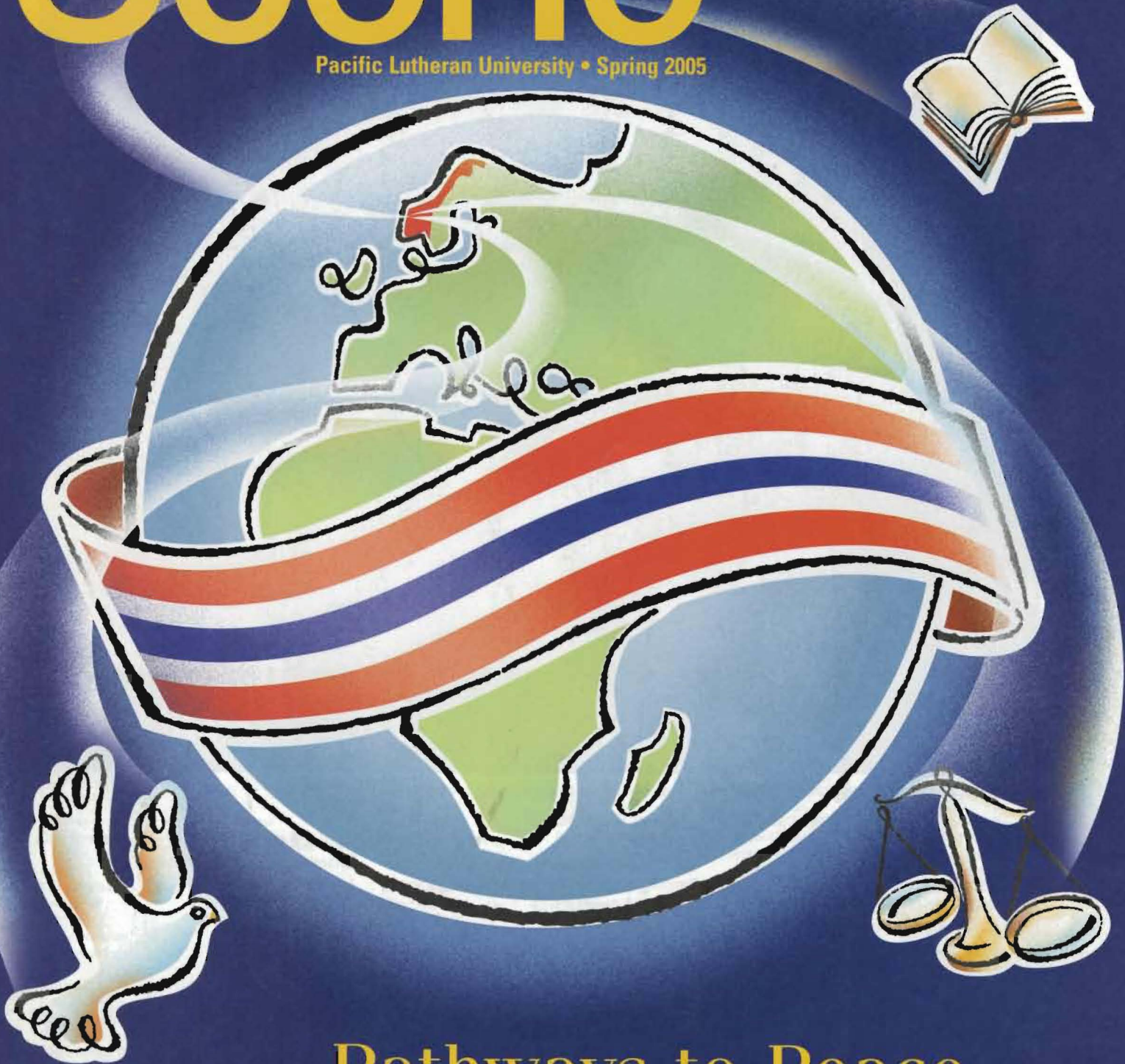


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A street light illuminates a tree shrouded in fog in this image by university photographer Jordan Hartman.

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here & now

Changes in J-Term help first year students find answers to big questions

A groundbreaking program for first-year students re-energized J-Term on campus this year by encouraging students to consider deep questions in revamped classes and at intense overnight retreats.

"We wanted to treat the whole student," said Lisa Marcus, associate professor of English and director of the First-Year Experience program. "We wanted academic class work to work on a personal level."

That personal level is evident in the program's title: "Building skills to ask big enough questions." The development is part of the PLU's five-year Wild Hope Project, designed to help students find their vocation, or purpose in life.

Organizers found that around Christmas break, first-year students begin to assess their life and their future goals. "They get barraged with questions about their college experience," said Assistant Dean of Students Kathleen Farrell. "It tends to be the time when students say to themselves, 'I'm not the person I was.' So, we saw this as the natural time to address these 'big enough' questions."

The co-curricular program marries the First-Year Inquiry seminar classes – called "190s" – with activities organized by Student Involvement and Leadership.

The 190s are small first-year-only classes designed to foster the critical thinking that is required of a university student. This year, faculty members teamed with non-faculty facilitators, who hosted hour-long weekly sessions outside of class, creating a comfortable atmosphere to synthesize lessons learned in class with issues students confront every day.

These questions were also addressed in depth at two off-campus overnight retreats, where first-year students, faculty and facilitators could together dig



First-year students Jessica Waiiau and Troy Andrade spend a weekend participating in activities and discussion to help them find their purpose in life.

deeper into these "companion questions" – questions that accompany people as they continue through life's journey. More than half of the entire first-year student population attended one of the two weekend seminars.

The program was created by faculty members Marcus, Paul Menzel, Rona Kaufman, Patricia Killen, Tamara Williams; Farrell and Pat Roundy, dean for student academic success and director of academic advising.

"It's a brave move," said Menzel, director of the Wild Hope Project. "People have been talking for years about their experience during J-Term. I think we have a conception of what a unique education could be."

Youth Leadership Institute will encourage development of skills

PLU will help young people become leaders in their communities and churches through a

new program funded primarily by a grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The \$100,000 grant will help establish the Youth Leadership Institute, a partnership between PLU and the Southwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The Youth Leadership Institute seeks to challenge close to 400 14-to-24-year-olds annually to act as culturally aware, faith-based, service-minded leaders in their schools, communities and congregations.

PLU was one of three institutions in the Pacific Northwest to receive a Thrivent Financial for Lutherans grant for youth leadership programs.

On campus, the Youth Leadership Institute will draw upon the resources and work of the Wild Hope Project, a five-year initiative to help students find their meaning and purpose in life.

The Youth Leadership Institute also will work with the Peace Community Center, nonprofit affiliate of Peace Lutheran Church that serves a large low-income, ethnically diverse neighborhood in Tacoma.

Scandinavian center sponsors walking tours through Norway

The Scandinavian Cultural Center and the Norse Federation are offering two tours along the medieval pilgrim route from Gudbrandsdal to Trondheim, Norway, this summer.

The first is an eight-day trip mostly on foot over the Dovre Mountains and on to Trondheim from July 21-29. The group will join hundreds of other pilgrims for midnight worship in the Nidaros Cathedral at the end of the journey. Cost is \$1,390.

The second tour, from Aug. 6-14, will include visits to historical sites, a classical concert in the mountains and shorter walks. It will also conclude at the Nidaros Cathedral. Price for that trip, which will include a bus throughout, is \$1,890.

To secure a spot, send a check deposit of \$250 by April 1 to the Scandinavian Cultural Center, PLU, Tacoma, Wash., 98447. For more information, contact professor Audun Toven at 253-535-7314 or tovenat@plu.edu or visit www.norseman.no.

Busy music season sends ensembles to Northwest and Scandinavia

Several student music ensembles will tour this spring, and the Choir of the West performed at a prestigious conference as part of its January tour.

PLU's jazz ensembles and the University Wind Ensemble will perform in Norway, Denmark and Sweden in May and June.

University Chorale will perform in Seattle, Lynnwood, Bellingham, Whidbey Island, Wash., and Vancouver, British Columbia April 8-12. The University Singers will tour Gresham and Astoria, Ore., and Aberdeen, Wash., April 21-24. For a detailed schedule of performances in your area, visit <http://news.plu.edu/?q=node/view/50/1110>.

The Choir of the West performed at the American Choral Directors Association 2005 National Convention



Cynthia Edwards, chair of the board of regents, places the hood over honoree Gary Severson.

in Los Angeles as part of its January tour to California.

PLU awards Gary Severson honorary doctorate

Former Chairman of the Board of Regents Gary Severson received an honorary doctorate of humane letters at Winter

Commencement on Dec. 11.

Severson served 16 years on the board, including seven as chair. He played a critical leadership role as the university weathered challenging times to emerge stronger in enrollment, endowment and financial management.

Severson helped frame a critical institutional recovery strategy for PLU in 1992 and played a fundamental role in engineering the long-term financial growth of the university. He worked diligently to professionalize and strengthen the Board of Regents, engaging them in the life of the university as advisors and advocates for academic rigor.

He is a pillar of the Pacific Northwest community in service and in action. Now chairman of Laird Norton Financial Group, he previously was chairman of the board of First Interstate Bank. He is an active community volunteer with a particular emphasis in education.

He has also served on the board of the Independent Colleges of Washington. □

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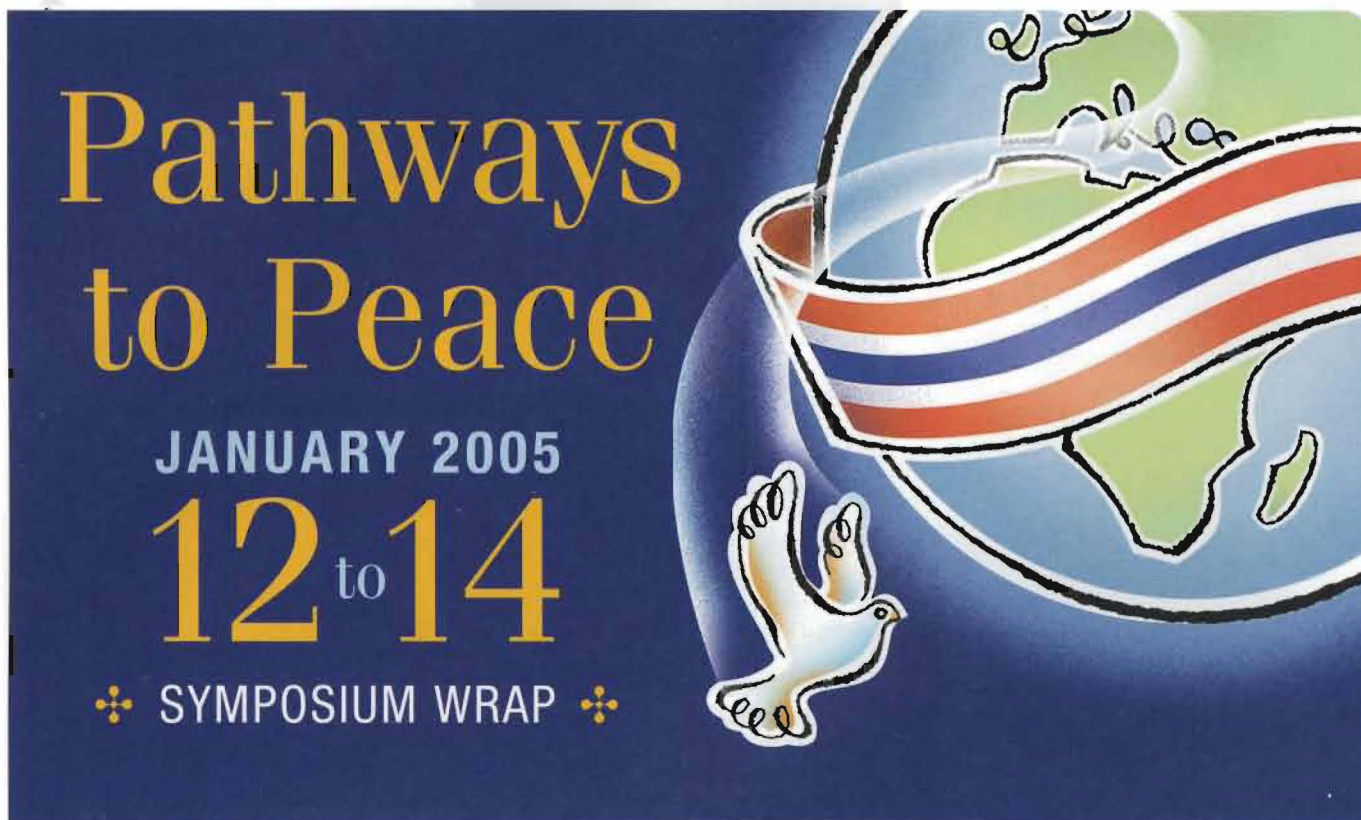


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IF YOU LIKE WHAT YOU'VE READ in this issue of Scene, go to Scene Online for even more news and features about PLU. You can find links to read more about the Pathways to Peace symposium, learn more about the professors who participated in this issue's Scene Forum and find details on where to hear PLU music ensembles perform this spring. Scene Online also takes you to other great features, which have been chosen "Best of Scene." Check it out at www.plu.edu/scene.

life of the mind

Themes of reconciliation and aid run through symposium



Pathways to Peace

JANUARY 2005
12 to 14

❖ SYMPOSIUM WRAP ❖

Just days after the Jan. 9 signing of a historic peace agreement designed to end the world's longest running civil war in Sudan, representatives on different sides of the bitter battle shared a stage at PLU.

"We are no longer enemies," the Rev. Canon Clement Janda said with an outstretched hand to Salah Ahmed ElGuneid, minister of the Republic of Sudan to the United States.

It was a remarkable moment that in many ways symbolized the purpose of the Pathways to Peace symposium. Political and academic leaders from around the world gathered for the Wang Center for International Programs symposium that focused on the Norwegian approach to democracy and development. Topics ranged from security and the environment to human rights and global health.

The Sudan session, which was arranged well before the accord, included three people who were present for

the peace pact signing in Nairobi: Janda, Tom Vraalsen, the Norwegian envoy to Sudan, and Roger Winter, assistant administrator for the United States Agency of International Development.

Janda is a representative of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement. A Sudanese Anglican priest, he has served as general secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches. He is dedicated to promoting the protection of human rights, conflict resolution and Africa's economy.

ElGuneid is a representative of the government that signed a permanent ceasefire with the SPLM. It establishes steps for peace between the mostly Muslim north and the Christian and animist south, but doesn't put an end to the violence in Darfur, the western region of Sudan.

Violence in Sudan over the last 21 years has killed more than two million and displaced more than four million.

"The war indeed has brought a lot of suffering and tragedy," said Janda, who listed the number of relatives he has lost, including a sister, brother and



The Rev. Canon Clement Janda talks about the atrocities in Sudan and the hope for peace after the signing of agreement.

niece. "The war to me is not just statistics - it is people, human beings."

Many credit the Norwegian government for helping broker the peace deal.

"The Norwegian people have been with us through thick and thin," Janda said.

Vraalsen said Norway has been involved in the peacekeeping mission in Sudan for more than 40 years. The country tried to work out a peace deal in 1993, but realized the opposing sides were too far apart. Still, Norway continued to offer humanitarian aid, as it has in many other areas of the world.

Norway's success at such intervention relies on several factors, including that it has no hidden agenda.

"We never go into a conflict if we are not asked," Vraalsen said.

The symposium was the first U.S. celebration of Norway's peaceful independence from Sweden in 1905, and the theme of peace ran throughout the symposium, which drew more than 1,000 people to hear from diplomats, educators and humanitarian volunteers.

"The whole Norwegian diplomatic corps is here - don't keep us too long," joked Knut Vollebæk, ambassador of Norway to the United States, during the opening session.

✦ "Peace must be made real and tangible to the daily life of every individual. Only through common efforts will we be able to create a better and more secure world for all of us." ✦

-Ambassador Knut Vollebæk

One of the world's most prosperous countries thanks to the discovery of oil there in the 1970s, Norway spends 1 percent of its gross domestic product on overseas development assistance.

"The best guarantee for our own progress is others' progress," Vollebæk said.

Norway has pledged \$118 million in relief to areas struck by the south Asian



Tom Vraalsen, Norwegian envoy to Sudan and recipient of the Wang Center Peace Builder Award, talks with ASPLU President Joel Zylstra '05 at the celebration banquet.

tsunami, following its tradition of international cooperation.

"Norway's past has been its asset," Vollebæk said.

There is no colonial past, no hidden agenda, and Norway doesn't aim to fly its flag in every country it helps.

"The moral obligation is there," he said.

One country that has benefited greatly from Norway's benevolence is Namibia, which shares a bond with PLU as well through the Norway/Namibia Project. The Namibia Association of Norway (NAMAS) seeks to empower the Namibian people with the knowledge and leadership skills to advance their young democracy.

"To us in Namibia, Norway is a small country with a big heart and a genuine commitment to peace and development," said Sélma Ashipala-Musavyi, charges d'Affaires for the Embassy of Namibia in Washington, D.C.

Norway has helped Namibia emerge from a bloody past filled with deep-seated hatred to a peaceful democracy. The country still faces huge challenges, Ashipala-Musavyi said, including a high rate of HIV/AIDS, lack of education in rural areas and a high rate of unemployment, which can result in crime.

To strengthen the young country, the government has prepared a long-term

development plan, which it will follow through 2030, and is working to buy land that was lost before independence.

NAMAS has been a huge help. "We cannot thank you enough," Ashipala-Musavyi said. "The only way to say thank you is to make sure we succeed."

Other countries in the world also face health crises, and many say the United States must play a bigger role in reducing disease. Throughout the world, 1.2 billion people live on less than \$1 per day, Vollebæk said, and poor hygiene and preventable disease kill a child every three seconds.

Others who are working on global health issues, including graduates working abroad, echoed those comments, saying increased awareness and action are required to end senseless deaths. Dr. William Foege '57, a global health expert who advises The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and is a member of the PLU Board of Regents, said he was gratified to see so much money raised so quickly for tsunami relief.

"But I feel conflicted," he said. "I wonder, did they know that 250,000 children died in the world, mostly of preventable diseases, that week? Did they know the same thing happened the next week and the next week?"

Poverty and lack of resources help

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life of the mind: Norway Symposium wrap

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contribute to violence and terrorism, Vollebæk said, so fighting for solutions benefits everyone. He attributed the root causes of terrorism to a lack of a good government, violations of human rights and unjust distribution of resources. Social, economic and political justice can reduce terrorism, he said. It's an enormous task, he said, but a critical one.

"Peace must be made real and tangible to the daily life of every individual," Vollebæk said.

"Only through common efforts will we be able to create a better and more secure world for all of us."

Read more about the symposium at www.plu.edu/wangcenter. You can also review sessions online at www.plu.edu/~lutecast/2005sp/wang.

By Katherine Hedland Hansen '88



Knut Vollebæk, left, ambassador of Norway to the United States, presents Chuck Nelson with the St. Olaf Medal.

Wang Center recognizes peace builders who affirm the human spirit

A Norwegian diplomat, a pair of polar explorers and a Norwegian group dedicated to empowering the people of Namibia received Peace

Builder Awards from the Wang Center for International Programs. (see related stories)

Honored were Tom Eric Vraalsen, Norwegian special envoy to the war-torn African nation of Sudan; Liv Arnesen and Ann Bancroft, who with their daring and grueling expeditions across thousands of miles of ice promote peace and understanding; and the Namibia Association of Norway, which responds to poverty and injustice by helping people in the African republic build skills.

The Wang Center Peace Builder Award recognizes global bridge builders who exemplify hope for humanity, whose lives are centered on a vision of the just and good, who have demonstrated that they will not be defeated by difficult circumstances and who affirm the resilience of the human spirit.

Wang Center founders Peter '60 and Grace Wang presented the awards on behalf of the university at a celebration banquet on Jan. 12, the first night of the center's symposium Pathways to Peace: Norway's Approach to Democracy and Development. The Wang Center works to educate for a just, healthy, sustainable and peaceful world.

Wang Center Director Janet Rasmussen said the Peace Builder Award recognizes that the road to peace is not built by nations, but by the collective achievements and contributions of many individuals.

"Recipients understand that peace making is a vocation, a calling that assures the needs of self are always subordinate to service of others," Rasmussen said.

Also, Chuck Nelson, a retired administrator who helped thousands of Norwegians come to Tacoma to study at PLU, received Norway's prestigious St. Olaf Medal for his significant work in promoting relations between Norway and America.

Knut Vollebæk, ambassador of Norway to the United States, presented the medal on behalf of Norway's King Harald. Nelson was director of international admissions and retired after 30 years at PLU. He and his wife, Lois, helped countless students.

Symposium features ethnic art and music

Art and music rounded out the symposium, with a concert packed with ethnic music, and exhibits of both African and Norwegian art on display.

Two groups from Hedmark University College – the Collegium Vocale and the College Folk Ensemble – performed at the Global Encounters concert, as well as PLU's Choir of the West and Wind Ensemble.

University organist emeritus David Dahl premiered an original piece, "A Norwegian Suite for Organ," which was commissioned by the Wang Center for the symposium. Elaine Grinnell, a Jamestown S'Klallam tribal member, performed Native American storytelling and drumming.



Polar explorers make stop at PLU before their next adventure

As a child, Liv Arnesen was fascinated with stories of Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl's adventures at sea aboard his Kon-Tiki fleet and created a tiny replica that she floated in puddles near her Oslo, Norway, home.

Across the globe in Minnesota, Ann Bancroft started out her adventures with an overnight expedition to her back yard.

Decades later these women would meet, find they shared the same goals and make history. The first women to cross Antarctica on foot, Bancroft and Arnesen are now attempting to cross the Arctic Ocean, in a mission to push themselves and to educate others. PLU education professors Ron Byrnes and Mike Hillis created a new K-12 curriculum, "Exploring Cultural Conflicts: Journeys Toward Peace," which ties lessons in resolving conflicts to the expedition.

Arnesen and Bancroft came to PLU to celebrate their Norwegian-American alliance during the year of Norway's centennial and to promote the curriculum. They expect millions of children

around the world to follow their expedition through the Web. (You can follow along with their expedition or review the curriculum at www.plu.edu/wangcenter.)

Bancroft and Arnesen used their talks with schoolchildren and PLU audiences to make bigger points than simply relaying their stunning accomplishments, such as their 1,700-mile crossing of Antarctica. They talked about how the lack of wind on the windiest continent delayed them, forcing them to ski at one mph rather than sail at a much faster and more comfortable pace.

"What do you do when things don't go as planned?" Arnesen asked students at Annie Wright School in Tacoma. Sometimes, you have to improvise and discover how much you really can do, she said.

Even at temperatures as low as 35 degrees below zero, alone on the ice for 94 days, they enjoyed themselves.

"We laughed every day," Bancroft said. "We learned that laughter and humor is a very powerful tool to keep you going."

They encourage people, especially children, to follow their own dreams and find the adventure of their lifetimes. [S]



Ann Bancroft left, and Liv Arnesen set a record on Antarctica and plan to cross the North Pole this spring. Photo courtesy Bancroft-Arnesen Explore.

ACCOLADES



Colleen Hacker, assistant dean of physical education, received the Award of Excellence from the National Soccer Coaches

Association of America for "those who have brought recognition and distinction to women's soccer." It is a national award, given to one person per year throughout the United States.



A film featuring assistant football coach **John "Nellie" Nelson**, who is disabled by arthrogryposis, won the Crystal

Heart Award for short documentary at the Heartland Film Festival in October. The film, "Nellie - A Life Worth Living," was directed by Michael McNamara.



Sidney Rittenberg, visiting professor in the Chinese Studies Program and internationally renowned consultant

on China's business sector, was appointed to the Rural Development Institute board in Seattle.



Dane Wu, associate professor of mathematics, co-authored "An Alternate Approach to the Total Probability

Formula" with Laura M. Bangerter '03. It was published in the International Journal of Mathematical Education in Science and Technology.

Distinguished novelist
helps aspiring writers
discover what they
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Seeing the world afresh

Earl Lovelace has been called a master storyteller, known for his lyrical style and memorable characters.

But while he weaves beautiful tales of calypso and the Caribbean and relishes helping students find their own voices, this celebrated Trinidadian writer is somewhat hesitant to tell his own story. He's reluctant to sit down for a formal interview and is soft spoken and understated when asked about his successes and inspiration.

Lovelace, 69, has been PLU's distinguished writer in residence for five years and is a celebrated figure in Trinidad. But when asked about his celebrity status in his home country, he simply replies, "Well, I am a novelist."

As a teacher the past five years at PLU, he has inspired students, who have in turn motivated him. It would be fair to say he has sometimes frustrated people, who appreciate his culture and talent, but not always his laid-back, quintessentially Trinidadian spirit. He doesn't have voicemail, doesn't always check his e-mail and isn't absolutely on time.

But it is impossible to measure how much he brought to PLU, and how he has helped the university's study-away program in Trinidad and Tobago.

"Earl Lovelace is very well-known and highly regarded in Trinidad," said PLU President Loren J. Anderson, who traveled there last year and saw first-hand Lovelace's influence. "He has opened doors for us down there."

Anderson recalls meeting with an educator, who upon hearing that Anderson was from "the place where Earl Lovelace teaches" immediately gave him complete attention. He also saw how Lovelace – with a quick phone call – arranged for one of the country's top bands to play at a party at his home to welcome Anderson.

"It's been great to have him at PLU," Anderson said. "It adds a kind of richness and texture to the entire community. Students have been very fortunate."

What has brought Lovelace acclaim are his talent and his books about postcolonial Trinidad that speak to so many. His novels have won many awards, including "Salt," which was the winner of the Commonwealth Writers Prize in 1997, meaning it was named the best book in English speaking countries except the United States. As with his other books, it is set in Trinidad, and he explores the legacy of the struggle against enslavement and colonialism.

Always an avid reader, Lovelace discovered he wanted to write when he worked as a forest ranger and came into more intimate contact with the ordinary people who worked the land and made a living from the forest.

"That was very, very important, because it brought me into a better relationship with the people who worked the land, and gave me a greater sense of the island's landscape and the folkways of the people," Lovelace said.

He was 20 when he started to think about writing seriously. His motivation?

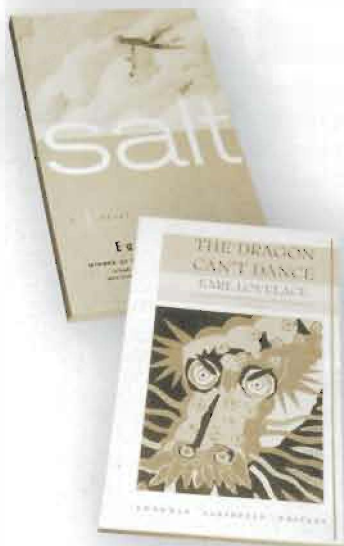
"I think I wanted to change the world," he said. "I still want to change it."

He wanted to write about people he knew, to give voice to those who don't usually make it onto the pages of books – "people who have been ignored or have been seen as a generality, not in their specificity."

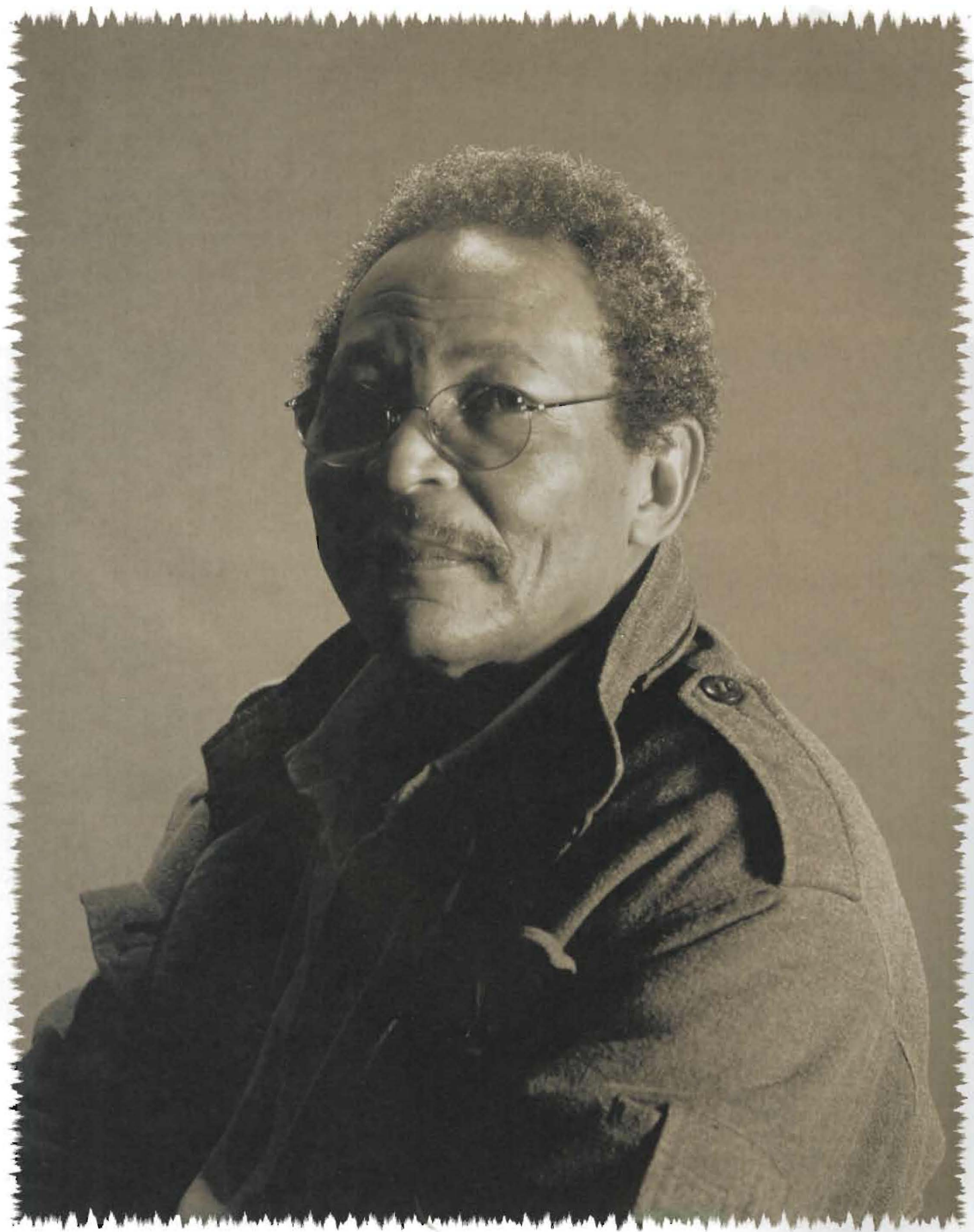
"I thought if I was going to be a writer, I had to write a novel," he said.

So he did.

That first book is still unpublished, but his next try, "While Gods Are Falling," was pub-



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hablan español

Students swear off English for a weekend of cultural and language learning

BY NISHA AJMANI WADE '02



More than 50 students spent a weekend last November away from campus, immersed in study, experiencing great conversation and cultural exchanges at a camp on Washington's Kitsap Peninsula. And not a word of English was spoken.

(Left) Spanish instructor Emily Davidson '98 plays a guiro, a notched, hollowed-out gourd, while students sing along to the guitar.

(Top) Among the students who agreed to speak only Spanish for a weekend were, from left, Maya Kociab '07, Bethany Frevichs '06, Rachel Curry '06, and Lindsey Paxton '07.

Spanish Immersion Weekend, which started in 2002 and is organized by Spanish faculty, allows students to take what they learn in class and use it in real life situations. Whether in the dining hall, bunks or in groups, they speak only Spanish for the weekend, while enjoying authentic cuisine, guitar concerts and salsa dancing.

They also crafted papel picado, Hispanic designs cut out of paper commonly used at parties in Latin America,

Literatures and professor of Spanish, said the weekend gives students confidence in their skills, encouraging them to study abroad. "It is the first real test that they can in fact survive in the language," she said.

Some of the Spanish students live in Hong International Hall, which also focuses on immersing students in language and culture. The hall houses five languages - Chinese, French, German, Norwegian and Spanish - and is a hub for campus activities focused on lan-

Roach said. "And that gives you a world view."

According to Curry, the students benefit from the professors being from a variety of regions, like America, Spain and Mexico, because they each bring in their knowledge of different cultures.

Part of the experience is getting to know the professors on a personal level. Frerichs and Lindsey Paxton '07 agree that laughing with the professors - and being able to understand the jokes - makes things more fun.

"It's a great opportunity because you learn so much about culture - on top of all the vocabulary."

-Bethany Frerichs '06



and molas, tapestries originally made by the Kuna Indians in Panama.

"It's a great opportunity because you learn so much about culture - on top of all the vocabulary," said Bethany Frerichs '06.

Participants begin the weekend by signing a contract declaring their commitment to speaking only in Spanish.

"All the things we try to do in the classroom come together," said Emily Davidson '98, instructor of Spanish. "The students realize what they're capable of."

"You impress yourself," Frerichs said. "It gives you more confidence and makes you less wary about making mistakes - it's two whole days, you're going to make mistakes."

Tamara Williams, chair of the Department of Languages and

Brie Chamberlain '05, left, and Ira Station prepare ensaladas mixtas, part of an authentic Spanish meal.

guage, culture and international issues.

For Sean Roach '08, the weekend helped him prepare for a Costa Rica J-Term trip. "I surprised myself that I was able to handle it so well," he said. "It's a good environment for it. Everybody realizes we don't have the experience."

Those with experience return to help out the newer students. "Seeing how much I improved in one weekend helped me decide to go abroad," Rachel Curry '06 said. "I came back to help others who are here now."

The students said being committed to the language opens their eyes, giving them a different perspective on the world. "You're not just learning a language, you're learning about a culture,"

Students are impressed with the professors' commitment to teaching. "Other universities don't have professors who will take a weekend out of their personal time to give us the opportunity to learn," Paxton said.

Each year, the entire Spanish faculty attends the weekend and they all agree it improves their relationship with the students. "They realize how much we love teaching them and how much we care about the program," Davidson said.

While no other language currently offers a program like this one, Williams hopes to see it happen in the future. "It's a great success," she said. "The students talk about how much their confidence increases."

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Over the past three and a half years the world – and our place in it – has changed in ways we could have never imagined. Terrorism, world conflict and religious animosity have become the issues of the day. To help make sense of it all, we invited four Pacific Lutheran University professors to offer their expertise and differing perspectives on these world-changing issues. Participating were Alicia Batten, religion; Peter Grosvenor, political science; Pauline Kaurin, philosophy; and Ann Kelleher, political science. Greg Brewis, executive editor of *Scene*, moderated the conversation. Their comments were transcribed and edited.

SCENE: Shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, it became clear that the United States and likely the entire Western world are engaged in a long-term battle against fundamentalist Islam. What are the origins of this conflict? Is it a religious war? Are we facing a new kind of evil?

ANN KELLEHER: The public became fully aware of the threat on Sept. 11, but many terrorist experts in the United States knew things were in the works long before then. Arab radical groups and radical religious groups like al Qaeda had been at work since the '60s and '70s but hadn't been able to mount a major effort, and their targets were all specifically related to the Israelis. By the '80s there was a movement among these groups to begin to target the United States. Even the specific event of flying an airplane into a building was known. It had been planned in Paris but the airliner crashed.

ALICIA BATTEN: The struggle is not primarily about religion. While various political developments and conflicts over land and resources – as well as the suffering and frustration populations

are experiencing – can push people to extreme forms of religious expression, these struggles are not fundamentally caused by religion. Whether it's the Israeli-Palestinian conflict or fighting in Afghanistan, it's not the nature of any particular religion to be more prone to terrorist activity.

PETER GROSVENOR: And if religions do have theological reasons to go to war with one another, then those reasons are always there. But clearly Christianity, Islam and Judaism have not been engaged in perpetual conflict with one another, so what we need to know more about is what makes conflicts between the faiths erupt when they do. Alicia is right to look at specific political conflicts over land, socioeconomic conditions, and so on.

Another word of caution about seeing this as a religious conflict is that fundamentalist Islam takes broadly two forms. There is a conservative and a radical form. We have, of course, very good and close relations with conservative, fundamentalist Islam in, for example, Saudi Arabia. The radical form of Islamic fundamentalism, with which we're in conflict, has its roots in society rather than organized religion.

PAULINE KAURIN: I agree that this isn't just about Islam. It's an issue about how people are dealing with oppression and conflict in their lives. Religion continues to be an attractive source of solace. When things are going wrong in your life you want to know why, you want some community, and you want to know that there is some purpose to it. I can see why radical viewpoints are attractive.

Certainly Sept. 11 got America's attention, but on the day of the attack I was thinking it is a miracle that this hasn't happened before. It didn't particularly surprise me.

SCENE: If the attack wasn't surprising, how did our leaders and so many others not anticipate it?

GROSVENOR: The problem for our political leadership is that we have a defense and intelligence structure that is still rooted in the

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Cold War. It was set up to anticipate actions from a radically different kind of enemy. On the intelligence front, America made a questionable decision to downgrade human intelligence in favor of electronic intelligence. We just don't know very much about the sections of Islamic society from which this threat is coming.

BATTEN: We must remember too that the United States government supported radical Islam in Afghanistan in terms of money being funneled to the madrassas and weapons to the Mujahideen. The U.S. should have thought then about the nature of these particular groups and long-term interests and security rather than backing these groups because they supported U.S. interests at that particular time.

KELLEHER: Political leaders are always worried about the problems of the moment. The top level political leadership are busy people who are dealing with what happened yesterday and what might happen tomorrow. So while experts within the American defense and intelligence establishment had been sending up warnings for quite some time, it didn't seem real to the leadership. Other "more important" things were on the agenda of the top decision makers.

GROSVENOR: That's right. And it would be wrong to neglect the extraordinary nature of the Sept. 11 attack. It takes a certain kind of imagination to devise hijacking planes and flying them into buildings. I don't think we can be too critical of people in the defense community for not anticipating that.

Looking at the enormity of what was done on Sept. 11, I certainly understand what provoked the question about fighting a new form of evil. We can discuss whether it was evil or not, but it was certainly incredibly imaginative and has actually induced a startling degree of paranoia in Western societies. We now expend an awful lot of energy contemplating what they could possibly do next.

KAURIN: After the decline of Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War, there were so many foreign policy issues to deal with that neither the Clinton nor Bush administrations had developed a cohesive foreign policy. It was always crisis management over Rwanda, Bosnia, Kosovo. Certainly there were warnings and concerns about terrorism, but it was so far down on the list compared to moving from crisis to crisis that rethinking your foreign policy after 40 years of the Cold War paradigm was not realistic.

SCENE: Recent generations have seen terrorism from the days of the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the Irish Republican

Army. But what we are experiencing today seems different. Why has terrorism changed to become increasingly focused on mass casualties rather than targeting a few for negotiating leverage?

GROSVENOR: There are two answers to that. One is rooted in the question about evil. The desire to destroy as much property and kill as many people as you possibly can does resonate with the roots of modern terrorism. For example, in 19th century Russian nihilism, destruction was its own justification. That might be what al Qaeda is engaged in, but I don't think so. I think they have an agenda. They don't want to destroy for destruction's sake, they want to destroy aspects of the West and thereby alter American foreign policy in the Middle East.

They believe they can do it by going for mass destruction rather than selective targets because they genuinely believe that Western society is effete and degenerate, that it can't handle mass casualties, and that it will back off if you do it enough damage. There was very high symbolism in their choice of targets for the Sept. 11 attack.

KELLEHER: I must disagree right now! The terrorists are not thinking that we will back off. Rather, they want the United States to react in a very strong way because that shows the West to be as evil as they think it is.

GROSVENOR: I don't think that what we are saying is incompatible. I think that bin Laden is quite happy to see forceful acts of retribution by the United States because they act as recruiting tools.

KELLEHER: Yes. It proves their point.

GROSVENOR: But let's remember that, over the last three years, most of what we have heard from Osama bin Laden has been about what an awful society the West is. And he did make the interesting intervention in the U.S. presidential election when he said if you want us to leave you alone you must leave us alone and disengage. There we saw a pragmatic political agenda from al Qaeda.

KELLEHER: But was that bin Laden address in fact focused on the United States? It could well have been in response to a need to represent himself to the Arab world. He wants more recruits. He wants more money. He does not want his money hung up in Saudi-controlled banks. I suspect one of the motivations of the speech may have been to influence the U.S. elections, but he also needs to position himself before his potential supporters as being a reasonable person.

BATTEN: Militarily weaker people generally perform acts of terrorism. I think of Palestinian suicide bombers. What would push a person to the point of blowing herself or himself up and blowing up innocent civilians? I think that part of the reason people are driven to such desperate acts is that they have no other way of fighting back. They do not have tanks. They do not have helicopters. The only way, they think, of attracting attention to their situation is to strap explosives to their body. I think that it is important to think about what type of desperation pushes someone to commit such an act.

We need to think about state-sponsored terrorism as well. In the case of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the Israelis do punish Palestinians collectively. From a Palestinian perspective, such punishment (air raids, housing demolitions etc.) could be viewed as forms of state terrorism. Moreover, the U.S. might think about how the Sudanese reacted when a pharmaceutical factory in Sudan was bombed by the United States in 1998, based on false intelligence. From the Sudanese point of view many innocent people were killed unnecessarily. They might see that as an act of terrorism by the United States. Thus we cannot think of terrorism solely in terms of groups such as Hamas and al Qaeda, but also how certain actions of militarily powerful countries could be perceived by other nations and groups as forms of terrorist activity.

KAURIN: And I don't think it's about how they hate freedom. That is an abstract reason to blow yourself up. So what do we mean when we say they hate freedom? Is it our way of saying they don't like Western liberal democracies that are capitalist in orientation? That's still pretty abstract. In fact, part of the reason for terrorism may be found in how individual experiences have gotten to the point where they are so upset, they feel so hopeless, that they think that the best solution is to blow themselves up.

SCENE: How should the West respond? Only militarily? How are the more deep-seated issues resolved?

GROSVENOR: It is very difficult for the West to respond for reasons that are contained in what Alicia Batten has said. We clearly have a problem in the West of not understanding how our actions are perceived elsewhere. In the post-9/11 environment such understanding becomes much more important. But even to say that we need to alter the way we engage the rest of the world sounds like capitulation. In fact it might even be capitulation. What Alicia

said is quite heretical and very important. We must understand how we are perceived in the rest of the world even though we are notoriously bad at it.

KELLEHER: We assume that there should be a rational attempt by the U.S. to assess its presence and interaction in the world and how other people in the world perceive us. But realistically I don't know one society that, directly attacked, is going to have the majority of its population sit back with reason and calm and undertake that sort of self-assessment. Any society that experiences a direct attack is going to react in a very strong and emotional way and I don't hold Americans to a higher standard.

We have a choice. Do we follow the paradigm of realists in the field of international relations who say we must not appear weak, we must always watch our security, we cannot assume anyone is going to assist us? Or do we follow another paradigm that would call on us to understand the context of our situation, to understand the motivations of our opponents, and to see if American policy is in some way part of the complex web of causation.

Even though I knew two people who died in the World Trade Center, I believe, as responsible citizens of the world's leading material and military power, it does behoove us to pause now, get past our immediate reaction, and have a conversation around the country about our best response.

GROSVENOR: The only thing I disagree about in what Ann just said is that she calls on us to have this conversation. I'd say we just had it. It was called the presidential election and Americans made a very clear choice about whether to be unilateral, aggressive and confrontational or whether take a more complex and multifaceted approach.

KELLEHER: That is a very good point.

SCENE: Here at home there have been significant changes to intelligence gathering, law enforcement, privacy standards and a reshaping of the federal government. Some say we are approaching a national security state. How does a government balance freedom and security? Have we tipped the scales too far in one direction, and how do we know when we have?

KELLEHER: I remember when Peter gave a talk right after 9/11. He said straight out that America is going to have to accept >>



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the fact that in specific ways – based on the experience that Britain had in dealing with the IRA in order to root out and deal with these problems domestically – there are going to have to be some compromises. But have we gone too far?

GROSVENOR: What we have is a very sad paradox here. The openness of Western societies is one of their major sources of strength. It makes them competitive. It makes them innovative. It allows them to import new ideas. It makes them, in my view, the most desirable places to live on the planet, which is why so many people outside of the West want to come here to make better lives for themselves.

But that openness is also now being seen to be a weakness in that it exposes the West in particular to the downside of globalization: an increase in drug trafficking, an increase in terrorism, an increase in illegal arms trading, and an increase in people trafficking. If the West wants to protect itself from that downside, it is going to have to make itself less open. The extent to which that will happen remains to be seen, but I think there are some very worrying signs that there has been a very real regression in Western freedoms as a result of 9/11.

BATTEN: On the other side of it, in addition to restricting freedoms, we might ask where are we focusing our resources. Health care and education and the other things necessary to building a strong society suffer because we are spending instead on security or the military. It's another way the American population suffers as a whole.

GROSVENOR: Yes, very important aspects of our living standards must fall if we divert substantial resources in the way Alicia describes.

KAURIN: Americans must come to terms with the fact that we want to have an open society and at the same time we want no consequences to accrue from that. That's part of our delusional perspective. The other issue that we must come to terms with is now having to prioritize what is most important. If we are going to have to restrict freedoms, then I think the argument comes down to which ones can be restricted and in what ways and still not lose the element of being a Western, open society. We need to have a discussion about what things we are willing to compromise on and what things are non-negotiable.

KELLEHER: And our leaders are ducking it big time. They see no need to make these choices as they instead pile up more debt.

SCENE: What advice would you give PLU students about the role they might play in building a more peaceful world?

BATTEN: I would encourage students to educate themselves about history, including the history of U.S. foreign policy, to learn another language, and to travel abroad, especially to a non-Western country, where the way of life is far different from many Western nations.

KAURIN: Students should follow what they think they are meant to do in their lives. The people who have changed the world are people who have followed their heart's desire and their calling.

I would also urge students to learn to be self-critical and not assume that because we do something one way, everyone does it in that way, not assume that everyone looks at things in the way we do. I think that some of the resentment and some of the conflict in the world are caused by people in the West not being aware of how what they are doing is being interpreted. If we can be self-critical and learn to look at what we are doing through someone else's eyes, it can be the first step toward meaningful dialogue.

GROSVENOR: I would encourage PLU students to take advantage of study abroad programs and, when they do so, to be aware of the fact that they are de facto ambassadors for their country. They can present a face of the United States to the world that is more open, tolerant, respectful and cooperative than the face of America that is presented by the current administration.

I learned recently of a Web site that offers to provide young Americans the wherewithal to pretend that they are Canadians when they go traveling. I find it incredibly sad that many young Americans sometimes feel embarrassed, ashamed or perhaps even endangered by their nationality.

KELLEHER: I'm truly proud to be American and I think our students should learn to take pride too, to really understand our own country and its history of so many positive accomplishments and positive values. There have been many examples of enlightened action by the United States in the past. Students should do some serious research, find them and have pride in them as Americans.

At the same time, it would behoove all of us to learn more about the many varieties of Islam, including those that are very tolerant. The saddest thing to me about teaching about the Middle East is how the Arab world has been misunderstood. I've known Arabs. I know their views of their own religion. I know they perceive their



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For whatever reason the extremists get the most press time and get the most attention. The moderates in all of the religious traditions as well as in the non-religious communities need to take back the public discourse and try to search out that common ground. Because if it's a contest between extremes, it will not end in any other way than what happened on Sept. 11. - PAULINE KAURIN

religion as truly sensitive and respectful of human rights - not in the Western sense, but as a set of mutual obligations between ruler and ruled.

But now it appears as though a world-wide war of cultures is upon us. To me I find that to be extremely unfortunate because I clearly see the ways that Islam and Christianity, Judaism and basic grassroots America can fit together comfortably.

GROSVENOR: We need a very careful degree of balance in any assessment that we make about where we are in the terrorist dilemma that is confronting us. All of us during the course of this discussion have said something about how the United States needs to be more thoughtful about how it presents itself to the world. I think most of us agree that the United States has made some bad decisions about that over the last three years, which may have made the problem considerably worse.

But having said that, I think it would be wrong to not acknowledge that the Islamic world has a very real responsibility here. This new Islamic terrorism is going to be part of Islamic history just like the crusades were part of Christian history and there is no denying it. This means that there is an enormous responsibility on moderate Muslims for them to take back their religion and to alter the face of their religion in the world. This is the proper agenda for the United States: reaching out to moderate people in the Islamic world and helping them to create more progressive more humane societies and more religious tolerance.

KAURIN: I agree. Even in our own country there is much common ground between moderate Muslims, moderate Christians and moderate Jews. For whatever reason the extremists get the most press time and get the most attention. The moderates in all of the religious traditions as well as in the non-religious communities need to take back the public discourse and try to search out that common ground. Because if it's a contest between extremes, it will not end in any other way than what happened on Sept. 11.

And here is where our students have a role to play. If people who find common ground with one another can to some degree take back the discourse it can change the way we can think about things. As a moderate Christian, if I can think about moderate

Islam and have connections to them and see where they are coming from, then we are both less likely to endorse the more radical and dismissive response.

BATTEN: I would tell students to not be afraid to speak out, nor to avoid disagreeing even though there seems to be a lot of pressure these days to support many moves of the administration. I would also encourage students to be critical and wary of the dominant discourse, including such phrases as "war on terrorism." What does that phrase imply? How is it used to justify specific policies?

KELLEHER: There is a war against us now, however. We all must acknowledge that whatever the causes, there are at least a few hundred thousand people out there who consider themselves at war with us. That is a reality that cannot be ignored. [5]

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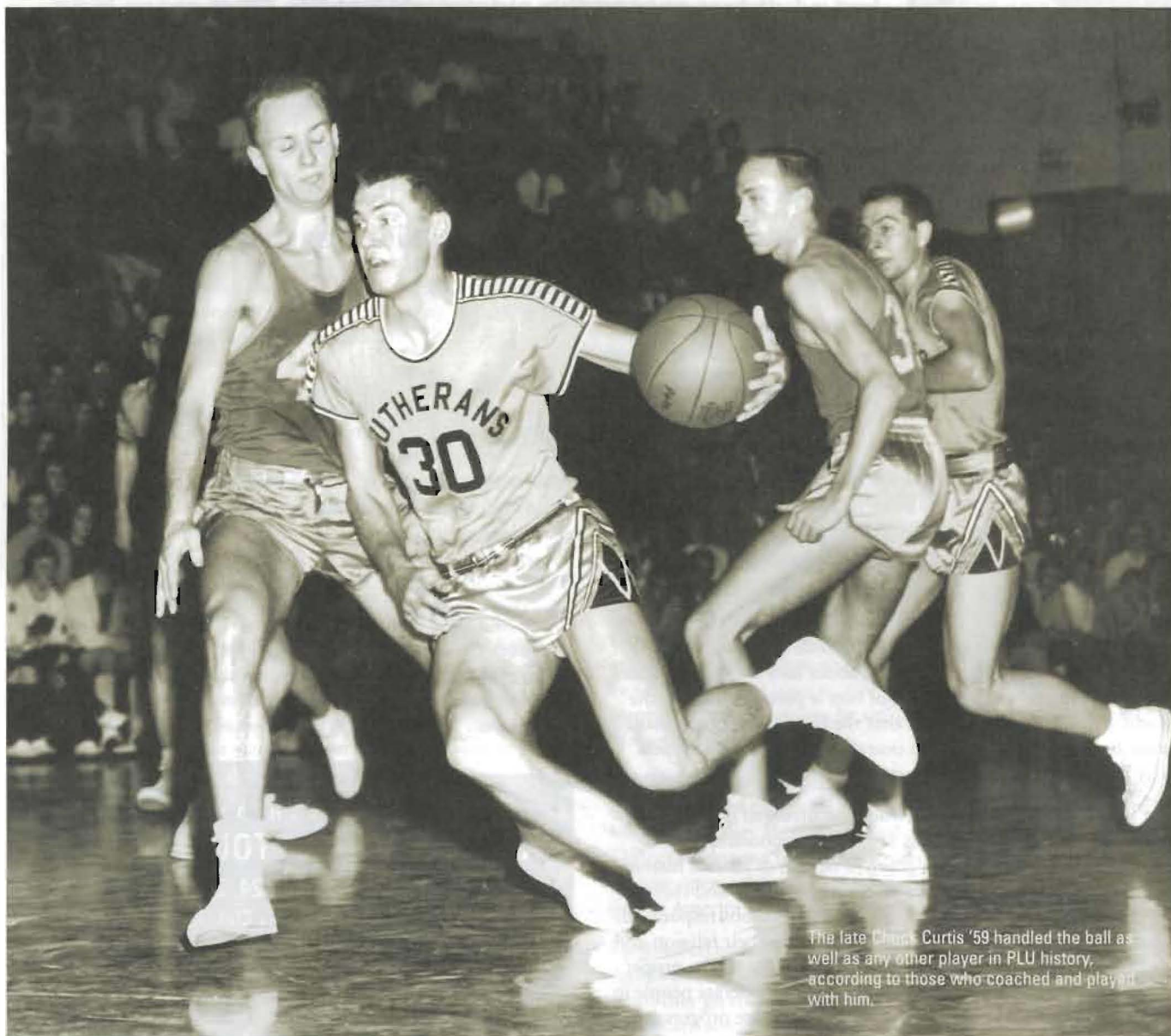
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Remembering the great Chuck Curtis



The late Chuck Curtis '59 handled the ball as well as any other player in PLU history, according to those who coached and played with him.

Ask basketball coaching legend Marv Harshman '42 who the two best players he ever coached are and he'll say Chuck Curtis and Detlef Schrempf.

Schrempf, who played for Harshman at the University of Washington, was a two-time Pac-10 All-Conference first-team selection who played 17 years in the NBA.

Curtis '59, who died at age 67 on Oct. 31, 2004, is widely considered to be the

best basketball player ever at PLU. In his four-year career, from the 1955-56 to 1958-59 seasons, he led the team in scoring average in all but his senior season - he was second to Roger Iverson that year - and was the leading rebounder all four seasons.

"Physically he was the best athlete of the group we had, and we thought we had three very good players in Iverson '59, (Jim) Van Beek '60 and Curtis," Harshman said. "He had a great feel for

the game. He understood what needed to be done in just about every situation. You can't really teach that."

The Gladiators, as the teams were known then, won 106 games and lost just 20 from '55 to '59 - the best four-year win-loss record in the history of PLU men's basketball. Curtis was twice named to the all-tournament team and an NAIA All-American, and received many other accolades. He was inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame in

1991 and the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1997.

Curtis is the all-time leading scorer at PLU with 2,173 points. He scored 30 or more points in a game 11 times and scored 40 or more points in a game three times. He set the school record of 44 points in a game against Whitworth on Feb. 12, 1958. Only two other PLU players - Brad Brevet (42 points in 1997) and Tom Whalen (41 points in 1964) have come close.

Curtis also established the career records for free throws made (687) and attempted (1,013). He holds the school records for free throws attempted in a game, 24, and season, 285. He is also the top rebounder in PLU history with 1,470. He shares the school record of 16 field goals made in a game.

After PLU, Curtis was drafted by the Detroit Pistons and was the last player cut. In 1960 he had a tryout with the St. Louis (now Atlanta) Hawks. Again he was the last player cut. He eventually landed with the American Basketball League, which was formed in March 1961. He started the 1961-62 season with the New York Tapers and finished the year with the Pittsburgh Rens. He continued with the Rens the next season until the league folded abruptly on Dec. 31, 1962.

After basketball, Curtis became a car salesman, first in Connecticut and later in the Parkland/Tacoma area. "He was an outstanding basketball player and a person, and he also became a very good salesperson," former coach Gene Lundgaard '51 said. "It went along with his athletic ability. He knew how to sell. He worked at it hard."

Curtis also played football - he was the Gladiators' leading receiver in 1958 - and learned to golf while at PLU. He became one of the top amateurs in the Tacoma area. At Canterwood Golf and Country Club in Gig Harbor, he had a 3 handicap on what is considered one of the toughest courses in the area. He won both the amateur and regular club championships at Canterwood, and claimed both the senior and regular club championships at Brookdale Golf Course. His dream was to join the Senior PGA Tour.

"He was a fun guy," Iverson said. "He lived to the hilt. He worked hard and played hard. He had a great time in life."



The team celebrates one of many wins this season.

Volleyball team has banner season

The women's volleyball team was predicted to win the 2004 Northwest Conference title in a pre-season coaches poll, and they did just that. After winning just two of their first eight matches, the Lutes put together a 17-match win streak - which is believed to be the longest winning streak in the program's history. The Lutes won the conference title with a 15-1 record and advanced to the NCAA Division III West Regional Tournament.

PLU won its first match at regionals, defeating Mount Ida (Mass.) in three games, but ended the season with a four-game loss to La Verne. The Lutes ended the year with a 17-7 overall record.

The conference title was the first for the Lutes since the 1999 season. Head Coach Kevin Aoki was named the conference's Coach of the Year for the second time in his PLU coaching tenure. Julie Locke '05 was selected as the conference Player of the Year - the first time a PLU player has received that award.

Locke and Stephanie Turner '06, were first-team all-conference selections. Freshman setter Gina DiMaggio '08 was named to the second team, while freshman Megan Kosel '08 and sophomore Kati McGinn '07 were honorable mention picks. DiMaggio was named

the America Volleyball Coaches Association West Region Freshman of the Year, and she and Turner were named to the all-region team. Both were then named AVCA Honorable Mention All-Americans. Aoki was also selected as the region's Coach of the Year.

DiMaggio and Turner are the fourth and fifth PLU players to be named to the Honorable Mention All-America Team in the past two seasons. 5

Lute lineman a winner in Aztec Bowl

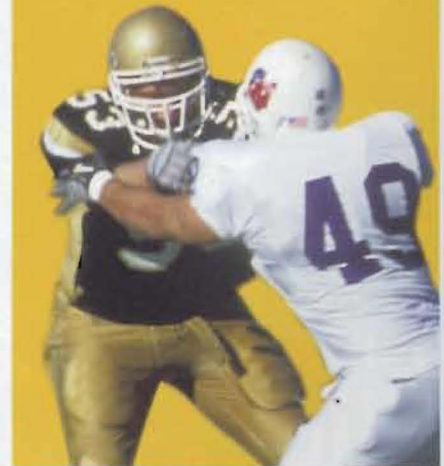
Pacific Lutheran offensive lineman Kent Bailey '05 helped an NCAA Division III all-star team defeat the Mexican National Team, 23-3, in the 2004 Aztec Bowl on Dec. 11, 2004, in Cancun, Mexico.

Bailey was one of 42 Division III seniors from around the country selected for the game by the American Football Coaches Association.

Bailey, who is from Puyallup, Wash., was a first team All-Northwest Conference selection in 2004 for the Lutes. He anchored an offensive line that helped PLU average 437 yards in total offense per game this season.

Bailey is the fourth Lute chosen to play in the game in the past five years. The others were Chad Johnson '00, Trevor Roberts '01 and Kyle Brown '02.

The Aztec Bowl is the traditional season-ending game for Mexico's college football season. The game has been played 34 times since 1947 with the last eight contests featuring the United States-Mexico match-up. The United States has won seven of the eight meetings.



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Online community provides mentors and connects alums worldwide

Throughout the world, PLU alumni are making a difference through service, mission and vocation. Now, no matter how far away, getting in touch with them is virtually instantaneous via PLU's online community.

Eric Dooley '83 is doing missionary work in Vietnam, and Bruce Berton '83 is a member of the U.S. Foreign Service now assigned to Rome. Both serve as online mentors for fellow alums and regularly communicate with people from PLU. Mentors agree to share their personal, academic and career paths. They invite fellow alums to shadow them at work, provide internship opportunities, suggest classes that would be beneficial to take and give information on employment resources or on other contacts within their profession.

"My purpose in becoming a PLU mentor was to encourage people to consider

joining the Foreign Service by taking the annual exam," Berton said. "When I was a student at PLU, there weren't many others who shared my interest in the Foreign Service."

But interest has grown as international affairs have gained more attention.

"I think the Foreign Service is a great career," Berton said. "I'd like to be an advocate where I can."

Dooley, whose daughter Emily is a first-year student, says he regularly checks online and likes being a mentor because there is always "the potential to pass on knowledge and experience so that everyone doesn't have to reinvent the wheel."

"I look at the PLU Web site a couple of times a month to see what's happening with PLU and alumni in general, and what's going on at PLU now that my daughter is there," Dooley said.

By registering at www.plualumni.org, you receive instant access to PLU's online community, which includes:

- A complete database of fellow alums;
- A career services center that links professionals with alumni, as well as students;
- A personalized "yellow pages" directory of businesses owned and operated by alumni;
- An e-mail address for easy correspondence to all registered members.

The alumni office is also integrating the existing LuteLink career and mentoring network into the online community. LuteLink involves more than 600 alumni who have volunteered to provide assistance to students or alumni looking for career information. Until now, LuteLink's volunteers have been on file in the alumni office waiting for a call. Soon, they will join the hundreds

PLU ALUMNI AROUND THE WORLD



Vietnam



Texas

Rome



(Above) Bruce Berton '83
(Top left) Eric Dooley '83
(Left) Jeff Ebberts '90, '04

of alumni online to act as mentors or advertise their businesses through the online version of LuteLink's Career Mentoring Network.

Jeff Ebberts '90, '04 said he had a rough start trying to get a job after he graduated. He had several interviews, but he said he felt unprepared even though he had the skills to do the job. Ebberts now has a job as a Web applications developer and wants to share his story with anyone who might be starting a job search.

"Interviewers I found would do their best to get you to admit that you were not worthy of their interest," Ebberts said. "To put it in a nutshell, I want to help other students who may run into the same situation. I want to be of help and encouragement for them to pursue their desires and not settle for something else because they feel that is all they can achieve. Hopefully my experiences can help other graduates, especially in the IT field but also in any field that they are getting started in."

While many students take advantage of the wealth of information and contacts by visiting the alumni office, those who aren't close to campus can now find those leads just a mouse click away - at any time of the day or night.

"We want people to know that this vital resource is available," said Lauralee Hagen '75, '78, director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "By utilizing the computer and the Internet, you eliminate the middle man. Alumni have the

option to contact each other directly without having to call or visit campus. That being said we always enjoy it when alumni stop by to say hello in person. What's important is that they know that the Web site is there ready and convenient for them to use."

By Erik Melver '96

Face-to-face help always available

For those who prefer in-person help, the alumni office is always eager to help. Amanda Kirksey '04 was referred directly to Hagen, '75, '78.

"I would definitely recommend the alumni office to others," Kirksey said. "Simply talking to as many people as possible about your career goals is one of the best ways to actually progress. The alumni office has experience in dealing with students who are transitioning into the workforce, as well as former students who have done so."

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Amanda Kirksey '04



Join the community now!

To access the online community, go to www.plualumni.org, click the PLU Online Community link and go to "Click Here to Register Now." This involves filling in your first and last name as well as your official graduation year. Be sure to fill in the entire year (1986 rather than 86). When this is complete, select "Find My Record."

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Connection events link alumni, prospective students and families

PLU Connection Events were held this winter in Billings, Missoula and Whitefish, Mont., Los Angeles, Denver and Anchorage, Alaska. Members of local Connection Councils helped host the get-togethers, along with PLU staff.

Guests included alumni, parents and friends of PLU, as well as prospective students and their families.

“The opportunity for prospective students to hear about the benefits of a PLU education from their local alumni as well as PLU parents is invaluable,” said Karl Stumo, dean of Admission and Financial Aid.

J.P. Kemmick '07 had a difficult time deciding between three very distinctive universities. Talking with alumni at a PLU Connection event in Billings and visiting campus made him choose PLU, he said.

Watch for and plan to attend a PLU Connection event in your area. The Alumni office hopes to host additional Connection events in many different



Sarah Saverud '02 left and Celina Tamayo '03 took part in the Global Language Village program teaching English in China.

areas in the future.

If you are interested in serving on a PLU Connection Council, contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

PLU administrator seeks alumni to teach in China this summer

Does the idea of volunteering in China for three weeks of teaching and touring this summer interest you? The Global Language Villages program offers an unparalleled opportunity to experience China through interactions with Chinese students. The three-week program includes a four-day tour followed by 14 days of teaching at a school site selected to host the Global Language Village.

This experience is part of the Concordia Language Villages, a program sponsored by Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. The curriculum is intended to teach American culture to Chinese elementary and secondary students through intensive conversation classes. Students range from 8 to 18. American participants are teamed with national teachers and range in age from 24-75. Last summer, Rick Seeger, PLU's senior advisor for student academic success, participated in the program and this year will lead one of the Global

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 8University Chorale Concert, Phinney Ridge Lutheran, Seattle
- April 9University Chorale Concert, Gloria Dei Lutheran, Vancouver, B.C.
- April 10 ..University Chorale Concert, St Paul's Episcopal, Bellingham, Wash.
- April 10PLU Connection Event – Bellingham, Wash.
- April 11University Chorale Concert, Trinity Lutheran, Freeland, Wash.
- April 17PLU TO YOU, Eugene, Ore.
- April 18PLU TO YOU, Portland, Ore.
- April 19PLU TO YOU, Salem, Ore.
- May 7Spring Donor Banquet - PLU

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Villages in the Yunnan Province of China. He hopes his staff will include alumni, parents and friends of PLU. If you are interested in learning more, contact Rick Seeger at seeger@plu.edu or contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Student Alumni Association hosts career mentoring event

The Student Alumni Association will sponsor its second annual Tables for Eight career brunch on Saturday, April 2. This event brings alumni back to campus to meet with seniors and other Lutes interested in discussing anything and everything related to the world of work. If you would be interested in participating in Tables for Eight or in serving as a career mentor, please contact the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations or the Student Alumni Association at 253-535-7432 or saa@pluedu.

Two new members join the Alumni and Parent Relations team


The new year brought two new faces to the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.

Erik Melver '96 is assistant director for programs and services, and

Lorraine Ralston is assistant director for events and outreach.

Melver will run the Alumni Online Community (read more on page 22), the Alumni and Parent Relations Web site

and programs targeting current students and recent graduates.

A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Ralston will plan events such as Homecoming, Family Weekend, and PLU's efforts out on the road. 

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lute applause

IT IS A GREAT JOY to serve as director of Alumni and Parent Relations. One of the best parts of the job is the opportunity to witness the great loyalty among our alumni, parents and friends. That commitment to the future of PLU is demonstrated in many ways, not the least of which is through the hours of volunteer service given by so many. In each issue of Scene I hope to lift up just a few of the many Lutes who give the gift of time. -*Lauralee Hagen '75, '78*

Each Wednesday morning, a group of faithful Lutes report to the Nesvig Alumni Center to help in whatever way they are needed:

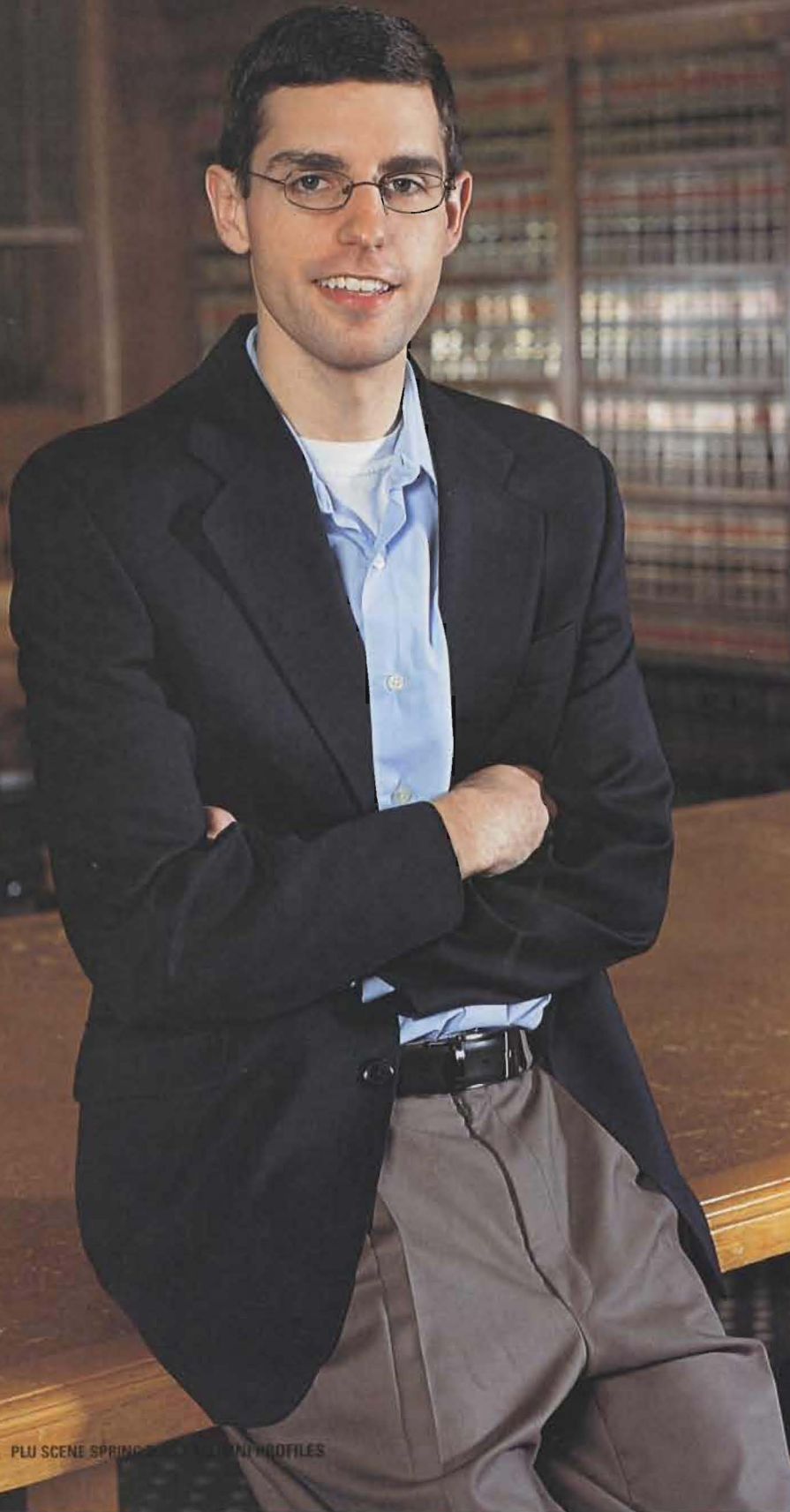
❖ LaWanna Ahrendt '52, Clarene Johnson '54, Margie Kunshalk '52, and Norma Borgford '56 and Dick Weathermon '50. Please consider joining them! ■ Several PLU alumni and friends helped host the Choir of the West and the rest of the PLU entourage during the choir's winter tour to California. Becky Burad '74, Michael Carson '76 and Ron Steigerwald in San Francisco; Myrna Heppe '56 and Alan and Ann Gaines (parents of PLU grad Jeff '04) in Grass Valley and members of the Fresno Women's Chorus ■ Thanks to the members of the Alaska Connection Councils for helping us to plan and host events in their area this spring: Dennis '64 and Linda '65 Howard, Tom '84 and Holly Buskirk and Ron and Marilyn Martinson (past parents). ❖



From left, the alumni team: Lorraine Ralston, Ann Johnson '81, Lauralee Hagen '75, '78, Erik Melver '96 and Student Alumni Association President Chelsea Blegen '06.

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Grads get great opportunity to see big cases up close as supreme court clerks



Chris Wyant '01 has heard arguments on some of the biggest cases in Washington as a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Susan Owens.

Fresh out of law school, two PLU graduates are now serving as clerks for state supreme courts that are dealing with cases involving some of the most pressing issues in the country.

Chris Wyant '01 and Nikki (Schneider '99 '00) Fisher each assist a justice by researching issues and drafting memos and opinions for other judges to read. Working on both criminal and civil cases, they are each serving one-year terms.

Susan Adair Dwyer-Shick, professor of political science and pre-law advisor, said clerking puts them at the center of things. "They've got a front row seat," she said. "They have the opportunity to work with people who touch our lives, with issues that touch our lives."

Wyant and Fisher both said they have seen some interesting cases. While they are not permitted to talk about the specifics, Wyant, who clerks for Justice Susan Owens at the Washington State Supreme Court, worked on the case concerning Washington's hotly contested governor's race last winter. "It was very exciting," he said. "I was glad to be here when it happened."

This spring, the court will hear arguments over legalizing same-sex marriage.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, where Fisher clerks for Justice Roderick L. Ireland, also has dealt with same-sex marriage and cases related to education and sentencing guidelines.

Dwyer-Shick said this is the first time two alums have clerked at state supreme courts at the same time. "It's highly competitive," she said. "To get a judicial clerkship at any level, federal or state, you have to have good grades and good references."

And the hard work paid off. Wyant said clerking provides the opportunity to learn the basic skills needed to be a lawyer. "Clerking is such a unique experience," he said. "I see a lot of cases and really get to work on them."

Both Wyant and Fisher said the job teaches them how to write and argue effectively through reading others' work, writing briefs and watching oral arguments in court.

Working so closely with a judge also lets them see things from the inside, including how the process works, how the court decides to take cases and how



Nikki (Schneider '99, '01) Fisher will join a Boston law firm after her year as a clerk with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Photo courtesy Nikki Fisher.

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- Susan Adair Dwyer-Schick

the judges think and decide on a case.

"You find out what works and what doesn't by watching," Fisher said. "It gives you the opportunity to really examine the law."

Officially becoming lawyers last year after passing the bar exam, both Wyant and Fisher plan to go into litigation. Wyant was asked to return as a clerk to the Federal District Court in Seattle, where he interned as a student. After that, he plans to work at a law firm.

Fisher, whose longtime goals include becoming a judge herself, already has a job lined up at Bingham McCutchen LLP, a national law firm, in Boston.

Fisher said she always planned to go to law school. "I enjoyed the whole litigation process and was fascinated by the constitution," she said. Majoring in political science and education at PLU, she later graduated from New England School of Law (Mass.).

Fisher said PLU played a big role in getting her where she is today. "PLU helped me build my confidence and people skills," she said. "I am a more well-rounded person, able to adapt to every situation."

Wyant, who graduated from Seattle University School of Law, started out at PLU as a business major, but later switched to political science - sparking an interest in law. "My time at PLU and in the political science department was a really significant influence in the decision to go to law school," he said.

Wyant returned to campus in the fall to share his experiences about law school and clerking at an event arranged by the Legal Studies Club. "Sometimes you just get really lucky and find a job that suits your interests and personality," Wyant said. "I found it in law."

- By Nisha Ajmani Wade '02



Jeni Gregory '95 shares a smile with two sisters – the elder with full-blown AIDS – at a hospital in Romania. Part of World Change for Children's mission is to simply build relationships with children who are ailing.



(Top) The infrastructure in many Romanian hospitals has suffered from years of under-funding and neglect.

(Left) Gregory helps a young patient decorate his living area at the hospital.

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Trip to Romania changed their lives; now they're changing lives

Jeni Gregory '95 and Ely Smith '70 were part of a 10-person team that traveled with a large humanitarian organization to Romania three years ago, providing assistance to some of the estimated 135,000 orphaned children there.

The trip went well. However, upon leaving, the group felt like there was more to be done, that personally, they had more to offer. So, seven of them, including Gregory and Smith, found a way: They formed their own humanitarian organization, World Change for Children, based in University Place, Wash.

It's run by volunteers who also have jobs. Gregory works for the Tacoma-based Metropolitan Development Council, where she coordinates mental health services for the homeless. (She's also a Ph.D candidate.) She spoke at PLU's symposium Pathways to Peace in January.

Smith is semi-retired after working in for-profit and nonprofit sectors for more than 30 years. She still does income taxes during the tax season. They both sit on the World Change for Children Board of Directors. Their hearts lie in helping these orphaned children after seeing firsthand the needs.

"For these children, you only have to be," said Smith, in a Zen-like description of her work. "To them, you just are."

The nonprofit has sent 19 teams overseas, mostly to Eastern European countries, since its inception in October of 2002. Though relatively small, the organization continues to grow. Its efforts range from a delicate combination of providing assistance in the form of medical supplies, paint or clean mattresses, to the simple act of holding the hand of an ailing child at his or her bedside. Gregory calls this "being versus doing," and it is what she thinks makes World Change for Children such a special organization.



A volunteer from Thurston County (Wash.) holds a small girl who has suffered from significant burns to her face and upper torso.

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Smith and Gregory elaborate on this idea by focusing on three key principles that guide the organization: exchange, honesty and leaving a light footprint. All three are related to the same idea, that those who hope to be "the great white missionary" will disappoint. Those who are willing to meet the children on their terms, embrace their culture and cater to their needs – no matter how small – will find great joy.

They tell the story of a recent trip to Romania, where one of World Change's teams took on the task of remodeling some rooms of a large hospital that was, effectively, an AIDS hospice. The rooms were unkempt and dreary. The World Change team set to work, asking the children what color they'd like their room to be. They all requested an unsightly pink, a hue of Pepto Bismol that Gregory found almost intolerable. Yet they painted the room that color anyway.

The children loved it. And the area


doctor later told them why. "That shade of pink is a birthday pink," said Gregory. "To them, that color says 'This is life,' It says to the children, 'You're not going to die here.'"

These are the small victories of which World Change concerns itself – simple measures that show children that they are loved.

There is no shortage of work in which World Change for Children team members are willing to get involved. Gregory traveled with a team to Afghanistan last year, and both Smith and Gregory plan to head back to Romania this year – this time with a container of donated medical supplies for Romanian hospitals and orphanages worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars.

How does a relatively new organization like World Change for Children assemble its growing volunteer base and impressive shipment of goods? A lot of smaller donations, mostly, and a list of volunteers who, once involved, stick with the program and bring others in. It all comes down to putting beliefs into practice, suggest Gregory and Smith, and such efforts will bear fruit.

"We're not a faith-based organization" said Gregory, "but it doesn't mean that God isn't using us."

For more information, go to www.worldchangeforchildren.org. 

By Steve Hansen

alumni class notes

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

1932

Clara (Fjermedal) Thrane Bohrman died Oct. 6. She retired from teaching in 1975, having earned a master of education degree in the early 1970s. She married her second husband, David Bohrman, in 1960 and was stepmother to David, Kenneth, Lynda, Carol and Chris. She was a devoted church member and was involved in Teachers' Retirement Group, Alliance on Aging and Meals on Wheels.

1936

Class Representative - Volly (Norby) Grande

Vern David Knutzen died Oct. 8. An active member of the Burlington (Wash.) business community, he was a partner with his father and brothers in Knutzen Bros. Grocery and Hardware Store for many years. He later partnered with his wife, Myrtle, in Knutzens of Burlington, a retail clothing store. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy. He enjoyed hunting, golfing and touring America in a motor home with his wife. Vern was also an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and a life member of BPOE (Elks). A lifelong Republican, he served as county chair for Ronald Reagan's presidential campaign. He was also a longtime director of Land Title Company, which was founded by his father and uncles. He is survived by Myrtle, daughter Deanne (Dick) Nevitt, son David, foster daughter Donna (Larry) Nelson, 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

1939

Thomas "Lloyd" Thompson died Oct. 5. After graduating from PLC, he served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines from 1944-46. He was an educator in the Central Kitsap School District for 36 years, retiring as a principal in 1977. He and his wife, Jessie (Jay), were married for almost 64 years. She preceded him in death on Aug. 14. Lloyd enjoyed playing golf, traveling and going south for the winter. He is survived by his sons, Tom, William and Ted, and their wives; three sisters, and six grandchildren.

1940

Class Representative - Luella Toso Johnson

Luella (Toso) Johnson lost her husband of 64 years, Art, Sept. 22.

1945

Class Representative - Annabelle Birkestol

1947

Class Representative - Gerald Lider

1948

Class Representative - Norene (Skilbred) Gulhaugen

1949

Frederick "Billy" Schmalenberg died Dec. 8 of Alzheimer's disease. A World War II veteran, he served in the battle of Leyte in the Philippines, returning home seriously wounded and an amputee. He was a director of education at Ft. Lewis (Wash.) for 20 years. Billy is survived by his wife, Adelaine; his children, Barbara Michelson, Jan Schmalenberg, Kristine Barth, Jay Schmalenberg and Marie Funk; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1950

Class Representative - Edna (Haglund) Dorothy

1951

Henry Erickson and his wife, Carol, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends in September at the Scandinavian Cultural Center in Burnaby, B.C. They have two children, Karen and **David '83**, and four grandchildren.

Roy Hagen died Nov. 28. While at PLC, he was a proud member of the 1947 football team that was later inducted into the PLU Football Hall of Fame. After graduation, he taught in the Auburn School District for eight years. Following his teaching career, he was a personnel supervisor for Boeing until retiring in 1986. Roy is survived by his wife of 54 years, **Jacqueline (Dewing) Hagen**, daughter and son-in-law **Vicki** and **Patrick Michel '76**; three grandchildren; and brothers **Jack** and **Earl '53**.

1952

James Fouts died Nov. 9 after a long illness. He retired from North Thurston High School in 1992 after 40 years of teaching and coaching. Highlights of his coaching career included his induction into the Washington State Coaches baseball and football halls of fame, and the dedication of the South Puget Sound Stadium as Fouts Field. In 1970, he earned his master of education degree at Oregon State University. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jackie; his

son, J.D.; his daughters, Deb, Denise, Pam and Karen; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1954

Class Representative - Iver Haugen

1955

Class Representative - Phyllis (Grahn) Pejsa

1956

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

1957

Class Representative - Marilyn Katz

1958

Class Representative - Don Cornell

David Knutson, former longtime religion faculty member, died Nov. 8. *Read more on page 33.*

1959

Charles "Chuck" Curtis died Oct. 31. He is remembered as one of "The Big Three" during PLU's basketball heyday in the late '50s. His scoring and rebounding records still stand at PLU. He was also known as one of the top amateur golfers in the area and won several club championships at both Canterwood and Brookdale golf courses. More importantly, he is remembered as a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Toni; daughters **Connie '85** and **Charmaine '86**; son Chris; and eight grandchildren. *Read more about him on page 20.*

Ferne (Russell) Hay died Oct. 4. After graduation from PLC, she taught in the Tacoma School District for 20 years. In 1962, she married Richard Hay, who preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Kristin Poling; sons Thomas and Jonathan; and seven grandchildren.

1960

Charles Laubach died Dec. 11 after a three-year battle with sarcoma cancer. Before coming to PLC, Chuck served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War. For more than 30 years he was a chemist in quality assurance and environmental labs in the Puget Sound area. He retired in 1992 from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, where he had a number of inventions patented. Over the years, Chuck served his community in

many capacities: as president and member of the Bremerton Central Lions' Club; president and lifetime member of the Advisory Board for the Bremerton Salvation Army Corp.; president and member of the Puget Rental Owners' Association; president of the American Chemical Society; 40-year member and congregation president at Silverdale (Wash.) Lutheran Church; and associate member of American Lutheran Church of Sun City, Ariz. He was also a 4-H advisor and active in the Bremerton/Kure Japan Sister City exchange program, the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, and the Bremerton Main Street Association. He was recognized as one of the 100 Distinguished Alumni of PLU. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ann; son **Brian '84** and his wife Melissa; daughter and son-in-law **Lori** and **Mike Quatsoe '84**; and three grandchildren.

Williena (Boone) Ausherman retired Oct. 29 after a 43-year career in education. For 15 years she was a classroom teacher in Virginia, North Carolina, Washington, Missouri and Florida. She spent 25 years in school and district level administration in Osceola County, Fla.

David Dahl, PLU professor emeritus, was visiting professor of organ during the fall semester at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind. He taught 10 organ majors (five of whom were graduate students) two days a week on the newly installed Paul Fritts pipe organ, located in the recently completed organ/choral hall in the Debartolo Performing Arts Center. He will present an organ recital at Notre Dame in April as part of the dedication series for the new Fritts organ, which was built in Parkland. David also performed his recently published "An Italian Suite for Organ" on three historic pipe organs: the first at the Cathedral in Orte, Italy; the second at the Church of St. Nicolo in Collescipoli, Italy; and the third in the Cathedral da Se in Mariana, Brazil, where he played the 1701 Arp Schnitger organ, gifted to the city of Mariana by the King of Portugal in 1754.

1961

Class Representative - Ron Lerch

Daniel Benson died in a car accident Nov. 14. He was a longtime resident of Fullerton, Calif., but for the last five years, he lived in Oceanside, Calif. He enjoyed singing with several barbershop quartets and was a church choir director. He also loved playing trains with his grandchildren. Daniel is survived by his

mother, Merle Benson; daughters and son-in-law Elizabeth Benson and Julie and Ken Britsch; sister and brother-in-law Elaine and Alan Brooks; and three grandchildren.

1962

Class Representative – Leo Eliason and Dixie (Likkel) Matthias

1963

Class Representative – Paula (Heyer) Billings and Judy Perry

Robert Johnson was incorrectly listed as “deceased” in the recent alumni directory. He and his wife, Myrtis, live in Walnut Creek, Calif.

Marguerite Lebert died Sept. 10. After graduation from PLU, she shared her love of learning with first- and third-grade students in the Puyallup School District for 25 years. She and her husband, Bud, lived on a farm on Trout Lake (Wash.) for 40 years. She was a member of the American Association of University Women and the American Rock Garden Society, and was president for many years of the Hill and Dale Garden Club. Marge enjoyed cooking, flower arranging, reading, quilting and travel. She is survived by sons Edgar, Gerald and Kim; her grandchildren, Karie Ann and Russell; and her adopted granddaughter Yvonne Zick and her two children.

1968

Annette (Levorson) Macomber died Dec. 10. She was particularly proud of the master of speech communication degree she received from the University of Washington in 1976. She is survived by her husband, Daniel, and her sons Allen and Benjamin.

Phil Formo recently accepted the call to serve as senior pastor of St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Minn. Phil and his wife, Jean, have two grown daughters: Carrie Peterson, a youth director at Bethel Lutheran in Willmar, Minn. and Krista, a banker in San Diego, Calif.

1969

Class Representative – Rose (Lanes) Steiner

Dave Hanson is the executive director of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office. He is responsible for managing close to one million acres of land and natural resources on behalf of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Such resources include coal, gas, materials, minerals, oil, real estate and timber. The Trust Land Office is a separate unit within the Alaska Department of Natural Resources that is contracted to manage trust land. Revenue generated from trust

land management is used by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority to improve the lives of beneficiaries, including people with mental illness, developmental disabilities, chronic alcoholism or Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders.

Rick Nelson has been hired as a math teacher at Auburn (Wash.) High School. He leaves Eastmont Junior High School in East Wenatchee, Wash., after six years to be closer to his son Jeffrey, a freshman at Highline High School. Rick’s daughter Ashley is a sophomore at Washington State University. Rick lives in Puyallup and spends his free time golfing, hiking and gardening.

1970

Class Representative – Lois (Wehmann) LaCuran

Lyndon Murk died of a heart attack Oct. 3. He completed his master of divinity degree at Augustana Seminary in Illinois, was ordained, and served in the ministry for 53 years. Learning was his lifelong interest and in 1971, he received a master of arts degree in Reformation history from PLU. Throughout his life, he was very active in many community organizations and especially enjoyed singing with the Tacoma TotemAires. Lyndon also found time to volunteer many hours a week in the PLU library archives. His love of books resulted in a personal collection of more than 35,000 (all of which he read), which is being donated to PLU. He is survived by his sister, Arline Meyer, as well as many nieces and nephews.

1971

Class Representative – Joseph Hustad Jr.

1973

John Stewart died Oct. 19 at his home in Juneau, Alaska. He worked as a powder monkey, mechanic, accountant and commercial fisherman. An avid outdoorsman, he loved to fish and hunt. He was also a self-taught scholar of World War II history. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Donn; his children, John, Angela and William; and two grandchildren.



Sandra (Haugen) Glover, a Highline Community College faculty member, performed holiday music on Nov.

28 to raise funds for the college’s performing arts scholarships. Nancy Warren, parent of PLU student Bradley Warren, also performed.

1974

Class Representative – Dave Johnson

1975

Class Representative – Ed Voie

Adrian Kalil has published his first volume of short stories. The soft cover version of “The Embrace and Other Short Fiction – The First Collection” is available directly through the publisher, Xlibris Corporation, at www.xlibris.com. Adrian is in his 25th year as staff anesthetist for Kaiser Permanente Northwest in Portland, Ore.

1976

Class Representative – Gary Powell

Mary (Cooper) Agnew is senior vice president of investments, senior portfolio manager and financial consultant at the Tacoma office of Smith Barney. She has been a member of the Smith Barney President’s Council, which recognizes the firm’s top producers, for 19 years.

Rick Wells is the new athletic director for the Puyallup School District. He oversees the programs for four high schools, a number of junior high schools and the operation of Sparks Stadium.

Barbara (Nemnich) Mead is the new chair of the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce. A CPA and managing partner at Moss Adams in Tacoma, she also serves on the Franciscan Health System Board and PLU’s School of Business Executive Advisory Board.

1977

Class Representatives – Leigh Erie and Joan (Nelson) Matich

1978

Ridge Hottle was promoted Oct. 1 to the position of vice president and senior director of implementation at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, a division of Wells Fargo Bank, NA. He and his wife, **Linda (Anderson) ’77**, live in Enumclaw, Wash.

1979

Class Representative – David and Teresa (Hausken) Sharkey

Karen Sullivan died Oct. 2. She worked for Western State Hospital, Monroe State Prison and McNeil Island State Prison as a forensic therapist. She liked to sew, paint, crochet, cross-stitch, garden and make jewelry. Karen was preceded in death by her mother, Jessie, and her daughter, Robin. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Vernon “Sully” Sullivan; son Dan; grandson Adam; father Dan; and brother John.

1980

Class Representative – Phil Waldner

Joyce (Alcantara) Eils and her husband,

Clifford, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 15. Joyce received her national school nurse certification in July. Clifford completed PLU’s registered nurse re-entry program and now works for Multicare Hospice. They live in Tacoma with their son Richard, 13.

Steve Rambeck was upgraded to captain with Delta Air Lines in June. His wife, Sheila, is a law student. They live in Peachtree City, Ga., with their son Kevin, 13.

1981

LeeAnne Campos is the director for the Bremerton Symphony Association’s Concert Chorale. She also sings with both the Tacoma Symphony Chorus and the Northwest Lutheran Choir and has been a member of PLU’s voice faculty since 1992.



Bob Ball married his junior high school sweetheart, Debbie, Sept. 27 in Westmoreland, N.H., in a meeting house built in 1767, next door

to the parsonage where he grew up in the ‘50s and ‘60s. They live in a home in the pine, birch and maple woods just up the road. Bob says, “Every once in a while life hands you a fairytale.” He earned his master of nursing degree at PLU in 2001 and is a clinical resource coordinator at Dartmouth College Medical Center/Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital. Debbie is an analyst for the insurance industry. Bob’s daughter Sara attends college nearby.

1982

Class Representative – Paul Collard

Tim Cole died Nov. 22. His business career matched his love for people and things mechanical. At Skill-Bosch Tool Corporation, he served as the northern California district sales manager for 10 years. He joined Martin Engineering of Neponset, Ill., rising to the position of national sales manager. Tim’s passions were his family, cars, motorcycles, boating and football. He is survived by his wife of nearly 20 years, Lynn Laree, and his two children, Kelsey, 19, and Barbara, 14.



Linda (Vandermaas) Priebe, mezzo-soprano, made her Carnegie Hall debut Oct. 10, singing Bach’s “Jesu, Joy of Man’s

Desiring.” She performed as a featured soloist with renowned soprano, Veronica

Tyler, in her dramatic concert "Woman, Thy Color is Love." She is also a semifinalist in the 2004 International Classical Singer Competition. Linda is assistant general counsel at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and has served as ethics advisor at the White House Office of the Counsel to the President. Information about her upcoming singing engagements is available at www.lindapriebe.com.

1983

Class Representative – Dave Olson

1984

Class Representative – Mark Christofferson

Kent Bassett was promoted to assistant principal at A.T. Mahan Junior/Senior High School, N.A.S., Kefavik, Iceland.

1985

Class Representatives – Janet (Olden) Regge and Carolyn Stelling

Dennis Robertson died Oct. 19 of a stroke. Born with cerebral palsy, he earned a bachelor of arts degree in print journalism from PLU and went on to write newsletters for the State of Washington and for The Cerebral Palsy Peer Support group. He volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital and at Tillicum Elementary School, where he spent an estimated 9,000 hours tutoring students in math, reading and writing. His family and friends remember him as someone who was fun-loving and who enjoyed life. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Esther Robertson, and his brother, Jim. He is survived by four sisters, two brothers and a host of family and friends.

Elise Lindborg's company, *ZippyDogs.com*, was named one of five Honorary Members of the Year by the Advertising Specialty Institute (ASI) Member Services division, in honor of National Customer Service Week. Elise writes, "This is a great honor for ZippyDogs, as we are just "l'il pups" in this competitive \$14 billion a year industry." Companies recognized this year were chosen for their accomplishments, success stories and contributions to the industry.

1986

Class Representative – Stacey (Kindred) Hesterly



Bob Rognlien is the author of "Experiential Worship: Encountering God With Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength,"

released on Jan. 15 by NavPress. This

year he will be speaking at national ministry conferences around the country and has several related magazine articles due for publication. For more about the collaborative community of experiential worshippers, visit www.experientialworship.com.

1987

Class Representative – Darren Hamby

Vicki Livernash married Eric Polhanus Sept. 18 at the Moses Lake (Wash.) Convention Center. Vicki is the director of patient care at Columbia Basin Hospital and Eric works at Seminis Seed Company. They live in Moses Lake.

1989

Class Representative – Lisa (Hussy) Ferraro

Michael Maland's 12-year-old company changed its name to Maland Presentations and opened a new office in Tacoma's Old Town in October. Recent integration projects include digital signage for Bon-Macy's downtown Seattle store, public meeting and training room for The Seattle Monorail Project, and a distribution system, projectors, and televisions for the Fenix Underground in Seattle's Pioneer Square. His wife, **Kristin (Baldwin '93)**, has been a diagnostic medical sonographer at Group Health Hospital in Redmond since 2000. They live in Snoqualmie, Wash.

1990

Class Representatives – Sean Neely and Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen

Shawn Morton has been recognized for membership in the National Association of Christian Financial Consultants. He received membership for his commitment to investment and financial planning disciplines centered on Biblical principles. He is in his fifth year as a financial advisor at Waddell & Reed in Bellingham, Wash.

Brien Thompson is the director of the Seattle branch of Creative Assets, which recently merged to form Filter Talent. Filter Talent is a creative placement agency, which is a staffing resource to hundreds of progressive companies, and advances the careers of creative professionals. Brien is on the Seattle board of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, and was recently honored to give the commencement speech for the Art Institute of Seattle.

Matthew Wilde was promoted to the position of team leader in June after eight years in the Boise City Attorney's Office. He manages a team of eight attorneys and four support staff members, which provides legal counsel to

the Boise Airport, Public Works, and Police and Fire Departments.

1991

Jeremy Desel picked up two more regional Emmy awards in October and produced the second annual Lone Star Region Emmy Awards show. Jeremy was also elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He is in his sixth year at KHOU-TV in Houston, Texas.

1992

Sven-Erik Nilsen married Michelle Almy July 23 at St. Peter Catholic Church in Deming, Wash. Sven-Erik works at Viking Masonry, while Michelle works at Sehome High School in Bellingham. They live in Lynden, Wash.

Cynthia Worden received her doctorate of osteopathic medicine and a master of science degree in health professions education from the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific on May 14. She is a family practice resident at Downey Regional Medical Center and lives in Long Beach, Calif.

Kristin Mattocks received a Ph.D. in health policy and administration from Yale University in December. She conducts child welfare research at Casey Family Services in New Haven, Conn.

1993

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

1994

Class Representative – Dan Lysne and Catherine (Overland) Hauck

Jean Hase died Oct. 19 of cancer. She owned and operated Jean's Family Childcare from 1997-2003. She was also an active member of Rainier View Christian Church. She is survived by her children: Michelle Olsen and husband Dave, Laurie Carter and husband Marcus, Joanna Lema and husband Kris, and Michael Hase.



Juliet Laycoe married Thomas Hagley Jr. Sept. 24 at the Governor Hotel in Portland, Ore. PLU alumni in the wedding

included **Lynn Olson**, **Stephanie Wilson '95**, and **Kara (Hecker '95) Ditty**. She is an attorney with Blair Schaefer Hutchison & Wolfe LLP in Vancouver, Wash. Thomas is an administrator in the Vancouver School District. They live in Ridgefield, Wash.

Chris Albrecht is a writer for AtomFilms.com in San Francisco.

1995

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

1996

Darren Kerbs is the new director of special events for the Virginia Mason Foundation in Seattle. He left PLU in October after 13 years at the university, many of which he spent as associate director in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations. He lives in Seattle.

Erik Melver is the new assistant director of programs and services in the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at PLU. He continues to be active in Seattle, singing with the Esoterics, and acts regularly at a number of different theaters in the area. Erik and his wife, **Heather (McDougall '97)**, who is the director of freshman admission at PLU, are expecting their first child at the end of April.



Nikki Plaid married Tanya Tarnecki Aug. 3, 2003, in a ceremony along Lake Union in Seattle. In September, she started a new job in

development at Lifelong AIDS Alliance. They live in Seattle, where they bought a great old house.

Christian DeHart married Shannon Mitchell Aug. 7 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Los Gatos, Calif. Participating in the wedding were **Jonathan Saad '96**, **Ryan Bethel '97**, **Devin McLane '96** and **Brett Calahan '96**. Christian is a strategic advertising accounts manager at *ESPN.com*. Shannon, a graduate of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash., is a professional placement recruiter with Volt. They live in Bellevue, Wash.

1997

Class Representatives – Andrew and Stephanie (Merle) Tomlinson



Jesse Caryl has joined one of the nation's largest labor and employment law firms, Ford & Harrison, as an associate in Los Angeles. He primarily concentrates on employment litigation, including wage and hour class actions, discrimination and harassment claims, and wrongful terminations in violation of public policy. He has also published several articles concerning compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act. Prior to joining Ford & Harrison, Jesse maintained an employment litigation practice as an associate at two Los Angeles law firms.

1998

Class Representative – Shannon (Herlocker) Stewart

Scott Strapac and Jennifer Ogle '01 were married July 17 in Maple Valley, Wash. Scott is a senior accountant for T-Mobile and Jennifer is an elementary school teacher in Issaquah. They live in Woodinville, Wash.

Matt Torfin is manager of regional station operations – international and east coast – for Alaska Airlines. He is based in Seattle and oversees the airline's 14 international and east coast destinations.

Julie Kennedy married Daniel Theda Aug. 14 in an outdoor ceremony in Portland, Ore. The couple honeymooned on the southern islands of Spain and returned home to complete a 400-mile biking tour of southern Oregon. Julie received her master of public policy degree from the Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University and is currently a Ph.D. candidate. She is also a policy analyst for the City of Portland. Dan is the vice president and legal counsel for a Portland based company.

Jennifer McCann recently moved to Mumbai, India, to serve among the poor.

1999

Class Representative – Karlene Miles

Lina Korsmo Johnson left the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce after four years as an editor to pursue her love of teaching and choreographing dance full-time. In addition to directing her own professional jazz dance company, she teaches dance at Issaquah Dance Theatre, Country Village Day School, and the Phinney Ridge Community Center. Lina is also the co-chair of the PLU GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade) Committee. She and her husband, Dean, just bought their first home in Silver Lake, Wash.

Dan Casmier received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Washington in August. He is a senior process engineer at the Intel Corporation, where he is designing the next generation of computer processor. He lives in Hillsboro, Ore.

Lindsay Fowler is the marketing coordinator for Metro Parks Tacoma.

2000

Class Representative – Ashley Orr

Louis Hobson performed last fall in "Smokey Joe's Café" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre in Seattle.

Kirsten Nelson married Brian Mitchell



live in Auburn, Wash.



Nathan and Katherine (Graff) Wolfe were married Oct. 23 at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach, Calif. **Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn '98** and **Scott Schuler** were in the wedding party. Nathan is vice president of Trico Contracting in Burlington, Wash., and Katherine is a social worker with the Washington State Children's Administration. They live in Mount Vernon, Wash.

Holly Larsen married Stephen McHale July 24 at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral in Seattle. Holly's attendants included **Gretchen (Voge) Matthews** and **Natalie Julin-McCleary**. Holly is in the graduate program in theology at Seattle University, while Stephen is an account executive with Waggener Edstrom Public Relations.

Erik Swanson married Carrie Pearson July 24 at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Black Diamond, Wash. Erik is the son of **Peter '70** and **Jean '72 Swanson**. One of Erik's best men was his brother, **Torey Swanson '99**. **Ricardo Char '01** was an usher. Erik and Carrie work at Emerald Ridge High School in Puyallup, Wash. They live in Enumclaw, Wash.

2001

Class Representatives – Keith Pranghofer and Linda (Hutson) Pyle

Erik and Rebecca (Sanders) Larson bought their first house in September. Erik is a computer programmer for the State of Washington, and Rebecca works at a riding stable in Tacoma and occasionally as a stage manager at Tacoma's Museum of Glass. They live in Olympia, Wash.



Stacey Schmidt married Dave Roberts April 24, in Vancouver, Wash. Stacey is a registered nurse at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma, and Dave is director of ticket services for the Everett Aquasox, a minor league baseball team. They live in Seattle.

Kimberly Chichester and **Stuart Brown** were married May 22 in Wailea, Hawaii.

Aug. 7 in Sumner, Wash. Brian is a security systems analyst for Washington Mutual. They

live in Auburn, Wash.

live in

In Memoriam

1932

Clara (Fjermedal) Thrane Bohrman on Oct. 6.

1936

Vern David Knutzen on Oct. 8.

1939

Thomas "Lloyd" Thompson on Oct. 5.

1949

Frederick Schmalenberg on Dec. 8.

1951

Roy Hagen on Nov. 28.

1952

James Fouts on Nov. 9.

1958

David Knutson on Nov. 8.

1959

Charles "Chuck" Curtis on Oct. 31.

Ferne (Russell) Hay on Oct. 4.

1960

Charles (Chuck) Laubach on Dec. 11.

1961

Daniel Benson on Nov. 14.

1963

Marguerite Lebert on Sept. 10.

1966

Gaylord Enbom on Sept. 18.

1968

Annette (Levorson) Macomber on Dec. 10.

1970

Lyndon Murk on Oct. 3.

1973

John Stewart on Oct. 19.

1979

Karen Sullivan on Oct. 2.

1982

Tim Cole on Nov. 22.

Jean Hase on Oct. 19.

1985

Dennis Robertson on Oct. 19.

Faculty, Staff and Friends

David Knutson '58, professor emeritus of religion, died Nov. 8, 2004. After graduation from PLC, he went on to Union Theological Seminary and Luther Theological Seminary, where he earned a B.D. in Theology in 1962. He received an M.A. in Theology from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1966. He taught at St. Olaf College, American School (Chicago), St. Xavier College and University of Tennessee (Chattanooga) before joining PLU as an assistant professor of religion in 1969. His teaching was marked by a lively sense of humor and intellectual patience. After complications from diabetes forced him to retire in

1991, David remained engaged in teaching by conducting seminars for the Honors Program and guest presentations in courses. Music was also his lifelong passion. After many years of sharing his gifts in the form of sacred music, following his retirement he took up swing, jazz and Broadway musical styles. He planned and presented five concerts at PLU benefiting the Diabetes Association of Pierce County. David's friends and family remember him for his intellectual gifts, strong faith, generosity of spirit, goodness of heart and wise counsel. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Force '59); daughter Kari and her husband, Glenn Elliott; son Kris '92 and his wife, Julie (Simonson '93); and grandson Justin.

Paul Reigstad, professor emeritus of English and longtime faculty member, died Nov. 30. He taught one year as an instructor from 1947-48 and returned in 1958 as an assistant professor. Paul retired in 1984, after serving 26 consecutive years teaching English. To many on the PLU campus, he was known as "Mr. Shakespeare," and without question he personified the humanities and the liberal arts. In 1977, he was honored as a Regency Professor. In 1967, Paul became the first dean (chair) of the humanities division, and in 1971, he chaired a 15-member commission on academic excellence. He also helped launch the remarkable achievements in scholarship and publishing that have marked the last 20 years at PLU with the publication of his book, "Rolvaag: His Life and Art." He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, and daughters Emily '73 and Katharine '76.

Henry Berntsen died Nov. 27 at the age of 98. He worked at PLU for 26 years, retiring as the plant facilities foreman in 1971. He was married for 69 years to Ida (Hinderlie '31), who survives him. Also surviving Henry are sons and daughters-in-law David '58 and Carolee (Chindgren '59), and Rod '60 and JoAnn (Storaesli '62); four grandchildren, Chris '85, Paul '85, Lisa (Berntsen '87) Stephens, and Mark; and four great-grandchildren.

Ray Richmond died Nov. 20. He retired from PLU after working as a custodian for 17 years. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Catherine, and his son, Philip Ray. Ray is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Terry Whittlesey; 9 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.



Kimberly is a senior accountant/financial analyst for Zumiez, a retailer, and Stuart is the executive director of Everett Plaza, an assisted living community. They live in Everett, Wash.

Julie Johnson graduated from the Art Institute of Seattle in June and is the sole graphic designer for Gensco in Tacoma.



Anna Hall married Joe Anderson Aug. 28 at The Golf Club at Newcastle in Newcastle, Wash. In the wedding party

were **Cara MacDonald** and **Stacey (Schadler) Forbes**. Anna is a middle school youth director at Sammamish Presbyterian Church and is pursuing a master of education degree in school counseling at Seattle Pacific University. Joe is a research fellow at the University of Washington. They live in Seattle.

2002

Class Representatives – Nicholas Gorne and Brian Riehs



Diann Gilpin married Douglas Spicer Jr. Nov. 14 in Seattle. Diann is a family services assistant with the western and central

Washington chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. They live in Mill Creek, Wash.

Brandon Bowman and **Kristina Courtnege '03** were married Aug. 18 at First United Methodist Church in Billings, Mont. Kristina's maid of honor was **Jessica Johnson '03**, and **Clarissa Chase '03** served as a bridesmaid. Brandon is manager of Old Spaghetti Factory in Lynnwood, Wash., and Kristina is a copy editor for the Bellingham Herald. They live in Stanwood, Wash.

Jamie Martin entered the graduate program in biology at the University of Iceland. His research examines the ecology of plant communities growing at Skeidararsandur, Iceland – a large glacial floodplain near Skaftafell National Park.

Matthew Edminster is a flight nurse with the United States Air Force. He lives in Napa, Calif.

2003

Class Representative – Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Miebeth Bustillo-Booth was hired by the Washington Education Association, which represents 77,000 teachers, support professionals and higher education instructors, to lead the state-lobbying program and direct the political action effort of the organization.

Josh Reiman is the events planner for the Snohomish Chapter of the American Red Cross. He supports chapter fundraising and other external events promoting Red Cross visibility and community awareness.

2004

Class Representative – Tammy Lynn Schaps

Kim Watson teaches kindergarten at Central Linn Elementary School in Halsey, Ore.

Jason Brandt works for the Salem (Ore.) Area Chamber of Commerce, where he is responsible for governmental affairs, member services, Web site maintenance and various events.



Megan Apperson and **Michael Rosenau** were married Sept. 12 at Wine Country Farm in Dayton, Ore. Groomsmen

included **Matt Morello** and **Danny Moen '88**. Ushers and honored friends of the groom included **W.C. Harbert** and **Jim LeFebvre**. They live in Vienne, France, where Megan is an English teacher and Michael is a freelance photographer.

Future Lutes

1988



James Left and his wife, Carolyn, announce the birth of twins, Andrew Che Hua and Caitlyn

Che Yun, on Aug. 31. They join Michael Che Wen, 2. James is an attorney for the Department of Homeland Security in Los Angeles, and Carolyn is a homemaker. They live in Ontario, Calif.



Judy (Paulsen '88) and **JD Gaffney** announce the birth of their daughter,

Hannah Brooke, on Dec. 12. JD is a con-

sultant for Rapidigm, and Judy is an IT Director at UW Medicine. They live in Renton.

1990

Tina (Banning) Richardson and her husband, Geoff, announce the birth of their son Derek on May 21. He joins big sister Lauren, 4. They enjoy living in Leavenworth, Wash., where Tina is taking time away from classroom teaching to care for the kids at home and Geoff is a family physician.

Michael and **Lisette (Gonter '93) Welk** announce the birth of Andrew James on July 28. He joins Jacob, 9, and Natalie, 5. They live in Gig Harbor, Wash.



Kevin and Gina (Grass '91) Weberg

announce the birth of Kellin Kurt on June 14.

He joins Laurel, 5, and Trevor, 3. Kevin is principal at Liberty Ridge Elementary School in Sumner, Wash., and Gina is a full-time mom. They live in Buckley, Wash.

Tom and **Karen (Erickson '91) Taylor** announce the birth of Luke Erickson Taylor on Sept. 8. He joins big brother Alec, 4.

1991

Angie (Saylor) Rutherford and her husband, Jace, announce the birth of Tyson Jay on July 8. He joins brothers Jacob, 4, and Cole, 2.



Erik and Kristine (Giles) Lange welcomed Kira Faith into their family on Christmas night of 2003. Kira

was born Aug. 28, 2003, and was adopted on March 30, 2004. Kira joins big brother Evan, 8. Erik is a risk analyst for Washington Mutual, and Kristine teaches fifth-grade half-time in the South Kitsap School District.



Paul Thompson and his wife, Tara, announce the birth of their first child, Jessica Lauren, on Sept. 28. They

live in Arlington, Wash., where Paul is a senior software developer with NetIQ Corporation.



Julie (Zuydhoek) Nicholas and her husband, Paul, announce the birth of Joshua Ryan on

June 28 at Swedish Hospital in Ballard, Wash.

Scott Geibel and his wife, Rena, announce the birth of their daughter, Amara Louise, on March 29, 2004, in Nairobi, Kenya, where they live.

Eric Cultum and his wife, Sandy, announce the birth of Mckenzie Joy on July 15. She joins Andrew, 4, and Stephanie, 3. Eric is the Snohomish County regional director for the Elementary School Principals Association of Washington. He will represent Snohomish County elementary school principals by serving on the ESPAW Board. He was also named Principal of the Year in the Marysville (Wash.) School District by the Marysville PTA Council in May.



Karen (Thordarson) Hassen and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Stephen

Kyle on Oct. 3. Karen is a personal banker at Sterling Savings Bank in Auburn, Wash.

1992



Annie (Ofstun) Tubby and her husband, Ron, welcomed their son, Alexander Bruce, on June 14, 2003. They

have two other sons – Ethan, 5, and Eric, 3. They live in Portland, Ore.



Carey (Jennings) Sketchley and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of Luke Philip on May 8.

They live in Seattle.

1993

Steve and Jennifer (Calhoun '94) Cornie announce the birth of Adam Christopher on June 13. Steve is a database programmer and analyst for Wells Fargo Bank in Beaverton, Ore., and Jen stays home with Adam.



Greg and Tessa (Westby) Wilson welcomed their daughter, Isabelle Anah, on Oct. 21, 2003. Tessa took a

leave of absence from her math position at Puyallup High School to be a full-time mom. Greg is the new assistant principal

at Lochburn Middle School in Lakewood, Wash. Before assuming his new position, he served as dean of students for two years and taught for eight years. His classroom experience includes teaching leadership, drama, seventh grade language arts and social studies, Pacific Northwest History, and drafting. He has also served as an instructional facilitator.



Dan and Jennifer (Kreger) Nickel announce the birth of their son, Logan Thomas, on July 2. He joins sister Maggie, 3. Dan is an environmental engineer with The Watershed Company, and Jennifer stays at home with the kids. They live in Seattle.

1994



Curt Keller and his wife, Deborah, announce the birth of Julia Faith on Nov. 13. She joins Jonathan, 3. They live in West Linn, Ore.



Mason and Kristin (Wascher '95) Phelps announce the birth of their first son, George Matthew, on

Oct. 7. Mason is a firefighter for the Seattle Fire Department, and Kristin teaches special education in the University Place School District. They live in University Place, Wash., and can be reached at mkpelps2@comcast.net.

Jerilyn (Dunlap) Hander and her husband, Marc, announce the birth of Selah Grace on July 20. She joins brother Gabriel, 2. Marc has been pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church for four years. Jerilyn continues her part-time work as a data control technician at Trust Services, Inc. They live in Greenville, Texas.

1995

Scott and Jill (Janke '99) Jensen have been blessed with their second son, Gabriel Scott, born Oct. 25 in Phoenix, Ariz. He joins brother Samuel, 21 months.



Jennifer (Lukenbill) Freudenstein and her husband, Nick, announce the birth of Ryan Lane on Nov. 6.

Jennifer is a vocational counselor at Condon Nero, Inc., in Spanaway, Wash. They live in Roy, Wash.

1996



Tonya (Pasinetti) McGowan and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their second child, Jacob Ryan, on April 12, 2004. He

joins sister Elli, 3.

1997



Kevin and Marci (Voeller '98) Bartholomae announce the birth of their first child, Caleb Lee, on July 19. Kevin is a product

manager at Microsoft in Redmond, Wash., and Marci is a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit at Tacoma General. They live in Auburn, Wash.



Jason and Shari (Sinnes '96) Carrell welcomed their son, Andrew Lee, on April 15, 2004. He joins brother Jacob, 3. They

live in Spanaway, Wash.

1998

Stephen and Jessica (Chairez '00) Young announce the birth of their son, Braeden Jacob, on Sept. 23. They live in Eagle River, Alaska.

2000

Rae (Hugler) Graham and her husband, Dennis, announce the birth of Madilyn Grace on Nov. 24. She joins Grace Leighanne, 4.

2001

Pattie (Rombo) Bruckenthal gave birth to Harper Natalie on Nov. 19. Harper's father, Eric Bruckenthal, was killed April 24, 2004, in Iraq. He was the first U.S. Coast Guardsman killed in active duty since the Vietnam War. Harper's birth was acknowledged in the Congressional Record. "The birth of Harper Natalie Bruckenthal ensures that everything that was good about Nathan Bruckenthal will live on for another generation and many more to come," said New York Rep. Steve Israel. "It is a better world because people like Nathan Bruckenthal answered the call to duty, made great sacrifices and met the greatest challenge posed to every generation: leaving behind a better world for their children." Donations can be sent to Nathan

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Krista (Marshall) Oearey and her husband, Chad, announce the birth of Isaac Matthew on March 1, 2004. He joins Josiah, 3. They live in Blaine, Minn.

2002



Nathan and Katherine (Smith '00) Yocom announce the birth of their daughter, Sydney June, on Aug. 5. Nathan

is software engineer for Bynari, Inc., and Katie is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Scarborough, Maine.

2003

Justin and Janelle (Strope) Luckman announce the birth of Liam Justin on July 21. He joins his brother Kendall, 4. They live in Puyallup, Wash.

2004




Shannon (Fuller) Pennington and her husband, Lance, announce the birth of Cody Owen on July 5. He joins Lance Lynn Jr., 2. Shannon is a homemaker looking for work, and Lance is a manager trainee at Big 5 Sporting Goods. They live in Chehalis, Wash. **S**

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Kathy Edlund '64 works the phones at a recent Q Club board meeting.

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After discovering that every dollar given to Q Club goes directly to scholarships, my husband, Larry, and I joined. What could be more important than providing a PLU education to deserving students? Later, when I had the opportunity to teach in the School of Education, I was truly overwhelmed to see just how many hands went up when I asked how many students in my class were Q Club scholars. What I discovered was that the brightest and best were Q Club scholars. They truly represented the "Q" or "Quality" of a Q Club scholarship.

The Q Club Board of Directors has invited Q Club scholars to tell their sto-

ries about what Q Club scholarships have meant to them. Their testimonies have been poignant and convincing. One student told me that she hadn't realized just how much people really cared for her until she was able to see firsthand the focus of the Board of Directors. Both she and all of us on the board came away from that meeting with an even greater appreciation of what educating for service really means.

Throughout the years, Q Club has provided millions of dollars in scholarships. This year there are 878 students receiving an average of \$4,700 each. Amazing, isn't it? All that comes from individual contributions from PLU alumni and friends. It is true that many hands working together can make a difference.

If you have thought about joining Q Club and just have not gotten around to it, why not make this the year to become a member? You can join for as little as \$25 per month or give at a higher level. It is truly a quality investment. For more information, go to www.plu.edu/~deve or email development@plu.edu. [S]

By Kathy Edlund '64

Kathy Edlund is president of the Q Club Board of Directors. She grew up across the street from the university, and her children are also graduates: Philip '00 and Jenna '96, '99.

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minute loop around the campus.

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My wife, Lynn, bicycles slightly behind me as I weave through campus toward the North Gate. We admire the slow fluid movements of elderly people practicing tai chi and the discipline of students repeatedly reciting English phrases while slowly pacing. We pass through the North Gate and turn right onto First-Ring Road.

Newspaper delivery workers in matching blue vests fold morning papers. Like salmon in a stream, we are surrounded on both sides of the bike lane by a sea of secondary students wearing matching blue and white sweatpants and windbreakers. Some make eye contact, but most pedal straight ahead in silence.

One mile in: To my left, out of the corner of my eye, I see what appears to be a person in the middle of the four-lane road. Then I wonder, where's Lynn? Glancing behind me, I realize not only has she stopped, she's climbing over the short chain-link fence that separates the bike lane from the busy thoroughfare.

Given the passivity of the growing crowd at the adjacent bus stop, she's taken it on herself to save a half-naked, disheveled, suicidal man. By the time I backtrack and hop the fence to join her, she's in tears. The crowd at the bus stop grows while Lynn and I pull the troubled man by his elbows to the side of the road. A few onlookers tell us what's painfully obvious: he's mentally ill.

While I comfort Lynn, the man crawls back into the middle of the street. Two people reach for their cell phones while Lynn frantically redirects traffic.

Finally, some Chinese men direct him back to the sidewalk a second time, and we continue hoping the police will arrive soon.

Two miles in: The experience was so surreal, only in talking about it a bit does the reality begin to sink in. A few minutes later, we turn right off of First-Ring Road, and then down a short, but treacherous S-turn to what I call Bamboo Park Road. The S-turn is tricky because hundreds of secondary students shoot down onto it from an adjacent street.

Somehow, Lynn and I zigzag in and



Byrnes says running in Chengdu is a very different experience because of the huge population there.

out of the tightly packed group of bikers wearing blue and white and continue on a mile-long straightaway adjacent to a wooded park and polluted river.

Some higher up in the bicycling hierarchy, on fancier mountain bikes with gears or silent electric bikes, whiz by us. We pass slower riders who have a gentle, fluid, couldn't-care-less pedaling stroke that contrasts starkly with the pace of change all around them.

We come upon a slow pedaling young mother and her preschool-aged son. Still sleepy, in his wire bike seat, his head rests gently on the middle of her back, bouncing in unison with the cracks in the road. A bus getting up to speed slowly passes us, and a man calls to me out a back window, "Hello!" to which I reply, "Hello!" Inside the bus, his compatriots crack up at the depth of our exchange.

Three miles in: Lynn and I aren't talkative. Instead we silently soak up our surroundings. Poor street sweepers wielding four-foot-long strands of hay clean sidewalks. We weave onto one to avoid a slow-moving, water-spraying street-cleaning truck. Despite all the cleaning going on around us, we're still on the lookout for freewheeling spitters. In China, spitting is a widespread and deeply ingrained habit that even SARS concerns haven't slowed. It isn't just the preserve of crude men either. We've learned to be on-guard against everyone including petite women in professional clothes.

Along the river, a homeless man picks through a trash can. A group of retirees, one who has hung his birdcage on a neighboring tree branch, do calisthenics together. Three-wheeled open-wagon bikes pass us carrying skinned pigs and cows. One is filled with water and live fish. Others carry furniture, several cases of beer and computer boxes.

One rider takes a turn a little too quickly and loses a

case of beer in the middle of an intersection creating a pool of broken glass and foam. Rickshaws, mopeds and motorcycles are mixed in with the two and three-wheeled bicycles. One motorcyclist places his left foot on the empty wagon of the three-wheeled bike in front of him, helping his friend go from 10 to 35 mph. One man on a rickshaw uses his only leg to pedal furiously, another without any legs, pedals a converted rickshaw with his arms.

Four miles in: To get to his stop, a bus driver drifts into our bike lane, forcing us onto the sidewalk again. After passing his parked bus, we hop back down into the bike lane. I wave at a fast runner going the opposite direction. Surprisingly, a few minutes later I hear his footsteps behind me. As he pulls up beside me, I say, "Nihao."

"Hello," he responds.

I increase my pace to match his. Our different cultures, language, and life experiences are irrelevant as we run side by side, stride for stride for a wonderful kilometer. Suddenly he says, "Goodbye," to which I simply reply, "Tsijin." As my new friend turns left, Lynn and I make our final right turn back under the North Gate into campus. I head to the track, Lynn to our apartment.

A few weeks later, walking through an alley just outside of the campus, we pass our First-Ring Road "friend," head down, walking the opposite direction. He is still troubled, but alive. S

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Seeing the world afresh *continued*

lished in 1965 and won the British Petroleum Independence Literary Award as the best book in Trinidad, and he's had publishing success ever since.

He has written novels, stories, plays, and last fall for the first time, he saw his work brought to film. His book "Jobell and America" was turned into a movie.

Lovelace encourages aspiring writers to discover what they really want to say.

"You have to want to write, and then you have to discover what you have to say, and then you have to do a lot of work," he said.

Lovelace, whose tenure at PLU ended last fall, said he will miss the students, who have impressed him with their intelligence and their ethics, which he

says will prepare them for the complexities of the world.

"I've always found teaching useful because in teaching, you also learn," he said.

He said he's pleased to see the student body becoming more diverse. For the first time this year, a Trinidadian is studying at PLU.

Lovelace appreciates working with younger writers.

"Every generation in order to represent itself has to see the world afresh," he said.

And he encouraged December graduates to do that when he gave the Commencement address.

"You will see the world with new wonder and awe and will step into it with exuberance...you owe it to yourself, and

indeed to all of us, to break new ground, to move out, to spread your wings, to venture into areas unknown to the generations that have brought you up."

Countless students have heeded his advice over the years.

Lovelace plans to stay involved with PLU's Trinidad and Tobago program and meet students there.

"They are all transformed and changed," he said "They become themselves more."

And having complimented the students and thanking PLU for the opportunity, Lovelace decided the interview was over.

"I think you have enough," he said. "I think I am done talking."

So the chapter ends, but the story continues. ☐

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April 10, 3 p.m.

Lisa Ganung, faculty
vocalist, and Rhonda Kline, accompanist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 12, 8 p.m.

University Chorale Homecoming
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 13, 8 p.m.

Keyboard Students' Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 14, 8 p.m.

Contemporary Sounds,
University Wind Ensemble
and Chamber Wind
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 20, 8 p.m.

Choir of the West with members of
University Symphony
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 21, 8 p.m.

University Vocal Jazz
Chris Knutzen Hall

April 21, 8 p.m.

Forestine Wise Monsen Scholarship
Recital with John Bradley, pianist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 24, 3 p.m.

University Singers Homecoming
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 26, 8 p.m.

Piano Ensemble Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 27, 8 p.m.

Regency String Quartet
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 28, 8 p.m.

University Jazz Ensemble
Chris Knutzen Hall

April 30, 8 p.m.

Choral Union
Lagerquist Concert Hall

April 30, 11-3 p.m.

Norwegian Heritage Day
Scandinavian Cultural Center

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May 1, 3 p.m.

Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series:
Robert Bates, guest organist
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 3, 8 p.m.

Norwegian Tour Music, University Wind
Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 4, 8 p.m.

University Concert Band and
Men's Chorus
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 5, 8 p.m.

Brass/Wind Student Recital
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 5, 7:30 p.m.

Robert Hedin Lecture
Scandinavian Cultural Center

May 6, 8 p.m.

Solvvinden Flute Choir
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 7, 2 p.m.

"Brigadoon," University Theatre production
Eastvold Auditorium

May 8, 8 p.m.

Student Guitar Ensemble
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 11, 8 p.m.

String Kaleidoscope
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 12, 8 p.m.

Composers' Forum
Lagerquist Concert Hall

May 13, 8 p.m.

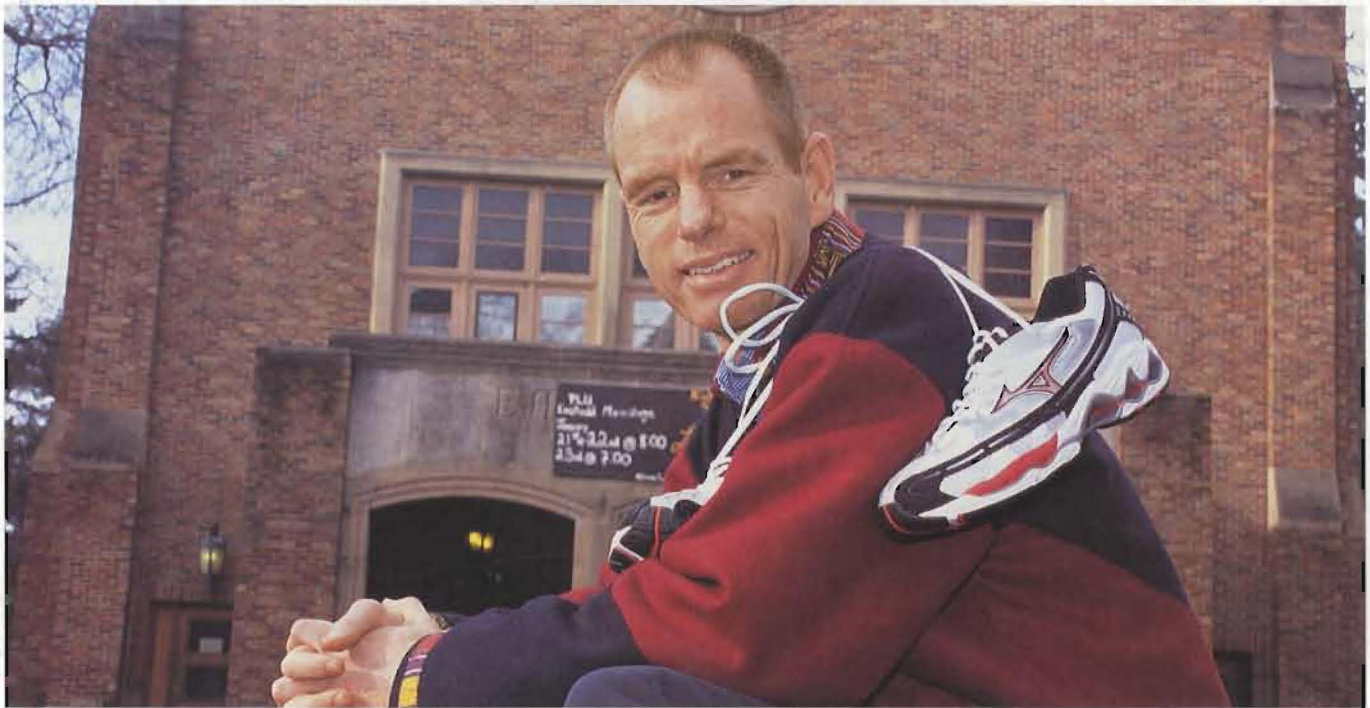
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perspective

Cultures meet during run through China



Ron Byrnes, an education professor at PLU, learns a lot about himself and other areas during his regular runs.

By Ronald S. Byrnes

As a runner, some of my most memorable workouts have been cross-cultural encounters. One morning, in the summer of 1999, while visiting Tokyo, I headed to the five-kilometer-long sidewalk that encircles the Imperial Palace. After settling in on the rolling loop, I gradually came upon, and then passed, a local runner. Apparently he didn't like being passed, because he accelerated and overtook me. At that point, our different nationalities were irrelevant. Our male egos took over, and it was on. An epic, lactate-threshold inducing two-loop race ensued. (He won.)

In the spring of 2003, I was living and working on the Sichuan University campus in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan province in southwestern China. It only took a few days to piece together a nice, four-mile loop around the perimeter of the large, extremely dense, urban campus. Five days a week, I exited campus through the North Gate, ran clockwise in a bike lane so I never had to stop at intersections, returned through the North Gate, and then headed to one of the university's black cinder tracks where I ran one or two more miles.

The most striking difference between

living and running in my hometown of Olympia, Wash., and living and running in Chengdu is Chengdu's incredible population density. Chengdu is the largest city, in the most heavily populated province, in the most heavily populated country in the world.

In Olympia, during an early morning six-miler, I might see 10-15 walkers, runners or bicycle commuters. In Chengdu, I brushed elbows with 50-100 walkers and bicyclists before exiting campus and then several hundred to a thousand or more during my 30-

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