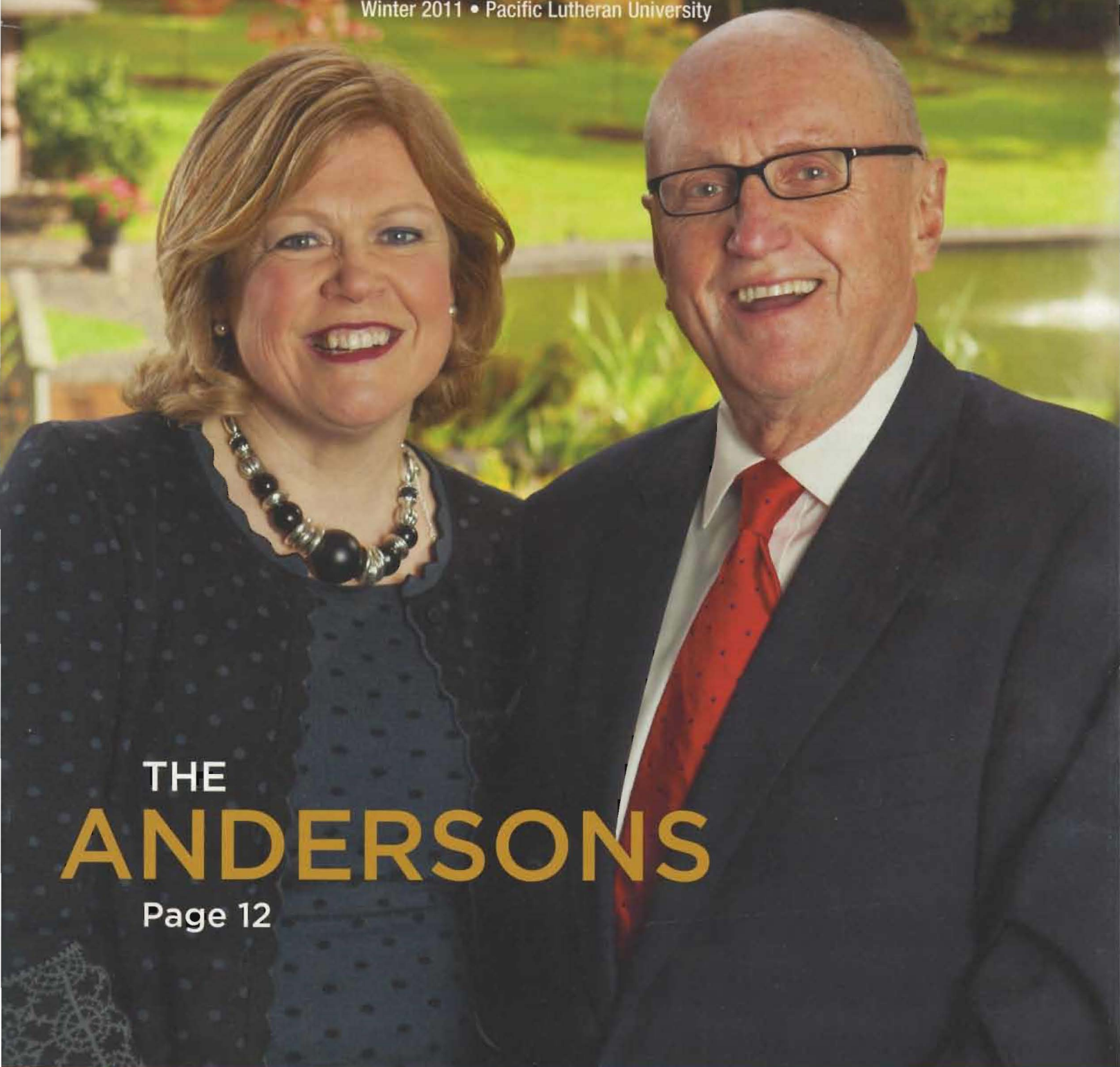


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Zorba, the official mascot of the Biology Club, does some recruiting at PLU's Involvement Fair. More than 40 clubs and organizations took part in the annual September event that helps students discover new opportunities in college life.

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November 1, 6 p.m.

Joanne Lisosky: "War on Words"
An examination of protecting journalists
in conflict situations
Garfield Book Company Fireside Lounge

November 2, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Photographs of Alaska's Brook Range,
by David Streiffert
Garfield Book Company Community Room

November 2, 7:30 p.m.

Sixth annual David and
Marilyn Knutson Lecture
Speaker: Marcus Borg
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 3, 3:30 p.m.

Visiting Writer Series: Nikki McClure
Garfield Book Company Community Room

November 3, 7 p.m.

Visiting Writer Series:
Book reading by
Nikki McClure
University Center Regency Room

November 4 – 6

Family Weekend
Locations across campus

November 6, 4:30 p.m.

Mary Baker Russell Music Scholars Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 7, 3 p.m.

Marriage and Family Therapy Open House
East Campus, Room 207

November 7, 7 p.m.

Fall Lecture in Holocaust Studies
Speaker: Hubert Locke
Nordquist Lecture Hall, Xavier

November 8, 8 p.m.

Regency String Quartet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 10, 6 p.m.

PLU MBA Information Session
Morken Center Public Events Room

November 11, 11:15 a.m.

Veteran's Day Ceremony
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 11, 8 p.m.

Pianist Erin Chung &
Violinist Quinton Morris
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 12, 5:30 p.m.

PLU/UPS Saxophone Student Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 13, 3 p.m.

Organ Concert
Michael Unger, Guest Organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 14, 8 p.m.

University Jazz Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 15, 8 p.m.

University Symphony Orchestra Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 16, 6 p.m.

MBA Executive Leadership Series
Steve Anderson, CEO,
Therapeutic Associates
Morken Center Public Events Room

November 16, 8 p.m.

University Concert Band
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 17 – December 15

Juried Student Exhibition
University Gallery

November 18, 6 p.m.

Languages Film Festival Series
"Les Liaisons Dangereuses"
Ingram 100

November 19, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

40th Annual Yule Boutique
Locations across campus

November 19, 3 p.m.

Solwinden Flute Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

November 19, 8 p.m.

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here & now



PLU's joyous Christmas concerts again ring in the season

After last year's hugely successful first visit to Portland's Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, PLU is preparing a return engagement in the home of the Oregon Symphony, set this year for Wednesday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m.

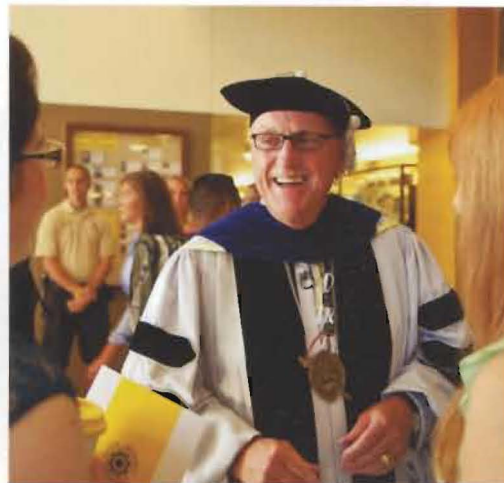
The Choir of the West, University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra will also return to Seattle's Benaroya on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., and in PLU's magnificent

Lagerquist Concert Hall, on Dec. 3, 4 and 9.

This year's concert is titled "Magnificat," which portrays the wonder and joy the youthful Mary feels as she reacts to the news that she is to be the mother of Jesus. PLU's most gifted student musicians will perform a wide variety of works, including a multi-movement work by English composer Jonathan Willcocks. As is tradition with PLU Christmas concerts,

University Pastor Nancy Connor will provide readings to illuminate the musical offerings, and the audience will participate with the choirs during familiar Christmas carols. This concert will provide an evening of beauty, reflection, and pageantry, sure to bring a joyous beginning to the Christmas season.

Tickets for the Portland, Seattle and Tacoma concerts are all on sale now. To find out how to purchase tickets, and for more information, visit www.plu.edu/christmas.



Opening Convocation: 'building a foundation for the future'

In what was his 20th, and final, PLU convocation address, PLU President Loren J. Anderson welcomed more than 1,000 incoming first-year, transfer and graduate students – as well as new and returning, faculty, staff, regents,

PLU corporation representatives and local ELCA clergy – to the opening of the 2011-12 academic year.

As is typical for Anderson, he made no mention of his upcoming departure of the university and, instead, focused on the future and promise of the students assembled in Olson Auditorium.

"Each year on this day it is my privilege to frame our hopes for the year ahead, to encourage your full engagement in the learning process, and also to challenge your

imagination as you begin to envision, and then to build a foundation for your future," Anderson told the crowd who packed into Olson Auditorium.

"Only one percent of the world's population receives a college degree," Anderson noted, adding that the new Lutes gathered in Olson have the rare privilege to study and then go out into the four corners of the globe to change the world.

PEACE

a new Christmas CD from Pacific Lutheran University, featuring:

Choir of the West

Richard Nance, Conductor

University Chorale

Brian Galante, Conductor

University Symphony Orchestra

Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, Conductor

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INCLUDING FAVORITE CHRISTMAS CAROLS SUCH AS "Ding Dong! Merrily On High," "Angels We Have Heard on High," the Spanish carol "Hacia Belén va un Borrico," and the Swedish favorite "Wonderful Peace." Also featured are a beautiful "Ave Maria" and a setting of "In The Bleak Midwinter" by Brian Galante, conductor of the University Chorale. The recording ends with "Pacific Sanctus," an exciting new work by Robert Kyr.

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Alaska Governor Sean Parnell visits campus

When Alaska governor Sean Parnell '84 came to the Seattle-Tacoma area to talk about trade opportunities between Washington and Alaska, he made a quick stop to PLU's School of Business to sit down with some of the region's future trade and business leaders.

Parnell, along with his wife and fellow alum, Sandy Parnell '84, spoke to two business classes on Sept. 13 – Sean Parnell spoke to Assistant Professor Kevin Boehl's financing and entrepreneurship class, and Sandy Parnell spoke to Associate Professor Susan Harmon's consumer behavior class. The couple also met with students from Alaska at an afternoon reception.

Governor Parnell urged the students gathered in the Morken classroom last week to figure out what questions and problems their future employers will face, and then offer up solutions to their bosses without being asked.

"It doesn't take an eBay to fulfill all your dreams," Sean Parnell said. "But it does take determination, creativity and the willingness to take calculated risks in whatever job or venture one decides to undertake."

Presidential search continues to move swiftly

According to members of PLU's Board of Regents, the group charged with finding and selecting PLU's 13th president, the process is continuing at a promising pace, with the intention of introducing finalists to the campus community in the early spring semester of 2012.

The Board has appointed James Hushagen '70 '77 to chair the search committee. Hushagen has served on the Board of Regents for many years and is currently the vice chair of the board. He leads a search committee consisting of six regents and three faculty members, as well as one staff member and a student representative.

In addition, the regents have hired



Students from Alaska meet with their governor and fellow Lute, Sean Parnell '84.

Thomas B. Courtice and Patricia T. van der Vorm from AGB Search, to be search consultants. Courtice has completed almost 50 searches for college and university presidents, chancellors, provosts, vice presidents and deans. Van der Vorm has decades of experience as a successful search consultant and university administrator. Several of their recent searches have been at Lutheran colleges.

The presidential search committee is in the process of generating and narrowing down a candidate pool, which continues to be built through nominations received from the campus community, from national education and foundation officials, from other colleges and universities and from alumni and friends of PLU.

For questions about the search process, contact James Hushagen, search committee chair, at jbushagen@eisenhowerlaw.com.

Performing arts center Studio Theater dedicated

The first phase of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts has been completed, adding to the main stage of the facility a studio theater and scene con-

struction shop on the same floor. A dedication ceremony took place Oct. 16, as well as student performances throughout Homecoming weekend.

The studio theater alone can be configured in a number of ways, allowing a more intimate setting than a main stage performance. And with the two stages, rehearsals can take place on the one while sets are being placed on the other.



The new Studio Theater in the Karen Hille Phillips Performing Arts Center.

According to Jeff Clapp, artistic director of theater and associate professor of theater, it is facilities like this that will enable PLU to become a premier theater venue in the South Sound. "Because of this space becoming stronger, the students will have a lot more opportunity and they'll have a home," Clapp added.

The next phase of the project will include work on the main auditorium, Tower Chapel, theater offices and the building's entry and lobby spaces.

Water: Wang Center Symposium set for Feb. 23-24

When PLU opens its 2012 Wang Center International Symposium on Feb. 23, it will welcome dozens of international thinkers on the subject of water, the world's most essential resource. Keynote speakers will include Maude Barlowe, author of "Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and The Coming Battle for the Right to Water," and Terje Tvedt, professor of geography at the University of Bergen. It will be the fifth such symposium hosted by PLU's Wang Center for Global Education since 2003 – its reputation and reach continues to grow with each event.

"We want to be able to have broad conversations on global issues," said Neal Sobania, executive director of the Wang Center for Global Education. "That is what the symposia has always been about – to get students to engage with the experts in the field."

To learn more about the event, and to see a list of speakers that will be attending the event, visit www.plu.edu/wang-center.

Book celebrates 60 years of nursing graduates

For six decades, PLU nursing alumni have held true to the PLU mission of leading lives of service. More than 100 reflections and stories from those 60 years have been collected in the book, "Pacific Lutheran School of Nursing: Celebrating 60 Years."

The book examines the history of the school and the people who have helped to build it, as well as personal perspectives from alumni. In it, the journey of a growing institution is captured and the memories of the people who are called to lives of care and service are recalled.

The book, unveiled during the School of Nursing anniversary celebration at Homecoming, is available through the School of Nursing.



Benjamin Stewart presents at PLU's first annual Lutheran Studies Conference.

First Lutheran Studies Conference takes place at PLU

As part of the newly endowed Professorship of Lutheran Studies, PLU hosted its first

annual Lutheran Studies Conference in September. Titled "Flowing River, Pooled Spring: Lutheran Perspectives on the Limited Gift of Water," the conference brought numerous people together to discuss the one thing necessary for life – water.

Benjamin Stewart of the Lutheran School of Theology Chicago presented the keynote address, arguing that despite the devastating floods, hurricanes and tsunamis of recent memory, the Lutheran tradition holds there are even stronger waters of mercy and hope.

PLU professors of religion, Samuel Torvend '73 and Kevin O'Brien also presented at the conference, as well as Rose McKenney, associate professor of geosciences. **S**

ACCOLADES

Maria Chavez-Pringle, associate professor of political science, authored the article "The Rise of the Latino Lawyer: New Study Reveals Inspiring Successes, Lingering Obstacles" for the October 2011 issue of the American Bar Association Journal.

Rebecca Wilkin, associate professor of French, won the Translation or Teaching Edition Award for her edition of Gabrielle Suchon's "A Woman Who Defends All the Persons of Her Sex." The award was presented by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women.



Laurie Turner, director of athletics, was inducted to the Washington State University Athletic Hall of Fame. Turner played basketball for the Cougars from 1976-79.

Jessica Sklar, associate professor of mathematics, was named a recipient of the Carl B. Allendoerfer Award from the Mathematical

Association of America. She received the honor, along with her co-author Gene Abrams, for the article "The Graph Menagerie: Abstract Algebra and the Mad Veterinarian," Mathematics Magazine (2010).



Kaitlyn Sill, assistant professor of political science, was awarded Louisiana State University's 2010 Distinguished Dissertation Award for her dissertation titled, "Institutional Design and the Economy: Disentangling the Effects of Judicial Independence and Judicial Review on Economic Development."



John Moritsugu, professor of psychology, received the Presidential Award at the American Psychological Association annual meeting in August.

life of the mind

Patience and a good ear essential in studying elusive crossbills, which live, breed and sing in the canopy

Having a conversation with Julie Smith is a stop-and-go affair. In mid-conversation, she'll stop, and listen. And then pick up the thread without missing a beat.

Smith, an assistant professor of biology, and biology major Aaron Grossberg '12, are picking their way through a muddy trail near La Push, Wash., on the Olympic Peninsula.

They both carry a sensitive directional microphone aimed at the canopy of a Sitka Spruce stand. About 100 feet above the trail, a chit-chit-chit sound drifts down. It's the call of a particular type of North American Crossbill – unglamorously named “call type 10.” Predictably, the types range from one through ten, with type 10, the elusive bird overhead, having been described in scientific literature only 18 months ago.

“Wait, I think I hear it over there,” said Smith, stopping a conversation about



Aaron Grossberg '12 reaches for a Sitka Spruce seed cone, the main food source for the crossbill.

how the wrens seem to be drowning out all the other calls in this forest – and directing her microphone, with a parabolic reflector attached, at the call. Both listen intently, mics at the ready. After about a minute, the pair, satisfied they have captured what they wanted, turn off their recorders and start the conversation again.

“I know I should probably study something else,” Smith said. “But I just love these birds. They are unpredictable, they don't breed at a given time, they are

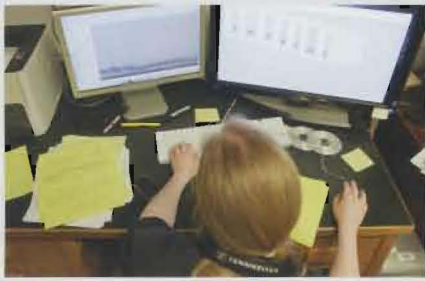
nomadic, so you can't find them in one area, but they have a wonderful song, they are colorful, and they are non-traditional.”

Crossbills – a member of the finch family – get their name from their beaks, which cross at the tip, giving the bird the ability to extract seeds from closed conifer cones. Each bird might gobble up thousands of the small seeds daily to maintain their high metabolism.

When the pairs are mating, the vermilion-clad males have what amounts to a sing-off to get the girl, whose feathers are olive green. Then the female gets to work, with no help from the male, who follows her around singing to her – a big help, Smith notes wryly – as she builds a stick nest in the canopy. They breed at any time during the year.

The songs the males use during breeding seasons may be specific to the different call types of crossbills. Smith is studying whether the songs of call types differ





Kirsten Paasche '13 analyzes the recordings on a computer to quantify differences in the songs of the different call types.

and play a role in reproductively isolating the types of crossbills from each other.

The birds give a real-time insight into how species may develop, literally on the fly, as they exploit niches, food sources and only breed with types of the same call, Smith said. The process, called speciation, is one of the most important questions posed in the field of evolutionary biology, yet, it's not completely understood by biologists, Smith said.

Also flitting around the canopy is call type 3, a crossbill that feeds on Western Hemlock cones. The next step in Smith's research requires bringing female cross-

bills into captivity to see how they respond to songs of different call types.

"I like giving students an opportunity to have an experience they may not have in a lab," Smith said, as she and Grossberg picked their way down the muddy trail to the beach.


Once the songs are collected, Smith and her students, Grossberg and Kirsten Paasche '13, will take the sounds, and deconstruct them and analyze them on a computer to quantify differences in the songs of the different call types. This is technical, dry work. But Grossberg is thrilled at the opportunity.

"I just love being outdoors, and this gives you an appreciation for the overall

research we're doing and how all the pieces connect; how they all fit together," he said. Scientific research, he's learned, is 95 percent failure and 5 percent success. So there is a lot of slogging through data that may not mean much.

But when something clicks, the feeling is great, he said.

"I just love going after that challenge."

The characteristic chit-chit sound was gone. Grossberg and Smith listen one more time before heading back down the trail. Today's fieldwork was a wrap. Time to get back to camp, set the alarm for 4 a.m., and begin waiting for the songs once again. 

—Barbara Clements



Aaron Grossberg '12 and Assistant Professor of Biology Julie Smith use parabolic microphones in the Sitka Spruce groves near La Push, Wash., to record the song habits of the North American Crossbill.



To hear and see Smith and her team track-down the elusive crossbills, or to learn about some of the more than 50 student-faculty research projects that take place at PLU each summer, visit www.plu.edu/crossbills

Helping students connect with what's next

'Career Connections,' PLU's new initiative, helps students focus on internships, volunteer service, graduate school and, ultimately, a career

BY BARBARA CLEMENTS

Bridgette Cooper '11 and Robert Lynam '12 meet under the capitol dome in Olympia, Wash. Both Cooper and Lynam interned for house representatives during the 2011 legislative session. "It's taking what you learn in the classroom and pitting it against real life," Cooper said. "What you learn you can't put a price on."

CAREER

CONNECTIONS

Students come to Pacific Lutheran University with passion, creativity and a resolve to change the world for the better.

Now PLU has a program that will help students focus their talents on an internship, volunteer experience, taking the leap to grad school, or starting their career.

From entering first-year and sophomore students who need to choose a major; to sophomores and juniors who need to connect to experiences outside the classroom; to juniors and seniors who need to polish their job search skills including resume writing, interviewing, and networking skills, Career Connections will be there to guide them along the way.

This is a new initiative, and yet it focuses existing programs on campus around the single goal to guide students through their years here at PLU and help them refine their passion and career goals. Career Connections will be the hub of the wheel of already existing services, including the offices of Career Development and Academic Internships, or the opportunities made available through academic departments or the Alumni office.

"One of our major goals is to help students have a seamless transition into the next phase of life, said Bobbi Hughes, director of employer relations at PLU.

"We're going to be doing, and have been doing, a great job in helping students discover what they are passionate about and what they are really meant to do in this world," Hughes said. "With this new project, we're going to be leveraging all the tools we now have, plus a couple of new ones, for the benefit of the student."

Some of these new initiatives include a Virtual Career Center, an online interview option via Interview Stream, an online four-year plan for students, job postings exclusively for

PLU students, and a guide for working and living abroad.

Career Connections also has links for employers who want to post jobs or internships, tips for parents of students who are in the job search arena and places where alumni can check out LinkedIn groups or connect with current students. The site also has academic resources to help in class selection and sections to peruse volunteer opportunities.

"We are set to connect with students wherever they are on their journey," said Ruth Rogers, Director of Career Development and Student Employment. "It's never too early to begin, and to look at your career search in a focused way."

For his part, Dan Brett '10 seconds Rogers' observations.

Brett credits the Office of Career Development with helping him find his current job as a financial analyst at the Tacoma office of Bank of New York Mellon. After graduating with a business degree and working several jobs and on a political campaign, Brett returned to PLU's spring career fair in 2011 and started talking with representatives of the bank. The recruiter gave Brett her card – Brett had already applied online and researched the company – and then set up an interview. He started his new job in June.

Career Development helped him "package" and present himself to employers both on his resume and in person in the best light, he said. He also encourages students to check out the Career Development office when they arrive on campus.

"I can't tell you how many times I've had students say 'I wish I'd checked this out earlier,'" he said.

Aside from helping students research jobs or internships that might fit their interests, the office will help define what "you want to be when you grow up," he laughed. □



A student meets with a business recruiter at a university-sponsored career fair.



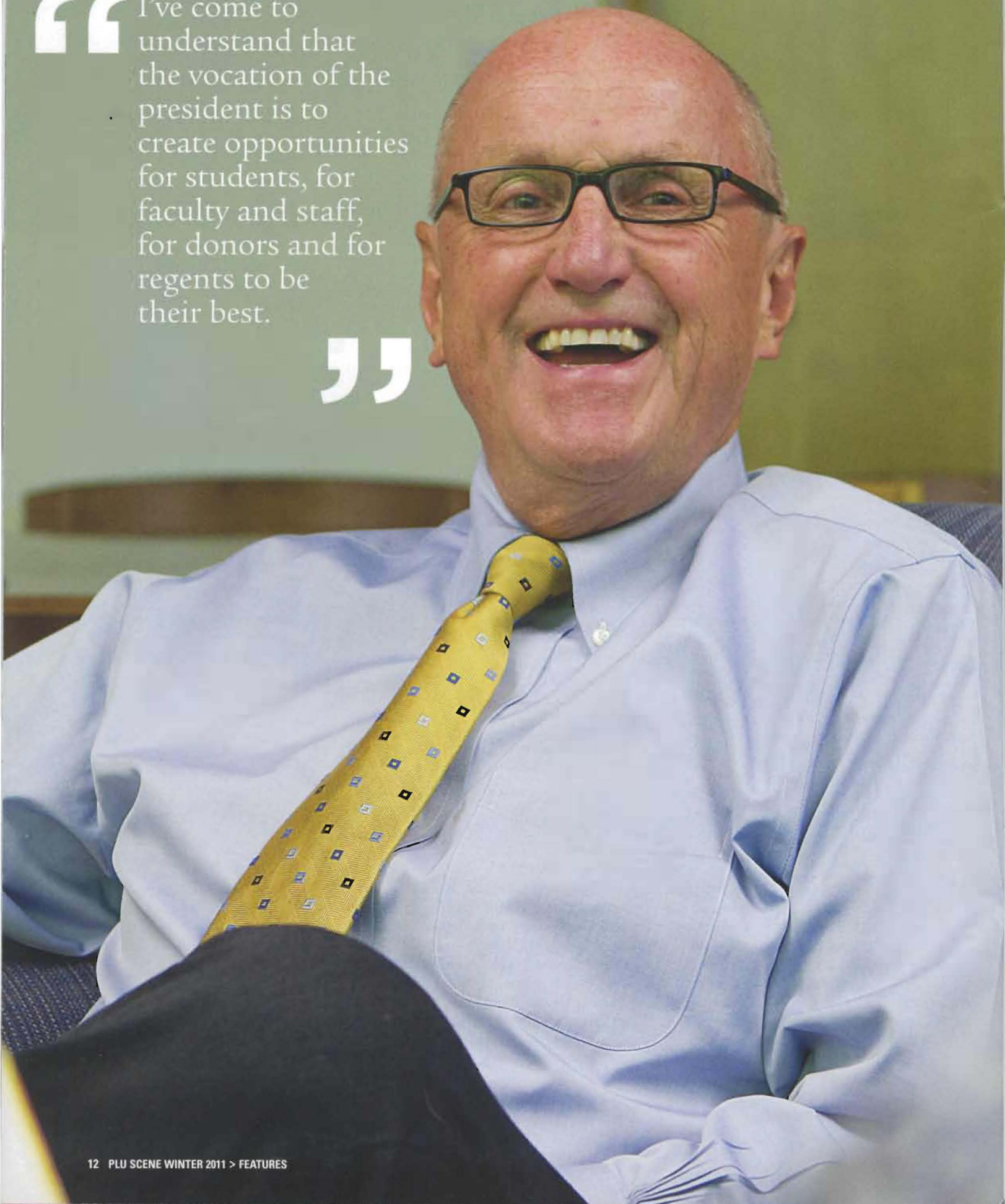
Jessica Dahm '14 takes a child for a ride during the after-school program at the Adams St. Family Campus.



Bobbi Hughes' new role as director of employer relations at the university is "to help students have a seamless transition into the next phase of life."

“ I’ve come to understand that the vocation of the president is to create opportunities for students, for faculty and staff, for donors and for regents to be their best.

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For 20 years, focused on the future

Two decades of service mark Loren Anderson's presidency

Last spring Loren and MaryAnn Anderson announced their intention to leave PLU in the spring of 2012, concluding 20 years of service to the university. Scene asked University Historian

and Professor Emeritus Philip A. Nordquist '56 to sit down with President Anderson in the president's office to reflect on his time at PLU. This conversation is a reprise of their fall 2002 exchange that was published in Scene on the occasion of Anderson's 10th anniversary as president. That interview may be found at www.plu.edu/Anderson2002

Phil Nordquist: What has given you the greatest satisfaction during the years you have spent at PLU?

Loren Anderson: Over the years, I have come to believe that the vocational calling of the presidency is to create opportunities for others – opportunities for students, for faculty and staff, for donors, and for regents and volunteers to be their best, to realize their full potential, to do good and important work. And the greatest satisfaction is working with students as they grow their remarkable talents and abilities, and as they work to search out their life's calling. If you are lucky enough to stay for 20 years, you have the honor of knowing them as high school students, as undergraduates, and then as young professionals and family members destined to make a huge impact in the world. What a joy it is!

Nordquist: Did you come to that sense of satisfaction incrementally over the

years? Did it become increasingly clear as you went along?

Anderson: I think so. Particularly over the last decade, our work with the Wild Hope Project has encouraged all of us to think often about what Frederick Buechner calls our “deep gladness.” What is it that gives you the most satisfaction at the end of the day? For me it is to see students discover that they have capacity and potential that they have never before realized or thought possible. Those are really precious experiences.

Nordquist: What have been the most difficult challenges that you've faced, and the institution has faced, since the early 1990s?

Anderson: Sitting in this chair you always think economics, and you reflect on the fact that we have lived through three significant economic down turns. Each one has had its own character and presented real challenges. But in each case the PLU community has rallied around our mission and program, and we have not only survived, we have grown stronger.

If you go back to the '90s, we faced a more seminal challenge as we worked to articulate the university's mission and identity in a way that would give faithful expression to our Lutheran identity and, at the same time, capture the imagination of the campus, the larger constituency, as well as prospective students and their families. That was a great challenge for us as a community, but we did well and, as a result we have grown and matured as an institution.

Nordquist: Before coming to PLU, all of your education and all of your work experiences were in the Upper Midwest. Did you find it both difficult and chal-

lenging to understand the culture, the manners and mores of the West Coast and the Pacific Northwest?

Anderson: There are many important similarities in cultural style between the Plains and in the Northwest. Both areas are very egalitarian, neither is impressed by position or title. There is an informality in style and in the arenas that I have been privileged to deal with, there is a real sense of integrity and commitment that guides work and decision making.

And there are important cultural differences as well. The Northwest is significantly more diverse and the culture is relatively “younger.” The church has less influence in the Northwest and, maybe as a result, the Northwest is less cohesive when it comes to common values and experiences. I've found that articulating what it means to be a Lutheran university in the Pacific Northwest requires a very different manner of describing yourself, because the theological common denominator one finds in the Upper Plains just does not exist here.

Nordquist: PLU has had three successful development campaigns during your tenure at the institution. What experience did you bring to that fundraising activity? And what are the most successful ingredients in successful fundraising?

Anderson: It has been a great journey! And along the way, I think I have learned that there is a really important distinction between development and fundraising.

For me, fundraising is the work we do when we ring the Salvation Army bell or sell poppies on the corner on Veteran's

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Day, or seek small annual gifts. It is very important, but it is different from “development” which is based on building long term relationships based on common experience and shared interest. Development is about storytelling; about aligning the values of the institution with those of the donor.

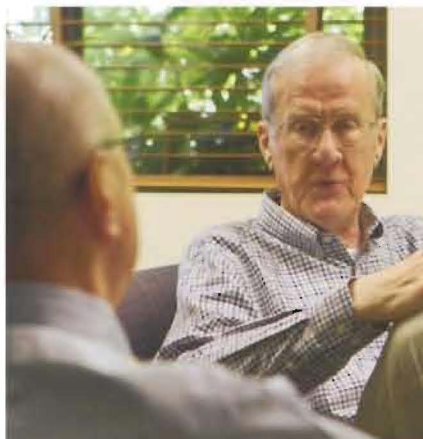
In other words, development is about forming life-long relationships with people, and at some point, the time is going to be right for each donor to make a significant philanthropic investment in the university.

Nordquist: This long-range understanding of development is something that most people don’t understand.

Anderson: When you are privileged to represent the university for 20 years as MaryAnn and I have been, you look back on the philanthropic giants of this era, people like Art Hansen, Mary Baker Russell, George and Jane Russell, George Lagerquist, Peter and Grace Wang, Bud and Vivian Anderson, Don and Wanda Morken, Larry Neeb, Dale and Jolita Benson, and most notably Karen Hille Phillips! Each of these remarkable individuals developed long-term, close and trusting, in some cases life-long, relationships with PLU and, as a result, their generosity has permanently marked our history and built a foundation for the future.

Nordquist: The ELCA, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with its various challenges these days, has become increasingly distant – at least in my estimation – increasingly distant from its colleges and universities. The colleges are, for the most part, left on their own. Given this, is there still a role and a future for Lutheran Higher Education?

Anderson: I have always believed that our Lutheranness, and our relationship with the ELCA, is first and foremost a question of identity; how do we understand ourselves as PLU, how we understand our institutional mission and our educational philosophy? In the past,



our relationship with the church meant significant financial support, and that is gone. Our ELCA congregations, however, are still a primary source of students for the university and many congregations provide scholarships as well.

However, as we look to the future, I am reminded that Martin Luther taught us about the importance of dialogue and conversation, and I believe that for our Lutheran identity to stay lively and vital, we need to be in active in that dialogue, and increasingly we are alone and isolated. The national church has played such an important role in convening the colleges and universities on a national level, in tending and encouraging the “Lutheran” conversation. Now, they are less able to do so, and so I believe we need to think more locally, regionally and more institutionally about working with other Lutherans to sustain our identity.

Nordquist: We’ve discussed this a bit already but I would like to return to it. I think PLU has become clearer and more focused about its mission in the last 20 years. How has that happened? And has the university’s mission become a distinctive attraction in comparing us to other colleges and universities and in appealing to students?

Anderson: I think you are right that we have come clearer and more focused, and it has been a another really remarkable journey. As you know, Phil, it all

began with the presidential task force on mission that was convened during the last years of President Rieke’s administration, and of which you were a member. While the statement you developed ran into some headwinds, many of us were attracted to one sentence that said the mission of PLU was “to educate students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care – for other people, for their communities, and for the earth.”

I don’t really remember just how it happened, but that simple statement struck a resonant cord and the PLU community quickly began to claim and use it. People became interested in understanding what it meant as well as how it could be used. It has given us an expression of our mission which is faithful to the Lutheran tradition, capable of adoption and endorsement by all, and, at the same time, relatively transparent to those who aren’t of the Lutheran or PLU tradition.

And what is so distinctive and powerful is the that the statement has penetrated the broad PLU community at every level. Now faculty and staff and students and administrators as well as regents and graduates can recite it from memory.

Nordquist: It was my sentence, so I’m happy to give it to the university!

Anderson: What a legacy!

Nordquist: Ten years ago when we sat down for an interview for Scene, we were just nearly completing PLU 2010. You said then that over the coming 10 years that plan would strengthen our academic culture, advance the cause of international education, invite student engagement in their learning and focus on ethics, values and service. How did we do? What kind of grade should we give ourselves?

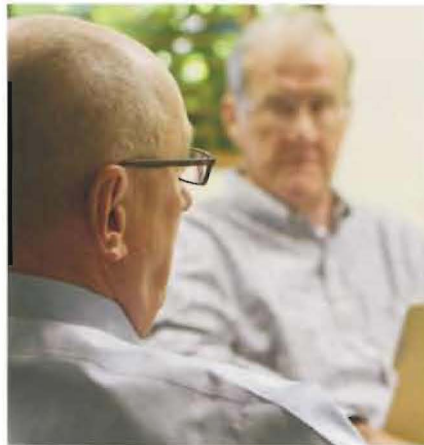
Anderson: The story of PLU 2010 is, I believe, very significant. Perhaps the best examples of that significance are the pathways to academic distinction first identified in 2010.

For example, many faculty had been working on global education for a long time at PLU, but PLU 2010 was the first time it was identified as a pathway to achieve academic distinction. So the 2010 report was not yet published when Peter and Grace Wang came to town and said that they would like to endow a center for international studies - and so the Wang Center was born. Then our Gateway Programs emerged. We developed a global education strategic plan. Several major grants were received and at the end of the decade we were selected as the first university in the West to receive the Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization. When PLU 2010 suggested that student-faculty research and creative projects might be a pathway to academic distinction, just about all such activity was confined to the natural sciences. Then we received funding for the Severtson Fellowships in the social sciences, and the Roe fellowships in the humanities, the Moe fellowships in the arts, and the Wang Center fellowships for global studies. And so student-faculty research was suddenly happening across the campus.

Then there is purposeful learning, vocation and living lives of service that PLU 2010 identified as our third pathway. The notion that learning is instrumental and purposeful as articulated in PLU 2010 sprang to life in a new and powerful way as the Wild Hope Project was launched with \$2.5 million in funding from the Lily Foundation. Now Wild Hope is gathering its own endowment, the faculty has established a Center for Vocation and we have a new Professorship in Lutheran Studies. I find these to be quite a remarkable set of developments.

Nordquist: Now in the last year of your tenure at the university a third long-range plan is about to appear. Can you tell us a little bit about what is contained there? And what new direc-

“We had been doing global education for a long time at PLU, but PLU 2010 was the first time that we said that we believe this is a real pathway to academic distinction.”



tions will be charted that someone can look back on in 10 years and attempt to assess?

Anderson: Drafts of the 2020 plan are now under review by the community, giving everyone a chance to react and to help revise and improve the document.

The framing argument of PLU 2020 goes like this: We feel very positive about our statement of mission, our institutional identity and the basic components and direction of our academic program. We see a decade ahead that is going to bring major changes, demographic, economic, and technological, as well as more demands for accountability and assessment, and more focus on graduate degrees. All of these pressures are in some way external to the PLU.

So the question for the university's future will be, “How do we anticipate and respond to those external forces,

adjust our program, take care of our people, and manage our finances so that we can emerge in the year 2020 as an institution that is sharper, stronger, better, more interesting, and healthier in the marketplace than we are today?”

The challenge we face is not in building a dramatically different institution but it is in adjusting as we move along through these incredible forces of change that surround us.

Nordquist: Does that include students as well? Have students changed dramatically in the last 20 years? Have their career concerns changes? Have their needs shifted? And what can the university expect in terms of ethnic and geographic diversity in the future?

Anderson: There have been changes in students from generation to generation, some very subtle and some more dramatic. The popular description of students in this last two decades has been the “millennials.” However, in my view, the millennials disappeared somewhere in the midst of the last decade.

My description of the most recent group of students is the “post 9-11” generation of students. They have lived their formative years in a time of war, a time of terror, a time of global uncertainty. They have lived with new communication technologies that are now also global. Their sensitivity to the world around them, their interest in the world around them, their courage in tackling the world around them is really quite remarkable. They are a wonderful, wonderful generation of students with which to work.

Nordquist: It is clear that MaryAnn has played a central role in your activities as president and in various activities of the institution. In what ways has she helped advance your work and the university's mission?

Anderson: MaryAnn and I are fortunate in that we share a deep commit-

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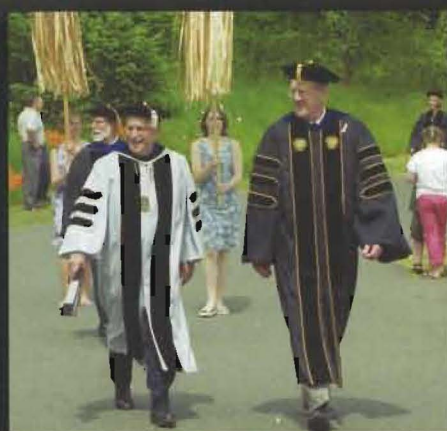
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■ Early years as president.



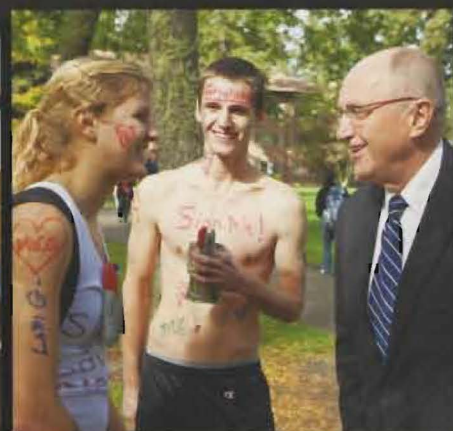
■ President Anderson's inauguration in 1992. From left to right, The Rev. Herbert W. Chilstrom, presiding Bishop of the ELCA, David Wold Board of Regents (1998-2001) and Bishop of SW Washington Synod and Christopher Browning chair of faculty.



■ Loren J. Anderson walks with Phillip Nordquist to graduation in Olson Auditorium.



■ Loren J. Anderson and Larry Neeb watch as Martin Neeb cuts the ribbon for the Martin Neeb Center in 2009.



■ Sign Me event, which raises money for Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in 2009.



■ A recent family portrait of Loren J. and MaryAnn Anderson, with daughter Maren Anderson Johnson '09 and her husband Elliott Johnson '07.



■ Greeting Archbishop Desmond Tutu at a reception before The Greater Tacoma Community Foundation Be the Spark event at the Tacoma Dome on Friday, May 13, 2011.

IMAGES FROM THE PAST



■ Loren J. Anderson leaves his inauguration in 1992 with daughter Maren. Behind on right is Lucille Giroux who worked for years in the presidents office.



■ Loren J. Anderson with Karen Hille Phillips receiving the Lifetime Giving Award at the Q Club Spring Donor Banquet.



■ Crown Prince Haakon of Norway, center, between Loren J. Anderson and MaryAnn on campus in 1999.



■ Sliding on the ice of Antarctica in 2010.



■ Loren J. Anderson with students in his early years at PLU.



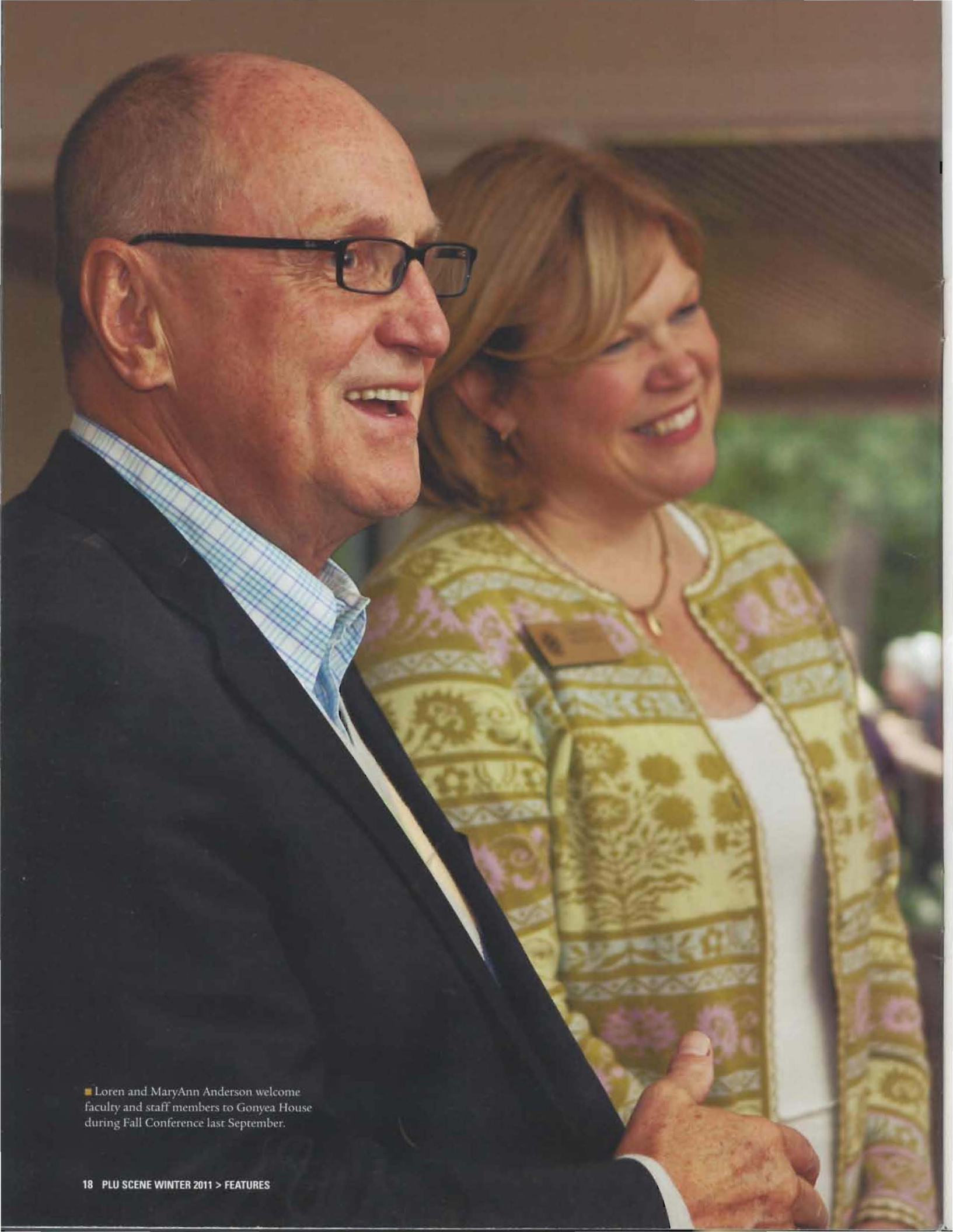
■ Namibia 2003



■ Loren J. Anderson with his John Deere collection in the basement of Gonyea House.



■ Loren J. Anderson with Donald Morken at the groundbreaking of the Morken Center in 2002.



■ Loren and MaryAnn Anderson welcome faculty and staff members to Gonyea House during Fall Conference last September.

‘Living out our own Wild Hope’

Loren and MaryAnn Anderson reflect on 20 years of representing the PLU community to the world

Even though the rainy November weather was a bit dour on their arrival, that was decidedly not the spirit *on campus* when Loren and MaryAnn Anderson arrived for a final visit to PLU in 1991.

To this day, now more than 20 years later, the two still marvel at the warmth and intelligence of people they met during that visit – the students, the faculty, the alumni, the friends of the university. People like the late Jane Russell, wife of George Russell, CEO of the Frank Russell Co., who welcomed the family with her legendary kindness and grace. Or enthusiastic students like Monica Hurley '94 and Burley Kawasaki '92, who, during a chapel that the Andersons attended, urged students to “live in the questions” and take risks.

It could be said that Loren and MaryAnn Anderson were taking their own risks in considering PLU. But upon meeting the community of people that was – and is – PLU, they knew there was really no risk at all.

“I told him to go for it,” MaryAnn said during a rare quiet moment for the couple as they relaxed in the living room of Gonyea House. “It was a great chance. It was obvious the teaching heart beat strong (at PLU) and it was attracting and educating interesting and great students.”

Loren Anderson remembers his initial reaction was much the same.

“I was overwhelmed by their commitment to the mission (of PLU), the quality of people I met here, as well as the depth of talent,” he said.

Firm foundation for the future

And during the next 20 years, with MaryAnn’s constant support, Loren Anderson helped nurture that talent, and put the university on sound financial footing. The university’s three fundraising campaigns have garnered more than \$300 million in gifts and resources.

Along with the fundraising efforts, the couple has created something of an “it” factor at PLU – a sense of warmth and welcoming atmosphere, a push for excellence, a focus on taking what’s learned on campus and bringing it to the world.

Both MaryAnn and Loren Anderson say that such successes are simply a reflection of the strength of community that so impressed them on that rainy November visit. To see the evidence of that dedication, one only has to look at the additions to the “schoolhouse” throughout the years, all named after dedicated university friends such as Mary Baker Russell, Karen Hille Philips, Don and Wanda Morken, and Larry Neeb, to name a few.

Indeed, the growth of the university during the past 20 years – in its buildings, in its endowment, in its stature among other universities – speaks not only of the Andersons’ ability to build and foster relationships, but the entire PLU community’s ability to dedicate themselves to the university and its mission.

“Being authentic and real representatives of the university often resulted in rich and abiding friendships with people who care about PLU’s mission and



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You are Invited

The entire PLU community is invited to two very special events honoring Loren J. and MaryAnn Anderson. Join us as we celebrate 20 years together:

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CAMPUS RECEPTION

University Center
Friday, May 4, 2012
Afternoon
Ticket Price: Complimentary

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BLACK AND GOLD CELEBRATION GALA

Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall
Saturday, May 5, 2012
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Ticket price: \$75.00

For tickets and information, visit www.plualumni.org or call 800-ALUM-PLU.

values,” MaryAnn Anderson said. “We were privileged to represent the university to them and lucky enough to host them on campus.”

A sense of graciousness and class

Often, the meetings would take place at the gracious grounds of a home that has served as the touchstone of the university.

If the gateway to PLU is the “T” formed by Garfield Street and Park Avenue, then the Gonyea House off Spanaway Lake Road is its heart. When she arrived, MaryAnn Anderson quickly created the Gonyea Fellows program, where students were trained on the art of hospitality, from greeting, to serving food, to working on the grounds – all to make visitors, from parents to foreign dignitaries, feel welcome. In all, the program has had 150 students in it, and each year, these students have greeted and served more than 100 events and 3,000 guests.

“I really appreciate the connections we’ve made with all the students who have been Gonyea Fellows over the years,” she said. “It’s kept us in touch with the real stories of the students and the university.”

And the students often came back after their shifts, to talk, study at the Andersons’ Norwegian-made birch dining room table, nap on their couch, use the basement for a storage room, or share in a book club or lecture – hosted or arranged by MaryAnn Anderson.

Of course, one very special student spent a lot of time studying at that dining room table. As time has passed for the Andersons, so too for their four-year-old who arrived on campus 20 years ago. Maren, now 24, grew up in the house and marked the years recently on her Facebook page, noting that 20 years ago, she was serving punch at the first faculty reception – now an annual and much anticipated event – and this year she was in charge of serving wine.



■ An Anderson family portrait in the 1990s.

The couple encouraged their only child to go away to college and Maren chose St. Olaf College in Minnesota. But after two years there, without consulting her parents, she returned to PLU, attracted by its international programs, and graduated in 2010. Maren married Elliott Johnson '07, a teacher, last summer, and is now a doctoral student at the University of Washington.

Reaching out to the world

The Andersons value their Lutheran heritage, and bringing the world closer through travel. Loren Anderson noted that the seeds of study away had already been planted at PLU decades before they arrived – it just expanded exponentially during the coming years, with the creation of the Wang Center for Global Education 10 years ago. And it’s been noticed. Two years ago, PLU received the Senator Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, an award that honors the outstanding efforts to engage the world and the international community, both on and off campus. PLU was the first private college in the West to receive this honor.

Obviously, both the Andersons have a passion for travel. MaryAnn Anderson remembers her first trip abroad in the 1970s, which had her skiing in Norway

and sea kayaking in the North Sea. Throughout their time at PLU, they have travelled the globe, as they easily tick off half a dozen countries, such as Norway, China, Trinidad-Tobago, Namibia and a trip to Antarctica in 2010.

Turning to a picture in the Gonyea House living room of a whale's fluke disappearing beneath a slate sea, MaryAnn said the trip was awe-inspiring, with the students regularly chanting "I love college!"

Regarding the trips in their entirety, "those experiences changed us and our view of the planet on which we live, and how we view our neighbors," she said.

Now almost half of the students have a

study-away experience during their tenure at PLU, and in any given year, 500 students are off campus on study-away programs.

"It's one of the most powerful experiences a student can have here," Loren Anderson said, adding that's one of the reasons that he and MaryAnn funded a scholarship so students - who might struggle with the cost - would still be able to access the total PLU experience.

Bringing the world to PLU

Throughout the years, Loren Anderson has become one of the most respected presidents in the country, in Lutheran higher education and as a community leader.

He currently serves as a board member of the Independent Colleges of Education and of the Institute for the International Education of Students, the premier study-abroad organization. He has served on the boards of the American Leadership Forum in Tacoma and of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, where he was the chair.

Despite all these titles, however, Loren Anderson sees his job as university president as "making opportunities for people."

"Faculty, staff, students, it's just a great honor," he said.

During her 20 years here, MaryAnn Anderson has made her own mark in the community.

An active volunteer, MaryAnn Anderson currently serves on the board of the Annie Wright Schools and was chair of the board of the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation for two years. It was as chair of the GTCF that MaryAnn Anderson played a key role in bringing a signature event to Tacoma in May, as Archbishop Desmond Tutu came to the Tacoma Dome in a "Be the Spark" event that drew 15,000 people, and 1,500 from PLU alone. MaryAnn Anderson worked tirelessly in this effort - at both bringing the Nobel Peace Prize winner to the area during his last U.S. tour - and engaging the PLU community.

As for what's next, a trip back to "the farm" - the North Dakota farm that remains in the family - is in order. After that, who knows? Truly, the Andersons are not sure themselves where fate and faith will lead them.

"We're living out our own Wild Hope," MaryAnn Anderson said. "We can't wait to see what's next. It could take us anywhere." S

-Barbara Clements



● Loren J. Anderson and MaryAnn in a John Deere Gator delivering water and snacks during student orientation.

the arts

I never thought I'd wow European audiences with my own choral composition

Jason Saunders outside Chartres Cathedral in France, one of the many European locations in which he conducted his composition, 'The Lightener of the Stars.'



Jason Saunders felt the pulsing applause reverberate through his body. On one side stood PLU musicians who had just performed his own composition. On the other side was a crowd of more than 1,000 – all peers from around the world.

This past summer, Saunders '11 traveled to France and Germany with PLU's Choir of the West and its small chamber music ensemble, KammerMusikere Orchestra. A high point of the two-week tour was an appearance in Limburg, Germany, at the Harmonie Festival. The prestigious festival takes place once every six years, and includes more than 200 choirs from nearly 50 countries.

There, Saunders took the stage and directed The Choir of the West for one of his own choral compositions, "The Lightener of the Stars." He and the choir had worked on the piece for a number of months. And on that stage, in front of a

delighted audience, the choir brought his notes to life.

"They killed it," Saunders said of the performance. "Hearing that applause was probably one of the most rewarding things to happen to me in my life."

It was only four years ago that Saunders came to campus as a first-year student, in awe of the caliber of musicians the PLU program helped develop.

"If I could go back in time and tell myself as a freshman, I would be directing a world-class choir performing my own composition on a European stage, I would have said 'Yeah, right,'" Saunders said.


These moments may never have happened, had he not built upon his own talent by working hard to understand music better, Saunders said. Similarly, they might not have happened if, after writing a piece of music, he hadn't asked for a critique from his music professor, Choir of the West

Conductor Richard Nance. If he hadn't done that, he never would have pursued asking to conduct his own composition with the talented musicians at PLU.

"You need to be bold about asking for what you want," Saunders said.

By doing so, the world of music opened up for Saunders.

"When I first came [to PLU], I heard Choir of the West and I thought 'they're perfect,'" Saunders said. "But now I'm more aware of what it requires to make that sound."

"The past four years I've gone from being in awe of how it sounds to being in awe of how it sounds – and knowing why." 

—Chris Albert



To see a video of Jason talking about composing choral music, visit choose.plu.edu/saunders

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CHORAL GROUPS WIN EUROPEAN, ‘AMERICAN’ AWARD



The summer's tour of France and Germany wasn't just great for Jason. PLU's choral groups were honored with four awards at the prestigious Harmonie Festival in Limburg, Germany. The Choir of the West took second place out of 17 groups – earn-

ing a gold medal – and the choir's men's and women's group earned gold and silver medals, respectively. PLU's men's a cappella group, PLUtonic, also earned a gold.

There were accolades for PLU's choral groups closer to home, too. Choral Union's "25th Anniversary Album" won first place in the community choir division of the American Prize, a new, non-profit national competition that recognizes the best recorded performances of music by ensembles and individuals in the United States.

The Choir of the West's CD, "Phoenix" was also awarded second place in the college/university division of the competition, and Choir of the West conductor Richard Nance (pictured above) won gold for his choral conducting.

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Lower campus sees big changes with athletic facility improvements



A new artificial turf field and a new natural grass field will be used for athletic competition and practices, club sports, instructional classes and intramurals

There will soon be a new face associated with Pacific Lutheran University athletics, and it won't be because of a change in personnel.

The fruition of a long-anticipated dream – and goal – of athletic department personnel started to take shape early in the spring of 2011, and that dream continues toward reality with the improvement of several PLU athletic facilities. A new baseball grandstand and all-weather track are already in use, and the start of construction on two new athletic fields on the lower campus looms as early as spring 2012.

By the end of 2012, the PLU athletics facility improvements should include the following:

- **Baseball** – new grandstand, artificial turf infield and lights;
- **Track** – new all-weather surface, ready to host the 2012 Northwest Conference Track and Field Championships in April;
- **Athletics Fields** – a new artificial turf field, and right next to it a new natural grass field, the two to be used for athletic competition and practices, club sports, instructional classes and intramurals.

All of these improvements follow on the heels of recent renovations to 40-year-old Olson Auditorium. Included on that list are several new team rooms, an expanded training room, and brand new scoreboards.

Taken as a group, these improvements will provide a needed, and exciting, facelift to Pacific Lutheran athletic and recreational facilities, and to the athletic and academic program in general.

BASEBALL FIELD

Baseball fans attending Pacific Lutheran games in the spring of 2011 got to enjoy the action from grandstands that were constructed during the winter months. Seating is available for 538 people in five rows from dugout to dugout, with an ADA-compliant wheelchair access ramp.

But that is not the only field improvement project. Fund raising continues on a project that will add an artificial turf infield and lights, making the PLU baseball field eligible for consideration as a NCAA Division III regional tournament site. That fundraising effort got a strong “first

pitch” through the generous donations of alumni and PLU Regent Lisa (Miles '84) and Tim Kittilsby '84.

TRACK

Serious problems to the old track surface, including poor drainage and an uneven surface in several of the lanes, made it problematic that the PLU track and field team would get the privilege of hosting the Northwest Conference championship meet in April. Improvements included replacing the track, building a retaining wall, and improving the field inside the track, the removal and replacement of portions of the asphalt underlay and a new overcoat of asphalt around the track. Additionally, drainage was added around the track and along the jump and throw runways.

Updating the track provides an improved site not only for hosting the NWC championships, but for use by the entire PLU student body and local community, said Laurie Turner, director of PLU Athletics.

“The track is a university facility that serves many constituents.”

“I am thrilled at the recent track facil-



The old track surface was replaced this summer in time so the PLU track and field team could get the privilege of hosting the Northwest Conference championship meet in April 2012.



ity renovations,” PLU track and field and cross country head coach Heather Kreier said. “This project was a collaboration of many PLU departments and individuals that worked together toward the common goal. As a result, we are left with a superior facility and much Lute pride.”

ATHLETIC FIELDS

Sometime in early spring of 2012, groundbreaking on two new all-purpose athletic fields is expected to take place. The early master plan called for two artificial turf fields, but those plans changed to one artificial turf field and one grass field.

The cost of building the new fields, from the early planning to finished construction, is expected to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3.5 million. Eventually, the hope is that a lighted stadium can be built around one of the fields, giving PLU athletes and their fans an on-campus facility that would rival any in Division III athletics.

“The new field will assist in leveling the playing field for athletics and recreation at PLU,” said Laurie Turner, director of athletics. “We are one of a few

“PLU gave us a good start toward our careers as successful business people. I didn’t play football, soccer or lacrosse at PLU, but I know that the field will strengthen these programs and general recreation there.”

—Don Wilson

schools in our conference with no synthetic surfaces on campus.”

Additional field space will benefit many of the school’s club sports and intercollegiate teams, not the least of which is football. This year, the football team numbers 116, and that large group of student-athletes are currently confined to the grass practice field inside the newly resurfaced track. As a result, the field was already in disrepair with almost two months remaining in the season.

In addition, student-athletes will no longer have to drive off campus for practice and competition. For instance,

the men’s and women’s soccer teams hold off-campus practices to prevent wear-and-tear on the soccer field, which is used for both practice and competition.

Giving to the all-purpose athletic fields was greatly enhanced by a generous \$1 million gift from Wilson Construction, based in Canby, Ore., and the Don and Kim Wilson family. The company owners, both graduated from PLU, as did their daughter, Stacy. Don Wilson is a member of the PLU Board of Regents.

“PLU gave us a good start toward our careers as successful business people. I didn’t play football, soccer or lacrosse at PLU, but I know that the field will strengthen these programs and general recreation there,” Don Wilson said. “Athletics is an important part of the university experience and the new field is a good start at a major upgrade of athletic facilities at PLU.”

The fields will be located where the current golf course exists. The golf course closed at the end of October. S

By Nick Dawson. With additional reporting by Chris Albert and Greg Brewis.



alumni news and events

Staying Connected

Homecoming isn't the only way to connect with fellow Lutes. PLU offers numerous online options to keep in touch

If you made it back to campus this fall for Homecoming you had the chance to reconnect with fellow Lutes. For those of you who didn't have the chance to come home this year, you can still make those connections.

The Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations has created many avenues for you to keep your connections alive. Become a member of the Alumni Online Directory to find ways to contact classmates or make new connections. "Like" the PLU Alumni Facebook page and share your photos from homecoming or your time on campus. Visit the PLU Alumni website often to stay up to date on campus happenings and upcoming events.

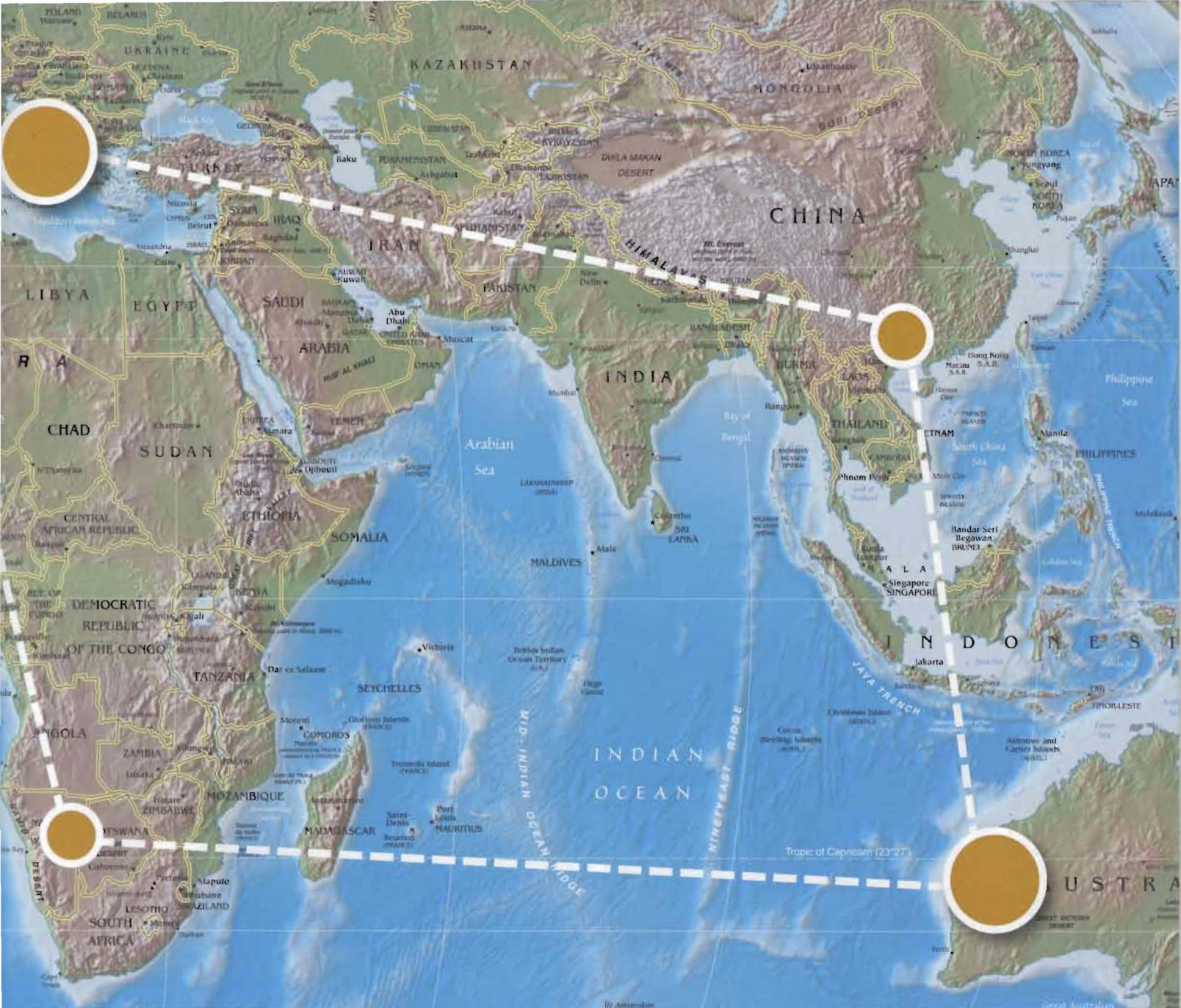
Connect with the Alumni Online Directory

Join the Alumni Online Directory to find connections anywhere in the world. **Erika Meyer '11** travelled to Copenhagen, Denmark, after graduation for a yearlong internship. She didn't know anyone in Copenhagen, so she used the Alumni Online Directory to search for alums in the area. She found **Cecilia Flachs '97**. Through the directory **Erika** was able to get in contact with **Cecilia** who was happy to meet up with **Erika** and show her around her new home and even offered her a house-sitting job. You too can find connections by class year, location, or career field by searching

the Alumni Online Directory. The possibilities are endless.

It's getting close to holiday card time, and what better way to reconnect than send a card to a long lost classmate? But what if you don't know where your former roommate is in life - do they live by you? Are they married? The Alumni Online Directory can help with that. You can search the directory by last name, maiden name and class year. The Alumni webpage even offers PLU e-cards that you can personalize and send out.

Registration is free and easy! All you need to do is go to the PLU Alumni webpage, www.plu.edu/alumni. From there click Join on the Online Directory. It is just four quick steps!



Connect with PLU Alumni on Facebook

The PLU Alumni Facebook page is updated on a regular basis with news about campus and alumni happenings. There, you can get involved in friendly competitions like the Lute Pride Photo Contest, which is currently going on. You can also “like” the PLU Alumni Facebook page and share photos of you showing your Lute Pride to be entered to win tickets to a PLU Christmas Concert and other great prizes.

Another great example of Lutes using Facebook to connect with each other is the organization of the PLU Alumni Basketball Tournament during Homecoming. **Brandon Fix '96** creat-

The New Alumni eNews

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
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the PLU Alumni Facebook page. Don't see your group there, let us know and we will add it!

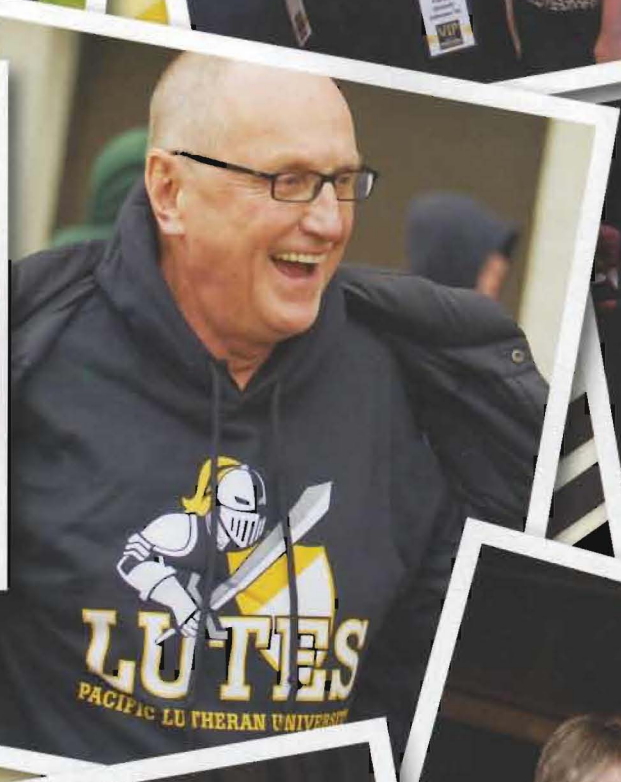
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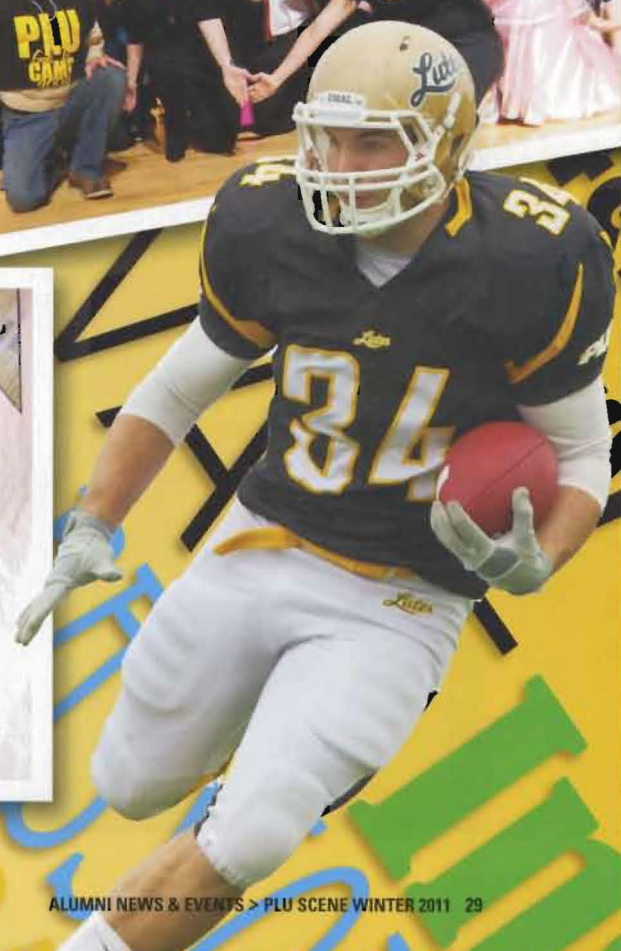
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- January 28 PLU Event, Washington, D.C.
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Awards are given each year to alumni, friends and students for outstanding achievements and years of service. **Nominations must include supporting letters and be returned to the Office of Alumni and Constituent Relations by Jan. 11, 2012.** Here are the categories:

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

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alumni profiles

Seattle Opera's 'Porgy and Bess' – five Lutes on *one* stage

The recent Seattle Opera production of "Porgy and Bess" turned into something of a Lute reunion this summer, as five Lutes showed up for rehearsals and, after looking around, realized they were all fellow alums.

Amy Van Mechelen '08 had just finished up her master's degree in music at Colorado State when she moved back to the Tacoma area. She auditioned for the chorus of "Porgy and Bess," and didn't think she'd get a part. But she did. And she was surprised by how much work the chorus had on stage.

"The chorus is on the stage almost all

the time and is an integral part of the opera," Van Mechelen said.

After a taste of this, Van Mechelen knows that singing is what she wants to do with her life. She arrived at PLU as a transfer student. "I went into audition for the music program and the faculty was so warm and inviting...it just felt like home," she said.

Marlette Buchannan Hall, a vocal studies lecturer at PLU, said she showed up for the first day of rehearsals this last summer and realized a few of her students were right along side her.

Hall played the role of "Lily" in the opera, which follows the tragic story of

Porgy, a disabled African-American beggar living in the slums of Charleston, South Carolina. The opera, first performed in 1935 with music by George Gershwin and lyrics by Ira Gershwin, deals with Porgy's attempts to rescue Bess from the clutches of Crown, her violent and possessive lover, and Sportin' Life, the drug dealer.

Hall recalls the rehearsals as grueling. "I don't think people realize all the work that goes into it," she said.

Having a built-in support group of Lutes helped. Along with Hall and Van Mechelen, there was Novalee Richard, '09, Stephanie Johnson '11 and Ieisha McIntyre '97.

Five Lutes found themselves together on the Seattle Opera stage this summer, all part of the production of "Porgy and Bess." Photo by Elise Bakketun, courtesy of Seattle Opera.



Johnson said that she has received huge support from her fellow Lutes, from Choir of the West members who helped her put together audition videos, and her current voice instructor (and PLU professor) Barry Johnson, who encouraged her to audition.

"PLU has given me amazing connections," she said.

As for advice for other students seeking a career in singing or opera? "Life isn't a dress rehearsal," she said. "Do your best work every time. Be accountable. Be flexible. Be able, ready and fierce with your art."

Like Van Mechelen, McIntyre arrived at PLU as a transfer student. She graduated with an English literature major,

and a vocal and religion minor. McIntyre's mother, Nancy McIntyre '74, also graduated with a degree in education from PLU. After teaching in various places around the country, McIntyre now teaches theater arts in the Seattle Public School District to middle school and elementary age children.

"I like to say I walked across the stage twice," she laughed. "My mother was pregnant with me when she graduated."

McIntyre auditioned on a whim. "I figured, why not?" she laughed. And she was glad she did.

"It was such an awesome experience, working with so many talented people of color," she said. "It's just like being

at summer camp. Everyone is there with the same interest, and you're not the odd duck anymore."

Before coming to PLU, McIntyre, 36, characterized herself as shy. But the voice lessons and the support here brought her out of her shell. Once she started teaching, she found it difficult to continue to find the cash to pay for voice lessons. But after the "Porgy and Bess" experience, she intends to find the time, and the money to groom her talent.

"I'm going to do whatever I need to do to make this work," she said. "I'd never had the courage to audition before now, but I've awakened this talent, and I'm going to keep going." □

—Barbara Clements

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Kenneth "Wendy" Bastion died June 13. Wendy started his military career with the U.S. Air Force and was stationed in Moses Lake, Wash., Tacoma, Fontainebleau, France, and at the University of Oregon in Eugene, for ROTC duty. Wendy then switched services and became a warrant officer in the U.S. Army. This led to two tours of duty in Vietnam, one in which he received the soldier's Medal of Honor for saving five men from a burning helicopter. Wendy and wife, Karen, opened their first travel agency in 1981, and over the years they expanded to four stores. Wendy is survived by his wife of 54 years, Karen; children, Terry, Sherry and Laurie, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Steve Kelley graduated from Portland State University in 2011, with a master's in Social Work. He is currently working for Fresenius Medical Services in Vancouver, Wash.

1982
Class Representative – **Paul Collard**

Thomas Tadda died May 26. Tom graduated from DePaul University and PLU. He was the controller of Century Steel Erectors. Thomas is survived by his wife of 50 years, Shirley; children George, Geoffrey, Gregory and Garret; ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Caryln (Haney) Roy has been named chief executive officer for TAPCO Credit Union, based in Tacoma. She has led teams that were responsible for branch operations, lending, information services, marketing

and public relations, research and development and compliance.

1983
Class Representative – **Dave Olson**



David Housholder published his first novel called "The Blackberry Bush."

Rebecca (Voelpel) Means has joined Capital Medical Center as director of women's services. She has more than 30 years of nursing and management experience. She previously worked at Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. She is certified in inpatient obstetrics and is a member of the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses, the American Organization of Nurse Executives, and the Institutes for Healthcare Improvement.

Phil Nothstein has written a new book on the policy mistakes of the 1990s, involving terrorism and subprime lending. The book also states why the 21st century was damaged long before it ever began. Go to www.1998usa.com for more information.

Kathy (Solie) Atwood became the chief of police of the Everett Police Department in July. In 2009, she was the recipient of the Law Enforcement Support Award from Snohomish County Domestic Violence Services. She also is

an active member of the Washington Chapter of FBI National Academy Associates serving on the training and finance committees.

1984
Class Representative – **Mark Christofferson**

Debbie (May) Tarry was selected to be the new assistant city manager of Shoreline, Wash. Debbie was the director of the newly created administrative services department in Shoreline. Prior to being named director of administrative services, Debbie served as the finance director for the past 11 years.

1985
Class Representatives – **Janet (Olden) Regge** and **Carolyn (Plocharsky) Stelling**

Kevin (Knudson) Brooks retired after almost 27 years as an elementary school principal. She had a 37-year teaching career in education.

1986
Class Representative – **Vacant**

1987
Class Representatives – **Lisa Ottoson** and **John Carr**

1988
Class Representative – **Brenda Ray Scott**

James Johnson was named the new president and chief executive officer for the Omaha Symphony. Johnson has been the CEO for the New York Pops for more than 10 years. There, he managed the

artistic, human and financial resources for the \$2.5 million, 77-piece orchestra, which performs primarily at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Holly Gunby has been called to the Clinical Pastoral Education residency program at the Portland (Ore.) VA Medical Center after 10 years of ordination, serving two congregations. The CPE residency program is a one-year certification program Gunby hopes to make into a permanent position.

1989
Class Representative – **Brendan Rorem**

Mary (Walker) DeMuth released her 11th book, "The Muir House," a novel (Zondervan, a division of Harper Collins).

Susan Scott recently began full-time work as an instructional specialist at The ARK Institute of Learning in Tacoma. She is training to become an educational therapist.

Sandra (Brophy) Cochran was recently named the new president and CEO, and a director of the board, for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.

1990
Class Representative - **Erik Benson** and **Mark Kurtz**

Judith (Boes) Miller died August 8. Judy worked for the Bethel School District as a devoted special education teacher of pre-school aged children. She demonstrated her passion for teaching through

Picture Perfect



Laure Liska, Cindy (Soderman '81) Brazel, Lisa (Brekke '81) Martin and Becky (Babington '81) Anderson shown here in Lake Oswego, Ore., were on their way to Cannon Beach for a fun four-day weekend. The former Pflugger residents (along with **Kim Amburgy '81**, who has since passed away) have enjoyed a reunion with each other every summer for the past 14 years.



Graduates Katie Bray '09, Heather Brook '09 and Caroline O'Connell '09 have volunteered with Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters). NPH is an international organization that serves children. Katie just finished a year of service in Guatemala. Heather and Caroline are currently volunteering in Honduras.



Former roommates **Kayleen (Graham '90) Hetrick, Lori Messenger '91, Erika Somm '91 and Amy Drackert '90**, met at Holden Village, Wash., in July. They've kept in touch individually, but hadn't been together in one place since graduation. A great Lute reunion!



PLU alumni graduated June 4 from the University of Washington School of Dentistry with degrees of doctor of dental surgery. Pictured left to right are **Matthew Griffith '06, Keane Lindblad '07, Maureen Craig '06 and Daniel Seetin '06**. They are pictured here with beloved instructor **J. Martin Anderson '60**.

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coached basketball, football, fast pitch and baseball. From the time he was he was a small child he loved to sing and had a beautiful voice. Bryan worked for the city of Puyallup at the Recreation Center for the past 21 years. He is survived by his parents, Don and Cindy Schill.



Kelly (Smith) Chambers is being honored one of the Business Examiner's "40 Under Forty."

The program recognizes outstanding South Sound business and community leaders under the age of 40. Chambers owns and operates Visiting Angels, a private duty home agency with offices in Tacoma, Olympia and Oregon. In addition, Kelly owns and operates Lomcevak Properties, and is president of the board of Health Care Provider's Council in Pierce County. Kelly lives in Puyallup, Wash., with her husband, Jeff Chambers and her daughter Ashton.

2000

Class Representative – **Ashley Orr**

Shaun and Lena (Tibbelin) Buhre moved to London, England, in order to be a little closer to Lena's family in Sweden. They arrived to London just in time to see the riots from a safe distance before settling into their new home near the Thames River. Shaun continues to work at Russell Investment, accepting a transfer from the Seattle office to the London office, while Lena will be a stay-at-home mum (mom), exploring the city with youngest son, Jonatan (2), while the older kids, Mattias (9) and Hailey (7) will attend Swedish school.



Greg Allen-Pickett is a second-year student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

(APTS), and is seeking ordination in the Presbyterian Church. Greg is a Jean Brown Fellow at APTS and also received the Ministry Fellowship from the Fund for Theological Education. **Jessica (Allen)** finished her master's degree in educational administrative leadership and policy studies from the University of Colorado, and worked as an assistant principal at her high school before taking some time off to raise their daughter who was born in December 2009.

Joy Barber recently joined the faculty of Montana State University Billings College of Technology as a full-time, tenure-track writing instructor. She will be teaching freshman composition to students seeking two-year and transfer degrees, as well as professional/technical writing to students enrolled in professional certificate programs.

2001

Class Representative – **Brianne (McQuaig) Vetrees** and **Michael Mauss**

Matt Whitten was selected to be the new Geneva Elementary School (Bellingham, Wash.), principal. Matt was the principal of Concrete (Wash.) Elementary School since 2007.

Jennifer (Mize) Wisseman is serving as head nurse at the post-partum unit at the Madigan Army Medical Center. In 2010 she received the AWOHNN Junior Nurse of the Year award.

2002

Class Representatives – **Nicholas Gorne** and **Brian Riels**



Jill (Nyegaard) McMullen married Chad McMullen Feb. 19 in University Place, Wash. Lutes in the wed-

ding included **Karin Nyegaard '04**, **Mary Jo Larson '02**, **Fritz Kilcrease '03** and **Kelley Brandt '02**. **Sara Woldbrecht '01** officiated while **Jason Bendickson '03**, **Sean Bendickson '03**, Aaron Bendickson and Elizabeth Damico (former Campus Ministry Music Coordinator) provided the music. Parents of the groom are **Michael McMullen '68** and **Nancy (Sachs) McMullen '70**.

Jessica (McFarland) Davey married Sean Davey July 26 on the General Jackson Showboat in Nashville, Tenn.

Kevin Rupprecht is the new assistant principal at the Lakewood (Wash.) Career Academy for the Clover Park School District.

2003

Class Representative – **Elisabeth (Pynn) Himmelman**

Alex Miller will be the interim executive director of Equality North Carolina.

2004

Class Representative – **Tammy Lynn Schaps**

Jason Brandt will serve as the chief executive officer for the Salem (Ore.) Area Chamber of Commerce. Brandt has been with the chamber seven years in a variety of roles.

Matthew Ferguson married Michelle (Miller) Ferguson Dec. 19, 2010 in Las Vegas, Nev. Lutes in the wedding were **Pat Munson '04**, best man, **Brett Priest '04**, groomsman, **Mary (Diment '74) Ferguson**, mother, **Frank Ferguson '74**, father. Family and friends in attendance were **Carrie (Pearson '44) Ferguson**, **Nancy (Diment '76) Herold**, **Solveig (Berg) Munson '04**, **Jesse Hull '11**, **Jordan Davison '11**, **Blake Gorle '11**,



Tom '78 and Holly Buskirk
Keeping PLU's unique
spirit of service alive

As a longtime pilot for FedEx, Tom Buskirk '78 considers his profession a technical one. But that doesn't mean he doesn't value a liberal arts education, or the idea that a university should encourage its students to serve others.

"It's important for students to get high quality education – particularly in the liberal arts," Tom said. "It teaches you to view the world in a totally different way.

"PLU students are expected to care for and serve others," he added. "That was true when I was there, and it seems to be even more true today."

Judging by his and Holly's own pursuits in their home of Anchorage, Alaska, they live this conviction.

Buskirk is the former president of the Anchorage chapter of Habitat for Humanity, where he initiated the state's first corporate-sponsored home, now a model for the non-profit. Over the years, he has organized FedEx pilots to participate in what has become a yearly tradition in Anchorage – Special Olympics competitions, Alpine Skiing, and Christmastime visits from uniformed pilots – and Santa – for hospitalized children.

The couple has also been instrumental in the local arts community, raising money for performing arts groups. He and Holly have also sponsored several students as part of AFS Intercultural Programs, and Holly has spent years involved with the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and as the Alaska Synod treasurer.

Tom and Holly bring that same spirit of giving to PLU. They are Q Club Fellows, and have supported important construction projects on campus, including the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Xavier Hall and Morken Center.

By supporting PLU students directly through gifts to Q Club, or indirectly through capital projects, Tom knows the unique spirit of service he loved so much as a student will continue for future generations.

"PLU was a great place when I was there, and it seems to be an even greater place now," he said. "I think that has to do with the alumni, and all the people who continue to be involved in the university, even after they graduate – it is part of what makes PLU such a great place."

—Steve Hansen

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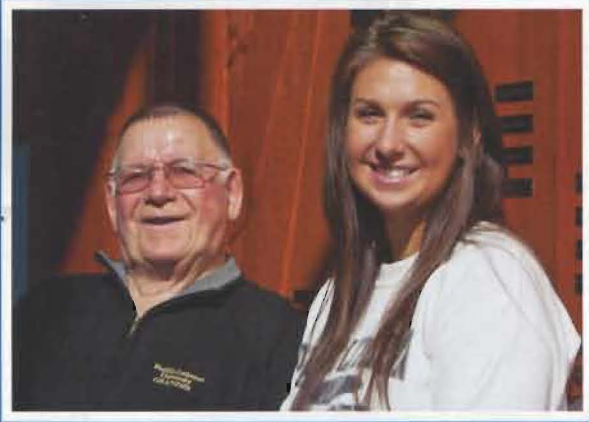
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David Wytko '65 Helping students who take a non-traditional path to college

For David Wytko '65, it's all about giving back, and helping out, much in the same way he was assisted in the 1960s as a returning student to Pacific Lutheran University.

"PLU opened up the world for me," said the retired school teacher and counselor, who lives in Buckley, Wash. "Without PLU, I never would have been able to do the things I've done."

Wytko, 81, is a long time Q Club donor and also gives to PLU through his IRA. He recently funded an endowed scholarship in honor of his wife, Shirley, who died in 2009. The scholarship is targeted at returning students who have decided to pursue their college degree after spending time in the workplace.

Wytko graduated in 1948 from Buckley High School – now renamed White River High School – and then spent a decade in the workplace before deciding to go back to college in 1958. His first stop was another college, but he couldn't find a good counselor and struggled with classes, so he quit. A Lute friend suggested he check out PLU. Once on campus, he easily found a professor to talk to – Rev. Milton Nesvig '35. The athletic director also dropped by and tried to recruit him for the football team. "They all made me feel so at home, and when I come back here, I feel at home again," he said on a recent visit to campus.

Wytko graduated with a bachelor's in education from PLU in 1965. He started his 25-year career as an elementary and middle school teacher, and later came back to earn a master's degree in social science. He finished his career as a high school counselor for the White River School District in Buckley.

His legacy at PLU continues through his granddaughter, Maria Wytko '12, who will graduate with a degree in biology next spring.

"When I look back at PLU, I'm sort of in awe at how many people helped me," he said. "I couldn't have done it without their support and the support of my wife. It's the best thing that could have happened to me."

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David '74 and Margaret '74 Greenwood Gifts, large and small, help advance the university

David and Margaret Greenwood consider giving to Pacific Lutheran University a "no brainer."

"It seems to us both interesting and important," said David Greenwood, president and CEO of Geron Corp., a biotechnology company located in Menlo Park, Calif.

The couple has given generously to Q Club and Lute Club, donated \$50,000 to the Morken Center for Learning and Technology, helped renovate Xavier Hall, and have pledged \$100,000 for the new synthetic turf lighted fields.

Restoring historic buildings, such as Xavier, as well as building new structures, such as Morken, all enhance the prestige of Pacific Lutheran University as a campus. And high tech and beautiful buildings attract high-caliber professors, he said.

"Great facilities are key to attracting the right students and the right professors," said Greenwood '74 who played football at PLU, and majored in political science. He received his MBA from Harvard Business School. Margaret '74, is a nursing alumna. Both David and Margaret are part of the Campaign Leadership Committee. David served as a regent and chair of the regents' advancement committee until May of this year.

Annual Goals for Q Club (\$2.35 million) and Lute Club (\$200,000) may seem small when compared to million-dollar building budgets, but in fact, for PLU students, these grants are significant.

Lute Club also helps support student athletes and pays for trips to tournaments. When the football team comes to California, to play nearby, the Greenwoods try to attend a party to gather local Lutes together with the travelling team. The team notices the good wishes and warmth from the alumni, he said.

"Athletics, whether varsity or intramural, is important," Greenwood said. "Every student should have some play time."

Scholarships like Q Club, Lute Club are important, said Greenwood. "This support might make the difference on whether these students attend (college) or not."

It's key that alums give each year to these programs, even if it's only a small amount, Greenwood said. "It helps people feel close to the school when they participate," he said. "It's a way to stay connected, and that serves a purpose too."

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Shane and Barb Jibben Scholarship aims to continue the memory of a compassionate student

By endowing a scholarship in the name of their son, Mathew Jibbensmith '03, Shane and Barb Jibben hope to open a world of possibility for other PLU students.

"We want the student recipients to have the freedom to do the things that Mathew got to do," Barb said.



Mathew Jibbensmith '03

Mathew died in the September of 2009 while taking part in the Mount Hood Trail Marathon with his wife. He had passed the bar exam and was set to start work at a law firm in Seattle. While on the trail, he was stung by a bee and went into anaphylactic shock. It took the paramedics roughly an hour to get to him, but by that time it was too late.

"This kind of stuff doesn't happen," Shane said. "As we try to put our lives together and go forward, we, of course, want our son to live on."

On a path to healing, Shane and Barb decided a good way to keep Mathew's memory and ideals alive, was funding an endowed scholarship at PLU.

"We really saw him become the man he was at PLU," Shane said.

While at PLU, Mathew had the opportunity to study away in Namibia. It gave him a chance first-hand to see a new nation – Namibia had only recently become a country – struggle with issues he was learning in the classroom.

"Those were things that were truly life-changing for Mathew," Barb said. "If we can help in any way for another student to have those opportunities, we want to."

It's why the Jibbens have decided to fund the award each year, until the endowed scholarship is able to sustain itself.

The Jibbens hope a little of Mathew rubs off on the student when they read the biography of the scholarship they are receiving, she said. "It's our hope the recipient is going to look at his bio and go, 'wow, I'm honored,'" Barb said.

"I think the more compassionate we can be and the more understanding we can be are really the keys that will carry us on," Shane added. "And that's what Mathew was. He was always the humanist. He was always compassionate."

—Chris Albert

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Steve Maxwell '90 Key Bank supports PLU's community leadership and quality education

Supporting leaders in the community who are developing quality employees is something Key Bank values, said Steve Maxwell '90, president of the South Puget Sound District for Key Bank.

"It aligns with our vision and our support," he said.

More than that, Maxwell looks back at his time at PLU and remembers an institution that prepared him for a career in banking.

It's exciting to see a commitment to growth, not just facility-wise, but program-wise, as well, he said.

"I had a great experience there, but it's a different experience than the one students are now having, because I believe the school has done a good job of growing and evolving as the world changes," Maxwell said.

Facility improvements have been numerous, but also within programs like the School of Business there has been an investment in courses like international studies, which is so vital in the world today, he said.

Key Bank has supported an endowed scholarship fund that has grown to \$200,000. In 2010, the bank supported a corporate match of a Q Club scholarship drive and was a co-sponsor of the 50th Anniversary of the School of Business.

As a region, Pierce County has to support its institutions of higher education to not only develop quality future employees, but also attract people of thought from other regions to the area, Maxwell said.

"It supports the employment base in Pierce County," he said.

Key Bank supports PLU because it is a leader in the community, educating students to be leaders of tomorrow.

"I see a very connected school," Maxwell said. "I'm impressed with the network. Someone from PLU is at every community event I go to."

Building relationships is a tool he took away from PLU, as vital in developing his own career. After all when it comes down to it banking is about building strong relationships – a core value Key Bank and PLU have in common.

—Chris Albert



Laura '74, '79 and Mark Polcyn Through personal experience, an empathy for transfer students

When Laura Polcyn '74, '79 arrived at PLU as a transfer student in the business program, she had saved enough money from two years of full-time work to afford PLU.

This experience made her value her PLU education all the more, and instilled an empathy for students who want to come to PLU, but may face financial hurdles to afford any college education.

That's why, almost 40 years later, Polcyn and husband, Mark, have decided to leave money in their will to create a scholarship to aid transfer students entering the School of Business.

"It's important to focus on scholarships and help meet the needs of students," said Polcyn, associate dean of graduate studies at PLU. "This is one way you can support the university mission."

Laura Polcyn's interest in business scholarships – the couple has also donated to the Morken Center and the School of Business – comes from earning her BBA and MBA here. (Her EdD is from Seattle University.) She worked in the School of Business for 20 years, including becoming the associate dean, and also served during her PLU tenure as vice president for admissions. She now works as the associate dean of graduate studies and special academic programs.

"Supporting endowed scholarship programs is one the best ways to make a PLU education accessible," Polcyn said. Polcyn has a special spot in her heart for transfer students, as she was one herself, transferring from Tacoma Community College to finish her degree at PLU.

Both are also interested in athletics, and have supported Lute Club as well as making generous donations to Q Club. Mark Polcyn works in construction, and also referees high school and college basketball. The couple has lived in Lakewood, Wash., since 1985 and is fond of travel, spending time at their house on the north tip of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, and lavishing attention on their four basenji dogs.

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Chemistry is, after all, how the building blocks of nature go together to form, well, *everything*.

Lytle deliberately emphasizes that students know more about chemistry than they think. Like cooks, chemists choose and measure ingredients, modify recipes, adjust cooking times and temperatures, and test the end results. Constructing and deconstructing food is chemistry.

"It is a way to tone down the science and make it accessible."

For instance, anyone who stops by his office is likely to get a noseful.

Lytle likes to get his guests to sniff two different molecules built from two isoprene molecules each – pinene and limonene. At the molecular level pinene and limonene are almost identical, except for the fact that their building blocks connect to each other in slightly different ways. The results are molecules that are structurally similar, but their scent is radically different: Pinene and limonene

smell like pine and citrus.

"Nature is using the same building blocks, but in slightly different configurations," he said.

This type of instruction doesn't just happen in the chemistry classrooms of Rieke Science Center. It is also happening in PLU's dining commons. Four years ago, Lytle started the "Chemistry of Food" series with Erica Fickeisen, lead baker with PLU's Dining and Culinary Services.

Lytle, Fickeisen, and Dining and Culinary Services have joined together to create fun, informative sessions – open to the entire campus – that look at the chemistry of different foods, like cheese, chocolate, spices and bread.

Take chocolate, for instance. Lytle and Fickeisen deconstruct chocolate into its many components – one of which is a key ingredient in nail polish remover – and they demonstrate how slight differences in the origin of the cacao beans, or even the processing


temperature, change the mouth feel and flavor of the chocolate.

Students aren't the only ones who learn during these demonstrations. Lytle found he enjoyed chocolate even more after learning about how subtly complex it is.

"It's so much more rich than I thought," he said. "One more reason I love chocolate."

The sessions can be quite a challenge to put on, but Lytle and Fickeisen really love how the enjoyment of food makes chemistry more palatable.

Lytle credits Fickeisen and PLU's Dining Services with coming up with some delicious foods as culinary examples for the talks. "Erica and Dining Services are my partners in crime," Lytle said. "It's a real labor of love. It's absolutely a lot of work, but when we pull it off, it's really something special."

He's not sure what's next on the menu, but that's the fun of it. The recipe is always changing. 

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Christopher joins his big brother Patrick, 4. Christopher and Patrick's godparents included fellow Lutes **Kristin Wascher-Phelps '95** and **Mason Phelps '94**.

1998



Eric Moody and wife, **Makyla (Miller)**, announce the birth of their first son, **Seamus John**, on Nov. 29, 2010.

1999

Matt Iseri and wife, **Shauna**, welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Alice Rose**, on June 6. Alice joins big sister **Matti**, 3.

Abby Wigstrom-Carlson and husband, **Danny Carlson '98**, welcomed the birth of their son, **Leif Daniel** on June 29.

2000



Leif Hatlen and wife, **Jill (Wilmovsky '02)**, welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Kaia Rane**, on April 20. Kaia joins big brother **Gunnar**, 3.



Tharen (Michael) Inverso and husband, **Chris Inverso '01**, welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Macy Siri**, 5, and **Elise**, 3.



Shayna (Cusack) Hamilton and husband, **Maco**, welcomed the birth of their son, **Kyrie**, on April 1. Kyrie joins big sister **Mia**, 3.

2002



on December 19, 2010.

Megan (O'Brien) Nelson and husband, **Greg Nelson**, announce the birth of their son, **Scott Makana**.



Mount Vernon, Wash.

John Burke and wife, **Heidi**, welcomed the birth of their son, **John Thomas**, on July 20. The family lives in


2003



July 4. The family lives in Shoreline, Wash.

Chris and Amanda (Melybe) Egge welcomed the birth of their daughter, **Pia Addilyn Egge**, on



currently working as a health teacher in the Camas (Wash.) School District. 

Shannon (Fritzke) Cotton and husband, **Ryan**, welcomed the birth of their son, **Nathan**, on April 5. Shannon is

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ment to Lutheran Higher Education and a passionate enthusiasm for everything PLU. So it has always been the case that MaryAnn has been my number one confidant and supporter. Working together on behalf of PLU and our students has been a joy, a great privilege really!

But way beyond that, MaryAnn has built her own very substantial list of accomplishments at PLU. For example, she understands so very well that a strong sense of community is vital to a place like PLU. So she has led the way in using the Gonyea House as a com-

munity builder with students, faculty and staff, with regents and donors, and with members of the larger community by organizing, managing and hosting more than 100 events a year.

MaryAnn has been a great mentor for countless students and, in particular, the Gonyea Fellows. These are the students who have tended the grounds, catered the events, managed and cared for the Gonyea House, and worked in the president's office. These students have been such an important part of our life and the work of the Gonyea House, this office and the leadership of the institution. In a very important way, and under MaryAnn's caring tutelage, the Fellows have become the face

of the university for everyone who comes to the Gonyea house.

Nordquist: What advice would you give to the campus community, friends of the university, alums about transition to a new president?

Anderson: One of the first things that you learn as an outgoing president is that it is not your role to give advice! So I will not give any advice, but I will express one great hope: that the entire PLU community unite in support of the new president, and extend the same generous support and gracious understanding, the same kindness and friendship that they have extended to the Andersons over the past two decades! [S]

calendar

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November 29, 8 p.m.
Percussion and Steel Pan Ensembles
Lagerquist Concert Hall

DECEMBER

December 1, 5 p.m.
Light Up Red Square!
Red Square, PLU campus

December 1, 8 p.m.
Concert: Sounds of Christmas
Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU

MAGNIFICAT A PLU CHRISTMAS

NOVEMBER 30, 7:30 P.M.
A PLU Christmas: Magnificat
Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Portland

DECEMBER 3, 8 P.M.
A PLU Christmas: Magnificat
Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU

DECEMBER 4, 3 P.M.
A PLU Christmas: Magnificat
Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU

DECEMBER 5, 7:30 P.M.
A PLU Christmas: Magnificat
Benaroya Concert Hall, Seattle

DECEMBER 9, 8 P.M.
A PLU Christmas: Magnificat
Lagerquist Concert Hall, PLU

December 4, 8 p.m.
Harp Ensemble Christmas Concert
MBR 306: Choral Rehearsal Room

December 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Paul Schultz: "Handel the Painter"
Garfield Book Company Community Room

December 10, 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Winterfest 2011
East Campus, PLU

December 13, 6 p.m.
PLU MBA Information Session
Morken Center Public Events Room

December 15, 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Annual Christmas Luncheon
Olson Auditorium, PLU

JANUARY

January 12 & 13, 8 a.m.
Act 6 Event at PLU
University Center

January 23, 10 a.m.
Greg Youtz: "Chinese World View"
Regency Room, University Center

FEBRUARY

February 2, 4:30 – 6 p.m.
MBA New Student Orientation
Morken Center Public Events Room

February 9, 8 p.m.
University Choral Homecoming Concert
Lagerquist Concert Hall

February 9 – 11, 7 p.m.
"The Vagina Monologues"
Karen Hille Phillips Performing
Arts Center

February 12, 3 p.m.
Concert: Cameron Bennett & Friends
Lagerquist Concert Hall

February 18, 8 p.m.
Guitar Faculty Concert, featuring Elizabeth
Brown and Stephen Howard
Lagerquist Concert Hall

February 21, 8 p.m.
Concert, featuring David Deacon-Joyner
and Syd Potter
Lagerquist Concert Hall

February 22, 3:30 p.m.
Visiting Writer Series: Wendy Call
Garfield Book Company Community Room

February 22, 7 p.m.
Visiting Writer Series: Book reading by
Wendy Call
University Center Regency Room

February 23, 7 p.m.
Media Lab: Compassion series
Lagerquist Concert Hall

February 25, 8 p.m.
Concert: Augustana Symphonic Band
Lagerquist Concert Hall

February 28, 8 p.m.
Concert: Camas Wild Quintet
Lagerquist Concert Hall [S]

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one-on-one

The right recipe



Photo by John Froschauer

Erica Fickeisen, lead baker with PLU's Dining and Culinary Services and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Justin Lytle have joined together to create fun, informative sessions – open to the entire campus – that look at the chemistry of different foods, like cheese, chocolate, spices and bread.

The recipe for how Assistant Professor of Chemistry Justin Lytle teaches looks a little like this: Add two-parts enthusiasm and a love of teaching, one-part knowledge of the sciences, and a heaping scoop of passion for the chemistry of food. Then sprinkle in a little dry humor, and mix slowly.

Lytle is not a chef – at least professionally. In fact, at one point in his life, Lytle pursued a path toward becoming a Lutheran pastor before he discovered that teaching chemistry was his true calling. Like the sermons he once envisioned, his lectures reveal an evangelis-

tic zeal for helping others learn chemistry.

After receiving his Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Minnesota, Lytle spent three years at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory assembling nanomaterials – materials that are less than one thousandth of the diameter of a human hair – into powerful state-of-the-art lithium ion batteries. Here at PLU, he continues to use nanomaterials to store energy in flexible and lightweight paper electrodes. Throughout his career he's worked with more than 20 students on student-faculty research projects.

Lytle's true calling is sharing his passion for the sciences with students. His teaching philosophy is that chemistry doesn't have to be intimidating. It can and should be fun and engaging.

And tasty.

"Chemistry is so scary for a lot of college students," Lytle said. "I want my students to say 'I enjoy what I'm learning and I can do anything that I put my mind to.'"

In food, he sees a way for his students to relate cooking to its most basic level – the chemical makeup of food.

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