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Fabio Ciofini  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

### Sept. 21, 8 p.m.

Regency Jazz Ensemble  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

### Sept. 29, 8 p.m.

Idea of a Twenty-First Century University:  
New World A-Coming  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

## OCTOBER

### October-November

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Steven Sobeck  
University Gallery

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Turn the Beat Around  
University Wind Ensemble  
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### Oct. 14, 8 p.m.

"The Constant Wife"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

### Oct. 15, 8 p.m.

"The Constant Wife"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium



Mount Rainier overlooks South Hall.

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"The Constant Wife"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

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University Symphony Orchestra, Choral  
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### Oct. 22, 8 p.m.

"The Constant Wife"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

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"The Constant Wife"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

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"The Constant Wife"  
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### Oct. 26, 8 p.m.

Regency String Quartet  
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# here & now

## PLU signs pact to promote environmental sustainability

**P**LU proved its commitment to responsible environmental practices by becoming the first college in the Pacific Northwest to sign The Talloires Declaration, a 10-point action plan to incorporate sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research and campus operations.

"It's our obligation to protect our resources for the future," PLU President Loren J. Anderson said.

Composed in 1990 at an international conference in Talloires, France, The Talloires Declaration is the official

statement of university administrators dedicated to environmental sustainability in higher education. It has been signed by more than 300 universities in more than 40 countries. For more information, go to [www.ulsf.org/programs\\_talloires.html](http://www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires.html).

The signing took place on Earth Day, during which Sandra Postel, one of the world's foremost authorities on global water issues, presented a lecture.

The agreement is one more step by PLU's active sustainability committee, which last semester started a new public awareness campaign and in June hosted a series of workshops. For more information on the committee or its programs, visit [www.plu.edu/sustain](http://www.plu.edu/sustain).

"Stereotypes abound on both sides.

"We do not claim to have the whole answer or even a comprehensive analysis of the relationship between PLU and its community... What we have done is opened the door and said, 'hello.'"

Focusing on topics including history, students, community, future and East Campus, the students researched PLU's role in the history of Parkland, what students think of Parkland, impressions of Parkland residents of PLU and its students, outreach by students, the different ways students pay for school and more. The class then presented "Neighbors: Opening the Door" to the campus, using print, video and the Web.

For more information, visit <http://www.plu.edu/neighbors/>.

## Student reporters explore Parkland community

**J**ournalism students stepped off campus and into the Parkland community as part of their In Depth Reporting class last spring.

The class, taught by Cliff Rowe and Kirk Isakson, chooses a different topic each year for a semester-long project. Students sensed a separation between the PLU community and the rest of Parkland and wanted to know why, so they chose to explore the stereotypes on both sides.

"Those of us who live in the surrounding community are fearful of the proximity of sex offenders. At the same time, we ourselves are bad neighbors with noisy off-campus parties," Laine Walters '05 wrote in the introduction to the special section in The Mast.

## Sophomore dances her way to the top of Irish competition

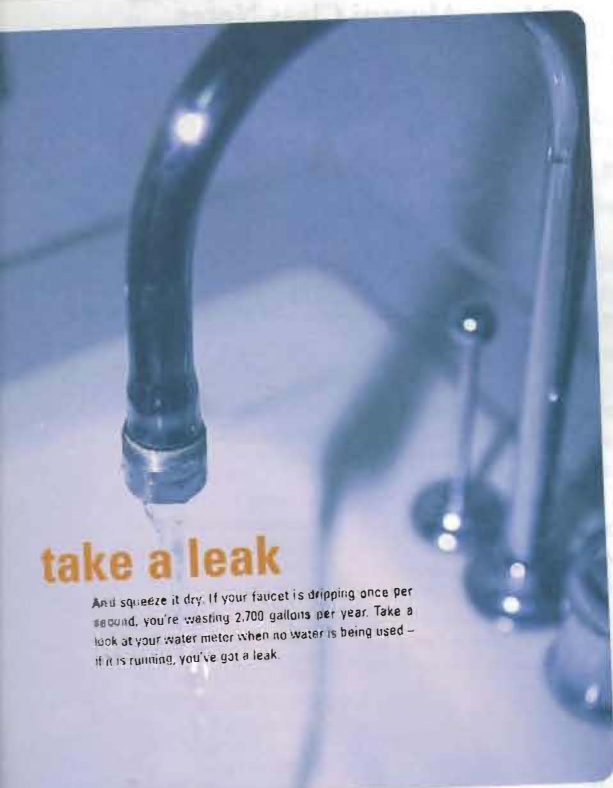
**K**elly Nagan '07 is known throughout the Northwest for her Irish dancing abilities.

And she should be. Nagan, who has been dancing since she was 7, placed 11th in the World Irish Dance Championships and in the top 25 at the All-Ireland National Championships in Ireland last spring.

According to Nagan, there's a lot of practice and hard work involved. "It takes up a lot of time, and the physical aspects of the dance are very demanding," Nagan said. Before dancers can even compete, they must have the recommendation of a certified teacher.

Nagan, a 19-year-old from Seattle, was one of only a few U.S. citizens to receive honors at the All-Ireland National Championship, where she finished 24th. U.S. performers made up only 30 percent of the contestants at the competition.

To get to the World Irish Dance Championships, Nagan had to compete in regional competitions. At the world championship, she competed against



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**YOU  
GOING  
TO DO  
ABOUT IT**

**SUSTAIN  
ABILITY**

This is one poster from a series designed to promote environmental sustainability.





Kelly Nagan '07 performs at Seattle's Folklife Festival with her brother, Connor.

about 90 others in her age group.

Nagan is so recognized for her dancing, that she was offered a job with the popular company Riverdance last summer, but she had already decided to go to PLU. "It's definitely a possibility in the future," she said.

Nagan not only enjoys dancing, she teaches it. At the age of 13, Nagan, who dances for the Tony Comerford School of Irish Dance, started helping out with classes. Now, she teaches students ages 4-17 three days a week.

"It's a lot of fun to work with the kids," said Nagan, who is considering an elementary education major. "They work really hard."

## Choir of the West chosen to perform at prestigious concert

Choir of the West has been selected to perform at the American Choral Directors Association 2005 National Convention in Los Angeles. The choir was chosen from a record number of applications from throughout the United States and around the world, said Kathryn Lehmann, director of Choir of the West and Choral Activities.

Choirs submitted taped performances, including one choral selection from each concert season from 2001-2004. Choirs selected to appear at the National ACDA Convention are

required to be representative of the highest standards of choral performance.

Participation and performance at the ACDA convention will follow the Choir of the West tour of the San Francisco, Walnut Creek and Grass Valley areas of northern California in early February.

## Summer months allow time for campus remodeling

For many at PLU, summer is a quiet time. Not so for the facilities management team, which spent the season making needed improvements across campus. Beyond the usual painting, grounds work and maintenance that takes place throughout the year, the department had a hand in more than 35 upgrades, ranging from a new roof on Olson Auditorium and a new dishwasher in Dining Services to carpet replacement in the Diversity Center and new fire doors in the Lute Lounge.

"Last year, we had 37 office moves dur-

ing the summer," said Amanda Miller, facilities management project coordinator. "This summer, we had 140."

The administration building saw major changes – the office of admission received new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. The business office and the offices of financial aid, the registrar, and finance and operations received similar treatment, as well as the construction of new reception areas and offices.

In the University Center, the PLU Bookstore has a fresh, contemporary look. New lighting has been installed, and new display shelves are located throughout.

The restoration of Ordal Hall, which is in the normal rotation of residence hall remodels, involved a complete plumbing installation, which includes the application of the same water-saving technologies employed earlier in Stuen Hall. The upper campus residence hall will also receive new paint, Ethernet connections and new phones.

All told, the projects totaled about \$1 million. ☐

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ONLINE



IF YOU LIKE WHAT YOU'VE READ in this issue of Scene, go to Scene Online for even more news and features about PLU. You'll see new links on some stories, which denote their selection of some of the best. You can also get updated information on Homecoming and other campus news at scene Online at [www.plu.edu/scene](http://www.plu.edu/scene).

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# life of the mind

## Archaeology students find keys to the past from La Push to Peru

Standing knee deep in mud on the edge of a ravine, nine archaeology students sifted through pile after pile of dirt over the summer, searching for clues to the history of the Quileute Tribe.

The students involved in a summer course were going through midden – dirt containing artifacts – that was moved to the ravine when the Quileute Tribe built a senior center in downtown La Push, Wash.

The students screened more than a hundred cubic meters of midden, finding everything from animal bones to blue glass beads, ceramics and decorative objects.

*The class found tools that were used for fishing, sea mammal hunting, basket making and woodworking. Most of the objects were between 400 and 800 years old, and one fishing tool is believed to be 1,000 years old.*

“Very quickly everyone began to recognize all kinds of stuff,” said David Huelsbeck, dean of social sciences and professor of anthropology. “We saw some really interesting things.”

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“In a short period of time, it is unusual to find very many archaeological materials,” said Huelsbeck, who took the students to La Push for his course to help archaeologist Gary



Archaeology students search for artifacts in La Push, Wash. Photos courtesy David Huelsbeck.

Wessen. “Because of the nature of what we did with this site, we found lots of materials.”

The project gave students hands-on experience. “I learned how to get my hands dirty in archaeology,” said Anthony Anderson ’05, who participated in the dig.

Anderson, who is an anthropology major and a geosciences minor, said this class was different because actually trying to figure out whether something is an artifact is nothing like looking at it in the book.

Some of the items the class found help tell the history of the area. Fur seal

and northern sea lion bones were common finds. These bones show that there were once breeding colonies in the area – fur seal is not found there at all now and the northern sea lion is less common than it used to be. The dig yielded a rare find: traces of sturgeon, which is not a local fish. The group surmised there either used to be sturgeon in the area or the tribe fished elsewhere.

“We know the biogeography of the area has changed,” Huelsbeck said. “We found evidence of it.”

It wasn’t the only archaeological work done by students and faculty over the summer. Claire Barr ’05 went to a field school in New Mexico, and Stefanie Midlock ’06 attended field school in Denmark.

And, two students went to Peru with Kevin Vaughn, visiting assistant professor of anthropology.

Vaughn, who has been studying the Nasca civilization in Peru since 2002, directs a project titled Proyecto Nasca Temprano or the Early Nasca Craft Economy Project. The project seeks to understand the complexities of Early Nasca ceramic production, distribution and use.

According to Vaughn, the Nasca are known for their highly developed and

Hands-on work gives students a chance to search for and examine artifacts up close.





refined polychrome handmade ceramics. Based on his research, Vaughn says the pottery was usually reserved for elites, but has been found in areas where average homes were. He wants to find out why.

Gabi Brockman '05 and Ryan Snodgrass '05 are helping with his research. "I've been working pretty closely with them for the past couple years," Vaughn said. "I'm very excited to have them on the project."

Brockman and Snodgrass each headed up a surface collection at one of two sites. They collected and analyzed artifacts in regard to different areas of the site - for example, whether the items were found near buildings or other structures. The students then compared their finds.



Religion professor Doug Oakman accompanied the class on the dig.

Vaughn said archaeology trips are great opportunities for students. "You've got all these students going to different places around the world," he said. "I'm happy to be a part of it."

Similar to the students in Peru, the class in La Push had both an archaeological and cultural experience. One evening, the students were invited to a healing drummer drum circle where tribal members played songs, talked about things happening in the community, told jokes and performed "love cir-

cles," a dance that provides support for those in need.

The tribe also performed a welcome song for the class. "We danced and sang with them," Anderson said. "That day we realized how much they did care we were there. I know it's a day I'll remember for a long time."

Anderson said the students' work helped the tribe preserve its culture. In fact, there are tentative plans to create a museum for the artifacts, which would take care of them in a way that would reinforce traditional Quileute culture.

Some artifacts that have been found are also in PLU's anthropology lab, which gives more students an up-close look at the discoveries. (See *related story*, page 23.)

"Obviously, it's an intense experience," Hueslbeck said. "I often tell students what we do is study other people's garbage. After about a week of doing it, you either love it or you know you should look for another line of work. It's really about turning bits of information into data that can help answer questions about people's lives." □

-By Nisha Ajmani '02

## ACCOLADES



**Dane Wu**, associate professor of mathematics, delivered an invitational talk, "Risk Estimation for Multiple Etiologic

Agents," at the 2004 International Chinese Statistical Association Applied Statistics Symposium in San Diego in June.



**E. Wayne Carp**, professor of history, chaired a panel titled "How Revolutionary Has the History of Child Adoption

Been?" at the 2004 Annual Meeting of the Organization of the American Historians in Boston. Carp also published "Adoption Politics: Bastard Nation and Ballot Initiative 58" on the history of Oregon's ballot initiative that restored the legal right of adopted adults to request their original birth certificates.



**Erin McKenna**, philosophy department chair, co-edited "Animal Pragmatism: Rethinking Human-Nonhuman

Relationships," which addresses pragmatist philosophy and animal welfare. One of the essays in the book is by English professor James Albrecht.



**Colleen M. Hacker**, professor of physical education, was invited by the National Institute of Health Science Training for

Extramural Programs to be one of four speakers in May at a national forum on the psychology of happiness.

**Dave McNabb**, visiting professor in the School of Business, was co-winner of Outstanding Published Scholarship for the 2004 John Grenzeback Research Award for Research in Philanthropy for his book, "Research Methods in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management: Quantitative and Qualitative Approaches."





A young Iraqi boy and girl encounter Andrea Flood (right) patrolling the streets in the Baghdad area. The girl later asked Flood if she was a woman. Photo by Jim Bartlett.

# IN SERVICE

Alumni put their lives on the line in Iraq



Upon entering Iraq, the first campsite for Brent Gruver '99 and his crew was hardly palatial – but it was home. Photo courtesy Brent Gruver.



When she first arrived in Baghdad, Flood's team leader, Lt. Col Steven Watters, charged each member with the task of choosing a local project that they would adopt in addition to their assigned missions. "He asked us to select something that would make us feel fulfilled," she said. "One that would make a difference."



**TOP:** Brent Gruver (second from left) poses with his crew prior to leaving Kuwait for the first time. Photo courtesy Brent Gruver.



**LEFT:** Five Iraqi women rest during during Iraqi national guard marksmanship training. Their names remain undisclosed to protect them from "honor killings" and reprisals for working with the Americans. Photo by Jim Bartlett

BY STEVE HANSEN

**S**taff Sgt. Flood walks the streets of Baghdad on security detail in a 50-pound full combat uniform. Wearing gloves and a head and face cover, not one inch of skin shows. All this is in a region where 110-degree heat is commonplace.

The cover-up is part of the uniform for only one reason – to disguise the fact that Staff Sgt. Flood is a woman. Andrea (Bernhardsen) Flood '98 serves in Iraq as a medic in the U.S. Army Reserve's 425 Civil Affairs Battalion Public Health Team.

As coalition forces work to shore-up the nascent Iraqi government, Flood says the fact that she is a woman makes her a potential "weak target" in the eyes of enemy combatants and a target for sexual harassment in the eyes of many Iraqis. So she stays covered up.

Such techniques only work so well. On patrol on a busy street one afternoon, a small girl approached Flood and sized her up. After a moment, the girl looked as though she was in on a little secret – asking Flood repeatedly in Arabic, "Are you a woman? Are you a woman?"

For this little girl, to see a woman this independent was a revelation. And for Flood, it too was a revelation: It was one small moment where a little girl could see the endless possibilities of what she could be, not what society says she is supposed to be.

For Flood, these are the small victories that happen every day in Iraq.

Here in the United States, there are differing opinions of the war – both how we came to it, and what should be done now. But there is no denying the sacrifice made by the some-130,000 members of the U.S. armed forces. They and numerous PLU alums, as part of their own service, are participating in their own small – and large – victories. Here are the stories of a few of them. >>>

# IN SERVICE

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Flood chose the Transitional Protective Services Project, the Iraqi equivalent of domestic violence program. She began with the funding and refurbishment for a TPS safehouse – the first clinic used for and by domestic violence victims. She also trained local women to provide confidential emergency medical care to their sisters in need.

After months of meetings with Women for Women International (who headed the program), USAID, female indigenous leaders, and other non-governmental organizations, the first grant was written. "Seventy thousand dollars later," said Flood, "we were on our way to empowerment of these very strong Iraqi women."

First Lt. Ben McGrann '01 is also making a difference. As the medical platoon leader responsible for the health and welfare of an 800-soldier task force inside Baghdad's Green Zone, he has 26 medics and one physician's assistant working for him.

McGrann and the medics of the 1-35 Armor, Second Brigade, First Armored Division, however, have larger goals. Since May 2003, when McGrann entered Iraq, they have been working with medical clinics in the area. "[The] medics have treated many Iraqi civilians and have helped military public health teams assess the local primary clinics and hospitals," he said. "It just did not seem like enough."

So McGrann and his team got to work. They found a clinic near area schools and homes. "The facility was old and the power only lasted a few hours per day," he said. "The doctors wanted a good clinic with labs and an emergency room, but had no money to finish the project."

The platoon was able to ensure the clinic was among the first to receive



Tyler Wade '01 stands outside one of Saddam Hussein's palaces, which was referred to as 'Victory Palace' after the fall of Baghdad. Photo courtesy Tyler Wade.

reconstruction contracts. After nearly \$150,000 in construction and equipment including an X-ray machine, dental services and an emergency room, the clinic now serves some 5,000 people. All told, McGrann's unit has been responsible for more than \$2 million in rehabilitation works, including the reconstruction of sewer and power lines, schools and health clinics.

McGrann is in the second year of his four-year Army commitment, stationed in Baumholder, Germany. His wife, Genevieve Shook '99 works at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center as a civilian registered nurse. McGrann is proud of his work – he sees the effort of his unit as "working together to build a better world."

As part of the 50th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Brent Gruver '99 was a pilot and leader of a 12-aircraft MEDEVAC (Medical Evacuation) platoon. His mission, quite simply, was to rescue fallen soldiers on the battlefield and transport them to a hospital.

Gruver, who hails from Gilbert, Ariz., and attended PLU on the Army's Green to Gold Scholarship, entered Iraq two days after the war started, traveling up the western flank of the assault toward Baghdad, ultimately reaching as far north as Mosul. Gruver's 10-month stay allowed him to see fighting when it was the heaviest as well as when things became comparatively quiet.

"We were very successful – we never lost someone on the aircraft," said Gruver. "We never lost an aircraft and we never lost a member of our unit."

Other signs of success are moments when the MEDEVAC unit becomes less busy. The longer he was stationed near Mosul, flying above the country in his UH-60A Blackhawk helicopter, he was able to chart, albeit anecdotally, stability taking root. "When we first got there, there were not a lot of lights on the ground," he said. "By the time we left, lights were everywhere."

Lights mean regular power, and regular power means day-to-day life is returning to normal. It also meant local hospitals were becoming better equipped to accommodate their populations. And that being the case, Gruver could put his platoon to other uses – such as flying a 6-year-old girl who was suffering from a genetic disease two hours away to a better hospital.

"At first, many of the people I met didn't understand 'freedom.' It was such a new concept, they didn't understand why we were here," said Gruver. "But after they got to know us, and we could do things like [flying the girl to a better hospital], it was obvious that we were there for good."

Another alum, First Lt. Tyler Wade '01, served about a year in Iraq as a member of the 22nd Signal Brigade. He was a platoon leader responsible for a node center – vehicle-mounted shelters and devices that enable units in the area to communicate.





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**(TOP):** Ben McGrann '01 stands outside of the Al Gadisiyah clinic in Baghdad, along with several doctors and contractors. McGrann's platoon helped rehabilitate several medical clinics in the area. Photo courtesy Ben McGrann.

**(LEFT):** An Iraqi woman stops for a moment during training at the newly formed national guard of Iraq. 'She has seen more actual combat from her living room than most of our soldiers see in a lifetime,' said Staff Sgt. Andrea Flood '98. Photo by Jim Bartlett.

His platoon rolled into its location from Kuwait about three days after the initial fighting ended, when there were still great fears about weapons of mass destruction. “Everyone was prepared for the worst,” Wade said.

The challenges turned out to be different than they expected: The extreme heat of the Iraqi desert virtually fried sensitive equipment and made communicating a challenge. “It was a lot of living in our vehicles, drinking warm water and warm MRE’s,” Wade said. “But in the end, our unit far exceeded expectations.”

Facilities are now in place that


improved communications equipment – and the living conditions of the soldiers.

After his tour, Wade, who was a freshman roommate of McGrann’s at PLU, spent a month in Tacoma visiting family with his wife, Katherine, and their 3 year-old son, Drew, before they returned to their base in Darmstadt, Germany. Now a member of the 165th military intelligence battalion, he is scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan in the coming months.

“I have no negatives – except for being away from my family,” said Wade, who missed the graduation and wedding of his brother Dusty '03. “This experience

gave me the mentality that I can take on the world, that I can accomplish something that is bigger than myself.”

Flood is back in Savannah, Ga., but she remains an enthusiastic advocate for role of public health officials in the war-torn country. She speaks with pride about her experience, and she seems to speak on behalf of McGrann, Gruver, Wade and the many other PLU alums serving in Iraq or Afghanistan.

“The risks of war would not scare my PLU peers off target,” she said. “Most of them have been through much worse than a few bullets and have survived, like me, to help others.” 





# O N

THE  
INSIDE



## Students and professors teach and learn through partnership with women's prison



(ABOVE) Lara Fountain '04 plays with children in the nursery at the women's prison in Purdy.

(LEFT) Security fences stand behind the playground at the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy.

(RIGHT) A blown-up rubber glove became another toy in the nursery.

**P**lanes, trains and boats in brightly painted red, blue and green dance across the walls of the nursery. Toddlers giggle at the animated movie playing on TV, and babies grab tiny handfuls of food off their high chair trays.

Two-month-old Rheanna Peterson sleeps in a swinging chair as her mother Rhea, rocks next to her.

But though this looks like a traditional setting, it isn't. All these babies were born while their moms served time, and they live in prison. Through collaboration between PLU and the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Purdy, professors and students are volunteering in and evaluating the program. They're also completing a long-term study about the effects of prison on mothers, children and families.

"It has dramatic implications for their experience in prison," said sociology professor Joanna Higginson, who is leading a longitudinal study into mothers in prison that will examine how they and their children fare after the sentence is served.

That's just one example of the partnership between WCCW and PLU. It's a mutually beneficial relationship, in which students have the opportunity for field work, professors can perform tangible research and the prison can learn more about its population and programs.

"We actually have a common mission," said Kathy Russell, a social work professor who sits in on quarterly meetings with prison administrators. "We are both engaged in the enterprise of helping people build skills they need to have success in the community, and we're both working with scarce resources."

The Residential Parenting Program allows minimum-security women who were pregnant when they became incarcerated to raise their babies if their sentences are less than 30 months and they meet other criteria. The inmate mothers are accountable for the 24-hour care of their children while living in a supervised environment. The Early Head Start Child Development Center

provides education and role modeling for effective parenting.

Mothers and babies get the chance to know each other, and women receive counseling and support to enable them to better parent their children when they are released, supporters say. It also keeps some children from ending up in foster care.

Prison officials, along with these professors and students, feel strongly that providing parenting skills, education and opportunities for women will better their chances of staying out of prison once they're released. But they're completing objective research to see if data backs that up.

"When they're released, they get a ride to the bus stop and a check for \$40," Russell said. "These folks are part of our community. It seems to me it's our job to help them be successful. We want to create a transition that helps people move into the community and stay there."

WCCW Superintendent Belinda Stewart is grateful for the partnership between her facility and PLU.

"For too long, those of us in corrections have tried to solve all the problems ourselves," she said. "They bring the academia and expertise that we need. We essentially have our own research arm."

The only women's prison in the state, WCCW is located just outside Gig Harbor and houses about 900 offenders >



# ON THE INSIDE

ages 18-83. One of the first things the professors learned was that prison officials didn't have any detailed demographics or personal histories about the women housed there.

Higginson, Russell and sociology professor Anna Leon-Guerrero put together a comprehensive survey for all offenders, asking them questions about their parental status, their drug history and education.

They asked mothers detailed questions about where their children live, if the kids saw their mothers arrested and if they visit the prison. Prison officials want to determine how many inmates intend to be parents when they are released to better prepare them for that role and track the impact on children of incarcerated women.

"If we don't look at that, I guarantee you these children will be the next generation of people we will incarcerate," Stewart said. "Just by virtue of the fact that they have a parent in prison makes them high risk. Most people in prison are coming back to the community," Stewart said. "Shame on us if they don't go back with any better tools than they came here with."

Nationwide, about 85 percent of women prisoners are mothers, and the preliminary research from WCCW mirrors that. Higginson is following up with individual interviews, asking mothers whether their children lived with them, who they live with now, if they visit them in prison, whether they intend to parent them when they are released and what their children know of their crimes. She will follow these families for 15-20 years, looking at recidivism rates among other factors.

"If they have children, that may give them something to live for so they don't come back to prison," Higginson said.

That's how Rhea Peterson feels. Her baby's father is serving time in prison, but she was scheduled to be released a few days later.

"I couldn't have imagined having to leave her in a hospital," Peterson says of her first child.

The program ensured she knows how to care for her baby and provided some supplies, as well as follow up and resources outside prison walls, she said.

"They do a good job of trying to keep families together," Peterson said. "It's a good incentive for me to keep straight."

Lara Fountain '04 completed an internship at WCCW, talking to mothers in the residential program and Head Start.

"They're all really positive," said Fountain, who will spend next year in the AmeriCorps program, based in Georgia. "They like talking about the

*Russell is involved with the team studying inappropriate relationships between inmates and officers, and between inmates. She is tracking where and when such incidents occur, as well as other data to see if administrators can come up with solutions to help prevent future problems.*

program and how it's helped them."

Other programs have attracted the interest and help of PLU, and the collaboration is expanding. Professors Rob Wells in communication and Merle Simpson from the School of Business have initiated projects there, and a new group of students is starting work there this fall.

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Autumn DeGraaff '04, a social work major, helped the professors with the survey, and worked with the emerging mentor program, which trains community mentors and prepares inmates for release.

The program matches volunteers from the community with women who are about to be released. The women are guaranteed six weeks of work and the promise that someone on the outside is looking out for them.

"Hopefully they'll have this one positive person to help them," DeGraaff



Autumn DeGraaff '04, right, sits in on a meeting about the mentoring program she interned with. The program matches inmates being released with community mentors.





Professor Joanna Higginson, left, talks with caregiver Tammy Byrne, holding a 2-year old who has lived her whole life in prison with her mother.

said. "When they come out they have this big stigma," she said. "For me, working on their strength and their support networks is going to be important."

In DeGraaff's time there, she saw about 10 women released into the program. Two were unsuccessful, either because they weren't going to work or were using drugs.

There are strict parameters established to ensure no mentors are taken advantage of or put in danger. During her time at WCCW, DeGraaff wrote an article about the family visitation process that was published in a national corrections journal. She hopes some PLU alumni might consider volunteering as mentors.

Amy Johnson '04, a double major in communication and sociology, worked in the Prison Pet Partnership Training Program, in which inmates train shelter dogs to become service animals for people with disabilities.

"I love dogs, so it's a great way for me to combine both my interests," she said.

Johnson took dogs home with her to continue training and socializing them.

She said she had preconceived notions about what the women would be like, but they were easily dispelled. One inmate was a college graduate who enjoyed talking statistics with Johnson.

"We joke around. They got to know me and ask me questions," Johnson said. "They were always surprising me with things."

It has been a learning experience for everyone involved. Most admitted to some hesitancy about how they would be welcomed by the women and how easy it would be to talk to each other.

"I had a lot of anxiety going into my first interview," DeGraaff said. "The instant she walked in, we just started talking. They all want someone to talk to. Their resiliency is inspiring."

All were surprised to see how well they got along, and how much they have in common with many of the inmates.

"If we met under any other circumstances, any one of these women could be my best friend," Higginson said. "I

think most of them are anxious to have someone to tell their story to. At the end of the day, we're just women."

"We have so many stereotypes and you find out they're not all true," Russell said. "You meet some of the women and you think they could be a PLU student if they had a different set of opportunities or made better choices."

The learning that takes place on both sides encourages Stewart.

"PLU's whole mission is about being of service to others, so you're not just talking about it, you're providing opportunities for students to have real experiences in their learning journey," she said.

"Our relationship with PLU has been one of the greatest partnerships we've entered into. We are just scraping the surface of what it can be. I believe the things we do together are going to make a difference." □

*By Katherine Hedland Hansen '88  
Photography by Jordan Hartman '02*



# THE NEXT BOLD STEP

CAMPAIGN PREPARES THE WAY FOR DRAMATIC CHANGES

*Karen (Hille) Philips '59*

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BY GREG BREWIS

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JORDAN HARTMAN '02

**P**acific Lutheran University's largest and most successful fund-raising effort ever concluded May 31 with gifts and pledges totaling more than \$128 million, easily surpassing its \$100 million goal.

It was a fund-raising campaign for the ages. Beginning in 1998 and ushering PLU into the new millennium, The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step was both extraordinary in what it achieved and enduring in the promise its achievements hold for the future of the university.

The campaign reinforced the university's mission and core values while changing the lives of students and faculty, according to President Loren J. Anderson.

"Even in these most difficult and challenging economic times, in countless ways the campaign succeeded in dramatically transforming the university," Anderson said.

The campaign enhanced the quality of PLU's academic program, creating new teaching and learning opportunities in what Anderson called an "improved schoolhouse." It also helped assure continuing access to higher education for all by creating 100 new endowed scholarships.

"We have once again demonstrated the power of volunteerism and confirmed the selfless commitment of our alumni and other friends," Anderson said. "They're the more than 22,000 campaign donors who believe in our enduring values – our dedication to a high-quality education that provides an overriding sense of purpose in life."

#### **SUPPORT FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING**

Bricks and mortar, scholarships and endowments were the watchwords of the Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University, but the heart of the campaign and evidence of its success are found in the support it has provided for individual students and faculty.

Examples abound.

Among the new endowed scholarships, 16 are designated for music students from the estate of Agnes Berge Smith '32. These merit-based awards enable PLU to attract the most talented students to the music program. "The fund-raising campaign has had a stunning impact on the department of music, in that we found a generous benefactor in Agnes Berge Smith," said David Robbins, chairman of the department. >>



## Milestones from the \$128 million Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step

■ Full funding of the \$19 million Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

■ A gift of \$12 million from an anonymous graduate to provide support for facilities' construction, scholarships and endowment. It was the largest gift ever to PLU.

■ Lead gifts of more than \$5 million for the restoration of Eastvold.

■ A gift of \$4 million to establish the Wang Center for International Programs.

■ The \$3.5 million renovation of Xavier Hall provided a new home for programs in the social sciences and an additional \$1.5 million endowment supports academic programs and technology.

■ A \$2 million grant from the Lilly Foundation to support the Wild Hope Project, which is dedicated to working with students on questions of vocation.

■ Creation of the Benson Family Chair in Business and Economic History, the first fully funded endowed chair at PLU.

■ Establishment of the Kelmer Roe Student/Faculty Research Fellowships in the humanities for undergraduate student research grants.

■ The market value of the university's endowment grew from \$30.7 million in 1998 to more than \$51 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.

■ Generous and record-setting annual operating support of more than \$2 million a year from alumni and friends made it possible for the university to provide an education of the highest quality and fund program and financial aid enhancements while maintaining a balanced budget.

■ The campaign met challenges from the Kresge Foundation and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust that resulted in \$1.85 million in matching gifts.

"She gave PLU a wonderful endowment of \$2.5 million so that music students would have what she called the 'liberating experience' in music that she had while a student," he said.

Smith was member of the 1932 Choir of the West that sang at the Chicago World's Fair. In recognition of the importance of that tour to Smith, a portion of her gift also supports music-group travel. Now students in the four major performing ensembles have the opportunity to travel and perform abroad at least once during their four years at PLU.

The campaign also has transformed other programs at PLU. For example, international education, both on and off campus, has been enhanced through gifts from the Teagle Foundation and from Peter '60 and Grace Wang, who established the Wang Center for International Programs.

The three-year, \$455,000 Teagle grant enabled faculty to strategically plan and implement a more distinctive international program at PLU.

With foundation support, the School of Business moved to enhance its undergraduate curriculum to focus more intentionally on global education.

The faculty in social work built a course of study that will incorporate international internships in Trinidad, Namibia and Mexico.

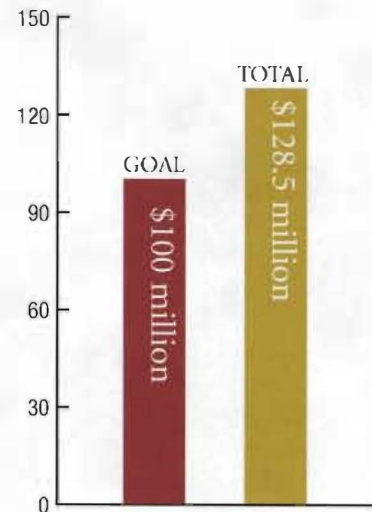
Other campus academic programs have used Teagle resources in similar ways to assess both how the world has changed and the need to change teaching to remain current.

"There are many more options in international education now," said Tamara Williams, the faculty director of the Teagle grant. "More than ever, international education as we understand it at PLU is both local and global."

While the Teagle grant has supported on-campus curricular development, the Wang Center's focus has largely been off-campus programs. Together they ensure that every student has opportunities to integrate their course work and cocurricular experiences before, during and after they travel abroad.

The \$4 million gift establishing the Wang Center supports academic programs, coordinates off-campus programs and offers public symposia including the

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successful China symposium and the upcoming "Pathways to Peace: The Norwegian Approach to Democracy and Development," that will be held on campus and in downtown Tacoma in January 2005.

Each year the Wang Center also provides financial support for student and faculty study and travel. This year a total of \$25,000 supported 14 faculty with grants of up to \$2,500 for travel and study to locations around the world including Taiwan, Japan, Switzerland and South Africa. Professors prepared J-Term courses, attended academic roundtables and conducted research – in many cases with undergraduate student partners.

In terms of PLU's "improved schoolhouse," the campaign will pay for construction of the Morken Center for Learning and Technology and provided lead gifts for the renovation of Eastvold Auditorium. Both projects promise improved space for teaching and learning. If the campaign-funded 2001 renovation of Xavier Hall is any indication, the improvements will be profound.

"The changes resulting from the renovation of Xavier Hall are at once subtle and profound," said David Huelsbeck, dean of the social sciences. "No one really notices that their offices are much more



pleasant places to be than they once were. That's just a little bit below the radar screen.

"But there has been a very noticeable improvement both in the atmosphere in the building and in teaching and learning," he said.

Huelsbeck said the Nordquist Lecture Hall in particular has become a teaching gem in Xavier. In the past the acoustics were a constant challenge, and teaching there was difficult. Now it's among the most highly effective places to teach on campus and is in constant demand.

"Throughout the building, new technologies enable us to teach in ways that would have been unthinkable prior to the renovation," Huelsbeck said.

For example, the Xavier Hall anthropology laboratory is greatly improved, with a small computer lab to support the biological anthropology and archaeology classes. For the first time there is sufficient space to securely store the teaching collections – such as fossil casts and human evolution casts – where they can be easily accessed.

"The lab is a great space. We can get dirty and wet and sloppy and clean it up and move out of the way and go on with another class," Huelsbeck said. (See related story, page 6)



Atrium of the future Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

### THE CAMPUS REMADE

It is not possible here to recount the hundreds of ways in which The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University has remade the campus. The pride expressed by David Robbins, Tamara Williams and Dave Huelsbeck only begins to reflect the core of

this transformation. Multiply their appreciation five-, 10-, 20-fold or more to begin to grasp the campaign's significance.

The worth can be seen in dramatic improvements, such as the upcoming Morken Center construction and Eastvold renovation, as well as Q Club scholar-



### Sarah Hassen '07

*"If Agnes Berge Smith were still alive today I'd give her the hugest hug ever. I don't know how to express how thankful I am, except to do my very best in school. I know I wouldn't be able to attend PLU without her scholarship."*

Sarah Hassen '07 is the recipient of \$5,500 per year for four years as an Agnes Berge Smith scholar.

Hassen is a secondary education and music double major. She plays the oboe in the PLU Wind Ensemble and hopes to travel abroad with the group next year.





## Laine Walters '05

*"Writing about the United Nations from Geneva has always been a dream of mine. The Wang Center grant gave me a brief introduction to and testing ground for what I envision as a future vocation.*

*"It raised my vocational exploration to a level that PLU wouldn't be able to give me any other way. This extra step is so important for the integration of what I've learned at PLU and how I may use it in the larger world."*

Laine Walters '05 is a print journalism and global studies major with a comparative ethnicities emphasis. She is editor of *The Mast*.

She visited the United Nations general assembly hall in Geneva where she spent three weeks last summer on study-travel grants from the Wang Center and from the Wild Hope Project funded by the Lilly Foundation. Traveling with her were Samantha Thompson '05 and Joanne Lisosky, professor of communication. They also received study-travel grants from PLU.

Their trip was in preparation for the development of a human rights reporting class at PLU.

ships, the creation of the Benson Family Chair in Business and Economic History and the Kelmer Roe Student/Faculty Research Fellowships. Also momentous are the support of the Lilly Foundation, the Kresge Foundation and the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

Donors' reasons for giving to the campaign are innumerable, but the motivation for their philanthropy can be found through the reflections of a few.

### FROM THE HEARTS OF DONORS

Among the most extraordinary aspects of the campaign is the fact that more than 22,000 alumni and friends of the university contributed. Of those, 171 gave more than \$100,000 each for a major gifts total of almost \$99 million.

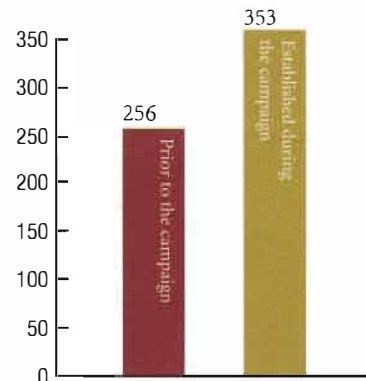
According to President Anderson, giving patterns also were remarkable in that the three largest gifts – \$12 million, \$8 million and \$5 million – came from PLU graduates. In the university's Make a Lasting Difference Campaign, which concluded in 1996, the three largest gifts came from friends who did not attend PLU.

"That our three largest gifts came from PLU alumni is a sign of the maturation of the institution," Anderson said.

"Our graduates at all levels of giving see their support of the university as an investment that comes out of gratitude for their own past experience and also a belief that by helping to perpetuate the PLU experience they can provide similar trans-

## Endowed Scholarships

38% increase



forming educational experiences for the next generation," he said.

Both themes emerged in conversations with campaign donors and PLU alumni Alison Carl, Ronald W. Cook, Donald Morken, Karen Phillips and Peter Wang. Major gifts received much of the attention during the campaign, but of critical importance to its ultimate success were the smaller gifts – such as donations to the Annual Fund and Q Club – from thousands of alumni and friends. The 21,829 donors who gave less than \$100,000 together contributed almost \$30 million – an amount that many universities would consider a successful campaign in itself.

"I started giving to PLU right out of school," said Alison Carl '94. "Q Club was my first charitable experience, except giving at church. Q Club taught me about the importance of giving regularly."

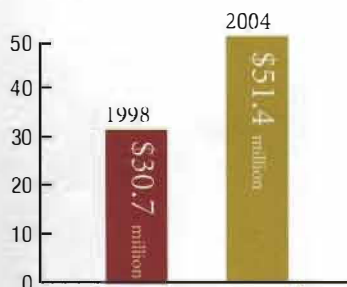
Carl is executive director of Seattle Works, a nonprofit organization that connects young adults to community volunteer and leadership opportunities and encourages philanthropy.

"I know how important small gifts are to cultivating and maintaining a broad base of support. They help people stay connected and continue to hear the PLU story," she said.

"My ongoing support is a result of my belief that PLU is the reason I'm in the position I hold today. I'm grateful for that."

Another campaign donor, businessman

## PLU's Endowment



Deferred gifts and pledges received during the campaign will push future endowment close to \$100 million.



*Donald Morken '60*

*"I have been very fortunate in my lifetime and the university helped me get my life under way. I decided it was time to give something back."*







*Peter Wang '60*

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*Karen Beard '05*

*"The anthro lab is great. Everything we need is here and easy to get to. Maybe more important is the small size of the lab. While we're working we can see everyone and talk to everyone. It's a real community feeling."*

An anthropology major with an archaeology emphasis, Katherine Beard '05 sorts bones and artifacts from a dig near the Makah Indian Tribe village on the Olympic Peninsula. She started at PLU the year that the renovated Xavier Hall and anthropology lab opened. Beard and other students in the lab look for bone shape, length, weight and density to identify the kinds of fish, sea mammals and land mammals that were tribe's source of food 500 years ago. The material is then sent back to the tribe's archeologist for storage in their museum.

Ronald W. Cook '86, had a similar experience at his alma mater.

"I run into a lot of people in my profession who are strictly number crunching accountants. They never learned how to work outside of the office, to make presentations and to interact with others," said Cook.

"I have done well in my career because PLU gave me the skills to succeed in accounting, plus the knowledge to see the bigger picture and function as a successful manager," he said.

Cook credits his mentor, advisor and accounting professor Judy Ramaglia for much of his success. In her honor he made a \$20,000 pledge in support of the Morken Center that was enhanced by a \$5,000 "match" from his employer at the time, PACCAR.

"Judy is a wonderful person. The personal attention I received from her and other PLU professors made all the difference. I am glad to give back to a place that helped me succeed," Cook said.

The first gift to the Morken Center for Learning and Technology came from the Morken family.

The \$19 million facility will be the new home for the study of business, computer science, computer engineering and mathematics. Construction will begin in late

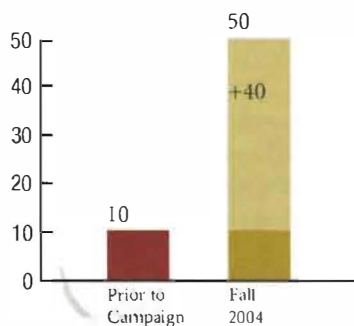
fall and be complete in the spring of 2006. It is the largest capital project in university history.

"Somebody had to do it," Donald Morken '60 said about being the first donor to the project.

In his customary no-nonsense style, Morken continued, "I mean projects like this one don't get started on their own. Someone needs to step up to be the initial one to endorse them. In the case of this building, I had been on the Board of Regents for many years and so I knew that there was a real need."

## Student/Faculty Research Grants

500% increase



But then, on reflection, Morken's deep regard for PLU and his own PLU experience emerged.

"I have been very fortunate in my lifetime and the university helped me get my life under way," Morken said. "I decided it was time to give something back."

The gift that alumna Karen (Hille) Phillips '59 made to the campaign was, at the same time, magnanimous and personal. She designated \$5 million for the restoration of Eastvold Hall. The auditorium there will be named Hille-Phillips Auditorium.

"I feel strongly about educating students for lives of service in a meaningful manner. And that is our mission after all," Phillips said. "There are many problems in the world today and we so desperately need good people to help make the world a better place. There have to be solutions found to these problems other than war – solutions through peace."

Phillips' personal connection to Eastvold has lasted a lifetime. In the late 1920s a pastor from the Midwest came to visit her family on the farm in Ritzville, Wash. He was helping with a Norwegian Lutheran Church of America fund-raising campaign for Pacific Lutheran College. The pastor was Seth Eastvold, who in 1943 became president of PLC. He retired in 1962, three





Stephanie Christopher '04

"It is hard to put a price tag on this kind of education. But there is a price tag, a pretty hefty one at that.

"This is where the support of parents, alumni, regents, charitable trusts, churches and others becomes important.

"If it is one thing all students at PLU have learned, it is nothing takes place in a vacuum. We are part of a community and none of us would be here if it were not for the community of often unseen supporters around us.

"You are just as much a part of our education as the textbooks, the lectures, the service projects and semesters abroad. Without you none of this would be possible.

"Students: if you see any alumni, donors or regents, say hello. Take a moment to thank them. Maybe even take a few minutes to tell them how much your education means to you.

"Let them know their investment in PLU was well-made."

Last spring Christopher, then editor of The Mast, wrote an editorial thanking donors. Above is an excerpt from that editorial.

years after Phillips graduated.

"I was a very young girl at the time of his visit and that was the first I had heard of the college," she said. "Somehow I knew I would go to college there. I never imagined that I would end up as a student, loving the chapel that was later named in Dr. Eastvold's honor. Now I'm helping to rebuild and preserve it as the focal point for campus."

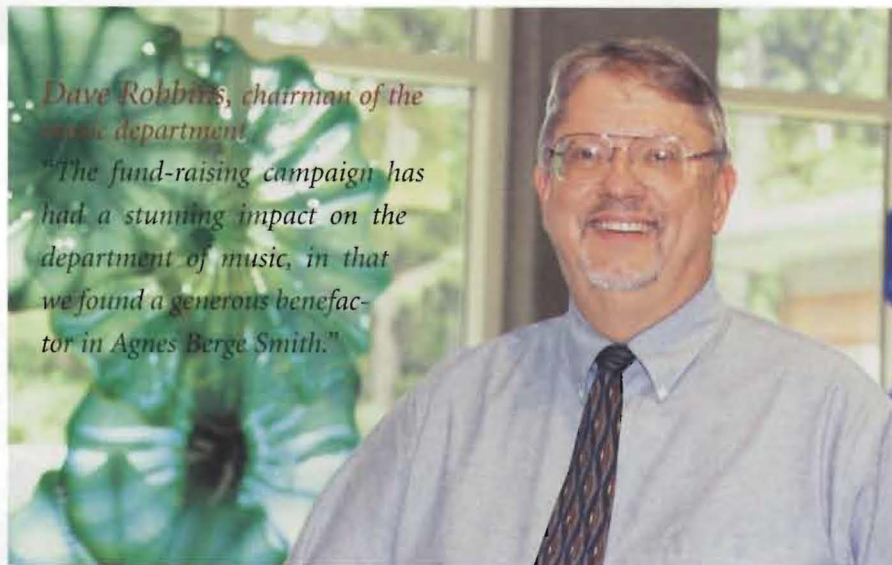
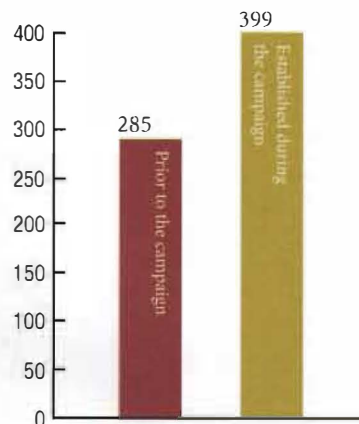
Completion of the Eastvold project is the university's next major fund-raising initiative.

Peter and Grace Wang also found deep personal satisfaction in their gift that established the Wang Center for International Programs.

The day after the 9/11 attack the Wangs said they knew they had to do something constructive in response. They donated

Students Traveling Abroad

40% increase



Dave Robbins, chairman of the music department

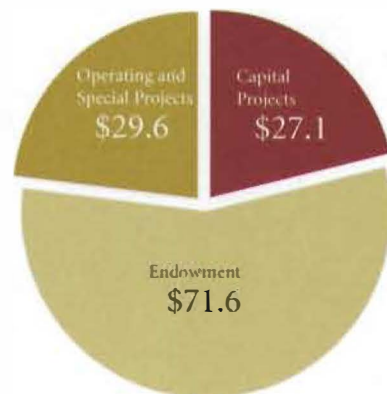
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blood, and they decided to create the Wang Center at PLU. They see it as a focal point for preparing students for a lifetime of leadership and service in an interconnected world, equipping them with the knowledge, insight and global understanding to be advocates for peace.

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"Our gift to the university is the best investment that we have ever made." [S]

Campaign Support



\*in millions of dollars.



# leadership & service



David Johnson '74, '77 works hard to promote PLU and encourages other alumni to make time to connect with the university.

## Alumni board member wants all students to have great college years

**D**avid Johnson's e-mail address and eBay handle start with "Lute."

It's a fitting moniker for the man who has dedicated much time and effort to PLU, crediting the university with giving him confidence and opportunities that allowed him to pursue a career in higher education.

"In high school I was quiet and shy. When I went to PLU, I was a scared undergrad, but I made a conscious effort to change that," he said. "The man I am today is because of the experience I had as a student.

He became involved in ASPLU, planned events and joined volunteer groups. Now he is known as a superb event planner and public speaker, and he uses those gifts in his job, his church and his community.

Johnson '74, '77 is a class representative and member of the alumni board. He organized the 25th reunion of the class of '74, is planning the 30th for this October and started the first alumni list serve. He has hosted Lute tailgate

parties near his home in Orange, Calif.

He is director of judicial affairs at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, overseeing student conduct and producing major campus events. Johnson, said he understands the importance of a good education - and a nurturing campus atmosphere.

"I enjoyed being a college student, and I want other students to have a good experience," said Johnson, who has worked at Cal Poly Pomona for 23 years.

Johnson volunteers on the youth board of his church and has served on the boards of the Inland Valley Volunteer Resource Center in Pomona, the Cal Poly Federal Credit Union and the Daria Bearden Foundation for the Arts in Tustin, Calif. He serves on the board of California People of Faith Opposed to the Death Penalty.

"PLU gives opportunities to take on leadership roles and stresses an obligation to serve others," he said. "I think a lot of graduates go on to do that."

Johnson and his wife, Jan (Marshall '77) have one daughter in high school. He urges other alumni to become involved with the mission to "build life-long Lutes with deep roots."

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## 2004 Athletic Hall of Fame

### Five standout student-athletes

and one legendary football coach will be the 15th group inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame during a Homecoming luncheon on Friday, Oct. 1. Reservations can be made through the PLU Athletic Department by calling 253-535-7352.

*This year's inductees are:*

### Cheryl Kragness Brost

*Soccer, 1989-92*

Cheryl Kragness Brost '93 was a key player on two NAIA national championship teams and two teams that finished as national runners up. During



her junior year, she led the team in goals scored (18), assists (11) and total points (47) - all of which remain top-10 all-time marks. In her senior season she tied for the team lead in assists (11), and was second in goals scored (17) and total points (45). Her

career totals of 62 goals and 153 points rank fourth in PLU's record book, and her 29 career assists is sixth.

The Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America twice named Brost the Player of the Year. She was also named an NAIA All-American, National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) All-American and first-team NAIA All-West Region her senior season. She was a three-time NAIA all-district selection, a two-time all-conference pick, and a three-time member of the national all-tournament team. She was twice named an NAIA All-American Scholar-Athlete.

She lives in Eugene, Ore.



### Kathy Thompson Elwyn

*Swimming, 1987-90*

Kathy Thompson Elwyn '90 was a dominant swimmer on one of PLU's great sports dynasties in the 1980s and early '90s. She was the cornerstone of a team that never finished lower than



fifth at the NAIA national meet and never lost a dual meet to a Northwest Conference opponent. Her team won four consecutive

conference championships.

Individually, she won an astonishing 25 conference championships, including four straight titles in both the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medley. At nationals she was a 22-time, four-year NAIA All-American. At the national meet, she finished as high as second in the 200-yard IM, and twice finished third in the 400-yard IM. Elwyn placed second in both the 200-yard freestyle relay and 400-yard medley relay. She is

still PLU's record-holder in the 200 IM and 400 IM, as well as a member of the school's record-holding 400-yard freestyle relay team.

She lives in East Wenatchee, Wash.

### Eddie Schultz

*Tennis, 1981, 83-85*

Eddie Schultz is one of the top men's tennis players in PLU history, ranking in the top 20 for season victories in sin-



gles in each of his four years. He is second in career victories with 106, and has the fourth all-time career winning percentage at 77.3 percent. Schultz

compiled a 32-6 record in 1984, an 84.2 winning percentage, which is tied for 10th all-time.

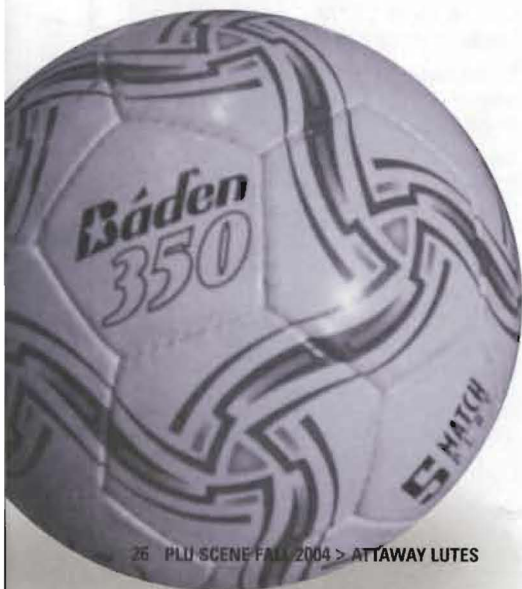
Schultz twice won the NAIA District 1 championship in singles and was the district doubles champion. He won the consolation doubles title at the conference tournament his sophomore season. A competitor at the national tournament all four years, Schultz advanced to the quarterfinals in singles three times. He was named to the Northwest Conference all-conference team three times and was named to the all-district team once. He was the co-winner of PLU's Man of the Year in Sports award in 1985.

He lives in Wenatchee, Wash.

### Karen Bell Steen

*Track, 1982-86*

Karen Bell Steen '86 was a two-time NAIA All-American in the 400-meter hurdles. She set the school record of 59.76 seconds in the event at the 1986 national meet, where she finished second. She competed at the national meet all four years, also placing fourth and seventh in the 400-meter hurdles. Karen







won seven conference titles and two district titles, and finished in the top four at the district meet in eight other events.

In addition to her 400-meter time, she is ranked in the top 11 in three other events - the 100-meter hurdles, 400-meter run and the heptathlon. In her junior season she was co-winner of the team's Most Inspirational Award. In 1986 she was named a co-winner of PLU's Woman of the Year in Sports award. She lives in Olympia, Wash.

### Frosty Westering

Football coach, 1972-2003

Frosty Westering compiled a 261-70-5 win-loss record in his 32-year tenure at PLU and never had a losing season. His teams won three NAIA Division II national titles and one NCAA Division III national championship in 19 post-

season appearances. He is the winningest coach in NAIA history with 256 wins, and is the ninth winningest coach in college football history with 305 victories. He was named the NCAA Division III national coach of the year in 1999 by the American Football Coaches Association, Football Gazette magazine and Shut Sports, and was the NAIA Division II national coach of the year in 1983 and 1993. He was also



named the Lutheran Brotherhood Lutheran Coach of the Year for 1999-2000. He was selected as the conference Coach of the Year in 1985, 1986, 1993 and 1998 and was voted as the Northwest Small College Coach of the Year in 1979, 1980, 1983, 1993 and 1998. During his career he coached 26 NAIA and NCAA first team All-Americans.

His list of awards also includes the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Lifetime Achievement Award, the Athletes for a Better World Lifetime Achievement Award, the Tacoma News Tribune Man of the Year in Sports (twice) and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's Publisher's Award (in 2000). He was inducted into the Puget Sound Sports Hall of Fame earlier this year and is also a member of the Iowa Collegiate Coaching Hall of Fame. His teams have also been known for their community service work. In 2003 Westering received an award from the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators for the Lutes PHD (Pride, Heart and Determination) program, which was started in 1980.

After retiring this year, he still lives in Tacoma. [S]

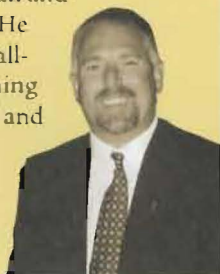


### Lutes name assistant football coach

ud Keim '86 has taken over as assistant football coach. He fills the position vacated when Scott Westering '82 became head coach, replacing his father.

Keim returns to his alma mater from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn., where he was defensive coordinator the past four seasons. He also was an assistant coach for four seasons at California Lutheran University and was a graduate assistant coach for two years at Minnesota State University-Mankato. Keim earned his master's in physical education while at Mankato State.

Keim was a four-year letter winner in football and track and field. He was a two-time all-conference running back in football and a conference champion in the long jump.



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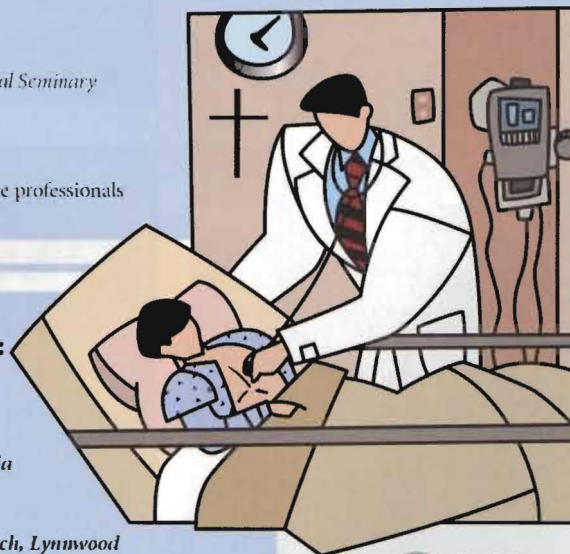
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# alumni news & events

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY



GRADUATES OF THE LAST DECADE

## HOMECOMING 2004

will officially launch PLU GOLD: Graduates Of the Last Decade, which focuses on special events, programs and services for alums from the previous 10 years. PLU GOLD won't end after Homecoming weekend - it will be a way to stay connected with other Lutes. Homecoming weekend is just the beginning of great things to come!

With more than 8,000 graduates in the past 10 years, it's impossible to capture all the memories in just a few pictures. But we've chosen a few shots of previous games, Songfest productions, Homecoming royalty and other festivities to show you how much fun students and recent grads have had at Homecoming since 1994. For more information about PLU GOLD call 253-535-7415 or e-mail [gold@plu.edu](mailto:gold@plu.edu)





2002



2003



1995



1997



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## Alumni Recognition Award Nominations

Awards are given each year to alumni, friends and students for outstanding achievements and years of service.

**Nominations must include supporting letters and be returned to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations by Jan. 31, 2005.** Here are the categories:

### Distinguished Alumnus Award

Through years of dedication and service, this alumnus has achieved professional or vocational distinction.

YOUR NOMINEE

### Outstanding Alumnus Award

Awarded to an alumnus, beyond 15 years of graduation, who has excelled in a special area of life.

YOUR NOMINEE

### Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award

Awarded to an alumnus, within 15 years of graduation, who has excelled in a special area of life.

YOUR NOMINEE

### Heritage Award

Awarded to an alumnus for years of distinguished service to the university.

YOUR NOMINEE

### Special Recognition Award

Awarded to an alumnus or friend of the university who has uniquely served the university.

YOUR NOMINEE

### Alumni Service Award

Awarded to an alumnus who has demonstrated outstanding volunteer leadership and/or service to their community.

YOUR NOMINEE

### Brian C. Olson Student Leadership Award

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated potential for a lifelong commitment to the university and the alumni association.

YOUR NOMINEE

## Legacy Lutes

### Children of grads carry on the PLU tradition

**F**all is always an exciting time, as more than 950 new students arrive on campus. The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations welcomes these Legacy Lutes—students whose parents graduated from or attended PLU. We recognize these alumni parents for their continued generational support and are thrilled to have them actively involved with their alma mater.

**Carolyn Adams**, Bert and Beth (Liming '81) Adams

**Katherine Allen**, Richard and Suzanne (Otis '01) Lane

**Lindsey Allen**, Wayne and Laura (Midtsater '43) Allen

**Colby Anardi**, Kim and Lynda Anardi

**Jillian Bartling**, Victor '81 and Cindy Bartling

**Jessica Bilddt**, John '76 and Sharon Bilddt

**Rebecca Black**, Gerald and Roberta (Dowling '75) Black

**Ryan Booth**, Charlie and Trudy '93 Booth

**Jeremy Bush**, Arnold and Karen Bush

**Brittini Callies**, Michael Callies and Sandra Porritt

**Jennifer Campbell**, Scott and (Karen '00) Campbell

**John Carlsen**, John '81 and Kimberly (Hopkins '82) Carlsen

**Jessica Caulkins**, Robert '79 and Lisa (Catterall '81) Caulkins

**Kenneth Chilcoat**, Alan and Carol (Holden '77) Chilcoat

**Kimberly Cotton**, David and Barbara (Orr '78) Cotton

**Christopher Cutler**, Gerald and Sigrid (Olsen '80) Cutler

**Meighen Donnelly**, Guy Kauffman and Leticia Donnelly-Kauffman '00

**Theresa Duarte**, Kathy Duarte-Wilson '90 and David Wilson

**Daniel Eppelsheimer**, Gary and Janet (Dambach '71) Eppelsheimer

**Elizabeth Erie**, Michael '76 and Amy Erie

**Kyle Eskelin**, David and Lisa '82 Eskelin

**Emily Ewen**, Robert and Patricia (Walker '78) Ewen

**Dallas Farrell**, Tracy Farrell and Maria Warden-Farrell

**Kael Fisher**, Kipp and Lois (Kullberg '76) Fisher



(Left to right): Matthew '07, Dan '76, Sarah '08, Joel, Darcy (Berube '78) Johnson

**Amber Fisk**, Donald and Sharon Fisk

**Nels Flesher**, Harry and Elizabeth '79 Flesher

**Katie Fletcher**, Terrell '79 and Michelle (Novack '82) Fletcher

**Myja Freese**, Paul '75 and Patty (Millson '76) Freese

**Joseph Fries**, Cameron '79 and Phyllis (Hisgrove '79) Fries

**Kristina Garabedian**, Sharon Garabedian

**Krista Gunstone**, Reed '77 and Diane (Nieman '80) Gunstone

**Brittany Hale**, Everett '72 and Pamela Hale

**Belinda Ho**, John and Suzanne Ho

**Brandon Hood**, Edwin and Lynette (Hoegh '79) Hood

**Timothy Houghland**, David and Mary Houghland

**Laurel Jackman**, David and Brigitte (Greve '71) Jackman

**Brett Jacobsen**, Harold and Susan Jacobsen

**Victoria James**, Gordon and MaryAnne '96 James

**Ian Jamieson**, Dan '77 and Linda (Alexander '77) Jamieson

**Sarah Johnson**, Daniel '76 and Darcy (Berube '78) Johnson

**Michael Jorgensen**, Douglas and Sandra Jorgensen

**Randi Kerr**, Robert '80 and Kimberly '81 Kerr

**Erik Krippaehne**, Bill and Michelle (Knoph '74) Krippaehne

**Danjel Lessard**, Joseph Lessard and Marie Nordquist-Lessard

**Kari Liebert**, Daniel and Karen (Knutsen '78) Liebert

**Amanda Luebke**, Glen and Cynthia (Sovereign '77) Luebke



**Alexander Lyle**, George and Sonna (Cook '81) Lyle

**Erin McEntire**, Michael '82 and Cynthia (Wolf '81) McEntire

**Paul McLaughlin**, Robert and Nelline McLaughlin

**Erik Mitchell**, Gary Mitchell '80 and Inger Alt

**Alicia Moore**, Henry and Maureen Moore

**Megan Murray**, Terry and Lori (Andrews '81) Murray

**Kristina Nelson**, Elvin '71 and Mary Nelson

**Melanie Newport**, Mark and Vivian '99 Newport

**Steven Nugent**, Douglas '83 and Karen Nugent

**Christine Olsen**, Richard and Diane (Van Vleet '81) Olsen

**Rebecca O'Neill**, Patricia Kirkwood '80

**Shannon Paselk**, Alan Willingham and Tammy Paselk-Willingham

**Alicia Patterson**, Barbara Adams

**Brittany Pedone**, Mary Asami and Asami Hiro

**Keith Petersen**, Duane '74 and Jane (Rice '75) Petersen

**Courtney Poole**, Daniel and Kathryn (Drewes '72) Poole

**Timothy Powell**, Tom Powell

**Elizabeth Price**, Gregory '78 and Jamie Price

**Kathleen Ross**, James '68 and Cynthia Ross

**Jamie Rottle**, James '77 and Tanya Rottle

**Stacie Sickler**, Stephen and Pauline Edmunds

**Tory Silvestrin**, Anthony and Terry (Monson '72) Silvestrin

**Bonnie Simpson**, Lewis Simpson '71 and Lynn Bratlie '71

**Matthew Sinnes**, Leroy '70 and Sandra (Olsen '70) Sinnes

**Joel Smith**, David '72 and Margaret (Dryver '74) Smith

**Catherine Stout**, Stephen '69 and Barbara Stout

**Courtney Stringer**, Jeremy and Susan (Hildebrand '76) Stringer

**Alexander Thieman**, Jon Thieman and Ann '79 Mehl

**Dustin Thomas**, R. Dale '83 and Cindy Thomas

**Tove Tupper**, Geoffrey and Nancy (Soderlund '81) Tupper

**David Van Cleve**, George '77 and Paulette (White '77) Van Cleve

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## Picture Perfect

**Eva (Gusland) Ahlström** of Tonsberg, Norway, was given a PLU Saga yearbook by Mona Pedersen, faculty member of Hedmark University College. Mona discovered that Eva had studied at PLC with her cousin in 1948 and learned of her fondness for the campus.



**Paula (Heyer) Billings '63** and **Judy Perry '63** traveled to Toyko during spring break. Pictured here on the way to the Sensoji Temple, Paula teaches in the Clover Park School District, and Judy is managing director for Merrill Lynch in Honolulu.

## Pencil Us In

### UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>September 25-26</b> .....	Alumni Board Fall Meeting
<b>October 1-3</b> .....	Homecoming Weekend
<b>October 16</b> .....	Tailgate at Chapman Univ., Orange, Calif.
<b>October 23</b> .....	Tailgate at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Ore.
<b>October 29-31</b> .....	Family Weekend
<b>October 31</b> .....	Parents Council Fall Meeting
<b>November 6</b> .....	Tailgate at Menlo College, Atherton, Calif.
<b>November 13</b> .....	Tailgate at Whitworth College, Spokane
<b>December 3</b> .....	Christmas Concer , First United Methodist, Por land
<b>December 4</b> .....	Christmas Concert, First Presbyterian, Seattle
<b>December 5</b> ..	Christmas Concert and pre-concert Q Club Reception, campus

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**Benjamin Voetberg**, James Voetberg and Ingrid '83 Jones

**Matt Webb**, Steven and Dawn Webb

**Angela Westmark**, Tim and Nancy Westmark

**Sarah Wilkins-Bentley**, Charles Wilkins and Rhonda '93 Jones

**Edward Wolfe**, Bethel and Christopher '87 Wolfe


**Paul Woolsey**, Jon and Tamara '82 Woolsey

**Kendra Wright**, Bruce and Marcia Wright

## Calling all grandparents

**G**randparents are an important part of the PLU family, too! If you know grandparents of current students who would like to become more involved with their grandchildren's university, we'd love to know. Please send us their mailing information and student's name to [alumni@plu.edu](mailto:alumni@plu.edu), and we will keep them informed of our latest news and events.

## Lutes Online

**W**hat ever happened to that guy who dated my freshman roommate? Does anyone from my class know where I am? Check to see if your classmates are listed in our new PLU Alumni Online Community, and sign up today! Membership is free and exclusive to PLU alumni. Go to [www.plualumni.org/](http://www.plualumni.org/) to sign up or find out more. 

# PLU 2004 HOMECOMING

## BLACK & GOLD FOREVER

### Homecoming 2004:

**W**ear your school colors proudly when you come back to campus October 1-3 for Homecoming 2004: Black and Gold Forever! In addition to this year's class reunions of 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, and 1989, we are excited to announce the formal launch of PLU GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade), our special affinity reunion this year. For more information or to register, visit us online at [www.plualumni.org](http://www.plualumni.org) or call us at 800-ALUM-PLU.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

##### Classes Without Quizzes

8 a.m. - 5 p.m., PLU campus

##### Homecoming Chapel

10:30 a.m., Trinity Lutheran Church

##### Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon

11 a.m., University Center

##### Homecoming Golf Scramble

1-5 p.m., PLU Golf Course

##### 50th Anniversary Dinner for the Class of 1954

6 p.m., University Center

##### PLU GOLD President's Reception

6:30 p.m., Gonyea House

##### PLU GOLD Kick-off Bash at 21 Commerce

8:30 p.m., downtown Tacoma

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

##### Coffee talk: Ron Ho '58

8 a.m., Mortvedt Library lobby

##### Into the Streets Campus Community

##### Service Project

8:30 a.m., Red Square

##### Heritage Lecture featuring Jeremy Desel '91

9 a.m., Xavier Hall

##### Alumni Swim Meet

9 a.m., PLU Pool

##### 50th Champagne Brunch for the Class of 1954

10 a.m., Gonyea House

##### 25th Champagne Brunch for the Class of 1979

10 a.m., Faculty House

##### Class Reunion Branches

10 a.m., University Center

##### Nursing Alumni Brunch

10 a.m., University Center

##### Lute Camp for Kids

10 a.m., University Center

##### Alumni Tent & Lutes vs. Linfield Wildcats

12:30 p.m., Sparks Stadium

##### Tacoma Art Museum and Dale Chilhuly Walking Tour

1 p.m., downtown Tacoma

##### Faculty House Intermission

4:30 p.m., Faculty House

##### Homecoming Gala

6:30 p.m., Olson Auditorium

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

##### Golden Club Brunch

9 a.m., Mary Baker Russell Music Center

##### Pancake Feed

9:30 a.m., University Center

##### Homecoming Worship

11 a.m., Mary Baker Russell Music Center



# alumni profiles

## Norwegian grad heads Tacoma's World Trade Center

**A**fter serving a year in the Royal Norwegian Air Force, Andreas Udbye had a choice – either train to be a pilot in Texas, or attend business school at PLU.

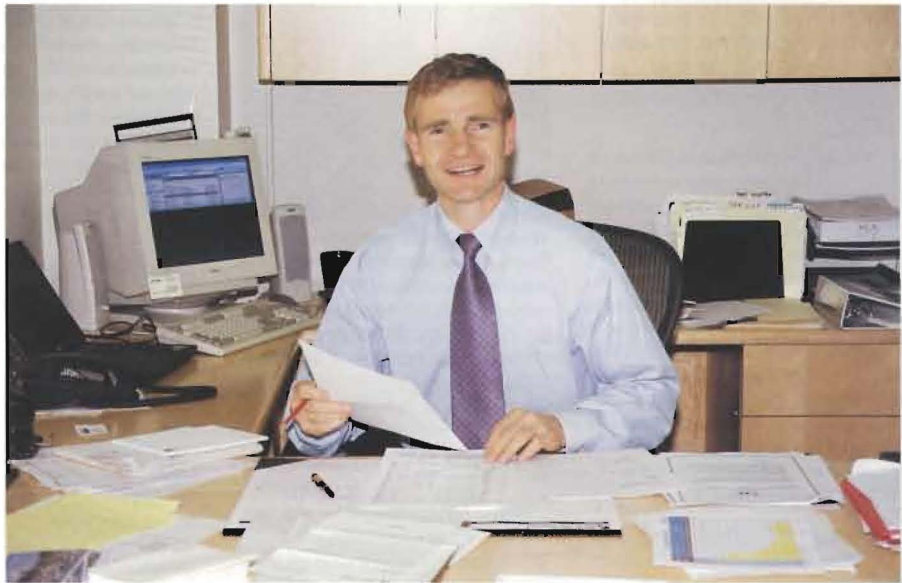
“I knew at that time I wanted to go to the states for a while,” Udbye '83 said. Not even knowing where PLU was, Udbye chose to go to business school. “I just knew it was in America,” he said. “I never regretted that (decision).”

Udbye received a year of tuition from a Norway-America Association scholarship and entered PLU as a sophomore. After a year, he decided to stay and get his degree. “A lot of international students, wherever they're from, have a hard time going back,” Udbye said. He decided to stay because of his girlfriend, who is now his wife, Kari (Pederson '81), his friends and the fact that he only had two years left to complete his degree.

After graduation, he gained business experience in both Norway and the U.S. – in ship brokerage, banking, maritime transportation, international trade, sales and marketing and owning his own publishing firm and import agency/management company. Udbye, who has a master's degree from the University of Washington, worked for his family's horticulture seed company and wholesaler in Norway, before returning to the U.S. in 2001 to take over as the executive director of the World Trade Center Tacoma.

“I really love this job because of its global, international perspective,” Udbye said. The World Trade Center Tacoma matches firms and individuals with opportunities for foreign trade. The center is affiliated with more than 330 World Trade Centers in more than 100 countries and provides members with access to more than 500,000 companies and individuals engaged in international trade.

WTCTA works with members and clients ranging in size from Boeing to one-person start-ups, Udbye said. They use tools such as trade missions, networking with professionals, news articles, training programs and one-



Andreas Udbye '83, executive director of the Tacoma World Trade Center, will help plan PLU's Pathways to Peace symposium in January.

to-one consultancy to work with exporters, importers and service providers.

Being an immigrant has its advantages when dealing with international trade, Udbye said, easing work on exports and trade and giving an edge on language, culture and contacts. Udbye started out in Seattle doing a lot of work with Norway, but now focuses more on Asia, working on trade within the Pacific Rim.

Even though it is unusual to have a trade center in a city the size of Tacoma, WTCTA is vital to Tacoma. “We're a port city and trade is crucial,” Udbye said.

The center often partners with educational institutions. PLU is one of the main contributors to its internship program, and the center recently hired Katie Alexander '04, who had just completed her internship, as marketing coordinator.

Udbye remains involved with PLU through the Wang Center for International Programs and the School of Business. He serves as an advisory board member for both and is helping plan PLU's Norway Symposium, which is timed to coincide with Norway's Centennial celebration. The symposium, which runs Jan. 12-14, is a public forum

on the Norwegian approach to achieving world peace through conflict resolution, economic development and relieving global poverty.

“It's been fun to be part of what PLU is doing,” Udbye said.

Udbye and his family stay connected to Norway through summer visits and speaking the language. His sons, Peter, 13, and Erik, 11, and Kari all speak Norwegian. While they don't speak it “as much as they should” at home, once they hit the ground in Norway – there's no English.

As for the future, Udbye is applying for his U.S. citizenship. His goal for the summer was to learn the Star Spangled Banner, study American History and memorize the Pledge of Allegiance. “It's a practical thing, now that we've decided to come back here,” he said. To Udbye, being a citizen means having voting rights and being able to one day run for port commissioner.

Without PLU, Udbye says he might not be where he is today. “My PLU experience was life altering,” he said. “It was a critical decision when I decided to keep going there. Hopefully, I'll be able to help PLU in greater and greater degree as time goes on.” □

By Nisha Ajmani '02



# alumni class notes

Class Representative positions available:  
**1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1960, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1972, 1973, 1978, 1981, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1996**

## 1932

**Ruth (Goodwin) Pflugmacher** died April 4. She taught for many years in Pierce County (Wash.) schools. After her retirement, she and her late husband, Emery, spent 30 years wintering in Southern California. They also enjoyed many trips throughout the world. Ruth loved to square dance and was active in Ivy Chapter of Eastern Star. She took great pleasure in her nephews and nieces and their children, often taking them along on trips. She is survived by sister Marie Morgan; two nephews, three nieces and several grandnephews and nieces, including **Lindsey Trauba '03**.

## 1936

Class Representative – Volly (Norby) Grande

## 1938

**James Stanley Willis** died July 31.

## 1940

Class Representative – Luella Toso Johnson

## 1945

Class Representative – Annabelle Birkestol

**Lillian (Thorliefson) Fulthorp** died March 10. She was preceded in death by her husband, Delmar. She is survived by her stepsons, Dick and Don Fulthorp; daughter Karen Marty; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brothers **George '42** and **Phil '52 Thorliefson**.

**Helen Cunningham** died May 11. After graduating from PLC, she began her 39-year teaching career in Bremerton, Issaquah and Tacoma, Wash. She went on to teach for 30 years at Meeker School in Puyallup, where she was a PTA Golden Acorn recipient. She was a member of the International Reading Association, Puyallup Educational Association, and state and national educational associations. She also was a member of Bethany Baptist Church and served as a docent at PLU. Surviving Helen are four granddaughters and her sister, Isabelle Beck.

## 1946

**Nellie (Risa) Christofferson** died May 14. After graduating from PLC, she taught



elementary school in Odessa, Dupont, Vancouver and Bainbridge Island, Wash. Together with her husband, the **Rev. Chauncey '50**, she served many churches in South Dakota, Wisconsin, Montana and North Dakota. They moved to Marysville, Wash., in 1977 and she continued to serve at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Her positive attitude, her cheery personality and her example of faith were an inspiration to those who knew her. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, **Mark '84**, Charles and Kenneth Christofferson; four grandchildren; brothers, Don and Theron Risa; and sisters, Fern Whittle and Jenny Panko.

## 1947

Class Representative – Gerald Lider

## 1948

Class Representative – Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

## 1950

Class Representative – Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

**Richard Mason** died March 15. Before coming to PLC, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He had a long career as a teacher and a coach, first at Clover Park High School in Lakewood (1956-1969), then in Newport, Ore. He was the Oregon Coach of the Year in 1978 and Oregon Athletic Director of the Year in 1984, and was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997. He also was an avid reader, a history buff and an animal lover. He is survived by his daughters, **Elizabeth '63**, Laura and Kate; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

**Richard Svare** died April 24. He was an accomplished vocalist, teacher and actor who studied voice at PLC and trained privately with Ellen Schytte-Jacobsen. Living in various parts of Europe, he spoke Greek, German, French, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian and worked in Oslo as a translator and courier for the 1952 Olympic ski-jumping teams. In 1963, he founded the Scandinavian Theatre Company, a professional English language repertory theatre based in Stockholm. Among the actors who performed with the touring company were Peggy Ashcroft, John Gielgud, E.G. Marshall, Sada Thompson

and Esther Rolle. In 1969, he moved to The Greek island of Corfu, where he helped organize an annual arts festival. Richard also acted in several European feature films and Euro Television productions and worked for the Merce Cunningham Dance Company. He is survived by his sister, **Betty Parrott '38**, with whom he shared a house in Seattle during the last 10 years of his life.

## 1951

**Wallace Soland** died March 4 in Palm Desert, Calif. Before coming to PLC, Wallace served in the Marines for three years in the Asian Theater. He received a bachelor's and a master's degree in education from PLU and went on to a 30-year coaching career, serving at Bainbridge, Toledo and Issaquah (Wash.) High Schools in basketball, track and football. He also taught physical education and driver education. His family remembers him as a loving husband and father with a positive attitude and a very good sense of humor. He is survived by his wife of almost 52 years, **Dorothy (Hagen '51) Soland**; son Rick; daughter Carol Becker; sister Eileen Kelly and four grandchildren.

## 1953

**Elmyra (Vogler) Coon** died April 29. She lived in Tacoma, where she taught elementary school and received the Golden Acorn Award as an outstanding teacher. She was a longtime member of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church and enjoyed helping out at the food bank. She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore. She is survived by her sons Kenneth and Robert, eight grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

## 1954

Class Representative – Iver Haugen

## 1955

Class Representative – Phyllis (Grahm) Pejja

**Faith (Bueltmann) Stern** had her book, "Getting There With Faith: Adventures of a Travel Addict," published in April. She describes the hiking, climbing, canoeing and skiing trips she has taken in many unusual places around the world. She lives in Takoma Park, Md.

## 1956

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

## 1957

Class Representative – Marilyn Katz

## 1958

Class Representatives – Don Cornell and David Knutson

## 1959

Class Representative – Al Dungan

**Al Dungan** spent two weeks this spring in St. Petersburg, Russia, where he was a guest lecturer at the Novosaratovka Lutheran Seminary on the topic: "Addiction, Recovery and Pastoral Ministry." Novosaratovka Seminary is supported by the Evangelical Church in Germany and the ELCA, and is preparing men and women for ministry to the Russian-German Lutherans in the Russian Federation.

**Barbara (Jackson) Brown** died March 27. After she and her husband, Jim, a geologist for Conoco, were married in 1972, they moved to Bogota, Colombia, where Barbara taught English at Universidad Rosario. Numerous corporate moves followed, eventually bringing them to Casper, Wyo., from 1979 to 1984. Barbara retained her love of Wyoming during subsequent assignments in London, Houston, Scotland and Oklahoma. They returned to Casper in 1999, following her husband's retirement from Conoco. Barbara served as an officer for the League of Women Voters, Casper Civic Chorale and Geo Wives. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was a member of the Casper Service League and Literacy Volunteers of Casper, having worked previously as coordinator of the Ponca City Area Literacy Council in Oklahoma. Barbara was also a founder of the Casper Recorder Consort, played in a handbell choir and served as music coordinator for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. She enjoyed traveling, viewing wildlife and, in particular, studying genealogy. Surviving Barbara are her husband and two sons, Andrew and Matthew.

## 1961

Class Representative – Ron Lerch

## 1962

Class Representatives – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

## 1963

Class Representatives – Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

## 1964

**Dan Sellman** retired after 27 years as pastor at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Mountlake Terrace, Wash. Pastors from different churches all over South



Snohomish County came to wish him well at his last service March 7 and thanked him for the role he has played in uniting various denominations in the community. He and his wife, **Judy (Pederson)**, live in Bothell, Wash., with Judy's mother.

## 1966

**Dorothy (Knutzen) Lien** died Jan. 17, after a nearly three-year battle with cancer. She lived a life of service, helping to found the Well Child Clinic at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Stanwood, Wash., where mothers can get medical exams from registered nurses for their babies. She also taught Sunday school and helped start His Pantry at Camano Chapel, which gives food and clothing to needy people. She believed that being a mother is the world's most important job. She is survived by her husband, Jay; her daughters Kim Lien and Michelle Stang; her parents Jess and Barbara Knutzen; her brothers William and Roger Knutzen; her sister Barbara Dalton; and two grandchildren.

## 1968

**Penny (Johnson) Leake**, associate professor of nursing at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, received tenure. In addition to her PLU degree, Penny has a master's degree from Ohio University and a doctorate from the University of Texas-Austin. She is licensed as a registered nurse in Iowa, Minnesota, Idaho and Washington. She has also received many professional honors and awards, including the 2000 Research for Practice Award from the American Nurses Association and the 2000 Nurse of the Year Award from the Iowa Nurses Association.

**Linda Allen** received a doctor of ministry degree from the University of Creation Spirituality in Oakland, Calif. She will continue to work as a performer, songwriter, educator, speaker and facilitator.

## 1969

**Frank Hagen** died March 15. After he graduated from PLU, he earned a doctorate in astrophysics from the University of Maryland. He then spent two years on post-doctoral research at Caltech before he worked for Hughes Aircraft Company as a scientist for 25 years in California. He was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Palos Verdes, Calif., and sang in the choir. Even though he struggled all his life with diabetes, he maintained a pleasant outlook on life. He was preceded in death by his father, Arnold Hagen, a former PLU professor. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Amy; his mother, **Eva (Larson) Hagen '59**; two sons, Erik and Andrew; and his brother **Ardy Hagen '71**.

**Marvin Slind** has been promoted to associate professor of history at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. He has been

on Luther's faculty since 2000. He received a master's and a doctorate from Washington State University and is the author of several articles and reviews published in history and education journals. He is also a frequent speaker and presenter at seminars and workshops.

**Paula (Grams) Hawkins** was inducted into the Washington Music Educators Hall of Fame in Yakima, Wash., Feb. 13 for her outstanding work in the field of music education. Paula has taught since 1970 and has served as the facilitator of Fine and Performing Arts in the Highline (Wash.) School District for 12 years.

## 1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

**Lee Sinnes** has retired after 18 years as boys basketball coach at Port Angeles (Wash.) High School. He is ending his 38-year basketball playing and coaching career to spend more time with his family. He will continue to teach at the high school.

## 1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

**John Aakre** was selected to join Thrivent Financial for Lutherans' Financial Consulting Group, an elite group of senior financial consultants representing the top 2 percent among peers in the organization. He is one of 25 senior financial consultants nationwide selected to join the 69 current members in the group, which represents the organization's "best of the best" in terms of financial experience. John was selected to join the FCG after passing extensive licensing requirements, earning advanced industry designations, achieving certain sales production levels and exhibiting exemplary conduct.

## 1972

**Sharon (Weiss) Dykstra** is the dental office manager for Dr. James C. Gargas in Everett, Wash.

## 1973

**Alvina (Hauf) Olstead** is an intern at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kailua, Hawaii. She and her husband, **Halvar '71**, and youngest daughter, Josie, will be in Hawaii for a year. She will then finish her last year at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. She and Halvar both retired after 30 years of teaching in the Ferndale and Mt. Baker school districts. Married for 28 years, they have one grandchild and another on the way.

## 1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

## 1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

## 1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell



**Cindy Runberg** married Rich Miller April 18. She has served 27 years at the Seattle Police Department and was one of the first female patrol officers in the city. In May 2002, she was promoted to assistant chief of the Criminal Investigations Bureau. She and her husband live in Mukilteo, Wash., with her son Brendan Caldwell, 20.

**Jon Lackey**, concert tenor, appeared in a solo concert recital at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Feb. 22. This concert series is one of the most prestigious in the United States and features internationally renowned concert artists. The concert was recorded, and plans are underway for a national broadcast by National Public Radio on "Performance Today." Joining Jon in this concert was his partner and accompanist of many years, pianist and Fulbright Scholar James Jelasic. Jon has an active performance career and is a member of the voice faculty at Northern Virginia Community College. He is also a minister of music at Graham Road United Methodist Church in northern Virginia, where he is organist and choirmaster.

## 1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

**Jeromia Stephanie Queen** died March 24 after a long illness. After high school, she served in the U.S. Army for six years. She graduated from PLU magna cum laude, and went on to the University of Washington, receiving her master of arts degree in 1978. She was working on a doctoral degree in linguistics when she became ill. She is remembered for her inner strength and concern for others, and for her ability to maintain a purposeful and positive love of life, facing each new day with courage, love, dignity and strong faith in God. She is survived by her husband, James Harvin; son Harvin Emilio; two sisters, Sharon D. Williams and Mary Suzanne Gee, and brother Forrest Murphy.

## 1978

**Ric Hartman** founded Hartman Design, a full-service graphic design studio specializing in packaging and point-of-purchase design. The studio's veteran crew is made up of the former staff of the Art Center at Wisconsin-based Menasha Corporation, a billion-dollar industry that

eliminated its 50-year-old in-house graphics studio last year. Ric served as the creative director at Menasha for 15 years. The new design studio is housed in a renovated 19th century flourmill on the Menomonee River in Menomonee Falls, Wis. You can reach Ric at [Info@HartmanDesign.com](mailto:Info@HartmanDesign.com).

## 1979

Class Representatives – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

**Brenda (Kingma) Mueller** is cofounder and director of the new Northwest Civic Light Opera, a nonprofit corporation intended to "enrich, educate and entertain" the Stanwood-Camano (Wash.) community. It will provide first-quality, professional-level productions of musical theater classics. Brenda also has a voice studio and has taught music, choir and drama for 25 years. She has appeared in operas, concerts and solo recitals throughout the Northwest and acted as vocal coach for the Columbia Chorus.

## 1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

**Jeff Buege** recently began a new career as an accountant for Alegria & Co. in Yakima, Wash., after selling a successful family business in 2001. Jeff received Washington's fourth highest score in the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam in November. Of the 1,014 people who took the exam in the state of Washington, 281 passed.

## 1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

**Craig Groseclose** received a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary May 23 at Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minn. He plans to serve as a parish pastor in the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. He lives in Stillwater, Okla., with his wife, Loralee Ohrtman.

## 1983

Class Representative – David Olson

**Nick Brossoit** is the new superintendent of the Edmonds School District, which has 21,000 students. He began in July, after completing 10 years as superintendent of the Olympia-area district of 6,000 students.

## 1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

**Lisa (Miles) Kittilsby**, vice president of Miles Sand & Gravel Company of Auburn, Wash., has been elected to the board of directors of the National Ready



Mixed Concrete Association for a three-year term.

**Kevin Eilmes** married Diane Haight Feb. 20 at the Community of Christ at St. Luke's in Federal Way, Wash. **Kurt Eilmes '00** served as best man. Kevin is a senior deputy prosecuting attorney for the Yakima (Wash.) County prosecuting attorney's office. Diane was the parish worker at St. Luke's for more than 17 years. They live in Yakima.

### 1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn Stelling

### 1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

**Scott Fenter** is the new superintendent of the Pe Ell (Wash.) School District. He is also working on his doctorate in education and superintendent credentials through Washington State University.

**Cynthia McGuire Langendorf** died March 22. A graduate of the PLU School of Nursing, Cynthia loved emergency medicine and worked in the emergency departments of St. Clare and Tacoma General Hospitals. In 2001, she took a position as the emergency department case manager for Tacoma General and Allenmore Hospitals. A fun loving person, she showed great concern for others and never complained about the obstacles she faced. She is survived by her husband, Michael; her children, Patrick, Devin and Meghan McGuire; parents, Jim and Joan Westbrook; and brothers Bill, Randy, Steve and Jeff Westbrook.

### 1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

**Meghan McNabb** married Todd Heppner Aug. 5, 2003. They live in Oak Harbor, Wash., where Meghan sells Mary Kay cosmetics and does the books for Todd's residential construction business.

### 1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

**Wendy Rude** is the new manager of the Washington's livestock identification program, which maintains the official record of approximately 7,000 livestock brands registered in the state. In addition, the program inspects cattle and horses for proof of ownership at public markets, slaughterhouses and certified feedlots; change of ownership; and prior movement out of state. Approximately 650,000 cattle and 15,000 horses are inspected annually. A member of a fifth generation farm family, Wendy lives with her husband, Brett, on her family's original

homestead in Roy, Wash. She has extensive experience in agriculture, including working with livestock quarantine, transportation, branding and identification concerns.

### 1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

**Dan McDonald** is the new superintendent of public schools in Touchet, Wash. He was superintendent in McCleary, Wash., since 2001.

**Rod Bigelow** is the interim director of the Tacoma Art Museum. He has been the chief financial officer at the museum since 1997.

### 1991

**Robert Jacobsen** died June 9 in Edgewood, Wash. He received a master's degree in family counseling from PLU while working in Weyerhaeuser's human resource department. He was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served his community working with the Boy Scouts of America. He found great joy helping others. Bob is survived by his wife of 35 years, Gloria Rokes Jacobsen; their four children, JR Jacobsen, Jill Andros, Cami Lemmon and Bradley Jacobsen; 10 grandchildren; and his mother and siblings.

**Thomas Mercer** graduated June 9 from the University of Washington Business School Master of Science Information Systems program. This master's degree combines traditional MBA coursework with information technology training. He now provides information system analysis services to Windermere Real Estate and to other organizations. He married Krista Undeberg Jan. 18, 2003, and was blessed to have 22 fellow Lutes in attendance.

### 1993

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

**Linda (Arneson) Comer** was promoted in May to financial analyst with Simpson Investment Company in Tacoma. She has one son, Justin, 8.



**Colleen Smith** married Raj Lingsappaiah of Montreal, Canada, on July 5, 2003, along the shores of the Wenatchee River in Wenatchee, Wash. Alumni who participated in the wedding include **Janelle (Smith) Bersch '94** as best woman, **Jordi Yokers '92** as vocalist, and Colleen's godfather, the **Rev.**

**Gregory Karlsgodt '67**, who officiated. Colleen and Raj live in Sacramento, Calif., where Colleen is a senior project manager for Jones & Stokes (an environmental consulting firm), and Raj is an aerospace engineer. They celebrated their one-year anniversary this summer by climbing to the summit of Half Dome in Yosemite National Park.

**John Monsebroten** married Christina Arnot July 25 at Robinswood Gardens in Bellevue, Wash. The wedding party included **Kyle Miller**, as best man, and **Brian Arnot '95**, as a groomsman. They live in Seattle, where both work as counselors at Ryther Child Care Center.

**William "Toby" Tobin** was promoted to district sales manager for Boise Office Solutions in southern Arizona. His wife, **Kirstan (Leatha '94)**, stays busy at home caring for their children, Kendall, 4, and Riley, 2. They live in Oro Valley, Ariz.

### 1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck



**Zara (Eicholtz) Walter** is a captain with the Washington National Guard. She is serving in Iraq, where she expects to be until March.

### 1995

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



**Corey Bray** and **Leslie Brown-Bray** were married July 26, 2003, at Franklin, (Ky.) Church of Christ Following a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple had a reception in Eugene, Ore., Aug. 8. Corey is the associate director of research for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Leslie, a graduate of Murray State University in Murray, Ky., is an assistant director of youth sports for the National Collegiate Athletic Association's YES (Youth in Sports) programs. They live in Indianapolis, Ind.

### 1996

**Emily Dykstra** is a teacher at Inglewood Jr. High School in Redmond, Wash. She lives in Lake Stevens.

**Ray Kurtz** is a teacher and football coach at Lakes High School in Lakewood, Wash. He was twice nominated for teacher of the year and is listed in *Who's*



*Who Among American Teachers.* His wife, **Jennifer (Dorr) Kurtz**, is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Tacoma General

Hospital. They live in Tacoma with their two children, Ray Jr. ("R.J."), 3, and Molly Karen Louise, 1.

### 1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

**Stacey Silcox** married Matthew Powell Aug. 2, 2003, in a ceremony on the beach in Cannon Beach, Ore. Involved in the wedding were maid of honor **Kendra Coates '98**, bridesmaid **Micah Shea '98** and bridesman **David Quiggle**. **Henry "Bud" Coates '70** officiated. Stacey teaches eighth and ninth grade history in the University Place (Wash.) School District, where she also serves as the head softball coach at Curtis High School.



**Rachel Krebs** married Kelly Foster March 20 in Walla Walla, Wash. In the wedding party were **Mary Ann (Forsythe)**

**Fenimore** and **Susan (LaGrandeur '99) Bock**. Rachel is a paralegal for the law firm of Lybeck Murphy, LLP, on Mercer Island, Wash., and Kelly is a development project manager at PolygonNorthwest. They live in Bellevue.

**Heather Melver** was promoted to associate director of freshmen admissions at PLU on June 1. She and her husband, **Erik**, recently bought a beautiful old home one block from PLU.

**Tracey Sund** married Anthony Czar March 27 at Faith Lutheran Church in Cambridge, Mass. Participating in the wedding was **Werner Sund '65**, father of the bride, as well as **Erin (Mortensen) Wyrick '97** and **Nicole Hedlund '97**. **John Axelson '75** was also in attendance. Anthony is an assistant district attorney in Cambridge. They live in South Hadley, Mass.

**Andrew Wilson** received a master's degree in theology from Princeton University May 15.

### 1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

**Andrea (Bernhardsen) Flood's** e-mail address was misprinted in the summer issue of *Scene*. The correct address is [andrea.britt.new@us.army.mil](mailto:andrea.britt.new@us.army.mil).

**Jeremy Mangan** is a painter living in Manhattan, N.Y. After graduation from PLU with a degree in fine arts and German, he won a Fulbright scholarship to study painting in Germany. He is also a graduate student at Hunter College in New York.

**Brandon Van Dyke** is the director of bands and orchestras at Tualatin High School in Tualatin, Ore. On April 16, the Tualatin Chamber Orchestra won the string orchestra division of the Pac-9 Orchestra Festival, while the Tualatin Symphony Orchestra won the full orchestra division. It was the second consecutive league championship for the Symphony Orchestra under Brandon's direction. Both ensembles also qualified for the Oregon State Orchestra Contest.

**Heidi (Splittergerber) Zuniga** is an editorial assistant at an independent publishing company that specializes in books about dogs and horses. The best perk of the job is getting to take her dogs to work with her!



**Dan Bennett** took first place in his weight class at the 2004 Oregon Ironman Bodybuilding Championships.

## 1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

**Brian Norman** will join the English Department faculty at Idaho State University as an assistant professor of ethnic American literatures in the fall of 2004. Brian earned his Ph.D. in American Literature at Rutgers University in May. His partner, **Greg Nicholl**, works in the production department at Random House trade book publishers in New York City.

**Jason Nockleby** married Shannon Fitch June 5 at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Ore. **Tuan Nguyen '98** was best man and **Jeff Muhm** was groomsmen. The Rev. **Rand Drollman '82** performed the ceremony. **Sarah (Ofner) Nguyen** and **Kyle Wright** also attended. Jason works as a field manager for Applied Environmental Consultants in Tempe, Ariz. Shannon works as a supervisor for First National Bank of Arizona in Scottsdale. They live in Mesa, Ariz.

**Jennifer Wilson** is an account executive at Titan Systems Corp. in San Diego. She lives in Carlsbad, Calif.

**Angela Dalton** is the activities director and a teacher at River Ridge High School in Lacey, Wash. She lives in Olympia.

**Sanna Olsen** married Raymond Ours July 28, 2003. Sanna is a house manager with

Foundation for Senior Living, working with seriously mentally ill adults. Raymond is a videographer. They live in Phoenix.

**Kari Fosser** received her Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this spring. She now works as a research chemist at DuPont Central Research and Development in Delaware.

**Elsa Carlisle** received a master's degree in marine affairs from the School of Marine Affairs at the University of Washington. She lives in Seattle and is a marine ecologist for the Samish Indian Nation in the San Juan Islands of Washington state.

## 2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr



**Lisa Drake** married Bryan Lovely May 15 in Sumner, Wash. Included in the wedding were matron of honor **Sarah (Wheeler) Oyster '01** and **Marie (Uptide)**

**Nicholson**. In attendance were **Matt Mattley**, **Andrew Oyster '01**, **Renee (Spani) White '02**, **Raina (Spies) Stevens '02**, **Jake Stevens '99**, **David Potts '99**, and the staff of the Student Services Center. Lisa is a special education teacher in the Tacoma School District and Bryan is in outside sales. They live in Puyallup.

**Katherine Peloza Baeth** performed Kazuo Fukushima's "Mei for solo flute" at the Kansas City Flute Association's Flute Day Master Class with Leone Buyse of Rice University Oct. 19, 2003. She serves as secretary for the Nebraska Flute Club, which held its First Annual Flute Olympics and Flute Festival on May 16 at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. The club's Web site is [www.geocities.com/nebraskaf flute/](http://www.geocities.com/nebraskaf flute/).

**Terra Lee Bobb** is a new associate at the Lakewood Dental Building in Lakewood, Wash. She received her dental degree from the University of Washington.

## 2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle



**Todd Schoen** and **Tamara Peters** were married Oct. 4, 2003. The ceremony took place in PLU's Tower Chapel with the Rev. Dennis

Sepper officiating. The wedding party included **Wendy Garrigues '00**, **Anna Hall**, **Ryan Pinney** and **Eric Steiger '02**. The newlyweds live in Dallas, Texas.

**Patty (Rombo) Bruckenthal** lost her husband, Nathan, when he died from injuries sustained when a small boat exploded as he and six other coalition sailors attempted to board it near the Iraqi Khawr al Amaya Oil Terminal April 24. He was assigned to Law Enforcement Detachment 403 from Tactical Law Enforcement Team South in Miami, Fla., and was deployed to Coast Guard Patrol Forces Southwest Asia at the time of the incident. Nathan was the first Coast Guardsman killed in action since the Vietnam War.

**Matt Montzingo** died June 17 from injuries he received in a car accident involving a moose in Alaska.

**Doug Jonson** and **Amy Ross '03** were married Jan. 31, 2003 in Puyallup. In the wedding party were **Pete Mahoney '00**, **Tate Mathison '02**, **Taylor McGovern '02**, **Nate Aune '02**, **Shaun Takenouchi '02**, **Kristin Ross '00**, **Courtney Taylor '02**, **Amy (Wheeler) Myers '04**, **Julie (Goemmel) Cyr '03**, **Crystal (Buck) Mazucca '02** and **Devon Van Dyne '03**. Serving as ushers and bridal attendants were **Gabe VanWyhe '00**, **Dave Hougum '03**, **Troy (T-Roy) Martin '00**, **Jake Broady**, **Candace (Noyes) Wagner '04**, **Susanne Mauss '04**, **Abbey Scheutze '04** and **Danielle**

**Schepman '04**. Doug is a technical recruiter for Oxford International in Federal Way, Wash., while Amy works in Salishan, Wash., as a family support worker with Tacoma's Child and Family Guidance Center. They live in Tacoma.

**Brooks Gladow** and **Cathy Alexander** were married May 31, 2003, in Salem, Ore. The wedding party included **Andy Sears**, **Zac Thorpe**, **Paul Alexander '99**, and **Carol (Thielon) Alexander '98**. Brooks works as a project manager for Salem Heating and Sheet Metal. Cathy teaches preschool at Our Saviors Lutheran Church and works for Negstad's Gift Store in Salem.

**John Haugh** earned a master of social work degree from the University of Washington, Tacoma, June 11. He lives in Graham, Wash.

**Lexa Waterman** married Alexander Donnelly Aug. 2 at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lacey, Wash. Lexa's bridesmaids included **Krista Thronson**, **Chelsea Perry '02**, and **Jennifer Hull '99**. Lexa works for Service Alternatives for Washington after receiving her master's of science degree in social work from Columbia University in New York City, and Alex works for the state of Washington. They live in Olympia.

**Brad Powell** married Elizabeth Drobac May 25, 2003, at St. Michael the

## In Memoriam

### 1932

Ruth (Goodwin) Pflugmacher on April 4.

### 1938

James Stanley Willis on July 31.

### 1945

Helen Cunningham on May 11.

### 1946

Nellie Christofferson on May 14.

### 1950

Richard Svare on April 24.

Richard Mason on March 15.

### 1951

Wallace Soland on March 4.

### 1953

Elmyra (Vogler) Coon on April 29.

### 1959

Barbara (Jackson) Brown on March 27.

### 1966

Dorothy (Knutzen) Lien on Jan. 17.

### 1969

Frank Hagen on March 15.

### 1977

Jeromia Stephanie Queen on March 24.

### 1986

Cynthia McGuire Langendorf on March 22.

### 1991

Robert Jacobsen on June 9.

### 2001

Matt Montzingo on June 17.

### Faculty, Staff, and Friends

Olive Berntsen on April 13. Olive worked in the bindery at PLU for 25 years. She also played violin in the PLU Orchestra, and in 2002 had the opportunity to play with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, where her son plays the trumpet. She was an active member of Parkland United Methodist Church and a supportive parent.

Stella Jorgensen died April 19 in Puyallup. A friend of PLU, she was preceded in death by her husband Harvey, and her daughter, June (Jorgensen '49) McMasters. She is survived by her son, Dwayne Mason '52 and his wife, Diane, nine grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. A few years before her death, Stella established the Stella Jorgensen Endowed Scholarship Fund at PLU.



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

## Birth

CHILD'S NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST) \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE (M/D/Y) GENDER MALE  FEMALE

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TITLE OF POSITION/COMPANY/AWARD/ DATE ASSUMED \_\_\_\_\_

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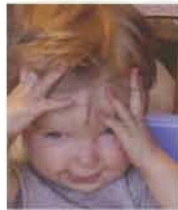
Archangel Serbian Orthodox Church in Toronto. **Eric Ruthford '02** was their kum (best man). They live in Halifax,



**Tyler Imig** married Christen Rinehart Nov. 30 in the Ft. DeRussy Chapel in Honolulu. Alumni in the wedding party were **Clayton Harris '00**, **Mark Hjelmervik '00**, and **Brian Vertrees '00**. They live in Aiea, Hawaii, where Tyler is a special education math teacher at Aiea High School and Christen is fifth grade teacher at St. Elizabeth School. Tyler is also working on a master's degree in education with a focus on special education. Their email address is [tandchawaii@yahoo.com](mailto:tandchawaii@yahoo.com).

## 2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs



**Jordan Hartman** is the university photographer at PLU. He and his wife, Crystal, live in Tacoma and have a son, Carter, who will be 2 on Oct. 9.

**Roger Eller** graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Ga., as a 2nd lieutenant with authorization to wear the distinctive Ranger Tab. Roger, who has 10 years of military service, is a platoon leader assigned to the 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry, Fort Polk, Leesville, La.

**Damon Armeni** is a lieutenant in B Company for the Stryker brigade's 1-23 Infantry. After training for a few weeks at Camp Udairi, Kuwait, Damon was sent to Iraq during the first week of December 2003.

**Mark Watson** works with Peter Burwash International, a tennis management company. He is seeking alternative opportunities to pursue a master's degree in education (K-12).

**Megan Salter-Sherill** married Yasuhiro Muraki April 14 in Japan. They live in Everett, Wash.

## 2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

**Reid Wiggins** is the associate relationship manager for Washington Trust Bank in Wenatchee.

**Marita Heckart** teaches a self-contained classroom of 10 students with mild retardation at Ferrucci Junior High School in Puyallup.

**Megan Freiling** received an Emmy Award for a public affairs story on which she served as associate producer with Seattle's KING-5 Evening Magazine. The award was presented at the Northwest Emmy awards, sponsored by the National Academy of Arts and Sciences, in Seattle on June 19. While still a senior at PLU, Megan interned with Evening Magazine, where she associate produced a story about safe houses for heroin addicts in Vancouver, B.C. Her duties included the research for the story, phone interviews and organization of all related material. She also conducted an interview in Vancouver.

## Future Lutes

### 1985



**Matthew Bergeson** and his wife, Maricris, announce the birth of Daphne Ailani on Feb. 12. She joins Shane, 18 months. They live in Daly City, Calif.

### 1986

**William Thorne** and his wife, Chari, are pleased to announce the birth of their third son, Quinn Joseph, on Dec. 30. Quinn joins big brothers Conor, 5, and Liam, 3. They live in Chandler, Ariz.



**Dean and Carey (Stakkestad) Pinto** announce the birth of their son, Collin, on Oct. 3. He joins Linnea, 12, and Nicholas, 8.

Dean is a customer-marketing manager for Hershey Foods and covers the west and southwest areas of Oregon. They live in Wilsonville, Ore.



**Kirsten (Olson) Wees** and her husband, Joel, welcomed a new daughter into their family when they adopted Jill Bethany YuJun

from China on Sept. 15, 2003. She joins siblings Brianna, 10, McCall, 8, and Patrick, 6. They live in Olympia.

## 1989

**Gena (Wadsworth) and Dirk Vincent '88** welcomed their daughter, Audrey, on July 25, 2003. She joins Aaron, 6, and Ethan, 4. They live in Los Angeles.

## 1990



**Karen (Walter) Faulkner** and her husband, Tarn, announce the birth of their son, Rowan Elliot, on Nov. 15, 2003.

Karen works part time as a speech-language pathologist in Seattle.

**Loren and Jennie (Acker '91) Camp** announce the birth of Mattie Jo on Dec. 15. She joins Miles, 4, and Piper, 2. Loren is a financial adviser for TIAA-CREF in Denver, and Jennie completed her doctorate in American literature in June. They live in Platteville, Colo.

## 1991



**Lynne (Haney) De La Cruz** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Marcus Benjamin on Feb.

25. He joins big sister Kira, 3. Lynne is the bioterrorism preparedness education and training manager for Oregon Health Services. They live in Tigard, Ore.

## 1992



**Christina Wolbrecht** and her husband, Matthew Doppke, announce the birth of Ella Katherine

Doppke on May 6. Christina is an associate professor of political science at Notre Dame University, where Matthew also teaches. They live in South Bend, Ind.

**Brain Aust** and his wife, Dorothy Leshner, announce the birth of their daughter Johanna. She arrived three weeks early and was a mere 3 pounds, 14 ounces but is now thriving, and her big brother, Eliot, 3, dotes on her constantly. View pictures at <http://the-harbor.org/dorothy>. They live in Minneapolis.

**Jana (Sanderson) Towne** and her husband, Ron, announce the birth of their daughter, Malia, on April 16. She joins Ciera, 9, Chessaly, 8, and Zane, 6. They live in Phoenix, where Jana is a nursing supervisor at Arizona Reproductive Medicine Specialists.

**Kimberly (Neu) Wilson** and her husband, Gene, announce the birth of Dakota Sean on Jan. 4. They live in Henderson, Nev.

## 1993

**Jay and Nori (Wendt '92) Cash** announce the birth of Emma Grace on Feb. 10. Jay, Nori, and their sons, Patrick, 8, and Ian, 4, returned from Germany in November. Jay was stationed in Wuerzburg with the 1st Infantry Division. He is a captain in the military police, having recently completed the MP Officers' Career Course at Ft. Leonard Wood in Missouri. In August, the family returned to Germany, where Jay is the 6th ASG Force protection officer in Stuttgart.



**Wendy (Kritsky) Wilton** and her husband, Peter, welcomed Lucas Anthony, 8 months, into their family when they

adopted him from St. Petersburg, Russia, on May 26, his Gotcha Day. Wendy is a physical therapist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, where she works with traumatic brain injury patients. They live in Oakmont, Penn.

**Bill and Sarah (Nelson) Walles** announce the birth of Risa May Walles on March 18. She joins brothers Payton, 6, and Carter, 4. They live in Arlington, Wash.

**John Erik and Christine "Tia" (Price '95) Town** announce the birth of Alanna Christine on Nov. 20. John Erik is a CPA and works for Berkman, Burgher, Purdy and Lindstrom, P.S. Tia has worked as video producer for Alaska Airlines in Seattle for the last five years. They live in Sammamish, Wash.



**Peter and Wendy (Haugen '94) McDougal** announce the birth of Katelyn Noelle on Nov 28, 2003. She

joins Amanda Faith, 3. They live in Wilsonville, Ore., where Peter is an assistant principal at Wilsonville High School and Wendy cares for their children at home.



**Susan Brandt-Ferguson** and her husband, Randy Ferguson, welcomed their daughter, Fiona Claire, on March 3, 2003. They live in Sitka, Alaska.



**Tara (Atkinson) and Paul Hicks** announce the birth of Megan Elizabeth on Jan. 23. She joins Emily Grace, 5. Tara

is a registered nurse, and Paul is a tech analyst at Washington Mutual. They live in Shoreline, Wash.

## 1994



**Micah and Julie (Thompson '96) McBride** announce the birth of Kendall Elizabeth on March 28. Micah is a

teacher and coach for North Thurston Public Schools, while Julie is a part time high school counselor for the Tumwater (Wash.) School District. They live in Olympia.



**Rochelle (Holt) Premo** and her husband, Greg, announce the birth of Ryden Gregory Premo on March 31. He

joins his brothers, Tanner, 7, and Nolan, 4.

**Ben and Kim (Liefeld '93) Moore** announce the birth of Alexander David on May 29. He joins sister Emily, 2. Ben is a technical writer for Intel, while Kim

works part time as a stock programs administrator at RadiSys Corporation. They live in Beaverton, Ore.

**Scott Peters** and his wife, Nicole, announce the birth of Cayden Samuel Jacobo on March 11. He was 10 weeks premature, but is doing very well. Cayden joins his brother Khalid, 8, and his sister Kiya, 7. The adoption of Khalid and Kiya (Nicole's children from a previous relationship) was finalized on March 9. Scott can be reached at [scottpeters@hotmail.com](mailto:scottpeters@hotmail.com).

**David and Amica (Davidson '93) Grimberg** announce the birth of Thalia Nicole on April 30. They live in Tacoma.



**Joel and Sarah (Gutzman) Ertsgaard** welcomed their daughter, Anna Marguerite, on Jan. 14. She

joins brother Erik, 2. Joel is assistant art director in the Office of University Communications at Seattle Pacific University. Sarah works part-time as an occupational therapist at Providence Mount St. Vincent in West Seattle. The family recently moved to Shoreline, Wash.

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1995

**Gavin and Stephanie (Johnston) Stanley** announce the birth of Jenna Linn on May 4. She joins brother Connor, 3.

1996

**Laura Kolosseus Schultz** and her husband, Jason Schultz, announce the birth of Sierra Rose on June 7. Laura is a special events coordinator with The Franciscan Foundation. They live in Lynnwood, Wash.

1997

**Kristi (Benson) and Daemon Repp** announce the birth of Cameron Michael Repp on April 29. He is the first grandchild of **Mike '69** and **Mary (Magnuson '71) Benson**.

1998



**Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn** and her husband, Robert, welcomed their son, Grayson Thomas, on May 9, 2003.



**Liz (Russell) Sawyer** and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of Brayden Glenn on May 7. Liz is taking time off from her career in human resources to be a full-time mom, but plans to do a few volunteer activities on the side.



**Bria (Becker) Townshend** and her husband, Schuyler, announce the birth of Morgan Alexis, on Jan. 27.

1999



**Angie (Lucas) Hayes** and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Owen Matthew on Mar. 15. They live in Milwaukie, Ore.

**Kelly (Edwards) David** and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their son, Evan on March 2.


2000



**Keely (Rohweder) Semon**, and her husband Trevor, announce the birth of their daughter,

Mackenzie Lynn, on Dec. 31, 2003. Keely is an inventory analyst at Plexus Corp. in Bothell, Wash. They live in Kenmore, Wash.

2002

**David and Shari (Dodge) Schock** announce the birth of Grace Jeannette on March 19. David is a computer engineer with Intel Corp., while Shari is a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, Wash. They live in Puyallup, Wash. 

## Pathways to Peace:

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A Christmas celebration  
from the Campus of Pacific Lutheran University

# Light Everlasting

### Concert Dates

December 3, 2004  
8:00 pm, First United  
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Portland

December 4, 2004  
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Presbyterian  
Church, Seattle

December 5, 2004  
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Auditorium  
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# the arts

## Selections from PLU'S literary magazine

### Love Song of the Stockbroker

Sara Bergman '05

How do I love thee?  
Let me diagram the ways on an Excel spreadsheet.

Your skin is as flawless as my credit history.  
Your eyes sparkle like the gold standard  
Your hair is a glorious cascade of loopholes.

When I see your breasts rising and falling  
like the Dow Jones Industrial Average  
let me tell you,  
baby,  
it's better than tax evasion.

Ever since the second quarter of the last fiscal year  
when you performed a hostile takeover  
of my heart  
my love for you has grown  
like a 99 percent interest rate compounded hourly.

So come on sweet thing,  
Let's merge.  
Make me the happiest man on Wall Street,  
and be my primary shareholder.

I may be but a simple stockbroker,  
But I can promise you this:  
We will make sweet, sweet  
net quarterly earnings together.

### Escaping the Tongue

Mariesa Bus '05

She says she feels like an ice cream cone.  
Not like, "hey let's go get an ice cream cone"  
But LIKE one.

Like  
being  
ONE .

As if she's dripping slowly down a chubby arm  
in the August sun  
Parts of her escaping the tongue  
to land on the sidewalk  
To leave sticky smudges around a child's thirsty mouth  
Wiped off with spit, scold, and a dish towel  
in a kitchen with apple red wallpaper

Wiped away but savored all the same  
Escaping the tongue  
but not  
its memory.

### NOTICE

N. Kent Leatham '06

H.N. Swanson, agent, said  
whenever he is asked what kind

of writing pays the best, he says  
the ransom note. Therefore, on that

note, I'd like to point out that,  
although you haven't felt the loss,

I'm holding your attention captive.  
You can have it back for thirty -

seven cents - just write and say  
You read me; that should be enough.



## perspective

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ly and in reaching so high, they planted a restlessness into the soul of this place, a restlessness that means we always will be striving to be more tomorrow than we are today.

This will not, and it must not, be our last campaign, because to stop, to stand still and to rest on our laurels and achievements is to deny the essence of who we are and what this university stands for. It would be to suppress the inherent energy and determination that for 114 years has been the true genius of this place.

Secondly, I suggest we dedicate this campaign to an outstanding sense of partnership and common purpose. The \$128 million in gifts that we celebrate was given by more than 22,000 individual donors. These gifts have ranged from \$5 to \$12 million. But all these gifts reflect a shared commitment to education PLU style. They bind us together as a PLU community, serious in our purpose, dedicated to our mission and increasingly global in our reach.

The significance of this point is that life finds larger meaning when we connect our lives with others, when we

invest ourselves in causes larger than our own self-interests and more enduring than the daily matters of work and life. Our participation in this campaign connects us with those who have gone before and attaches us to the generations that will follow and, in so doing, it affords us a glimpse of what life transcendent is all about.

*“This will not, and it must not, be our last campaign, because to stop, to stand still and to rest on our laurels and achievements is to deny the essence of who we are and what this university stands for.”*

Finally, let us dedicate all that has happened in this campaign to the hope and possibilities that are embodied by our students. I frequently remind our students of Margaret Mead’s famous observation that we must never under-

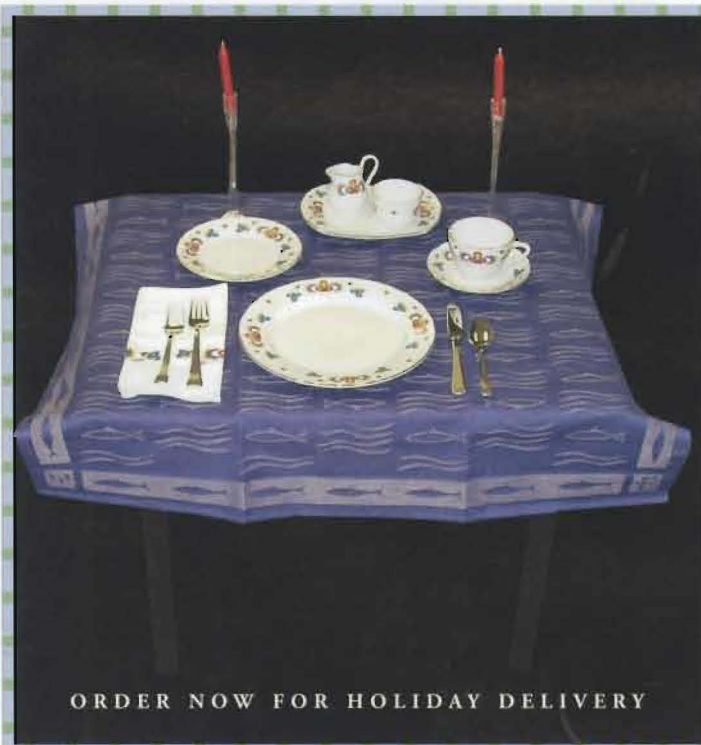
estimate the power of one or two or a small group of individuals to change the world – for that it is the only thing that ever has.

PLU’s central calling is to build such human capacity and to build it one student at a time. It means that every student is precious, a unique individual to be both challenged and nurtured, and with potential that we cannot begin to see or fully comprehend.

Said differently, it is about creating possibility by infusing a whole new generation of leaders with knowledge and skills and an irrefutable conviction that hopefulness is a proper and appropriate way of life.

Yes, we believe in hope, and we dare to be hopeful in this Lutheran university because we are at our core an Easter people, a people who dare to believe that life conquers death, and in cosmic terms, good will ultimately prevail over all that is evil. For that we say, “thanks be to God.” For making the PLU dream a reality, we say “thanks be to you” our donors and our friends, as we conclude the Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University. ☐

*Loren Anderson is president of PLU.*



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## NOVEMBER

**November-December**  
Winter Senior Exhibition  
University Gallery

**Nov. 3, 8 p.m.**  
Early and Baroque Concert  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Nov. 7, 3 p.m.**  
Mary Baker Russell Scholars Recital  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Nov. 9, 8 p.m.**  
Camas Quintet  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Nov. 10, 8 p.m.**  
Vocal Jazz Ensemble  
Chris Knutzen Hall

**Nov. 11, 8 p.m.**  
University Jazz Ensemble  
Chris Knutzen Hall

**Nov. 14, 3 p.m.**  
Richard D. Moe Organ  
Recital Series  
Carole Terry  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Nov. 16, 8 p.m.**  
The Force of Destiny  
Orchestra Series  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Nov. 17 – Jan. 1**  
Exhibit  
Christmas in Scandinavia  
Scandinavian Cultural Center

**Nov. 19, 8 p.m.**  
"Suor Angelica" and  
"The Devil and Daniel Webster"  
Opera Workshop  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Nov. 20, 3 p.m.**  
"Suor Angelica" and  
"The Devil and Daniel Webster"  
Opera Workshop  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Nov. 21, 3 p.m.**  
The Lord of the Rings  
Band Series  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Nov. 23, 8 p.m.**  
Student Piano Ensemble Recital  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

## DECEMBER

**Dec. 1, 8 p.m.**  
Keyboard Students' Recital  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 2, 8 p.m.**  
Brass and Wind Students' Recital  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 3, 7:30 p.m.**  
Sankta Lucia Fest  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 5, 7 p.m.**  
The Music of Spain and  
Latin America  
Student Guitar Ensemble and Sölvvinden  
Flute Choir  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 5, 4 p.m.**  
Light Everlasting:  
A Christmas Celebration from the  
Campus of PLU  
Olson Auditorium

**Dec. 6, 8 p.m.**  
Composers' Forum  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 7, 8 p.m.**  
Sounds of Christmas  
Choral Series  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 8, 8 p.m.**  
University Jazz Ensemble  
Chris Knutzen Hall

**Dec. 8, 8 p.m.**  
"Handful of Rainbows"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Dec. 9, 8 p.m.**  
"Handful of Rainbows"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Dec. 9, noon**  
KPLU (88.5) Christmas Jam  
Live Broadcast  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 9, 8 p.m.**  
String Kaleidoscope  
Lagerquist Concert Hall

**Dec. 10, 8 p.m.**  
"Handful of Rainbows"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Dec. 11, 8 p.m.**  
"Handful of Rainbows"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Dec. 12, 2 p.m.**  
"Handful of Rainbows"  
University Theatre Production  
Eastvold Auditorium

**Dec. 15, 7 p.m.**  
Norwegian Christmas Service  
Scandinavian Cultural Center

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

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

## PLU IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

**Oct. 16**  
Tailgate Party at Chapman University,  
Orange, Calif.

**Oct. 23**  
Tailgate Party at Lewis & Clark College,  
Portland, Ore.

**Nov. 6**  
Tailgate Party at Menlo College,  
Atherton, Calif.

**Nov. 13**  
Tailgate Party at Whitworth College,  
Spokane, Wash.

**Dec. 3, 8 p.m.**  
Light Everlasting: A Christmas Celebration  
from the Campus of PLU  
First United Methodist Church, Portland

**Dec. 4, 8 p.m.**  
Light Everlasting: A Christmas Celebration  
from the Campus of PLU  
First Presbyterian Church, Seattle [S](#)



# perspective

## The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: What an accomplishment!



President Loren J. Anderson congratulates graduates at May Commencement.

*By Loren J. Anderson*

**H**ere we stand at the conclusion of The Campaign for Pacific Lutheran University: The Next Bold Step. What an accomplishment by and for the university community! You have read in this issue of Scene just what a remarkable difference the campaign has made and will make in the lives of faculty and students. PLU is a stronger university because of this extraordinary effort.

Six years and \$128 million. How do

we put this campaign in the context of our institutional history and identity? For me, the clearest perspective comes from thinking of the mission and the people of the university, past and present. So I propose we dedicate this effort as follows.

First, let us dedicate all that has happened in this campaign to the faith and vision of our founders. It was more than 114 years ago, and there were only 250 of them. They had few resources to

build a school, but in their bold and humble Scandinavian way they would incorporate what they called a “first-rank” university, even as they established what I suppose was a very modest high school.

Their vision for this place was decades beyond their reach and well beyond their life span, but it did not impede their dedication. And in daring so bold-

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