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Tacoma artist Dale Chihuly's 1995 installation "PLU Rose" brilliantly captures the sunlight in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

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"To Treat Yourself as Other: The Psychodynamics of Self-Otherity in Early Daoism"

Harold Roth, Brown University
Xavier Hall, room 201

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University Symphony Orchestra
with student soloists
Lagerquist Concert Hall

March 19, 8 p.m.

Keyboard Students Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

March 20, 8 p.m.

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Wearing My Art on My Sleeve: Tattoo Art Revival
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KPLU presents NPR's Scott Simon
The Paramount Theatre, Seattle

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April 3, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Carolyn Lee, vice president of State Farm
Morken Public Events Room

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Artist Series: Alison Brown Sincoff,
guest flutist
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Lagerquist Concert Hall

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assistant professor of religion
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Men Against Violence conference
Lagerquist Concert Hall and University
Center

April 10, 6 p.m.

"Media and Prevention of Violence
Against Women"
Sut Jhally, founder of Media Education
Foundation
Part of the Men Against Violence
conference
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Magnified view of platelets which are used for clotting blood. Red and white blood cells are also clearly visible. Photo from Getty Images.



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PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

here & now



Construction officially commenced as officials broke ground on KPLU's 12,000 square-foot facility Martin J. Neeb Broadcast Center on January 25. Those participating, left to right, are: Bruce McKean, architect, Helix Design Group; John Korsmo, president, Korsmo Construction; Rebecca Keys, KPLU student staff member; Paul Stankavich, KPLU general manager; Larry Neeb, PLU Regent; Martin J. Neeb, former KPLU general manager; and Loren J. Anderson, PLU president.

Seattle collector adds to noteworthy art collection

A wooden statue and two masks are the newest additions to the Lehmann African Art Collection housed in Mordvedt Library.

Donated by Seattle collector Oliver Cobb and his wife, Pamela, the pieces are the first given to the collection by someone other than the collection's namesake, J. Hans and Thelma Lehmann.

Cobb is well known among African art specialists as being one of the premier collectors in the Northwest. After a visit to PLU to view the collection of masks and sculptures, Cobb said he was impressed with the display.

"Here, they can be enjoyed by students all the time," he said.

Cobb donated a bongo wood male funerary effigy from Sudan, a bete wood face mask from the Ivory Coast and a makonde wood male helmet

A bongo wood male funerary effigy from Sudan.



mask from Mozambique. He also donated two other pieces.

The Lehmann African Art Collection was established in 1972 and is now one of the most important and valuable collections of African art in the Pacific Northwest.

Quigg awards honor creativity and innovation

The first recipients of the Carol Sheffels Quigg Award for Excellence and Innovation were recognized at the annual Christmas luncheon.

The new award honors faculty, staff and students who demonstrate unusually inventive, original and creative approach-



Professors Joanne Lisosky and Rob Wells (foreground, far right), and key MediaLab students received an inaugural Quigg Award for the program's real-world approach to journalism.

RHA wins regional Program of the Year

In November, the Residence Hall Association's Welcome Weekend Competition received the Program of the Year award from the Pacific Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls.

Given annually, the award recognizes outstanding student-implemented programs in the residence halls of member schools located in California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and British Columbia.

The Welcome Weekend Competition takes place during orientation. The friendly contest between residence halls promotes community building by awarding halls points for their decorations, T-shirts and Sound-Off performances, as well as attendance at various orientation events.

"I thought we had a good shot at winning," said Tim Chalberg, RHA's national communication coordinator who also wrote the award submission. "It's a unique enough program that I thought it would get good consideration."

PLU beat out San Diego State University, Sonoma State University, the University of Nevada-Reno and the University of San Francisco for the award.

es to advance the mission of the university. Established through an endowment gift by Quigg '58, a regent of PLU, each award includes a grant.

The awards honored MediaLab and communication faculty members Joanne Lisosky and Rob Wells; the theater program Vpstart Crow; Auxiliary Services director Mark Mulder; and Dining and Catering Services director Erin McGinnis and her staff.

Conceived by Lisosky and implemented by Wells, MediaLab provides students with the opportunity to engage in hands-on, collaborative, real-world approaches to professional journalism. The program was honored for its creative approach to student-faculty research.

Founded by theater students Tristan Morris and Julie Wolfson this fall, Vpstart Crow (pronounced Upstart Crow) supports low-cost, intimate, high-quality alternative theater on campus. It provides financial support, technical aid and peer assistance.

Mulder was recognized for his dedication and leadership in the transformation of the Garfield Street business district. His collaborative work strengthened university and community relations, helped shape a Garfield Street enhancement plan and led to the construction and opening of Garfield Book Company at PLU.

The final award honored McGinnis and the Dining and Catering Services

staff. During the University Center's renovation, kitchen and dining operations were moved to Columbia Center and temporary satellite operations. Once construction was completed, the staff successfully staffed and supplied the new space in less than two days. It now features fresh food, new recipes and a focus on health, wellness and sustainability.

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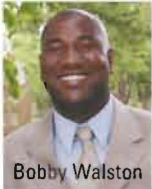


Act Six targets inner-city students

Seven high school seniors have been selected as the first cadre of Act Six scholars to attend PLU this fall.

The Act Six Leadership and Scholarship Initiative is a new program at the university. It identifies promising student leaders from urban Tacoma and Seattle, and gives them the opportunity to earn a four-year degree. PLU and Whitworth University in Spokane are the only Northwest schools participating in the program.

Though PLU originally planned to admit six students, seven of the 20 finalists were selected, said admission counselor Bobby Walston. Walston was a member of the first Act Six cadre to graduate from Whitworth last spring, and he recruited the first crew of students to PLU.



"They really stood out," he said. "We felt like they can really impact the campus and be successful as students."

The high schoolers endured a rigorous application process. In addition to written applications, finalists visited campus to interview with faculty and staff and write essays on-site.

Created by former Lincoln High School teacher Tim Herron, Act Six is an initiative of the Northwest Leadership Foundation based in Tacoma. The program is designed to recruit and assist promising students from urban environments, and created a nine-month training program that helps ensure students find success in school.

Faculty and staff receive honors at luncheon

Faculty, staff and administrators were honored for their service to the university at the annual



David Allen, Doreen Beard-Simpkins and Doreen Splinter receive Distinguished Staff and Administrator awards from President Loren J. Anderson at PLU's annual Christmas luncheon.

Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 13. David Allen, Doreen Beard-Simpkins and Doreen Splinter received Distinguished Staff and Administrator awards. The university also honored six faculty members for outstanding accomplishments in five areas: teaching, service, research, mentoring and advising. Nominated by their peers, the recipients of this year's Faculty Excellence Awards were Celine Dorner, mathematics; R. Michael Brown, psychology; Douglas Oakman, religion; Roberta Brown, French; Paloma Martinez-Carbajo, Spanish; and Jill Whitman, geosciences. For more on each individual, go to <http://news.plu.edu/awards07>.

T-shirts make a splash in Brazil

With a white "Sojourner" printed across the chest of a T-shirt, students who studied in Brazil and Argentina chose to deliberately define themselves as temporary guests in another country. On the back, the phrase "global citizen," was screened in Portuguese, English and Spanish to represent the countries they visited.

Auxiliary Services director Mark

Mulder and assistant philosophy professor Brendan Hogan, leaders of the group, made the T-shirts as a way to achieve a group identity among the students taking part in their J-Term study away program, which investigated the impact of globalization on South America. They were one of 27 groups that studied away during J-Term, once again on all seven continents. In the group's few short weeks on the South American continent, it proved to be much more than a simple T-shirt, Mulder said.

"It is a chance for students to identify with their role as Sojourners, as ambassadors of global citizenship, and to showcase their connection with the



Brendan Hogan, foreground, with students who investigated globalization in South America.

countries which this class will visit," Mulder explained.

The shirts also acted as conversation starters.

When the group wore their shirts on a visit to the University of Sao Paulo, a Brazilian student became their informal tour guide. As he showed them around the campus, he explained the Brazilian higher education system.

"There is so much opportunity in this world - particularly when we open ourselves up to talk about our differences, our similarities, and our hope for the future," Mulder said. "Dialogue is a powerful thing."

UC, Morken powered by wind turbines

As of Jan. 1, nearly 20 percent of the university's energy is being purchased from renewable sources.

The commitment to purchase "green" energy stems from the culture of the university, said Dave Kohler, director of facilities. Renewable energy is energy generated from natural sources that cannot be depleted, like wind and solar power.

Kohler points to the university's mission to "care for the earth."

"It's been a focus of PLU even before we wrote it down," he added. "That's the culture. It's the best thing about PLU."

The construction of the Morken Center for Learning and Technology essentially launched the idea to purchase renewable energy, Kohler explained.

PLU designed the environmentally friendly building based on the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The program certifies green buildings, in part by evaluating the commitment to purchase energy from renewable sources. The university will purchase renewable energy in the form of wind power.

The University Center renovation provided another opportunity to incorporate LEED principles into the project. Among other sustainable features, the decision was made to also purchase renewable energy for the building. [S]

ACCOLADES



Sven Tuzovic, assistant professor of business, won the best paper award at the 21st Service Workshop of the Academy of

Marketing at the University of Westminster, Harrow Business School, London. The paper, presented at the November 2007 conference, is titled "Are Renters Different than Buyers? An Exploratory Study of Technical and Functional Quality in the Real Estate Industry."

Myriam Cotton, assistant professor of chemistry, received the Career Award from the Organic and Macromolecular Chemistry Program at the National Science Foundation, resulting in a five-year, \$525,000 grant. Cotton's winning abstract is titled "Molecular Recognition and Biological Function at Water-Bilayer Interfaces: Bridging Structure, Dynamics, and Function in Antimicrobial Peptides."

Vidya Thirumurthy, assistant professor of education, co-wrote "Special Education in India at the Crossroads," published in the 2007 journal *Childhood Education*. She also published "Honoring Teachers: A World of Perspectives" in the *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*.

Kent Gerlach, professor of education, co-wrote the book, "Paraeducators in Schools, Strengthening the Educational Team." Published in 2007, Gerlach wrote the section titled "Teamwork, Communication and Problem Solving."



Doug Oakman, dean of humanities, published "Jesus and the Peasants." The book focuses on the systemic issues of individual Gospel

passages. Published by Cascade Books, the academic division of Wipf

and Stock, it is part of the Matrix Series.

Chuck Bergman, professor of English, published the article "A Rose is [not] a Rose," in the January-February 2008 edition of *Audubon* magazine. The article focuses on the environmental changes in the rose industry.



Paul Ingram, professor emeritus of religion, published "Buddhist-Christian Dialogue in an Age of

Science." He also published the essay "On Being Lutheran in a Religiously Plural World," in *Dialog*, a journal published in Berkeley through Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

A second essay, "Constrained by Boundaries" will be published in March in a book titled "The Limits of Knowledge in Science, Buddhism, and Christianity," published by the Templeton Foundation.

Elizabeth Brusco, professor of anthropology, gave a keynote lecture at the international conference of the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism at the University of Heidelberg, Germany, held Feb. 1-2, 2008. The lecture was titled "Theory and Method in the Study of Global Pentecostalism."



Melannie Cunningham, associate director of admission, was honored by the City of Tacoma's Human Rights and

Human Services Department with a community service award at the city's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration in January. Cunningham was recognized for founding the annual celebration in 1989.

life of the mind

Student and professor team up to investigate an untold story of World War II



BUILDING THE ALCAN

In the spring of 1942, 10,000 soldiers were sent to the Yukon. Their task: construct the 1,500-mile military road, the Alaska-Canada Highway, to be used to repel a possible invasion by the Japanese during World War II.

Sitting in a lecture at the Yukon Archives, as part of a Canadian fellowship program two years ago, Assistant

Professor of Communication Robert Wells had never heard that such a road even existed. When the archive manager mentioned nearly half of those 10,000 troops were African-American, Wells decided it was time to dig into this relatively unknown story.

"This really made my ears perk up. I had no knowledge of this history until

then," he said.

Wells pitched researching the idea to several of his colleagues, but no nibbles. So he decided he'd undertake the research project and create a video documentary. He recruited junior Shannon Schrecengost to help. Wells opted for a faculty-student research project in order to train a student in investigative jour-

nalism, and for the more practical consideration of having help while “lugging the camera equipment around.”

The thousands of documents and hundreds of interviews by the pair were compiled and edited into the documentary that premiered in November at the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. Called “Building Connections: Reclaiming the Lost Narratives of the Alaska-

Canada Highway,” the film chronicles the lives of the soldiers who built the highway, as well as the residents and First Nations people who were irrevocably changed by the project.

The yearlong odyssey took the pair to the National Archives in Washington, D.C., up the Alaska-Canada Highway twice, and to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers archives in Virginia. Their time was split between looking at photos and written archives, and interviewing World War II veterans and their families, Native peoples of Canada and Alaska, U.S. and Canadian government officials, and historians.

This year marks the 66th anniversary of the highway, commonly referred to as the ALCAN. When the road was built in 1942 to help protect Canada and the United States, optimistic estimates indicated the project could take three years. It was completed in just eight months.

Inspired to bring attention to this story, Wells originally planned to focus on the racial implications associated with the African-American soldiers. This key part of the story is covered in the film.

In the winter, all the soldiers had to face temperatures that often dipped to 40 below. In the summer, it was mosquito swarms. Long days and low pay were a year-round phenomenon. The African-American soldiers dealt with the added burdens of racism and isolation.

The military wouldn’t allow the African-American troops into nearby towns. The soldiers had to contend with inadequate clothing, as many of the troops were from the South, along with insufficient housing and equipment. For

example, many resorted to cutting arms in their sleeping bags and wore them while working to keep warm in the freezing temperatures.

“I think it was a slap in the face at how segregated the army was at that time,” Wells said.

As Wells and Schrecengost dug deeper into the history of the highway, their original topic evolved to encompass how the road touched those who constructed it and the communities it connected.

“It’s all the implications that one road really can have,” Schrecengost explained. “I experienced the growth of one idea into a whole other thing.”

Schrecengost added that the experience has given her a new passion for research. It is another example of PLU’s continuing commitment to the creation of opportunities in which students and faculty can work closely together on research and creative projects.

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While at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., she was in awe of the huge building and the documents she was able to access.

At 20 years old, she held files stamped “Top Secret.” While the documents she looked at have since been declassified, the experience of seeing high-level government documents firsthand was amazing, she said.

“Rob and I were in hog heaven,” she said. “It made me feel very official and was a lot of fun. I had no idea that research could be so fun.”

At all the archives the pair visited, from the small one in the Yukon to the immense building in Washington, D.C., the staff was more than happy to have them poke around.

“We were pretty much given free rein,”

Wells said. “There was no problem with access. It was ‘Here are the white gloves, take good care.’”

To find the men who worked on the highway, Wells and Schrecengost contacted World War II veterans and African-American soldiers organizations. This is where the investigative journalism kicked in.

There were the blind phone calls, asking if so-and-so lived here or if the person on the other end of the phone was “the family of” so-and-so.

“We were trying to find people who had more or less dropped off the radar screen,” Wells explained.


Fortunately, the pair managed to track down three former soldiers in Baltimore, all living within 15 minutes of each other. One of those soldiers, William E. Griggs, even lent them use of the photographs he took during his tour of duty in Alaska as the official Army Corps photographer.

The documentary film has quickly caught the attention of regional and national press, as well as the academic community.

Aside from showings at the history museum and the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle, the pair presented their findings at the Association of Canadian Studies in the United States in Toronto last fall and the Pacific Northwest Canadian Studies Consortium in Vancouver, B.C., in February.

The Public Broadcasting Service, Seattle public television station KCTS and Tacoma public television station KBTC have all shown interest in broadcasting the film. Tacoma’s cable network Click! already broadcast the documentary in January.

And the honors keep coming, as Schrecengost won a regional first place award from the National Broadcasting Society.

“I never thought I would have the opportunity to do something like this,” Schrecengost said. “I was very fortunate.” 

—Barbara Clements and Megan Haley



Professor Rob Wells and Shannon Schrecengost discuss their documentary film at the Washington State History Museum.

Historical photos courtesy of William E. Griggs

In the Valley of the Kings

In high school, Lisa Vlieg '07 told her friends that one day they'd see her on the Discovery Channel.

While her dream has yet to come true, the recent graduate may be one step closer after spending five weeks this fall in Egypt's famed Valley of the Kings. Vlieg accompanied Faculty Fellow Don Ryan '79 and his team to the ancient burial ground for the seventh field season of the Pacific Lutheran University Valley of the Kings Project.

She joined Ryan's team as the registrar, in charge of accurately documenting all the objects found in the tombs.

"It's amazing to see firsthand," she said. "I'm a major history buff, and dealing with the objects is definitely one of my favorite parts. I want to go into conservation, so I can take care of them and learn about them."

Conceived in 1989 by Ryan, the PLU Valley of the Kings Project focuses on exploring and studying the more obscure tombs in the valley. Most were burial sites for Egypt's elite, but not necessarily for its royalty.

There are two or three dozen of these small tombs, which are largely ignored because they lack the inscriptions and decoration of royal tombs, Ryan explained. His team has been the first to look seriously at them, concentrating on six.

"If you want to find something new and interesting, then you have to go where others don't," Ryan said. "In every one of

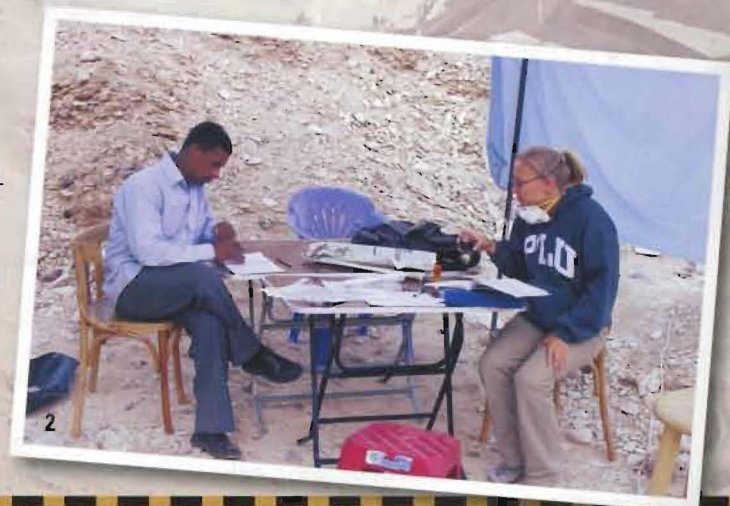
those tombs we found interesting surprises. The fact is that all of this stuff is in the Valley of the Kings – everybody buried there and everything done there is pretty darn special."

Perhaps the team's biggest surprise came this past summer, when Egyptian authorities identified one of the mummies Ryan rediscovered as Egypt's most famous female pharaoh, Hatshepsut, who ruled from around 1502 to 1482 B.C. Her royal tomb was found in the early 1900s, but her mummy wasn't in it.

In 1903, Howard Carter – famous for finding King Tutkanhamun's tomb in the 1920s – discovered the tomb designated KV 60. The burial chamber contained a coffined mummy and another on the floor. After the coffined mummy was removed to Cairo, the tomb was covered up and its exact location lost for nearly 80 years.

Enter Ryan and his team. On the PLU project's first day of digging in 1989, Ryan found the tomb's entrance using only a broom. He approximated its location from Carter's notes.

"People think I have a special touch for finding things," Ryan said. "I'd say it's more of doing one's homework than anything mystical."





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Inside were the remnants of ancient burial goods and the second mummy, still lying on the floor. It appeared to be striking the royal female pose: left arm bent at the elbow diagonally, the left fist clenched and the right arm straight along her side. That, coupled with the quality of the mummification, suggested royalty, Ryan said.

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—DON RYAN '79

“There was nothing in the tomb that could indicate the identity of any specific individual,” Ryan said. “Our conclusion was that it’s possible it was Hatshepsut.”

The mummy remained in KV 60 until this past spring, when it was one of four candidates shipped to Cairo for examination. Egyptian authorities suspected it might be Hatshepsut.

By a stroke of luck, Egyptian scientists discovered a molar inside a canopic box that bore the royal names of Hatshepsut. The tooth matched within a fraction of a millimeter to the space of a missing molar in the mouth of Ryan’s 3,000-year-old mummy, “like Cinderella’s slipper,” he said.

Despite the hoopla surrounding the revelation, Ryan remains focused on his current work in the Valley of the Kings.



The team’s most recent expedition in November was slated to be its last. Five of the tombs had been thoroughly examined, and Ryan planned to complete his study of the final tomb, KV 27.


Just as things were winding down, they found human remains while excavating the tomb’s final chamber and uncovered new revelations from previously found artifacts. The discoveries will send the group back to the valley at least once more.

“People, I think, are intrinsically interested in the past,” Ryan said. “I think in some ways it’s a very primal fascination or instinct.”

As Ryan regularly points out to his students, the world didn’t start on the day they were born. The study of the past is an important step in understanding how human beings got here and where civilization may be headed.

“Egyptians had a lot to contribute to that,” he said. “It’s a very fertile ground for learning a tremendous amount about the human past. Even before they were building pyramids, there’s this whole process where people went from hunting and gathering to developing agriculture to developing these complex societies, of which Egypt is. So it’s sort of a laboratory of human history.”

While the historical significance of Egypt isn’t lost on Vlieg, her favorite part of the experience was working side-by-side with many of the world’s most prominent archaeologists.

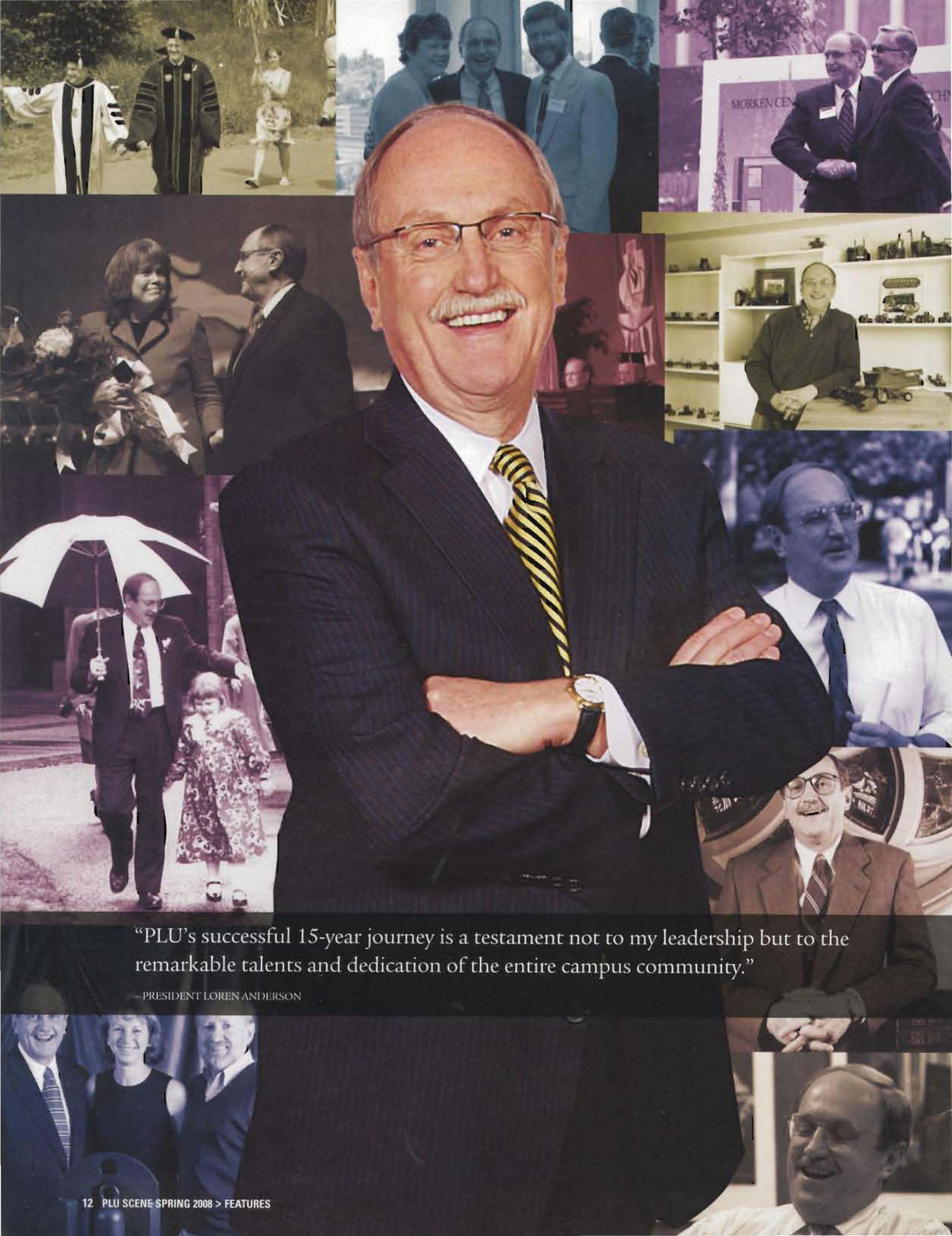
“It was like being in college again,” she said. “I worked closely with all of them, and it was interesting to listen to them. They knew so much.” 

1. The entrance of tomb KV 60, rediscovered by Ryan in 1989. The mummy found inside was recently identified as a famous female pharaoh. [photo courtesy of Don Ryan]

2. Egyptian antiquities inspector Abu el Hagag Tawe works with registrar Lisa Vlieg '07 to document the artifacts found in the tombs. [photo courtesy of Don Ryan]

3. Ryan uncovers a deposit of shattered pottery in tomb KV 27. [photo courtesy of Don Ryan]

4. Ryan poses with Egyptian memorabilia in his home. The mummy case actually holds CDs. [photo by Jordan Hartman]



“PLU’s successful 15-year journey is a testament not to my leadership but to the remarkable talents and dedication of the entire campus community.”

—PRESIDENT LOREN ANDERSON

Campus community celebrates a leader while embracing the future

Anderson

THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY recently celebrated what would be a rare and remarkable milestone in the life of any contemporary university.

At the annual Christmas luncheon in December and again in January at a meeting of the Board of Regents, President Loren J. Anderson and MaryAnn were congratulated on their 15 years of service to PLU.

That's almost twice the national average for a university presidential term.

Robert W. Gomulkiewicz '83, chairman of the Board of Regents, praised the Andersons, both for the length of their tenure and for the success the university has enjoyed under their leadership.

"There are some leaders who are good at articulating vision and formulating vision, and there are other leaders who are good at running operations and development," Gomulkiewicz said.

"But Loren is one of those remarkable leaders who really excels at both, and we are blessed to have him as our president. We are just delighted with his dedication and his commitment in these 15 years," he said.

Gomulkiewicz also praised MaryAnn Anderson for having served for 15 years as an ambassador for PLU and an active volunteer in the broader community.

"MaryAnn has been a mentor to students, has worked in the development of the university and has led in thousands of ways. I think of MaryAnn as a great ambassador for PLU who can articulate our vision just as well as Loren," he said.

When President Anderson arrived in 1992, the Board of Regents assigned him the task of assembling the community to engage in a conversation about the university's future.

That dialogue resulted in the comprehensive long-range plan "PLU 2000: Embracing the 21st Century."

Beginning in 2001, two years of collaborative work resulted in a reaffirmation and elaboration of plans in "PLU 2010:

The Next Level of Distinction." These two long-range plans have been important to the university's progress over the past decade and a half. They have helped clarify its identity and mission as a Lutheran university in the Pacific Northwest.

In fact, it was from PLU 2000 that the current mission statement came: "Educating students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care - for other people, for their communities, and for the earth."

Together PLU 2000 and PLU 2010 charted a course for strengthening the university's academic program, in particular its commitment to global education, student-faculty research and creative projects, and purposeful learning.

The two long-range plans also called on the community to undertake an aggressive and continuing program to complete and upgrade campus facilities and infrastructure, and an aggressive effort to build the university's fiscal structure - including the development of the endowment for faculty and student support.

Two major fund-raising campaigns were the result of that planning, one in the mid-1990s and the second concluding in 2004. Together they yielded over \$200 million in current gifts and future resources - a truly remarkable development story.

It was remarkable as well to see the breadth of support generated by the campaigns. In the \$128 million campaign alone, 22,000 individuals made gifts ranging from \$12 million to \$5.

The university's endowment has grown significantly in recent years from \$8 million in the early 1990s to more than \$68.5 million today. Deferred gifts and pledges received during the campaigns total nearly \$100 million and help set the stage for a future endowment of over \$150 million.

These gifts enable the university to

provide scholarships and recruit and retain the best students, to provide faculty support for teaching and research and to provide enhancements to the university's technology infrastructure.

The university has enhanced its facilities during this time, including completion of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center; South Hall, a new residence hall; and the Morken Center for Learning and Technology, the new home for business, math, and computer science and computer engineering.


Xavier Hall, the home of the social sciences, was completely renovated, as were Tingelstad, Foss and Pflueger residence halls.

Just last year, the new Garfield Book Company at PLU became the anchor tenant of a commercial center on Garfield Street, in which the university is a partner. The University Center was refurbished with a new dining commons, meeting rooms and offices.

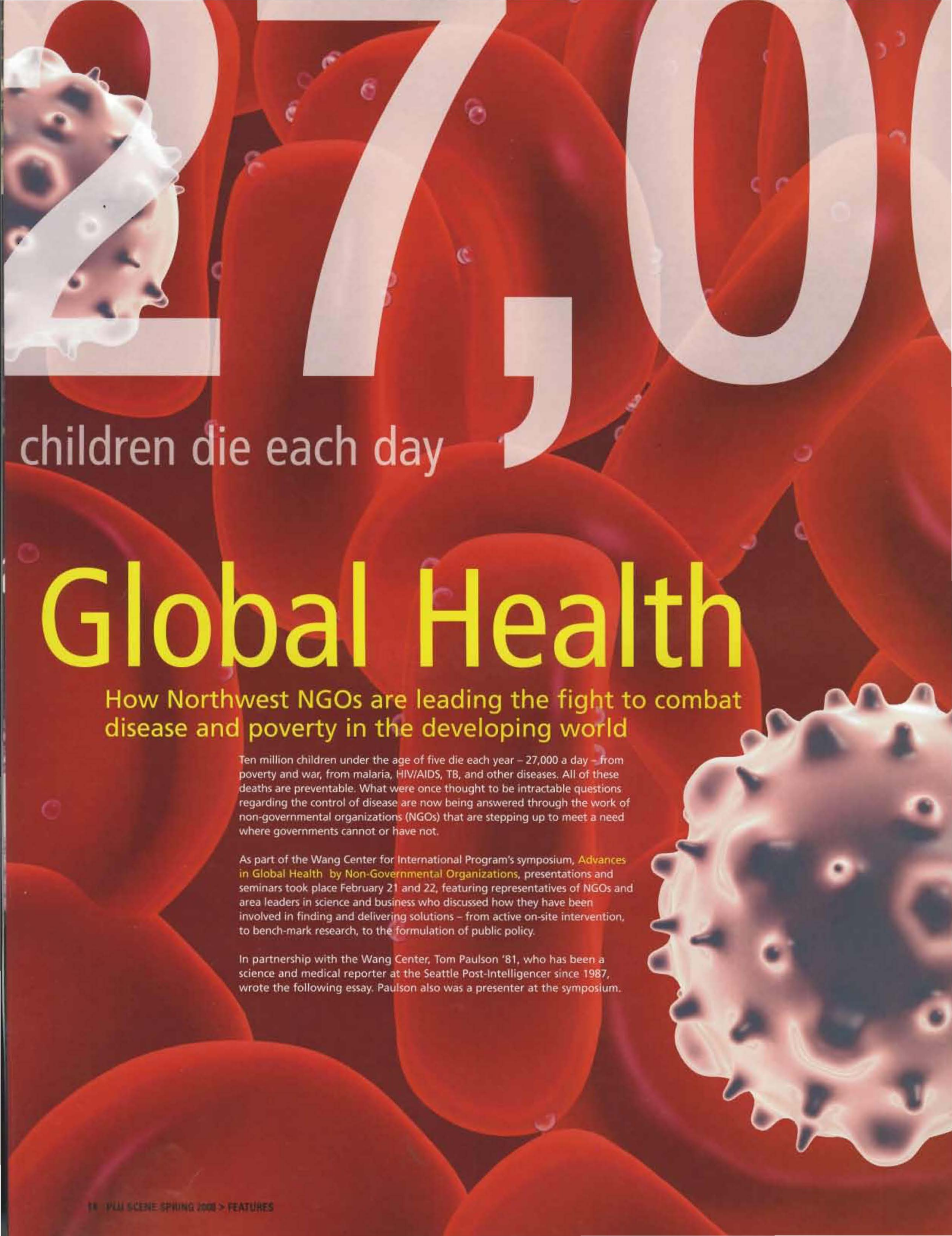
The last words go to Loren Anderson, who shared his views on the past 15 years, views that are both characteristically modest and capture the true essence of PLU's accomplishments.

"PLU's successful 15-year journey is a testament not to my leadership but to the remarkable talents and dedication of the entire campus community," Anderson said.

"The past decade-and-a-half has shown the community that embracing the future requires that we plan together and that we regularly invite the PLU constituency to help.

"When we do, we can realize our dreams to fulfill our mission, to cultivate academic excellence, to build an engaged community, to enhance our global perspective, to seek fiscal strength, to ensure broad access to our programs and to nurture life as vocation in the fullest sense." 

---Greg Brewis



27,000
children die each day

Global Health

How Northwest NGOs are leading the fight to combat disease and poverty in the developing world

Ten million children under the age of five die each year – 27,000 a day – from poverty and war, from malaria, HIV/AIDS, TB, and other diseases. All of these deaths are preventable. What were once thought to be intractable questions regarding the control of disease are now being answered through the work of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that are stepping up to meet a need where governments cannot or have not.

As part of the Wang Center for International Program's symposium, *Advances in Global Health by Non-Governmental Organizations*, presentations and seminars took place February 21 and 22, featuring representatives of NGOs and area leaders in science and business who discussed how they have been involved in finding and delivering solutions – from active on-site intervention, to bench-mark research, to the formulation of public policy.

In partnership with the Wang Center, Tom Paulson '81, who has been a science and medical reporter at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer since 1987, wrote the following essay. Paulson also was a presenter at the symposium.



BY TOM PAULSON '81

If public health was a fashion show, global health would be the new black. It's hot.

But what is global health, exactly? And why does it matter?

Mark Twain once complained that everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it. With apologies to Twain, I'd like to suggest that many people today are talking about global health but nobody seems to agree on what to do about it. »

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Why wasn't tuberculosis or malaria just as big a deal as AIDS? Together, they have been killing at least as many every year for centuries, perhaps millennia.

Increasingly, arguments are flaring in this burgeoning field that go to root principles. And if the basic concept itself is fuzzy, the core principles are also up for debate.

Just a decade ago, a precise definition of "global health" was perhaps not so critical. In the late 1990s, global health was largely defined, by default, as whatever was being done by the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the few other organizations working internationally on matters of public health.

Global health was about getting kids in poor countries vaccinated, educating mothers-to-be about safe birth practices, serving a stint in a remote clinic, responding to foreign medical emergencies and the like. It also was about often watching in frustration as many died from diseases that easily could have been prevented or treated in the United States or Europe.

Generally speaking, it was a poorly funded, neglected field handled by a relatively small cadre of dedicated folks working on shoestring budgets. The answer to the *Why does it matter?* question was that, back then, all this really didn't much matter – at least when measured in terms of money, political will or media attention.

AIDS, of course, has been a big and highly visible part of the global health scene for the past quarter century. But the AIDS pandemic exists in its own category, with a unique set of political and social circumstances that have guaranteed this particular infectious disease a high level of public attention and concern. In a way, AIDS both helped educate people about the global nature of disease, while also overwhelming the story line.

Why wasn't tuberculosis or malaria just as big a deal as AIDS? Together, they have been killing at least as many every year for centuries, perhaps millennia. Why isn't the world outraged at a million deaths every year from some-

thing as mundane as diarrhea? Why do 27,000 children die each day – almost 10 million annually – from common diseases that could be prevented or treated for pennies per child? The list goes on and on.

There are no defensible answers here. The vicious circular explanation is that hardly anybody cared about these diseases because hardly anybody – in the industrialized world anyway – cared about these diseases. They afflicted the billions of invisible poor in Africa, Asia and the rest of the developing world.

What finally made the health of the developing world appear on our radar screen was not some new political movement or mass enlightenment. What happened, very simply, is that some powerful, high-profile people took an interest in these neglected diseases.

In the mid-to-late 1990s, Bill Gates, at the time the richest man in the world, his wife Melinda and his father Bill Gates Sr. were looking for something to do with all that extra money.

The Gates family had looked into supporting various philanthropic efforts in education, libraries and, on the global scale, population issues. But ultimately it was the simple vaccine – or more accurately, the lack of childhood immunizations across much of the world – that gave the Gates Foundation its primary mission.

And so the revolution in global health began.

Dr. William Foege '57, former director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the man who developed the public health strategy that led to the global eradication of smallpox (and, it must be noted here, a PLU grad), had been an early adviser to the Gates family. One of the things Foege did was give to them a 1993 report by the World Bank that described the social and

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economic impact of disease in poor countries.

When Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates digested the numbers in that report, he was stunned. Among the many things going wrong, the report said millions of children die every year simply because they hadn't received basic vaccines against garden-variety diseases like measles, pertussis, tetanus, polio, diphtheria or rubella.

"I didn't believe it," Gates recalled. "How come I hadn't heard about this?"

One of the biggest revelations, he said, is that disease appears to be a bigger driver of poverty in poor nations than the other way around – poverty causing disease. Working with Foege and other public health experts, the newly formed Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation focused initially on trying to attack poverty by first solving a deceptively simple-sounding problem: How to get basic vaccines to the world's poorest children.

Bill Gates Sr., as the point man for his son and daughter-in-law's new philanthropy, had by then also learned of a small, Seattle-based organization called PATH, or the Program for Appropriate Technology in Health.

PATH, like most other such international public health organizations, had been working away since the 1970s trying to make a small dent in the massive health problems of the developing world. Dr. Gordon Perkin, then president of PATH, agreed with Foege that one place the Gateses could have a big impact was in children's vaccines.

"Basically, we had gone backward since the early 1990s," Perkin said.

Basic immunization rates for children in poor countries had fallen, he said, and new vaccines that protected against diseases like hepatitis B, pneumonia or rotavirus (which causes deadly diarrhea) were nowhere near getting distributed in the developing world.

Based on this, the Gates Foundation gave PATH \$100 million to launch the Children's Vaccine Program. In 1999, this led to an even more unprecedented Gates grant of \$750 million to launch an even bigger initiative called the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), first run by PATH but now based in Geneva, Switzerland.

To say that the Gates' money and creation of GAVI stirred

things up on the international health scene would be like saying the New York Yankees have done okay at baseball. Though there was, at this point, scant public attention to what the Seattle philanthropy was doing, it was basically remaking the field of global health.

As a reporter who had covered PATH in pre-Gates Foundation days, I stumbled onto this story early in its unfolding. Few in the media appeared to be paying it much attention at this stage. (As an example, a Google search of "global health" back then turned up mostly Seattle Post-Intelligencer stories. That's certainly no longer the case.)

Since then, of course, the world has taken notice of the Gates Foundation's rapidly expanding leadership on many fronts of global health.

It should be noted, however, that not everybody has been happy to ascribe to Gates the reinvigoration of this once-neglected field in human health. Many old-time public health warriors at the WHO, UNICEF and elsewhere resented this "billionaire geek" coming in to shake things up on their turf. Sure, the new money was nice. They just didn't like the billionaire also telling them how best to spend it.

In any case, there's little doubt now that this was transformative on a massive scale.

"Frankly, it would be difficult to even identify everything that has happened in this field due to the direct or indirect influence of the Gates Foundation," said Dr. Jim Yong Kim, a Harvard University physician who, with his colleague Dr. Paul Farmer, has been a leading advocate on matters of health and global poverty.

Besides the hundreds of global health projects directly funded by the Gates Foundation, Kim said other efforts such as the international Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and the U.S.-funded President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief likely wouldn't have been anywhere near so large in breadth or scope.

As a result of this revolution in global health, not to mention the billions of dollars in new money, many are now jumping on this once-hobbled, broken-down bandwagon. Most major universities have created, or are creating, new global health departments. Governments, biomedical busi- >>

Wang Center Symposium

Advances in Global Health by Non-Governmental Organizations

In late February, the Wang Center for International Programs tackled the issue of global health at the symposium, "Advances in Global Health by Non-Governmental Organizations."

As the name suggests, the two-day event highlighted the work of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as they search for ways to control disease in developing nations. Many have ties to the Pacific Northwest.

"We tend to think of global health as a phenomenon of the developing world, but in an increasingly connected world, diseases can move as freely as people and products," said Neal Sobania, executive director of the Wang Center. "As a result, global health is also a critically important part of local public health."

"What were once thought to be intractable questions regarding the control of malaria, HIV/AIDS, TB, are now being answered through the work of these non-governmental organizations, many right here in our own backyard."

The symposium opened with a keynote address by Stephen Lewis, former United Nations Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, at the Tacoma Convention and Trade Center, Feb. 21. Lewis outlined how the community can be more involved in finding global health solutions.

Symposium presentations and seminars moved to campus Feb. 22. They featured NGO representatives and area leaders in science and business who discussed their involvement in the global health arena.

The Wang Center presented a Peace Builder Award to China Partners Network. The award seeks to recognize "global bridge builders who exemplify hope for humanity, whose lives are centered on a vision of the just and good, who have demonstrated that they will not be defeated by difficult circumstances, and who affirm the resilience of the human spirit."

"Peace building is not just about diplomacy and bringing warring sides together," Sobania said. "Health is the foundation of civil society. Improved health not only enhances the quality of peoples' lives and supports economic stability, but it can help to prevent civil strife."

China Partners Network is a service network founded in 2002 to support the work of the Amity Foundation, an independent, Christian-based social services organization in China. Doctors and physical therapists forgo vacations and travel to China to train their Chinese counterparts. The network includes partners from Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash., PLU and Lutheran congregations in Western Washington.

This marked the third symposium in a series sponsored by the Wang Center and PLU. It follows "China: Bridges for a New Century" in 2003 and "Pathways to Peace: Norway's Approach to Democracy and Development" in 2005.

For more information on the most recent symposium, past symposia, and the Wang Center for International Programs, visit www.plu.edu/wangcenter.

—Megan Haley

nesses and non-profit organizations are increasingly talking about what they are doing, or intend to do, to further global health.

"Washington is home to one of the most vibrant, visionary global health communities in the world," claimed Gov. Chris Gregoire in the preface to a recent report done by the University of Washington assessing this state's role in the field.

Whether it would be without the presence of the Gates Foundation is certainly open to question. But what was perhaps most revealing about this 2007 report, titled "Economic Impact Assessment of Global Health on Washington State's Economy," was how much trouble the authors had in even defining what it was they were assessing.

The report claimed that, for 2005, "global health activities" were responsible for creating nearly 44,000 jobs and generating \$4.1 billion in "business activity" in the state.

Let's leave aside for the moment the question of whether we should even be trying to figure out how much money we can make by helping the world's poorest. Let us just consider how this attempt to quantify global health in terms of the regional economy altered its meaning.

The economic impacts were arrived at by virtue of incorporating into the analysis some broadly creative definitions of global health – such as "domestic, for-profit" global health for local biotech firms making drugs or devices with potential application overseas; "domestic non-profit" organizations working with immigrants (or Native Americans) as well as "international for-profit" firms with business links to Washington.

"A key challenge in our report was to define and operationalize the concept of global health," the UW authors acknowledged in their introduction to the report.

Their solution to meeting the challenge, apparently, was to include almost any kind of activity that had something to do with health and also some kind of link to the rest of the world. While this certainly produces some impressive numbers, it appears to include many activities that seem to have little to do with helping the world's poorest people.

Another example of this broadening of the meaning of "global health" is a blue-ribbon, invitation-only event held every year in Seattle called the Pacific Health Summit. Billed as a global health conference dedicated to using science and technology for the betterment of the world, it has been mostly focused on expanding biomedical innovations in upper- and middle-income Asian nations.

In short, it's about selling American biomedical technology

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and expertise overseas. That's fine, insofar as it goes, but the biggest problems in global health are among people who live on maybe a dollar or two a day. They won't be buying too many of our new drugs, DNA testing kits or imaging technologies any time soon.

Part of the problem here is the language of health care. American health care is euphemistically vague (physicians "treat" you and "practice" medicine) and it is also focused on sort of a "techno-fix" approach to problems. Got something? Take a pill.

Many of the problems in global health can, in fact, be solved by new, innovative technologies. An effective malaria vaccine would be an incredible achievement. But such technological solutions need to be pursued in a proper context, taking into account at every step what is really needed by the poorest of the poor.

If we had an effective malaria vaccine today, who would pay for it to be delivered to the billions of people who have nothing? Who would receive the vaccine in a country that has hardly any health care system at all? How would the vaccine be delivered to children if there are no clinics, doctors or nurses in the community?

The fact that global health is today a growth field, of high interest to economists and businessmen as well as do-gooders, is good news. It represents significant progress.

Millions of people, many of them young children, are almost certainly alive today who wouldn't have been if the international community hadn't made fighting disease a top priority for assistance to developing nations. We may soon, finally, eradicate polio from the planet.

Malaria, not long ago just another ignored killer of poor people in poor countries, is now the target of hundreds of millions of dollars worth of research and prevention programs throughout the world. The list of such new "global health" projects goes on and on, with new ones coming on line all the time.

But success always brings with it the seeds of failure. There are lots of reasons why these attempts to improve

the health of the world's poorest might fail. There are just as many reasons to hope they succeed, if only because failure on this front would be to accept ongoing tragedy and disenfranchisement for one third of humanity.

If the moral implications here are not enough to persuade that failure to improve the lives of billions of people is intolerable, there is another argument – to be made in full elsewhere – that such massive inequity in this ever-interconnected world will not be sustainable anyway. It just cannot stand.

So, what will become increasingly necessary as the field of global health continues to expand in scope and popularity, I believe, is a much more precise definition of the enterprise. Much is at stake here and a general idea of what the goals are is no longer sufficient. Worse, a lack of definition opens the door to co-option and potential abuse.

Bill Foege, a key player in this story and one of the world's pioneering leaders in global health, earlier this year gave a talk at the University of Washington on global health. He said many things worth quoting, but two statements stood out for me:

"Destiny is just an excuse for bad management," Foege said in deploring those who believe the world's current state of affairs is simply the consequence of some natural order. And after celebrating those who share in the excitement and optimism reflected in the new push for global health and development progress, he added a precautionary:

"We had better know where we are going." ^S



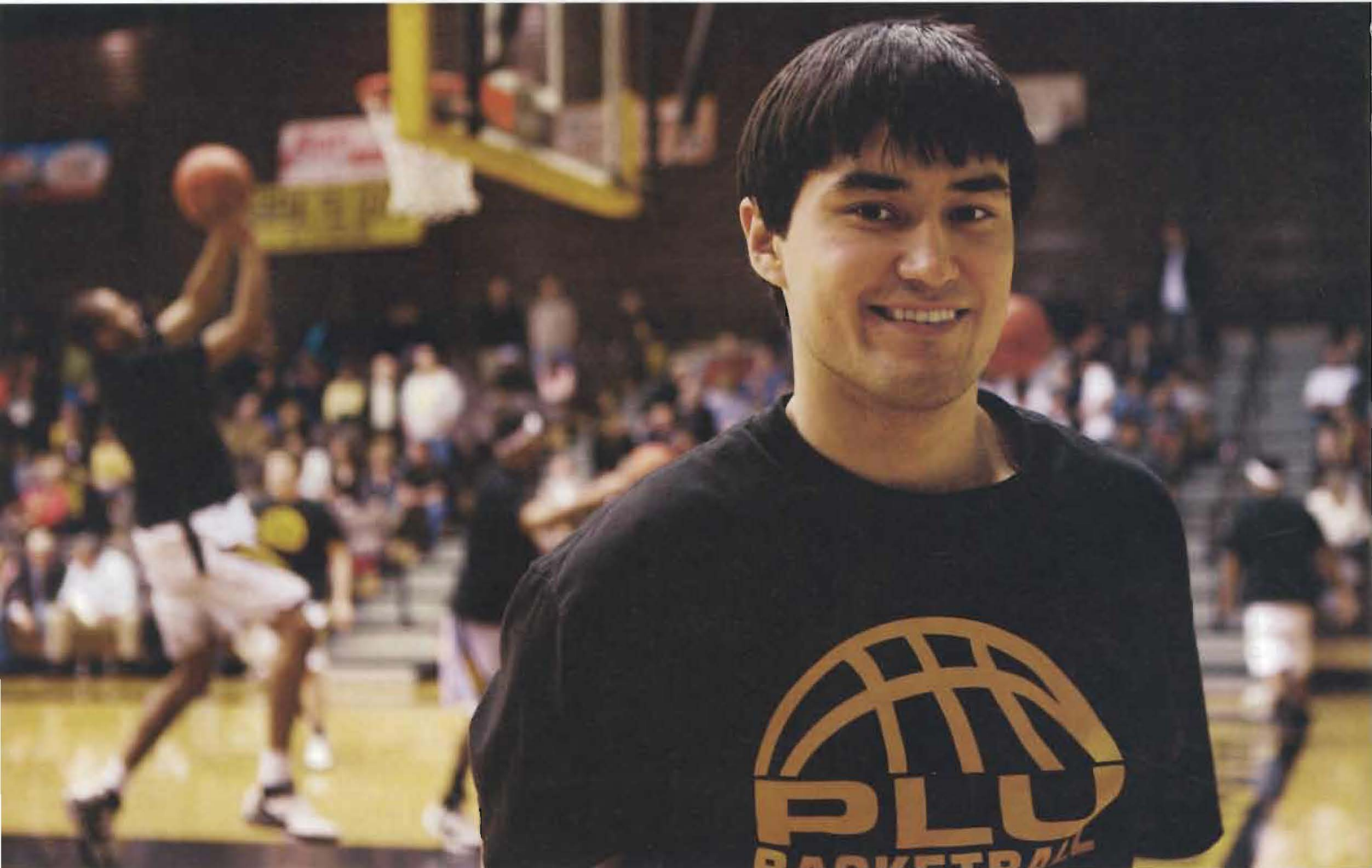
Tom Paulson '81 has been a science and medical reporter at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer since 1987. Tom, a Seattle native and PLU graduate (B.S. chemistry), covers the physical sciences, biomedical research and public health issues for the P-I. He has reported on global health matters in Africa, Asia, India and Latin America. He is married and has two grown children.

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attaway lutes

Third-generation Lute takes the long route to PLU



For Zach Klein, all of the hardships he has endured and the long hours he has spent in gyms on dark Alaska nights are worth it. "It's an honor to play college basketball," he said.

For Zach Klein, the old saying, "you can't get there from here," comes about as close to accurate as one can imagine.

A freshman guard on the PLU men's basketball team, most people probably haven't heard about him. After all, little is written about the team's reserve players.

His story is compelling, nonetheless, because most of his growing-up years were spent in hard-to-reach villages whose populaces could be counted in the hundreds.

So how did this mature 19-year-old man, who grew up in places best described as "you can't get there from

here," end up at Pacific Lutheran University, let alone playing for the resurgent Lutes men's basketball program?

The story starts with his father, Stephen '83, a PLU graduate and one of eight children of Dr. Richard Klein, a PLU regent from 1973-87, and Joanne (Bjork '63) Klein. Stephen took his first teaching job at the high school in Gambell, Alaska, a village of 300 inhabitants on the far northwestern end of St. Lawrence Island. It sits in the middle of the Bering Strait, a mere 38 miles from Siberia. There Stephen met his wife, Shelley, a member of the Siberian

Yup'ik tribe that has inhabited the cold, wind-blown island for hundreds of years.

Zach lived in Gambell until age nine when the family moved to Naknek, a town of some 700 people situated on Bristol Bay on the southwest coast of mainland Alaska. Stephen, who had taught high school biology in Gambell, took a job as a middle school math and science teacher.

No roads lead to Naknek, which survives predominantly on the summer salmon fishing industry. The only way to get to Naknek is by boat or plane into nearby King Salmon, Alaska,

which at one time served as a U.S. Air Force base. The area's one paved road is the 15-mile stretch of blacktop constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers between King Salmon and Naknek. During the fishing season, the airport serves thousands of fishermen and cannery workers who come to make good money doing hard and dirty work.

Like most Alaskan youth who endure nearly 24-hour dark and cold during the winter months, Zach spent most of his free time in a gymnasium. In small communities like Gambell and Naknek, basketball and wrestling are the sports of choice for kids. In fact, they are about the only sports available because they take place indoors. To be successful in both sports is considered unusual in the lower 48 states, but it is a fairly normal occurrence in Alaska.

"About every kid gets in the gym whether he's good or not," Zach said. "We grew up in the gym. Especially on St. Lawrence Island, it was something to do inside."

"I didn't plan on playing basketball here, I didn't have a desire at first, but I got in the gym and shot around a few days. I watched some of these guys play and had a feeling that I could play with them."

—Zach Klein

As a freshman, Zach embarked on a high school sports career that would earn him accolades not only in basketball but also in wrestling. As a 6-foot-1-inch junior at Bristol Bay High School, Zach averaged approximately 22 points and 12 rebounds and was voted as the state's Class 1A-2A Player of the Year. That same year, as a 171-pound wrestler, he finished second in the state tournament.

The following year, Zach applied and was accepted to Mt. Edgecumbe High School, a state-funded boarding school in southeast Alaska. With an enrollment of approximately 400 students in ninth through 12th grades, the school

offered Zach a higher level of athletic competition than he had at Naknek.

As a senior at Mt.

Edgecumbe, Zach earned 2006 second-team all-state basketball honors, was selected to the all-tournament squad and led his team to a third-place state tournament finish. When not playing basketball, he turned to wrestling, where he won the state 189-pound championship.

PLU head coach Steve Dickerson first heard about Zach from his father, Stephen, who suggested his son might be able to play basketball for the Lutes. "His dad said he was a wrestler and a basketball player," Dickerson recalled. "Right away you think, that's an odd combination."

Zach applied to PLU, but ultimately enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., because of a tuition waiver for Native Americans. He did not plan to play collegiate basketball. His journey took a tragic turn, however, when his father drowned in July 2006, a month before he was set to leave for college.

He still left for college. But after nearly two months, he decided to leave Fort Lewis College. "It was too soon after my father's death to be away from home," he recalled. "I needed some time with my family."

It was the Spanish teacher at Bristol Bay High School who convinced Zach's mother to reconsider PLU. She did. So did Zach, who enrolled for the fall 2007 semester at PLU.

"I didn't plan on playing basketball here," Zach said. "I didn't have a desire at first, but I got in the gym and shot around a few days. I watched some of these guys play and had a feeling that I could play with them."



In fact, Zach is the only member of the 15-member team who was not actively recruited to play for the Lutes.

"He was unsure when he came out (for the team), but through the rapport he's developed with his teammates, he's gaining confidence," Dickerson said. "The kids like him and he likes the team. It's good for everybody in the program."

What Dickerson especially likes about Zach is his maturity, which developed through adversity.

In addition to losing his father, Zach's 21-year-old brother Peter has Down syndrome. Zach often talks with his mother, who still lives with the family in Naknek.

"I think she's happy for me, but at the same time I think she misses me," Zach said.

"He knows what real adversity is," Dickerson added. "Real adversity is not how many minutes you play or don't play in a basketball game. Real adversity is having a father die and having a brother with Down syndrome."

As Zach adjusts to the competitive level of Division III basketball, he will likely see more playing time. "He has worked hard and he asks questions and tries to do what you tell him to do," Dickerson said. "He does have the athletic talent that can make him successful at this level."

For Zach, all of the hardships he's endured and the long hours he's spent in gyms on dark Alaska nights are worth it. "It's an honor to play college basketball," he said.

Even if he doesn't achieve basketball stardom at PLU, Zach has already proven that while it might be hard to get to Naknek from here, it's not hard to get to PLU from Naknek. □

—Nick Dawson

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ALUMNI COLLEGE 2008

AT THE

OREGON SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL



THE TEMPEST BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, part of last season's dramatic offerings at OSF. Pictured: Ariel (Nancy Rodriguez) with two of her shadows (Paul Michael Garcia, Jeremy Peter Johnson). Photo: Jenny Graham.

PLU Alumni College at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Alumni, parents and friends are invited to attend PLU Alumni College at the renowned Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Nestled in a beautiful southern Oregon valley, the festival is a rich and rewarding experience for those whose love of fine theater parallels their love of scenic surroundings.

Participants leave the morning of Friday, July 11, and travel in style on a fully equipped deluxe coach bus to Ashland, Ore., and the Plaza Inn Suites at Ashland Creek. The hotel is in the heart of downtown and features many room amenities. The trip also includes one group "special event" meal that features a presentation by an Oregon Shakespeare Festival dramaturge (a literary advisor for a theatre company who works with playwrights, and selects and edits scripts). In addition, Jeff Clapp Associate Professor of Theatre and Artistic Director at PLU will be the "scholar in residence" for the trip. He is a 1990 graduate of PLU and earned his MFA from Mankato State University in 1999.

Alumni College participants experience the magic of four plays, including "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare and "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder. Additionally, there is an opportunity to choose from other performances, such as "Coriolanus" or "The Comedy of Errors," and "Othello" or "The Clay Cart." For an additional cost, a few tickets are also available for "Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner."

The cost of the trip is \$750 per person for double occupancy, and \$1025 for single occupancy. This includes transportation to and from PLU, three nights lodging, four theatre performances, a backstage tour and lectures, as well as a special brunch with the whole group. The group returns to PLU on Monday, July 14. Space is limited and reservations are required by May 31 by returning the reservation form or visiting www.plualumni.org.

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- Coriolanus ____ OR The Comedy of Errors ____
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Limited tickets available, additional \$55 each:

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Price per person \$ ____
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Please list the names of registrants:

- I am traveling alone, but would like to share a room.
(Please register as single occupancy and if a single roommate becomes available, we will contact you.)
 Please contact me/us regarding the possibility of meeting the group in Ashland.
 Please contact me/us regarding a payment plan.

Please mail completed registration form and payment no later than May 31. If you are considering the trip, please let us know that with a call or an e-mail to alumni@plu.edu.

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

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List your business on PLU's online community

Two clients encouraged Monica (Kirk '96) Hilliard, who graduated with a degree in biology, to join the Click! after they discovered she was also a Lute. The two alumni not only purchased their new home from Monica, they also told her PLU's Yellow Pages would be a great way to promote her services to the whole PLU community.

Monica has been selling homes in the greater Puget Sound area since 2004 and is currently a realtor in Windemere's Puyallup/Canyon Road office. After her listing in PLU's Yellow Pages brought two additional Lutes her way, Monica decided to give back to PLU by becoming a Q Club member and committed to donating a portion of her commission from every sale to PLU alumni to Q Club.

When asked what she would tell to



Realtor Monica (Kirk '96) Hilliard joined the Click! after two fellow Lutes purchased their new home from her.

people who haven't joined the online community, Monica commented, "Why haven't they? What a great opportunity to network and maintain relationships within this great community."

The PLU Yellow Pages are just one of the many benefits of registering for the online community. It's easy to join – simply go to www.plualumni.org.

The Yellow Pages helped find a real

estate agent for PLU alumni and generated business for Monica. What could they do for you?

Join the A-Team at PLU's Relay for Life!

On April 25 and 26, PLU will host its third annual Relay for Life event. Starting the evening of the 25th and continuing through the next morning, teams of PLU students, faculty, staff, friends and alumni will walk around the track. The event honors the multitude of lives touched by cancer. This is an opportunity to camp out overnight, meet new people and pay tribute to cancer victims, survivors and caregivers, all while helping raise funds for the fight against the disease.

Would you like to reconnect with fellow PLU alumni for this night full of fun, hope and remembrance? As alumni chair of this event, PLU student Jamie Roberts has created a team just for you. You can join Jamie and the "A-Team" by making a donation and/or signing up to walk at www.relayforlifeforplu.com. Click "join a team" and search "alumni." As team captain, Jamie will share fundraising tips and keep everyone updated with event-day logistics. The goal is for each team to have at least 10 members and for each member to raise at least \$100.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 9-11 Montana Connection Events
- March 9 Kalispell, Mont.
- March 10 Helena, Mont.
- March 11 Bozeman, Mont.
- March 12 Billings, Mont.
- March 14 Tables for Eight, PLU, Chris Knutzen Hall
- April 6 Spring Parents Council Meeting, PLU
- April 18-20 Spring Alumni Board Meeting, PLU
- May 3 Spring Donor Banquet, PLU
- May 25 Spring Commencement, Tacoma Dome
- July 11-14 Alumni College 2008 at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival

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



When PLU hosts its second Relay for Life event April 25 and 26, several PLU alumni affinity groups will be paying tribute to cancer victims, survivors and caregivers.

Can you think of friends from one of your PLU affinities that would join you in the Relay for Life? A team leader and at least nine members is all it takes. You can also create your own team www.relayforlifeofplu.com. Simply click "start a team," enter some basic contact

information and a team name, and then you're ready to reconnect this group of friends for a great cause.

Questions about joining the "A-Team" or starting a team of your own can be directed to Student Involvement and Leadership at 253-535-7195.

Homecoming 2008 rescheduled for Oct. 9-12

Due to changes in the NCAA Division III football schedule, there is no longer a Lute football game on the dates originally scheduled as Homecoming weekend. Knowing that Homecoming would feel incomplete for many of you without a gathering of the PLU community cheering for Lute Football, we have adjusted our plans. Mark your calendars for the new dates of Homecoming 2008, October 9-12, and plan on connecting with fellow Lutes on the PLU campus.

Save the dates for Family Weekend 2008

October 31-November 2 will be Family Weekend 2008. There will be faculty, friends, fun, food, and we're certainly hoping for loads of families. Save these dates and stay tuned for a full schedule of events to be released this summer. ☐

Picture Perfect



Twin sisters Robin (Kelley) '87 Crane and Erin (Kelley) '87 Briar and their families currently live in Seoul, Korea, where their husbands both work while serving with the Air Force.



PLU athletes from the '70s meet annually for a full day of good times, good conversation and good golf. Anyone interested in the 2008 game can contact Milka Willis at willism1949@msn.com



Ike Brandt '03, Joel Soden '03, Jens Olsgaard '03 and Michael Fox '04 played in the 2007 Hoopfest Tournament in Spokane. This all-PLU slammin'-jamma crew grew out their mustaches, drained three-point shots and used a stifling defense to dominate the "Under Six-Foot" bracket.

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National 'Nurse of the Year' honor awarded to a true team player

As a first-generation college attendee, Marguerite Samms '88 says she pleaded with the dean of admissions to be admitted to PLU, then leaned on faculty and other students for support. Ultimately, she graduated with honors and a bachelor's of science in nursing.

At first, Samms was insecure about her academic abilities prior to entering college.

"PLU was the turning point for me," Samms said, recalling the moment she was accepted to the university. Since then, she's seen numerous successes, most recently recognized as NurseWeek magazine's Nurse of the Year.

Upon graduation, Samms served in several health care capacities, including stints as a floor nurse and an in-home care provider. For the last five years, Samms has worked as an education director at Tacoma General Hospital. She is currently director of education services for MultiCare Health System's Institute for Learning and Development.

In January 2007, she was nominated for the NurseWeek award by her peers. Samms won the regional award, then flew to Las Vegas for the national gathering. She won that, too.

Samms credits teamwork for her achievement of the honor.

"When you can work with a

Marguerite Samms '88 says her Nurse of the Year recognition is a testament to the value of teamwork.

team, day in and day out, and see that success," Samms said, "you know you all deserve it."

When the opportunity arose to join the Institute for Learning and Development, Samms questioned the change because she enjoyed the ability to directly affect the lives of others. Instead, Samms has found a sense of comfort in her new position. Specifically, she enjoys seeing change in adults as they learn new techniques.

Samms has taught thousands of nurses who have passed through MultiCare's program. In 2006 alone, 230 nurses went through residency, a major accomplishment for Samms and her team.

Samms again credits her education with providing her with a thirst for knowledge.

"PLU," Samms said, "was the most remarkable thing for me."

—Kelsey Liddle '10

Dealing in historical coins proves to be a rare gift



Todd Imhof '86 wasn't planning a career in rare coin dealing when he left PLU with a degree in political science. In fact, he was leaving for New

York to work in the banking business at Chase.

Then a friend from high school pulled him aside and told him about a business idea to sell rare coins. Imhof jumped in, begging off Wall Street and opening

Hertzberg Rare Coins in Tacoma.

"I found myself intrigued by both the coins and the industry," he said. "It seemed right to me, so I decided to give it a shot."

The company grew quickly, and in 1990 was named by Inc. Magazine as one of the fastest-growing small companies in the United States. That same year, he bought-out his partner and renamed the business Pinnacle Rarities, based in Lakewood, Wash., and focused the company on high-end collectors and investors.

"I quickly acquired an appreciation for the history and artistry of coins, and more important, I found I loved dealing with collectors," Imhof said.

"Trading precious metals, along with buying and selling very rare and expensive items and working with astute collector-investors is a great job, and I'm fortunate to love what I do." — Todd Imhof '86

In 1993, at the age of only 25, Imhof became one of the youngest dealers ever accepted as a member of the Professional Numismatists Guild.

In 2005, Imhof made headlines when he purchased, on behalf of a collector, a 1927 \$20 gold piece for \$1.9 million. It still remains the world-record price for a single-issue coin in a public auction. Since then, Imhof has sold items of greater value, including a large collection for over \$15 million.

Currently, Imhof is vice president of Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries. He handles the accounts of Heritage's high net worth clients, and oversees the company's transactions involving complex financial arrangements. At Pinnacle, Imhof oversaw about 10 employees and did about \$25 million worth of business a year. Heritage has more

1933 Babe Ruth All-Star Game jersey.
Image courtesy of Heritage Auction Galleries.



Ultra-high relief graded proof of \$20 coin (1907). Image courtesy of Heritage Auction Galleries.

than 300 employees and does about \$700 million a year.

Since relocating to Dallas in 2006, Imhof has been handling other valuables aside from coins. These include John F. Kennedy's rocking chair from the White House, Buzz Aldrin's memorabilia from his Apollo moon missions, a Chagall painting, a Babe Ruth All-Star jersey and Ulysses S. Grant's Civil War sword – which sold for \$1.5 million.

Then there are the items that are also expensive, but as Imhof notes, less serious. Items such as Anna Nicole Smith's personal diary, which sold for more than \$50,000; a lock of Cuban revolutionary leader Che Guevara's hair, selling for \$100,000; and a rare "Bride of Frankenstein" poster for more than \$300,000.

In total, Imhof spent 18 months at PLU. He recalls his college years as one of finding focus, despite a lack of motivation academically.

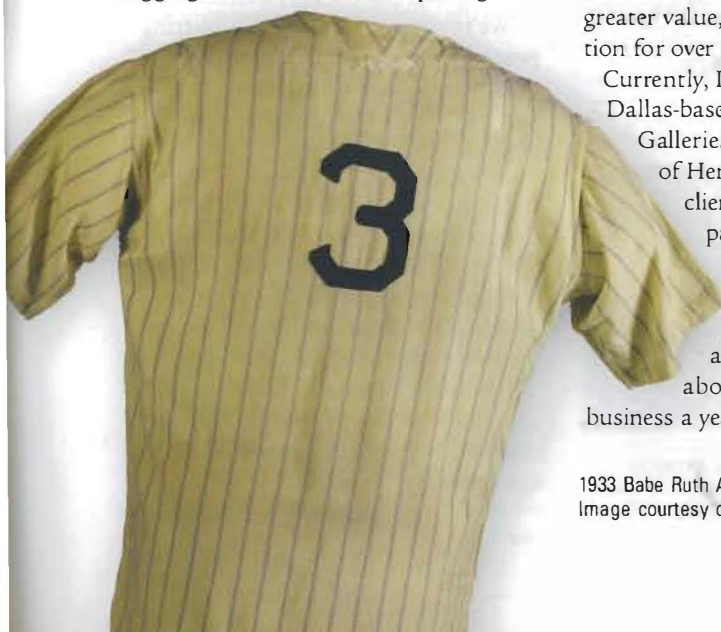
"I just couldn't find an area that interested me," he said. "But I credit a couple of PLU professors for figuring out a way to inspire my learning, including Dick Olufs and Ann Kelleher."

He also met his wife, Heidi Nuss '88, at PLU. The couple have three children, Nicholas, 7, James, 6, and Madison, 1.

"Certainly, the historical significance and artistic beauty of many of these coins holds appeal to me," Imhof concluded. "But it isn't so much the rare coins themselves as much as it is the tangible assets and business in general that I find interesting."

"Trading precious metals, along with buying and selling very rare and expensive items and working with astute collector-investors is a great job, and I'm fortunate to love what I do."

—Barbara Clements



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Crystal Aikin named 'Sunday Best' on BET

On Dec. 4, Crystal Aikin '97 was crowned the winner of Black Entertainment Television's "Sunday Best."

Aikin was selected from thousands of contestants nationwide to perform on the show, a gospel version of Fox's popular singing competition "American Idol." For the grand finale, fans took over the judging, voting for the winner by phone and online. Aikin received the majority of the 1.5 million votes.

Prior to the finale, Aikin returned to her alma mater. In a jam-packed Columbia Center, she sang a medley of songs, thanked the community for their support and signed autographs.

"I'm ready for the challenge," Aikin said at the event, "If I'm so chosen to be 'Sunday Best,' I'm excited and ready."

With the win, Aikin received a recording contract with Zomba Gospel, a new car and \$300,000 tagged for community improvement, which she plans to donate to her church, Christ Life Center Church in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, and to other local charities.

"It has been a faith walk," Aikin said. "You just don't know what the next step is going to be, but you are just trusting in God that you know he's going to order every one of the steps."

Born and raised in Tacoma, Aikin is an emergency room nurse in the area and is the daughter of retired PLU nursing professor Shirley Aikin.

—Megan Haley

Combating poverty and violence around the world

When Kris Roche '85, the founder of the Center for Transforming Mission, describes the typical location where his organization does its work, he identifies two key indicators: poverty and violence.

The Tacoma-based CTM is a non-profit international leadership develop-



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ment organization that provides training to those who work with high-risk youth and families. In the United States, it operates in 14 cities. The organization also works in Central America, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, Thailand, Romania and India. Currently, CTM is working to help the growing gang problems in Guatemala, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

"We're not just dealing with hurting people, we're addressing the systems that are producing the conditions that are so chronic in these places."

—Kris Roche '85



Kris Roche (right) with leaders of a transition home in Nairobi, Kenya, that works with street kids who have been orphaned by AIDS.


"We think grace is like water," Roche said. "It runs downhill and pools up in the lowest places. So, if you want lots of grace, then you have to look in the low places."

Through contacts in Guatemala, Roche created a Web store called www.mudstore.com that sells local coffee called Blue Note and art created by leaders at CTM. All of the proceeds pay for their work around the world.

Roche also has enlisted the help of other Lutes. Joel Zylstra '05 and spouse, Amanda Halverson Zylstra '04, are CTM interns in Nairobi, Kenya, a city riddled with poverty, and more recently, violence over the country's elections.

"We're not just dealing with hurting people," Roche said. "We're addressing the systems that are producing the conditions that are so chronic in these places."

After leaving PLU in the mid-80s, Roche earned a Master's of Divinity at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He later received a doctorate from Seattle's Bakke Graduate University of Ministry. Roche lives in Tacoma with his wife and two sons.

"It was PLU, Bakke Graduate University, Eastern Seminary and all these other places that gave me the opportunity," Roche said. 

—Krista Gunstone '09

giving back

Endowment support ensures growth of 'intellectual capital'

Throughout PLU's history, thousands of alumni and friends of the university have been remarkably generous in providing the financial resources that have helped the university succeed.

This kind of broad support made possible the construction of the first building on campus, Old Main (now Harstad Hall), and the latest, the Morken Center for Learning and Technology, as well as many of the buildings in between. Similar gifts for scholarships for students and support for academic programs and activities have enabled the university to excel in ways that it otherwise could not afford.

Provost Patricia O'Connell Killen believes that endowment gifts are particularly important in support of academics and mission, as they provide a steady stream of resources that the university can use to invest in what she calls its "intellectual capital."

"Endowed gifts are one way that the university ensures that it can carry on its mission in the world," Killen said. "Endowment gifts provide both a certain fiscal flexibility and long-term stability, giving the university the capacity to be nimble and adaptive as it positions itself for the future.

"Faculty are the intellectual capital of a university and just as capital investment is important to any organization, to be vigorous and powerfully effective we must invest in our faculty."

Gifts to the endowment are never spent. Rather, a portion of the investment income from these gifts is used to support the university's mission and educational programs.

The university's endowment has grown significantly in recent years from \$8 million in the early 1990s to more than \$68.5 million today. Deferred gifts and pledges to the endowment now total nearly \$100 million.

In keeping with the objectives specified in the university's long-range plan "PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction" and under Killen's leader-



In the past decade endowment-supported grants for student-faculty research and creative projects at PLU have grown from 10 to more than 50. Here Melissa Youngquist and Stephanie Agoncillo study the tidal areas on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, near Port Angeles, Wash.

Giving Back

This continuing series explores the university's charitable opportunities for alumni and friends to invest in the future and engage the world with Pacific Lutheran University.

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Wellness, recreation and athletic facilities

ship, the academic sector has set out six areas in which future endowment gifts are critical to advancing the quality and distinctiveness of the university's academic program:

- Endowments with a particular global emphasis in faculty development, curriculum development and expanding study-abroad opportunities;
- Support for student-faculty research opportunities that will enhance the educational experience of students and faculty working together one-on-one and in small groups to delve deeply into critical issues across the curriculum;
- Institutionalizing The Wild Hope Project, the core of PLU's commit-

ment to academic excellence, purposeful learning and care for other people, their communities and the earth;

- Named faculty chairs and endowed professorships to bring public recognition to the university and its programs as well as salary support, travel, research stipends and programming funds for faculty members;
- Faculty development funding to provide educational, scholarly, professional and artistic, and leadership development opportunities for faculty; and
- Sponsorship for major symposia, annual lectures, seminars and workshops that are crucial to a flourishing academic culture and extend the explicitly academic resources of the university out into the community.

"I can't emphasize enough how important these development opportunities for academics and mission are," Killen said. "They make it possible for PLU to move into the future with its own kind of Wild Hope, profoundly rooted in its Lutheran tradition of higher education."

Killen calls PLU a global university – on the Pacific Rim, in the Pacific Northwest, in the 21st century – that is positioned to make a difference in the world.

"Our faculty and students walk freely into the world, don't blink at the problems and come up with creative solutions that nudge human existence in the direction of flourishing rather than foundering," she said. "Ultimately that is the profound mission that our donors have supported and will continue to support." [S]

—Greg Brewis

There are many ways to make an investment in the PLU endowment. Contributions can be made outright or through planned giving vehicles, such as a bequest provision, trust, gift annuity or gift of life insurance. To learn more about investment options and ensuring the legacy of PLU, please contact the Office of Development at 253-535-7177 or visit www.plu.edu and click on "Make a Gift."

alumni class notes

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

1934

Alice (Peterson) Hayward died Oct. 21. She is remembered as a loving wife and mother. Preceding her in death was her husband, **William**. Alice is survived by her son, **William**; daughter, **Molly McIlroy**; grandson, **Fred McIlroy**; and nieces and nephews.

1936

Class Representative – **Volly (Norby) Grande**

1938

Howard Kvinsland died Sept. 1. After graduating from PLC, he worked as an educator in the Central Kitsap (Wash.) School District for 35 years. He started his career as the principal of **Chico Grade School** and later served as the Central Kitsap Junior/Senior High School vice principal and as the Central Kitsap Junior High School principal, retiring as assistant superintendent. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and traveling. He was a charter member of the Silverdale (Wash.) Lutheran Church and the Silverdale Rotary Club. Howard is survived by his wife, **Eugenia (Spencer '38)**; children, **Jon '63 (Mari)** and **Nancy Roesch '66 (Paul)**; six grandchildren, including **Craig Kvinsland '92**, and ten great-grandchildren.

Maria Hageness died Sept. 26. In 1918, she moved with her family from Saskatchewan, Canada, to Gig Harbor, Wash., where she taught in the Peninsula School District for more than 30 years. Maria lived on the family farm for much of her life, and in addition to her teaching responsibilities, she cared for her parents in their latter years. She was a longtime member of Harbor Heights Assembly of God Church, where she taught Sunday school and played piano. Maria is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, **Olai '31** and **Sarah Hageness**, and numerous nieces and nephews.

1939

Erling "Snooky" Jurgensen died June 17. After graduating from PLC, he returned to his hometown of Wilbur, Wash., to farm. His family says he was "born to farm." He loved sports, especially football, and was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame. He also enjoyed boating, fishing and hunting with friends and family. He was an active member of his church and served on the church council and the school board for several years. After retirement, Snooky and his wife, **Judy (Gerde '39)**, bought a condominium in

Seattle and enjoyed attending many of their grandsons' events, visiting college friends and attending events at PLU. Judy preceded him in death in January 2007. He is survived by his two daughters, **Nancy (Jurgensen '67) Pearson (Bruce)** and **Janet Jurgensen '72**; his son, **John Jurgensen (Cynthia)**; and his grandsons, **Erik** and **Leif**.

1940

Class Representative – **Luella Toso Johnson**

1941

Ruth Ardelle (Carlson) Freberg died Sept. 6. She taught school in Tacoma for 32 years. She is survived by her son, **John Solie Freberg**; her daughter, **Donna**; and granddaughters, **Jennifer** and **Lauren**.

1943

Class Representative – **Lorna (Rogers) Greer**

1944

Dorothy Annabelle (Jensen) Sola died May 22. Annabelle (the name she preferred) worked at General Insurance Company for 17 years. Never forgetting her roots in Oregon, she returned to the family farm during the summer for many years to help out. She had a wonderful singing voice and one of her fondest of college memories was participating in the choir. While she enjoyed gardening, reading and caring for her home, most agree that her greatest pleasure was found in her relationships with family and friends. Annabelle was accepting and nonjudgmental and had unconditional respect for others. She was followed in death on Aug. 23 by **Anders '42**, her husband of 63 years. Surviving her is her son, **Jim Sola '68** and his wife **Pamela**.

Waletta (Hornshuh) Carlson died Nov. 26. She taught music in both the classroom and on television for over 25 years. She and her husband, **Leroy**, owned and operated Carlson Bros. Jewelry for over 65 years. She had a passion for young people and spent her life ministering to the 35 young people that she and Leroy took into their home and their hearts. A woman of faith, Waletta was also involved with Friendship Bible Coffees and Christian Women's Club for many years. Through those organizations, she influenced the lives of many women. She is survived by Leroy, her husband of almost 63 years; her son, **Carl**, and his wife, **Juanita**; her daughter, **Aleta**; her granddaughter, **Tania**; and her brother, **Fred Hornshuh '44**.

1945

Class Representative – **Annabelle Birkestol**

1947

Class Representative – **Gerry Lider**

Guttorm Gregersen died Aug. 16. He left his studies at PLC to serve as a soldier in the European and Pacific theaters during World War II. After the war, he completed his degree at PLC and went on to earn a degree in journalism at the University of Washington. A man of varied interests, he studied Japanese at the University of Chicago and was a Fulbright scholar at the University of Oslo. In 1951, he began his master's degree at PLC and started teaching in the Tacoma School District. From 1957-1966, Guttorm was a principal for the Department of Defense Schools in France and Germany. In 1966, he returned to Washington and served as an elementary school principal in Puyallup. Throughout his life, he was very involved in the Norwegian-American community and was a correspondent for the *Western Viking* for over 30 years. In recognition of his support of Norwegian culture and his efforts to connect Norwegian emigrants to their homeland, Norway's King Harald V honored him with the Saint Olav's Medal in 2000. Guttorm was an active supporter of PLU and regularly attended university events. He was dedicated to his family, from whom he derived great joy. They remember him as a man of integrity and a great source of strength and compassion. He was preceded in death by Inger, his wife of 58 years. He is survived by his daughter, **Gerd-Inger (Gregersen '72) McDougall (Mark)**; his son, **Paul Gregerson '77 (David Cahall)**; granddaughters, **Heather Liv (McDougall '98) Melver** and her husband, **Erik '96**, and **Annelise McDougall '04**; and great-granddaughters, **Anika Liv** and **Saskia Melver**.

1948

Class Representative – **Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen**

Eldon Kylo died Nov. 15. His college career was interrupted when he served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He flew many missions as a navigator in a B-17 bomber. Returning to PLC, he was an All-American lineman on the legendary 1947 football team, while running The Bug, a local hamburger joint. Eldon began teaching and coaching at Parkland School. When the Korean War broke out, he re-activated. He and his wife, **Helen "Topsy" (Ramstad '50)** lived in Hawaii and on Johnston Island in the North Pacific Ocean until 1952. He returned to teach and coach football at Franklin Pierce High School in the Tacoma School District. In 1968, Eldon began his career as a school administrator. He served at Washington High School and Parkland Grade School in

Parkland, Wash., at the International School of Manila in the Philippines; and at the Department of Defense School in Lome, Togo, Africa. He was inducted into both the PLU and the Pierce County athletic halls of fame. He was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland and is remembered as a kind and loving man. His survivors include **Helen**; his son **Jeffrey Kylo**; daughter **Jennifer (Kylo '79) Honeycutt** and her husband, **Jeff**; daughter **Kristine (Kylo '81) Walton** and her husband, **Jeff '82**; son **Andrew Kylo '84**, and his wife, **Marie**; and ten grandchildren.

1950

Class Representative – **Dick Weathermon**

Robert Baird died July 6. After graduating from PLC, he received his master's degree from Purdue University in 1957. He retired in February 2006 from Nielsen Media Research. He served for 37 years in the military as a commander in the Naval Aviation Division. He was a member of the Chemical Engineering Society, the U.S. Naval Association and Redeemer Lutheran Church. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, **Dolores**; sons, **Andrew** and **Robb**; daughters, **Marcia Schuur** and **Andrea Powner**; 14 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Don Anderson died on Oct. 5. He spent his entire working career at the ASARCO Tacoma smelter and refinery, retiring in 1984. Fishing, golf, bowling and traveling were some of his favorite pastimes, along with faithfully supporting his 11 grandchildren at their sporting events, recitals, concerts and other activities. He was an active member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Tacoma and the PLU Q Club. Don is survived by his wife, **Rita**; his sister **Marjorie (Anderson '51) Kunschak**; sons **Douglas (Joanna)**, **Don (Shannon)** and **Jon (Sherri) Anderson**; daughter **Marjie (Randy) Rochester** and many loving friends and relatives.

1951

Buehl Berentson died Nov. 9. He served on the crew of a liberty ship in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1954, he became a partner in an insurance and securities business. He was elected to the Anacortes (Wash.) City Council, served one term as president of the Anacortes Kiwanis Club and was the first president of the Skagit County Economic Development Association. In 1959, after campaigning for the Republican nomination to the State Senate, he accepted the position of administrative assistant for U.S. Congressman Jack Westland and moved with his wife, **Verna**, to the Washington, D.C., area. In 1964, they returned to Washington state, making their home in Everett as he began a job

with the National Republican Congressional Committee. They lived in Everett until 1969, when he served first as executive director of the Republican Governors Association and then as director of the National Republican Senate Campaign Committee. In 1977, the family returned to Buehl's hometown of Anacortes, where Buehl and Verna worked in the real estate profession. They bought their own agency in the late 1980s and retired in 1996. Buehl was also a man of faith and served Anacortes Lutheran Church in many capacities. He is survived by Verna, his wife of 60 years, seven children, 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Loyd Harvey died on Oct. 14. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1945 and at the end of World War II, he returned to Tacoma to attend PLC. He began his teaching career in Aberdeen, Wash., in 1954. In 1961, he moved with his family to Bellevue, Wash., where he taught until his retirement at age 59. Loyd was an avid golfer and outdoorsman and loved the Northwest. He also loved his family and many wonderful friends.

Benjamin Hanson died Nov. 11. Before coming to PLC, he served in the military at the end of World War II. He went on to graduate from law school at the University of Washington and opened his law practice in Tacoma. Ben entered local politics, was elected to the Tacoma City Council and appointed by the council in 1958 as the then youngest mayor of Tacoma. He was elected mayor of Tacoma by popular vote in 1960, and upon completion of his term in 1962, he left politics for his private law practice until his retirement. Ben and his wife of 57 years, **Doris (Steiro '49)**, had many enduring friendships. He was preceded in death by Doris. Surviving him are his daughters, Kristi Abegglen (Walter) and Rebecca Christian; his son, Gerhard "Hardy" Hanson; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1952
Cecil Tungsvik went with her whole family to the Grand Canyon for a week in September.

1953
Class Representatives – Naomi (Roe) Notthstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

1955
Class Representative – Phyllis (Grah) Pejsa

1956
Class Representatives – Ginny (Grah) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

Jean (Christianson) Wolfe died Oct. 17. She graduated from PLC with a degree in drama and was the star of many theatrical productions at the college. Because of her talent, her drama instructor helped connect her with the American Theater

Wing in New York City. While in Manhattan, she worked in the theater, in the garment district and eventually commuted to New Jersey to teach. Always adventurous, Jean taught for the U.S. Air Force in Puerto Rico and in Tripoli, Libya. Her travels took her to Mexico, Europe, Russia, China and parts of Canada. While living in Portland, Ore., she cared for her aging parents and taught in the David Douglas School District for several years. During the summers, she loved to attend theater in Ashland, Ore. In 1978, Jean married Bob Wolfe, thereby gaining another special family. Surviving her are Bob; her two stepsons, Gregory and Randall Wolfe; six step-grandchildren; and many other family members and friends.

1957
Class Representative – Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

Winnifred (Mitton) Nusbaum died Aug. 3. While at PLC, she was a member of the music ministry and Choir of the West. She was an active member of her church and belonged to Bible Study Fellowship, Women's Aglow, Elijah Group Ministry, and Tacoma Prayer and Healing Rooms. She is survived by her husband, **Galen '57**; daughters Elizabeth (Bill) Kellum and Diana (Brian) Herron; son David (Vesta) Nusbaum; and six grandchildren.

1958
Class Representative – Don Cornell

Theodore Bondurant died July 3. He received his doctorate from Lutheran Theological Seminary in 1961 and a degree in education in 1971. He served as a Lutheran pastor in Bloomfield, Iowa, from 1961-67. In 1975, he moved to the Olympic Peninsula, where he worked in logging and in a cedar shake mill on the West End. Ted was a member of the Forks Library Board and was involved in the Citizens Watchdog Committee for Clearwater Prison Camp. He also worked to get Jefferson Transit routes on the West End. He is survived by his sister, Susan Bondurant, and three nephews.

1959
Class Representative – Todd Penson

William Nelson died Aug. 5. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines and then served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. Returning from the service, Bill began working for the National Pacific Railroad while attending PLU. He went on to work for the Tacoma School District, serving as a teacher and administrator for over 30 years. Bill was active in his community, dedicating years to the Tacoma Boys Club and Camp, the Masonic Lodge and the Daffodilians. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Anne; his son, Bill (Linda); his daughter, Paula (Pete); and five grandchildren.

Dick Londgren is the author of a new novella, "Big Shy in the Big Sky", which focuses on a former West Point basketball star (Big Shy, a reserved Scandinavian-American) assigned to NATO's "Operation Beowulf." Like the mythological story of Beowulf, he crosses the Baltic Sea to try to slay the "dragon," which in his case is the Russian Mafia in Estonia. Nearly killed, he must be rescued, rehabbed, renamed and relocated; but the threat of mafia revenge continues to haunt him. Dick included a reference to PLU in his work.

1960
Class Representative – Marilu (Miller) Person

Liv Anne (Boveng) Kittilsby died Nov. 16. She lived in Norway during World War II and had special memories of taking eggs to Russian prisoners of war who were incarcerated just blocks from her family home. When she was 12, she immigrated to the United States with her family. After graduation from PLU, she married fellow PLU classmate **Jim Kittilsby**, whom she had known since high school in Kalispell, Mont. Jim, now retired, was also a baseball coach and assistant athletic director at PLU. After raising her family, Liv Anne worked in the banking industry. She traveled all over the world

and had a passion for skiing and hiking. In the community, she taught Norwegian language, baking and knitting. She also sewed and delivered doll clothes to orphanages in Russia. Liv Anne served as past president of the PLU's Women's Club and was active in Lutheran church organizations. Surviving her are Jim; her son, **Tim '84** and his wife, **Lisa (Miles '84) Kittilsby**; her daughter, **Kim Kittilsby '84**; and grandsons Eric and Parker.

Nancy Seitz joined fellow classmates, **Ann (Johnson) Clifton, Shirley (Harmon) Hanson, Judy (Hawkins) Langstrom, Pat (Thorkildson) Gomachlich, Carlene (Carlson) Russell, and Salli (Bierman) Taylor**, for a reunion of the PLC Nursing Class of 1960 in Portland, Ore., on Sept. 13. They had a tour of Emanuel Hospital, where they had spent two years for clinical skills. The next reunion will be at PLU in 2010.

1961
Class Representative – Ron Lerch

Rollie Wulff died on Aug. 4. He earned a master's degree in theater from the University of Portland in 1965. After a season with an acting company at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, he taught speech and theater at Clark College in 1966. In the late 1970s, Rollie left Clark

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College to work with his father in the real estate business. They opened an office in Battle Ground, Wash. He is remembered as an entrepreneur, educator, activist and visionary. He promoted energy-efficient homes and worked on public power issues. He pursued theater projects in Portland, Seattle and Olympia and volunteered at the Center for Wooden Boats on Lake Union in Seattle. He enjoyed fishing, boating, camping and skiing. In later years, he worked in construction and real estate development on Hood Canal. Survivors include his daughters, Eve Boe, Alenka Rudolph, and Emily Combs; his son, Isaac Wulff, and eight grandchildren.

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkell) Matthias

Ken Riggers died July 15. He taught biology and chemistry for 29 years in the Edmonds (Wash.) School District. In "retirement," he opened Riggers Home Repair & Remodel. Active in the church and passionate about his family, he is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Marcia; his daughter, **Martha '91** (Kip); his son, Joe (Melany); and three grandchildren.

1963

Class Representative – Merl and Joan (Maier) Overland

Keith Charboneau died Oct. 20. He served 37 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel. Making his home in Lakewood, Wash., he owned and operated Ponders Auto Parts and Rochester National Auto Parts, before becoming a real estate agent for Coldwell Banker-Bain. He also served on his church's council and the Tacoma Power Squadron. In his semi-retirement, he and his wife of 45 years, Linda, loved to be on their boat with their boating buddies. Keith was a man of deep faith and had a great love for his family and friends – and for life. He is survived by Linda; his daughter, **Renee-Michelle (Charboneau '86) Kirk** and her husband, Barry; his son, Troy Charboneau and his wife, Shawna; and five grandchildren.

Sherwood Glover is serving as assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy and Mobility in the Grand Canyon Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and as the deployed associate in ELCA Region 2 for the Contextual Leadership Initiative of Luther Seminary and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Bruce Alexander died Sept. 3. While at PLU, he was awarded an All-American Honorable Mention honor in football, and an All-Conference Honorable Mention honor in basketball. After graduation, he began his career in education, which included college administration. He also worked in county government and was a private business owner. Bruce was a longtime high school, college and semi-

professional basketball official and ascended to the top level of his profession as a referee for the National Basketball Association. He was the first individual from the Tacoma-Pierce County area to break into the NBA, where he retired after 20 years. In 2005, he was inducted into the Tacoma-Pierce County Sports Hall of Fame. Bruce is survived by his wife, Joyce; his children, Shannon (Clayton), Bret (Theresa), Lisa (William), and Todd (Mary); nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1965

Class Representative – David Wytko

1966

Class Representative – Frank Johnson

1967

Class Representative – Craig Bjorklund

Wayne Saverud is vice president of the board of Immanuel Lutheran Corporation, a 159-bed nursing home and 100-unit congregate and assisted living complex in Kalispell, Mont. He also serves on the Kalispell City Council and the major gifts committee for Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp. He is a former member of the PLU Board of Regents and a past president of the PLU Alumni Board. Wayne and his wife, Sheryl, have two daughters. **Sara '02** is a teacher in Washington, and Anna is enrolled in law school at the University of Montana.

1968

Cheryl (Smith) Gundy died Aug. 15. She taught third and fourth grade in Tacoma Public Schools for 31 years, 26 years at Fawcett Elementary School and five years at Sherman Elementary School. She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Steven; her daughter, Ashley Smith and her husband Michael; grandsons Ryan and William Smith; sister, Sandra Loar and her husband Jim; and grandfather Henry Walters.

Kenneth Sammons died Oct. 3. He taught music in Washington public schools for 37 years, including six years in the White River School District and 24 years in the Bethel School District. Upon "retirement," he taught for three years at All Saints School in Puyallup and then returned to the Bethel School District for an additional four years, until he "really retired." Beyond the classroom, Ken touched the lives of hundreds of piano students and several high school Christian singing groups, and directed several church choirs. He was a man of deep faith, and a giving man with a huge heart. Surviving him are his wife of 52 years, Ruth Ann; his four daughters, **Debbie (Sammons '79) Farrell** and husband Andy, Sue Myrick and husband Jim, JoAnn Gibson and husband Chuck, Janet Caldon and husband Pat; and nine grandchildren.

Gary Beard went to work for Alteon, a Boeing company, after retiring last year

from United Airlines. He is a synthetic flight simulator instructor near London, England, training airline pilots in Europe, Africa and India.

1969

Class Representative – Rick Nelson

Georgiann (Kullberg) Young lives in Los Angeles. Her sixth grandchild, a girl, was recently born to her daughter Catherine, who already had two boys. Her daughter Kristin has three daughters. Georgiann is a church secretary at Westchester Lutheran Church in Westchester, Calif., and a roving substitute teacher.

1970

Class Representative – Bill Allen

Joanne (Lanzendorfer) Schaller died Nov. 14. After graduating from PLU, she earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Washington. She married Robert Schaller, and their daughter, Amy, was born in 1981. Joanne returned to nursing in 2000 and worked until she left for a tour of China in June 2007. It was on that trip that she sustained the injuries that ultimately resulted in her death. She is survived by Amy; her sister, Judy Naught and husband Stephen; and her nieces and nephews.

Richard Bilyeu died Oct. 6. He worked in the automobile industry for 40 years, most recently at Topping Volvo of Olympia. He is remembered for his quick wit and generosity. Dick's mother, Helen Rohde, survives him.

1971

Class Representative – Joe Hustad, Jr.

Paul Johnson has changed his focus to end-of-life care after 30 years in family medicine. He is the medical director for Skagit Hospice Services in Mount Vernon, Wash.

1972

Class Representative – Molly Stuen

1973

Class Representative – Karen (Wraalstad) Robbins

Karen (Wraalstad) Robbins retired from teaching in the Bethel School District in Washington in June 2006, after 33 years. She is now the class representative for the Class of 1973.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

Ann (Balerud) Stump is a critical care nurse in the neurosurgical unit at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas, Texas. She has been married for 34 years to Dr. Brian Stump, who holds the endowed chair of geophysics at Southern Methodist University. Her son Kevin was

married in 2006 and is an electrical engineer with Agilent Technology. Daughter Julia, married in 2004, is a third-grade teacher. They all live in the Dallas area.

Kim Nordberg was part of a group of mentors accompanying 24 University of Southern California dental students on a mission trip to Guatemala in April 2007. His son, Eric, was one of the USC students who participated in this effort to treat the people of Guatemala City as part of an outreach program for Verbo Church. This April, he and Eric will repeat the mission, this time accompanied by his daughter, Maggie, who is a nursing student. Kim practices at Summit View Family Dentistry in Puyallup, Wash.

1975

Class Representative – Helen Pohlig

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Kurt Nowadnick "graduated" from Monroe High School in June after 30 years of teaching. He's now working for an Atlas Van Lines agent, Evergreen Moving, in Everett, Wash. He and his wife, **Deanna (Thorp '76)**, have been married 26 years. Older son **Kyle '07** graduated from PLU in business (human resources) in December. He received the Pinnacle Award for leadership and service to PLU and the community. Younger son Kevin is a junior at Eastern Washington University, majoring in urban and regional planning.

Christine (Erickson) Urata is an assistant professor of nursing for the University of Alaska Anchorage, working in Juneau with the AAS Outreach Nursing Degree Program.

Karen (Peterson) Taylor and her husband, Dennis, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last July. They are the proud parents of Elspeth, a Valparaiso University English major, and Stephen, a University of Southern California jazz studies major. Their nephew, Sam, is a current PLU student. Karen was honored in September 2007 for her 20 years as an ELCA associate in ministry. She lives in Buena Park, Calif., where she works at Saint Timothy Lutheran Church/School.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

Patricia (Eisenbise) Deal is serving on the advisory board of the Lakewood Senior Activity Center. She lives in Lakewood, Wash.

1978

Class Representative – Pete Mattich

William Katsarsky died Aug. 28. He joined the U.S. Army in 1954 and served his country as an infantryman through three tours of duty in Vietnam. After 21

years of service, he retired and made his home in the Pacific Northwest. After graduating from PLU, he went on to earn his Masters of Business Administration degree from Southern Illinois University/Edwardsville. Bill was an avid book collector, computer enthusiast and movie buff. He enjoyed good company, good debates and good food. He leaves behind the love of his life for the past 30 years, Kathy Cooper.

1979

Class Representatives – Dave and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Al Bessette married Vicki Fry, his high school sweetheart, July 3 at Bradley Lake Park in Puyallup, Wash. Performing the ceremony was Deacon **Mark Zier**, husband of **Beth (Coughlin) Zier**. Also in attendance were **Bonnie (Coughlin) Blair**, **Steve Ridgway '76**, and longtime friend **Chuck Johnston**, father of **Josh '97** and **Jeremy '00 Johnston**. The day was made even more special when Al's mother was baptized by Deacon Zier prior to the wedding ceremony. A special time was also set aside to honor and celebrate the life of Al's brother, Marty, who passed away on May 10. Al and Vicki live in Virginia Beach, Va., where Al is self-employed as an addictions counselor, and Vicki is a fourth-grade teacher.

1980

Class Representative – Drew Nelson

Marvin Lansverk teaches 18th century British literature at Montana State University. A full professor, he is finishing his 20th year in the English department there. Marvin's wife is **Kay (Landerholm) '81**. Their oldest daughter, Allison, is a freshman at PLU. They live in Bozeman, Mont.

1981

Class Representative – Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

Dianna (Koneman) Johnston received a full-time appointment as a nursing instructor/outreach coordinator at Eastern Idaho Technical College in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She is responsible for the development and coordination of all outreach nursing programs in Eastern Idaho.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Margaret (Ferguson) Wilson died June 19. She graduated cum laude from PLU with a degree in communication. She is survived by her mother, Grace Ferguson; sister and brother-in-law, Penny and Tedd Walters; her niece, Molly and her nephew, Darrick

Kirk Lيدر was promoted to director of sales and marketing for General Plastics Manufacturing Company in Tacoma.

1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

Elaine Schmiegl Larson died Aug. 6. She earned a second master's degree from Central Washington State College. She was a dedicated and respected preschool, elementary, junior high school and special education teacher, and an advocate for children. Elaine was also a talented real estate agent, working in the greater Tacoma area.



Carl Bjornstal (Sgt. First Class) completed a 12-month tour in Iraq in December as a special operations operative. He began a new assignment in Afghanistan on Dec. 24.

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Scott Ransom was recently appointed as president of the University of North Texas Health Science Center in Fort Worth, which consists of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Public Health, School of Health Professions, Graduate School in Biomedical Sciences and the Physician Assistant Studies Program.

Carolyn (Crawford) Brooks is a children and youth services librarian for El Dorado County in California.

Peggy Ann (Bradford) Rufener was honored in September by the Healthcare Financial Management Association with a Reeves Silver Founders Award. This award recognizes individual achievement in local chapters. Peggy is a board member for her chapter and co-chair of the operations counsel. She previously served as the registration chair for their quarterly meetings and conferences. She is a clinic manager at Cascade Medical Center in Leavenworth, Wash.

1985

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

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Leslie Johnson is senior director of engineering operations for Oracle in Santa Clara, Calif. She lives in Campbell, Calif.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Michael Jacobson is based in Los Angeles with United Airlines as a captain of Boeing 767/757 aircraft. When he's not flying, he coaches soccer and baseball, and enjoys time with his children. He lives in Lake Oswego, Ore.

Kim (Brownsberger) Gunnerson successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis in

physical chemistry on Oct. 18. Her research focused on using computer modeling to simulate molecular interactions. She teaches at the University of Washington Bothell.

1988

Class Representative – Brenda Ray Scott

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro

Fatahiyah Abdullah started a new job as a senior administrator with AACCE Technologies in Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia, after working over 17 years for her previous employer.

1990

Class Representative – Sean Neely

Lorna (Cedergren) Stuart received her master's degree in physical therapy from Texas Woman's University after graduating from PLU. She worked several years as a pediatric physical therapist. She's now a stay-at-home mom, who loves hanging out with her husband, Scott, and their kids: Abigail, 4; Elizabeth, 2; and Matthew, 1.

Rachelle Leigh McGinnis was promoted to associate dean of continuing education and apprenticeship at Bates Technical College in Tacoma.

Elizabeth (Jacobson) Kammers and her husband, Thad, live in Okanogan, Wash., where Thad is Okanogan County's correction officer.

1992

Class Representative – Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

In Memoriam

1934

Alice (Peterson) Hayward on Oct. 21.

1938

Maria Hageness on Sept. 26.
Howard Kvinsland on Sept. 1.

1939

Erling Jurgensen on June 17.

1941

Ruth Ardelle (Carlson) Freberg on Sept. 6.

1942

Anders Sola on Aug. 23.

1944

Dorothy (Jensen) Sola on May 22.
Waletta (Hornshuh) Carlson on Nov. 26.

1947

Guttorm Gregersen on Aug. 16.

1948

Eldon Kylo on Nov. 15.

1950

Don Anderson on Oct. 5.

Robert Baird on July 6.

1951

Loyd Harvey on Oct. 14.

Buehl Berentson on Nov. 9.

Benjamin Hanson on Nov. 11.

1956

Jean (Christianson) Wolfe on Oct. 17.

1957

Winnifred (Mitton) Nusbaum on Aug. 3.

1958

Theodore Bondurant on July 3.

1959

William Nelson on Nov. 5.

1960

Liv Anne Kittilsby on Nov. 16.

1961

Rollie Wulff on Aug. 4.

1962

Kenneth Riggers on July 15.

1963

Bruce Alexander on Sept. 3.

Keith Charboneau on Oct. 20.

1968

Cheryl (Smith) Gundy on Aug. 15.
Kenneth Sammons on Oct. 3.

1970

Richard Bilyeu on Oct. 6.
Joanne (Lanzendorfer) Schaller on Nov. 14.

1978

William Katsarsky on Aug. 28.

1982

Margaret (Ferguson) Wilson on June 19.

1983

Elaine (Schmiegl) Larson on Aug. 6.

Faculty and staff

David Vinje died Nov. 12 in North Dakota. Dave joined the faculty in 1970. His PLU career spanned 30 years, and he entered phased retirement in 2000. He was a leader in the economics department and is fondly remembered by his colleagues. Bob Jensen, also professor emeritus in the department, notes that Dave was a true champion for the role economics plays in a liberal arts curriculum. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and two sons.

Isabel Harstad Watness died January 3. She was the granddaughter of founding president Bjug Harstad. Isabel graduated from PLC in 1946, where she met her husband, Luther Watness '48. In 1985, Isabel joined the PLU staff as executive secretary in the humanities, and worked for the university until 1995. Isabel and her family established the Harstad Lecture in memory of Bjug Harstad, as well as an endowment to fund a series of lectures that helped carry out Harstad's wish that Scandinavian-Americans not lose touch with their ancestral culture and traditions. She is survived by her daughters Kathleen '71, Elisabeth, and Andrea (Dauterman) '86, and sons Eric '70, Rolf, David '82, and Philip.

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Dag Kuhle-Gotovac is head of administration at The Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo. His wife, Marija, is an advisor to refugee minors. They have two children: Tom, 4, and Eira, 7.

Brenda Boxx married Carl Lamb Sept. 8 in Lake Oswego, Ore. **Anna (Eklund) Faker** was the matron of honor. In attendance were **Kay Vorderstrasse**, **Rebecca Benson**, **Kelly (Munyon) Scotchler**, **Michelle (Perry '95) Moore**, and **Dale '63 and Jolita (Hyland '63) Benson**. Brenda is a physical therapist at Tuality Hospital, and Carl is a director of finance for Swan Island Networks. They live in Lake Oswego, Ore.

1993
 Class Representative – Barbara (Murphy) Hesner

Tana (Jones) Gudbranson owns and operates two businesses: Gudi Bags, a line of laptop computer carrying cases for women (www.gudibags.com), and Gudi, Inc., a creative design and marketing consulting agency (www.gudiinc.com). She has a son, Jax, 5. They live in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Beth Cullom is owner and director of Cullom Gallery, which opened for business Nov. 1 in Seattle's Pioneer Square. The gallery specializes in Japanese woodblock prints and drawings from the 18th century to the present. Her husband, Dan Walker, is a project manager with Schuchart Corporation. They live in Seattle with their daughter, Julia Walker, 2.

Sandra Nestor is a nurse manager with the United States Air Force. She returned from deployment to Iraq, where she worked as a trauma nurse in the emergency department at Balad Air Force Base. Sandy's permanent duty station is Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland.

1994
 Class Representatives – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Dverland) Hauck

1995
 Class Representatives – Krista Sickert-Bush and Stephanie Page-Lester



Alison Grande married James Musser on June 15 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Wash. The reception was at the Seattle Yacht Club. Alison is a television news reporter for KIRO-TV, Channel 7, in Seattle. James is a senior financial analyst at Weyerhaeuser.

1996
 Class Representatives – Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman

Anita (Ronning) Jensen completed her master's degree in speech and hearing at

Portland (Ore.) State University in 2005. She is taking a year's leave of absence from her job as a speech-language pathologist in the Beaverton (Ore.) School District to be home with her son, Lars, 10 months. Her husband, John, is a civil engineer. They live in Lake Oswego, Ore.

1997
 Class Representatives – Andy and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Tracey (Sund) Czar; her husband, Tony; and their daughter, Sophia, 2, recently relocated back to Washington after 10 years to be closer to family and friends. Tracey is now working as a CASA coordinator/guardian ad litem for the Pierce County Juvenile Court. Tony is an attorney. They live in the Tacoma area.

1998
 Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Eric Moody received a Ph.D. in social psychology and developmental cognitive neuroscience from the University of Denver in June. He is a data analyst for National Jewish Medical and Research Center. In April, he will begin a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Colorado at Denver Health Sciences Center to conduct a three-year study of autism.

Jesse (Gardner) Michener became an administrator at the Olympia Waldorf School in January. She and her husband, **Mikel '97**, live in Ruston, Wash.



Meagyn Keys married Soumen Karmakar Nov. 24 at the Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst in Portland, Ore. **Emily Keys '00** was maid of honor, while

Erika (Thompson) Anderson and Amber (Davidson) Padilla served as bridesmaids. **Teal (Rainwater) Morse** was a candle-lighter. Their best man was **Morgan Keys '07** and groomsmen included **Jason Morse '98**. They traveled to Durgaur, India, to have a reception with Soumen's family on Dec. 30th. Meagyn is in her ninth year of teaching high school English in the West Linn-Wilsonville (Ore.) School District. She also serves as the junior class advisor at West Linn High School. Soumen is a lead engineer at Intel Corp. They live in Beaverton, Ore.

1999
 Class Representative – Julie (Bulow) von Dennenwitz

Alana (Dellatan) Seaton and her husband, Joel, were living in New Orleans until Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005. She lost her car in eight feet of water, and they lost most of the belongings that had

been stored in their garage. Although the majority of their personal belongings were relatively unscathed, (they lived on the second floor of a house), they ended up giving away most of their furniture to their neighbor, who had lost everything in her first floor home. They briefly relocated to Atlanta, so that Alana could finish thesis research for her Master of Music Therapy degree, but have finally settled (for the time being) in the Knoxville, Tenn., area to be near some of Joel's family for support. They are starting their lives over from scratch, and Alana is attempting to re-start a private music therapy practice. They still have ties to and friends in the New Orleans area, and have gone back for visits.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Christian Cory is station manager for Alaska Airlines at Fairbanks (Alaska) International Airport.

Matthew Tucker owns Northwest Computer, Financial & Social Services. He lives in Tacoma.



Kelly Harr married **Ryan Allen** Aug. 18 in Conifer, Colo. Attendants included **Carolyn Cichanski**, **Erin Eddington-**

Alden and **Jacob Alden '99** were among the guests. Kelly and Ryan are spending the year on a working holiday in New Zealand, where they live in Christchurch. Kelly is a software engineer and Ryan is a biologist.

2001

Class Representative – Keith Pranghofer



Eric Ruthford married **Miriam Moser** Sept. 2 at Holy Virgin Orthodox Cathedral in San Francisco. Current PLU student **Patrick**

Ruthford was a groomsman, and **Christina Murray** was in attendance. Eric and Miriam live in Spokane.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Justin Foster married **Cora Reuter '00** Aug. 14 in a small beach ceremony on the island of St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where they were engaged in 2005. Justin was promoted to vice president of professional services at Whatcounts Inc. in Seattle. Cora continues to teach violin lessons and perform locally. In December, she toured regionally with the Tran-Siberian Orchestra for



Christmas concerts in Seattle's Key Arena and Rose Garden Arena in Portland, Ore. Their daughter, Mera, was born in October 2006.

They live in Federal Way, Wash., and maintain a blog and photos at www.justinandcora.zoomshare.com.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Paige Jamieson married **Jeff Carroll '02** July 12 in Maui. Paige is a high school math teacher and coach in the Lake Washington School District, and Jeff is a strength and conditioning coach. They live in Kirkland, Wash.

Doug Ullrich and his wife, **Laura**, were married March 10, 2007, in Tucson. Doug is a network engineer for Northrop Grumman. Laura works in student affairs at the University of Arizona. They live in Vail, Ariz.

John Hartsough is a para-substitute in the Clover Park School District. He lives in Lakewood, Wash.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

Maggie Eastman married **Jonathan Woods '05** Nov. 11 in Puyallup, Wash. Maggie is a records specialist for the City of Tacoma and Jonathan is a carpenter. They live in Tacoma.

2005

Class Representative – Micheal Steele



Andy Sprain married **Erin Wolf '06** on Sept. 2 at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp near Ft. Collins, Colo. Lutes in the wedding party

included **Colin McNamara**, **Leah Sprain '03**, **Sharon Maloney '06** and **Audrey Knutson '07**. Andy and Erin are the directors of youth and family ministry at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ft. Collins and continue to work for Lutheran Ranches of the Rockies.

Scott Stauffer is working on his master's degree in public policy at Oregon State University in Corvallis. His wife, **Sara (Stores) Stauffer**, is a physical education/health teacher at Portland's Central Catholic High School.

Jessica (Boye) Thompson is a discipleship coordinator at Mount Cross Lutheran Church in University Place, Wash. Her husband, **Luke**, teaches auto-

motive technology at Decatur High School. They live in Tacoma.



Heidi Larsen married **Jonathan Ludeman** Oct. 13 at Hillcrest Chapel in Bellingham, Wash. They hon-

ey-mooned on the Caribbean island of St. Lucia. PLU alumni in the wedding party included maid of honor **Erika Larsen '01**, bridesmaids **Erin (Feutz '04) Loe** and **Sara Shideler '04**, and groomsman **Bjorn Larsen '03**. **Zachary Zimmerman '02** served as an usher. Read in both English and Norwegian was 1 Corinthians 13. The maid of honor wore a traditional Norwegian bunad, and kranssekake and krumkake were served along with the wedding cake. Heidi works for Pacific West Financial Group as a compliance associate. Jonathan works for Ludeman Capital Management as a financial advisor.

2006

Christine Pettigrew married **Michael Wagner '05** Oct. 21, 2006, at The Vault in Tacoma. Christine is an operations manager/franchise trainer for E.C.S. Co. LLC. Michael is a business analyst. They live in Renton, Wash.

Laura Adamson, KPLU traffic manager, recently finished a seven-month volunteer effort as part of the call committee at The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Olympia. Some of Laura's fellow teammates were **Leo Eliason '62** and **Carolyn Wagner '94**, as well as former PLU athletic director and dean of the School of Physical Education, **David Olson (1968-94)**. The lead pastor called was **John Rosenberg**, who has taught part-time in PLU's religion department. He and his wife, **Nancy (Faaren '76)**, have two daughters who are PLU grads **Liv '01** and **Britt '05**. Nancy was hired as the principal at Capital High School in Olympia.

Erin Donnithorne is a disability analyst for the State of Oregon. She bought a house with **Mackenzie Gray '06** in Salem, Ore.

2007

Elyse Umemoto is the current Miss Washington. When she was crowned last summer, she made history as the first Native American to win the crown. Her platform was titled "Embracing Diversity, Empowering Women."

Future Lutes

1990



Gratia (Stolee) Barton and her husband, **Jeff**, announce the birth of **Alair Noel** on Dec. 4. She joins big brother **Lucas**, 7.

1992



Karen (Kelley) Mares and her husband, **John**, happily announce the birth of their son, **Ryan Andrew**, on Nov.

7. He joins big sister **Kelley**. Karen is a Gymboree Play & Music teacher, and John is an I.T. specialist with Bonneville Power Administration. They live in Portland, Ore.

1993

Jenny Berk and her husband, **Alex Hoffner**, announce the birth of **Sara Rebecca**, on March 3, 2007. They live in Evans, Ga., where Jenny is an artist and Alex is an associate pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Brad Chatfield and his wife, **Elizabeth**, announce the birth of **Zachary Paul** on Oct. 4. He joins **Liam Peyton**, 2. They live in Puyallup, Wash.



Catherine (Johnson) Mulhall and her husband, **Brian**, were very happy to welcome their daughter,

Isabella Lucia, on May 24, 2004. – a mirror image of her daddy. Catherine has been a psychotherapist with Rainier Associates in Tacoma since returning from Washington, D.C., in 2004. Brian recently completed his commitment to the U.S. Army and has joined Tacoma Digestive Disease Center as a gastroenterologist. They live in the north end of Tacoma.

Kristin (Stevens) Koskinen and her husband, **Sean**, announce the birth of **James Magnus** in September. He joins **Will**, 9, **John**, 7, and **Catherine**, 2. Kristin is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Kennewick, Wash.

1995



Corey Bray and his wife, **Leslie**, announce the birth of their first child, **Luke Conner**, born on November 8. Corey is an

assistant athletics director at Eastern Kentucky University and Leslie is the director of athletics marketing at the University of Kentucky. They live in Richmond, Kentucky.

1996

Kristin and **Matthew '00 Kress-Weitenhagen** welcomed **Madelyn Ann Kress-Weitenhagen** on Sept. 30, 2006. Kristin and Matthew were married in Idaho on Nov. 24, 2001. Attending were **Jerry '61** and **Gwen (Thomas '61) Kress**, **Keith Dussell '97**, **Onora Lien '00** and



Timothy Brennan. Kristin is a part-time art teacher in the Bethel School District and a freelance mural artist. Matt works for Denali Advanced

Integration's site services and with the Air National Guard's 11th ASOS as a system and network administrator. During military exercises in Japan, Matt was awarded the Army Achievement Medal for excellence and outstanding contributions to the exercise. They live in Lakewood, Wash.



Peter Briggs and his wife, Tricia, announce the birth of their daughter, **Madelynn Colleen**, on Sept.

12. Peter is a senior network administrator for SIATech, Inc. They live in Oceanside, Calif.

Shane and Erica (Wood '97) Row announce the birth of Eleanor Velda on July 7 in New York City. Erica is an executive assistant in the real estate department of Morgan Stanley. She also sings



with a professional vocal quartet, The Phoenix Quartet. Shane is the assistant director of registration at Columbia

Law School.

1997



David Quiggle and his wife, Valerie, announce the birth of their second child, **Hailey Elizabeth**,

on April 10, 2007. Hailey joins big brother Tyler and shares his red hair and blue eyes. David is a police officer with the City of Kirkland (Wash.). They live in Snohomish, Wash.



Susan (Wagener) Dyrseth and her husband, Cameron, announce the birth of their son,

Erik Cameron, on June 26. Susan is a manager of clinical outsourcing at Allos Therapeutics in Westminster, Colo.

Cameron is an independent software consultant. They live in Johnstown, Colo.



Destry and Janet (Broyles) Johnson announce the birth of their twins, Tyler Cale and Erika Nicole

on Aug. 18. Destry is an engineer at Boeing and Janet is a registered nurse. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

1998



Joy (Russell) Fulling and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of Noah Robert on July

29. Joy is a registered nurse with Mason County (Wash.) Public Health. She works with disaster response, communicable disease and tuberculosis. Greg is a physical therapist and runs his own business, Total Health Physical Therapy, in Shelton, Wash. They live in Shelton, Wash.



Mark and Erika (Olson '97) Mariani

announce the birth of their son, Luke, on May 22. They live in Tacoma.



Mike Safford and his wife, Liza, celebrated the birth of their first son, Parker James, on Sept. 25. Mike is in his seventh year as

sports information director at The College of Idaho. He picked up his 15th and 16th Top-Ten awards in the NAIA Sports Information Directors Association publications contest. He recently broadcast his 300th game for the Coyotes (including basketball, baseball and softball) – a craft he honed while at KCNS-6 on the PLU campus. They live in Caldwell, Idaho.



Cefe and Julie (Stith '99) Quesada

welcomed their son, Santiago, on March 3, 2007. Cefe is head of Technology

Solutions, RIS, at Russell Investments, and Julie quit her job to be a full-time mom.

1999



Jennifer (Goody) Hughes and her husband, Rene, announce the birth of Ryan Michels on July 10. They live in Renton, Wash.

2000



Victoria (Vantramp) Tripp and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of

Cooper Michael on May 10. When Victoria and Mike were married in 2002, they included several PLU alumni in their wedding party: **Kati (Nelson) O'Brien, Natasha (Vantramp) Morrison '99, Karin Berglund '99** and **Brandy (Shively) Herrera '02**. Victoria is a clinical coordinator at Dove Family Dentistry in Puyallup. Mike works for Norpac Enterprises and CLS Construction in Tacoma.



Micah and Amy (Branae '99) Hilario announce the birth of their son, Charley, on Aug.

9. They live in Vancouver, Wash.

2001



Gloria (Cefali) Varey and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of their son, Madden Dietrich, on June 24. Gloria is a radiologic technologist. They live in San Jose, Calif.



Doug and Amy (Ross '03) Janson welcomed Lucy Joy on Oct. 28, 2006. They live in

Tacoma, where they minister to youth in the Hilltop area through New Song City Central and Tacoma Youth for Christ.

2002



Holly-Kate (Lalonde) Foss and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of their first child, Miles Timothy, on Sept. 17.

2007



Taralynn Loran and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of their son, Ayden Kyle on Sept. 24. They live in University Place, Wash. [S]

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the arts

Art on campus

The campus turned canvas last fall, with several students showcasing their artistic talents out of doors.

The Mary Baker Russell staircase was the inaugural project site for a new art club, Leaders Expressing Artistic Dreams (LEAD). The group completed the portrait of Ludwig van Beethoven and John Lennon working almost non-stop during a late October weekend.

Earlier in the month, nine unique figures popped up around campus as part of assistant art professor Spencer Ebbinga's Sculpture I course. Dubbed "scarecrows," the figures were colorful and positioned in unconventional poses, each designed to represent psychological self-portraits of their creator.

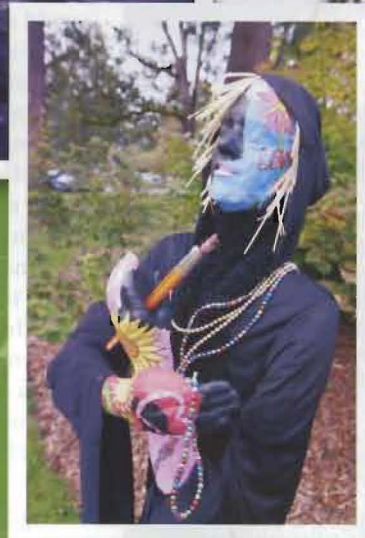
The scarecrows graced the upper campus lawns for about a week, to much fanfare. "Part of making sculpture is dealing with context and the environment," Ebbinga said. "Not all of it belongs in a gallery or in the classroom."

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L.E.A.D. (Leaders Expressing Artistic Dreams, art club) from left: Jacque Aldritch, John de Mars, Rich Wilkins. Lisa Nelson, not pictured.

By Maria Parente



By Jenesi Molnar



By Sarah Willey

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the mystery behind a vast universe.

My guess is that when a problem is so hard, anyone's answer is as good as anyone else's. That is why difficult problems appear so easy. That does not explain why a particular answer exists (such as "kill all the Xs, and then all the world's troubles will go away"), or why those who devise the answer are so sure it is correct. I think it is because we receive these answers almost unconsciously from our environment, before we are mature enough to ask questions.

I'll illustrate with a little history. In the mid-17th century, China changed from the Ming to the Qing Dynasty. Dynasty changes were always a big upheaval. Lots of people died, for all kinds of grand reasons. But I am not going to tell you about grand reasons. I am going to tell you about a change in hairstyles.

During the Ming Dynasty men grew their hair long. The Qing Dynasty's ruler ordered men to shave their foreheads and braid the rest of their hair

behind. The rule was very strict: Either shave your forehead or lose your head. And lose their heads many did willingly. This was about ancestral tradition, something the Chinese will die for. Three hundred years later, the Qing Dynasty came to an end. By then, many refused to cut their pigtails because now pigtails were an ancestral tradition. This is the power of tradition. No question is asked; no reason is needed.

We are fed beliefs from the environment into which we are born. Without them we cannot possibly function. But automatic, unconscious acceptance of beliefs can mislead us to think that these beliefs are eternal and unquestionably true. Therefore, we have to learn that our environment, cultural or physical, has not always been, and will not always be, as we see it today.

Einstein's theory of space and time was so shocking because we thought we knew everything about it since childhood. We thought continents had always been in their present locations.

Abstract painting was rejected at first, because it did not look "real." Almost every new religion experienced oppression in its infancy, but most turned around to suppress other new ones.

One of the crucial duties of a teacher is to help students examine their ideas and beliefs: Where did they come from, what was their basis, are they still relevant, do they do harm? Teachers do not ask you to abandon your beliefs. They don't know everything or have every answer. But they have learned that a healthy dose of skepticism, toward ourselves, will make our minds more nimble. It will help us all get along better in this shrinking world.

Teaching skepticism can be a hazardous task. Ask Socrates, who died for it. Teachers fare slightly better in our time. Still they may face grumpy students, angry parents or threatening school boards. It is a tribute to the human spirit that these threats have not deterred people from choosing the teaching profession. Next time you hear something from your teacher that counters your beliefs, be thankful that someone is still willing to risk challenging you.

Remember, though, not to be paralyzed by self-examination. Our knowledge is necessarily incomplete; we may not be right. But in life, we must act. The point is that we must always be ready to admit that we don't have all the truth, especially when an action could cause more damage.

Self-reflection sometimes has surprising results. An old monk once said, "Thirty years ago I looked at mountain as mountain, water as water. Later I looked at mountain not as mountain, water not as water. Now again I look at mountain as mountain, water as water." You may, after deep self-examination, come to an affirmation of your beliefs. Like the old monk, you have reached a more mature state of affirmation. You have a firmer grip of what you believe, and you understand other points of view better because you were there once. [S]

Chang-li Yiu is professor emeritus of mathematics and physics. This essay previously appeared in The Mast.



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Swedish Dalahäst Event
Scandinavian Cultural Center

April 13, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Joseph Z. Pettit, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 15, 8 p.m.

Choir of the West Homecoming Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 16, 8 p.m.

Student Piano Ensembles
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 17, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Howard Schmidt, president/CEO, R&H
Security Consulting LLC
Morken Public Events Room

April 17, 8 p.m.

University Singers and Men's Chorus
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 18, 2 p.m.

Psychology Colloquium
Nordquist Lecture Hall

April 18, 8 p.m.

Artist Series: Guest vocalist Stephen Rumph
and pianist Amy Grinsteiner
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 20, 3 p.m.

Artist Series: Flutist Jennifer Rhyne
and organist Paul Tegels
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 22, 5 p.m.

Writer's Story: Poet Mary Oliver
Garfield Book Company at PLU

April 22, 7:30 p.m.

Earth Day Lecture: Poet Mary Oliver
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 23 - 27

Ballard Jazz Festival
Sponsored by KPLU

April 24, 8 p.m.

Keyboard Students Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 25, 8 p.m.

KPLU presents Dave Brubeck and Ramsey Lewis
The Paramount Theatre, Seattle

April 26, 11 a.m.

Norwegian Heritage Festival
University Center

April 27, 7 p.m.

Guitar Ensembles
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 29, 8 p.m.

Camas Wind Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 30 - May 23

Senior Art Exhibition
University Art Gallery

April 30, 8 p.m.

Concert Band and Percussion Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

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May 1, 8 p.m.

University Chorale
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 2 - 3

14th Annual Natural Sciences Academic Festival
Morken Center

May 4, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series
David Yearsley, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 5, 8 p.m.

Instrumental and Vocal Jazz Ensembles
Chris Knutzen Hall West

May 6, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
James Murphy, vice president, Costco
Morken Public Events Room

May 6, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 7, 8 p.m.

Ensembles from Choir of the West
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 8-10, 16-17; 8 p.m.

"The House of Blue Leaves"
Eastvold Auditorium

May 8, 5:30 p.m.

KPLU's Art of Jazz: Kendra Shank's New
York Quartet
Seattle Art Museum

May 8, 8 p.m.

University Wind Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 10, 8 p.m.

Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 11, 3 p.m.

Composers Forum
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 11, 7 p.m.

Mu Phi Epsilon Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 13, 8 p.m.

Student Wind and Brass Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 14, 6 p.m.

Jazz Combo at Java Jam
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 14, 8 p.m.

Sølvvinden Flute Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 15, 8 p.m.

String Kaleidoscope Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 17, 3 p.m.

Forestine Wise Mosen Scholarship Recital
David Horton, student pianist
Lagerquist Concert Hall


May 18, 1 p.m.

Virtuoso Artist Discovery Series
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 18, 2 p.m.

"The House of Blue Leaves"
Eastvold Auditorium

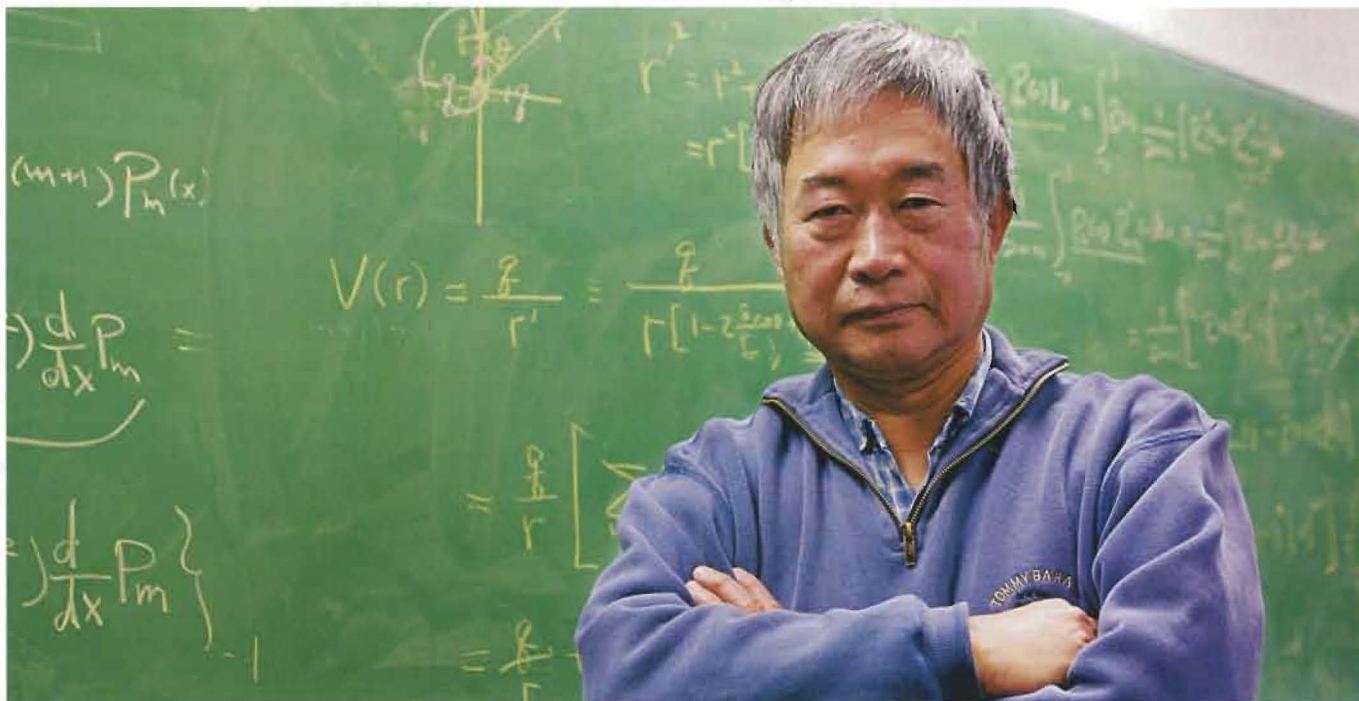
May 25, 2:30 p.m.

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perspective

Learning skeptically



Chang-li Yiu, professor emeritus of mathematics and physics, believes the key to knowledge is being ready to admit that we don't have all the truth.

By Chang-li Yiu

I often find that when a topic should be easy to understand, most people think it is difficult. When a topic should be difficult, most people think they know all the answers.

Fundamental physics deals with exceedingly simple subjects. Take the hydrogen atom, the simplest atom one can have: A single electron running around a single proton. Because it is simple, modern quantum field theory can predict some of its properties with fantastic accuracy. It is simple to learn how it is done.

In a graduate physics program, you would learn quantum field theory and be able to produce the results. Although the

calculation looks long if you've had only high school algebra, every step leading to the final result is trivially understandable. But how many people would think it is easy?

When new acquaintances at parties find out I am a physics professor, they laugh and say something like, "Well, I never did well in math!" They are not embarrassed, as they would be were the subject politics or religion. This implies that physics is hard. Well, how about politics? It involves culture, history, economics, psychology and more. Yet almost all people think they have the solutions to political problems, even

though they might at times concede they don't know all the facts.

When it comes to religion, practically everyone – even those who may not be able to learn to solve the simplest algebraic equations – has a direct line to God or Allah or Buddha. They all know the intentions of the master of the universe, down to which football team He supports. They have absolutely correct answers to all religious questions. To me, religion should be the most difficult subject conceivable. We live on a speck of dust, yet try to comprehend

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