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Ventriloquist Gene
Cordova and
Gentlemen Jugglers
Red Square

June 27, 9:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Pearl Django

JULY

July 11, 9:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Duffy Bishop

July 12 – 15
South Sound Jazz Workshop

July 14, 11:30 a.m.
Raspberry Fruit Festival
Toucans steel drum band
Red Square

July 15, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Janice Mann
MBR Amphitheater

July 22, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Trumpets 5
MBR Amphitheater

July 25, 9:30 a.m.
KPLU Jazz Cruise
Larry Fuller

July 29, 7 p.m.
Jazz Under the Stars
Pearl Django
MBR Amphitheater

AUGUST

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Dennis Hastings
Tribute to Mel Tormé
MBR Amphitheater

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Lance Buller and The Monarchs
Red Square

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Jazz Under the Stars
Gary Hobbs Percussion Ensemble
MBR Amphitheater

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John Hansen
MBR Amphitheater

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Holocaust survivor among major lecturers on campus in spring

Holocaust survivor Charlotte Opfermann spoke about her wartime experiences at a banquet honoring the 2004 Raphael Lemkin Essay Award winners in April. Opfermann survived imprisonment in the Nazi concentration camps and the deaths of her family before coming to the U.S. in 1946.

At the end of World War II, she began lecturing and publishing extensively about the death of the important Frankfurt Jewish community. She has written several books and lectured widely on different aspects of the Holocaust. Opfermann says she finds the Holocaust experience “a bearable burden,” and Holocaust teaching a necessity.

She was guest speaker at the annual banquet named for Lemkin, who coined the term “genocide.”

Hubert Locke, author of “Learning from History: A Black Christian’s Perspective on the Holocaust,” spoke at the Lemkin lecture in February on “Confronting Evil: A Personal Odyssey.” Locke participated in the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s and co-founded the annual Scholars Conference on the Holocaust and the Churches in 1970.

They were two of many speakers to address students, faculty and the community this spring.

Sandra Postel, one of the world’s foremost authorities on global water issues, gave the Earth Day Lecture.

Michael Grossberg, a professor who has studied child protection, child labor, juvenile justice, school reform, disabilities and child abuse, presented the Schnackenberg lecture.

Prominent writer and commentator Katha Pollitt spoke about activism, and Yale University professor and psychologist Robert J. Sternberg spoke about “cultural intelligence” and why smart people make such bad decisions.



Holocaust survivor Charlotte Opfermann speaks with students about her experiences.

International hall will expose students to language and culture

Chinese, Norwegian, Spanish and other foreign languages will waft through the halls of the new International Hall this fall.

The new residence, which will take over Hong Hall, will reinforce what students are learning about different languages and cultures.

“The study of language is different from any other discipline,” said Tom Huelsbeck, director of Residential Life. “You really need to use the language outside the classroom if you’re going to have any level of expertise.”

Up to 100 students learning different languages will live in Hong and share activities, such as discussing foreign films and preparing ethnic meals. Professors will hold some classes and seminars in Hong, as

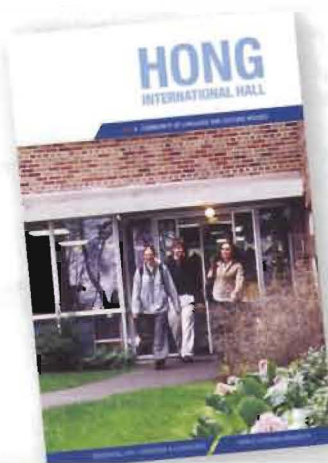
well as meet with students. Many activities will be open to nonresidents as well. The hall will also serve as both a preparation for study abroad and a way for students returning from overseas to ease back into American culture.

The decision to open the International Hall came after testing the idea with the Chinese House, a wing that was located in Hinderlie Hall this year. “The success and experience of the Chinese House showed us what we can do,” Huelsbeck said.

Hong was chosen because of its central location on campus and the amount of common space in the building for classes, seminars, study

rooms, lounges and kitchens. Former Hong residents will be relocated to other halls. French, German, Norwegian and Chinese will each have one wing, and Spanish will take up a floor.

According to Huelsbeck, Residential Life looked for a mix of students with different



class levels and expertise. While he doesn't expect the hall to fill up in the first year, Huelsbeck says he has no doubt it will be a success. "We have very active students laying the foundation for the future," he said.

Challenge Program allows more students chance for admission

Students who otherwise might not be accepted to PLU will be able to enroll if they complete the new special summer and fall Challenge Program.

Rick Seeger, Senior Advisor for Student Academic Success who runs the program, says the program will be "life changing" – both for the students involved and the instructors who work with them.

The Challenge Program is geared toward students who are often denied admission, but who show potential for academic success. Up to 30 students will be conditionally admitted to PLU, with the expectation that they complete the Challenge Program.

The curriculum will be a mixture of university-level and high school-level classes, as well as courses that teach skills to ease the transition to university life.

During the summer component, upperclass peer coaches will live in the residence halls with the students, providing supplemental instruction, individual tutoring and personal support. During fall semester, students will not have live-in mentors, but Challenge Program faculty will be assigned as mentors and advisors.

Completion of the program will result in full acceptance to PLU. Seeger said the selection of students will be based on "non-cognitive signs that these students can succeed" such as whether candidates have shown they are willing to challenge themselves, or if they are working to support themselves or their family. For this reason, special emphasis will be placed on encouraging applications from students who have been involved in programs like Washington Achievers (see story on page 10) and Upward Bound. For more information, contact Seeger at seegerri@plu.edu.

Two leadership posts filled; tenure and promotions granted

Administrators have been named to fill key leadership positions in business and admissions, and many faculty members have been granted tenure or promotion.



James M. Clapper, 57, became dean of the School of Business June 1.

Clapper was professor of marketing in the College of Business Administration at Belmont University in Nashville. From 1997 to 2003 he was dean of the business college at Belmont. He returned to full-time teaching after leading the college to specialized accreditations in both business administration and accounting.

Prior to Belmont, Clapper spent more than 20 years at Wake Forest University, where he held faculty and administrative positions in

the Babcock Graduate School of Management.



Karl A. Stumo will join the campus community as dean for admissions and financial aid July 1.

Stumo brings more than 12 years admissions experience to the position. Since 1999, he has served as associate director of admission at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. His responsibilities included the development and administration of marketing, recruitment, admission and enrollment strategies.

His previous admissions and financial aid experience includes work at Iowa State University and Concordia College (Minn.).

In other news, at meetings in January and May, the Board of Regents approved members of the faculty for tenure and promotion this spring.

Granted tenure and promoted to associate professor were Joanna

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Higginson, sociology; Francesca Lane-Rasmus, technical services; Karen McConnell, physical education; Merlin Simpson, business; Samuel Torvend, religion; and Karen Travis, economics.

Granted tenure were Chris Ferguson, dean of information resources; Jeffrey Stuart, associate professor of mathematics; and David Joyner, associate professor of music.

Promoted to professor were Richard Nance, music; Bryan Dorner, mathematics; and Dean Waldow, chemistry.

Foreign minister talks of war and peace during campus visit

The foreign minister of Norway, Jan Petersen, talked with students, faculty and administrators at PLU's Wang Center for International Programs and delivered a campus address on Norwegian foreign policy April 13.

Petersen visited campus with officials of the Norwegian foreign ministry, embassy, and office of the consul general.

At the Wang Center, the delegation reviewed the Norway/Namibia Project, a partnership between PLU, Hedmark University College in Norway and the University of Namibia. The three institutions collaborate in the study of peace, democracy and development.

Norwegian and university officials also discussed plans for the January 2005 public forum on the Norwegian approach to achieving world peace through conflict resolution, economic development and relieving global poverty.

The Wang Center symposium, "Pathways to Peace: Norway's Approach to Democracy and Development," coincides with the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Norway's independence as a modern democracy.

Petersen later spoke at a luncheon in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. He addressed Norway's engagement in efforts to promote peace and reconciliation in areas of the world such as Sri Lanka, the Middle East, Africa and



Foreign Minister of Norway Jan Petersen, center, walks with PLU President Loren Anderson, right, and Jens Langebrette '04, a business major from Norway, on a campus tour.

Latin America. He also focused on Norwegian security and defense policy, including Norwegian involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. A copy of the address is posted at odin.dep.no/ud/engelsk/

At the luncheon, PLU President Loren J. Anderson publicly thanked the Norwegian Foreign Ministry for a grant of \$40,000 in support of the Wang Center and the Pathways to Peace symposium.

Jan Petersen has been minister of foreign affairs for more than two years and leader of Norway's Conservative Party since 1994. He has also served as a member of the NATO parliamentary assembly.

Value trumps perceived cost in admissions game

In weighing options for a college education, many students and families are discovering that schools such as PLU may cost less and provide greater value than big state schools.

"Tuition increases and enrollment limits at state schools, and increasing financial assistance offered by PLU, are trends that have converged, often to level the playing field on cost," said Laura Majovski, PLU's vice president for admissions and student life. "And the added value of small classes taught by professors, not teaching assistants,

makes a real difference in our students' success after graduation."

For most students at major public universities, state budget cuts and the lack of availability of classes make it difficult to fulfill graduation requirements within four years. Only 28 percent of students at big state schools graduate in four years.

That translates into money – more tuition, more fees, more expenses, more years spent in school. Moreover, it is money not earned. The average starting salary for a college graduate is \$30,000 – so every extra year it takes to graduate is lost real income.

At PLU, 72 percent of students graduate in four years.

"More than giving students the classes they want, when they need them, PLU faculty challenge and support students every step of the way. They are their mentors, role models and friends," Majovski said.

In a national study conducted by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America, 82 percent of graduates from smaller universities such as PLU said their professors were interested in their personal and academic growth, compared to 35 percent of public university graduates.

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The study also shows that 63 percent of small college graduates said their college experience helped them develop as a leader and 76 percent said their college helped them develop a purpose in life.

"That's why PLU has been so successful in graduating students who define success beyond the bottom line - they make a difference in the world," Majovski said.

Know someone who might be interested in attending PLU? Send in the "Lute recruit" reply card found in each issue of Scene.

Heritage College founder inspires graduates at May Commencement

Anationally known leader in higher education spoke to about 560 graduates and their families at Commencement May 23.

Kathleen A. Ross, founding and current president of Heritage College in Toppenish, Wash., received an honorary doctorate of humane letters. Ross has led the private four-year liberal arts college since 1982, when 85 students were enrolled. Today enrollment is 1,300, and the college offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees.

Heritage College fulfills a unique mis-



Kathleen A. Ross

sion that places it in the vanguard of bringing a quality liberal arts education to a multicultural population, including Native Americans and Hispanic Americans. The college is located on the Yakama Indian Reservation, where Ross has served as a consultant since 1975.

She is nationally known as a leader in higher education, especially in the field of cross-cultural communication. She was one of three recipients in 1989 of the Harold McGraw Prize in education. In 1991, Georgetown University presented her with the John Carroll Award. In 1995, she was one of two people to receive the Washington State Medal of Merit award for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performing outstanding services to the people and state of Washington. In 1997, she was named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow.

Ross holds a B.A. from Fort Wright College, an M.A. in non-western history from Georgetown University, and a

Ph.D. in higher education management and cross-cultural studies from the Claremont Graduate School. She is a member of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary/Washington province.

KPLU celebrates 20 years of jazz throughout the year

Marking its successful shift to jazz programming 20 years ago is a year-long celebration for award-winning KPLU 88.5 FM.

"Over the past 20 years, KPLU has become a force in jazz radio," General Manager Martin Neeb said. "We are arguably one of the best jazz stations in the world, and that's worth celebrating."

KPLU is consistently one of the top 10 listened to stations in the region and is one of the top ranked jazz stations in the country.

As part of the anniversary celebration, the station held a live broadcast in April with special artists including nationally recognized jazz vocalists Tierney Sutton and Ernestine Anderson. Throughout 2004, KPLU will be tied to the most important regional jazz events, including Experience Music Project's Jazz in

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Retiring faculty

this year have more than 220 years worth of service to PLU between them. They are:



Stanley Brue, professor of economics, hired in September 1971.*



Robert Jensen, associate professor of economics, hired in September 1968.*



Maria Luisa R. Lacabe, visiting associate professor of Spanish, hired September 1988.



John Petersen, professor of religion, hired in September 1967.*



F. Thomas Sepic, professor of business, hired in February 1979.*



Walter Tomsic, associate professor of art, hired in September 1970.*



Forrest (Frosty) Westering, professor of physical education, hired in September 1972.



William (Bill) Yager, professor of business, hired in September 1987.*



*Entering phased retirement with continuing service to PLU

life of the mind



Ed Inch, dean of the School of the Arts, talks about his time in the war-torn Balkans, where he taught conflict mediation skills to people with opposing views.

Lessons in peace: Ed Inch teaches mediation in the Balkans

Ed Inch, dean of the School of Arts, knows the communication skills he teaches are important. He hopes that after his students graduate, his lessons will be an essential part of their professional toolkit.

It is another matter entirely for students to take his lessons and, within two weeks, use them to help rebuild a country after generations of war and ethnic violence.

Such was the case when he spent two weeks in March teaching mediation and conflict management techniques to citizens of war-torn Serbia, Macedonia and Kosovo.

When dealing with people who have deep-seated hatred for one another, the goal is to get at the root issues that underlie the conflict. "All sides perceive that they are right – and they are right," said Inch. "All sides perceive that they

are victims. And they are that, too. The question is one of perception – what one thinks of the other.

"My job is to have them tell me what they think the conflict is and what they think the options are to solve the conflict and stop violent outbreaks," he said.

The trick, said Inch, is to make sure that all sides understand that it is possible to be both right and victimized. Once they understand that, then they can begin to see the issues from a point of view from other than their own – the beginnings of finding commonalities among issues as opposed to differences.

Inch went with Steinar Bryn, a Norwegian visiting professor who has worked for peace and democracy around the world. The two taught a course in conflict and communication at PLU in the spring leading up to the trip. Inch said the experience was an opportunity to use the mediation and communication principles he teaches in international conflicts that span generations.

Bryn is director of the Democracy, Human Rights and Peaceful Conflict Resolution project at Nansenskolen (The Nansen Academy) in Lillehammer, Norway. The Nansen Academy helps people who live in war zones or conflict areas and others who are working for democracy, reconciliation and peace.

Bryn established Nansen Dialogue Centers in Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia to create a place for opinion leaders – newspaper editors, teachers, lawyers – of different ethnic groups to discuss the many issues that drive conflict in the Balkans.

Part of Inch's trip focused on observing work that takes place at the centers. The Nansen centers provide trained mediators to facilitate discussion. The meetings are private, so participants can meet face-to-face with people they would otherwise avoid in public. "They know they have a hatred," said Inch, "but often they don't know why. Their stories are wrapped up in their histories, experiences, myths and percep-

tions. Often the causes of the conflict are forgotten. All they know is that their community or family hated these people, so they do too."

The region has been a hotbed of conflict for centuries, including as recently as 1999, when NATO troops were summoned to quell the violence. Divisions still run deep. Inch described a street in Vranje, Serbia, where Albanians live on one side and Serbs on the other; both groups consider it unsafe to cross to the other side.

Inch met with the School for Young Politicians on the shores of Lake Ohrid, Macedonia. The school offers an intensive 30-day seminar for students who will be the political leaders of their parties. They come from different ethnic and political backgrounds and outside the walls of the classroom, these same students would never communicate with each other.

By training these aspiring leaders to seek commonalities and understanding, Inch believes he and others will begin to sow the seeds of tolerance.

"If I can get them all to agree on the facts of a situation, then there is a chance they can agree on a solution," he said.

Such solutions won't come easily. Inch had planned to accompany repatriation teams attempting to reintegrate Kosovo Serbs into their homes in Albanian-dominated Kosovo, but the project was cancelled when violence broke out in Kosovo between the Serbs and Albanians and the borders into Kosovo were closed.

When his trip ended prematurely, he could have considered his mission a failure. However, Inch notes that the violence did not spill into other territories and he heard stories of residents who sought to contact their ethnic counterparts to talk things through, to look for peaceful solutions.

These are signs of budding success. And the leaders of tomorrow – like those at the School for Young Politicians – will be even more equipped to address these conflicts. "To avoid violent outbreaks, they need to learn strategies for building a shared understanding and tolerance," he said.

Inch returns to the Balkans next November to continue the lesson. S

By Steve Hansen

ACCOLADES



Chris Ferguson, dean for Information Resources, published "Whose Vision? Whose Values? On Leading

Information Services in an Era of Persistent Change" in "Reflecting on Leadership."



Daniel Heath, assistant professor of mathematics, participated in the "International Conference on the Teaching of

Calculus" in India and spoke on "Use of Java Applets to Aid Visualization of Concepts in Calculus." He also spoke at the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka on "Use of Technology in Teaching Mathematics."

Rose McKenney, assistant professor of geosciences and environmental studies, is co-principal investigator on a NASA grant awarded to Creighton University. The proposal's title is "AMSR-E Derived Snow Melt Timing and Its Hydro-Geomorphic Influences in Heterogeneous Terrain, Upper Yukon River Basin." The grant will fund McKenney and one PLU student each of three summers and academic years and provide a high-end computer and field equipment to facilitate the work.

Matt Smith, assistant professor of biology, received a \$35,000 grant from the Murdock College Research Program for Life Sciences. The grant will fund Smith and two students for two summers of research on "The Role of Tachykinins in Modulating Luteinizing Hormone Secretion in the Female Rat."

Duncan Foley, professor of geosciences, will present a paper on Castle Geyser, Upper Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park at the Geological Society of America Cordilleran Section Meeting in Boise, Idaho.



Douglas Oakman, associate professor of religion, gave the Goodspeed Lecture at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, on

"The Radical Jesus: 'You Cannot Serve God and Mammon'" in March. Oakman also spoke in February at University of California at Los Angeles on the life and origins of Jesus, and the help Jesus had starting Christianity.

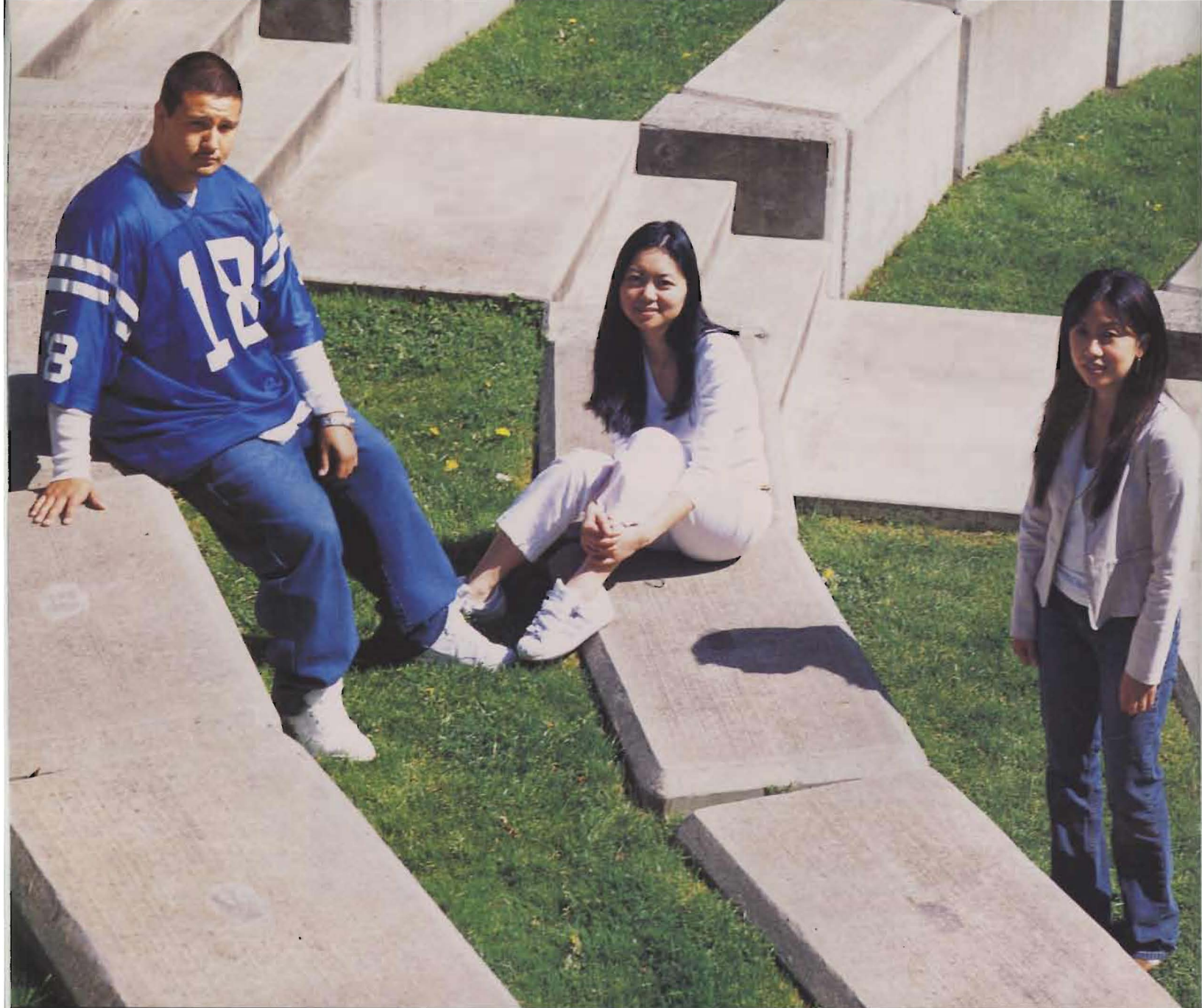


Patricia Killen, professor of religion, co-edited "Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone." Employing survey

data from three major research studies and the 2000 U.S. Census, the book gives a portrait of the region's religious demography today.

Professors **Elizabeth Brusco** of anthropology and **Bob Erickson** of history were accepted to take part in the The Lutheran Academy of Scholars 2004 Summer Seminar at St. Olaf College. The academy examines the role of religion in higher education.

Myriam Cotten, assistant professor of chemistry, received a two-year Research Corporation grant to pay summer stipends for her and two students and provide equipment and supplies for her research on antimicrobial peptides.




Washington Achievers

BY STEVE HANSEN

Scholarships make
PLU accessible
to more students

As a student at Tacoma's Lincoln High School, Josh Cushman '07 faced a dilemma. Upon graduation, he could go to college or join the Army. And college costs being what they were, the Army might have been the more likely option. "A lot of my friends were like that - it's a money thing," Cushman said.



FOR CHENDA MINN '05, a third-year student in the nursing program and a graduate of Tacoma's Foss High School, the Achievers scholarship will allow her to be the first in the family – many of whom did not survive the killing fields of Cambodia – to earn a college degree.

A few years earlier, his cousin received a four-year, \$5,000 per-year Washington Achievers scholarship made possible by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the Washington Education Foundation. If his cousin could get one, Cushman thought, why couldn't he?

He did. Cushman just completed his first year at PLU, as one of 52 students who will receive up to \$20,000 in scholarships over four years. PLU has the largest number of Washington Achievers of any independent university in the state.

For the students at PLU, the stories aren't always the same, but the impact on their lives most certainly is.

Lam-Phuong Nguyen '05, also a graduate of Lincoln High School, said she "always knew that she'd be going to college, no matter what." And the Achievers scholarship helped make it possible. Nguyen is now a chemistry-biology double major, and anticipates continuing her studies in medical school.

For Chenda Minn '05, a third-year student in the nursing program and a graduate of Tacoma's Foss High School, the Achievers scholarship will allow her to be the first in the family – many of whom did not survive the killing fields of Cambodia – to earn a college degree. "I was lucky enough to be steered in the right direction by my family," she said.

Cushman, Nguyen and Minn are but three of the extremely directed students who, thanks to the program, have the same academic opportunities as students in more affluent school districts.

The Washington Achievers program

identifies 16 Washington high schools that serve a large percentage of low-income students and/or students of color. The program seeks to improve academic achievement at these high schools, as well as provide some 550 scholarships for students at those schools to increase college-going rates.

A recent College Board report notes that more than 40 percent of students from high-income families graduate from college in five years, compared to only 6 percent from low-income families.

The scholarships are not necessarily granted to high-schoolers with the highest GPAs or test scores – they are awarded to students who show the promise of success. "This is not necessarily an academic scholarship," said Rick Seeger, who coordinates the college mentoring program at PLU on behalf of the Washington Achievers program, "but they succeed like crazy."


PLU's success in recruiting and retaining Achievers is attributed to the fact that several high schools are nearby and that PLU quickly understood the value of having extremely promising students with diverse backgrounds on campus. The on-campus Diversity Center proves to be a great home base for the students, and admissions counselors make the students feel welcome.

The scholarships were first awarded to high school juniors during the 2000-2001 school year and, according to the Washington Education Foundation, as of this spring, more than 1,500 students were participating in the program. Another 550 begin this fall. And the program continues to only grow stronger.

"A lot of the students never thought about going to college; they simply did not have the money," said Tomieka Garrett-Gonzales '02, a community involvement officer for the Washington Education Foundation. "Or, their friends weren't going to college, so they thought why should they? But when they get that money, you can see the change – it gets them excited."

Garrett-Gonzales recruits and organizes mentors at Lincoln and Mount Tahoma high schools. She works with 80 adult volunteers who help scholarship winners with issues such as preparing for college entrance and filling out college admissions applications. Once the students reach their college campus they receive another mentor who helps them transition into college life. At PLU, that is Seeger.

As a graduate of Lincoln High School, Garrett-Gonzales has a unique perspective on the program. She finds that having so many scholarship recipients in one graduating class has a profound effect on the rest of the student body. As was the case with Josh Cushman, when students see others winning scholarships and heading off to college, it pushes them to strive for the same goal. Said Garrett-Gonzales: "It can change the school."

And it can change lives too. 

For more information on the Washington Achievers program or to volunteer, visit www.waedfoundation.org, or e-mail Rick Seeger at seegerira@plu.edu.

Left to right, Josh Cushman '07, Lam-Phuong Nguyen '05 and Chenda Minn '05.

Finding Themselves

Freshmen learn who they are in their first year away from home

Leaving home for college is bound to bring about tremendous changes for first-year students, and even campus tours and overnight visits can't prepare them for everything they encounter.

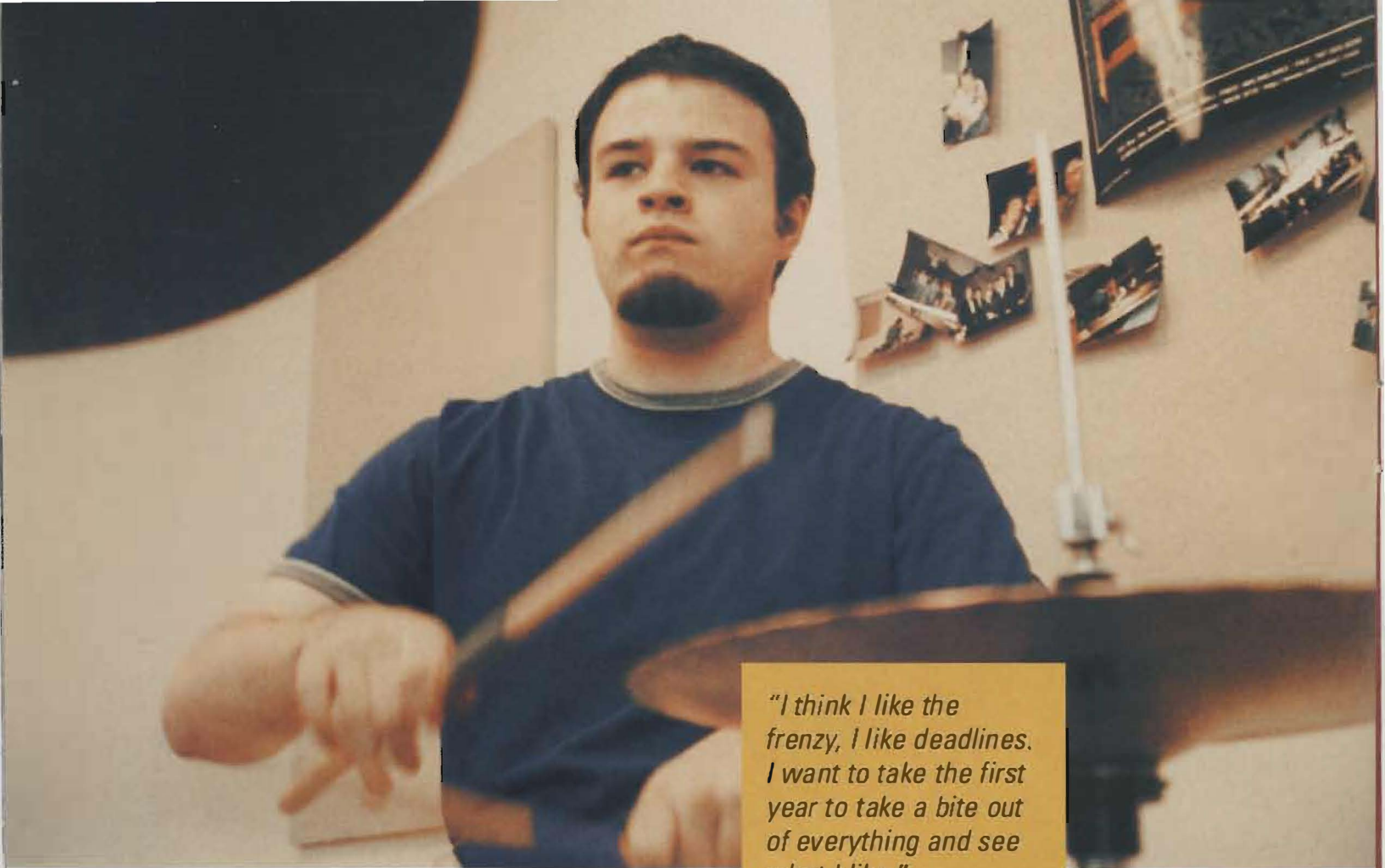
Scene found six freshmen from different backgrounds willing to let us into their lives during their first year of college. Though their experiences before and during college differ, they discovered many common themes, from their dislike for some dining hall food to their excitement about meeting new people.

They enjoyed dorm life and the constant companionship they found in their residence halls, but several had conflicts with their assigned roommates or struggles with their coursework. They were thrilled with the opportunities to play, learn and work both on and off campus. >>

BY KATHERINE HEDLAND HANSEN '88 | PHOTOGRAPHY BY JORDAN HARTMAN '02

A year in the life: Six freshmen let Scene into their first year of school. They are, from left, Asha Ajmani, J.P. Kemmick, Aaron Ledesma, Kristina Ufer, Ronan Rooney and Do Han Song (kneeling).





"I think I like the frenzy, I like deadlines. I want to take the first year to take a bite out of everything and see what I like."

-Ronan Rooney

Most of them found college courses more challenging than they expected, and some discovered they wanted to take their studies in different directions. While they are grateful for the academics and some are even more committed to education, they said they learned their most important lessons outside of class.

Their first year of college wasn't always easy - a couple considered transferring for different reasons, and there were times when they were homesick. But whether agonizing over a class, arguing with a roommate, making a new friend, hearing a new band, acing a test or finding a job, all say they have learned, grown and discovered more about what they want and who they are.

"I feel like I'm the same person, but it's a great experience to be a person trying to find out who you are, to start with a clean slate," Ronan Rooney said. "I'm finding out I like who I am."

A community right outside their doors

Settling in to college life definitely requires adjustment, for some more than others. They've learned the art of compro-

mise and flexibility. It's a totally different life than what they were used to, but by the end of the year, they were more at home.

"There are actually more people on campus than there are living in my hometown," said Rooney who comes from the southeastern Alaska town of Wrangell, population 2,100. "The first week I was like, this is a metropolis. It doesn't feel that big anymore."

Most quickly got used to sharing rooms and bathrooms and learning to communicate with roommates about issues like noise, bedtime and messes.

They've learned what to grab and what to pass in the dining hall - agreeing when it's good, it's great, and when it's bad, don't even try it.

"The sloppy joes today, I learned my lesson," J.P. Kemmick said with a grimace after an October meal. "But the pasta was really good."

"I'm finding I'm making a lot of friends because I cook," said Kristina Ufer, who likes to bake in her hall kitchen. "I always make a double batch now."

Several had struggles with their roommates, strangers chosen by strangers to share small quarters.

"It's not always easy with a new roommate," Do Han Song said. "I'm kind of a neatness freak. I'm always dusting and vacuuming and keeping my clothes clean and folded. My

roommate didn't really pick up on that. You know, after awhile there is a limit. I got tired of nagging and nagging him so I just cleaned up his stuff myself."

His roommate transferred to a different school after first semester, and Song had the room to himself after that.

Asha Ajmani understands.

"We've had some problems," Ajmani said of her roommate in the all-female Harstad Hall. "She doesn't even talk to me. My RA told me we're both maturing, but we're maturing differently."

By the end of the year, they hadn't healed their rift.

"She's all about boys, and that's not what I'm here for," Ajmani said. "They're nice when they come along, but that's not what I concentrate on."

Even though it was hard, Ajmani said, "I'm sort of glad it happened, because it let me form friendships with other people."

Others got along with their roommates, but don't intend to live with them again. But even if they haven't been best friends with their roommates, most have developed great relationships in their halls.

"I just open my door and I have all these people there," said Ufer, who lived in Hinderlie Hall. "It's nice to know you have that community."

Her boyfriend of two years lived in Hong Hall, just a few steps away, and they both had to balance their relationship with the new attractions and distractions of college.

"I think the hardest part was adjusting with my boyfriend," she said. "If I've got homework or if I want to do something with my friends, he understands. I was scared we wouldn't be able to grow, but coming to college we've been able to grow together (as individuals). We've both changed a lot."

Students agree with the perceptions that upper campus tends to be quieter and more studious, while lower campus is somewhat rowdier.

Aaron Ledesma lived in Foss Hall on lower campus and didn't like it at first. He had heard Foss had a reputation as a party dorm, and that is not his thing. Then, a few months into the fall semester, Ledesma got sick. His RA kept coming to his room to check on him, bringing soup and other food from the UC.

"She said to me, 'I'll be your mom for you,'" he said. It might have been a turning point. By the end of the school year, Ledesma had changed his mind about Foss and planned to live there again.

"I just like it," he said. "I like how open it is, that everyone is coming and going. There's a real community here."

Song lives on the top floor of the nine-story Tingelstad Hall. Every two floors share a lobby and are called a "house." Part of the reason for his busy social life is living on lower campus. He said students on lower campus are more lively and ready to do things.

"On upper campus, the student room doors are closed and the halls quiet," he said. "Around here everyone is in and out of each other's room all the

time. Don't expect to get to bed early. It just doesn't work here. But that's the way I like it."

'I want to take a bite of everything'

The freshmen found a wealth of opportunities on campus, and most decided to take PLU up on them.

Rooney, who will probably double major in psychology and history - and maybe add political science to that - plays drums in the University Congregation band Deliverance, trombone in Concert Band, competes with the debate team and serves as freshman activities coordinator for Hinderlie, planning events like hall pumpkin carving. He also got a job in the Provost's Office, and eventually became the office web designer, a skill he taught himself in high school.

Even with this serious commitment to school and other activities, he said he was getting a little bored in the spring so he decided to tackle something new and started writing for the student newspaper, The Mast. His first story was published in early March on a student who speaks the ancient language of Aramaic. >>

Who are our freshmen?



Asha Ajmani of Los Gatos, Calif., planned to study science but decided she might be more interested in art and languages.



J.P. Kemmick arrived on campus from Billings, Mont., and almost immediately jumped into every activity he could.



Aaron Ledesma confirmed he's more conservative than many of his peers, but he's proud he left his shyness back home in the central Washington town of Brewster.



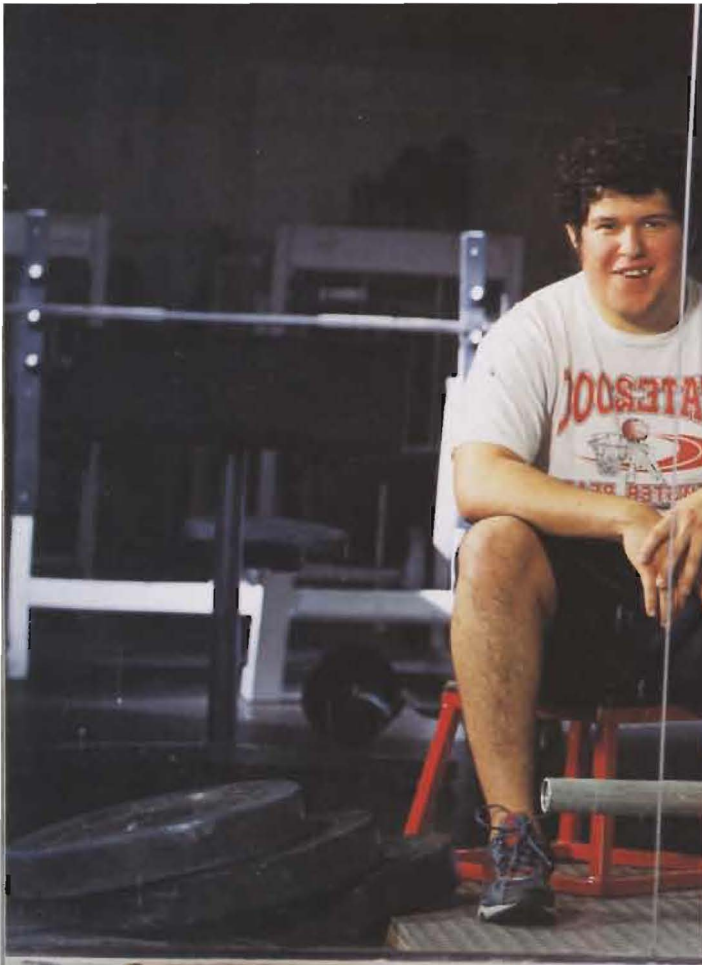
Ronan Rooney came to PLU from the tiny Alaskan town of Wrangell and developed a passion for helping the less fortunate in Pierce County.



Do Han Song of Spanaway enjoyed a busy social life and dreams of wealth and greatness.



Kristina Ufer found she can be independent, even though she just moved across town, her dad works a mile from campus and her family attends Trinity Lutheran Church, right across the street.



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-Aaron Ledesma



"It's really awesome as a freshman to get to have those opportunities."

-Kristina Ufer

"I think I like the frenzy," Rooney said. "I like deadlines. I want to take the first year to take a bite out of everything and see what I like."

The same is true of Kemmick, a secondary education major from Billings, Mont., who enthusiastically embraces everything about college life. He has thrown himself into just about any activity - from writing the sometimes irreverent Daily Flyer to joining the Ultimate Frisbee team to participating in a marathon 20-hour Saxifrage editing session to joining the Red Carpet Club giving tours to prospective students. He even dressed up like a woman for the traditional Miss Lute male "beauty" pageant. And he's made a lot of trips to Seattle for concerts, as well as a crazy weekend road trip to Palm Springs for a two-day alternative music festival.

"I pretty much like being a part of everything," Kemmick said. "I do a lot of stuff. I'm more or less always on the go."

He tries to meet as many people as he can. And he knows he's better for it. "I think I've met a couple of people who will be friends for the rest of my life, but they're not like my friends back home," he said.

After a moment's pause, he continued, "But then again, I've only known the people here less than a year."

For Ufer, the first year was about settling in and broadening horizons. She joined the knitting club and participated in the annual Sankta Lucia Festival in December. "Now that I know what kind of opportunities there are, I'm looking forward to being more involved in hall events and clubs," she said. Ufer plans to become more involved with the Diversity Club and Campus Ministry next year.

Ajmani said she has the "best job on campus" as a student photographer, taking pictures across campus for use in print and online publications and working the photo shop. She also joined the multicultural club Fused.

Ledesma, who wants to be a history teacher and high school coach, took a job as a Campus Safety officer, which he finds enjoyable except for the shifts, which are usually midnight to 4 a.m. or 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. He was a wrestler and football player back home, but an injury last summer prevented him from competing this year, so he started playing cricket with friends behind his Foss Hall. He hopes to get involved in varsity sports again in the fall.

Song puts most of his off-school hours into preparing for his career and financial future. He worked in the electronics department at Sears but quit after landing a job at Liberty House Financial in Renton as a mortgage broker and account executive. At 19, he is the youngest broker in the office and the only one still in college.

He works there 30 hours a week and sees it as a precursor to the life he envisions for himself:

"I'll be sitting in my office with a view overlooking the city," he said. "I'll be a real estate tycoon, own a mortgage company and own several diversified businesses including an auto tuner shop for Lamborghinis and Ferraris. After work I'll head down to my own Ferrari and drive home to one of my several estates around the country. That's my dream."

College courses can be a lot tougher than expected

Many freshmen who cruised through high school are surprised to find themselves much more challenged at college; others are disappointed to find their courses too easy.

"The schoolwork at PLU is much more difficult than I expected it would be," said Song, a graduate of Spanaway Lake High School who plans to major in business or economics. "In high school I never had to study and I pulled A's. It doesn't work like that here. Plus, with the freedom for the first time to do whatever you want to do and so many activities to choose from and distractions out there, it is easy to lose focus on the class work. When that happens you can get into trouble real fast because the classes are almost all very challenging."

Ajmani learned how advanced her pre-college courses were.

Her PLU biology class was using the same text she studied in high school. After consulting with advisors, she was allowed to skip some beginning classes in both biology and French. She intended to be a >>

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-Do Han Song



biology major but is now looking at other areas. She knows she'll double major in French, and plans minors in religion and art.

Ufer has always been a solid science student, excelling in class and at science fairs during her years at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma. So she was disappointed to learn her biology text wasn't new to everyone and that many of her calculus classmates had taken the class in high school. "I feel like I'm having to work a lot harder," she said. "It's definitely challenged me a lot more than high school, but once I became adjusted I was able to start meeting those challenges."

She was thrilled that her plant research in high school enabled her to conduct research projects at PLU with her advisor, Dana Garrigan.

"It's really awesome as a freshman to get to have those opportunities," said Ufer, who wants to go to medical school.

And the courses have challenged her to ask more questions. A spring philosophy class on animals and the environment made her see why some people oppose research on plants. She decided to add philosophy to her biology major for a broader view.

"It really made me stop and think and change my perspective. Research could have a huge, horrible impact on the world," she said. "There are repercussions you don't really think about in the lab, but need to think about."

"The majority of the classes I've taken have made me realize a whole other realm of thinking is out there."

Life lessons outside the classroom

Sometimes the lessons of college come in disguise.

Rooney said one of his lowest points of the year turned out to be one of the best. He and his roommate were hanging out in the hall, when both their wallets were stolen from their room. Rooney lost \$100, plus all his identification. His reaction to and anger over losing that amount of money made him rethink what's important.

"That made me re-evaluate a lot of my stressors if I was this ticked off at less than \$100," he said. "I shouldn't care this much about material stuff."

Rooney knows there are plenty of people right near PLU who don't have \$100 to lose. He decided to see how he could help them, and volunteered at the East Campus Christmas party, which provides gifts for underprivileged children.

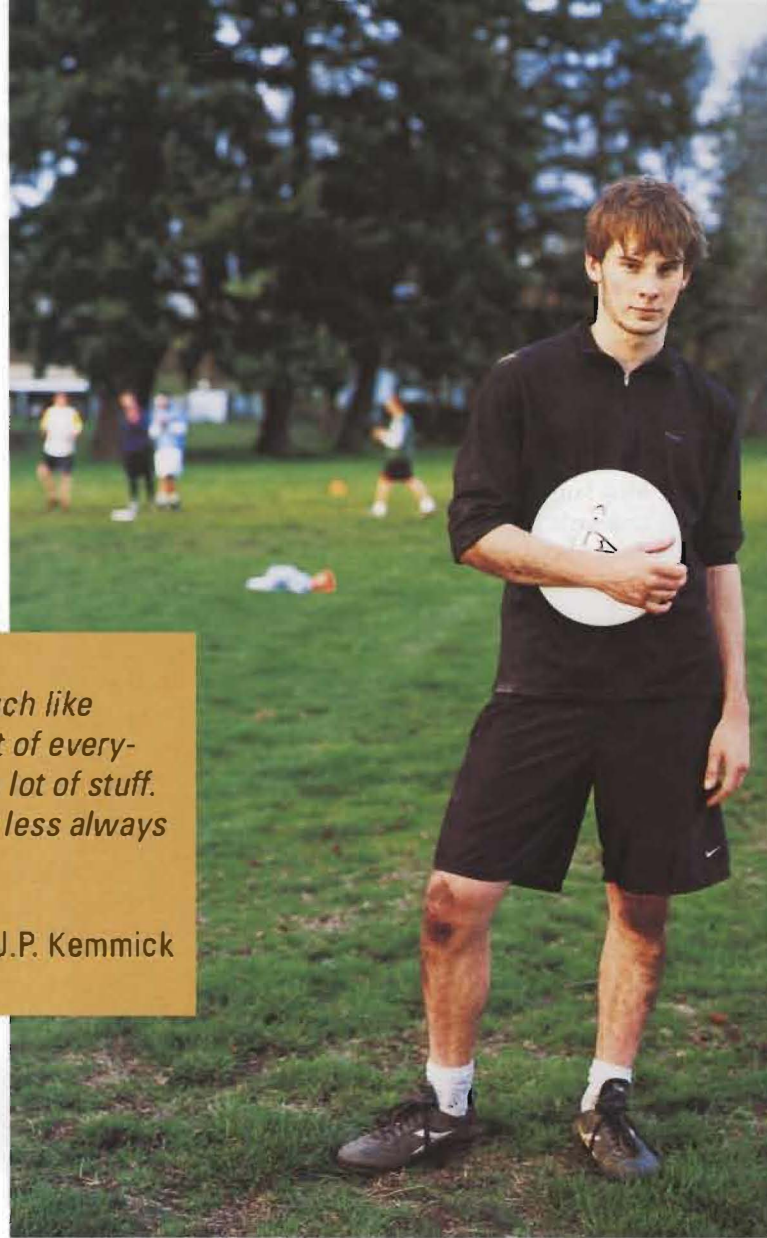
"It was the most gratifying thing I've done since I came to college," Rooney said.

Community service has become even more important to him. He participated in Volunteer Week in the spring, including going with Tacoma Outreach to hand out food and clothing to the homeless. As a member of Hinderlie Hall Council, he helped organize a sandwich assembly line, and residents of Hinderlie and Pflueger made 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to take along.

Like Rooney, Ledesma took a while to get used to the size of PLU, coming from the Central Washington town of

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-J.P. Kemmick



Brewster, (also population 2,100), where he was one of 48 in his graduating class. His fall psychology class had 105 students.

"To come from a small town to the Parkland-Tacoma area was hard," Ledesma said. "It's a little more liberal than I thought it would be. I was raised conservative. I was homesick. And I was really shy," he said, still soft spoken, but more outgoing. "But I met a lot of really nice people here. It's bringing me out of my shell. I think I've gained more confidence being on my own."

Ufer said she saw more alcohol on campus than she expected, but is glad PLU keeps tabs on it. She mostly stays away from drinking and had a frightening experience with a friend who had too much to drink. Her friend got very sick, and Ufer had to get an RA and Campus Safety involved to help her.

Song said he thinks he has taught some of his fellow students as well.

"One of the guys who is one of my best friends now said when I met him in the fall that I was his first Asian friend. That's OK. He came from a very sheltered background and an almost all-white high school. It was great to see the shock on his face when we took him clubbing in Seattle. We have definitely opened up his eyes a little bit.

"I knew that PLU was not going to be a real diverse place compared to some other bigger colleges. Even my high school was way more diverse than this. But it really wasn't much of an adjustment for me because I knew what to expect and I can get along with anyone.

"You know, just because a place is less diverse doesn't mean that there is racism. PLU is very open, accepting and welcoming. I don't feel in any way limited because I'm Asian-American."



Looking ahead

Nearing the end of the year, Spring Break was a welcome respite from school. The students enjoyed visiting old friends and appreciating the things they love about their own homes.

"It was good to see the stars at night," Ledesma said.

"I got to go to the beach," Ajmani said.

It wasn't all fun though. On the first Friday of Spring Break, Song was involved in an automobile accident. A truck

ran a stop light and he smashed into it. Song was rushed to the ER and was released with no significant injuries, but needed physical therapy for neck and back pain.

Soon, the first year was over and the students looked forward to summer adventures and their sophomore years.

Ledesma drove to Alaska with a friend, then went to Texas to work for the summer. While in Texas, he will check out a Baptist Bible college that he thinks might be more in line with his values, but he plans to be back at PLU.

Ajmani stayed in Parkland and works in the campus Business Office. She wanted to secure the job for the fall, so she gave up plans to visit Nova Scotia with her family. She will be going to Martinique in J-Term, so she

thinks that's a fair trade.

Rooney returned to Alaska, where he planned to do volunteer work and possibly get involved with politics. He'll likely work in a fish cannery to earn some extra money part of the summer.

Kemmick is home in Billings to work and save money for school. He's pretty good at it - at the end of the school year, he had more money in his bank account than when he started.

Ufer is living with her parents and volunteering at the VA Hospital on American Lake in Lakewood. She hopes to return to a summer job as a barista at Tacoma General Hospital.

Song continues working at his mortgage job. Reviewing the year, Song said he doesn't feel a lot different.

"I don't think I've really changed much because I had a pretty good outlook and a mature perspective before I came here. Plus I really didn't move far from home in Spanaway," said Song, who considered transferring to a college in Arizona for a change of scenery but decided to stay at PLU. "Other freshmen have changed a lot."

"I think college changes everyone, but you can't put your finger on exactly how," Ajmani said.

"I've been able to grow a lot more in my own personal beliefs and be a lot stronger despite what the people around me are doing," Ufer said. "I am a lot more independent, and I have a deeper appreciation for spending time with my family."

Summing up his first year, Rooney called it "eventful."

"It had its ups, it had its downs," he said. "I learned a lot about myself, which is the cliché thing to say, but it's true."

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-Asha Ajmani

Nisha Ajmani '02, Greg Brewis and Steve Hansen contributed to this story.



attaway lutes

Baseball player back on the field after a grueling illness



Goeff Loomis will always remember the day he first met Nolan Soete.

Loomis had just started as head baseball coach when Soete '06 dropped by his office in Olson Auditorium during the first day of classes in the fall of 2002. "I had heard there was an MVP-type hitter here," said Loomis.

The next day Soete's father pulled him out of class.

"I had been feeling terrible for a while, but I just started getting real bad," recalled Soete, who is from Port Orchard, Wash. "I would have to stop about every 10 feet on campus to catch my breath and my nose was bleeding a lot. I figured I'd better go to the doctor.

"I was sitting in class the second day and they pulled me out and took me to the hospital because my blood levels were so low."

After five days of testing, Soete was diagnosed with idiopathic aplastic anemia, a failure of the bone marrow to properly form all types of blood cells. There is no known cause for the illness. Symptoms include fatigue, weakness, an increased risk of infection and bleeding. The only cure for Soete was a bone marrow transplant.

Finding a match for the transplant was relatively easy. The donor was his sister, Jacinda, who is a student at Central Washington University. "My sister was an exact match, which was lucky because there's only a 25 percent chance of that happening. But I really

needed it fast, because I was getting blood transfusions every three days or so. My body wasn't making any blood, my immune system was shot, so I needed the bone marrow transplant as fast as I could get it."

He took a break from school, and in October 2002 moved to an apartment in Seattle next to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He started chemotherapy on Oct. 31, and the bone marrow transplant was done six days later. After the 10-hour procedure, the waiting game began. Soete recalled it took 17 days before he starting seeing positive signs and knew the transplant had worked. He was released from the hospital about a week later.

His goal from the moment he got sick was to return to PLU and again play baseball for the Lutes. In his first two seasons he had started every game except one and was one of the top hitters on the team, hitting .300 both seasons. He made it back to the diamond last fall.

"I had an idea by the end of the summer that he was going to come back out for baseball again," said Loomis. "My biggest hope for him was that, one, he would get through it alive, and two, he would get back to doing some of the things that he was able to do prior to getting this disease."

Soete, a physical education major who wants to teach and coach at the high school level and has a long-term goal of becoming a college baseball

coach, returned to PLU and began taking classes again in September. In October, he joined the team when it began a month-long schedule of practices and intrasquad scrimmages. "He had a great fall," said Loomis. "He didn't miss a step."

Loomis said Soete's return has been a huge boost for the baseball program. "Not because of what he's gone through, but because Nolan's a great teammate. He's a great guy to have around, and the others on the team really respect Nolan."

His immune system will take a few years to totally recover - Soete said he had to get all his childhood immunizations all over again and he has been fighting off "little colds" since the end of December. In the first part of the season he had played in half a dozen games and had yet to get a hit. Then he broke out with a grand slam April 17.

"This season's been tough for me at the plate, but I'm not going to make any excuses. I just can't wait to get better," he said.

But Loomis says, "above all, whether he performs or not, I feel we're blessed to have him back. It's a huge motivator for me to see somebody go through that, and love the game so much that the first thing he thinks about is getting back involved with it."

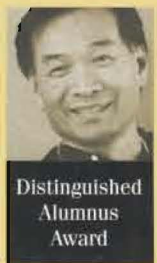
"I'm excited to be back in school and playing baseball especially," Soete said. [S]

-Dave Girard is PLU's sports information director.

Alumni Recognition Awards

2004

Ron Ho '58



**Distinguished
Alumnus
Award**

For his contributions to the art world and countless students, Ron Ho '58 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

An inventive jewelry maker who

could have enjoyed a more lucrative full-time career in art, he dedicated his life to teaching art to elementary, junior high and high school students, mostly in the Bellevue (Wash.) School District. He also pursued his passion, creating one-of-a-kind necklaces that have made him well known in the Northwest art world.

Ho makes necklaces out of silver and items he has collected over the years – from bones and artifacts to antique jade and beads from his world travels. His work has been shown in more than 50 exhibitions in numerous Northwest museums and galleries, as well as in international shows. He was one of 55 jewelry artists in an exhibition paying tribute to former U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright that began in The Netherlands and toured Europe for a year.

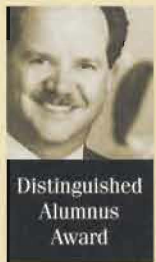
His work is in numerous collections, including the Tacoma Art Museum, which featured an exhibition of his jewelry this year. In collaboration with artist Stewart Wong, he redesigned the facade of Seattle's Wing Luke Asian Museum as part of its "Pathways of Pride" exhibit, dedicated in 2001.

Ho has received many awards for both teaching and art. In 1998, he was named Asian Artist of the Year by the Wing Luke Asian Museum, which hosted his one-man show. He received the 1990 Elementary Art Educator Award for the Western States by the National Art Education Association, and the 1990 award for Outstanding Achievement in the Arts by the Bellevue Arts Commission. In 2000-

2001, he won a grant from the King County Arts Commission for a Medina Elementary School project, "Faces and Forms, Races and Norms," an exploration of the history of folk arts focusing on influences of indigenous and immigrant cultures and women.

He continues to serve as an artist-in-residence in several Northwest schools and lives in Seattle.

Frank Spear '75



**Distinguished
Alumnus
Award**

For his outstanding work in the field of dentistry and dental education, Frank Spear '75 receives the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Spear graduated first in his class at the University of Washington School of Dentistry, completed a residency in periodontal prosthodontics and earned a master's of science in dentistry, and he has been at the forefront of his field ever since. He has become one of the premier dental clinicians and pre-eminent educators in the world. He developed the Seattle Institute for Advanced Dental Education, which works with 800 dental offices every year and is recognized as one of the finest training facilities.

His teaching techniques have revolutionized post-graduate dental education, resulting in better dentists and improved care for patients. Spear has won many prestigious awards and written many scientific articles and textbook chapters. He has lectured around the world, served as editor of dental journals and is past president of the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry. He has been an affiliate professor at the University of Washington since 1984.

Spear lives in Seattle with his wife, Susan Carlson.

Judith Perry '63



**Outstanding
Alumnus
Award**

For her outstanding work in the business world and her community service, Judith Perry '63 receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Perry is managing director of the Pacific Islands Complex for Merrill Lynch in Honolulu. She has worked for Merrill Lynch since 1976 and has consistently advanced in the company. She is the third woman managing director of Merrill Lynch and the first in the Pacific region, and is credited with recruiting more women as financial advisors. The industry average is 12 percent women, while in her region that number is 24 percent.

She has always been involved in the communities in which she worked: Lancaster, Pa., Peoria, Ill., Milwaukee, Wis., and Honolulu. She is on the boards of Hawaii Theatre, Hawaii Community Services Council, Oahu Economic Development Board, the YWCA and the Honolulu Symphony. She is also a member of the Honolulu Rotary and on the vestry of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

She serves PLU as a class representative, a Connections Council volunteer and Q Club member.

Perry is also a talented artist who enjoys drawing, painting and calligraphy. She lives in Honolulu and has two grown sons and one granddaughter.

June Goldsmith '55

For her efforts to bring classical music to a wider audience, June Goldsmith receives the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Goldsmith, a musician and music educator, founded Music in the



**Outstanding
Alumnus
Award**

Morning in Vancouver, B.C., nearly 20 years ago. She believed classical music that challenged, educated and entertained would find a following in the morning. An increasing and loyal audience proves she was right.

The concerts are held at an unusual time – 10:30 a.m. After everyone has enjoyed coffee, artists speak from the stage, commenting on the music and composer before they perform. The one-hour concerts take place Tuesday through Friday, eight weeks a year, at the Vancouver Academy of Music. The series has commissioned and premiered many Canadian works and has nurtured and promoted the development of young artists.

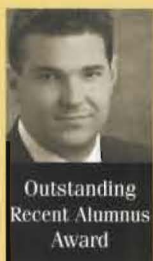
In November 2002, Goldsmith was inducted into the British Columbia Entertainment Hall of Fame. Music in the Morning is committed to supporting the community and schools, and Goldsmith speaks to many organizations. She strives to present a challenging lineup of music, from opera to ballet to chamber music. In 1992 she received a commemorative medal for the 125th anniversary of the confederation of Canada in recognition of her significant contributions.

Goldsmith attended PLU from 1951-53, graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1955 and earned her master's degree at Stanford. She and her late husband, Daniel, have two sons. She lives in Vancouver.

Jeremy Desel '91

For his award-winning work in television news, Jeremy Desel '91 receives the Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award.

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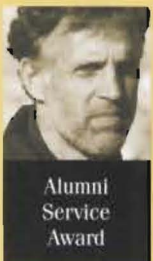
Desel, a reporter in Houston, was named 2002 Texas Reporter of the Year by the Houston Press Club and has won seven Emmy awards, most recently for breaking news

reporting from the eye of Hurricane Lili as it hit Louisiana. His work has been repeatedly honored by the Associated Press. Desel's investigative stories led to two national product recalls of dangerous pet products.

He joined KHOU-TV as a general assignment reporter in 1999. He has covered a number of high-profile stories, including the explosion of the Space Shuttle Columbia and the subsequent recovery of its debris, the Texas A&M bonfire collapse and the American Airlines crash in Little Rock, Ark. He spent six weeks covering the 2000 presidential election vote count in Florida. Desel was sent to Germany to cover the war in Iraq from the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center near Ramstein Air Base. He was the only local television reporter to report live during the arrival of PFC Jessica Lynch to the hospital complex.

He lives in Houston.

Cory Heins '77



Alumni Service Award

For his commitment to bring relief to the hungry and needy in war-torn and poverty stricken countries, Cory Heins '77 receives the Alumni Service Award.

Heins has worked in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia and East Africa with World Concern, an international relief organization. After the Sept. 11,

2001, terrorist attacks, Heins went to Afghanistan, where the Taliban was under U.S. attack. He helped provide logistical support with the distribution of food and emergency supplies in northeastern Afghanistan.

Heins helped build a school and water wells in Cambodia in the mid '90s and has been committed to working with World Concern ever since. His work has ranged from distributing clothing to thousands of children, to helping build roads, schools, bridges and water systems. He has worked in some of the most remote parts of the world, often without electricity or running water and sometimes even traveling by donkey.

He says his discomfort and inconvenience are well worth the good that's been done for many people in peril.

Heins lives in Edmonds, Wash., and works in commercial real estate when he's not out of the country.

Stan Willis '38



Heritage Award

Because of his lifelong support of PLU, Stan Willis '38 receives the Heritage Award.

He has been the consummate Lute, recruiting students, supporting programs and activities, and serving as class representative for many years.

Willis began his career as a teacher, then was principal of Central Avenue and Parkland Elementary Schools in the early '50s. In 1955 he took a two-year leave of absence from the Franklin Pierce School District to serve as a principal in the Department of Defense Dependents School in Madrid, and that leave turned into an almost 35-year career in Spain, Germany and Puerto

Rico. He held a variety of administrative positions in defense department schools until his retirement at 75 in late 1989, when he and his wife, Thelma (Daniels) '36, '40 returned to live in Parkland.

Since their return to the United States, they have been regular supporters of PLU music and athletic events. For several years he prepared homemade chocolates in the shapes of footballs and helmets to give to the Lute football team as players departed for championship games.

Willis recruited many students from overseas to attend PLU, and he also recruited many PLU graduates as teachers in the DoDDS system in Europe. Many alums had the opportunity to work and travel abroad thanks to him.

The Willises had four children, Kathy Pollakowski, the late Jim Willis '68, Judy Carr '70 and Brian Willis '77. The family tradition has continued as three grandchildren also selected PLU. Willis has been the class representative for the Class of '38 and, and he and his wife are members of Q Club and served on the Alumni Leadership Committee for The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step.

Donna Westering



Special Recognition Award

For her longtime support of the PLU football program and athletes, Donna Westering receives the Special Recognition Award.

Donna, wife of longtime coach Frosty Westering, has been a steady presence on the sidelines through Frosty's 32 seasons as head coach. She could be seen in the stands of every game, shaking a gold

cowbell, cheering her loudest and encouraging others to do the same. Behind the scenes, she spent many evenings hosting players, helping the coach and cooking and baking for the team.

She earned her degree in health and physical education from the University of Iowa, where she was president of the largest residence hall and was a member of the national honor society. She and Frosty, her elementary school sweetheart, have been married for 52 years and have five children, Holly Johnson, Sue '77, Brad '80, Scott '82, and Stacey Spani '83 and 13 grandchildren. Scott is PLU's new head football coach.

Laura E. Hunter '03



Brian Olson Leadership Award

For her involvement in and dedication to PLU, Laura Hunter '03 receives the Brian Olson Leadership Award.

While a student, Hunter served many positions for the student newspaper, The Mast, and worked as the student life editor for the yearbook, The Saga. She was a member of the senior gift committee and worked in the Office of Development and University Relations. Hunter joined Q Club as a student.

Hunter understands the importance of being connected to PLU for life.

Hunter graduated in December with a degree in communication and a minor in publishing and printing arts. She lives in Puyallup and is pursuing a career in fund raising, public relations or journalism.

This award is named in memory of former Alumni Board President Brian C. Olson '83.

Pencil Us In

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 25-26 Alumni Board Fall Meeting
- October 1-3 Homecoming Weekend
- October 16 Tailgate at Chapman Univ., Orange, Calif.
- October 23 Tailgate at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore.
- October 29-31 Family Weekend
- October 31 Parents Council Fall Meeting
- November 6 Tailgate at Menlo College, Atherton, Calif.
- November 13 Tailgate at Whitworth College, Spokane

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

ALUMNI BOARD NOMINATIONS OFFICIAL BALLOT

2004-2005 ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Alumni Board of Directors brings these new candidates to the Alumni Association for confirmation. Please vote for two candidates; two response boxes are provided for two alumni in the same household. Detach and mail by Aug. 1, 2004 to: Office of Alumni and Parent Relations, Nesvig Alumni Center, Tacoma, WA 98447, or cast your ballot online at www.plualumni.org.

- John Carr '87
West Linn, Ore.
- Don Isensee '64
Klamath Falls, Ore.
- Write-in candidate(s)

BALLOT

Homecoming 2004— Black and Gold Forever

Wear your school colors proudly when you come back to campus Oct. 1 to 3 for Homecoming 2004: Black and Gold Forever! In addition to this year's class reunions of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1989, we are excited to announce the formal launch of PLU GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), which will be our special affinity reunion this year. Please watch for Homecoming registration information this summer, outlining weekend festivities. We look forward to offering events that have become a tradition during Homecoming Weekend, and we hope to see many of you. A sampling of the weekend events:

Friday, Oct. 1

Register for the Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon to learn firsthand of the accomplishments of graduates who will be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. That evening, PLU GOLD members will gather for a special kickoff event.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Attend the Heritage Lecture, reunion brunches, visit the Alumni Tent and go to the football game at Sparks Stadium, where the Lutes host the Linfield Wildcats. A group tour of the Tacoma Art Museum will also be offered as an alternative to the game. Saturday morning also will include Lute Camp for Kids. Finally, join us at the Homecoming Gala, where we will honor the 2004 Alumni Award recipients, celebrate reunion classes and enjoy a won-

VOLUNTEER WITH PLU GOLD

Want to get involved with other recent grads and join this reunion organizing committee? Contact PLU GOLD chairperson Lina (Korsmo) Johnson '99 at gold@plu.edu and help make this reunion a hit!

derful meal complemented by some of PLU's finest musical talent.

Sunday, Oct. 3

We conclude the weekend by joining University Congregation in a special Homecoming worship service, followed by a luncheon.

Directories available online and in print

This has sure been the year for PLU alumni directories! We want to first thank you for your patience and cooperation as alumni information was gathered and verified these past months for the print edition of the 2005 PLU Alumni directory.

Also, remember that you are already online. Join more than 2,500 alumni who took advantage and became users of the PLU Alumni Online Community at www.plualumni.org. Submit new information for yourself, search for friends, and make new connections. Membership is free and available only to alumni using the record number found on your Scene mailing label.


Alumni can tour central Italy next summer

Explore the arts, architecture, cuisine and history of early Christian Rome, medieval Assisi, and Renaissance Florence on the 2005 Alumni Tour.

Sacred Sites, Culinary Delights will run May 27 to June 10, 2005. This is the first alumni tour of central Italy.

If you enjoy walking and exploring, visiting centers of culture and religion, and sharing meals at the abundant table of Italian cuisine, this is the perfect study tour for you.

Tour leaders will be Lauralee Hagen, director of Alumni and Parent Relations and Samuel Torvend, professor of European religious history.

Cost, is still being determined. For more information, call the alumni office at 253-535-7415 or email alumni@plu.edu. 

Picture Perfect

Milo Scherer '58, left rear, found four of his college roommates at their 45th class reunion at Homecoming: Pictured with him are, clockwise, **Tom Nelson '58**, **Paul Basting '58**, and **Ron Ho '58**.



Courtney (Pederson) Mohatt '94 and **Cori (Krause) Hunt '94** met up in Aurora, Colo., last fall. Courtney is a pediatric nurse in Aurora, and Cori is a cardiology nurse practitioner in Tampa, Fla.



Stephanie Tuck '96 and **Kenny Frisch '98** were married March 22, 2003, in Portland, Ore. The Rev. **John Finstuen '70** officiated. **Christy (Tuck) Peterson '92**, **Tonya Schaad**, **Jeremy Crowe '96**, **Matt Strehlow '96**, **Sara Woods**, **Rusty Frisch '92**, **Tad Foote '98**, **Shawn Foote**, **Cale Piland '96** and **Josh Wyrick '97** were in the wedding party. **Brian Van Valey '97**, **David Roy '97**, **Matt Messina**, **Ryan Krueger**, **Heather Post '97**, **Kristina (Byrd) Coleman '96** and **Darren Kerbs '96** also participated. Kenny is a teacher and coaches at Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Wash. Stephanie is director of shows and promotions for the Home Builders Association of Metro Portland. They live in Camas, Wash.

alumni profiles

PLU alum breaking the news in China

By Du Huai De

In today's China, things are changing – especially in the media. Dwight “Danny” Daniels ’79 is one of those helping establish freedom of the press in China.

Daniels has been an editor at China Daily, the national English-language newspaper based in Beijing, since September. Often called China's most important newspaper, the paper has a daily circulation of 350,000, and is circulated in 150 nations across the globe. The online version (www.chinadaily.com.cn), which was China's first news Web site when it was launched in 1995, generates millions of hits daily.

Daniels, a former staff writer for the San Diego Union-Tribune and adjunct professor at San Diego State University, is among a handful of Western journalists in key editing roles there. He edits the front page, and international and national page stories.

“I like the thrill of breaking news, like China's effort to put a man into space,” he said. “That was a historic event here, with China in a frenzy about whether this was going to work. The adrenalin of putting that front page together was something I will never forget.”

“It is worth it to throw out the paper's front page at 1 a.m. and start over,” Daniels said. “If President Hu Jin Tao has suddenly called George Bush and

told him something new about what he plans to do to help solve the nuclear crisis in North Korea, we start over.”

In a first for a Western-hired journalist, the paper invited Daniels to pen regular opinion columns. It is a labor of love for the member of the National Association of Opinion Writers who taught a course on opinion writing at San Diego State.

“I write about whatever interests me,” said Daniels. “From the ethical treatment of an escaped wild tiger, to the changing face of treatment of the elderly, to China's first sexual harassment court cases. I take a Western perspective on China that may not occur to my (Op-Ed) colleagues.”

A couple of columns have been withdrawn by editors. One was on mining safety, in which Daniels suggested shutting down the nation's mines for 48 hours to review safety. China loses dozens of miners each week in coal mine explosions, stories ignored by the international press. Another on starvation among children in North Korea proved too politically sensitive for editors to run, with six-party nuclear talks ongoing.

“It's not the first time I've had pieces spiked and it won't be the last,” he said. He also writes columns for the

Shanghai Star (www.shanghai-star.cn), a less formal weekly where he can “really let my opinions fly.”

Adjusting to China has been easy, said Daniels, who traveled widely in a brief first career as an Air Force officer, and then as a reporter.

Daniels lives in a three-room, high-rise apartment just completed on the China Daily complex that overlooks Beijing and a major international university just across the street. He enjoys all the cultural opportunities and the relationships he has developed.

“My colleagues seem to respect my background,” he said. “I have developed close friendships quickly. It is amazing to me how open and warm the Chinese are. I have met wonderful people here, inside and outside the newspaper.”

He will teach in Beijing part-time at a local university in the fall. He also teaches reporting and writing seminars. Daniels, who wrote for The Mooring Mast as a student, fondly recalls some of the techniques he learned from PLU journalism professor Cliff Rowe and during his time writing for the student paper. “Cliff is the best teacher I ever had,” said Daniels, who earned an M.A. in journalism at the University of Missouri. “I remember him every time I walk into the classroom.”

Daniels says PLU alums planning China visits shouldn't wait.

“Seeing the pace of change in China is spectacular. It is truly opening up. I plan to be here through the Olympics (in 2008),” he said. “My Chinese (language) is pretty bad now, but it should be a lot better by then.” ☐

Du Huai De is a writer in Beijing.

Daniels looks over the day's paper with Qu Yingpu, a senior editor who oversaw the launch of a recent redesign of the paper. Zhu Ling, managing editor of China Daily's Hong Kong edition, stands behind them.





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alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available:

1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1996.

1929

Mae (Wohlmacher) Larson Solberg died Jan. 17. Her teaching career began in the Ohop Valley and Alder school districts in Washington. She went on to teach kindergarten and third grade at Tacoma's Franklin Elementary for more than 30 years, retiring in 1973. Belonging to several square dance clubs, she danced until age 86. She was a life member of Corinthian Chapter No. 172 Order of the Eastern Star, Ladies of the Oriental Shrine-Greeters and a friend of Mason United Methodist Church. Mae is survived by her son, Gary R. Larson.

1935

John Van Leuven died Feb. 23. After leaving PLC, John earned a master's degree from Columbia University in New York City. He and his wife, **Enid (Hutson '36)** returned to Washington, where John began his long career in education, serving first as a teacher in McMillan, then as the principal of several schools, retiring from the Tacoma School District in 1977. John was a lifetime member of the Tacoma Yacht Club, and a member of Phi Delta Kappa and the School Retirees' Association. John was preceded in death by Enid and by his daughter, Marla Love. He is survived by his daughter, Margarete Reyhner (Marla's identical twin), and one grandson.

1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

1938

Class Representative – Stan Willis

Evelyn (Jacobson) Frost died Aug. 2, 2003. In 1988, she received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from PLU in recognition of her rich life of service. An active member of University Lutheran Church in East Lansing, Mich., she was a past congregation president and held several offices with Church Women United and National American Lutheran Church Women's board of directors. She was the vice president of Michigan State University's Newcomers Wives Faculty Club and later president of the Michigan State University Faculty Folks. She was also a member of the Sparrow Hospital Women's Auxiliary and served 27 years on the Thursday afternoon gift shop staff. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Carl; her daughters, Susan DiSalvo

and Jacqueline Kunnen; sons Richard and Robert; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1939

Anne (Lovejoy) Tveter died Dec. 29. She was a homemaker, mother, seamstress and cook. She was involved in her church and enjoyed the outdoors, including gardening, camping, walking, reading and watching Mariners games. She is survived by her two sons, Paul and Robert; her daughter, Elizabeth Willey; her brother, James Lovejoy; three sisters; seven grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. Anne's husband of 45 years, Raymond, preceded her in death.

1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

Hildur (Olsen) Christiansen died Jan. 7. After graduating from PLC, she spent her life as a wife, mother, homemaker, church schoolteacher and mentor to many. She is survived by her children, Gerald Christiansen, Janet Ward, and Gordon Christiansen; eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

1941

Evelyn (Knibbe) Elliott and her husband, Chalmers, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. They have four children, Challis, Hollis, Mark and Evan; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1942

Marv Tommervik died Dec. 29. Over three football seasons (1939-1941), he became one of PLU's most celebrated athletes. He was twice named first-team AP All-American ('40 and '41), as well as an All-American selection by the New York Sun (1940). He was offered contracts by the Philadelphia Eagles, Washington Redskins, Detroit Lions and the New York Football Yankees. World War II interrupted Marv's professional plans. He enlisted in the Navy in 1942, and while playing on the 1945 San Diego Naval Base team, starred in the 37-6 rout of the University of Southern California. Marv returned to PLU as a successful head football and baseball coach (1946-1952). He completed his master's degree in business administration from the University of Washington and became owner and operator of Parkland Fuel Oil Service (1954-1982). He received the Distinguished Service Award in Higher Education from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1960, and was inducted into the Helms National Association of

Intercollegiate Football Hall of Fame in 1962. He was also a Pac-10 Football official for 25 years. Among his assignments were two Rose Bowls. In 1992, Marv was recognized by PLU as a distinguished alumnus. Marv was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, **Carol (Haavik '40)**. He is survived by his sons, **Marvin Jr., Dale '68** and **Don '75**; daughters **Jeani Tommervik '69** and **Judy (Tommervik) Manthou '82**; 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Elmer Erickson died Feb. 29. After graduating from PLC, Elmer served in the army for several years, seeing considerable action in Europe. He then pursued a variety of careers including teaching, bulldozing and clearing land, commercial fishing, cattle raising, owning and racing thoroughbred horses, and owning a fast-food restaurant. Elmer is survived by his brother, Arthur, and two sisters, **Helen (Erickson '57) Larson** and Wilma Mihelich.

1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

1946

Olaf Kvamme received the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce 2003 Annual Award from the greater Seattle chapter in December. Olaf has played an instrumental role in fostering cultural exchange with Norway and has been an invaluable leader and contributor in establishing the awareness and knowledge of Scandinavian heritage in the Seattle area.

1947

Class Representative – Gerald Lider

Wallace Larson died March 10. During World War II, he served on the USS Lexington as a naval aviator. He went on to a 40-year career as a sales engineer in industrial ventilation, retiring in 1984. Wally was an active member in Faith Lutheran Church in Shelton, Wash., and enjoyed woodworking, golfing and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons Richard and John; three granddaughters; four great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter.

1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1949

Dwayne Rose died Jan. 26. He played all sports in high school and at PLC. In the 1940s and the 1950s, Dwayne was a teacher and principal in the Eatonville

School District, after which he spent 40 years in the insurance business. His passion was serving as leader of the Joygivers Senior Group at Rainier View Christian Church in Parkland. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Myra; his sons, Mike and Bill Rose; his daughter, Deb Rose; his stepsons, Denny and Don Morris; seven grandchildren; his former wife, Amelia Rose; and his sister, Arlie Ashmore.

Stanley Williamsen died of a rare lung disease Nov. 16. During his career in ministry, he served in churches in Tacoma, Ferndale, Davenport and Almira, Wash., as well as churches in Egypt and in Petersburg, Alaska. Following his retirement, he served as vacation pastor in 17 different churches. Stan is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rosalie, two sons, two daughters, three grandchildren and his brother Tom.

1950

Class Representative – Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

Kenneth Storaasli died Feb. 25 at the Tacoma Lutheran Home. He worked for 31 years in the Clover Park (Wash.) School District as a teacher, then a principal, and finally as the personnel director, retiring in 1981. Ken then started a personnel-service business, initiating the Education Career Fair that continues each year. He was a founding member of Christ Lutheran Church in Lakewood, Wash., and of the Clover Park Kiwanis Club of Lakewood, from which he received the Hickson Award in 2002. He is survived by his wife, **Catherine (Breum '49)**; his children, Steven, Gary, Susan, David and Paul; five grandchildren, and his sister, Doris Johnson.

Leslie McDonnell is a retired teacher and a gentleman farmer living on 30 acres in Valliant, Okla., with his four horses and two dogs.

Theodore Lund died April 12, 2003. Ted served with the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He was a teacher and librarian in the Seattle School District for 37 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol Reishus Lund of Seattle, and his sister Myla Opsvig of Lynden, Wash.

1953

Carl Zerrenner died Feb. 16, 2003, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease and complications of a stroke. After serving in the Army during World War II and with the occupation troops in Japan, Carl attended The Lutheran Bible Institute in

Seattle, and graduated from PLC with a B.A. in sociology. He worked for Boeing in Renton, Wash., until 1960, when he and his wife, Marilyn, moved to central Washington, where Carl worked at Ardenvoir Lumber Co. During retirement, they lived in Birch Bay, Wash., and Curlew Lake near Republic, Wash., where they engaged in a favorite pastime, fishing. His wife survives him.

1954

Class Representative – Iver Haugen

Iver and Ginny (Grahm '56) Haugen live in Lakewood, Wash. Iver is retired from the ministry, and Ginny from teaching.

1955

Class Representative – Phyllis Grahm Carlson-Carroll

Iris (Nordman) Cammock died Jan. 17. She lived a life of service, lending her talents to many social service organizations. In her earlier years, she worked at Seattle Children's Home and served in Skagit County on the first executive board for the establishment of Senior Services and on the founding board for Mental Health Services. She was director of social services at Josephine Sunset Home in Stanwood, Wash., from 1989 to 1993, then held the same position at Mountain Glen Retirement and Assisted Care Center in Mount Vernon, Wash., from 1994 through 1997. Iris was a long-time member of Salem Lutheran Church, volunteering in many capacities, one of the last being the task force for senior housing, now known as Salem Village. She is survived by her husband, Earl; her sons, Chris and **Craig '91**; her daughter and son-in-law, **Caryn and Brian Ruud '90**; two granddaughters; her mother, Adele Nordman; and brother, Volmar.

1956

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

1957

Class Representative – Marilyn Katz

Robert Monson died Feb. 20. His family remembers him as an expert fisherman, scholar, avid sports fan, the ultimate entertainer, lover of the Northwest and consummate family man. He is survived by his wife, **Mary (Reinertson '59)**; son **Eric Monson '83** and his wife, **Lisa (Cloutier '86)**; son **Scott Monson '85** and his wife, **Julie (Olson '85)**; and daughter **Sara Monson Kass '87**.

1958

Class Representative – Don Cornell and David Knutson

Lorraine (Johnson) Peterson died of ovarian cancer Jan. 1. At PLU, she met

the love of her life and husband of 46 years, Dave Peterson. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her children, Cheryl, Bradley and Cindi, and four grandchildren.

1959

Class Representative – Al Dungan

Barbara (Jensen) Gelman is a Pierce County Council member in Tacoma. She was named the 2002 Distinguished Citizen of the Year by the Municipal League of Tacoma.

1960

Carol (Morris) Caswell recently published "The Little Brown Suitcase," a historical fiction novel developed using authentic letters from the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries found in Carol's grandmother's "little brown suitcase." The story tells of Carol's relative, John Nicholas Emerick, who took in a penniless young man named John Jacob Astor to be his partner in the fur business in 1783. It tells of how Emerick lost control of his vast fortune and how it all ended up in Astor's pockets, and of the struggle of Carol's grandmother, Elsie Emerick Bryan and her family to reclaim their rightful inheritance.

1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

Sam Gange, who played basketball for PLU in 1953 and 1954, participates in Senior Olympics Basketball. His team won a gold medal in the Tucson (Ariz.) Senior Olympics and a silver medal in the Arizona Senior Olympics. They have qualified to participate in the next National Senior Games in Pittsburgh, Pa., during the summer of 2005.

Jon Fodstad retires in September after serving for 16 years as managing director of the Traffic Authority in Oslo, Norway.

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

Phyllis (Cavalero) Rogness died Dec. 10, 2002, of cancer. Her husband, Ronald, survives her.

Ruth "Fritzi" Groves died March 4. After receiving her master's degree in education from PLU, she taught at Horace Mann and DeLong elementary schools. Widowed in 1982, Fritzi retired from teaching but remained involved in the community and active in many clubs and organizations, including Arista, Daughters of the Nile, Delta Kappa Gamma, and SOBCs. She also received the PTA Golden Acorn Award. In 1998, Fritzi moved to the Tahoma Terrace

Retirement Home, where she served on the board of directors. She is survived by her daughters, Carolyn Spangler and Holly Joyce, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

1963

Class Representative – Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

Loraine (Moes) Fountain died Feb. 22. Her proudest accomplishment was her graduation from PLU with a degree in education. She spent her teaching career at South Bay Elementary School in Lacey, Wash., preparing first-graders for a life of learning. Loraine was especially gifted in working with young boys who struggled with school. Her son, **Lionel Moes '74**, preceded her in death. She is survived by six grandchildren.

Linda (Sather) Eide died of cancer Nov. 17. After graduating from PLU with degree in education, Linda taught at Forest Crest Elementary in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. She loved boating in the Northwest aboard the Lucky Lady and was active in the Seattle Yacht Club and the Tollycraft Boating Club. Above all, Linda valued her role as loving wife and proud mother. She is survived by her husband of 36 years, Gary; her children Erik and Janice; her mother, Annie Sather, and sisters Carol Bacon and Donna Lyon.

1964

Olav Engen died Oct. 13. Born and raised in Norway, he immigrated to Tacoma at age 16, knowing no English. He worked his way through PLC, graduating with a degree in mathematics. He married **Hilde Lonset** in 1967. After 17 years with the Federal Reserve Bank, Olav got his master electrician's license and started Engen Electric. He was involved in the Sons of Norway and was active in religious and charity work. As his greatest accomplishments, he claimed education, work, family and above all, his Christian faith. He is survived by Hilde and their children.

1967

Kari (Kruzer) Miller received the "Best of Show" ribbon and cash award for her watercolor, "Javahhhhl," at a regional members exhibit sponsored by the Tubac Center for the Arts in Tubac, Ariz., in September 2003. She lives in Green Valley, Ariz.

1968

Class Representative – Michael Ford

Lila Greene Talley Campbell died Feb. 27. Widow of William Talley, she married Robert Campbell at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1951 and was an Army wife for 53 years. During that time, Lila visited all 50 states, many European countries,

and every continent except Antarctica. She was an active member of military clubs and church groups and continuously worked to further her education at various colleges and universities along the way, finally earning her degree at PLU. Lila was also an accomplished painter and loved square dancing. Her first husband and her son, Robert Campbell, Jr., preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Robert; son, William Talley; two grandchildren and her younger sister, Sunny Harrison.

Dale Nybro died suddenly Nov. 24. After graduating from PLU, Dale earned a master's degree in social work from Fordham University in New York City and a master's degree in counseling from Long Island University. From 1968 to 1970, he served in the Peace Corps in the Dominican Republic. For 22 years, Dale worked for the Archdiocese of New York in the substance abuse program. He served as board president of the Martin Luther Camp Corp. and as mentor at Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. An active member of Dobbs Ferry Lutheran Church, he also enjoyed fishing and canoeing. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Ruth; his daughter and son, Erica and Kai Nybro; his mother, and two sisters, Nancy Grindley and Susan Bensen.

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

Dick Gesinger received the Associate Member Lifetime Achievement award from the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association. This national award is presented to an individual currently or previously employed by an associate member company in recognition of effective leadership and long-term involvement in NTCA, along with outstanding accomplishments and contributions on behalf of small telecommunications companies on a local, state and national level. Dick is a principal and director of marketing at the accounting and consulting firm of Warinner, Gesinger & Associates LLC. He lives in Federal Way, Wash.

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

Lou Ann Oysart died Feb. 2. She taught in the Clover Park School District for 19 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church since 1958 and belonged to Chapter HN of P.E.O., Alpha XI Delta Alumnae, and the Olympia Homewreckers (friends since the 1950s). She also met monthly with a group of retired Clover Park teachers and, for many years, was a school volunteer. Lou Ann is survived by her daughters, Carol Smith and Susan Miller, and five grandchildren. Her son, David, preceded her in death.

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

1972

Paula (Siebert) Manley and her husband, John, live on a farm near Canby, Ore., with their children Adam, 19, and Jewell, 3. After earning her M.S. degree in educational psychology from the University of Oregon in 1981, Paula's careers included teaching troubled youth and working with adults as a parole and probation officer. She became fluent in Spanish and obtained her chemical dependency counselor certification in 1998. Retired from corrections since 2000, Paula teaches Spanish-speaking men who have been referred by court for domestic violence. **Alicia (Manley '98)** and her husband **Nathe Lawver '99** made Paula a grandmother with the births of their children Abby, 3, and Eddie, 1.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

Laury (Lee) Thorson has taught for 14 years at Jefferson Middle School in Olympia. She works with the REACH program, which was conceived as an enrichment class for strong readers. In Laury's care, the program has evolved into an opportunity for high-achieving students to get creative, study a wide range of subjects and dive into the topics that ignite their interests. About a third of the school's students participate over the course of their middle school years.



Becky (Wulf) Harrison is proud of her two oldest sons at The United States Military Academy at

West Point, N.Y. Becky and her husband, Bob, were both Army officers, and her sons will continue the family tradition. Son David, who is in the eighth grade, also hopes to attend West Point. Bob will retire from Continental Airlines and plans to teach in the local middle school, while Becky is a physical therapist at Smyth County Hospital in Marion, Va. They live in Rural Retreat, Va.

1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

Adrian Kalil has had several short works of fiction and poetry published during the past two years. These works are featured on a literary Web site from Birmingham, England: www.fictionontheweb.co.uk. Click on "Other's Stories" and scroll down to four recent works: "An Unfinished Husband," "The Color of Autumn," "The Woodsman," and "The Bastard." He is in his 24th year as a staff anesthetist at Kaiser Permanente Northwest in Portland, Ore.

Nancy (Quillin) Wilkinson was selected for a Fulbright Scholarship to South Africa this summer. She will be studying youth issues since Apartheid with 15 other educators from across the country. Nelson Mandela's children's organization will be involved with the study. Nancy plans to create a theater piece from the experience and direct it at Peninsula High School in Gig Harbor, Wash., where she teaches drama.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Mark Egbert is the division chief of oral and maxillofacial surgery at Seattle Children's Hospital. He and his wife, Lisa, and son, Richard, moved to a new home in Kenmore, Wash., on Christmas Day.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

Ken Flajole is the defensive assistant and linebacker coach for the Carolina Panthers, who played against New England in this year's Superbowl XXXVIII in Houston, Texas.

1978

Darcy Johnson is serving on the PLU Board of Regents. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from PLU and is a principal at EverTrust Asset Management in Seattle, managing investment portfolios for high-net-worth individuals, charitable foundations and trusts, as well as designing investment strategies for clients.

Wilma Kelly died Feb. 18 after a two-year fight with breast cancer. She worked for Weyerhaeuser for 28 years, but at the time of her death she was with Expeditors, a global logistics company. Wilma actively attended Northwest Church in Federal Way, Wash. She is survived by her daughter, her father, her brother, two sisters and three grandchildren.

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Deborah Barnes recently completed her first year as a member of the Milwaukie (Ore.) City Council. She is also the secretary-treasurer of the Century Players, a community theater organization, and is in her 10th year teaching broadcasting at the Sabin Schellenberg Center in Milwaukie.

Allen Bessette moved back to Tacoma in October of 2002 after 13 years in Bellingham, Wash. He works for Terminx International, a pest control company,

and has recently been accepted into the branch manager training program. Allen is excited about this opportunity and is looking forward to catching many more football games and other Lute sporting events.

Doug Kirkpatrick recently started The Celestia Group, an executive coaching and human resource consulting firm, that provides coaching and business consulting services to organizations experiencing rapid change. His presentation to the London 2003 Global Business Process Forum, titled "Running an Organization Without Management," was voted the most interesting and insightful case study. His company's Web site is www.thecelestiagroup.com. Doug lives in Turlock, Calif.

1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

Barbara Hall Adams died Feb. 26. She began her career as a registered nurse and later became a nursing home administrator. She is survived by her husband, Lowell Adams; her children, Trevor and Erika Hall; and her sisters, Susan (Doc) Martensen and Karen Colley.

Judy (Williams) Packard died March 18 in her home in Conway, Wash. After graduating from PLU with a degree in geology, she worked for many years in the development and sale of specialized oils and greases, primarily those used by NASA and the aerospace industry. Judy enjoyed many outdoor activities including cross-country skiing, hiking, running, boating, camping and, above all, scuba diving. She is survived by her husband, Ken; son, Kenny; brother, Tom Williams and sister, Debbie Gunning.

1981

Kimberly Dalthorp died Dec. 20. After graduation from PLU, Kim earned her master's degree in public health from the University of Alabama. She worked at the Washington State Department of Health with the ASSIST smoking cessation and WIC programs, until she was forced to retire due to illness. She will be remembered for her ability to be positive and to always see the good in people. Surviving her is her husband of 11 years, Steven; her daughters, Lindsay Marie, 7, and Rachel Ann, 6, and her mother, Marie Amburgy.

Judy (Smith) Campbell is president of Campbell Consulting, Inc., in Bend, Ore. The firm provides public relations services to Oregon Chai, Deschutes Medical Products and Harbinger Fitness, among other clients. She and her husband, Tom, have two daughters, Stephanie, 5, and Anna, 2.

Mark Crisson, director of utilities for the City of Tacoma and functionally CEO of

Tacoma Public Utilities, was named 2002 Business Leader of the Year by the Business Examiner and University of Washington Tacoma. He is also esteemed for his openness and candor in keeping his 1,234 employees informed about current issues.

Scott Cummins was in Uganda this spring, working with a team on behalf of Sister Schools serving African children. A container of educational supplies, clothing and toys donated by children in America will establish several start-up schools while supporting ongoing education and rehabilitation programs in rural Uganda. Scott first met Sister Schools founder and Executive Director Terry McGill on the field when he was a full-back for the Lute soccer team and Terry was a halfback for Seattle Pacific University. For information about Sister Schools, visit www.sisterschools.org.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Deanna Stark is an accounting manager with Steve Millen Sportparts, Inc., in Costa Mesa, Calif. She was named Employee of the Year in December of 2003. She lives in Foothill Ranch, Calif.

1983

Class Representative – David Olson

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

DeeAnne (Hauso) Shaw is the editor and general manager of The Vidette in Montesano, Wash. She has 20 years of experience at weekly and daily newspapers, including many years at The Daily World in Aberdeen, Wash., as reporter, feature writer and assistant city editor. She and her husband, John, have a 5-year-old son, Gordon.

1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn Stelling



Elise Lindborg and her partner, Kelli Henderson, were lawfully married March 8 in Portland, Ore., at the Lucky

Labrador Brew Pub. Elise and Kelli celebrated 14 years together on March 23. Lindborg and Henderson are owners of ZippyDogs, a promotional products company in Seattle, Wash.

Kathleen Martin was inspired by her writer's group, The Writer's Roundtable, to return to PLU for her English endorsement. In the 1970s, a PLU education pro-

fessor told Kathleen that her talents lay in drama and English. She teaches in Tacoma and works at The Broadway Center for the Performing Arts. She is involved in school and community theater work, having been influenced by her great uncle, Robert McGowan, the original director of the Our Gang comedies at Hal Roach Studios. She hopes someday to write a play or screenplay.

1986

Class Representative — Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

1987

Class Representative — Darren Hamby

Jon Christensen married Michele Mancuso June 15 in Monterey, Calif. Jon is principal at Search Tech Solutions.

1988

Mary Eun has moved back to Western Washington with her husband, John Burn, and her daughter, Danica, 1, after living in Naperville, Ill. Mary enjoys working as a supply chain manager for Weyerhaeuser Company. They live in Des Moines, Wash.

1989

Class Representative — Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

Elisa (Sullivan) Hays is a featured writer in the new issue of *The American Feminist*, "Rewarding Motherhood," a publication by Feminists for Life of America celebrating women as mothers in all ages and stages. In the spring, Elisa brought a bit of home to the families of American troops in the Pacific as part of an armed forces entertainment tour. In June, she will climb Mt. Hood as part of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center's Climb to Fight Breast Cancer. Elisa lives in Puyallup, Wash.

1990

Class Representatives — Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

Linda Trendler is self-employed as a photographer, with the launch of her Web site, www.photo-greetingcards.com.

Larry Landon was promoted to the rank of major and posted as the commanding officer of the recruiting station in Buffalo, N.Y. He lives in Williamsville, N.Y., with his wife, Kathleen, and his children, Emily, 7, Isabelle, 5, Anna, 3, and William, 1.

Ron Walker, a member of Federal Way's (Wash.) Diversity Commission, organized the city's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in January. Since 1999, he has been a member of the commission, which received statewide and national

In Memoriam

1929

Mae (Wohlmacher) Larson Solberg on Jan. 17.

1935

John Van Leuven on Feb. 23.

1938

Paul Fosso on Dec. 3.

Evelyn (Jacobson) Frost on Aug. 2.

1939

Anne (Lovejoy) Tveter on Dec. 29.

1940

Hildur (Olsen) Christiansen on Jan. 7.

1942

Eimer Erickson on Feb. 29.

1947

Anita (Norman) Slater on Dec. 18.

Wallace "Wally" Larson on March 10.

1949

Dwayne Rose on Jan. 26.

Stanley Williamsen on Nov. 16.

1950

Ken Storaasli on Feb. 29.

Theodore Lund on April 12, 2003.

1953

Carl Zerrenner on Nov. 16.

Marilyn (Lunde) Wagoner on Dec. 28, 2002.

1955

Iris (Nordman) Cammock on Jan. 17.

1957

Robert Monson on Feb. 20.

1958

Lorraine (Johnson) Peterson on Jan. 1.

1962

Phyllis (Cavalero) Rogness on Dec. 10, 2002.

Ruth "Fritzi" Groves on March 4.

1963

Lorraine (Moes) Fountain on Feb. 22.

Linda (Sather) Eide on Nov. 17.

1968

Dale Nybro on Nov. 24.

Lila Greene Talley Campbell on Feb. 27.

1974

William Winfield on Oct. 31.

1975

Vernon Bouton in November.

1978

Wilma Kelly on Feb. 18.

1980

Barbara Hall Adams on Feb. 26.

Judy (Williams) Packard on March 18.

1981

Kimberly (Amburgy) Dalthorp on Dec. 20.

1991

Cheryl Ann (Millenaar) Dupras on March 10.

Faculty, Staff and Friends

John Kuethe died Oct. 11. He was a professor at PLU from 1954 to 1964, then was professor and chair of philosophy at California Lutheran University for 20 years an inspiring and challenging educator, he was invited to deliver the Heritage Lecture in 1998.

June Newnham, wife of former music professor Frederick Newnham, died Nov. 30. Frederick Newnham taught at PLU from 1950 to 1969.

William "Bill" Schlitt died Dec. 23 of cancer at his home in Palm Desert, Calif., with his family surrounding him. Bill and Donna Schlitt are the proud parents of two PLU graduates, **Michael '98 (Janel Greenlaw '98)** and **Rena '00**. They served on the PLU Parents Council from 1993-2000 and chaired the council from 1995-2000.

Jack Cady died Jan. 14 in Port Townsend, Wash. He joined the PLU English faculty as an adjunct professor in 1984, teaching writing seminars and introductory and advanced fiction courses until his retirement in 1997. He was a mentor to many students throughout his tenure. Jack earned a special faculty merit award

in 1993 for "leading his students to very high levels of aspiration and achievement." Considered to be one of the Northwest's most distinguished writers, he received the Iowa Prize for Short Fiction, the Atlantic Monthly First Award, the Bram Stoker Award, the Nebula Award and the World Fantasy Award. The National Endowment for the Arts awarded him a \$20,000 fellowship in 1992. Jack was a wise, patient and deeply generous man who will be missed by many.

Alfred Didio died Jan. 22. He worked for almost 30 years as the custodian at the PLU pool. Before coming to PLU, Alfred served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed volunteering at the Knights of Columbus Marymount Luncheon and the South East Food Bank. He is survived by his wife, Olivia, two stepchildren, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Perry Hendricks died Feb. 2. He came to PLU in 1973. As the vice president for finance and operations, he was instrumental in moving the university into the technical age. He oversaw the purchase of the telephone system still in use, as well as introducing the first cash machine to campus. During his tenure, the PLU budget rose from \$9.5 million in 1973 to \$37.1 million when he retired in 1991. After retirement, he remained active in a number of organizations including Trinity Lutheran College in Issaquah, Wash., and his church. Perry is survived by his wife, Peggy.

Ira (Bill) Wilson died Feb. 11. He worked for 17 years as the lead groundskeeper at PLU's Gonyea House. He was also a Navy veteran of World War II and had a 22-year career in the Air Force prior to coming to PLU. Ira is survived by his wife of 50 years, Irene; three daughters; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter and a grandson.

Retired art professor Lars Kittleson died March 31. After serving in the Army from 1943 to 1945 in France and Germany, he came to PLU in 1956. He retired in 1991, after 35 years, during which he taught he taught art history and developed the Art Department's excellent slide collection.

awards in 2003. He was named 2001 Volunteer of the Year by the Federal Way Chamber of Commerce. Ron lives in Federal Way and is a technologist at Group Health Central in Seattle.

Dana Nasby married Matthew Wetmore Aug. 2 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Wash. In the wedding party were **Brian and Caryn (Cammock) Ruud, Peter and Kristi (Kessinger) Isensee, Sarah (Angevine) Moe, Lori (Scott) Schmidt, Thomas Mercer '91, Megan (Evans) Anderson '91, and Kendra (Rudd) '87 and David Mills '86.** Dana teaches at Eastlake High School in Redmond, Wash., and Matthew is a software designer. They live in Redmond.

1991

Cheryl Ann (Millenaar) Dupras died March 10 after a two-year battle with brain cancer. After graduating from PLU, she was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army reserves and received an educational delay to attend the University of Puget Sound School of Law. She then re-entered the U.S. Army as a judge advocate general (JAG), serving in Hawaii and at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Cheryl attended New Life Center in Everett, Wash., and she inspired those who knew her through her strong faith and positive outlook. She is survived by her husband of 17 years, Jim; her children, Alexis, 6, and CJ, 3; mother Karen Snow; father and stepmother Ray and Carolyn Millenaar; brothers John and Mark Millenaar; and stepbrother Christopher Booker.

Eric Steinmeyer is the new president of the Board of Park Commissioners at Metro Parks Tacoma, serving his fifth year of a six-year term on the board. He is the branch manager at Rainier Title Co. and lives in Tacoma.

Thomas Mercer married Krista Undeberg Jan. 18. Fellow classmates in the wedding were best man **Adam Collins**, and **Russell Rice**, who served as an usher. Thomas' mother is **Susan (House) Mercer '68.** Thomas is enrolled in the master of science in information systems program at the University of Washington. Thomas also works as an I.T. analyst for Windermere Real Estate in Seattle, and Krista is a librarian at Callison Architecture. They live in Seattle.

Renate (Deweese) Sorg is an adjunct professor of English as a second language at Green River Community College in Auburn, Wash. She and her husband, Michael, live in Tacoma with their children Rebecca Marlies, 20 months, and Adam, 4.

Joyce Miniger is working on her master's degrees in education and social work at Columbia University, after serving as a youth and family minister for four years.

1992



Jennifer Swenson (currently at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory) recently returned from

Baghdad, where she spent two months working on a team of scientists and analysts with the Iraq Survey Group (ISG). The ISG, under the command of Major General Keith Dayton, is an agency dedicated to deliberately and thoroughly search for and eliminate weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The ISG also collects and exploits documents and media related to terrorism, war crimes, POW and MIA issues. Jennifer's primary responsibility with the ISG was to assist in the characterization of the pre-war Iraqi nuclear research program. Principle tasks included interrogating and debriefing individuals, exploiting captured material and conducting investigations at nuclear-related facilities.

Marten Martensen is the owner and manager of Continental Auto Group in Anchorage, Alaska. He is also the three-time winner of the second oldest footrace in America, the Seward Mountain Marathon. He and his wife, Cindy, have three sons: Jack, 6, Luke, 4, and Ben, 2.

1993

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

Linda (Arneson) Comer is an accountant at Simpson Timber Company in Shelton, Wash. She lives in Olympia, with her son Justin, 6.

Lindsay (Nicol) Elston and her husband, **Jeffrey '85,** live in Beaux Arts, Wash., where Lindsay cares full-time for their children, Natalie, 2, and Gard, 4. Jeffrey is a vice president of sales for Creative Presentations.

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Leona (Nugen) Wood and her husband, Brad, live in Spokane, where Leona is the executive news director at KXLY-TV.

Mike and Julie (Isensee) LeMaster live with their son Owen, 19 months, in Monmouth, Ore., where Mike is a professor of biology at Western Oregon University. Julie is a social worker at Salem Hospital in Salem, Ore.

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

1995

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

Shannon Bates hosts the Soapbox open mike at the Livingroom coffee lounge in Old Town, San Diego, on Sunday nights. She plays the saxophone and flute in a band called riboflavin (www.riboflavinsd.com), in the Moonlight Serenade Orchestra, and in Third Track. Shannon also plays solo sax for the Poetry and Art shows at the San Diego Art Institute and has been a featured poet/writer at the Alta in Newport Beach, Calif., where she will feature again in the summer of 2004. On May 19, she will feature at the Ugly Mug in Orange, Calif. Shannon lives in San Diego, where she recently bought her first condo.

Heath Saunders married Heidi Matthies Sept. 20. Heath is a network administrator at Oak Harbor Freight Lines, Inc. They live in Auburn, Wash.

Lisa Kupka received her master's degree in business administration from Suffolk University in Boston. She is the director of sales at Hain-Celestial Group and lives in Revere, Mass.

Kerri (Harten) Schroeder is a senior vice president and credit products manager for Bank of America Commercial Banking in Seattle, having assumed her new position in January. She lives in Sammamish, Wash.

1996



Stephanie Coleman and Matt Sellman were married July 12 in Bothell, Wash. In the wedding party were **Kim (Burnham) Seher, Rob**

Peeyre '97, Joel MacDougall '97, Pat Raftery '95, and Melanie (Phair) Egan '95. **Tonya (Pasinetti) McGowan and Jennifer Kuechenmeister** were candle lighters. Matt is head swim coach and aquatics director at Lewis and Clark College, and Stephanie is a third grade teacher in the Beaverton (Ore.) School District. They live in Hillsboro, Ore.

Brian Perron is an attorney-advisor for the U.S. Department of the Interior in Portland, Ore. He and his wife, Christina (Simpson), who is a horticulturist, recently moved back to the West Coast after five years of living in Virginia and Washington D.C.

Erik Melver acted in Seattle at the Pacific Science Center's SPACE exhibit. He also made his Seattle Public Theatre debut in February at the Bathhouse

Theatre on Greenlake in "A Winter's Tale." Besides a packed acting schedule, Erik continues to make time to do some singing. In March, Erik performed for a second time with the Seattle-based internationally acclaimed choral arts ensemble, The Esoterics. He and his wife, **Heather (McDougall '97),** live in Tacoma.

1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Oak Jordan teaches sixth grade and is working on his master's degree in education at Loyola University. He lives in Chicago.

Christine Nelson is a teacher and coach at Yelm Community School in Yelm, Wash. She lives in McKenna, Wash.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Jesse (Gardner) Michener is the artistic director of Tacoma Theatre Conservatory, a program for talented theater people to share their craft with others. This program offers several professionally taught theater classes: Beginning Acting for Adults and Teens, Improv, Fairies and Toads (a class for kids), and Directors Talk Directing (a one-day seminar for directing hopefuls). Plans for a six-week Actor's Conservatory Training program (ACT), catering to 16- to 19-year-olds, are in the works for this summer. For more information, visit www.tacomatheatre.org.

Andrea (Bernhardsen) Flood is in Iraq working closely with Women for Women International Iraq to establish women's opportunity centers in each of the nine districts of Baghdad. For more information, contact Andrea at andrea.bitt.new@us.army.mil. She says she misses McDonalds!



Lindsay Johnson married Troy Williams Oct. 18 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Puyallup, Wash., with **Pastor Mark Brocker '79** presiding. **Amy Stine** was Lindsay's maid of honor, while **Shana Weber** was a bridesmaid. Lindsay's brother, **Kris Johnson '02,** was a groomsman, and **Melissa McMillan '95** was the pianist. Lindsay is a registered nurse at the St. Joseph Medical Center outpatient renal dialysis unit, and Troy is a firefighter and medic with the Puyallup (Wash.) Fire Department. They live in Tacoma, Wash.

Kari Lillehammer has been accepted into the University of Colorado Health Sciences physician's assistant associate master's degree program.

Kenneth Frisch is coach and defensive coordinator at Evergreen High School in Vancouver, Wash. The Plainsmen, led by head coach **Cale Diland '96**, were 12-1 and placed third in Washington State 4A football.



Shannon Jones married Kevin McCarthy Aug. 3 in Arlington, Mass. The wedding party included **Molly Loberg, Susan Jacot Butler '97**, and **Kathleen Jacot '97**. Shannon is a second-year student at Suffolk University Law School in Boston, and Kevin works in a non-profit organization assisting people with disabilities. They live in Cambridge.

Jessica Hoffman married Roberto Resendiz May 24, 2003, in The Grove Park in Aurora, Calif. **Anneliese (Gorne '97) Johnson** sang in the wedding, while **Aron Johnson '97** and **Theresa (Lyso '95) Zimmer** were in attendance. **Jody Coleman '00** was the wedding photographer.



Que Lan Le married Aaron Foong May 25, 2003, in Orange County Calif. Que Lan is a registered nurse at Fountain Valley Regional Hospital, while Aaron is a senior project engineer for CHM2 Hill. They live in Anaheim.

Cynthia McClure married Will Hagan July 20 in Seattle. Cynthia is a program manager at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., and Will is an environmental chemist at Frontier Geosciences in Seattle. They live in Seattle.

Alexander Bauer married Leang Pay Aug. 31 in Sacramento, Calif. Alexander is a senior financial analyst for Kaiser Permanente Health Plan, Inc., and Leang is an actuary. They live in Rocklin, Calif.

Chris and Jenny (Ripley '01) Angell live in Gig Harbor, Wash. with their boxer-lab puppy, Sammy. For the past three years, they have been working as Realtors in University Place, Wash.

1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

Bryan Powell married Shawn Coyle May 17, 2003, in New Orleans, La. Several Lutes were in the wedding party, including best man **Ryan Hanley** and groomsmen **Craig Coovert '00, Christian Anderson '98**, and **Chris Coovert '97**. Also in attendance was **Katrina (Johnson) Coovert**. Bryan is a grant writer for WWEE, a social services agency in Tacoma, and Shawn works in the development office at PLU. They live in Tacoma.

Keith Pulley and his wife, Renee, live in Portland, Ore.



Christine Faldet married Greg Bellingham Aug. 9 in Staffordshire, England. **Genevieve (Shook) McGrann** and **Heather**

(Magoon) Thibeau were in the wedding party. Christine is a registered nurse at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, and Greg is a software engineer for Alaska Airlines. They live in Seattle.

Brent Gruver returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom in December 2003 to attend the Army Medical Department Officer advanced course. Since January 2001, he has been a flight platoon leader with the 50th Medical Company (air ambulance), 101st Airborne Division (air assault). He will report to Fort Riley, Kan., in June to serve with the 82nd Medical Company (air ambulance).

John Evermann received a master's degree in public administration and international affairs from the University of Washington in June. He is a fiscal analyst for the Colorado State Legislative Council in Denver.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Patrick Tindall is a teacher in League City, Texas. He says he was "blessed beyond reason" to have participated in Project Impact for innovating teaching through PLU. He was given an incredible start to his teaching career and will always be grateful to PLU.



Allison Fitzwater married Michael Nenezich Aug. 16 at Wine Country Farm in Dayton, Ore. The only Lute in attendance was **Shalan (Harris) Webb '02**.

Allison is an account executive with Pitney Bowes, and Michael is a structur-

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al engineer with Boeing. They live with their two dogs in Newcastle, Wash.

Sabrina Stabbert became the director of human resources at Watermark Credit Union in Seattle, Wash., after passing the professional in human resources exam in December. She lives in Tacoma, Wash.

Jesse Dhillon and **Sucia Borneman '01** were married Aug. 16 at Beacon Hill in Spokane. After honeymooning in the Fiji Islands, they settled in Spokane, where Jesse is finishing his master's degree in counseling at Whitworth University and Sucia teaches in the Central Valley School District.



Natalie Julin married **Brian McCleary** Dec. 14, 2002, in Issaquah, Wash. The Julin-McClearys live in Sammamish, Wash., where Natalie is a senior admission counselor and Brian is a student at Trinity Lutheran College.

Mandy Flores is the head volleyball coach at Rogers High School in Puyallup. She is also the co-head fastpitch coach at Rogers with **Danetta Laguna '97** and JV coach **Jacy James '02**. Mandy recently accepted the assistant coaching position for the PLU fastpitch team.

Melissa Montgomery earned her master's degree from the University of Washington's School of Marine Affairs in August. She lives in Puyallup.

Courtney Tomfohr received a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington in 2002. She is a supervisor at the university's parenting clinic and does therapy with autistic children. She lives in Kent, Wash.

Brandy Hedger received a master's degree in social work from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She is a school-based counselor at Bellefaire Jewish Children's Bureau in Cleveland. She lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

Rosemary Reed is stationed at Rhein Main Air base in Germany, serving as adjutant general, which is similar to a human resource manager. She works at the Army replacement company that distributes all inbound soldiers coming to Europe. Last year, she was stationed in Weisbaden, Germany, with a unit that

was subsequently deployed to Iraq. Rosemary is also working on her master's degree in international relations at the University of Oklahoma. She is up for promotion to captain in the fall and she'd like her next assignment to be at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where she hopes to be able to pursue her master's degree in music.



Danielle Cook married **Ryan Beck** Aug. 3, 2003, at the Hollywood School House in Woodinville, Wash. **Kami Ruple** was the

maid of honor and **Katie Luther '02** was a bridesmaid. Danielle is working on her doctorate in developmental psychology at the University of Washington, and Ryan is a service consultant for Mercedes Benz of Bellevue.

Todd Schoen and **Tamara Peters** were married Oct. 4. The ceremony was held in PLU's Tower Chapel with the Rev. Dennis Sepper officiating. The wedding party included **Wendy Garriques '00**, **Anna Hall '01**, **Ryan Pinney '01**, and **Eric Steiger '02**. The newlyweds live in Dallas.

Nick and **Dana (Van Shepen '00) Blizzard** were married Aug. 30 in Hillsboro, Ore. In the wedding party were **Emily Keys '00** and **Jim Hullbert '03**. Nick is an interactive designer for Whitehorse in Hillsboro, Ore., while Dana is the Vancouver (Wash.) district manager for Vector Marketing and Cutco Cutlery. They live in Portland.

Marie Lang received her master's degree in social work with an emphasis in advocacy and administration from the University of Washington in June. She is the training and program assistant for the Institute for Family Development and lives in Tacoma.

Peter Humbar is a surgical sales consultant for Synthes Spine and lives in Kent, Wash.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Sarah Phillips married **David Rasmussen** Nov. 29 in Portland, Ore. Fellow classmates **Lindsay Smith** and **Kristin Bailey Boudon** were in the wedding party. They live in Portland, Ore., where Sarah is an ESL teacher and David is a police officer.

Erin Long received her master's degree in education in August. Certified in kindergarten through eighth grade in any subject and grades six through 12 in biology, she teaches science, algebra and

health at Christ the King Academy in Poulsbo, Wash. She also teaches a seventh grade Bible class and coaches the girls' volleyball and basketball teams.

Jason Schafer is an Americorps volunteer with the Pharmacy Assistance Program in Washington, D.C. He lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Matthew Agee and **Jennifer Thonney** were married Oct. 11 at the home of Jennifer's parents in Moses Lake, Wash. Matthew works for Washington Mutual, while Jennifer is the assistant editor for Stocks & Commodities magazine in West Seattle. They live in Bellevue, Wash.

Desiree Henderson is working on a master's degree in social work as part of the Advanced Standing program at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash. She also works as a family support specialist at the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery in Spokane.

Whitney Madison married **Jack Skinner** July 26. Whitney is a grad student working on her license in acupuncture at the Academy of Chinese Medicine & Health Sciences in Oakland, Calif. Jack is a mechanical engineer at Sandia National Laboratories in Livermore, Calif. They live in Dublin, Calif.

Tiffany Stone is a service manager at Wells Fargo Bank in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Cherstin Johnson married **Chris Aageson '00** Sept. 20 at First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Wash. Fellow PLU alumni in the wedding were **Melissa Korb**, **Amy McGlinchy**, **Jeff Claridge '00**, **Toby Kock '00**, and **Jason Ledesma '00**. Cherstin and Chris live in Sammamish, Wash.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Lisa Grajeda married **Nathan Martinez** July 19 in Tacoma, Wash. Lisa works in human resources at Weyerhaeuser in Federal Way, Wash., and Nathan is a plumber. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

David Pierce is a portfolio-trading associate with the Russell Investment Group. He lives in Tacoma.

Mario Penalver directed the Christmas pageant at All Saint's O'Brien Hall in Puyallup, Wash., in January. The play, noted as a hilarious comedy and a powerful story of redemption, was adapted from Barbara Robinson's book, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." All Saints Catholic Church Youth Ministry and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1629 sponsored the pageant, which ran for two weeks.

Tobias Mann is working on a master's degree in computer science at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. As a lab assistant, he also conducts research relating to memory allocation rates of computer programs.

Glenfield Watkins is a teacher in the Federal Way (Wash.) School District. He and his wife, Agnes, live in Tacoma. They have one son, Glenfield, 20.

Kendall Looney is a science teacher at Ballou Junior High School in the Puyallup School District. She has also coached seventh grade volleyball and basketball and served as the Young Life coordinator at Ballou. She considers it a true honor to serve kids through the ministry of teaching.

Future Lutes

1984



Joseph Strandjord and his wife, **Katrina**, welcomed their second child, **Sophia**, on Feb. 13, 2003. She joined sister **Olivija**, 5. Joseph is a pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Clatskanie, Ore.

Linda (Salter) Sommer and her husband, **Thomas**, announce the birth of **Erin Greta** on Aug. 12. She joins her sister, **Tina**, 2. They live in Newbury Park, Calif.

1986

Mark and **Teresa (Corrie '88) Noll** announce the birth of **Carson Richard** on Aug. 29. Carson joins his sister **Katelin**, 8. They live in Puyallup.

1989



Adam and **Maria (Wienhold) Raynes** adopted their daughter, **Abbey Meijun**, 3, from China on Aug. 26. She joins her brothers **Kaelan**, 5, and **Jared**, 3.

1990



Matt Wilde and his wife, **Amanda Brailsford**, announce the birth of **Avery Elizabeth** on Feb. 9.

Amy Drackert and her husband, **David Pelton**, announce the birth of **Tirzah Anna Victoria Pelton** on Oct. 14.

1991



Eric Knutsen and his wife, **Alison**, announce the birth of their twin sons, **Alec** and **Luc** on Oct. 12. Eric is the assistant head teacher at Eckington School in England. Alison is caring for the boys at home.

Steve and **Ilse (Sauer) McClary** announce the birth of their first child, **Ian Gregory**, on Nov. 5. Steve is a management analyst for the City of Filmore in California.

1992



Erik and **Christy (Tuck) Peterson** announce that **Emma Xinyuan** joined their family on Feb. 9 in Nanjing, China. Emma was born July 8, 2002. She joins her big brother, **Joseph**, who is seven weeks older. Erik continues to work for Hewlett-Packard. When Christy is not chasing toddlers, she works at her home desktop publishing business. They live in Vancouver, Wash., and can be reached at peterston@lute-grad.com.

Chip and **Kelly (Fox '93) Peterson** announce the birth of their son, **Erik**, on Oct. 28. He joins **Evan**, 4.

Michael and **Heidi (Flotheimer) Konen** announce the birth of their fourth child, **Madeline Hope**, on Nov. 6. She joins **Abigail Joy**, 6, **Hannah Grace**, 4, and **Nicholas William**, 2. They live in Fairfield, Mont., where Michael manages the family farm and Heidi supervises a busy household and homeschools her children.

Kristin Mattocks and her partner, **Kim Callicoatte**, announce the birth of **Ella Callicoatte Mattocks** on Oct. 22.

Lane Kadel and his wife, **Candi**, celebrated the birth of their third child, **Kade Jackson**, on Feb. 13. He joins **Priya**, 4, and **Tate**, 3. Lane is a vice president at Resource Management Associates in Portland, Ore.

1993



Rich and **Monica (Ricarte '94) Hurley** announce the birth of **Jonathan James** on July 11. He joins **Olivia Grace**, 3.

Jennifer (Graham) Hampton and her husband, **Dave**, announce the birth of



Madeleine Hampton on Aug. 24. She joins **Ethan**, 2. **Jennifer** is a stay-at-home mom in Atlanta, Ga.



Alisa (Benson) Pinnell and her husband, **Patrick**, announce the birth of **Julia Anne** on Sept. 22. She joins **Kyle Edward**, 2. Alisa is an international flight attendant and Japanese language speaker for Continental Airlines. They live in Beaverton, Ore.

1994



Michael and **Erin (Koster '95) Fuller** announce the birth of **Madison Esther** on March 23. She joins brother **Zach**. **Mike** is the associate dean of students at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and **Erin** is in her eighth year of teaching second grade at Acacia Elementary School. They live in Moorpark, Calif.

Tom and **Coreen (Robertson '95) Barber** announce the birth of **Samantha Gail** on Nov. 15. Tom is a police officer in Tacoma and Coreen is a massage therapist. They live in University Place, Wash.

1995



Amy (Herman) and Devin Shoquist announce the birth of **Benen** on May 23, 2003. He joins **Cullen**, 3. Amy is a reference librarian at Olympic College and Devin is a psychiatrist with the U.S. Navy. They live in Port Orchard, Wash.

1996

Kelly Davis and his wife, **Nancy**, announce the birth of **Katherine Fay** on March 18. She joins **Patty Irene**, 2. Kelly is a reporter and Nancy is a city editor for the Anderson Independent-Mail. They live in Anderson, S.C.



Annette (Goldstein) and Mike Mueller (master's degree '99) announce the birth of **Evan Issac** on Nov. 30. Annette

earned her master's degree in education in August. They live in Wenatchee, Wash.

1997



Jeremie and **Beth (Salzman) Lipton** announce the birth of **Ian Patrick** on Aug. 22. They live in Albuquerque, N.M.



Jennifer (Lisher) Mayhew and her husband, **Mark**, announce the birth of **Kaleb Grant** on May 29. **Krista Sickert Bush '95** assisted Pastor Scott Brents at Kaleb's baptism on Sept.

21 at Mt. View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Wash. They live in Federal Way, Wash.

David Nova and his wife, **Jane**, announce the birth of **Kainoa** on July 19, 2003. He joins sister **Alexa**, 5. David is the director of human resources at Danone Waters of North America, a food and beverage company based in Paris.

Ken Ward and his wife, **Tammy**, announce the birth of **Paige Reagan** on Dec. 18. She joins **Madison**, 4, and **Brady**, 2. Ken is a pilot and flight instructor for the U.S. Navy. Currently at Naval Station Mayport in Jacksonville, Fla., he is working on his MBA. Ken will transfer to the Everett Naval Station in two years – his first time stationed on the West Coast since entering Officer Candidates School in Pensacola, Fla., in 1997. He returned from the Persian Gulf in May 2003, after six months of participation in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He flew strike missions for the Harry S. Truman Battle Group.

1998



Wai Tim and **Kari-Marie (Weedon '99) Petersen** celebrated son **Titus Elliot**'s first birthday on March 26. **Wai**, a performance enhancement specialist, is president of Fundamental Perspective, a development company emphasizing business growth and performance through personal and professional excellence. **Kari-Marie** is a full-time mom. They live in Parkland.

Ryan Fletcher and **Natalie Francois** announce the birth of **Tobias Robert**

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Francois Fletcher on Dec. 24. He joins Samuel, 2. They live in Wilton, Wis., where Ryan is a pastoral intern at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.



Misty (Banks) Smith and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of their first child, Peyton

Matthew, on Nov. 18 in Tacoma. Matthew is a sales manager at Eschelon Telecom, and Misty is a physical education teacher and basketball coach at Emerald Ridge High School. They live in Puyallup.



Sara (Reibel) Locke and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of Mackenzie Lyn on June 16, 2003.

Kelle Nelson-Bunkers and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of Ethan Thomas on Dec. 15. He joins Tristen Lee, 3. Kelle earned a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary in May of 2003.



Kenneth and Kourtney (Goldsmith) Johns announce the birth of Katelyn Kerry on Sept. 22.

Kenneth opened a second chiropractic clinic in Port Orchard, while Kourtney cares for Katelyn at home. They live on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

1999



Kaj and Janell (Wagenblast) Martin announce the birth of Phoebe Ann on Aug. 8. Kaj was

ordained as a minister at Puget Sound Christian Center.

Corina (Wynn) and Walter Sims announce the birth of Lachlan John on



Sept 15. He joins Megan, 3. Corina graduated from Flinders University of Medicine. She is an intern at Flinders Medical Centre In

Bedford Park, Australia.

2001



Joshua and Erika (Dahl '00) Thornes announce the birth of Eleanor Louise on Sept. 26. Josh

received his master's degree in physics from San Diego State University and is working as a physicist at Raytheon in El Segundo, Calif. They live in Redondo Beach, Calif.

Camilla (Fjeldstad) Miller and her husband, Daryl, announce the birth of Adriana Fjeldstad Miller on Jan 27. Camilla is a homemaker, and Daryl is a hot end supervisor at Cardinal Glass Industries. They live in Pardeeville, Wis.

2002



Renee (Spani) White and her husband, Peter, announce the birth of their daughter, Ellie Jewell, on Jan. 3. They live in

Juneau, Alaska, where Peter is a manager at Wells Fargo Financial. [S]

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January program, the ongoing Art of Jazz Series at the Seattle Art Museum, the Port Townsend Jazz Festival and Seattle's huge Bumbershoot. The station will host the 14th season of its own Sunday brunch jazz cruises on Elliott Bay this summer.

Jim Wilke, host of "Jazz After Hours" and "Jazz Northwest," will lead listeners from the KPLU Travel Club to the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Fest, and Program Director Joey Cohn will take listeners to the Copenhagen Jazz Festival in July.

Cohn said the station wants to involve dedicated listeners and supporters in the celebration.

"KPLU has the best audience," he said. "They are involved in the community, they listen carefully, and they expect quality programming from KPLU. We

can't help but do our best work with that kind of motivation."

KPLU was founded by former PLU professor Theodore Karl in 1966 as a tiny 10-watt station on the air four hours a day and began to grow into Pierce County in 1972. In 1983, the station grew to 100,000 watts, and Neeb oversaw a switch to National Public Radio and jazz programming. A dual format was risky, but Neeb believed it would work, and he was right.

Today, KPLU is the only authentic jazz radio station in the region and is heard worldwide through its incredibly successful Web streaming. The station has the top-rated jazz stream in the world, with nearly 200,000 people tuning in each month. Tune in or learn more at www.kplu.org. [S]

leadership & service

Surging past goal, campaign concludes at more than \$126 million

A flurry of gifts and pledges received in the last few weeks made for an electrifying conclusion to the university's largest and most successful fund-raising effort, which concluded May 31.

Although final totals were not available as Scene went to press, The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step will easily surpass its \$100 million goal. Gifts and pledges stood at more than \$126 million in late May.

They include the establishment of an endowed chair in history, a new endowment to support research fellowships in the humanities and the assignment of lead funding for the Eastvold renovation project.

Don '50 and Naomi Roe '53Nothstein have agreed to fund a significant endowment that will support the Kelmer Roe Research Fellowships in the humanities.

Dale and Jolita Benson, both '63, have established the Benson Family Endowed Chair in History.

Karen Phillips '55 has designated \$5 million for the restoration and expansion of Eastvold. The auditorium there will be named Hille-Phillips Auditorium.

Last month, the campaign was close to meeting challenges from the Kresge Foundation and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust that will result in \$1.8 million in matching gifts.

Funding for the Morken Center for Learning and Technology was near completion with construction planned to begin later this year.

"The campaign has added significant resources to the university's endowment, operating funds and facilities, including the restoration of one of the oldest buildings on campus and the planned construction of a new academic center," said Frank Jennings,



Don Morken '60 left, Marcia Moe and Dick Moe applaud the fund-raising success at the Spring Donor Banquet.

co-chairman of the campaign.

Jennings spoke at the May 1 Spring Donor Banquet, where more than 400 donors and friends celebrated the campaign, another successful year for Q Club and the Annual Fund, and recognized Lifetime Giving Award recipients. "Your gifts have liberated generations of PLU students to address boldly the most critical issues of our time, supporting them as they set out to make the world a better place," he said.

"Whether large or small, these gifts bond us together as a PLU family, serious of purpose, strongly committed and global in our reach," PLU President Loren J. Anderson said. "And the significant point, I believe, is that life finds larger meaning when we connect with others, and when we invest ourselves in causes that are larger than our self-interest, and more enduring than the daily matters of work and life."

More than 22,000 individuals contributed to the campaign with gifts ranging from \$5 to \$12 million. Faculty and staff gifts total more than \$5 million. Members of the Board of Regents contributed more than \$40 million. □

-By Greg Brewis

Other milestones during the course of the campaign:

- The renovation of Xavier Hall provided a new home for programs in the social sciences and an endowment to support academic programs and technology.
- The market value of the university's endowment grew to almost \$50 million.
- Campaign gifts such as the \$12 million commitment from an anonymous graduate provide support for facilities' construction, scholarships and endowment.
- A \$2 million grant from the Lilly Foundation in support of The Wild Hope Project, which is dedicated to working with students on questions of vocation.
- A \$4 million dollar gift from Peter and Grace Wang established the Wang Center for International Programs to prepare students to be leaders in the global economy and to be advocates for world peace.

perspective

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sor who complained that his students were uncomfortable calling him by his first name even after he requested they use it. On the other hand, some of my women colleagues lament about being called Mrs., even when they aren't married. My graduate mentor laughed about a student inquiring whether she preferred "Fran or Francine." (Her first name is Frances).

Researchers have found that students see professors who use their titles as having higher status than those who use their first names. Social psychologists Takiff, Sanchez and Stewart documented that students are more likely to address male professors by their titles than female professors.

This difference can be easily dismissed as insignificant – it's only a title, an abbreviation and an unnecessary formality. But is it? Language is socially constructed and the words we use reflect our knowledge and beliefs. For example, we use titles to refer to people who have status and authority. Imagine someone shaking hands with the President of the United States and saying, "Nice to meet you, George."

Language can also affect the way we think, and titles bring status and respect. We refer to authority figures by their titles because we have respect for them, but using that title can also cause others to view that person with respect. My mentor knew firsthand that by insisting that others use the title you earned, she was claiming the status she earned with her education.

Another reason it has been hard to keep my promise is that research also tells us that students perceive female professors who use their titles as being less accessible than those who use their first name (a title does not affect a male professor's perceived accessibility, according to Takiff, Sanchez and Stewart). For women faculty, choosing to use their titles means risking being seen by students as less friendly and approachable.

While I want my students to think of me as approachable, I also want them to see me as having expertise. The unfortunate reality is that many expect women always to be nurturing



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and kind, and those expectations are transferred into every position they hold.

Both women and men are evaluated based on how well they fulfill their expected roles in society. But women are negatively evaluated when they violate the expectation that they are nurturing, even when they are fulfilling the expectations for their professional roles. Women who are in non-traditional roles, such as holding a political office or being the CEO of a large corporation are expected to be warm and nurturing – expectations that are in conflict with their roles as leaders.

Role Congruity Theory proposes that differential evaluations of women in leadership roles is largely due to the discrepancy between the leadership role and female gender role, according to research by Eagly and Karau. A woman who wants to be referred to by her earned title is making this discrepancy salient, making her appear to conform less to the female gender role.

I have not been faced with the blatant discrimination my mentor faced in the 1960s. In modern society prejudice is

often subtle and therefore easy to rationalize as being insignificant. We hear that an African American friend was treated rudely by the salesman or that a woman locked her car door when she saw the Latino man approaching or that the server at the restaurant took a white couple's order first, even though the Korean couple had been sitting there longer.

We can explain away many discriminatory behaviors and sometimes we are right. Salesmen do have bad days, women do need to be careful in parking lots, and servers don't always see who is seated first in a busy restaurant. How do we know that people are being treated differently because they belong to a particular group?

The problem in finding an appropriate remedy comes when women in professional and leadership positions experience subtle discrimination every day. When is it prejudice, and how should it be addressed? [5]

Michelle Ceynar Rosell is assistant professor of psychology. She dedicates this piece to her mentor, Frances Hill.

the arts

On stage: Student performances from the year



Adriana Yorkston '05 as Ginger Reed and Paul Nicholes '05 as James Bates in "Book of Days," directed by Carl Anderson. Photo by Andy Sprain '06.



From left, Adam Utley '04 as Jack and Mark Carr '04 as Barry in "The Boys Next Door," directed by Jeff Clapp. Photo by Jordan Hartman '02.



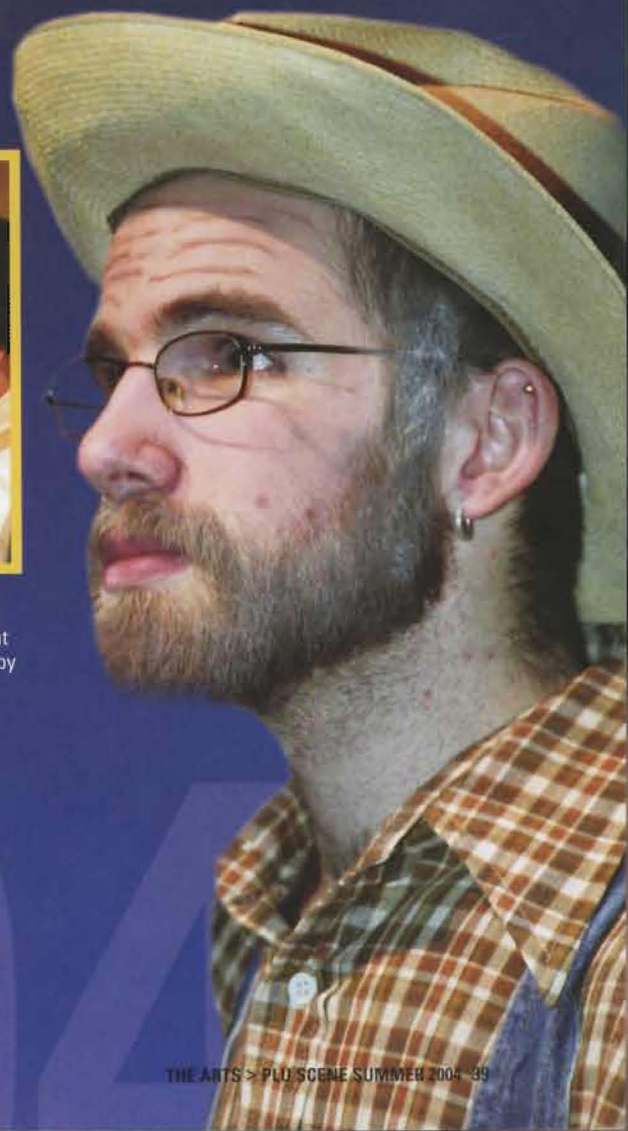
From left, Elizabeth Morlan '05 and Nicole Greenidge '06 perform a duet from the opera "Lakme" at Opera Workshop, directed by Barry Johnson. Photo by Andy Sprain '06.



Megan Heffernan '07 as Patches in "Talking With..." directed by Meredith Heller. Photo by Andy Sprain '06.



From left, Matt McVay '06 as bartender Freddy and Trevor Anderson '05 as Sagot in "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," directed by Jeff Clapp. Photo by Andy Sprain '06.



Dalton Shotwell '05 sings the role of Grandpa Moss in Copland's opera "The Tenderland," directed by Barry Johnson. Photo by Jordan Hartman '02.

perspective

What's in a name? Does how a woman chooses to be addressed define her?



Michelle Ceynar Rosell, a social psychologist, wonders whether women with doctorates should insist on being referred to by their titles and whether those who do are perceived differently than their male colleagues.

By Michelle Ceynar Rosell

Names and titles are something we often take very seriously but do not think or talk about much at all.

My mentor in graduate school told me that when she completed her Ph.D. in the late 1960s she was one of a handful of women on the faculty, and the only woman in her department. When memos arrived from the administration, those sent to her male colleagues would be addressed to "Dr. X,"

while hers said "Mrs. Hill."

It was a minor annoyance but eventually she mentioned it to her department chairman. Not only had she earned the same degree as her colleagues, she was not married. He told her she was being petty. She started receiving her mail addressed to DOCTOR HILL, a daily reminder of how she was expecting too much.

When I earned my degree in 1996, my mentor made me promise to use my

title, saying it was particularly important for a young woman. It has been harder than I thought it would be to keep this promise. I've found it is one thing to use your own title, but it is quite another to get others to use it. Students rarely call me Dr. Ceynar Rosell unless I am specifically introduced as such.

As an undergraduate, I had a profes-

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