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Kresge grant provides computer links, lab equipment

Computer networking in Rieke, Memorial Gym and the math and computer science building is a part of PLU's future thanks to a grant from the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich. In addition to creating campus and Internet computer links, the \$250,000 grant will also provide computers for Rieke's open lab and resource center, and for computer science, engineering and math; microscopes for biology; a global positioning system for geosciences; and interface boards and mechanics equipment for physics.

Still remaining is the task of raising \$1 million by Nov. 1, 1997, for an equipment endowment, to which Kresge will add another \$250,000. "The endowment will provide stable funding for updated lab and classroom equipment for future generations," said Sheri Tonn, dean of the division of natural sciences. Jerold Armstrong '60, CEO of UIC Inc (a chemical instrumentation company), will chair the fund-raising effort, with Drew Nelson '81, who is involved with high-tech sales and equipment, serving as vice chair.

For more information on how to be a part of the Science Equipment Endowment Challenge, call Faye Anderson, director of corporate and foundation relations, 206-535-7422.

In other grant news, Rick Spillman, engineering professor, received a \$13,700 grant of computer software and hardware from Xilinx University Program in San Jose. The software and hardware will interface with the Mentor Graphics software received earlier last year, and will allow Spillman and his department to create the equivalent of Very Large Scale Integrated chips. These VLSI chips can contain 10,000 to 1 million transistors on one chip.

Nearly 1,000 turn out to hear Thor Heyerdahl



Thor Heyerdahl almost drowned — not once but twice — when he was young. His father said he didn't think he'd ever learn to swim.

Not only did Heyerdahl learn to swim, he crossed major stretches of open water in an untested raft made of balsa logs — the famous Kon-Tiki voyage. Heyerdahl, now a well-known anthropologist, archaeologist, author and explorer, hoped to demonstrate the possibility of aboriginal South American voyages to the Pacific islands. While such a voyage could not prove that ancient South Americans visited the South Pacific, it did open many minds in the closed scientific community.

Nearly 1,000 people from a several-state radius came to PLU in October to hear Heyerdahl talk about this famous voyage and to receive a President's Medal for an extraordinary lifetime of achievement. The crowd gave Heyerdahl a standing ovation after President Loren Anderson bestowed the award. This was Heyerdahl's second visit to PLU. In 1966, he received a PLU Distinguished Service Award.

After the lecture Heyerdahl spent two hours signing books. PLU faculty member Don Ryan '79 was responsible for bringing Heyerdahl to campus. Ryan — a celebrated archaeologist and childhood fan of the famous explorer — is working with the 82-year-old Heyerdahl on a revision of the first book about the Kon-Tiki expedition.

PLU ranks high among western schools

PLU was ranked number nine among the best regional universities of the West by a U.S. News and World Report survey, up from number 15 last year.

The magazine also listed best university values, of which PLU was number 15 in the West. Values were calculated using both the stated or "sticker" price (tuition, room, board and fees) and the discounted price (expenses minus the average of need-based grants).

PLU is the only Northwest school to be listed in all U.S. News "Best College" surveys since they began in 1983.



KPLU named Jazz Station of the Year

KPLU 88.5 was named Jazz Station of the Year by the National Association of Broadcasters in the Marconi Radio Awards competition. The station was chosen from five finalists with jazz formats.

The award is the second the station brings home for its 30th anniversary, having also won a special award for commitment to daily news from the Public Radio News Directors Incorporated earlier this year.



KPLU staff members display the station's Marconi Award. FROM LEFT, Director and Programming Assistant Roger Johnson, General Manager Martin Neeb and Assistant Program Director Joey Cohn.

Johnson to head national board

Roger Johnson, KPLU director and programming assistant, was elected chair of the board of directors of the Public Radio Program Directors, a national organization that seeks to improve the quality of public radio programming. The election was held at a PRPD conference in New Orleans.

PLU professor emeritus Burton Ostenson dies



Burton Ostenson, professor *emeritus*, died on Sept. 27 at the age of 84 from Parkinson's disease. Ostenson spent 42 years at PLU, during which time he developed curricula in field biology and ecology, and instructed a variety of biology classes. He served as the chair of the departments of biology, general science, and earth science. His students may remember him best for his popular summer class on the natural history of the Pacific Northwest.

Ostenson was born in Elbow Lake, Minn., and received a bachelor of science degree from Luther College, and a master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. During World War II he served as a communications officer in the Navy. Memorials may be made to the Burton Ostenson Natural History Museum at PLU or to the Tacoma Zoological Society.

President Anderson knighted by Norway

The Norwegian consul general, Hans Ola Urstad, knighted PLU President Loren Anderson in a simple ceremony on campus on Sept. 13. By order of His Majesty King Harald V of Norway, Anderson was appointed Knight of the First Order of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit. Anderson is only the sixth person from Washington state to be knighted by Norway, an honor that rewards those who demonstrate outstanding service to Norway. The knighthood highlights his varied works on behalf of Norwegian interests and PLU.

PLU finances securely in the black

The (Tacoma) News Tribune reported on Sept. 5 that PLU has eliminated \$4.3 million in operating deficits four years ahead of schedule, bringing its finances well into the black, according to President Loren Anderson.

In the article, Anderson also said that fund-raising success to date of the *Make a Lasting Difference* campaign has enabled the university to refinance its long-term debt and save about \$360,000 a year in interest payments.

Educate students to be citizens, national expert says



Benjamin Barber

A push to focus on preparing students for careers instead of on becoming citizens has put our American democracy in trouble, said Benjamin Barber, a Rutgers University professor and national expert on higher education. Barber addressed PLU faculty and staff in September at the university's third annual fall conference. "Historically we knew for a democracy to work we needed citizens, and citizens were made and educated, not born," he said.

"Today we think you're just born to be a citizen, but citizens need to be trained."

Named by Newsweek as one of an influential circle of advisers to President Clinton, Barber created a local education-based community-service program that was used as a model for AmeriCorps.

Barber emphasized that 19th-century schools had the central function of preparing students for life in a democratic society, including teaching them their responsibilities as well as rights as citizens. In the 20th century, however, schools look more toward careers for students, resulting in many apathetic and cynical young people with their backs turned on public life.

Instead, Barber said, colleges and universities need to teach students the basic skills of citizenship: to understand the importance of differences, to listen and communicate and to use their imaginations to empathize with others, and to look to themselves to help solve society's problems.

New Works by PLU Faculty

Art professor **BEA GELLER** was selected to participate in three national exhibitions. Her work will be shown at "Within and Without—The Intimate Moment" at Muskingam College in New Concord, Conn., at "The 31st National Exhibition" at the San Bernardino County Museum in Redlands, Calif. and at "Body Language" at the SOHO Gallery in Pensacola, Florida.

CHARLES BERGMAN, PLU English professor, wrote "Orion's Legacy: A Cultural History of Man as Hunter," published by Dutton, a division of Penguin Books. Bergman's book uses the mythic Orion along with personal experience to explore the role of hunter in modern male identity.

CHRIS BROWNING, PLU history professor, wrote "Human Nature, Culture, and the Holocaust," an essay exploring the human nature of the perpetrators of the Holocaust, which was published on the back page of the Oct. 18 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Browning is on sabbatical, serving as a senior scholar-in-residence at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

First summer commencement is a shining success

The sun was high and bright above PLU's first ever outdoor commencement ceremony on Foss Field in August. Under blue skies and against the backdrop of Rieke Science Center, PLU awarded 103 bachelor's and 72 master's degrees. Because of the day's success and with a little more luck in weather, the university may try to hold future summer graduations outdoors.

Swenson receives university service award



Service to Fulbright scholar candidates and language students has been a focus of Rodney Swenson, German professor, in his 28 years at PLU. For this commitment, expanding PLU's international horizons and the opportunities available to students, Swenson received the Distinguished Faculty Service Award in September.

Swenson joined the university faculty in 1968, and since has taught students at all levels of language study and invested effort and creative energy in teaching English to international students. In addition, Swenson has served as Fulbright adviser, shepherding the application process for Fulbright scholarships. Since 1975, 40 PLU students and graduates have earned the prestigious award, an unusually high number from a school of PLU's size.

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Higher Education Day informs legislative candidates

BY KAI NELSON '96

Gov. Mike Lowry declared Oct. 10 "Higher Education Day" in the state of Washington. In Pierce County, the day was marked with a legislative candidates' forum on the subject of higher education.

PLU President Loren Anderson spoke to the candidates on behalf of Washington's 10 private colleges and universities. He noted that — though independently funded — private higher education serves the public interest. He shared three main ideas:

- Higher education must provide more opportunities for Washington's citizens to secure a four-year degree. Currently, Washington ranks near the bottom in the nation when it comes to *per capita* enrollments in four-year degree programs. Over the next 15 years, some forecasters predict as many as 84,000 additional people will be seeking access to higher education in the state of Washington.
- In addressing this access challenge, Anderson urged policy makers to view private colleges and universities as part of a

solution. State-funded and independent schools are interdependent. For example, PLU enrolls about 300 transfer students each year, primarily from the community colleges; PLU alumni enroll in the University of Washington's graduate programs more than at any other school; and collectively, PLU faculty hold more UW degrees than from any other university.

- Strong state financial aid programs encourage both student access and choice. With the support of financial aid programs, Washington residents can choose to attend independent colleges or universities. In 1995, about 800 PLU students with family incomes below \$25,000 were awarded state-funded financial aid that helped enable them to attend PLU. Expanding Educational Opportunity Grants, State Need Grants and State Work Study programs will create additional opportunities for students in need.

Pierce County's Higher Education Day was sponsored by The (Tacoma) News Tribune.

Did you know...

Independent higher education in Washington

- is made up of 10 colleges and universities, including PLU
- enrolls more than 28,000 students annually, representing 23.2 percent of Washington's four-year students
- last year awarded
 - 30 percent of Washington's business degrees,
 - 40 percent of Washington's teaching-education degrees, and
 - 37 percent of Washington's computer science degrees
- awards 32 percent of graduate and 47 percent of professional degrees in Washington
- enrolls 70 percent of its students from the state

Music center funds provide for completion

Major and unexpected funding was received and plans are being finalized for the construction of Mary Baker Russell Music Center — Phase II.



Phase II of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center will add wings on the east side of the current structure. This model was created by the building's architect, Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership.

Phase II will include instrumental and choral rehearsal facilities, faculty offices and teaching studios, practice rooms, and administrative space. Construction for the \$3 million project is scheduled to begin in February, with a completion target of November 1997.

"Several months ago, Mary Baker Russell initiated a major gift to the university as a first step toward funding the second phase of our music center. Now I am pleased and humbled to report that Mrs. Russell has made a second major commitment in support of Phase II," said PLU President Loren Anderson.

These gifts, when supplemented by a limited number of smaller yet very significant contributions (some completed and others under development) and a portion of the university's capital funds (secured as a part of our long-term debt refinancing), are sufficient to fully fund the \$3 million Phase II project, including all equipment and furnishings.

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What's in a Middle Name?

Imagine a colorful quilt, one with bright patches of fabric lovingly stitched together by many hands. It's strong. It's warm. It's been passed down from generation to generation. Some days it's a magic carpet that soars through the sky propelled by a child's imagination. On another day, the quilt wards off the bone-chilling cold of a winter's night.

Lutheranism is a quilt of many colors. It's large enough to wrap around everyone and it's as freeing as a magic carpet ride.

The following patchwork essay is a quilt of ideas, feelings, impressions and personal beliefs about Pacific Lutheran University's middle name.

"Pacific" says where we are. "University" says what we are. "Lutheran" says who we are. The word Lutheran gives us our heritage, our commitment to God, our sense of being and our service to others.

FRANK JOHNSON '66, TEACHER

In a world where people are on the move and often without a sense of permanence, it is exciting to be connected to a place that has strong ground in the middle. Lutheran in the middle means there is a special story to tell and a wonderful gift to be claimed.

KATHY EDLUND '64, MASTER TEACHER/LITERACY, TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT

After two years at PLU, and especially after participating in last summer's ELCA-sponsored "Vocation of the Lutheran College" conference at Augsburg College, I have become more aware of what Lutheranism is and how it is, or might be, embodied at PLU.

Luther and Lutheranism, as I understand them, offer an academic institution like PLU more than a basis for theological reflection. They also offer a dynamic model of inequity—of radical questioning—that, if embraced, can only strengthen PLU's growing reputation for academic excellence. It is perhaps because I am not Lutheran and because of my research interests (I teach Spanish, Latin America literature and Latino studies) that the intellectual legacy of the Lutheran faith tradition captures my imagination. The tradition encourages inquiry and exploration. These in turn yield a space or spaces for the challenge of, for example, a Latin American perspective or a feminist perspective. The promise of this kind of inclusiveness combined with an understanding that the life of the mind is part and parcel of the faith journey (if there is a faith journey) and not anathema to it, finally, have eased any qualms I may have had about teaching in a church-affiliated university.

TAMARA WILLIAMS, PLU ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Ten marks of a Lutheran college

What makes our ELCA institutions of higher learning authentically Lutheran? We concluded that there were at least 10 characteristics (not in order of importance) that our Lutheran schools share:

1. Educating the whole person — body, mind and spirit.
2. Providing tools for critical inquiry.
3. Contributing to a strong sense of community.
4. Encouraging diversity and welcoming all voices to be in dialogue.
5. Affirming our Lutheran identity and tradition.
6. Instilling in students a sense of calling: a vocation of service to God and others.
7. Offering a gospel orientation that is both self affirming and world affirming.
8. Focusing on the human condition.
9. Teaching with a global perspective.
10. Believing that religion (issues of faith and values) is a part of a complete liberal arts education.

Answers from a conference for faculty from the 28 ELCA colleges and universities held in August at Augsburg College in Minneapolis, compiled by Rev. Richard Rouse, PLU director of church relations.

As in most western family names, the last, or surname, places one in a particular family: PLU is a university as opposed to a college, a health spa or a fast food outlet. The first name sets one apart from others with similar last names: brothers and sisters rarely have the same first name (George Foreman's sons all named George excluded). The middle name tends to convey an admiration or respect for the past, often reflected by use of the middle name to recall an important former family member. Here, the "Lutheran" in Pacific Lutheran University proudly shows the respect the founders had for our Lutheran traditions, heritage and glory.

DAVID JOHNSON '74, COLLEGE ADMINISTRATOR

I was a little frightened about my daughter going off to college, but because of this school's middle name, I felt a little better, because I believed there would be values in that institution that I understood and shared and could trust.

I knew the approach of Lutherans to education and learning and truth, which meant there would be no quick answers to life's greatest questions, a freedom to explore truth and a value on good scholarship.

I knew in that middle name there was a respect and care for the individual and I surely wanted to have that security.

DR. KEITH SWENSON '64,'68, PASTOR, TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

As a reporter at KPLU, it's not uncommon for me to be asked about the relationship between our radio station and our university. Some think we must be a religious broadcaster, or that we at least report news from "a Lutheran perspective." While we are not a religious radio station — we're one of the country's leading National Public Radio stations, both in news and jazz, with a professional staff of about 30 — the middle name of "Lutheran" is an important description of what we do. Just as Pacific Lutheran University strives to serve its community through excellence, we at KPLU do the same. Our station, just like our university, serves more than an exclusively Lutheran community. Each of us, however, through our pursuit of our own missions, strives to bring to our work some very "Lutheran" principles: integrity, purpose, inquisitiveness, honesty, balance and moral value. Although I am not a Lutheran, I believe our shared Lutheran heritage enriches our lives and our place in this world by requiring that we bring to our shared work and to our individual lives a strong sense of meaning and an equally strong sense of relevance.

STEVE KRUEGER, KPLU REPORTER

It means grace, the kind we receive and the kind we offer.

I took 10 years to understand this, because I was raised Lutheran in small-town Indiana among second-generation Germans. My raising had as much to do with grace as a hog does with a Bible. In consequence, as an adult I avoided churches, preachers and organized religions with all the vigor of David Hume who once wrote, "At its inception our holy Christian religion was attended by miracles, and to this day cannot be believed without one." Lutheranism, together with all other Christian religions, seemed not Christian, but a mere retelling of the Old Testament; the retelling covered with a coating of saccharin.

Religion did not teach me to avoid God. It taught me to avoid preachers.

By the time I arrived at PLU 11 years ago, God and I were in agreement. I understood the gift of grace which truly does offer a peace that passes all understanding. I understood giving the gift of grace, because that happens often enough in classrooms.

I had yet to learn that religion operates on levels beyond dogma, and that great value lies in the spirit of congregations.

PLU was a congregation of the religious, irreligious and undecided; but a congregation nonetheless. It held religious tenets as one reason for its existence, and education as a primary reason. It lived, for me, as a small and exceedingly precious world in the midst of chaos. No teacher, any where at any time, was ever gifted with a greater sense of purpose by the simple fact of surroundings.

I actually enjoyed the noise of planes from McChord. In the classroom, while waiting for the sound of jets to move away, I'd take great pleasure in knowing we were all doing our jobs. The folks flying the planes worked on behalf of their belief of protecting the nation. I worked on behalf of my belief in protecting the nation. Yin and Yang, the Yogi and the Commissar, the Old Testament and Jesus: the notion of the balance of opposites began to make sense.

It made sense because of the power of congregation as expressed at PLU. That power is roughly the same as the power once owned by the extended family. When I arrived, faculty, students, administrators and staff would have been amazed to find themselves treated other than family. As in most extended families there was bickering. A few folks were in need of an extended family's grace. They needed to learn of unmerited assistance as they went through periods of growth. "Home," Robert Frost wrote, "is where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in."

Grace is one mark of a university, or should be. It's a mark that far exceeds any call for tolerance. It's also a mark of a religion wisely used; a recognition that religion is only a vehicle ridden toward understanding, and not parked. As PLU moves into another century, I hope it retains the possibility of expressing and receiving grace. That hope may seem old-fashioned, but I promise it will never seem obsolete.

JACK CADY, PLU WRITER-IN-RESIDENCE

Lutherans are inclusive. Although our forefathers came mostly from the northern European cultures we have grown and Lutheran now means all people of the earth.

BEVERLY KNUTZEN '55, RETIRED

In many families a middle name is usually a family name, something you can look at and find your heritage, where you come from. With Lutheran as Pacific Lutheran University's middle name, PLU is distinguished from other universities, shown in a connection with a large family, the Lutheran church, and given identity.

As an alumna of PLU, I consider myself part of the heritage and the family of the middle name Lutheran and I wear the name with pride and privilege.

JENNIFER CALLAGHAN '90, TRAVEL AGENT & OWNER

The time in which we live needs church-related universities, and in particular, a Lutheran vision of the partnership between university and church.

The relationship between university and church is not given, as the history of most private universities underscores. Founded by denominations, the majority gave up the link and took the secular route of academic and ecclesiastical freedom.

What is desperately needed today is a distinct kind of education that asks the ultimate questions of meaning and purpose and searches for values and truths by which to live.

PLU's liberating education searches for what is the true, the honorable, the just, what is excellent and worthy of praise (to paraphrase St. Paul, Phil. 4:8-9). It can help free us from prejudice, from narrow-mindedness, from self-interest, and open one's eyes to the fullness of God's creation. Reason and human experience have much to contribute.

But let it be said that the university is not the church, a reality sometimes misunderstood even by supporters. So we do not strive to be a Bob Jones or Oral Roberts or a Wheaton, nor even a Bible institute. At the same time, we are not a state school nor do we want to become a university severed from its roots in the church. Rather, our vision of a university of the church sees it as a unique place where the interplay of faith and reason, the sacred and secular, the reign of God and the created order find mutual conversation.

WALTER PILGRIM, PLU PROFESSOR OF RELIGION

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Pilgrim's comments were excerpted from a speech he gave at PLU's fall Pastor's Brunch. For a complete copy, contact Church Relations at 206-535-7423.

Lutheran foundation provides PLU's academic identity

BY PHILIP A. NORDQUIST '56

Questions about PLU's church-relatedness — what that has meant and what it should mean — have been much discussed during PLU's 107-year history. This has certainly been true in the recent past. The reasons are complicated, but the latest questions have been heavily influenced by concerns about our identity, purpose and direction in the larger American society. Developing a mission statement has been one response to the concerns and confusion.

The recent discussions about church-relatedness at PLU have emerged from various directions and for a variety of reasons. In March 1979, church-relatedness was analyzed by the Mooring Mast. The campus pastors responded. An ad hoc committee on "Christian context" was formed in 1981 and a number of discussions were held. In 1982 the Mooring Mast featured a series of

articles on the "L" in PLU. The stationery during that era read "Quality Education in a Christian Context."

In 1985 Provost Richard Jungkuntz asked in *Scene* whether a context could be Christian. The technical theological answer was no, he wrote, but then he argued PLU was known by its "wholeness, a unified wholeness greater than the sum of the parts." What made PLU's context Christian was its "intentionality" out of which came its nature and existence.

The dialogue continued, especially during the centennial celebration in 1990, and was addressed at length in the centennial history, "Educating for Service." The discussion has continued further. There were articles in the June 1993 *Scene* about PLU's "Enduring Mission" and in 1995 the Mooring Mast asked once again, "What's Lutheran about PLU?" (continued next page)

We find community in our middle name

BY LOREN J. ANDERSON



Why are communities eroding and hurting? Why do so many people feel alone and divided?

Today we face a problem with the decline of community. Much is being written these days about the loss of strong community in our society. One of my favorite books this summer was Robert Putnam's "Bowling Alone." His title is drawn from a simple illustration. Over the past decade, the number of bowlers is up significantly, but league bowling is down 40 percent. We are, quite literally, bowling alone.

Putnam's more serious thesis is that individualism is on the rise and that the social capital necessary to maintain community and a civil society is eroding around us. Putnam and many other authors point to a variety of causes.

In the past, the church was the center for both religious and social community. Neighborhoods were made up of life-long friends who seldom moved, and career-long jobs tended to be a source of the long-term and trusting relationships that are the essence of community. Now, the influence of the church has eroded, transient lifestyles make next-door neighbors strangers and job mobility has reduced the role of the workplace as a source of strong and enduring community.

At the same time, the electronic media and information technologies are also keeping us from social interaction. Millions of workers never leave their homes as they accomplish their assignments at a remote computer terminal.

Others point to the impact of growing diversity as the source of community erosion. The world is filled with different backgrounds, lifestyles, goals and values. Just as the experts show a concern for community, so do the people at PLU.

The future of community is an important issue at PLU. I believe three realities are present here. First, our ideal is always beyond our grasp—but we keep striving. Second, whatever our

shortcomings, the foundation of this community is ready to be supportive. Third, the same forces that stress our larger community also impact PLU. Therefore, maintaining a strong, positive and shared community is something we must work toward.

The Bible says in Matthew 20 that the Kingdom of God is like a landowner hiring laborers to work in the vineyard. Early in the morning he hires the first laborers and they agree on the usual daily wage. Every few hours thereafter he goes out, finds more idle workers in the marketplace and hires them for the same daily wage.

At the end of the day, when each person receives their wages, Matthew tells us, "...they grumbled against the landowner." The landowner tells them, "...take what belongs to you and go. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? For the first shall be last, and the last shall be first."

The focus of this message is God's invitation to the kingdom. This is a remarkable invitation. It doesn't just go out to you or me, or to a select list of important people. It goes to all.

God invites us into a relationship with Him and into His family. It is the invitation that establishes our equality with one another. All of us are the same in God's eyes. It is the invitation that defines our common ground, for we are the children of God. It is the invitation that links together our common welfare — to live out the great commandment. It is the invitation that promises I will never walk alone, because God promises his presence. Finally, it is the invitation that calls us to vocation as a worker in the vineyard and as a worker in the community for a lifetime.

So let us resolve this day to explain and extend God's invitation to this hurting, divided and often lonely world that surrounds us. Let us extend the invitation right here on PLU's campus. For at our very best we are many people and by God's invitation, we are one community!

This article was excerpted from President Loren Anderson's Sept. 18 chapel homily "Many People, One Community."

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This interest during the '90s reached a climax in the 1995 long-range plan *PLU 2000: Embracing the 21st Century*. In a strongly worded section called "Reaffirming the Tradition of Lutheran Higher Education," the document states: "Nothing more decisively identifies Pacific Lutheran University than its founding and perseverance in the tradition of Lutheran learning." It then spells out in some detail what that means.

PLU still stands in an educational tradition that was profoundly influenced by Martin Luther and the Reformation. Some of Luther's most compelling theological and educational ideas are still foundational at PLU. Fundamental here is Luther's dialectical or paradoxical theology that distinguishes between the "right hand" and the "left hand" of God. Salvation is the work of the right hand, and creation and all that it contains (including education) is the work of the left. Christ and culture have a paradoxical relationship.

The created world is good — it is not to be denigrated or avoided as some religious groups advise — and it is open to free and creative but responsible activity and analysis, using reason and justice as norms.

Roland Bainton, a well-known Lutheran scholar and author, has written in his typically earthy and compelling way that Luther embraced secular life — the wonders of nature, eating and drinking, whining dogs, screaming children, married love, intimate friendship, and the necessity of education. Education is demanded by God and is part of the fundamental structure of creation. It does not bring salvation, but it can and should improve the quality of life. That is a wonderful foundation for educational activity, certainly for a church-related university.

Lutherans establish and maintain colleges and universities to help care for the earth and to give society the kind of leaders and citizens it needs — the kind who serve their neighbors and work for human dignity and justice.

A second overarching theme initiated by Luther is intellectual freedom. That theme has been present since the Reformation

and is fundamental to the modern university. One cannot imagine modern European and American education or intellectual life without it. In his actions and concerns, Luther was one of intellectual freedom's most important authors. He wrote, "No science [including theology] should stand in the way of another science, but each should continue to have its own mode of procedure and its own terms."

PLU is a university in that sense. Undergirded by dialectical theology, with a daring enthusiasm for learning and a sense of vocation and service, it is dedicated to academic freedom. And it must be remembered that PLU is a university, not a congregation, though happily there is one on campus. A university is not a convent or a seminary, as John Henry Cardinal Newman wrote in his classic book "The Idea of a University." Neither is it a Bible college of the contemporary American sort marked by fundamentalist triumphalism.

Finally, because PLU is a university, but a university with a dynamic and dialectical relationship to the church, there is an ongoing dialogue between reason and faith. The area where they meet is the mostly uncharted and often volatile border region where passion, leadership, service and care are generated and where vocation is worked out. The energy produced by this activity fuels the best of what PLU accomplishes and stands for. The examples are beyond numbering.

The necessity for such dialogue is essential and if it stops it should shake all who care for the institution out of their complacency. I assume that is why the Mast and Scene continue to ask questions about purpose and identity and to report the answers.



Phillip Nordquist '56 is a professor of history and chair of the faculty at PLU, as well as author of PLU's centennial history book, "Educating for Service."

Gifts provide expression of thanks, and hope for university's future

BY D. E. STRANDNESS '50

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Dr. Donald and Edith Strandness have set up their estate plans so a deferred gift will be available to provide an endowed chair in biology at PLU.*

Having spent my entire professional life in a state institution, why did Edith and I decide to make this gift to Pacific Lutheran University?

We are both Lutherans and graduates of Pacific Lutheran. Three of our four children also received degrees at PLU. Yet attendance alone does not recommend itself for a gift of the type we are giving. Edith and I have asked on numerous occasions why are we doing this? It is not because we are wealthy and have a lot of money to give away. There are much deeper and important reasons that we would like to pass on to the students and alumni of this fine school.

While the goal of all universities is the same — to educate for the future — the soul and purpose behind the institution bears some consideration. Pacific Lutheran was founded and nurtured by thousands of people who cared. The faculty of the late '40s included dedicated individuals who often came from unusual backgrounds as far as college-level teachers were concerned. In those days few PLU faculty held doctoral degrees and the college was largely known as a school to prepare teachers for primary and secondary education. For example, my chemistry professor was a Lutheran minister. My biology teacher practiced dentistry in Parkland.

How different it is today! From an academic standpoint, Pacific Lutheran has a faculty that can match that of the major universities in this country. However, the university cannot and should not survive if those who serve it do not believe in its mission. Edith and I strongly believe in its Christian mission and have done so since we first entered its doors many years ago.

There is no doubt that the faculty had the greatest impact on our lives and gave us the type of inspiration that is so hard to

find today. The professors, coaches and administrators were different than any I have ever encountered in my professional life.

I was an athlete and played under such marvelous coaches as Cliff Olson, Marv Tommervik and Marv Harshman, men who profoundly affected my life. I became a student athlete in the truest sense, realizing that my accomplishments as an athlete were just one further step in helping me prepare for my life's work. I think the athletic tradition that has been continued under Frosty Westering is but another example of what the university can and should mean.

Given all of the above, what can those of us who have benefited from such an experience at Pacific Lutheran do?

First, of course, is to say thank you. For many this will be enough and all that they can afford. For those of us who are more fortunate, we must do more. It is critical that universities such as Pacific Lutheran survive and flourish. I firmly believe that the moral fiber of our nation would suffer badly and irretrievably if institutions such as Pacific Lutheran were to disappear. Every day in my life as a professor of surgery in a great medical school such as the University of Washington has convinced me of how important Pacific Lutheran is to our future.

It is our hope that our small gesture will be taken up by others. All we ask is for all of you who read this to sit back and hope that something you do will ensure that Pacific Lutheran will survive and prosper well into the next century.



Dr. Donald E. Strandness '50 is a professor of surgery at the University of Washington. Edith (Olund) Strandness '55 is a retired nurse.

Estate planning is easy, though many have questions

BY EDGAR LARSON '57

- ◆ What assets can be used for a gift that will provide me with an income for life?
- ◆ What is the proper wording for putting PLU in my will?
- ◆ Can I set up an endowed scholarship that will honor my parents or my family?
- ◆ Is there anything that PLU can do to help with this property that has grown in value, that I can't afford to sell and can't afford to keep?
- ◆ Is there any way I can use life insurance in making a charitable gift?

More and more of PLU's alumni, parents of alumni and friends of the university are beginning to see the value of making PLU a part of their estate planning. In most cases the reason for people remembering PLU in their will, or through a deferred gift, is because there is a love for Pacific Lutheran University.

Countless PLU supporters are making current gifts with part or all of what had originally been slated to be a deferred gift to the university. Such gifts are rewarding donors with lifetime income, tax benefits, and with the joy of seeing how their gifts will eventually benefit PLU.

The **Make a Lasting Difference** campaign has helped to identify many supporters of PLU who have made the university a part of their estate planning. Currently, we are aware of more than \$40 million in documented deferred gifts that will someday be coming to PLU. Whether it be through bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance, remainder of retirement plans or whatever planning vehicle that may be used, PLU is grateful for the consideration being given the university by its supporters.

The development office at PLU can answer your questions about charitable estate planning. Such planning can prove beneficial for both donors and PLU. For more information call 206-535-7420 or 1-800-826-0035.

Edgar Larson '57 is executive director of charitable estate planning for PLU

Q CLUB

The mission of the Q Club is to provide assistance to deserving students as they prepare for lives of service through a Pacific Lutheran University education.

The following individuals, churches and businesses have joined Q Club or upgraded their membership from August through October 21, 1996.

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Monica Hurley '94, assistant director of annual giving, helps the corps of student callers who will phone alumni, parents and friends this year to encourage their support in the **Make a Lasting Difference** campaign.



MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

Campaign to Endow the Future of Pacific Lutheran University

State considers teaching certification changes

BY KATIE MONSEN '96

The turn of the century may bring a major shift in the way Washington state certifies its new teachers. Several new proposals are on the table at the Washington State Board of Education and will be up for vote in January. Washington is leading an effort to improve teacher training programs as part of a national trend in re-evaluating education, as recommended by the independent National Commission on Teaching and America's Future.



Gwen Hundley '91, a junior high health science teacher, answers a student's question in class.

The proposed changes include an entry-to-practice assessment (skills test), a two-year residency, more performance-based evaluations, and a joint recommendation for certification.

"These are probably among the most dramatic certification changes in the last 20 years," said John Brickell, dean of the PLU school of education.

The changes have been in the works for two years. If adopted, they would be implemented in three to four years, and affect this year's freshman class.

Getting certified

As the certification system works now, education students complete an approved college program in teacher preparation and then their institution recommends them to the state board for an initial teaching certificate, explained Brickell. The state board reviews the recommendations and grants the license. "Universities and colleges are currently the sole source of recommendations for initial certification," Brickell said.

The teacher then has other requirements to meet over time to receive a continuing certificate, Brickell added.

The residency

One of the major changes being considered is the addition of a two-year residency. This would create three levels of certification (the residency certificate, professional certificate and advanced professional certificate) instead of two (initial certificate and continuing certificate).

Under the proposed system, instead of the university making recommendations for graduates to receive initial certification, it would recommend graduates receive a residency certificate. The new teacher would then be hired by a school district, and work there — for two years with full pay — as a resident.

At the end of two years of successful teaching, the school district and a college or university education program would make a joint recommendation that the resident be given professional certification.

This residency would have several implications. First, the school district would take joint responsibility for recommending a license to teach. Second, although PLU has a partnership with school districts now, there would be greater involvement, Brickell said.

Potential complications with the residency regulation still need to be ironed out. If a new teacher has a residency far from his or her college of teacher training and graduation (such as a PLU student taking a job in Spokane), or if a new teacher is in a remote area with no colleges nearby, a joint recommendation from the school district and a college that could adequately evaluate the student (through classroom observations) could present several difficulties.

But junior high school teacher George Obermiller '95 said this would not have been a problem for him. Obermiller teaches six classes of drama a day at West Valley Jr. High in Yakima, Wash. He said the West Valley School District has a professor from nearby Heritage College that works with the teachers at his school. The professor observes teachers that take a two-year class to keep or improve their license, and the teachers themselves are given a day off per month to observe other teachers in the classroom.

Besides, Obermiller said, beginning teachers in his district are on a two-year probationary period during which administrators observe them in the classroom through at least two formal and several informal observations per year, much like the proposed residency requirement.

Skills assessment

Passing a basic skills and knowledge assessment before being licensed is also among the major proposed changes. Oregon and California already require such exams, which potential teachers must take to be certified.

If adopted in Washington, the assessment would include more performance-based evaluations. For instance, a teacher-to-be might watch a video of a classroom where there is a discipline problem or a disruptive student and then be required to respond to the situation.

Brickell noted that the PLU program already includes performance-based evaluations of teaching skills, exercises such as presenting portfolios or videotaped classroom sessions. Showing "demonstrated skills" to become licensed to teach fits hand-in-hand with the increase in performance-based tests for K-12 students. The increase was put in motion by Booth Gardner's K-12 Commission on Student Learning. "The two should be consistent with each other," Brickell said. "We should be training teachers to be effective in performance-based classrooms."

The effect on PLU students

Brickell expects PLU students to do fine with the proposed changes. Before arriving at PLU, Brickell had reviewed many schools for the Washington State Board of Education, and was impressed with how early and extensive the actual classroom experiences for PLU education students were. Students are exposed to fieldwork from their very first education class and spend 14 weeks instead of the state-required eight when student teaching at the end of their studies. They also carry out other field experiences, such as required practicums.

Gwen Hundley '91, a junior high health science teacher, agrees. Hundley, who is in her fifth year of teaching at Frontier Junior High in Graham, Wash., said, "My PLU experience prepared me well for the classroom. I was ready to go ahead and teach."

Fourteen weeks of student teaching definitely made a difference, Hundley added. Student teaching over the course of an entire semester, instead of just part of one, gave Hundley a better understanding of how courses would be taught and how curriculum would be organized.

"We applaud anything that improves teacher education," Brickell said. "To prepare a teacher to work effectively in schools today requires more class time, more extensive field experiences and finally, demonstrated performance skills as an effective teacher, all of which will require a longer period of time for the teacher candidate."

NASA executive launches new MBA program

BY SUSAN MARTENSEN

“There’s no program like it in the Northwest,” said Jim Albers, a senior executive on loan from the NASA-Ames Research Center. Albers has been instrumental in developing PLU’s new MBA in Technology and Innovation Management. He will also teach TIM courses during the 1996-97 school year.

The new program offers an MBA degree focused on technological issues. The program benefits both non-technical employees who want a deeper appreciation of technical management issues, and technical employees who want a business education that has greater relevance to their careers.

The courses use cases, simulations and teaching materials tailored to industries such as: software and information systems; biotechnology and biomedicine; electronics and aerospace; manufacturing; telecommunications; and environmental technology.



Jim Albers

This program is of prime interest to local companies involved with biotechnology, aeronautics, wood products, software, electronics, manufacturing, telecommunications, and health care... it is vital today to know how to succeed in the global high technology marketplace.

TIM students take the full complement of MBA core courses plus required courses in strategic management of technology, managing innovation and technology change, and management of information technologies and systems. Electives are selected from such courses as advanced service and manufacturing and

delivery systems, development of new products and services, continuous improvement strategies, and others.

“The strength of the new program is that it is built on the foundation of a well-designed MBA core that is part of a leading-edge curriculum,” said Albers, who brings 30 years experience in the development and management of high technology and collaboration with US and international industry, other government agencies and universities.

“This program is of prime interest to local companies involved with biotechnology, aeronautics, wood products, software, electronics, manufacturing, telecommunications, and health care,” added Albers. “Quite simply it is vital today to know how to succeed in the global high technology marketplace.”

For a brochure or for more information, call Jan Dempsey, director of graduate programs, 206-535-7250, or e-mail the PLU School of Business, business@plu.edu, or visit the school’s web site at <http://www.plu.edu/busa/mba>.



Susan Martensen is director of communications and external relations for the PLU School of Business.

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Many students first become interested in PLU through the encouragement of alumni. If you know a student who would benefit from a PLU education, please send in the name. We are primarily interested in students who will be graduating from high school in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Prospective transfer information is also encouraged.

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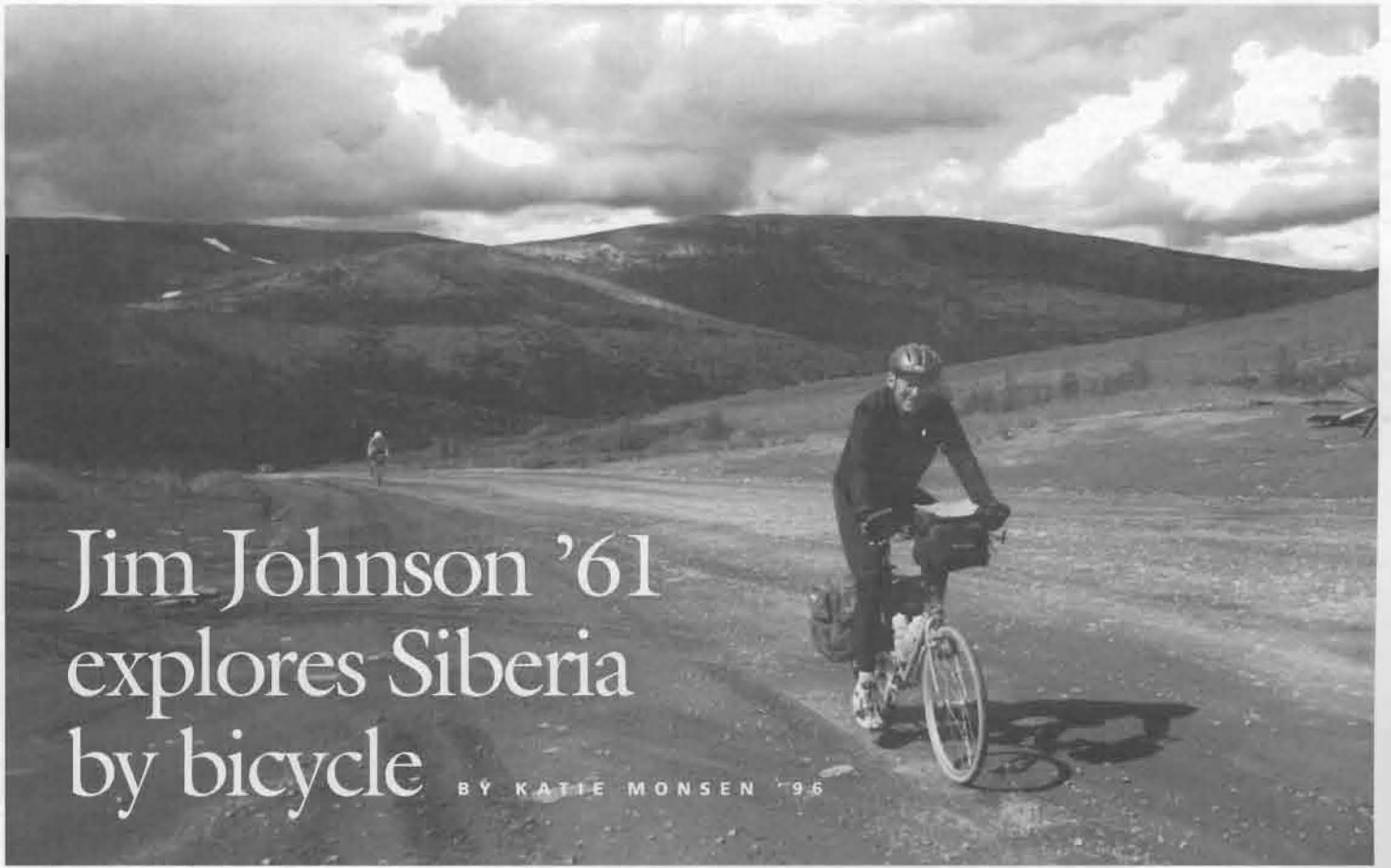
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Jim Johnson '61 pedals up one of 12 Siberian mountain passes that he crossed on his July trip.



Jim Johnson '61 explores Siberia by bicycle

BY KATIE MONSEN '96

COURTESY OF JIM JOHNSON '61

In the frozen mountain regions of eastern Siberia, middle-aged men are supposed to be at rest in rocking chairs. After all, the average life expectancy of a Russian man is only 57 years.

So when 59-year-old Jim Johnson '61 and his high school friend Mike Blackwell spent two weeks biking and camping in the harsh Siberian climate in July, the people they met there were surprised.

In turn, Johnson, who owns a car dealership in Fairbanks, Alaska, was surprised by the local people. Siberia is a Russian province primarily populated by small villages scattered across 5 million square miles. In the past, when Russians came to do business in Alaska, Johnson had a fairly negative attitude toward them. He was bothered by how they didn't express thanks very often and believed they just took whatever they could.

But the people Johnson met as he biked through the Magadan area of Siberia made positive impressions on him. He

found that although the people are very poor, living in "the worst of the worst of the worst of conditions," they are generous, as well as optimistic and self-sufficient.

With the downfall of communism, the churches are full and there is a belief that even with all of the nation's problems, things are going to get better, Johnson said.

Magadan is a small seaport city on the Sea of Okhotsk, located a peninsula away from the Bering Sea and Alaska, and north across the water from Japan. Johnson and Blackwell began their trip there, then rode 50 kilometers out of town and around a 1,100-kilometer gravel loop through mining country. They crossed 12 mountain passes, had snow on the fourth of July, and frozen-solid ground on the fifth.

The pair likes to bike in cold locales. In the past 10 years they have biked to Inuvik at the mouth of the MacKenzie River in Canada where it pours into the Arctic Ocean. They biked the perimeter of Iceland when a sandstorm prevented them from crossing over the top of the island. They rode from Helsinki to Nordkapp (the northern tip of Norway) and from Yellowknife in the center of the Northern Territories to Skagway, Alaska, near Juneau. (continued page 18)

Kisses, Krackels and Whatchamacallits

BY KATIE MONSEN '96



Dean Pinto '86 and his family, LEFT TO RIGHT, Dean, Linnea, Carey '86 and Nicholas.

Candy Hugs and Kisses at your every whim. Chocolate to take home and pass out to your friends. Taste-testing secret recipes for Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. What sounds like a trip through Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory is really Dean Pinto's sweetest job ever.

As the Portland district manager for Hershey Chocolate, Pinto '86 is in charge of a team that distributes the famous confections throughout Oregon and up to Longview, Wash. He works out of Portland, as well as the regional office in Seattle, to make sure more than 200 Hershey's products — such as Hershey's Kisses, Amazing Fruit Gummi Bears, Ronzoni pasta, Jujyfruits candy and Twizzlers licorice — are distributed in stores.

While much of Pinto's job involves management, such as

coaching and training his team members, he also works directly with a few clients.

What Pinto thinks is especially sweet about the job is seeing a product succeed on the market after the work to get it there is done. "We sell promotions to our customers, and then pass those savings along to the consumers," he said. When you see king-size Reese's Peanut Butter Cups at two for \$1, that's his office's work, he said.

He goes about promoting an item by setting up an appointment with a store's buyer or buying committee. Then Pinto or one of his team members brings samples of a product for the whole office to try, from the front office staff to the president. Next Pinto explains how the product will be marketed, what kind of consumer support it has, what TV ad campaigns will be run and what coupons will be used to bring the consumers into the stores. Pinto even discusses schematics, for example where the candy will be displayed in the store.

He may also use the results of a focus group of "identified chocolate consumers" (people who buy chocolate two to three times a week) to help show the marketability of the item.

Another part of Pinto's work is introducing new items to the stores. For instance, when the reduced-fat (continued page 18)

1958

Joan Shapira of Vancouver, Wash., is the owner of Jor-Lin International, a publishing and consulting business. She has published a book of family songs and also writes poetry.

1959

Eugene and Marlene (Eichmeier) Hapala of Vancouver, Wash., volunteered as professors of English as a Second Language for the 1995-96 year at the Evangelische Lyceum in Bratislava, Slovakia, through Volunteer Missionaries, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

1960

Earlene Burcham retired on June 30 after 35 years of teaching, 28 years in Estacada, Ore., at Estacada Grade School. She has three grandchildren and a son who lives in Oregon City, Ore.

Larry Johnson of Thousand Oaks, Calif., retired in February after 30 years as a Lutheran pastor. He had spent his last 18 years at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Thousand Oaks.

1961

Sam Gange retired from San Diego State University's counseling and psychological services in June after 26 years as staff psychologist and as director of intern training since 1982. Sam and his wife, Audrey, have a counseling and consulting practice, Gange Associates, with offices in San Diego and Tucson.

1963

On Oct. 1, **Bill Koll** retired as a Delta Air Lines captain after 33 years of flying for the United States Navy, Western Airlines, and Delta. Bill and his wife, **Gloria (Reinertson)** live in Freeland, Wash., on Whidbey Island. Their daughter, **Karen Koll '93** and son, **Rob Koll '96** make them an all-PLU family.

1965

Dave Radke, of Vancouver, Wash., retired as administrator of the Orchards Community Service Office, a division of the state Department of Social and Health Services, after 30 years.

1967

Christopher Howell, Outstanding Alumni designee in 1982, has taken leave of his position at Emporia State University in Kansas to accept a visiting distinguished writer position at Eastern Washington University. He will also serve as editor for the national literary journal, Willow Springs. His sixth collection of poems, "Memory and Heaven," will be published this fall by Eastern Washington University Press.

1969

Phil and Linda (Simundson '70) Petrsek have moved to Mandan, N.D., where Phil is developing a new Lutheran church. Linda teaches special education at Wachter Middle School in Bismarck, N.D. Their daughter, Kari, is a sophomore at Gustavus Adolphus College.

1972

Jim and Linda Puttler and their two daughters, Krista and Mai-Britt, live in Honolulu, Hawaii. You can check out their home page at <http://www.poi.net/~darryl/> for some of the latest adventures of their family. Jim recently returned from a two-week assignment in American Samoa visiting Coast Guard personnel and spending an evening with High Chief Fanene Kava of Pago Village. He also visited Western Samoa with the United States Coast Guard Cutter

RUSH and delivered many pallets of educational, health and welfare items for the people.

1974

David Johnson of Anaheim Hills, Calif., was appointed associate director of operations for the office of university development at California Polytechnic - Pomona. He has been with the university for almost 14 years. His wife, **Jan (Marshall '77) Johnson** was named vice president of Shafer Public Relations in Irvine, Calif.



Barbara Palombi of Allendale, Mich., was one of 16 recipients of a Luther College Distinguished Service Award on Oct. 4 at an awards ceremony during the college's homecoming celebration. The award, one of the highest honors bestowed by the college, is given in recognition of an alumnus' success and achievements in a professional field, contributions to community and loyalty and support for Luther College. Barbara is the director of training, career planning and counseling services at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

Susan Roberts of Steilacoom, Wash., is establishing her own business called Paw Prints. She makes transfers from photographs for T-shirts, stationery, etc., specializing in pets.

1976

Bryan Falk and his wife, Marti, both have new jobs with Printpack, Inc. in Atlanta. Printpack, Inc. acquired James River's Flexible Packaging business.

Dianne Herivel of Lynnwood, Wash., went on a 12-day pilgrimage to Israel. Part of a group of 25 people, she joined with hundreds in Jerusalem for five days to participate in the World Prayer Congress, an international event attended by Christian and government leaders from all over the world. The purpose of the event was to pray for the peace of Jerusalem as well as the entire world.

Cheryl Liljeblad married Michael Gale on Aug. 10 in Ardmore, Pa. They live in Wynnewood, Pa.

Larry Tuke was named to the 1996 Banner Group, an honorary appointment bestowed upon top-performing financial advisors who have shown a significant dedication in educating and serving their community's financial planning needs. Larry has been actively involved in helping members of Kitsap County, Wash., with their financial planning for more than 14 years.

1977

Alumni of the class of '77 will celebrate their 20-year class reunion on board a Caribbean cruise in April 1997. Join classmates **Sharlene (Anderson) and Matthew Klein, Lisa (Dudley) and Lance Schroeder, Dawn (Civretta) and Dave Olson**, and **Jim and Kelley Molzhon**. If you are interested in celebrating with them, contact Matt Klein at 206-848-5178.

Jim Bridge is an account investigator for L.A. Cellular Telephone Company in Anaheim Hills, Calif. He and his wife, Connie, live in Buena Park, Calif., and invite any alumni who are visiting the Anaheim-Disneyland area to give them a call at 714-827-4642.

Jan (Nevens) Harmer and her husband, Brad, of Whittier, Calif., announce the birth of Elizabeth Deborah on March 24. Elizabeth joins 6-year-old sister Jessica. Jan was recently promoted to sales compensation manager at Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company in Los Angeles.

Lawrence Robertson of Port Orchard, Wash., was one of three community leaders selected to receive a 1996 Thunderbird Award. Thunderbird Award recipients are selected every other year by past presidents of the Bremerton Area Chamber of Commerce based on their community involvement and demonstrated leadership. Lawrence is the pastor of Emmanuel Apostolic Church in Bremerton, Wash.

Jeffrey Tengesdal and his wife, Barbara, of Fortuna, N.D., announce the birth of Joren Allen on Sept. 21. Barbara is an early childhood educator and consultant. Jeffrey is an ELCA pastor with Northwest United Lutheran Parish (four rural congregations) and a psychotherapist for Lutheran Social Services.

1979

Scott Gervais is the head football coach at Fife High School in Fife, Wash.

Dave Ingebristen of Post Falls, Idaho, completed his Ph.D. in the psychosocial aspects of sport from the University of Utah over the summer of 1996. He works with the human services department of the Benewah Medical Center for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Dave's wife, Laurie, completed her master of science degree in counseling from the University of Idaho in the summer of 1996. She works with Lutheran Social Services of Washington and Idaho. Their 10-year-old daughter, Aana, enjoys her friends and the fifth grade.

Timothy Kobernik was promoted to Navy Commander on Jan. 1, 1996. He is the senior medical officer at the Branch Medical Clinic in Gaeta, Italy. Timothy and his wife, **Beth (Purdy '80)**, are having a great time in Italy! **Thomas Meyer** of Juneau, Alaska, is an attorney in private practice after

eight years with the Alaska Public Defender Agency and the Alaska Legislature. He will attempt a new world record of two hours, five minutes at the 1996 Seattle Marathon. Besides American Lutheran Church in Baker, Mont., **David Olson** is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Plevna,

A L U M N I P R O F I L E

Teacher turns torch bearer

Pam (Morelli) Nelson '78, '83, '90 carried the Olympic torch through Tacoma and lit the city's cauldron in the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay this summer. The last leg of the torch's journey through Tacoma brought Pam through the city's "Diversity Mile," which was lined with children in cultural costumes.



COURTESY PAM NELSON

Pam earned the honor for her work in public education and counseling ministry. She is currently a teacher and school counselor for the Federal Way School District, as well as a private counseling practitioner.

Pam and her husband Mike Nelson '75 were foster parents for seven years. Mike is a Tacoma dentist and former clinical instructor at the University of Washington Dental School. They're now enjoying a much needed rest in their new home in Sumner, Wash.

Highlights

HOMECOMING 1996

Homecoming 1996 was a success with more than 600 alumni on campus for the weekend. Darren Kerbs '96, acting assistant director for alumni and parent relations at PLU, said the class reunions and Gala Buffet and Concert were a hit, with a mix of alumni attending from a wide range of class years.

RIGHT: **PLU sophomore Mike Amend dips sophomore Amy Voros in a Songfest production of "The Brady Bunch" meets "Beverly Hills 90210." The production, by Alpine, Cascade and Hinderlie Halls, took first place in the annual residence hall spirit competition.**



ABOVE: **Marv Harshman '42, recently retired Hall of Fame collegiate basketball coach, signs copies of his book "Harsh" as part of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the University Center.**



ABOVE: **PLU runningback Peter Finstuen (32) runs the ball from the six-yard line for a 94-yard touchdown in the Homecoming game vs. Western Oregon. Finstuen also made 71-yard and 80-yard runs in the 49-30 victory.**



LEFT: **President Loren Anderson proudly displays the new official PLU class ring presented to him by Susan Stringer '76. Anderson exchanged his Concordia class ring for the new PLU ring at a short ceremony during the alumni awards presentation. The PLU ring, chosen through a campus-wide vote, features a unique rose window design.**

IN MEMORIAM

1931
Mildred Koch of Tacoma, Wash., died on July 29. She was 84 years old.

1943
Bob Tommervik died on July 15 at Valley Medical Center in Kent, Wash. He was 79 years old.

1947
Phil Norby of Tacoma, Wash., died on Sept. 26. He was a longtime educator in the Fife School District.

1956
Barbara Alice Gorud of Seattle, Wash., died on Sept. 14 after a long battle with cancer.

1957
William Voligny of Enumclaw, Wash., died on Dec. 29, 1995.

1963
Richard Fatland of Tacoma died on Aug. 25. He was 63 years old.

1972
Richard Primm of Tacoma, died on July 19. He was 63 years old.

1974
Cheri Sorenson of Seattle, Wash., died on Oct. 5 after a battle with cancer. She was a well-known Northwest actress and co-founder of Tacoma Actors Guild. She was 43 years old.

1988
Diane Pratt died on Aug. 29. She was a registered nurse at St. Joseph Medical Center in Tacoma, and died after a two-year battle with breast cancer. She was 51 years old.

1989
Grant Wallin of Salem, Ore., died on May 30, 1995.

1990
William G. "Billy" Taylor III died on Sept. 21 in Sioux Falls, S.D., at the Berakhah House, a residence for people living with HIV/AIDS. He was 29 years old.

Faculty, Staff and Friends
Dick Kunkle, age 61, died suddenly at home on Nov. 11. He was PLU's director of public relations in the early 60s.

Mont., and St. Elizabeth's Lutheran Church in Ekalaka, Mont. His wife, **Karla (Beck '78)**, teaches quilting classes and has co-authored "A Quilter's Scrapbook — The Patchwork of my Life," a journal for quilters to document their quilting, past and present.

1980

James and Beth Failor live in Suisun, Calif., with their two daughters, 7-year-old Kaitlin Noel and 12-year-old Margaret Leah. James is director of investments and benefit finance for Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

D. Brian and Kristin (Glasoe '84) Neufeld of Fircrest, Wash., announce the birth of Jakob Paul on April 30. Jakob joins 9-year-old sister Bekah, 7-year-old sister Nicole and 2-year-old sister Brynna.

1981

John Engen of Tucson, Ariz., was appointed director of development and alumni affairs for the University of Arizona, College of Agriculture last August.

Joseph Frazier and his wife, Kelly, of Columbia, S.C., announce the birth of Darby on July 19, 1995.

Steve Kagele and his wife, Patty, of Roseburg, Ore., announce the birth of Eric Steven on Aug. 17.

Rick Mattson graduated from Duke University with a master of arts degree specializing in Russian civil/military relations. Following graduation, Rick returned to duties as a pilot with American Airlines and an instructor with the 107th fighter squadron in Detroit flying the F-16 Fighting Falcon. He lives in Winnetka, Ill., which is in the North Shore area of Chicago.

Sue (Vaughan) Moshofsky and her husband, Brett, of Portland, Ore., announce the adoption of Ryan Edward on June 21. Sue and Brett traveled to Russia to bring Ryan home. Ryan was born on Dec. 24, 1994, and lived in an orphanage all his life. He is eating well, walking and learning many English words. Ryan joins 7 1/2-year-old sister Rachel Ann.

Elizabeth (Wallis) Reinking has returned to school after 15 years. She is attending Wartburg Theological Seminary to earn a master of arts degree in religion and diaconal ministry. She and her husband, Mark, live in Debuque, Iowa, with their two children, 13-year-old Jason and 6-year-old Sarah.

1982

After 13 years in the Midwest, **Rev. Lauren Macan-Wightman and Rev. Greg Wightman** have moved back to the Pacific Northwest with their two children, 6-year-old John and 2-year-old Lina-Maria. They are co-pastors at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Rochester, Wash. Lauren and Greg would love to hear from friends, P.O. Box 243, Rochester, Wash. 98579.

Kaaren Roe married Mark Hicks on May 4. The ceremony included PLU-influenced music with performances by **Hilary Field** (music faculty), **Paul Roe '90** and **Sue Montgomery '95**. **Greg Youtz** (music faculty) conducted seven string basses as they played The Wedding March for Bass Viols that Youtz composed for the recession. Kaaren's Ordal roommate, **Cyd (Daug) Shultz '82** and **Chris Shultz '81** jointly read scripture. Kaaren and Mark recently bought a new home in Olympia, Wash. They spent a late honeymoon trekking in Nepal in the fall. Kaaren assists rural communities with the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. Mark determines water quality standards with the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Greg Rohr is a history and biology teacher at Spanaway Lake High School. His wife, Beth, is a current PLU student. Greg's mother, Betty, the first PLU Parent of the Year award winner, died in November 1995 after a 15-year battle with breast cancer. Greg and his brother, Jeff, are currently subdividing five acres in Puyallup where they will build their dream homes together this winter.

1983

Michael Carlson and his wife, Bethany, of Rio Linda, Calif., announce the birth of Lacey Elizabeth on June 10. Lacey has been hospitalized twice for a total of 21 days for pertussis. Michael and Bethany were also affected, but were told they only had bronchitis. Michael and Bethany strongly urge everyone to immunize.

Timothy Fink and his wife, Lori Merrill-Fink, of Carbondale, Ill., announce the birth of Emily in April. Emily joins 3-year-old Aaron Jacob.

Susan (Bean) Gaydon and her husband, David, of San Jose, Calif., announce the birth of Delaney Claire on Sept. 20. Delaney joins 2 1/2-year-old Brian.

After 10 years as a science instructor and coach at Portland Lutheran High

School, **Donn Maier** was named school principal. Donn and his wife Karin live in Portland, Ore., with their three children, 9-year-old Monika, 6-year-old Kirsten and 3-year-old Jakob.

Lynn Pountain-Douglas and her husband, Roger, of Vashon, Wash., announce the birth of Thomas Brady on Feb. 23. Thomas joins 5-year-old sister Katie.

Beverly Werner is the director of career services at Converse College in Spartanburg, S.C.

1984

Bob Bowden heads the Tacoma office of Weyerhaeuser Mortgage. He is the Northwest regional manager. Weyerhaeuser Mortgage specializes in new construction, FHA-UA and conventional home loans.

David Moylan is an associate telecommunications consulting engineer with I-NET of Chantilly, Va. He has been working for the United States Postal Service, Seattle District, since August. David is working on establishing collaborative effort Tele-Data com Interconnect Engineering and Installation enterprise.

Rod Nubgaard graduated from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., with a master of arts degree in national security and strategic studies. During the 10-month course, Rod studied post-graduate subjects of strategy and policy, national security decision-making and joint military operations. He gained a better understanding of multiservice and multinational contingency operations and polished his leadership and decision-making skills. The course prepared Rod for various high-level command or staff jobs he will assume during his career.

Scott Ransom and his wife, Elizabeth, of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., announce the birth of Sarah Marie on July 31. Sarah joins 5 1/2-year-old sister Kelly and 1 1/2-year-old brother Christopher. Elizabeth is the residency director of otolaryngology and head and neck surgery for the Henry Ford Health System. Scott is the division head and doctor of obstetrics and gynecology for the Henry Ford Health System. Scott published a book titled "Gynecology for the Primary Care Provider." He was inducted as a fellow of the American College Surgeons and the American College Obstetrics and Gynecology. Scott was also certified by the American College Healthcare Executives.

Andrew Regis of Novato, Calif., is the operations manager, United States

West Coast and Gulf, for Triton Container International. Triton Container leases to steamship lines worldwide and is headquartered in San Francisco. Andrew and his wife, Margaret (Upton), have two children, 6-year-old Drew and 3-year-old Maggie.

Julie (Caldwell) Robinson and her husband, Steve, of Tacoma announce the birth of Katherine Elizabeth on May 23. Katherine joins 4-year-old sister Margaret and 2-year-old brother William. Julie works part-time as a pediatric nurse practitioner at Community Medical Care for Children, a primary care clinic affiliated with Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Health Center.

1985

Brent Andersen married Susan Weidlich on July 27 at First Presbyterian Church in Portland, Ore.

Karen Calfas married Thomas Polarek on Aug. 24 in San Diego, Calif. Karen is a clinical psychologist. Thomas is an investment manager.

Tamera Cole-Hecker and her husband, Jay Hecker, of Davis, Calif., announce the birth of Rachel Adele on July 24. Rachel joins 3 1/2-year-old Morgan and 2-year-old Erica. Tamera is an anesthetist and Jay is an anesthesiologist at the University of California Davis Medical Center. They moved to Davis, Calif., in December 1994.

Christine MacDougall married Eric Danielson on Aug. 17 in Port Angeles, Wash. They live in Port Angeles and are both elementary school teachers. Christine and Eric built and christened the Ayalotte, a 61-foot replica of an 18th-century Caribbean pirate ship famous for preying on the British rum trade near the present day Dominican Republic.

Phyllis (Barnhart) Viehmann and her husband, Ken, of Tacoma announce the birth of Hailey Elisabeth on Dec. 15, 1995. Hailey joins 3 1/2-year-old brother Drew Josiah.

1986

Erik Allen and his wife, Elizabeth, of Black Diamond, Wash., announce the birth of Jace on May 18.

C. Glenn Burnett of Portland, Ore., is the music director for The Catlin Gabel School. He is also the assistant conductor of the Portland Symphonic Choir.

David and Nancy (Minnitti '87) Erickson of Walnut Creek, Calif., announce the birth of twins, Ryan

Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The PLU Alumni Association urges alumni, friends and students to submit names of persons to be considered for awards recognizing their contributions to society or the university.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/ALUMNA

Through years of preparation, experience, dedication, exemplary character and service has achieved professional or vocational distinction.

YOUR NOMINEE _____

OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS/ALUMNA

Beyond 15 years of graduation; distinguished in a special area of life.

YOUR NOMINEE _____

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNUS/ALUMNA

Less than 15 years since graduation; distinguished in a special area of life.

YOUR NOMINEE _____

HERITAGE AWARD

An alumni award for years of exemplary service to the university.

YOUR NOMINEE _____

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

An award for an alum or non-alum who has served the university in a unique or special way.

YOUR NOMINEE _____

YOUR NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

PHONE _____

To be eligible for the 1997 awards, nominations must be received by January 15, 1997.
MAIL TO: Alumni Office, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447; CALL 1-800-258-6758; or E-MAIL alumni@plu.edu.

Karen Fulmer '76, '80 takes home the state's top teaching honors

The hairs on the back of Principal Terry Beckstead's neck rose with excitement the first time he dropped in on Karen Fulmer's music class.

"I knew I was seeing excellence in action," said Beckstead, who leads Sumner Junior High School. "I got that kind of chill." Beckstead and others who know Fulmer describe her as the consummate teacher, an inspiration to her peers.

In October, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Judith Billings '61 named Fulmer Washington's 1997 Teacher of the Year. It is the third time in four years a PLU graduate has earned the state's highest teaching honor. Carol Coe '85 was the state's top teacher in 1994, and Kathy McFarland '80 earned the honor in 1995.

Fulmer, 42, has taught in Sumner schools for 20 years, mostly at Sumner Junior High. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees from PLU in 1976 and 1980 respectively.

By winning the state award, Fulmer is eligible to compete for national teacher of the year. That award is announced in the spring. Fulmer said she felt honored to represent other teachers in this the "noblest of professions."

This story was excerpted from an Oct. 17, 1996, article in *The (Tacoma) News Tribune*.



Karen Fulmer '76, '80, a music teacher at Sumner Junior High School, earned the 1997 Washington State Teacher of the Year award.

David and Jared Frank, on July 1. Ryan and Jared join 2 1/2-year-old brother Scott Robert. David continues his construction and environmental law practice in San Francisco.

Paul Grigsby of Mukilteo, Wash., was elected president of the Puget Sound Maritime Historical Society in Seattle.

Dennis and Grace (Running '89)

Nichols announce the birth of Magdalene Hope on Aug. 9. Magdalene joins 5-year-old brother Gabriel and 3-year-old brother Elias. Dennis is an Army general surgeon in Bosnia while Grace is home with the children in Heidelberg, Germany.

Pete and Danelle (Grady) Peterson celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary on Aug. 30 in Maui, Hawaii. They live in Costa Mesa, Calif., with their 8-year-old son Nicklaus and 5-year-old daughter Chelsea. Pete wants to say "Hi" to 1982-83 Cascade first-floor residents.

Debra (Weber) Pruitt and her husband, James, of Spanaway, Wash., announce the birth of Logan Travis on Sept. 6.

Sarah West Reinhardt and her husband, John, of Bellevue, Wash., announce the birth of Peter Wakefield on Dec. 1, 1995. Sarah works in sales in the oncology-biotech division of the Schering Corporation. John works at RJ Networking.

Steve and Michelle (Miller '88) Roth announce the birth of Caleb James on Aug. 9. Caleb joins 2-year-old brother Jacob. They moved to Portland, Ore., from Florida this past year.

Pam (Semrau) Simpson and her husband, Tom, of Seattle, announce the birth of Craig Jerome on July 20. Tom is an engineer for the Washington State Department of Transportation. Pam resigned from her position as director of public relations for Washington Special Olympics to be an at-home mom.

Pamela (Faller) Trotter and her husband, William, have relocated to a new home near Austin, Texas, where Pamela has been appointed to a tenure-track position as assistant professor of nutritional sciences (biochemistry) in the department of human ecology at the University of Texas - Austin. William is studying for his teaching certification in mathematics and physics.

1987

Lisa Ganung, a new PLU faculty music member, won the district finals of the National Association of Teachers of Singing at the University of Washington on Sept. 21. She then

advanced to the regional finals at PLU on Oct. 19, where she competed and "had a good time," but did not place. For such competitions, Lisa memorizes 18 songs. When it's her turn on stage, she chooses the first work to sing, then the judges pick the next pieces for her and she sings as many as 15 minutes will allow. At district competition, Lisa sang three-and-a-half pieces before time was called.

Deanna (Boggs) Gildea and her husband, Lance, of Seattle announce the birth of Gregory Michael on July 12. Gregory joins 2-year-old sister Kate. Deanna works as a contract accountant which gives her flexibility to spend time with the kids. Lance is vice president of sales for a multimedia company.

Mike Jacobson and his wife, Jennifer, of Lake Oswego, Ore., announce the birth of Jase Daniel on Sept. 9. Jennifer is taking a year off from teaching. Mike is a pilot for United Airlines, flying the 737-300/500.

Rick Larsen and Tiia Karlen of Everett, Wash., announce the birth of Robert Larsen Karlen on Aug. 3. Tiia is the children's programs coordinator at Deaconess Children's Services. Rick is the director of public affairs at the Washington State Dental Association.

Lee and Cathy Sherman of Graham, Wash., announce the birth of Kelsey on Feb. 12.

John and Debbie (Mortensen) Shoup of Everett, Wash., announce the birth of Aaron Christopher on Aug. 1. Aaron joins 5-year-old Nathan and 3-year-old Adam. John is the assistant principal at Gateway Middle School in Everett. Debbie is a part-time pediatric registered nurse and a Mary Kay consultant.

1988

Mark and Jo (Baker '89) Cooksley of Puyallup, Wash., announce the birth of Benjamin Dean on July 26, 1995. Jo completed her master's degree in educational administration from Western Washington University in 1994. She is a teacher in the Puyallup School District. Mark completed his master's degree in education in school counseling from Seattle University in 1996. He is a behavioral specialist in the Puyallup School District.

Ann (Donaldson) Foster was promoted in July to program manager in the program management office of the wing responsibility center of the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group. Ann and her husband, Jeff, live in Seattle.

Heidi Menzenberg married Richard Hall on Aug. 10 at Christ Church Episcopal in Puyallup, Wash. Richard is a professional opera singer and voice teacher. Soprano Heidi Menzenberg celebrated her Seattle Opera debut last season in the mainstage production of Strauss' "Elektra" under the direction of Gerard Schwartz. This year, she will perform in festival concerts with the Seattle Symphony and the Northwest Chamber Orchestra. In September, Heidi joined the faculty at Northwest College as adjunct instructor of voice. In November, she made her Tacoma Opera debut as the mother in "Hansel and Gretel," and returns for her second year in the Young Artist Educational Outreach Program at Seattle Opera where she will sing the lead in Verdi's "Il Trovatore" in preview concerts during the 1996-97 season. Heidi and Richard live in Redmond, Wash.

Jim Quigley and his wife, Lynnette, of Norcross, Ga., are pleased to say they survived the Olympics and it was a fantastic experience. They are having a great time living in the South with their 18-month-old daughter, Kelly. Jim is a senior account manager for GE Capital TMS selling Unix and Internet servers to corporations in the Southeast. Lynnette stays home with Kelly and keeps the house and their lives in order.

Sean Neely of Renton, Wash., began his second (and final) year at the University of Washington's graduate school of library and information science. Upon graduation this June, he hopes to find a position somewhere in the greater Northwest.

Bill Pubols married Laurie Pubols on June 17, 1995, in Eugene, Ore. Laurie was widowed in 1991 and brings three children, Gabe, Carson and Lindsay, to the marriage. Bill and Laurie are expecting their first child together in March. In June, Bill earned a master of divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Ill. Bill is a campus minister with Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of Oregon.

Nate and Barb (Davis '90) Thoreson and their 2-year-old son Lucas have moved to Stockton, Calif. Nate is in graduate school at the University of the Pacific pursuing a master of science degree in physical therapy.

Barb is a registered nurse at the University of the Pacific Student Health Center.

Jean Tindall-O'Dell and her husband, Patrick O'Dell, of Burlington, Wash., announce the birth of Elizabeth Ann on Sept. 20. Elizabeth joins 3 1/2-year-old Jessica Claire.

Dan and Erika (Lund '92) Wiersma of Federal Way, Wash., announce the birth of Joshua on Feb. 19.

ALUMNI TOUR

Alumni cruise showcases Scandinavia

The tour guides ran them ragged, stuffed them full of history and showed them things the average tourist never sees.

Jean (Christianson) Wolfe '56, her husband, **Robert**, **Sylvia (Stavaas) Bjelde '40**, **Einar Siqueland '54** and his wife, **Jillian**, were among 44 people from Lutheran colleges across the country to take part in the Lutheran College Alumni Tour of Scandinavian Countries in July 1996.

The 16-day whirlwind tour started in St. Petersburg, Russia, and wound through Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark. "I had been on several other package tours and this one was really excellent," said Wolfe. "The guides were tremendous, they had planned it well, the hotels were beautiful and the food was scrumptious."

Wolfe said her favorite part was St. Petersburg. "I think in four days we saw it all," she laughed, exhausted at the memory itself. "They had us going day and night but we took it all in — culture, history...everything."

Besides PLU, tour members came from Texas Lutheran College, Gustavus Adolphus College, Muhlenberg College and Carthage College. The cruise was coordinated by Vantage Travel.

PLU's Office of Alumni and Parent Relations is helping sponsor another Scandinavian tour in June 1997. For more information, call Vantage Travel, 1-800-322-6677, or PLU's Alumni and Parent Relations Office, 1-800-ALUM-PLU.



FROM LEFT, Jean (Christianson) Wolfe '56, Robert Wolfe, and Sylvia (Stavaas) Bjelde '40 pose in their Pacific Lutheran garb in Bergen, Norway.

Karla Fullner of Pittsburgh graduated in March 1996 from the University of Washington with a Ph.D. in microbiology. She is employed as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Pittsburgh.

Jennifer (Hubbard) Geller and her husband, Randy, of Pullman, Wash., announce the birth of Rachel Jandrey on July 13.

Kimberly Jenkins married David Eickerman on April 20 at University Presbyterian Church in Seattle. Kimberly is an investment associate at Zevenbergen Capital Inc. David is managing director of AviMar Trading Company.

Todd and Suzanne (Capelli '89) Kelley, who just celebrated their second wedding anniversary, announce the birth of Sara Joy on March 29. Todd has been in media relations at MultiCare Health System for six years. Suzanne is taking time away from teaching. They live near Puyallup, Wash.

Jon and Shelley (Ondrasik) Kral of Orlando, Fla., announce the birth of Jenelle Marie on Aug. 26. Jenelle joins 15-month-old brother Jonah.

Stephen Rushing and Lisa Wade '90 were married on Oct. 11 in Tacoma. Lisa is a first grade teacher in Spanaway. Stephen is an elementary school principal in Olympia, Wash. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

1989

Jerry and Jennifer (Johnson '91) Gurd were married on June 17 at St. Andrews Lutheran Church in Bellevue, Wash. Jennifer is an ultrasonographer at St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham, Wash. Jerry is a software engineer at Logos Research Systems, Inc. in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Darrin and Mary (Lewis '90) Hatcher of Puyallup, Wash., announce the birth of Caleb Andrew on Sept. 6. Darrin is a structures design engineer for Boeing. Mary left her elementary teaching position to be an at-home mom for Caleb.

Joel and Patty (Schmitz) Maier of Seattle announce the birth of Emma Lind on June 23. Joel recently graduated from the University of Washington with his master's degree in education and currently substitutes in elementary school. Patty works in a pediatric office as a nurse.

Adam Benson married Julie Anne Wilson on July 13 at St. Margaret Episcopal Church in Bellevue, Wash. Julie is a marriage and family therapist. Adam attends the Medical College of Wisconsin. They live in Milwaukee.

1990

Andrew Bongfelt of El Cerrito, Calif., is an audio visual technician with the Chevron Corporation in San Francisco.

Beth Canton married Kevin Nemeth on June 30 at Elim Lutheran Church in Bremerton, Wash. Beth and Kevin are both self-employed chiropractors. They spent their honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and now live in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada.

Vicki Chase and her husband, Jim, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, announce the birth of Bryan Rush on March 7.

Shannon (Munger) Dierickx and her husband, Dean, of Newcastle, Wash., announce the birth of Drew Alec on March 22.

Breit Grauerholtz is a physician at Hamot Medical Center. He and his wife, Mary, live in Erie, Pa.

WORKING TOGETHER

22 Lute teachers call "America's Finest Junior High" home

PLU grads number almost half the teaching staff at Kallis Junior High in Puyallup, which was dubbed "America's Finest Junior High" by Principal John Bustad '69, '75.

Of the 49 staff members at Kallis, 22 are PLU graduates. Of those 22, one is the principal, four are student teachers and the rest are faculty teaching everything from music and science to English and P.E.

"Folks are a little bit surprised we have so many Lutes here," said Bustad, who has been at Kallis for eight years. "PLU puts out a good product. Though I might be a little biased," he said with a laugh. "No, seriously, our philosophy is we want to get the best educator available and fortunately for PLU alums it's a lot of them."

Cindy Watters '93 agrees. "There are a lot of Lutes here and they're great people to work with," said Watters, who is completing her third year teaching social studies and student leadership at Kallis. "There are great teachers coming out of PLU and you want to hire the best."



The Kallis Lutes donned PLU sweatshirts for a picture at the beginning of the year.

BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT): Kelly Shepherd '92, Debby Papacek '92, Wendy McDougal '94, Jill Skoda '94, Judy Hyden '64, '84, Lisa Kreiger '96, Eileen Jacobs '74, Cindy Watters '93, Lea Wicklander '96.

MIDDLE ROW: Leslie Tauzer '97, Cathy Davison '79, Cathy Warr '73, Stacey Jeffers '89, Leslie Snyder-Anderson '89, Tim Templin '86, '96, Guy Kovacs '90, Brian Bon Temps '90.

FRONT ROW: Russ Andersen '72, John Bustad '69, '75, Jeff Miller '93, Greg DeJardin '96.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Young Alum Event

To all graduates of the last decade — you're invited to a PLU Young Alumni Night in Seattle. On February 15, 1997, cheer the Seattle Thunderbirds ice hockey team as they take on Portland at the Key Arena. For more information, call Alumni & Parent Relations at 800-258-6758.



Alumni College at Holden Village

Mark your calendar for Pacific Lutheran University Alumni College, Aug. 10-16, 1997. This year's college, taught by several PLU faculty, will be held at Holden Village, located in the mountains of northern Washington. All PLU alumni, parents, and friends are invited to come for a family vacation or a personal retreat. Call Alumni and Parent Relations at 800-258-6758 for information.

John Hatley is the branch coordinator for the Everett branch of Long Beach Mortgage. He and his wife, Francine, moved back to the Seattle area to pursue this opportunity.

Jim and Dana (Graverson '91) Hill were married on May 18 in Federal Way, Wash. Jim lived in Las Vegas for the past two years. He is an airline pilot and most recently flew DC-95. Jim is beginning a new job with Pro Air, flying 737s out of Detroit. Dana still lives temporarily in Seattle and has been working for Alaska Airlines Mileage Plan since 1994. As soon as Jim starts his new job, they will move to Detroit together.

Deidre (Brown) Leer and her husband, Dan, of Owatonna, Minn., announce the birth of Dexter Joel on Aug. 4. Dexter joins 3-year-old sister Kiana Michelle.

Erik Lorenz moved to Durham, N.C., where he is working toward his master of business administration degree at Duke University.

James and Krista (Stewart) McBride of Puyallup, Wash., announce the birth of Nolan Scott on Sept. 4, 1995. Nolan joins 3-year-old brother Tyler James.

Chris and Michelle '88 Molyneux of Vancouver, Wash., announce the birth of Kathryn on May 24.

Lesley Pettigrew married Takato Imaizumi on July 27 at Northlake Lutheran Church in Bothell, Wash. Takato is a graduate student in molecular biology at Tokyo Metropolitan University. Lesley is a researcher/writer for Global Village, a fair trade organization in Tokyo, Japan.

Terry Pyle is the relationship manager at KeyBank's Commercial Banking Center in Moses Lake, Wash. He is responsible for new and existing commercial business development as well as delivering financial solutions to accommodate client business needs.

John and Angena (Miller '91) Skibiell of Othello, Wash., announce the birth of Madison Ashley on May 28. John is the dental director at the Othello Family Dental Clinic. Angena is taking a year off from teaching to spend more time with Madison.

Lori Thompson is in her third and final year of medical residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle.

1991

Mark and Hayley (Halter) Adams of Portland, Ore., announce the birth of Emma Jean on March 13. Hayley is a medical technologist for Kaiser Permanente. Mark graduated on May 19 from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore., with a master's degree in physical therapy. He is working with the Veterans Administration in Portland to fulfill a two-year agreement when he accepted a Veterans Administration scholarship during his master's program.



Scott Foss of De Kalb, Ill., married Lia Vella on Aug. 24 in the White River Badlands of Western Nebraska. Lia is a Ph.D. student in American literature. Scott is a Ph.D. student in vertebrate paleontology at Northern Illinois University. He is also a seasonal paleontologist for the Badlands National Park.

Ryan and Julie (Hemming '92) Hamlin of Everett, Wash., announce the birth of Caleb Ryan on Feb. 27. Ryan is a program manager for Microsoft. Julie taught second grade in Everett for four years until the birth of Caleb.

Ole Christian Hellevik is an engineer manager at Interling Software Corporation in Kirkland, Wash. He and his wife, Ikuko Sano, live in Bellevue, Wash.

CinDee (Garcia) Johnson and her husband, Greg, of Port Orchard, Wash., announce the birth of Gabriel Garcia on Aug. 21. Gabriel joins 4-year-old brother Gregory Charles and 21-month-old brother Samuel Roon. CinDee is a registered nurse at Harrison Home Health. Greg is an optometrist at St. Mark's Eye Institute.

Gail (Ingram) Krogness works part-time at the Norway-America Association and continues to study Norwegian. Her husband, Klas, works for SAS as an aircraft mechanic. They live in their new apartment in Oslo, Norway, with their rottweiler, Harley.

After working five years for Safeco Insurance Company in Seattle, **Marcus LeMaster** moved to Calgary, Alberta, where he is a systems developer for the Canadian Pacific Railway. In May, he participated in an expedition to climb Mt. McKinley in Alaska. After 20 days on the mountain, bad weather prevented him from reaching the summit.

Mali Pommikas has moved to Ohio with the newspaper division of Gannett, Inc. She is the market development director for the Chillicothe Gazette in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mali has been with Gannett for four years.

Joel Schreuder of Tacoma completed his master of music degree at Washington State University in 1995. He teaches vocal music at Bethel High School and vocal jazz at PLU.

Erika Somin of Redmond, Wash., was promoted to operations specialist at Microsoft in October.

1992

Trina Durham married Perry Peters on July 27 at Wabash Presbyterian Church in Auburn, Wash. Trina is a first grade teacher in Enumclaw. Perry is a substitute teacher. They live in Enumclaw, Wash.

Thomas Edwards of Dundee, Ore., works at a distributor for the manufactured housing industry. He also plans to apply to a regional university to take business courses.



Leigh Ann Evansou is serving in the Peace Corps in Gabon, Central Africa. She is having the experience of a lifetime and mustering through the French language.

Karen Herzog of North Bend, Ore., is a deputy district attorney in the Coos County District Attorney's Office.

Tim Mitchell received his certified public accountant certification and is a staff accountant at Seattle Market Center, a property management company. **Traci (Wensel) Mitchell** is a lab assistant at DynaCare Laboratory of Pathology. They live in Kent, Wash.

Judith Myers of Tucson, Ariz., is an administrator at Firstat Nursing Services HomeHealth/Staffing Agency.

Beth Phillips married Capt. Dao Nguyen on July 13 in Spokane, Wash. Beth is a surveyor for the Spokane County Engineers Department. Dao is a pilot in the United States Air Force. **Oyvind Steinsvik** is a senior business consultant in Kreditkassen, Fredrikstad. He and his fiancée, Christine Spro, just bought an old nostalgic house from 1872 in Fredrikstad, Norway.

Robert Summers married Brønda Gill on June 29 at Cross and Crown Lutheran Church. Robert works at U.S. Bank Commercial Loan Service Center. They live in Renton, Wash.

Russell White and Shawn Moody '95 were married on June 8 at Northwest Foursquare Church in Federal Way, Wash. Shawn is an elementary teacher. Russell is a high school teacher. They live in Federal Way.

1993

Shannon Armit, a teacher at James Sales Elementary School, is the new head coach of the girls soccer program at Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma, Wash.

Brian Arnot of Redmond, Wash., has been working as a contractor for Microsoft since graduating from PLU. He is actively involved in coaching youth soccer and recently earned a national "C" coaching license.

Susan Brandt married Randy Ferguson on Aug. 3 in Sitka, Alaska. Susan is a music teacher at Verstovia Elementary School in Sitka.

Jay Cash of Fayetteville, N.C., enlisted in the Army on July 17, 1995. After completing the Army parachute jump school, he and his wife, **Nori Wendt '92**, were stationed at Fort Bragg with the 21st Military Police Company. Jay serves as a military police officer for the Fort Bragg Provost Marshall and hopes to attend the Army rotary wing flight school starting the summer of 1997.

Lea Dayberry married David Crouch on June 22 at Canterwood Country Club in Gig Harbor, Wash. David has an orthodontic practice in Puyallup, Wash. Lea works part-time at David's practice. They bought a new home in University Place, Wash., and are expecting their first child in March.

Dirk DeYoung of Marysville, Wash., received his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of the Pacific School of Dentistry in San Francisco last June.

Todd Green and Amy Flowers '94 were married on April 13 in Bellevue, Wash. Amy works at Microsoft. Todd is the youth director at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue.

Susan Halvor of Berkeley, Calif., just started her master of divinity program at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She took last year off and spent six months traveling with **Michael Isensee '92** in Southeast Asia. Mike is working on an organic farm, Terra Firma, in Winters, Calif.

Staci (Preppernau) Holstine and her husband, Scott, of Lacey, Wash., announce the birth of Rachael Ann on July 5.

Dune Ives and Chad Petersen are living in Logan, Utah, where both attend Utah State University. Chad is working toward a second degree in accounting and Dune is earning her Ph.D. in research and evaluation. They look forward to graduating in June 1997, and getting married on Sept. 13, 1997, in LaCrosse, Wis.

Eric Paulson and Heidi Kepferle '92 were married on Aug. 17 on Lummi Island, Wash. Eric works at Castle Medical Center in Kailua, Hawaii. Heidi is an intensive care unit nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Honolulu, Hawaii. They live in Kailua, Hawaii.

Marc Pisan and Christina Schubert were married on April 27 at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church in Mercer Island, Wash. Christina works at the Bellevue Nordstrom. Marc works at Microsoft. The couple lives in Kirkland, Wash.

Jerry Bayne's meticulous embroidery earns grand award at Puyallup Fair

Ninety-nine percent of Jerry Bayne's classmates probably remember him as a trumpet player. Plain and simple.

These days the retired music teacher — and yes, a well-known trumpet and saxophone player — is being singled out for his intricate drawn lace Hardanger embroidery. Hardanger is a counted-thread embroidery that comes from the Hardanger region of southwestern Norway.

In September, Bayne '58 walked away a Grand Champion from the Western Washington Fair in Puyallup for his work on a tablecloth that was so refined, so demanding and so beautiful that it "knocked the judges eyes out," said Carolee Berntsen '71, home arts supervisor for the fair.

Bayne's embroidery, which includes a pillow and a seven-and-a-half-foot altar cloth he made for his church, Glendale Lutheran, was featured on KIRO Television, in The (Tacoma) News Tribune and in The Highline Times, a weekly paper in Bayne's hometown of SeaTac, Wash.

Bayne grew up before television and has always worked with his hands. "My mother taught me to use my hands when I was very young," he said. "I embroidered my first dish towel when I was 9." He's also quite handy with wood, having built his own home inside and out.

Bayne took up Hardanger a couple of years ago, but the embroidery tradition has been in his family for generations. His grandmother came from Norway and both she and his mother worked at the patience-demanding needlework.

"The most inspirational thing from my mother and grandmother was that it's good to be useful, to make things. It's good to be good with your hands. It's honest work," he said.

Information from a Sept. 12, 1996, article in The (Tacoma) News Tribune was used in this story.



Jerry Bayne '58 shows off the seven-and-a-half-foot altar cloth he made in the Hardanger counted-thread embroidery style. The cloth, and his other prize-winning embroidered items, were on display this fall at Gloria's Scandinavian Gifts just north of PLU on Park Avenue.

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Andrea Rapp of Portland, Ore., is working on her master of social work degree at Portland State University.

Todd and Kimberli Sundberg of Tacoma were married on Aug. 24 in the Scandinavian Cultural Center at PLU. Todd just completed his master's degree at Boise State University. Kimberli is a nursing student at PLU.

Kristen Sandvig is an advertising representative for the Ballard News Tribune in Ballard, Wash.

Eric Schuck of Pullman, Wash., received his master of arts degree in economics from the University of Montana in May. He is now working on his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at Washington State University.

Steven Selvar married Elizabeth Johnson on July 27 at Bethany Lutheran Church on Bainbridge Island, Wash. Elizabeth works at Beneficial Finance Corporation. Steven works at Chrysler Credit Corporation. They live in Tukwila, Wash.

Kristin Stevens married Sean Koskinen on June 29 at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Sunnyside, Wash. Kristin is a dietetic intern in the University of Maryland Medical System. Sean is a fourth-year medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

1994

Karen Bain does financial planning at Bain Financial Services in Salem, Ore. She helps to present Successful Money Management Seminars around the Willamette Valley in addition to assisting clients with mutual funds, insurance and retirement packages. Karen and her husband **Mark Bain '92** can be reached by e-mail at digital@voyager.viser.net or you can check out their homepage at <http://www.viser.com>.

John Haines of Plains, Mont., teaches English to junior high and high school students in Mifune-machi, a town of about 20,000 located in Kumamoto Prefecture, a state in southern Japan.

Aaron and Rachel (Firman '95) Hubler were married on June 29 in Boise, Idaho. They live in Puyallup, Wash. Rachel is a fourth-grade teacher. Aaron is working on his master's in initial certification in teaching at PLU.

Brian and Julie (Pearl '93) Johnson were married on May 26 at United Methodist Church in Yreka, Calif. The couple honeymooned in Nassau, the Bahamas. Julie is a social worker and program manager. Brian is the special events administrator for the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma and a part-time ski instructor at Crystal Mountain in Washington. Brian and Julie live in Tacoma.

Scott and Kim (Bradford) Johnson were married on Aug. 17 in Vancouver, Wash. Scott is in his last year of law school. Kim is a journalist. They live in Columbia, Md.

Kim Lindemann married Barry Pekin in November 1995, in Manassas, Va. Kim is managing director of Computer Assist, Inc., where she just began an Internet/World Wide Web development division. Barry is a software developer. You can visit them at www.computerassist.com.

Petteri Maki of Helsinki, Finland, is a sales representative for IBM Finland. He is responsible for IBM's total revenue and marketing in media, utilities and construction industries in the Finnish marketplace. His e-mail address is petteri_maki@fi.ibm.com.

Greg and Janet (Huss '95) Nelson were married on July 13 in Seward, Alaska. They both teach in the Clover Park School District and live in University Place, Wash.

Eric and Amy (Westendorf '95) Reisman were married on Aug. 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Longview, Wash. Eric is an information systems analyst for Peacehealth Corporation in Bellingham, Wash. Amy is a first- and second-grade teacher in the Lake Stevens School District. They live in Stanwood, Wash.

Tanya Richardson is a human resource director in training awaiting an assignment to her own facility with Manor Care Health Services. Her husband Lochiel's human resource and training products company, The Richardson Company, is prospering.

Daniel and Karin (Wiitala '95) Roney were married on May 4 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, Wash. They cruised the Caribbean for their honeymoon and are now at home in Sumner, Wash.

1995

Nathan Aune studied abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark, during the spring of 1995 and then traveled around Europe over the summer of 1995. He returned to Copenhagen and has been working at Denmark's International Study Abroad Program since August 1995 as webmaster and computer systems administrator. Nathan is also studying music at the Copenhagen Jazz Academy.

Geoffrey Backlund and Kimberly Radtke were married on July 27 at First Lutheran Church of Port Orchard in Port Orchard, Wash. Kimberly teaches second grade and Geoffrey teaches eighth grade in the Central Kitsap School District. Following a wedding trip to Florida, they are making their home in Bremerton, Wash.

Kristian Erickson and Erica Dick '94 were married on Aug. 17 in Portland, Ore. They spent their honeymoon in the Caribbean, and live in Federal Way, Wash. Erica is a staff accountant for Moss Adams in Tacoma. Kristian is an information systems project analyst with the GNA Corporation in Seattle.

Alex MacLeod and Jennifer Brown were married on Aug. 24 in Portland, Ore. Alex is a carpenter apprentice for a Seattle residential remodeling company. Jennifer substitute teaches for the Shoreline School District. They live in the Queen Anne district of Seattle and just got a new kitten.

Chris Porter of Kalispell, Mont., is a television reporter for KPAX-TV in

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ALUMNI
PROFILE

Celtic Pride

Members of the sixth grade boys basketball team at Ingalls Elementary School in Lynn, Mass., are used to looking up to their coach Jeff Byrd '75 — literally. He towers over them at 6 feet 7 inches tall.

But team members really had to stretch their necks when Byrd got them in to meet the Boston Celtics this fall.

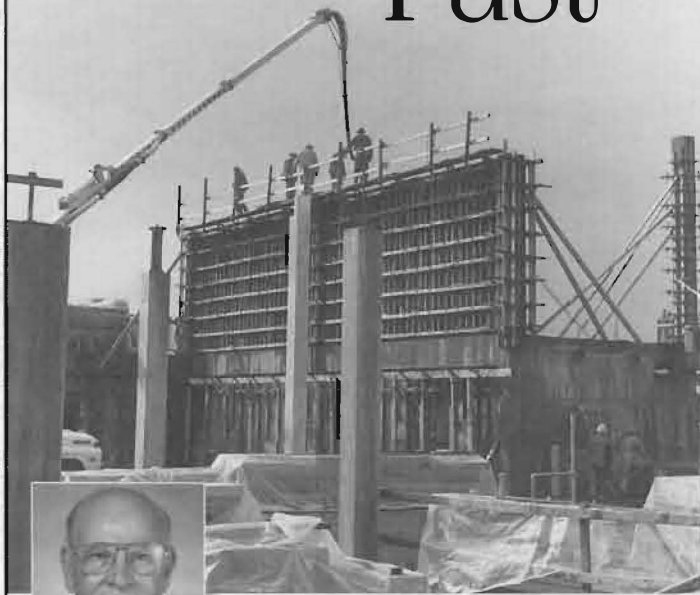
Byrd, a former standout basketball player at PLU, arranged for the Ingalls boys and girls basketball teams — both Class A Champions in 1992 — to attend a normally closed-to-the-public practice session the Celtics held at nearby Brandeis University. (It also didn't hurt that Byrd is friends with the president of Brandeis!)

As the legendary Robert Parish (all 7-foot-1-inch of him), Joe Kleine, Xavier McDaniel, Dee Brown, Kevin Gamble, Kevin McHale, Reggie Lewis, rookie Marcus Webb and others took the court, the kids could barely contain their excitement. They stared in awe, flashed pictures and whispered in reverent tones.

When practice was over, the Celtics patiently posed for pictures and signed hundreds of autographs. The local media covered the event and featured the Lynn students in the next day's newspaper.

Byrd said it was great to see the expressions on his students' faces when meeting the celebrated pro-basketball players.

A Window to the Past



A cement slab and a few walls marked the site of the University Center in early stages of construction in 1969. Student Activities Director Marv Swenson (LEFT) visited the site one day and found a work crew filling a cavernous empty space in the basement with dirt. They told him the filler was to provide support for a floor in the soon-to-be bookstore. Swenson stopped the crew, gathered an extra \$2,000 to put in structural supports instead of the dirt, and preserved the space. It was first used for storage, then music practice rooms, and was affectionately called the "gravel pit" because of its unfinished floor. Today, the site is the home of the Scandinavian Cultural Center.

Send your memories to *Pacific Lutheran Scene*, PLU, Tacoma, Wash. 98447-0003, or call 206-535-7430, or e-mail: scene@plu.edu.

Missoula, Mont., and KAJ-TV in Kalispell, Mont. On Oct. 1, he began co-anchoring the morning news program called "Flathead This Morning."

Heath Saunders of Federal Way, Wash., was promoted to PC technician at Oak Harbor Freight Lines on Aug. 16.

Bryan Sudderth and Kristie Carlson '96 were married on June 15 at Faith Lutheran Church in Remond, Wash. Kristie is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Bryan is a journalist. The couple lives in Bothell, Wash.

Jason Veitengruber and Jen Britton were married on July 20 at Bellevue First Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Wash. Jason is a second-year medical student at the University of Washington. Jen is an applied-behavioral analyst. They live in Seattle.

1996

Kelly Crithfield of Everett, Wash., was awarded a 1996-97 Presidential Scholarship from Luther Seminary. The award is given to individuals who are beginning their studies toward either a master of divinity degree required for ordination or master of arts degree at Luther Seminary. The scholarships, which are funded by Lutheran Brotherhood, cover full first-year tuition.

Andrew Dreyer and Lori Gustafson were married on Aug. 10 at St. Paul's Church in Salem, Ore. Lori is an electrophoresis scientist. Andrew is an administrative specialist. They live in Keizer, Ore.



Forest and Katie (Nelson) Monsen were married on Aug. 3 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland, where Forest's parents (Robert

and the late Forestine Wise '66 Monsen) were married 30 years ago. Katie's parents, Ray and Carol (Walters) '63 Nelson also gave their blessings. Katie is the editorial assistant for *Pacific Lutheran Scene* in PLU's Office of Public Information, and Forest is a vocational rehabilitation counselor with CRA Managed Care in Tacoma. They live in Gig Harbor with their cat, Madeline.

David Mullen married Anne Adams on March 16 at St. Luke's Memorial Episcopal Church in Tacoma. Anne is studying elementary education at PLU. David is employed by Inverness Software in Gig Harbor, Wash.

Anna Nelson of Tacoma, Wash., is a seventh grade computers/health teacher at Ford Middle School.

Rebecca Omland married Kris Lachennaier on July 27 in Billings, Mont. They are living in Bozeman, Mont., as Rebecca begins her first year of medical school through the WAMI program at the University of Washington. Rebecca and Kris will be back in Seattle next summer.

Erik Ryan is an account coordinator with Waggener Edstrom in Bellevue, a high-tech public relations agency that works with clients such as computer software companies Microsoft, Visio and Trilobyte.

Mark and Sara (VanNice '95) Sandlin were married on June 22 in Billings, Mont. Sara is a writer and Mark is a graphic designer.

Siberia by Bicycle *continued from page 12*

On their trip to Russia, Johnson and Blackwell were hosted by the chief Siberian geologist for the Russian government, Boris Mickalov. His relationship with them stemmed from Johnson's interest in gold mining. While about 2,000 people mine for gold in Alaska, there are 50,000 hopeful gold miners in Siberia.

In addition to the generosity of the Russians, Johnson found that they serve good food. Even though he and Blackwell brought their own food with them, they enjoyed the bakeries that thrived even in the smallest towns, as well as fresh cucumbers and tomatoes grown in hot houses.

Although neither of the cyclists spoke Russian before the trip, they had no problems communicating. They found it was easy to hold basic conversations with 12-year-olds, who rushed to them, eager to try out the few English words they knew. In addition, Blackwell is good at learning languages quickly, and was able to get by in Russian before the end of their 16-day trip.

Johnson and Blackwell also experienced few technical problems on their Siberia trip. On an earlier trip to Alaska's Prudhoe Bay, Johnson changed 16 flat tires and ended up with a bike so damaged that he almost had to carry it the last few miles. The trip to Russia required fixing just three flat tires and some broken spokes.

Johnson and Blackwell plan to return to Russia next July, biking around the world's deepest lake, Lake Bakal. They will be joined by Mickalov's son, who will return to the United States with Johnson to spend a year at the University of Alaska and work on his English.

Johnson said he is a changed man from his trip to Russia, and not just because of the 20 pounds he lost from all the exercise. "It changed my perception of a lot of things about Siberia."

Until his next trip, Johnson will keep in shape with triathlons and stay busy with work at Johnson Nissan/Jeep/Eagle in Anchorage, a car dealership he started 12 years ago that has grown to be one of the largest dealerships in Alaska. He also spends time with his wife Jane (Brevik '61) and their daughters, Darcy Steger '84 and Valerie Yawit '89.

Kisses and Krackels *continued from page 12*

Sweet Escapes appeared, it was his duty to make sure retailers in the area would buy them. Be prepared for a new Reese's chocolate and peanut butter product to be released in January, he said.

He also helps with test marketing in his district. Amazin' Fruit gummy bears debuted here in the Northwest before becoming a national treat.

Pinto holds a degree in business and German. He planned on a career in international business, and was a Fulbright Scholar in Germany.

About six years ago, he stepped into marketing with Hershey Chocolate, first in Washington, then in California, and now in Oregon. While most of Pinto's classmates dreamed of becoming stock brokers or financial analysts, few considered working in marketing. "I never thought I'd be doing this," he said. "Nobody can pull me out now."

It was his classes at PLU, especially those in management, that prepared him well for his work, said Pinto. "PLU's a great foundation."

Pinto and his wife Carey (Staffestad '86) met in finance class at PLU. Carey went on to become a CPA with Franklin Mutual Fund in Sacramento. "You can tell who did better in class," he said, laughing. Now Carey is a stay-at-home mom with their two children, 15-month-old Nicholas and 4-year-old Linnea. Pinto also serves as an alumni ambassador in Portland.

After six years, Pinto still loves chocolate. "It's great to have a nice, fresh Hershey's Bar," he said.

Check out Hershey's website, including an on-line cookbook, at <http://www.hersheys.com>.

NAIA Hall of Fame

Chuck Curtis, a 1950s basketball star, and Dave Trageser, the only Lute tennis player ever to reach the national finals in singles and doubles, will be inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame in separate ceremonies this spring.



Chuck Curtis

Curtis will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on March 11 in Nampa, Idaho, at the Division II Men's Basketball National Tournament opening banquet. Trageser will be inducted on May 18 in Tulsa, Okla., at the National Tennis Tournament opening banquet.

The duo will bring to eight the number of Pacific Lutheran athletes, coaches and administrators who are members of the NAIA Hall of Fame. The other inductees (and the years they were inducted) are: Marv Tommervik '42 (athlete, 1962); John Fromm '58 (athlete, 1963); Marv Harshman '42 (coach, 1972); Roger Iverson '59 (athlete, 1972); David Olson (meritorious service, 1989); and Frosty Westering (coach, 1995).

The mainstay of the "Big Three" basketball dynasty in the late 1950s, Curtis is Pacific Lutheran's all-time scoring leader, accumulating 2,173 career points. Curtis, with teammates Iverson and Jim Van Beek '60, '69, led the Lute teams that ruled the Evergreen Conference and represented District I at nationals four years in a row from 1956 to 1959. During that time the Lutes won 37 straight games against Evergreen Conference rivals. Curtis still holds the school single-game scoring record with 44 points against Whitworth in 1958. Curtis was drafted in 1959 by the Detroit Pistons but ended up with the New York Tapers where he was the number two scorer and top rebounder.

"Chuck was an outstanding team player and had the best hands of any big man I've ever played with. He has remained,

over the years, a very close friend," said Jim Van Beek '60, '69, former PLU basketball star who now works in PLU's development office.



Dave Trageser

Trageser, an NAIA All-American from 1977 to 1979, qualified for the NAIA national tournament each of his four years at Pacific Lutheran, reaching the round of 16 as a freshman and the quarterfinals as a sophomore. As a junior in 1978 he was named the outstanding player at the national tournament after advancing to the singles final and doubles semifinal. He finished that season with a 34-1 record in singles play, losing only in the national championship match. The following year, Trageser advanced to the national singles semifinal and national doubles final. His singles record as a senior was 34-2.

Trageser dominated conference and district competition, four times winning singles titles and three times winning doubles crowns at each level. He finished his Pacific Lutheran career with an overall singles record of 125-12. In addition, he also earned NAIA Academic All-American honors in 1979, the first year the award was given.

"Dave is very worthy of the honor," says Mike Benson, the Pacific Lutheran men's tennis coach since 1972. "He was a unique player, and because of that it's hard to describe what made him so good. I would have to say it was consistency; he made very few errors and had pinpoint control. He also had a will to win, a mental ability to go out and not be intimidated by strong competition.

"There are people at nationals who still ask me how Dave Trageser is," he added.

Now they'll have a chance to ask Trageser themselves.



For up-to-date sports information, call the Lutes Hotline at 206-535-PLU1

Fall Sports Summary

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The Lutes finished the season with a 5-10-3 record, the first losing record in the 16-year history of the program.

The losses don't accurately reflect the season. The team met the primary goal of first-year head coach Sue Shinafelt '90: to show continued improvement throughout the course of the campaign.

Working with a young and inexperienced group of players, Shinafelt, a member of two PLU national championship teams, kept her team in the conference playoff race until late in the season. Junior Amy Gardner scored seven goals for the third straight year and led the team in points with 19. Senior goalkeeper Lisa Cole set PLU records for single-season saves with 140 and career saves with 272.

MEN'S SOCCER

A young and inexperienced team finished the season with a 4-14-2 overall record, including a 4-9-1 mark in conference. The Lutes posted NCIC victories over league champion Pacific and runner-up George Fox.

Plenty of talent returns next year, including forward John Evermann, who scored four goals, and midfielder Pete Collins, who had three goals.

VOLLEYBALL

Kevin Aoki '84 took the Lutes to the Northwest Conference playoffs for the first time ever in his initial year as head coach.

The Lutes were led by senior co-captains Kim Baldwin and Beth Jayne. Baldwin, a setter, and Jayne, an outside hitter, finished their four-year careers by earning all-conference honors.



PLU freshman Chris Engel maintains a long lead over the competition, taking first place at the PLU Invitational this fall and earning All-America honors at nationals.

student and full-time Pierce County fireman who somehow finds

CROSS COUNTRY

Pacific Lutheran had perhaps its finest men's team ever, winning the Northwest Conference. During the season, the Lutes won all five of the invitational meets in which they ran.

The senior-dominated team was led by a freshman, though a unique one. Chris Engel is a 28-year-old who is a full-time

time to train enough to run an 8-kilometer race in about 25 minutes. Engel earned All-America honors at nationals.

On the women's side, junior Tanya Robinson earned All-American accord for the second straight year. Robinson helped the Lutes to a second place finish at the conference meet.

Both the men's and women's teams were ranked in the NAIA's top 10 throughout the course of the season.



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

ABOVE: Paul Ferry of Western Hardwood Inc. paints the Lutes logo on the brand new wood floor in a quiet Olson gym this summer. The room now resounds with shoe squeaks thanks to the floor, which was donated by the Names family and is called Names Court.



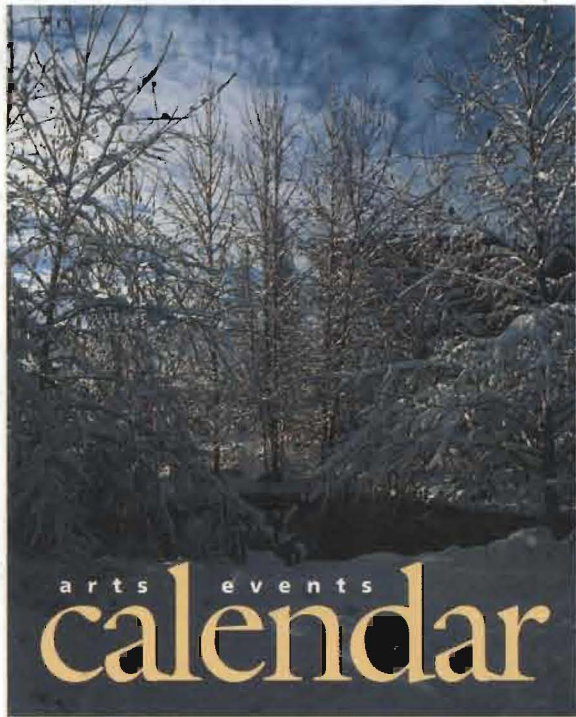
LEFT: A new timber roof with a cream-colored ceiling covers the PLU pool reopened this fall after major repairs. The lighter colored ceiling makes the pool area look larger, and new floors, light fixtures and fresh paint give the locker rooms a brighter face.

CHRIS TUMBUSCH

FOOTBALL

After suffering a season-opening loss to Western Washington, the Lutes finished the season with a strong 7-2 record, placing them second in the Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges and ranking them 15th in the country. As of press time, the Lutes were set to face Western Washington in the NAIA Division II playoffs. This is the 15th time in 18 years that the Lutes made the playoffs.

Sophomore running back Peter Finstuen smashed his way into the record books with a phenomenal performance in the fourth week of the season against Western Oregon. Finstuen carried the ball 14 times for a school-record 292 yards, and scored five touchdowns to tie another PLU single-game mark.



FIRST NIGHT PIERCE COUNTY



December 31

Join First Night revelers for musical comedy, jazz, alternative, classical and children's performances from 1 to 5pm at PLU. Admission buttons are \$8 until New Year's Eve and \$10 the day of the festival (children under 12, \$2). Purchase your buttons at the UC Information Desk and all Pierce County Seafirst Bank locations and Safeway stores.

JANUARY

11 SAT Northwest Honor Band
8pm, Eastvold Auditorium

FEBRUARY

5 WED Augustana College Choir
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

6 THUR Faculty Violin Recital
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Featuring Marta Kirk

9 SUN Choral Arts Northwest
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

11 TUES Choir of the West
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Reserve tickets early, 206-535-7602

13 THUR University Symphony Orchestra
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Featuring student soloists

15 SAT Danish Fastelavn
2-5pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center
\$1.50 at the door

18 TUES Faculty Piano Recital
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Featuring Calvin Knapp

20 THUR Regency String Quartet
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

27 THUR Camas Quintet
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
Featuring the faculty wind chamber ensemble

14 FRI Park Avenue Vocal Jazz Instrumental Jazz Ensemble
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

18 TUES University Symphony Orchestra
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

MARCH

4 TUES Choir of the West Ensembles
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

5 WED Evensong
5pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Tacoma
Featuring the University Singers, free

UNIVERSITY THEATRE

Streetcar Named Desire
March 6, 7, 8, 14, 15 at 8pm
March 16 at 2pm

A Tennessee Williams masterpiece, "Streetcar Named Desire" is a study of a fragile Southern gentlewoman who struggles to retain a way of life that is doomed to extinction. The drama is directed by William Parker.

All University Theatre performances are held in Eastvold Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 general; \$4 seniors, PLU faculty, staff, students. Call 206-535-7762.

9 SUN Wind Ensemble
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
"Music for Organ and Winds." Featuring James Holloway, organist.

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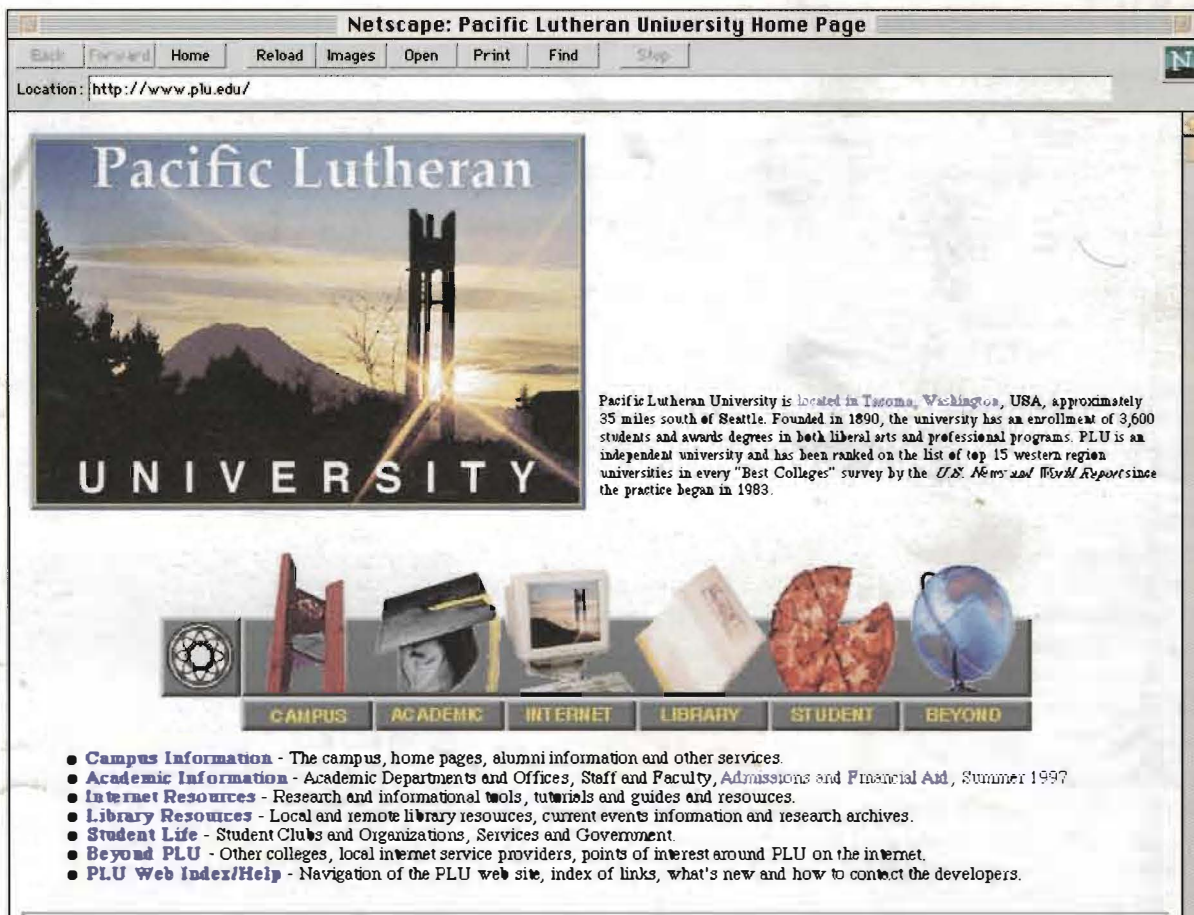
Known, Unknown & the Unknowable
Faculty show
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David Keyes
Sculpture
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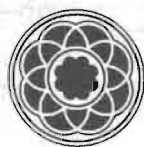
The Scandinavian Cultural Center is located on the lower level of the University Center. Regular hours are Tues.-Wed., 11am-3pm and Sun., 1-4pm.

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