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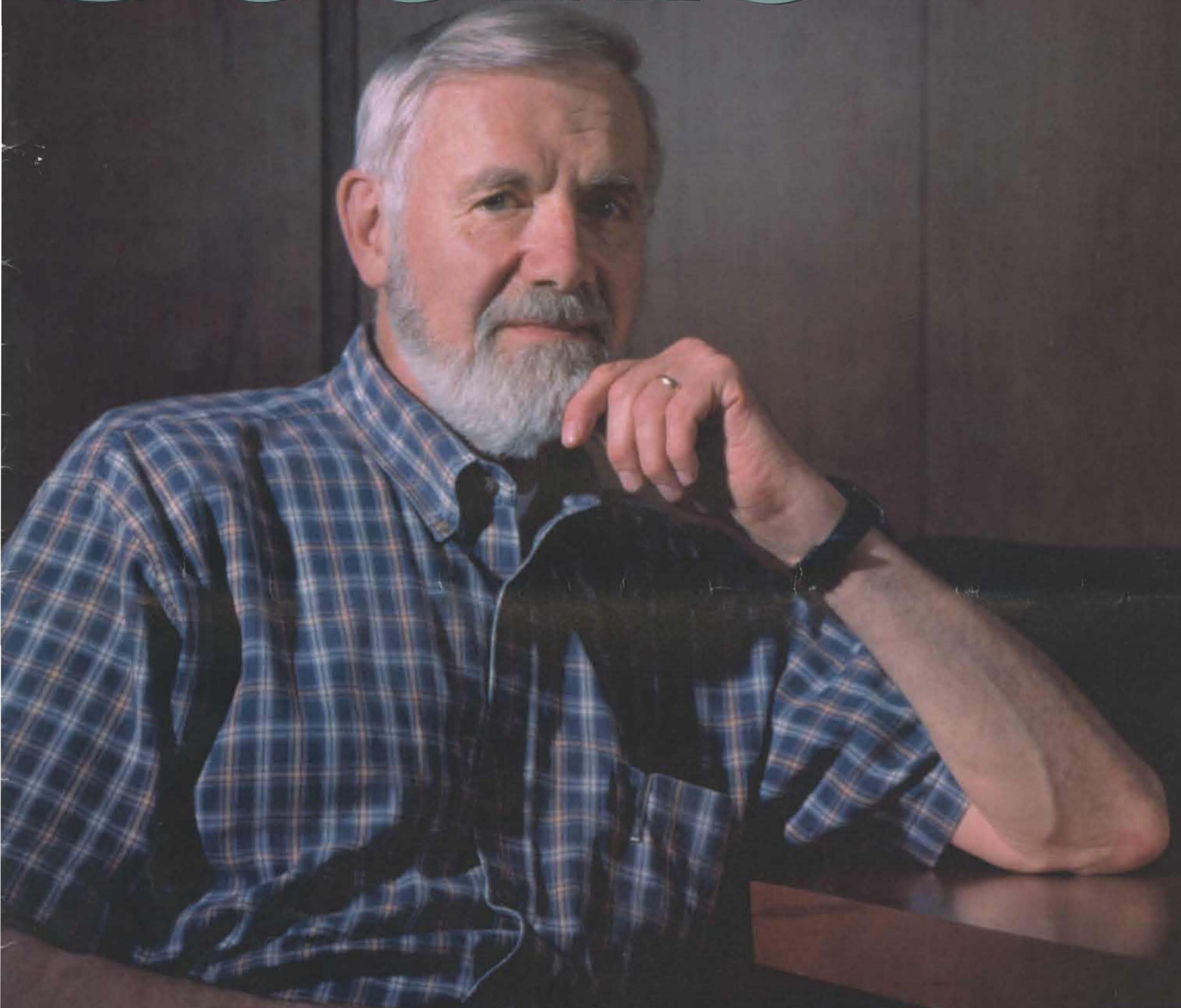
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## CLARIFICATIONS

Two women direct major choirs at Lutheran universities: Choir of the West Director Kathryn Lehmann Olson and Dr. Lynda Hasseler at Capital University (Ohio). Also: Christopher Bivins '85 is the illustrator of children's books and the official name for the upcoming Fall Lecture Series is the Heather Koller Memorial Lecture.



On the cover

William Foege '57.

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## calendar

## CONCERTS

All events are at Mary Baker Russell Music Center, Lagerquist Concert Hall at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The concert information line is 253-535-7621; the ticket order line is 253-536-5116.

September 23

**Artist Series: Lila Moe Memorial Concert** • 3 p.m.

Ticket proceeds to benefit the Lila Moe Memorial Scholarship fund, which assists women returning to college in the arts.

September 30

**Gottfried & Mary Fuchs Organ Series: James D. Holloway Memorial Concert** • 3 p.m.

October 9

**Regency Concert Series: Lyric Brass Quintet**

October 11

**Artist Series: David Joyner, Jazz Piano Recital**

October 14

**Choir of the West Reunion Concert**, 2 p.m. See Alumni section for more information, or call 253-535-7415.

October 16

**University Symphony Orchestra Masterpiece Series: Concert I**

October 17

**Choral Series: Fall Choral Concert I**

October 18

**Choral Series: Fall Choral Concert II**

October 21

**Wind Ensemble Series: Concert I** • 3 p.m.

October 27

**Artist Series: Pecs Orchestra**

October 31

**Regency Concert Series: Regency String Quartet**

November 3

**Choral Series: Choral Union**

November 4

**Artist Series: Early and Baroque Concert** • 4 p.m.

November 7

**Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble**

November 9

**Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble**

November 11

**Student Series: Mary Baker Russell Scholars Recital** • 3 p.m.

November 18

**Wind Ensemble Series: Concert II** • 3 p.m.

November 20

**University Symphony Orchestra Masterpiece Series: Concert II**

November 27

**Regency Concert Series: Camas Quintet**

December 4

**Choral Series: Sounds of Christmas I**

December 5

**Choral Series: Sounds of Christmas II**

December 11

**Student Series: Composer's Forum**  
Free, no tickets

December 12

**Jazz Series: University Jazz Ensemble with Jazz Combos**

December 13

**Jazz Series: University Vocal Jazz**

## UNIVERSITY THEATER EVENTS

Tickets available at 253-535-7457, questions call 253-535-7760 or e-mail [commthea@plu.edu](mailto:commthea@plu.edu)

**Angels in America "Millennium Approaches"**

October 18

Student Preview

October 19, 20, 21, 26 &amp; 27

Evening Shows

October 28

Matinee

**"Biloxi Blues"**

December 12

Student Preview

December 13, 14, 15

Evening Shows

December 16

Matinee

## ART DEPARTMENT

For more information, call 253-535-7573 or visit [plu.edu/~artd/events.html](http://plu.edu/~artd/events.html)

September 11–October 10

**Living in Art: Paul Porter Remembered**

Opening Reception: September 11, 5-7 p.m.

October 16–November 14

**TBA**

November 20–December 15

**Winter Graduates BFA/BA Exhibition**

Opening Reception: November 20, 5-7 p.m.

## ALUMNI

October 12-14\*

**Homecoming 2001**

\*See alumni pages for more details

November 11

**Proud PLU Parent Day**

November 12

**Parent's Council**

December 2

**Q Club Reception and Christmas Festival Concert, Eastvold**

December 8

**President's Christmas Dinner and Concert**

## OTHER EVENTS

September 16

**Fall Admissions Open House**

Call 253-535-7151 or 800-274-6758

September &amp; October

**Lutheran College Fairs**

Admissions would like to announce the following Lutheran college fairs where PLU will be represented: Omaha, Neb. (September 9), Denver, Colo. (September 16), Chicago, IL (September 30), St. Louis, Mo. (October 7), Kansas City, Kan. (October 4), Seattle (October 21), and Portland, Ore. (October 22). Go to [lutherancolleges.org](http://lutherancolleges.org) for more information.

September 25

**Heather Koller Memorial Lecture: Robert N. Bellah**

Knutzen Hall • 7 p.m.

Oct 7-8

**Erlend Tveite Lecture Series**  
Scandinavian Cultural Center

October 14

**Xavier Hall Rededication**

October 14-16

**Board of Regents fall meeting**

Oct 31

**Career Fair**

University Center

November 29, 30 &amp; December 1

**Christmas Festival Celebration Concerts**

Eastvold • 8 p.m.

December 7

**Sankta Lucia**

Mary Baker Russell Music Center and Scandinavian Cultural Center

December 15

**Winter Commencement**  
Olson Auditorium

**NOTE:** Not all events were scheduled at press time; visit [www.plu.edu/~newsinfo/calendars.html](http://www.plu.edu/~newsinfo/calendars.html) for updates.



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# in the news

## The First Annual Brian C. Olson Memorial Golf Classic

BY DOUG PAGE

On a warm, sunny first day of June in Boise, Idaho, 128 friends, colleagues and family members of the late Brian C. Olson '83, teed off at Ban Bury Golf Club to honor his memory, and to raise money for both the Mountain States Tumor Institute (MSTI) and a trust fund established for Brian's sons, Daniel, 9, and Benjamin, 5.

Supported by many local companies, the tournament raised \$29,000 for MSTI education and screening for colorectal cancer and \$5,700 for the trust fund. The fund-raiser included a silent auction and lunch and was covered in the local media by Boise NBC affiliate KTVB.

Olson's family was grateful for the efforts.

"Brian was an awesome individual. He was truly loved," said his mother, Clarene Johnson '56. "Brian had a servant's heart, and cared about people. This is a wonderful thing his friends have done to honor that."

Bob Olson '57, Brian's father, also attended the event. Bob said he was overwhelmed by the response of the community.

"It was very touching to see how many people came out to honor Brian and raise money for this great cause," he said. "We knew how much he enjoyed the community, but the outpouring of emotion and support from his friends and co-workers was so special. We know they really loved and miss him too."



Family and friends of Brian Olson at the first annual tournament

Among those on the golf tournament organizing committee along with Brian's mother and father were his brothers David Olson '83, Knut Olson '90, as well as Mary (Boyd '81) Olson and Todd Kraft '84. Golfers included Robert Pedersen '70 and Chris Jones '76.

The second annual Brian C. Olson Memorial Golf Classic is scheduled for June 7, 2002, in Boise, Idaho.

Brian died of colon cancer on Nov. 28, 2000, at age 39. He was an avid supporter of PLU and the Alumni Board, including serving as its president, since 1991. For information about colorectal cancer, visit [www.preventcancer.org/colorectal.htm](http://www.preventcancer.org/colorectal.htm)

## Stargazing and jazz mingle at PLU

Pacific Lutheran University invited the public to hear great music at its outdoor amphitheater, then view the stars at its state-of-the-art W.M. Keck Observatory. The Jazz Under the Stars program kicked off the first of six concerts in mid-July with a performance by the Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra. Featuring high intensity jazz, tight harmonies and a

lush, dynamic sound, the group showcased the skills of some of the leading women jazz artists in the Pacific Northwest. Numbers included blistering blues, progressive and mainstream jazz, bebop standards, swing, Latin and funk grooves.



OPENING NIGHT: The Seattle Women's Jazz Orchestra kicks off Jazz Under the Stars.

After each concert, Keck Observatory was open for a public stargazing. Complimentary star charts were distributed at each performance. The observatory on lower campus has a 16-inch reflecting telescope and five 8-inch telescopes used to track and photograph asteroids for research.

The free concerts, sponsored by Starbucks Coffee, KPLU, the music department and Summer Sessions, were held in the amphitheater outside the Mary Baker Russell Music Building. David Joyner, PLU's director of jazz studies, emceed most of the concerts. Performances included tenor sax Chuck Stentz (with David Joyner, Wayne Bliss, Maria Joyner), the Ryan Taylor Trio, Bill Ramsay, FWM (Wayne Bill and Frank Seeberger) and Jay Thomas.

## Acclaimed authors highlight Fall Lecture Series

PLU has announced the speakers for this year's Fall Lecture Series.

"We have a unique group this year," said Paul Menzel, Provost. "They are all very sought-after speakers."

Tuesday, Sept. 25, Robert N. Bellah will present, "The Vocation of a Christian University in a Globalized World." The event is this year's Heather Koller Memorial Lecture, and will be held at Chris Knutzen Hall at 7:30 p.m. Bellah, eminent professor of sociology emeritus at the University of California-Berkeley, is the author of "Habits of the Heart: Individualism and Commitment in American Life" and "The Good Society." Bellah is also the recipient of the National Humanities Medal in 2000.



Robert N. Bellah will kick off the 2001 Fall Lecture Series

As a part of the 2001 National Conference on Religion and Science, John Polkinghorne will present "Cosmology: Mind and Purpose Behind the Universe" on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Polkinghorne, a professor of mathematical physics and cosmologist at the University of Cambridge, is the author of "The Quantum World" and "Reason and Reality." Also the author of "The Faith of a Physicist," Polkinghorne has had a longstanding intellectual interest in the relationship of science and theology.

The 2001 Conference on Religion & Science will be conducted in interactive

distance video with Princeton Theological Seminary. Polkinghorne's 4 p.m. talk at the Columbia Conference Center is free to all with a PLU ID or any student ID. For others the afternoon conference fee is \$10. The teleconference segment, an address by theologian Wentzel van Huyssteen, emanates from Princeton at 2 p.m.

This year's Raphael Lemkin Lecture will be given by Mahmood Mamdani 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Scandinavian Cultural Center. Mamdani is the author of a noted recent book on genocide in East/Central Africa, "When Victims Become Killers." The endowed Raphael Lemkin Lecture is given annually at PLU on some historical or contemporary dimension of genocide.

Kathleen Woodward will present, "The Faces of Shame," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the Nordquist Lecture Hall, Xavier Hall. Dr. Woodward is director of the Walter Simpson Center for the Humanities and professor of English at the University of Washington-Seattle. She is the author of numerous books, including "Aging and Its Discontents: Freud and Other Fictions" and the forthcoming "Circulating Anger and Other Feelings."

Roger Fouts will present, "Chimpanzee Gestural Language: Implications for Darwinian Realities and Cartesian Delusions," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the Scandinavian Cultural Center.

Fouts is professor of psychology and director of the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute at Central Washington University. He has been a part of Project Washoe since 1967. His book, "Next of Kin," was named one of The 100 Best Books of 1997 by both the Los Angeles Times and Publisher's Weekly.

FOR MORE ABOUT THE FALL LECTURE SERIES, GO TO ENCORE

## PLU announces promotions, faculty appointments

This summer, PLU announced promotions and new faculty appointments for the 2001-2002 academic year. According to Paul Menzel, provost, there were 17 tenure track appointments: 12 are women, and three of those women are in academic fields usually lacking female candidates.

"We're pleased with the increasing gender diversity," Menzel said "Our numbers are very good, compared to other schools. We're also happy about the different training and experiences the new faculty will bring to PLU."

The new faculty appointments are as follows in the Division of Humanities: Claudia Berguson, visiting instructor of Norwegian; Kathlyn A. Breazeale, assistant professor of religion; Janet Besserer Holmgren, visiting assistant professor of German; Maria J. Lightner, visiting instructor of Spanish; Paul Manfredi, instructor of Chinese; Deborah A. Miranda, Assistant Professor of English; Solveig C. Robinson, visiting assistant professor of English; Marit Trelstad, assistant professor of religion; Helen T. Williams-Ginsberg, visiting assistant professor of French.

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## encore!

Encore! keeps news fresh throughout the fall

FROM DREW BROWN, ENCORE! EDITOR

While the fall edition of Encore! ([www.plu.edu/encore](http://www.plu.edu/encore)) is arriving in early September, don't forget to check back periodically over the fall. We're now updating the page periodically to keep current on PLU events. One certain update is in October, when we will provide news and photos from this year's Homecoming celebration and Xavier Hall rededication. If you haven't been to the Encore! before, here's what we offer—Web-only articles, links to various PLU Web sites and information that supplements the articles in Scene. Following is some of what you will find in the Fall edition of Encore!:

### TOM PAULSON INVESTIGATES GATES' ROLE IN GLOBAL HEALTH

Imagine seeing African doctors doing everything from giving baby inoculations to treating car accident victims to removing Guinea worms. Tom Paulson '80, along with photographer Mike Urban, visited Africa for one month as a part of his investigative series for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer: "Dispensing Hope: Bill Gates' Global Health Care Gamble." Link to Encore! to experience, Paulson's adventures through text, photos, and audio clips.

### XAVIER HALL REVITALIZED

Throughout the fall, we will be updating Encore! to reflect the news and events surrounding the reopening of Xavier Hall. Currently, you can see pictures, inside and out, of renovated Xavier Hall, and read information about *The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step*. In October, highlights and photos from the Homecoming weekend rededication will be posted. Read text from Phillip Nordquist's Heritage Lecture, see what the new smart classrooms and learning spaces look like, and read what several people—including students, faculty and PLU President Loren J. Anderson—have to say about a revitalized Xavier Hall.

### PLU WEB GEMS

Where can I find contact information for faculty and students? Where can I find recent PLU coverage in the media? Is there historical information about PLU online? These are a few of many questions PLU students, parents and alumni have asked. Encore! looks at everything from the basics to some compelling sites the experienced PLU web surfer may have missed.

### DIVERSITY AT PLU

Find out what the university is doing to make PLU a more diverse, inclusive campus. On Encore! you'll find information on Diversity Center, PLU 2010's "Open Dialogue On Diversity," find photos from events around campus, and a complete list of links to all PLU clubs and organizations that support multicultural awareness and diversity.

## in the news

New faculty appointments in the Division of Natural Sciences are: Charles Anderson, professor of chemistry; Grayson L. Capp, visiting professor of Chemistry; Donald E. Lacky, visiting assistant professor of mathematics; Jessica K. Sklar, assistant professor of mathematics; Matthew J. Smith, assistant professor of biology; Jeffrey L. Stuart, associate professor of mathematics; Ying Tang, assistant professor of computer science.

New faculty appointments in the Division of Social Sciences are: Veeda Gargano-Ray, visiting assistant professor of anthropology; Kelly Goedert, assistant professor of psychology; Michelle Ceynar Rosell, assistant professor of psychology; Priscilla Anne St. Clair, assistant professor of economics.

The School of Business adds Surjit S. Chhabra as visiting assistant professor of business and Fern Zabriskie, who received the appointment as Zulauf Distinguished Visiting Professor of Business.

The School of Education appoints Matthew Barritt as assistant professor of education and Mardean Francis as visiting assistant professor of education.

The School of Nursing appointed Marilyn Newcomer Culp, Martha A. Driessnack and Bernadine K. Flynn as assistant professors of nursing. Emily B. Mize was hired as clinical assistant professor and recruitment, admission, and progression coordinator for the graduate program of nursing. The School of Nursing is also welcoming Gerd Melsaeter, dean of the Oslo College of Nursing, Norway, as their visiting international scholar.

This year, PLU welcomes three visiting international scholars from China: Lirong Pang, professor of Chinese language; Xuehong Tang as administrator and lecturer for international programs; and Chenguang Chang as an associate professor in foreign languages.

Also added to the faculty this year is Chris D. Ferguson as dean of information resources.

There were also promotions, effective in September 2001.

Promotions to associate professor were: Raydell Bradley, music; Joanne Lisosky, communications; Lisa Marcus, English; and Steve Starkovich, physics.

Promotions to professor were: Edward Inch, communications; Jon Nordby, philosophy; David Seal, English; Deborah Tannehill, physical education; and Barbara Temple-Thurston, English.

### Forest Foundation research projects underway

PLU students will study topics ranging from mothers in prison to youth suicide with grants through the S. Erving Severtson/Forest Foundation Research Fellowship Awards.

Four research projects were funded for the first year of the program. Each student will receive \$2,000 plus \$500 for travel and other expenses.

Selection was based on the thoroughness of the proposal, ability to complete the research, significance of research, certainty of publication and other factors. All research will be completed by May 2002.

The recipients, their topics and faculty mentors:

Eric Steiger, The Ideological Connections Between Radical Pacifists and Traditional Peace Church Members As Forged During Resistance to WWII Selective Service Drafts, Beth Kraig, history.

Katie E. Luther, Parenting in Prison: Incarcerated Women and Their Children, Joanna Higginson, sociology.

Danielle Cook, An Investigation of Toddlers' Word Comprehension: A Partial Knowledge Perspective, Wendelyn Shore, psychology.

Berit Olsen, Youth Suicide: The Roles of Burden to Family, Individual/Reproductive Potential and Reproductive Potential of Family Members, R. Michael Brown, psychology.

A \$500,000 grant from the Forest Foundation in support of the Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University created the Severtson awards, as well as a scholarship program for students in the School of the Arts in honor of Richard D. Moe, emeritus dean of the School of the Arts.

Severtson graduated from Pacific Lutheran College in 1955. He was a longtime psychology professor and vice president and dean for student life from 1987 until he retired in 1999.

### PLU 2010 advances to the final year of planning

BY KARIN ANDERSON '99

The campus community is energized as the PLU 2010: *The Next Level of Distinction* long-range planning process advances on schedule. Now in the final year of planning, the campus conversation shifts to Academic Distinction and Fiscal Strategies.

The PLU 2010 spring forums hosted by Identity/Constituency and Community Commissions were a tremendous success. Students, faculty, and staff had three opportunities to respond to background papers and related questions in facilitated dialogues surrounding four topics: Beyond the Lutedome; Lives of Service, Leadership and Care; Welcoming a Diversity of Persons and Ideas; and Fostering Campus Connections. Final commission reports were drafted over the summer and are available online.

The Fiscal Strategies and Academic Distinction Commissions have composed study papers and will engage the campus in dialog throughout the fall. Afternoon sessions of the Faculty Fall Conference are dedicated to the notion of distinctiveness and the commission will report their findings at a special meeting of the faculty September 28.

"The issue of academic distinction has already provoked lots of talk, lively analyses of strengths and challenges, and much effort to frame the things that make PLU's academic program unique," said Lynn Beck, who is dean of the School of Education and member of the PLU 2010 writing team. "This year I suspect we'll focus on going beyond who we are now to imagining who we want to be in the next decade."

Following the Academic Distinction events the Fiscal Strategies Commission will host conversations surrounding university resources and also begin constructing the next long-range financial plan for the university.

"The past year has provided a terrific chance for the campus to engage in thoughtful conversations about who we are and who we're becoming," said Beck. "This year promises more of the same."

To read background papers, final reports and to learn more about the PLU 2010: *The Next Level of Distinction* long-range planning process visit: [www.plu.edu/plu2010](http://www.plu.edu/plu2010).

### PLU PEOPLE



**PAUL HOSETH**, PLU athletic director and Dean of the School of Physical Education was named the Division III West Region athletic director of the year for the 2000-01 school year. Hoseth, who has been athletic director for five years, received the honor at the recent National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hoseth was one of 25 AD's honored.



Religion professor **PAUL INGRAM** presented his paper, "On Buddhist-Christian Dialogue With the Natural Sciences," at the Haddon Conference Center at the Claremont School of Theology. Ingram focused his discussion on the Buddhist-Christian conceptual dialogue in the natural sciences.

### Five alums join admissions staff

Five new counselors have been hired in the Admissions Office—all are recent PLU graduates. During their first few months on the job, they have been learning a new perspective about all the work that goes on behind the scenes. If you would like to put a face with a name and see which territories each of our new counselors will be covering, please visit the Admissions Web site [www.plu.edu/~admi/contact.html](http://www.plu.edu/~admi/contact.html). You are also invited to stop by and visit any of the new counselors.

The new counselors are: Lisa Dahlgren '01 from Soldotna, Alaska, who played basketball for PLU and was a communications major with a minor in business; Stacy Coulson '01 from Florence, Colo., a sociology major with a minor in art history who also worked in the library and the archives; JooHee Berglund '01 of Battleground, Wash., who majored in political science and English writing; Makena Ogata '01 of Hawaii, a business administration major with a concentration in finance and Brian O'Hanlon '00 of Puyallup, a political science major with music and history minors.

### PUBLISHED CORNER

PLU alum **NANCY PUGH '85** recently had her book, "At Home Afloat: Women on the Waters of the Pacific Northwest," co-published by the University of Calgary Press and the University of Idaho Press.

Considering accounts written by Northwest Coast marine tourists between 1861 and 1990, Pugh examines the ways gender influences the roles women play at sea, the spaces they occupy on boats and the language they use to describe their experiences, their natural surroundings, and their contact with native people.

The text serves to make fresh and relevant links between scholarship in diverse areas of inquiry, such as Western Canadian and American history, feminist geography, post-colonial theory, and women and environments.

Pugh will be reading from her book at the University of Washington Bookstore in Seattle Nov. 2.



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# campus features

## New Diversity Center strengthens PLU's commitment to multiculturalism and an inclusive campus

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

Including students, staff and faculty from different racial, ethnic, social and religious backgrounds is a cornerstone of PLU's mission. But some minority students have been wanting a place they can call their own.

The Diversity Center opened on the lower level of the University Center this fall. It replaces the tiny office in the Student Leadership and Involvement office that the Multicultural Resource Center used to occupy. With some departments changing locations, space opened next door to the coffee shop, allowing expansion.

The new center is designed to enhance PLU's commitment to having a welcoming, inclusive campus.

"It shows PLU's commitment to diversity and PLU's mission and dedication to multiculturalism," said Eva Frey '95, associate director for multicultural affairs. "We want to provide a sense of ownership. If you are a student in an underrepresented group, we need to create an environment that is welcoming and inclusive to you."

Students believe having a dedicated diversity center will help draw and keep students of color. It has long been a goal to have a larger, more permanent home.

"If you want to attract students to a place, you can't just show them an office," said LeAnne Jones, ASPLU's diversity director.

The center allows more room for the increasingly diverse groups on campus to meet. Organized groups now include: the Korean Club, Hawaii Club, Asian Pacific Islander Club, B.L.A.C.K.@PLU, Puentes for Latino students, Harmony for supporters of gay and lesbian students, the Feminist Student Union, the Diversity Coalition, Norwegian and other international student groups and social activists.

In addition, the university's four diversity advocates—students chosen to provide leadership support and resources to students—will have more room to work.

"It will provide a specific, dedicated space for collaboration and cooperation with other campus organizations," Frey said.

The Diversity Center intends to work closely with other groups like the Women's Center and International Programs.

The university seeks to cultivate an inclusive environment that teaches people to see differences as opportunities to expand their cultural horizons, accept diverse perspectives as a reflection of the complexity of our world and recognize the universality of diversity. That includes people of different ages, physical ability and sexual orientation.

Many new programs and events were held last year, and the opening of the Diversity Center promises more exciting and informational activities this year as well.



**COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY:** Eva Frey '95, associate director for multicultural affairs.

**FOR LINKS TO PLU'S NEW DIVERSITY CENTER AND OTHER MULTICULTURAL RESOURCES, VISIT ENCORE!**

## PLU-Namibia connection still strong —after 15 years

BY DREW BROWN, EDITOR

From a small, desert-covered country in southern Africa comes one of the more influential groups of PLU graduates. Early this summer Edwin Tjiramba '93, director of institutional development and Louisa Mupetami '92, director for the Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership (both at the Polytechnic of Namibia, Windhoek), returned to Washington. They had two main reasons to return: to tell their inspirational stories to the Lutheran churches that sponsored them, and to continue learning how to bring educational development to their university.

The Namibian Student Project at Pacific Lutheran University was born in 1986, after two

Lutheran bishops from Namibia—a country of 1.7 million people northwest of South Africa with a 50 percent Lutheran population—requested support to educate young Namibian native leaders.

Opportunities did not exist for black Namibians to receive a baccalaureate degree in their country. At the time, Namibia remained under the illegal rule of South Africa—and the oppression of the apartheid movement.

In August 1986, Ron Tellefson, who had served as university pastor for 10 years, was on a sabbatical. He asked President William Rieke how he could serve the university during this three-month period.

"President Rieke asked me if I could raise \$50,000 to bring a student from Namibia to PLU," Tellefson said. "And I believed we could do that."

With the support of PLU, Tellefson set out to raise the money. Over three months, more than \$335,000 was pledged from 55 congregations of Region 1 (Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho & Alaska) of the ELCA. This financial support ultimately enabled eight Namibians to attend Pacific Lutheran University. Tellefson was soon after invited to become a development director for PLU. The PLU/Namibia program blossomed from there.

"You never know what impact a program will have. You start with an idea and hope for the best," Tellefson said. "As we can see now, it worked out wonderfully."

It has been a decade since the first Namibian student first graduated from PLU, and the success of the students, in addition to Tjiramba and Mupetami, speaks for itself:

The first student, Kuuva Kongeli '91 is head of Namibia's forensic lab, investigating homicides and other crimes; Kauna (Ben) Shingenge '91 was recently appointed first secretary of the Namibian delegation to the United Nations in New York; Eva-Liisa (Kafidi '92) Shilamba is a mother and is now working in the area of health care instruction in Namibia; Penda Naanda '92 works for office of the foreign ministry in Windhoek; Lahja Mbango '94 is a special reporter for Namibian Broadcasting Corporation, travelling extensively with Namibia's president; Thomas Shikongo '95, the latest Namibian to finish at PLU, is an educator and school principal in Northern Namibia.

Although Tellefson is retired from PLU (he heads Enrichment Ministries with his wife, Eileen), he hopes that more Namibian students can come. He envisions a program where students would spend their first two years at Highline Community College (the Des Moines, Wash. school has a Namibian program), and their last two at PLU.

"It has been great working with these people" Tellefson said. "To see these students learn, and bring their skills back to Namibia, is truly inspirational."



**INSPIRATIONAL RETURN:** Edwin Tjiramba '93 and Louisa Mupetami '92 during their recent return to the Northwest.

## Revitalized Xavier poised to open its doors

BY DREW BROWN, EDITOR

Homecoming 2001 will be highlighted by the rededication of Xavier Hall, a celebration that concludes a \$5 million effort that began in September 2000. The renovation is the first of three capital projects to be completed as part of *The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step*. Future projects include the renovation of Eastvold Auditorium and the new Center for Learning and Technology.

The plan wasn't merely to remodel Xavier—the main objective was to give Social Science faculty and students improved facilities and the very latest in supportive technologies. The belief was a contemporary teaching-learning space would optimize collaborative learning. You would be hard-pressed to find anyone more excited about this goal than David Huelsbeck, dean of social sciences.

"We can't wait to move back in," Huelsbeck said. "It will make both teaching and learning a lot easier." Huelsbeck is most excited about the new archeology and anthropology lab.

"We now have more than just space," Huelsbeck said. We have place to work with archeological samples, a place for the collection of field notes, a place to store and display materials and a separate area to keep our tools."

Along with the new lab, Xavier now has seminar rooms for small classes, a room for larger classes and conferences, renovated bay windows, new collaborative learning spaces, two "smart" classrooms that allow for computer interaction and satellite downlinks, a map room, three faculty office wings and 38 refurbished faculty offices. Formerly the university library, Xavier Hall was built in 1937.

With the Xavier Hall project complete, PLU looks to celebrate this accomplishment and honor the generous support of donors that made the revitalization possible. The Homecoming weekend celebration will begin in Xavier Hall at 2 p.m., Friday, Oct. 12, with the annual Heritage Lecture. This year's lecture will be given by PLU professor and university historian, Philip Nordquist '56. After a lead gift and challenge by Bob Gomulkiewicz '83, friends and family of Nordquist raised money to renovate the old "reading room" of the original library building and dedicate it in honor of his many years of service. The lecture will take place in the Philip A. Nordquist Lecture Hall.

The dedication of Xavier Hall will begin in worship at University Congregation, 11 a.m. Sunday, October 14 in Lagerquist Hall of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. The service will proceed outside of Xavier Hall.



STEP INSIDE: The Philip Nordquist Lecture Hall in the renovated Xavier Hall

There will a picnic luncheon (reservations can be made through the alumni office) and tours throughout the building. The classrooms will be active for the tours, meaning representatives will be in each room demonstrating the equipment.

"Inside and out, the building is better," Huelsbeck said. "Everyone's getting out of the renovated Xavier Hall the best of the old, and the best of the new."



FOR MORE ABOUT THE XAVIER REOPENING, VISIT ENCORE!

## Building a holiday tradition: Yule Boutique turns 30

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

Thirty years ago, they were the wives of faculty members selling goodies on card tables in the University Center. Today they make up the PLU Women's Club and run a professional, successful Yule Boutique that has generated hundreds of thousands of dollars for scholarships for PLU students.

"We started out with a table in the CK," said Ann Miller '86, recently retired associate director of the Health Center and a former president of the organization.

But after Gloria Pederson '42 saw a flea market at the University of Puget Sound, she decided PLU should step up its efforts.



CONTINUING TRADITION: Longtime organizers of the annual Yule Boutique, Alice Govig, (LEFT) and Gloria Pederson '42, pose in their authentic Scandinavian outfits.

"I just wanted to do something better than UPS," Pederson said with a laugh.

They did—and kept on doing it. The 30<sup>th</sup> annual Yule Boutique will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17, in Olson Auditorium. A \$3 donation is suggested, but PLU students are admitted free.

The first official Yule Boutique was held in 1971 in Memorial Gym with booths from 22 organizations and homemade lefse and other Scandinavian treats for sale. Now, more than 100 carefully selected vendors sell their handcrafted items at Olson. People fondly recall the early Yule Boutiques, the personal feel and homemade food. Tighter health regulations and increasing attendance forced some changes over the years, like having Dining Services prepare the refreshments rather than having volunteers bring them in from huge at-home baking parties.

With change came even greater success. As the boutique raised more money, Miller proposed establishing an endowment to make sure the scholarships were always available. Since then, the endowment for student scholarships has grown to a market value of \$280,000.

"I think it's something we can build up and keep going forever," said Lynette Cabbage, who is in charge of contracting with vendors for the annual sale.

The founders of the group have changed with the times, adopting a more modern name and reaching out to other women in the PLU community.

"In the 'old days,' it was sort of expected that you join if your husband was a faculty member," said current President Alice Govig.

Every year, the members of the club would vote on whether to have another boutique the next year. Eventually they voted to continue the boutique unless anyone brought up the vote again.

That's a relief to those shoppers who make the Yule Boutique a regular pre-holiday stop. This year, there will be new vendors, along with old favorites. Bronn Journey will play the harp, and other musicians will perform. While there is still a Scandinavian slant to the boutique—noted by the authentic costumes some organizers wear—the boutique offers all kinds of specialty items, from stained glass and woodwork, to Christmas ornaments and homemade soap.

"There are several groups who meet up at the Yule Boutique," said Anita Christian '59, the longtime chairwoman of the boutique. "It's a tradition."

There's a strong contingent of supporters that make the Yule Boutique a success.

"I think we've all held every office," said Helen Nordquist '57, another longtime organizer who works for PLU Development.

"After you do it as long as we have, you just know things will fall into place," Cabbage said. "Each person does their own thing and it works."

# Real world practice: PLU professor Greg Guldin takes anthropology international

BY DREW BROWN, EDITOR

The day after May finals, Greg Guldin was doing the same as most PLU professors—grading papers. The only difference was that Guldin was grading his on a plane to Beijing, ready to put his teaching of applied anthropology into practice. He is often hired as an anthropological consultant.

Guldin's newest project has him working for the Chinese Ministry of Finance. He was hired by the ministry as its international consultant (with a team of four Chinese consultants) to investigate why the anti-poverty funds are not effectively getting to the households of China.

"This is what applied anthropology is all about," Guldin said. "Taking academic knowledge, seeing how it is useful, and applying it to help make lives better."

Guldin, who has been at PLU since 1979, has been an integral force in developing the subject of anthropology. He helped professor Laura Klein establish an anthropology department in the early '80s. Then about 10 years ago, Guldin started working as an applied anthropologist—a profession that turns academic anthropology into real-world practice. The most recent result is a class called Applied Anthropology, which specifically explores the uses of the anthropological approach in improving human conditions.

"What we do here is at the heart of PLU's mission, to educate for lives of service," he said. Guldin's own Jewish tradition of "living and working to make the world a better place" makes the program and philosophy at PLU a perfect fit.

One way Guldin is making the world better has been his consultation for the Washington State



**CONSULTING CHINA:** PLU Professor Greg Guldin (MIDDLE) in front of the famous Shaolin Temple in North Central China, along with other consultants and (FIRST ON LEFT) a representative of the Chinese Ministry of Finance.

School Directors Association. For five years, Guldin has worked with the association on multicultural education, organizing training workshops, improving test scores among ethnic groups, helping lessen the negative impact of poverty on learning, and solidifying policy on state/church separation issues in the classroom.

Guldin also has been involved with the environmentally and socially sustainable development division of the World Bank in China. When the World Bank needs to assess the impact of a proposed project on people's lives, or cultural conflicts arise within a company that requests assistance, Guldin is brought in. He also uses these same concepts at home—Guldin recently worked with rural Washington state police departments in how they handle situations, especially with migrant workers from Mexico and Southeast Asia.

"I take the material I teach in Introduction to Anthropology, and make it accessible to outsiders," Guldin said. "A lot of it involves the same things I teach my students: observe, listen, interview, and research."

More important than consulting is the teaching. One of the fundamental reasons he is at PLU is it's a university where he can help give students skills needed to apply learning to the world outside the classroom.

"Parents should be concerned with whether their children are learning to write, collaborate and think independently and analytically," Guldin said. "That is more important than the major."

Guldin also believes that since doing his applied work, his teaching has improved significantly.

"If you emphasize skills in context, the skills will last," Guldin said. His wealth of experience proves how and why applied anthropology is so essential.

Along with teaching and consulting, he is also a writer. His latest book, "What's a Peasant to Do? Village Becoming Town in Southern China" was published in December.

Guldin's experience has not only given him great opportunities, but the ability to bring the global community into the classroom.

"I appreciate a school like PLU that allows a teacher to have a full commitment to students while being able to consult and write," Guldin said. "It's great having the opportunity to bring my experiences back into the classroom."

# Award, program mark new era in Norwegian education

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

PLU professor Audun Toven received a prestigious award from the King of Norway the same day friends of the Norwegian American community were introduced to an innovative international program taking shape at PLU.

Knut Vollebek, Norway's ambassador to the U.S. and former minister of foreign affairs, presented Toven, associate professor of Norwegian, with the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit on behalf of King Harald. Toven now holds the title Knight of the First Class. The award was presented at a special event sponsored by the World Trade Center Tacoma.

The ambassador recognized Toven for introducing an entire generation of students to Norwegian culture and politics.

"He is a person who has contributed tremendously to Pacific Lutheran University and Norway," Vollebek said. "He is one of the most dedicated goodwill ambassadors for Norway on the West Coast. The Norwegian authorities are very grateful for all the work Professor Toven has done."

"I am deeply honored," said Toven, who has tirelessly worked to expand the Scandinavian Studies program at PLU and helped found the Scandinavian Cultural Center on campus. He was born in Norway and joined the PLU faculty in 1967.

PLU President Loren J. Anderson praised Toven's years of service to PLU and to Norway. "Flashes of brilliance and moments of greatness are within the reach of each of us, but a sustained commitment like his is remarkable," Anderson said.

Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Nobel Prize, the ambassador spoke of the importance of, and Norway's commitment to, achieving world peace. Anderson said PLU's respect for the Norwegian philosophy of peace and philanthropy is one of the factors driving the proposed program for the study of the Scandinavian approach to democracy and development. The ambassador spoke at an event in Seattle that resulted in donations and pledges totaling \$300,000 over the next five years to fund it.

The new PLU program will be committed to study of the Scandinavian approach to global peace, democracy and development. Through the program, scheduled to begin in the 2001-2002 school year, PLU will partner with Hedmark College in Norway and the University of Namibia (Africa). The program will give students and faculty from all three institutions opportunities through study-abroad programs and other channels to work with and study international development in all three nations.

"Our dream is that sometime in the next century, we might offer you a candidate for the Nobel Prize as a result of this initiative," Anderson said.

The events were made possible with the help of two PLU alums who are also Norwegian. Kim Nesselquist, '83 is vice consul in Seattle, and Andreas Udbye '83 is the new director of the World Trade Center Tacoma.



**FROM THE KING:** Professor Audun Toven, (LEFT), stands with Knut Vollebek, Norway's ambassador to the U.S., and PLU President Loren J. Anderson at the ceremony honoring Toven.

# Confronting the

By Katherine Hedland '88

## She might be a student at PLU,

HAD SHE BEEN BORN IN TACOMA.

"A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW WHEN PEOPLE LOOK BACK THEY'LL SAY THE TURN OF THE CENTURY WAS REALLY THE BEGINNING OF EQUITY IN GLOBAL HEALTH."

—DR. WILLIAM FOEGE

BUT THIS 19-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IS THE THIRD WIFE OF A NIGERIAN FARMER. EVERY DAY SHE WALKS THREE-AND-A-HALF MILES WITH HER YEAR-OLD SON ON HER BACK TO GET WATER FOR THE FAMILY. SHE LOST SO MUCH BLOOD GIVING BIRTH THAT SHE BECAME ANEMIC, AND THE HOOKWORM THAT HAS SNAGGED HER INSIDES DRAINS HER EVEN MORE. NOW PREGNANT AGAIN, SHE NEEDS FOUR TIMES THE DAILY REQUIREMENT OF IRON, AND HER BODY IS STEALING ONLY A FRACTION OF THAT.

SHE SUFFERS FATIGUE PEOPLE THREE TIMES HER AGE CANNOT FATHOM. BUT EVERY DAY, SHE RISES, WALKS AND TENDS TO HER FAMILY. SHE MAY NOT GROW OLD BECAUSE SHE CAN'T GET THE SIMPLE SUPPLEMENTS THAT WOULD GIVE HER FRAIL BODY THE STRENGTH IT NEEDS TO SURVIVE.

AND WHAT DR. WILLIAM FOEGE '57 WANTS TO KNOW IS: HOW IS THE HEALTH CONFERENCE HE'S ATTENDING ABOUT IRON DEFICIENCY GOING TO HELP THIS WOMAN AND HER CHILDREN?

"I've been to too many meetings," Foege says, without resentment, but rather with purpose. "We sometimes are satisfied with meetings. We need action."

Foege, a member of the PLU Board of Regents, has known this feeling many times before, starting four decades ago with questions over his proposals to eradicate smallpox by containing the outbreaks.

"I found myself frequently set up for debate about whether this was possible. I remember thinking in the '60s that this is a terrible waste of time—to be debating whether this can be done when we could be out doing it."

Foege and his colleagues employed his containment techniques in India, leading to the declarations that smallpox was gone—the first contagious disease eliminated by deliberate public health action.

Foege, 67, has been forcing action and forming partnerships on crucial public health issues for years. After the successful smallpox containment, he went on to lead the Centers for Disease Control. While there, he forced drug companies to warn that aspirin may cause the sometimes deadly Reye Syndrome, reacted quickly to alert women to the dangers of toxic shock syndrome and saw the first cases of a frightening new contagious disease in the early '80s: AIDS.

He has also been executive director of the Carter Center—a nonprofit public policy center founded by Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter, established to fight disease, hunger and poverty. He also works as a faculty member at the School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta.

Now, when he planned to be approaching retirement, Foege is entrenched in what he predicts will be the most important advance ever in global public health. As a senior adviser to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, he is on the front lines of the most intense battle for global health ever undertaken. With the foundation's commitment, Foege says resources—and money—are available like never before.

"There has not been anything like this in my lifetime," Foege said with a broad smile. "A hundred years from now when people look back they'll say the turn of the century was really the beginning of equity in global health, and the two people responsible for that are Bill and Melinda Gates."

Though some initially questioned the motivation behind Gates and his oft-maligned Microsoft, Foege says the commitment is unprecedented.

"They've energized this field and pricked the conscience of government. I had no idea their personal commitment would go beyond the resources. They don't just write checks. They're personally involved. This is what they talk about at home now."

One of the other things Bill and Melinda Gates have done is encourage others to give—and to research.

"It has given hope to the whole field. I see people working at a level I've never seen before."

### From PLU to the CDC, public health became Foege's mission

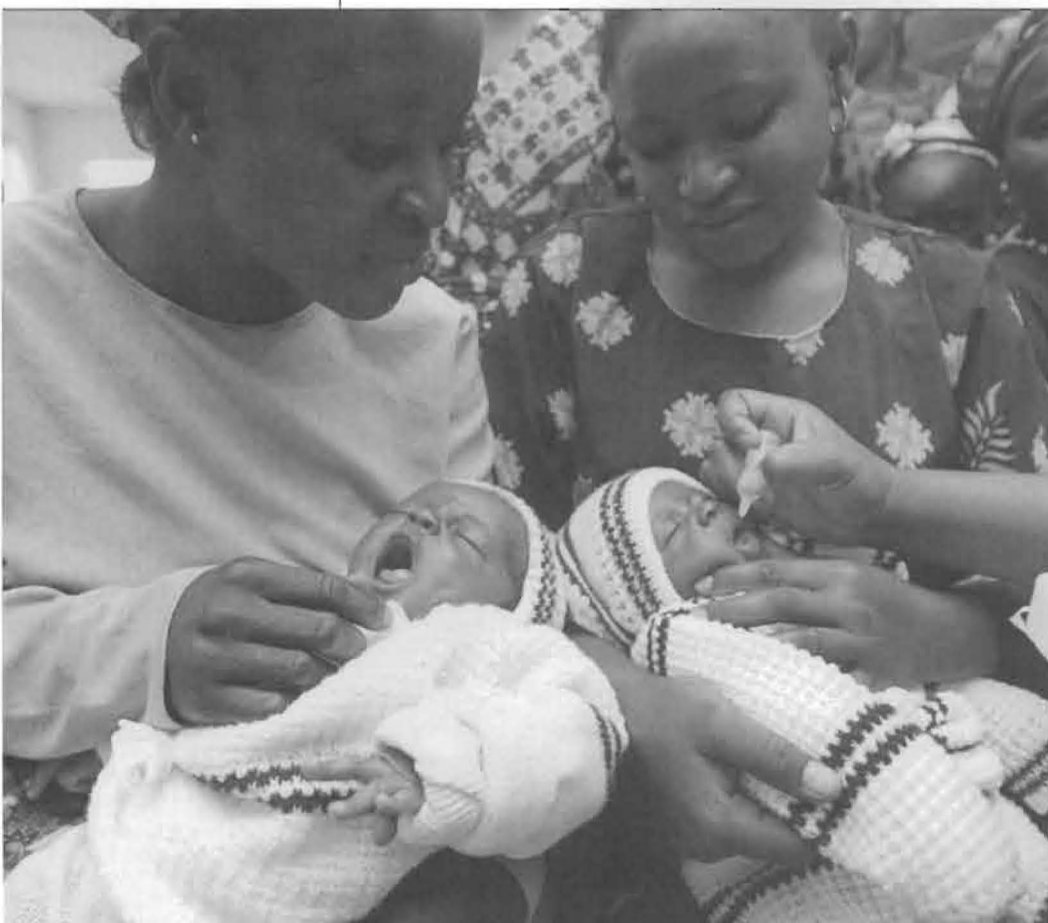
As an undergrad at PLU, Foege didn't plan his future. But he knew early on he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his hero, Albert Schweitzer, the German philosopher, doctor and humanitarian who did groundbreaking health work in Africa.

Foege, who stands 6-feet-7-inches without being the least bit intimidating, is recognized worldwide as an expert, but he genuinely doesn't seem to like to talk about himself, his motivation or his successes. He does so only to spotlight the important health issues facing the world, to get others to take notice. And his conversation is peppered with the names—and he provides the correct spellings—of those who have helped and inspired him along the way. None of this happens because of one person, he emphasizes, and he credits PLU for much of his success.

"It's such a nice place to get an education. People who go there do not appreciate how good it really is," Foege said. "I went to UW, to Harvard, and it took me a while to realize some of the best teachers I had were at PLU."

While in medical school at the University of Washington, he worked with Rei Ravenholt, a former epidemiologist for the Seattle/King County Health Department, who nudged him toward public health.

MIKE URBAN, SEATTLE PI

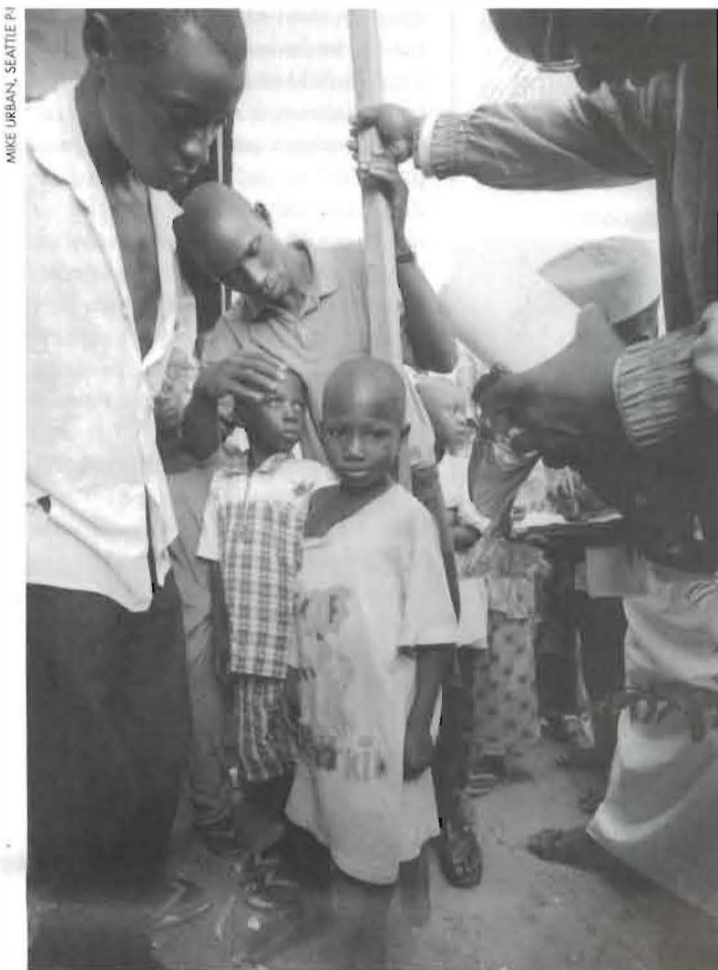


EARLY PROTECTION: Seven-week-old twin boys receive the oral polio vaccine at a clinic in Nigeria.



# disparity

William Foege '57 helps lead The Gates Foundation's fight for equity in global public health.



MIKE URBAN, SEATTLE PI

**MEASURING UP:** A village health care worker with the Carter Center's Global 2000 program uses a makeshift yardstick to measure height, which determines medicine dosage.

Then he read an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* about questions of priority in public health goals written by Tom Weller of the Harvard School of Public Health. Foege was so taken with the article that he applied to the school, and spent a year studying with Weller. Last year, Foege gave his mentor an award.

Foege first went to India as a Peace Corps physician in 1963, to Tonga the next year, and in 1965 became a medical missionary in Africa. He has returned to Africa more than 100 times.

At Harvard, Foege had written a paper on the possible eradication of small pox in which he determined it was possible—not knowing he'd have a chance to prove his hypothesis. In India, Foege and his team used the successful surveillance and containment plan that had halted an outbreak in Nigeria a few years earlier. Eventually the program became so massive, they went to 100 million homes in six days looking for small-pox cases. It worked, and Foege earned the trust of the global health community.

"Even when smallpox disappeared, I never had the urge to celebrate because it seemed that was a sign of surprise that this could be done," he said.

## Advances curb some diseases, but millions remain at risk or die worldwide

When Foege first started in the field 40 years ago, the polio vaccine was relatively new, and millions of children were dying from the measles. Today polio has been nearly wiped out, and measles deaths have dropped from three million to one million, thanks to vaccines.

And now, the hepatitis B vaccine, given to children, is helping prevent liver cancer in them as adults in poor countries where it has been a killer. Foege predicts a vaccine for the human papilloma virus will soon be given to girls in develop-

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## PLU alum says writing about the suffering in Africa changed him

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND '88

**W**hen Tom Paulson '80 first heard about plans by Bill Gates to form a charitable foundation, he didn't know it would turn into the most satisfying story in his journalism career.

"I had been reading, like everyone else, about Bill Gates giving this money away, and I hadn't paid much attention, because the numbers are so big they don't register," said Paulson, a science and medical reporter for the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

But he kept hearing more, and when in late 1999 Gates gave \$750 million to create a global vaccination fund, he started asking questions. Experts told him such a commitment was unprecedented.

"This was historic," Paulson said. "Nobody was paying any attention to it."

So he decided he wanted to tell the story through the people who were really suffering and those who were benefiting from Gates' initiatives.

He and P-I photographer Mike Urban spent a month in West Africa last year, and several months later published a compelling, often heart-wrenching series on the state of health there.

"It was an eye-opener for me," Paulson said. "I think it changed me. I came back realizing we have nothing to complain about. The people are amazing, they live on nothing and they still know how to have fun. It's a real testament to the human spirit. It makes me feel bad about the things I do complain about."

Paulson saw the beauty of Gambia and the horror of disease there. He went from staying in a luxury hotel in Nigeria—the same one President Clinton stayed at—to sleeping in a tent that had

more bugs and lizards on the inside than the outside.

The pair went to Nigeria to examine the long-term problems of a corrupt government and the health problems caused by contaminated water, mostly the awful Guinea worm, which can be several feet long. One man had 80 worms, which have to be extracted by pulling them through the skin.

In The Gambia, he went to a research laboratory that is working on a malaria vaccine, and on the Ivory Coast, he examined a vaccination program. A few weeks after he left, political unrest erupted there, possibly setting back health missions.

"For me, it's the most important thing I've ever written about," said Paulson, who earned his degree in chemistry at PLU, thinking he'd go to medical school. Instead he worked as a carpenter for a few years before earning a master's degree in science writing from Johns Hopkins University. He landed at the P-I in 1987. "What's mind boggling to me is how little attention it's gotten."

Paulson credits his science and writing professors at PLU with giving him the foundation for his career. "They made science fun enough that I actually

wanted to write about it, and their enthusiasm for writing and exploring ideas got me excited."

"I have decided that's kind of unusual," he said. "I don't take my PLU education for granted."

Paulson hopes his work will bring more attention and coverage to global health. Dr. William Foege '57, the foundation's senior medical adviser, says he has evidence Paulson's work was noticed.

At a meeting Foege attended in New York, he saw people reviewing copies of Paulson's story and asked where they came from. Jimmy Carter had sent them over.

Paulson is gratified by that, but said he's by no means done with the story. His years of experience show him the work of the Gates Foundation might be the biggest thing ever in global health. He hopes to travel to other developing countries to evaluate the effects of the initiative.

"I'm going to keep writing about this," Paulson said. "I'm going to see this through."

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**A BRIDGE TOO FAR:** Tom Paulson (RIGHT) in Nigeria's central savanna region. While crossing a bridge with driver Inusa Obed (LEFT), the wood planking broke.

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ing countries to ward off cervical cancer, a common cause of death for women without access to regular gynecological care and pap smears.

Field studies are being done on a malaria vaccine in The Gambia, and a tuberculosis vaccine is in the works. Three AIDS vaccines also are being tested in Thailand, the U.S. and Africa.

The new drug Mectizan is preventing river blindness with simple annual doses, and poor families are learning to treat their water to prevent the horrific Guinea worm.

Still, millions suffer and die needlessly each year, often of preventable diseases, and it's the Gates Foundation's mission to change that.

"Some 30 million children living in poor countries do not get any vaccines to protect them from infectious disease. This is not acceptable, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is committed to righting this wrong," said Dr. Gordon Perkin, director of the Global Health Program at the foundation.

The foundation formed in 1994 with a \$22 billion commitment from Bill and Melinda Gates, targeting half the proceeds to education, the other half to global health.

In May, Melinda Gates presented a \$1 million award to a group in Bangladesh that popularized a treatment for diarrhea that is saving millions of children from dying of the common ailment. Their process of oral rehydration gives patients the right levels of salt and sugar—and keeps them alive. So impressed was the Bangladeshi government, it matched the award. The following month, the foundation gave \$100 million to the Global Fund for AIDS and Health to find innovative ways to prevent the disease.

"The foundation would like to see a world free of infectious disease and particularly a world where health is a universal right available to all regardless of where one lives," Perkin said.

### Poverty is the greatest risk for disease

The Gates Foundation isn't the only organization to take notice. In 1985, Rotary International made polio eradication one of its primary goals. Since then, \$500 million has been raised by Rotary alone to fight the crippling disease.

An anonymous donor gave \$100 million to study malaria at Johns Hopkins University. Ted Turner donated \$1 billion to the United Nations.

Politicians are talking about global health, from former President Jimmy Carter, who can provide access to heads of state, to African Gen. Yakubu Gowon, who is fighting for better water and helping curb political corruption in Nigeria.

Economists encourage helping developing nations as a way to ensure global economic health, and journalists are making the plight of the poor and infirm known worldwide.

"The tools and the resources are changing the interest," Foege said.

It's hard to say what the biggest health threat is, and it depends on what factors are used to make the determination. Some will look at the number of people affected, others the number of deaths. One of the things Foege and the foundation consider is how preventable the diseases are.

priority. In 20 years, 58 million people have been infected, and 22 million have died, with 95 percent of new infections in developing countries.

In many African villages, up to a third of the residents are infected. In urban areas of Botswana, 44 percent of pregnant women have the disease, which is often passed on to their newborns.

"If the virus is passed on, that child is going to die," Foege said. "If it's not, that child is going to be an orphan."



**A HEALING HAND:** Gen. Yukubu Gowon, a former Nigerian head of state, visits villagers. He now works to improve water quality to reduce disease.

Foege doesn't like to pin down one illness, but says the priorities are tuberculosis, AIDS, malaria, and vaccine-preventable diseases. Three million children die each year from illnesses a simple shot could prevent.

"It just makes no sense that the world would allow that," he said.

The real difference between sickness and health is often money. Poor people don't get the same health care, and poor countries don't have access to simple items that could keep them well.

"The poverty gap is the real question," Foege said. "The impact of poverty on one's life is truly a different journey for millions and millions of people."

Foege says he has rarely been sick, even among so much disease. He knew how to protect himself, and he knew he and his family, even when his son was as young as 3, would thrive.

"But if you held me to the income of a villager, I couldn't," he said. "I couldn't afford fuel to boil my water, screens for the windows or netting around the bed."

### AIDS in developing countries a high priority

AIDS has caused such mass destruction, and its fatal and contagious nature makes it a high

priority. Still, as crippling as the AIDS crisis has been, the stigma of this killer prevents families from saying its name aloud. Even at funerals, when everyone knows the cause of death, the mother says it was TB or pneumonia. They can't afford to be ostracized.

Foege remembers visiting with a doctor who every day came to the AIDS unit knowing every patient he tended would soon die. Foege asked him, how do you maintain your mental health in face of such suffering?

"He looked at me for so long that I regretted asking the question. Suddenly, with tears, in front of his coworkers, he said, 'I am one of four sons. My three brothers died of AIDS. I have never been able to tell anyone.' That's how powerful the stigma is."

While scientists search for cure and treatment, Foege says simply making condoms available would significantly slow transmission.

"There are only a few condoms a year per man in Africa, which is a disgrace," he said. Still, he believes a vaccine against AIDS is feasible.

"I keep saying I believe we've reached the tipping point on AIDS," Foege said. "I think one can think in terms of solving the problem."

### Educating the doctors and missionaries of tomorrow

Foege considers himself fortunate that he got into public health when not as many people were interested in it. He's now encouraging the physicians and medical missionaries of tomorrow.

"Global public health is so much different than when I started. I just have to be envious of students going into the field today. There's quite a crop of altruistic students who when they see what's possible want to be a part of it," he said. "My mentors didn't give me much hope that things would change much in my lifetime. They thought it was important to make changes for future generations."

He's already seen much progress, and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century will be a turning point in worldwide health.

"I've been going to India now for 40 years, and you can see the change," he said. "One of the nicest things is you walk down the streets of New Delhi and see nobody on the street under the age of 25 with the scars from smallpox on their faces."

While he takes joy in that, he is still a witness to incredible pain, which has made him more appreciative of the good things in life.

"The real world involves knowing how bad and how good things can be," Foege said. "If you don't enjoy the blessings you have, it takes the joy away from helping others find theirs. But you have to enjoy them with your eyes wide open, against the blackness, confronting the disparity."

Foege isn't sure how long he'll keep working. The pace and constant travel are difficult. But he's never felt quite ready to retire. He splits his time between Atlanta and his home on Vashon Island, Wash., with his wife, Paula, traveling with him when she can. They have three sons, David, Michael and Robert, and one grandson, Max.

"I have tried to retire several times, but I keep getting pulled back into things."

He hopes to have more time to write about his adventures "before I forget them." And he wants to continue to help and to draw more people into the field.

"The world of global health isn't that large. I would like it to get so big that we don't know each other."

The Gates Foundation will go a long way in helping toward that end, he says.

"I'm just happy that I lived long enough to see this."



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# leadership and service

## Alumni board president committed to educating for lives of service

BY GREG BREWIS

**A** dedication to serving others is at the heart of a PLU education. It seems such a natural part of life when you accept and have been immersed in the tradition.

"I do think a lot of it has to do with how you were raised," said Becky Burad '74, president of the PLU alumni board. "I know my parents set a great example with their involvement in church and community activities with neighbors and friends."

Burad also feels her PLU experience set her on the road to becoming an active volunteer.

"I felt empowered by the university's commitment to educating for lives of service," said Burad, who is also on the Board of Regents. "PLU trains students not just for a career but for a career that includes a sense of responsibility to others."

Burad is a San Francisco CPA and partner in the consulting company Bridgeway LLC., providing part-time and interim chief financial officer expertise for clients.

She is also an extraordinarily active volunteer. Burad serves on the board of her church, where she is also treasurer, teaches leadership, and is a reader. She volunteers in nursing homes, providing one-on-one visits with residents, and plays the piano at monthly church services in the homes. She volunteers at a soup kitchen in San Francisco once a month, and as a board member par-

ticipates in fund raising activities for the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. During the Christmas season, she and friends put on a holiday party for children in a low-income neighborhood.

"I've thought a lot about why everyone doesn't have a sense of responsibility to others," Burad said. "All I know is that I will continue to set an example for them by staying involved and being very vocal about what I do and why." Whenever she can, Burad invites others to share these experiences to show them what a significant and rewarding part of life volunteering can be.

When it gets right down to it, Burad volunteers more for selfish reasons than for noble ones.

"I find volunteering personally rewarding," she said. "I get great satisfaction from the appreciation that others express for the work I do for them." Burad's "day job" is very technical and often the skills involved are not fully appreciated by clients. When she takes those same skills to a nonprofit, they are appreciated ten-fold.

"When I volunteer I know that I am really making a difference for other people" Burad said. "I also learn how privileged I am to have a home, food, a car—all of the things that we who are more fortunate so often take for granted. It's a new and powerful perspective from which to rediscover the fact that we are not here on this earth alone, and we have an obligation to help others."



Becky Burad '74

Burad said that her message to alums is to remember what a wonderful place PLU is to get an education, and their time and talents can be used to help keep that commitment alive. "PLU needs your time, your resources and your financial support if it's going to continue to provide the education that has helped make you successful."

Burad knows that PLU has had a positive influence on her life, both educationally and spiritually. "It has helped develop my desire for a well-rounded life, a successful career and deep desire to serve others," she said. "You know, I bet that's much more than any other university provides."

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## Top soccer stars part of 2001 PLU Hall of Fame inductee class

BY NICK DAWSON

**W**endy Johnson '92 and Shari Rider '92, who helped lead Pacific Lutheran to three NAIA women's soccer national championships in a four-year period, highlight a list of six individuals who will be inducted into the Pacific Lutheran University Athletic Hall of Fame on Friday, October 12. Joining the soccer standouts are long-time administrator Jim Kittilsby '60, wrestler Chris Wolfe '87, football player Rick Johnson '70 and swimmer Marcus LeMaster '91.

The Hall of Fame induction luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. in PLU's Chris Knutzen Hall, University Center. The public is welcome to attend the event, though ticket prices have yet to be set. For information, contact the Pacific Lutheran athletic department at 253-535-7350.



**WENDY JOHNSON '92  
ATHLETE, 1988-91**

Using her outstanding skills and speed, Wendy Johnson tormented opposing defenses during a stellar four-year career at PLU. She ranks first in career assists with 50, third in goals with 63 and third in points with 176. During the four years Johnson played forward for the Lutes, they won NAIA national championships in 1988, 1989 and 1991 and finished as national runner-up in 1990. The Lutes won their first national women's soccer crown in 1988, with Johnson tallying 14 goals and 13 assists to finish as the team's second leading scorer. Johnson compiled 16 goals and 12 assists to help the Lutes to their second consecutive national title in 1989. She was the national tournament MVP, the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America (ISAA) Offensive Player of the Year and a first team All-American as a sophomore. In 1990, Johnson had her best statistical year with 52 points on 18 goals and 16 assists, the latter number tying her for first on the PLU single-season list. That season, she was again named to the national all-tournament team and to the first team All-American list. During her senior season, Johnson scored 15 goals and nine assists as the Lutes regained the national title. For her work, Johnson earned national all-tournament and All-America recognition. Besides the many national honors, Johnson received numerous all-conference and all-region honors during her PLU soccer career.

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**SHARI RIDER '92  
ATHLETE, 1988-91**

Shari Rider played a crucial role in establishing PLU as the best NAIA women's soccer program in the late '80s and early '90s. Rider combined great athleticism with an innate understanding of the game to help guide the Lutes to four consecutive NAIA championship matches, with PLU taking crowns in 1988, 1989 and 1991. Rider was named to the all-tournament team each of those four years, and was the national tournament's Most Valuable Player in both 1990 and 1991. A

skillful midfielder, Rider wrote her name throughout the PLU career records list. She ranks fifth in points with 114, fifth in goals with 45, and eighth in assists with 24. Rider earned all-conference and all-district honors four straight years and had her best statistical seasons as a junior and senior, receiving first team All-America recognition both seasons. In 1990, she earned Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America (ISAA) Offensive Player of the Year honors after scoring a career-high 42 points on 17 goals and eight assists. In 1991, Rider compiled 36 points on 16 goals and four assists. Rider also ranked among the top five in the team's "defensive leader" category all of her four years at PLU. During that span, Rider helped the Lutes compile an astounding 81-9-7 overall record.

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**MARCUS LEMASTER '91  
ATHLETE, 1988-91**

Marcus LeMaster is arguably the greatest male freestyle swimmer in PLU history. Ten years after competing for the Lutes, LeMaster still holds school records in the 50-, 100-, 200 and 500 freestyle races. LeMaster set the 50-yard freestyle record of 21.46 in 1990, and holds three of

the 10 fastest times in PLU history in the event. LeMaster has PLU's 10 fastest times in the 100-yard freestyle, including the school record of 46.50 set in 1990. He has the top four times in the 200-yard freestyle and holds the record of 1:42.14, also set in 1990. LeMaster set the 500-yard freestyle school record of 4:39.62 in 1991. LeMaster won the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyle titles at the 1990 conference meet and was a two-time conference champion in each event. LeMaster finished second in the 200-yard freestyle and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle at the 1990 national meet. He was a five-time All-American in his PLU swimming career.



**RICK JOHNSON '70  
ATHLETE, 1967-69**

Rick Johnson combined size (he was 6'4" and 265 pounds), strength and speed to become a dominant offensive and defensive lineman for the Pacific Lutheran Knights during the late '60s. Johnson received numerous accolades for his

efforts during the 1968 and 1969 seasons. A three-year starter and letter winner, Johnson earned all-conference first team honors and United Press International (UPI) All-Coast second team recognition in both 1968 and 1969. In addition, Johnson was an Associated Press (AP) honorable mention All-American twice as a collegian. Johnson received numerous other awards, including Northwest Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year in 1969. The team established (what were then) school records for rushing yards in a game and total offense in a season—due in large part to Johnson's line play. The Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League eventually drafted Johnson, who came to PLU football as a walk on.



**CHRIS WOLFE '87  
ATHLETE, 1983-86,  
COACH, 1988-95**

Chris Wolfe earned All-America honors in wrestling twice in three national meet appearances during his athletic career. Wolfe, who wrestled at 142 pounds, placed third in the

1985 national meet and fourth at nationals the following season. His 44-7 record in 1986 ranks him second on Pacific Lutheran's all-time single-season victory list, and third on the single-season winning percentage list (.863). That same year, Wolfe recorded nine pins, tying him for seventh for most in a season by a PLU wrestler. He was named Pacific Lutheran University's "Outstanding Wrestler" following the 1986 season. Despite competing for only three years, Wolfe ranks fifth in career victories with 103, and his average of 34.3 wins per season puts him first on that list. Following his career on the mat, Wolfe made the transition to PLU assistant coach and eventually to head coach. He directed the PLU program from 1988 until 1995, and coached the only individual national champion in the school's history.



**JIM KITTILSBY '60  
ADMINISTRATOR, 1970-86**

Jim Kittilsby had an undeniably huge impact on Pacific Lutheran University athletics. He left behind 11 years of professional baseball administration to return to his alma mater in 1970 as sports information director, assistant athletic

director and head baseball coach. The face of PLU athletics changed in those 16 years, including Kittilsby's significant role in changing the school's nickname from Knights to Lutes, and his management of the athletic program's primary fund-raising arm, Lute Club. Among the most popular and eagerly anticipated of Kittilsby's projects were the annual "Old Time Prices Night" promotion at basketball games, and the All-Sports Banquet featuring the humorous PLUTO (PLU Traumatic Occurrences) Awards. Kittilsby worked hard to return PLU football and men's basketball to the radio, and he also handled radio play-by-play duties for Lute baseball from 1983-85. He served as game director for NAIA national football championship games in 1980 and 1983 and managed girls high school state basketball tournaments from 1975-85. As sports information director, Kittilsby won three "best in nation" awards for his recruiting books and media guides. He was named PLU Distinguished Alumnus in Sports in 1980 and was named by the Tacoma News Tribune as Puget Sound Athletic Administrator of the Year in 1978.

**FIND THE FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES, AS WELL AS MORE ABOUT THE PLU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME ON ENCORE!**

## Scandinavian travel log

# Memories of this summer's unforgettable trip

**MAY 29:** A group of 21 PLU alumni, parents, and friends rendezvous at Sea-Tac airport. We come from Minnesota, California, Colorado, Oregon and Washington.

**MAY 30:** We've arrived in Oslo, Norway tired but excited for our Scandinavian adventure.

**MAY 31:** Our group went on a guided tour of city sights such as Frogner Park, and Homenkollen Ski Jump. At the Royal Palace, we tried to catch a glimpse of Queen Elizabeth who was visiting King Harald and Queen Sonja. Choir of the West sang that night at the Margaretkyrke. Enjoyed visiting with Norwegian PLU alumni and parents at a reception following the concert.



The Lutes gather near the Gustav Vigeland's "Cycle of Life" fountain at Frogner Park in Oslo, Norway.



Larry Edlund, Bill and Donna Schlitt and Kathy Edlund '64 at the Homenkollen Ski Jump.

**JUNE 1:** We spent a day of shopping on Karl Johans Gate, visiting the Akershus Fortress, the Harbor and the Viking and Kon Tiki Museums.

**JUNE 2** The group spent a fabulous day on the train from Oslo to Trondheim. Enjoyed the spectacular scenery and the opportunity to visit with the wonderful PLU student members of the Choir of the West. PLU's President Loren, wife MaryAnn and daughter Maren Anderson joined us for the trip and for a celebration dinner, once we arrived in Trondheim.

**JUNE 3:** We went on a guided sightseeing tour all around beautiful Trondheim. The highlight of the day was hearing our choir sing in the Nidaros Cathedral. A beautiful evening of extraordinary sights and sounds.

**JUNE 4:** Travel to Bergen. After a bit of free time for shopping or a ride up Mount Floyen on the funicular, we enjoyed dinner together at our hotel. Jon Wefald, '59, president of Kansas State University, who just happened to be staying in the same hotel and saw one of our signs in the lobby, dropped in for coffee. It really is a small world!



Choir of the West member Britta Hobbs '01, enjoys time with her mom Marcia during the train ride from Oslo to Trondheim.

**MaryAnn, Moren and President Loren Anderson on a guided tour of Trondheim, Norway.**



**JUNE 5:** Another great city tour that included time in Bergen's Hanseatic Quarters, the Fish Market and the beautiful home of composer Edward Grieg. That evening we attended the "Fana Folklore" show where we were treated to traditional food, music, dancing and colorful costumes.

**JUNE 6:** The entire PLU entourage boarded the White Lady for a boat tour through the beautiful Bergen Fjord. That evening we all attended the Choir of the West concert at the Mariakirken. You might be surprised that we are still attending each concert. Actually, that surprised us too, but in fact, we were disappointed that we had to miss the last concert in Sweden in order to catch our ferry to Finland. Each concert was in a place more beautiful than the last and though the concert program was the same, each concert was like a new experience.

**JUNE 7:** Traveled to Stockholm. Free time for shopping and exploration before meeting the choir for dinner in Old Town.

**JUNE 8** Guided sightseeing tour that included the Royal Place, Old Town, the Vasa Ship Museum, and City Hall, where the Nobel Prize festivities take place. In the afternoon we traveled to Uppsala, Sweden where we shopped, toured and attend the concert in the magnificent Uppsala Cathedral.



Two of PLU's most recent graduates, Sara Wolbrecht '01 and Maija Durr '01 take time from visiting with alumni and friends following one of their concerts. Fellow choir member, Gavin Jensen '01 is seen in the background.

After enjoying an evening of traditional Norwegian celebration, we stop for a group photo.



Larry and Kathy Edlund '64 are selected from the crowd to join the dancing at the "Fana Folklore" show.

**JUNE 9-12:** Our final days were spent in Helsinki, Finland. We boarded an overnight Viking Line Ferry and sailed through the amazing archipelagos to Helsinki. While in Helsinki, we visited the Temppeliaukio (Rock) Church, the Sibelius Memorial, Senate

**Carol '57 and Chuck '58 Geldaker can't decide if they like the view or the ice cream in Stockholm better.**



Square and the Lutheran Cathedral, the bustling Market Square, Hvittrask. And, of course, no trip would be complete without going to Stockman's—Finland's largest department store. One night we even enjoyed a lovely reception with Finnish PLU Alums.

**JUNE 13:** After a very long day and night of travel, we arrived home safe and sound. Although everyone went back to various careers, families, and other obligations, we were grateful to have had this opportunity to travel a part of the world together and to share our mutual affection for Pacific Lutheran University.

**Zeynep Aydin '98 and Hans Albertsson '65 learn that they are both PLU graduates while attending the Choir of the West concert in Uppsala, Sweden.**



The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations hopes to organize more travel opportunities in the future. If you are interested in group travel and haven't already sent your feedback to us, we encourage you to complete the return reply card found in the last issue of Scene or check out our Web site at [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org), and tell us what you think.



Donna Schlitt finally convinces both Marcia Hobbs and Tom Barber to rub the small boy statue in hopes of improving their chance to return. Emma Foss '45, Chuck '58 and Carol '57 Geldaker, Jan Reiersen '56, Ida Barber '62 and Jim Lone '72 cheer them on.


**WASHINGTON, D.C.**

On June 16, Lutes gathered in Washington, D.C., for an East Coast PLU Connections Event.

The event began with an after-hours tour at the National Building Museum. Built in 1887 to house the Pension Bureau, this marvel of engineering and architectural design went on to house several government agencies before becoming a museum in 1985. The tour ended in the pension commissioner's suite where PLU alumni, parents and friends were addressed by PLU President Loren Anderson and U.S. Congressman Rick Larsen. Larsen, a freshman congressman representing the 2<sup>nd</sup> District of the State of Washington, and his wife Tiia Karlen, are both 1987 PLU graduates. The evening ended with a reception at Nick and Stepha's restaurant.



**Suzanne Simmelink '72 of Gaithersburg, Md. and Norman Forness '58 of Gettysburg, Pa., visit with PLU Professors Peter Grosvenor and Solveig C. Robinson during recent East Coast PLU Connection event.**



**Curt '98, Sara (Zak '96), and Carlie Strom travel from Woodbridge, VA. to the PLU Connections event in Washington DC**

## Choir of the West Reunion

Homecoming 2001 will include a celebration of the 75th year legacy of the Choir of the West. All former members of this great ensemble are encouraged to come home Oct. 12-14. If you have not received information regarding this reunion, please contact us so that we can add you to our mailing list. The Choir of the West schedule of events is included in the Homecoming schedule shown on this page. To register, complete the Homecoming Registration Form that comes by mail (1980-2001 grads must register online or call the Alumni office for a registration brochure) or by logging on to the Alumni Web site and registering online. If you have questions, please give us a call. We are expecting a large crowd and a fabulous weekend, so don't be left out—sign up today!



**75-YEAR LEGACY: Choir of the West celebration will include looking back at the first choir, directed by Joseph Edwards in 1927.**

## Proud Parent News

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is proud to announce that two great events are being planned for PLU Parents and Family members this year. More information will be sent to you, but if you don't hear from us, please contact us! We hope to see you at one or both of these great events!

### Proud PLU Parent Day

Saturday, Nov. 10

11 a.m.—Tailgate Party

1:30 p.m.—PLU-UPS Football Game

### Family Weekend

Friday, March 1—Sunday, March 3

## ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE



PLU HOMECOMING  
OCT 12-14, 2001

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

#### RHA Songfest

8 p.m. — Olson Auditorium

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

#### R.O.T.C. Alumni Breakfast

6:30-8 a.m.; University Center

#### Athletic Hall of Fame

11 a.m. — University Center

#### Homecoming Apple Festival

1:30 — 5 p.m.; University Center

- Heritage Lecture and Reception; 2 — 3:45 p.m.

- Java, Jobs and Jazz ; 3:30-5:00 p.m.

#### Choir of the West Reunion Rehearsals

4 — 6 p.m. — Mary Baker Russell Music Center

#### Faculty House Reception

5:00 — 6:30 p.m. — Faculty House

#### All Alumni Homecoming Gala

6:30 p.m. — Olson Auditorium

#### Choir of the West Reunion Late Night Social

9:30-11:00 p.m. — From The Bayou

#### Homecoming Dance

9 p.m. — Tacoma Landmark Ballroom

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

#### Choir of the West Reunion Rehearsal

8 a.m. — 12 noon; Mary Baker Russell Music Center

#### Reunion Brunches

9:30 — 11:30 a.m.

- 1956, 1961, 1971 and

#### 1986 Class Reunion Brunches —

University Center

9:30 a.m. — 12:00 Noon

- Nursing Alumni Brunch — University Center

#### Golden Club Brunch

10 — 11:30 a.m. The Gonyea House

#### Alumni Swim Meet

10 a.m. — PLU Pool

#### Choir of the West Reunion Luncheon

Noon — Olson Auditorium

#### Football Game/Alumni Tent

Tent: 12:30; Game time:

1:30 p.m.

#### 1947 Pear Bowl Football Team Reunion

5:30 p.m. Reception; 6:30 p.m. Dinner — University Center

#### Class of 1951 Reunion Dinner

6 p.m. — University Center

#### Reunion Events

The Classes of 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991 and 1996 and members of the Choir of the West will meet at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

#### Homecoming Worship

11 a.m., Mary Baker Russell Music Center

Rededication of Xavier Hall

Noon dedication; 12:30 p.m.

lunch and tours — Xavier Hall

### Choir of the West Reunion Concert

2:30 p.m. — Lagerquist Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

### Java, Jobs and Jazz

This year's third annual alumni career event known as Java, Jobs and Jazz is sure to be a big hit. If you are an alum living in the area (whether you plan to participate in the Homecoming activities or not) OR if you are an alum planning to come for Homecoming, please consider yourself officially invited to participate in this very important alumni event.

Your wisdom, insight, and experience are requested by your soon-to-be fellow alums. You can make a big impact on a current PLU student. Come home on Friday, October 12 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and spend time talking with students about your PLU experience, your career path and life in general.

Please sign up to participate! You can register for this event on your Homecoming Registration form when it arrives by mail\*, by hopping on the Alumni Web site and completing your Homecoming Registration online or by giving us a call.

\*1980-2001 grads will not receive Homecoming registration material in the mail. Instead you will receive a postcard encouraging you to go online to preview the schedule & register.

## Pencil Us In



September 28	PLU Gold Event after the PLU-Linfield football game in McMinnville
October 12-14	Homecoming
October 13	Alumni Men and Women's Swim Meet
October 13	Alumni Women's Volleyball Game
October 14	Xavier Rededication Event
October 14	Choir of the West Reunion Concert
October 27	Lute tent at the PLU-Willamette football game in Salem
November 10	Proud PLU Parent Day
November 10	Alumni Men's Basketball Tournament
December 1	Christmas Festival Celebration in Portland
December 2	Q Club Reception and Christmas Festival Celebration in Eastvold
December 8	President's Christmas Dinner and Christmas Festival Celebration
December 9	Christmas Festival Concert in Seattle

## Fall events especially for Q!

Saturday, September 22

### Lute Football vs. Whitworth

1 p.m. Sparks Stadium

Use your complimentary Athletic Pass and come cheer the Lutes onto victory. Look for the Q Club table inside the gate to receive a coupon for a free or popcorn. Bring the entire family!

Saturday, November 3

### A night of dinner and Musical Theater

6 p.m. University Center CK East

Enjoy PLU's student Musical Theater group as they present their Fall performance. Meet at CK East to enjoy a catered dinner followed by the performance at 8 p.m. \$15.00

Sunday, December 2, 2001

### Q Club Christmas Festival Celebration

Concert/Reception

Eastvold Auditorium

Class reunions will be held for 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, and 1996 during Homecoming 2001, October 12-14. If you would like to serve on your class reunion committee or would like information about your reunion please contact your reunion class representative(s).

1932

**Grace (Holte) Olson** died on Jan. 26. Grace was married to Emil Olson in 1933. They had three children. She enjoyed many activities and loved reading. She was an accomplished pianist and played the chapel pipe organ while at PLU. She was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon and volunteered her sewing skills to the church quilting circle. She also volunteered nearly 14,000 hours making baby quilts and embroidered pillowcases for the hospital guild. She was preceded in death by her husband; and survived by her daughter, Arlene; sons, Ernie and Peter; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1941

**Hazel (Roti) Johnson** died on May 3. She taught in the Tacoma School District for 27 years. She also attended Multnomah Bible School, sang in the choir and taught the Women's Bible Guild at First Presbyterian Church in Tacoma. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Carl; two sons, Paul and Lloyd; two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and her brother, **Lloyd Roti '35**.

1942

**Alice (Ford) Pflueger Tingstrom** died on May 25 after battling cancer. She taught school for nine years in Tacoma before marrying **Dr. Jesse P. Pflueger '37**, in 1948. They moved to Ephrata, Wash., where they lived until 1979, when they retired to Grayland, Wash. Following Jesse's death in 1982, Alice married Harold Tingstrom in 1984 and moved to Tacoma. After Harold's death in 1994, Alice moved near her daughters in Moses Lake and Spokane, Wash. Alice was a member of the Ephrata School Board and an avid gardener. She also enjoyed sewing quilts for Lutheran World Relief, entertaining friends and traveling. She is survived by her daughters, Priscilla (Kevan) Smith and Noomi (Jon) Lungstrom; and six grandchildren.

1947

**Karl and Lois (Robertson '46) Olsen** celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Aug. 17.

1950

**Calvin and Julie (Johnson '52) Watness** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 18. They spent February and March in Indio, Calif. They also visited PLU roommates, **Ed "Speed" Kenworthy '51**, in Tucson, Ariz.; and **Pete '50 and Beth (Gottwald '50) Peterson** in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

1951

**Ernest Randolph** died on June 20. Before attending PLU, Ernie served in the South Pacific during WWII. After graduating from PLU, he attended the University of Washington School of Medicine, graduating in 1956, and served with the U.S. Public Health Service in Norfolk, Va. When he returned to Washington, he entered private practice at the Parkland Clinic and Spanaway offices. During

his 37 years of practice, he served on several hospital boards in Tacoma, including a term as president of staff at the former Doctor's Hospital. Ernie was a longtime member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Charlotte; daughter, Paula; sons, Philip and Tim; and two grandchildren.

1952

**Dolores (Johnson) Lobeda** died on April 13. Her many interests included the family beach place on Fox Island, volunteering at Evergreen Elementary in University Place, Wash., involvement in her church and improving her ability to speak Swedish with a group of friends. She is survived by her husband, **Kenneth '50**; daughters, Lynn Swanson and LeAnn Peterson; and five grandchildren.

1954

**Gloria Keller** retired from nursing in 1995. She has 14 grandchildren. Glorio still stays in contact with **Lu Vig Edwards '54, Delora Johnson Olivers '54 and Charky Brandt Nordling '54**.

1956

**Jeanette Howe** retired after 44 years in the medical technology field in September 2000. She was most recently at Cedar Medical Lab, associated with Multicore, in Tacoma.

1957

**Yvonne Deitz** tutors high school students and gives violin lessons while enjoying her retirement.

1958

**Louis Spry** was inducted into the Amateur Baseball Umpires Association Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn., on Jan. 6. He was on the NCAA national office staff for 32 years before retiring in 1999. He began his work with college baseball in 1967 as media coordinator for the College World Series (CWS). From 1972-79, he was the staff administrator in charge of the CWS for the NCAA and since 1981 has been the official scorer. He also served as a Division I regional tournament manager since 1992, the position that put him in charge of umpires.



**Betty (Toepke) Keller** was named Teacher of the Year for the Spokane, Wash., area, shortly before her retirement. Betty and her husband, **Bob '55**, moved to Gig Harbor, Wash., following his retirement after serving

three terms as bishop of the Eastern Washington-Idaho ELCA Synod. They are enjoying being closer to their children and grandchildren, and having time to travel together. Recent trips include Africa, China, and Greece.

1959

**Al and Hildred (Hansen '60) Dungan** moved to Eden Prairie, Minn., where Hildred was transferred to the Lutheran Brotherhood home office.

1962

**Chris Halvorson** retired from his career as a urologist in 1995. After PLU, he attended the University of Washington where he received his medical degree and the University of Oklahoma where he served his residency in urology. Chris was also a flight surgeon with the U.S. Navy.

**Christie Miller** has a new grandchild, Jackson Paul Scott, born on May 26 to **Jeff '93 and Britt '95 (Miller) Scott**.

**Margie (Quick) Stensen** retired after 11 years as a paraeducator at Collins High School in the White River School District in Buckley, Wash.

1966

**Linda Salatiello** serves on the board of directors of the New Hampshire Council of Churches, representing the ELCA-NES. Her husband, Tom, is serving his fifth term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. In May, their son, Christopher, graduated with honors from Clark University, Worcester, Mass., with a degree in philosophy.

1968

**Steven Ufer**, a chemistry teacher and department chair at Washington High School in Tacoma, was honored June 26 with the Northwestern Regional High School Chemistry Teaching Award from the American Chemical Society.

**Steve Wright** retired from his position as associate superintendent of the Hackinson School District in Battleground, Wash., in June. He began his career in 1968, teaching seventh and eighth grade at Hockinson Middle School.

**Cheryl (Remley) Mogensen** and her husband, Ronald, recently moved to Manchester, Wash. They are seeking intentional simplicity in their lives. During the summer, they joined the Peace Lutheran Gospel Choir on a mission trip to Alaska aboard the ship, The Christian, to bring the gospel through word and song to villages along the coast.

**Dennis Flath** and his wife, Helen, are proud grandparents to four grandchildren, Nicholas, 10, Morissa, 4, Erika, 3, and Michael, 1.

1969

**Paul Dessen** retired in July 2000 after 31 years of teaching. He continues to coach and volunteer in the schools and his church community.

**Ronald C. Johnson** died on April 29. After PLU Ronald went to Brooks Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. He served his family practice residency in Galveston, Texas and then went into private family practice in Puyallup. Ron contributed to his community and supported Helping Hand House in Puyallup. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Puyallup. He is survived by his wife, **Susan (Richards) '68**; daughter, Sasho; and sons, Samuel and Soren.

1970

**Julie (Taylor) Aageson** has a new position as coordinator of Lutheran resource centers for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. She works with the Department for Synodical Relations and the Division for

Congregational Ministries in Chicago to help support the work of 71 Lutheran resource centers across the ELCA. Julie and her husband, **Jim '70**, live in Moorhead, Minn., where Jim is a professor of religion at Concordia College—Moorhead.

1971

In April, **Pattie Cowell** was appointed University Distinguished Teaching Scholar for her innovative teaching and research projects at Colorado State University. Pattie is professor and chairwoman of the English department, and has been at CSU since 1977. She has served as chairwoman of the Women's Studies program, acting assistant dean of the Graduate School and acting associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. As part of the Scholars program, Pattie is working with the Office for Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs to coordinate teams of students who will experience real-world literary endeavors in the community.

**Donald Monta** is the director of the Bureau of Legal Affairs, Family Independence Agency for the State of Michigan. The agency has 12,000 employees.

**Michael Neils** was elected Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA in June. He and his wife, **Cheryl (Frydenlund) '71**, live in Phoenix with their two children, Mary and Matthew.

**Marcia Anderson** is the head of museum collections and chief curator for the Minnesota Historical Society, Minnesota's oldest institution and one of the largest state historical societies in the country. It operates at 18 sites throughout the state. The collection includes 1.4 million archaeological items; 250,000 artifacts; 550,000 books; 250,000 photographs; 37,000 maps; 5,500 paintings, prints, and drawings; 38,000 cubic feet of manuscripts; and 45,000 cubic feet of governmental records. She is also the curator of the American Indian and Arts & Crafts material culture collections. Marcia received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Crofts Council and was a contributing author to "Minnesota 1900: Art and Life on the Upper Mississippi, 1890-1915," (1994). The book included the essay, "Art for Life's Sake: The Handicraft Guild of Minneapolis." In 1994, Marcia received the Decorative Arts Society's Charles F. Montgomery Award for the most outstanding first major publication by a scholar in the field of American decorative arts.

1972

**James and Linda (Gray) Puttler's** oldest daughter, Krista, graduated with honors in English writing from Northwestern University in June. Their youngest daughter, **Moi-Britt**, is a freshman at the University of Washington.

**Gerd-Inger (Gigi Gregersen) and Mark '75 McDougall** moved to Taipei, Taiwan to work at the Taipei American School. Mark is the elementary principal and Gerd-Inger teaches high school. They have been working in international schools for 20 years, including Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Italy, and Indonesia. Their older daughter, **Heather Liv '97**, worked as a social worker for two years and then as an admissions counselor at PLU for two years. She is now pursuing her master's degree at Columbia University in New York

City. Their younger daughter, Annelise, is a sophomore at PLU. Mark and Gerd-Inger welcome visits from PLU alumni who are traveling through or living in the Taipei area.

1973

After PLU, **Ivy Schwartz** earned a master of science degree in education and taught high school for four years. She then went to dental school and specialized in prosthodontics. She has been on the dental school faculty at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio for 17 years.

**Doug Robinson** was unanimously appointed district court judge by Whitman County (Wash.) commissioners in January. He previously served as a superior court defense attorney and as judge of the Calfax Municipal Court. After PLU, Doug attended law school at Gonzaga University, and then served five years in the Judge Advocate General Office of the Air Force.

1975

**Mimi (Mogck) Tiderman** earned certification as an early adolescence generalist, and became one of only 66 teachers in Washington State to gain national board certification. She lives in Port Angeles with her husband, Bill, and two sons, Bret and Danny.

**Larry Walsh** completed his school administrator certification and is employed as an assistant principal at Hoquiam (Wash.) High School. His wife, Gail, is a self-employed journalist and public relations specialist, and recently published her first novel.

1976

**Steven Dornfeld** has a new position as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bonners Ferry, Idaho. He moved to Bonners Ferry on Oct. 1, 2000, after serving 15 years as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Casper, Wyo.

**Katherine (Johnson) Mattingly** received the Disney American Teacher Award for the year 2000. She was one of 33 recipients in the U.S.

**Betty Lott** recently celebrated 25 years of service as a state worker, which has included the State Library, Department of Licensing, Department of Transportation, Gambling Commission and the Department of Labor where she is currently a worker's compensation claim manager. She lives in Tumwater, Wash., with her son, James, 17. In 2000, they enjoyed the opportunity to travel to England and Ireland. She enjoys skiing, bowling, hiking and Mariners baseball. She recently began studying Spanish.

1977

**Martha (Miller) Ward** now leads the Wells Fargo Corporate Municipal Trust area. **Steve Ward '76** continues to teach fourth grade at Breck School. Their son, Nick, is a freshman at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, and their daughter, Joanna, celebrates getting her driver's license.

**Cindy Klettke** traveled to Moldova with Northwest Medical Team International for two weeks in May. The team set up a family practice clinic in the capital city and Cindy was the pharmacist.

**Paul Olsen** accepted a call as pastor-developer at Tree of Life Lutheran Church in the Provo/Orem area of Utah, a mission congregation of the ELCA. He previously worked in interim pastoral ministry in the Rocky Mountain Synod for six years.

## 1978

**Bruce Neswick** recently played organ recitals in Los Angeles, Akron, Ohio (at Trinity Lutheran Church), Madison, Wis., and Roanoke, Va. In March, he was the guest organist for a service celebrating the closer communion of the Lutheran Episcopal churches held at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, S.C. In addition, he conducted the recent annual Boy Choir Festival at St. Paul's Cathedral in Buffalo, N.Y., as well as two March performances of Britten's chancel opera, "Noye's Fluke," at Washington Cathedral, where Bruce serves as the assistant organist-choirmaster of the Girl Choristers. The Girl Choristers recently released their second CD on the Pro Organa label, and Bruce has had several organ and choral works recently published by Paraclete and Selah presses. Bruce is now at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta, Ga.

## 1980

**Robert Rodgers**, senior executive officer at St. James Healthcare in Butte, Mont., advanced to fellow status in the American College of Healthcare Executives, an international professional society representing nearly 30,000 health care executives. To obtain fellow status, affiliates must demonstrate their education, experience and leadership in the healthcare field over a period of years. Only 3,000 healthcare executives in the country have earned the designation.

**Gary Wilson '80, '84**, has a new position as principal at Lochburn Middle School in the Clover Park School District in Lakewood, Wash. Gary has been in the Clover Park School District for many years and has served as principal at Park Lodge, Oakwood, Tillicum, Heortwood and Parkway elementary schools.

## 1982

**Debra (Eastman) Hudson** completed a master's degree in early childhood special education at PLU in 1998. She is in the process of applying to a university with a doctorate program in educational psychology.

**Linda (Erickson) Hagge** and her husband, Mel, announce their adoption of Max Linden, from Tombov, Russia. He was born on Oct. 16, 1999, and joined the Hogge family including Mark, 10, and Laurel, 4, on June 14.

## 1983

**Joanna Robinson Neuberger** is the pastoral counselor in residence for the Southwestern Washington Synod of the ELCA. She gives counsel and spiritual direction to individuals, couples, and families out of her office at United Lutheran Church in Tacoma.

**Kris Geldaker** died suddenly on March 20 of an aortic dissection. He is survived by his wife of 17 years, **Sharon (Hansen '84)**, and daughters, Katie Hope, 14 and Marta Grace, 11. They continue to reside in Ketchikan, Alaska, where Kris was vice president of Cruise Line Agencies of Alaska and they are members of First Lutheran Church. Memories of Kris are being collected for his daughters at [AKGeldaker@aol.com](mailto:AKGeldaker@aol.com).

**Scott Herfindahl** was promoted to senior vice president of sales and marketing for the Serta Mattress Company. Scott lives in Fairfield, Calif., with his wife, Teresa, and their daughter, Lauren, 5.

## 1984

**John Neeb** and his wife, Michelle, announce the birth of Emma Louise, on April 26.

**Michael Ronning** is the pastor of St. Luke Lutheran Church in Willingboro, N.J. His wife, Christy, is a liturgical dance teacher. Their daughter, Morit is 2.

**Eric Rizer** announces the birth of his daughter, Rebekah Nairn, on Sept. 23, 2000.



**Randy Olson** and his wife, Barbara, announce the birth of David, on Dec. 20. He joins Angelo, 2. The family now lives in Bend, Ore., and is enjoying the exploration of their new surroundings.

## 1985

**Maria (Schweizer) Duffus** and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of Adam, on April 18. He joins Daniel, 4.

**Connie (Eliason '85, '88) Miller** died on June 4 after a six-week battle with leukemia. Connie grew up in Parkland and graduated from Washington High School. After PLU, she began a 16-year career in education, as a sixth grade teacher, in the Puyallup School District. She returned to PLU in 1988 to complete a master's degree in administration. Most recently, she served as the principal of Firgrove Elementary. Connie was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999 but remained active

in the community, her church, and as an administrator throughout her treatment. She also became active in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life and the Susan B. Kamen Race for the Cure. Connie is survived by her husband of 12 years, **Mark '88**; two children, Bryce and Marissa; her parents, **Iver '55 and Camille '59 (Emerson) Eliason**; brother, **Kevin Eliason '89**; Mark's parents, **Marlen (faculty) and Ann '86 (Larson) Miller**; and Mark's brother, **Brent Miller '90**.

**Todd Kinkel**, his wife, Kim, and their four children, Kailon, 12, Makena, 9, Hoyden, 7, and Reid, 4, are moving to Haymarket, Va. Todd is a U.S. Secret Service (USSS) agent and was transferred to Washington D.C. He will be there for the next seven years working at the USSS headquarters and on a permanent USSS protection detail. [toddkinkel@msn.com](mailto:toddkinkel@msn.com)

**Sandra (Ruch) Holohan** is a pediatric nurse practitioner at Brandywine Pediatrics in Wilmington, Del. She and her husband, Stephen, have three children, Julia, 7, Scott, 6, and John, 3.

**John Scheibe** began a new position as chief information officer at The Staubach Company in April. He lives in Plano, Texas, with his wife, Chris, and son, Matthew, 4.

## 1986

**David and Kendra (Ruud) Mills** have two children, Dallas, 6 and Haley, 3. David is a lead tech writer at Microsoft.

**Erika Paduano-Karch** opened a counseling service in Raymond, Wash., in November. She is a certified marriage and family therapist and a clinical member of the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

**LeAnne (Williamson) Kolb** and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of Katherine Groce, on Jan. 29. She joins Coraline Renee, 3.

## 1987

**Monica (Hruschka) Harcken** and her husband, Christian, announce the birth of Elena Elisabeth, on Jan. 29. She joins Maren, 4 and Bettina, 2. Monica is a homemaker.

**Crystal (Woods) Tully** and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Andrea Katharine, on Nov. 11. She joins Brendan, 7 and Ronan, 4. Crystal is a stay-at-home mom and Mark works in property investment.

**Carrie Benson** is the executive administrator and office manager at Benson Associates, LLC, in Portland, Ore. She was previously an investment liaison and mutual fund trader at US Bank from 1992-1997. Carrie is also working on a master's degree in organizational management that will be completed in May 2002.

**Carol (Zitzewitz) Lidberg** has won an eight-month battle with breast cancer that included chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Her current good health is proof positive that early detection is critical to fighting this disease. She has been supported by her husband of two years, Steve, a research analyst at Pacific Crest Securities. Steve and Carol live in Portland, Ore., where Carol is a sales consultant for Ford Graphics.

**Richard and Ashlyn (Flanders) Arnold** moved back to Tacoma after Rich completed a master's of divinity degree at Multnomah Bible Seminary in Portland, Ore. Rich is now the manager of messaging and collaboration for Illuminet in Lacey.

**Rita (Picinich) Stene** and her husband, Don, announce the birth of Dani Olivia, on June 7.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

# Ickes '96 found calling — and a 2000-year old mummy — in the land of the Pharaohs

BY LAURA GIFFORD '00

HE NOTICED A PIECE OF CLOTH PROTRUDING FROM THE SANDY GROUND. "...THERE WAS A MUMMY RIGHT UNDER THE SAND."

**K**arl Ickes '96 may be just beginning his career as an Egyptologist, but he can already say he's discovered a 2000-year-old mummy. While studying at the American University in Cairo from August to December of last year, Ickes toured the site of a Roman-era cemetery in Hawara. As he walked along with Hawara's director of antiquities, he noticed a piece of cloth protruding from the sandy ground.

"I played with the cloth just a little bit, and then the director came and shook the cloth," Ickes said. "And there was a mummy right under the sand."

Ickes has been interested in archeology since childhood, and after completing an associate's degree at Pierce College—Puyallup in 1993, he came to PLU to study history and anthropology. While at PLU, Ickes met anthropology professor David Huelsbeck, who served as a mentor.

After PLU, Ickes went on to do graduate work in anthropology at Western Washington University, earning his master's degree in 1999. Next fall, he will begin a Ph.D. program in Egyptology at Brown University.

Ickes has participated in excavations at a number of sites in the United States and abroad, covering a variety of periods. In July 2000, he was interviewed for a popular BBC program titled "Meet Your Ancestors" while excavating Roman ruins in the English town of Silchester. But Egypt is the region that has sparked his imagination, ever since he first learned about King Tut in the late '70s.



**Karl Ickes '96 sits astride a camel at the Great Pyramids at Giza, Egypt.**

Ickes would like to focus his studies on the dynastic period of Egyptian history, beginning in approximately 3100 B.C. Specifically, he is fascinated by the Amarna Period—the era of the Pharaoh Akenaten and his wife Nefertiti, probable parents of Tutankhamen.

Regardless of where graduate school takes him, Ickes plans to spend more time in Egypt in the future. "Ideally, I would combine university teaching with seasonal excavation work," he said.



## 1988

**Steve and Lisa (Grass '89)**

**McCullough**, announce the birth of Anna, on Jan. 14. She joins Ellie, 6, Aaron, 4, and Emily, 2. Lisa is helping to develop a new MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) program in the Republic/Curlew (Wash.) area and is home-schooling the children. Steve finished his program for administration certification and accepted a job as principal in the Curlew School District.

**Darrell and Amy (Little) Besel**

announce the birth of Roslynn Gerene, on Feb. 20. She joins Marlee Jay, 4. Both of the girls were home births. Dorrell and Amy also celebrated their 13<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June. Amy is a clinical supervisor and has been with Greater Lakes Mental Healthcare in Olympia, serving the chronically mentally ill, for 10 years.

**Greg ('88) and Jennifer (Anderson '90) Hermsmeyer** announce the birth of Nathan William, on March 6. He joins Katherine Grace, 4. Greg is a major in the USAF. In July, they moved to Newport, R.I., where Greg attends the Naval War College. He was previously at the Air Mobility Warfare Center in Fort Dix, N.J., where they moved after living in Europe for five years. Jennifer is a homemaker.

**Debbie McLeod** was named executive vice president and retail banking executive for Cascade Bank in Everett, Wash. Before joining Cascade Bank, she was a regional vice president and manager at Bank of America.

**Paul and Ann (Garrity) Tracey** announce the birth of their daughter, Fiona Rose, on March 15.

**Edwin Dierdorff** graduated with an associate's degree in information technology, technical support and received a certificate of achievement as a microcomputer specialist from Bellevue Community College in 2000.

**Karen (Auestad) Keenan** and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Jenna Christine, on Feb. 13. She joins Bethany, 2.

**Marty Murray** is the sole proprietor of Murray Medical-Legal. A RN and BSN, she is notionally certified as a CPHQ (Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality) and LNCC (Legal Nurse Consultant, Certified). She works as a legal nurse consultant for attorneys and risk management consultant to hospitals and physician offices.

## 1989

**Beth Vorderstrasse** received a Ph.D. in toxicology from Oregon State University in June 2000. Beth has a post-doctoral assistantship in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Eric works for the Institute of Biological Chemistry, both at Washington State University. They live in Pullman.

**Bart Tilly** and his wife, Careen, have moved back to Wenatchee, Wash., with their three native California sons. With both of their families in Wenatchee, they credit the lure of free babysitting. They were previously in the Los Angeles area for 12 years. Bart is building the Pacific Northwest practice for CollabNet while Coreen is a full time mother. They look forward to rekindling their Washington friendships.

**Darin and Shannon (Roberts) Dollemore** announce the birth of Shayla Lee, on March 13. She joins Shelby, 3.

**Maria (Knapton) Oehling** and her husband, Eric, recently adopted Neika Dominic, born on March 5.

**Brandi (Larson) Waters** and her husband, Eric, announce the birth of Grace Anne, on June 12. She joins Emily Gerard, 3. Brandi is a homemaker. She worked for the Washing-

ton State Department of Corrections until the birth of Emily in 1998. Eric is a lieutenant firefighter and emergency medical technician.

**Brendan and Kelly (Mickelsen '89, '91) Rorem** announce the birth of Annelise Kristine, on Feb. 7. She joins Kathryn, 5, and Alison, 3. Brendan has a new position as director of business and technology development at Western Wireless Corporation in Bellevue.

## 1990

**Steve and Kim (Berg) Maxwell** announce the birth of twins, Nathan and Brynno, on Aug. 29.



**Kimberly (Labs) and Joseph '92 King** announce the birth of James Joseph, on Jan. 30. He joins Katrina, 2.

**Dave Berg** and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of Holey, on March 28. She joins Nicholas, 2. Dave also has a new job as director of on-air promotion for E! Entertainment TV in Los Angeles. He was previously the senior writer-producer at Cartoon Network in Atlanta for five years.

**John Hatley** has a new position as a loan officer at First Horizon Home Loans in Lynnwood, Wash. He was previously at Ameriquest Mortgage Company for five years. He and his wife, Francine, recently bought a new home in Marysville, Wash. [jhatley@fhlc.com](mailto:jhatley@fhlc.com)

**Nikki Poppen-Eagan** spent the fall semester in Florence, Italy teaching two courses: Intercultural Communications and Florence the City, for 60 Washington State Community College students. Her husband, **Scott Eagon '95**, and son, Rowan, accompanied her on the trip. Scott recently had his first book, "Pulpit to Poem, Grandfather to Grandson," published.

**Kim (Mangold '90, '94) Townley** and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of Hannah Renee, on April 7.

**Robert Vogelsang** accepted a promotion with Washington Mutual Business Banking and moved to the Seattle office. On April 1, he became a vice president and certified cash manager in Treasury Management Services. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Snohomish, Wash. They were previously in Portland, Ore.

**Tom and Karen (Erickson '91) Taylor** announce the birth of Alec Thomas, on April 9.



**Teresa (Hebert) Gallaher** and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of Alexandra, on Feb. 19, 2000. Teresa is a mortgage broker at Residential Mortgage Concepts in Seattle and Chad is a credit manager.

**Joy (Nickel) Gehlen** and her husband, Steven, announce the birth of Julia Marie, on April 29. She joins David, 4.

**April Overstreet** has a new position as assistant professor of Spanish at Willomette University in Salem, Ore. She was previously in Massachusetts.

**John Hatley** is a loan officer at First Horizon Home Loans in Lynnwood, Wash. He lives in Marysville with his wife, Francine, and three sons, John, 10, James, 8, and David, 4. [www.firsthorizonusa.com/jackhatley](http://www.firsthorizonusa.com/jackhatley)

**Holly Thorpe** and Derek Sontz were married on May 26 at Six Cane Farm, owned by Derek's sister, in Darnestown, Md. Holly and Derek met at the Lazy Lizard Hostel in Moab, Utah where they were both traveling. Holly is a social worker in the Head Start program in the Loudoun County Public School system and Derek teaches Cisco networking. They live at Six Cone Farm.

**Kristi Gorud** and Ken Waldol were married on Dec. 30 at First Lutheran Church in Seattle. Kristi is a registered nurse and Ken is a student in the landscape architecture program at Washington State University.

**John and Angie (Miller '91)**

**Skibiell** announce the birth of Olivia Rose, on April 6. She joins Madison Ashley, 5, and Danielle Marie, 3.

John continues to practice dentistry in the Mill Creek, Wash., area and enjoys having PLU alumni and Lute football friends as patients.

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**Michael Welk** and some colleagues from Key Asset Management started a Tacoma office for the Seattle based Laird Norton Financial Group. They will provide trust and investment management services for high net worth individuals in the South Puget Sound area. Michael was at Key Asset Management for 10 years.

**Karen (Atkin) Vaver** received a master's degree in education from the University of Washington on June 8. She is a teacher in the University Place (Wash.) School District.



## 1991

**Sieg and Kelly Johnson** announce the birth of twins, Annaliese Grace and Sven Eric, on Nov. 17. They join Siri, 5 and Gunnar, 2.

**Scott and Julie (Vraspir) Sager** announce the birth of Madeline Nicole, on Nov. 5. She joins Nathaniel Douglas, 4. Julie teaches Kindermusik classes for young children, part time out of their home. The rest of the time she is a full-time mother. Scott is the regional manager of Western Montana for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

**Tiffany (Heidt) Huffine** and her husband, Cory, are in the Master's in nursing program at the University of Southern Maine. They will graduate in May 2003 as family nurse practitioners.

**Eric Olson** and his wife, Anne, have one child, Mari Ruth, 1. Eric works at Nordstrom.

**Eric Knutsen** was promoted to department coordinator at Hope Valley College in Derbyshire, England, where he has been teaching for one-and-a-half years. He is also studying toward an MSc in Multimedia Education at Sheffield Hallam University.

**Tara Shaddock '91** is the antique print director at Davidson Galleries in Pioneer Square, Seattle. Her husband, **Steve Wangen '90**, is a naturopathic doctor in Bothell, Wash.

**Gina (Grass '91, '96) and Kevin '90 Weberg** announce the birth of Trevor Patrick, on May 18. He joins Laurel, 2.

## 1992

**Jordi Yokers** was working in Switzerland until June. She now lives in the Pacific Northwest. She received a master's of divinity degree from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in June 2000.

**Carmen Hauck** received a master's of education degree with certification to teach high school biology in May. She plans to stay in the Missoula, Mont., area and is working as a tutor for the school district.

**Stephen Kilbreath**

and Amy Meyer were married on Dec. 16 at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle. Stephen now works for the Ackerley Group as morning show co-host at KUBE-FM.



**Jan (Korver) Wolsleben** and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of Fianno Ruth, on Dec. 6. Jan ended her six-year term of service in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps in July 2000.

**Kaylea (Kersten) Gardner** teaches at Trillium Family Services in a therapeutic school for emotionally disturbed girls and boys. She lives in Portland, Ore., with her husband, David.

**Susie (Graybeal) Burns** and her husband, Marc, announce the birth of Amanda, on Aug. 21, 2000. Susie is the marketing programs manager at Cisco Systems.

**Timothy Stephan** and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of Annika, on May 24. In August, Timothy began a new position as an agent with State Farm Insurance in Anchorage.

**Brian Aust** and his wife, announce the birth of Eliot, on May 5. Brian is an attorney at Guyton Law Office in St. Paul, Minn.

**Bill '90 and Kaaren (Goeller) Bloom** announce the birth of Ava, on March 29.

**Bill and Sheri (Noah) Feeny**

announce the birth of Emma Lee, on May 24. She joins Claire, 3, and Isaac, 2. Bill is a production underwriter for Philadelphia Insurance Company in Seattle and Sheri is a homemaker.



## 1993

**Krista Busenius** and Gregg Beavers were married on June 24, 2000 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Walnut Creek, Calif. **Kelly (Hoeckleburg '93) Young** and **Jayne (McNutt '93) Leighty** read the lessons. Krista is the senior loan adviser for Western Bank in Tacoma and Gregg is the regional vice president for auditing with Key Bank in Tacoma. They live in Puyallup.

**Cheryl Brost** is the new girls' head soccer coach at Sheldon High School in Eugene, Ore.

**Wendy Kritsky** is a physical therapist for stroke patients at Rehab Hospital in Pittsburgh, Penn.

**William Kiser**, captain in the U.S. Navy, assumed command of the Naval Hospital in Guam last February. Before PLU, William earned a bachelor of science degree from Abilene Christian University in 1975 and a medical doctorate from the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 1978.

**Amy Nance Cebull** and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Dana Louise, on April 27.



**Hengmo McCall** is serving in the U.S. Army at the Vilseck Health Clinic at Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany. She has been on active duty for one year.

**Brian and Erika (Evans) Flattum** announce the birth of Ally Nicole, on May 22. She joins Jared Tyler, 3. Brian is the senior director of youth programs at the Mel Karum YMCA in Puyallup, and Erika is a distribution channel analyst at Western Wireless Corporation in Bellevue.

**Kari Anderson** is the new executive director for the American Heart Association in Tacoma.

**Catherine (Johnson) Muthall** graduated from Catholic University's Master of Social Work program with honors in May. She is a psychotherapist affiliated with the Santé Group in Silver Spring, Md.

**Brad and Molly (Tvedt) Uhlenhoff** adopted Sophia Grace, 3, and Elisabeth Annaliese, 2, in January. They join Madison, 9, and Aolain, 2. Brad is employed at Hewlett Packard and Molly stays busy at home with the girls.



**Jeff and Britt (Miller '95) Scott** announce the birth of Jackson Paul, on May 26. Jackson was baptized on June 17

at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Tacoma. Pastor **John Vaswig '80** officiated. His Godparents are **Toby '93 and Kirstan (Leatha '94) Tobin** and **Mark '88 and Lori (Scott '90) Schmidt**.

## 1994

**Gina (Procopio) Remington** graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine in May. She is in the accelerated family practice residency program at Creighton University. She looks forward to completing her residency in two years.

**Allison (Svingen) Connor** and her husband, Sean, announce the birth of Emma, on March 6. She joins Jackson, 3. Allison is a freelance graphic designer.

**Anjanette (Knapp) Steer** and her husband, Zach, are the new owners of the Sheep Mountain Lodge in Palmer, Alaska. The lodge has 10 guest cabins and offers hiking and wildlife viewing. Maggie spends time doing natural history interpretation.

**Jimmy Grierson** graduated from the University of Washington School of Medicine in June. He is working at the Southwest Washington Medical Center in Vancouver.

**Cathy Farmer** received an MBA from the University of Notre Dame in 1999. She recently accepted the position of director of planning and analysis in the pulp, paper and packaging division at Weyerhaeuser.

**Mike and Erin (Koster '95) Fuller** announce the birth of Zachary Austin, on May 7.



**Kurt and Stacia (Gaston) Wallitner** announce the birth of Carson Scott, on April 12. He joins Keegan Jon, 2. Kurt is a graphic designer at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Seattle and Stacia owns back2back design studio in Port Orchard.

**Robert Church** is attending the University of Arizona Medical School in Tucson, where he lives with his wife, Jana, a pharmacist.

## 1995

**Scott Eagan** recently had his first book, "Pulpit to Poem, Grandfather to Grandson," published.

**Chris and Melanie (Phair) Egan** announce the birth of Madison Mabel Ann, on Nov. 6.



Melanie is a teacher at Hilltop Elementary School in Puyallup and Chris is a sports reporter, producer and anchor at Northwest Cable News in Seattle.

**Brett Stevenson** and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of Ashley Marie, on April 14.

**Bethany Graham** and Christopher Laws were married on May 29 in Seeley Lake, Mont. **Michelle (Osborn '95) Neeb** was a bridesmaid. They moved to San Francisco where Bethany is a judicial law clerk for Judge James Browning in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and Christopher is a representative for Pyramid Brewing. Next year, they plan to move to Portland, Ore., where Bethany will be working as a litigation associate at the law firm of Perkins Coie.

**Erin Deegan** is a short-term mission coordinator at Operation Mobilization, an international, non-denominational, Christian mission organization. She serves in the USA office in Atlanta, Ga.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

## Shepard '89 wins Intel award for innovative math program

BY GREG BREWIS



Tracie Shepard '89 in her classroom

**B**alancing a checkbook. Figuring sales tax. Buying a car. All are life-skills essential for navigating the modern world—but if you're a high school student and don't know the ropes, who do you turn to for help?

At Puyallup's Emerald Ridge High School it's math teacher Tracie Shepard '89.

"Just before Christmas, in my third year teaching trig, I overheard my students saying that they didn't know how to figure a 30 percent discount," Shepard said. "They were taking items to the cash register to see what the cost would be.

"I was astounded. Here they were, successfully learning trigonometry, but they didn't know how to do the math for leaving a tip or paying sales tax."

The revelation prompted Shepard to create an innovative math program that teaches high school students about economics and personal finance. Last spring the program, "Questions About Money & Personal Finance? Let's Get Some Answers," won the Intel Corp.'s DuPont site 2001 Innovations in Teaching Award. The program was given a \$25,000 grant and Shepard herself received \$10,000.

The Questions About Money program presents basic concepts about money, personal finance, the working world and the way math and economic concepts apply to life in general.

Over the four high school years—in mathematics classes from pre-algebra through pre-calculus—students take a day or two out of each quarter to study one of the 20 units Shepard developed. The topics become more complex as students progress, from how to buy a car and how to calculate credit card interest to how to buy your first house or invest in IRAs and stocks.

"The students work in groups of four, but each student is individually accountable," Shepard said. "It's not like some group work where one student can carry the others. Each student must do his or her own part. They then come together to evaluate and complete the group project."

Shepard will use the Intel grant to train other Puyallup School District high school and junior-high math teachers in administering the program.

As for the \$10,000 Shepard received? She's planning to pay off a few bills and then take a trip with her husband and three children.

"We're going to Disneyland."

**Heather Overman** died on June 5 of gastric cancer. Heather graduated from PLU with degrees in pre-law and history but decided to start her own business, Lawn Ladies, instead of going to law school. She was also the assistant coach for women's fastpitch at Highline Community College. In 1999 she applied and was accepted for a job as a firefighter in the Tacoma Fire Department. She was assigned to fire station No. 15 where she worked to become a full-fledged firefighter, completing her probation on March 1, despite her illness. Heather is survived by her mother and father, a sister, a stepbrother and a stepsister.

**Esther Chon** received a master of nursing degree in the family nurse practitioners program at the University of Washington in June. She accepted a part-time teaching position with North Seattle Community College as a clinical faculty instructor. Esther continues to work in the emergency department as a registered nurse.

**Scott Jensen and Jill Jonke '99** were married on July 7. They live in Arizona where Scott is a financial analyst.

**Rodney Von Andel** and Mindy Franklin were married on July 7. They met in Milwaukee, Wis., where Rodney is a resident physician at St. Michael Hospital and Mindy is a social worker at Evangelical Child and Family Agency. Mindy is from Longview, Texas.

**Brian Pochert and Mory Zylstra '98** announce the birth of Meghan Grace, on March 26. She joins Gavin, 3. Brian is a police officer in Kennewick, Wash.

## 1996

**AnneMarie Sorenson** and Yael Santos were married on July 22, 2000 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. AnneMarie is an ESL teacher and migrant home visitor for the Ellensburg (Wash.) School District

and Yoel is an interpreter. They mourn the loss of their first child, Soren Yoel, who died on Jan. 4.

In February, **Rod Nash** and his wife, Mindy, bought a home in the Hilltop neighborhood of Tacoma, where Rod is the area director for Young Life.

**Margaret (Core) Ryan** and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of Nathan Thomas, on April 11.

**Ben Vohl** and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of Eliot Benjamin, on April 2. He joins Sydney Paige, 2.

**Jenna Edlund** is a product-marketing manager at Intel in Parsippany, N.J.

**Michelle Ritter** and Jeffrey Church were married on Sept. 30, 2000 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Wash. Michelle is a credit analyst at First Bank of Arizona in Scottsdale and Jeffrey is a project manager at BOC Edwards in Phoenix.

**Erin Williams** and Jon Conine were married on Sept. 3, 2000 in Olympia. Erin works for the City of Olympia and Jon works at Masterly Corp.

**Seth Spidahl** was recently hired as an assistant coach on the University of Washington men's soccer staff. After PLU, Seth played three seasons with the Seattle SeaDogs, helping the team win the Continental Indoor Soccer League title in 1997. For the past two years, he has been coaching director for F.C. United, a boys premier club team in Tacoma and an assistant soccer coach at the University of Puget Sound.

**John Gumprecht** graduated with a juris doctorate from Seattle University School of Law in May.

**Chris Freudenreich** is an audit manager at the national office of Deloitte & Touche in Wilton, Conn. He is also in their two-year management development program working with the firm's leaders to develop new business processes for the audit department.

**Edmond Hrivnak** and his wife, Jennifer, returned to the Northwest after living in Mississippi for more than two years. Jennifer transferred to the Air Force Reserves at McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma. They are both taking a break from emergency nursing and looking for something new to do.

**Gregory DeJardin** and Kelly Fredrickson were married on May 12, 2000. **Rod Nosh '96, Ryan McDonald '95, and Tracy DeJardin McDonald '92** were in the wedding. Greg and Kelly are living in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, where Greg is an Upward Bound instructor.

**Julie Nordstrom** graduated from Idaho State University on May 19. She received a master's degree in occupational therapy and a master's degree in early childhood special education.

**Rebecca (Bjork) Hillman** is a singer/voice teacher. She lives in Lake Forest Park, Wash., with her husband, Chris, and son, Quinn, 1.

**Daniel Sparrell and Lisa McDaniel '91** were married on May 12, on the Long Beach (Wash.) peninsula. **Stacey (Heller '90),**

**Weeks, Amy Bockelman '93, and Bret Bockelman '90** were in the wedding. The ceremony was performed by **John Hanby '92**. Danny and Lisa live in Seattle with their two dogs and two cats.

**Karlynn Swanson** graduated with a master's degree in physical therapy from the College of St. Catherine, Minneapolis, on May 19. She works in the physical therapy department at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland, Ore.

**Erik Ryan and Turi Widsteen** were married on Sept. 30, 2000 at the Chapel at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Wash. The bride is the daughter of **Kristi (Hildahl '71) and Jim '69 Widsteen. Lisa Erickson '95, Amy**

**Saathoff '95, Jennifer (MacDougal '95) Fulfs, Karl Ryan '01, Erik Widsteen '01, Kari Nelson '96, and Joelle Berry '00** were in the wedding. Turi and Erik are both product managers at Microsoft. After a honeymoon in Kauai, they have settled into their new home in Bellevue.

## 1997

**Young Kim** and Patricia Sanders were married on Feb. 23 in Tacoma. Young is an administrative supervisor at Valley Medical Center and Patricia is a registered nurse.

**George Owings** is a senior developer at Aegis Group, Inc., a software consulting firm. He scuba dives frequently with his fiancée.

**Ryan Alexander** and Jennifer Licht were married on July 22, 2000 at First Presbyterian Church in Yakima, Wash. Jennifer attended PLU and graduated from St. Olaf College, Minn., with a degree in music education. Ryan is attending Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and works in youth ministry at St. Andrews Lutheran Church.

**Patrick Butler** assumed directorship of the evening newscasts at KLTW Channel 7, an ABC affiliate, in Tyler, Texas, on April 1.

**Aaron Stewart and Jenny Gotter '99** were married on April 15, 2000 in Beaverton, Ore. **Ross Stewart '98, Tad Monroe '97, Chris Reinmuth '98, Rod Nosh '96, Greg DeJardin '96, Ryon Alexander '97, April (Kludt '99) Williams, Erin Alexander '99, Leslie Hampton '99, and Jennifer (Smith '99) Henning** were in the wedding. Aaron is a youth pastor at University Place Presbyterian Church in Tacoma and Jenny is a corporate trainer at World Vision in Federal Way.

**Amy (Cram) Gillespie** and her husband, Patrick, announce the birth of their daughter, Shannon, on March 20.



**Devro Sigle-Hermosilla** has a new position as an associate at the law firm of Paine, Hamblen, Coffin, Brooke & Miller LLP, in Spokane, Wash. She received her

J.D. from Seattle University, where she was on the Dean's List, and a member of the Commercial Law League of America, and the Executive Committee of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Board. During law school, Devro was a Rule 9 Public Defender Intern at Kameron C. Cayce & Associates in Renton, Wash., and an intern at Paine, Hamblen during the summer of 2000. Before law school, Devro was a personnel specialist at Boeing. At Paine, Hamblen, Devro will emphasize civil litigation and family law.

**Noelle Dennis** and Christopher Nelson were married on May 5 in Seattle.

**Susan Wagener '97** and **Angela Jacobson '98**

were in the wedding. Noelle is a training consultant with Onyx Software and Christopher is the assistant to the president, Pacific division, at BMC West Corporation.

**Keleigh Burkholder and David Allen '01** were married on Oct. 7, 2000, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland. PLU Campus Minister, Nancy Connor, officiated.

**Susannah Barber '96, Christine Bumpous '00, Heather Sewell '00, Sarah Allen '01** (David's sister), **Andrew Grimberg '99, Keith Folsom '85 and Nathan Berg '01** were in the wedding. Keleigh works in the development office and David is the network manager in the computing and telecommunications department, both at PLU.



**Janet Broyles and Destry Johnson** were married June 30, 2000 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Puyallup. Janet is a registered nurse in Puyallup and Destry is an engineer at Baeitg.

## 1998

**Chyl Helms** is a registered nurse for the Tobago Regional Health Authority in Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies.

**Matt Torfin** recently moved back to Washington after working in Europe for the international organization, "Up with People," as an event manager.

**Wendy Kennedy** is living in Wash., D.C. and studying interior design.

**Signe Baumann** is a research assistant for a staff scientist, in the field of oceanography and fish ecology, at the Prince William Sound Science Center in Cordova, Alaska.

**Wendy Henderson** and George Nuxoll were married on Sept. 30, 2000 at St. George Byzantine Catholic Church - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Shrine in Kennewick, Wash. Wendy works part-time at St. Joseph Catholic School in Kennewick and George works at United Western Technologies, in Pasco.

**Eric Moody** is in the Ph.D. experimental social psychology program at the University of Denver, Colo. He was previously a psychology researcher at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver.

**Stacie Pinkney** announces the birth of her daughter, Tori Calkins, on April 6.

**Kelle Nelson-Bunkers** and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of their son, Tristen, on Jan. 17. Kelle is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Luther Seminary. They live in Woodbury, Minn.

**Heidi Stout** began working at the Portland Business Journal in February as a health care and real estate reporter.

**Mike James** completed his second year of teaching band at Totem Junior High School in Federal Way, Wash.

## 1999

**Jennifer Johnson** is teaching English as a second language to children and adults at an English First school in Malang, East Java, Indonesia.

**Andrew Ecklund** was promoted to first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He also earned his ranger tab, expert infantryman's badge and served as Infantry Rifle Platoon leader and Mortar Platoon leader. He is currently stationed in Schweinfurt, Germany for three years.

**Tammy (Byers) Kirby** and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of their son, Kian, on Dec. 6. Tammy is a second grade teacher in the Manson (Wash.) School District. She teaches reading and writing in Spanish. Kyle is a firefighter.



**Debra Potocny** is a sales representative at Ray Arndt Optical Supplies in Portland, Ore.

**Kristy Halverson** has a new position as a reporter for The Northwest Florida Daily News. She was previously a reporter for The Puyallup Herald.

**Erika Bennett** and Benjamin Lucas were married on June 23. Erika is a computer teacher at Santa Teresita School and Benjamin is a web developer, both in Los Angeles.

**Lesley Pettigrew** returned to the U.S. after living in Japan for 10 years. She lives in La Jolla, Calif., with her husband, Takato, and their daughter, Elen. Lesley is a full-time mom and Takato is a biologist at the Scripps Research Institute.

**Sara Reibel** and Aaron Locke were married on Sept. 2. Sara is a special education teacher in the Puyallup School District and Aaron is a software support specialist.

**Dan Claridge** is working in sales and marketing at Thompson River Lumber in Thompson Falls, Mont.

**Trevin Carlson** was promoted to senior flight instructor at Wings Aloft at Boeing Field in Seattle. He also flies for KOMO News during the morning Traffic Watch broadcast.

**Jennifer (Smith) Henning** and her husband, Chris, are living in Winter Park, Fla.

**Elsa Carlisle** completed her first year in the master's program at the School of Marine Affairs at the University of Washington.

**Melissa Zook** and Thomas Boyer were married on June 20 in Seattle. Melissa is a registered nurse at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue and Thomas is an emergency room physician.

**Jonathan Kullnat** is attending Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland.

**Katrina Johnson and Craig Coovert '00** were married on July 21 at St. Patrick's Church in Tacoma. **Chris Coovert '97, Christian Anderson '98, David Sutherland '01, Micah Shea '98, and Jennifer Whitlock '99** were in the wedding. Craig is the web developer at KPLU and Katrina is a Spanish teacher at Bellarmine Preparatory School in Tacoma.

## 2000

**Jenny Roraback** works at ZymoGenetics in Seattle doing laboratory research. In May, she traveled with **Katie Minger '00** to Barcelona, Spain, to visit **Tiana Harper '00** who is living there.

**Gwendolyn Paillette**, serving with the Peace Corps, arrived in Benin, West Africa, in September 2000. After completing her training, she moved to the village, Athieme, where she is working with infant malnutrition, AIDS education and programs for HIV positive individuals. Gwendolyn also works with a "women in development" program that provides scholarships to girls so they can complete high school. She loves living in Athieme and getting mail from home.

**Wai Man and Cecily Chan** announce the birth of Nicole, on Dec. 2. Wai Man is a manager at PacificNet.com Ltd., in Hong Kong.

**Brian Vertrees** accepted a position as a high technology project manager at Market Trends Research in Seattle.

**Kari Nyman and Jay Chennault** were married on Dec. 17 in Tacoma. **Tad Monroe '97** officiated. **Stacy Catterall '97, Chris Catterall '97, and Paul Baurichter '00** were in the wedding. The couple honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

**Crystal Landers** and Philip Burman were married on Dec. 30. Philip and Crystal met in South Africa where Crystal was working at his sister's safari company, Mofigeni. They continue to live and work at Mofigeni as photographic safari guides. They have also started their own business breeding Nyala antelope.

**Sarah Groesch** and Jeff Chandler were married on April 21 at Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church in Gig Harbor, Wash. **Karin Berglund '99, Katie Yocum '00, and Mark Groesch '03** were in the wedding. Sarah and Jeff honeymooned on Kauai. They live in Vancouver, Wash., where Jeff is a mechanical engineer.

**Audra Buckley** is teaching fourth grade at an international Christian school in Suriname, South America, for the 2001-2002 school year.

**Suzanne Sampson** is in the U.S. Naval Reserves. She lives in Seffner, Fla.

**Leah Arnold** and Kevin Wilson were married on May 22. Leah is a nurse at St. Joseph's Medical Surgical Center in Tacoma and Kevin is a sergeant in the U.S. Army. They live in Lakewood.

## 2001

**Jessica Allen and Greg Pickett '00** were married on Feb. 24 in Sedona, Ariz. Greg received a Rotary scholarship and they moved to Ecuador for seven months where Greg is studying and Jessica is teaching. When they return they plan to live in the Tacoma area where Greg will work at Alaska Airlines and Jessica will teach at a high school.

**Jennifer Hiatt** is in the master's program for anesthesiology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

**Kristin Olson** is a second grade teacher at Kent-Prairie Elementary School in the Arlington (Wash.) School District.

**Erik Mortensen** went to Europe over the summer.

**Annalee Nelson** and Carl Tobey were married on June 30.

**Teralyn Colbert** is the director of youth ministries at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Fountain Valley, Calif.

## in memoriam

**1932**  
**Grace (Holte) Olson** died on Jan. 26.

**Lorraine (Thoren) Forsberg** died on May 18.

**Amelia (Holmquist) Wright** died on June 11.

**1941**  
**Hazel (Roti) Johnson** died on May 3.

**1942**  
**Alice (Ford) Pflueger Tingstrom** died on May 25.

**1948**  
**Don Kreick** died on March 19.

**1950**  
**Wendell Life** died on April 5.

**1951**  
**Ernest Randolph** died on June 20.

**1952**  
**Dolores (Johnson) Lobeda** died on April 13.

**Jack Proud** died on March 29.

**1969**  
**Ronald Johnson** died on April 29.

**1971**  
**Ronald Turley** died on April 11.

**1975**  
**Henry Nyirenda** died in April. He was chosen by PLU's Alumni Association to be honored during the PLU 1990 Centennial celebration where 100 persons were recognized for their achievements, leadership, and involvement in their communities. After receiving a Bachelor's of Business Administration degree from PLU, Henry was a consultant to the government of Botswana and was responsible for all aspects of the building of the city of Jwaneng, Botswana including highways, streets, homes, businesses, agencies, banks, churches, and community centers. He was also a former Tanzanian governmental official and received the PLU Distinguished Service Award in 1984.

**1983**  
**Kris Geldaker** died on March 20.

**1985**  
**Connie (Eliason) Miller** '85, '88, died on June 4.

**1995**  
**Heather Overman** died on June 5.

## FACULTY AND FRIENDS

**Dr. Patsy Hegstad** died on April 19. She was an active volunteer at PLU's Women's Center and an adjunct faculty member. She is survived by her husband, Toby and daughter, Maria.

**Kelmer Roe** died on May 18. Kelmer was the fourth child born to Ingeborg and Nels Nelson-Roe in Canton, S.D., on Aug. 31, 1900. He went to Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he played clarinet in the college band and symphony orchestra and was on the debate team. Kelmer graduated with honors in 1925 and then went to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., before pursuing a master's degree in history at Princeton. Kelmer married Hannah Quien in 1930. He taught history and religion at Luther College before moving to Gig Harbor, Wash., in 1933 where he was pastor to the Lutheran Church. Kelmer and Hannah then moved to Bethel Lutheran Church in Sacramento, Calif., where they stayed for 14 years before Kelmer accepted a professorship in Greek and religion at PLU. Kelmer retired from PLU in 1968 but they continued to live in Parkland and remained active at Trinity Lutheran Church and PLU until 1997. Kelmer and Hannah were married for 69 years when Hannah died in 1999. Kelmer is survived by his two children, Naomi and David, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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### Marriage (no engagements, please)

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DATE/PLACE OF MARRIAGE \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

### Birth

CHILD'S NAME (first, last) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE \_\_\_\_\_ GENDER:  MALE  FEMALE

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# perspective

## In memory of James Holloway

BY SAMUEL TORVEND '73, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

I never grow weary of the natural beauty in which the university campus rests. We work among towering firs, ancient forests, and expansive lawns marked by diverse foliage. Not long ago, after taking a walk around the campus, a friend of mine suggested that faculty and students must be easily distracted in class by what she called "this enchanted garden." The night of her visit we sat in the amphitheater outside of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center and listened to a jazz combo welcome the rising moon and distant stars against the azure field of the western sky. Such is our garden.

Yet snakes seem to appear in most gardens: some benign, others quite deadly. I imagine that it will be difficult to walk across the campus—to meander from the Russell amphitheater toward Eastvold—without remembering the sight of Jim Holloway's body covered by a police tarp. As a professor of European religious history, I know that some Christians consider the practice of honoring martyrs and saints an unfortunate development within Christianity, a practice best set aside by a faith more reasonable if not biblical. So, within a few hours of Jim's death, I was surprised to see an ever-expanding circle of burning candles, flowers, messages, and crosses marking the place of his death. A "martyr's circle" so to speak, surrounded by people kneeling, singing, praying, whispering, and holding each other in this time of peril.

Indeed, who could have imagined on the morning of May 17, as Norwegian students sang their national anthem that we would end the day weeping as hundreds of us sang 'Beautiful Savior' outside Olson Auditorium?

Earlier in the week, Jim and I met to discuss the preparations he was making for worship at the Southwestern Washington Synod Assembly. Jim was never at a loss for words—enchanting, scholarly, deliriously funny words.



At one point, he told a terribly bawdy story and then, as I was still laughing, began to expound on the 'axiomatic principles and fundamental strategies' that must be observed in the celebration of any public ritual. With such apparent ease, he



Dr. James Holloway, seated before one of the many organs he played during his brilliant career.

could tell a joke and then deliver a serious commentary on just about anything. For instance, he was not happy with the choice of a white gospel hymn selected for singing at the assembly. "Sam, this old hound dog of a hymn can be played like this," he laughed as he banged out an aggressive marching rendition of the tune. "Or," he continued mildly, "we can transform it into a lyrical elegy like this," his fingers gliding slowly over the keys, elongating the rhythm into a sophisticated art song.

You see, one rhythm, one truth, or 'one way' was never sufficient for Jimmy Dale. Indeed, he knew too well the claustrophobia of fundamentalism that surrounded his early life in the South, a constriction left behind—he willingly confessed—by becoming a scholar and a Lutheran. Perhaps this is why it is so difficult to think of his real absence when what we long for is his enchanting and complex presence. Quite simply, he belonged among us at this Lutheran university. He embraced a faith enlivened and questioned by the scholarly pursuit of wisdom. He promoted rigorous and disciplined learning at the service of faith. Not one without the other. You see, Jim wasn't a scholar one moment and a Lutheran the next. He was both at the same time, these two 'rhythms,' informing and guiding the complexities and orientations of his life.

Yes, his family—so dear to many at the university—mourns the death of a beloved spouse and father. The churches of the Northwest have lost a visionary musician and mentor. His diverse array of friends will no longer hear his terribly funny jokes plucked from the pathos of southern life. But we in this university have lost that rarest of creatures: a colleague in whom the deep resonance of faith and learning was heard in keys both major and minor.

At university chapel on May 18, the day after Jim's death, we thousands sang an old song which seemed, suddenly, freshly, new: "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, / soon bears us all away; / we fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day." Perhaps the old hymn speaks a terrible truth: our Jimmy has been carried away from us, never to be seen or heard again. Yet "one truth" will not do, at least for Jim. Perhaps the second truth, spoken by him last February, is this: "The delicate, the forgotten and those who die young shall not be forgotten by God."

Yes, dear friend, you are gone. Yet nothing of you and your life among us and all our lives together in this troubled garden has been lost to the One who brought you to us. For in memory, there is hope.



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