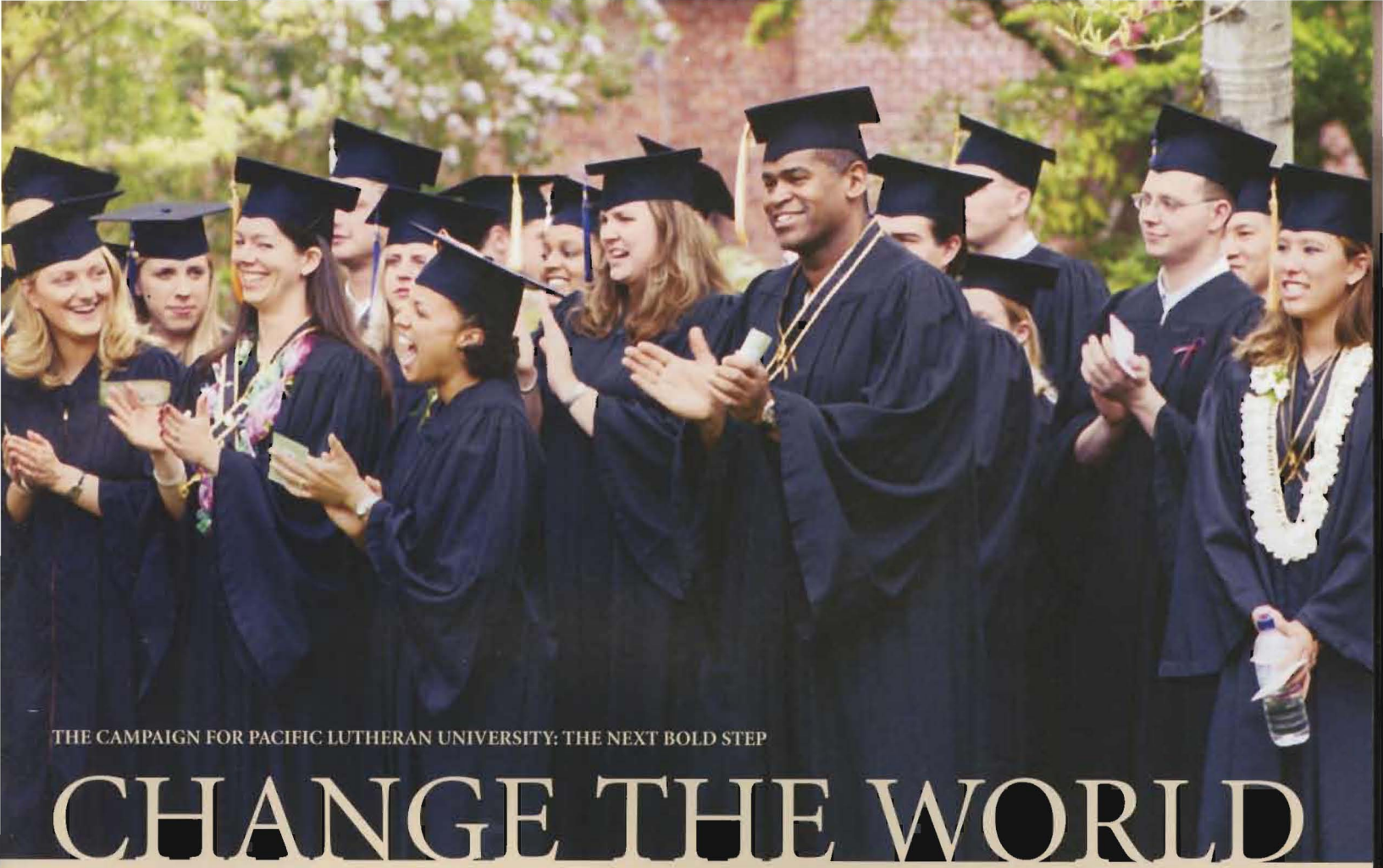


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perspective

Undergraduate adventures in research bring biology to life



Biology professor Mary Ellard-Ivey, pictured in the lab in Rieke Science Center, says undergraduate research provides irreplaceable experience for science students.

By Mary Ellard-Ivey

Like learning to swim, learning to do science demands getting your feet wet. Our science students spend long hours in lectures and even longer hours poring over textbooks, but this is not what makes a science student a scientist. The hours they spend in the laboratory or in the field, immersed in real research, perform the transformation. One of my undergraduate research students claims to have learned more in one summer doing

research than in any class she has taken. Undergraduate research opportunities are the most valuable part of a student's training in biology, and mentoring these research students is one of the most rewarding parts of my work at PLU.

I became a scientist because I love all of biology; I cannot conceive of a topic more interesting than living organisms and how they function. I became especially intrigued by the tools and tricks

plants have evolved allowing them to respond to their environment. In my discipline of molecular biology, my students and I try to understand changes that occur in small molecules within plant cells in response to external stimuli. At PLU I have shared the exploration of these processes with more than a dozen undergraduate research students. With them I have savored

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