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love for PLU
through the
generations

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Jake Bergevin performs at a Jazz Under the Stars event on campus in July. Photo by Andy Sprain '05.

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Sponsored by KPLU

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Paul Tegels, university organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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Regency Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

OCTOBER

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Oct. 7-9

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University Wind Ensemble
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College Music Educators National
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"The Laramie Project"
University Theatre Production
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"The Laramie Project"
University Theatre Production
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University Symphony Orchestra
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"The Laramie Project"
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Eastvold Auditorium

Oct. 16, 2 p.m.

"The Laramie Project"
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organists
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Eastvold Auditorium

Oct. 23, 2 p.m.

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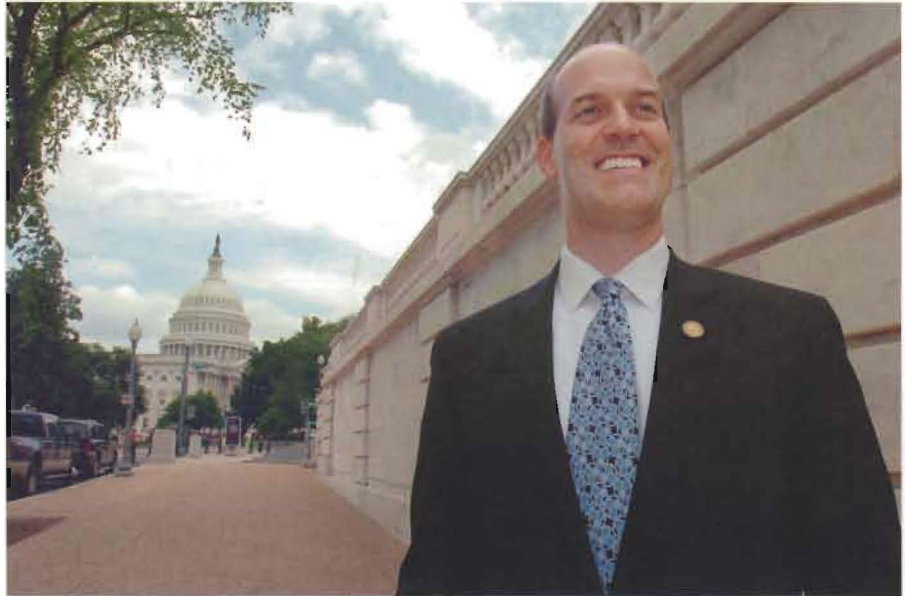
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here & now



The important work to outfit the campus with the latest technology is all underground.

Summer upgrades keep campus on the high-tech front line

The information superhighway cut through the middle of campus this summer, in the form of a 5-foot-deep trench from Mortvedt Library to lower campus and the new Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

It was the most conspicuous of the many summer projects on campus, which was called by many "The Big Dig." It included installation of nine 4-inch conduits that will soon hold fiber optic and telecommunications cables. Amanda Miller, project coordinator for Facilities Management, said the project was needed to get the Morken Center connected with the rest of the campus, but planners used the opportunity to upgrade the entire communication infrastructure.

By mid-August, the ditch was filled in and disrupted landscaping was restored. The project, which was paid for with construction funds for the Morken Center, was completed before students returned to campus in the fall.

The Morken Center itself remains on schedule for an early opening in spring semester of 2006.

For a list of ongoing campus projects, go to the Facilities Management Web site at www.plu.edu/~fama/projects. For an ongoing look at the construction of the Morken Center, visit www.plu.edu/webcams.

Wang Center welcomes new director with broad international experience

A history professor with broad experience in international education is the new executive director of the Wang Center for International Programs. Neal Sobania, formerly director of International Education and a member of the history faculty at Hope College in Holland, Mich., started in August.

He replaced Janet Rasmussen, who is pursuing seminary studies in peace building. Sobania also was appointed

to the history faculty.

"We look to Neal to help the university achieve our vision of educating for a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world," Provost James Pence said.

Throughout his 24 years at Hope College, Sobania helped position the college as a major player in the field of international education. An African specialist whose teaching and research areas include both history and culture, he has researched and written articles and books, curated exhibitions and filmed documentaries. He brings his experiences, especially those in Ethiopia and Kenya, into his classes in history, anthropology and art history.

One of his major accomplishments at Hope College was to increase the number of science students studying abroad. He also initiated campuswide workshops to orient faculty and students to the responsibilities and risks of studying in other countries.

Pastor and alum chosen to head development division

The Rev. Stephen Cornils '66, a pastor with extensive experience in management and stewardship, was named vice president for Development and University Relations.

"Steve is a distinguished PLU graduate who shares a deep commitment to the university's mission," PLU President Loren J. Anderson said. "He has remarkable leadership and communication skills and brings extensive experience within and beyond the congregational setting."

Cornils joins PLU as the university moves forward with a campaign to renovate the historic Eastvold Hall into the new home for the Division of Humanities and a stunning venue for music and theater events, and embarks



on fund raising for a new building to house KPLU, the award-winning NPR and jazz station.

Cornils' ministry began with calls to three churches in California. He lived in Minneapolis for 18 years, serving as senior pastor, as a communications consultant and as associate pastor at Mount Oliver Lutheran, a congregation of 13,500.

Jim Plourde, who has served as acting vice president the past year, led the university to a record year in gift income. He will continue in his role as executive director of development.

PLU welcomes diverse group of new faculty members this fall

This fall, PLU welcomed more than 40 new faculty members, including 25 in tenure-track positions.

"It is an impressive group," Provost Jim Pence said. "They bring a broad range of academic experience from around the country and the world."

Nearly all divisions will see new faces in the classroom this year. Pence said he was impressed with the new professors' commitment to PLU and their desire to choose to work here.

"They bring a real enthusiasm for the mission and educational values that are our trademark," he said. "We've hired a group of people whose highest priority is teaching."

The large number of incoming faculty is largely due to retirements of long-time professors.

"This is part of the generational change at PLU and within the faculty," Pence said. "It is an intentional effort to build the faculty for the future."

To read more about the new faculty members, go to www.plu.edu/scene.

Graduates earn prestigious fellowships, military honors

Four May graduates received Fulbright Scholarships to study abroad.

Sara Bergman will travel to Trinidad and Tobago to pursue women's studies,

and Sarah Larson will go to France to participate in the teaching assistant program. Maja Pedersen and Heather Short were both awarded Fulbrights to study in Norway, where Pedersen will explore the Norwegian efforts to combat obesity and Short will study Norwegian approaches to teaching language to new immigrants. Only 10 Fulbrights were available in the nation for study in Norway.


PLU students won two of only

10 Fulbrights available

for study in Norway.

Among PLU's more than 600 graduates so far this year, were the first cohort of the Washington Achievers program that helps students from schools with low-income and minority student populations. One was Thu Nguyen, PLU's first Pickering Scholar, chosen to attend graduate school at

Princeton and then serve four years in the Foreign Service. Other Washington Achiever graduates are Chrystina Bowlin, Wendy Fowler, Sang Han, Wajilha Mahboob, Amie Miller, Chenda Minn, Lam Nguyen, Ian Ric Pulido, Morgan Virivong and Bethany Munch (graduating in December).

Also, 13 first lieutenants who started their college and military careers with the 9-11 attacks were commissioned. For most of them, their first full day of class was Sept. 11, 2001. This ROTC class performed above national averages in comparison to other ROTC programs, allowing almost all of the graduates to get an assignment in the Army branch of their choice, and produced three Distinguished Military Graduates: Brett Bartell, Chester Boyles and Myra Waldher. Other graduates are Joy Bleckman, Lisa Bolos, Amy Bowen, Lynn Box (commissioned in July), Lawrence Ebel, Jacob Estrada (commissioned in August), Ricardo Ferrell, Travis McGrann, Alexis Melendez, James Phillips, William Sherrell and Jessica Sorano. 

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life of the mind

Leave time gives administrators new perspective



From left, Aubrey Cearley, Julia Cohn and Michaela Metros work on recording their stories at the KPLU studios in Seattle. Photo by Matt Durham, West Seattle Herald.

You could learn a lot about how to live your life from a fourth-grader.

KPLU Program Director Joey Cohn spent three months helping students at Seattle's Schmitz Park Elementary School write and talk about their passions. He was granted an administrative professional development leave to help two classes at his daughter's school produce a CD.

From insects to electric guitars, each child on "Student Stories" describes what he or she is passionate about and why. One student sings a lovely version of "Good Night My Someone," from "The Music Man," while another recites a poem, "My Robot." Students talk – with enthusiasm and often humor – about why they like swimming, baseball or reading. Their unadulterated joy at making a basket or playing with a pet is uplifting.

Cohn helped the students write their stories, then recorded them at KPLU's studios in downtown Seattle, working with them on their delivery. He sold the CDs as a fund-raiser for the school, bringing in nearly \$1,500.

"'Student Stories' was a great experience for me because I got to hear 47 kids express themselves," Cohn said. "It was the first time most of them heard their voices recorded. To see their expressions when they first heard themselves was very entertaining."

Cohn said the time off to work at the school his daughter, Julia, attends and the opportunity to inspire students were invaluable. Equally important was what he learned from the students, teachers and parent volunteers involved in the project.

"I learned that I really enjoy working with kids," Cohn said. "I observed how teachers manage their classrooms and how they interact with students. I saw that because there was a mutual respect between the teachers and the students,

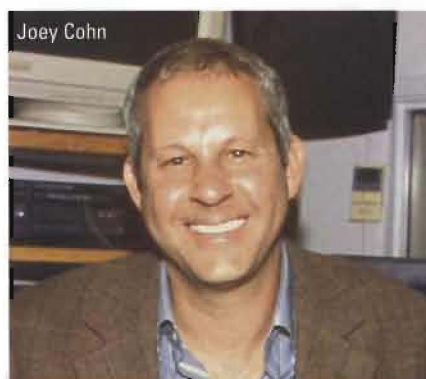
it resulted in very few disciplinary problems. I learned that positive reinforcement with children is much more effective than negative feedback. These are all lessons that apply to my work at KPLU."

Cohn is just one of the administrators granted a professional development leave. PLU offers up to four leaves per year to longtime employees to complete projects that benefit them personally and professionally.

Human Resources Director Teri Phillips said the administrative leaves are part of PLU's commitment to lifelong learning.

To be eligible for a leave, which can be up to three months, administrators must have been employed by the university for at least seven years, have a specific plan for their time away and complete a summary of what was accomplished. They earn 90 percent of their salary while on leave.

"It's a phenomenal opportunity," said Alina Urbanec, who as associate director of Human Resources was granted a leave in 2000-01 to study women's issues and Spanish in Costa Rica, Nicaragua and



Cuba. (The university does not cover travel costs.) A diversity trainer on campus, Urbanec made connections with educational and social justice groups, including the institute that PLU students attend for Spanish immersion programs during J-Term.

During her leave, Urbanec realized she wanted to work more closely with students and eventually moved to a new position as director of Student Employment and Career Development. She also started working with students returning from study away programs after confronting her own difficulty re-entering life back on campus.

"It gave me an opportunity to be far enough away from my life to really take a look at it," she said.

Jennifer Wamboldt, environmental health and safety manager, traveled to universities across the country to research emergency planning from October through December 2003. She went to colleges ranging from Washington State University to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. She developed a detailed action plan for PLU to address emergency and environmental safety issues.

"It's an awesome benefit for people to have," she said. "I think it's incredible that we get that opportunity. It gives you a break from the monotony of the day-to-day and allows you to see things with different perspectives."

Cohn's project allowed many at Schmitz Park Elementary the chance to see things in a different light.

"Every once in a while a very unique opportunity comes along for students to participate in something extraordinary," Schmitz Park Principal Rich Mellish said. "Student Stories' has been one such opportunity. This CD provides an insight into the passions of a group of truly wonderful students. I would like to give a special thanks to Joey Cohn and KPLU for making this opportunity possible. The generous donation of time and resources will make a lasting impression on the lives of our students." □

By Katherine Hedland Hansen '88

TO PURCHASE A CD,

contact Joey Cohn at cohnj@plu.edu.

ACCOLADES



Christian Meyer, professor of mathematics, received the 2005 Award for Distinguished College or University Teaching of Mathematics from the Mathematical Association of America, Pacific Northwest Section.



Susan Mann, associate director of the Wang Center, and **Chuck Bergman**, professor of English, spoke to 100 university leaders from Australia at a conference in June about international programs.



Bellamy Pailthorp, business and labor reporter at 88.5 KPLU, was one of 10 journalists in the country named a 2005-2006 Knight-Bagehot Fellow. She will spend a year studying at Columbia University in New York City. The fellowship is considered the most comprehensive business journalism fellowship in the country.



Patricia Wooster, harp instructor, performed the world premiere of Kevin Kaska's "Concertino for Harp and Concert Band" with the Tacoma Concert Band at the Pantages Theater in Tacoma last November. She also coordinated the fund-raising effort for commissioning the piece.



Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, associate professor of music, completed the first stage of a recording project with the National Radio Orchestra of Bulgaria during the past year. Two works by composer and jazz pianist Jack Reilly were recorded, "Concertino for Jazz Piano Trio and Orchestra" and "Elegy."



Richard Nance, professor of choral studies, published a choral piece titled "Batter My Heart, Three-Personed God." The text is one of the holy sonnets by John Donne. The piece was commissioned by the Coral Gables Congregational Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. In addition, two of Nance's works, "Psalm 36" and "Set Me as a Seal" were featured at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention.



Suzanne Crawford, religion professor, edited, and submitted 20 entries to, "American Indian Religious Traditions: An Encyclopedia." The three-volume encyclopedia is comprised of essays written by nearly 100 leading scholars, many who are of Native descent. The volumes challenge stereotypical notions of Native religions, and take a holistic look at spirituality and culture. Reflecting this, the chapters address issues that place religious life in its political, social and culture context.



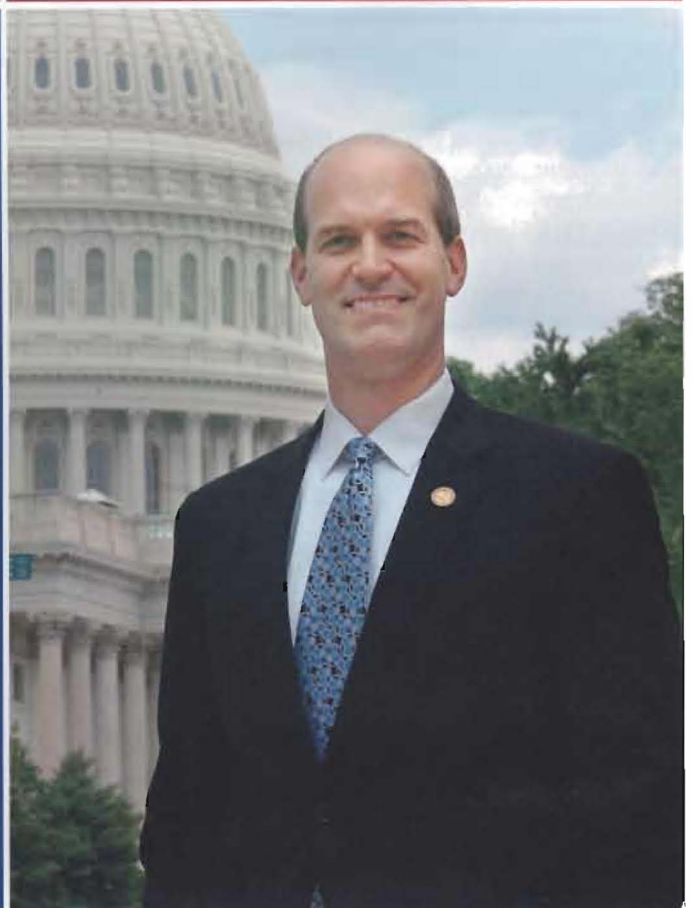
ON MEDICAID...

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ON TRANSPORTATION...

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— RICK LARSEN '87



ON THE HILL

ALUMS IN CONGRESS LOIS CAPPS AND RICK LARSEN MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE OTHER WASHINGTON

BY TOM NUGENT • PHOTOGRAPHY BY GREG DOHLER

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Lois Capps '59 is a registered nurse committed to improving public health who was thrust into politics after the sudden death of her husband. The 67-year-old lawmaker from Santa Barbara, Calif., ran to fill the seat held by her late husband, Walter.

Rick Larsen '87 started his political career much earlier in life as a Snohomish County (Wash.) Councilman and was elected to Congress at age 35 in 2000. A third-term congressman from Northwest Washington, he's already well known in the U.S. House of Representatives for his effective, easygoing style.

Capps and Larsen are the only PLU alumni currently serving in Congress. Several PLU alums have been elected to local and state governmental bodies, and Jack Metcalf '51, was Larsen's predecessor. Metcalf served six years in Congress after 24 years in the state Legislature.

Their backgrounds and approaches differ, but Capps and Larsen have similarities. They're both Democrats caught

up in the struggles of their minority party. And they both have strong voices, refusing to back down from what they feel is right.

Capps, the daughter of a Lutheran minister who was married to a religion professor for 37 years, calls the \$2.6 trillion federal budget recently drawn up by the House Budget Committee an "immoral document." Ask her why, and she won't mince words.

"I think it's immoral because of the way it robs from the next generation," said the feisty, fourth-term Democrat who has garnered great praise from colleagues for her commitment to social issues.

"It makes them pay for tax cuts that will go to the wealthiest among us, and it also will cut up to \$20 billion from the Medicaid health care program over the next 10 years. Medicaid helps people who can't afford to pay for their health care – and these funding cut-backs could eventually force many senior citizens right out of their nursing homes, by depriving them of the money they need to pay for such care."

Similarly, Larsen didn't hesitate when he had to make a crucial decision on the floor of the House.

Although he was caught up in a fierce re-election battle – and although his sprawling 2nd District contains U.S. military installations at both Whidbey Island and Everett – he concluded that it would be a mistake to invade Iraq.

So he put his career on the line – and he voted against the Oct. 11, 2002, resolution that authorized the U.S. President to bring down Saddam Hussein. (Capps also voted against the resolution.)

Ask Larsen what it was like to put his neck in a political noose by voting against a powerful chief executive only a year after the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and he points out that he actually received "very little criticism" for voting his conscience in 2002.

"I voted against that resolution because I was convinced the United States shouldn't take a 'go it alone' approach in Iraq," Larsen said in a recent interview on Capitol Hill.

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ON THE WAR...

"We need to support our soldiers there, obviously, but we also need to push this administration more in order to establish some milestones that will let us measure success." — RICK LARSEN '87



ON FAITH...

"I really do think I'm a hopeful person, in spite of everything, and I believe that with the hard times comes the faith you need to keep on living – and to keep on doing your best to serve others."

— LOIS CAPPS '89

FIGHTING TO PROTECT 'MOST VULNERABLE'

For Capps, who spent two decades as a hard-working public school nurse in central California, the road to the U.S. House of Representatives began on a brutally painful afternoon at Washington's Dulles International Airport.

It was there that her beloved husband – former Democratic Congressman Walter H. Capps – suffered a fatal heart attack in October of 1997.

Only 13 months before his sudden death, the longtime religion and philosophy professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, had surprised the political pundits by winning the congressional seat in the state's 23rd District. Until the Capps upset, the Republicans had maintained an iron grip on this moderate-to-conservative district for nearly 50 years.

Suddenly, Lois Capps was faced with a difficult choice. Should she retire into peaceful obscurity – or should she fight to keep her deceased husband's hard-won congressional seat in the ranks of the struggling Democratic Party?

"I prayed a lot and I struggled a lot,"

she said, "and I finally decided that the best thing I could do was to try and serve my country by running for Walter's seat."

In March 1998, Capps narrowly won a special election and headed to the nation's capital. Since then, she's been re-elected four times, and most political observers believe she'll be able to remain in office as long as she wishes.

"The last few years have certainly been difficult at times," she said with a weary sigh. She also lost her daughter Lisa to illness in 2000. "But I really do think I'm a hopeful person, in spite of everything, and I believe that with the hard times comes the faith you need to keep on living – and to keep on doing your best to serve others."

Since entering Congress seven years ago, the endlessly energetic Capps (she's also an accomplished violinist with a master's degree in theology from Yale) has fought hard to improve health care and education, as a member of both the Budget and Energy/Commerce committees. In recent months, she's also spent a lot of time trying to fend off what she sees as "a growing threat" to the "safety net" provided by Social Security.

During nearly a decade of fighting for "the vulnerable and the powerless" on Capitol Hill, Capps has drawn support from some powerful allies, such as former House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, who described her as "a woman of character, integrity and wonderful citizenship."

Former President Bill Clinton recently echoed that sentiment, while telling an applauding California audience: "I've never known a better human being than this woman, ever!"

Capps, who presented the PLU Commencement address and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2001, said her nursing education challenged her "to the limit." She attended PLU in the earlier days of the program, when students trained at a hospital in Portland, Ore.

"Well, that program was pretty tough, let me tell you," Capps said. "It was so demanding and challenging. I can remember crying myself to sleep at night more than once from sheer exhaustion."

In spite of the hardships, however, Capps says she's grateful for the early lessons she learned about facing challenges. She said nursing school can provide "the

perfect background” for service-minded students who might someday decide to run for political office.

“I talk to nursing organizations all the time, and I always tell them: ‘Look, the skills you need to be a good nurse are the same skills you need to be an effective member of the House of Representatives,’” she said. “The caring, the decision-making skills and the teamwork required for good nursing – these are precisely the things you need most, in order to do a good job on Capitol Hill. Every time I talk to a group of nurses, I wind up urging them to run for the U.S. Congress!”

KEEPING HIS SENSE OF HUMOR

For Larsen, who jokes that he was admitted to PLU in spite of the fact that he’s a lifelong Methodist, serving in Congress is “a huge responsibility, but that doesn’t mean you have to leave your sense of humor at the door.”

Ask him how he manages to remain calm during the daily political “crisis” on Capitol Hill, and he’ll tell you with a straight face: “Nothing to it – I’m Norwegian!”

Larsen and his fellow House Democrats lost the 2002 vote on invading Iraq (the final tally was 296-133 in favor of the invasion), but he says recent events there have triggered “increasing doubts” about the wisdom of the invasion strategy.

“I do think the public in general is growing more and more skeptical about our chances for success in Iraq,” he said. “We need to support our soldiers there, obviously, but we also need to push this administration more in order to establish some milestones that will let us measure success – such as the successful reconstruction of the infrastructure and the development of an effective government – that will define the point at which we can bring our folks home.”

CHASING THAT ‘LAST MEATBALL’

Spend an hour or two in Larsen’s office in Washington, D.C., and you’ll quickly discover that this PLU political science student – unlike some of his Capitol Hill colleagues – is easygoing and not burdened with a jumbo-sized ego.

“I think the key to being effective in Congress is knowing how to get along with the people around you,” Larsen said, after flopping down on a battered-looking sofa.

“Take jobs, for instance. In the Pacific Northwest, everybody knows that better transportation means more jobs.”

That’s why he sought a position on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, to fight for federal funds for transportation in Washington, including more dollars for the important ferry system.

“We’re talking about \$5 million annually for the ferries, and that should be very helpful for the economy,” Larsen said. “And that transportation bill is a great example of how you can help your district by learning how to get along with your colleagues on a congressional committee.”

Why is Rick Larsen so good at “schmoozing” his way to maximum dollars for his congressional district?

“Well, I was one of eight kids in our family,” he said with a delighted chuckle, “and one of the first things you learn in that situation is that you better speak up and go after what you want at the dinner table. If there’s a meatball left on that plate, you better go after it!”

Born and raised as the son of a utility company worker in Arlington, Wash., Larsen arrived on the PLU campus in the fall of 1983 – and soon discovered that he had a passion for the “fascinating complexity” that could be found in both economics and political science.

After deciding to major in political science, the high-flying Larsen was dismayed to find himself enrolled in a required microeconomics course taught by Marlen Miller.

“That was the toughest class I ever took,” Larsen said. “I spent two hours a night on that one class, alone! It nearly killed me, but in the end I got an A . . . and I learned some amazing stuff about

the power of economic markets on politics, and vice versa.

“The great thing about going to PLU was the way the professors required you to think for yourself – and Dr. Miller was an absolute genius at that.”

After graduating and then earning a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Minnesota, Larsen thought he was headed toward a career in business. But he wound up running for and winning a seat on the Snohomish County Council in 1997. Three years later, at 35, he defeated a strong Republican candidate in a race to replace Republican Metcalf in legendary Senator Henry “Scoop” Jackson’s home district.

According to some of his colleagues and political associates, Larsen has a “natural instinct” for politics, and a relaxed, “down-to-earth” personality that serves him well.

“With Rick Larsen, what you see is what you get,” said Bob Anderson, a former mayor of Everett. “He’s a very genuine guy, and he’s also very bright.”

Adds former Washington State Transportation Commission Chair Connie Niva: “He’s young, he’s smart and he’s gutsy. His district is very complicated, and he’s a perfect match for it, because he’s very bright, but he’s also very tough. That vote he took on Iraq – that was extremely difficult for him, but he made the vote, and I think the military folks in his district really did respect him for it.”

Larsen said his agenda includes helping “the workers, farmers and military folks” who make up the heart of his widely variegated district.

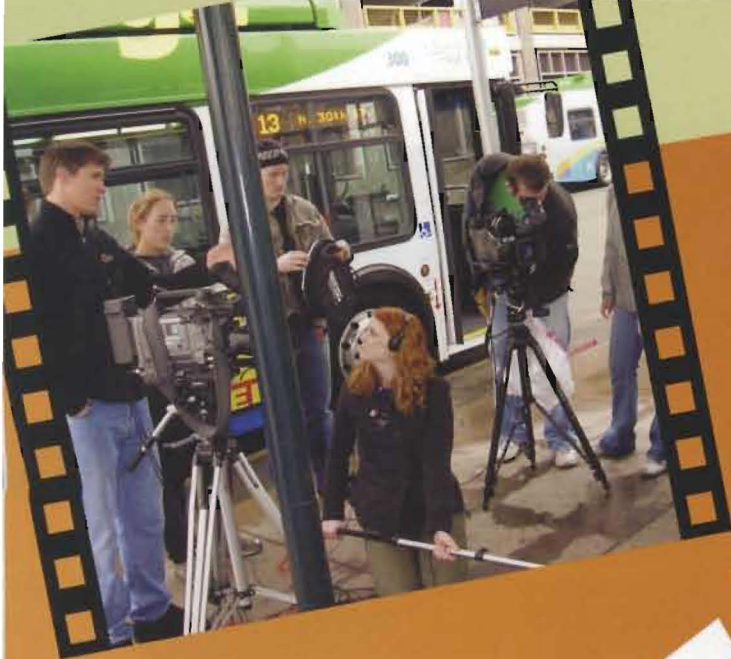
“The Second District runs all the way up to the Canadian border,” he said, “and we have everything from the fishing industry to the aerospace industry to raspberry producers and military families and even a huge aluminum smelter at Ferndale that employs 500 people.

“It’s my job to figure out how to try and satisfy all these different needs and aspirations – and that’s why I’m glad I grew up with seven brothers and sisters. When you come from a large family like that, you learn a thing or two about the importance of speaking up for what you want . . . and also about the vital importance of compromise.” [S]

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Former professor also holds congressional seat

Former psychology professor Brian Baird is the first PLU faculty member elected to Congress. He has represented Southwest Washington since 1998. Baird taught at PLU for 12 years and was chair of the psychology department from 1995 to 1997. His congressional committee appointments include the House Transportation and Infrastructure, Science and Budget committees.

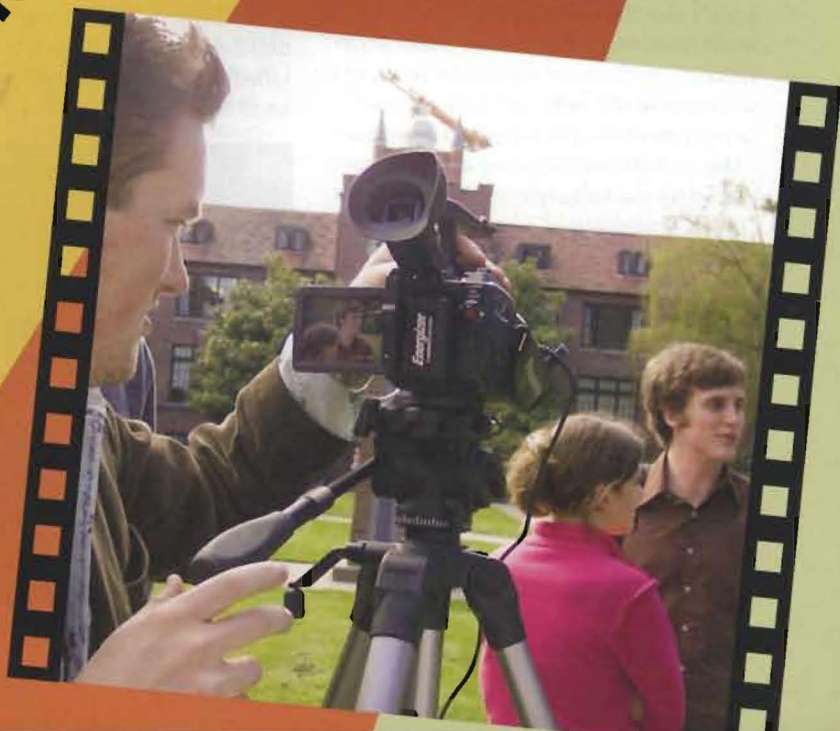


THAT'S A WRAP!

Student filmmakers see their own movies on the big screen

BY

KATHERINE
HEDLAND
HANSEN '88



A lot of college students dream of being filmmakers.

A group of would-be directors, actors and screenwriters got the chance to debut their work on the big screen last spring.

Kirk Isakson's Advanced Video Production class started with original scripts and ended with a showing of three short films developed by students at the Blue Mouse Theater in Tacoma.

"To put it in a real movie house, and on the full screen was pretty impressive," Isakson said.

The students were thrilled with the opportunity.

"We were really given a lot of freedom," said Jaro Savol '06, who served as director of photography on one short and editor on another. "It was fun to do something that was completely our own."

The course started with 14 students.

"I was pretty blunt and up front with them," Isakson said. "I told them it will require sacrifice. It will require you to give up a social life. It will require dedication and commitment."

Four students dropped out.

But the remaining 10 had the passion to complete their original movies and put in grueling hours in the process – from holding auditions to scouting locations to editing film.

"I don't know if I would say it was fun all the time because we worked really hard, but it was worthwhile," said Megan Coughlin '06, also an editor.

All students came to class with an original script, then three were chosen by the group to be made.

They learned filmmaking takes more than just a camera and a great idea. They had to deal with the logistics of people's schedules, bad weather and finding ways to get the shot they needed in a public place while random people walked into scenes.

Many took on roles they never held before. Savol was an editor on Matt McVay's "We Interrupt This Program." They said they benefited from the collaboration.

"As an editor, you work for the director. You want to get the pictures that are his vision," said Savol, whose dream job would be to make documentaries about nature, science and education.

McVay said having an editor's eyes made his film better.

"Jaro came up with a lot of good ideas I



wouldn't have thought of," McVay said.

Coughlin enjoyed working as an editor and coordinating with the director.

"I like to be behind the camera," said Coughlin, who hopes to make documentaries for a nonprofit organization and spent the summer working with AIDS orphans in Africa.

McVay is involved in University Theatre, so he acted in one film and directed his own. His 21-minute film details a student, Josh, struggling to balance work, relationships and school. When things begin to unravel, he gets a message from an odd figure in his television set. Josh begins to question his sanity until the figure's messages become frighteningly accurate.

"I wanted to do a short before the class," McVay said. "I actually got my idea from watching cartoons and saw one with an evil TV talking to people. The story took a different approach once I started writing it."

He says the course reinforced his passion for filmmaking.

"This is what I want to do," said McVay '06. "It was really good experience to have free reign."

The other films produced by the class are "George & Darryl" by Britt Neuffer '06 and "Limbo" by Tony Downs '06. Others who worked on films were Kyle Duba '06, Adam Fallert '05, Dan Hould '06, Cairlyn Stoskopf '08, and Ann Sweeney '05.

In Neuffer's film, two buddies sit at a bus stop and people watch. The main character stereotypes the people he encounters there, saying they are lazy, unhappy and unwilling to make their lives better. His friend tries to tell him he's a cynic.

"Limbo" is about people in the early 20s stuck in "the rut of life." Over a game of poker, characters are introduced in voiceover as what they want to be – a writer or a musician – and what they actually are doing – working retail and telemarketing. The main character narrates about the last night he sees these friends and in a tragic turn, some are forced to re-evaluate their lives.

The stories are dark, including some harsh language and addressing difficult

subjects. The students say they told stories their generation can relate to. Isakson said the topics aren't surprising given how students are at a point in their lives when they question what they want to do and what their futures hold.

Isakson used the Blue Mouse screening as an opportunity for community outreach. Jennifer Eddy '06, a student volunteer who was not in the class, invited students from area high schools to the screening, at which the PLU group answered questions about the filmmaking process. More than 100 people attended the screening in May. A couple weeks later, one of the younger students called Isakson, who invited him to come to campus to tour the video facilities.

"There's a whole new world of wanna-be filmmakers on the campus," Isakson said.

McVay and others have made other films on their own, and a group of recent grads are making movies with Dead Gentlemen Productions, which started when they were students at PLU.

"PLU for a small school actually has the technology that a lot of larger schools don't," Isakson said. "As long as we have students with imaginations and as long as we have students who want to share that imagination, filmmaking will never die." S



Far left, top: The crew coordinates a scene from "George & Darryl" filmed at the Parkland Park and Ride. **Far left:** Writer and director Matt McVay '06, checks his shot while filming a scene from "We Interrupt This Program." **This page:** **left,** director Britt Neuffer '06 films a scene.



THEN AND NOW: The Lider family's legacy started in 1942 when Gerry '47 and Milly (Hanson) Lider met at Pacific Lutheran College. He accompanied her as she participated in the May Day celebration as an attendant. After 59 years, their love for each other and the university that brought them together remains strong.

LEGACY

Family passes
love for PLU
through the
generations

LUTES

BY NISHA AJMANI WADE '02

Flipping through their neatly preserved scrapbook pages, Gerry and Milly Lider laugh as they talk about the first time they met and their time together at PLU.

Their story begins in 1942 when Gerry '47 and Milly (Hanson) came to what was then Pacific Lutheran College and met at a drinking fountain.

Strolling through campus, Gerry and Milly remember their first date to the Football Banquet – “the event of the year” according to Milly, – many walks around the Parkland area and visits to the infamous kicking post, where couples went to steal kisses.

The Liders, who live in Bellevue, Wash., have now been married 59 years and their love for PLU has been passed down through the generations. All three of their children – and five of their grandchildren, with more still to come – have attended PLU. »





Four of Mark '68 and Wendy (Lider) Swanson's eight children have attended PLU, including, top right Nate Swanson '00 and twins Colin '09, left, and Carl '09, who are numbers 24 and 25 of their combined families to attend the university.

"Our family is blessed," Milly said. "We're very prideful and honored that our children and grandchildren chose to graduate from our alma mater. And we're pleased about the education they've received."

The Lider family is just one of the many Legacy Lute families that connect the history and the future of the university, keeping generations in touch with the PLU and providing volunteer and financial support.

Lauralee Hagen '75 '78, director of Alumni and Parent Relations, said PLU's legacy families choose PLU for more reasons than tradition.

"That's part of it, but it's more than that," Hagen said. "Parents know that PLU helped develop their values and provided a holistic education, and they want the same for their children. Fortunately, students want to have those same experiences."

This year, PLU has more than 260 returning legacy students and about 90 incoming students (see list page 27) who had a parent attend PLU. Other examples of Legacy Lutes include multiple siblings who attend or families who become legacy through marriage.

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Legacy, tradition, heritage

Countless legacy families share a love for PLU's traditions and mission, and their PLU experiences also create deep connections within their families.

Ask anyone in the Lider family what they love about PLU and they'll provide similar responses – legacy, tradition and heritage. But, you'll also hear about the outstanding education they received, the professors who guided them and the lifelong friends they made.

"I got a good background academically, musically, athletically and spiritually," said Gerry, a retired junior high school principal. "And friendships that have held for 60 years."

While none of the Lider grandchildren are required to go to PLU, their parents and grandparents are happy when it's a good fit.

"Everyone in my family was very supportive of me going to PLU," said Nate Swanson '00, who was the first grandchild of Gerry and Milly to attend the university. "I saw that they had professional careers and were happy. It seemed like a good stepping stone for life."

Nate's parents, Wendy (Lider) and Mark Swanson '68 of Redmond, Wash., said PLU's spirit of service, strong academics, Christian influence and Norwegian background always stood out.

"The heart of PLU made an impression on me," Mark said.

Coming from a family where four of the eight children have gone to PLU, Nate said he is glad to see others from his generation wanting to attend. "This is really a proud tradition in our family," he said.

For the Swansons, the heritage extends to Mark's family, many of whom also went to PLU – including his parents, three brothers and some their wives and children.

"Our kids appreciate PLU from both sides," said Wendy, who left PLU after a year to pursue a degree not offered by the university. "It's part of the story. There's a lot of heritage."

Nate's twin brothers, Carl and Colin, are PLU freshmen this fall and are numbers 24 and 25 of the Swanson and Lider family combined to attend the university.

Another of Mark and Wendy's sons, Laef Swanson '05, said he enjoyed being a student at the same time as other members of his family. In addition to spending four years on campus with his cousin, Brita Lider '05, Laef and his brother, Nate, were at PLU for a semester together.

"It was nice to have an older brother to

Gerry Lider '47 and Milly (Hanson) Lider



Kirk '82 and Carol (Boose '82) Lider went to PLU's Homecoming dance together in 1981. They grew up about a mile apart, but did not meet until their sophomore year at PLU

"It was my biggest dream all my life to come to PLU," said Milly, who was orphaned at age 10, took a year off after high school to earn the \$500 tuition and, as a student, provided ironing and babysitting services to professors.

help me out while I was here," Laef said. "He took me under his wing."

Changing with the times

Legacy families watch PLU changing through the generations. For instance, when Gerry and Milly were students, dancing was considered a sin. But their children went to weekly dances, protested curfew and started living in co-ed halls. Their grandchildren have even more freedom.

It was a huge accomplishment for Milly just to get to PLU. Orphaned at age 10, she took a year off after high school to earn the \$500 tuition and, as a student, provided ironing and babysitting services to professors.

"It was my biggest dream all my life to come to PLU," she said.

In addition to working, Milly played basketball and participated in the May Day celebration as an attendant.

She attended PLU for one year before continuing at Everett General Hospital School of Nursing in the Nursing Cadet Core. Milly returned to PLU and worked as

a nurse for two years while Gerry, who had left the school to serve in the Navy during World War II, finished his liberal arts degree.

Though he was away from PLU for three years during the war – attending Dickinson State Teachers College in Dickinson, N.D., with 14 of his classmates as part of the Navy V-12 program, going to midshipman's school in Chicago, and serving in both the Mediterranean and the Pacific – Gerry felt close to the university. He continued to get support from the faculty and especially remembers his first Christmas away, when he received a greeting card signed by professors like John Xavier, Cliff Olson, Ole Stuen, Lora Kriedler, Jesse Pflueger and Philip Hauge.

While at PLU, Gerry, whose sister Norma (Longbottom '43) Lider also attended, sang in the Choir of the West and various quartets, played baritone in the PLU band, and was class president his junior and senior years. He remembers playing basketball games at Parkland Elementary and practic-

ing football on the pebbles of what is now Red Square. He was also a member of the track team.

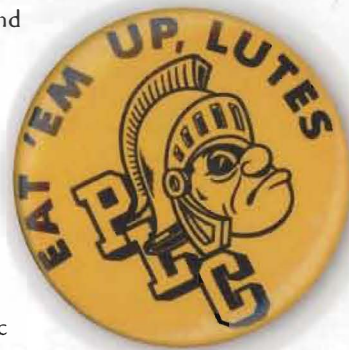
When Gerry and Milly went to PLU, Old Main, now known as Harstad Hall, housed all the students. "In our day there was a wooden wall – and the men lived on one side and the women on the other," Milly said. "It was rather-cozy."

They saw changes when their son, Eric Lider '75, moved on campus and into a newly co-ed floor in Tingelstad Hall.

This was a big change from just years earlier when Wendy and Mark were students. Women had an 11 p.m. curfew, and members of the opposite sex were only allowed in the lobby. Stricter rules also included required chapel and dresses for girls.

Mark said even music was controversial while he was a student, with rock 'n' roll evolving on campus.

By the time his younger brother Kirk



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PLU athletics played an integral role for father Eric Lider '75, his daughter, Brita Lider '05 and his nephew, Laef Swanson '05. At right: Eric and Brita compete during their college years.

Lider '82 was at PLU, students enjoyed weekly dances. As Alpine hall president, Kirk was in charge of finding three or four hours of music for them. "Every Friday or Saturday night there was a dance in a different dorm," he said.

Kirk and his wife, Carol (Boose '82) Lider of Bellevue, who haven't had any kids attend PLU yet, met their sophomore year – in a PLU van, helping new students get to campus for orientation.

"We grew up about a mile apart and never knew each other," Kirk said.

Professors, travel have strong influence

Strong academics and the chance for learning outside the classroom are a big draw for many legacy families. All the Lidere credit specific professors and other experiences such as studying abroad for influencing them.

As students, Kirk and Carol traveled to Israel, Egypt and Jordan for an Interim (now called J-Term) Biblical archaeology class. With the information fresh in their minds from a lecture/slide show the night before, the class toured many Biblical sites.

Nate and his brother Laef also studied abroad – with Laef traveling to Jamaica on a J-Term trip and Nate going to Sterling University in Scotland for a semester.

"It opened my eyes to the rest of the world and how it functions," Nate said "That was probably my best experience through PLU."

In addition to studying abroad, Nate cites PLU's science program as influential. He graduated in May from The College of St. Catherine in Minneapolis, Minn., with a master's of physical therapy, and was impressed with how well his science classes at PLU carried over to physical therapy.

"PLU prepared me for my future studies," he said. "It got me to focus on where I wanted my career to go."

Mark, an emergency room physician at Evergreen Hospital Medical Center in Kirkland, Wash., said his biology professor Harold Leraas influenced his decision to go to medical school.

"He made me take the chance and gave me the direction of which schools to apply to," he said. "Leraas had a knack for and reputation for getting students into medical school."

Eric said being back on campus for his

daughter's May graduation reminded him of how his career in education started. He credits professor Katherine Iverson Beckman with sparking his interest in education. "She presented the whole elementary ed thing with such spirit," he said. "I thought 'I want to do this.'"

Eric followed in his father's footsteps and is now a retired elementary physical education teacher who still coaches high school track and cross country in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Kirk, a sales/contact administrator at General Plastics Manufacturing Co. in Tacoma, said PLU provided a strong foundation. He didn't use his biology major in any of his jobs, but said the problem solving and people skills he learned at PLU have contributed to his success.

"The school produces kids who are successful," Mark said. "I owe PLU a lot for all that I've done."

Sports create confidence, lasting friendships

Athletics play an integral role for many families throughout the generations – and they carry the pride and dedication with them after college.

That's obvious with the Lidere, who nearly all participated in some sport and cherish their letters and Lute sports memorabilia.

Both Gerry and Eric ran track. Eric, who has had one of his three children go to

**"PLU prepared me for my future studies, It got me to focus on where I wanted my career to go."
— Nate Swanson '00**

PLU, said it was his time on the team and the professors he had that made him the coach he is today. "The character and how you compete in the sport is more important than winning or losing," he said.

He attributes his attitude to the way sports are run at PLU and the classes he took from retired Athletic Director Paul Hoseth and former head football coach Frosty Westering. "Frosty was one of those guys who immediately made an impression," Eric said. "He made an impact on people he didn't even coach. As a P.E. and track guy, he changed me."

His wife, Anne, agrees, comparing Westering's inspiration to Eric's influence in their community. "His roots and his character came from PLU," she said. "Who he is was shaped here and he's transferred that to so many people."

His daughter, Brita, who was on the

women's soccer team, said she also learned a lot about herself by playing sports at PLU. A sociology major, Brita is now working on a master's degree in teaching at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., and hopes to become a special education teacher.

She said she came to PLU to play soccer – and because her family always talked so highly of the university. "Brita wanted to do the soccer thing," said Eric. "And I just loved my small college athletics."

"I thought PLU would be a good choice for her because of what it did for Eric," Anne added.

Brita said balancing soccer and school was sometimes a challenge. "It's awesome to learn how to do that, how to prioritize and be successful in more than one area."

Her cousin Laef agreed it was rewarding to do well both in class and on the soccer field. He appreciated the camaraderie with

his teammates. "They're family because you see them every day," said Laef, who like his mother, uncle, cousin and grandfather hopes to pursue a career in education. "They're the ones you go to battle with."

Eric still keeps in touch with his track buddies, including some who are also coaches. "It's kind of fun because PLU is our bond," he said. "Sometimes we're competing against each other, but there's still that friendship that was made here."

Brita and her cousin, Nate, attribute their friendships to the characteristics of the people who attend the university. "PLU attracts a lot of really good people, which makes it easier to make and keep friends," Nate said.

No matter what their experience, all the Leaders agree on one thing: The friendships they made have lasted and will continue to thrive.

"After all these years our best friends are still PLU classmates," Milly said. **S**

FAMILY TIES

Family ties can be found throughout PLU and across the years. Here are just a few examples of the types of legacies created by PLU.

Brotherly love

With three sets of brothers playing last spring, the PLU men's lacrosse team didn't lack chemistry.

Attackers Kepa '05 and Josu '08 Zubizarreta, utilityman Wes Telyea '06 and defender John Telyea '09 and midfielders David '06 and Kevin '09 Rose all say they love having each other as teammates.

"We get more time hanging out, and we can return to our roots of playing sports together," said Kepa Zubizarreta. He and his brother, Josu, have played other sports together since they were kids.

Kevin Rose said he came to PLU because of his brother. "He's the guy I always look to and I'm the guy he always looks to," Kevin said. "Just to have that encouragement is awesome."

- By Trista Winnie, *The Mast*

Seven siblings

The Krebs family knows PLU well – with all seven of Keith and Kathy Krebs' children having attended the university.

Ranging from football and basketball to the nursing program and liberal arts, the children – Sandra Krebs '82, Kurt Krebs '85, Karla (Krebs '86) Houk, Erik Krebs '89, Brock Krebs '90, Stephanie (Krebs '92) Gomsrud and Rachel (Krebs '97) Foster – all had different reasons for choosing PLU.

Stephanie said that while her siblings influenced her decision to go to the university, it wasn't the only factor. "I was number six in the family, so I got to know the university well," she said. "It's a well-rounded school with a lot of good things to offer."

Like father, like daughter

The Rev. John Cockram '68 and his daughter, Kacey (Cockram '96) Hahn, are the only known set of father and daughter University Congregation presidents to serve at PLU.

Being president played an important role in Hahn's time at PLU and in her career in the ministry. "It was one of my best decisions," she said. "It was kind of a renaissance for me. I fell in love with the church."

Hahn, who checked out a number of small liberal arts colleges before deciding on PLU, said that while her father influenced her decision, he was not the main reason she came to the university. "My dad didn't pressure me at all," she said. "When I came to PLU, it just felt like home."

Following in her father's footsteps once

again, Hahn is now an intern pastor in Flagstaff, Ariz. Her father is a pastor in Sun City, Ariz.



Adam Nichols '05, right, decided to attend PLU because of the impact the football program had on his brother, Matt '01.

Football brethren

Brothers Adam '05 and Matt '01 Nichols are just one of the 48 sets of brothers who played football under legendary former head coach Frosty Westering.

While the two weren't on the field at the same time – Matt graduated just one year before Adam arrived – the way the program is run stands out to both of them.

"You leave here with so much more than just football," Adam said. "You learn how to be a better person."

Adam, who played football for a few years in high school before switching to baseball, said his brother guided him with positive encouragement and helped him prepare to be able to play on PLU's team.

He added that his brother's experience with football is definitely the reason he chose to attend PLU. "I saw the impact that the program had on his life," he said.

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2005 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

PLU will induct six standout athletes into the Athletic Hall of Fame at a luncheon Friday, Oct. 7, during Homecoming weekend. Reservations can be made by calling the Athletic Department at 253-535-7352.

This year's inductees are:

RUTH BABCOCK AND PAULETTE BERGH ROWING

The rowing careers of Paulette Bergh '80 and Ruth Babcock '80 are nearly identical. Bergh transferred to PLU after her freshman year and joined Babcock on the crew team. In the next three years they were members of the Senior 4 squad that qualified for the national championships each season, placing sixth in 1978 and fifth in 1980. They also won a bronze medal in the varsity pair at the national championships as seniors.

Babcock was a four-year letter winner, and Bergh lettered three times, was a team captain and received the team's Most Inspirational Award her senior year.

They continued their rowing careers after graduating from PLU, and in 1983, along with Pam Knapp Black '84, won the Senior 4 at both the U.S. Nationals and the Canadian Henley. Bergh and Babcock also finished second in the pair's races at the U.S. Nationals and Canadian Henley that same year—missing the title in the Canadian Henley by two 100th's of a second. They won the pair's race at the U.S. Master's Nationals in 1985, and Bergh was a member of the Elite 4 squad that won the Canadian Henley title in 1987.

Bergh was an assistant coach at Western Washington University for five years (1988-93) and was on the board of directors of the U.S. Rowing Association for four years (1994-97).

COLLEEN HACKER SOCCER COACH AND PROFESSOR

Colleen Hacker, assistant dean in the School of Physical Education, joined PLU in 1979 as a professor in the School of Physical Education and head women's field hockey coach. Two years later, then PLU Athletic Director David Olson decided to drop field hockey and add women's soccer. Although Hacker had not played or coached the sport before, she became the head coach of the new team. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

In a 15-year span that ended with the 1995 season, Hacker's teams compiled a 233-59-18 win-loss record, won the Northwest Conference title 10 times, won five straight NAIA District 1 and NAIA West Region crowns, and played for the NAIA national championship five consecutive years. The Lutes won the national title in 1988, 1989 and 1991 and finished as runner-up in 1990 and 1992.

Hacker's win total remains to this day the NAIA record, and her .781 winning percentage is currently sixth in the NAIA annals. She was named the conference Coach of the Year five times, the NAIA District 1 Coach of the Year seven times, NAIA/NSCAA West Region Coach of the Year four times and NAIA/NSCAA National Coach of the Year three times.

She joined the coaching staff of the U.S. Women's National Soccer Team in 1996 and is the team's sport psychologist.



> RUTH BABCOCK '80 AND PAULETTE BERGH '80

2005 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

CAROL QUARTERMAN KUMMERLE SWIMMING

Carol Quarterman Kummerle '89 was a four-time NAIA All-American in women's swimming. In the 1986 through 1989 seasons, she swam 28 different events at the national meet – the most possible – and finished in the top six 27 times. At the 1986 national meet, she won the 200-yard backstroke title and swam on three national champion relay teams.

She won a total of 25 Northwest Conference titles, winning individual championships in four different events and relay titles in five different events. PLU won the team title at the conference meet all four years, did not lose a dual meet in those four seasons, and finished second, fourth, fifth and third, respectively, in the team standings at the national meet. Kummerle was a co-winner of the Senior Athlete Award in 1986.

AKE PALM BASKETBALL

The 1972 PLU yearbook says that Ake Palm '72 "in the last four years has been Mr. Basketball at PLU." He was the Most Valuable Player for the Lutes and a first-team All-Northwest Conference pick in his junior and senior seasons. He helped the Lutes win the conference title in 1970.

He is seventh all-time in scoring with 1,481 points. The highlight of his career may have been a game against the University of Puget Sound on Feb. 26, 1972, when he tied a school record by making 16 field goals and shot 94.1 percent from the field – a school record that stood for 28 years. He led the team in scoring average his last two seasons and was the top rebounder three straight years. Palm was also a second team all-conference pick as a freshman and received honorable mention all-conference recognition his sophomore season.

BRIAN PETERSON WRESTLING

Brian Peterson '94 is PLU's only NAIA national champion and two-time NAIA All-American in wrestling. He won the 158-pound title in 1994 after finishing second in 1993 in the 150 pound classification. He also competed at the NAIA National Championships in 1992 at 142 pounds.

He fashioned a 43-5 record in 1994, and a .896 winning percentage, which is the best single-season percentage by a PLU wrestler. His victory total is third all-time, as is his career total of 114 victories. He was named an NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete in 1993 and 1994, and was a co-winner of PLU's Man of the Year in Sports Award in 1994.



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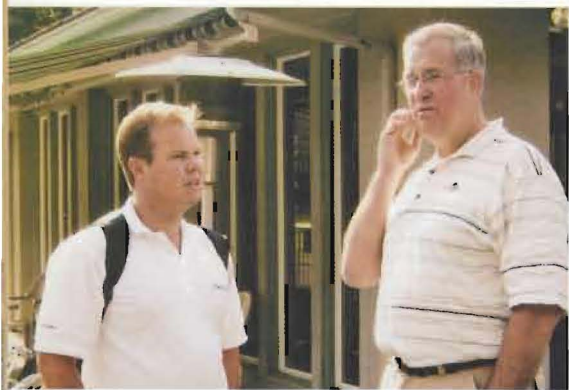
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Lute Club President Knut Olson '90 and member Tom Renne. Photo courtesy Jim Van Beek '59.

Lute Club reaches out for more members and funds to support athletics

The Lute Club has, for many years, helped athletics at PLU thrive. Now, with a reorganization of the club, a new athletic director and the prospect of building new facilities in the near future, the Lute Club will likely play a larger role in fund raising to help keep the teams competitive in the Northwest Conference and NCAA Division III.

The Lute Club raises money to help cover costs of operating the athletic program through events like the Lute Club Golf Tournament held every June. The money helps pay for purchase and maintenance of equipment and to help with out-of-region travel.

"We're building a foundation upon which we can realize an active organization, working first on a kind of annual fund for Lute Club" said Jim Van Beek '59, a member of the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame. Van Beek also is a member of the development staff and helps coordinate Lute Club activities with the Athletic Department. "Eventually we're going to be involved in fund-raising for buildings, facilities and endowments. But basically we want to be an organization where you can get information, where you can show your support, where you can be involved as a volunteer with the athletic program."

Within the past school year the Lute Club underwent a reorganization,

which included the creation of the Lute Club Advisory Board and the setting of short-term goals. Those goals include increasing the number of members from the current 280 to 700 by the end of May 2007, and increasing the fund-raising from the \$100,000 raised last year to \$250,000 by May 2007. The current president of Lute Club is Knut Olson '90, a managing partner for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans in Tacoma.

"Athletics were a big part of my experience at PLU, and I'm glad to be in a position where I can help to ensure the legacy of excellence remains strong," Olson said. "Because the university is committed to that goal as well, I was more than happy to take on this leadership role."

Planning for the renovation and/or construction of new facilities for athletics and recreation has been under way for about a year as part of the campus-wide master plan. Topics of discussion have included the renovation of Olson Auditorium, the future of Memorial Gymnasium, the condition of the swimming pool building and field space. President Loren Anderson said a plan to enhance athletic facilities will be part of the next comprehensive fund-raising campaign.

Lutes bring home All-America honors in track and tennis

Dan Haakenson '05 made the most of his last opportunity at the 2005 NCAA Division III National Track and Field Championships.

Haakenson met the qualifying standard in the hammer throw his sophomore and junior seasons, but he was not selected for the national meet in 2003, and an injury prevented him from competing last year.

He again provisionally qualified for the national meet this past spring and was awarded a berth. Haakenson earned All-America honors by placing seventh in the event. The top eight placers in

each event receive first team All-America honors. Haakenson is the first men's outdoor track and field All-American for PLU since 2002.

Haakenson recorded a throw of 180-4 (54.98 meters) on his final attempt in the preliminaries. The mark qualified him for the final and held up for his seventh place finish.

He was one of four Lutes to compete at the national championships, which were held in Waverly, Iowa. The others were Erik Jensen '05, who placed 14th in the decathlon, Jon Payne '05, who competed in the 400 hurdles but did not qualify for the final, and Megan Wochnick '07, who was entered in the women's hammer throw and also did not qualify for the final.

Wochnick previously earned Indoor All-America honors when she placed sixth in the weight throw at the indoor national championships. Her bid for a second All-America honor was derailed when she accidentally stepped on a nail before the competition.

Two men's tennis players, Matt Larimore '06 and Ricky Butenko '06, also received All-America honors. They were named to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division III All-America Team. Both were selected as doubles players. □

By Dave Ginnard



Tacoma Hall of Fame includes a slew of PLU athletes

In what was billed as the largest sports banquet in the history of Pierce County, the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame inducted many outstanding athletes – including 28 with ties to PLU – in May. You can read about each of the inductees at www.plu.edu/scene/issue/2005/fall/sections/attaway-lutes.html.

leadership & service



Lisa Ottoson '87, president of the Alumni Board, encourages people to stay involved with PLU and become Lutes for Life. Photo by Andy Sprain '05.

Get involved and discover the difference you can make for PLU

William Butler Yeats once said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

That is how I felt as I graduated from PLU back in the day, and how I felt in May when witnessing more than 500 enthusiastic, energized and proud students graduate from this beloved and contemporary learning establishment.

Those who spoke at the podium at Commencement shared messages of hope for a post 9-11 world and of realism in the opportunities and challenging decisions that will present themselves to each graduate over the years to come. I couldn't help but wonder what each wild and precious life had in store following the hoopla and the celebratory receptions of the day.

In a world where a two-year-old cell phone is considered ancient technology, the concept of lifelong learning speaks to us more than ever. Where change is the norm and tradition often finds itself competing for a few mere

moments in the 24/7 of our daily lives it is imperative to keep our minds and hearts open to new ideas, new challenges and new, yet unknown, solutions.

If I were at that podium, I would have chimed in with my share of optimism and realism, but I would have most fervently suggested that everyone in the room believe in the power inside themselves and challenge each person to act on his or her convictions. Yes ... it's easier said than done. We all want to believe that we do this, but at the end of the week, when we add up the hours committed to work and sleep and all the other obligations, consider the time allocation for giving back. Is it 1 percent, 3 percent? What should it be? What do you want it to be?

Writer Susan Jeffers said, "Knowing that we can make a difference in this world is a great motivator. How can we know this and not be involved?" It's a great question to ponder.

My involvement with PLU enables me to give back in different ways and in varied capacities and for that, I feel privileged. It has been my experience that my giving to PLU has returned tenfold to me in satisfaction, fellowship and spiritual strength. Over the years I

have participated on the Alumni Board, on committees, donated auction items to the Student Alumni Association, volunteered at the Wang Center, given financial support to Q Club, volunteered as a member of the Scandinavian Cultural Center, taught a cooking class, acted as a mentor for students and will soon serve on the Board of Regents as part of my role as Alumni Board president.

I am so lucky, and I want to share this with you! Participate somehow, and in some way. By providing time, prayer, funds and spreading the awareness of PLU to potential students you too are participating in the legacy of the university and are helping it to prosper. ☐

By Lisa Ottoson '87

Alumni Board president

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alumni news & events

Child of God, you have been commissioned by the Holy Spirit and by this congregation to proclaim the mighty deeds of God and serve the world in Jesus' name.

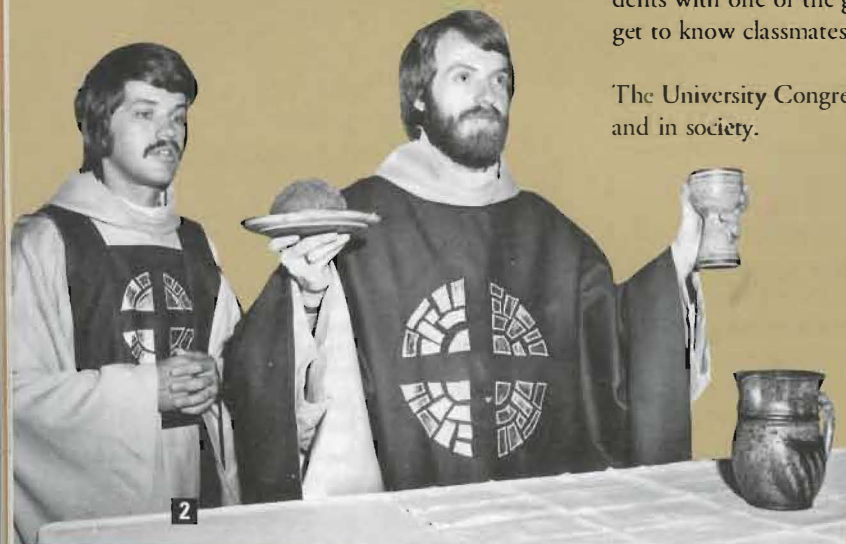


With those words, The University Congregation sends off graduates each December and May during a traditional toweling ceremony. Graduates receive a servant towel bearing that quotation. Following the example of Jesus who washed the disciples' feet and commanded them to love as he had loved them, these young men and women leave PLU to make their mark on the world seeking to make it a more just and humane place.

The University Congregation has been helping students do that for 50 years. Homecoming 2005 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of The University Congregation. Since its inception in 1955, University Congregation has been a welcoming community for all students. Today, not only Lutherans but also students of many denominations gather each Sunday morning in Lagerquist Concert Hall for worship.

UCong, as it is affectionately called, provides Bible study, service opportunities on and off campus and fellowship events. Twice a year, students prepare a dinner for the people who come to the Peace Lutheran Community Center in Tacoma. And every September, two full busloads of freshmen and transfer students head off to hike on Mt. Rainier to keep a tradition that dates back many years. The trip not only acquaints students with one of the gems of the Pacific Northwest but also allows them the time to get to know classmates.

The University Congregation is also a training ground for future leaders in the church and in society.



The pictures on these pages are just a sampling of the number of Lutes who were and are a vital part of The University Congregation community. We invite all alumni who called UCong their church home while at PLU to join us in celebrating 50 years of worship, ministry and service during Homecoming weekend.

UNIVERSITY PASTORS THROUGH THE YEARS





1. Members of the Ucong band Deliverance perform at a service.
2. Former University Pastors James Beckman and Gordon Lathrop celebrate Holy Communion.
3. The school year starts with the annual hike and worship on Mt. Rainier.
4. The Leap of Faith Dancers perform at Chapel.
5. University Congregation takes part in commencement every year.
6. Chandra (Hanlin '88) Peters, far right, and others sing in the choir.
7. University Congregation choir in 1958.

1980 2005

<p>1980-85 Ron Pierre Vignec</p>	<p>1985-86 Stephen Rieke (Intern)</p>	<p>1986-93 Martin Wells Susan Briehl</p>	<p>1986-94 Dan Erländer</p>	<p>1994-1995 Joanna Robinson Don Clinton</p>	<p>1995-present Nancy J. Connor Dennis Sepper</p>
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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

LutesRock! HOME COMING 2005

Homecoming 2005 is packed with activities and celebrations. In addition to this year's class reunions of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, and 2005 we will have the affinity reunion of University Congregation, which is celebrating its 50th year.

A 50th reunion special package price is being offered to the Class of 1955. For \$40 per person, golden grads can attend the 50th reunion party, anniversary dinner and Homecoming gala.

For more information or to register, visit us online at www.plualumni.org. Call 800-ALUM-PLU or 253-535-7415 to request a registration brochure.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

Classes Without Quizzes

8 a.m. – 2:20 p.m.

Homecoming Chapel

10:30 a.m., Trinit Lutheran Church

Golf Scramble

1-4 p.m.

Campus Tour

4 p.m., Clock Tower

Powderpuff Championship

4 p.m., Foss Field

Homecoming BBQ

5 p.m., Foss Field

Book Signing

5-7 p.m., Foss Field

50th Reunion Party

7:30 p.m., Eliason home

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Into The Streets Community Service

Meet at 9:30 a.m., Red Square

Coffee

9-9:45 a.m., Eastvold Lobby

Nursing Alumni Reception

9:30 a.m., UC

Heritage Lecture

10 a.m., Eastvold

Invitational Cross Country Meet

10 a.m., golf course

Reunion Receptions

11 a.m. – noon, Memorial Gym

Campus Tour

11 a.m., Clock Tower

Homecoming Celebration Luncheon

Noon, Olson



Zero (2005) Reunion

2:30 p.m., From the Bayou, Puyallup

Alumni Tent

2-5 p.m., Sparks Stadium

Homecoming Game

3:30 p.m., Sparks Stadium

Musical Interlude

4-6 p.m., Lagerquist

50th Anniversary Dinner

6:30 p.m., Tacoma Club

Homecoming Gala

7:30 p.m., Museum of Glass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Golden Club breakfast

9:30 a.m., MBR

Waffle Breakfast

7-11 a.m., UC

Campus Tour

9:30 a.m., Clock Tower

Homecoming Worship

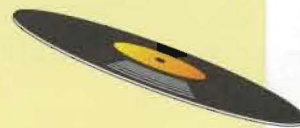
11 a.m., Lagerquist

University Congregation Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Hymn Sing

2-3 p.m., Lagerquist



Legacy Lutes keep traditions going strong through generations

Each year the university welcomes a group of students known as “Legacy Lutes” – students whose parents have graduated from or attended PLU (See cover story, page 14.) The following list reflects incoming Legacy Lutes registered as of July 2005.

Nolan Adams, Bert and Carolyn (Liming '81) Adams

Zachary Alger, Mark and Dawn '95 Alger

Patrick Anderson, Charles and Janet (Sire) Anderson

Libby Arneson-Walk, Mark Arneson and Dana '73 Walk *

Anthony Arola, Kent and Astrid (Rogers '90) Arola

Jordan Bahr, Bryon '96 and Krestin '85 Bahr

Garrett Brammer, Russell and Suzanne (Westland '82) Brammer

Clare Brauer-Rieke, David '78 and Gretchen '78 Brauer-Rieke

Brennan Brown, Michael and Kellie Brown

Kelsey Carr, Carole (Schramel '71) Carr *

Matthew Christian, Jeff and Deborah (Johnsen '76) Christian

Dane Christofferson, Glen '81 and Susan (Rorem '81) Christofferson

Tina Coleman, Edward and Christine Coleman

Neil Colombini, David '77 and Karol Jane (KJ Johnson '77) Colombini

Bradley Cox, Jack and Roxanne '80 Cox

Adrienne Cryer, Daniel and Heidi (Knutzen '80) Cryer

Grace Cummings, Craig '80 and Deborah (Fox '80) Cummings

Erika Dornfeld, Steve '76 and Holly Dornfeld

Krista Dunham, Keith and Wendy (Williams '99) Dunham

Rachel Edwards, Douglas and Carolyn Edwards

Chelsey Elliott, Hollis and Rosie '07 Elliott

Trista Fenske, Fay (Burnett '74) Fenske

Victor Fontaine, Gary and Becky Ann (Hucko '79) Fontaine

Amos Freiheit, David '87 and Julie Freiheit

Sarah Gauche, Paul '79 and Nancy Lee Gauche

Jevan Gee, Ron Gee and Kittie '85 Wheeler

Jorgen Gilbertson, Andy '77 and Kathaleen (Jackson '74) Gilbertson

Collin Guildner, Charlie '83 and Debbie (Maier '82) Guildner

Taylor Hacker, Frankie Hacker

Darren Hansen, Richard and Karen (Hendrickson '71) Hansen

Rachel Hatlen, Mark '82 and Mary (Zitzewitz '84) Hatlen

Jennifer Hebner, Kim (McKibben '98) Hebner

Sarah Herried, William and Erin Herried

Olivia Hillius, Ginnette '94 Rabon

Jennifer Hottle, Ridge '78 and Linda (Anderson '77) Hottle

Nathan Hulings, Dale and Kathy (Bayne '82) Hulings

Courtne Hurlow, Todd and Stacie (Suhre '85) Hurlow

John Iafrazi, John Iafrazi

Sarah Jamieson, Dan '77 and Linda (Alexander '77) Jamieson

Andrew Lashua, David '81 and Sarah (Frederickson '81) Lashua

Briana Lerew, Elvin and Teresa '91 Lerew

Tierney Lindblad, Randy '79 Lindblad and Tara (Otonicar '79) Nordstrom

Monika Maier, Donn '83 and Karin Maier

Lisa McClellan, Robert '86 McClellan (d) and Leanna (Kaelin '86) Stidham

Brian McFadden, Guy '73 and Laura McFadden

Angela Melvard, Scott and Karin (Gwynne '77) Melvard

Lauren Meyer, Michael '79 and Melinda (Denny '80) Meyer

Miranda Miller, Daniel '69 Miller and Debbie Miranda

Johanna Moore, David '72 and Mirth (Anderson '72) Moore

Madison Mosley, Thomas Mosley and Kaye Kuam

Lauren Nance, Richard and Patricia '98 Nance

Bonnie Nelson, Glen '69 and Mary Nelson

Rachel Nelson, Steven '76 Nelson and Norma '73 Aamodt-Nelson

Lars-Erik Nesvig, Jonathan '67 and Morrene Nesvig

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Pencil Us In

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 10	Tailgate at California Lutheran University
September 15	PLU Gold “Mix and Mingle” Event
September 17-18	Alumni Board Fall Meeting
September 24	Tailgate at University of Wisconsin-River Falls
October 1	Tailgate at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.
October 7-9	Homecoming Weekend
November 4-6	Family Weekend
November 6	Parents Council Fall Meeting
December 2	Christmas Concert and Reception (Portland, Ore.)
December 3	President’s Christmas Dinner and Concert (Seattle)
December 4	Campus Christmas Concert
December 10	President’s Christmas Dinner and Concert (Campus)

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

alumni profiles

Career move paid off for professional poker player



A poker table serves as the office for Mark Gregorich '92, who supports his family as a professional poker player in Las Vegas. Photo by BJ Nemeth.

When Mark Gregorich's teaching job fell victim to budget cuts, he moved to Las Vegas and gambled on a new career in poker.

Ten years later, Gregorich '92 is well known in poker circles and makes a good living as a professional player.

"I try to treat it as a job because that keeps me responsible, and it's what I rely on for my income, but I love playing," he said.

He plays about 30 hours per week – usually at the luxurious Bellagio hotel – but when he's playing a tournament, that can quickly go up to 60 or 70 hours. He travels to some tournaments but relies on his daily games for most of his income.

Gregorich started playing poker when he was a teenager for fun and a little money, way before it was the cultural phenomenon that televised tournaments have made it today.

"As I got older, my friends and I kept

playing," he said. "I made a few trips to Vegas after I turned 21 and did well."

When things didn't work out in his position as high school social studies teacher in Olympia, Wash., he moved in 1995 to Las Vegas, where he studied history at the graduate program at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and played poker at The Mirage.

"My trips down I did well, and I was curious to see if that was just a fluke," he said.

It wasn't. He's recognized as a pro. He wrote a chapter in poker great Doyle Brunson's book "Super System II: A Course in Power Poker" and writes a regular column in Card Player magazine (www.cardplayer.com/poker_magazine/writers/view/name/Mark_Gregorich). He has been a commentator for tournaments on Fox Sports.

His biggest win was \$130,000 at an event in the World Series of Poker. He's had numerous other wins between \$10,000 and \$100,000, he said.

Gregorich plays the popular Texas Hold 'Em, but he's most renowned for Omaha High-Low. In both games, players try to make the best hands with their own cards and a set of common cards.

He says games have become more crowded with the advent of televised play and Internet poker. And many people are hoping to strike it rich at a table with little experience.

"As long as you have enough for the buy-in, you can play," he said. "But if you don't know what you're doing, you're going to lose."

Gregorich describes himself as a solid, disciplined player who doesn't get worked up over the highs and lows of the game.

"I have a reputation for being really consistent," he said. "When I put my money into a pot, people tend to think I have a really good hand. I don't have a reputation as someone who throws his money around."

Gregorich acknowledges that gambling can be a "monster" for some people and he has seen the downfall of too



many. He says it takes a certain temperament, along with skill and luck, to master the game enough to live off it. He supports his wife, Mary, a stay-at-home mom to their young children Mary and Benny and his stepson Thomas.

"I'm not a gambler just for the sake of gambling," he said. "I'm lucky I don't have any issues with that. Some people like to play dice and slots, and that's an expensive habit.

"You have to have self-control. You have a lot of frustrating days when

things don't go your way. The game can be real consuming if you allow it to be."


He's seen plenty of players trying to win money back by placing more and bigger bets, only to get farther into the hole.

"If I'm in a tournament and I win a key pot or lose a key pot, it gets pretty intense then," he said. "Normally I don't get too up or down. You know you're going to have some losing days."

Gregorich has played with some of the top-ranked players often seen on the televised games, and he hopes to

win an event on the World Poker Tour.

While his dream of professional poker has been a success, he says it's not easy, and he advises against people choosing casinos over college. Although his degrees don't necessarily help him in his present career, he says he's glad to have an education and another option if he decides he's done with poker.

"I don't recommend it for kids because it's kind of a dead-end. I've seen people go broke. Not too many people have been able to do what I did." 

By Katherine Heiland Hansen '88

Scientist receives high honor for decades of work

In the mid-'60s, Tyler Coplen's scientific curiosity and the skills developed in a one-on-one glass-blowing class with chemistry professor Robert Olsen got him in a little trouble. Namely, it enabled him to learn how to use glass condensers – an essential skill for the distillation of spirits.

When Coplen '66 set up his new-found hobby in his on-campus room, needless to say, some found the practice objectionable. Soon thereafter, he found himself living in his car for a short time.

That didn't dampen Coplen's spirits – he continued his studies at PLU and earned a degree in physics, with a minor in chemistry. And it didn't hamper his long-term prospects either, as Coplen was recently awarded the highest honor from the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Distinguished Service Award.

Coplen entered the University of Chicago's Ph.D. program in the geophysical department. "I didn't know a rock from anything," he recalled. "But they told me, 'if you understand physics, then we can teach you about geology.'"

That has certainly proved true. A few years after receiving his Ph.D. in 1970, he landed a job with the U.S. Geological Survey – a position he describes as an ideal job of academia in the federal government – and he's been there ever since.

Coplen credits his experience at PLU (and in particular, his work with Olsen and physics professor Olaf Jordahl) for what he has been able to do. "The education in various laboratory sciences was exceptional," he said. "Students were taught and encouraged how to work with both their hands and their brains."


And those same hands that enabled him to build a distillery helped him develop state-of-the-art laboratory capabilities before scientific manufacturers could produce them – namely, the automation of isotope-ratio mass spectrometers.

It is this, and the large body of work in Coplen's 30-year history at the USGS, for which he was honored.

In short, Coplen studies isotopes – atoms that make up chemical elements. As Coplen describes it, whereas hydrogen is present in all water, the isotope Hydrogen-2 (a component of that atom called deuterium) varies by a factor of two in water around the world. This means a scientist can measure the amount of deuterium in water and know where it came from.

The technique allows him to be able to attack numerous environmental problems, such as understanding the

interaction between rivers and lakes and ground water, or the contamination of (and remediation) of ground waters.

His recent work with the analysis of the amounts of carbon and oxygen isotopes of calcium carbonate rock at Devils Hole, a subaqueous cavern in south-central Nevada. By studying the isotopes found within these walls, Coplen was able to document natural patterns of climate change through the last 500,000 years. 

By Steve Hansen



alumni class notes

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

1928

Jerdis Oliver died March 29. As a dedicated first-grade teacher in the Puyallup School District for 32 years, she was awarded the Golden Acorn Award for teaching excellence. She served her community through several organizations, including Root & Bloom Garden Club, Puyallup Altrusa and the McMillin Grange, where she was a lifetime member. Jerdis was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Orno, and is survived by her son, Jerry Oliver; her daughters, Anitra Sudderth and Maxine Herbert-Hill; six grandchildren, including **Oliver Sudderth '95** and **Mike Herbert-Hill '01**; and five great grandchildren.

1936

Class Representative - Volly (Norby) Grande

1940

Class Representative - Luella Toso Johnson

Lorena "Maedie" (Poland) Slover died Aug. 18, 2004. At PLC, she sang with the Choir of the West and was a featured voice in the choir's quartet, which toured the West Coast and British Columbia. Performances helped keep PLC financially afloat during the Depression years. After graduation, she began her teaching career in Randle, Wash. She then moved to Toulte Lake, Wash., where she met her husband of 58 years, **J. Mark '41**, a fellow teacher. She ultimately moved to the Seattle school district in 1946 and got a job teaching there. She taught almost every grade and when she retired in 1973, Olympic Hills Elementary School named its innovative library/resource center in her honor. Maedie served her churches in many ways, teaching Sunday school, directing choirs, founding a church library, and joining the Ladies Aid Society. She loved the outdoors and was an avid skier.

1941

Neil J. Hoff died June 18. He served in the Army, participating in the Italian Campaign during World War II. He earned his law degree from the University of Washington and practiced law in Tacoma for more than 50 years. He was a professor of business law at PLU for two years and served in the state Legislature from 1953-57. He was named one of PLU's 100 outstanding alumni in

100 years as part of the university's centennial celebration. Survivors include his daughter, Erica Ann Christensen, and two grandchildren.

1945

Class Representative - Annabelle Birkesto

1947

Class Representative - Gerald Lider

1948

Class Representative - Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1949

Arne Pederson died May 23. He earned three degrees from PLC and was a professor in the School of Education from 1956-1989. He supervised student teachers, served as the director of teacher placement and was active in Scandinavian Area Studies and the Scandinavian Cultural Center. He served in the Philippines during World War II and was active in Trinity Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway. He and his wife of 64 years, **Gloria (Rummer '42)** ran Gloria's Scandinavian Gifts near campus for many years. In addition to Gloria, he is survived by his five sons and their wives, **Leslie '64** and **Cheryl (Taylor '65)**, **James '67** and **Marilyn, Robert '66** and **Cheryl, Rev. David '75** and **Karen (Lansverk '79)** and **Rev. Mark '81** and **Robin (Yost '82)**, and 14 grandchildren, many of whom are PLU alums.

1950

Class Representative - Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

1951

Duane Berentson received the Skagit County Bar Association's Liberty Bell Award, which honors those who exemplify the ideals of community service and the U.S. Constitution. Duane served 18 years in the Washington Legislature representing the 40th District. In 1982, the State Transportation Commission appointed him secretary of transportation, a position he held until his retirement in 1996.

1952

Duane Lobeda died in May. After graduating from PLC, he served in the U.S. Army in Germany for two years. He then began his career as a teacher and bus driver at Elk Plain Elementary School in Washington's Bethel School District. He later became vice principal at Bethel Junior High School. After earning his

master's degree in administration, he moved to the Bethel District Office and served as administrative assistant to the superintendent for many years until his retirement. Duane was also a member of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for 27 years. He was married to his wife, Sharon, for 35 years until her death in 1992. His life was centered on his family, which included his son Mark; his daughter Janis Wood and her husband, Dan; and two grandchildren.

1953

Class Representative - Naomi (Roe) Nothstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

1954

Marianne (Pfeiffer) Sakamoto died April 7 after a 10-year struggle with breast cancer. According to her family, she lived her life to the fullest and loved her friends and family very much. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, I. Ben Sakamoto; son John Somm; daughter **Erika Somm '91** and her husband, Peter Davis, and two grandchildren.

1955

Class Representative - Phyllis (Grahm) Pejsa



Philip Wigen and his wife, Bonnie, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Conkling Park Marina in Idaho on Aug 22, 2004. They were joined by 55 family members and friends who participated in a cruise up the St. Joe River.

1956

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

1957

Class Representative - Marilyn Katz

William Foege received the first Thomas Francis Jr. Medal in Global Public Health from the University of Michigan for his role in eradicating smallpox. The award, which carries a \$50,000 prize, honors and supports sustained efforts to combat vaccine-preventable disease. In 1961, Bill, an affiliate professor of epidemiology at the University of Washington, pioneered the targeted containment and vaccination model that has become the standard of care for controlling outbreaks of emerging disease.

1958

Class Representative - Don Cornell

1961

Class Representative - Ron Lerch

1962

Class Representative - Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Class Representative - Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

Morris Kimbrough died May 14 after a long battle with cancer. He worked for Pacific Northwest Bell and Bargreen-Ellingson, but enjoyed most his career as a longshoreman. Morry was talented in many media, such as wood, stained glass and painting. He loved to travel and was able to visit many countries. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Barbara, and his son Eric.

1964

Edith Skog died April 19. After earning a bachelor of education degree from PLU, she spent many years teaching second grade. She then transferred to the developing special education program and earned her master of education degree from the University of Puget Sound in 1972. She served her community in many ways - as a scouting den mother, an active PTA member, a Democratic Party volunteer, a Sunday school teacher, a member of both Calvary and Summit United Methodists churches, the Grenley Orthopedic Guild, and FISH Food Bank. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Clarence, and her infant son, Jack. She is survived by her sons, James (Judy) and Dennis, and two grandchildren.

Marion "Frank" Tidwell died April 22 after battling lymphoma. He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954 and spent 30 years traveling the world, including a tour in Vietnam. He flew the KC97, KC135 and the RF4, achieving the rank of Brigadier General. After retiring from the Air Force in 1984, he worked for Boeing for six years, three of which were in Saudi Arabia. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, **Marlys (Larsen '53)**; daughters **Sandra '79** and **Nancy '96**; son Doug and his wife, Laura; and two granddaughters.

Stanley Hoobing is interim pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in La Grande, Ore.

1967

Claudia (Luke) Latham retired after 22 years of teaching in the Kent (Wash.)

School District. Starting in 1967, she taught nine years and then took a long leave to raise her two children, teach parenting skills at Green River Community College and get a master's degree from Lesley University. She went back to the Kent district to teach kindergarten for 11 years. Claudia will be joining her husband, Ron, who has been practicing retirement for two years.

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

Mary Ruth (Coleman) Hassett is the division chair of nursing and health services at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. She was at Fort Hays State in Kansas for 22 years, serving as chair, interim chair and acting dean of the nursing program. She also served on the Kansas State Board of Nursing, has had numerous papers and one chapter book published, had 13 grants funded and has worked on two funded projects she submitted or co-submitted. Having received her master's degree in psychiatric/community mental health nursing from UCLA in 1974, she went on to earn her Ph.D. in nursing with an emphasis on nursing educational administration from the University of Texas in 1990.

Eileen (Rue) Reichert is a pediatric nurse practitioner in surgical services at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle. She is also a PALS Training Center coordinator. Her husband, **Bruce '76**, is a photo lab manager for Color One. Their son, **Aaron '04**, has apprenticed with John Brombaugh in pipe organ building. Younger son Andrew pursues an automotive technology career.

1972

John Walk died April 23 in Spokane after a seven-month battle with cancer. He began his high school choral directing career in Libby, Mont., in 1974. In 1978, he earned his master of arts degree in music from Washington State University. He was hired in 1981 as the choral director at Gonzaga Prep in Spokane, a position he held until his death. During his career, he received many awards at local, state and regional competitions and festivals with his choirs from Libby and Gonzaga. John also directed the Spokane area men's barbershop chorus, and taught classes at Gonzaga University and Whitworth College. He also played both piano and bass at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, and

was an active member of Eastern Washington Music Educators Association, as well as other professional music organizations. He was preceded in death by his sister, **Dana Jean Walk '73**. Surviving him are his wife of 27 years, Alicia, and his daughter, Emily.

1973

William McPherson died Feb. 8. He was a certified public accountant and worked with Indian Housing throughout the United States for many years. He was also a volunteer firefighter for the Midland (Wash.) Fire Department and fire commissioner for District 9 in Summit, Wash.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

Gay (Thompson) Mitchell received a master's degree in art therapy from Marylhurst University in June. She retired from teaching a few years ago and plans to lead art therapy projects such as developing community murals with needy children. She and her husband, **Chuck '74**, have established a fund to assist aspiring first-generation college applicants. Chuck recently retired and the two plan to travel extensively. They would like contact with old friends and can be reached at charles.mitchell@comcast.net.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Tim Stark died May 21 after suffering from exposure while hiking near Camp Muir on Mount Rainier. He took great joy and pride in flying C-141s for the U.S. Air Force during a 20-year career, which included service in Vietnam, Granada and Iraq. He retired in 1992 as a reservist with the rank of lieutenant colonel. In 1985, he began a career with United Airlines, flying DC-10s, 727s, 747s, 757s, 767s and 777s. He was also the dedicated scoutmaster of Troup 32 for many years. Surviving him are his wife of 36 years, Nancy, and his sons, Marshall and Ian.

Tom Joselyn is managing librarian at the Kirkland (Wash.) Library. He is responsible for the operation of the library, including scheduling, building and facility issues.

Brett Rogers is the director of the statewide network of Small Business Development Centers hosted by Washington State University. The SBDC provides no-charge confidential counseling and low-cost training to current and prospective business owners.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

1981

Dan Strelow has joined Eaton Vance Management as a vice president and co-head of the Liability-Based Solutions Group, which provides customized investment management solutions for institutions seeking to value, hedge and fund their future liabilities. Eaton Vance is a Boston-based firm, which managed approximately \$99 billion in assets.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

Mike Wiebe graduated from a doctoral program in worship studies through Robert Webber's Institute of Worship Studies in Orange Park, Fla. Last summer, he traveled to Papua New Guinea to teach a master-level course entitled "The Healing Presence of Christ in Communion" to national pastors and lay leaders. He and his wife, Julie, are expecting their first child in October.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson



David Chun married Heidi Ogawa March 20 at the Rio All Suites and Casino in Las Vegas. PLU alumni in attendance were best man **Andrew**

Takamiya, cousin **Todd Fukumoto '98**, and **Kevin Aoki**, who was David's roommate in Pflugger Hall. David is a fifth-grade teacher at Iolani School in Honolulu, where his daughter, Dakota, is in the second grade. Heidi works for Ceridian. Anyone visiting Hawaii should give him a call.

Jazelle (Budlong) Savin is an acute care supervisor of the family birth center at Legacy Meridian Park Hospital in Tualatin, Ore., a 28-bed unit that does around 120 deliveries per month. She provides in-service classes on new equipment, procedures and hospital forms. Her responsibilities also include

performing chart reviews and serving on several committees. She and her husband, Michael, live in Milwaukie, Ore.

1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn Stelling

Steven Weston and his wife, Evelyn, are both ELCA pastors, who serve a new cooperative area parish of seven churches with a staff of three pastors. They live in Cottonwood, Minn.

Kristi (Stangland) Williams is an administrative assistant at Central Oregon Home Health and Hospice. She is back in the workforce after 13 years at home with her children, Robbie, 17, Kari, 15, and Juliana, 11. On June 8, she and her husband, Robert, celebrated their 20th anniversary.

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Shelly (Burns) Mullin is the new administrator at Tacoma General Hospital. She is responsible for the clinical and operational activities of the hospital, directing the delivery of care to customers and providing administrative leadership to department, program and clinic directors.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray

John Wolfe is the new deputy executive director of the Port of Tacoma. He had been Port of Olympia executive director since 2003.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

Lisle (Tonnesen) Slichko is a registered nurse in the Women and Newborn Center at Tacoma General Hospital. She and her husband, Matthew, live in Puyallup with their children, Lance Evan, 5, and Rozlyn Tan, 2.

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

1991

Greg Oehling was promoted to manager after six years at Husky Terminal and Stevedoring, Inc., in Tacoma. He loves the thriving business of international shipping. He and his wife, **Judy (Slater) '89**, live in West Seattle with their two sons, Jackson, 6, and Noah, 4. Judy is an

assignment editor at KCPQ-TV and is completing a certificate in public relations at the University of Washington.

Michael Standish completed the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College in Fort Leavenworth, Kan., on June 17. He is an operations officer with the First Corps at Fort Lewis, Wash.

John Golden is the new head basketball coach at Walla Walla (Wash.) High School. He was an assistant baseball coach at the school from 1992 until this last season. He joined the basketball coaching staff in 1996 as the sophomore head coach.

John Welch is the superintendent of Highline (Wash.) Public Schools, a school district of 17,500 students.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Patee) Andrews

Timothy Mitchell is the senior accountant for the Alderwood Mall in Lynnwood, Wash. He and his wife, **Traci (Wensell)**, live in Snohomish, Wash.

Bill Feeney is an owner of Wycoff Insurance Agency in Mt. Vernon, Wash., specializing in commercial accounts. His wife, **Sheri (Noah)**, works part time as a financial analyst for Providence Health System Regional Services. They live in North Lakewood (Wash.) with their three kids, Claire, 7, Issac, 6, and Emma, 4.

Nancy Bolland died May 10. Throughout her life, she was a dedicated volunteer for organizations such as The American Red Cross, Laulach Literary Society, Bellarmine Parents' Club, Annie Wright Parents' Association and the Pierce County Diversion and CASA programs. She also served as a lector and altar guild member at St. Luke's Memorial Episcopal Church in Tacoma. Surviving her are her daughter, Sarah Bolland, and her son, Philip Bolland.

Melinda (Wilson) Rumage and her husband, Steve, moved to Maine. Steve is the executive director of Camp D-AT-KA, a traditional boys sleep-away camp on the shores of Sebago Lake, and Melinda serves as "camp mom" during the summer. They have three children – Sean, 7, Seth, 5, and Kara, 2.

1993

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

Susan (Sandlin) VanBeuge was recently appointed to the department of surgery faculty at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. She's doing research in breast cancer treatment,

new treatment of post-operative pain modality and advanced laparoscopic hernia repair.

Ed Grogan was named one of South Sound's 40 under Forty by The Business Examiner. The newspaper selected 40 young leaders in the community for recognition. Ed has more than 13 years of experience in the financial planning field and founded Summit Financial Group, which is headquartered in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Mark Mulder was named one of the South Sound's 40 Under Forty by The Business Examiner. The newspaper selected 40 young leaders in the community for recognition. Mulder is director of Auxiliary Services at PLU and has been at the forefront of the university's outreach into the Parkland community.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Michael Fuller is dean of students at Northwest Christian College, a small liberal arts college in Eugene, Ore. As the chief student affairs officer, he oversees residence life, student activities, retention efforts, judicial affairs, community service, campus ministries, the career center, athletics, intramurals, and leadership and character development programs.

1995

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

Kerri (Harten) Schroeder was promoted in October 2004 to the role of credit products senior manager at Bank of America. She manages a team of commercial lenders around the Pacific/Southwest region, focusing on government, health-care and institutional clients. She lives in Sammamish, Wash.

Corey Bray is the assistant athletics director for administration at Eastern Kentucky University.

Rikka (Petersen) Stewart graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Ph.D. in theology on May 15. She was promoted to director of operations of her company, The Healy Group, Inc., in January. She lives in South Bend, Ind.



Stacey Johnston married Corey Foley Jan. 15 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Scottsdale, Ariz. Stacey is a clinical embryologist with

Arizona Reproductive Medicine Specialists.

Nancy (Keene) Steele received her M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix in May. She is vice president of human resources at Seattle Financial Group in Seattle.

1996

Class Representative – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer Riches

Sherrie (Link) Hoffman was ordained as a minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at Zion Lutheran Church in Baker, W.Va., on May 28. She received her Master of Divinity degree at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, Penn., and has accepted a call to the Mason-Jackson Shared Lutheran Ministry, a five-church parish in western West Virginia.

Seth Spidahl married Kristine Brundage July 17 in Federal Way, Wash. Seth is a men's assistant soccer coach at the University of Washington, where Kristine recently graduated. They live in Tacoma.



Amy Wigstrom married Joseph Sonnen April 23 at Tacoma Lawn Tennis Club. Amy's dad, Pastor Dean Wigstrom, performed the ceremony, and her sisters, **Abby Wigstrom-Carlson '99** and **Alison Wigstrom-Hoseth '93**, were bridesmaids. Amy is the executive director of the Tacoma Symphony and Joseph works for Washington State Parks. Amy was recently named one of The Business Examiner's 40 Under Forty, which recognizes young leaders in the community.

1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Douglas Thompson is a research associate at Trubion Pharmaceuticals in Seattle.

Brandon Hardenbrook completed a master of public administration degree at Seattle University. He is the deputy director of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region, a statutory nonprofit organization that focuses on cross-border issues that affect the economy, environment and safety of five U.S. states and three Canadian provinces. He and his wife, Sonja, live in Seattle.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Kristin Latham completed a Ph.D. in molecular and cellular biology at Oregon State University. This fall she begins teaching biology at Willamette University in Salem, Ore. She can be reached at lathamk@onid.orst.edu.

Joy Russell married Greg Fulling Aug. 28, 2004, at the Lake Limerick Country Club. She is a registered nurse at Olympic Physicians in Shelton, Wash. Greg is a physical therapist and owner of Total Health Physical Therapy in Shelton.

Sara Portzel married Johan Van Oldenbarneveld Jan. 22 in Alameda, Calif. She received her master's degree in non-profit administration from the University of San Francisco in 2004 and is a communication coordinator with the San Francisco Opera. Johan is an animal behaviorist.

Brandon VanDyke has been the director of bands and orchestra at Tualatin (Ore.) High School for three years. At this year's Pac-9 Band Festival, held on April 5 at McMinnville High School, the Tualatin Wind Ensemble placed third and narrowly missed qualifying for the Oregon State Band Contest.



Tuan and Sarah (Dfner '99) Nguyen are living it up in Germany with their puppy, Mochi. Tuan works for Novartis Pharmaceuticals in Switzerland and Sarah is a dentist in the Army, having recently received her doctor of dental medicine degree from Oregon Health and Science University.

Tadd and Charlotte (Martin) Foote traveled the world this year with some fellow Lutes. They made it all the way from Amsterdam to Africa and are now enjoying the big adventure of parenthood with the birth of their son, Warren, in May. Tadd is a 3-D animator and Charlotte is a psychotherapist. They live in Seattle.

1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

Rachel Spada married Jesse Hofheimer Feb. 19 at the Grand Willow Inn in Mount Vernon, Wash. Rachel is the daughter of **Randy '71** and **Charlotte (Olberg '70) Spada**. Rachel is a teacher in the Anacortes (Wash.) School District, and Jesse works in the finance department for the City of Anacortes, after serving four years in the U.S. Navy.

Jennifer Johnson married Joel Zovar Jan. 2 at Augustine's Episcopal Church in Freeland, Wash. Her sister, **Jessica Johnson '03**, served as her maid of



honor, and bridesmaids included **Christine Bumpous '00** and **Holly Swisher '99**. They live in Nashville, Tenn., where Jennifer

is pursuing her doctorate in anthropology at Vanderbilt University and Joel is an archaeologist, illustrator and student in graphic design at Watkins College of Art and Design.



Justin Johnson married **Kelly Kearsley '01** June 5, 2004, in Portland, Ore. They moved back to Tacoma after three years in Bend, Ore.

Justin is a product manager for Engineered Software and is starting his M.B.A. work this fall. Kelly is a reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune.



Eve Otten married **Jay Blanton** April 16 in Seattle.

Sonja (Anderson) Hardenbrook graduated from the University of Washington School of Law and passed the Washington State bar exam in 2004. She works as a public defender for Snohomish (Wash.) County.

Tessa (Ottow) Gilbert is a case manager at Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital, a critical access hospital in the most remote area of Alaska (accessible only by airplane) which handles everything from major trauma to school physicals for native Eskimos. On a daily basis, Tessa can encounter polar bears or caribou. She lives in Barrow, Alaska.

Robert Peebles married Sarah MacArthur Oct. 17, 2004, at Riverside Community Center in Cashmere, Wash. **Justin Gavin '97** was an attendant. They live in Wenatchee, Wash., where Robert is a financial consultant with DA Davidson and Sarah is an investment assistant at Piper Jaffray.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Andrea White is a software engineer at Performance Health Technology in Salem, Ore.

Nicholas Baeth earned his Ph.D. in mathematics at the University of

Nebraska–Lincoln in May and has accepted a tenure track faculty position at Central Missouri State University.



Kevin Stokesbary married **Kelly Morrison** Oct. 16, 2004, at Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club. Attendants included **Mike Luinstra '97**,

James Stensel '97, **Jeremy VonBargen '98**, **Steve Lim '97** and **Andrew Baffney '98**. Kevin is a financial consultant with Mass Mutual Financial Group in downtown Seattle. Kelly is a real estate agent with Executive Real Estate in Bellevue, Wash., and also works for a property management company in Kirkland, Wash. They live in Issaquah.

Gretchen (Voge) Mathews and her husband, **Marc**, graduated from medical school and are residents at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Gretchen is in pediatrics and Marc is in family medicine.



Megan Swanson married **Matt Brown** of Arlington, Texas, June 25, 2004. She is a head softball coach and English teacher. He is a financial

specialist. The summer issue of Scene incorrectly announced the birth of a son, Matt.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

Desirae (Marvitz) Burkley and her husband, **Joseph '04**, live in Portland, Ore., where she is a clinical research coordinator at Providence Cancer Center and he is a mechanical engineer.

Brianne Vertrees is executive director of the nonprofit North Central Home Builders Association. She coordinates the 420-member association's four yearly events, recruits new members and helps keep members up to date with the industry's lobbying in Olympia. She and her husband, **Brian '00**, live in Wenatchee, Wash.



Lisa Lindsay married **Dan Welsh** on June 19, 2004, at St. Patrick's Church in Tacoma. **Megan O'Brien '02** and cousin

Becca (Ehli '02) Miller served as bridesmaids. **Rebecca Wells**, **Laura (Cobb) Bangerter '03** and **Breea (DeSloover) Merrig '04** also took part. Lisa is pursuing a master of science degree in exercise and sport science at Oregon State University. Dan, a captain in the U.S. Army, is serving a year in Mosul, Iraq.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Benji Sonnichsen is the new football coach at Mount Vernon (Wash.) High School and teaches physical education classes.

Jennifer Jennings married **Brandon Schneider** May 14 at Zion Lutheran Church in Loveland, Colo. She is a certified nurse's aid in labor and delivery and a nursing student. Brandon is a nursing student and an emergency department technician.

Jennifer Makenas graduated in May from the University of New Mexico with a master of science in mathematics.



Julie Feltmann married **Joshua Dennis '03** April 16 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Renton, Wash. **Cyrena Finnegan** was a bridesmaid. PLU alumni in atten-

dance included, **Randy Webster**, **Christy (Amondson) Webster**, **Paul Marquardt '03**, **Aaron Lunday '03**, **Justin Lunday '04**, **Lindsey Robinson '04**, **Lindsay Hill '05** and **Kris Sletten '05**. They live in Seattle, where Julie is a senior accountant for Princess Tours and Josh is a help desk technician for Corbis.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Michael Forbes graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Laura Hunter is the new assistant director of annual giving at PLU. She lives in Puyallup.

Aaron Binger married **Becky Franza '02** Nov. 20, 2004, at a sunset ceremony on the beach in Poipu, Hawaii. Aaron is a YMCA director in Tacoma and Becky teaches English at Rogers High School in Puyallup.

Leischen Moore received a master of arts degree in vocal performance, with a specialty in musical theatre, from New York University's Steinhardt School of Education on May 9. She lives in New York City.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

Amy Kostelecky is the marketing and guest services coordinator for the SuperMall in Auburn, Wash.

In Memoriam

1928

Jerdis Oliver on March 29.

1940

Lorena "Maadie" (Poland) Slover on Aug. 18, 2004.

1941

Neil J. Hoff on June 18, 2005.

1952

Duane Lobeda in May.

1954

Marianne (Pfeiffer) Sakamoto on April 7.

1963

Morris Kimbrough on May 14.

1964

Edith Skog on April 19.

Marion "Frank" Tidwell on April 22.

1972

John Walk on April 23.

1973

William McPherson on Feb. 8.

1976

Tim Stark on May 21.

1992

Nancy Bolland died May 10.

2003

Vanessa Krenz on April 20.

Faculty

Arne Pederson died May 23. He earned three degrees from PLC and was a professor in the School of Education from 1956-1989. He supervised student teachers, served as the director of teacher placement and was active in Scandinavian Area Studies and the Scandinavian Cultural Center. He served in World War II and was active in Trinity Lutheran Church and the Sons of Norway. He and his wife of 64 years, Gloria (Rummer '42) ran Gloria's Scandinavian Gifts. In addition to Gloria, he is survived by his five sons and their wives, Leslie '64 and Cheryl (Taylor '65), James '67 and Marylyn, Robert '66 and Cheryl, Rev. David '75 and Karen (Lansverk '79) and Rev. Mark '81 and Robin (Yost '82), and 14 grandchildren, many of whom are PLU alums.

Jennie Vanderpool married Micah Vander Veen Dec. 23, 2004, at Faith Reformed Church in Lynden, Wash. They live in Del Rio, Texas, where Micah is a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

Valerie Landwehr married Andrew Kinman Jan. 14 in Astoria, Ore. Valerie is an inventory control supervisor at Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts.

2005

Class Representative – Michael Steele

Alisen McFarland married Michael Ellis Jan. 8 at First United Methodist Church in Wenatchee, Wash. She is a child and family therapist at Good Samaritan Behavioral Healthcare in Puyallup. He holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology and is a maintenance supervisor with Conagra Foods in Quincy, Wash.

Future Lutes

1982

Kenneth Lund and his wife, Ellen, announce the birth of Reagan Andrew on March 15. He joins Tyler James, 10, and Allison Marie, 8. Kenneth is president/chief executive officer of Westlake Senior Living, Inc. They live in Vaughn, Wash.

1989



Brien Flannigan and his wife, Sally, announce the birth of their first child, John Patrick, on March 23. They live in Lakewood, Wash.

1990



Thomas Howard and his wife, Laura, announce the birth of their son, Henrik Thomas, on February 12. Both are flying MD-80s for American Airlines, but Laura is taking a year off.



Kristi (Gorud) Waldal and her husband, Ken, welcomed their son, Nathan David, on Dec. 8, 2004. He joins Elyse Maureen, 2. Kristi is a triage nurse at Northwest OB-GYN in Spokane.

1991

Erika Somm and her husband, Peter Davis, welcomed their son, Aidan, on March 19, 2004. He joins sister Vivien, 4.



Susan (Weiss) Walker and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of Holly Elizabeth on Dec. 31, 2004. She joins big sister Julia, who's almost 3. They live in San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

1992

Michelle (Jackson) Hammons and her husband, Luke, announce the birth of their son, Mason Robert, on May 7. He joins big brother Jackson Thomas, who is almost 2. Michelle is a Spanish



teacher and Luke is an electrician. They live in Seattle.

Jaymes and Linda (Hollandsworth)

Toycen announce the birth of Rachel Mae on May 23. She joins sister Emily, 5. Jaymes is regional vice president of Northwest operations for presentation services at The Audio Visual Company, overseeing Washington and Oregon. Linda works part-time at the Sammamish Family YMCA organizing activities for fathers and their children in the Adventure Guides program. They live in Covington, Wash., and are involved at their church, Cornerstone UMC.

1993



Nancy (Hanson) Thorson and her husband, Erik, welcomed their second son, Leif Magnus, on Feb. 27. Nancy is a social worker for Big Brothers Big Sisters and Erik is a Lutheran pastor in Billings, Mont.

1995

Jennifer (Johnson) Higgins and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of Ailey Karine on April 8. They live in Mukilteo, Wash.

Skyler Cobb and his wife, Kim, welcomed their son Kadin on May 17, 2003. Skyler is the owner of Salero Group LLC in Boise, Idaho, and Kim is an accountant.



Kirstin (Hokanson) Doud and her husband, Alan, welcomed their daughter, Grace May, on Sept. 10, 2004. She joins brother Aaron, 14. Kirstin is a music teacher in the Bellingham (Wash.) School District.

1996



Erik and Heather Liv (McDougall '97) Melver announce the birth of their first child, Anika Liv, on May 5. She was born in their home, a couple of blocks from PLU. Erik is the assistant director of programs and services in PLU's Office of

Alumni and Parent Relations, and Heather is an assistant director of admission.



Emily (Blake) McKee and her husband, Raymon, announce the birth of their son, Jacob, on Dec. 23, 2004. Emily is a partner at Envision Marketing LLC and Raymon is a wine maker at Covey Run Winery. They live in Prosser, Wash.



Andy and Lori (Gustafson) Dreyer announce the birth of Luke Andrew on April 8, Lori's birthday. Andy is in his second year of residency in periodontics at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Lori graduated from the physician assistant program at University of Nebraska Medical Center in December 2004 with high distinction and went back to work last summer.

1997



Joanna (Kreiss) Jacobson and her husband, Randy, announce the birth of Adalynn Jean on Nov. 6, 2004. Adalynn's grandparents are Roger and Sandra (Bowdish '65) Kreiss of Olympia. Joanna is a minister of youth and family at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Salem, Ore. Randy is a software engineer with Garman.



Aaron and Andrea (Campbell '96) McCarty announce the birth of their son, Easton, on Jan. 26. He joins Ellie, 3. Aaron is a territory manager for NorWesCo and Andrea will job share her first grade teaching position in the Camas (Wash.) School District so she can stay home part time with their kids.

Jeff and Shannon (Robinson '98) Thompson announce the birth of their twin sons, Gunnar Newman and Anders Nils, on April 20. The boys join their sisters, Shayenn, 4, and Skyleigh, 2. They live in Kalispell, Mont., where Jeff and Shannon are both teachers and coaches.

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1998



Bryan and Anne (Karlsgodt '99) Schaeffer announce the birth of their twin daughters Kiersten Anne and Meghan Brynn on Jan. 11. Bryan is a graphic designer, and Anne is a registered nurse. They live in Seattle.

1999

Chad and Sarah (Abbey '98, '99) Roraback welcomed their son, Charlie, on July 12, 2004.



Pete and Heather (Ross) McLean announce the birth of their son, Zachary David, on May 27, 2004. Pete is a regional manager at Arrow Electronics, Heather has been teaching special education at Bellevue's Interlake High School for six years. They live in Renton, Wash.



Jared Miller and his wife, Kacey, announce the birth of their daughter Kellie Alivia on March 5. She joins her big sister, Maggie Mae, 3.



Gavin and Patty (Milton '00) Brem welcomed Jude Winter on Aug. 11, 2004. He joins Noelle Ruth, 2. Gavin is an Upward Bound program director and Patty is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Tacoma.



Christine (Faldet) Bellingham and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of Jack Sidney on May 19. Christie is a registered nurse at Virginia Mason in Seattle. They live in Snoqualmie, Wash.

2000



Craig and Katrina (Johnson '99) Coovert announce the birth of their first child, Levi

Andrew, on Jan. 5. Craig is the online services coordinator at KPLU, and Katrina is a stay-at-home mom and part-time nanny. They live in north Tacoma.



Shaun and Lena (Tibbelin '99) Buhre welcomed their daughter, Hailey Elisabet, on Oct. 1, 2004. She joins brother Mattias, 2. Lena left her position as a sports reporter for the King County Journal in February to stay at home with the children. Shaun works for Russell Mellon in Tacoma.

2001



Gloria (Binkley) Moore and her husband, Sutton, announce the birth of Lucas Jay on May 14. They both work at Western Peterbilt, Inc., in Fife, Wash. – Gloria with AP imaging and Sutton as a service writer.



Courtney (Woodard) Black and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of their son, Baylor Jonathan, on

May 15. Courtney does part-time consulting from home and Brian works in banking. They recently moved from Bellevue, Wash., to Tacoma.

2002



Jasen and Tara (Millet '00) Bennie announce the birth of Kael Charles on Jan. 13. Jasen is a project engineer at Edward Kraeme and Sons, and Tara is head basketball coach at Kearns High School. They live in North Salt Lake City, Utah.



Sarah (Phillips) Rasmussen and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of their daughter, Bailey Grace, on Jan.

6. Sarah teaches ESL at David Douglas High School in Portland, Ore., and Dave is a Portland police officer. They live in Vancouver, Wash.

Jason and Jennifer (Arndt '01) Anspach celebrated the arrival of their first child, Caleb Abraham, on Oct. 2, 2004. [S]

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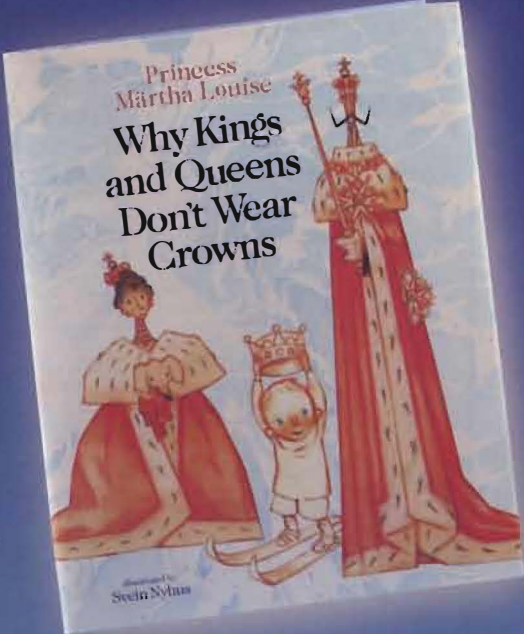
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Registered members of the Alumni Online Community can take advantage of a special feature that allows users to post photos in the alumni directory. Several hundred alumni have already shared images of themselves and their families.

We have pictures of alums from around the world such as Dennis Knutson '62 in Sioux Falls, S.D., Kevin Marousek '96 in Kazakhstan and Shella Biallas '04 in Hungary; a photo of Spiderman with Joseph '75 and Redonna Sterba; paleontologist Dr. Scott Foss '91 and a photo of Hiroshi Ayabe '99 apparently asleep.

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the arts

Selections from Saxifrage 2005, PLU's literary magazine

Save me from silence!

Daniel Mooney '06

Words thicken like
sour milk, drip
down my chin
in chains of broken
phrases, and are
lost to all but
the sickly stray
lapping letters at my feet.
Eyes scream panic,
plead with you
to wipe the words from my
mouth, lick
your fingertips,
and find them sweet and complex,
a fine wine to
you,
the only connoisseur of
what I have to say.

Tending the Details

Kent Leatham '06

When our neighbors died –
one from AIDS
and six months later
his partner, a bartender,
In a head-on with a drunk –

their ashes were scattered in the
flowerbeds
in front of their house,
and I suppose you could
discuss the beautiful clichés

but I wonder more about
the couple that bought the house
and the wife in a sundress
on her hands and knees
arranging Richard and Bruce.

Because it Wasn't

J.P. Kemmick '06

Remarkable because it wasn't
one of those moments when
his insides turned and
his heart began to keep
double time

Remarkable
because it usually did

But
she naturally rested
in his arms
sunk there like he was a chair
she had been falling asleep in
for years

He smelled her hair
and untangled its curly strands
from his tongue
and they were peaceful
entangled like sheets in the wind
left on the clothesline
to dry

Who Are These Children?

Karyn Ostrom '05

Before the child became
a tenor, he dreamed of beds
covered with cruel
comic books and rotting
fruit, where he slept
between his brother and the sun,
with one hand between
his sad legs – the other,
between his brother's.

When his brother left
for war in June, the tenor
delighted in summer words
and still evenings,
model airplanes and vanities,
turning the screw and
consuming pears, and men who
walked like women.

When the sun resigned
itself to their father's churchyard of
clover and hash and winter words,
and bedtime, his brother
slept beneath quilts
of grass and Bibles, riddles, and larks.
Across the sea,
the tenor sang
himself to sleep.

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Unfortunately, we see this scenario played out in conflicts across the globe, not to mention in our own communities and our own households. Television talk show hosts seem particularly gleeful if they can nudge people into spiteful battle with others on their program. And newscasts are often filled with stories of courtroom drama where the families of victims rant and rave, calling for the perpetrator of a particular crime to suffer as they have suffered. To follow this road, however, one seldom discovers healing, reconciliation, peace or new life.

Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize and retired archbishop of South Africa, has written an intriguing book, "No Future Without Forgiveness." In it, he tells the powerful story of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission created by then President Nelson Mandela in an attempt to deal with the wounds left by Apartheid. Mandela, the first freely elected president by both black and white South Africans following the fall of Apartheid, had himself been a victim, imprisoned and tortured. He knew that the country could plunge into civil war pitting blacks against whites unless a way was found to seek healing and reconciliation.

President Mandela appointed Desmond Tutu to lead the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, whose task was to bring together the victims of Apartheid and those who had committed crimes against others - crimes of rape, torture, murder and the destruction of homes and businesses.

The procedure was simple but painful. The perpetrators of violence were forced to listen to the excruciating stories of their victims, subjected to the truth and consequence of their actions. Then in many cases, in consultation with the victim, the commission issued pardons in an attempt to bring about healing for all parties. Tutu revealed a bold spirituality that acknowledges the horrors people can inflict upon one another while also recognizing the power of forgiveness and reconciliation. By choosing the road less traveled, South Africa emerged as a nation reunited and renewed in hope for its future.



Forgiveness is being able to let go of remembered hurt and pain, looking toward the future, rather than dwelling on the past. Forgiveness is recognizing that we are not in control.

—Rev. Rick Rouse

Many in our world choose the more common path and choose to live with unresolved anger, guilt or shame. As a pastor, I have counseled with individuals whose lives have been devastated, put on hold or seem to be leading down a path of self-destruction. I remember meeting with an 80-year-old woman who told me that she had been raped

by an uncle as a young girl of 12. She told me that her parents refused to believe her, opting for denial, and for years it was the "family secret." As a consequence, she lived with guilt and shame for nearly 70 years and never allowed any man to touch her or get close to her.

Now in a retirement home, she finally found some peace and healing through prayer and counseling. Courageously, she has opened the door to forgiveness and reconciliation, realizing that it is never too late.

With all that said, what is forgiveness? Forgiveness means we are able to look beyond the act and see the other person as a child of God. Forgiveness is being able to let go of remembered hurt and pain, looking toward the future, rather than dwelling on the past. Forgiveness is recognizing that we are not in control. It is letting go and letting God take charge of our lives and relationships. The road to forgiveness also requires that we both acknowledge our own need for pardon and embrace for ourselves the fullness of God's gift of grace offered to us and to all people.

What are the consequences if we do not or cannot forgive others and seek healing for our lives? Many doctors and psychiatrists tell us that unresolved anger or guilt often results in illnesses such as clinical depression, heart attack, and even cancer. National studies have been done by the Templeton Foundation, Stanford Medical School and others that collaborate this claim and more amazingly provide evidence of the healing that can occur when one discovers the power of forgiveness to bring about renewed hope and new life. A good example of this is the paralytic who is healed by Jesus in body and in spirit when he hears the words: "Your sins are forgiven." (Mark 2:1-12)

The New Testament offers a vision for the healing and transformation of the world. Indeed, the church as the collective people of God is called to be an agent of healing and reconciliation for all people. In an age of cynicism, prejudice, hatred and fear, we can be healers in the world ...not with bitterness, but with hope. ☐

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Oct. 28, 8 p.m.
University Jazz Ensemble
Chris Knutzen Hall

NOVEMBER

November-December
Winter Senior Exhibition
University Gallery

Nov. 2, 8 p.m.
Grieg and His Successors:
Piano Music From Norway
Trygve Traedal, guest pianist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 4-6
Family Weekend

Nov. 5, 7 p.m.
"Edvard Grieg and Norway's
Struggle for Independence"
William Halverson
Scandinavian Cultural Center

Nov. 6, 3 p.m.
Mary Baker Russell Music Scholars Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 10, 5:30 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

Nov. 11, 8 p.m.
Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 13, 3 p.m.
David P. Dahl, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 15, 8 p.m.
University Symphony Orchestra
with Svend Rønning, violinist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 20, 3 p.m.
University Wind Ensemble and Concert Band
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 22, 8 p.m.
Piano Ensemble Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 29, 1:30 p.m.
Enrichment Series: Samuel Adler,
visiting composer
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 29, 8 p.m.
Camas Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles
Chris Knutzen Hall

Nov. 30, 8 p.m.
"Birthday Party"
University Theatre Production
Eastvold Auditorium

DECEMBER

Dec. 1, 8 p.m.
"Birthday Party"
University Theatre Production
Eastvold Auditorium

Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.
Sankta Lucia Fest
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 2, 8 p.m.
"Birthday Party"
University Theatre Production
Eastvold Auditorium

Dec. 3, 8 p.m.
"Birthday Party"
University Theatre Production
Eastvold Auditorium

Dec. 4, 2 p.m.
"Birthday Party"
University Theatre Production
Eastvold Auditorium

Dec. 4, 4 p.m.
What Child Is This? A Christmas Celebration
from the Campus of PLU
Olson Auditorium

Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
Sölvvinden Flute Choir and Guitar Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 5, 8 p.m.
Composers' Forum
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 6, 8 p.m.
Sounds of Christmas
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 7, 8 p.m.
Keyboard Students' Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 8, noon
KPLU 88.5 Christmas
Jam Live Broadcast
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 8, 5:30 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Art Museum

Dec. 8, 8 p.m.
String Kaleidoscope
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 14, 7 p.m.
Annual Norwegian Christmas Service
Scandinavian Cultural Center

Dec. 16
Seattle's Best Jazz at Winterfest
Sponsored by KPLU

Dec. 17, 8 p.m.
Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall

Dec. 18, 6:30 p.m.
Annual Nordic Christmas Fest
Scandinavian Cultural Center

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Sept. 10
Tailgate Party at California Lutheran
University
Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Sept. 24
Tailgate Party at University of
Wisconsin-River Falls
River Falls, Wis.

Oct. 1
Tailgate Party at Linfield
McMinnville, Ore.

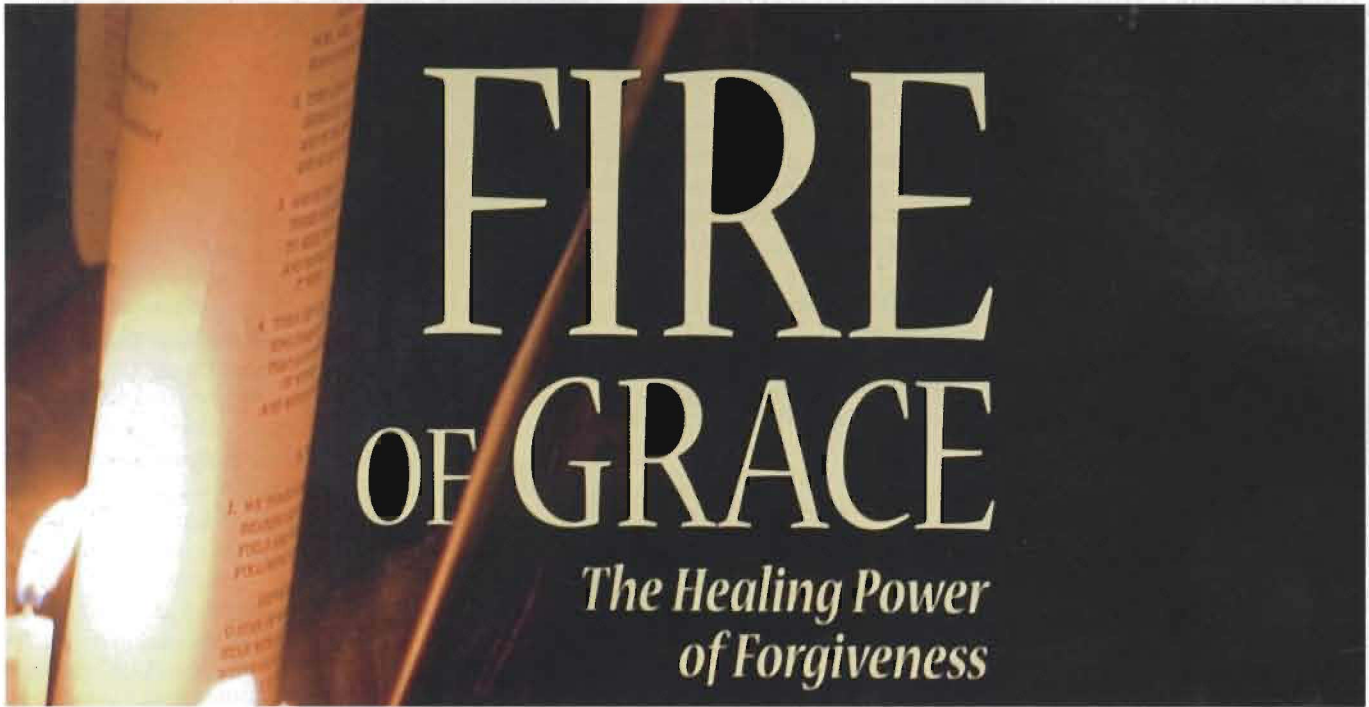
Dec. 2, 8 p.m.
What Child Is This? A Christmas Celebration
from the Campus of PLU
St. Mary's Catholic Church, Portland

Dec. 3, 8 p.m.
What Child Is This? A Christmas Celebration
from the Campus of PLU
First Presbyterian Church, Seattle

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perspective

The healing power of forgiveness



Rick Rouse, executive director of Church Relations, says forgiving those who cause hurt can help people recover and heal.

By Rick Rouse

The following is an excerpt from "Fire of Grace: The Healing Power of Forgiveness," by Rick Rouse, executive director of Church Relations at PLU. He writes about his relationship with arsonist Paul Keller, who destroyed Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, Wash., where Rouse was pastor. Rouse visited Keller in jail, and he and his congregation learned the power of forgiveness.

When faced with difficulties, disappointments and challenges, we have an alternative to remaining in the ashes of defeat,

bitterness and despair. With faith and courage, one can rise up to new life.

It is my hope that hearing about how our congregation recovered may inspire hope and healing not just for individuals, but also for our contemporary society and for religious communities. Even as our nation grows more politically divided, our religious communities are also unraveling as we struggle with different visions of faith, values and morality. Resentment grows in the chasms between our differences. Yet God's grace reveals a different vision for how we are to live together in relationships where we are less likely to

denounce someone as evil or mindless because they have a different point of view or religious conviction. But first, we have to acknowledge that we are all in need of forgiveness, healing and reconciliation.

Seeking healing for ourselves and others through forgiveness is counter-cultural. The world's standard seems to be "a life for a life, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." The natural human response to being wronged seems to be one of anger and revenge.

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