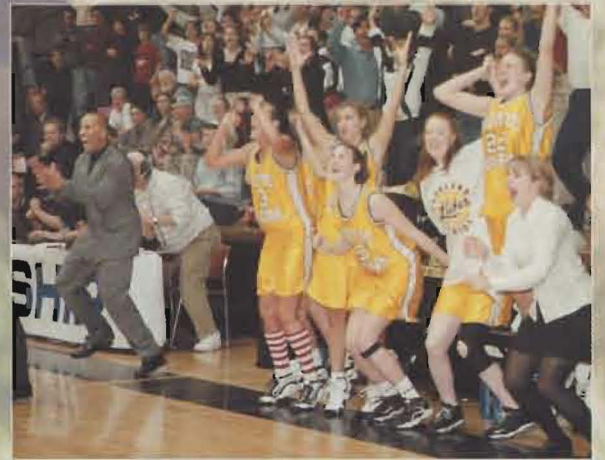


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Softball: All-Conference infielder Mandy Flores '00 led the Lutes to the regional playoffs.

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Women's Cross Country: Maree George '00 (219) earned All-American honors at nationals and placed fifth in the women's meet. PHOTO: COURTESY PLU SPORTS INFORMATION

Women's Basketball: The bench jumps to its feet after PLU makes a last-second winning shot during the March 3, 1999, first-round championship game against Cal Lutheran. PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

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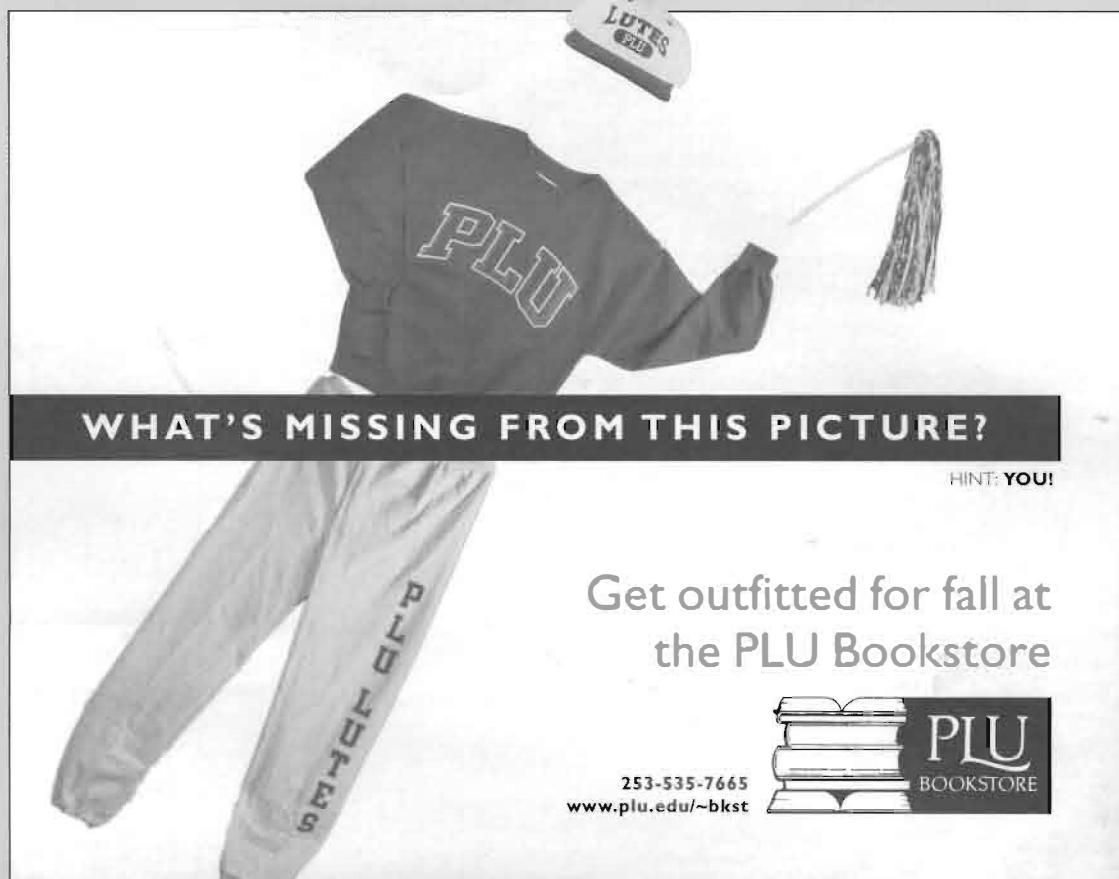
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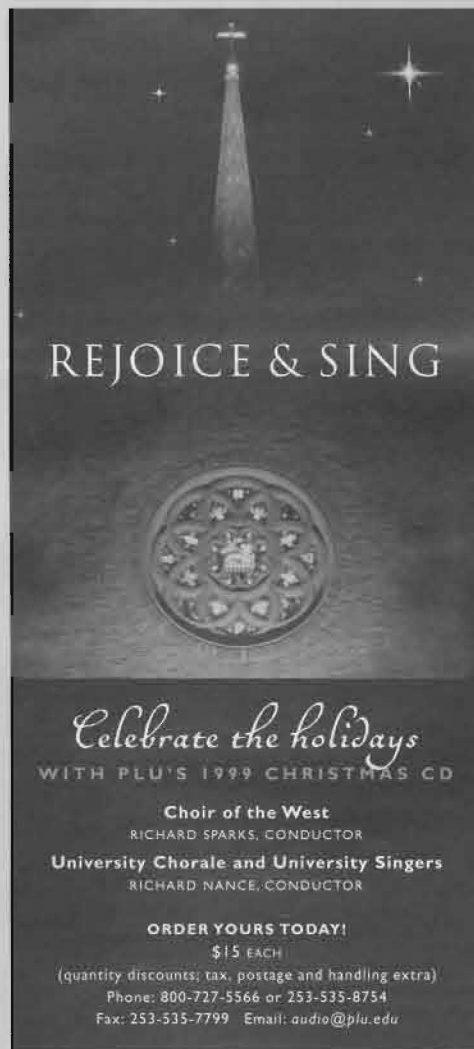



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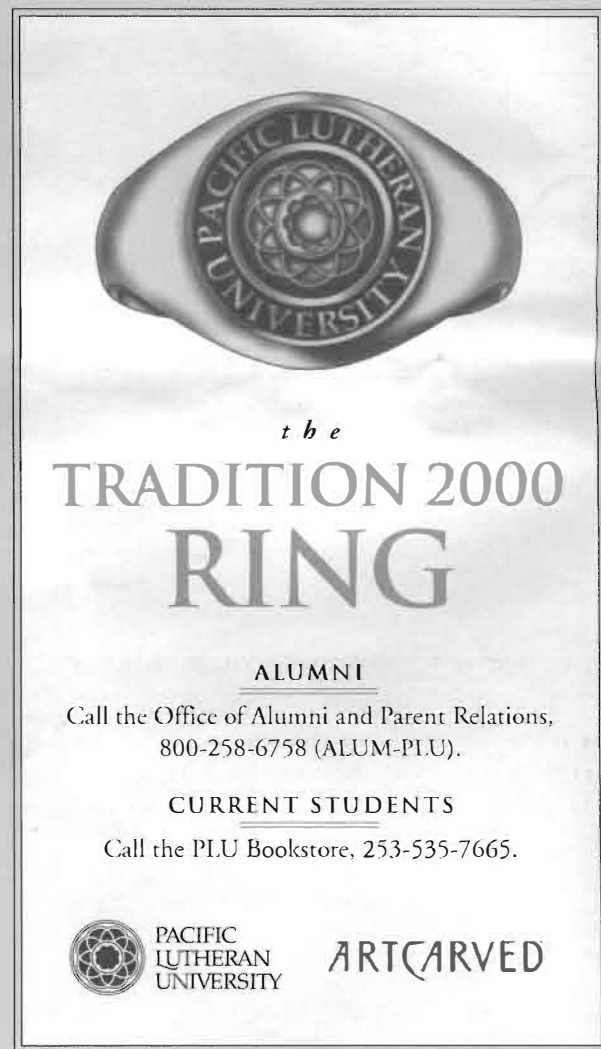
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PLU jumps to no. 7 spot on U.S. News & World Report best colleges list



PLU jumped to number seven on the list of Top 15 Regional Universities in the West in the U.S. News & World Report 2000 America's Best Colleges Annual Guide.

The rankings were based on academic reputation, retention, graduation rate, faculty resources (includes class size), student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving rate. PLU was ranked number nine the past three years and remains the only Northwest university to be listed in all U.S. News' best colleges surveys since the practice began in 1983.

of men. "Eastvold's comment at the time was, 'Use a little imagination and you can see what fine buildings we will have for our students,'" Nordholm said.

We want your memories! Scene is planning a modest retrospective in the next issue honoring Delta and Evergreen, and we want to hear from you. Alums from all eras are encouraged to tell their stories. All-night study sessions with people that have become lifelong friends? Roofs that leaked or walls that creaked? We want it all. Please email scene@plu.edu or fax 253-535-8331.

Judge rules state grants not allowed at church-affiliated colleges, appeal expected

In May, a Thurston County judge ruled that Washington college students cannot use state scholarship money at 10 private, church-affiliated schools in the state, including PLU. However, Superior Court Judge Daniel Berschauser noted his decision is likely to be overturned on appeal and would not order the state to stop giving aid to private-school students through the Educational Opportunity Grant program.

EOG grants provide up to \$2,500 yearly for juniors and seniors who demonstrate financial need and who are unable to relocate for college due to health, family or work commitments. As of spring 1999, 88 PLU students were receiving EOG benefits.

This fall an appeal is expected to be filed in the suit, which originally was brought in 1995 by a Washington State University professor and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Summer Institute for the Gifted celebrates second year on campus

The PLU community could be saying "We knew them when..." in a few years, thanks to the Summer Institute for the Gifted, held on campus July 25 to Aug. 14. Some of our future astronauts, chess masters and other standouts just might have emerged from the successful program, which drew more than 115 gifted children in grades 4 through 11 from 19 states, Canada, Japan and Hong Kong. Students took classes in fencing, robotics, mock trials, Mars colonization and dozens of other challenging subjects.

The Summer Institute, which marked its second year at PLU in 1999, has been offered at prestigious colleges on the East Coast and in the Midwest since



A Summer Institute for the Gifted fencing student learns the fine art of the thrust.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

1984. Organizers are already discussing new possibilities for next year's program at PLU, including rock climbing and sea kayaking. An open house is scheduled for May 2000. For more information, call 973-334-6991 or visit www.cgp-sig.com.



Cornelius Pope, carrying his 7-month-old daughter, Wisdom, receives his diploma from President Loren J. Anderson at PLU's commencement ceremony on May 23.

PLU awarded 530 diplomas at the May commencement and 198 diplomas at the August commencement.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Scandinavian Cultural Center celebrates 10th anniversary

Founding members, history lovers and longtime supporters gathered in the Scandinavian Cultural Center on May 14 to celebrate the center's 10th anniversary with a pan-Scandinavian gala. From a dream in the minds of the founding committee in the mid-1970s, the center has grown into a premier PLU showcase for exhibits and events.

In the past 10 years, the center has sponsored a smorgasboard of events that have become annual traditions for the community: Julefest, Fastelavn,

Dagny Ordal Vaswig, Scandinavian Cultural Center member and volunteer, performed three traditional Scandinavian songs at the center's 10th anniversary gala in May.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Norwegian Christmas Service, Norwegian Heritage Day, and Sankta Lucia. The center also has been a place for countless other exhibits, lectures, concerts, and arts, crafts and cooking classes.

The center has helped PLU and the estimated 40,000 Scandinavian Americans in Pierce County celebrate all things Scandinavian. Many Scandinavian dignitaries and members of the royal family have visited the campus in the past 10 years including Their Majesties King Harald and Queen Sonja of Norway (1995), Thor Heyerdahl (1996) and Crown Prince Haakon of Norway (1999). Two PLU presidents (Rieke and Anderson) hold the honor of Knight First Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit.

"Our goal is to assist the Scandinavian Cultural Council in presenting programming that is representative of all five Nordic countries," said **Susan Young '92, '98**, director of the center. "In looking back at all we have done during the previous 10 years, I believe we have accomplished our goal."

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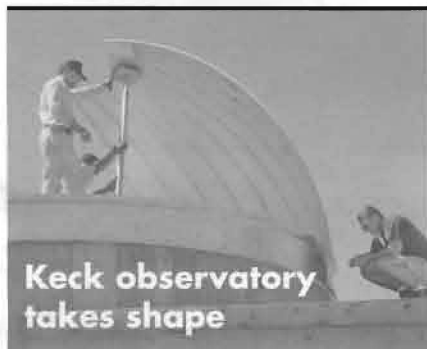
PLU Religion Professor **PAUL INGRAM** (with Sallie B. King, James Madison University) edited "The Sound of Liberating Truth: Buddhist-Christian Dialogues in Honor of Frederick J. Streng," which was published in August by Curzon Press. The book is a collection of dialogues written in honor of the late Streng, a former president of the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies. Some of the questions examined include: What is the role of religious practice in interreligious dialogue? How does the present historical context of Buddhist and Christian tradition affect their respective priorities in dialogue?

PLU Associate Professor of Sociology **ANNA LEON-GUERRERO** (with Chava Frankfort-Nachmias, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee) published "Social Statistics for a Diverse Society," 2nd edition (Pine Forge Press, \$67), which is the third-largest selling statistics text in the world. This introduction to statistics text book for the social sciences emphasizes the social dynamics of race, gender and class on our attitudes and behaviors. The text, in addition to its presentation of statistical techniques and procedures, highlights current data from the U.S. Census and social science literature on education, income disparity and crime, as well as attitudes toward affirmative action, abortion and women's issues from the 1996 General Social Survey.

WALT PILGRIM, retired religion professor, published "Uneasy Neighbors: Church and State in the New Testament" (Fortress Press, \$20) in May. Pilgrim sheds new light on the topic of church and state relations by looking at how Jesus handled the issue. He introduces a new aspect of the subject he calls "critical distancing" and discusses how Jesus treats church and state relations by focusing on Jesus' attitude toward government officials.

SUZANNE RAHN, associate professor of English, published "The Wizard of Oz: Shaping an Imaginary World" (Twayne Publishers, \$31.35) in July 1998. The book is a study about the long series of Oz books that has fascinated generations of readers and has become the most controversial fantasy series in the history of children's literature. Rahn explores this attraction and notes how Oz simultaneously reflects the utopian ideals of its era. She addresses both recent scholarship and the popular concerns of modern readers.

Each book is available at the PLU Bookstore, 253-535-7665, where alumni receive a 10 percent discount.



Keck observatory takes shape

By the time you read this, the W.M. Keck Observatory at PLU should be nearing completion. The observatory will feature a computer-controlled 16" Schmidt-Cassegrain reflecting telescope and five 8" telescopes. Astrometric (position) observations of known asteroids (minor planets), as well as the search for new asteroids, will be the principal research activities. For updates on the observatory's progress, see www.nsci.plu.edu/astro/.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Construction begins on South Hall

The university broke ground in August for South Hall, a 230-student, state-of-the-art residence hall for those ages 20 and over located on lower campus. The \$10.5 million building should be open for business in fall 2000. (Spring Scene 1999)



Memories of Delta Hall and Evergreen Court sought

A part of history was lost as the aging Delta Hall and Evergreen Court buildings were demolished to make way for South Hall.

Eric Nordholm, professor emeritus of communication and theatre 1955-1991, remembers walking through the newly acquired buildings with President Seth Eastvold and Ted Karl, professor of speech communication and former dean



Mayfest Dancers celebrate their 66th — plea for new costumes

While the Mayfest Dancers are happily celebrating 66 years of Scandinavian folk dancing at PLU, they also are mourning the fact that their once-proud traditional costumes have become tattered and worn and are, in some cases, just plain unusable.

"These costumes have been around 30 or 40 years, maybe longer," said adviser **Mark Noll '86**. "I'm surprised they've held up this long, even considering the care we take with them. We put them to good use throughout the year."

The dancers, a group of about 20 PLU students who perform for area elementary schools and other community organizations, are seeking donations of traditional men's and women's Scandinavian dress, including lederhosen (leather shorts that retail at about \$200 a pair). Cash donations also are being accepted. Contact Noll at 253-535-7521.

PLU excels in international math competitions

MATHEMATICAL CONTEST IN MODELING
A team from PLU was one of only 10 teams in the world who received an "outstanding" rating at the Mathematical Contest in Modeling Feb. 5-8. The contest, designed to stimulate and improve problem-solving and writing skills in a team setting, was made up of 472 teams representing 229 institutions from nine countries. The "outstanding" team was composed of **Nick Baeth '00**, **Jacob Nelson '00** and **Andy Meyers '00**.

A second team composed of **Chris Ahna '00**, **Corey Dunn '00** and **Joe Nichols '99** also competed.

PUTNAM COMPETITION
PLU ranked 94th among 419 institutions at the William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Contest in December 1998. **Joe Nichols '99** earned the seventh best score in PLU history since 1966. Ten PLU students participated in the competition, which is the premier mathematical competition for undergraduates in North America. Participants included **Chris Ahna '00**, **Nick Baeth '00**, **Curtis Dobson '01**, **Corey Dunn '00**, **Samuel Lester '99**, **Andy Meyers '00**, **Reuben Nelson '99**, **Joe Nichols '99** and **Satoshi Simoji '00**. Associate Professor of Math **Rachid Benkhalti** was adviser for both teams.

Rev. Rich Hamlin '84 wins court battle for religious freedom

An alumni profile in the fall 1998 issue of *Scene* featured Rev. Rich Hamlin '84 and his fight to preserve the confidential

nature of the pastoral office in the midst of a murder trial. Hamlin had been called as a witness in the murder trial of Scott Anthony Martin, accused of the 1997 death of his own three-month-old son. Prosecutors wanted Hamlin to testify because they believe Martin admitted guilt in a conversation with Hamlin. He refused to testify and was found in contempt. Last year, Hamlin appealed to the Washington State Court of Appeals and won. Prosecutors then appealed that ruling, taking the case to the State Supreme Court. Last May it ruled that Hamlin does not have to testify in court about statements he heard from the murder suspect.

Student Satisfaction Inventory reflects favorable ratings for PLU

Compared with 198,869 students from other four-year private institutions, PLU students are more satisfied with their university experience and would be more likely to choose their university "if they had to do it all over" again, according to a Student Satisfaction Inventory administered to 900 PLU undergraduates in October 1998.

Survey results indicate that students rated PLU more favorably on seven of the 12 areas and less favorably in five areas. Students gave PLU higher ratings for a second or third consecutive year, at a statistically significant level, in the following seven areas: instructional effectiveness, concern for the individual, student centeredness, campus life, campus climate, service excellence and campus support services.

In two of the last three years, concerns of PLU students have been noted in the same five areas. These are the areas of safety and security, registration effectiveness, academic advising, recruitment and financial aid, and responsiveness to diverse populations. These areas of concern are being addressed.

Architect of PLU rose window logo dies of stomach cancer



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

The university lost one of its most beloved longtime staff members this summer. Paul Porter, employee for more than 25 years and the architect of the PLU rose window logo in 1975, died suddenly on Aug. 13 of cancer of the stomach in the esophagus. He was 52.

Porter came to PLU in 1974 and was director of publications design until 1993, when he became director of communications, a position he held until 1997. During his time as communications director, he was integral in shaping a new look for *Scene* that first debuted in 1994.

Porter, who was director of publications design and operations for the last two years, left a legacy in his professional life that included countless one-of-a-kind prints, art shows, awards, honors and unique designs that live on today, including many PLU signature publications such as viewbooks and catalogs.

On a personal level, Porter touched a great many people during his short

life. He was known for his ever-present smile, easygoing manner and the ability to listen and make people feel special when they were around him.

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Mary Drutis-Porter of Tacoma; daughters, Emily, doing research in Asia; Samantha of Tacoma.

In his early days at PLU, Porter taught printmaking — one of his favorite artistic past-times. In honor of this, his family has set up a scholarship fund to be used for PLU students interested in printmaking. Contact the PLU Development Office, 253-535-7177.

PLU strives for enhanced environmental quality

TREE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Until the grounds department entered into a tree management program last September, there was no in-depth knowledge of PLU's valuable urban forest. Now the program provides regular documentation of existing resources and an easy way to update the tree inventory. It also outlines a future course for tree care at PLU. Learn about PLU's unique trees and a few old favorites on a tree tour at www.plu.edu/~phpl/treetour.html.

AUDUBON COOPERATION SANCTUARY SYSTEM

PLU and the golf course have joined the Audubon Cooperation Sanctuary System (ACSS), a national program designed to help landowners preserve and enhance the environmental quality of their property. By participating in ACSS, PLU will be involved in projects that further enhance wildlife habitat and conserve natural resources for the benefit of the local community. These projects include, among others, placing nesting boxes for cavity-nesting birds, conserving water and energy, and recycling wastes.

PLU students, alum win in local pageants

MISS WASHINGTON

Two PLU women were among 14 to compete this summer for the title of Miss Washington. **Karissa Bryant '03**, Miss Burien, won a \$1,000 recording studio award plus the \$600 nonfinalist scholarship. Bryant, 18, of Tukwila, is an opera singer. **Amy Lee Fraser '99** received the \$600 nonfinalist scholarship. The 23-year-old Miss Auburn graduated with a bachelor's degree in physical education and plans a master's degree in dance. She envisions a career teaching elementary physical education and owning a dance studio.

Contributed by **Melissa O'Neill '91**, business reporter for the *Tri-City Herald*.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PAGEANT

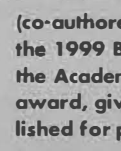
Travis Anderson '03 and **Gwen Cheatham '03** were crowned king and queen at the African American Heritage Pageant on Feb. 27 in Tacoma. They each won a \$1,000 scholarship at the annual event, which offers Pierce County high school seniors the chance to compete for scholarship money. Anderson plans to major in business and possibly music. Cheatham plans to major in nursing.

BRIEFLY...



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

PLU Associate Professor of Religion **DOUG OAKMAN'S** book "Palestine in the Time of Jesus: Social Structures and Social Conflicts" (co-authored with K.C. Hanson) won the 1999 Book of the Year award by the Academy of Parish Clergy. The award, given to the best book published for parish ministry in the previous year, was given at the annual conference of the academy in Cleveland in April.



SUSAN MARENSEN

KEITH SEINFELD, KPLU's environmental reporter for the past three years, won the Radio-Television News Directors Association top national award for a news documentary. The **Edward R. Murrow Award — the Pulitzer Prize of the radio industry — honored Seinfeld's sensitive coverage of "The Whale Hunt,"** a saga that was seen as spiritual destiny by the Makah Indians of Washington's northern coast and as senseless slaughter by their opponents.



LAWSON KITA '99

CHRIS TUMBUSCH, associate director of photo services, won four awards during the University Photographers' Association of America's 38th Annual Technical Symposium in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, June 22-25. Tumbusch won the inaugural Fuji New Approach Award sponsored and selected by Fuji Film U.S.A. His winning work was judged most innovative from more than 200 entries. In addition, he won first place in the photo features category, second place in the personal vision category and honorable mention in the environment and landscape category in the annual UPAA print competition. The photos can be seen at www.plu.edu/~newsinfo/photo.html.

Fulbright Scholars

A Fulbright Scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships a person can receive, and PLU is home to an impressive 51 student Fulbright recipients since 1975. PLU Languages Professor **RODNEY SWENSON** has been instrumental as Fulbright adviser since 1975.

- **SCYLLER BORGLUM '99** will study "Sustainable Development from the Norwegian Perspective" in Oslo, Norway. After her Fulbright experience, she hopes to earn a juris doctorate and a master's degree in international relations.
- **KRISTEN HART '99** will be a teaching assistant in Germany to observe the differences between German and American school systems, German customs and Germans' feelings about cultural and political developments. She also will enroll in university lectures and volunteer for a social services agency. After her assistantship, Hart hopes to earn a master's degree in education and German.
- **JENNIFER TINKER '99** will be teaching English as a foreign language in Korea. By observing the philosophy and techniques used in the Asian educational system, she would like to find out why American students are falling behind other students internationally.

STUDENT PROFILE

ASPLU President Robby Larson '00 likened to the young Erv Severtson '55

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, EDITOR

Not long into his freshman year, Robby Larson '00 predicted he would be ASPLU president as a senior.

"No one who knew him doubted that statement," laughed Dave Urban '00, his good friend and roommate of three years.

"Robby is an extreme go-getter. He loves PLU and he's enthusiastic, determined, spirited, has a strong faith in God that shows up in his everyday life, and there's a genuineness about him. I have a lot of respect for him," said Urban, who is also the ASPLU Christian relations director.

Larson, a business major who did indeed get elected ASPLU president last spring, has been called by many a young version of Erv Severtson '55, recently retired longtime vice president and dean for student life who was student body president himself as a senior.

Larson, known for his ready smile and quietly charismatic presence, is involved in everything. Student government, Young Life, Campus Ministry, University Congregation, RHA, Red Carpet Club, Rejoice! and KCNS 6. He plays a half-dozen intramural sports and is an avid fan of PLU varsity sports. He sponsors a child from the Philippines and, this summer, was a founding member of a Parkland street ministry.

"Robby? He's everywhere," confirmed Heather Dewey '01, former ASPLU senator. "You can always count on him."

The only people who might have Larson beat in the involvement category are his parents, Bob and JoAnn, who clearly instilled in him a sense for putting others before himself.

"Robby's been very involved from the seventh or eighth grade on," said his mom who, in the Larson spirit, quickly signed on with her husband to serve on the PLU Parents Council. "He's humble and he has the PLU servant attitude. He's very caring and nice and takes care of friendships well. He's made some good choices in his life, and PLU was one of those."



"I'm one of those people who signs up for everything. No one is going to stop me from affecting things at PLU."

ROBBY LARSON '00

Larson chose PLU over a state school partially because his friend Mark Carrato '94, whom he describes as the "essence of cool," loved it here, and partially because he could be more involved at a smaller university.

"I'm one of those people who signs up for everything," said Larson, his blue eyes twinkling with determination. "No one is going to stop me from affecting things at PLU."

Larson abhors apathy and hopes to boost involvement on campus this year. In particular, he'd like to get more people to support varsity sports and has arranged for a free bus to take students to road games.

He's also planning on a series of fall campus forums on ethical uses of the Internet; is working to get cable in the residence halls; and hopes to increase communication among clubs, organizations and ASPLU so there will be less duplication of efforts and more participation by students.

President Loren J. Anderson calls Larson the "real" president of PLU, and was impressed with him from his days as a prospective student.

"Robby Larson has been an outstanding leader since he served as president of the Oregon DECA chapter during his high school days. His contributions to PLU are already enormous, and we look forward to working with the Larson administration in the coming year," Anderson said.

Larson said he wouldn't mind following in Severtson's footsteps and become a "permaLute" by working in the alumni or admissions offices after graduation. He's also considering getting his MBA, going into corporate law or perhaps joining the Lutheran Brotherhood team.

"I want to stay in the PLU community if I can," he said. "I've given a lot of myself, but there's so much more I can do."

FACULTY PROFILE

Keck grant funds groundwater and soil research

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR

If the five new holes in the ground in Parkland make you afraid that gophers have invaded the area, let Geosciences Professor Duncan Foley put your fears to rest.

The holes are actually resource protection wells drilled this spring — three at Gonyea House and two at the PLU golf course — to help Foley and his students study soil samples and the flow of local groundwater. A piece of the \$500,000 Keck Foundation grant for Geosciences and Physics is funding the group's activities.

One facet of the research involves monitoring the water level in the wells.

"This fall, students will begin looking at the processes of deposition — the type of sediments and where we found them — to tell us more about how the local area was formed," said Foley. Chunks of wood also brought up from the well-drilling will give additional clues.

Data from sediments encountered in the wells will be interpreted and incorporated into regional geological mapping that is being done by researchers from the University of Washington.

At PLU since 1986, Foley most recently has co-authored (with G.D. McKenzie and R.O. Utgard) the second edition of "Investigations in Environ-

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DUNCAN FOLEY, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF GEOSCIENCES

"We had expected well-water levels to be higher in the wells than in the surrounding creeks, but they were lower," Foley said. "We will need to do more research to understand the connection, or lack thereof, between the creeks and the groundwater. Understanding this connection is fundamental geological information that can be used, for instance, to help in salmon recovery."

The other part of the study lies in analyzing soil samples taken from the wells.

mental Geology," published by Prentice-Hall Publishing Company. Other Keck-funded projects in geosciences include the construction of a geographic information systems laboratory, a microscopy laboratory and a research-grade seismic station.

Associate Geosciences Professor Duncan Foley (left) and Regis Costello '00 check soil samples at a resource protection well drilled on campus in May.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH



PLU embarks on new long-range planning process

BY GREG BREWIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS

Preoccupied with Y2K? Not Loren J. Anderson. In his annual state of the university address in September, the president challenged the campus community to break through the millennial roadblock, to lift and lengthen its sight toward the future and to focus on developing a collective vision for PLU in the year 2010.

"One important hallmark of the past decade at PLU has been our focus on planning, both annual planning and long-term planning," Anderson said. "Now it is time to take our current long-range plan, **PLU 2000**, and refine a new working consensus about institutional identity and programmatic direction for the decade ahead."

The new long-range plan, PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction, builds on key initiatives in

PLU 2000: a financial plan, a campus master plan, a capital priorities plan, a two-phase technology plan and an academic addendum on liberal/professional integration and collaborative learning.

The university will host events throughout the country in 1999-2000 addressing the university's future. Alumni, parents, friends and other constituents will be asked to share their views on challenges and opportunities facing the university, and their ideas and dreams for the future.

A similar set of discussions will be held on campus as early as fall 2000. The new long-range plan is set to be unveiled in 2002.

"As we set about to prepare a new planning document, the core question before us is how shall we together seek the next level of distinction for

PLU," Anderson said. "What new qualitative goals should we set for the university? What new projects and strategies will move us toward those goals? What new program directions will excite us and our students now, in 2010, and well beyond?"

PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction

Watch for an invitation in the mail, or call 253-535-7415 for more information.

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ANOTHER STAR

By Bernie Zimmermann '02

"Today it seems like the political character of our nation has deteriorated, but perhaps that is only the media at work."

Zimmerman, a sophomore studying computer science, examines the role the media play in shaping our views of the president. He also

questions how real or relevant these impressions are to Americans. (essay written December 1998)



YOU GAVE LIGHT TO THIS WORLD...

By Erin Hess '97

"In the lace-lined casket, Inga wore a delicate wreath of flowers around her head and the same maroon dress she had worn three months earlier at her graduation."

Hess recently returned to her hometown of Boise, Idaho, from Peace Corps duty, teaching English to high school students in Eastern Latvia. Through the death of a promising student, she reminds us to recognize the unique beauty and potential in all types of people — and to let them know how we feel. (essay written September 1998)

So long, trusty chicken strips: The 'real world' lacks a UC

BY AMY PARDINI '99

Editor's Note: In honor of the new freshmen experiencing UC food for the first time, we reprint an essay written by former *Mooring Mast* columnist Amy Pardini '99. This article first appeared April 30, 1999.

Here I am, a senior, staring out into the great black abyss of my future without PLU. I have less than a month of bliss left, and then I'll be catapulted off into the Great Unknown that I've been warned about, encouraged to try and now forced to submit to.

This is my last column. This is my last month of college classes. In these next few weeks, I'll buy my last steamed milk from the espresso stand, eat my last chicken strip...



I will dream at nights of the UC, the place many of you freshmen now abhor. Appreciate it while you have it; seniorhood is coming. AMY PARDINI '99

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

Which brings me to the UC, the place I will miss most of all.

You see, ladies and gentlemen, I am not here to tell you how frightened I am to graduate. I am here to tell you how frightened I am to enter a world with no UC waiting behind the scenes to serve me.

I admit, I barely eat there any more. I have the 20-meal-a-semester plan, which somehow has lasted me all year long. And yet, it has always been there: a constant backup in case I burned the burrito or singed the soufflé, and a safety net and buffer from the outside world.

I relished the freedom of the UC when I came to college, fresh from home.

In the UC I could choose from a wide variety of things, not to mention being able to eat as much as I wanted. I really took advantage of that part of it!

Twenty pounds later, in the middle of my freshman year, I realized that the all-you-can-eat system wasn't quite working for me. So I made a rule for myself. I fit as much selection onto my tray as possible and barred myself from having seconds.

It worked, and eventually I lost the weight. My point is that, at one time, I really appreciated the UC. In fact, it was more than appreciation. I Loved

the UC (with a capital L). I had to keep myself from going out-of-control with the UC.

I remember sitting for hours with my friends, just hanging out and eating and eating and eating. Those were the days, those lazy freshman days.

And now I'm a senior. I think I appreciate it even more at this point in my life, now that I'm out in the quasi "real world" of cooking my own meals at my off-campus house.

It's not that I dislike cooking. I really enjoy it. And it's fun to make whatever you feel like for lunch and dinner.

The only problem with it is that you have to keep the ingredients in your cupboard, think ahead when you go to grocery shopping and actually make the meals and cook them yourself.

I don't mind any of those things all that much, except that they take up TIME. And if you're anything like the average senior at PLU, you know that time is not something you have a lot of.

So hello, Planet Burrito! Garfield Street comes in very handy to me much too often lately. It's my crutch when I don't have time to make anything (or am sick of turkey sandwiches).

And then there's still the UC. What would I do without it?

No freshman can ignore the pitiful, puppy-dog eyes of a hungry senior standing dejectedly at the cafeteria door.

And what a place of beauty the UC is to seniors: no dishes to wash, no pots to scrub (when you burn the rice), and free dessert! No dishwashers to unload, no leftovers to save, and as much pop as you can drink!

Next year I will be poor, married and hopefully going to graduate school. I am looking in the eyes of a life that consists of Cup O' Noodles and instant oatmeal — not exactly wonderful for the girl who really relishes variety in her food life.

I will dream at nights of the UC, the place many of you freshmen now abhor. Appreciate it while you have it; seniorhood is coming.

Graduation (and starvation) loom nearer than you think.

leadership and service

Russells receive honorary degrees, give address at May commencement

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Pacific Lutheran University bestowed honorary doctorates of humane letters on George and Jane Russell of Frank Russell Company at its commencement ceremony on May 23, where the Russells also gave the commencement address. The Russells were honored for their strong business ethic and leadership, along with their humanitarian principles and care for the community.

PLU awarded 530 diplomas — 500 bachelor's degrees and 30 master's degrees — at the ceremony. The Russells' degrees mark the 85th time in 50 years that PLU has bestowed honorary degrees and citations of honor to recognize significant achievements and dedication to education, religious service, professional fields, the arts and public service.



"I came away with the strong feeling that the meeting meant as much to George and Jane as it did to the students."

KARIN ANDERSON '99

Member of a focus group of seniors the Russells met with in preparation for their commencement address.

George and Jane Russell's honorary doctorates came in PLU's 50th year of bestowing such awards. PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCHI

In preparation for their talk on the theme of "Sound Bytes," the Russells came to campus early in May and spoke with an informal focus group of 10 seniors. Culled from a wide cross-section of majors, the students reflected on their time at PLU and discussed with George and Jane their feelings of preparedness for the future. In turn, the couple gave advice on venturing out into the work world.

"I came away with the strong feeling that the meeting meant as much to George and Jane as it did to the students,"

said focus group member and President's Office Assistant Karin Anderson '99, who double-majored in communications and Scandinavian studies. "Both groups seemed to be thinking, 'Wow — we're with some very amazing people.'"

The Russells are global visionaries who have made outstanding contributions to the business world, the local community and PLU. Although not PLU alumni, they have a deep connection to the university, and they reflect PLU's goal of educating for lives of leadership and service. In fact, it was Jane who spearheaded fundraising for construction of the \$10 million Mary Baker Russell Music Center, named for George's mother.

The couple leads a growing economic development effort in Tacoma, and they are active supporters of education and the arts. In 1997, they jointly received the prestigious E. Donnell Thomas Medal of Achievement from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, recognizing their inspirational leadership and world vision.

The Russells helped launch and continue to support PLU's Family Enterprise Institute, which is dedicated to promoting and preserving family business in the Pacific Northwest, and which sponsors the Washington Family Business Awards. In 1997, Frank Russell Company received the Washington Family Business of the Year and the National Family Business of the Year awards, both in the large-business category.

Frank Russell Company is one of the world's leading investment-management and consulting firms. Over the past four decades, George has built Russell into one of the largest pension-fund consulting firms in the world. Today the company guides the investment strategies of 1,500 clients in 25 countries.

Jane Russell is corporate and community relations director of Frank Russell Company, and is credited as the architect of the company's corporate culture, known for fostering integrity in an environment of mutual trust and respect. She also was a key ingredient in developing Russell's award-winning programs for ethics, sabbaticals, employee wellness and education.

'Alumni' — What does the term mean?

BY DARREN HAMBY '87, '92, ALUMNI BOARD PRESIDENT

What does it mean to be a PLU alum? A strong connection to a place that educates for a life of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care. What does it really mean?

PLU did not just prepare us for a career or a vocation. We discovered ourselves in music, sports, theatre or creative writing. We explored our spiritual beliefs and our political convictions. We prepared for a second career or a return to the workforce. We made lifelong friends. PLU offered and continues to offer a means of developing skills, achieving goals and preparing for the future.

Why stay connected? PLU recognizes that lifelong learning helps us remain current in our chosen fields, acquire new skills and keep pace with a rapidly changing world. The alumni association offers educational events and travel opportunities that support lifelong learning.

Why give back? By attending PLU, we made an investment in our education and our future. We can assure that current and future students also have those same opportunities. PLU's development effort seeks to strengthen the

endowment, improve buildings and equipment, and keep the university financially strong.

Why get involved? Whether we mentor a student, guest-lecture in our field, volunteer on a university board or committee, or help recruit new students, our involvement is critical to the ongoing success of Pacific Lutheran University. Our connection to PLU did not end when we walked across the stage at commencement. Rather, it was the beginning of what I hope is your connection and continued commitment.

This fall, I have both the pleasure and challenge of beginning my term as alumni board president. I welcome your suggestions on how the alumni association can serve you better.



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Lutes Carry Legacy into



Those who were concerned that Pacific Lutheran University's recent move to NCAA Division III status would send the school's athletic program into a wasteland of mediocrity can breathe easy now.

That's because PLU's tradition of athletic excellence continues.

Sure, PLU has been a full-fledged Division III member for just a year, and one year doesn't necessarily provide a good basis for comparison. But that year was pretty normal compared to those that the school's athletic teams enjoyed for many years in the NAIA. And "normal" at Pacific Lutheran is very good.

Consider this: PLU was represented by teams or individuals in 10 NCAA Division III national competitions. Among that group, the Lute track and field squads had the greatest success, the men placing second and the women finishing third at the national meet. With similar strong showings by the football, women's basketball and softball teams, all of which reached the national tournament level, plus several outstanding individual performances, there was plenty of reason to celebrate the 1998-99 Lute athletic season.

"Last year was remarkable," says President Loren J. Anderson.

Indicative of the success was PLU winning, for the 13th time in its 14-year history, the McIlroy-Lewis Trophy, awarded to the outstanding athletic institution in the Northwest Conference. The springboard to PLU again etching its name on the trophy was seven conference sports titles — football, women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, softball and men's and women's track and field.

The all-conference sports trophy, which is on display in the school's athletic department office, is the standard by which the athletic department



The men of the novice openweight boat take part in a time-honored tradition as they prepare to heave coxswain Kristin Hovenkötter into American Lake this spring after winning a regatta. PHOTO: JOSH MILLER '01

NCAA Division III

BY NICK DAWSON, SPORTS EDITOR,
AND LENA TIBBELIN '99

has generally been, and will continue to be, measured in future years. "There's no question about it," says PLU Athletic Director Paul Hoseth. "For us, that has to be the primary thing.

"The challenge is *this* thing," he adds, pointing to the 1996 Sears Directors' Cup trophy sitting on a table in his office. The euphoria — and promotional opportunities — generated by winning the Waterford crystal cup has raised the expectation level of PLU athletes, coaches and fans. PLU won the first Directors' Cup presented at the NAIA level, and the award is now annually presented to the top NCAA Division I, II and III and NAIA athletic programs based on national-level performance.

Unfortunately, says Hoseth, "the way the scoring system is set up now, with an emphasis on national championships, it will likely not allow us to finish as high as we did in the NAIA." While the 1998-99 PLU athletic year

was pretty normal, PLU placed 20th in the NCAA Division III Sears Directors' Cup standings.

Make no mistake, 20th in the nation is outstanding by any measure. "Maybe we don't celebrate our successes enough because they have been so common," says Hoseth. "There are a lot of schools that would give just about anything to have the kind of success that we've had."

Part of the groundwork for the continued success was laid by former athletic director David Olson, who built PLU's program around the adage, "The pursuit of excellence through the joy of sports."

"In any program, tradition is important," adds President Anderson. "Tradition sets the standard and helps make a difference."

Brad Moore, who starts his 20th season as head coach of the cross country and track and field programs, credits such individuals as Olson, former tennis coach Mike Benson '69 and the current administration with creating and sustaining an environment for success. "I think we as coaches are responsible for creating a family atmosphere for the athletes. There's a closeness within teams and with other teams."

One of the successes coaches and administrators are most proud of comes in academics. Grade point averages for all athletes, according to Hoseth, are generally equal to or above that of the student body as a whole. "Our athletes are making significant contributions in the classroom and in the athletic venues," he says.

President Anderson agrees. "The most important thing about PLU athletics is that the program is built around the student-athlete, and the staff and coaches reflect that philosophy. It is also documented in the academic success of our athletes."

Pacific Lutheran's introductory year of NCAA Division III membership was a learning experience for administrators, coaches and athletes. It turns out

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Right: Sisters Sarah Axley '00 (left front) and Christine Axley-Albright '00 (behind her) compete in a track relay.

PHOTO: LAWS ON KITA '99

Left: Anthony Hicks '00 (26) hurdles a Cal Lutheran opponent on his way to the goal line.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH





“We never want to sacrifice providing a positive experience for young people for winning on the scoreboard.”

PAUL HOSETH, PLU ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Above Right: Center Tara Millet '00 works around a George Fox Bruin to make the shot during the 1998-1999 season.

PHOTO: JORDAN HARTMAN '00

Right: The women's tennis team, coached by Mike Benson '69, swept the Northwest Conference crown.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH



that PLU and the entire Northwest Conference, despite an excellent NAIA reputation, were relative unknowns at the NCAA Division III level.

“Last year, as the new kid on the block, we experienced significant challenges to having some well-qualified teams even get into their (national) tournaments,” says Hoseth. “It has to do with being new in the NCAA, and that our geographical location is so far away from a significant majority of NCAA Division III teams.” Hoseth guesses about five percent or less of the Division III institutions are west of the Mississippi.

The PLU football, women's basketball and softball programs provided several cases in point. Football and softball had similar stories: programs that had won NAIA national titles and made numerous tournament appearances yet were not considered among the West Region's top teams until very late in their seasons. Both eventually reached the national playoffs.

The women's basketball program doesn't have the same tradition, having won its first conference title in 1998. For three-quarters of the team's season, it seemed the coaching staff and players would have to settle for individual and team accomplishments. PLU had to wait until the tournament brackets were announced before they knew they had a spot in the playoffs. The Lutes then beat three teams, including a road win against the region's top-rated team, before coming up one game short of the Final Four.

Hoseth surmises that, until two years from now when Northwest Conference champions receive automatic national tournament bids in most sports, PLU teams will face uncertainty on this issue.

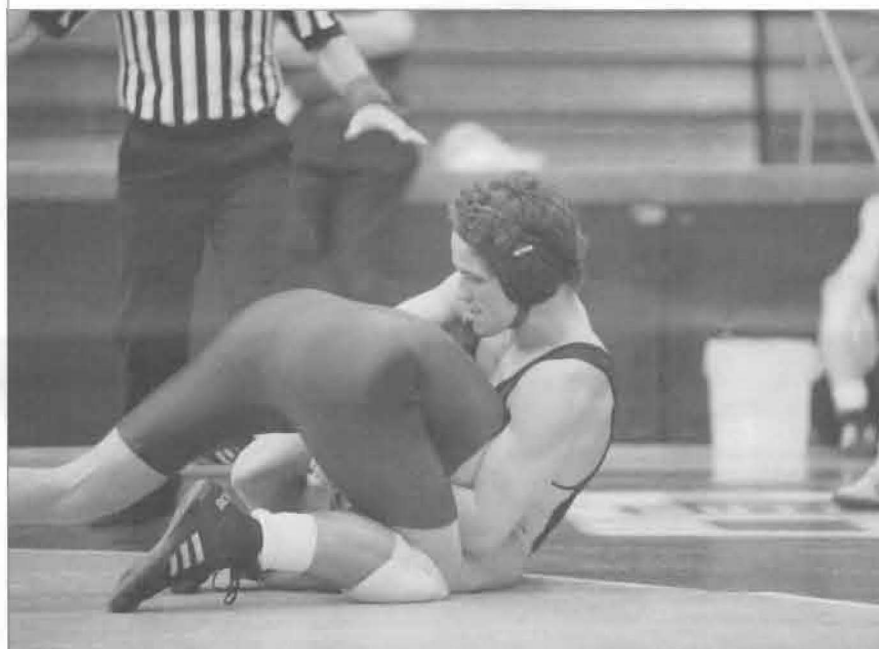
“That doesn't mean that we won't have the opportunity to compete, but I don't think we can assume that because we were relatively successful in the NAIA that it's going to carry over to subsequent years in the NCAA.”

At a meeting over the summer, Hoseth talked to several individuals from a Midwest conference. “Midwest schools still have a stigma after about 20 years of Division III competition,” he said. “They feel like they're too far west. We're going to be seen, by the East Coast-dominated division, like we're still driving a horse and buggy.”

Still, Hoseth believes there is a bright future ahead for the PLU athletic program. Recruiting, facilities, and men and women who give direction to the PLU athletic teams are keys.

“The future is always going to depend on the quality of coaches we can attract, and not just for their sports knowledge but for the character qualities they can bring and share with their athletes,” says Hoseth. “Over the years we've had outstanding coaches and people. We never want to sacrifice providing a positive experience for young people, for winning on the scoreboard.”

“The tradition of excellence continues,” adds Hoseth, “and it's still a great day to be a Lute.”



Matt Werner '00 was one of two PLU regional wrestling champs. PHOTO: LAWSON KITA '99

1998-99 Sports Highlights

Fall

FOOTBALL — The PLU football team finished 8-2 and reached the first round of the national playoffs. The Lutes were 5-0 and Northwest Conference champions. Anthony Hicks '00 was the NWC Offensive Player of the Year, and Brandon Woods '99 shared the defensive honor.

CROSS COUNTRY — Cross country runners Maree George '00 and Ryan Pauling '99 earned All-America honors at nationals, George placing fifth in the women's meet and Pauling finishing 14th in the men's race.

MEN'S SOCCER — Men's soccer goalkeeper Jonas Tanzer '99 was voted Northwest Conference Player of the Year.

Winter

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — Led by Northwest Conference Player of the Year Tara Millet '00, the Lutes surprised everybody but themselves by advancing to the final eight of the NCAA Division III national tournament. PLU set a school record with 22 wins against just six defeats.

MEN'S BASKETBALL — Men's basketball point guard Tim Kelly '00 led all NCAA Division III men's basketball players in assists.

SWIMMING — Mike Simmons '99 placed in two events as the only PLU representative at swimming nationals.

WRESTLING — Matt Werner '00 and Mark Cypher '00 won regional titles and wrestled at nationals.

Spring

SOFTBALL — PLU led the nation's Division III softball teams in doubles and total bases while tying a Lute record with 39 wins. The team, led by Northwest Conference Player of the Year Tharen Michael '00, eventually played in the West Region tournament.

TENNIS — The men's and women's tennis teams sent retiring coach Mike Benson '69 out by sweeping the conference crowns. For the men, it was their 24th in Benson's 30 years of coaching at PLU.

TRACK AND FIELD — The Lute track and field teams made headlines throughout the year and capped off a great season with an outstanding performance at nationals. The men, led by national discus champion Luke Jacobson '99, placed second, while the women ended up third.

Ken Flajole '77 steps into coaching job under Seahawks' Mike Holmgren

BY KEVIN BROWN '79



Ken Flajole '77 left the Northwest 19 years ago to see if he could make a living coaching football. This winter, he returned with the answer. Flajole, a former PLU linebacker who started his coaching career as an assistant with the Lutes in 1977, came "home" in January when he was named to the staff of the Seattle Seahawks' new head coach, Mike Holmgren. Flajole, 45, is in charge of the team's defensive backs.

Flajole and his wife, Teri (Whitmer '78), have been away from Washington since he accepted a coaching job at the University of Montana in 1980. That six-year stint was followed by coaching stops at Texas-El Paso (1986-88), Missouri (1989-92), Richmond (1993-94), Hawaii (1995) and Nevada (1996-97).

Last year, Flajole made the jump to the NFL, serving as the quality-control coach for defense under Holmgren in Green Bay. Then, less than a week after the Packers' season ended with a 30-27 loss to San Francisco in the NFC playoffs, Holmgren became head coach of the Seahawks. Among his first moves was to invite Flajole and the majority of his Packer staff to join him in Seattle.

The family's decision to leave Green Bay was not an easy one. "Our oldest daughter is going to be a senior in high school," said Flajole, who has two daughters, Kelly, 17, and Kori, 15. "And Green Bay is a great town."

In the end, though, Flajole opted to go west. Within days of his hiring, he was on the job in Kirkland, grading free agents, evaluating college talent and getting acquainted with the players he inherited.

Although more than 20 years removed from his days as a Lute player (1974-75) and assistant coach (1977-78), Flajole still puts to use lessons he learned from PLU coach Frosty Westering and former defensive coordinator Paul Hoseth.

"I have a lot of affection for both those guys," said Flajole, a Lute co-captain his senior year. "They were both mentors to me when I got out of college and started my coaching career."

Among the things Flajole learned from Westering was the importance of making the game fun. That's true, Flajole said, whether you are coaching in Parkland or in the pros.

"The game still has to be inherently fun for the players," Flajole said. "If it's not, then the money won't be enough... Certainly we (in the pros) are judged on wins and losses, but I think players play better if they enjoy what they are doing."

Westering has enjoyed watching the personal and professional development of his former protégé.

"He's a great people person," Westering said of Flajole. "He relates to players well. We watched that growth when he was here... All the things we tried to teach about goal setting and team unity, he has taken them and put them to good use."

"We are proud of him."

Kevin Brown '79 is sports editor of the Skagit Valley Herald. He lives in Mount Vernon, Wash., with his wife, Gladys, and sons Ryan, Kyle and Colin.



Alums, parents and friends enjoy wine and make new friends at Oregon vineyard

PLU alumni, parents and friends gathered at the Rex Hill Vineyards and Winery in Newberg, Ore., on July 17 to enjoy exquisite wine and cuisine, renew relationships, make new friends and listen to a student combo play jazz under the stars.

The evening was hosted by PLU regents Don '74 and Kim '76 Wilson and Jeff Rippey '78; PLU parents Bill and Anne Buck, Bob and JoAnn Larson, and Bill and Donna Schlitz; PLU Alumni Board members and class representatives Chuck '58 and Carol (Bottemiller '57) Geldaker, and Nikki (Beard '73) Martin; admissions ambassadors Chris Tye '91, Dean '86 and Carey (Stakkestad '86) Pinto. PLU staff and faculty members in attendance included Darren Kerbs '96; Lauralee Hagen '75, '78; Ed Larson '57, '61, '80; Phil '56 and Helen (Jordanger '57) Nordquist; Doug Page and Laura Polcyn '75, '79.



Top: CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT, Chris Tye '91, Doug Page, Jeff Rippey '78, near side: Katy Rice, Darren Kerbs '96, Nikki Martin '73. **Bottom left:** CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT, Don Wilson '74, Dean Pinto '86, Kim Wilson '76, Greg '74 and Linda (Wolfer '73) Lundeen. **Bottom right:** Kara Quello '92 and her husband, Brady Mertz.

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LUTE SALUTE

PLU Catering Team

For countless contributions to the university for their professional service, creative genius, culinary skill, artistic flair and countless hours of work in creating spectacular PLU special events are presented with an Alumni Lute Salute Award.



From left: Shawn Reiels '83, Erin (McGinnis '90) Sigman, Linda Nyland. PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

GIVING BACK TO PLU

Campus Safety

A group of alums volunteered their time on Aug. 28 to help train 50 new Campus Safety student staff on how to properly respond to emergency-related incidents on campus.



Top row, from left: Tom Steinert '95, John Funfar '91, Ainslie Koperud '99, Chris Gerling '91. Bottom row, from left: Dan Nielsen '01, Campus Safety operations supervisor; Jennifer Olsson '99; Micah Lundborg '92; Lisa McDaniel '91; Stacey Heller '90; Thomas Mercer '91; Adam Collins '91, Campus Safety operations supervisor.

FROM THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI AND PARENT RELATIONS...

Where in the world are you?

Does PLU have your most current contact information? By helping us keep the database up to date, you'll learn about all the latest alumni events and save the university considerable amounts in return-postage costs. Call 800-ALUM-PLU (258-6758) or 253-535-7415, or email alumni@plu.edu.

Alumni directories are in

The new PLU Alumni Directory is complete! If you ordered a directory or a CD ROM, you can expect to receive it in early October.

A limited number of directories are still available. Please call Harris Publishing Company at 800-877-6554 to order.

Thank you for your participation and patience during this process.

alumni class notes

1932

Hulda (Simonson) Jessen died on April 10. She attended PLC Normal School from 1932-34 and returned to PLC in 1960. She married Peter Jessen in 1935 and they had six children. Hulda was an elementary school teacher and retired in 1969. She is survived by three sons, Richard, Ed and John; and three daughters, Alice, Irene and Ruth; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

1933

Nordis (Arneson) Torvend died on March 17. She was a teacher in Seattle and Maplewood and also a homemaker. She worked briefly for the central branch of the Multnomah County Library and for the Oregon Employment Service before retiring. In 1941 she married Palmer Torvend and they had two children, Judy and Paul. Nordis is survived by her two children. Palmer died in 1997.

1936

Edward Nathaniel Svinth died on Jan. 31, of heart failure. After graduation from PLC, Ed continued his education at Washington State University, and graduated in 1942 with a degree in agricultural science education. He married Nita Cole in 1941. He taught agriculture at Kelso High School in 1944, moving to Chehalis High School in 1948 where he retired in 1976. He was particularly proud of his years at PLU and two children, Nita Marie (Svinth '65) Maas and Thomas Svinth '90. In retirement, Ed served in lay ministry and mission service in India, Africa and Denmark. At Ed's funeral in Aberdeen, Wash., family and friends celebrating his life found him dressed in his PLC letterman's sweater. His daughter said that Ed especially treasured his football moniker at PLC as "Iran Man" Svinth, a testimony to his vigor while playing right tackle on the team.

1939

Carl Faulk died on June 8. He was a teacher in Yelm for many years and worked for the PLU Bookstore and the cities of Milton and Sumner. He was a lifelong member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church and served the

community in many ways including as a Daffodilian for 31 years, honorary Grand Marshall of the Daffodil Parade and on the advisory board for Pierce County Aging and Long Term Care. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons, Bruce and John; and two grandchildren.

1940

Marjorie (Delin) Fallstrom died on May 16. After PLU, Marjorie married Charles Fallstrom '39, and they resided in Issaquah until 1994 where she taught fifth grade and was a founding member of the Clark Elementary School PTSA. They had two children, David and Carole. Marjorie was a volunteer with the Camp Fire Girls which earned her many awards including the Ernest Thompson Seton National Camp Fire Award in 1961. She volunteered with the Seattle-King County chapter of the American Red Cross for more than 20 years and earned the Retired Senior Volunteer Program award in 1988. She also served on many committees with United Way and was a founding member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. Marjorie is survived by her two children and five grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death.

1941

Harry Lang retired from the Clover Park School District after 52 years of service, the final year as president of the school board.

1947

Dorothy (Rasmussen) Sandvig died on June 28. She was born in Ansirabe, Madagascar, and raised in St. Paul, Minn. After PLU she completed nurses training at Swedish Hospital in Seattle and married her husband, Edwin, in 1948. Dorothy worked as a registered nurse for several years before moving to Portland in 1977 where she and Edwin founded Luke-Darf Inc. Luke-Darf is a residential facility for young adults with serious mental illness. Dorothy managed the facility until her retirement in 1990. She is survived by her husband; sons, Stephen, Peter and Timothy; daughters, Heidi and Kari; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1949

In June, **Wilbert Ericson** traveled to Japan to join in the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the social welfare work of the Japan Lutheran Church. He was a missionary in Japan for 35 years, which included 21 1/2 years as the director of Powlas Nursing Home in Kumamoto.



Chauncey and Nellie (Risa '46) Christofferson celebrated their 50th wedding

anniversary on June 5 in Marysville, Wash. They met and were married while Chauncey was a student at PLC. Many friends and alumni of PLU attended the open house that was hosted by their son, Mark '84.

1952

Phil Vorvick died on Feb. 20, 1998. His wife, Bonnie, introduced a videotaped series of interviews with Phil as he was in the last months of dying from cancer, at the fifth annual Health Ministry Workshop in Sequim, Wash., on March 13.

1954

Jim Jaeger retired last year after 38 years of chaplaincy and parish ministry in the ELCA. He retired as a full colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves after having been recalled during Desert Storm. Jim and his wife, **Connie (Hanson '55)**, live in Federal Way, Wash.

Paul Running died in December. He married Marilyn Loucks in 1957. Paul attended Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., was ordained in 1958 and served at First Lutheran Church of Manitowoc, Wis., from 1960 to 1962. In 1962 he re-enlisted in the military and served with the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton. He was one of the first chaplains ashore with infantry units in Vietnam. His military awards included the National Defense Medal before retiring with 30 years of service in 1984. Paul is survived by his wife, four children and six grandchildren.

1955

Otto and Barbara (Johansen) Tollefson spent June and July in Russia, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia with East European Missions Network.

They conducted marriage and family seminars, evangelism workshops and English Bible camps.

1956

David Wold, Bishop of the SW Washington Synod, recently participated in a Habitat for Humanity project with six congregations from the Olympia area. The entire staff of the synod office turned out to lend a hand.

1958

Lori Steen recently participated in a Habitat for Humanity project with six congregations from the Olympia area. Lori attends Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Olympia.

1959

Al Dungan is a part-time counselor in the drug and alcohol program at the Allentown Rescue Mission in Allentown, Pa. This is a state-licensed drug and alcohol, in-patient, long-term care program that helps men who are trying to get back on their feet and become responsible members of society. Al is impressed with the Christian emphasis at the mission and adds, "They really live what they preach and it's extremely well-run."

1960



Hildred (Hansen) Dungan's Lutheran Brotherhood Agency in Allentown, Pa., was named the 1998 Agency of the Year.

H.L. Dungan and Associates was selected to receive the award based on its exceptional agency growth, agency culture, fraternal outreach effectiveness, quality service to members, and the personal development and performance of all agency representatives. Hildred was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame in the spring as the recipient of the award. The Hall of Fame is the highest honor that Lutheran Brotherhood pays to members of its sales force. Hildred received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Muhlenberg College in May 1998.

Richard Peterson and Muriel Swenson '73 recently developed a new ELCA congregation, Abundant Life Lutheran Church, in McDonough, Ga. In May, they moved to Hot

Springs Village, Ark., where Muriel is developing a new congregation, Community of Joy Lutheran Church, and Richard is associate pastor of Christ Lutheran Church.

1961

Annette (Foegel) Stixrud, director of Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries in Portland, Ore., led sessions about "The Art of Wellness," at the fifth annual Health Ministry Workshop on March 13 in Sequim, Wash.

Anna Israelson died on April 16. Anna was born on Jan. 30, 1907, in Franklin, Minn. She graduated from Northern State Teachers College in Marquette, Mich., in 1929. She taught in Michigan before her marriage in 1938 to Silas Israelson. They moved to Randle, Wash., in 1947. Anna taught second and fourth grade in Randle before retiring in 1971. While teaching, she returned to school and earned a bachelor of education degree from PLU in 1961. After her husband died in 1972, she moved to Seattle to live with her daughter, Cynthia Matson. She is survived by her daughter, grandson, **Jon Matson '88**; granddaughter, **Lisa Peterson '93**; grandson-in-law, **Jon Peterson '94**; and great-grandson, Shane Peterson.

Dong Kim owns Continental Sales Co. of Santa Cruz, Calif. It is one of the top optical labs in the country. After PLU, he joined Continental as an investor with three others in 1967. Eventually, Dong quit his job and took over ownership of Continental. With a sample case of frames, he set out in his Volkswagen Beetle and began selling eyeglass frames. He traveled 80,000 miles that year going from one doctor's office to another. The company now employs 300 people, has five optical labs and customers in 31 countries.

1963

Inabelle June (Larson) Otwell and her husband, Wilbur, participated in a church mission project in the Philippines in November. In April, they traveled to Italy on an art tour with Edgemont Junior High School in Puyallup.

1965

Ret. Lt. Col. Donald Stegmann died in April at the age of 84. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1962 after 21 years of service. He enlisted

'93 mezzo soprano's passion for music takes her to Germany and across the United States



Hilary Burtt '93

BY MICHELLE WARMUTH, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

"I don't remember a time when music wasn't part of my daily life or remember a time when I couldn't read music — it is just simply a part of me," says mezzo-soprano Hilary Burtt '93. It is this passion for music that has taken her to Dresden, Germany, to study language at the renowned Goethe Institut on a six-month Ambassadorial Scholarship from the International Rotary Foundation.

At the ripe old age of 5 1/2, Burtt began playing the cello. In fact, it was a cello scholarship that brought her to PLU. However, at age 19 she thought she had taken the cello as far as it could go and began studying voice intensively with Mira Frohnmayer, professor of music and head of the voice department.

Having performed throughout the United States, Burtt has an extensive repertoire, including many works from contemporary American composers. "I am extremely interested in the state of contemporary music today," wrote Burtt via email from Germany. "I believe there are enough artists performing the works of Brahms, Schubert and Rossini, but

not enough performing the works of our con-temporaries," Burtt says.

Active in educating young people about the arts, Burtt has visited a variety of schools to talk about classical music. She also is involved with several outreach programs for children.

"I am especially interested in opening minds and doors to classical voice and opera in my community that may not have been open before," she added.

After earning her bachelor's degree in musical arts, Burtt went on to earn a master's degree in music from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., where she performed with several music companies. Earlier this year, Burtt was a member of the Joseph and Loretta Law Artist Center at Opera Colorado in Denver. In February, she won the Colorado/Wyoming District Finals of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. Since 1995 she also has performed in Chautauqua, N.Y.; Seattle; Aspen, Colo.; and Alberta, Canada.

Dieveney '90 sheds trench coat but still reaches for the stars

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, EDITOR

It's ironic that the Trenchcoats a capella singing group fronted by tenor Jaime Dieveney '90 could be mistaken for the Trench Coat Mafia affiliated with last spring's Columbine High School massacre in Littleton, Colo.

Not only are these four of the nicest guys you'll ever meet this side of the Mississippi, they've spent the last decade taking their family-oriented message of acceptance, peace and harmony to youthful audiences all over the country.

But, two days after the killing spree at Columbine, CNN and 20/20 inadvertently gave out their Web site address as that of the Trench Coat Mafia's.

"It was terrible," said Dieveney, who lives in Federal Way, Wash. "It was like having the name Ted Bundy."

Overloaded with hate mail, the site crashed.

This outpouring of ugliness was foreign to the group which, in 1994, swept the National Harmony Sweepstakes and is well-loved for its smooth harmonies, innovative song writing and lively stage performances.

The group consulted a PR firm and decided after much consternation to change its name to The Coats. The group's message, which can be heard in songs such as "Nice to Say" from the "R U Up?" CD, remains the same.

"It (Columbine) actually turned out to be a good thing for us," Dieveney reflected. "It amplified our philosophy and made us look in new directions."

Dieveney, who writes and arranges most of The Coats' songs, said the group was going through a bit of a transi-



Tenor Jaime Dieveney '90 (left) has spent the last 10 years writing, arranging and singing lead for The Coats, a group that had to change its name after it was mistaken for the Trench Coat Mafia affiliated with last spring's Columbine High School massacre. Left: The Coats performed at PLU's Raspberry Festival in July.

PHOTO: CHRIS TUMBUSCH

tion anyway. Their fourth CD, set to be released in October, features full instrumentation — a definite shift from their a capella roots. They're also aggressively pursuing a recording contract, seeking that "next level" in the entertainment industry.

"We've been very fortunate to have been successful and to have been able to do this full-time for so long. Now we're hoping to reach a broader audience and expand our outlook."

Learn more about The Coats at www.thecoats.net.

as a private after the Pearl Harbor attack in World War II. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1943 and served in combat with the Third Infantry Division during WWII in France, Germany and Austria; at the Japan Logistical Center during the Korean War; at the United Nations in Palestine in 1949; and on general staff at Fort Lewis, Wash. He was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, and many other decorations and service awards. After Donald's service in the Army, he earned degrees in business administration and education from PLU and taught in Olympia for 10 years, before retiring in 1975. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Donald is survived by his wife, Helene, and a sister, Gloria. His parents, a brother and a sister preceded him in death.



Mary Jane Iseensee, retired administrative director of the Oregon Institute of Technology Student Health Services, received administrator emeritus status from OIT in June. She worked at OIT for 14 years and was recognized for setting campus health services standards. She implemented seminars and wellness clinics, coordinated response to health-related campus emergencies and prepared and distributed educational literature. Before OIT, she worked as a school nurse, a staff and head hospital nurse and a public health nurse.

Robert Sanders' daughter, Summer, 1992 Olympic gold medalist, has written a book titled, "Champions Are Raised Not Born — How my parents made me a success." She is also the co-host of "NBA's Inside Stuff" and host of Nickelodeon's "Figure It Out."

1966

Brent Olsen's daughter, **Sanna Liv '99**, graduated from PLU in May, with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. Brent is a public information officer for the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Bill and Carolyn (Malde '66)

Kees live in Park Ridge, Ill. Carolyn was certified as a spiritual director in 1998 and works as a parish nurse. Bill is the director of ELCA Youth Gathering and is currently focused on the ELCA Gathering June 28–July 2 and July 5–9, 2000, in St. Louis.

1967

Connie Kravas was named Major Gift Laureate by the Institute for Charitable Giving in March. The award was given for lifetime achievement in the field. She accepted the honor in Kansas City. Connie has started a new position as vice chancellor for university advancement at the University of California, Riverside, where she oversees development, alumni relations, communications, legislative relations, new initiatives and economic development.

Jack Kintner was featured in the May 10 edition of People magazine. He is a Lutheran pastor and for 14 years he has flown his own plane around the San Juan Islands ministering to Lutheran congregations on Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan Islands, about 90 miles north of Seattle. He also transports elderly parishioners to medical appointments in mainland Bellingham, Wash., site of the closest hospital. The church is planning to transfer him soon to a parish in British Columbia, where he won't need to fly. Before the San Juan Islands, he was a pastor at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Lynne Nelson Cleland died on April 18. Lynne earned a master's degree and Ph.D. from the University of Washington. She was an educational psychologist at ABCD Associates and a member of Seattle Tashkent Sister City committee. She was also a citizen-diplomat for Earthstewards Network, visiting Russia several times. She is survived by her husband, Bob Cleland; her mother and a sister; and Bob's son and daughter.

1968

Miriam Kirkwood and her husband, **Dan**, have been volunteering at Washington State parks, most recently, Fort Canby State Park. They lead tours of North Head Lighthouse but they have also painted restrooms, cleaned up garbage, and worked at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. Besides their state park involvement, they have also helped their church convert a large storage building in Oakland, Calif., into low-income housing, painted a child-care home in New Orleans, and helped to build a home in Florida for a woman whose mobile home was riddled with holes in the floor and roof, and had no running water.

Jim Girvan was named a 1999 Master Teacher at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. He was one of five professors at the university chosen for this award, the oldest of the three outstanding faculty awards given each spring at ISU. Master Teachers are chosen for their teaching expertise and are nominated by students, alumni and colleagues. Jim is the chair of ISU's department of health and nutrition sciences. He has been at ISU since 1986. He has a bachelor of science degree in chemistry, bachelor of arts degree in art and master of arts degree in science education from PLU. He has a doctorate in health education from the University of Oregon and a master's degree in public health from the University of Washington in health services/community health.

Judy (Read) Jeffery received the 1999 British Petroleum Company Teacher of Excellence Award. She previously received the 1997 Presidential Award for teaching excellence in secondary mathematics, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Judy teaches math for gifted students at Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage.

1969

Jeanne Landdeck-Sisco is the executive director of Casa de los Ninos Crisis Care Center for children in Tucson, Ariz. In December she received an honorary doctor of humanities degree from International Seminary in Plymouth, Fla. Accompanying the degree was a letter of congratulations from Daniel J. Tyler, president of International Seminary, which included these comments: "As executive director of Casa de los Ninos since 1987, you have exemplified the kind of spiritual leadership needed in today's world." Jeanne holds a master of social work degree from the University of Washington.

Stephen Johnston died on April 11. He served four years in the Navy before attending PLU. He began his career at the Pierce County Juvenile Court in 1970 and served as the administrator for 17 years, remaining an advocate for youth. He enjoyed being with his family, camping, golfing, fishing and bird hunting with friends. He also had a passion for classical music and history. Stephen is survived by his wife, Betty '69; sons, Chris and Brian; and mother, Jessie.

Linda Jensen died on Dec. 3. She had lived in Sacramento since 1986 and was an accounting supervisor at Rayley's/Bel Air Foods. She is survived by her daughter, Erika; her parents, Clarence and Thelma Jensen; and a sister, Pam Jensen.

1971

Steve Mangelsen continues as executive vice president and chief financial officer at Raytek Corporation in Santa Cruz, Calif. The corporation has expanded into eight countries over the past six years with the most successful being in China, where it has four offices including manufacturing. The company is headquartered in Santa Cruz with an additional manufacturing facility in Berlin.



Steven Wall was named district president and Puyallup campus president by the Pierce College Board of Trustees in June. He has held leadership posts at the college for more than 15 years and most recently was executive dean of the Puyallup campus. He began at the college in 1978 as associate dean for student development.

Joseph Feth was named chief executive officer by the Provena Health board of directors. Provena Health has 11,000 employees and is part of the nonprofit Catholic health-care system. The integrated health care delivery network includes seven hospitals, 13 long-term and residential facilities and more than 40 clinics in Illinois and Indiana. Joseph is also a diplomat in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a past board member of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce. He was previously the president and chief operating officer at Provena.

Karl Nelson has assumed responsibilities as director of research for Aultman Health Foundation in Canton, Ohio. Aultman Hospital has been recognized by William Mercer, Inc., and HCIA as one of the top 100 hospitals in the United States.

1973

Alma Schamber Shea is building a new home on Anderson Island, Wash. She retired from the IRS in February 1995 and is currently waging her second breast cancer battle in the last four years.

Daniel Tutt and Diane Gormley Tutt '74 announce the graduation of their daughter, 2nd Lt. Danielle M. Tutt, on June 2 from the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Claudia (Barnes) Pierson earned a master of science degree in education from Western Oregon University, Fairbanks, Alaska campus, in August. She is a first-grade teacher at Joy Elementary School in Fairbanks.

Lund University honors Dr. Gene Strandness '50 and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan with honorary doctorates



Dr. Gene Strandness '50

BY MICHELLE WARMUTH, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Dr. Donald E. "Gene" Strandness '50 was in good company when he received an honorary doctorate of medicine in May from Lund University in Lund, Sweden. One of the largest units for research and higher education in Scandinavia, the university also bestowed an honorary doctorate in law to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Strandness, professor of surgery at the University of Washington, received the degree for his ground-breaking work with noninvasive procedures using Doppler ultrasound to find and track vascular disease.

A recipient of PLU's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1980, Strandness maintains strong ties with PLU. He and his wife, Edith (Olund '55), a retired nurse, have provided a deferred gift through their estate planning that will establish an endowed chair in biology.

"Endowing a biology chair seemed the logical thing to do," said Strandness. "President Anderson gave a talk in

Bellevue during the university's last campaign, and it was there that I told him I was interested in endowing a chair."

Strandness strongly believes in PLU's Christian mission and in the university's close student-faculty ties. "You feel a part of the family having personal relationships with the faculty. This kind of personal contact and encouragement is not always available at other universities."

Strandness has received numerous awards and honors, including the University of Washington School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award, 1997; Cid Dos Santos Boehringer Mannheim Prize, 1980; Merit Award from the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, 1987; Albion O. Bernstein, MD, Award from the Medical Society of the State of New York, 1995; and he is listed in "Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare," 1997-98. Strandness also has written several medical books and countless articles.

The Strandnesses live in Bellevue, Wash., and have four children — Erik '81, Tracy '82, Jill '88 and Sandra.

Dana Walk died on July 24 after a five-year battle with breast cancer. Dana was an instructor at the University of Idaho. She earned her master's degree in English as a Second Language from UI in 1991 where she was pursuing her doctorate degree in teacher education. She also served as organist and choir director at Grace Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran churches in Lewiston. She is survived by her daughter, Libby; mother; and two brothers.

1974



Kristine (Rebholz) Uhlman is writing a publication for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

that will provide guidance to parents who find themselves at risk of abduction or the victim of an abduction. Her son, Hani, who was kidnapped with his sister at the age of 2, was returned to Kristine at the age of 19.

Gene Sharratt was selected by Washington State University president Samuel Smith as an example of the successful mentor-student relationship that exists at WSU. He was honored at the 103rd commencement on May 8 at WSU. His 24-year career in education includes the last eight as superintendent of the North Central Educational Service District in Wenatchee. He and his colleagues work with 29 school districts and serve more than 40,000 students.

Peg Zander is the coordinator at the Harold Oliver Community School for Portland Parks and Recreation in Portland, Ore. On July 1, she assumed the duties of president-elect for the Oregon Community Education Association.

David Johnson celebrates 17 years at Cal Poly Pomona in October. He is currently in judicial affairs, his 12th job assignment, and deals with all areas of student conduct. He also enjoys serving as the 1974 PLU Class Representative and encourages all lutes from the class of '74 to send him their email addresses to join the class listserve at dejahnson@csupomona.edu or luteman74@hotmail.com

1975

Adrian Kalil returned from the Games in Amsterdam in August 1998 with three bronze medals in swimming. Two of the medals were for individual events, and one was for

a relay, that came in third by 1/100 of a second. He was one of 1,130 swimmers from 35 countries. Adrian lives in Oregon and swims for San Diego. He is in his 19th year as a nurse-anesthetist for Kaiser Health Plan of Oregon and lives in a house he built about 20 miles from Portland. This year he will act as interim medical director for the Portland Marathon and although retired from triathlon competition, he still devotes his time as a finish-line medical volunteer at Ironman events around the world including Germany, Canada and Hawaii. kalilad@kpnw.org

Robert Hulshouser was confirmed as an officer on the international board of directors of the American Society for Industrial Security. He was presenter and guest at the fifth anniversary celebration of the Estonian Security Association in Tallinn.

Debra Miles is in the bachelor of science in nursing, residency program at Evergreen Hospital in Kirkland, Wash.

1976

Jon Lackey is active in the Washington, D.C. area as a concert artist. He also heads an artist management company, Black Tie Arts Management, and a record company, Water's Edge Records. www.erols.com/btam or www.watersedgerecords.com

Doug Ely accepted a position as sales manager for Manna Freight System, based in Minneapolis. He will be opening a new sales service center at the Los Angeles International Airport.

Matthew Mattila is a lecturer at Eastern Washington University in the School of Social Work. He also directs a child welfare training program for the Idaho Bureau of Family and Children's Services. Matt lives in Hayden, Idaho, with his wife, Rebecca; daughter, Ellen; and son, Mason. mmattila@nidlink.com

1978

Bruce Neswick was inducted into the 1999 Pasco High School Hall of Fame for his work as an organist. After PLU, Bruce studied at Yale University, has won international awards for organ improvisation, is a fellow of the American Guild of Organists and has studied, performed and taught in Europe. He is currently assistant organist and choirmaster at the Washington National Cathedral

in Washington, D.C., and head choirmaster at the National Cathedral School for Girls and St. Alban's School for Boys. School and city officials hope that future graduates will see the inductees as role models. Nominations for this honor are received from the Pasco High School leadership class, faculty members and community members.

Roger Reed accepted a new position as a research technician in the institutional research office at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Jill (Himlie) Barnard is a new board member for the Olde Towne Shelton Association. She and her husband, Scott, are restoring an old building that will become home to their 1912 Investment Company when it is completed.

Jon Overvold is the new director of pastoral care at Florence Nightingale Health Center in Manhattan, which is part of The Health-Care Chaplaincy in New York City. He had been the director of pastoral care at Franklin Hospital Medical Center on Long Island, N.Y., since 1994.

1979

Becky (Hucko) Fontaine was the recent recipient of the Voice for Children Award by the Washington State Children's Alliance, for her advocacy for children's issues. She is executive director of First Place for Children, a therapeutic day care center with five sites in Tacoma, including one on East Campus at PLU.

Deyonne Lehman and her husband of 16 years, Ted, built their modest dream home on 23 acres west of Yakima, Wash., three years ago. Deyonne has been at Yakima Memorial Hospital for 19 years and is currently the senior computer analyst. Ted has been an extrusion operator for 16 years. Fourteen-year-old Brianna and 12-year-old Kyle are the joy of their lives and keep them on the run with their many activities.

1980

Mary Ann (Faunce) Nielson '80, '87 and Clyde Simmons were married on June 5 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mary Ann retired in June from school administration. She was also a teacher for 19 years, which included teaching at PLU in the School of Education and the School of the Arts. Most recently she was the principal at Lutocaga Elementary School in

Othello, Wash. The highlight of Mary Ann's last year of teaching was Washington Gov. Gary Locke's visit to Lutocaga. In retirement she will be doing contract work with colleges and school districts. Clyde is an orchardist and wheat farmer. They will make their home in Wenatchee, Wash.

Joye Redfield is a public information manager for the Washington State Department of Ecology after working 10 years at the Yakima Herald-Republic

John Swanson, a Navy lieutenant commander, recently completed a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian oceans and Arabian Gulf, while assigned to the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit aboard the ships of the U.S.S. Boxer Amphibious Ready Group. He was also involved in multiple community relations projects during part visits in Australia, Hawaii, Hong Kong, Kenya, Singapore and Thailand.



Craig Muller and his wife, Janet, announce the birth of Jenna Lynn on March 2. She joins 5-year-old Erica.

1981

In May, **Mark Pederson** performed as a tenor soloist with the Glacier Orchestra and Choral in Whitefish and Kalispell, Mont. The season finale featured the music of Mozart's "Requiem in D Minor" and 20th-century composer Alan Hovhannes.

David Perry was appointed director of ethics programs at the Morkkulo Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University in California. Previously he taught ethics at Seattle University from 1993 to 1999.

Jan Ellertson and her partner, Dione, announce the birth of Kendra Bessmorie on May 3. Jan is a police officer with the city of Portland, Ore.

1982

Karin Rose and Daniel Bly were married July 10 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Marysville, Wash. Karin's nieces, 9-year-old Kiersten Sohlberg and 6-year-old Marja Ritchie, and nephew, 9-year-old Aidan Ritchie, all of whose parents are PLU alumni, provided special music. Karin is a teacher in the Monroe School District, and Daniel is a custody officer with the Snohomish County Department of Corrections.

Peter Schurch and Barbara Buhler were married May 21 in Zurich,

Switzerland. Peter is controller at Kieser Training, and Barbara is a personnel manager.

Bill Trueit recently accepted a position at Cascade High School in Everett, Wash., as a saphamare English teacher and yearbook advisor. He is also a professor at City University in Seattle, teaching master's level computer technology to educators.

1983

John and Carissa (Schuetze '87) Lewis announce the birth of Rachel Grace on Nov. 4, 1998. She joins 5-year-old Jonathon and 3-year-old Elizabeth. John is the director of Tacoma College Ministry, and Carissa is a stay-at-home mom.

Kevin Skogen is the pastor of Reformed Presbyterian Church on Lookout Mountain, Ga. He and his wife, Dana, have ministered there for the last six years. They enjoy living in Dixieland with their six children, 14-year-old Jacob, 12-year-old Caleb, 10-year-old Seth, 8-year-old Joey, 6-year-old Annie and 4-year-old Bonnie.

Karen Weathermon and Paul Smith were married Aug. 15, 1998, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland. Karen completed a Ph.D. in English at Washington State University in May. She is the assistant editor of "Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies." Paul is on the music faculty at Washington State University.

Mariko Nishida is a manager for bids and proposals at Lucent Technologies Japan Ltd. She lives in Tokyo.

David Colton, a district representative at Lutheran Brotherhood, has earned membership in the fraternal benefit society's prestigious President's Club. Only nine percent of representatives nationwide qualify for this club.

Ivan Gruhl and his wife, Kathleen, announce the birth of Ivan II, in March. He joins 6-year-old Marcus and 2-year-old twins, Jacqueline and John.

Kathleen Sanford was selected by Working Mother magazine and the Kellogg Company as Busiest Working Mother. Her family was also featured in the magazine in 1998 as a family that works together. Kathleen is the vice president of nursing and the administrator of the Silverdale campus for Harrison Memorial Hospital in Bremerton, Wash.



Bradley Tilden was named vice president/finance and chief financial officer of Alaska Airlines and Alaska Air Group. Bradley joined Alaska in 1991 and has since held a variety of positions of increasing responsibility in the finance department. He previously worked for the public accounting firm of Price Waterhouse in the company's Melbourne, Australia, and Seattle offices. Besides a bachelor's degree in business administration from PLU, Bradley has a MBA from the University of Washington.

1984

Ken McElroy is the president and CEO of McElroy Management in Fountain Hills, Ariz. His wife, Laura Melane, is a registered nurse. They have a 2-year-old son, Kyle.

Joe Breeze recently left his position as assistant sports editor of the Pierce County Herald newspaper. He will be pursuing his own motorsports magazine.

Marianne (Dubs) Clark and her husband, David, announce the birth of Alexandria on Feb. 27. She joins 2-year-old Victoria. They recently moved to Mississippi, where David is a plant manager for a printing company and Marianne is a stay-at-home mom.

Gary Dahl and his wife, Tineke, have moved to Silverdale, Wash., with their two children, 6-year-old Oliver and 2-year-old Solveig. Gary assumed a new position as vocal music teacher in the Central Kitsap School District. Both Gary and Tineke are members of the Bremerton Symphony, and Gary is chorumaster for Kitsap Opera.

Arild Barrett and his wife, Lora, announce the birth of Amelia on June 10. She joins 5-year-old Benjamin and 2-year-old Nicholas. Arild is an aerospace engineer at McClellan Air Force Base.

Douglas Goodart earned a master of science degree in organizational business management from the University of LaVerne in Los Angeles. He is a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserves and works as a supply officer.

Kristine (Kvale) Hoskins and her husband, Glenn, announce the birth of Sara Annika in April. She joins 2-year-old Samantha Kristine.

1985

Robert Stone has been appointed vice president for financial planning

and analysis at The Boeing Co. He was most recently assistant treasurer. His job will be to create "a company wide framework to set financial targets, measure progress and evaluate strategic alternatives."

Melissa Ibanez was recently promoted to director of financial aid at Syracuse University College of Law in Syracuse, N.Y. She was previously the associate director of financial aid.

Kristi Running Chiaravallotti and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of Nelson Paul on March 30. He joins 7-year-old Adrienne and 3-year-old Nathan. Kristi is a lieutenant commander in the Navy Reserves as a nurse corps officer. She is also a civilian nurse at Naval Medical Center San Diego. Joe is the executive officer, second in command, on board the U.S.S. Jarrett in San Diego. They host on Officer Christian Fellowship group in their home.

Chris Hinds has a new position as elementary principal in the Clover Park School District. She was previously the principal at Chautauqua Elementary in the Vashon Island School District.

1986

Nora (Myhre) Woodward has a new position as competence manager at LM Ericsson Data AB in Stockholm, Sweden. She oversees 16 people working with application support, training, implementation support, and marketing in the area of product data management for Ericsson worldwide.

Nancy Wendland Fehrer and her husband, John, announce the birth of twins, Timothy Reid and Isabelle Ann on May 19. They join 3 1/2-year-old Derek and 1 1/2-year-old Nathan.

Major Jon Tigges assumed command at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Mont., on June 30. He was previously at Randolph Air Force Base in Texas.

Barbara (DenHoed) Kwekel and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of Andrew James on July 21, 1998. He joins 8-year-old Nicholas, 5-year-old Hannah, and 3-year-old Emily.

Ken Swanson and Suzanne Arter '92 were married May 29 at Kennewick First United Methodist Church in Kennewick, Wash. PLU alumni in the wedding party included bridesmaid **Susan Swanson '92** and groomsmen **Chris Swanson '84** and **Paul Grigsby '86**. Ken is a computer scientist at Battelle Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., and Suzanne



completed a bachelor of science degree in May. (see class of '92)

Scott and Kristin (Ball '88) Sears announce the birth of Josiah Stephen on Jan. 18. He joins 5-year-old Karissa and 3-year-old Jonathan. Scott is a youth pastor at Bethany Baptist Church in Puyallup, Wash.



Renee-Michelle Charboneau Kirk and her husband, Barry, announce the birth of Heather-Lynn Faith, on June 30. She joins 15-year-old Daniel, 6-year-old Taylor, and 2-year-old Spencer.

Eric Anderson is assistant professor of molecular biology, biochemistry, and microbiology at the University of Maine. He earned his Ph.D. in genetics from Oregon State University in 1995 and was a postdoctoral fellow in the department of pathobiology at the University of Washington from 1995-98. Eric makes vaccines and gives exams when he's not freezing, remodeling, swatting blackflies, running from mosquitoes or eating lobster.

David and Nancy (Minetti '87) Ericksen announce the birth of Callie Marie on July 22. She joins Scott, Ryan and Jared.

Elke (Griessmeyer) Major and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Annika Robin on July 6. She joins 3-year-old Joya Elisabeth and 18-month-old Alexander Michael. Elke is a homemaker and Pampered Chef consultant.

1987

Laura (Robinson) Long and her husband, Mark, announce the birth of Timothy on July 29, 1998. Laura has taken a long hiatus from her graphic design business to be a stay-at-home mom.

Kevin and Elizabeth (Graham '86) Walczyk live in Monmouth, Ore., where Kevin is professor of music at Western Oregon State College, and Elizabeth has a piano studio with 40 students. Kevin's *Incantations for Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Piano and MIDI Tape* was presented by colleagues in the Lagerquist Concert Hall at PLU as part of a Northwest tour in February.

Linda Hagen-Smith, director of the Third North nursing unit at Good Samaritan Hospital, was named February's Samaritan of the Month.

Shawna McLaughlin is hosting "Around the Sound" on KSTW-TV in Tacoma. Topics have ranged from ballot measures to health and fitness. A show that first aired in March featured "ER" star Eriq La Salle,

Lakers basketball player Kobe Bryant, and members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. **Shelly Cano '98** is co-producer of the show. "Around the Sound" is expected to begin airing weekly in September.

Colleen Kelley Heyer and her husband, Karl, announce the birth of Maile (rhymes with smiley and is the name of the fragrant vine that grows in the mountains of Hawaii) on May 10. She joins 5-year-old Karl and 3-year-old Kelley.

John Shoup is in his second year as principal of Woodland High School in Woodland, Wash., and **Debbie (Mortensen) Shoup** is a pediatric home care registered nurse in Portland, Ore.

1988

Eric Olson is the new head of Peace Health Medical Clinic in Mossyrock, Wash. He also works in the on-call rotation for family practitioners at Peace Health's central facility, St. John Medical Center in Langview, Wash. He looks forward to spending more time with his wife, **Kimberly (Wilson '89)**, their 4-year-old son, Joshua, and 10-month-old twins, Matthew and Katrina. Before Peace Health, he was one of only two physicians doing obstetrics in Quincy, Wash. His three-year internship at Swedish Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle included a rotation in the emergency and trauma center at Harborview Medical Center.

Charles Bryan Colson started a new job as travel manager at Nextlink in Bellevue, Wash., on March 29.

Patrick and Jenae (Boyd) Kirby announce the birth of Alea Kari on April 15.

Carol Cabbage and Ben LePage were married April 24 in Gandy's Beach, N.J. Carol is an associate scientist at SmithKline Beecham and Ben is a senior research scientist in the State Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

Kim McLean Fowler and her husband, Richard, announce the birth of Robert Dovid on May 10. He joins 3-year-old Jim. Kim is a senior research engineer at Battelle's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash. She also works as an adjunct faculty member at Washington State University, Tri-Cities, teaching pollution prevention for the environmental science/engineering department.

Mory Anne Hatch and Donald Van Doornik were married July 11, 1998, at Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church in Bremerton, Wash. Mary

Anne is a teacher and counselor in the South Kitsap School District and Donald is a fishery biologist.

Michelle (Clark) and Chris '89 Molyneux announce the birth of Sarah Alexandra, on May 3. She joins 3-year-old Katie. www.worldaccessnet.com/~cmolyneux

Allison Hoffman and Gary Nelson were married March 20. **Sandi Vono '88** was the matron of honor. Allison is a teacher at Mountain View Elementary School and Gary is a teacher at Shelton High School.

Tim and Lisa (De Bell '89) Spangler announce the birth of Annelise Claire on Dec. 22. She joins 2-year-old Andrew Timothy. Tim is a store manager for REI, in Spokane, Wash.

1989



Judy (Slater) and Greg '91 Oehling announce the birth of Jackson Chase on Feb. 8. Greg is a super-

intendant in international shipping at Husky Terminal in Tacoma, and Judy is taking a break from TV news to enjoy her new baby.

Cheryl (Gadeken) Cuillier and her husband, David, announce the birth of Lauren on April 15. She joins 2-year-old Paul. Cheryl and David have moved to Everett, Wash., where David is an editor at the Everett Herald, and Cheryl is a full-time mom.

Kimberly Andrews and Michael Showalter were married Sept. 11, 1998, at First United Methodist Church in Olympia. Kimberly is employed by Gemini Corporation, and Michael is employed by Falls Terrace Restaurant.

Steven Wreggit has a new position as human factors engineer at Daimler Chrysler. He and his wife, **Katrina (Neely '89)**, have moved to Portland, Ore.

Scott and Jennifer (Witter) Lerch announce the birth of Nicole on March 20. She joins 2-year-old Kyle.

Robert Ristow transferred from Columbus, Ohio, to Wilmington, Del., to work exclusively on Dupont Corporation projects.

Nate and Barb (Davis '90) Thoreson announce the birth of Kiana Leigh on Aug. 10. She joins 5-year-old Luke. They recently moved to Past Falls, Idaho, where Nate is a physical therapist with fellow Lute **David Hillman '89**. David started a large physical therapy and sports medicine outpatient clinic in Past Falls in 1995. He earned a master of

Magazine editor dances her way to the top



Gaelyn (Ittner '75) Beal

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR

If you've ever doubted the influence an extracurricular activity can have on the course of one's life, Gaelyn (Ittner '75) Beal will make a believer out of you.

Since 1991, Beal has been editor of Lutheran Brotherhood's bond magazine, which last year quadrupled its circulation to 3.3 million, topping the audience enjoyed by Newsweek and People.

Before working on bond, Beal served 10 years as editor of Sons of Norway's member magazine. And prior to that, she and her husband, Daniel '76, lived in Norway for a year on a grant, where, among other activities, she took weaving classes and steeped herself in folk culture.

So what influenced this German American to turn her life so heavily toward Norwegian interests? Mayfest dancing at PLU.

"I credit Auden Toven's teaching, sponsorship and enthusiasm for sharing Norwegian dance and culture," said Beal of the languages professor and former longtime Mayfest dance adviser. "I married my dance partner, and we became

enamored of the Norwegian folk culture, now our adopted heritage. Dancing in Mayfest was a life-changing event."

That passion led Daniel, an English major, to pursue a master's degree in dance. Soon after, the couple spent a year in Norway. Gaelyn parlayed that experience into her position at Sons of Norway and ended up at the helm of bond. But Norwegian connections are not the only things that have guided her life choices.

"Both Lutheran Brotherhood and Sons of Norway are not-for-profit organizations that give back to society," Beal said. "That's a big part of who I am and how I use my time. If you're working 12-hour days, it had better mean something."

When Beal manages to lay down the editing pen, she and her husband enjoy bicycling and canoeing. And the couple's love of dance continues. Daniel has written a book on Norwegian folk dance, and they both perform and teach Scandinavian dance, sharing their enthusiasm with others.

science degree in physical therapy from the University of Puget Sound in 1992. Nate joined the clinic after earning a master of science degree in physical therapy from the University of the Pacific in 1998. David and his wife, **Cathy (Renz '88, '91)**, have three sons, 5-year-old Michael, 3-year-old Matthew, and 1-year-old Zachary. Both families feel blessed to be together.

Fred Brader and his wife, Shayne, announce the birth of Davis Riley, on May 14. He joins 5-year-old Chase and 2-year-old twins, Cameron and Devan. Fred is general manager at Fiber Reclaim, Inc., in Spokane, Wash.

Jon Edmonds earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's Million-Dollar Round Table (MDRT). Membership is attained by meeting or exceeding the annual production requirement and becoming a member of the local life underwriters association. MDRT is an international, independent association of leading sales professionals in the life-insurance-based financial services business.

Lisle (Tonnesen) Slichko and her husband, Matthew, announce the birth of Lance Evan on June 4. Lisle is a staff nurse in the women and newborn center at Tacoma General Hospital.

Kristen Carter was promoted to account manager for major strategic accounts at GTE Corporation in June. She also received the 1998 GTE Circle of Success Silver Award National Recognition.

Susan (Andrews) Spengler and her husband, John, announce the birth of Grant William on March 2. Grant already loves camping in the Colorado mountains. Sue returned to teaching sixth grade on a half-time basis in September.

Doug Galloway has a new position as head boy's basketball coach at Kentwood High School. He was previously the head boy's basketball coach at White River High School for nine years with a record of 139-72.

Kelly (Barber) Lam and her husband, Danny, announce the birth of Tyler Loren on June 5. Kelly and Danny live in Hong Kong where Kelly is a stay-at-home mom, and Danny is the director of Censydiam Asia market research and consulting firm.

Jean (Larson) Knight and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of Adam Larson, on March 3. He joins 3-year-old Michael. Jean is a substitute teacher in the Bethel School District.

Darice (Bailes) McGrath is the new assistant principal at AG Black Hills West High School in Tumwater, Wash. Her husband, Rick, has a new position as teacher and coach at Tumwater High School. They have a new home on Scott Lake.

Ken Gibson is the visitor services manager and his wife, Aimee Collins, is a major gifts coordinator, both at the Pacific Science Center in Seattle.

1990

Greg Carter was promoted to respiratory specialist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. He works with several well-known physicians on research projects dealing with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome.

David Berg and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of Nicholas on March 17. David is a senior writer and producer at the Cartoon Network in Atlanta, Ga., and Stephanie is a graphics producer at TBS.

Arthur Martinez has worked for Microsoft for six years. In April he was promoted from the Redmond, Wash., headquarters to the Washington, D.C., federal office as the federal marketing coordinator. In July, Arthur was in Pamplona, Spain, running with the bulls for the second year in a row.

Greg Barrett-Wilt is a graduate student in chemistry at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He

and his wife, Karen, have a son, 1-year-old Elias Alan.

Jeffrey Phillips died on Jan. 1 from injuries suffered in an auto accident in Spokane, Wash. He worked for the Department of Ecology for over eight years, most recently in the hazardous waste and toxic reduction program in Spokane. He enjoyed the outdoors, athletic competition and gardening. He is survived by his parents, Donald and Kristina Phillips; a sister, grandfather, and grandmother.

Oystein Hagen married Wenche Bragstad three years ago. They began dating at PLU in 1987 when Wenche was an exchange student. They have two children, 5-year-old Elias and 3-year-old Eline. Oystein was promoted to purchasing director of Hakon Gruppen last year after seven years with the company. Hakon Gruppen is Norway's largest food retailer with a total annual turnover of approximately \$3 billion.

Elizabeth Jacobson Kammers announces the birth of Todd on Dec. 11. Elizabeth is the manager at Garden Botanika at the Tacoma Mall.

April Overstreet earned a Ph.D. in romance languages (Spanish) from the University of Michigan in April. She is a visiting assistant professor at the University of Iowa.

Robert Vogelsang and his wife, Teresa, are happy to be back in the Northwest after living in Minneapolis for 11 months, where he worked for U.S. Bank. Robert is now a treasury management officer and assistant vice president for Western Bank, the commercial division of Washington Mutual Bank. He is a certified cash manager and continues to enjoy doing occasional performances with the Portland Opera.

Karen Gadde '90, '95 is a teacher at Nisqually Middle School in Olympia. She is hoping to contact John Roussele. k.gadde@worldnet.att.net

Michael and Lisette (Gonter '93) Welk announce the birth of Natalie Elizabeth on June 2. She joins 4-year-old Jacob. Michael is a vice president of Key Trust Company in Tacoma, and Lisette is a registered nurse at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

Arne Solli and Sarah Gborie '92 were married June 19 in Federal Way, Wash. Sarah is a geriatric mental health counselor, and Arne is manager of Freight Forwarding and Customs Brokerage for Norwegian SFOR/NATO, Bosnia.

Elizabeth (Pearson) Helt and her husband, Dale, announce the birth of Lydia on May 14. Elizabeth is a teacher at Brookdale Elementary in the Franklin Pierce School District, and Dale is a campus minister with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at PLU.

Knut Olson, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Tacoma, qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). Membership is attained by meeting or exceeding the annual production requirement and becoming a member of the local life underwriters association.

Daniel Wiersma, a Lutheran Brotherhood district representative in Federal Way, Wash., qualified for membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT). (See previous listing)

Sue Dahl is the community relations coordinator for the Thurston-Mason County Chapter of the American Red Cross. She spent three months in Albania and Macedonia providing tracing and family reunification services for the Kosovo refugees while working with the International Committee of the Red Cross. www.redcross.org

Nikki Poppen-Eagan and Scott Eagan '95 announce the birth of Rowan on Aug. 1.

Mark and Valeri (Simmons '91) Hodson announce the birth of Sarah Alyse on Feb. 12. She joins 3-year-old Abby. Mark is the new assistant football coach at the University of South Dakota.

1991

Jon Funfar started his new position as producer at ProVideo Productions in Seattle in January. **Julie (Birdsell) Funfar** was promoted to assistant director at La Petite Academy in Redmond, Wash., where she has worked for two years.



Del Lofton is a district representative for Lutheran Brotherhood in Tacoma. He recently ranked fourth among more than 1,200 Lutheran Brotherhood field force representatives nationwide in the amount of life insurance, health insurance, annuities and investment products issued in March.

Harald Buset and his wife, Anne Lise, were married July 25, 1998, in Aalesund, Norway. Harald is an account manager for international key accounts for Telenor 4tel, a software company providing software products and services to the telecom industry. Anne Lise is an interior architect. Harald completed an international MBA at IESE in Barcelona, Spain. He spent the first six months of 1998 traveling around the world.

David "Beek" Hanson has spent the last two summers apprenticing on organic farms in Oregon and Washington. He entered a master's degree in teaching program at Seattle University in September.

Jeremy Desel began a new position as a reporter at KHOU-TV in Houston in April. Before leaving Oregon, Jeremy won 10 1998 Oregon Associated Press Awards including five first-place awards for investigative reporting, sports reporting, documentary, and spot news contests.

Anjanette Knapp and Zachary Steer were married Sept. 19, 1998, at Big Lake, Alaska. Anjanette is an environmental scientist for HDR Alaska and is also completing a master's degree in environmental science at Alaska Pacific University. Zack is owner and head guide for Alaska Trail and Sail Adventures.

Robert Rapp and Amy Lefor were married Sept. 27, 1998, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Salem, Ore. Robert is self-employed, and Amy works for Richard Lefor.

Wendy (Heavilon) Harman and her husband, Derek, announce the birth of Richie on May 20.

Tyler Clements and his wife, Erin, announce the birth of Sydney Shea on March 22. She joins 4-year-old Jacob and 2-year-old Griffin. Tyler recently accepted a new position as sales manager for national accounts at Brennan Tours, which operates luxury motorcoach tours throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico and Ireland.

Jana (Town) Ostlund and her husband, Dale, announce the birth of Sonja on Oct. 22.

Susan (Witter) O'Leary and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Conor James on Oct. 21.

Laura (Rush) Arthur and her husband, Jonathan, announce the birth of Ian Stanley on April 11, 1998.

Michael and Amy (Ledgerwood '92) Kim announce the birth of Naomi Caralyn on Oct. 9, 1998. She joins 3-year-old Naah.

Gary Haslerud joined the law firm of Maire, Mansell & Beasley in Redding, Calif., in April. He practices business and civil litigation.

Teri Nealis and Christian Loepp were married Sept. 11, 1998. Christian is an e-commerce developer. They have moved back to Boise, Idaho.

Erika Somm and Peter Davis were married May 29 at the Seattle Asian Art Museum in Volunteer Park. Erika is a technical writing lead at Microsoft, and Peter is a program manager at Microsoft.

Elizabeth (Appel) Burgess and her husband, John, announce the birth of John Casey on June 3.



Christian Gerling recently secured The Seattle Aquarium as the first client of his company, West Coast Entertainment Marketing.

The company provides marketing campaigns for local entertainment events and attractions. He was the media coordinator for the Tacoma Dome from 1991-1996, creating an in-house advertising agency to assist in promoting events such as Garth Brooks and The Eagles Reunion Tour. In 1996 he went to Olympia Entertainment in Detroit, Mich. Other events that Christian has promoted include The Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Sesame Street Live and the World Wrestling Federation.

Tim Stein and Jana Schwartz were married in November 1998. In June Tim became a licensed marriage and family therapist and currently practices in Santa Rosa, Calif.

1992

Suzanne Arter earned a bachelor of science degree in chemistry and the College of Sciences Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award from Washington State University in May. She spent summers doing research at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, and served as an undergraduate teaching assistant. Suzanne holds a bachelor's degree in music education from PLU. (see Class of '86)

Joseph Durkee has a new position as an associate at the law offices of Dutli and Wilson, Llp., in Prineville, Ore. He earned his law degree from Willamette College of Law in 1996.

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Kevin Engman and Jennifer Lencioni were married on Aug. 1, 1998. Kevin is a field-marketing manager for 10 West Coast offices of Verio, an Internet provider. Jennifer, a Mantana State University graduate, is the facilities coordinator at the law firm of Bullivant, Hauser and Bailey.

Greg Goodman '92 and **Shawn Sanford '92** were in the wedding party.

Kristina (Price) Humphreys regretfully announces her divorce. Her name will be changing back to her maiden name of Price. She continues to work as a speech-language pathologist at the San Antonio State School in Texas, where she has been for five years. krislp@flash.net

Jennifer Swenson completed a master of science degree in 1994 and a Ph.D. in 1999 in geophysics at the University of Arizona. She is currently a post-doctoral research seismologist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, working in the geophysics and global security division on issues related to monitoring the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty. swenson6@llnl.gov

Jennifer Hallman began a new position as unit manager for Safeco Surety in Redmond, Wash., on June 1. Jennifer has been with Safeco since March 1996, most recently as a technical analyst on the Willow Creek S.T.A.R.T. team.

Nelson Hamre has a new position as computer coordinator for the American School of Barcelona in Spain. The two-year contract includes integrating computers into the curriculum for grades K-12. Prior to working in Barcelona, Nelson taught summer school in the Swiss Alps. nhamre@hotmail.com

Shane Longmire has a new position as music and band teacher for grades 1-8 in the College Place School District near Walla Walla, Wash.

Brent Anderson and **Valerie Nicolet** were married Aug. 12 in Valerie's hometown of Bien, Switzerland. Valerie is a student at Neuchatel Theological Seminary in Switzerland. Brent earned a Master of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N.J., on May 17. In July he assumed a new position as director of youth ministries at First Presbyterian Church in San Luis Obispo, Calif. He served a one-year internship at Galeta Presbyterian Church in Galeta, Calif.

Brenda Boxx attended physical therapy school in the Netherlands for two years and graduated in June 1998. She accepted a position at Sebby Physical Therapy in Edmonds, Wash., in March.

Karen (Stark) Dixon earned a master of theological Studies degree from Duke University School of Divinity in May.

Brody and Shanelle (Dohner) Loy announce the birth of Sydney Ellen on Jan. 12. She joins two sisters, 4-year-old Morgan and 2-year-old Hannah.

Melinda (Wilson) Ramage and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Seth William on June 26. He joins 2-year-old Sean.

Karen Berndt and John Swenson were married July 31. Karen is an urban planner at Bucher, Willis and Raliff, a private consulting firm in Seattle. John is a Web site manager at Microsoft.



On June 10, **Brian Watson** and seven other antinuclear activists were acquitted of disorderly conduct charges stemming from an Aug. 9, 1998, protest at the Bangor Trident Submarine Base in Bangor, Wash. brian@gzcenter.org or www.gzcenter.org

Calvin Hermanson recently earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Washington.

Karin Stangland traveled with Missionary Athletes International to France, Czech Republic, England and Wales in June. She played soccer with the Charlotte, N.C., Eagles women's soccer team. The tour included playing matches, conducting soccer clinics, and sharing their faith in Christ with other clubs, spectators, in a women's prison in England, in a shelter for abused families in Wales and with English students in Prague, Czech Republic.

Kate (Hoover) Holmes and her husband, Kirk, were married August 1995 in Portland, Ore. They have two boys, 4-year-old Tarin and 1-year-old Aidan. Kirk is the owner of Kirk's Chop Shop hair salon.

Gregory Houfek and Yu Hyoung-sun were married in April. They moved to the U.S. in June and live in Portland, Ore. gregorydj@hotmail.com

1993

In April, **Eric Schuck** completed a Ph.D. in agricultural economics at Washington State University in Pullman.

Lt. Cmdr. Debra Pennington recently reported for duty at Naval

A Window to the Past

A lifetime of shared memories

Leslie (Van Beek '88) Young and Caryn (Coltom '87) Welch can hardly remember a time when they *didn't* know each other. They've been friends "since infancy," Young noted, adding Whitney (Holland '88) Ahrendt to the fold when the trio attended nursery school together at Trinity Lutheran Church.

They remained friends throughout their school-age years, then roomed together during their time as Lutes. The group, which became a quartet with the addition of Kristin Larson '87 at PLU, are as close as sisters, and the whole clan — including spouses and a total of nine children — now spends the majority of their time off with each other.

"Skiing, Hawaii, everything. We've take our vacations together for years." Young said.

Background: Playmates Leslie Van Beek and Caryn Coltom (1968).

Foreground: Leslie (Van Beek '88) Young and Caryn (Coltom '87) Welch are as close as ever (1998).

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CARYN (COLTOM '87) WELCH



Hospital, Great Lakes, Ill. She joined the Navy in 1986.

Kevin Bateman and Amy Tallmon were married July 3. Kevin is a K-9 handler and police officer for the city of Kent, Wash., and Amy is a first-grade teacher.

Kari Olson and Christopher Holl were married Oct. 17, 1998, at St. Mary Parish Church in Wycliffe, County Durham, England. A reception followed at Morrill Arms Hotel Greta Bridge, County Durham, England. Kari is a graphic artist at The Leonhardt Group in Seattle, and Christopher is a communications manager at Apropos Retail Management Systems in Lynnwood.

Molly (Benson) Mayes and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Andrew Spencer on March 31.

Danelle Holliday and Michael Mothews were married April 17 at the Rainier Club in Seattle. **Tara (Holliday) Balderson '94**, **Stacey (Brown) Andersen '93**, **Julie Dietderich '93** and **Laura (Manderscheid) Davis '93** were in the wedding party. Danelle is the office manager at Cambridge Technology Partners, and Michael is the chief technology officer at InfoMove.com.

Chad and Carolyn (Garrison '92) Barnett announce the birth of Cody James on Feb. 26. He joins 2-year-old Corson Dovid. Chad is a senior sales representative at Glaxo-Wellcome Pharmaceutical and was the 1999 Presidents Club winner. They live in Olympia.

Sam and Teresa Cook celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on May 30. Sam has been teaching math and coaching cross country, track, wrestling and the math team at Washington High School in Tacoma since 1994. Teresa has been teaching second grade at Evergreen Primary School in University Place since 1994. Sam and Teresa will be taking a one-year leave of absence to teach fifth grade and second grade in Shanghai, China, for the 1999-2000 school year.

Suzie Keller Weathermon earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Idaho College of Law on May 15. She sat for the Idaho bar exam in July.

Paul and Linda (Renz '92) Schroeder announce the birth of Jacob Charles on June 9. They recently moved back to Gig Harbor, Wash., after Paul earned his Master of Divinity degree from a seminary in St. Paul, Minn. He is the associate pastor in youth and family at Peninsula Lutheran Church. Linda, a registered nurse, is taking time off to stay home with Jacob.

Jeff Perry earned a medical doctorate degree from Tulane Medical School and a master's degree in public health and tropical medicine

from Tulane School of Public Health in June. His wife, Elizabeth, earned a master's degree in health education from Southeastern Louisiana University in May. In August she presented findings from her thesis at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga. Jeff is a family practice resident physician at In His I.M.A.G.E., a Christian family practice. They live in Tulsa, Okla. perryclan@pol.net.

Cris and Michele (Dorn) Turner announce the birth of Bailey Cristopher on July 7.

Eric Schuck and Cally Turner '92 announce the birth of Skyler Christian on May 29. In August, Eric assumed the position of assistant professor of resource economics in the department of agricultural economics at North Dakota State University. Cally is looking forward to staying at home with Sky and their dog, Ole.

Jodi Lewison and Scott Swigort were married July 11, 1998, in Portland, Ore. **Heidi Schilling '93** and **Bonnie Block '93** were in the wedding.

1994



Dan and Jeanne (Sanford) Blair are sailing the Pacific on "Ocean Magic,"

a Sparkman and Stephen-designed 44-foot Swan. Their trip will include Hawaii, American Samoa, Tonga, Fiji, New Zealand, French Polynesia, Hawaii again, and the return to the Pacific Northwest in July 2000. They left Seattle on May 15 arriving at their first stop in Hilo, Hawaii, on June 6 after 22 days at sea and more than 2,700 miles. See their trip journal at www.ocean-magic.com or jeanne_dan@hotmail.com.

Gudrun Denton and Todd Oliver were married Oct. 3 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Puyallup, Wash., where Todd's father, **Terry Oliver '67**, officiated. Gudrun is systems administrator assistant at Pacific Coast Publishing in Tacoma, and Todd is director of sales.

Amy (Jolliff) Murphy and her husband, Brian, recently returned from Dehli, India, where they spent a week visiting the Taj Mahal as well as the cities of Dehli, Agra and Jaipur. They were there during the 6.8 earthquake centered in Chamoli, India, 150 miles north of Dehli.

Matt Hummel and Julie Priest Hummel '92 are both teachers and live with their 1-year-old son, Dominic, in Lodi, Calif.

Patricia Cyr accepted a position as director of patient care services for Maxim Healthcare in St. Louis and recently contributed questions for the National Licensure Nursing Exam. Her husband, Mark, received an

award for teaching excellence at Washington University, where he is pursuing a Ph.D. in history.

Blake Boling earned a master's degree in environmental science, with a double major in water resources and hazardous materials management from Indiana University in December. He is currently a scientist at Engineering and Testing Services/Professional Service Industries, Inc., a national engineering, geotechnical and environmental consulting firm in Indianapolis. Blake plans to return to the Northwest in the future.

Opal Preston is a hemapheresis specialist at Blood Morrow Transplant Group of Georgia.

Susanna Flodin earned a master of science degree in library and information studies from the University of British Columbia in April. She is looking for work in the Pacific Northwest or Alaska.



Mai Yang and her husband, Ger Moua, announce the birth of Maylea Heaven, on May 4. She joins 4-year-old Yah-Tsheng.

Mai earned a master of social work degree and Ger earned a master of science degree in clinical psychology, both from Eastern Washington University in June 1998.

Jerilyn Dunlap earned a master of arts degree with emphasis in youth and family ministry from Luther Seminary on May 23. She serves as co-director of youth and family ministries at All Saint's Lutheran Church in Minnetonka, Minn.

Ryan Brown and Liesl Floor were married June 12 in Salem, Ore. **Derek '92** and **Robyn (Pickett '93) Floor, Kristine Brown '91, Robin Phillips '94, Dave Ophus '94** and **Mark Davis '91** were in the wedding. Ryan is a sales representative at Tharco Container and Liesl works at Anderson Chamberlin, Costco's in-house broker.

Liz Tunnell left Oct. 2 to travel throughout Southeast Asia for six months. Her solo-backpacking trip will include diving in Indonesia and the Great Barrier Reef; New Year's in Sydney, Australia; the hill country in Thailand; and hiking through Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. liztunnell@hotmail.com



Aron and Julie (Buckingham) Watts announce the birth of Caleb Aron on May 28. Aron continues to teach fifth grade at Life

Christian School in Tacoma. Julie is staying at home with Caleb and will teach piano lessons. They bought a home in Puyallup, Wash., in January.

Coriander Krause and Alan Hunt were married March 27 in Montgomery, Ala. Coriander is a captain and Alan is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

1995

Theresa Lyso and her husband, Tom, moved to Seattle in June, where Theresa attends graduate school at the University of Washington.

Lisa Kupka was promoted to national sales manager with Made In Nature Co., and transferred to the Boston area in February.

Katy McCallum graduated from Luther Seminary in May and was ordained as an ELCA pastor on June 20. She has accepted a call as associate pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Betty Miller is taking a two-year leave of absence from her teaching job in the Evergreen School District in Vancouver, Wash., to teach at Saipan International School on the island of Soipan. She'll return to Vancouver for the 2001-02 school year.

Todd Jones and Stephanie Chance were married June 26 in Bellevue, Wash. MaShelle Atherton '93 was in the wedding. Todd works at Group Health, and Stephanie is an oracle contractor at Courtlink Inc.

Trent Erickson and Kim Carl '97 were married July 10 at Steel Lake Presbyterian Church in Federal Way, Wash. Kim is an English teacher at Totem Junior High School in Federal Way, and is studying for her master's degree in education at the University of Washington. Trent is a student at the University of Washington, where he is working toward a juris doctorate at the law school, and completing an MBA. He is employed by the UW Athletic Department.

Dawn Collins and Phillip Vitale were married July 24 at St. Patrick's Church in Tacoma.

Carol Tobian recently joined Salem Sound 2000, Salem Mass., as its first outreach coordinator. Carol pursued her graduate studies at Harvard University and prior to joining Salem Sound 2000 she interned with the Environmental League of Massachusetts where she worked with the legislative director, lobbying for the Beaches Bill.

1996

Peter Wilburn is the resident stage manager for the Performance Network of Ann Arbor, Mich.

Shawna Rowe earned a master's degree in education from Chaminade University in May. After graduation she traveled to Europe and North Africa. Shawna continues to teach kindergarten at St. Andrew's Priory School in downtown Honolulu. She participated in the Honolulu Marathon and plays with the Oahu Civic Orchestra. She is also a member of the Ski Association of Hawaii and takes ski trips to the main-land and Europe. Shawna recently applied to

teach in the Department of Defense Schools.

Kristin Phillipe and Mark Lodmill were married Dec. 27, 1998, in Evergreen Colo. Kristin is a certified nurse assistant at Sunrise Bearcreek in Morrison, Colo., and Mark is a commercial real estate appraiser. They moved from Boston to the Denver area, where they are building a new home. Kristin plans to attend nursing school this fall.



Matthew DesVoigne earned a master of science degree in computational physics from Oregon State

University in June. He is a web developer at APEX in Bellevue, Wash., which develops online course materials for teachers and students.

Michelle Horan and Shawn Wiley were married Jan. 14 in Leavenworth, Wash. Michelle is a teacher in Tacoma Public Schools, and Shawn is a sergeant in the U.S. Army.

Erik Peterson is a broker services representative at Headlands Mortgage. He lives in Redmond, Wash.

Thomas Brown is the director of corporate relations and special projects for Ufly.net in Tacoma, a local information provider and meta-search engine. www.uly.net



Edmond Hrivnak and Jennifer Rakowicz were married May 15 at Gulf Shores Islands

National Park in Ocean Springs, Miss. Edmond is a flight and critical care nurse in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. Jennifer is an emergency room nurse on active duty at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss. They plan to move back to Washington when her tour is completed.

Allison Werre and Robert Moore were married Aug. 28. Allison works at Alpacas of America in Arlington, Wash., and Robert is in the U.S. Navy.

Patrick Reid is an aviator and warrant officer in the U.S. Army. He will begin flying UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters at Fort Campbell, Ky., at the end of the year. **Prece Fountain-Reid '97** is a research technician in psychology at the U.S. Army Aero Medical Research Laboratory at Fort Rucker, Ala.

John Gumprecht is attending Seattle University School of Law.

Emily Fisher and Thomas Falleur were married Nov. 28, 1998. Emily is employed at Ag Bog International in Warrenton, Ore., and Thomas is employed at F&B Logging in Warrenton. **Amy Mustain '96** and **Kim Leifsen '96** were in the wedding.

Maureen Jones and Corey McDougall were married March 6 in Leavenworth, Wash.



Taj and Andrea (Smedes) Giesbrecht announce the birth of Caleb Theodore on Dec. 1. Taj is a nuclear engineer at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

Tim O'Dell was promoted to senior account executive at GTE Internet-working in June. **Heather (Kegley '97) O'Dell** is teaching second grade at Westlake Montessori School.

Tamara Bushek is a programmer at Telos Federal Systems in Lawton, Okla.

1997

Sonjia Rainsberry began her new position as youth and education director at Northlake Lutheran Church in Kenmore, Wash., in December. She was previously a development specialist at Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation in Auburn, Wash.

Brian Walker and Sara Elizabeth Barnes were married Nov. 14 in Boise, Idaho. Brian is a teacher at Boise High School and Sara is a second-grade teacher.

Claire Fedoruk is completing a master's degree in vocal performance at the Eastman School. In 1998 she participated in the Oberlin in Italy opera program where she studied Italian, coached with Ublado Fabbri, and performed. In March, Claire was featured on "Robert Schuller's Hour of Power" in Garden Grove, Calif., singing Handel's "Rejoice Greatly." She is applying to the doctoral program in early music performance at the University of Southern California.

Heidi Vanderford has a graduate assistantship at Indiana University. Last spring she played the role of the fortuneteller in Indiana University's opera production of Strauss' Arobelia. She also sang in the Bernstein ("Songfest for 6 solo voices and orchestra") as part of a two-week tribute to the composer. Heidi was in the St. Louis Opera apprentice program over the summer.

Betty Hall was selected to coordinate the adult outpatient treatment program at Kitsap Mental Health Services.

Mary Forsythe and Curtis Fenimore were married Oct. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon, Wash. **Brenda Morrissey '97, Elizabeth Frans '97, Rachel Krebs '97, Jeff Meissner '98** and **Mario Brown '97** were in the wedding. The couple took a wedding trip to Disney World and a Caribbean cruise.

Stacy Nyman and Christopher Catterall were married Sept. 26, 1998, in Arlington, Wash. Stacy works at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma and Christopher

works at Starbucks Coffee Co. in Tacoma. The couple took a wedding trip to Maui, Hawaii.

Gregory Ennis has been accepted to the Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Neb. He is considering a career in family practice or emergency medicine.

Jeff Thompson and Shannon Robinson '98 were married Aug. 1, 1998, in Steilacoom, Wash. **Tanya (Robinson) Pearson '98, Cambrian Gawalowski '97** and **Allyson Weld '98** were in the wedding. Shannon is teaching in the Lake Washington School District and is the girls head track coach at Juanita High School in Kirkland, Wash. Jeff is a business and marketing instructor, and head wrestling coach at Lake Washington High School in Kirkland. They make their home in Redmond.

Scott Cushing is an assistant producer at ESPN Internet Ventures in Redmond, Wash. www.theslice.com

Aron Johnson is a crime analyst with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department in Puyallup, Wash.

Eric Montague is a contract administrator at Infasek Corporation in Bellevue, Wash.

Lisa Meierotto has completed one year of service as a VISTA volunteer for the Corporation for National Service in Seattle. She is moving to New York City for a second year of service and will be a VISTA leader in community development with the Enterprise Foundation, providing support to 25 local volunteers.

Heather McDougall has a new position as an admissions counselor at PLU. She was previously at Faith Homes, a local non-profit organization serving at-risk teenage girls. She is thrilled to return to the PLU community.

Gretchen Lervold and Aron Beauchamp were married on July 25, 1998, in Monroe, Wash. Gretchen is an office manager at Belmark Industries, and Aron is a journeyman carpenter.

Patrick Butler and his wife, Janet, moved to Tyler, Texas, to attend a video and print production school with Youth with a Mission. Patrick recently received an award of excellence for the video program "Mission Adventure," as a producer for YWAM TV.

Karen Ray and Rodney Martinson were married Jan. 23 at Holy Names Academy Chapel in Seattle. **Nichelle LaBarge '97** was in the wedding party. Karen is a registered nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, Wash., and Rodney is a firefighter for Central Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Casey Feskens has a new position as system administrator/network services consultant at Willamette University in Salem, Ore.

1998

Erin Romine and Andrew Arbough (former PLU student) were married May 31 at Puyallup United Methodist Church. **Natalie Francois '98, Christian Anderson '98, Craig Covert, Brian Powell, Ryan Hanley and Dave Sutherland** were in the wedding.

Megan Turnack received a fellowship for graduate study in environmental biology at American University in Washington, D.C. Before graduating, she was one of the winners in the PLU Student Soloist competition. She went on to play the "Elgar Concerto" with the USO and last spring won the American University Concerto Competition, playing a Haydn concerto.

Shelly Cano is co-producing "Around the Sound," on KSTW-TV in Tacoma. Topics have ranged from ballot measures to health and fitness. A show that first aired in March featured "ER" star Eriq La Salle, Lakers basketball player Kobe Bryant and members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers. **Shawna McLaughlin '87** is host of the show. "Around the Sound" is expected to begin airing in September. Shelly is also in charge of public service announcements, keeping the station compliant with FCC regulations, station tours, charitable projects and interns.

Jason Breitenbucher has joined the sports staff at the Daily Courier newspaper in Grants Pass, Ore.

Erin Hungerford and John Swedberg were married Sept. 26, 1998, at Hope Lutheran Church in Lynden, Wash. Erin is an advertising assistant at the Bellingham Herald, and John is employed by Wight Corporation of Bellingham, Wash.

Kim Corbray was recently featured in The News Tribune as one of 10 Amateur Athletes of the Year for 1998. Kim, the second-team All-America guard, has been working with the needy since she graduated from PLU. She works at a family advocate clinic in Tillicum, Wash., and at Our Sister's House, a home for girls in Tacoma.

Jen Tinker received a Fulbright Scholarship to teach English as a Second Language in Seoul, South Korea. She left on July 7 and began her stay with a six-week intensive language and cultural orientation before being assigned to a secondary school outside of Seoul. Besides working with a Korean teacher to teach conversational English she is also serving as a cultural ambassador to Korean students. The Fulbright program was established in 1946 under congressional legislation introduced by the late Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas with the purpose of facilitating cultural awareness and increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of other countries.

Teal Rainwater and Jason Morse were married Jan. 2 in Marysville, Wash. They are making their first home in Federal Way, Wash., where they are both teachers.

Dustyn Fuller is a marketing specialist at State Farm Insurance in Dupont, Wash.

Matt Hoffman is attending Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo.

1999

Kelly Smith works in development and public relations for Washington Women's Employment and Education, a nonprofit organization that works to help give low-income individuals

courage, job training, and work experience to become self-sufficient.

Amy Pardini and Aaron Sonnichsen were married July 10 at the NW Baptist Seminary in Tacoma. They will be moving to Bellingham, Wash., where Aaron will attend Western Washington University to pursue a master's degree in secondary education, and Amy will work and later pursue a master's degree in English writing.

Allison Smith and Jason Lehner were married July 24.

Sarah Whitford began her position as program manager at the Bureau of Education and Research on Oct. 5.

in memoriam

1932

Hulda (Simonson) Jessen died on April 10.

1933

Nordis (Arneson) Torvend died on March 17.

1936

Edward Svinth died on Jan. 31.

1939

Carl Faulk died on June 8.

1940

Marjorie Fallstrom died on May 16.

1947

Dorothy (Rasmussen) Sandvig died on June 28.

1959

Anna (Ohrstrom) Dunagan died on April 25.

Patti Fin-Gange died on May 24.

1961

Anna Israelson died on April 16.

1963

Russel Tweed died on May 4.

1965

Donald Stegmann died in April.

1966

Milton (Ed) Ruth died on March 26.

1967

Lynne Nelson Cleland died on April 18.

1969

Stephen Johnston died on April 11.

1970

Linda Jensen died on Dec. 3.

1970

Lewis Ryan died on April 23.

1972

Donald Cammack died on Feb. 17.

1973

Alex Constantine died on July 24.

1973

Dana Walk died on July 24.

1977

Susan (Lauritzen) Jondal died on June 4.

Elbert Barnes died on June 15.

1981

Cheryl Fingarson died on June 5.

1984

Mary Rogers died on June 20.

1991

Jeffrey Phillips died on Jan. 1

Friends and Faculty

Douglas Gonyea died on May 4 at the age of 82. As a prominent businessman, corporation director and philanthropist, he spent a lifetime helping children. His name familiarity at PLU and to the Tacoma area can be attributed to the gift of the Gonyea House, home of PLU's president, by Gonyea and his family after the death of his father. Douglas also lent his name to the Gonyea Boys and Girls Club in Tacoma's North End; and the gym at the Eastside Boys and Girls Club. He began his lumberman's career at Northwest Door while still in high school. He became owner and manager of Service Tobacco Co. in 1949, president and owner of Eatonville Lumber Co. in 1953, and owner and president of Northern Studs Ltd., a lumber company out of British Columbia, in 1955; and he developed Canterwood, a residential and golf property in Gig Harbor, Wash. Douglas gave himself to the community in numerous ways, including serving as one of only six emeritus trustees of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, he was the only Tacoma-area resident ever to serve on the organization's national board of directors; and as a past member of the PLU Board of Regents. **Paul Lloyd Porter**, PLU employee for more than 25 years, died on Aug. 13. See page 4.

What's new with you?

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SPOUSE _____ SPOUSE'S PLU CLASS YEAR(S) IF APPLICABLE _____

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EMAIL/WEBSITE _____ POST ON THE ALUMNI EMAIL DIRECTORY? YES NO

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Marriage (no engagements, please)

SPOUSE'S NAME (first, middle, maiden, last) _____

DATE/PLACE OF MARRIAGE _____ SPOUSE'S OCCUPATION _____

Birth

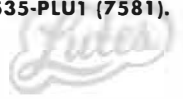
CHILD'S NAME (first, last) _____ BIRTH DATE _____ GENDER: MALE FEMALE

SIBLINGS/AGES _____

Promotions/Awards

NAME _____

TITLE OF POSITION/COMPANY/AWARD/DATE ASSUMED _____



1999 Hall of Fame Inductees

BY NICK DAWSON, SPORTS EDITOR

Six individuals will be inducted into the Pacific Lutheran University Athletic Hall of Fame at Homecoming on Oct. 15. The 1999 induction class is the 10th since the inaugural group in 1990. A plaque honoring this year's inductees will be installed at the Walk of Fame just north of the swimming pool.



MIKE BENSON '69
Tennis Coach 1970-99

In the 30 years Mike Benson '69 coached the PLU men's tennis program, his teams won or shared 24 Northwest Conference championships. Benson's all-time PLU men's tennis coaching record was an amazing 400-196. During that same 30-year period his teams compiled an incredible 166-18 dual-match record, including a pair of 60-match winning streaks, in Northwest Conference matches. Benson's teams made the trek to Kansas City for NAIA nationals on 20 occasions and finished as high as eighth place. One of his players, Dave Trageser '79, '88, reached the national tournament championship match in both singles (1978) and doubles (with Mike Hoeger '81 in 1979). During Benson's six years as head coach of the PLU women's team the Lutes won six conference titles and had a 90-35 overall record. Benson played collegiate tennis at PLU and was a member of the 1967 district doubles championship team. He is best known for helping to coin the term, "It's a great day to be a Lute," celebrating the spirit of PLU athletics.



KERRI (BUTCHER '86) DANIELS
Swimming 1982-86

One of the most accomplished athletes in the history of the PLU athletic program, Kerri (Butcher '86) Daniels won four consecutive NAIA nationals titles in the 100-yard butterfly, in the process breaking the national record three times. As a senior, Daniels won individual national titles in the 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle and also swam on winning relay teams in the 200 freestyle, 800 freestyle and 400 medley. That year, she was honored as the national meet's outstanding female swimmer. In her incredible four-year career, Daniels earned NAIA All-America honors

25 times by virtue of placing in the top six in individual or relay events. In all, she won six individual and six relay national championships. In addition to her talent in the water, Daniels also earned NAIA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors.



STEVE IRION '78
Football and Baseball 1974-78

Steve Irion '78 excelled in both football and baseball at PLU. As a football defensive back, he earned NAIA first team All-America honors as a senior after intercepting seven passes, recovering a fumble and blocking two kicks. A four-year letter winner and three-year starter, Irion completed his PLU football career with 19 interceptions, including his single-season best of 10 as a sophomore in 1975. He earned all-conference and Little All-Northwest honors in his sophomore and senior seasons. As a four-year starter in baseball, Irion received All-Northwest Conference recognition at two different positions—outfielder and shortstop. He still ranks in the top five in single-season categories for triples and home runs and in the top 10 in career listings for at bats, runs, hits, triples, home runs, runs batted in and stolen bases.



DAVE PETERSON '74
Crew 1970-74 / Coach 1975-85

Dave Peterson '74 had a significant impact on the PLU crew program, first as a crew team member and later as a coach. Peterson earned four varsity letters, was voted commodore as a senior and was a member of the Varsity 8 that won the inaugural Head of the Lake 3-mile regatta, beating recent Pan Am Games bronze-medal-winning University of Washington. He went on to a distinguished post-collegiate racing career. Taking over as PLU coach in 1975, Peterson built the program into national recognition during his 11-year tenure. Several of his women's crews won national gold and bronze medals, and a number of his rowers went on to become national-caliber competitors after graduation. In Peterson's final season as coach, PLU won three of the team's six regular season regattas, six major trophies, four regional championships, two West Coast championships and one national title.



STACY WATERWORTH '87
Soccer and Softball 1983-87

Stacy Waterworth '87 is one of the finest two-sport athletes in the history of PLU women's athletics. Waterworth ranks on numerous single-season and career top 10 lists in women's soccer. She holds the record for most goals in a game with six, set in her senior year, and ranks second in career points with 184 and career goals with 74. Waterworth not only knew how to put the ball in the net, she also was an adept passer and consummate team player, ranking third in career assists with 36. She was voted the team's co-offensive MVP in 1986 and earned all-conference honors during her junior and senior seasons. After graduation, Waterworth was named the state's top woman amateur player of the year in 1993. As a softball player, she was a three-time all-district and two-time first team all-conference honoree. Her best season, arguably, came during her junior year, when she hit .400 and set a then-school record with 27 runs.



REV. MILTON LUTHER NESVIG '35
Meritorious Service 1947-1987

Affectionately known as "Mr. PLU," the Rev. Milton Luther Nesvig was PLU's ambassador to the world, often recruiting students along his many travels. His support of students also carried over heavily into the sports arena. Former President William Rieke tells of Nesvig getting so worked up that he became as much fun to watch as the game itself. Nesvig, who died in 1990 at the age of 75, graduated from PLC in 1935 then earned an English degree from St. Olaf College in 1937. After becoming an ordained pastor in 1942, he pastored a local church in Tacoma and served as a Navy chaplain for several years. He earned a master's degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota in 1947 then came to PLU, where he served until 1987 in many different capacities — assistant professor of English, director of public relations, vice president of university relations and university archivist. Nesvig Alumni Center is named in his honor. Both PLU and St. Olaf presented Nesvig with distinguished alumnus awards.

Hacker brings home World Cup gold

BY LENA TIBBELIN '99

Colleen Hacker, professor and assistant dean of the School of Physical Education, could write an interesting essay on what she did during her summer vacation.

In fact, it was no vacation at all as she served as the sport psychologist for the U.S. Women's Soccer team that defeated China to win the World Cup title on July 10 in Pasadena, Calif.

Hacker said she was overwhelmed after she received her gold medal with the rest of the team and coaching staff. But in the midst of the chaos of 90,000 celebrating fans, she said there was a sense of historical significance.

"There aren't many sports where there's a true

world championship, and obviously few people have the chance to participate. (We were) all aware how fortunate we were being part of that," Hacker said. The U.S. journey to the gold was a commitment to the team and selflessness, Hacker said, and for the most part it was "a mission larger than any one person."

Hacker will stay with the team until after the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. She said her primary commitment is to the players and to the collective team effort.

Hacker received the PLU President's Medal at Convocation Sept. 7 for her outstanding contributions to the many areas of life she touches.



U.S. Women's Soccer Team Sport Psychologist Colleen Hacker after the U.S. team defeated China to win the World Cup title on July 10 in Pasadena, Calif.

PHOTO COURTESY COLLEEN HACKER

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FALL 1999

Concerts

Times and ticket prices vary; contact 253-535-7602 or 1-877-254-7001, or music@plu.edu

October 26

**Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series:
Carole Terry**

October 27

Regency Concert Series: Lyric Brass Quintet

November 7

**Choral Union: Music by Rutter, Hallock and
Vaughan Williams**

November 16

**Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series:
Ulfert Smidt (Hannover, Germany)**

November 19

**Jazz Series: University Jazz and
Jazz Lab Ensembles**

November 20

Opera Workshop: Scenes from Great Operas

November 21

University Wind Ensemble and Concert Band

November 23

**University Symphony Orchestra with Choir of
the West, University Chorale and Soloists**

December 9

Composer's Forum

Christmas Events

November 15 - January 10

Christmas in Scandinavia Exhibit
Scandinavian Cultural Center

November 20

Yule Boutique
9 am - 5 pm, Olson Auditorium

December 3

Sankta Lucia
7 pm, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

December 3, 5, 10, 12

Christmas Festival Celebration Concerts

- Dec. 3 - 8pm, PLU
- Dec. 4 - 8pm, New Hope Community Church, Portland, Ore.
- Dec. 5 - 4 pm, PLU
- Dec. 10 - 8 pm, PLU
- Dec. 12 - 4 pm, First Presbyterian Church, 1013 8th Ave., Seattle

December 7

**Sounds of Christmas: University Singers and
Men's Chorus**

December 8

Norwegian Christmas Service
6 pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center

Alumni & Parent Events



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October 4

"Timeless Questions of the Cosmos"

Steven Starkovich, Assistant Professor of Physics

October 20

**"Geology at the Leading Edge: Living with
Earthquakes, Volcanoes, and Geologic Hazards
in Washington"**

Duncan Foley, Associate Professor of Geosciences

October 28

**"Shifting Soulscapes: American Religiousness
in the 21st Century"**

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Professor of Religion

November 8

**"A Precarious Victory: The Liberal Democratic
Nation-State in the Global Politics of the New
Millennium."**

Peter Grosvenor, Assistant Professor of Political Science

PLU on the Road

**Rev. Rick Rouse '69, PLU Church Relations director,
guest preacher.** Call 253-535-7423

Oct. 30 - Alaska Synod Assembly, Anchorage, Alaska

Oct. 31 - First Lutheran Church, Ketchikan, Alaska

Nov. 7 - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Missoula, Mont.

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Oct. 11 - Phoenix

Oct. 12 - Santa Ana, Calif.

Oct. 17 - Seattle and Portland, Ore.

Nov. 7 - Chicago

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Nov. 9 - Tacoma, Wash.

Nov. 11 - Puyallup, Wash.

Nov. 18 - Washington, D.C.

University Theatre

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October 15-16, 22-24

"Ah, Wilderness" by Eugene O'Neill

November 18-21

"The Ride Down Mt. Morgan" by Arthur Miller

Art Exhibits

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Through October 20

American Folk Art

PLU Art Professor David Keyes and Roberta Keyes

October 26 - November 24

PLU Art Associate Professor Lawrey Gold Exhibit
(painting)

November 30-December 18

**Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts
Student Exhibits**

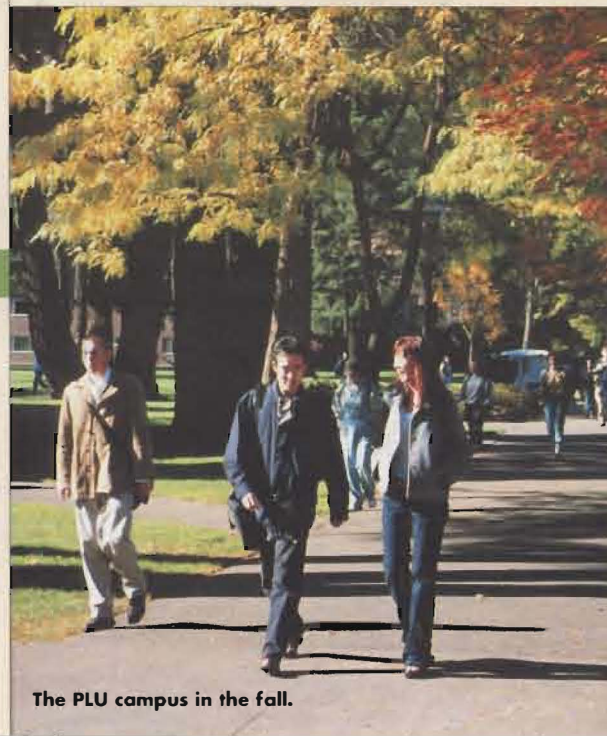
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Through November 15

Karen Blixen Exhibit (Danish "Out of Africa" author)

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calendars.html](http://www.plu.edu/newsinfo/calendars.html)**



The PLU campus in the fall.

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