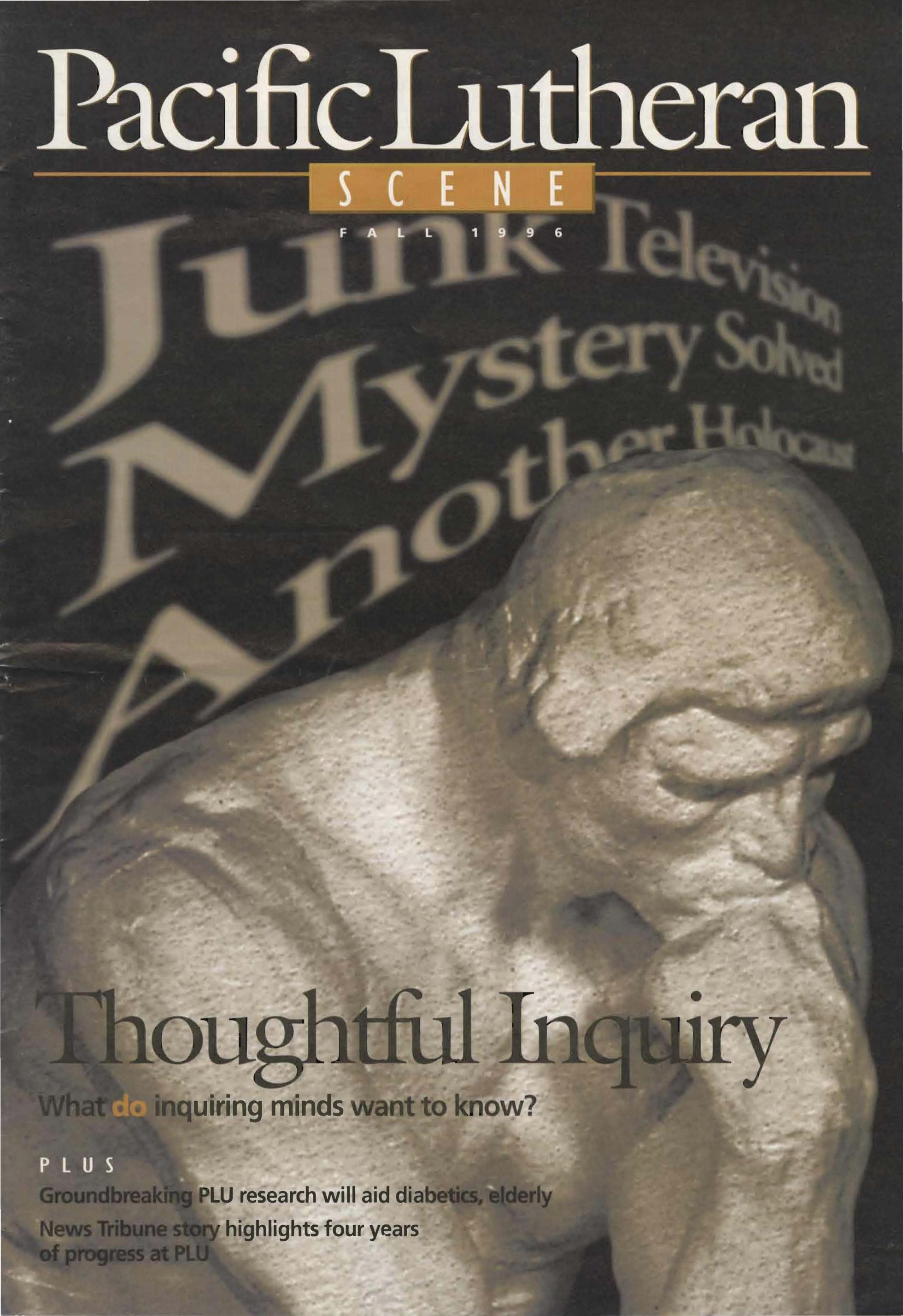


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## Letters to the editor

### Don't forget Eastern Washington alums

I enjoyed reading your Spring 1996 *Pacific Lutheran Scene* which focused on "Leadership: Trail Blazers, Ground Breakers and Risk Takers." I was disappointed to note, however, that not one of the alumni you highlighted lived in Eastern Washington. Those of us who live on the eastern side of the state get used to the fact that our news is ignored by the major news networks on the western side of the state, but this should not be the case with our PLU alumni paper.

I would like to make you aware that in an area where PLU alumni are only a small percentage of the population, they are a large percentage of the Richland City Council. Having served for more than six years on the council, the newly elected mayor is Larry Haler '74. Joining him on the council this year is Carol (Greer) Moser '77. Having served previously on the city's parks and recreation board, Carol was elected with the highest percentage of vote for any newly-elected member.

In addition to his position as mayor, Larry is also on the Economic Development Steering Committee for the National League of Cities.

The new council has been working closely with the secretary of the US Department of Energy, Hazel O'Leary, and assistant secretary of the US Department of Energy, Thomas Grumly, to help transition the city of Richland from economic dependence on government-owned land back to the public sector, and in discussions on the future of the Columbia Reach. Presently under construction are a new golf course, new city shops, an industrial park and development of Columbia Point.

Businesses wanting to locate or relocate in a growth-oriented, pro-business community where the sun shines and there is almost never a traffic jam are encouraged to contact the mayor at 505 Swift Blvd., Box 190, Richland, Wash. 99352-3553.

JENIFER L. HALER '74

### Thanks for lifting up Moses as inspired leader

The spring issue of *Pacific Lutheran Scene* arrived this afternoon and my first careful reading of an article was your own, "The Best Leadership Manual." It is an outstanding article that inspires a good intention to

follow through the book of Exodus, noting particularly the leadership of Moses. I'm grateful to you for this excellent writing.

The pastoral exercise of leadership faces all of us ordained to leadership and ministry in our various assignments. I was ordained in the Augustana Synod in 1937 on June 20 nearly 59 years ago. I believe it would have been wholesome and meaningful for me to have read such as your article at the time of entering upon my ministry.

My wife Helene and I have been humbly thankful to have had a kind of relationship to PLU, very significant at least to us, through the editorship of the *Pacific Lutheran Scene*. Its editor for more than 26 years was our son, James Lowell Peterson.

ROYAL F. PETERSON

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your letters are welcome and should be addressed to Pacific Lutheran Scene Editor, PLU, Tacoma, Wash., 98447, faxed to 206-535-8331, or e-mailed to [scene@PLU.edu](mailto:scene@PLU.edu). Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

## PLU professor emeritus Donald Farmer dies



Donald Farmer, PLU professor *emeritus* of political science, died on May 7, 1996, at the age of 73. During Farmer's 38 1/2 years of teaching at PLU, he developed the first faculty constitution, founded both the Republican and Democratic student clubs and was instrumental in starting the Washington State Legislative Internship Program that expanded to include other college campuses.

In 1980, he chaired the board of freeholders that drafted a new county charter, and he was the first recipient of the new Regency Professorship Award funded by the Board of Regents to give recognition to professors for their "demonstrated excellence and contribution to a special field of learning or public affairs."

Family and friends have established the Don Farmer Memorial Fund, which will establish a political science internship to promote active participation in the political process.

A challenge gift has been pledged by Jim Bricker, the first political science major at PLU and Don's longtime friend and colleague. A minimum of \$20,000 must be raised in order to establish a separate perpetual endowment. Call Jim Van Beek, 206-535-7426, for further information.

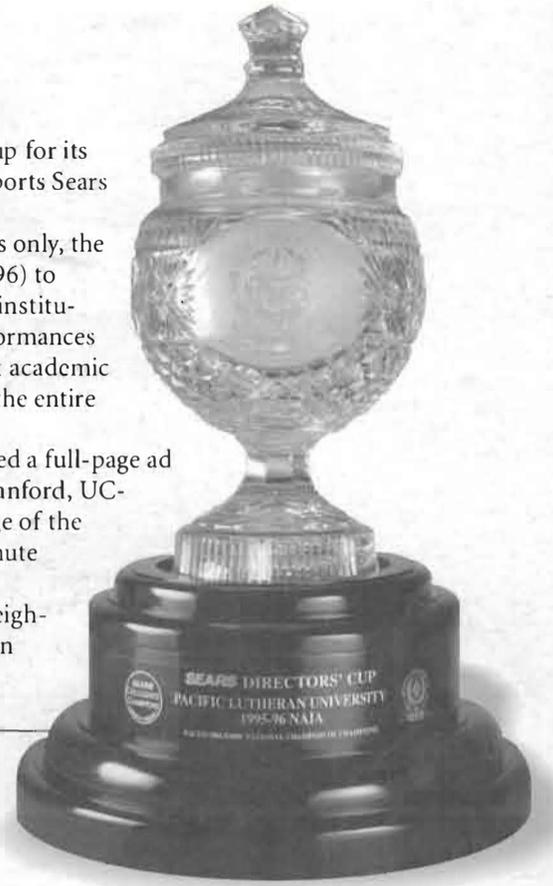
## PLU wins coveted Sears Directors' Cup

PLU received the coveted Sears Directors' Cup for its first place finish in the NAIA Division All-Sports Sears Directors' Cup Competition.

Previously open to Division I institutions only, the competition was expanded this year (1995-96) to include NCAA Divisions I, II, III and NAIA institutions. The award is based on combined performances of women's and men's sports during the past academic year to determine sustained excellence over the entire season.

The June 12 issue of USA TODAY featured a full-page ad announcing the four national winners — Stanford, UC-Davis, Williams and PLU — on the back page of the sports section. Also, ESPN carried a five-minute feature of PLU on July 7.

The cup is a Waterford Crystal trophy weighing approximately 65 pounds and carrying an insured value of \$35,000.



## Pacific Lutheran Scene readership survey results tallied

Two evenings in June, 10 volunteers interviewed 124 *Pacific Lutheran Scene* readers who shared their ideas about the publication.

Three-quarters of those surveyed were either delighted or satisfied with the overall piece. An overwhelming majority read *Class Notes* most often; a distant second in the poll was alumni features, followed by sports. In *The News* and the *Calendar* sections tied for fourth. The most meaningful or memorable item was the announcement in the last edition that PLU now claims 40 Fulbright Scholars.

You want to see more sweatshirts and logo items offered from the bookstore, and if *Pacific Lutheran Scene* were to become standard-size magazine, you wouldn't mind as long as it didn't cost more and the type size didn't shrink. And you like our recent name change from *Scene* to *Pacific Lutheran Scene*.

The survey was administered and tallied by Christie Hill '96. Thanks to everyone who answered our request for feedback. Watch for your ideas in upcoming issues.

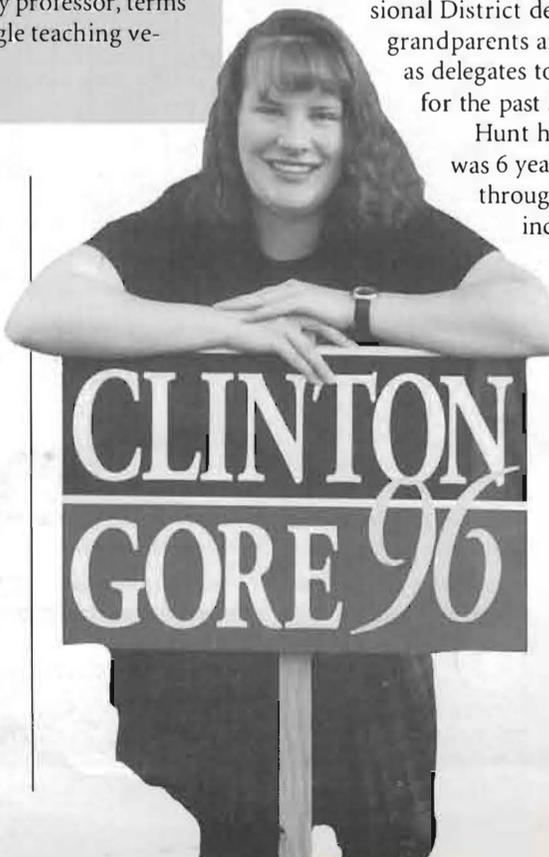
## PLU senior is delegate to National Democratic Convention

Hillary Hunt '97 followed in some big family footsteps when she attended the National Democratic Convention as a 3rd Congressional District delegate this summer. Two of her grandparents and both of her parents have served as delegates to National Democratic Conventions for the past 50 years.

Hunt has volunteered in politics since she was 6 years old. She was elected as a delegate through a five-month political process that included the precinct caucus, county convention and state convention.

"It's something I always wanted to do," she said. "I missed being eligible for the last convention by a month to the day."

Hunt is majoring in political science and global studies and is serving her second year as president of PLU's College Democrats. She is also interning for Adam Smith, a Democrat running for election in the 9th Congressional District.



## Confronting death: Who chooses? Who controls?

Dax Cowart, the severe burn victim featured in "Dax's Case," will share the podium with Robert Burt, a noted scholar of constitutional law and health care ethics at Yale Law School, in the first Heather Koller '94 Memorial Lecture from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Nov. 21 at PLU.

Koller died of connective tissue cancer a month after she graduated from PLU in May 1994. A philosophy and English major, she aspired to a career in creative writing and the teaching of ethics. Her family founded the memorial fund to sponsor an annual visiting lecture in creative writing or ethics.

Cowart recovered from years of excruciatingly painful treatment during which he repeatedly articulated competent demands to be allowed to die, demands that were consistently refused. Permanently blinded by his injuries, he nonetheless obtained a law degree and currently practices law.

Cowart maintains it was wrong to refuse his demands even if the odds of his eventual recovery to a meaningful and reasonably pain-free life were great. Burt's view on the other hand is that it was correct to reject Cowart's demands to die, for in large part they were created by societal reinforcement of Cowart's doubt that his life any longer had value.

Paul Menzel, PLU provost and philosophy professor, terms the "Dax's Case" video the most effective single teaching vehicle in the health care ethics literature.

## Former PLU faculty member appointed college president



Janet E. Rasmussen, former PLU professor and dean of humanities (1977-91), was appointed the ninth president of Hollins College in Roanoke, Va. Previously the vice president for academic affairs at Nebraska Wesleyan University in Lincoln, Neb., Rasmussen began her new position Aug. 1.

## PLU artist to create worker memorial

Dennis Cox (art) was chosen by local union representatives to create a large scale memorial dedicated to Pierce County workers who have been killed on the job. The two-figure, larger-than-life monument will be cast in bronze and installed in April 1997 at a memorial site on Ruston Way in Tacoma.

## Geller shows work in N.Y.



Barrett House Galleries in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., displayed "Secrets," a print by Beate Geller

(art) in its national juried print-making exhibition this summer. Geller was one of 38 artists chosen from a large pool of applicants.



Paul Fritts (UPPER LEFT) stands next to the unfinished organ casework with his crew.

## Concert hall organ soon ready for installation

The completed casework for the new pipe organ being built by Paul Fritts for Lagerquist Hall is nothing short of stupendous. Standing 35 feet in height, some 20 feet wide, with various pointed and half-round towers adorned by elaborate moldings, the oiled fir organ case is one very grand piece of furniture!

Sixty-five hand-carved pipe shades (from basswood) decorating the tops and bottoms of front facade pipes are designed and being carved by artist Judy Fritts, sister to the builder.

Installation of this new, completely hand-crafted pipe organ begins in January.

Fritts says without reservation, "I will probably never get another room this ideal for a pipe organ in my entire career." The evenness of sound distribution throughout the room, the balance between bass and treble pitches, and the variable reverberation time (up to four seconds) permitted by the adjustable banners, and the optimal positioning of the organ on the front wall assure outstanding results.

The oiled fir of the organ casework matches the beautiful fir panels which surround the perimeter of Lagerquist Concert Hall. Fritts was able to locate a few 100-year-old fir logs (previously on the bottom of a lake) from which he has fashioned his magnificent casework and moldings, inspired by the case design of a large 17th-century organ in Stralsund, Germany.

— Submitted by David Dahl, university organist.

## Music center signage wins award

Graphic design company Mayer-Reed won a Merit Award for its work with the new Mary Baker Russell Music Center at PLU. The company was responsible for the design of a donor display, and signage for room identification, floor directories and directional signs. The award was given for design excellence in the 1995 Design Awards Competition held by the Society of Environmental Graphic Design.

## Grants enhance technology, scholarships

PLU received four grants totaling \$648,919 late last spring and summer. Rick Spillman (engineering) received a grant of \$520,000 from Mentor Graphics for computer-aided design in engineering. A grant of \$62,948 from the U.S. Department of Education was awarded to project director Ann Kelleher to fund the second year of the PLU program "A Project to Internationalize a Small University Using the Pacific Rim as the Unifying Theme." The Department of Health and Human Services (Public Health Services) awarded a \$35,971 grant to Cleo Pass (nursing) for the Professional Nurse Trainee Program. The National Science Foundation awarded \$30,000 to Mike Brown and Christine Moon (psychology) to enhance laboratory offerings in experimental psychology.

## Former smoking lounge ignites PLU's language program

Once a room reserved for billowing second-hand smoke, Mortvedt Library's former smoking lounge has been transformed into a hot center of learning.

A \$150,762 grant from the Culpeper Foundation provided initial funding for PLU's new Language Resource Center, which will offer students interactive language software and 24 computer work stations (both Macintosh and IBM compatible). The center also has a room for small classes and individual video viewing.

Roberta Brown (languages) applied for the grant in 1994. The Culpeper Foundation awarded the grant to PLU after the initial application — unusual in a process that normally involves several drafts before an application is accepted.

Many universities across the United States are seeking funding for language centers. "We were very lucky," Brown said. The center opened this fall.

## Microscopic mollusc named after PLU prof

One of six newly-discovered species of gastropods (molluscs) recently found in Washington's Black Hills has been named after PLU geologist Steve Benham.

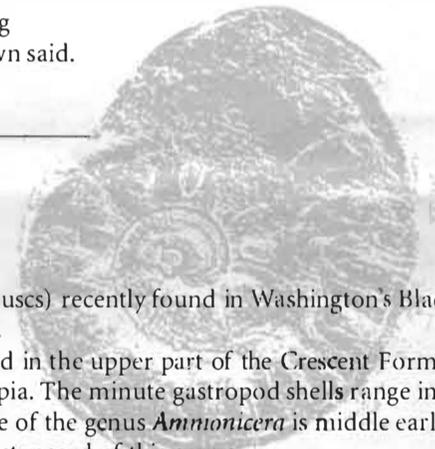
Seven specimens of *Ammonicera benhami* were found in the upper part of the Crescent Formation at Larch Mountain in the Black Hills, west of Olympia. The minute gastropod shells range in size from 0.4 to 0.59 mm in diameter. The geologic range of the genus *Ammonicera* is middle early Eocene to Recent and *Ammonicera benhami* is the earliest record of this genus.

The species is named for Benham because of his invaluable contributions to the team's work using PLU's scanning electron microscope. An electron microscope is used to distinguish surface features of very small objects that an ordinary microscope cannot pick up. The microscope was obtained in 1990 with a \$73,656 National Science Foundation grant and matching money from PLU and several other foundations.

## Nugent travels to D.C. and Rome

Assistant Professor of Economics Rachel Nugent spent the summer in Washington D.C. at Environmental Protection Agency headquarters on a fellowship from the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The fellowship was awarded to 10 scholars through a nationwide competition and helped support her continuing research on the sustainability of urban agriculture.

While on sabbatical last fall, Nugent prepared two reports for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, Italy. The reports, "Urban Agriculture: An Oxymoron?" and "Pakistan's Agriculture: Improving Productivity and Rural Conditions," have provided interesting new insights for her class on Population, Poverty and Hunger.



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## Workout video wins big

Susan Westering's (PE) "The Next Step Power Workout" received first place honors in the 'best of video' category at this year's American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Conference.

Produced by PLU Television, the video is on sale for \$16.95 in the PLU Bookstore, 206-535-7668.



## Dwyer-Shick studies at Princeton

Susan Adair Dwyer-Shick (political science) was named a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) visiting faculty member at Princeton University in the department of politics for summer 1996. While at Princeton, Susan participated in an NEH-sponsored seminar on the writings of Alexis de Tocqueville and John Stuart Mill.

## Brusco attends summer institute

Elizabeth Brusco (anthropology) was invited to a National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute entitled "Religion and Diversity in American Society: A Social History Approach" at Haverford College in Pennsylvania. Directed by historian Emma Lapansky, the purpose of the institute was to examine minority modes of religious expression in the context of the Judeo-Christian traditions that predominate in America.

## Olson earns Rotary award

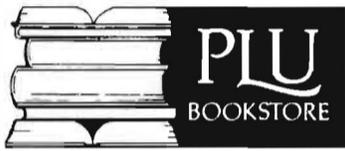
David Olson (dean emeritus) was recently named a Paul Harris Fellow in Rotary International. The award recognizes members for their outstanding contributions to Rotary Club and its purposes. A charter member with the Parkland-Spanaway Rotary Club, Olson has served as the coordinator for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award program, held annually at PLU, for the past 25 years.

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## KPLU celebrates 30th birthday, notches nomination for Jazz Station of the Year



FROM LEFT, well-known chef **Graham Kerr**, Regent **David Wold** and KPLU General Manager **Martin J. Neeb** broadcast during a fund drive in the early 1980s.

What began as a dream for a small student radio station 30 years ago has become something far greater than its founders could ever have imagined. KPLU 88.5 FM now reaches a quarter of a million listeners each week, and ranks in the top 20 of more than 509 public radio stations.

What a great birthday present to receive the nomination of Jazz Station of the Year by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB). One of four nominees, KPLU is the only station nominated from the West. The winner will be announced at the NAB Marconi Radio Awards Dinner & Show on Oct. 12 in Los Angeles.

### A retrospective

After approval by PLU officials in 1966, KPLU went on the air at a meager 10 watts. In those fledgling years budgets were tight and David Christian, KPLU's chief engineer who has been with the station since its inception, remembers "hitting all the record companies in Seattle" each month looking for free records to add to the station's collection.

In 1972, KPLU began broadcasting at 40,000 watts which boosted the signal to the edges of Pierce County and played havoc with local TV reception. In 1980 the station came of age when it bought new transmission equipment and increased the signal to 100,000 watts, reaching nearly two million people in six counties. Shortly thereafter, KPLU became a National Public Radio member station and Martin J. Neeb was hired as the first general manager.

In 1983, looking to distinguish itself in the Seattle-Tacoma market, Neeb changed the format from classical to news and jazz. Although a considerable risk, the new format proved an almost overnight success. In 1985, a news bureau

was added in Seattle and the station began broadcasting 24 hours a day.

KPLU improved its signal again by moving its transmitter to West Tiger Mountain in 1989. This, along with the addition of local translators in the area, made the signal available as far north as Vancouver B.C. and as far south as Centralia.

In the '90s the station has continually earned awards for its top notch news staff and programming excellence, and is widely recognized as one of the top public radio stations in the nation.

PLU seeks to empower students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care — for other persons, for the community and for the earth.

# THOUGHTFUL Inquiry

## What *do* inquiring minds want to know?

Not just inquiry (a systematic investigation by close examination), but *thoughtful* inquiry. An investigation characterized by careful, reasoned thinking. Thoughtful inquiry also implies the heedful anticipation of the needs and wants of others.

This issue of *Pacific Lutheran Scene* will examine *thoughtful inquiry* as it pertains to death investigation, the media, and genocide. A faculty member will delve into philosophy and logic to unravel the mystery surrounding a murder. Another faculty member will ask why Americans are screaming for good television yet vote for trash with their remote controls. A student will fly us overseas on the wings of a research essay that details genocide in Bosnia-Herzegovina. All three are examples of informing and serving others through reasoned thinking.

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## Taught — or tempted? — by TV

BY DIANE HARNEY

In a 1984 song, ex-Led Zeppelin Robert Palmer admitted that he was "Addicted to Love."

Well, I admit that I'm addicted to television.

Not many will make this public admission. In some circles it is trendy to claim an aversion to television (common lie: I only watch PBS.) But I am a child of television. I grew up with "Howdy Doody," "Leave it to Beaver," and dozens of other programs that influenced my behavior and my view of the world.

It is because I am addicted to television that I think about its role in our personal lives. In less than 50 years, television has invaded our homes. There are televisions in 95.4 million American homes. The average home has 2.3 televisions that are turned on 54 hours a week. Like it or not, television is an integral part of our daily lives.



The first step toward becoming an active television viewer is to ask one question: How will I benefit from the time spent watching this program?

Throughout the brief history of television we have struggled with our expectations. Former FCC commissioner Newton Minnow called television a "vast wasteland" while NYU professor Neil Postman asks if we are "Amusing Ourselves to Death?" Advertising-executive-turned-media-critic, Jerry Mander argued that television is dangerous to both personal health and democratic processes.

Much of the criticism of television has focused on its content emphasizing negative or harmful effects on viewers. Concerns about television content — sex, violence, insipid programming — appear in everything from political stump speeches and academic research to popular magazines such as *Woman's Day* and *Entertainment Weekly*.

The most popular criticism of television is that it is dominated by lowest-common-denominator programming — cotton candy for the brain. How else, ask the critics, can you explain the popularity of "Baywatch," and "Married with Children?" Well-known television critic Tom Shales of *The Washington Post* best articulated this criticism when he asked, "Just how sick are Americans that they will watch such...junk?"

When asked if they watch "junk television" and why, patrons at my favorite coffee shop responded that it was easy and required no effort. They admitted to being passive viewers. If they are typical, and I think they are, then it is time to quit flogging television and evaluate our behavior as consumers of media.

It is essential that addicts like me become active television viewers. Not only should we think about time spent watching television, but the content of a program and how it serves our needs. The effect or outcome of television viewing is an interaction between the viewer and the content. This isn't a radical thought. But since it seems to be fashionable to criticize television, it bears repeating. If our viewing is out of habit and passive rather than a conscious reflection of our interests and personal tastes then we are abusing television.

In order to benefit from television's positive contributions we must become critical consumers. The first step toward becoming an active television viewer is to ask one question: How will I benefit from the time spent watching this program? The simple act of thinking about why we watch television rather than being passive receivers (the proverbial couch potato) can alter our viewing patterns and can help us to harness the power of television for personal gain.

Yes, there is a lot of junk on television (read: anything I don't like) but I would argue that our viewing choices have never been better. The junk criticism has become cliché and those who repeat it have failed to notice the revolution in television.

Lowest-common-denominator television has been replaced by niche programming. Special interest programming that would have failed on the major networks now thrives on cable. Cable networks can, and do, offer programming that appeals to special interests. Viewers have gained in both quantity and quality. Even if one thinks that 99 percent of television programming is junk, that leaves one percent that is valuable.

While many quake at the thought of 500 channels coming into their homes, I relish the thought (although I am concerned about the size of the TV Guide). With 500-plus channels, it will be possible to find a wider range of viewpoints, more information about culture, more opportunities to learn. To paraphrase Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, the answer to bad television is more television.

What could television become? I don't know. But I am excited to be an active participant in the ongoing media revolution.



Diane Harney is an assistant professor of communication at PLU.

# Study of philosophy can help solve mysteries

BY JON J. NORDBY, Ph.D.

Most suspicious deaths arouse little public interest. Many never involve trials. Others pass for natural deaths, perfect crimes because they remain forever unnoticed. The murderer escapes detection, lurking behind a fog of subterfuge, deceit and ordinary circumstance.

Death investigators must penetrate this fog to discover hidden clues to explain the death and follow the path to the killer. Like mariners navigating without landmarks under a starless sky, investigators lacking reliable witnesses and coherent confessions plot their course through the clues by applying their own style of what I call "dead reckoning."

Dead reckoning, first described in Bourne's "Regiment for the Sea," published in 1577, became a useful method to determine a ship's position when adverse conditions prevented navigating by the stars with a sextant. Under a dark sky, a sailor could estimate position by considering the distance recorded in the log, the course steered according to the compass, the specific effects of the currents, and different signs of land, such as gulls, or smells carried by prevailing winds.

The seasoned mariner also had to know when the ship had drifted too much to allow an accurate estimate of its position or course. The method's accuracy depended upon the knowledge, skill, and experience of the sailor. As a death investigator, I exercise dead reckoning, and as a philosopher of forensic science and medicine, I investigate the method itself.

Lowell said, "The mind, when it sails by dead reckoning... will sometimes bring up in strange latitudes." Following the course of ancient mariners, forensic scientists reckon our way through daily death cases. As with sailors, sometimes the method fails us, too, but more often, Lowell's "strange latitudes" turn out to signal a successful end to the voyage, a correct explanation of the death. In an age blinded by misconceptions of science and illusions about technology, this art of detection often remains as invisible as the clues it uncovers.

Most practitioners of this art go quietly about their business without much public acknowledgment. Many people who die the sudden, unexpected or violent deaths investigated also remain invisible. They seldom lead glamorous lives, or enjoy the notoriety and fortune of interest to an increasingly fickle and fame-focused public. What makes a case interesting for those of us doing this work has little to do with what makes a case interesting for tabloid-television producers.

Applications of logic and science lack the sound-bites and segues important to the death-as-entertainment industry. But they do supply the kind of stimulation that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle used to animate his fictional 19th-century scientific detective, Sherlock Holmes. The effect of solving a difficult case through reconstructing the crime by disciplined observation,

careful reason, and practiced sagacity, supplies the rush of a powerful drug.

Holmes became so addicted to this intellectual pleasure that Doyle has his character resort to a seven-percent solution of cocaine between cases just to fill the void that its absence created.

Doyle, a physician, patterned his hero after Joseph Bell, M.D., Doyle's professor of medicine at Edinburgh. As an enthusiastic young fan of Doyle's Holmes, I planned a career as a physician, hoping to develop the ability to observe a patient's symptoms, and magically, to diagnose the underlying disease.

But I soon found that premedical study offered little to help me investigate the intrigues of medical diagnosis. I turned to philosophy, the only discipline I found that expressed an interest in thinking about thinking itself, and to art; the field I chose to help train me as a careful observer.

Unlike the rigid rules used to define modern formal logic, the methods of dead reckoning do not reduce to a set of procedures to be followed blindly. Philosophers of science attempt to understand this scientific reasoning as a middle ground between rigid rules and the methodological equivalent of a birthday celebration at Chuck E. Cheese. We seek a robust distinction between science and pseudoscience; between methodically defensible explanations and utter nonsense.

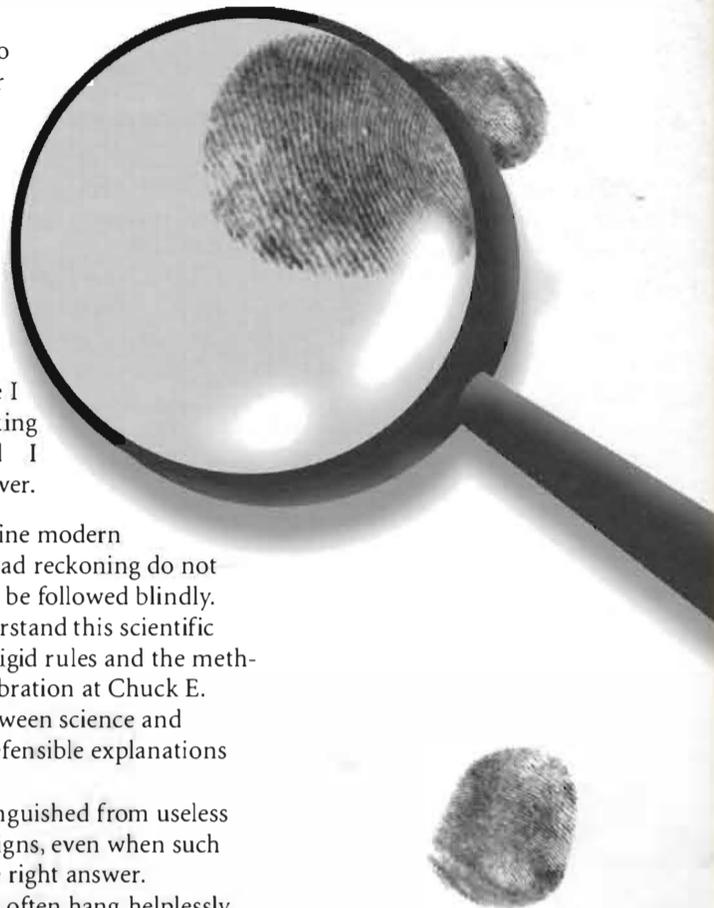
Useful dead reckoning must be distinguished from useless random guessing that ignores relevant signs, even when such random guesses coincidentally reach the right answer.

The powerful abstractions of science often hang helplessly from a web spun of ordinary circumstance. Without real cases, the search for scientific method degenerates into the logically impossible quest for a non-existent abstraction, akin to attempts to view form without shape.

Studying philosophy involves learning how to trust one's own eyes, learning how to navigate the turbulent and ancient sea of clashing opinion and hazardous belief, noticeably rougher in modern science's powerful wake.



Jon J. Nordby is professor and chair of the philosophy department at PLU.



## Genocide strikes again

BY ANNELIESE GORNE '97

After WWI, Yugoslavia became a multinational state composed of six constituent nations defined by the people living there: Slovenes, Croats, Serbs, Montenegrins, Macedonians and Muslims. Over time the populations mixed.

During the period after WWII until 1980, the Yugoslavian people lived under the Communist leadership of Josip Broz Tito. Though his regime was strict, the country experienced a period of rapid economic growth and prosperity during the 1950s, which outranked any other country in the world. Yet during the decade before Tito's death in 1980, conflict began to emerge between those in support of state's rights and those in support of the power of the government. Again, because people identified closely with their own particular territories, the richer regions began to object to being forced to pay for programs required within some of the poorer communities. Hence, a great economic variety and inequality emerged among the Yugoslav nations. Unemployment rose along with rampant inflation.

Politicians began to vie for backing on the basis of nationalism, with the promise that they would guide their particular state towards prosperity. The current Serbian president Slobodon Milosevic was especially successful in gaining power through such tactics, and hence rose to his current position in 1987.

As each region began to assert its own nationalist ideals, the

time was ripe for Slovenia and Croatia to assert their independence. Croats did not want to become subject to the rule of a government far removed from their interests. The problem was that no particular area in any of the Yugoslav states was made up of one ethnic group. Further unrest occurred on April 6, 1992, when Bosnia-Herzegovina was recognized by the European Community as being independent. The Serbs were incensed. The Serbs had been covertly intending to connect the state of Serbia with Bosnia Serb territories, and then to secure the bond through eventual annexation. But with Bosnia's declaration of independence, many Serbs remained outside of Serbia's borders and also out of its control.

Such a problem was not met with tolerance by Serbian nationalist extremists. They instead became bent on destroying Bosnia's multiethnic society and replacing it with national Serbian supremacy.

### Ethnic cleansing begins

The major problem with the Serb goal, though, is that they do not just desire more territory, but also want to exterminate or expel all non-Serbs from those targeted areas. The euphemism used to describe the Serb process of ridding certain regions of all non-Serbs is "ethnic cleansing." In order to perform this "ethnic" (see **Genocide** page 9)

This article, excerpted from an award-winning essay submitted to the Raphael Lemkin essay contest at PLU, puts Bosnia-Herzegovina's "ethnic cleansing" in perspective. Last year, PLU was added to a list of prestigious schools that sponsor prizes and scholarships in honor of Raphael Lemkin, the man who coined the term "genocide" and labored for passage of the United Nations genocide convention outlawing the destruction of races and groups. The competition was made possible by Donald Morken '60 and Bruce Littman. For a free copy of the complete essay, call Pacific Lutheran Scene at 206-535-7430.

# Jumpin' Jehosephat!

Groundbreaking PLU research may change the exercise habits of diabetics and the elderly

BY LINDA ELLIOTT

Jodi Downs peers over the edge of a rather large, funny looking cardboard tube and talks to the rat inside. "OK T-Bone, let's jump. C'mon, you can do it!" she says as she tempts the unseen rat with a tiny sugar pellet. Whump. T-Bone makes the jump from more than a foot inside the tube to its carpeted rim and nibbles triumphantly on his prize.

"That's a good boy. Good jump," she croons.

T-Bone is no ordinary rat. For starters he's got a small lead weight (about 110 grams) strapped to his tail with spongy athletic tape. His daily workout consists of jumping from different levels to the top of the tube in order to work the lower half of his body.

T-Bone is exercising in the name of science. He's one of 26 rats (six jumped and 20 were used in control groups) involved in groundbreaking research conducted this summer by PLU sophomore Jodi Downs and Assistant Professor of Biology Patricia Dolan, Ph.D. Results of their research will impact the exercise habits of diabetics and the elderly.

Thanks to a \$339,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust, 13 undergraduates and seven professors in PLU's Division of Natural Sciences spent the summer researching everything from the characteristics of mycoplasma bacteria to physiological plant ecology.

Not only is this one of the largest undergraduate research grants the sciences division has ever received, it caps off a record-breaking period for grants and gifts — more than \$1.3 million — as the division seeks to build a stronger equipment endowment. (See story below.)

## The study

Downs and Dolan studied the effect that 14 weeks of diet and exercise manipulations had on insulin action in the skeletal muscle of rats. Past research has shown that a healthy diet or a combination of diet and endurance exercise will improve insulin-stimulated glucose uptake in skeletal muscle of Type II Diabetics. No studies, however, have examined the effects of resistance exercise (weightlifting) or a resistance exercise/diet combination on insulin-stimulated glucose uptake in skeletal muscle.

They found 14 weeks of resistance training significantly improved the insulin responsiveness of skeletal muscle in the exercised rats when compared with sedentary rats. The teacher-student duo will submit an abstract on their initial findings and use the pilot data to request a grant from the National Institutes of Health for a larger, more comprehensive study.

"With this research we have the opportunity to contribute valuable information to help combat, and possibly even prevent, a common problem," said Dolan, who came to PLU in 1994 after post-doctoral study at East Carolina University School of Medicine.

## Why we need insulin

Glucose is a carbohydrate molecule that serves as the major readily-available fuel for the body. After a meal, a large amount of glucose is released into the bloodstream. The blood glucose concentration does not remain elevated in healthy individuals because insulin stimulates muscle and other tissues to take up glucose — with muscle tissue being responsible for 80% of this glucose removal from the bloodstream. If skeletal muscle is not responding to insulin properly, or if there is an inadequate mass of skeletal muscle, the result is an elevated blood glucose concentration.

A large percentage of elderly individuals possess some degree of impaired glucose tolerance. As we age, muscle mass decreases and the remaining muscle becomes less responsive to insulin, making it less likely that adequate glucose will be removed from the bloodstream. This combination of decreased insulin sensitivity and loss of muscle mass predisposes older individuals to Type II Diabetes.

"Endurance exercise training has been shown to enhance insulin-stimulated glucose uptake in skeletal muscle, regardless of age," said Dolan. Endurance training does not significantly increase muscle mass, and must therefore act to increase the responsiveness of existing skeletal muscle. Resistance exercise has (see *Jumpin' Jehosephat* page 9)



PLU sophomore Jodi Downs rewards a laboratory rat with a sugar pellet for his jump from the inside of a homemade "jumping tube." Downs was one of 13 undergraduates doing research this summer as part of a \$339,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust.

# Natural sciences seeks to build \$1.25 million endowment

BY LINDA ELLIOTT

This isn't just another story about technology. It's a big story about technology — 1.25 million dollars big to be exact.

The Division of Natural Sciences at PLU is seeking to build a \$1.25 million equipment endowment to ensure continued acquisition, replacement and upgrading of its equipment in the future. It's the first division-wide endowment effort.

To kick things off, the division applied for a \$250,000 grant from the Kresge Foundation — an independent private foundation founded in 1924 in Troy, Mich. — toward immediate equipment needs. The grant is pending approval this fall. The foundation also may contribute another \$250,000 toward the endowment with the stipulation that PLU raise the remaining \$1 million and pass a final approval process.

Money for the Science Equipment Endowment Challenge must be raised by 1998. Jerold Armstrong, a distinguished 1960 alumnus and former Board of

Regents member, has volunteered to head the committee to meet this challenge.

The initial Kresge grant would allow the university to immediately network Rieke Science Center and link division classrooms, labs and offices with each other and the Internet. It also would support comprehensive equipment upgrades and curriculum changes as well as provide funding for future improvements.

Specifically, the endowment will allow the division to implement changes in teaching through discovery-based learning experiences and capstone projects within all departments — biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering, geosciences, mathematics, physics and the interdisciplinary program in environmental studies.

"This endowment will provide stable funding for updated lab and classroom equipment for our students now and in the

future," said Sheri Tonn, dean of natural sciences.

As part of the endowment process, a five-year equipment plan was established. The highest priority is the development of shared spaces to make more effective use of new equipment through interdepartmental cooperation.

Much of the equipment already acquired will be computerized and networked with data acquisition and processing capabilities. In some cases, students will be able to complete an experiment then download the data for processing on a remote computer, allowing the expensive instrument to be used by additional students.

In other cases the students will use the computerized data acquisition system itself to collect data. All of the equipment serves double duty for both teaching and research, and trained students are given open access to equipment.

The endowment is not the only good word around Rieke these days. To date, the division has pulled in more than \$1.3 million in current equipment needs and research gifts (not a part of the endowment) — a record-breaking period for fund raising second only to the building of Rieke Science Center (an \$8.3 million project) 11 years ago.

In addition, 20 students and faculty were involved in groundbreaking research projects this summer — more than any other summer in recent history — thanks to a grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust and support from the National Science Foundation, Sea Grant and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

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

## Significant grants received by the Division of Natural Sciences

NSF .....	\$52,921
<i>Closed lab</i>	
Murdock .....	\$53,000
<i>Research equipment</i>	
NSF .....	\$55,655
<i>Spectroscopy</i>	
FLUKE .....	\$68,417
<i>Equipment</i>	
Sea Grant .....	\$96,250
<i>Shellfish pathogen identification</i>	
NSF-RUI .....	\$155,260
<i>RNA research</i>	
Altera Corp. ....	\$178,000
<i>Software</i>	
Murdock .....	\$339,100
<i>Undergraduate research</i>	
Mentor Graphics .....	\$520,000
<i>Computer-aided design equipment</i>	

# C A M P A I G N U P D A T E



## MAKE A LASTING DIFFERENCE

*Campaign to Endow the Future of Pacific Lutheran University*

### Gift boosts endowment

The Rena Strandberg Pellegrini Endowed Scholarship Fund will be established with a \$450,000 bequest.

Pellegrini '29, who died earlier this year, left instructions for the gift in her will, both through proceeds from her estate and by naming PLU as the beneficiary of an insurance policy. "Rena Pellegrini's name will live in perpetuity thanks to this gift. Generations of students will be able to afford a quality PLU education thanks to her generosity," said Edgar Larson, executive director of charitable estate planning.

The **Make a Lasting Difference** campaign, in its final year, hopes to raise an additional \$2 million for endowment and \$2 million toward operating support.

If you would like to remember PLU in your estate planning, contact Larson at 1-800-826-0035.

### Christmas gala planned

Heritage Society members and Q Club Fellows will join for a special Christmas celebration on Dec. 14. A festive dinner will be followed by the year's only Christmas Festival Celebration to be held in the new Mary Baker Russell Music Center. Public concerts will be held in Seattle, Portland and in Eastvold Auditorium at PLU. (Eastvold is a larger campus venue that can accommodate this popular Christmas offering).

Membership in the Heritage Society is simple: just let us know that you have left PLU in your will or in other estate plans. Q Club Fellows contribute at least \$1,000 annually to the university. For information about membership in either organization and details about the Christmas gala, contact the PLU Office of Development at 1-800-826-0035.

# Q CLUB

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

#### Fellow (\$1,000-1,799/year)

Bob and Connie Brog \*  
Gwendolyn Carr  
Roger and Joanne Hildahl  
C. Douglas Lamoreaux  
Laura and Lawrence Majovski  
Dennis Sepper and Nancy Connor  
Caroile Smith  
Verda Glass Wehrmann

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Elmer Erickson \*  
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David and Debrah Johnson

Harry Lang \*  
Larry and Karen Larson \*  
Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn \*  
Stan and Cecelia Purvis \*

#### Member (\$300-479/year)

*allowing current members to remain at \$240*

Brent Anderson  
Vicki and Jim Chase \*  
Matthew Desvoigne  
Shannon Dillingham  
Carl and Margaret Faulk  
Michael and Joan Friel \*  
David and Andrea Lucky \*  
Daniel and Doreen Morris \*  
Garvik and Betty Olson

Kathryn Pheister \*  
Jennifer Phillips \*  
Monica Sung \*  
David Wilson and Kathleen Duarte-Wilson \*  
Shelley Zoller \*

#### Associate Member (\$120-239/year)

Brett Laidlaw

#### Student Member (\$60/year)

Nathan Sears

\* Increased from previous level

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cleansing," the Serbs are committing genocidal war crimes which rival, in their barbarity, those committed during the Holocaust. They are able to do this even though they only make up 32 percent of the population partly because of the transformation of the Yugoslav People's Army from acting as the defender of Yugoslavia's ideals to becoming a tool for Serbian Nationalists. Having control of a great military force is a powerful weapon. Further, all of the Serb efforts are backed by Serbian president Milosevic and by all of the citizens who are under his control, whereas the Muslims (prime target of the Serbs) do not have such backing. They are simply being overpowered.

### Holocaust brutality surpassed

What makes the Bosnian situation so horrifying is that the Serbs have, in some cases, surpassed the nightmares of WWII. Serbs have instituted a form of genocidal horror that has no precedent. It involves the organized and systematic rape of young girls and women. As a form of genocide, this particular tactic is probably one of the most humiliating and demoralizing. To disgrace or damage another man's "property" is a very serious offense, especially in the Muslim culture. To maximize the effect, Serbs often rape women multiple times and then hold them beyond the time when they might have the option of having an abortion. This way, the women who are not exterminated will be forced to breed a whole generation of their Serbian enemies.

### Enforce the law

If, thanks to Raphael Lemkin, genocide is listed as a crime under international law, then why have the Serbs been allowed to get away with it for so long? "Only man has law...You must build the law!" said Lemkin.

It does seem illogical to attempt to apply law to war, which is itself a breakdown of law and order. However, we must not give up our efforts to halt the suffering, humiliation and mutilation occurring in Bosnia. Even after all of the suffering and death, many still view the conflict in Bosnia as merely a result of ancient blood feuds, civil war and tribal conflicts. Regardless of the reasons for the conflict, the genocidal acts are none the less horrendous, and still they have not been stopped.

Though I agree with Lemkin that the best weapon in the fight against genocide is the law, I also realize that without enforcement, the law is worthless. Punishing those guilty of genocide is not just a matter of justice, it is a matter of survival — the survival of the civilized world.



Anneliese Gorne is a senior English major at PLU.

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the ability to increase muscle mass, which would serve to offset the natural aging-induced decline. "Muscle tissue is responsible for the majority of glucose removal from the bloodstream," said Dolan, "and therefore any increase in total muscle mass would help maintain blood glucose at lower levels."

In addition, the weight training exercise protocol used in the study demonstrated a significant increase in insulin responsiveness per gram of muscle.

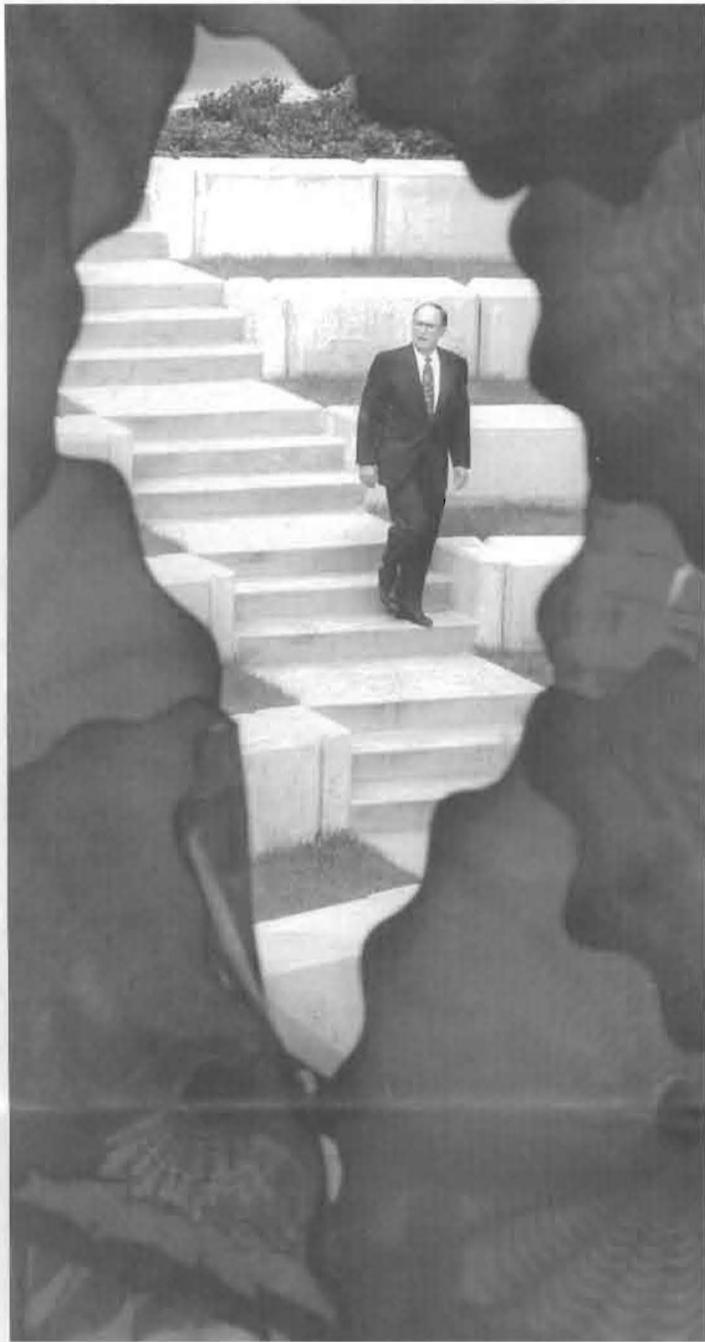
Several recent studies have shown that older individuals retain the capacity to increase muscle mass and muscle strength through resistance exercise training. These exercise-induced gains in muscle mass and strength preserve the functional capacity of older individuals, and in so doing, improve their quality of life.

"This is a great opportunity to increase the awareness of how important a healthy diet and exercise are," said Downs, who plans to study medicine in the future. "I would never get an opportunity to do something like this at the undergraduate level if it weren't for the M. J. Murdock grant," she said.

Downs and Dolan will present their work at a research symposium sponsored by Murdock at PLU this November.

# The reinventing of PLU

BY CINDY D. BROWN



**Framed by Chihuly glass, PLU President Loren Anderson leaves the new music center at the campus in Parkland. He is credited with boosting enrollment, cutting debt and refocusing the school's academic mission.**

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**T**o Pacific Lutheran University provost Paul Menzel, a university is like a person. Without a strong sense of its own identity, it can drift. Morale can suffer.

That was a danger for PLU at the time Loren Anderson became president in 1992, he said.

The school in Parkland had been going through some hard times financially. Enrollment, which peaked at nearly 4,000 in 1988, was steadily declining. The school was running a budget deficit.

And while PLU knew it had a lot to offer in strong liberal arts and professional programs, it hadn't yet developed a plan for the future that would focus its efforts and show the rest of the world what made it unique.

Now, as the class that started as freshmen with Anderson in 1992 prepares to graduate today, there is a renewed sense of confidence and direction on campus.

Under Anderson's leadership, enrollment has been climbing for the last two years, and is expected to top 3,600 next fall. A \$4.3 million budget deficit the school accumulated during its hard times should be paid off completely by next year, four years ahead of schedule.

Faculty salaries have increased. The school's endowment has grown from \$8 million five years ago to about \$20 million.

But Menzel believes Anderson's biggest accomplishment was leading the school through a planning effort that helped it define an identity and mission for itself that could carry it into the 21st century.

Philip Nordquist, professor of history and incoming faculty chairman, agreed.

"We're not a liberal arts college. We're not a large research university. We're something else, something called the new American college, or a comprehensive university where there are some professional schools and a strong liberal arts background and where efforts are made to bring those two together," he said.

But all of this did not come without a price. PLU went through some painful times. Budgets were cut. Academic programs were eliminated. Some faculty and staff members lost their jobs.

Founded in 1890, Pacific Lutheran University is a campus of red brick buildings, open green spaces and tall firs just two blocks from the auto parts stores and fast-food restaurants that line Pacific Avenue.

Faculty members and students describe PLU as a friendly campus. They say it's like a small town, where everyone knows everyone, and even the president greets you by name.

The school has had a strong tradition of professional and liberal arts programs, Nordquist said. But it grappled with how to fuse the two, he said.

What's happening now is that the school is building on the strengths of both, he said.

"The key quality of the new American college is liberal and professional arts operating together," Anderson said. "That's our own uniqueness in the academic sense."

PLU has already made some changes in its curriculum to capitalize on that idea. Some freshman seminars are taught by

professors of both liberal arts and professional programs, and students from every major take them. The school also recently revamped its business curriculum to include more liberal arts courses.

But PLU knows there is more to be done.

"If we're really going to make our professional/liberal arts a hallmark, we have to point to striking examples," Menzel said.

With that in mind, PLU is launching two initiatives next fall that will look at how to strengthen that link and encourage students to be more active in their own education.

PLU's soul-searching not only produced a clearer focus for its academic mission, it also helped the school come to terms with its

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**PLU is launching two initiatives next fall that will look at how to strengthen the link between professional and liberal studies, and encourage students to be more active in their own education.**

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Lutheran tradition, Menzel said. Earlier, there was some question about whether the school should retain its Lutheran identity.

"Now we come to an appreciation of our heritage as not confining, but enriching," Menzel said.

But not everyone is happy with the results of this change.

The program cuts left some on campus feeling disappointed and betrayed, including engineering professor Don Haueisen.

Haueisen said he worked for five years to establish an electrical engineering major, only to have it cut just two months after it was accredited.

"They've just turned their back on a major segment of professional education," he said. "I thought it was the wrong decision then, and I still do."

Although he fought hard to save the program, Haueisen said, nothing he did made a difference.

"It was a very political situation. People frankly wanted to put (the program cuts) behind them."

**B**ut other faculty members praise Anderson for handling a difficult situation well. He was open and frank with the faculty, they say. He played by the university's rules and involved the faculty.

"There was never the sense that it had been done in a way that was unfair," said Beth Kraig, an associate professor of history.

That openness and honesty is a hallmark of Anderson's leadership style, Kraig and others say. He is described as approachable, a good listener, someone who can see the big picture, set the direction, and then step out of the way and let others do their jobs.

"This institution is very fortunate he decided to be president at PLU," admissions dean Laura Polcyn said. "We're very fortunate he has persevered to make the strategic planning process work. We're very fortunate he has vision."

"I think you could ask around campus for people who have been here many years and find they are pleased with his leadership."

Anderson, who came to PLU from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., was chosen for his fund raising, long-range planning and enrollment management skills.

PLU's Board of Regents was so pleased with his leadership that it recently renewed his contract, a year early, through 2001.

But Anderson, 50, is quick to point out that the credit doesn't belong to him alone.

"I'd like to believe what I've been able to do is bring a set of ideas to PLU, but more than that, enable the potential inherent in this place and its people to be released."

Anderson said he sees PLU continuing to develop its fusion between the professional and liberal arts.

"The heart and soul of PLU is its academic quality, personal care and strong Christian value foundation," he said. "Becoming the new American college is one of the visions for PLU's future."

# Evolutionary biologist earns entrance into the American Philosophical Society

BY LINDA ELLIOTT

**D**avid Wake '58, evolutionary biologist, professor and director of the world-renowned Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California at Berkeley, joined the ranks of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Albert Einstein, Charles Darwin, Thomas Edison and Marie Curie when he was elected to the American Philosophical Society last spring.

Founded by Benjamin Franklin in 1743, the American Philosophical Society is the oldest and most prestigious learned society in the United States devoted to the advancement of scientific and scholarly inquiry.

The society has 723 elected members, 592 from the U.S. and 131 from more than two dozen other countries. Since 1901, 226 members have received the Nobel Prize.

Philosophy in the 18th century meant love of knowledge, especially the kinds of knowledge now considered scientific and technological in character. Early members of the American Philosophical Society encouraged America's economic independence by improving agriculture, manufacturing, transportation, and the exploration of astronomy and other sciences.

Wake, a faculty member at Berkeley since 1969 and director of the museum since 1971, is an expert on salamanders and frogs. For the past decade he has warned of the imminent loss of amphibians around the globe, and in particular the U.S.

Salamanders — which can serve as a role model for how all species evolve — are not the only living things that are being lost en masse. Expanding human development is driving the extinction rate to such high levels that biologists estimate that 40 percent of all species now living on the planet will be gone within 30 to 40 years.

In 1994, Wake helped lead a worldwide push to catalog the world's biodiversity in order to set priorities about which endangered species we literally can and cannot afford to save. Biodiversity research already receives \$500 million a year worldwide, and experts predict this 25-year survey effort could reach \$3 billion annually.

"Not all species are created equal," Wake said. "Since we don't have enough money to save every endangered species, let's get our priorities in order so we can be confident when we say a species must be saved."

Wake fears that without a priority list, concerned environmentalists will rally around only high-profile species, such as the

spotted owl, which are often hard to defend as scientifically significant.

Some species are important because they carry unique genetic information, he said, but others are nearly indistinguishable from other more common species, and thus are less valuable scientifically. Ancient lineages contain genetic information that reflects the deep history of the world, ranging from movement of continents to broad geographic interactions among species.

Wake is considered the world's most distinguished herpetologist (a person who studies amphibians and reptiles) but he may not have considered biology if it weren't for PLU.

He began studying history at PLU with the intention of practicing law. His advisor, the late Walter Schnackenberg, told him he should take botany — not the more rigorous zoology — and protect his grade point. Wake immediately fell in love with science. In retrospect it was a natural step considering his mother was a biology teacher at Franklin Pierce High School and his father, a retired Lutheran pastor, was an amateur naturalist.

"I got very excited," said Wake. "I changed my major to biology and applied for graduate work with animals. I got excellent support from my teachers at PLU. They encouraged me to do research and that's really what got me started here."

Wake earned his master's and doctorate in biology from the University of Southern California in 1960 and 1964 respectively. He was an instructor and assistant professor of anatomy and biology at the University of Chicago before joining the Berkeley staff in 1969.

He has a distinguished history in scientific service. He is past-president of the American Society of Zoologists, the American Society of Naturalists, the Society for the Study of Evolution, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council. He is also the author of more than 200 scientific papers, books and popular articles.

Wake and his wife, Marvalee, a professor of integrative biology at Berkeley, have one son, Thomas, an archaeologist at UCLA.



David Wake '58

FRED MERTZ

## CLASS NOTES

1933

**Norm Hokenstal** of Tacoma is in his fifth year volunteering as a tutor for fourth and fifth graders at Geiger Elementary School. He works two full days a week and loves it!

1943

**Thomas Hoskins** moved from California to Sun City West, Ariz., in March. His motto is, "It's never too late" as he shot his first hole-in-one in 35 years of golf on April Fool's Day at Desert Trails in Sun City West.

1945

**Emma Foss** of Burnsville, Minn., keeps busy doing a lot of volunteer work. She continues to enjoy her retirement.

1946

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

1951

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

1955

**Richard Brandt** of Gig Harbor, Wash., retired May 31 after serving as pastor of Key Peninsula Lutheran Church since 1989.

**Dick and Bev Knutzen** live in Shelton, Wash. Dick is the interim pastor at Christ the Servant in Lacey, Wash. Dick and Bev have three grandchildren, Brent, Bryce and Ryan.

**Doris (Hansen) Lund** married Charles Butler on March 2 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Everett, Wash. Doris is retired. Charles is a bailiff at the Snohomish County Courthouse.

1956

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

1959

**Patti Finn-Gange** of Los Osos, Calif., realized a 30-year dream: a 2 1/2-week visit to Ireland. Her trip included cruising the River Shannon. She had a wonderful time. Patti has six grandsons. She works as an activities coordinator for a retirement community and substitute teaches in the San Luis Obispo area of California.

1960



**Jerry Armstrong** and his wife, Elaine, of Joliet, Ill., celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 17, 1995. They were joined by their children, Margaret, **Donna Fedosenko '80**, Waver, Helen, Theresa and Christine.

1961

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

**Nelda Chandler** of Cincinnati is an operating room nurse at Mercy Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio. She is active in Women of the ELCA, currently serving as vice president of the Southern Ohio Synod. Her daughter, Linda, is a purchasing agent for an electronics company. Her son, Bill, is a computer programmer for a bank. Both of them live in Cincinnati.

1962

**Carol Hundebly** of Stone Mountain, Ga., won an AT&T grant for conflict resolution for Clayton County Schools. She also received a specialist degree in school counseling from the University of West Georgia in the spring.

**Gretta (Wesson) Merwin** was selected as Ellensburg School District's first woman superintendent. She began July 1.

**Margie (Quick) Stensen** and her husband, Michael, live in Enumclaw, Wash. Two of their 11 children attend PLU. Sasha is a sophomore and Tina is a junior. Their son, Mike Lee, is a senior at Washington State University. Margie and Michael have nine grandchildren. They also have two foster daughters at home. Margie is a paraeducator at Collins High School in Buckley, Wash. Michael is a manufacturing engineer.

1963

**Joan Wesley** of Waldport, Ore., received a master of divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., on May 26. She will be in the Seattle area next year for clinical pastoral education.



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OCTOBER 11-13

Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 1. If you did not receive a Homecoming '96 brochure in the mail, please call the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at 206/535-7415 or 800-258-6758.

ALUMNI PROFILE

## Debbie Fisher '76 named wildlife volunteer of the year



Debbie and AJ Fisher

This award is for the birds — literally. This spring Debbie Fisher '76 and her husband, AJ, were named Volunteers of the Year by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission.

They were recognized for their numerous conservation projects over the years including the creation and installation of violet-green swallow nest boxes in parks, education about neotropical migratory birds (birds that spend their summers nesting in our area and spend the winter in Mexico and Central America) and the creation of the Backyard Wildlife Sanctuary Festival in 1995.

1966

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

**Steve Bibelheimer** lives in Frederiksberg, Denmark, with his wife, Ingrid Sondergard, and their daughter, Amanda. He is an adult education teacher of the English and German languages.

**Brent** and Reba **Olsen's** daughter, Sanna Liv, completed her freshman year at PLU in May. This past spring Sanna went on tour to California, Nevada and Oregon with the Mayfest Dancers.

1967

**Dr. Fred Bolnn**, director of Michigan State University Press, was appointed head of the publications committee for Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. In 1996, Michigan State University Press became the publisher of Phi Alpha Theta's journal, *The Historian*, the largest circulating scholarly history journal in the United States.

1969

**Alan Merritt** married Rose McCormick on Feb. 17 at Edison Lutheran Church in Bow, Wash. Alan is a self-employed orchardist. Rose works in Alan's orchard business. The couple took a wedding trip to Hawaii and live in Mount Vernon, Wash.

1971

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

**Katherine Andre** returned to Hawaii in June to further her education. She left her position in Illesheim, Germany, with the Department of Defense Dependent Schools as a teacher of the learning impaired and plans to return for the '97-'98 school year.

**Alyson (Sproule) Nick** of Bainbridge Island, Wash., is a registered nurse caring for terminally ill patients at Harrison Home Health. Her husband, Louis, retired after 29 years in the Navy.

1972

**Robert Vernon** was promoted to commander in the US Naval Reserve in April. He is the director for manpower administration in the largest medical unit in the Naval Reserve at Naval Medical Center San Diego. Robert is employed as an information systems analyst at Children's Hospital, San Diego. His wife, Marjorie, is an active duty commander in the Navy and they are transferring to Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy, in October. Marjorie will be the laboratory manager and administrative director of ancillary services (laboratory, radiology, pharmacy).

1973

**Julie Harris** graduated from The General Theological Seminary in New York City in May 1996 with a master of divinity degree. She was ordained to the transitional diaconate in the Episcopal church on June 29. Julie accepted a call to be assistant rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Lakewood, Ohio.

**Kristina Martin** is a vice president, commercial loan officer at the Bank of the West in Walnut Creek, Calif.

**Rosy (Henle) Parlin** and her husband, Ronny, raise sheep, chickens, pigs and organic produce on Tatanka Farms in Wilton, Calif. They also salmon fish out of Santa Cruz. Rosy and Ronny live in Wilton, Calif., with their three children, Charlotte, Jessica and Brian.

**David Petersen** was named the Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching for the State of Wyoming. He and his wife, **Debbi (Erickson '74)**, traveled to Washington, D.C. in May to receive his award. David and Debbi have lived in Wyoming for 18 years with their children, 17-year-old Stefan and 15-year-old Leif.

1974

**William Hanrahan** of Venice, Calif., is on the music faculty of the University of California, Riverside. He is also a featured soloist in concert, operatic, and liturgical performances through the United States. In addition to his professional performances, William is a seminar leader and private voice instructor. His work includes the development of a program for music fundamentals instruction and communication skills for pre-school children, corrective vocal development for speech impairment and damaged voices and the private voice instruction of professional actors and singers. As a seminar leader and private voice instructor, William presents techniques for defining communication styles, vocal production for effective public speaking, and fundamentals for vocal technique in addition to exploring the psychology of communication, sound and language. William maintains voice studios in Chicago and Los Angeles. Having just completed a busy four-year assignment managing the search and rescue program for the Coast Guard in the southeast United States, **Cndr. Daniel Neptun** and his family transferred to Coast Guard Group Buffalo where Dan will be responsible for Coast Guard missions in the eastern Great Lakes. His wife, **Wendy Neptun '75** will settle in for a few months before searching out nursing opportunities in the Buffalo, N.Y., area.

**Tammy Skubinna** of Corvallis, Ore., was named Club Woman of the Year by Altrusa International of Corvallis. She is keeping busy working with the 4-H program and working around her house, which she has owned for a year.

**Kathryn Toepel** and her husband, Rick Minor, of Eugene, Ore., announce the adoption of Abigail Lian on May 20. Abigail was adopted through Holt International Children's Services in Nanning, China. She was born on Feb. 7, 1995, and joins 7-year-old sister Kelsey. Kathryn and Rick are archaeologists and own Heritage Research Associates.

1976

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

**Douglas Ely** of Los Alamitos, Calif., won a 1996 Mattel Worldwide Excellence Award as a team member of the 1995 Holiday Barbie Certificate program. The team went from conception to delivery of more than 350,000 certificates or 66,000 cases in seven shipping days.

**Debbie (Mets) Fisher** and her husband, A.J., of Kent, Wash., were named the 1995 Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife Volunteers of the Year by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. (See related this page)

**Karen Fulmer** of Auburn, Wash., won the 1996 Washington Award for Excellence in Education. The award went to individuals who are providing creative, challenging and healthy learning environments for their children.

**Bryan Gaume** and his wife, Dana, of Steilacoom, Wash., announce the birth of Sidney Ann on May 14. Sidney joins 2-year-old brother Samuel. Bryan is a senior technical representative for Sorin Biomedical - Cardiovascular/Cardiopulmonary Devices. Dana is a CPA with Johnson, Stone & Pagano in Tacoma.

advisors who show a significant dedication in educating and serving their community's financial planning needs. Larry has worked for Smith Barney since 1982.

1977

**David Olson** was elected treasurer of the Univar Corporation in Kirkland, Wash.

**Class of '77 Caribbean Cruise** — Come join your fellow classmates Matt Klein, Dave Olson, Jon Horner, Jim Molzhon, Lance Schroeder and their spouses as they celebrate their 20 year class reunion on board Holland America's ms Westerdam. We set sail to the Western Caribbean on April 26, 1997. You won't want to be left behind! For more information call Matt Klein at 206-848-5178 or (cruise organizers) Don and Bonnie Blair at 206-770-9097 or 1-800-680-2789.

1978

**Larry and Julie (Lindbo '81) Ash** of Vancouver, Wash., announce the birth of Allison Elise on June 5. Allison joins 3-year-old sister Olivia Jayne.

**Lin Axamethy Floyd** of Media, Pa., was promoted to senior patent counsel of the legal department for E.I. du Pont Nemours & Company. She travelled to Beijing to deliver lectures on patent law to chemical arts examining corps of the China Patent Office in April.

**Kirk Nelson** was named general manager of Washington local market operations for US West in Seattle. He will be responsible for the company's financial and marketplace performance in the state of Washington. After being away nine years, including assignments in Denver, Salt Lake City and Minneapolis, Kirk and his family are excited to return to the Northwest.

**Judith Scott** is working on her continuity of care master's degree at PLU. She lives in Spanaway, Wash., with her 14-year-old daughter Sandra and 4-year-old son Jonathan.

1980

**Mark Chestnut** of Woodinville, Wash., is the vice president of sales and marketing for Northwest Nexus Inc., a Bellevue-based provider of professional Internet services.

**Eric Henry** was promoted to major in the U.S. Army on Oct. 1, 1992. He also received a Meritorious Service Medal 2nd Award. Eric is a professor of military science at Wright State University. He lives in Fairborn, Ohio, with his wife, Patricia, and their four children, 10-year-old Eric, 6-year-old James, 4-year-old Immanuel and 4-year-old Gabriel.

**Robert Rodgers** of Gibsonsia, Pa., received a juris doctor degree from the Duquesne University School of Law in June.

After four years in Washington, D.C., **Eric and Stephanie (Olsen '79) Running** are returning to Bangkok, Thailand, where Eric will again be assigned to the political section of the American Embassy. Their daughter, Ingrid, will attend 6th grade at the International School of Bangkok. Stephanie will keep busy with 2-year-old Niels.

1981

HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

**David Anderson**, his wife, Catherine, and their 2-year-old daughter Hanna live in Bow, Wash. David is a com-

ALUMNI PROFILE

## Governor honors Dr. Marc Stuen '39



When he worked his Parkland paper route as a youth, Dr. Marc Stuen '39 used part of his earnings to commission a painting of a Viking ship. Even now in his 75th year Stuen continues to support his Scandinavian heritage, his community and his patients.

It is for these strong commitments that Washington State Gov. Mike Lowry honored Stuen with a 1996 Evergreen Award, presented by the Evergreen State Society in May.

As a psychiatrist in military, government and private practice, Stuen emphasized teaching and motivated colleagues to advance the profession. He volunteered to provide psychiatric services at PLU and advocated innovative treatment for returning Vietnam veterans at a time when many parts of the health care system were unsupportive of their needs.

Stuen served on the board of PLU's Scandinavian Cultural Center, created exhibits relating to the university and the community of Parkland and, with his brother, provided essential financial support for its exhibit area — named the Stuen Room in their honor.

**Steve Kelley** of Tucson, Ariz., is finishing the second year of his master's program in educational administration at the University of Phoenix.

After 24 years in the Army and four years as a Marine, **Ralph Sabroe** is an education assistant/tutor assisting inmates obtain their GED at the Cibola County Corrections Center in Milan, N.M.. His son, Danny, graduated from Columbia University in New York with a bachelor of science in electrical engineering. His son, Eric, graduated from South Puget Sound Community College (SPSC) with an associate's degree in electronics. His youngest son, Andy, graduated from SPSC and plans to attend the University of Washington and major in mathematics.

**Christon Skinner** opened his own law practice on June 3 in Oak Harbor, Wash.

**Larry Tuke** of Bremerton, Wash., was named to the 1996 Banner Group, an honorary appointment bestowed upon top-performing financial

**Neal Silva** of Boise, Idaho, was promoted to operations manager in the customer service center at the Hewlett-Packard Company. He has three children; 11-year-old Krista, 8-year-old Chelsea and 6-year-old Sierra.

**Tom Tveit** and his wife, Kim, of Cathedral City, Calif., announce the birth of Courtney on Feb. 26. Courtney is their fifth child. Tom is a product manager for Abbott Laboratories in Irvine, Calif.

1979

**Dan Davison**, choir teacher at Ballou Junior High in Puyallup, Wash., will take over conducting duties of the PLU Men's Chorus while regular conductor Dick Sparks is on sabbatical during '96-'97. Dan is a member of the popular singing group Male Ensemble Northwest. He and his wife **Cathy (McRae '79) Davison**, who teaches junior high in the Puyallup School District, live in Puyallup.

puter software consultant in western Washington. He is currently contracted to the Washington State Ferries.

**Patricia Crawford** of Woodbridge, Va., was selected Nurse of the Year at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Md. She was promoted to the position of schedule coordinator for the outpatient surgery center at Shady Grove. Patricia has been in the metropolitan D.C. area for four years with her husband, Lt. Col. Kevin Crawford and their 2 children, 14-year-old William and 12-year-old Kelley. Patricia obtained her master of science in nursing degree from the University of Kansas in 1993 and was promoted to captain in the Army Reserve Nurse Corp. She received her certification as an operating room nurse in May.

**Tresa (Bahadursingh) Jorgensen** and her husband, Warren, of Rocklin, Calif., announce the birth of Isaac Maxwell on Sept. 13. Isaac joins 3-year-old sister Roseann.

**Diane (Van Vleet) Olsen** and her husband, Richard, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, announce the birth of Courtney Diane Justine. Courtney joins 10-year-old sister Christy and 7-year-old sister Caroline. Diane is enjoying a break from her nursing career to be home with the girls. Richard is the business manager for Lockheed Environmental in Pocatello, Idaho.

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**Linda Davis** of Blaine, Minn., started her own business this fall. It is called Dusty Rose Ltd. and is a custom framing, design and art gallery. She has also had two poems published, one in the 1992 National Library of Poetry and the other in a local journal called "A Woman's Place," in 1994.



**Kenneth Luid** of Gig Harbor, Wash., is running for United States Congress in the 6th Congressional District against 20-year incumbent Norm Dicks.

**Brian McCullough** is a captain in the United States Air Force. He is a flight commander and F-16 instructor pilot in the 310th Fighter Squadron at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz. His e-mail address is 74717.241@compuserve.com.

**Elizabeth Lei (Beth) Neufeld**, daughter of Rev. Harvey '54 (church relations vice president emeritus) and Carol '55 Neufeld, died on Aug. 10 in a glider accident. She was 36.

**Dave Reiersen** and his wife, Lisa, of Grand Rapids, Mich., announce the birth of Evan Anders on June 27. Evan joins 20-month-old sister, Hanna. Lisa is a stay-at-home mom. Dave is a real estate agent with Prudential Pace Realty.

**Karin Rose** of Marysville, Wash., received a master of education degree from the University of Washington, Bothell. To celebrate, she is traveling to York, England, to visit her sister, Marcia.

**Shelly (Rasmussen) Rowan** joined the law firm of Cohen & Silverman as a resident partner in the firm's Boulder, Colo., branch office. Cohen & Silverman is a Manhattan-based law firm specializing in promotion law. Shelly and her husband, David, live in Boulder with their 6-year-old twins, Alex and Chelsea.

**Steve Vitalich** received a master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary on May 26. He was assigned to the Southwestern Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is awaiting a call to serve in a parish.

**Susan (Pomeroy) Wittenberg** of Gig Harbor, Wash., is a paralegal for Kitsap Physicians Service. She serves on the board of directors for the Highline Community College paralegal program and is the director of the Tacoma chapter of the Washington State Paralegal Association.

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**Vicky Lynn Houghton** and her husband, Gordon Funai, have two children, 3-year-old Parker Richard and 7-year-old Tanner Aubrey. Gordon is a certified public accountant. Vicky is a stay-at-home mom. They live in Bothell, Wash.

**Kim Nesselquist**, principal of Nesselquist Capital Corp. in Seattle, has been elected president of the Norwegian American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Seattle. It is the largest chamber in the state promot-

ing trade between Washington and a European country.

After graduation, **Janine Stenehem** moved to Oslo, Norway, to study Norwegian. She has spent most of the intervening years in Norway or Montana working in public relations. Janine recently taught at a business college in Oslo. She met her husband, Anthony Blofeld, at an international running club in Oslo. Anthony is from England and works as a naval architect in Norway and England. Janine and Anthony live in Osteras, a section of Oslo, with their 1-year-old son William.

**Kirk Talley** is the new head football coach for Greenville College in Greenville, Ill.

**Cindy Thompson** of South Prairie, Wash., was elected the first female president of the Lakewood Rotary.

**Kristi (Bosch) Tvedt** and her husband, Per, of Spanaway, Wash., announce the birth of Anders Bosch on April 23. Kristi is enjoying teaching junior high physical education at Stahl Junior High School in Puyallup. Per works for Key Bank of Washington.

**Robert Whitton** and his wife, Angie, of Tacoma celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on June 13.

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**Jeff and Lorraine (Taylor '88) Clare** of Parkland, Wash., announce the birth of Elizabeth Ann on April 10. Elizabeth joins 3 1/2-year-old brother Matthew Parkman and 2-year-old brother Aaron Edward. Jeff and Lorraine are hosting foreign college students who attend the International English Language Institute at PLU.

**R. Todd Erickson** completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency. He is living in Spokane, Wash., with his wife, Anne, and their 3-year-old son, Luke.

**Mary Beth (Boehne) Mellmer** and her husband, Ron, of Milwaukie, Ore., announce the birth of Leah Madeline on April 15. Mary Beth is the administrator of approved accommodations at AAA Oregon's main office in Portland, Ore. Ron installs and finishes hardwood floors for Beaverton Wood Floors, Inc.

**Paul Menter** is the finance director for the city of Lynnwood. Paul, his wife, Sandra, and their 2 1/2-year-old twin daughters, Alexandra and Jordan, live in Steilacoom, Wash., but plan to move to Lynnwood in the future.

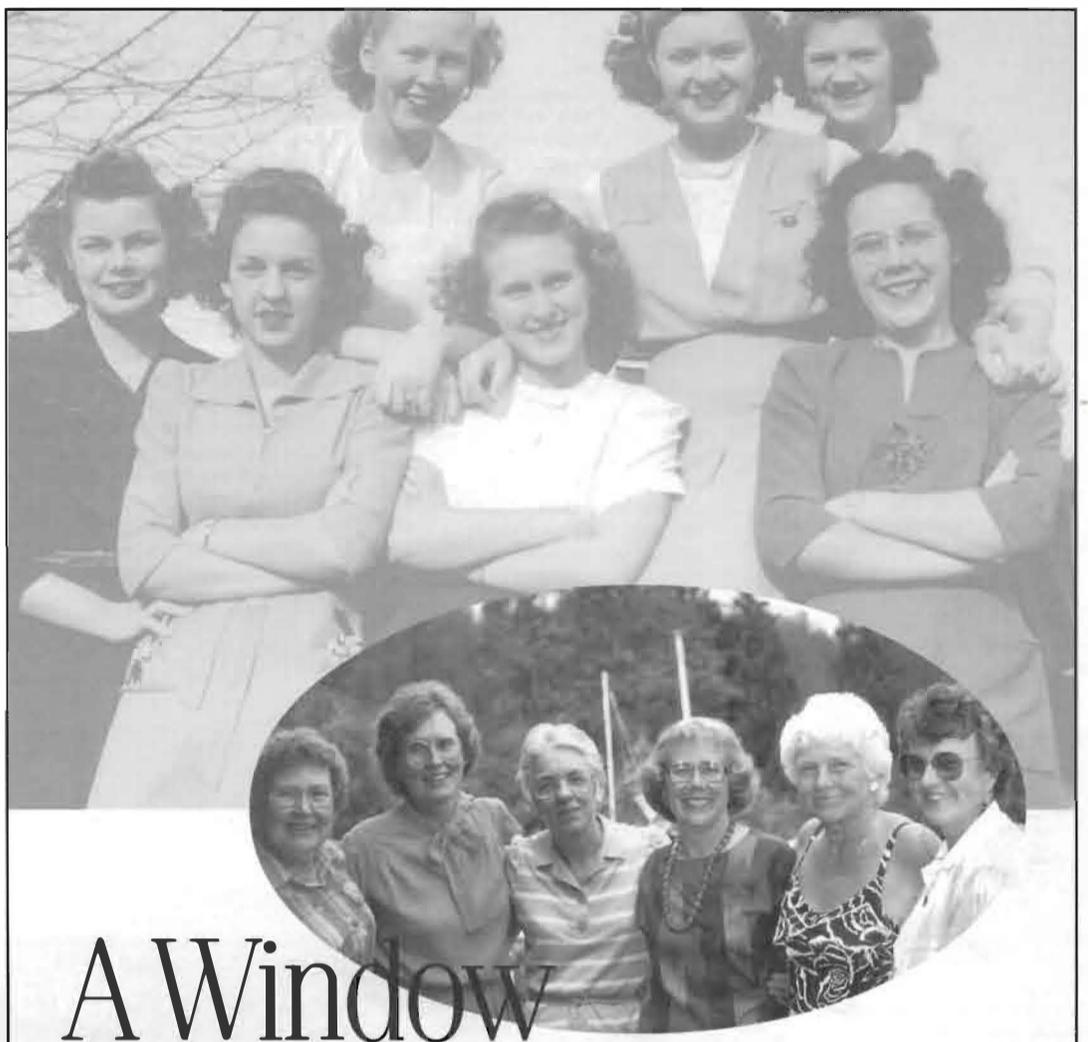
**Rod and Lisa (Woods '82/86) Nubgaard** of Poolesville, Md., announce the birth of Alyssa Nicole on Feb. 15. Alyssa joins 6-year-old sister Natasha Marie and 3-year-old sister Amber Leigh. Lisa is a nurse liaison. Rod completed his master's degree in public administration at City University in the fall of 1995. He also graduated from the Naval War College with a diploma in national security and strategic studies, a three-year program that he completed in two years with an A average. Rod was selected to head the town of Poolesville's elections committee.

**Eric Sorensen** is one of 34 winners of the 1996 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. He is writing his dissertation, "The Temple of God; The House of the Unclean Spirit: Possession and Exorcism in the New Testament and Early Church" and will receive a stipend of \$14,000 for a year of uninterrupted study.

**David Sperry** is a flight instructor and charter pilot for Spanaflight at the Pierce County Airport in Puyallup, Wash. He and his wife, Lana, are living in Kirkland, Wash.

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**Jean Bennett** of Brentwood, Calif., was promoted to district sales manager, southern California with Acorto, Inc. in January. She has been with Acorto for 2 1/2 years.



## A Window to the Past

Back in the '40s, a group of PLU friends decided to stay in touch after graduation. And did they! The Round Robin letter they started back in 1946 is entering its 50th year and nine of the original 11 writers are still corresponding with each other.

Doris Jurgerson Brokaw '46, Eunice Torvend Hansen '46, Anna Anderson Hoiland '47, Betty Hatlen Lee '46, Milly Hansen Lider '46, Lorraine Lundquist Patrick '49, Joan Satern Pihl '46, Anita Stuen Potthoff '46 and Gerry Olsen Stenberg '47 have been regularly sharing the stories of their lives — news of marriages, births of children, favorite recipes, photos and, most recently, news

of grandchildren — for the past 50 years. Two of their friends, Agnes Mykland Towe '46 and Ruth Jensen Anenson '47, have died.

Many of their children and grandchildren have chosen to attend PLU, continuing the tradition of these lifelong friends. This remarkable group is thankful for the bond of love and appreciation that has lasted a lifetime — and to PLU for bringing them together!

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

Photo taken during the 1942-43 school year: FIRST ROW Brokaw, Hoiland, Hansen, Lee. SECOND ROW Pihl, Towe, and Towe's sister Charlotte Mykland (not a part of the Round Robin).

Photo taken at a Round Robin reunion in 1986: FROM LEFT Pihl, Hansen, Hoiland, Lee, Lider and Potthoff.

**Kristi Running Chiaravallotti** and her husband, Joe, announce the birth of Nathan Anders on Jan. 30. Nathan joins 4-year-old sister Adrienne. They moved to San Diego in August 1995 when Joe was stationed on the USS Fitzgerald. Joe just earned the rank of lieutenant commander.

**Susan (Garland) Cunningham** and her husband, Robert, of Eatonville, Wash., announce the birth of Colton William on March 3. Colton joins 5-year-old sister Courtney Sue. Susan is pursuing her master's degree in computers in education.

**Gregory Grinaker** spent the past year in Quantico, Va., at the United States Marine Corp Amphibious Warfare College. His next duty assignment is in El Toro, Calif., flying the KC-130 aircraft at a Marine air wing squadron.

**Mark Hatfield** of Ashland, Ore., was promoted to news manager from executive producer at KDRV-TV in Medford, Ore.

**Mary Kralik** of Sumner, Wash., won the 1996 Washington Award for Excellence in Education. The award went to individuals who are providing creative, challenging and healthy learning environments for their children.

**Heidi (Urness) Summers** of Vacaville, Calif., was promoted to the rank of major in the United States Air Force. She is the director of nursing research at David Grant Medical Center at Travis Air Force Base.

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**C. Glenn Burnett** of Spanaway, Wash., was selected for the second time for Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

**Nancy (Wendland) Fehrler** and her husband, John, of Loveland, Colo., announce the birth of Derek William on Feb. 29.

**Krista (Stolpe) Finney** and her husband, Don, of Auburn, Wash., announce the birth of Anastasia Elisabet on Feb. 13. Krista quit her job at Boeing to stay at home with Anastasia full-time. She had worked at Boeing in finance for eight years. Krista and Don attend Kent Covenant Church where Krista works with the high school youth group. She and **Darcy (Gordon) Olsen '86** are still very good friends and get together once a week, usually at a park with the kids.

**Rob Greenlee** of Tacoma is the Florida citrus promotions specialist in the retail division of the Northwest

District of the Florida Department of Citrus. He developed a Florida Citrus Industry World Wide Web site at <http://www.floridajuce.com>.

**Chris and Colleen ('87) Gundersen** live in Tunwater, Wash., with their children, 1-year-old Melody Joy and 4-year-old Isaac. Chris is teaching 7th grade science at G. W. Bush Middle School in the Tunwater School District. He recently underwent open heart surgery for pulmonary valve replacement on June 7. Colleen is a homemaker.

**Steve Hems** of Tacoma shared his thesis findings on stress among airline pilots at the Washington State Psychological Association's 1996 spring convention.

**Karla Houk** of Walla Walla, Wash., was elected president of the Junior Club of Walla Walla for 1996. The service organization raises funds that are distributed to a variety of community organizations and agencies.

**Lori (Peters) Howard** and her husband, Dan, of Kirkland, Wash., announce the birth of Linnea Marie on Feb. 23.

**May Wai-Yu Hui** married Hanson Lam on Aug. 27, 1994, in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. They live in Markham, Ont.

After two years, **Jud Keim** finished a master's program in athletic administration at Mankato State University. He and his wife, **Sari (Tollefson '87)** moved to Moorpark, Calif., when he accepted the position of assistant football coach/instructor at California Lutheran University. Sari is continuing her career with American Express Financial Advisors in Westlake, Calif. They are expecting their first child (a future Lute) in November.

**Barbara Kwekel** and her husband, **Tiin**, of Hudsonville, Mich., announce the birth of Emily Grace on July 26, 1995. Emily joins 5-year-old Nicholas and 2-year-old Hannah.

**Carol (Musselman) Rodgers** received a master of business administration degree from Duquesne University in Dec. 1995.

**Richard Swengros** of Stafford, Va., was promoted from captain to major in the United States Army in September 1993. He is slated for promotion to lieutenant colonel in August 1997.

**Joseph Tobiason** of Pleasanton, Calif., is a research engineer at Kaiser Alu-

minum's Center for Technology. His e-mail address is [jtobiason@kacc.com](mailto:jtobiason@kacc.com).

**Kirsten (Olson) Wees** and her husband, **Joel**, of Vancouver, Wash., announce the birth of McCall Everett on Feb. 21. McCall joins 2-year-old sister Brianna.

## 1987

**Bill Calle** moved to southern California from Arizona to take a job with Disney Interactive as a senior manager of technology. His wife, **Sally**, is teaching 5th grade in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**Carolyn (Moons) Foster** and her husband, **Ed**, of Seattle announce the birth of Mary Catherine on March 20.

**Heidi Gebhard** is a financial analyst for Kaiser Permanente Northwest Region. She purchased an 85-year-old home in northeast Portland, Ore.

**Lisa (Herfindahl) Hildebrandt** and her husband, **Hans**, of El Cajon, Calif., announce the birth of Eric Arthur on April 17. Eric joins 2 1/2-year-old brother Hans Jr.

**Monica Hruschka** married Christian Harcken on April 6 in Hilda, Texas. They live in Gottingen, Germany.

**Kim Kauth** married Dennis Groh on June 10 in Beaverton, Ore. Kim is a computer programmer/analyst for Nike, Inc. Dennis is a consultant for TRN Consulting. They live in Beaverton, Ore, and are expecting their first child in February.

**Craig Mathiasen** and his wife, **Marci**, of Bellingham, Wash., announce the birth of Morgan Elisabeth on May 9. Morgan joins 2-year-old brother Jake.

**Heidi (Wilcox) Parker** and her husband, **Christopher**, of Enumclaw, Wash., announce the birth of Hannah Courtney on May 5. Heidi left her job with a wholesale travel company to be a stay-at-home mom to their new daughter.

**Robin (Allerton) Schroeder** and her husband, **Mark**, of San Antonio, Texas, announce the birth of Griffin Mark on March 5. Robin is a registered nurse and plans to return to work part-time in emergency by the

end of the year, but now she is enjoying being a full-time mom.

**Matt Taylor** of Fountain Valley, Calif., organized the collegiate national debate championships held last spring. He runs the debate program at Long Beach State University.

## 1988

**John and Jill (Peterson '87)**

**Branham**, of Tacoma announce the birth of Erik Scott on Nov. 25, 1995. Erik joins 5-year-old brother John Michael. Jill is a stay-at-home mom. John is a member of the clandestine lab team for the Tacoma Police Department that has received much attention for its methamphetamine lab seizures this year. John was recently assigned to the FBI Task Force on Violent Crimes.

**Chuck and Christine Harris** have moved to Port Orchard, Wash. Chuck has begun a new call as the pastor at Elim Lutheran Church. Christine continues as a family nurse practitioner at Peninsula Family Medical Center in Gig Harbor, Wash.

**Laura (Williamson) Holmlund** of Columbus, Mont., is the editor of the Homefront section of The Billings Gazette in Billings, Mont.

**Jeannie Johnson** of West Linn, Ore., won a first and two third place awards from the Associated Press for excellence in writing.

**Jake and Theresa (Wallace '87)** **Mathew** of Langley, Wash., announce the birth of Grace Anastasia on April 8.

**Julie Wood** married Greg Bickford on May 18 in Salem, Ore. Julie is the director of catering at the Red Lion Hotel - Seattle Airport. Greg is the purchasing director at the Red Lion Hotel - Seattle Airport. The couple lives in West Seattle.

**Marcus Zill** graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary and received pastoral calls from Trinity Lutheran Church in Wolf Point, Mont., and Faith Lutheran Church in Glasgow, Mont. His ordination was June 16.

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## Alumni Awards

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

*Donald R. Morken '60*



For his work as an investment manager and his many contributions to PLU, Donald R. Morken '60 is receiving one of two Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

Morken earned his bachelor's degree from PLU and went on to earn his MBA from Columbia University in 1962.

His company, Genesee Investments, was named after his hometown of Genesee, Idaho, and has offices in Bellevue, Wash., and Reston, Va. He is known in financial circles as one of the pioneers in the hedge fund business, and has compiled an exemplary track record while reducing investment risks through various hedging techniques.

He has been a speaker at numerous investment conferences, has been featured in financial journals, and has been quoted numerous times in publications such as The Wall Street Journal and Forbes Magazine.

His knowledge and expertise have been a great benefit to PLU. As a Board of Regents member, Morken is the chairperson of the investment subcommittee of PLU's finance committee. He also serves as the national chairman of PLU's **Make a Lasting Difference** campaign. He and his wife sponsor the Morken Family Scholarship and helped initiate the Raphael Lemkin Essay Competition at PLU which encourages students to investigate the issues of genocide and the Holocaust.

Morken has also served the university as a PLU Class Representative, is a member of PLU's Heritage Society, PLU's Lifetime Giving Society, and Q Club. He co-teaches an investment course in the School of Business, and tells his students, "I'm going to show you how to get rich and I want you to go out, make lots of money, and give lots of it back to PLU!"

He and his wife Wanda live in Woodinville, Wash., and have one daughter, Sonya, who will begin her pursuit of an MBA at PLU this fall.

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

*Junet E. Runbeck '35*



Junet E. Runbeck's many years of service in the field of education are being recognized by PLU with one of two Distinguished Alumnus Awards.

Upon earning her A.A. in elementary education from PLU in 1935, Runbeck went on to earn her bachelor's degree from the University of Puget

Sound, her master's degree from Stanford, and doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado in educational psychology.

Following her tenure as a teacher in the Issaquah and Tacoma public schools, she returned to PLU in 1952 and taught education classes until 1962. From there she continued on to Bethel College and initiated development of the department of education, where after retiring she received professor *emeritus* status. Runbeck's work within the field of education has also taken her overseas to teach in Ethiopia, Mexico, and the Philippines.

She continues to work in the areas of adult literacy through tutoring, supervising volunteer literacy tutors, writing monthly articles on tips for tutors, and conducting seminars in tutor training near her home in Circle Pines, Minn. She maintains involvement in education at her church through Bible study leadership, weekly work in the church nursery, and speaking and teaching to congregational groups.

Runbeck received the National Laubach Literacy Action Award for her work with literacy training and English as a Second Language. In 1990, she was honored by the Minnesota Association of Colleges of Teacher Education in appreciation for devoted and valuable leadership given to teacher education in Minnesota. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women and has been honored by the governor of Minnesota as Outstanding Senior of Anoka County.

### OUTSTANDING ALUMNUS

*Michael Ford '68*



Dr. Michael Ford '68, dean of students at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore., has been named PLU's Outstanding Alumnus for 1996.

Ford earned his bachelor's degree in philosophy from PLU, his master's degree from Chapman College in 1971 and his doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado in 1976. He was one of 100 alumni to receive recognition at PLU's centennial celebration in 1990.

Ford has played a pivotal role in the growth and development of programs in alumni relations and student life during his 20 years at Lewis & Clark. As dean, he supervises staff members in residential life, student activities, international student services, ethnic student services, student center, new student orientation, parent programs, summer conferences, and college outdoors. And, as college judicial officer, he advises the student peer review board, college honor board, and coordinates college discipline efforts.

His leadership with alumni volunteers at Lewis & Clark earned a gold medal CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) National Award for Overall Improvement in Alumni Programs, 1985-88, and gold, silver, and bronze CASE District VIII Awards for a special commemorative publication he spearheaded in 1992.

Prior to coming to Lewis and Clark, Ford taught human relations for the US Air Force and ethical and political philosophy for Yuba Community College. He has been an active member of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Portland where he has chaired the social concerns committee for 12 years.

His wife Mary Lynn (Ramstad '68) teaches elementary school, and two of their three children, Kristin Ford Martinson and Brian Ford, are recent PLU graduates. Their daughter Katie will graduate from Whitman College in 1997. Ford views his time at PLU as "A gift from people who believed in the promise of an education grounded in Christian faith" and sees this recognition, "As a remembrance and celebration of the many alumni who have been deeply touched by the experience of Pacific Lutheran University."

**Jerry Bull** of Salem, Ore., celebrated five years with Target Stores in September. He is the department manager/team lead for housewares and domestics at the Albany, Ore., store. Jerry has had two musicals produced at The Performance Circle in Gig Harbor, Wash., and is currently working on several others. You can e-mail Jerry at [jbull926@open.org](mailto:jbull926@open.org).

**Kristen Carter** of Pullman, Wash., made the dean's list for spring 1996 while also placing in the top 10 percent of all business graduate students at Washington State University. She is working on her master's degree in business administration. You can e-mail Kristen at [carter@mail.wsu.edu](mailto:carter@mail.wsu.edu).

**Cheryl (Gadeken) Cuillier** and her husband, David, live in Kennewick, Wash. Cheryl is telecommuting as an editor for a Walla Walla, Wash., publisher. David is the assistant city editor at the Tri-City Herald. They are expecting their first child in December.

**David DeMots** and his wife, Jodi, of Portland, Ore., announce the birth of Megan Joy on Feb. 12. Megan joins 3-year-old sister Anna.

**Angela Hajek** of Portland, Ore., was recognized by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Oregon for helping, along with her employer, to raise \$76,000 for the nonprofit group. The organization grants the wishes of children facing life-threatening illnesses. Angela was also featured in articles in *The Oregonian* and the *Tualatin Valley Times* newspapers. She manages the Northwest Region for Wells Fargo's Community Development Group in Portland.

**Mahadi Mahussein and Rohani Abdul Raof** were married on May 25, 1991. They have two children, 2 1/2-year-old Mohd Muidz and 6-month-old Muzfira. They held a PLU alumni gathering in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, the end of May. They miss PLU and Tacoma and hope to bring their children to visit.

**Keith and Marjorie (Britton '90) Sippola** of Rohnert Park, Calif.,

announce the birth of Johanna Clara on Jan. 1. Johanna joins 2-year-old brother Gunnar.

**Stefanie (Kaye) Storholt** and her husband, Joe, of Tacoma announce the birth of Autumn Miste on May 8. Autumn joins 18-month-old sister Summer Raine. Stefanie completed her teaching certification for elementary education at PLU in May. Joe started the secondary education program at PLU in the spring and will finish his certification next summer.

**Norm Trolson** of Puyallup, Wash., is consulting on the iridium satellite communications project. He met a special woman while hiking in Alaska. Norm says the powerbank on a '72 Maserati Ghibli SS flattens out at about 145 mph.

**Stephanie (Roberts) Wasserman** and her husband, Wyeth, of Madison, Wis., announce the birth of Walter William on July 24, 1995.

## 1990

**David Berg** moved to Atlanta to work as a writer/producer with Turner

Broadcasting's The Cartoon Network.

**David Brown** of Aiea, Hawaii, is a family practice resident. He received the John M. Powers Award which is given to the best second-year family practice resident. David was elected to the position of resident representative to the Hawaii Academy of Family Practice. He was also elected to be the Army resident representative to the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Practice for the 1996-97 academic year. David's wife, Linda, is an internal medicine resident.

**SueAnn Brydson** and her husband, Kenny, of Spanaway, Wash., announce the birth of Erin Samantha on March 4.

**Kimberly Cawley** married **Stephen McFarland** on May 11 at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Issaquah, Wash. Kimberly is a system trainer at Safeco Insurance. Stephen works in customer service at Safeco Insurance. They live in Kirkland, Wash.

**Daniel and Julie (Walters) Flahiff** live in Pasadena, Calif. Daniel is pursuing his master's degree in fine

art at the Art Center College of Design. Julie is a design supervisor for Walt Disney Records.

**Rob Kelly** of Orlando, Fla., was appointed chief resident, emergency medicine residency at the Orlando Regional Medical Center.

**Angela Vahsholtz-Andersen** of Vancouver, Wash., completed her master of arts degree in teaching at Lewis & Clark College in August. Her endorsement area is secondary education-language arts.

**Michael "Elmo" and Olivia (Gerth) Wright** were married on June 13 at the Grand Wailea Resort on Maui, Hawaii. They will continue to live in Chicago where they have resided for the last four years. Olivia hopes to continue working on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" as a freelance associate producer. Elmo works as the program coordinator for the Chicago Metro History Education Center where he connects Chicago area schools to the Internet, and is authoring web pages and a CD-ROM.

## HERITAGE AWARD

*Ronald Douglass '53*



For his many years of devoted service to PLU and his community, Ronald Douglass '53 will receive PLU's Heritage Award.

Upon earning his bachelor's degree in physical science and math from PLU, he attended Columbia University and earned a master's degree in math. He also attained summer

school certificates from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in physical chemistry and Rochester University in optical engineering. After three years of teaching, Douglass spent 32 years in research and development at Boeing. Prior to his retirement, he was manager of research laboratories.

At PLU, Douglass has completed several terms on the Board of Regents, the alumni board as alumni board president, and as Q Club president. As a member of Messiah Lutheran in Auburn, Wash., he has taught adult education and confirmation classes, as well as served in several different capacities including: church council, two terms on the board of trustees of the Columbia conference, and on the synod stewardship committee. Within his community, he has served on the Auburn School Board and the YMCA Board of South King County and Metropolitan Seattle. He is presently a member of the National Campaign Cabinet for PLU's **Make a Lasting Difference** campaign.

He and his wife Margaret (Lucas '52) have three sons and live in Auburn.

## HERITAGE AWARD

*Stewart Govig*



For a distinguished career dedicated to service as a Lutheran pastor and professor, Stewart Govig will receive PLU's Heritage Award.

Govig earned his bachelor's degree from St. Olaf College, his master of divinity degree from Luther Seminary, a master's in theology from

Princeton Seminary and his doctorate from New York University. He has also attended the University of London, and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Oslo.

After serving two Evangelical Lutheran Church parishes, Govig joined PLU's faculty in 1958 as a religion professor. Noted for his commitment to students through the years, he has also been guest professor at Africa's University of Zimbabwe, the Lutheran Teacher's College in Adelaide, Australia, the

Makumira Theological College in Tanzania, the Chengdu University of Science and Technology in China, and at St. Olaf College.

He has been active in religious education about people with physical disabilities and mental health issues. This has involved class work, published articles, presentations at international conferences in Holland and Ireland, and local board memberships.

Govig's two books, "Souls are Made of Endurance" and "Strong at the Broken Places," deal with these subjects. He and his wife, Alice, live in Tacoma. They are parents of three children, John, Bruce and Ellen, and are members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

*Jane Russell*



Jane Russell will receive PLU's Special Recognition Award for her many contributions to the university and the surrounding community.

Russell attended Stanford University, raised four children and was an active community volunteer before taking a full-time job at the Frank Russell

Company in 1984 as co-director for designing and constructing the company's new headquarters building in Tacoma. She also created the education and training department, established a human resources department, and currently is director of corporate and community relations.

She has also been responsible for providing internships and employment opportunities for many PLU students.

A member of the Board of Regents since 1987, Russell is chair of the finance committee. She and her family have been instrumental in development of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center and are Q Club Fellows. She currently serves on PLU's **Make a Lasting Difference** National Campaign Cabinet and previously volunteered on the the Tacoma committee for PLU's "Shaping Tomorrow" campaign.

Russell has served the Pierce County community as past chair of the St. Joseph Hospital Board, Charles Wright Academy Board, and the Junior League of Tacoma. She serves on the KCTS/9 Television Board, as well as advisory boards for Tacoma Actors Guild, Washington State History Museum, Franciscan Health System's Community Health Council, Forward Together, and actively supports Habitat for Humanity. With her husband, George, she is leading the campaign for the International Museum of Modern Glass scheduled to open in January 2000 on the Thea Foss Waterway.

A vital contributor to the community, she has been honored to receive Soroptimists International's 1996 Women Helping Women award, Junior League of Tacoma's 1995 Sustainer of the Year award, and Pierce County Boys and Girls Clubs' 1993 Tacoma/Pierce County Community Service Award.

## OUTSTANDING RECENT ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

*Kent and Lynnell Herzer '85*



Since they met, Kent and Lynnell (Haugen) Herzer have dreamed of working overseas to help others overcome challenges. For their unselfish service and dedication to the people of Armenia, Kent and Lynnell are joint recipients of PLU's Outstanding Recent Alumnus of the Year Award.

After graduating from PLU in 1985, Kent and Lynnell moved to northern California and began business careers as department managers for Nordstrom in Corte Madera. Over the years, both of their careers grew in scope and level of responsibility — Kent in buying and merchandise management, and Lynnell in human resource management. After helping to start stores in both McLean, Va., and San Diego, they eventually found themselves back in San Francisco as regional managers of their respective fields of interest within the Nordstrom chain.

It was soon after returning to the Bay Area that their dream of years past tugged again at their heart strings. After a trip to Senegal in the spring of 1993, Kent and Lynnell decided to evaluate opportunities with the Peace Corps. With their nine years of retail work experience coupled with Kent's bachelor's degree in business administration and Lynnell's bachelor's degree in education, this initial inquiry eventually led to their move to Giumri, Armenia.

During their short time in Giumri, the two have focused their efforts on helping families and small groups develop small businesses out of their homes. They successfully designed, implemented and managed the Giumri Small Business Development project. This project resulted in the review of business plans from 210 potential entrepreneurs, which eventually led to the funding, consultation and monitoring of 72 micro-enterprise start-ups.

While Kent and Lynnell are honored to receive this recognition from PLU it is their hope that this public acknowledgment of their experience with the people of Armenia will instill in others the desire to go and serve.

## Make the link with...LUTELINK

A career mentoring program connecting current students and alums. Become a member and help guide students and recent graduates within their chosen career path or as an alum use LuteLink for career changes. If you are moving you can also use LuteLink for PLU contacts in your new geographic area.

If you would like to become a mentor or want to use this service for yourself, call the Alumni and Parent Relations Office at 206-535-7415 or 1-800-258-6758.



## This fall, look for a tailgate party near you!

The Alumni & Parent Relations Office is planning tailgates in the following cities prior to the football games. If you are an alum, parent, or friend of PLU, plan to join us before cheering on the Lutes to victory.

**Saturday, October 5 – Ellensburg**  
PLU vs. Central Washington

**Saturday, October 19 – Spokane**  
PLU vs. Whitworth

**Saturday, November 2 – McMinnville**  
PLU vs. Linfield

For reservations or information call 206-535-7415 or 800-258-6758

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### ALUMNI PROFILE

## Carol Coe '85 earns \$25,000 for teaching excellence



Carol Coe '85 was named one of 150 outstanding educators by the Milken Family Foundation in May. The award carried a stipend of \$25,000 — with no strings attached.

"By presenting each recipient a major financial award," says Lowell Milken, president of the Milken Family Foundation, "we are telling these educators that their contributions and expertise are greatly valued — by the foundation and by society."

The recipients were caught by surprise last summer when they were told about the awards. There is neither an application process nor a nomination procedure. Recipients had no idea they were even being considered for the award.

Coe, who teaches English, social studies and study skills at Puyallup High School, has more than 26 years experience as a high school teacher and has been honored with several awards including the 1994 Washington State Teacher of the Year.

She is also a vital part of Visions, a school-within-a-school program designed to reach the non-traditional learner. For the last 20 years she has supervised projects for ENCORE (Enriching Normal Curriculum Outside the Regular Environment), a real-life application program she created.

### 1991

#### HOMECOMING CLASS REUNION YEAR

**Jeremy Desel** of Portland, Ore., is a reporter for KATU-TV 2, the ABC affiliate for Portland. In October he toured Germany as one of 15 American radio and television journalists accepted to the RIAS Berlin Kommission (an arm of the former Radio In the American Sector).

**Gregory Hall** won the Million Dollar Month Award from The Prudential Real Estate Professionals for the month of March. The award is given to realtors closing over one million dollars in gross commission in one month. Gregory and his wife, **Lisa (Chandler '93)** live in Keizer, Ore., with their 1-year-old son Jacob Alexander.

**Anaka Lee Hodgson** received her master of arts degree in cultural anthropology from Penn State University in 1995. She will receive her master of arts degree in intercultural and international management from the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vt. in May 1997.

**Rev. Beth Jarrett** and her husband, Rev. Eric Dull, of Long Beach, Wash., announce the birth of Naomi Sonia Jarrett Dull on Feb. 10. Beth graduated from Luther Seminary in May 1995 and was ordained in July 1995. She is serving as co-paster with Eric at Ocean Park Lutheran Church in Ocean Park, Wash.

**Brian Kampe** and his wife, Amy, relocated to Atlanta from Puyallup in June. Brian was promoted to manager of the category management department with Paragon Trade Brands. Amy is looking at a career change from social services to teaching.

**David Lechnyr** lives in Seattle with his dogs, Bear and Gizmo. He is a Windows 95 support technician at Keane Inc. Someday, perhaps, he'll get around to using his master in social work degree for the field it was meant for. He highly recommends one of his favorite books, "JOB: A Comedy of Justice," by Robert Heinlein. You can e-mail David at [bh622@sen.org](mailto:bh622@sen.org).

**Marjean Lowas** of Federal Way, Wash., left active military duty in July 1995. In October 1995, she was hired as communications superintendent for the Snohomish County P.U.D. in Everett. Marjean is happy to be back in the Northwest.

**Heather Lucas** of Berwyn, Ill., finished 10th in the women's division of the 10th Annual Lilac Bloomsday 12K run in Spokane, Wash., on May 12.

**Beth Newbill** of Atlanta was promoted to program analyst with the Raytheon Service Company/TSSC.

**Philip and Krista Olufson** of Federal Way, Wash., announce the birth of Carsten Erik on May 1.

**Christopher Omdal's** wife, Jennifer, transferred to the University of Washington where she received a bachelor of arts degree in English. She then earned a master of arts degree in teaching from Willamette University. Christopher and Jennifer live in Eagle River, Alaska, where Christopher is a transportation officer for the United States Air Force and Jennifer is looking for an elementary teaching position in Anchorage.

**Vidar and Bente Plazsko** moved into their new home in Kristiansand, Norway. Their 2-year-old daughter

Kamilla is looking forward to this fall when she will get a new brother or sister. Vidar is an investment adviser at Den Norske Bank. Bente is a marketing coordinator for the industrial segment in Norsk Chemi.

**Kristi (Stevens) Rice** received a doctor of medicine degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin on May 18. She will serve a pediatrics residency in the University of Southern California Program at Los Angeles — USC Medical Center.

**Angela Schaer** of Boise, Idaho, graduated summa cum laude from the University of Idaho School of Law in May. In June, she began a clerkship for Justice Cathy Silak of the Idaho Supreme Court.

**Karen Thordarson** married Michael Hassen on Feb. 17 in Seattle. Karen works for WFS Financial. Michael is a tile layer for TileScapes. They live in Auburn, Wash.

### 1992

After four years of teaching beginning band in the Clover Park School District, **Suzanne Arter** quit her job and enrolled at Washington State University. She is pursuing a second bachelor's degree in chemistry.

**Blake Belknap** and his wife, Larissa, of Yakima, Wash., announce the birth of Bartholomew Calvin on Sept. 29, 1995. Blake is a freelance writer and artist. He has auditioned for small roles in "Striptease" and "The Rock" and can be seen in a bit role in Schwarzenegger's movie "Eraser." Larissa is training to be a smoke jumper with the forest service as well as completing her training for the Yakima Fire Department.

**Marie Brice** of Denver is attending the University of Denver's advanced standing master of social work program. She hopes to focus on health care.

**Andy and Katie (Davis) Finley** of Yakima, Wash., announce the birth of Dawson Andrew on April 23.

**Karen Hanson** married Curtis Scott on May 14 at Shipwreck Beach, Kauai, Hawaii. Pastor Jim Clark of Koloa Missionary Church officiated at the ceremony. After two weeks in paradise, a reception was held on June 8 at Lief Erikson Hall in Seattle. Karen is

employed by Key Bank in institutional asset services. Curtis is an insurance adjuster at Safeco. The couple are at home in Edmonds, Wash., and plan to move to Gig Harbor, Wash., soon.

**Julie Kraft** of Lafayette, Colo., completed her master's degree in education at the University of Colorado at Boulder. She is a first grade teacher in Boulder, Colo.

**Kirsten Lindaas** of Portland, Ore., is finishing her master's degree in speech-language pathology at Portland State University. She will graduate in June 1997.

**Mike McFarland** of Camas, Wash., is a pre-trial services officer for the United States District Court in Portland, Ore. He can be found fly fishing on southwestern Washington and Oregon streams or helping "Cliff's Kids."

**Anna (Ovalle) Nell** of Tacoma graduated from Green River Community College on June 14 as a physical therapist assistant. Her husband, Kenny, will graduate in October. Kenny is an assistant manager of Fishing Country Bait and Tackle in Graham. Anna has been doing some private coaching in track and field with young athletes and would like to pursue working with physically challenged children as a physical therapist assistant. She would like to congratulate Sandy Metzger for breaking her 200M record and the 400M record held by her good friend **Sharon Wilson ('90)** in her senior year at PLU. Anna and Sharon knew the records had to be broken sooner or later!

**John Simpson** of Tacoma won the 1995-1996 Outstanding Faculty Award at Pierce College where he teaches history. He also won two first place and one second place awards for photography (photojournalism) at the most recent Washington Press Association Awards banquet.

**Cindy Specht** relocated to Grants Pass, Ore., to serve Calvary Lutheran Church as the director of youth and Christian education. She is finding great joy in her ministry with junior and senior high school students and enjoying the sun of the Rogue Valley. You can e-mail Cindy at [Cindy\\_Specht@Ministrynet.usa.net](mailto:Cindy_Specht@Ministrynet.usa.net).

### ALUMNI PROFILE

## Former PLU track star breaks 3-hour barrier at Boston Marathon



JOHN SCHMIDT

People told Karen Steen '86, '90 of Olympia not to try for a personal record in the Boston Marathon this year. With 37,000 registrants even the race's technical director quashed runners' hopes by telling the press he hoped everyone would be realistic and just go to enjoy it.

But high expectations and race enjoyment aren't mutually exclusive for Steen. Undeterred by naysayers, the former All-American hurdler and record holder for PLU, dropped five minutes off her time and clocked in with an official time of 2:55:58 — just under the three-hour mark she hoped to break.

After the race she said the sorest muscles in her body were her cheeks, from smiling so much.

But what motivated Washington's first woman to break 60 seconds in the 400m hurdles to try breaking three hours for the marathon? Steen says she switched to distance running after she earned her master's degree in education from PLU and began coaching track at Olympia's Timberline High School with her former high school track coach Bob Atwell, who was training for his first marathon.

His efforts proved inspiring. She joined the Capitol City Marathon training group and went from running six miles a week to six miles a day.

PLU's head track and field coach Brad Moore says that in addition to Steen's natural ability, her most notable assets as an athlete were in strength training and competing. Steen was, Moore noted, "a tremendous competitor."

Steen's favorite race distance is not the marathon, however. "It's too many miles to maintain and keep a happy balance between marriage, family and work," she said. (She and her husband Mike Steen '85 have two children ages 1 and 3.) She plans to focus more on speedwork and racing between three and five miles.

This story was excerpted from the June 1996 issue of Northwest Runner. Story by Sally Gianalli.

**Kristin Wallem (Aasdal) Timenes** and her husband, Aadne, of Kristiansand, Norway, announce the birth of Johannes on July 7, 1996.

1993

Mezzo soprano **Hilary Burtt** made her Seattle debut on the Green Lake Recital Series sponsored by the Green Lake Adventist Church. She performed an all 20th-century program with pianist Dean Williamson. This summer, Hilary was a fellow at the Aspen Music School in Aspen, Colo., in the vocal chamber music program. She has also been accepted into the Young Artist Program at the Seattle Opera Company. Hilary will sing the lead in Handel's "Xerxes" in Seattle Opera's education and outreach programs and previews for the 1996-97 season.

**Virginia Burzotta** married Robert St. Andre on July 13 at St. Madelene Sophie Church. Virginia is a job site coordinator. Robert is a computer analyst. They live in Bellevue, Wash.

**Theresa Campbell** of University Place, Wash., was promoted to lieutenant junior grade on May 19. She completed her training aboard the

USNS Mercy Hospital Ship in Treasure Island, Calif., on April 30. Theresa travelled to Camp Pendleton, Calif., to visit fellow alum and Navy shipmate, Rhonda Jones, who is a lieutenant junior grade at the hospital there. Theresa is continuing her master's degree in midwifery at the University of Washington during her scant spare time.

**Bradley Chatfield**, former reporter for the Pierce County Herald, is an account executive at the Sieffkes Group, a public relations firm in Issaquah, Wash., run by **Doug Sieffkes '82**.

**Pete Cheng** married Mary Larson on Sept. 3 in Catalina, Calif. Pete is a senior partner at UCM Consulting Group in Media, Pa. Mary is a work family manager at Weyerhaeuser.

**Heidi (Worthen) Gamble** completed a year-long internship working with the homeless of Sacramento, Calif., in August. In September, she and her husband, Jason, returned to San Francisco Theological Seminary to finish their fourth and final year of studies for their master of divinity degrees.

**Beth Goode** of Foster City, Calif., is the assistant media relations director

for the department of athletics at Stanford University.

**Tamara Grunhurd**, former editor of Campus Voice, the weekly campus newsletter at PLU, and editorial assistant of *Pacific Lutheran Scene*, is now an admissions counselor at PLU. She'll miss looking for misplaced commas but is looking forward to spreading the good word about PLU. Her e-mail address is [grunhuta@plu.edu](mailto:grunhuta@plu.edu).

**Vesa Halme** of Helsinki, Finland, is the webmaster for the National Board of Patents and Registration.

**David Jones and Jennifer Olson** were married on May 4 at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle, Wash. David is a salesman for a brewing equipment manufacturer. They live in Maryland.

**David Kelly** of Salem, Ore., graduated with a certificate in environmental law from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College on May 25. He and his wife, Jennifer, were married last summer. Jennifer is a graduate student in counseling at Lewis and Clark.

**Marianne (Simmons) McClain** and her husband, Terry, of Puyallup

announce the birth of Lauren Ashley on June 14. Marianne received her master's degree in business administration from PLU in August. She is the vice president at Sound Computers in Lakewood, Wash.

**Kori McNary** is serving with the Peace Corps in Guinea, West Africa, for 27 months.

**Mark Mosbrucker** and his wife, Denise, recently purchased their first home and are living in Sultan, Wash. Mark works for Wall Carta in Kirkland, Wash., as a level 2 support technician. Denise works for Transamerica Financial Services as a customer service representative.

**Lanning Mosher** is the director of the Center for Effective Organizations in Seattle. The center is committed to increasing its clients' value and helping businesses and organizations improve their overall performance.

**Magne and Kristine (Thompson '95) Myrmo** moved to Stavanger, Norway, in August. Magne finished his MBA while working for the School of Business at PLU. Kristine also finished her master's degree in literacy education at PLU. Magne is now working for Smedvig a.s., an off-shore oil company.

**Paul Schroeder's** third year in seminary will be spent in Gig Harbor, Wash., as an intern at Peninsula Lutheran Church. He and his wife, **Linda (Renz '92)**, are excited to be back in Luteland where they will be able to spend time with family and friends.

**Rob Shore** of Citrus Heights, Calif., is a sports reporter for The Auburn Journal.

**Robin Stensel** of Renton, Wash., is a senior accountant for Restaurants Unlimited, Inc., the company that owns Stanley & Seaforts, Cutters, Palomino and Pallisades. She just bought her first house and is looking forward to getting married in October.

**Heather (Giakoumis) Stewart** and her husband, Kevin, relocated to Chicago where Kevin has completed his first year of medical school.

## IN MEMORIAM

**1927**  
**Marie Smith** of Brookings, Ore., died April 2. She was 86 years old.

**1931**  
**Olga Williams** of Tacoma died on June 26. She was 84 years old.

**1932**  
**Harold Berentson** died on June 16 in a Tualatin, Ore., hospital of complications after surgery. He was 83 years old.

**1933**  
**Walter Young** of Tacoma died at the age of 85.

**1943**  
**Raymond Kapus** of Ashland, Ore., died on March 30. Ray was a high school principal and guidance counselor for 35 years and retired in 1982. He was 74 years old.

**1949**  
**Donald Pedersen** of Grants Pass, Ore., died on March 15 at his home. He was 74 years old.

**1950**  
**Joyce Jacobson** died on May 26 in Bellevue, Wash. She was 69 years old.

**1951**  
**Emily Holsapple** died on Dec. 24, 1995. She was 85 years old.

**1954**  
**Jack Johnson** of Kent, Wash., died on May 27 after a battle with cancer in a Bellevue, Wash., care center. He was 64 years old.

**1958**  
**Ron Storaasli** died in May at his Tanwax Lake, Wash., home after a battle with cancer. He was 63 years old.

**1961**  
**Edward Keys III** of Tacoma died on May 27 at home. He was 83 years old.

**1962**  
**Mauveen Udman** of Everett, Wash., died at home on May 10 following a six-year battle with cancer. She was 55 years old.

**1969**  
**David Vraves** of Tacoma died on May 22 after a brief illness.

**1970**  
**Anne Biteman** of Friday Harbor, Wash., died on June 6. She was 72 years old.

**1972**  
**Daniel Lech** died on June 13. He was 54 years old.

**1973**  
**Peter Koch** of Houston, Texas, died on April 19.

**1975**  
**Jay "Marlin" Bolding** died of AIDS on May 24 in Seattle. He was 43 years old.

**1976**  
**Brian Bailey** died in his sleep on June 29. He was 44 years old.

**Claire Watson** of Lakewood, Wash., died on April 16. She was 75 years old.

**1982**  
**Elizabeth Lei (Beth) Neufeld** died on Aug. 10 in a glider accident at the age of 36.

**1986**  
**Mark Huntington** of Tacoma died on May 23. He was 39 years old.

### Faculty, Staff and Friends

**Don Farmer**, political science faculty emeritus, died on May 7 at the age of 73. (See story page 3.)

**Bruce Grainger**, former music faculty, died of AIDS on May 14. He was 42 years old.

**Larry Meyer**, PLU music professor emeritus and composer of PLU's famous "Processional of Joy," died on June 3.

**Wayne Timmerman**, former music faculty, died on June 9 after a long battle with cancer.

**Adm. James S. Russell**, longtime Q Club member and director emeritus, died on April 14. His distinguished military career began in 1922 and included rising to second in command of the US Navy.

## ALUMNI PROFILE

# Weyermann '79 heads effort to establish women's pro basketball

The former deputy director of the Seattle Center left his post this spring to chart new waters. **Jim Weyermann '79** took on the job of general manager of Seattle's American Basketball League — brand new professional women's basketball team.

The eight-team ABL will play its home games in the Seattle Center's Mercer Arena. The 40-game regular season runs October through February.

It's a risky venture considering women's basketball has never succeeded in this country, but Weyermann believes the time is right. His colleagues also believe the team is getting one of the best leaders around.

"He knows how to manage an organization," said Virginia Anderson, director of the Seattle Center. "He understands all the things involved in the production of a sporting event. I don't think they could find anybody with the collection of experiences he's had."

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Heather is beginning a Psy.D. program at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology this fall. They went to Ghana, Africa, for a short-term medical mission trip in June.

**Nancy (Hanson) Thorson** and her husband, Eric, decided that three years of post-college employment are plenty. They are taking a year off to volunteer at Holden Village, mooch off of their parents and travel in South America.

**John Town** of Seattle, Wash., has joined Bader Martin Ross & Smith, P.S. as a staff accountant in accounting and business advisory services.

**Michele (Dorn) Turner** of Gig Harbor, Wash., graduated from the University of Puget Sound physical therapy program on May 12. She is working as a physical therapist for Green Mountain Rehab in Silverdale, Wash. Michele's husband, Cris Turner, is a case manager.

## 1994

**Mark Carrato** is working in Japan through the "JET" program and has decided to stay another year. When he returns, he plans to pursue a law degree. He has been traveling all over Thailand, Bali, etc. and plans to take six weeks over the summer to tour China. His e-mail address is [pxqo1363@niftyserve.or.jp](mailto:pxqo1363@niftyserve.or.jp).

**Randall Hessey** of Milton, Wash., is a programmer/analyst for Inverness Software, a company that develops software for the mortgage industry.

**Val Meyer** of Kirkland, Wash., is a loan officer for Continental Mortgage in Bellevue. He works with home loans, focusing on first-time buyers and rehabilitation loans.

**Benjamin and Kimberly (Liefeld '93) Moore** were married on June 1 at Milwaukie Lutheran Church in Milwaukie, Ore. Benjamin is a customer service representative for a printing/copy company. Kimberly is a compliance assistant for a brokerage firm. They live in Portland, Ore.

**Romy Osmer** of Bellevue, Wash., is the art director at Media Index Publishing.

**Robyn Prueitt** entered the Ph.D. program in cellular and molecular biology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas this fall.

**Sarah Reeve** of Pullman, Wash., is attending the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Allison Svingen** married Sean Connor on Oct. 22, 1994, in Salem, Ore. Allison is a graphic designer with Creative Company in Salem. Sean is an insurance agent for Country Companies Insurance. They bought Sean's family farm in St. Paul, Ore.

**Liz Tunnell** of Seattle is the director of channel marketing for Cortex Medical Management, a small software company.

**Daniel and Suzanne (Tiedt) Tye** were married on Aug. 17 at First Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. Suzanne is an administrative assistant at Western Kentucky University. Daniel is a financial associate at the Weyerhaeuser Company. They live in Bowling Green, Ky.

## 1995

**Norene Almeida** and her husband, Juan, live in Tacoma. She is attending the University of Washington's graduate program in social work. Norene is interested in working with children, youth and families.

**Scott Eagan** of Puyallup won the 1996 Washington Award for Excellence in Education. The award went to individuals who are providing creative, challenging and healthy learning environments for their children.

**Shelli Huster** married Robert Hill on Dec. 30 at Southside Church of Christ in Tacoma. Shelli is a charge nurse for Vencor. Robert is a sales representative for Core-Mark. The couple honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii, and live in Graham, Wash.

**Coryn Poole** of O'Fallon, Ill., is an associate video producer at Concordia Publishing House and is enjoying the experience.



**Bryan and Kristie (Carlson '96) Sudderth** were married on June 15 at Faith Lutheran Church in Redmond, Wash. They will be making their permanent home in San Antonio, Texas, in October.

**Aron and Julie (Buckingham '94) Watts** were married on Aug. 12, 1995, at Glendale Lutheran Church in Seattle. Julie is teaching 2nd grade at Life Christian School in Tacoma. Aron taught middle school science and 11th grade chemistry for the 1995-1996 school year and is now working toward elementary certification. They live in Puyallup.

## 1996

**Darren Kerbs**, who graduated with a bachelor of music education and a minor in publishing and printing arts, accepted a position as acting assistant director for Alumni and Parent Relations at PLU. While the tasks are varied, Darren will spend much of his time working with local and regional events, parents programs, and the career mentoring program.

**Daniel Castro Romero Jr.** is the first graduate of Northwest Indian College at Puyallup Tribe to graduate from PLU with a bachelor's in social work, and the first Native American male to graduate from the social work program at PLU. He began work on a master's in social work at the University of Washington this fall. Romero, a descendant of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, is a youth outreach worker and case manager for Centro Latino SER-Jobs for Progress. He is also extremely active in the local Hispanic and Native American communities. Some of his activities include the Latino Educational Association, the Association of Native American Colleges, United Farm Workers Union, HISPAC, and CHAPS. The 34-year-old is also writing a book, a firsthand account of the farm worker experience.

# Longtime PLU athletic director tops list of 1996 Hall of Fame inductees

BY NICK DAWSON

David Olson, who built Pacific Lutheran University athletics into one of the premiere programs in the United States during his 28-year tenure, headlines a group of five men and one woman who will be inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame on Oct. 11, 1996.

The inductees will be recognized at an 11 a.m. luncheon in Chris Knutzen Hall. Tickets, priced at \$9.50, may be purchased at the PLU Athletic Department or by calling 206-535-7352. The Hall of Fame class of 1996 will also be honored at halftime of the Oct. 12 Homecoming football game against Western Oregon State College at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup. Kickoff for that game is slated for 1:30 p.m.

Joining Olson in this year's group of honorees are Evans "Red" Carlson, an early 1930s football star, Nina (Anderson) Larson, a pioneer in women's athletics during the late 1930s, Earl Luebker, a sports writer for The News Tribune (Tacoma), Tom Whalen, a 1960s men's basketball standout, and John Zamberlin, a 1970s All-America and later professional football linebacker. Carlson will be inducted posthumously.

## David Olson



David Olson served as athletic director and dean of the School of Physical Education from 1968-96. During that time, he built the school's intercollegiate program from 12 sports to a combined 19 men's and women's sports.

During Olson's tenure, Pacific Lutheran athletic teams won nine National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championships, including three each in football and women's soccer, two in softball and one in women's cross country. At the same time, Pacific Lutheran garnered 167 conference championships and 25 conference all-sports awards.

He was president of the NAIA from 1985-86, president of the NAIA Athletic Directors Association from 1991-92, and chairman of the NAIA Council of Athletic Administrators from 1992-94. He was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame in 1989. Dr. Olson represented the United States as an administrator at the World University Games in Sofia, Bulgaria (1989), Sapporo, Japan (1991), Zakopane, Poland (1993) and Jaca, Spain (1995). In 1984, he was one of only five U.S. educators invited to the International Olympic Academy in Greece.

## Evans "Red" Carlson



Evans "Red" Carlson was arguably the first outstanding player in a lengthy tradition of Pacific Lutheran gridiron greats. Carlson, who earned his nickname for his wavy red hair, played for Coach Cliff Olson from 1930-31 and was known for his long runs out of the right halfback position. Carlson "was one of the greatest runners we ever had, a streak of light," said Olson in the book "The Gladiators." In fact, Olson selected the speedster to his All-Time Lutes first team.

## Nina (Anderson) Larson



Long before women's sports were officially recognized at the intercollegiate level, Nina Anderson was showcasing her great athletic ability in four intramural sports: captain ball, volleyball, basketball and baseball. During her freshman and junior years, she played all four sports and was on the honor team in each. As a sophomore, she was on the board of the Women's Athletic Association and was chosen to head the basketball program which precluded her from participation that year.

Her participation in the late 1930s helped set the stage for Pacific Lutheran women's athletics through the following decades.

## Earl Luebker



Earl Luebker is the second former News Tribune sports writer to be inducted into the PLU Athletic Hall of Fame, joining 1993 inductee David James. Luebker first wrote about Pacific Lutheran when the athletic teams were the Knights, and closely followed the school throughout its nickname change to Lutes. His coverage kept the school's athletic teams on the local and regional sports pages throughout his 37-year career at the News Tribune.

Luebker began as a sports writer in 1949, later becoming associate sports editor and then sports editor in the 1980s. He retired in 1986.

## Tom Whalen



Tom Whalen holds the Pacific Lutheran single-season scoring record with 656 points and a 24.2 scoring average during the 1963-64 season. He is one of only two players to score at least 600 points in a season, and with 537 points and a 19.2 average during the 1962-63 campaign, is one of only nine to score at least 500 points in a year. With 1,193 career points in only two years, he ranks 14th on the school's career scoring list. Whalen scored 41 points in a game as a senior, ranking him second on the single-game scoring list.

The lanky 6-5 center, known for a sweeping hook shot, earned numerous honors while playing at Pacific Lutheran College, including the following: two-time first team All-Evergreen Conference; two-time NAIA District I Player of the Year; NAIA second team All-America; honorable mention UPI All-Coast; and honorable mention AP All-America.

## John Zamberlin



John Zamberlin was the first Pacific Lutheran football player to participate in the National Football League, competing four years with the New England Patriots and two years with the Kansas City Chiefs. The Lute linebacker earned first team NAIA All-America and Associated Press Little All-America honors as a senior in 1978, and was named 1979 PLU Senior Athlete of the Year.

In his four-year career, Zamberlin compiled 184 unassisted tackles among his nearly 300 total stops, 10 interceptions and six quarterback sacks. Three times he earned all-conference and all-district honors.

His number, 56, is the only retired PLU football jersey.

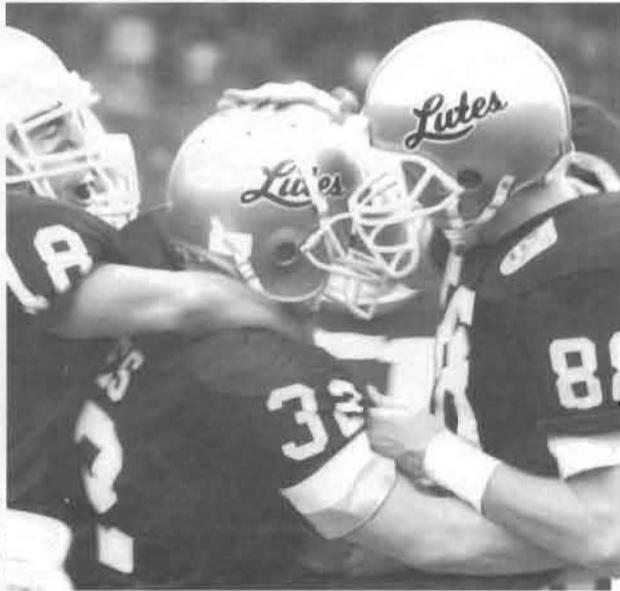
# Fall Sports Preview

BY NICK DAWSON

## Changes.

There are plenty of them as the 1996-97 school year gets underway at Pacific Lutheran University. Start at the top where Paul Hoeseth takes over the reins as athletic director and dean of PLU's School of Physical Education.

There are also coaching changes, two of which are chronicled in the following article. And volleyball, basketball and wrestling enthusiasts will enjoy the new wood floor in Olson Auditorium donated by the Names family.



## Football

Pacific Lutheran has advanced to the NAIA Division II national football playoffs 14 times in the past 17 seasons, and there's at least 17 reasons to believe that the 1996 Lutes will again be in the playoffs. That's because PLU — which lost by a touchdown on the road to eventual national co-champion Findlay in the first round of the playoffs — returns 17 starters.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Lutes have eight starters back, including all-league quarterback Dak Jordan (212-372, 2,692 yards, 15 touchdowns, 9 interceptions), second team All-America wide receiver Karl Lerum (67 catches, 1,047 yards, 8 touchdowns) and honorable mention All-America center Brian Walker, who will start for the third straight season. PLU also welcomes back Pete Finstuen, who missed last season with a knee injury after an outstanding freshman year in which he scored 11 touchdowns and compiled 991 all-purpose yards.

On defense, the Lutes have nine starters back. The aggressive defensive scheme features first team all-league linebacker Jon Roberts (67 tackles, 7 1/2 sacks), second team all-league linebacker Travis Hale (108 tackles) and three-year starting defensive end Josh Arnold (39 tackles). Senior safety Rob McIlraith (60 tackles), a second team all-league choice last year, is the most experienced defensive back and has seven interceptions over the past two seasons.

## Women's Soccer

The 1996 season will feature a new look for PLU women's soccer as Sue Shinafelt '90 takes over for former coach Colleen Hacker, who led Pacific Lutheran to three NAIA national titles (1988, 1989, 1991).

Shinafelt was an all-conference and all-district defender for Hacker's teams in the late 1980s, and hopes that the 1996 Lutes will play with the same intensity that she exhibited in becoming arguably the finest defender in Lute women's soccer history.

Among the top returnees are twin sisters and senior co-captains Jenni (4 goals, 2 assists) and Corie (2 goals, 3 assists) Krueger. Junior forward Amy Gardner has scored seven goals in both of her first two seasons at PLU, while sophomore forward Dani Phillips (7 goals) and junior midfielder Karen Leikem (5 goals, 2 assists) are other top offensive threats. Senior Tammy Thompson figures to anchor the defense as a fourth-year starter, along with senior keeper Lisa Cole, who set a school record with 95 saves in 1995.

## Men's Soccer

Coach Jimmy Dunn must find a way to replace eight starters if the Lutes are to win their third straight Northwest Conference postseason tournament. Among those gone are 1995 leading scorers Steen Demskov (9 goals, 7 assists) and Jamie Bloomstine (10 goals, 3 assists), midfield playmakers Joe Hampson (4 goals, 6 assists) and Denis Hillius (3 goals, 1 assist), and defenders Daren Boyd and Aare Valvas.

The Lutes should be solid in net with senior David Gonzalez, who notched a 1.22 goals against average last year, while senior Danny Hagedorn will anchor the midfield.

## Volleyball

The 1996 season ushers in a new coach. Kevin Aoki, a 1984 PLU graduate, brings a successful prep coaching career to the up-and-coming Lute program.

Last year's team finished with a 20-10 match record, setting a school record for single-season winning percentage. Unfortunately, the Lutes lose several key players from that squad, including record-setting outside hitter and three-time all-league outside hitter Rachelle Snowdon.

Aoki is happy to welcome back a pair of seniors who have helped PLU volleyball grow into the regionally competitive program that it is — outside hitter Beth Jayne and setter Kim Baldwin.

The Lutes will play their home matches in Olson Auditorium on Names Court, the new wood surface installed over the summer.

## Cross Country

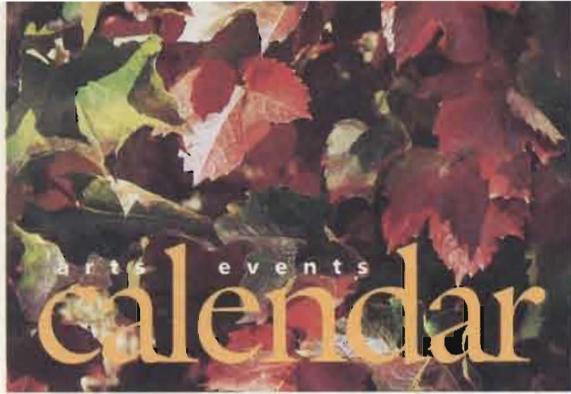
In his 16 seasons at Pacific Lutheran, Brad Moore has made the PLU cross country program one of the most dominant in the Pacific Northwest, and annually a national-caliber force.

That shouldn't change this season, as Moore welcomes back a large contingent of runners from the 1995 NCIC men's and women's championship teams. On the men's side, senior Brent Roeger and sophomore Ryan Goulet and Ryan Pauling hope to help the men's team improve on its 10th-place national finish of a year ago. The women's team finished eighth at nationals a year ago, led by junior Tanya Robinson, who earned 1995 All-America honors by placing 24th. Another top returnee is junior Chandra Longnecker, 46th in the 1995 national meet.



## Olympic Wrap Up

Both the US women's soccer team (helped along by former PLU women's soccer coach Colleen Hacker as the team's psychologist) and the US women's softball team (guided in part by former PLU softball coach Ralph Weekly as the team's assistant coach) brought home gold medals in the Summer Olympic Games held in Atlanta last month.



## SEPTEMBER

- 19 THUR** **Fear No Music**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Six-member chamber orchestra
- 29 SUN** **Faculty Piano Recital**  
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Ned Kirk (piano)

### UNIVERSITY GALLERY

**Fall Faculty Art Show**  
October 1-18

**Club Mud** (pottery)  
October 22-November 22

**December Art Graduates' Exhibition**  
November 26-December 15

University Gallery is located in Ingram Hall on the PLU campus. Regular hours are Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm. Admission is free. Call 206-535-7386 for information.

## OCTOBER

- 1 AND 3** **Pastor's Brunch**  
October 1, 9-11am; October 3, 11am-1pm  
Scandinavian Cultural Center  
PLU's Walt Pilgrim, featured speaker. Advance registration required, 206-535-7423.
- 8 TUES** **Faculty Violin Recital**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Bryan Boughten (violin)
- 9 WED** **Faculty Guitar Recital**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Hilary Field, James Reid
- 10 THUR** **Lyric Brass Quintet**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- 11 THRU 13** **Homecoming**  
This year's homecoming, *Framing the Past - Picturing the Future*, will feature something for everyone. For more information call 206-535-7415 or 800-258-6758.
- 13 SUN** **University Wind Ensemble: I Hear a Symphony**  
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- Faculty Duo Recital**  
7pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Jane Harty (piano), Leonid Keylin (violin)
- 20 SUN** **Lila Moe Memorial Concert**  
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Richard Farner (piano). Proceeds benefit the Lila Moe Memorial Scholarship.
- 22 TUES** **University Symphony Orchestra**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Masterpiece Series Program 1
- 24 THUR** **Fall Choral Concert**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

**26 SAT** **Church Youth Day**  
PLU welcomes high school students from area churches. Advance registration required, call 206-535-7423 or 1-800-274-6758.

**29 TUES** **Choral Union: American Expressions**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

## NOVEMBER

- 1 FRI** **Regency String Quartet**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- 3 SUN** **Early and Baroque Music Concert**  
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- 8 AND 9** **Opera Workshop**  
Friday, November 8 at 8pm; Saturday, November 9 at 3pm, Eastvold Auditorium  
Mozart's "The Magic Flute"
- 8 THRU 10** **Family Weekend**  
Activities for student and their families. For more information, call 206-535-7415 or 800-258-6758.
- 14 THUR** **Camas Quintet**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- 17 SUN** **Heather Koller '94 Memorial Lecture**  
7:30pm, Chris Knutzen Hall  
"Confronting Death: Who Chooses? Who Controls?"
- 22 FRI** **University Jazz Ensemble**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- 23 SAT** **Yule Boutique**  
9am-5pm, Olson Auditorium, \$2
- 24 SUN** **University Wind Ensemble: Winds of Change - Diversity of Winds**  
3pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center

### UNIVERSITY THEATRE

#### The Foreigner

October 17-19, 25, 26 @ 8pm  
October 27 @ 2pm

Larry Shue's "The Foreigner" is University Theatre's debut performance for the 1996-97 season. A shy, insecure individual pretends not to understand or speak English, with hilarious and perceptive results. This comedic gem is directed by William Becvar.

#### Crimes of the Heart

November 20-23 @ 8pm  
November 24 @ 2pm

PLU's University Theatre presents Beth Henley's "Crimes of the Heart," a comedic look at three Southern sisters who learn to love and trust each other again as they rally around one sister accused of shooting her husband.

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

**Concerts are subject to change.** For up-to-date concert information, call the 24-hour concert line, 206-535-7621, or the PLU music office during regular business hours, 206-535-7602. Ticket prices (unless otherwise noted) are \$8 general, \$5 students/seniors, \$3 alumni, and free for 18 and under. Season passes are available.



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## Mud on the Leaves

Harvey Neufeld '54, vice president emeritus of church relations, wrote this piece for the December 1989 issue of Scene. As we head into the season of leaf blowers and mud, we reprint a portion of this popular essay.

By the time you read this column, most of the maple leaves on campus will be gone. They have long resisted the energetic clean-up of our groundskeepers. Some were blown away. Others were swept away, raked away, picked up or sucked up. In a word, they were attacked, plundered, mulched, burned or stacked with fervent environmental zest on the compost heap. However, some leaves still remain.

I celebrate the victory of one leaf, caked with mud, pummeled by tires and feet, pelted with rain. It defies all modes of destruction and now rests safely on my desk. Even by itself, it is strangely beautiful with its blotched russet surface not unlike a Martian landscape. It is a reminder of the golden carpet of warm October days. It tells us about the cycles of life, the comings and goings of all things which belong to the natural order.

Nature not only caresses and inspires us, but buffets us as well. The order of things is what we rage against. Days move on. Nights too. The family moves on. Children too. Life moves on and claims the weak and the old and the sick among us.

But one leaf at least survives and, mud or not, declares the beauty of life, the ruggedness of every part of God's creation.

This and other essays are collected in "Travelin' with Harv," available for \$6.95 from the PLU Bookstore, 206-535-7666. Proceeds to benefit an endowed Q Club membership in Beth Neufeld's memory.

## DECEMBER

- 4 WED** **4th Annual Julefest**  
7pm, Scandinavian Cultural Center
- 6 FRI** **Sankta Lucia**  
7:30pm, Chris Knutzen Hall  
\$5 adults, \$3 children under 10
- Christmas Festival Celebration**  
8pm, New Hope Community Church, Portland  
Tickets: \$10, \$5 with PLU ID. Call PLU or New Hope Community Church at 503-227-2439.
- 7 AND 8** **Christmas Festival Celebration**  
Saturday, December 7 @ 8pm; Sunday, December 8 @ 3pm, Eastvold Auditorium  
Tickets: \$10, \$5 with PLU ID
- 10 TUES** **University Symphony Orchestra**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Masterpiece Series Program II, Marta Kirk (violin)
- 11 WED** **Festival of Lessons and Carols**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center
- 13 FRI** **Christmas Festival Celebration**  
8pm, Eastvold Auditorium  
Tickets: \$10, \$5 with PLU ID
- 15 SUN** **Christmas Festival Celebration**  
3pm, First Presbyterian Church, Seattle  
Tickets: \$10, \$5 with PLU ID. Call PLU or First Presbyterian Church at 206-624-0644.
- 20 AND 21** **Choral Union & Northwest Sinfonietta: Handel's Messiah**  
8pm, Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center  
Tickets only available by calling 206-591-5894.