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Seattle Asian Art Museum

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Northwest High School Honor Band Concert 1
Lagerquist Concert Hall

## January 13, 7 p.m.

Northwest High School Honor Band
Concert 2
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## here \& now

Dining Services welcomed certified master chef Ken Arnone to help the staff enhance its Asian food offerings. Photo by Roxanne Cooke '07.

## Master chef lends expertise to Dining Services staff



In most restaurants, menu items prepared in a wok are cooked for at least six minutes to infuse the flavors, Arnone explained. But that timeframe is too long for a food station with a line of 15 students, so he adjusted the techniques to speed up the cooking time to 90 seconds while still maintaining the flavors.
Adjustments included cooking some of the ingredients beforehand, particularly the meats, and modifying the sauces to quickly infuse the flavors. When it's time to create the entrée, ingredients are heated back up and mixed with the sauce.
"The challenge is how - in high volume - do you make good food and stick to the techniques?" Arnone said.

## Admission Counselors wanted

THE OFFICE OF ADMISSION is seeking talented team members interested in serving the university as admission counselors. Alumni and friends of PLU are the strongest candidates because of their passion for telling the PLU story. Counselors travel to designated regions to talk to prospective students, as well as participating in events like Fall Preview Day to welcome visitors to campus.

Please contact the Office of Admission at 800-284-6758 or 253-535-7151 to inquire about these positions, which will likely become available in the late spring.

## Campus Master Plan charts path for the future


lans for new buildings, recreational facilities and the landscape of the campus were unveiled during Fall Conference, an
annual event for faculty and staff held the week before school begins.
The plan was later accepted by the Board of Regents in October, charting a course for P.LU over the next 15 to 20 -plus years. The plan addresses new buildings, renovations and landscaping. Goals to promote environmental sustainability are highlighted throughout the document.

Developing the plan has been no small task. For the past three years, thirteen members of the Master Plan Steering Committee have worked with various groups on campus to develop a plan
 that addresses the current and future needs of the university.

To learn more and read the plan, visit www.plu.edu/masterplan.

## New home for KPLU planned

KP'LU-FM announced in early September that it received a $\$ 1$ million donation toward a new building, which will be named after long-time general manager Martin Neeb.
Neeb's brother and PLU regent, Larry Neeb, contributed the naming donation, bringing the capital campaign for KPLU out of the "quiet" phase and into full-bore fund-raising.

The National Public Radio affiliate and jazz and blues station now boasts over 300,000 listeners per week in the Puget Sound region and online, where its broadcast streams live. The university holds the license to KPLU, but the station is independent in programming and editorial content.

The station's main studio, jazz collection and administrative offices are currently housed in Eastvold Hall. After 40 years in Eastvold, KPLU's small suite of offices is literally overflowing with records and files. The studios were designed in an era of radio now relegated to history, and are long overdue for technological upgrades.
The new broadcast center will pro-
vide state-of-the-art facilities, environmentally stable storage for classic records and improved workspace for KPLU employees. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2007 and be completed by 2008.
"I'm delighted to provide resources in support of KPLU and the university," Larry Neeb said. "The station is a great asset for the university, placing its name in the public arena $24 / 7$. What a gift it is in building community spirit." $\underline{s}$

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Online news easy to find.

LEARN HOW the Lilly Endowment is helping students find meaning and purpose in life, the impact Facebook.com is having on social life at PLU and how the university is reaching to Lutheran churches in the Pacific Northwest at Scene Online. www.plu.edu/scene.

## life of the mind

## Visiting Writer Series demystifies the lives of writers



Author Justin Tussing chats with students at an informal 0\&A session.

When Rick Barot and Jason Skipper joined the English Department in 2005, chey were charged with more than reaching classes. They were asked to start a writer's series - from scratch.
With such short norice, the two didn't have much to work with - let alone a large budget - so Baror, a poet, and Skipper, a fiction writer, called in a few favors. They soon lined up a series of six writers.
The 2005-06 series rurned out to be quite a success. Each event drew about 100 people per reading, with 20 to 30 students during an informal Q\&A event. This year, with a couple of readings already completed, the serics seems to be building momentum.
Typically, the event takes place in two parts, with a question-and-answer session in the afternoon, and a more structured reading in the evening. The gener-
al public is invited to both events, and both are free. Students tend to fill out the first session, which allows for a lor of informal give-and-take.
That was certainly the case when another one of those favors opened the 2006-07 series: Justin Tussing, a fiction writer whom Baror knew from his days at the prestigious Iowa Writer's Workshop. The easy rapport berween Barot and Tussing translated to accessible information for the scudents, espe-


Professors Jason Skipper and Rick Barot are the brains behind the successful series.
cially at the $\mathrm{Q} \& \mathrm{~A}$ session.
"The kids ask terrific quesrions, borh personal and professional," said Baror. The personal, in particular, really gers to the vocational aspect of the series that Baror and Skipper are striving for the opportunity to show students what, exactly, life looks like when it is lived with a passion for writing.
"There is this notion of vocation here," said Barot of PLU. "And this was one aspect of vocation we wanted to highlight. To give possible answers to students who wonder, 'People who work in these fields - what are they like?"'
Doug Oakman, dean of Humanities agreed. "Writing is one of the core capacities developed through a PLU education," he said. "One of the ways students learn to write well is to have good models to follow."
Such passion is not limited to srudents who wish to pursue a career in
fiction writing or poetry. Appealing to a broad spectrum of students is exactly what Barot and Skipper are looking to achieve with the series. Barot recalls a reading last year by poet Jonathan Johnson, who writes about building a $\log$ cabin in the norehern Idaho wilderness in his memoir, "Hannah and the Mountain." A student from Alaska came to hear Johnson even though, according to Barot, he had no interest in poerry. "He was just interested in hearing about what the guy did to make the cabin," he said.
These are the types of connections Barot hopes the series continues to make. As evidence of that support, several different stakeholders are assisting in the series, including the provost's office, residential life office and PLU's Master of Fine Arts program.

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Barot talks about wanting to attract borh younger and older writers to PLU, some established, some up-and-coming. One special event took place this October when author Stephen Kuusisto visited campus in combination with the celebration honoring the memory of noted PLU aurhor and educator Jack Cady. On April 17, Tess Gallagher will visit campus, a poet whom Barot says, "has influenced just about every young poct today."

With efforts like this, the series will continue to grow. And it cerrainly has its fans. "The $\mathbb{V}$ riters Series extends the strengrhs of PLU's excellent faculty through regular opportunities to hear accomplished writers of national eminence," said Oakman. "Having such cocurricular events, carefully organized by PLU faculty, furthers long-term goals to sustain academic excellence. The Division of Humanities is extremely proud to be associated with such a high-quality series." " ${ }^{s}$

By Steve Hansen

## VISITING WRITER SERIES

This spring, three writers will visit PLU to complete the 2006-07 Visiting Writers Series.

| Camille Dungy <br> February 20 | Steve Almond <br> March 9 | Tess Gallagher <br> April 17 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| The Writer's Story: 5 p.m. | The Writer's Story: 3:30 p.m. | The Writer's Story 5 p.m. |
| Reading: 8 p.m. | Reading: 6:30 p.m. | Reading: 8 p.m. |
| Dungy is the author of the | Almond is the author of | Gallagher is one of |
| poetry collection "What to | two short story collections, | America's most well- |
| Eat, What to Drink, What to | "My Life in Heavy Metal"" | known poets. Her most |
| Leave for Poison." | and "The Evil B.B. Chow," | recent collection is titled |
|  | as well as the bestselling | "Dear Ghosts." |
|  | memoir "Candyfreak." |  |

For more information, contact the Department of English at 253-535-7321.

received the American Academy of Religion's 2006 Excellence in Teaching award at its annual meeting in November in Washington, D.C.
 Voice instructor Marlette Buchanan has been appointed to the first ever national nominations review committee for gospel/contemporary Christian music for the Recording Academy, presenter of the Grammys.


English professor
Charles Bergman spent the fall 2006 semester in Ecuador as a Fulbright Senior Scholar, lecturing and conducting research at the Universidad San Franscisco de Quito in Quito, Ecuador. Bergman lectured on the emergence of an ecological consciousness in Latin American literature.


Colleen Hacker,
assistant dean and professor in the School of Physical Education, delivered the 2006 Bevan Lecture on Psychology and Public Policy at
in New Orleans in mid-August. The lectureship is awarded only once per year in the United States. Dramatic images of geysers, thermal pools, mud pors and other geological features characterize Duncan Foley's most recent book, "Yellowstone's


Geysers: The Story Behind the Scenery." Foley is a professor of geosciences, and wrote and photographed the book over the course of countless trips to Yellowstone National Park as an instructor for the Yellowstone Institute.
The Fulbright Scholar Program recently selected Dave McNabb, visiting professor of marketing in the School of Business, as a Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster Candidate.
Neal Sobania, executive director of the Wang Center for International Programs and professor of history, received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Institute for the International Education of Students (IES) in October. The lifetime achievement award is bestowed annually through a highly-comperitive selection process and is one of the few awards given in the study abroad field.

"If the confirmation scholarship program was around four years ago when I was confirmed, I know I would have put PLU on my list of schools a lot sooner. When combined with other scholarships from PLU, it really helped."-КגRN натсн ©o

Confirmation scholarship recipient Karin Harch and program coordinaror Karen Riede in Tower Chapel.


# PARTNER CONGREGATION PROGRAM 

# GIVES LUTHERAN FAMILIES FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND A JUMP START ON COLLEGE PLANNING 

## B Y G R E G B R E W I S

Anew partnership between Lutheran congregations and the university is encouraging yourh to begin thinking early about attending college.
It's also encouraging families to take a closer look at the wide range of financial assistance that brings the cost of attending PLU in line with other universities, even big state schools.
The Parner Congregation program and confirmation scholarships began with President Loren Anderson's aim to find a new way for the university to recognize and make a substantial commitment to area Lutheran churches.
"For many years, studenrs from Lurheran congregations have helped shape the academic climate, the environment of faith and the sense of community that makes PLU unique," Anderson said. "The Partner Congregation confirmation scholarship affirms PLU's commitment to and investment in Lutheran students."
Participating congregations throughour rhe Northwest have agrecd to support PLU's (Q Club with a minimum annual gift of $\$ 500$ or parricipate in a marching scholarship program. They have also agreed to plan a PLU Sunday or other recognition event in the church that promores the parrnership.
In turn, the university provides each youth confirmed into Partner Congregation churches a $\$ 1,000$ scholarship that is redeemable upon acceptance to PLU - renewable for four years. Other benefits to the congregations include discounts on theological conferences, special admission to PLU events and access to online and print publications.
"Youth are typically confirmed in eighth or ninth grade, some as early as sixth or seventh grade," said the Rev. C. Lee Kluch '69, PLU's director of congregation relations.
"Because they have received a confirmation scholarship from the university, the students and their parents begin planning for college earlier than they might otherwise.
"Nor only is it an opportunity for then to consider PLU, it also raises important questions early: What are you going to do when you graduate from high school? What are you going to do with the rest of your life?" he said.
There are 110 churches in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska that are Partner Congregations. Among them is Advent Lutheran Church in Snohomish, Wash., where the Rev. Kevin Bates ' 84 is pastor.
"The PLU confirmation scholarship is a gem of a program," Bares said.
"Our church started it two-and-a-half years ago. We heard about it just before the application deadline and stopped everything to focus on qualifying four or five of our srudents," he said.

The church gives $\$ 500$ a year and four students each receive $\$ 1,000$ a year to attend PLU.
"A $\$ 500$ investment becomes $\$ 4,000$ overnight. And it rurns out
to be more than financial," Bates said. "It's a gift to kids in our church that shows them that we are interested and involved in their education and in their lives. It tells students that they are important to us.
"You never see any investments that can do that."
According to Karen Riedc, coordinator of the Partner Congregation program, there are 33 confirmation scholars currently enrolled at PLU and 475 prospective students have been awarded the scholarship. Riede's husband, Jim, is pastor at United Lutheran Church in Tacoma, which is also a Parmer Congregation. Their daughrer, Kate Riede ' 97 '03, is a PLU alumna.
"I know the affordability and the value of a PLU education myself, firsthand," Karen Riede said. "If my family can afford to send two kids to college on a pastor's salary, I know it can be done.
"To those parents and families who say 'I don't know if we can do this,' I'm here to tell you that you can. I's a commitment that you make to your children's education and it's such a high quality education here ar PLU that it really does make a difference.
"Not that stare schools don't have a lor going for them, but there is somerhing unique about PLU," Ricde added.
The $\$ 1,000$ a year confirmation scholarship students receive can be just the beginning. If their congregation also participates in the PLU Marching Scholarship (PLUMS) program they receive up to an additional $\$ 1,000$ annually from their congregation. That's matched by $\$ 1,000$ a year from the university for a total of $\$ 3,000$ a year or $\$ 12,000$ over four years ar PLU.
In addition there is other financial assistance - merit- and needbased scholarships and grants, loans and work-study - all available from federal, stare and university resources. More than 90 percent of PLU students receive financial aid.
"The Partner Congregation program and the confirmation scholarship should help many families get over rhe tendency to nor even consider PLU because they see it as too expensive," Riede said.
While available for only the past two years, the confirmation scholarship is already making a big difference for Luthcran youth, such as Karin Harch, a PLU freshman and a member of St. James Lutheran Church in Portland, Ore. She received a confirmation scholarship, a PLUMS scholarship and a President's Scholarship.
"If the confirmation scholarship program was around four years ago when I was confirmed, I know I would have pur PLU on my list of schools a lot sooner," Hatch said. "W/hen combined with orher scholarships from PLU, it really helped." [s
For more information on the Partner Congregation program contact Lee Kluth or Karen Riede at 253-535-7423 or crel@plu.edu. For information on the college search process, financial aid and applying to PLU, contact Karl Stumo, associate vice president for admission and financial aid, at 253-535-7151, 800-274-6758 or admission@plu.edu


..Half and Half drinkers anonymous...


My hair is shorter than Dr. Bell-Hansons.

## Virtual Society: <br> Facebook.com!.PLU

When freshman Erin Milliren received her roommate assignment in the mail last summer, she didn't pick up the phone or write an e-mail to get to know her new "roomie." Instead, her first impression was based on her roommate's personal profile on Facebook.com.

The Web site has transformed the PLU campus over the past two years and thousands of other college campuses - and is part of the growing movement techies call "Web 2.0," or the second-generation of the Internet.
This so-called second generation is all about social networking. The initial Internet boom centered on e-commerce, but as that sector matured, a new use for the Internet has emerged. Increasingly, and particularly among young adults, Web sites that allow people to post personal profiles and send messages to friends have become the new online frontier.
There are several well known social networking sites, including MySpace.com. For college students, Facebook is the site of choice.
Launched in a Harvard dorm two years ago, Facebook is a free online service with more than 9.5 million members worldwide who share messages, photographs and personal information on individual profile pages.
After registering for access to the site, members create personal profiles that typically contain biographical information, relationship status, political affiliation, favorite bands and movies, hobbies, photos and more. Members are divided into geographic, workrelated, collegiate and high school networks, which make it easier to find people within the vast Facebook community.
The networking happens as members compile a list of "friends" and exchange private and public messages or join one of the thousands of online groups available through Facebook.
When Milliren found her roommate's profile on the Facebook Web site, she quickly concluded they had little in common.
"She was from southern California, and with me being from Seattle, I thought, 'I'm not sure l'll be able to handle this,'" Milliren said.
Milliren was among thousands of college students this fall who checked out their new roommates online.


Newspapers nationwide ran stories about residential life offices receiving an unprecedented volume of calls from parents and students, concerned about what they read about a new roommate online. Many demanded new roommate assignments, leaving administrators to, in most cases, calmly insist students get to know one another in person before making hasty judgments.
"We try to get back at the fact that this is an opportunity to build a relationship and discover something new about yourself," said Stephanie Serventi, operations manager of the Residential Life Office. Her office was among those that received significantly more calls this summer from concerned parents.
Residential Life is working to embrace Facebook and determine how to use it to their advantage.
"We've tried to see the positives and the advantages it brings to building a community," she said.
For instance, junior Colleen Silcox, a resident assistant in Ordal Hall, used Facebook to unify her residents by creating a group named after her hall.
Groups are a major aspect of the Facebook experience, allowing mem-

## Safety Tips

1. Be as anonymous as possibleAvoid postings that could enable a stranger to locate you. This includes your full name, address, phone numbers, sports teams and where you hang out.
2. Protect your info - Use the "friends" list to control who can visit your profile or blog. Allow only people you know and trust to view your information. If you don't use privacy features, anyone can see your info. (source: Blogsateryc.com)
bers to form loose associations based on common interests. They range from serious to silly, and PLU alone has more than 600. There are groups dedicated to specific residence halls, like Silcox's, as well as those dedicated to Campus Safety, ASPLU, people from Skagit Valley (Skagitonians Unite!) and even squirrel lovers - and haters.

Senior Erik Husa helped organize the 15th annual Pierce County AIDS Walk in September, and used a group called the "AIDS Walk Team" to increase awareness of and involvement in the event.
"It's cheap and relatively effortless in making a large number of people aware of the event," he said. "It's expandable beyond myself."
Husa compared the groups to a listserv because he was able to "invite" his 200-plus Facebook friends list to join the group, and they in turn could pass on the invite to their network. Husa's AIDS Walk team ultimately reached 167 members.
"There's a lot of socializing being done and a lot of networking being done," said Eli Berniker, a professor of business. "It's very much in line with what this school is all about."
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## Young adults are drawn to online networking sites because they have the power to create their own identity. -Professor of business Eli Berniker

The overall effect of this at-times frenzied socializing is that a virtual PLU - distinct from the physical campus - is being created largely by and for students.
Online communication is nothing new for the generation of young adults currently attending colleges and universities, Berniker said. Berniker recently co-authored a paper with his daughter, Lilac Berniker ' 97. In it, the two argue that a stable economy paired with the popularity of the Internet have created a generation less interested in material goods and more focused on participating in and producing culture through networking sites, blogs and online games.
"When a culture experiences plenty, they invest in the arts and culture that's what I think is going on in (this) generation," Berniker said.
Young adults are drawn to online networking sites because they have the power to create their own identity. They are no longer spectators watching from the sidelines, consuming a product created by someone else.
The public persona users create, however, is not always the whole truth, and it often reveals more than parents, administrators and some students are comfortable sharing.
"To them, privacy is not nearly as important as identity," Berniker explained.
It is not uncommon for students to post where they live, their phone numbers and their class schedules, giving hundreds of people - some their friends, some not - access to the most intimate details of their lives.
Facebook has privacy controls that
allow students to restrict access to their profile to just those in the PLU network or those on their friends list. But many students have vast networks of "friends" they barely know. One freshman said she receives many requests to be friends from people she doesn't know, but she accepts them because they belong to the PLU network.
Many students don't realize what a good tool Facebook can be for stalkers, said Bobbi Hughes, the director of the Women's Center.
"They don't think about it because they've grown up with technology. (Instant messaging) and communicating online is more normal than talking," she said.
Hughes said she often hears stories about unwanted midnight phone calls or Facebook messages. When she points out that it sounds like stalking, many students balk at the idea because the online behavior doesn't fit their stereotype of a black-cloaked stranger or Peeping Tom.
Not all students are so cavalier with their personal information.
Senior Tiffanie Clark doesn't post personal information on her profile in order to keep strangers from learning too much about her, she said.
"Even though there are privacy controls, I don't trust them," Clark said.
According to Serventi, Residential Life seizes opportunities to educate students about the pitfalls of Facebook. Her staff doesn't go out looking for photos of students drinking and partying, but when incidents are brought to their attention, the staff doesn't let the "teachable moment" pass.
Rather than punishing students,

Serventi and her staff take the opportunity to advise students on the risks associated with posting compromising information. Future employers, parents, professors and, for that matter, anyone with an email address, can view the content.

Residential Life staff try to frame the issue in the "3-D world" by asking students if they would post their Facebook profile - including incriminating photos - on the door to their room. Those two public places are essentially the same, Serventi said.
These privacy issues have become more acute in recent months. Facebook went from a community exclusively for students to, in September, anyone with an e-mail address. In other words, the world.
Opening up the Facebook network will undoubtedly provide more opportunities to confront stereotypes and form new alliances with people who share interests, some as obscure as an affinity for the coun-try-cooking restaurant Cracker Barrel (Brotherhood of the Cracker Barrel).
As Milliren learned, you shouldn't judge someone based on his or her Facebook profile. After she and her roommate sent messages back and forth through the site and finally talked on the phone, she realized her initial assumptions were wrong. Her roommate was not simply a beach-lounging, blonde California girl. She was a well-rounded person who shared many of Milliren's interests.
"We both have traveled extensively and have a passion for languages," she said. "We have similar experiences and being able to share that is really cool."

## Lilly Endowment grant helps students find meaning and purpose in life

"Wild Hope teaches students a language, a language of asking these deep, heart-wrenching, mindboggling questions. But beyond PLU's borders, it's usually a foreign language." -willic Painter '06

## Willie Painter '06 is not a quitter.

When he graduated from PLU last spring, Painter's resume could have held its own against many working professionals. He served as president of the board for an Olympia sportsmen's association and operates an eBay site to generate income on the side. He was president of ASPLU his senior year, works with the Boys \& Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, served on numerous campus committees and is an all-around good guy.

He was also raised with a strong work ethic.
"I've always grown up thinking there are few limits to the adage 'short term pain for long-term gain,'" explained Painter, who was raised south of Olympia, Wash., in unincorporated Thurston Councy.
But all his notions of professional obligation, dury and sacrifice began piling up on him this summer as he delved into a promising position as a management trainee at a large, multinational manufacturing company.

From Day One, the highly charged work environment had Painter's moral compass spinning out of control. Women in the office were degraded and harassed. Environmental practices were questionable at best. And in preparation for running his own 200,000-square-foor warehouse and distribution center, Painter revicwed tax statements that left him extremely uncomfortable.
"It was a conflicted sense that I was on a very well paying track, but the business practices were in al most direct contradiction with my core values," he said.

If hearing a 22 -year-old seriously discuss his core values comes as a surprise, you haven't been on campus since the Wild Hope Project was initiated in 2003.
Funded by the Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment, the \$2.5million project helps students develop a sense of their personal vocation, and provides support to faculty and staff in nurturing this development.

PLU is just one of 88 religiously affiliated schools funded by the Lilly Endowment to help students find meaning and purpose in life. To date, the endowment has spent over $\$ 217$ million inspiring students to consider weighty, life-changing questions: What does the world need? What is it I want to create? What kind of footprint do I want to make on this planet?
At PLU, questions like that are known as "big enough questions." They are, as program director and philosophy professor Paul Menzel observes, the kind of questions young adults are naturally considering, if not always consciously. Wild Hope provides a framework for discussing these issues through a variety of activities, from intensive retreats and focused discussion to guest speakers who exemplify a commitment to personal vocation.

As a student, Painter was steeped in the Wild Hope Project, and applied what he learned to the difficult situation he faced.
"The first thing I asked myself was, 'Can I affect change from within? How long will it take? Can I wait that long while being emotionally drained by this? Is it worth resigning without somerhing else lined up?'" he explained.
Had he not spent so much energy identifying his core values, Painter said he doubts he would have been so sure-footed and deliberate in his decision making process. All of which led the earnest go-getter to decide to quit.
"It was a tremendous sense of relief," he says of tendering his resignation. "I don't think I realized how stressed I was until I spent my first work day not working there."
The Lilly grant, on paper anyway, would never purport to help Painter through his job crisis. It is most emphatically not a carcer counseling project.


# "That is an absolutely amazing thing to me that in five years' time and with $\$ 217$ million, you can change the culture." 

-Bob Haak, Augustana College

Wild Hope Project co-director and philosophy professor Paul Menzel meets with Willie Painter '06.

One of the primary goals of the Lily Endowment, in fact, is to address a severe shortage in the ranks of the clergy in this country across denominational bounds. Most pastors are older, and the number of young pastors ready to step in is woefully inadequate to meer demand.
But Lilly also endeavors to "assist students in examining the relationship between their faith and vocational choices," as well as providing support for faculty and staff to help students on this journey.

The Lilly Endowment is one of the only philanthropic organizations in the country advancing the notion of vocation. By vocation, they don't mean small engine repair, either.
The endowment is referring to the concept that each human being has a calling and a coneribution to make toward humanity, be it in the clergy or in secular society.

In fact, Menzel and orhers involved in Wild Hope ar PLU have taken to using the phrase "meaning and purpose in life" to counteract the common understanding of the word "vocacion" as "career." In a region of the country that is, as Acting Provost Patricia O'Conncll Killen
documents in her book "Religion and Public Life in the Pacific Northwest: The None Zone," one of the "least churched" in the United States, it is important to make deeply theological concepts accessible and welcoming to students who are still sorting out their faith.

Since 1999, the endowment has made a name for itself in the world of philanthropy for its unusual approach to this wildly altruistic goal. The endowment was established in 1937 with gifts of stock from the pharmaceurical giant Eli Lilly and Company, although common stock is all that links the two entities now. Today, 60 to 70 percent of the grant funds issued in the endowment's three focus areas - community development, education and religion - stay in the state of Indiana. The religion division is the only one making grants on a national level.
That should give some indication of the level of importance the endowment places on the Programs for the Theological Exploration of Vocation (PTEV), as the higher education effort is called, along with similar programs designed to reach high school students.
"The founders of this foundation really believe in the value of belonging to a congregation," said Gretchen Wolfram, the endowment's communications director. "(The endowment) is curious about religion and sees the value of it as being a part of a person's life.
"Programs like this can cause students to give their choices another dimension. Teachers don't want to teach for the money, social work isn't for the money, so there are obviously orher motivations to consider. ... I think all of us have an intuitive feeling that young people in college are making the decisions of their lives at that point. They may have four or five careers in their life, but thinking through what they want


Accomplished essayist and fiction writer Anne Lamott spoke to students about her personal vocational journey during the 2006 Meant to Live conference. The conference is sponsored by the Lilly-funded Wild Hope Project.
to accomplish at an early stage will serve them well - no matter what they're doing."

Kim Maphis Early directs the PTEV programs from an office on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., oversceing the grants and providing support to schools in the program. She said two features of the PTEV project reflect particularly well on the endowment's philosophy of grantmaking.
"One is that certainly the endowment has particular issues it wants to understand more deeply, or particular ways of life it wants to promote in terms of rcligious life and leadership," she said. "But given that, I think they also understand at a very deep level that the religious and educational landscape is very diverse, and that a family foundation in Indian apolis may not know best, or at all, the best approach for those individual schools and religious traditions."

The recognition that a one-size-fits-all solution would not work was supported by planning grants to each school. This provided influential and thoughtful campus leaders the time and resources necessary to develop a successful program.

At PLU, Wild Hope was designed by Menzel, Killen and a planning team of eight orher faculty and staff. During the planning phase, they held nearly 100 face-ro-face meetings with faculty, staff and students to float ideas and gather feedback. Their intent, according to Menzel, was that Wild Hope be "organic" to PLU.

As they went through the planning process, it became clear that to be organic meant there would not be a "center," or discrete physical location, for Wild Hope. The planning team wanted it to be completely integrated into campus life, and to have as little central administration called Wild Hope as possible.

In fact, there are only a few events solely sponsored by the Wild Hope Project each year. In the fall, the Meant to Live conference brings influential speakers to share their vocational journey and inspire students to consider their own paths. During JTerm, freshmen are invited to a 30 -hour off-campus recreat called Explore! The rest of the work is primarily co-sponsorships of speakers and other events, connecting students to serv-ice-learning opportunities, and developing faculty and staff to be effective supporters of students embarking on the journey.

Over the past two years, the freshmen-focused Explore! retreat has drawn about half of all freshmen. Menzel believes even those who don't come to the retreat or conference are influenced by the fact that the university is dedicating time and resources to address this dimension of their whole lives.
"Universities aren't dury-bound to do that," Menzel observed.
"When universities do it, it's very dignifying to students. Even when they're not jazzed about it, it's got to be dignifying. The university is telling them, 'Your lives matter.'"

PLU received its Lilly grant in 2003, in the last of three rounds of grants issued by Lilly under the PTF.V umbrella. At the

# "The first thing I asked myself was, 'Can I affect change from within? How long will it take? Can I wait that long while being emotionally drained by this? Is it worth resigning without something else lined up?'" -willic Painere 'O6 

88 PTEV schools there is a definite sense of a groundswell of enthusiasm and momentum that the program is generating.

At anorher Lurheran school, Augustana College in Rock Island, III., the Center for Vocational Reflection was founded to administer Augustana’s Lilly grant. Bob Haak directs the program there.
"I think it's absolucely amazing," Haak said of Lilly's efforts. "Five years ago I don't think people talked about vocation. Now you can pick up a
newspaper, a secular newspaper, and see headlines about vocation that are in accord with the way Lilly uses (the term).
"That is an absolucely amazing thing to me that in five years' time and with $\$ 217$ million, you can change the culcure."

The culture hasn't entirely changed, as Painter discovered ar his job. After a couple of years of being encouraged to ask tough questions, he was unprepared for the answers he got when he requested a meeting with his branch manager to discuss the financial discrepancies and sexual harassment. "I'm still processing it," he said.

Quitting withour another job lined up went against every fiber of his being, but he knew that continuing in a morally compromising company wasn't the answer, either. He came back to PLU and is working
with students on vocation, internships, service opportunities and employment ar Ramstad Commons and for the Wild Hope Project - temporarily, he emphasized. One of the rhings he said he hopes to accomplish while he's here is helping students with the transition to the "real" world, and preparing them for just the kind of situation he faced.
"This program is still in its infancy and there's a lor we can learn about how to change it and encourage students to ask those big enough questions, and how to receive the answers in a way that doesn't crush their souls," Painter said.
"Wild Hope reaches students a language, a language of asking these deep, heart-wrenching, mind-boggling questions. But beyond PLU's borders, it's usually a foreign language."
Lilly funding for Wild Hope ar PLU, and for all the orher programs and schools, will expire within the next five years. Lilly awarded the funds based on a commitment from each school that when Lilly funds run our, the programs will not die. With the recent award of a $\$ 500,000$ "sustainability" grant to take Wild Hope through 2011, the focus has already begun to shift toward how to keep it going after that.

Menzel would like to see it endowed, but also thinks that incorporating it into the university's annual operating budget would make a statement about che extent to which "big enough questions" and the search for meaning and purpose in life were already deeply congruent with PLU's Lutheran heritage.
"PLU is both a vital contemporary institution and an institution of the church, and when you put that together you have a group of people who have an obligation to look at chis," he said. S

# leadership \& service Lilly support provides needed reflection for students 

When I graduated from PLU in 1978, I walked across the stage and immediately established my career. My work as an investment manager was launched by the bachelor's degree I received in business administration.
Along the way, of course, I had my share of forks in the road. I analyzed, assessed and stewed over life-changing opportunities, waiting for the magical moment when my decision would feel "right."
Throughout my time at PLU, I knew what I wanted from my career: challenge, variety and engagement. But I never thought about what the world wanted from me. Somehow, by the time I graduated, PLU instilled in me a higher calling than just monetary achievement. The faculty I encountered, administrators I worked with and students I helped created in me a need to do more, and challenged me to better represent humankind through the choices I made.
In 1988, I made the difficult decision to take a break from my profession as a fund manager to stay at home with my children. Walking away from my job was made easier by the joy and love of those three kids. Around the same time, our congregation was approached by a low-cost housing development company, Common Ground, looking for a partner in its first project on the east side of Seattle.
Alchough my immediate reaction was to think "out of my league," I was also inextricably drawn to the project. The effort was going to require a lifetime commitment from our church, and the stewardship of a board with the right expertise and dedication to see the project to completion.

Soon after, with the help of Common Ground, St. Andrew's Housing Group was born. The small nonprof it that started with nothing in 1988 now owns and manages seven properties with three more in the works. The properties are currently valued at over $\$ 20$ million, but the real value is that 2,000 people


Darcy Johnson '78 is a regent, campus guest lecturer and chairwoman of the executive advisory committee for the School of Business.
who want an opportunity to improve their lives now have access to low-cost housing.
Though I'm no longer on the board of St. Andrew's Housing Group, I realize how richly blessed I have been to be in a position to help get it started.
Interestingly, it was my work with the nonprofit that brought me back into active involvement and service to PLU 20 years later. The Alumni Association graciously awarded me with an Alumni Service Award in 2001 based on my work with the housing group. When my name surfaced in association with the award, I received a call from a business professor emeritus, Dwight Zulauf.
He said, "Darcy, the School of Business needs you." It was this phone call that firmly reconnected me with the university, and made me aware of some of the exciting initiatives happening on campus. Now as a regent, chairwoman of the executive advisory committee for the School of Business and guest lecturer on campus, I am thrilled to see projects like Wild Hope giving students a framework for life choices that for me were much
more difficult to navigate.
Today's students are challenged in the same way I was as an undergrad, but with an overlay that dares them to ask the "big questions," those that address the verycore of our purpose as humans: Why am I here? What will I do with my life? How can I serve?
This awareness is thanks to the generous support of the Lilly Endowment, which funded PLU's Wild Hope Project to help students develop a sense of their greater purpose, or vocation. It has provided an infrastructure and focus that will ensure that all students have the opportunity to enrich and enhance their lives by considering their calling and vocation.
Whether you're an alum, student, parent or friend of the university, you should be proud of PLU graduates. They are, truly, a breed apart with an understanding of how to nurture an inquisitive and passionate sense of vocation and purpose. Today's students are blessed to have the tools for thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care. 5

By Darcy Jobason '78

# Student athletes represent the best of PLU 

PLU baseball player Jared Simon maintains a 3.7 grade point average with a major in mathematics and a minor in economics. But balancing school and athletics isn't always easy.
A starting infielder since his freshman year, Simon will graduate this spring.
"The last couple of years I studied when I could," he said. This year has been more difficult - he bought his first day planner - as he finishes up his academic program and plans for his wedding this summer.

Baseball coach Geoff Loomis "always says that academics come first," Simon said. "For the seniors in the past and for me this year, we may have to take classes that are offered only during practice time. This year on Wednesday I'm going to miss half the practice because of class, which is kind of frustrating. But (Loomis) does emphasize the fact that (school is) the most important thing.
"You can tell he cares about how you're doing in classes and not just about baseball," he added.
That attitude is evident throughout the athletic department.
"Our department recruiting brochures state something that we really believe is true, that our student-athletes are among the best and brightest students on campus, and that we provide a balanced program that gives the student athlete an opportunity to do well in the classroom," said Laurie Turner, director of athletics.
Last spring, Pacific Lutheran
University placed 33 spring sports athletes on the Academic All-Northwest Conference team. In order to be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must have a grade point average of at least 3.50 and be on a team's roster for the entire season.

One of those athletes, senior softball player Gretchen Ruecker '06, earned first team Academic All-America honors from the College Sports Information Directors Association, only the third Pacific Lutheran student-athlete to achieve that status.
These accomplishments put in sharp

(Top) Jared Simon plays baseball at PLU and was named All-Northwest Conference team last spring. (Bottom) Gretchen Ruecker ' 06 was named to the Academic All-America team. She played first base on the softball team.
focus the emphasis that Pacific Lutheran places on the "student" portion of being a student athlete. It is an emphasis that fits in well with the NCAA Division III philosophy, which states in part: "College and universities in Division III place highest priority on the overall quality of the educational experience and on the successful completion of all students' academic programs. They seek to establish and maintain an environment in which a student athlete's athletic activities are conducted as an integral part of the student athlete's educational experience."

Prior to joining the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Pacific Lutheran was a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NALA). PLU athletes had a long and distinguished record of academic success dating all the way back to 1978-79, when NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete status was first awarded. That same year, men's tennis player Dave Trageser was the first Lute to earn All-America status both on the tennis court and in the classroom.
It is now more difficult for Pacific Lutheran studentathletes to earn Academic All-Region and All-America status because they compete against student athletes at the NCAA Division I-AA, II, III and NAIA levels. Nonetheless, a focus on academics is of primary importance to the PLU athletic program.
"Thar's why we are here," Turner said. "Pacific Lutheran University is here to educate students. Athletics is a vital part of the co-curricular experience, but these are students first and athletes after that."

Since PLU became an NCAA member institution, five Lute athletes have earned $\$ 5,000$ NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships, the most recent being Andrea Wells in 2005. She is currently in the second year of a three-year program to earn her doctorate in physical therapy at Eastern Washington University. When she graduates, she will practice physical therapy and looks forward to interact-
ing with patients.
Wells earned All-Northwest Conference first team honors three times while playing for the PLU softball team from 200205 . Her academic success was every bit as impressive as her accomplishments on the softball field. "When I first looked at PLU I saw the combination of softball and a pre-physical therapy program that fit me perfectly," recalled Wells.
She credits her advisor, Tony Evans, with helping her through the minefield of a heavy science load, classes necessary in her pursuit of a career in physical therapy. Her softball coach Rick Noren, emphasized "keeping up with your studies, because if you don't you can't do the athletic part of it," she remembers. For Wells, that wasn't a problem. "I was always going to do it no matter what, because that's who I am."
It is of ten just that kind of student that the Pacific Lutheran athletics coaches are looking for when they recruit, because they fit in well with the institution's academic emphasis.
"When you recruit you do look at the player's ability first," said volleyball head coach Kevin Aoki '84, who is in his 11th season at his alma mater. "But really quickly you find out her grade point average and her SAT score. If she can't get into the school, you turn your attention to the athletes who can get accepted." s

## StudentAthletes

## PLU student-

athletes named
to spring academic all-conference teams

## BASEBALL

Kris Hansen (Fr., University Place. Wash.) undeclared major
Jared Simon (Jr., Auburn, Wash.) Mathematics
Eric Slanczyk (Sr,, Graham, Wash.) Political Science and History Dyian Stanford (Fr.. Portland, Ore.) undectared major

## MEN'S GOLF

Brian Erickson (Fr., Glendale, Ariz.) Glabal Studies Nelson Knighl (Jr., Searlle, Wash.) Physical Educalion Jon Snyder (Soph., Enumiclaw, Wash.) Buciness and Chemistry

## SOFTBALL

tisa Gilbert (Soph., Poulsbo, Wash.) Global Studies Rachel Hatlen (Fr., Woodinville, Wash.) undeclared major
Candace Howard (Sr., Puyallup, Wash) Business
Kalia Hymes (Fr., Tacoma, Wast.) Business
Gretchen Ruecker (Sr., Hillsboro, Ore.) Social Work
Elizabeth Stuhlmiller (Sr., Edwall, Wash.) Bishogy
MEN'S TENNIS
James Croselto (Fr., Ashford. Wash.) Computer Science
Tyler Ochsner (Jr., Olympia, Wash.)
Communications
James Odan [Ff., Lihue. Hawaili)
undeciared majos Tory Silvestrin (Soph, File, Wash.) Biohogy

Jared Vidano (Soph., Wenatchee, Wash.) iysical Education

## MEN'S TRACK \& FIELD

Kjetil Aasen (Jr., Loten, Norway)

## Business

Justin Carison (Fr, Sitka, Alaska)
Chemistry
Daniel Hibbard (Fr., Olympia, Wash.)
Binlogy and Communications
Casey Hill (Jr., Roy, Wash.)
History
Erik Jensen (Sr.. Oroville, Wash.)
Business and Economics
Casey Pyle (Jr, Lakewood, Wash.) Biology
Luke Weinbrecht (Fr., Kent. Wash.)
Chemistry and Education
WOMEN'S TRACK \& FIELD
Kristen Davignon (Sr., Seattie, Wash.) Biology
Callie Gunderson (Fr., Big Fork, Mont.) undeclared major
Michele Hegg (Fr., Spokane, Wash.) undeclared major
Ashley Jami reson(Sr., Omak, Wash.) Elementary Education
Haley Martin (Soph., Seattle, Wash.) Physical Education
Christina McDuffie (Fr., Yakima, Wash.) Biology and Chemistry Lynette Millard (Fr., Port Orchard, Wash.) undeclared major
Hannah Schultz (Soph., Bozeman, Mont.)
Exercise Science


ATHLETICS


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## Class Book provides conversation piece at 50 -year reunion

THE LIVING ROOM of Gimny (Grahn) and Iver '54 Haugen's home on American Lake, near Tacoma, buzzed with excited conversation during a reception for the Class of 1956 during its homecoming reunion weekend in October.

Much of the focus at the partywas on a book carefully compiled by classmates Thelma (Nygaard) Schwarz and Norita (Miller) Stewart. The 1956 Class Book, compiled in honor of the class' 50th reunion, was compiled and produced by Schwarz and Stewart and featured memories of 50 years of life and recollections of Pacific Lutheran College, as it was known when the Class of '56 started school in 1952.

Standing in the Haugen's living room, Stewart and Schwarz handed copies to each attendee at the reception. Most immediately opened the book and began reading the lovingly prepared biographies and memories.

Class books are fairly standard reunion fare, but Stewart and Schwarz went beyond the ordinary approach to capture the voices of their class members. Books are typically compiled based on class members' responses to a fill-in-the-blank form. Both Stewart and Schwarz Miller, wanting to do something extra special for the 50 th reunion, decided to go beyond that by asking class members to simply write one page about their lives over the last 50 years and their fondest memories of PLC.
The results are at times moving, and often inspiring.

The Class of 1956 has traveled the entire globe, with several class members noting they have traveled to all 50 states
and most of the continents. The class is also marked by service and volunteerism. Many attended seminary and had careers in the church. Photos, borh current and old, added depth to the written memories.
The entries are inconsistent in format and voice, but what they lack in formality they make up for in personality. By allowing each person to simply submit one page rather than respond to predetermined questions, a richer picture of a generation emerged.
"I wanted a free-form, out-of-the-box approach," said Stewart.

For Gordon Strom, the book provided an opportunity to memorialize his first wife, Nancy Helland Strom '56, who died in 1994. The book contained two sections, one for the living and the orther for tributes to those who have passed. Strom was attending his first class reunion. He pointed with pride to the photo of his wife included in the book.

Schwar\% was responsible for the section of the book dedicated to the deceased, and said that the children and spouses of dead classmates were even more eager to submit memories than some of the living classmates.
"There are just beautiful stories written by some of the children," Schwarz said. "It gives you pause, to be honest. You stop and think, 'What will my children write about me?' But the values at PLU - and perhaps even more so at the time we were students - the goals we were encouraged to ser for our lives obviously made an unpact on people. Many made so many humanitarian contributions over and above their carcers."
Nearby, three women seated on a
couch in the Haugen's living room recalled their freshman year, moving in to the fifth floor of Harstad Hall.
Converted from a dusty attic the year before, the space was divided into six rooms, and the young women who lived together there in 1956 are still friends today.

The stories of the "Fifth Floor Gang" spanned both sections of the book.
"PLU is very special to us and always has been," said Marlys (Solterbeck) Pfimmer. The Long Beach, Calif., resident participates in regular reunions of the "gang" in locations all over the West Coast, although she hadn't been back to campus in five years.
Stewart, too, is part of the "gang," and while she's been intimately involved with her classmates and activities with the Office of Alumni, she said it was fun to read up on the exploits of classmates whom she hadn't seen in years.
"It was fun to put together," Stewart said. S

By Amy Cockerham

## (From left to right)

Kathy (Gulhaugen) Clave discusses an entry in the 1956 class book with Marlys (Solterback) Pfimmer. Both were part of the "Fifth Floor Gang."

Former psychology professor Kristen Solberg, who taught from 1953-1964, attended the Class of 1956 reunion to catch up with some of his former students.

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For more information and to share your particular expertise with students and alumni, go to www.plualumni.org and register under Online Community.

CYRUS KHEMALAAP '95, working for the US Navy says, "I've been a career counselor serving navy reservists for four years, so I saw no reason not to be an online mentor, especially those considering joining or leaving the military."

DAVE BARTHOLOMEW ' 78 , a management consultant in Woodinville, Wash., has had many experiences mentoring PLU students. "Cleary, I have benefited from the mentoring I received while I was a PLU student, and since. It is natural and even easy to do the same with current PLU students. I have met with literally dozens of PLU students through the mentorship program. I like to think that the students got something out off it. I know I did."

SHANA LARSEN ' 99 has special skills as an entrepreneur in the food service industry. "I hope to be able to share the knowledge I have and I know that someone else is benefiting from that experience. I do believe the journey is part of the process, but a littie help in the process isn't bad either."

GREG THORWALD ' 88 has a doctorate in engineering and works with Structural Reliability Technology, Inc. in Boulder, Colo. "I signed up as an online mentor because I'd be glad to share my work experiences with PLU students, hopefully to encourage their studies for an interesting career. I would have liked to have a similar resource to find out what being an engineer is like when I was a student."

ELIZABETH GALBRAITH 'O5: 'I am excited about the mentoring program and having my information posted, because in this business of entertainment in Hollywood it is all about who you know! I hope that in the future, through this network, I will be able to connect current students and fellow alumni with jobs and internships."

NICOLE PEDERSEN 'OO lives in Maryland and works for a PR firm. Her current posted expertise is in fashion, lifestyle and consumer products and branding. She started as a mentee in the Lutelink program and is now a mentor. "I secured my undergraduate internship through Lutelink, which helped me kick-start my career. I am happy to do what I can to strengthen the PLU alumni network."

NAOMI WELBORN '95 works as a special education consultant for school districts in and around where she lives in Troy, Mich. She wishes she had known more about the mentor program when she was a student at PLU. "I signed up to be a mentor because I remember how overwhelmed I felt in college trying to determine what exactly I wanted to be. As it turned out, it look me many years and a return rip to school to find exactly what interested me. At the time I thought that was a bad thing. Now, I realize it's a process and the timeline is different for everyone,"

## Pencil Us In

## UPCOMING EVENTS

| January 3 | Tacoma Night @ Lute Basketball, PLU |
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| January 19-21 | Winter Alumni Board Meeting, PLU |
| January 20 | Alumni Basketball Night, PLU |
| February 10 | Sumner Night @ Lute Basketball, PLU |
| February 25 | Minnesota Connection Event |
| February 25-27 | Montana Connection Events |
| March 4 | Hawaii Connection Event, Honolulu |
| March (TBD) | Denver Connection Event |
| March (TBD) | ........ Boise Connection Event |
| April 15 | Spring Parents Council Meeting, PLU |

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## Picture Perfect



## 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 Feb. 15, 2007. Here are the categories:

## Distinguished Alumnus Award

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

Awarded to an alumnus, beyond 15 years of graduation, who has excelled in a special area of life.
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## Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award

Avarded to an alumnus, within 15 years of graduation, who has excelled in a special area of life.
your nominhe:

## Heritage Award

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

## Special Recognition Award

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

## Alumni Service Award

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

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.
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The chree ciders have received a cotal of seven awards. Every contest in which they have been entered - from New York to Indianapolis to Seattle - has yielded acclaim.
This string of successes culminated with Blue Mountain winning a Sunset magazine contest for best cider in the nation.
"When you win that many awards, people must like it," Ron said.
The Browns said their cider is unique because it is not as sweet as many orhers. Their lightly-carbonated version is made from real apples, not concentrate, and sweetened after fermentation with apple juice and only a bit of sugar.
Many people are surprised by Blue Mountain cider's taste.
"It's just a nice alternative to wine or beer," Gretchen said.
"This is one way you can get your apple a day."

## -Gretchen Brown

Since it is made from fresh apples, the Browns also note that many health studies promote the benefits of cider.
"This is one way you can get your apple a day," Gretchen said.
The company, now much more than a hobby, continues to expand. Blue Mountain cider will be available this year for sale in some Pacific Northwest grocery stores, select restaurants and online at wuw, drinkecider:com for about $\$ 10$ per 750-milliliter bottle.
In addition, the Browns planted wine grapes four years ago on their property in northeastern Oregon and are scheduled to begin selling white wines in October 2006. Four reds are expected to be on the market by May 2007.
But apples, cider and wine haven't been the only thing on the Brown's plates over the past several years.
Ron was the director of the W/alla Walla irrigation district in 2000 when several environmental groups sued the district. Working with those groups, local irrigators and Native American tribes, he devised a plan to put water back into the Walla Walla River and preserve the local bull trout population. As a result of Ron's leadership, in 2003, and for the first time in 100 years, the Walla Walla River flowed all the way to
its natural confluence with the Columbia River.
Though Ron and Gretchen did not attend PLU when sustainability was as topical as it is now, the Browns said a lot of their broad knowledge and sense of community came from their time at the university.
"That's what PLU gives back to you, is the well-roundedness," Ron said. "That follows you around the rest of your life."
Much of Ron's sense of community came from being on the PLU football team. His first year at PLU was also the first for Hall of Fame football coach Frosty Westering.
"The EMAL (Every Man A Lute) and all the stuff he's done was right from the beginning," Ron said.
Though getting their cider business off the ground has consumed the Browns' lives for the past several years, they said they expect it to pay off.
"This is huge," Ron said. "One of these days, it's going to explode. It will grow into a fairly large business."
But the Browns say they are excited to pass on Blue Mountain to the next generation. The couple's three children have been involved in the operation from the ground up.
"Somewhere along the line here we want to say 'no,' " Ron said. "I want to slow down a little bit and smell the roses."

By Laura Zaichkin '07

## The shoe fits for business grad Haun

As a student at PLU, Cause Haun '93, once did a class project about a shoe business. Now, she owns one.
"I chose PLU for its emphasis on international education," explained Haun. "I studied abroad in China and that was key, because you learn the language and the culture and it really helps."
Haun graduated with a degree in international business and a minor in Chinese. After having her first child, a son named Kai, Haun found
shoes for him in China that weren't available in the United States. After some research and interest from local retailers, Haun launched a line of children's foorwear, manufactured in China.
"Having a business education gave me the confidence to try and start the business," Haun said. The brand, "See Kai Run," named after Haun's son, has gained in popularity. Celebrities such as Angelina Jolie and Katie Holmes have bought the shoes for their children.
But Haun wants to keep the company small. Including her husband, only six employees work for the firm. The shoes are available in more than 500 boutiques in the United States, Canada and Europe.
"I felt PLU really emphasized morality in the business world and I feel that the international emphasis prepares one to be a responsible global citizen," Haun said. "And for that, I am grateful."

By Ashlee Parnell '09

## alumni profiles

continued

## Basketball official honored by his peers

Forty-two years of officiating high school and college baskerball games kept Burton Backman '49 involved with young people and connected to the game he loves.
Even though Backman, 82, of Tumwater, Wash., no longer referces, his contributions to the local yourh baskerball scene were recognized in August 2006 with his induction into the Washington Officials Association (WOA) Hall of Fame.
"I was surprised, honored and overwhelmed," Backman said of receiving the award.

## "I've never been a sedentary

type person. I'm 82 years
young." -Bur on Backman '49

After graduating from Pacific Lutheran College with a degree in education and a minor in history, Backman began teaching a fifth- and sixthgraders in Rainier, Wash. He soon discovered that in Lewis County, basketball referees were in high demand, which prompted him to sign up.

Backman continued teaching, and later became an elementary school principal in Rainier. Eventually, he moved to Tumwater, where he worked as a teacher and administrator at borh the elementary and high school levels. All the while, Backman still officiated boys' high school and college baskerball.
"The best memories are when you get elected to a state tournament," Backman said. "Ir's a super honor."
Now retired from education and officiating, Backman still keeps his head in the game. He attends occasional WOA meetings and frequents games. He also serves as president of his church council and enjoys gardening, walking and swimming in the summer.
"Being active is important," Backman said. "I've never been a sedentary type person. I'm 82 years young."

By Lingrid Stegemoeller '07


## Math teacher seeks 'different kind of impact'

udy Holliday ' 97 was a prime example of an "unconventional" student during her time at PLU. When she arrived on campus, Holliday was already a mother. And while enrolied in PLU's education program, she was already teaching math in the Montesano School District.
Although she started her career in the classroom, Holliday decided to pursue a career in education administration. The thought of being a principal kind of evolved, Holliday explained.
"I wanted to have a different kind of impact on students' and teachers' instruction," Holliday said.

Holliday became principal of Simpson School in Montesano, Wash. in 1999. Her hard work and dedication since then was acknowledged this past June when she won the Principal of the Year Award from the Washington Association of School Administrators, which covers 45 school districts in the state.

Holliday says she particularly enjoyed PLU's culture. "Dialogue with peers and colleagues," along with the suggestions from people with experience, enhanced her education, Holliday said.

Holliday's passion for student development and learning is what keeps her going, she said. "If I need to be reinvigorated," Holliday added, "I just go back to the classroom."

By Nate Hulings '09

## Former wrestling coach forms nonprofit for athletes

Brian Peterson '94 has come a long way since his years at PLU. After graduating with a degree in biology, Peterson earned a teaching certificate while also serving as the head wrestling coach at PLU.
"It's been quite a road since PLU," Peterson said.
Peterson taught for eight years at


Auburn High School before retiring from teaching in 2006 to co-found a nonprofit company called Reality Sports.
Reality Sports provides athletic and spiritual training, and discipleship to Brian Peterson '94

participants who are wrestlers and baseball players. Peterson and his business partner want to help athletes in their walk with Christ, he said.
"We're compacting it all in one,"
Peterson said.
Reality Sports also facilitates involvement of athletes in community service projects such as Hurricane Katrina relief work.
"There's more to athletics than just the game - there's life lessons in the sport and training," Peterson said. "You can't win 100 percent of the time, so how can you win when you don't win on the scoreboard?" [s

By Asblee Parnell '0'

Class Representative positions available 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1942, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1964, 1967, 1973, 1978, 1980, 1991, 1993, 1999

1936
Class Representative - Volly (Norby) Grande

1940
Class Representative - Luella Toso Johnson

Robert Snyder died July 16. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for 40 years in banking, teaching evening banking courses and serving in several leadership positions, including senior vice president at Citizens State Bank and assistant vice president and branch manager at Rainier Bank. Bob was a member of First Baptist Church in Puyallup. Wash., for 86 years and an active political volunteer. Surviving him is his wife of almost 60 years, Helen (Church 43); children Barbara del Bosque (Jess), Bob Snyder (Julie) and Scott Snyder (Kristen); and seven grandchildren.

## 1943

Class Representative - Lorna \{Rogers) Greer

Florence (Hopp) Seifert died June 8. She taught music in the Clover Park School District in Lakewood, Wash. She was also an organist and choir director at First Lutheran Church in Tacoma and at Peninsula Lutheran Church in Gig Harbor, where she served as Sunday school superintendent. As a board member, Florence was very active in Women's Aglow in Gig Harbor Later, she and her husband, Donald, joined Peninsula Christian Fellowship, where they took an interest in building the mission's ministry. Preceding her in death were Donald and her brothers, John Hopp '32 and Herbert
Hopp '35. Florence is survived by her three children, Marie, David and Elizabeth Bartlow, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## 1945

Class Representative - Annabelle Birkestol

1947
Class Representative - Gerald Lider

## 1948

Class Representative - Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

## 1949

Lester Storaasli died Aug. 6. While at PLC, he met Carol (Elefson '47), and they were married in 1947, following his return
from two years of naval duty in the South Pacific during World War II. He spent his career as an elementary school principal in Tacoma's Franklin Pierce School District. For two of those vears, he served as the director of the International School in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Africa. He retired in 1983. Les was preceded in death by his son, Mark; his brothers S.D. ' 38 and Dale ' 57 Storaasli; and his parents, William'10 and Alma (Sinland '09) Storaasli. Surviving him are Carol, his daughter, Paula ' 80 Bacon (Randy), daughter-in-law Julie Storaasli and six grandchildren.

Doane Blair and his wife, Alice
(Andersen '51), have been married for 58 years. Their granddaughter, Kendall Blair '05, graduated from PLU last year. They live in Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Elizabeth (Reiman) Morrison died Aug. 8. She taught at Maple Leaf Elementary School in Seattle for six years. She was a musician and peace advocate and loved gardens, birds and adventures. Betty is remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and her natural ability to connect with people. Her husband, Archie, preceded her in death. Surviving her are her children, Anne, Tom (Susan Bennett) and Mary (Jed Jedrzelewski), two grandsons and companion Peter Howard.

## 1950

Class Representative - Dick
Weathermon
Robert Baird died July 6. He earned a master's degree from Purdue University in 1957 and retired in February 2006 from Nielsen Media Research. He served 37 years in the military as a commander in the naval aviatıon division. He was a member of the Chemical Engineering Society, the U.S. Naval Association and Redeemer Lutheran Church in Englewood, Fla. Surviving him are his wife of 54 years, Dolores; sons Robb Clayton and Andrew; daughters Marcia Shuur and Andrea Powner; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1953
Class Representatives - Naomi (Roe) Nothstein and Carol (Schuler) Karwoski

## 1954

Bob Ross died July 3. While at PLU, he played basketball for Marv Harshman and baseball for Marv Tommervik. He served two years in the Army, stationed in France as a chaplain's assistant. While there, he played and coached basketball for the Army, earning the All France award. Bob taught, coached and counseled in the Franklin Pierce School District for 30 years. He took Washington
high school varsity basketball teams to district championships 12 times, placing third and fifth in the state two of these years. His Washington Patriots were league champions six times. He was inducted into the Washington state Basketball Hall of Fame in 2000. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer published an article about Bob entitled, "Christian Belief Motivates P-I Coach of the Week." The Times named him one of the Top Ten Coaches of the state in 1979. Retiring in 1986, Bob coached at Green River Community College for five years, receiving the Coach of the Year Award in 1990. In 1995, PLU awarded him the Distinguished Alumnus in Athletics Award. He was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, serving in several leadership roles. He is survived by his wife Suzie (Van Slageren '56); daughters Kim Lawson '82 (David 81) and Kerry Hampson ' 82 (Ben); and three grandchildren.

1955
Class Representative - Phyllis (Grahn) Pejsa

1956
Class Representative - Ginny (Grahn) Haugen and Clarene (Osterli) Johnson

Robert Fleming died on May 7. While at PLC, he was head of the drama club. He went on to teach English at Clover Park High School in Lakewood, Wash., for 36 vears. He loved his students, with whom he was very popular. Bob appreciated music and had a great love of German shorthair dogs. He is remembered for his gentle and expressive wit. Surviving him are his daughters Laurel, Merrill, Colleen Overaa and Katey Hansen, and two grandsons.

David and Elisabeth (Omli '57) Wold cel-
ebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 3.

## 1957

Class Representative - Marilyn (Hefty) Katz

Carolyn (Hoogner) Hillis retired from the Federal Way (Wash) School District after 38 years in the classroom.

1958
Class Representative - Don Cornell
Ron Ho has a major retrospective of his jewelry art on exhibit at the Bellevue Art Museum through Feb. 18. It is titled "Dim Sum at the On-On Tea Room: The Jewelry of Ron $\mathrm{Ho}^{\prime \prime}$ and features 52 of his necklaces. Ron was honored by PLU as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2004.

1959
Class Representative - Todd Penson
Roberta (Brodhun) Mattson died on July 22. She is survived by her husband, Lauren '59, and children Lori, Steven, Alex and David

Richard and Anita (Hillesland) Londgren, former Mooring Mast staffers, contributed stories to the international magazine The Vasa Star. Richard, a former Mooring Mast editor, wrote a two-page article about the Scandinavian Cultural Center at California Lutheran University, where he serves as director.
Contributing to the same issue of the Vasa Star was Barbara Isaacson Olson '60, who was a Mast reporter. Before her move to Minnesota, she was a leader in the Scandinavian Cultural Center in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Len and Bette (MacDonald) Ericksen completed their sixth summer as directors of A Christian Ministry in Glacier National Park in Montana. This ministry is part of A Christian Ministry in National Parks, an interdenominational program that works with 25 seminary and college students from all over the country. These student ministers conduct 21 worship services every Sunday in the campgrounds and hotels throughout Glacier Park. One of this year's summer ministers was Nicholas Weber '06, who is a first year student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn. Len and Bette divide their retirement time between their homes in Kalispell, Mont. and Ferndale, Wash., and their RV in California, where they spend time with their three sons and daughters-in-law and nine grandchildren.

1960
Class Representative - Marilu (Miller) Person

Tonette Erickson is a retired flight attendant. Her husband, Gary Snyder, is a retired school administrator, teacher and coach. They have three sons and live on Mercer Island, Wash.

1961
Class Representative - Ron Lerch

Marsha (Jensen) Iverson died Aug. 4. After PLU, she earned a degree in special education at Central Washington University at the age of 40 and a master's degree in education at 42 . For 20 years, she worked in Washington's Peninsula School District in elementary schools in Purdy, Harbor Heights, Artondale and Vaughn. She was a seasoned traveler and an artist in all that she did. Marsha is remembered as a compassionate

Christian, a resolute defender of the weak and the glue of her family. She is survived by her husband of 47 years,
Roger '59, her children George, Joanne and Roger Jr. '83 and his wife Cynthia (Banken '86), and seven grandchildren.

JoAnn (Corey) Varness died July 5. She taugbt physical education at Redmond (Wash.l Junior High before beginning a 30-year career with her extended family at Pacific Construction Systems. She retired in 2004. JoAnn loved spending time with her family, reading, attending Mariners games, playing bridge and doing crossword puzzles. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Oswald ("Al"), daughter Michele Petter (Erik), son Eric (Julie), and four grandchildren.

## 1962

Class Representative - Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

David Smith died on Dec. 24, 2005. After graduation, David and his wife, Mary Rogers, served as Peace Corps volunteers in Nigeria. After returning from Africa, they settled in Fairfield, Conn., where David directed a government antipoverty program. He then worked for Save the Children, specializing in projects for Native Americans. From Fairfield, David, Mary and their two daughters, Anne and Sarah, moved to Botswana in southern Africa, where David directed a program that enabled African university graduates to earn master's degrees in preparation for post-apartheid civil and nongovernmental service. Returning to the United States, David worked for several nongovernmental organizations under contract with U.S. Agency for International Development. His last service was administering democracy projects in Pakistan and Central Asia. In 1993, he received PLU's Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of an eminent career in humanitarian service. David is remembered by friends and co-workers for his warmth, kindness, listening skills and laughter. He loved to tell humorous stories about his years at PLU. David spent his life working for a world of peace, justice and dignity for every human.

Richard Christensen died July 25. He served in the Korean War before returning to graduate from PLU. He went on to earn his master's degree in counseling from Seattle University and was a respected teacher, counselor and assistant principal who worked with high-risk students. Dick loved to travel, was known for his offbeat sense of humor, his love of the card game " 31 ," his unique homemade pajamas and his eagerness to share stories of his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sue ('59), his children Johnna, Kathleen and John, and six grandchildren.

## 1963

Class Representative - Merlyn and Joan Overland

1964
Dennis Howard is on sabbatical from his position as an associate professor at the University of Alaska-Anchorage this academic year. He is taking information systems security and assurance courses at Portland State University to enhance his personal development and to finalize work on UA-A's master's degree program in information systems security.

## 1965

Class Representative - David Wytko

## Linda (Stolee) Howard retired from

school nursing in June. She completed a parish nursing prep course in April and assisted in writing a parish nursing grant for Joy Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Alaska, in May

1966
Class Representative - Frank Johnson


Denny Miles is the new director of development at Chemeketa Community College in Salem, Ore., and associate executive director of the college's foundation. He is responsible for college fundraising programs, as well as assisting in foundation management.

1968
Class Representative - Michael McKean

1969
Class Representative - Rose (Lanes) Steiner

1970
Class Representative - William Allen

1971
Class Representative - Joseph Hustad, Jr.

## 1972

Class Representative - Molly Stuen

George Riemer is the new de puty city attorney in Surprise, Ariz. Before moving to Surprise, he worked for 25 years for the Oregon State Bar, most recently as deputy director and general counsel.

Paula (Seibert) Manley retired as a probation and parole officer in 2000. Three days later, she and her husband, John, discovered God had other plans. Threemonth old Jewell, their great-niece, joined them and their son, Adam, on their farm in Canby, Ore. They visit Tacoma often to see their three grandchildren. and their daughter Alicia '98 and son-inlaw Nathe Lawver '98. Son Paul lives in Portland. Paula teaches substance abuse and domestic violence intervention classes. With Jewell now in the first
grade, Paula will have more time to write articles and compose music.

Susan (Swanson) Matison died July 7. She worked for a manyyears as a med ical social worker at Tacoma Lutheran Home. She was married to John Hansen until his death in 1970 and was married to Carl Matison from 1972 until his death in 1998. She is survived by stepsons Steven '87 (Lucindy), Phillip (Kimberle), Thomas (Karen), Paul (Teri) and Robert, and several grandchildren.

## 1974

Class Representative - David Johnson
Winnie (McLean) McComas died April 24. She taught in Lake Stevens, Orondo and Entiat, Wash. After retirement, she was a substitute teacher in Bremerton and Port Orchard, Wash. She was a member of Eastmont Presbyterian Church in Wenatchee, Wash., and The Entiat Federated Church and the Friends Church in Entiat. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, Boyce ("Mac"), three children, Don, Margi Garland (Jody) and Doug (Heidi), seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Melanie (Likins) Throckmorton died July 7. She worked at Swedish Hospital in Seattle as a critical care nurse before deciding to stay at home to raise her family. She loved to travel and took many trips with her family to the Washington coast, Leavenworth, Wash., and Arizona, where her parents live. She was very thankful and proud of her time making a home with her husband, Steve, and her daughters, Alia and Ami, all of whom survive her. Her first daughter, Alaina, preceded her in death.

## 1975

Class Representative - Helen Pohlig

## Art Thiel was named Best Sports

 Columnist in the "Best Of" poll in the Seattle Weekly. Art is a sports columnist at the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He is also a sports commentator on KPLU-FM with Steve Krueger every Friday at 5:30 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. This commentary is available by podcast at www.kplu.org and has been very popular, with over 1,000 listeners downloading them each month. Art was honored by PLU as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2004.David Potter died June 1. He served as a paramedic and firefighter for the Puyallup (Wash.) Fire Department for 17 years, most recently as battalion chief. He was a recognized leader in advancing emergency medical services in Puyallup and throughout the state of Wastington. He is missed by his daughter, Tiffany, son Nicholas, and their mother, Rebecca; and his daughter, Amanda, son Jesse, and their mother, Deborah.

1976
Class Representative - Gary Powell

1977
Class Representatives - Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Mattich

Scott Barnum is the new chief executive officer at Pyramid Breweries, Inc., after serving for seven years on the company's board of directors. He served most recently as president and chief operating officer for Pete's Brewing Co.

## 1979

Class Representative - David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

## 1979

Gregory Hahn is the new president and chief operating officer of Synthetec, Inc., a fine chemicals company specializing in organic synthesis, biocatalysis and chiral technologies. Its products are used in drugs for the treatment of AIDS, cancer, and cardiovascular and other diseases. He has over 20 years' experience in the fine chemical and pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

1980
Ray Francis completed his doctorate in higher education administration at The George Washington University in
Washington, D.C., in August. He is also a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel, who served 23 years on active duty. Ray lives in Virginia and can be reached at dran77527@aol.com.

## 1981

Class Representative - Dean and Susan (Lee) Phillips

Judy Scott-Rich was named 2006 Pierce County Nurse of the Year. A registered nurse, she began her 32 -year career at St. Clare Hospital in Lakewood, Wash., and now works in the intensive care unit.

## 1982

Class Representative - Paul Collard
Charlene (Hanson) Mitchell died Aug. 19 after a seven-year battle with brain cancer. Prior to becoming a mother, she was an elementary school teacher. She especially loved listening to music, playing the piano and attending her children's many musical performances and sporting events. Throughout her life, Charlene was deeply spiritual and had great love for the Lord. Her special calling was in helping young mothers, which led her to organize a local chapter of Mothers of Preschoolers at Maple Park Lutheran Brethren Church in Lynnwood, Wash. She is survived by her husband of 23 years, Jeff; her children Lindsey, Matthew and Lauren; her parents David and Merilee Hanson; and sisters Cindy Evans '80 (Mike '80), Wendy Crownover and Julie Dickson (John).

Tami (Fiebelkorn) Woolsey received her master of education degree in 2001. She and her husband, Mark, live in Wenatchee, Wash., where they are both
elementary school teachers. Their son, Paul, is a junior at PLU and their daughter, Rachel, is a freshman in high school.

## 1983

Class Representative - David OIson

Stephen Klein died July 20. He taught in several Alaskan schools over the course of 20 years until he retired in 2005 . He then worked with the Naknek Electric Association until his death. Steve was a devoted husband and father, who was especially proud of his children's many athletic accomplishments. He shared a love of the outdoors with his family and often fished, hunted and hiked with them His commitment to his family extended to the youth in of his community and he expressed real concern for his students long after they left his classroom. He frequently urged them to reach higher educationally to find a more secure future. Steve is survived by his wife of 20 years. Shelley; his sons Seth, Peter and Zachary: his daughter Stevie: and his parents, Richard and Joanne (Bjork '63) Klein.

Donn Maier is the executive director and high school principal at Portland Lutheran School in Portland, Ore. His wife is Karin (Post '86). Their oldest daughter, Monica, is a sophomore at PLU.

## 1984

Class Representative - Mark
Christofferson
Brian Laubach is the new principal at Lakes High School in Lakewood, Wash He began at Lakes as a chemistry and journalism teacher. He served as viceprincipal and then co-principal for the 2005-06 school year. In 1995, he received his master's degree in education from PLU. He and his wife, Melissa Mittelstaedt Laubach, live in Fircrest, Wash., with their three daughters, ages 3,8 and 11 .

## 1985

Class Representatives - Janet (OIden) Regge and Carolyn (Plocharsky) Stelling

Krestin Bahr is the new principal at Stewart Middle School in Tacoma.


- Stare financial aid programs are an important tool that helps make a quality PL.U education accessible to all students, regardless of fanily income. In 2004-05 more than 700 PLU students received State Nced Grant or Work Study aid worth more than $\$ 2.7$ million.
- PLU is a member of ICW, which advocates on behalf of 10 independent colleges in the state to make sure financial aid is adequate and available to students at member colleges.
- Alumni and friends of PLU can join in that advocacy by contacting ICIW.


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Bonnie Koenig has recently moved to the Seattle area. After successfully practicing acupuncture for six years in Vancouver, Wash., she has opened an acupuncture practice in North Bend, Wash. She lives in Sammamish

Rob Stone has returned to the Pacific Northwest as vice president and treasurer at Schnitzer Steel Industries in Portland, Ore. He previously spent 20 vears with The Boeing Company in Seattle before moving to Phoenix for four and a half years to serve as chief financial officer for Mesa Air Group. He lives with his wife, Susan, in Vancouver, Wash. His daughter, Tara, recently graduated from Western Washington University and his son, Tyler, just completed his freshman year at the University of Washington.

1986
Class Representative - Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly

Deanna (Borg) Benningfield died on July 16 after battling many illnesses with courage and humor. She worked in recruitment and staffing for various companies before starting her family. She gave selflessly of her time to numerous charities, especially her local PTA and her church. Deanna is remembered for her gentleness, creativity, sense of humor and unconditional love. Her greatest joy was being a mom to daughters, Haley, 11, and Rebecca, 7, and she found a soul mate in her husband, Thomas. They all survive her.

Jon Tigges retired from the United States Air Force on September 12 during a cere mony held in his honor at the Pentagon. He and his wife, Christine (Urda), live with their six children in Hamilton,
Virginia.
1987
Class Representative - Darren Hamby

Julie Nelson continues to be busy, out side of her paying job, with field hockey Recently elected vice president technical for FieldHockey Ontario, she is now involved locally, provincially and nation ally. Julie took five weeks of last summer to travel. She plans to return to PLU for homecoming 2007.

## 1988

Class Representative - Brenda Ray Scott
Kristina Pfeil has been the director of human resources at the Washington Athletic Club since October 2004. Prior to that, she enjoyed a year off from teaching skiing to kids with disabilities at the Beaver Creek Resort near Vail, Colo. She still enjoys living in the Queen Anne area of Seattle and spending lots of time with her nephews and niece

## 1989

Class Representative - Lisa (Hussey) Ferraro


Mary (Walker)
DeMuth is a
writer who has penned a lifestyle column for Star Community Newspapers in Dallas and con tributed to several periodicals. Her books include "Ordinary Mom, Extraordinary God" (Harvest House, 2005), "Sister Freaks" (Time Warner, 2005, one of four contributing authors), "Building the Christian Family You Never Had" (WaterBrook, 2006), "Watching the Tree Limbs" and "Wishing on Dandelions" (NavPress, 2006). She and her husband, Patrick, live withtheir three children in the South of France, where they are planting a church with two other families.

Sandra Krause is now teaching sixth grade in the Snohomish (Wash.) School District, after 15 years of teaching in the Franklin Pierce SchoolDistrict in Tacoma. She bought a condominium in the Highlands area of South Snohomish.

Keith and Marjorie (Britton '30) Sippola took a family trip to Sonkajarvi, Finland, to visit relatives in August.

1990
Class Representatives - Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

Jeremy Soltroff was awarded the
Meritorious Service Medal and was honorably retired after 22 years of combined military service with the Pennsylvania Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force.

Krista (Aronson) Batesserves as principal at Edgemont Junior High School in the Puyallup ( $\mathbf{W}$ ash.) school district. Her husband, Jay'89, is a high school teacher and is in his third year of the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program at PLU. He will graduate in August 2007. They live in Puyallup with their two chil dren, Connor, 9, and Emma, 6.

Stephen Wangen is the author of the recently published book, "The Irritable Bowel Syndrome Solution." He also is the founder and Chief Medical Officer of the IBS Treatment Center, located at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. It is the first clinic in the nation to specialize in treating IBS, a condition that affects over 50 million Americans. The center serves patients from across the country. More infornation is available at www.IBSTreatmentCentercom.

Robert Vogelsang is vice president and correspondent banking-relationship manager with Sterling Savings Bank in Portland, Ore. After over 14 years in the banking industr, he is delighted to now have other financial institutions as his clients. He and his wife, Teresa, live in Beaverton, Ore., with their two daughters

Jeremy Desel received a first place Lone Star Award from the Houston Press Club as Television Journalist of the Year Houston station KHOU.TV also received a prestigious national Edward R. Murrow award in the feature-hard news category for a report by Jeremy and photojournalist Thomas Empey. "Firefighters: Cancer" documented the cancer risks Houston firefighters face when they enter burning buildings. Three weeks after the story aired, the Texas legislature passed a law giving firefighters line-of-duty benefits for cancer.

Jon Funfar received the Overall Excellence award for Enumclaw City TV from the Alliance for Community Media Northwest Region. He also received a national honorable mention in the Government Programming Awards, held in Orlando, Fla., in August

Randy Heath is the new principal at Coweeman Middle School in Kelso, Wash He began his 13 -year career in middle school education in Tacoma at Keithley Middle School, where he taught sixth and seventh grade math, coached basketball, baseball, football and wrestling, and served as athletic director and, most recently, assistant principal. He received a master's degree in education from City University in Vancouver in 1999 and an administrative certificate from PLU in 2002.

## Lori (Dorn) Beymer graduated in April

from George Fox University with a master's degree in teaching. She is now a fourth grade teacher at her children's school, Archer Glen Elementary School, in Sherwood, Ore.

Lois (Johnson) Debner was hired in July as a children's ministry coordinator at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood, Wash. She and her husband, Jerry '90, have two children, Garret, 9, and Lauren, 5 .

Youlander Hilton was elected as the first vice president of the Norfolk University National Alumni Association, which is comprised of over 20 chapters. She will serve until 2008. She lives in Suffolk, Va., and works as a family life resource specialist with Newport News Public Schools.

## Brian and Meidi (Gifford'89) Erickson

 manage their nine-year old son Kyle's travel soccer team. Daughter Jenevieve, 6 , is in first grade and is also giving soccer a try. They live in West Chester, Penn
## 1992

Class Representative - Darcy (Pattee) Andrews

Kara Quello is a private voice teacher She lives in Salem, Ore., with her husband, Brady Mertz, and their two children, Kaydn, 6, and Tova, 3

Monica Reisch is an accounting and finance specialist for Toyota Motor

Manufacturing in Texas. The new plant in San Antonio started producing the Toyota Tundra in November. She enjoys the challenges of being part of a startup operation, and loves living in San Antonio.

1993
Cause (Glick) Haun owns the Woodinville (Wash.)-based company called See Kai Run, which she founded with her hus band, Chen Gang, in 1988 The company, named for their older child, sells stylish baby shoes in more than 500 boutiques and independent stores across the country, as well as in Canada, Denmark, Italy and England. Their shoes can also be found in Nordstrom stores in Washington Oregon, Utah and Idaho: an online shoe store called Zappos.com; and, soon, Stride-Rite stores throughout the Pacific Northwest. Cause is the chief designer, while Chen is the director of manufacturing. Celebrities who have acquired their shoes include Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes and Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.


Eric Schuck left Colorado State University in July to accept a position as an economics professor at Linfield College in McMinnuille,
Ore. In July and August, he was at the University of the Western Cape in Cape Town, South Africa, on a Fulbright Scholarship, developing an economics module of the UWC master's degree in integrated water resource management. He is also in the Naval Reserve. His wife, Cally (Turner '92), stays at home with their three children, Skyler, 7, Zoe, 5, and Isaak, 1. She ran the Bolder Boulder 10 kilometer race in May and coached Zoe's soccer team for the Wellington Recreational Sports Association in Wellington, Colo

## 1994

Class Representative - Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Shannon Tilly finished her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Utah and is a physician at a practice in Salt Lake City.

Kristen (Vold) Jaudon, her husband, Oavid, and their kids, Emily, 4, and Benjamin, 1, recently moved back to the Pacific Northwest from upstate New York. They live in DuPont, Wash., where Kristen is a freelance graphic designer and stay-at-home mom.

1995
Class Representatives - Krista SickertBush and Stephanie Page-Lester

Catherine Sather married Douglas Jones March 25 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Littleton, Colo. Catherine is a project manager with DirecTV and Douglas is a

scoreboard graphic designer for the Colorado Rockies Baseball Club. They live in Littleton.

1996
Class Representative - Mari (Hoseth) Lysne and Jennifer (Riches) Stegeman

Kevin Marousek continues his tradition of a new and very different job every 12 months and now teaches junior high school classes at Concordia Lutheran School in Cerritos, Calif

## 1997

Class Representatives - Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson

Michael Jacobs took command on July 16 of 'C' Co. 2-8 Infantry, a combined arms battalion at Forward Operating

## In Memoriam <br> 1934 <br> Mildred (Monson) Bates on Jan. 25, <br> 2006. <br> 1940 <br> Robert Snyder on July 16. <br> 1943 <br> Florence (Hoppl Seifert on June 8. <br> 1949 <br> Elizabeth (Reiman) Morrison on <br> Aug. 8. <br> Lester Storaasli on Aug. 6. <br> 1950 <br> Robert Baird on July 6. <br> 1951 <br> Marvin Christel on Aug. 3 <br> 1954 <br> Bob Ross on July 3. <br> 1956 <br> Robert Fleming on May 7. <br> 1959 <br> Roberta (Brodhun) Mattson on July 22. <br> 1961. <br> Marsha (Jensen) Iverson on Aug. 4. <br> JoAnn (Corey) Varness on July 5. <br> 1962 <br> David Smith on De c. 24, 2005. <br> 1972 <br> Susan (Swanson) Matison on July 7. <br> Ward Bond on June 12. <br> 1974 <br> Melanie (Likins) Throckmorton on July 7. <br> Winnie (McLean) McComas on <br> April 24. <br> 1975 <br> David Potter on June 1. <br> 1982 <br> 1983 <br> Stephen Klein on July 20. <br> 1986 <br> Deanna (Borg) Benningfield on <br> July 16 . <br> 2005 <br> John Harnett on July 30. <br> Factulty and Staff <br> Louise Faye died on Sept. 12. She joined the faculty in 1969 as an associate professor of Spanish and was promoted to professor in 1989. In 1993, she entered the phased retirement program. Under her guidance, Spanish at PLU became the largest program in the department of languages. She took a special interest in teacher education. She taught in summer institutes and organized a practicum for PLU students in local schools. Students claimed her as a caring instructor who always made time for them and helped them with career decisions. At the time of her retirement, an alumnus wrote, "You always had that rare and lovely quality to help people feel good about themselves." Her colleagues remember her gentleness of speech and tremendous wit <br> Paulette Greene died on May 6. She worked at PLU for over 20 years. She greatly loved her family, which included her husband, Charles; her children, Charles, Jr., Larry, Jan, Charline Greene-Robinson, Charles III and Tamara Greene Ray; and seven grandchildren.

Charlene (Hanson) Mitchell on
Aug. 19.

Base Kalsu, Iraq. He and his wife, Jessica, have a daughter, Kasey, 1

Karyn D'Addio completed a four-year anesthesiology residency program in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she was president of the state society's residents section. She works as an attending anesthesiologist in private practice at Kaiser Hospital of Sacramento, Calif.

1998
Class Representative - Shannon
(Herlocker) Stewart


Jennifer Woads married Tom Jackson April 29 in Las Vegas, Nev. They live in San Jose, Calif. where Jennifer is a creative
services director with Empire Broadcasting and Tom is a new product introduction engineer at Cisco Systems.

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Matt HoHmann and his wife, Anne, moved last year to Columbus, Ohio, where Matt is pastor of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Sarah Shouse purchased a condo in the North Tacoma area. She teaches P.E. and reading at James Sales Elementary School in the Franklin Pierce School District in Tacoma. She was excited to become a new aunt to Nathan Patrick Shouse in April.

## 1999

Joan Chappell left Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma for a position as a clinical nurse manager of pediatrics and the special care nursery (level II) at St. Peter Hospital in Olympia, Wash.

Matt Iseri married Shauna Jones July 22. In the wedding party were Scott Peyree, Dave Lester, Kyle Wright '00 and Mark
Cypher ' 00 . Matt is a client manager with Microsoft and Shauna is an elementary school teacher. They live in Seattle.

## 2000

Class Representative - Ashley Orr

Joy Barber works in PLU's Center for Public Service and Academic Internships offices. As a program specialist, she supervises the America Reads and After School Enrichment Program tutors who work in elementary schools near the university, and assists with internship processing and other events and projects related to the two offices.

## 2001

Class Representatives - Keith Pranghofer

Jacob Broady married Mandy Rae Gephart at Puget Sound Christian Center in Tacoma. PLU alumni Kaj Martin '00 and Chad Anderson were groomsmen. They live in Aberdeen, Wash., where Jacob is the associate pastor at River of Life Ministries.

## Andrew Bentz and Christina Knowlton

 were married April 7 at BeckenRidge Vinyard in Dallas, Ore. PLU alumni in the wedding party included Ann Bierwagen, maid of honor, Neal Massie, groomsman, and Kellie Windenburg'02, BrieAnna Bales ' 03 and Megan Wicklin '03, brides. maids. Other PLU alumni in attendance included Dane Schultz-Anderson, Chris Wyant, and Corey Dunn '00. Andrew and Christina live in Anchorage, Alaska, where Andrew is a sports copy editor at the Anchorage Daily News and Christina is a geologist for Jacobs Engineering, Inc.
## 2002

Class Representatives - Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs

Brian Riehs married Abbey Schuetze '04 July 8 at First United Methodist Church in Tacoma. Lutes in the wedding party included Brent Chamberlain, Shaun Takenouchi, Matt Rygg ${ }^{\circ} 00$, Mike Clark

'03. Clarissa (Chase 03 ) Solomon, Kirstin (Helleson '04 Herzer, Other Lutes involved in the wedding were Andy Gray 94, Brian Brennt '86, Nicholas Gorne, Jenna
(Fox '99) Hippe, Marcus Bryant '01, Crystal (Stoehr '01) Cochran, Ben Cochran, Danielle (Schepman '04) Boley, Jenny Mullenbach '05, Leah Orcutt '03 and Heather (Nathan '05) Goode. Brian is an HRA consultant and Abbey is a teacher.

## 2003

Class Representative - Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman


Mariam Kurdghelaidze married Todd Anderson on April 22 in a civil ceremony in Tacoma and on July 20 in a Georgian Orthodox ceremony in Tbilisi, Georgia. Mariam's bridesmaid was Ginger Moriya. The ceremony in Tacoma was attended by Chris Hogeberg '04, Justin Foster '02, and Cora-Marie Reuter '02. Todd is a machinist and interior designer. Theylive in Tacoma.

Ann Mooney is at the Center for Marine Studies at the University of Queensland, Australia, working towards her master's degree in conservation biology.

Devon Van Dyne is serving in the Peace Corps in northwestern China, where she teaches at a small college. She conducts her classes in Mandarin.

## 2004

Class Representative - Tammy Lynn Schaps


Laura Hunter and Jon Rose were married on July 29, 2006, on the PLU campus. The ceremony was held in Lagerquist Concert Hall and officiated by campus pastors Nancy Connor and Dennis Sepper. Megan Freiling ' 03 was maid of honor. Other Lutes in attendance were members of the PLU alumni and development offices staff. Laura is associate director for annual giving and Q Club at PLU and Jon is a financial analyst at the Tacoma School District. They are living in a townhouse Laura purchased last year in Puyallup.

Rebecca Kuenzel finished her year of service with the Lutheran Volunteer Corps in Chicago in the fall of 2005. She recently began two years of service in the Peace Corps in Niger, Africa. Becca is assigned to Mayahi in the Maridi province of Niger. She will be serving as the community and youth education volunteer, assisting in different education programs to promote access and quality education for all youth. Her living compound has electricity (sometimes), but no running water. She can be reached via e-mail at rjkuenzel@hotmail.com.

Megan Ernst received her oncology nursing certification on April 27. She is a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital and works as a charge nurse on the night shift. She lives in Puyallup, Wash.

Stephanie Christopher received her mas ter's degree in communication from Marquette University in August. She is a clinical research coordinator at Medical College of Wisconsin and lives in Wauwatosa, Wisc.

Claire Zovko began studies this tall at the University of Miami School of Law, where she plans to study sports and entertainment law.


McKenna Manion married Brandon Kyriss 'O6 on Aug. 5 at the College Club of Seattle. PLU alumni in the wedding party included
groomsnien Aaron Mast and Charles Dorner, and bridesmaids Allison Tonge ' 05 and Dorothy Chao '05. They live in Pullman, Wash., where they are both graduate students at Washington State University.


Philip Betz married Cassandra Smith '06 July 30 in the Point Defiance Park Rose Garden near Tacoma. In the wedding party were Lutes
Andy Callender, groomsman, and Amy Nelson, maid of honor. Philip is in PLU's master's certificate program to teach art.

## 2005

Class Representative - Micheal Steele


Rebecca Wick married Scott McCann June 10. Lutes from six decades attended: Bob '53 and Connie (Jacobson '54) Brog, Ken '62
and Barbara (Schmid '65) Ruud, Dwight Galbraith '72, Doug '74 and Lisa (Heins '74) Ruecker, David '86 and Kendra (Ruud '87) Mills, Steve Wick '92, Brian '90 and Caryn Cammock Ruud '90, Jill Ashmore '95, John '96 and Sheri (Laverman '96) Wick, Garrett '01 and Betsy (Ruud '00) Miller, Dan Wood '04, Sam Dollar '03, Lauri Graham '04, Micheal Steele '05, Jack Herron '05, Courtney Bronkhorst '05, Lara (Teigen '05) Wood, Becky Cheney '05, Lori Young '05, Elizabeth Galbraith '05, Gretchen Rueker '06, and current student Darrick Steele ' 07 .
Rebecca is a registered nurse at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla., and Scott is an ensign in the United States Navy.

## 2006

Class Representative - Jenna Steffenson
Eric Fergen died July 4. At Woodinville (Wash.) High School, he was captain of the football team and voted King County All League. He completed the requirements for his business degree from PLU in May and was scheduled to complete a double minor in coaching and sports psychology this winter. A good student, he al so played on the PLU football team, an experience that helped shape him into a compassionate and loving young man. He is remembered for his ever-present big smile, his sense of humor, his outgoing personality, and his love for his wide circle of family and friends.

## Melissa Fenstermacker married

 Jonathan McGuire Aug. 11 in Pioneer Park in Puyallup, Wash. PLU alumni in the wedding included Blaire Colbo and David McGuire '02. Melissa is the guest services coordinator at The Super Mall in Auburn, Wash. Jon is at Northwest University, studying to become a youth pastor. They live in Kirkland, Wash.Scott Harrison married Heather Young July 15 at Mountlake Terrace IWash.) Church of Christ. Melissa Young was Heather's maid of honor. Adrianne (Reid '05) LeMay, Heather Olson, and Nile Curry-Hughes ' 06 were bridesmaids. Tim Gallen ' 05 was best man and Craig LeMay '04, Ryan Snodgrass '05, Joshua Houston '05 were groomsmen.

## Future Lutes

1986


Christina (Torgerson) Herrick and her husband, Andrew, welcomed their son Peter Benjamin on Aug. 3, 2004. He joins Elijah, 8, and Toren, 6. Christina is a sixth grade teacher in the Puyallup (Wash.) School District. Andrew runs his own business, Sliderule Engine ering, in Seattle. They live in Auburn, Wash.

## 1987

Kathy (Nichols) Love and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of their first son, Jackson Conlan, on Aug. 25. Kathy has a private practice as a marriage and family therapist in Orange County, Calif. They live in Escondido, Calif.


## Peter Douglass

 and his wife, Janine, returned in July from their second trip to Russia, where they adopted their son, Yuri, from a baby home in YuzhnoSakhalinsk. He is a very active two vearold and Peter, Janine, and Taylor, 11, are all trying to keep up with him. Peter is a propulsion controls engineer at Boeing. They live in Renton, Wash.Donna (Stucky) Hostick and her husband, Cody, welcomed daughter Paula on Sept. 10, 2004. She joins brother, Dean, 8.


## 1991

 Christopher Nelson and his wife, Nicole, announce the birth Adriana Lindsey on Dec. 4. 2005Christopher is a clinical psychologist in private practice. Nic ole is a senior human resource business partner at Concur Technologies in Redmond, Wash.


Paula (Hibbard) Noel MacFie announces the birth of her daughter, Zoev Akua Manu MacFie, on July 22. She lives in Portland, Ore.

## 1992

Kristin Mattocks announces the birth of Maisie Jade Callicoatte Mattocks on May 15. She joins Ella Bess Callicoatte Mattocks, 2. Kris is a senior scientist at Qualidigm. They live in Hamden, Conn.


Julie (Kraft)
Nock and her husband, Brad, announce the bith of Stuart Bradley on Feb 7. He joins brother Dean, 4 Julie is an event planner for GE Access Distribution. They live in Superior, Colo.



Overlake Hospital Medical Center. Soleil oins big brothers, Haven Michael, 3, and Schuyler William, who is almost 2.
Stephanie is taking time off from teaching sixth grade math and rocketry at Pine Lake Middle School in Sammamish, Wash., to raise the three Beares children. Kevin is a community program manger at Microsoft. The five Beares live in Snoqualmie, Wash.

1993


They live in Greenacres, Wash


Mai Yang and her husband, Ger Moua, welcomed into the world their fifth child, Maichoua Magdalene, on March 10. She joins an 11-yearold brother and three sisters, ages 7, 5, and 3. They live in Spokane, Wash, where Mai works full time as a social worker for the OSHS. Ger received his doctorate in counseling psychology from Washington State University in May and teaches psychology at Spokane Community College.

## 1995



Christine Price Town and John Town ' 93 welcomed Serena Anne on July 5 , 2005. She joins Alanna
Christine, 3.
They live in
Issaquah, Wash.


Krista SickertBush and her husband, Bill, are excited to share the news of the birth and adoption of their daughter, Grace Elizabeth Sickert-Bush, on
Feb. 15. On June 4, Pentecost Sunday,
Grace was baptized at Mt. View Lutheran

Church in Edgewood, Wash., by her grandfather, the Rev. Fred Sickert, and by the Rev. John Vaswig '80. Her godparents are the Rev. Greg Kaurin and PLU professor, Pauline Kaurin. After six-and-a-half years of service at Mt. View Lutheran, Krista moved to Arlington, Va., in October, after Bill received a job promotion.

1996


Michael Gintz and his wife, Anne, are proud to announce the arrival of Lauren Elizabeth on July 15. Michael works with his family in a real estate development firm, Gintz Group, and Anne works for Habitat for Humanity in Seattle. They live in Redondo, Wash


Baghdad when his commander called the mission home so Staton could talk to Kirsten during the delivery. For the next nwo years they will be in Seoul, South Korea, where Kirsten will be a nurse anesthetist for the Army Reserve and Staton will be the evacuation officer for Korea. Although they will both pin on the rank of major this winter, Isak has enjoyed his command position in the family.


## Maren

(Erickson) Engh and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of their
twins, Molly Elizabeth and Micah
Timothy, on April 3. They live in Spokane, Wash.

1997


David is a content manager at Expedia.com. They live in West Seattle


Brian van Valey and his wife, Kelly, welcomed Angus Eliot on Oct. 12, 2005. They live in Snohomish. Wash.

1998


Heidi (Ramseth) Hornung and her husband, Stuart, announce the birth of Maggie Helen on July 8. Heidi teaches at her in-home
piano studio and Stuart sells office equipment. They live in Bozeman, Mont.

## 1999



Erik Manz and Kimberly Lusk Manz '95 announce the birth of Sylvie Jane on March 30. They live in Spokane, where Erik is an assis-
tant winemaker at his family's business, Mountain Dome Winery, and Kimberly is a copy editor/page designer at The Spokesman-Review. They were married in 2004 after meeting at Holden Village in 2002. Sylvie took her first trip to Holden when she was 3 months old.


Erika (Bennett) Lucas and her husband, Ben, announce the birth of Abigail Cecile on June 23. Erika is a computer teacher at Fowler Middle School in the
Tigard-Tualatan (Ore) School District. They live in Milwaukie, Ore.


## 2000



2001


Bonney Lake, Wash.


Ho'kuikalaniohanalei, on Aug. 15. Jordan and Jamie were married in July 2004. Jordan is a regional coordinator at Gordon Trucking, Inc. Jamie is an English teacher at Puyallup High School. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

(Wash) High School and Betsy is a parttime registered financial associate for AG Edwards.


Wash., where Annalee is a stay-at-home mother.

live in Boise, Idaho.
Brad Powell and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of Milica on Feb. 17. They live in Boise, Idaho.

2004


Molly (Jordan) Klemkow and her husband, Bob, announce the birth of their twin daughters, Alle Jean and
Ella Mae, on June 23 in Olympia, Wash Molly and Bob were married June 19, 2004, at Mt. View Lutheran Church in Edgewood, Wash. Molly earned her degree in special education and is a stay-at-horne morn. Bob has his associate's degree and works in construction. They live in McCleary, Wash.

2005


Kelli (Patrick) Whiteaker and her husband, Beecher, announce the birth of their son, L.B., on June 3. Kelli works for Behavior Health Resources in
Olympia, Wash. and is a school counselor in the Chehalis School District. They live in Olympia.


## Have your people call my people ...

We need to hear from Lutes working in the entertainment industry for a story in in the spring issue of Scene. Whether you're the romantic lead or the key grip (or just know what that is), please get in touch and tell us what you're up to. We hope to hear from performers, producers and deal-makers in Hollywood, New York and beyond by Jan. 8, 2007.

Send your story and photo (or have your agent do it) to scene@plu.edu.

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## Family history ties Barbos to PLU

or Linda and Chuck Barbo, the commitment to PLU is all about family heritage.

The couple, both former schoolteachers who went on to establish a very successful business, recently demonstrated the depth of their commitment with a significant contribution to establish a new endowment. Linda Barbo is also a newly minted regent.
"PLU has been part of my family since day one," she said. Linda's grandfather, Chris Knutzen, served on the Board of Regents from 1947-48 through 1955-56. Her father Einer Knutzen '32 took over for her grandfather on the Board of Regents in 1956-57, and served until 1968-69. All four of the Knutzen children - Linda, her sisters Norma Sells and Kerma Johnston and her brother Ron Knutzen - attended PLU; several other family members received PLU degrees.
While Linda and her siblings didn't end up earning their degrees here, PLU made a lasting impression. During her two years at the university (1959-1961), Linda was active in campus events and made many friends. The experience was enough to give her a lasting taste of the unique quality of a PLU education. After solemnly weighing her goals, though, she transferred to the University of Washington to pursue a career as a home economics teacher, a course of study that was not available at PLU. Linda said she wanted to remain at PLU, but her time at UW was good, too - after all, it's where she met her husband, Chuck.
"When I look back on the education program PLU offered back when I was in school, I valued it even more because of the small classes and the opportunity to get into the schools to observe, even as a freshman," Linda said.

In 1967, Chuck left teaching and Linda became a mother. The business the two nurtured from their home in Olympia grew into the first self-storage operation in the state of Washington. Shurgard Self-Storage became an international chain and was recently sold. Now retired, Linda said she and Chuck are looking forward to continuing to give to cultural projects. charities and especially educational institutions.

Pictured: Linda and Chuck Barbo

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## Lives dedicated to service

hen it comes to living lives of service, you'd spend a long time looking before finding a couple more dedicated than John and Lisa Korsmo.

Devoted parents, devout Lutherans, dedicated community volunteers and committed to compassion and accomplishment in both their personal relationships and their professional lives, the Korsmos credit their PLU experience for their success.
"At PLU both of us learned the importance of commitment to service and community," Lisa Korsmo said."And we hope our commitment to PLU will inspire others to support the university and live their lives in service to others."

The Korsmo's love of the arts and theater inspired their recent $\$ 20,000$ pledge to the Eastvold Hall renovation project. It was the latest of their many gifts of time, talent and financial support to PLU. They are long-time members of Q Club, where Lisa served on the board. They established the Korsmo Scholarship in memory of John's mother and father.

The Korsmos both graduated from PLU - John in 1984 and Lisa in 1987 - after entering as transfer students. But they didn't meet until after they graduated.
"We met through mutual friends in the community," John Korsmo said. "And we continue to find today that many of our friends and acquaintances from church, from our work with other nonprofits, and from our volunteer work are graduates of PLU."
"PLU is a quality institution that has a way of drawing you in and instilling the values that we now rely on for the way we run our lives and our business;" he said.

The business, John Korsmo Construction, was founded by John's father who was also a PLU alum. It has been building throughout the Northwest for nearly 60 years and was recognized in 2005 and 2006 with Excellence in Construction awards from the Associated General Contractors of Washington. The company currently has $\$ 50$ million of new construction under way.

It specializes in commercial and office facilities, educational and government facilities and churches. Recently Korsmo Construction was selected as the contractor for the on-campus KPLU studio and office building project that is planned for 2007.

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fter working full-time during J -Term of his freshman year, Ed Grogan '93 got his bill for second semester and his heart sank: he couldn't afford to stay at PLU.

The bill was $\$ 1,000$ more than he'd expected. He was paying for college on his own, and he had already maxed out his loan and scholarship money, When Grogan approached Provost Robert Wells with his dilemma, Wells told him not to worry - he would take care of it.

To this day, Grogan doesn't know how Wells did it. but four years later, Grogan graduated from PLU. He suspects the money may have come from a donor, but he doesn't know for sure.
"If that magic hadn't happened, I wouldn't have been able to stay," Grogan said. And that second semester certainly was magical: it was when he started dating his wife, Kathy, whom he married two years later.

Grogan used this story to illustrate his and Kathy's commitment to supporting the university, which includes annual donations as $O$ Club Fellows, contributing a life insurance policy and naming PLU the beneficiary of half of their IRA accounts.

He likens their support to the movie "Pay It Forward," where a young boy proposes paying good deeds forward instead of back. Since donors made it possible for both he and Kathy to attend PLU, now they are "paying it forward"by helping current students reach their educational goals.
"I don't really believe there's an unselfish gift," Grogan said. "I give because it feels good.... I get to see it work*"

Pictured: Ed Grogan '93

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## New organization sparks success

new organization is making a big impact with PLU students who face big obstacles to completion of their college degrees.

College Spark Washington was established in December 2004 with the goal to fund programs that support college access and success for Washington's low-income and first-generation students.

At PLU. College Spark has granted nearly $\$ 150,000$ in just two years to help incoming freshman and students transferring from community colleges feel comfortable, get the support they need and achieve their goal of attaining a four-year college degree.

Diane Gillian, a program officer for College Spark, said that what has impressed her organization about PLU is the institution's commitment to creating a more diverse campus and the support provided to help underrepresented students feel they can be successful.
"At PLU. you're really working toward this goal," Gillian said,"by providing programs to make it happen."
Gillian attended a luncheon last summer for students in the Summer Challenge Program, and said she was impressed with the determination of the students in the program. Summer Challenge provides guidance and training for conditionally admitted students - in other words, students who may not otherwise have been accepted to the university, but have demonstrated commitment and promise - in key areas pivotal to their success, like study skills, organization and overcoming personal hardship.
"It was just really amazing to me some of the obstacles the students had overcome," she said. "While they still voiced challenges to becoming an integral part of PLU, they are also getting a lot of support."

Pictured: Diane Gillian

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## Tradition of service marlas Mohr family

hen Bev (Swanson '59) Mohr thinks back to her days just before entering college, she recalls how important a few short months can be in a person's lifetime. She became a Christian in February, applied to Pacific Lutheran College in June, and was studying here by fall. "It was the start of my Christian walk," said Bev

At PLC, Bev took full advantage of all there was to offer. She was a member of several service groups including Spurs and Tassels, a resident assistant, and she took an active role with Future Teachers of America. During the summers, she worked at Lutheran camps in the Midwest where, after seeing her future husband Armin perform in a choral group, she told him how much she liked the performance when she bumped into him in the lunch line. The rest, as they say, is history.

That history now includes three generations of students that have attended PLU, including three of Bev and Armin's children: Judy, David and Brian.

It should be no surprise that the importance they place on service has been a part of the Mohr's lives ever since. Longtime donors to PLU,they also help organize and host university events that take place around their hometown of Mount Vernon, Wash. Armin, an ophthalmologist, has participated in several medical ships providing medical care to residents of third-world countries. Bev, who is retired from managing the office of Armin's practice, is the treasurer at their local church.

It has been a full life for the Mohrs, made even more so with their tradition of service that dates back some 50 years."After all, Jesus didn't tell the faithful to just sit around, ${ }^{"}$ Bev said.

Pictured: Bev (Swanson '59) and Armin Mohr

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1)he newest class representative, Jenna Steffenson '06, may have just picked up her diploma from President Anderson in the Tacoma Dome last May, but she's been a dedicated donor since before her graduation.

Steffenson made her first contribution to the university's annual fund during her sophomore year and has given each year since. She said she was prompted to donate after working for a year as a TelALute, asking PLU alumni, family and friends to give back in support of student scholarships.
"When I started asking others for money, I realized the importance of giving back. Every gift makes a difference - whether it's five dollars or $\$ 5.000$," she explained.

After receiving a generous financial aid package that included a $Q$ Club scholarship,Steffenson decided to give back as a way of thanking those people who made her educational dreams a seality
"PLU is such an amazing place. ... I want to make it possible for other students to come and experience it." she said."I understand the value of my education and PLU has prepared me for a lifetime of success."

While at PLU, Steffenson worked in the Office of Development for three years and participated as both a committee member and donor in Make Your Mark 2006, the student-focused graduation gif; campaign. She enjoyed her time on campus so much that she has yet to leave: she is the newest member of the admission staff.

In the future, Steffenson plans to increase her contributions. ${ }^{1}$ can't wait for the day PLU approaches me for $\$ 10,000$ for a new building," she said. "What an opportunity,"

Pictured: Jenna Steffenson '06


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## PLU Women's Club uses annual sale to support scholarships

group established to promote fellowship and collegiality among faculty wives now promotes scholarship among PLU students.

The PLU Women's Club started In 1953 as a gathering of wives of faculty members, but eventually expanded to include all the women of PLU - the female faculty and staff members, and the wives of faculty and staff.
What is now its signature event - the annual Yule Boutique - began in 1971. The organization and execution of the event is now the key function of the club, and to good purpose. The proceeds are used to fund student scholarships.
"Profits always go to PLU scholarships," said Anita Christian '59, chair of the boutique's 20 -membersteering committee.

In order to make sure the scholarships funded by the event are always available, Christian said the women decided to establish an endowment a few years ago. That endowment now totals more than 5300,000, and thousands of dollars are awarded annually as scholarships, said Nan Clapp, the club's current president.

The Yule Boutique is held the Saturday before Thanksgiving. It features food, live music and 100 vendors selling a variety of handcrafted items, including everything from Jewelry, pottery and woodworking to soaps and Christmas wreaths.
"Vendors must submit their wares for approval by a jury before being allowed to rent a booth," Christian said. "If you like handcrafted items, the Yule Boutique is hard to beat - they scrutinize heavily that things are quality."
This year's event has passed, but Christian encourages everyone to mark their calendars for the 2007 Yule Boutique on November 17.

Pistured Members of the PLU Women's Club (from left toright): Alice Govig, Sandra Kostelecky, Nan Martin-Clapp, Laura Nicholson, Anita Christian, Bonny Huestis and Ann Miller.

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## the arts

## A History of the Senses: PLU Alumni

The University Art Gallery's first art exhibit of the academic year featured the work of alumni artists from across the Northwest. The show, "A History of the Senses: PLU Alumni," ran from Sept. 11 through Oct. 13. The show presented the variety and scope of art created by graduates from PLU's art program and the divergent paths taken by each. The exhibit featured a wide range of artwork, from paintings to photographs to sculpture.


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Now we continue to volunteer at the Chimposiums held at CHCI . These are educational programs that inform the public about the sign language studies this particular family of chimpanzees has been involved in as well as providing information about the plight of free-living chimpanzees in Africa and the conditions faced by captive chimpanzees in the United States.
Lindsey reports on her experience lase summer in the following way:
"As a student of philosophy, I've read many of the influential sources of historical and contemporary human arrogance. According to many ancient and modern thinkers, humans are different in kind from all other animals on earth. Along the way we have distinguished ourselves in many ways, not the least of which is the ability to use language. These apparent differences have led us, more often than not, to believe ourselves more important than orher species.
"At CHCLI I learned to care for the family of four chimpanzees who live there: Washoe, Tatu, Loulis and Dar. All are famous for acquiring elements of American Sign Language, which they use on a regular basis to communicate with each other and with their human companions. Washoe, Tatu and Dar were raised as deaf human children by human 'parents,' while Loulis learned from orher chimpanzecs.
"Washoe and het family, despite their intelligence and amazing life stories, are in prison. They will be there for the rest of their lives because, having been raised by humans as deaf human children, they are neither fully human nor fully chimpanzee. This experience makes me further committed to challenging longheld cultural and philosophical beliefs about the position that we as humans occupy within the biosphere."
So what do we learn from this kind of experience? What do we do?
Specific to our work as philosophers, we presented a paper we co-authored on the bush-meat crisis ("Eating Apes:Virtue Ethics and Pragmatism Applied") at the recent Northwest Philosophy Conference in November.

Lindsey is working on a paper on apes and biomedical research for an undergraduate philosophy conference ("Should Human Well-Being Always be Valued Over Nonhuman Well-Being?"). She is able to incorporate some of this work into her philosophy capstone seminar. We are making plans to visit several sanctuaries that house apes used in biomedical research and the entertainment industry. This experience should deepen Lindsey's paper on biomedical research and further inform Erin's next book on animals.

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 despite their intelligence and amazing life stories, are in prison. They will be there for the rest of their lives because, having been raised by humans as deaf human children, they are neither fully buman nor
## fully chimpanzee."

We also had the great privilege of interviewing Roger and Debbi Fouts. Roger Fouts is director of university research at Central Washington University and IDebbi Fouts directs the Chimpanzee and Human Communication Institute. Together they are co-founders and directors of Friends of Washoe. The book "Next of Kin" tells the story of their journey with Washoe and her family. We were able to ask them to elaborate on this journey in ways that will allow us to apply various schools of ethical thought to their beliefs and actions. We hope to both present and publish this paper ("Washoe and the Ethical View's of Koger and Debbi Fouts: We are Hers").

One of our hopes in all of this work is to counter the common human assumption that we can leave unexam-
ined the ways in which we treat beings who not only share 98 percent of our DNA, but who are intelligent, emotional and highly social creatures. This work seems to fit well with the purpose of our PLU Kelmer-Roe Faculty/Student Fellowship: "bringing the wisdom of the humanities disciplines to bear on enduring human questions and on che contemporary problems of our time."
While there are very concrete ethical concerns to be explored here, which philosophy is well equipped to do, there are also larger metaphysical questions about humans' place in nature and the human-nonhuman relationship. While our work draws on research in biology, anthropology, psychology and ethology, we bring the systematic and sustained examination that philosophy provides by scrutinizing merhods, assumptions and implications.
By exploring lifelong questions of meaning, thought and action, philosophy provides a much needed voice in PLU's mission "to empower students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care - for other persons, for the community and for the earth." Philosophy can also challenge humans to think critically about their relationship with the rest of nature - hopefully before it's too late. 5

> PLUU philosophy professor Erin McKcmna regularly teaches "Philosophy, Animals, and the Environment" and publishes and presents in the area of philosophy and animals. Some of her papers and talks include "Eating Apes, Eating Cows," "Pragmatism and Primates," "A Feminist Critique of Peter Singer," and "Women, Power, and Meat." She co-edited (with Andrew Light) the book "Animal Prugmatism: Rethinking HumanNonhuman Relations." This year she, along with Lindsey Webb (a PLU junior, and philosophy major), is the recipient of a KelmerRoe Faculty/Student Research Fellowship. This fellowship, made possible by the generosity of Donald Nothstein, Naomi Roe Nothstein and David Roe, is allowing McKenna and Webb to gain new and interesting perspectives as they pursue their project: "The Current Status and Fiuture Condition for Our Next of Kin."
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## January 28, 3 p.m.

Carolyn Hoover, guest pianist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

## FEBRUARY

February 2,8 p.m.
Opera Workshop
"Street Scene" by Kurt Weill
Eastvold Auditorium

## February 3, 8 p.m.

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February 4, 3 p.m.
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February 8, 5 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz
Seattle Asian Art Museum

## February 8,8 p.m.

University Wind Ensemble Concert III
Lagerquist Concert Hall
February 14, 8 p.m.
Jazz Series
Composers of the Great American Songbook Lagerquist Concert Hall

## February 16-19

KPLU Portland Jazz Festival Escape
February 17, 3 p.m.
A Beethoven Sampler
Diana Walker, pianist
Lagerquist Concert Hall
February 20 - March 23
Faculty Showcase
University Art Gallery
February 20, 8 p.m.
Visiting Writer Series, Camille Dungy
Chris Knutzen Hall East
February 27, 8 p.m.
Camas Quintet
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Chamber Ensemble Invitational
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## March 3, 8 p.m.

Choral Union
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Matthew Dirst, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall
March 6, 8 p.m.
Regency Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

## March 7, 8 p.m.

Vocal Chamber Music in the 20th Century Tenor Jim Brown, pianist Oksana Ezhokina and violist Betty Agent
Lagerquist Concert Hall
March 8, 5 p.m.
KPLU Art of Jazz series
Seattle Asian Art Museum
March 8 - 10, 8 p.m.
The Glass Menagerie
Eastvold Auditorium
March 9, 6:30 p.m.
Visiting Writer Series
Steve Almond
Scandinavian Cultural Center
March 9, 8 p.m.
University Jazz Ensemble
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March 10, 7 p.m.
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March 11, 3 p.m.
Music You Hate to Love
Richard Farner, director
Lagerquist Concert Hall
March 11, 18, 25, 4 p.m.
Nordic Dance Classes
Chris Knutzen Hall East

## March 12, 7 p.m.

Spring Religion Department Lecture
Dr. Daniel Peterson
Scandinavian Cultural
Center
March 13, 17, 22, 10 a.m.
Nordic Cooking Classes
Scandinavian Cultural Center

March 13, 8 p.m.
Lyric Brass Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

## March 14, 8 p.m.

Early and Baroque Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall
March 15-17, 8 p.m.
The Glass Menagerie
Eastvold Auditorium
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Elizabeth Brown, lute and guitar
Lagerquist Concert Hall
March 19, 7 p.m.
Dale E. Benson Lecture in Business and Economic History Series
Professor Richard R. John, University of Illinois at Chicago
Scandinavian Cultural Center
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University Symphony Orchestra
Student Soloist Concert III
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# perspective <br> Next of kin: the ethics of eating, capturing, and experimenting on great apes 



Student Lindsey Webb '08 and philosophy professor Erin McKenna are working together on a research project called "The Current Status and Future Condition for Our Next of Kin."

## By Erin McKenna and Lindsey Webb '08

One of the pressing problems of our times is the future of the great apes. All of the great apes (chimpanzees, bonobos, gorillas and orangutans) are endangered. Their habitat is quickly shrinking, but more urgent, their numbers are fast approaching an unsustainable low.

Currently, the main threat is the bushmeat trade (which also involves the logging of African forests). It is now thought that the animals will be gone before their habitat is destroyed due to illegal and excessive hunting. Part of the problem is the human view of these nonhuman animals. Instead of being seen as beings
valuable in their own right, they are seen as a resource for human needs and desires. Further evidence of this is found in the use of these same creatures, in captivity, for biomedical rescarch and entertainment. As philosophers we are examining the current crises faced by captive and free living apes. We are examining the metaphysical views that support the various claims about human-nonhuman relations and specifically our relations with our "next of kin." There are clearly questions about the ethics of eating, capturing and experimenting on beings who share over 95 percent (chim-
panzees share over 98 percent) of our genetic structure.

Both of us have now completed the apprenticeship program at the Chimpanzee and Human
Communication Institute (CHCI) at Central Washington University. Erin completed the program during the summer of 1999 during a sabbatical leave, and Lindsey in the summer of 2006. During the apprenticeship program we learned how to care for captive chimpanzees and assisted with ongoing research projects.

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