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## Letters to the editor

### **Stay-at-home moms – career choice proves an investment with eternal rewards**

#### **Editor:**

Kathleen North's '86 article on stay-at-home moms (Winter '98) struck a chord with me. It was well written – beautifully written. The group of PLU alums who meet weekly no doubt provide a great deal of support and encouragement.

As I read the article I heard so many of my thoughts echo through the comments of mothers in the group. And it is still meaningful to hear them. I have been hearing myself say more and more frequently, "We (my husband and I) made a decision to do what it took to allow me time at home with our two children. It was an investment that we do not regret."

I've started this letter many times. I wanted to share so many things having come to a point in parenting where the giving is not so intense and the receiving of the rewards is a frequent surprise. Often in the midst of the child-rearing time, the perspective is difficult to keep — in the end the rewards will pay off dividends you cannot even comprehend. The dividends that Bill and I are seeing continually amaze us. Would we see them even if I had not been home? Who knows? But we don't have regrets when we see our two children dealing with their questions in life from a solid Christian faith of their own. We pray in thankfulness nearly every day for each of them. We made plenty of mistakes as parents, but they are also forgiving children.

Thanks for the article and keep up the support for each other!

Sincerely,

KAREN PYLE  
(MOTHER OF DAVE PYLE '98)  
MOSCOW, IDAHO

#### **Editor:**

Finally! An issue (stay-at-home moms, Winter '98) that addresses the career I have chosen beyond my business career. After graduation I had 13 wonderful years in the business and academic business settings. PLU helped to prepare me for that, and it also helped to prepare me for managing a home, a husband and two children.

In my current homemaking career I do all the things I did in my business career — time management, prioritizing work activities, negotiating with "clients" and vendors, budgeting, financial reporting, financial analysis, inventory control, supervising, attending meetings, sometimes I even "do lunch!" My hours are longer, the challenge is greater than any business position I have

ever held and the rewards are eternal, which means more to me than any paycheck a company could offer.

It is heartening to me that women are realizing that being at home taking care of a family is every bit and more a success story as a choice of careers. Thank you to Kathleen North '86 for writing her insightful article.

Sincerely,  
CELIA (HOLT) TROTH '79  
SEATTLE, WASH.

### **Who "owns" the fish – the country of origin or the country in whose waters they spend the majority of their adult lives?**

#### **Editor:**

I enjoyed the Spring 1998 issue of *Scene* which focused on Canada. While working on a graduate degree in Pacific Northwest history a few years ago at Portland State University, I had the opportunity to participate in a Canada seminar led by Professor Charles White. It certainly changed my perspective.

I was intrigued by Laurel Willoughby's "Fish Tales." Her section on "Cascadia" and globalism was particularly interesting. One suggestion which might help people better understand the salmon dilemma, however: Pacific salmon don't "migrate to Alaskan waters to spawn" as the article implied. They actually spawn in the freshwater streams and watersheds of Northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia and Alaska. They subsequently migrate to the ocean, where they grow to adult size on the (usually) abundant food.

The crux of the problem lies in the fact that once they reach salt water, the various stocks mix and migrate indiscriminately in the Gulf of Alaska and off the west coast of British Columbia. The dispute has to do with who "owns" the fish – the country of origin or the country in whose waters they spend the majority of their adult lives.

Finally, a word of thanks for including helpful web sites with the articles. I enjoyed the issue so much that I asked the Alumni Office to send a copy to my former professor, Charles White. I'm sure he'll enjoy it as much as I did. Thanks!

JOHN ROSENBERG  
(SPOUSE OF NANCY FAAREN '76)  
VANCOUVER, WASH.

# PLU brings something extra to state's First Steps low-income service

BY MICHELLE MILLER, EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

**W**hile many organizations in Washington state provide First Steps services to low-income women and their families, PLU doesn't stop at the minimum requirements for the program — it uses them as a springboard. To the normal offering of health education and home visits, the PLU community has added holiday food baskets; donated clothing, toys and household items; and a fund for household expenses.

"We at PLU go above and beyond state requirements for the program by developing a more comprehensive and collaborative service model," said **Lael Petersen '96**, First Steps case manager and program coordinator. "We can do this because we have generous support from individuals and groups on campus."

Many offices, families and individuals donate money for Thanksgiving food baskets (more than 60 baskets were delivered last year), and sponsor families in the "Adopt a Family" program, where food and presents are donated during Christmas (17 families were sponsored last year).

"Most of the low-income families involved in the program are shocked and surprised that someone would put forth the money and time to help them out," Petersen said. "They are overwhelmed that anyone cares this much, and that makes them feel special."

But needling doesn't stop after the holidays, First Steps at PLU realizes, and it has implemented year-round programs such as the Clothing Closet, which offers clothes, toys and domestic items donated by the PLU community. More than 500 articles of clothing came from PLU students when they moved off campus last May (90 percent of the clothes received come from PLU students). Another program is the "Reach Out Fund," a PLU-managed pool of private money donated to the program by family and friends of First Step's staff. The fund received more than \$2,000 in its first three weeks and now receives monthly contributions from four donors. It is used only for client needs (rent, utility assistance, food, clothes, diapers, etc.).

"The PLU community knows that the program is directly impacting people right here in our community, so they feel more connected and realize the program is real and hands-on," Petersen said.

PLU faculty directly involved in the program are Howard Butcher, assistant professor of nursing, who helps clients with therapy and assessments one day a week, and retired philosophy Professor Gunnolf Mybro, who offers guidance and wisdom to the staff in addition to his paid role as billing manager.

With strong faculty, staff, student and alumni involvement, the university remains true to its motto, "Educating for Lives of Thoughtful Inquiry, Service, Leadership and Care." "We are actually doing what we were taught to do — educating for service," Petersen said.



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The state's First Steps program began in 1990 and covers medical expenses for pregnant women without medical insurance. PLU's program, which began in 1992, includes two registered nurses — **Teresa Ramsey '93** and **Karen Shaffer '95** — who provide education on nutrition, fetal development, labor and delivery, postpartum care, baby-care basics, parenting and birth control. Two case managers — Deanne Kennedy and Petersen — make home visits with many of the same families to provide resources for education, medical care, transportation, daycare, baby supplies, clothes and food.

"Our philosophy is to look at the whole situation — if a mom is in our office and has not eaten that day, we'll feed her before we sit down and talk about growth and development," Petersen said. "We may never get around to teaching that day if there is something else that needs addressing — it is a matter of priorities."

First Steps at PLU is divided into two teams, each with one nurse and one case manager. The program is located in the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) buildings in Lakewood and Parkland. Together, the teams serve more than 200 women each year. The maternity support nurses work with women until two months after the baby is born. Case managers work with the moms until the baby's first birthday. First Steps at PLU has so many clients, it must turn away up to 25 women each month.

*First Steps accepts clothing, food and monetary donations, and is also looking for volunteers. For more information, call Lael Petersen, 253-588-5957.*

**From left: First Steps case managers Deanne Kennedy and Lael Petersen '96 deliver Christmas presents to Jessica Post in December. Gifts and food were donated from the PLU Development Office.**

## Two-year Student Satisfaction Survey results reflect favorable ratings for PLU

A Student Satisfaction Inventory was administered to 866 PLU undergraduates in October. This is the second consecutive year for the administration of this survey. Compared with 117,438 students at 253 other four-year private institutions, PLU students are more satisfied with their university and would be more likely to choose their university "if they had to do it all over" again.

It was learned that PLU students rated their university more favorably on seven of the 12 composite scales, equally on two scales and less favorable on three scales. PLU students gave their university higher ratings, at a statistically significant level, on the following seven of the 12 composite scales: instructional

effectiveness, concern for the individual, student centeredness, campus life, campus climate, service excellence and campus support services.

In 1996-97 there were five general areas of concern while in 1997-98 there were only three general areas of concern. These are recruitment and financial aid, academic advising, and safety and security. These areas are being addressed, and progress is being made regarding these concerns. For more information about the survey, call Erv Severtson, vice president and dean of student life, 253-535-7191.

## Nationwide scholarship recipients make PLU proud

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS

A Fulbright Scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships a person can receive, and PLU is home to an impressive 48 (student) Fulbright recipients since 1975.



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**Kristina Knoll '98**, programming assistant at the PLU Women's Center and substitute teacher at the Tacoma German Elementary school, will spend one year of study at the University of Innsbruck in Austria to compare Austrian and American ideas and theories regarding women in the home, work force, politics and the status of women in foreign lands.



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**Molly Loberg '98** will spend one year at Universitaet Freiburg in Germany to explore the images of "nationhood" as they emerge, not among politically elite, but in popular mediums of expression. Loberg will also continue in this area of study in graduate work.

**Jeremy Mangan '98** (photo unavailable) will travel to Berlin and Munich, Germany, to study and practice art to better understand the nature of art as a universal communicator of ideas and emotions and as a reflection of the culture.



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**Kit Spicer**, dean and professor of communication, will teach in the communications and public relations department at The European University in Lisbon, Portugal, January–March 1999.

### GOLDWATER SCHOLAR

The Goldwater Scholarship program, which honors Sen. Barry M. Goldwater, is designed to foster and encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. The scholars are selected on the basis of their academic merit in those areas of study.



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**Katherine Maloney '00** is one of 316 students nationwide to win the Goldwater Scholarship of \$7,500 a year for two years. Maloney, a chemistry major, wrote her scholarship essay on "The Influence of Terminal Atoms on the Magnetic Properties of Copper Halide Dimers." She did research last summer with Duane Swank, chemistry professor.

### ROTARY SCHOLAR



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**Rachel Peitsch '98** received a Rotary scholarship for up to \$22,000 for the opportunity to do graduate research in agricultural trade at the University of Bergen in Norway. Peitsch, a political science and Scandinavia-area studies major, is from Astoria, Ore.

## President Anderson leads China delegation

President Loren and MaryAnn Anderson headed a small PLU delegation to China in late March for a visit aimed at celebrating the many past successes and strengthening the future of PLU's Chinese exchange programs at Sichuan Union University in Chengdu, and Zhongshan University in Guangzhou.

Retired chemistry Professor *Emeritus* Bill Giddings, who helped found the Chengdu program, and anthropology Professor Greg Guldin, whose work in China in the mid-1970s and 1980s established the initial connections in Guangzhou, were part of the delegation.

PLU's Chinese Studies Program, one of only two in the Northwest, is an important element in PLU's study abroad curriculum — and in the context of the university's overarching philosophy of preparing students to live in a global village.

In addition to high-level meetings with the new presidents of both universities, the delegation took part in several special events that celebrated the 15-year-old exchange program. For every five PLU students that study in China, one visiting professor spends a year in residence at PLU. More than 30 faculty and more than 100 students have taken part.

"One of the events that made an impact on us as well as on the new (Chinese university) presidents was seeing tables full of their faculty who had taken part in the program and all had good things to say about PLU," said Anderson. "With their new emphasis on ties with the American education system, this is obviously an important relationship to foster."

The delegation also made stops in Hong Kong to honor the steady stream of students who have come to PLU from that area. One evening PLU hosted an "Alumni & Friends" dinner, and 18 PLU alumni and friends attended.

PLU hopes to add exchanges involving students and scholars from the schools of nursing and education in the future. A separate program for business students began in 1997.

In addition, MaryAnn Anderson's visit to on-campus elementary and secondary schools for children of faculty and staff at Guangzhou has prompted a future trip by Guangzhou officials to PLU this fall to study our methods of teacher education, and to discuss a possible student-teacher exchange program.

## Memorial fund established in memory of PLU's first president

New to PLU is the Bjug Harstad Memorial Fund, which was established in memory of PLU's founder and first president. Rev. Harstad (1848–1933) served as president of PLU from 1894–95 and from 1897–98. Contributions to the memorial fund were provided by several of Harstad's descendants, with fundraising efforts lead by two of Harstad's grandchildren, Isabel (Harstad) Watness '46 of Tacoma, and A.L. "Duff" Harstad of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The fund will be used to host one major event (lecture, concert, etc.) each year. The first event to use the fund was a lecture in March featuring Gunnar Sønsteby, Holocaust survivor and leader of the resistance movement in Oslo, Norway. *Contributions to the Bjug Harstad Memorial Fund may be sent in care of the PLU Scandinavian Studies Program, PLU, Tacoma, WA 98447.*

## New PLU Community Garden

Groundbreaking for a new PLU Community Garden took place in April with the help of students, faculty and staff. The cooperatively run organic garden is a place where the entire PLU community can come together to engage in both education and service. The garden, located behind the new PLU Women's Center on lower campus, serves as a gathering point for community partnership both within and beyond PLU, a means of assisting low income elderly to obtain produce, and a visible example of PLU's commitment to environmental consciousness and care for the earth.

**Erin McKenna**, assistant professor of philosophy; **Kristin Tremoulet '99**; **Brian Norman '99**; **Michelle Saylor '98**; **Vern Stiefel**, assistant professor of biology; and **Judy Mladineo**, director of the PLU Women's Center work diligently to create the new PLU Community Garden in April.



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# Farewell, friends

## Retiring faculty have fond memories, plans for the future

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR

If you attended PLU in the past 30 years or so, chances are you've taken a class from at least one of the faculty who retired this spring. But lest you think "retired" is synonymous with stopping or even slowing down, read on.



### MICHAEL DOLLINGER

*Professor, Mathematics Department*

Students who made it to college still loving math were lucky to continue their learning under Michael Dollinger, for in him they found a kindred spirit.

"Over the years, there have been so many students who have had a real enthusiasm for learning mathematics," he said, adding he took particular joy in working with students who represented PLU in various intercollegiate mathematics competitions.

Dollinger has spent 17 years at PLU, punctuated by a term chairing PLU's Mathematics Department from 1992 to 1994 and the 1985-86 academic year in an exchange with Zhongshan (Sun Yat-Sen) University, Guangzhou, China.

While he has enjoyed the "wonderful collegiality" of PLU's math faculty, Dollinger said he regrets that the Mathematics and Computer Sciences departments were not included (due to finances) when Rieke Science Center was built. The departments' resulting physical and intellectual isolation kept both faculty and students from participating fully in the university community, he said.

So with full-time teaching behind him, what will Dollinger do?

"Actually, I've made no plans at all," he said. "I've been much too busy teaching students to give any serious attention to planning for the coming years."



### LARRY EDISON

*Professor, Computer Science*

"My fondest memories of teaching are seeing my students grow and develop," said Larry Edison, who spent his 16 years at PLU in both math and computer science, twice as department chair.

"It has been important to me to know my students personally, and that's why teaching at small liberal-arts schools has been my life's work," said the 34-year education veteran. "I hope I have contributed to my students' total personal development, not just their academic growth."

Not only a dedicated educator, Edison also is a fascinated observer of the evolution of computer science in general. As a graduate student at Stanford in the 1960s, the researchers he assisted would occasionally allow the use of the new electronic computer to run calculations, but always required that one of the "real" (human) computers carry out the equation on — gasp! — a calculator.

True retirement means about as little to Edison as it does to the others who left PLU this year. His "to do" list includes web page design and construction, calligraphy, community-service work, traveling, music, and learning Japanese and French so he will be better able to communicate with his granddaughter and two Belgian grandsons.



### BILL GIDDINGS

*Professor, Chemistry Department*

You might call him the "boomerang." This is the third year in a row Giddings has "tried to retire" from PLU, but he keeps coming back. After leaving full-time teaching two years ago, he was asked twice to

return to help the Chemistry Department instruct new waves of students in organic chemistry.

At PLU since 1962, Giddings' professional activities apart from chemistry have included chairing the Integrated Studies Program in 1983-84 and being part of the exchange faculty in 1986 and 1992 for Chengdu University of Science and Technology, Chengdu, China. In fact, his recent return from the 10-day trip to China with President Anderson marks his fourth visit to that country.

So will 1998 be the year he actually puts his beakers back on the shelf?

"Oh, you never know," said Giddings. But any future commitments would be hard-pressed to find a space in his busy non-academic schedule. Giddings is a member of the Pierce County Solid Waste Advisory Committee and three different Parkland associations; he also is a member of two church choirs and the PLU Choral Union.



### JOHN HERZOG

*Professor, Mathematics Department*

Many people find job hunting a stressful task, but not John Herzog.

"I've never really had to look for a job — we've just sort of found each other," said Herzog, who

taught at posts in Nebraska and Idaho before coming to PLU 31 years ago. He has chaired the Mathematics Department three times (1968-74, 1983-84 and 1991-92) and performed similar duties for the Division of Natural Sciences from 1975-81. He also served as dean of the division from 1984-90.

"I've been lucky to have worked with a lot of wonderful people," Herzog reflected. "And what a great bunch of students. I've enjoyed having an influence on their lives all these years." But his effect on his pupils went far beyond mathematics.

"One of the more enjoyable and satisfying things I've done at PLU is accompanying students on backpacking trips in New Zealand over the last five years," he continued.

Retirement for Herzog will mean more of the same. His wife is from Christchurch, New Zealand, and they plan to travel and hike — or "tramp the tracks," as the Kiwis say — in that area five months out of the year.



### LYMAN LUNDEEN

*Professor, Religion Department*

"Devil's advocate" might seem a strange label for a professor of religion, but even a few moments of conversation with Lyman Lundeen prove the designation to be apt.

"I've always tried to bring up the other side of an argument," stressed the nine-year PLU faculty veteran. And as much as students have gleaned from his instruction in Christian theology, it's clear he has learned from them as well: "I've taught a lot of fine young students who continue to inspire me by their character and commitment."

Lundeen's core courses at PLU have been Faith and Spirituality, and God in the Modern World, which, along with other courses, have given focus to his research and teaching. He especially celebrates several years of team teaching in the Integrated Studies program with Paul Webster (Languages).

Before coming to PLU, Lundeen was a chaired professor of systematic theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, where he taught for 21 years. The need to "do something different" drew him to PLU, he said.

"I had never been in this part of the country before, and I thought the university setting would be interesting," Lundeen said. He and his wife, who have four grown children, are raising their teenaged granddaughter in Parkland.



### BURTON NESSET

*Associate Professor, Chemistry Department*

"I've thoroughly enjoyed working with students and shaking up their belief systems."

A comment from a retiring philosophy professor, perhaps? Guess again. The quote is from Burton Nessel, associate chemistry professor, and in the 31 years he has been at PLU, his teaching plate has been filled mainly by the basic, nuclear, nutritional and biochemistry branches of his field.


Still, this scientist believes in balance, so he also has taught *Becoming Human*, a Critical Conversations course that is part of the Freshman Experience program of study. His teaching expertise extends to human relations, communication skills and counseling. Likewise, his community involvement included membership on the board of Greater Lakes Mental Health Center, the Pierce County Board for Substance Abuse, and church councils.

So how does Nessel plan to unwind after more than three decades in academia? The same way he and his family have for the past 22 years: by touring passengers around the San Juan Islands in their mini cruise liner for one- and two-week vacations.

"We'll also visit people we haven't seen in a while," he added, "and I'll probably still teach Critical Conversations at J-Term."

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**SARA OFFICER**  
*Professor, Physical Education*

It's not hard for Sara Officer to look back over her three decades at PLU and pick a favorite memory.

"I think I'm proudest of starting the women's athletic program here and keeping it going," Officer said, noting she was one of the first female coaches on staff at the university. "I'm also gratified at the excellence achieved by physical education teachers who learned part of their craft in my classes."

Officer's pre-PLU career includes stints in Oregon, Sri Lanka (with the Peace Corps) and New Mexico.

As with many faculty and students, PLU's J-Term sessions have provided Officer a special opportunity. For nine years, she and her students have spent January in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, refurbishing homes and providing other social services. Mornings were spent in the hands-on work while afternoons went toward study in the classroom.

"I really believe in service; it's a call we all have," said Officer. "I've enjoyed the work very much, but there's a season to everything."

So as the leaves turn on Officer's academic career, new buds will be opening as she travels and volunteers with the Navajo people in Arizona. She also plans to continue working on the Hilltop and with Associated Ministries — "wherever I see a need," she said.



**FRANK OLSON**  
*Professor, School of Education*

In his own eyes, Frank Olson's 27 years at PLU don't stack up in terms of accomplishments, and when asked to summarize his experience here, no particular

events come to mind. He prefers to remember things this way:

"I've considered it a privilege to work with the students," he said. "They have been extraordinary."

Perhaps the best qualification for a teacher is that he or she loves the profession and can pass that zeal on to the students. This is especially important when educating future educators, something at which Olson excels.

A former junior high and high school math teacher, he has taught various PLU undergraduate courses in secondary instruction. And at the graduate level, Olson has gone a step further, with such courses as Metacognition, Classroom Interaction, and Research and Program Evaluation.

In his post-PLU life, Olson will continue his part-time involvement in the American College of Surgeons' international programs in trauma education. His association with the group has already put him in contact with 250,000 students and has taken him literally all over the globe. He also plans to work with a friend in some publishing efforts.



**HELMI OWENS**  
*Professor, School of Education*

After 15 years of teaching graduate and undergraduate classes in special education and early childhood education at PLU, and twice chairing the Special

Education program, Helmi Owens has much to be proud of. When asked about her retirement from the university, she was philosophical.

"I've worked with a lot of programs on campus, and I've gotten a lot of enjoyment from them," Owens said. "Still, I think it's time."

The After-School Enrichment Program she created in 1983 at PLU's Family and Children's

Center continues to this day. She also has assessed and prescribed education programs for children suffering the effects of maternal prenatal drug use. Leaving PLU doesn't mean cutting ties with her pet projects, though.

"I'll probably stay involved with the prenatal-drug-effects education," Owens said. She'll also continue volunteering with schools and teachers, and do some writing, both in her field and covering personal family history.

And here's one person who truly will sail off into the sunset — thanks to her boat-owning sons, who have promised to continue to take Mom sailing.



**GARY PETERSON**  
*Professor, Mathematics Department*

Whoever created the stereotype of the ultrastructured mathematician — with life planned out to the *n*th degree — probably has never spoken with Gary Peterson.

Instead of a precise answer to "What are you going to do after retirement?" he came forth with, "I'm going to have to figure that out — let's get through the semester first."

"The main thing I'll miss is the interaction with the students," Peterson emphasized.

This lifelong educator has plied his trade in such places as Belle Plaine, Iowa; Bellingham, Wash.; New Delhi, India; and at the University of Kansas. In three decades at PLU, Peterson has twice chaired the Mathematics Department, where his primary responsibilities have centered on teaching mathematics to prospective teachers.

His work apart from teaching includes pushing for the establishment of National Council of Teachers of Mathematics standards.



**KARL RICKABAUGH**  
*Professor, School of Education*

Described as "something of a perfectionist" and one who "admires excellence in others and expects it of himself," Rickabaugh is a psychologist and educator

who "first and foremost openly embraces the Christian faith."

And he extends this belief into the classroom. For instance, in Education Psychology 261 (Human Relations Development), he helps students "ponder how human relations skills connect with Christian conviction" as they prepare for works of service.

With a disciplined lifestyle, he's been able to keep his insulin-dependent diabetes in check for more than five decades. This organized nature has, in turn, been fundamental to his success as an instructor.

"I believe good teaching derives from the identity and integrity of the teacher," said the 23-year PLU faculty member. Viewing education, teaching, learning and human relations development through the eyes of faith, he says, helps him balance high expectations and precise organization of course content with a deep respect and compassion for each of his students.

After leaving PLU, Rickabaugh plans to spend the next five or six months concentrating on maintaining his health. Then, he said, he'll pursue horticultural interests and explore new ways to put his faith into action.

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# Larger than Life

## TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM – EDUCATING FOR VIRTUE OR VIRTUAL REALITY?

BY LINDA ELLIOTT, EDITOR

“We at PLU believe education is still fundamentally like it was in the age of Plato — a scholar engaging the mind of a curious student. One of the key things to remember about technology is that it is a tool to facilitate the teaching and learning process — not replace it.”

LOREN J. ANDERSON  
PRESIDENT

“If we’re going to be competent in the workplace, we need to be able to do more than word-process. That’s why I think it’s so important for the university to take a stand on technology. I’m advocating that they institute a technology (requirement).”

LISA BIRNELL '99  
PRESIDENT, ASPLU  
POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Sign up for one of Eric Nelson’s Latin or mythology classes and you could spend as much or *more* time studying on the Internet than in the library — a practice unheard of five years ago. Nelson ’82, assistant professor of classics, is one of the instructors actively promoting greater use of the Internet and other new technologies in the classroom.

Nelson sees himself as a prophet of technology’s impending impact. “I want to let the faculty know that, hey, there’s something going on here,” he says. “We really have to be ready for next year’s crop of students because they’ve been on computers since they were five.”

A common tool Nelson and other professors employ is frequent fact-finding missions to the web site Perseus (Tufts University), which displays more than 15,350 pictures of early art objects, sites and buildings with incredible color, detail, accuracy and thoroughness.

Lost your syllabus? No worries. It’s posted on Nelson’s web site where it is updated regularly. Print out a copy whenever you like, but take advantage of the web version that includes links to sites all over the world — links you can access even when the class has moved on to another subject. Tired of dragging around those language flash cards? Simply surf your way to the University of Texas Latin Department home page and within minutes complete a set of interactive vocabulary drills.

Nelson also hands out disks at the beginning of the semester that contain files of information, assignment templates and bookmarks for relevant Internet sites. He accepts papers on disk and by email. He also sets up discussion groups through the Internet and encourages students to talk to each other, and to him, by email.

“New technology allows me to leverage my class time and resources better,” explains Nelson, who has taught at PLU since 1989. “It gives my students access to top-notch resources. It can add a depth to what we’re studying — suddenly it’s not just raw words on a page. Homework can become a conversation through email. Students who have to be home with a sick child can still be involved in discussions and assignments.”

As wonderful as this all sounds, however, Nelson and others caution it is not to be seen as a cure-all, a Pollyanna. None of the stunning new technologies can or should take the place of traditional learning styles or resources, they argue.

Doug Oakman, chair of the religion department and self-described computer junkie, takes a rather jaundiced view of the new techno-revolution.

“The overly optimistic sense that people have for this new technology is almost religious in nature,” he says, tugging thoughtfully on his goatee. “Personally, I love to program and to take computers apart and put them back together again, but that isn’t what education is all about. A true liberal arts education requires that students and teachers be together.”

Oakman, who has written extensively on the subject of the pedagogical implications of technology, doesn’t shun the role of technology in the classroom. He maintains a website, encourages

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**EDITOR’S NOTE:** This is the first in a series about the increasing role of technology at PLU. This issue focuses on technology in the classroom, especially use of the Internet and what the new medium means for traditional learning. The prevalence of technology is truly larger than life in some areas of campus and is just beginning to flourish in others. Subsequent *Scene* stories will touch on various aspects of the campus technology plan as well as how technology touches our everyday lives.

"Six to eight years ago it was prophesied computers would cause less interaction between people. We've noticed just the opposite, especially since our new media lab opened. Students are talking to each other about what they're learning, and they're learning together. And, professors like me are always asking students for help in understanding the computers. It's opened up dialogue."

CHRISTOPHER "KIT" SPICER  
DEAN, COMMUNICATION  
AND THEATRE

"Using technology for distance learning is hot right now, but there will always be a role for an institution that works directly with students on a day-to-day basis. We see ourselves serving students this way. That doesn't mean we won't work with a group that has a particular need for distance-based technology, but the core mission of PLU to serve students one-on-one will always remain."

LAURA POLCYN  
VICE PRESIDENT, ADMISSIONS  
AND ENROLLMENT

dialogue by email and uses the Internet for some of his research. But he tempers the new information tools and resources with established learning practices. For instance, he will not accept term papers via email (there's something about having to correctly paginate a term paper, he says with a twinkle in his eyes), and he restricts the use of Internet resources on those papers to 20 percent.

Educators must, Oakman stresses, meditate on what these new tools will do to the way we teach, learn and live. "Technology does modify our environment. Click a mouse and stuff just rolls past you on the screen. You don't even really have to think about it. Pick up a book and you'll have to think, absorb. Traditional learning methods require you to work harder."

Provost and longtime philosophy Professor Paul Menzel agrees. "I have no doubt the (new technologies) will allow us to deliver a fuller and better education, but there are inherent problems that need to be addressed," he says.

For instance, Menzel points out that more students are turning away from the library and turning to the Internet for many — if not all — of the resources needed in their academic projects. Students have even been known to download finished papers and pass them off as their own. Some PLU professors have already faced this situation and say it is a far greater problem nationwide.

Relying so heavily on the Internet may also be unfortunate, Menzel says, because it contains so much information that is unverified, opinion oriented or unclear in its sources. While just about anything can be found on the Internet, the hand-picked collection in a college library contains largely those resources that are valued by professionals for their scholarly worth.

Worse than that, Menzel continues, "Students may become more trustful and less critical of sources found on the Internet. If anything they should be more suspicious."

While some faculty and students feel the university has been too slow in its adoption of new technological practices, others say a more guarded approach is needed.

"What I like about our community here is that we are thinking about this as a cultural event. The significance of this

new technology is along the same lines as the invention of the printing press and the steam engine. It has major implications for our culture and we definitely need to be thinking about how it affects us," says Oakman.

"Web-based instruction can do a lot," adds Menzel. "Is it just the same substance with a superficially different delivery vehicle? We don't think so. I suspect it pushes toward a shift in instructional strategy. You have to think about at what point do you build in student interaction, and what, if anything, is changing in our learning?"

Much of this debate may be lost on the students who are simply trying to get the best traditional education they can while taking advantage of every technological invention to position themselves better in the marketplace. Today, students are demanding more Internet connections in the residence halls, better computers in the computer centers, and more courses that deal with basic computer operation. And they are encouraging their sometimes reluctant professors to use more technology in the classroom.

"The information age is all about being quick, timely and professional," says Lisa Birnel, a junior political science major and president of ASPLU. "Technology is so prevalent in the workplace that if we don't learn it in school we won't be marketable. That's why it's so important for the university to take a stand on technology."

Birnel says one of her goals as ASPLU president is to advocate that a technology requirement be added to the core curriculum. "If we're going to be competent in the workplace, we need to be able to do more than word-process."

Technology-based instruction is usually interactive, and the value of that to harried students can never be underestimated. "Students have so much going on that they're not getting a whole lot of sleep," Birnel says with a laugh. "The more interactive classes are, the more I'm able to pay attention. Having this kind of creative lecturing would make PLU stand out, too, as far as teaching styles at other colleges go."

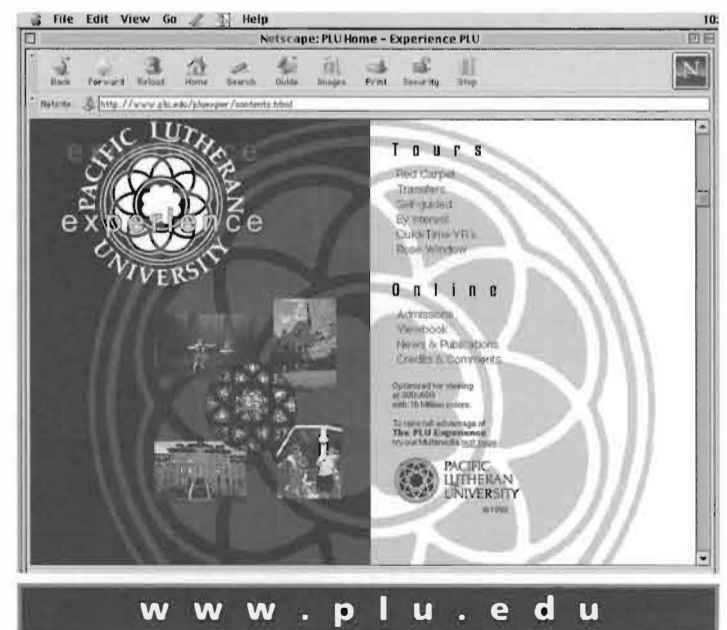
One practical consideration: how much of the technology is available to faculty for use in their offices and in the classroom? Strengthening PLU's technology infrastructure has been a high

## Virtual tour: the next best thing to being there

BY LAUREL WILLOUGHBY, ASSISTANT EDITOR

Airfares are up, I-5 is gridlocked and to be honest, Greyhound's just not your thing. You want to visit the alma mater, but you have trouble getting out of town. Not to worry! With the new PLU web page virtual tour, you don't even have to get out of your chair. Just dial up [www.plu.edu](http://www.plu.edu) and dive into the PLU Experience directly from our home page.

- **Red Carpet Tour** – Leads you on a tour of campus administrative buildings and residence halls.
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- **Self-Guided Tour** – Allows you to pick and choose where to visit by clicking on a campus map or selecting from a text list.
- **By Interest Tour** – Want to know more about general areas at PLU? Click on what interests you: academic departments, campus art, services and facilities, student activities or the Rose Window.
- **Quick-Time VRs** – Forget "the next best thing" — you're there! This growing library of 18 QTVR files shows moving pictures of various locations across campus. My picks? The 360-degree tour of Lagerquist Concert Hall is inspiring (and a bit dizzying). Also, don't miss the (literally) animated rune stones in Red Square.
- **Rose Window** – Originally published in the Winter 1995 edition of *Pacific Lutheran Scene*, "Heaven in Glass" by Stewart Govig educates the patient viewer in Christian theology. This moving description of the various elements contained in PLU's signature Rose Window is a delight for the eye as well as the mind.

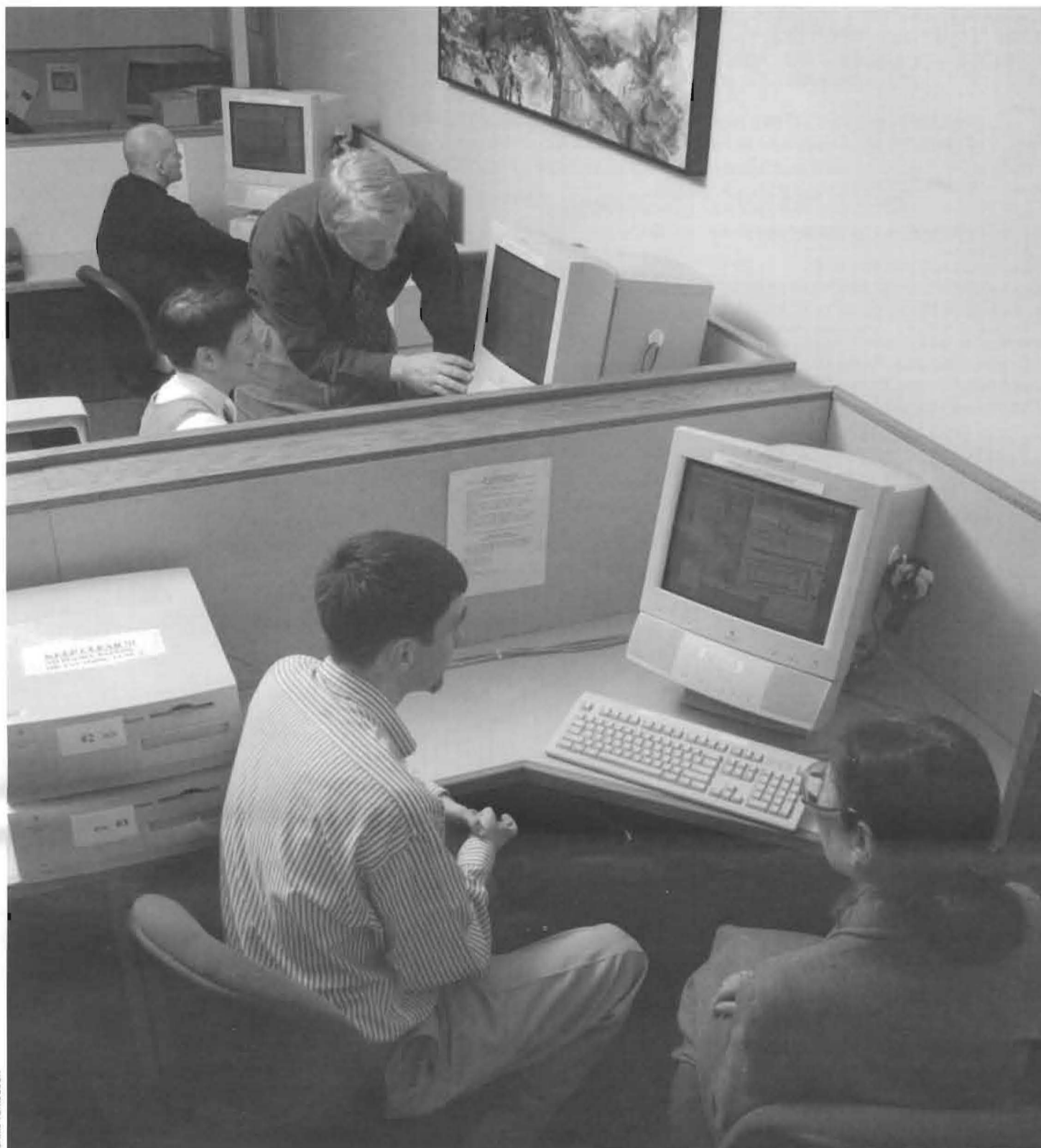


- **Online Publications** – Available are the *Viewbook*, *Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog*, *Course Equivalency Guide*, *PLU 2000* (long-range plan), *Campus Voice*, *Pacific Lutheran Scene* (alumni magazine) and *Contact* (newsletter of the Office of Church Relations).

Accessible soon from the PLU Home Page:

- **Alumni and Parents** – Send in news for class notes, check out upcoming events, and see the many ways you can be involved.





CHRIS TUMBUSCH

PLU's new Language Resource Center, located in the library, is becoming a crucial research spot for students of all disciplines. Here, Assistant Professor of Classics Rochelle Snee (BOTTOM RIGHT) goes over an instructional computer program with David Uhler, a junior biology major and classics minor. Assistant Professor of Classics Eric Nelson '82 (LEANING OVER) talks with senior classics major Carolyn Berglund. In the background is Wally Sims, a junior biology major.

priority of the administration, says Sheri Tonn, dean of information resources.

By the end of the semester, as directed by the campus technology initiative (see page 10), PLU will have put 200 Pentium-level computers on faculty desks around campus. It also will have started adding computer projection systems to some of the larger classrooms. In addition, a case will be made to purchase more portable computer projection systems for the classroom, or to have them permanently installed. Currently, PLU's Media Services Department has two computer projection systems and a desktop computer system on individual carts, and one laptop computer. All are heavily used across campus.

"Over the summer all residence hall rooms will be connected to the campus network, and we've found a reliable, low-cost Internet provider for off-campus use," says Tonn. "At present PLU does not require students to purchase computers, so we will continue to offer user rooms. Both students and faculty need reliable, compatible and easy-to-use computers connected to the PLU network. It isn't enough to put computers in faculty offices. We also need connections in classrooms, labs and the library."

While few classrooms have permanent computer work stations, every classroom is now equipped with a permanent

TV/VCR stand thanks to a four-year effort by PLU's Media Services to upgrade and add equipment.

Layne Nordgren, associate director of Media Services and Library Systems, hopes someday each faculty member will have a laptop computer that can be moved from his or her office to the classroom, thereby eliminating the need to equip, maintain and update computer systems in both places. Nelson also sees this as the wave of the future, especially for professors who use non-standard programs that currently have to be transferred by disk from an office or home computer to classroom computers.

When all is said and done, we must carefully assess how the new advances in technology fit within PLU's mission to nurture a one-on-one relationship between student and teacher, and then act responsibly from that standpoint.

"We want our students to be technologically literate when they graduate," says President Loren Anderson. "Education here is not fundamentally about the technology itself, but how the uniqueness of a PLU education can be enhanced through technology. We must keep that idea at the forefront."

The complete texts of Doug Oakman's articles on technology can be found at: [www.plu.edu/~oakmande/compute.htm](http://www.plu.edu/~oakmande/compute.htm)

"Libraries will always have books, but our services are changing quickly. Through 'Project Access,' faculty and students can now reach hundreds of electronic databases and over a thousand online journals and magazines. Now we need to help students sort the garbage from the gems."

SHERI TONN  
DEAN, INFORMATION  
RESOURCES

"There are some fields where technology doesn't help instruction, it actually makes things harder to understand. Technology is not a solution for every discipline."

LAYNE NORDGREN  
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR,  
MEDIA SERVICES AND  
LIBRARY SYSTEMS

"This is not a student with his head buried in a text at the back of the library. This software brings various aspects of cultural life, as well as literature, right to the students' eyes in vivid color, real life. It's a shared experience you can't get with a textbook."

ROCHELLE SNEE  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
OF CLASSICS

"Certainly technology has real value. I'm a very strong advocate for computers. But if they think technology can replace a professor in a classroom they're wrong."

DOUG OAKMAN  
CHAIR, RELIGION  
DEPARTMENT

"Technology will not save the university money. We know that. It's not that you can't do more with the technology — you can. But it won't save money because, for one thing, it's not stable. We have to purchase new software and retrain each time an upgrade comes along. We'd have huge gains if technology would remain stable for 10 years. That's not going to happen."

PAUL MENZEL  
PROVOST

"Students used to get a paper syllabus. They took it and it sat in a notebook. Now that same syllabus sits on their computers — but it takes them all over the world."

ERIC NELSON '82  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
OF CLASSICS

## Sampling PLU's cyber salad bar

BY JAKE FOURNIER '00, SCENE INTERN

Spending time on the PLU web page hasn't topped my list of priorities this spring, but I was on assignment and the clock was ticking. With just 15 minutes to find some "good stuff" on our university's home page, I strapped on my fiber-optic helmet and went for a ride. Here are 10 things I found to be helpful, educational and downright first-class:

### [www.plu.edu/~hansendh](http://www.plu.edu/~hansendh)

Striking underwater photographs of Hawaiian fish can be found on Biology Professor David Hansen's home page.

### [www.plu.edu/~barnowjt](http://www.plu.edu/~barnowjt)

I ran across Business Professor Thad Barnowe's home page and found a way to visit Zhongshan University in Guangzhou, China. I didn't even have to clear customs!

### [www.plu.edu/~blizzanj](http://www.plu.edu/~blizzanj)

Get a private showing of the dancing baby from TV's "Ally McBeal" on freshman Nick Blizzard's home page.

### [www.plu.edu/~oakmande](http://www.plu.edu/~oakmande)

From Religion Professor Doug Oakman's home page, I found a link to Alexandria, Greece, where there are 19th and 20th century pictures as well as photos of monuments and artifacts.

### [www.plu.edu/~spillmrj](http://www.plu.edu/~spillmrj)

Get an up-close and personal view of engineering Professor Richard Spillman's office in Rieke Science Center from his home page. Can you find Waldo?

### [www.plu.edu/~humr](http://www.plu.edu/~humr)

Need a job? PLU's Human Resources Department is online with a page that trumpets job opportunities in Luteland.

### [www.plu.edu/~loopw](http://www.plu.edu/~loopw)

PLU student web developer Peter Loo (he helped develop the PLU virtual tour) shows off his computer graphics skills in an awe-inspiring and entertaining home page. He also includes original poetry.

### [www.plu.edu/~mayersk](http://www.plu.edu/~mayersk)

Assistant Physics Professor Shannon Mayer '87 did her Ph.D. thesis on "Low-Velocity Matter-Wave Source for Atom

Interferometry Produced by Zeeman-Turned Laser Cooling and Magneto-Optic Trapping." Whatever it is, it sounds impressive! Also check out photos of her Siberian Husky, Kenai.

### [www.plu.edu/~libr](http://www.plu.edu/~libr)

Some freshman still don't know where it is, but at least they can get to the library through the PLU web site. You can read online texts, find out what books are in (or out), and peruse the library's suggested links to other resources. A great place to begin research.

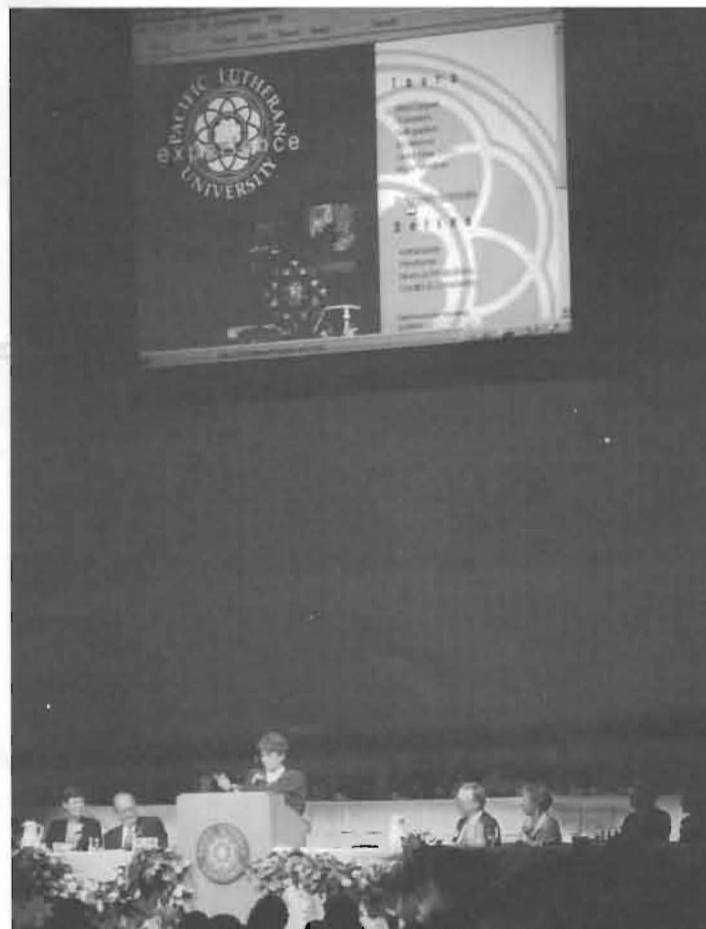
### [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org)

Believe it or not, I got to a Lutheran link from the PLU home page. An enjoyable site with good information about events happening locally and nationwide. Links to churches around the country can be found here — does your church have a page?

## Campus technology initiative is well under way

In January 1995, the PLU Board of Regents put its stamp of approval on PLU 2000, a long-range plan intended to carry the university into the 21st century and beyond. Key to that effort has been a campus technology initiative. Phase I of the initiative emerged last summer with several goals to be completed by fall 1998:

- A Pentium computer will be on the desk of every tenure-track faculty member.
- Each residence hall room and faculty office will have an Ethernet network connection.
- Twenty high-quality networked laser printers will be installed across campus.
- Windows NT will be the primary operating system for workstations on campus.
- Local area networks will improve security and allow groups to work together more effectively.



**HIGH TECH, HIGH TOUCH:** Sheri Tonn, dean of information resources, demonstrates the PLU web page for the nearly 700 folks attending the Q Club banquet held on May 2 in Olson Auditorium. Eric Nelson '82, assistant professor of classics, joined her in the presentation, which elaborated on the overall theme of the banquet — "High Tech, High Touch."



**HIGH SPEED:** Dean Waldow, associate professor of chemistry, logs on to the chemistry web site through one of Rieke Science Center's high speed computers. The computers are a valuable resource for student and faculty research.



**GOING GLOBAL:** Peter Winderling, scientific instrument engineer in PLU's Division of Natural Sciences, hands the dish for PLU's new GPS (Global Positioning System) to workers perched atop the Rieke Science Center (summer 1997). The 18-inch pancake-shaped dish boasts a 12-channel receiver connected to a computer inside the science center. Paid for by a grant from the Kresge Foundation, GPS enables students and faculty to find very precise locations in terms of latitude and longitude, which is helpful in research and map making.

# HOMECOMING '98

## Gladiators – Knights – Lutes

THE LEGEND CONTINUES

Every fall more and more alumni make the trek back to PLU to catch up with old classmates, see the campus and keep in touch with former professors. This year there are more reasons than ever to attend Homecoming — here are a few of the highlights:



FILE  
John Kuethe

**HOMECOMING APPLE FESTIVAL** – Enjoy apple cobbler and ice cream while listening to entertainment on the main stage in Red Square, browse the PLU Author Book Signing, and meet Northwest artist Julie Ueland '79. A highlight is the Annual Heritage Lecture featuring John Kuethe, former PLC philosophy and religion professor (1954–64). The lecture, "A Healing Touch," is scheduled for 3 pm on Oct. 9 in the Regency Room, University Center.

**GALA BUFFET AND CONCERT** – A heavy hors d'oeuvre buffet in Olson Auditorium will be followed by an evening of music and recognition in Lagerquist Concert Hall, in the recently completed Mary Baker Russell Music Center (see profiles of the award winners on page 12). You won't want to miss the sounds of the superbly hand-crafted Gottfried and Mary Fuchs pipe organ, which was custom designed for the hall and will be featured during this program.



**PLU vs. EASTERN OREGON** – This year's homecoming football game finds the Lutes pitted against the Mountaineers of Eastern Oregon University at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup. The pigskin festivities begin Oct. 10 at noon in the Alumni Tent,

with a new twist on the traditional pregame tailgate event. Then at 1:30 p.m., the Lutes will take the field. Watch out, Mountaineers! Last year (photo shown here), the Lutes emerged victorious over Lewis & Clark, 53–16.



CHRIS TUMBUSCH

**The class of '47 celebrated its 50th reunion last year in the Regency Room at the University Center**

events. Specific information will be sent to members of those classes and to all alums later this summer.

### CLASS REUNIONS

– This year we will honor the classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1993. In addition, some classes will hold reunion brunches on Saturday morning and schedule additional class

**HOMECOMING WORSHIP** – Join University Congregation for a special worship service. Choir of the West will provide music; Rev. David Wold, bishop of the Southwest Washington Synod, will be the presiding minister; and President Loren Anderson will preach. Come early and join us for a complimentary continental breakfast!

### 1998 Homecoming Schedule

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon, 11:30 am  
Homecoming Fall Apple Festival, 1:30-4:30 pm  
Annual Heritage Lecture, 3-4pm  
"A Healing Touch," John Kuethe  
Gala Buffet and Concert, 6-10pm  
Alumni Award winners honored

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Reunion Class Brunches, 9:30am  
Golden Club Brunch, 10am  
Nursing Alumni Brunch, 10am  
Alumni Tent at Sparks Stadium, 12 noon  
PLU vs. Eastern Oregon University, 1:30pm  
Class Reunion Events, 7:30pm  
Honoring classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988 and 1993  
Homecoming Dance, 9pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Continental Breakfast, 9am  
Homecoming Worship, 10am  
Four Freshmen Concert, 2pm

## 'Devil' returns to the stage at Homecoming '98

How times change! The class of 1958 sponsors a benefit concert featuring the Four Freshmen, a group President Eastvold wasn't too happy with 40 years ago.

BY DAVID R. KNUTSON '58

Class co-Representative, Professor Emeritus, Department of Religion

Some of you may remember or have heard of the Four Freshmen, now celebrating 50 years as a vocal and instrumental jazz quartet. They played at PLU in 1958 and 1968, with the last original members retiring in 1992.

The class of 1958's 40th reunion planning committee is happy to announce a return of the Four Freshmen for a benefit concert at the end of Homecoming weekend at 2 pm on Oct. 11. The class of 1958 will donate the concert's net proceeds as its class gift to the university. Proceeds will benefit PLU's Center for Teaching and Learning (to honor the teaching tradition) and other projects.

PLU's vocal jazz group, Park Avenue, and the instrumental jazz ensemble will supplement the Four Freshmen with a few warm-up and backup numbers.

Back on Jan. 9, 1958, the Four Freshmen's appearance signaled the first concert by a professional jazz group — and a secular one at that. Sponsored by the senior class, the Four Freshmen performed for a capacity crowd of students, some faculty and President and Mrs. Seth Eastvold (the seventh PLU president). The students were stunned by the performance, enthusiastic and refused to let the Four Freshmen leave the stage. It was a combination of excellent vocal and instrumental musicianship and the excitement of a style of music new to PLU.

But Eastvold was upset. Influenced by aspects of Norwegian Lutheran piety, he had guided PLU with a strong hand through its rapid post-WWII expansion. He was a complex man with strong convictions, a genuine concern for students, powerful abilities to preach and raise funds for the university (then a college), and "a natural monarch," as former professor Walter

Schnackenberg called him. Eastvold's student life policies included bans on dancing, jazz music, alcohol and card playing.

Senior class president Gene Peisker '58 kept his promise to Eastvold that we would not bring to campus performers who would sing offensive lyrics. However, Eastvold was disturbed by the jazz style and especially by the line from the Four Freshmen's hit song, "Graduation Day" — "At the senior prom we danced 'til three, and then you gave your heart to me."

I remember well at the intermission Eastvold's stern words to Peisker, Karl Forsell (a classmate who had diligently promoted the event on and off campus) and me, the ASPLC president: "This is an abomination! The Devil is on this stage tonight."

The latter sentiment was repeated in our mandatory chapel the next day. But the AJ (After Jazz) era had begun. There were discussions that spring about the "legitimacy" of jazz music, and a student "bop" trio performed at a Tuesday student assembly. Dancing did not come, however, until the early years of President Robert Mortvedt's administration, and then only after careful deliberation.

In the Four Freshmen you can enjoy an articulate and superb sounding "Devil" (your one chance?) with an international reputation. Join us and meet students, fellow alumni and Four Freshmen fans for a celebrative, cross-generational event.



**The original Four Freshmen in 1958 and the new members in 1998. Celebrating its 50th year, the Four Freshmen sing originally arranged jazz versions of popular standards, including ballads and swing numbers.**

Photo left courtesy RoseAnn Jacobson Scott '58  
Photo below courtesy the Four Freshmen

### THE FOUR FRESHMEN

October 11, 2pm  
Olson Auditorium

**TICKETS:** Advance purchase highly recommended, limit two per person.

**COST:** \$15 for general admission; \$10 for PLU alumni, faculty and staff\*; and \$5 for students. All tickets at the door are \$20. Tickets can be purchased through Homecoming registration, 253-535-7415, the University Center Information Desk, 253-535-7457, or Ticketmaster, 253-627-8497.

\* The \$10 price is available only through Homecoming registration or the Info Desk.

1951

**Robert Anderson** retired in 1987 after 37 years as a school administrator. He has been working in real estate sales since 1988. Robert and his wife, Geraldine, have a retirement home in Green Valley, Ariz., where many other retired PLU alumni also live.

1952

**Margaret (Lucas) Douglass** was one of six volunteers chosen nationwide for the 1998 Volunteer Award of Merit by the American Bible Society (ABS). The ABS, headquartered in New York City, provides Bibles to people worldwide at cost and in their own language. Margaret has maintained a Scripture Courtesy Center and has provided displays and presentations in Western Washington for the past 28 years. The award was presented to Margaret at a church service in her church, Messiah Lutheran in Auburn, Wash.

**Philip Thomas Vorvick** died on Feb. 20. He graduated in 1959 from Evangelical Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and served Our

Savior Lutheran Church in Richmond, B.C., for six years, and Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Concrete, Wash., for seven years. He also owned an acoustical ceiling contracting business for the past 24 years. Philip is survived by his wife, Bonnie; three children; and three grandchildren.

1954

In January, **Evangeline Rimbach** was appointed editor of *Grace Notes*, a bimonthly newsletter of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians. She retired on June 30, 1997, from 33 years on the faculty of Concordia University in River Forest, Ill.

1955

**Abraham Lopez** and his wife, Faye, have three children and seven grandchildren, ranging in age from 10 to 18. They are both retired and enjoy traveling, which has included trips to Puerto Rico, Alaska, Mexico and France.

1957

**Dr. William Foege**, world renowned for his work in eradicating smallpox, and a distinguished professor in the International Health Department at Emory University, was elected to the PLU Board of Regents as regent-at-large for the 1997-2000 term. (See related story on page 18 of this issue.)

1958

**Roy Schwarz** recently received honorary degrees from Montana State University and the University of Idaho. He also received an honorary professorship from Sun-Yat-Sen University of Medical Sciences in Guangzhou, China, the surgeon general's medical fellowship in the American Academy for the Advancement of Sciences.

**Irving Nygren** retired in 1997 from the Evangelical Alliance Mission. He was a teacher, administrator and pastor for 31 years in Pakistan, and he taught English as a Second Language for four years in Afghanistan.

1959

**Lois Capps** was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives (CA) in March. The seat was left vacant upon the untimely death of her husband, **Walter Capps '57**, in October.

1962

**Jane (Jacobson) Winslow** was an elementary school teacher for 14 years in the San Francisco Bay area, a corporate personnel director for nine years, ran as a candidate for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and worked as executive director for Friends of the San Francisco Public Library for five years. Recently, Jane started her own business as a community outreach consultant. She works with neighborhood groups in support of her clients' projects, and as a lobbyist and liaison with the neighborhoods and city departments, assists with planning and zoning issues related to new buildings and businesses in the San Francisco Bay area. Jane volunteers her time to raise money for the park around Coit Tower on San Francisco's Telegraph

# HOME COMING '98

## 1998 PLU Alumni Recognition Awards



Distinguished Alumnus

**Bishop  
David C. Wold '56**

For his work as a Lutheran pastor and bishop and his dedicated service to PLU, Bishop David C. Wold '56 is recognized with the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Wold received his bachelor's degree from PLU and went on to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific Lutheran Seminary in 1960. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from PLU in 1989. He served as a region youth director in the American Lutheran Church in Chicago from 1969 to 1971. He became pastor at Mountain View Lutheran Church in Puyallup in 1972 and served that parish until 1986. From 1986 to 1987, he ministered at Holy Trinity in Port Angeles, Wash., and in 1987 he was elected Bishop of the Southwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, where he remains in service today.

Wold has served PLU as a member of the board of regents since 1972. He was the chairman of the board from 1981 until 1992 and, with his wife, **Elisabeth '60**, he served in a leadership position for the PLU *Make a Lasting Difference* campaign. He received the PLU Distinguished Service Award in 1993.

Bishop Wold also gives his time to many local and national organizations:

- Committee for a Children's Therapy Unit at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup
- Division for Ministry Board of the ELCA Board and Executive Committee
- Luther Seminary Consultant to Clergy Board
- Domestic Peace Board at Trinity Lutheran in Parkland
- Chinese-American Relations Committee
- Choral Arts Northwest Board
- Foss House/Virage Seattle
- Hein/Fry Lecture Board of the ELCA

David and his wife, Elisabeth, live in Tacoma and have four daughters: **Karen '81**, **Kathryn '83**, **Kristen '86** and **Heidi '87**.



Outstanding Alumnus

**Ed Petersen '68**

Ed Petersen '68 will receive PLU's 1998 Outstanding Alumnus Award for his years of dedication to providing shelter for the homeless.

After Petersen earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from PLU in 1968, he joined the Peace Corps and worked for three years in Venezuela. In 1974 he earned his master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania. He has served as an assistant professor of social work at the University of Trondheim in Norway; as a program director for Mental Health Services, Inc., in Everett, Wash.; and most recently as executive director of Housing Hope.

Housing Hope is a nonprofit housing development providing emergency and transitional shelter for the homeless, and permanent homes for low-income families, primarily in Snohomish county. A founder of the organization, Petersen began as the volunteer executive director and sole staff member in 1987 while still working for Mental Health Services. By 1989 he had dedicated himself to the effort full time, and today he directs a complete staff of case workers and administrators.

Petersen has won several prominent awards, including the 1996 Hunthausen Service Award and the 1997 Snohomish County Service Provider of the Year Award. He also has been active in a number of church and community organizations, the most recent of which include the North Snohomish County Association of Churches, the Snohomish County Homeless Coalition and the Snohomish County Alliance to End Homelessness.

Ed and his wife, **Carol '71**, live in Everett and have three children, **Kim '94**, **Solveig** and **Sonja**.



Alumni Service Award

**Lynne Bangsund '70**

Lynne Bangsund '70 is the recipient of PLU's first Alumni Service Award in recognition of her dedicated volunteer service to a number of church and community organizations.

Bangsund was born and raised in Portland, Ore., and graduated from PLU with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She taught school for several years after graduation but decided to dedicate her time to her family and her community. She has had numerous leadership roles in her church and her children's schools, and has been active in several community organizations, including Junior League and "Reachout," a Southeast Portland volunteer organization.

Most notably, Bangsund has been extensively involved with the "Kids on the Block" awareness program. "Kids on the Block" uses child-sized puppets to teach elementary school children how to understand and accept differences in people and how to protect themselves in difficult situations. The puppets dress and act like real children, and are operated by volunteer puppeteers.

The program had been sponsored by various nonprofit organizations, but Bangsund led the effort to establish "Kids On the Block" as an independent nonprofit organization. In 1991 she was elected president of the new board of directors. Since that time, she has served as volunteer executive director and volunteer puppeteer, and she continues to serve on the board of directors.

Bangsund, together with her husband, David '71, co-chaired the Portland area for PLU's *Make a Lasting Difference* campaign. The Bangsund family has faithfully supported the university and recently initiated an endowed scholarship at PLU. The Bangsunds live in Portland and have two children. Their son, Erik has just completed his third year at PLU, and their daughter, Krista, is a senior in high school.

Hill. She serves on the city's open space advisory committee to the San Francisco Recreation & Parks Department and on the board of the community center.

1963

In June, **Stan Hagen**, a former British Columbia cabinet member, will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws from Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. Stan is being recognized for his work in collegiate matching-capital programs, in which every dollar raised is matched by the government. He also is being honored for his key role in the establishment of four university-college links in British Columbia. Under that arrangement, students can attend certain academic programs at local two-year colleges, and receive a diploma bearing the name of the parent university.

**Larry Trygg** died on Jan. 4. After graduating from PLU, Larry received his master's degree in speech pathology from Eastern Washington University. He worked as a speech pathologist for 21 years at Lakeland

Village, a state residential center for people with developmental disabilities. Larry is survived by his wife, Judie.

1965

**Ted Vigeland** is the new alumni council representative on the Oregon Health Sciences Foundation Board of Trustees. The group governs the fund raising and management of this \$200+ million foundation. Ted is an orthopedic surgeon with the Portland Ortho Clinic. Between his internship and residency, he spent four years in Germany as a medical officer in the U.S. Army. He is a clinical assistant professor in orthopedics at Oregon Health Sciences University and past president of the Medical Society of Metropolitan Portland. Ted and his wife, Julie, enjoy travel, the arts and golf. They have a daughter, who is a journalist, and a son, who is a business communications consultant.

1966

**John Boe** has been an independent sales representative for 22 years at

Rockmount Research Alloys, Inc. He sells welding alloys to industries in three states. His daughter, Katherine, recently received a degree in forestry from the University of Montana.

1968

**Jim Willis** died on Dec. 31 at his home in Madrid, Spain. He was born in Tacoma on Feb. 1, 1946, and he moved with his family to Madrid in 1955. After graduating from PLU, he worked in international television program distribution for Universal Studios/MCA, Astral Television, Kaleidoscope Entertainment Inc., BNB International, and most recently with CityTV in Toronto. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and daughters, Siri and Kristi, of Long Island, NY; his parents, **Stan '38, '42, '60** and **Thelma Willis '40, '47** of Parkland; one brother, **Brian Willis '77**; and two sisters, **Judy Carr '70** and Kathleen Pollakowski.

**Judy Read Jeffery** received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching of Mathematics for her outstanding achievement in math education. This award is sponsored

by the National Science Foundation. It included a \$7,500 teaching grant and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for the national awards ceremony, where President Clinton presented her award. Judy completed a master's degree in 1997 at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. She teaches algebra and math art at Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage, and her husband, Arge, is the director of elementary education for the Anchorage School District.

1971

**Pamela (Larson) Indahl** is a professor of social work and English as a second language at the Russian American Christian University in Moscow. Her husband, Berne, is the director of security for the New Embassy Building Project. Their son, Andy, is a freshman at Wheaton College in Chicago; and Ben, 13, and Bethany, 10, attend Hinkson Christian Academy in Russia. Any PLU grads traveling to or through Moscow are invited to dinner! Email: [TLPower@aol.com](mailto:TLPower@aol.com).

1972

**Bruce Bjerke** was elected local managing partner on Jan. 6 of the Seattle law firm of Graham & James/Riddell Williams. He was also appointed coordinator of the firm's Asia Network, overseeing business between the U.S. offices and their Asia and Australia affiliates. Bruce's practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions of privately held companies, business transactions and the hotel industry. He is also chairman of the board of directors of WestCoast Hotels, Inc.; president and board member of the Pike Street Market Medical Clinic; and a Washington World Affairs Fellow.

1974

**Elaine James '74, '76** retired in 1992 as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Army and in 1995 from civil service. She is a registered nurse/massage/neuromuscular therapist and the owner of the Center for WellBeing in La Grange, Ga.

**Peg Zander** received the 1997 Community School Community



Outstanding Recent Alumnus

Michelle Y. Long '84

Michelle Y. Long '84 will receive PLU's 1998 Outstanding Recent Alumnus Award for her overwhelming achievements in the petroleum industry.

Long earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from PLU in 1984. During her time in college, Long's incredible determination enabled her to attend school full time, work almost 40 hours a week at U.S. Oil and Refining in Tacoma, and raise her young daughter on her own.

Almost a year after graduating, Long left U.S. Oil and Refining and went to Texaco Lubricants Company in Seattle. While there, Long actively participated as a mentor to students in the Math, Engineering and Science Achievement program (MESA). During her involvement with the Puget Sound MESA program, Long arranged field trips to Texaco facilities, was a guest speaker for MESA clubs and classes and assisted with career and college awareness programs held at PLU.

After several years at Texaco's Seattle plant, Long was promoted to assistant plant manager for Texaco's Los Angeles plant. Long's commitment and hard work within the petroleum industry landed her a position as plant manager of Texaco's Chesapeake, Va., plant. When she took the position in Virginia, Long garnered three distinctions as a plant manager: the youngest, the first woman and the first African-American.

As Long continues to achieve within her field, she still makes time to serve her community. She actively supports food and clothing drives for low-income families, sponsors Upward Bound, tutors and mentors within culturally diverse communities and even finds time to coach volleyball. In addition, Long serves on the board of directors for MESA and also serves on the board of directors and as the local chapter coordinator for the NAACP. Long has established a PLU scholarship in her name, awarded to minority students majoring in math or science.

Michelle and her daughter, Chauntelle, live in Virginia.



Heritage Award

David Berntsen '58

For his many years of devoted service to PLU, David Berntsen '58 will receive the Heritage Award.

After earning his bachelor's degree in physics from PLU, he became an engineer at Boeing from 1958 until 1970. He then became a director of development at PLU and has served the university since that time.

At PLU, Berntsen has been involved in establishing the Q Club and has dedicated much of the past 25 years to nurturing its growth.

Q Club membership provides the core of Annual Fund support at PLU. All Q Club dollars go to provide scholarships for students.

The Q Club grew from 100 charter members who contributed \$51,000 in 1972 to more than 2,000 members contributing \$1.2 million in 1997. While his current position with the PLU Office of Development has shifted in focus to major gifts, he still can't resist signing up new Q Club members when he has the opportunity.

As a member of Mountain View Lutheran Church, he has served on the church council and the ELCA Southwest Synod Mission Support Committee. Within his community, Berntsen is a member of the Rotary Club of Puyallup and was chairperson of the Rotary Foundation from 1993 until 1996. Recently, he co-chaired the Polio Plus Campaign, whose final receipts were quadruple the original fund-raising goal.

David and his wife, **Carolee '59**, have two sons, **Chris '85** and **Paul '85**, and live in Puyallup, Wash.



Special Recognition Award

Harvey J. Neufeld '54

Harvey J. Neufeld '54 will receive the 1998 Special Recognition Award for 28 years of service to the PLU community.

Neufeld earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Pacific Lutheran College in 1954 and a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in 1957. He went on to earn a certificate of graduate studies from Vancouver School of Theology in 1976 and a Master of Divinity from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, in 1977.

After serving as pastor in a Canadian church and as director of development at Camrose Lutheran College, Neufeld came to PLU to serve as director of church relations in 1965. During this time, he also served as director of Lutheran Ingathering for Education. Neufeld left PLU in 1969 to serve as a pastor in Ocean Shores, Wash., returning in 1971 to continue his total of 28 years of service to the university.

Neufeld served several roles during his tenure at PLU. He was director of alumni from 1971 to 1973, executive director of collegium and church relations from 1974 to 1986 and vice president of church relations from 1986 until his retirement in 1994.

For 10 years, Neufeld served as producer and host of "Morning Prayer," a weekly radio program on KPLU. Probably best known and most beloved is Neufeld's column, "Travelin' with Harv," that appeared in *Scene* for 17 years beginning in 1971.

His columns often reflected his personal experiences while out on the road and included a larger spiritual, social or moral context. A collection of these columns has been published in Neufeld's book, "Travelin' with Harv: Essays and Reflections." In addition, Neufeld is co-editor and publisher of three books written by PLU alumni.

Harvey and his wife, **Carol '55**, live in Steilacoom, Wash. They have four children — Gregory, **Brian '80, '84**, Stephen and **Elizabeth '82**.

Educator of the Year award at the Oregon Community Education Association conference in Hood River, Ore., on March 16.

1975

**Polly Hulme** graduated from the University of Iowa in December with a Ph.D. in nursing. She is an assistant professor in the family nurse practitioner program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing.

**Larry Walsh** is the head of the music department and the director of bands at Federal Way High School in Federal Way, Wash. The school's music technology lab, with 18 workstations, has successfully finished its first year under Larry's guidance. In May, he toured with his bands in Southern California. Larry's wife, Gail, is executive director of the Washington State Orthopedic Association and the Washington State Urology Association.

**Deuane Kuenzi** is the artistic director for Gloriana, Utah's resident professional choir. Gloriana was featured on the National Public Radio program "Performance Today." In January the choir was featured on Australian Public Radio and in March at the New York International Choral Festival held at Lincoln Center. While in New York, the choir also performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Gloriana's CD, "Songs of America," aired on more than 275 radio stations across North America in April. He and his wife, **Karen '74**, have three sons, Daniel, Joseph and David.

1976

**Susan Kerns** was given the Elementary Educational Technologist award by the Brussels School District in Belgium. She was named Educator of the Year - Phi Delta Kappa in Germany, and in 1997 she was Technology & Learning and Microsoft Teacher of the Year for U.S. schools abroad. Susan lives in Bitburg, Germany, and services American and international elementary schools in Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany. In January 1996, she completed a doctorate in education administration from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

1980

In January, Gov. Gary Locke named **Stan Flemming** a trustee of Evergreen State College. He is a physician, practicing family, obstetric and adolescent medicine in University Place, Wash. He is also a former 28th district state representative; the outgoing mayor of University Place; and a newly elected University Place city council member. Stan also is a graduate of the University of Washington and Western University of Health Sciences.

**Mark Lewis** retired in June 1997 as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force. He is now a senior vice president for SIAC, a subsidiary of the New York Stock Exchange. SIAC develops and operates the computer systems that run the stock exchange.

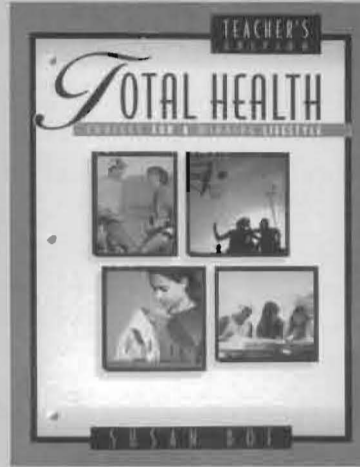
1981

**Marcie (Phillips) Paul** and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of their son, Austin James, on May 19, 1997. He joins a 5-year-old sister, Hayley Suzanne. Marcie is a global account manager for Cisco Systems at Lucent Technologies, where she has worked for 10 years.

**Joni (Jerin) Campbell** and her husband, Bruce, have relocated to Tucson, Ariz., after 11½ years in Cody, Wyo., where Bruce was in private practice as a physician. In Tucson, Bruce will complete a fellowship in geriatrics and a family practice faculty development program at the University of Arizona Health

## Susan (Mackin) Boe '84 carves out niche with spiritual health textbook

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Susan Boe's '84 textbook "Total Health — Choices for a Winning Lifestyle" incorporates spirituality into health education with a focus on mind, body and spirit.

**S**usan (Mackin) Boe '84 is changing the way health education is viewed. She wrote a high school textbook, "Total Health Choices for a Winning Lifestyle," that incorporates spirituality into health education — something she believes is very important for today's youth. Many people believe this method of education is controversial, however, and Boe had trouble finding a publisher for the textbook.

In 1995, after a year of waiting and hoping, she self-published the book. Now, more than 800 private schools, missionaries and home-school programs are using "Total Health." "Quite a success," Boe said. The book has not been adopted into public schools because of its biblical references. "Total Health" focuses on mind, body and spirit, and Boe believes that total health cannot be achieved without a belief in God.

Boe, a West Linn, Ore., resident, said the book's main purpose is to empower young people to make wise decisions that will positively affect them in the future. Boe's motivation for writing the book was "to let teenagers know that God cares about every detail of their lives."

Boe received many rejection letters from publishers before an outside supporter read her book and offered to help. She and her supporter opened their own publishing

company, RiversEdge, in 1995 out of Boe's home. Her husband, Scott, decided to quit his job to help develop the publishing company, and now takes care of their two boys, Steven, 7, and Christopher, 3, while she works. "It was a miracle in my life how God brought all of the pieces together to get this book published," Boe said.

Boe graduated from PLU with a bachelor's degree in K-12 physical education, and then went on to obtain a certificate in theology from Portland Bible College.

Some of Boe's inspiration for the textbook came from PLU's Physical Education Department. Boe is especially thankful to Paul Hoeseth, Colleen Hacker and Frosty Westering for their tremendous support.

Boe spends some of her time traveling around the country attending teacher conventions to promote her textbook. She is also working on another health text, due out this fall. The new text is being developed for junior high students and provides an optional supplement about sex education.

The Total Health curriculum is available at Christian Supply stores, and further information is available from RiversEdge Publishing at 1-888-337-1850, e-mail [RiversEdge@worldaccessnet.com](mailto:RiversEdge@worldaccessnet.com), and on the Internet at [www.worldaccessnet.com/RiversEdge](http://www.worldaccessnet.com/RiversEdge).

1983

**Owen and Sandi (Larsen '82)**

**Wollum**, after seven years of being told it would be impossible for them to have a baby, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, Lars Olaf, on Sept. 23. Sandi is a sixth-grade teacher in the Sumner School District, and Owen works with computers.

1984

**Kristin Londgren** is a dress designer, and her shop on Fairfax Avenue, near the Los Angeles County Art Museum, was featured in the Nov. 9 issue of The Los Angeles Times. A small picture of Kristin appeared on the front page and previewed a larger photo and story in the "Life & Style" section of the Sunday paper. One of her designs also appeared in the Jan. 26 issue of People magazine. It was shown, with credits, being worn to the "People's Choice" television awards in Los Angeles.

**Michael Hunter-Bernstein** and his partner, Gabe, adopted Victor, born on Oct. 23. He joins 2½-year-old Ethan. Michael teaches third grade part time.

**David Schaut** graduated from Medical College of Wisconsin in 1988 and has completed his general surgery internship and anesthesiology residency. He currently practices occupational medicine while pursuing an MPH.

Sciences Center. Joni continues to be at home with their daughters, 8-year-old Lauren and 5-year-old Christine.

**Bret Burkholder** is a career counselor and academic advisor at Pierce College in Puyallup. On March 21, he attended the American Men's Studies Association at Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio, and presented the results of a study entitled, "Male College Students: The Endangered Species." The findings of the three-year study demonstrated the academic probation and dismissal rate of male and female students. This summer, Bret will co-teach a class at PLU entitled, "Ed Psych," which will look at the needs of boys and men in school curricula.

1982

**David and Janie (Prokopowich '84) Lemley** announce the birth of their daughter, Kristen Ruth, on April 18, 1997. She joins 7½-year-old Kevin and 4½-year-old Jason. David is a pilot for American Airlines in Los Angeles. Janie is a domestic engineer making use of her elementary education major, and is involved with Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS).



**Carol (Brodahl) Slama** is a fiction writer, and her book "Shroud of Silence" was published by Bethany House in March. Her second book, about a girl attending a private school in Washington, is waiting for publication. Carol and her husband, Brad, have two sons, 8-year-old Max and 6-year-old Grant. She is a full-time writer and stay-at-home mom.



**Olivier Taupin and Jeanne McDonnell '85, '91** were married on July 21, 1996. Olivier was recently promoted to vice president of worldwide sales at

Computer Peripherals International. They have moved to Aliso, Calif., from France, where they had been living for the last 3½ years.

1985

**Maria Duffus** is leaving her full-time job to work two days a week at Abbott Laboratories. She looks forward to spending more time at home with her 1-year-old son, Daniel.

**Karin Londgren** was promoted to associate producer at E! Entertainment, a cable television company in Hollywood. She had previously worked in the studios of Paramount and Fox in Hollywood.

**Mike Halvorson** was an editor and manager at Microsoft for nine years. His independent work, authoring or co-authoring "Learn BASIC Now," "Running Microsoft Office 97" and "Microsoft Works 4 Illustrated" earned him two technical publishing awards from the Society for Technical Communication. Mike is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in the history of the Middle Ages and the German Reformation at the University of Washington. He will be teaching history at PLU in the fall and J-Term. He and his wife, Kim, are enjoying their 2-year-old son, Henry James. Mike can be reached at [Mike\\_Halvorson@classic.msu.com](mailto:Mike_Halvorson@classic.msu.com).

1986

**Dave Templin** is in his second year as the director of applied sports psychology at the University of Kansas.

**John and Connie (Consear '85)** Antonsen announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Nicole, on Jan. 26. She joins 5 1/2-year-old Britta Marie and 4-year-old Ryan Spencer.

**Jeffrey Cornell** is in his sixth year of teaching in Saudi Arabia. He instructs the children of expatriate oil company employees, mainly American, Canadian and other Arab nationalities.

**Steve Keller** received his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, where he worked for Angelica Stacey. After his postdoctoral work, he joined the faculty of the chemistry department at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Last March he came to PLU to speak at the chemistry seminar held in Rieke Science Center. The title of his talk was "Geometric Coordination Polymers: Towards Molecular Quartz."

**Brian DalBalcon** and his wife, Whitney, announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Holmes, on Dec. 18, 1997. Brian is a commercial photographer, and Whitney is earning her MBA at the University of Washington.

1987

**Dave Parkhill** and his wife, Cari, announce the birth of their son, Britt David, on April 17, 1997. He joins a 3-year-old brother, Kyle. Dave is a lineman apprentice trainee with the Chelan County Public Utilities District, and Cari is a homemaker.



**Stacy Waterworth** was promoted to fire lieutenant for the Tacoma Fire Department on Dec. 21. Formerly an assistant soccer coach at PLU, she

will become the head coach of a U-12 girls youth select team in the fall of 1998.

**Miriam Bacon** and Tom Kennedy were married on Oct. 11 at Glendale Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burien, Wash. Miriam and Tom met at a motorcycle touring club meeting. Their wedding had a

theme that included the ringbearer riding a motorcycle-style Big Wheel pulling a trailer (a small red wagon) with the pillow sitting in the wagon. At the reception, there was an ice sculpture in the shape of a motorcycle, and the cake-top ornament was a motorcycle trophy!

**Greg Schieferstein** and his wife, Adriane, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elaine, on Jan. 28. Greg is the news director at KTVH-TV, an NBC affiliate in Helena, Mont. With a 15-member staff, they do 19 newscasts each week.

**Barb Tyler** and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their son, Matthew Jared, on Feb. 23. He joins 6-year-old Megan Elizabeth and 2 1/2-year-old Michaela Janae.

1988

**Steven Roser** has a private practice in orthopedic foot and ankle surgery at the Institute for Bone and Joint Disorders in Phoenix, Ariz. He and his wife, Lori, have a 3 1/2-year-old daughter, Madelon Grace, and a 1-year-old son, Thomas Oltman.

**Curt Malloy** appeared in "An Epidemiologic Analysis of the Ten Plagues of Egypt," a documentary examining his research of the biblical plagues that are recorded in the book of Exodus. It was shown on the Discovery Channel in April. He is working as an epidemiologist with Exponent Health Group in Washington, DC.

**Mark Keller** completed his Ph.D. in applied physics at Yale University in 1995. He is now on a permanent appointment at NIST in Boulder, Colo., and is working on experiments with single-electron tunneling. Mark enjoys rock climbing in the Boulder area, where he lives with his wife, Evelyn.

1989

**David and Cathy (Renz '88) Hillman** announce the birth of their son, Zachary David, on Jan. 29. He joins two brothers, 4-year-old Michael and 2-year-old Matthew.

**Brendan and Kelly (Mickelsen) Rorem** announce the birth of their daughter, Alison Elise, on Jan. 7. She joins a sister, 2 1/2-year-old Kathryn.

1990

**Susan Chun** and her husband, **Edward '88**, announce the birth of

their son, Brandon Paul, on May 30, 1997. Edward was promoted to account executive at KTVL-TV, the CBS affiliate in Medford, Ore.

**Jeffrey Ebberts and Lyna Zbranek** were married Sept. 27 in East Bernard, Texas. Jeffrey was promoted to operations manager at Rollins Dedicated Carriage, Inc., on Oct. 6. He has been at Rollins for four years as a driver and a defensive driving-instructor. Lyna is a customer service representative.

**Knut Olson** recently earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's 1997 Executives' Club. Membership in the club is based on the sale of insurance and investment products to Lutherans.

**Michelle Garred** completed Master of Public Administration and Master of Arts in international studies degrees at the University of Washington in 1997. She works at World Vision, a faith-based, international disaster-relief and economic-development organization. Michelle continues to enjoy living in the Puget Sound region.

**John Rowland** completed medical school at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine and is in his third year of a combined anatomic and clinical pathology residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

**Kimberly (Black) Carson** is a registered nurse at Providence Medical Center in Yakima, Wash. Her son, Maxwell Eric Richard, had his first birthday on Jan. 10.

1991

**Ronald Shrum** was promoted to inventory planner at Boeing.

**Leroy Victor Thomas** died on Feb. 3. He earned a bachelor of science degree in structural engineering from the University of Washington School of Engineering in 1971 and his MBA from PLU. Leroy is survived by his wife of 32 years, June; his son, Jason; and daughter-in-law, Kim.

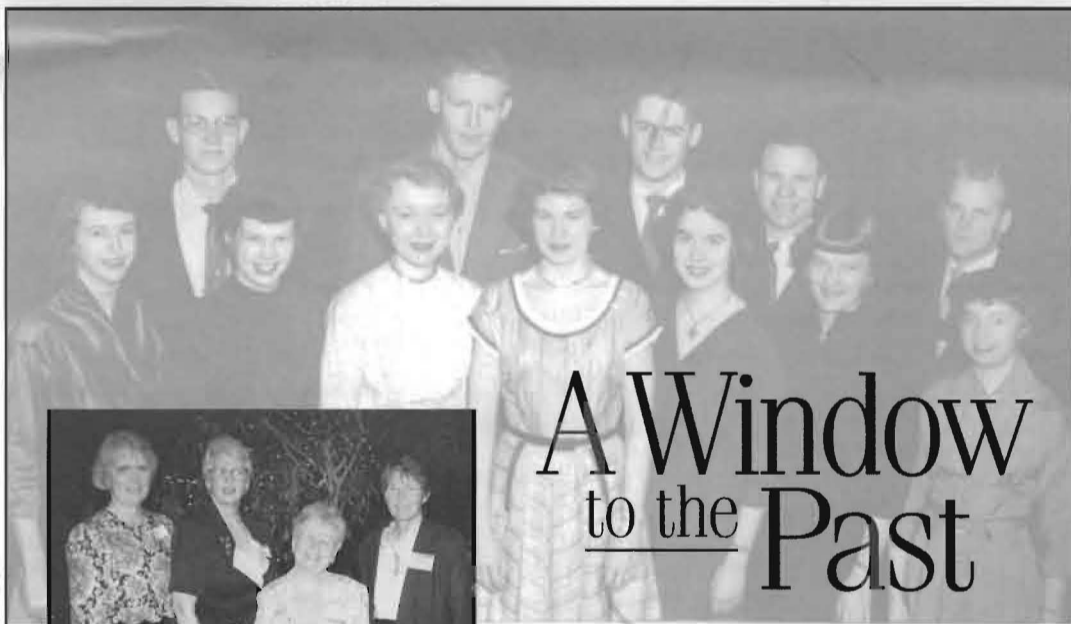
**Scott and Kristine (Barry '92) Moor** announce the birth of their daughter, Meghan Elisabeth, on Feb. 17.

**Megan Flanagan** and her husband, Bradley, announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Kristine, on Jan. 23. She joins a 3-year-old brother, Erik.

**Larry Deal and Lisa Simonsen** were married on Dec. 31 at the United Methodist Church in Renton, Wash. Lisa is a chaplain at the University of Minnesota, and Larry is in family practice residency at North Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis.

**Suzanne Wastier and Andy Podolske '92** live in Seattle. Suzanne graduated in February from Seattle Midwifery School as a licensed midwife, and Andy was promoted to branch manager at Wells Fargo Bank in December.

**David Lechnyr** continues to thrive as a network field technician at The Network Group in Eugene, Ore. He has earned both his Microsoft certified systems engineer and certified Network administrator credentials. His dogs, Bear and Gizmo, say, "Hi." You can visit Bear at <http://BearCAM.gerbilson.com/>, or you can reach David at [admiral@gerbilson.com](mailto:admiral@gerbilson.com). And yes, David's degree was in social work.



FROM LEFT, Ann (Nielsen) German '57, Nancy (Halvorson) Doughty '57, Margaret (Canis) Sopkovich '57 and Elisabeth (Omli) Wold '57.

FROM LEFT, women - Joan Kittleson '57, Nancy Halvorson '57, Alzora Albrecht '57, Carol Bottemiller '57, Dorothy Jean Peterson '57, Janet Wigen '57 and Lina Taber '57. Men - J.P. Carlstrom '54, Garnet Lund '54, Don Hefty '54, Roger Larson '54 and Bob Haycraft '54.

## "Don't wear red!"

WORDS TO LIVE BY - CIRCA 1954

Nancy (Halvorson) Doughty '57, yesterday and today . . . The picture from the past shows Nancy with other 1954 Saga Carnival royalty candidates. The annual event, a benefit for the PLU yearbook, featured royalty selected from among the freshmen women and senior men. Alzora Albrecht '57 and Roger Larson '54 were named Queen and King.

In the newer photo, Ann (Nielsen) German '57, Nancy, Margaret (Canis) Sopkovich '57 and Elisabeth (Omli) Wold '57, all best friends as freshmen, reunited at Homecoming 1997. Nancy, who retired in 1997 after 17 years with PLU, recalled living at Harstad in the mid-'50s:

"There was a meeting in the dorm for all the girls at the beginning of each year, suggesting behavior befitting a lady: do not wear red (it excited men!); do not wear patent leather shoes (they could reflect what is beneath your skirt); and if there was a crowd of people going in one car, be sure to bring along a telephone book (in case you had to sit on a boy's lap)."

Words to live by!



The PLU Alumni Board, along with the Alumni and Parent Relations Office, is pleased to announce the formation of a special award given to alumni, parents and friends of the university. The LuteSalute Award recognizes individuals for exemplary service to PLU.

Following are the first three individuals to receive the award:

**Onella Brunner '56** - for countless efforts of friend/fund raising and the recruitment of new students as well as helping host numerous PLU events in her community.

**Volly Grande '36** - for founding and, for many years, organizing the PLU Women of the '30s, '40s and '50s Luncheon, in addition to serving as a class representative and numerous other volunteer efforts on behalf of PLU.

**Paul Larson '38** - for his years of service as a Q Club director and for his efforts in keeping alumni invested by personally recruiting hundreds of Q Club members.

We applaud these individuals and celebrate their commitment of service to PLU.

## India Partners brings hope and support to a beleaguered people

BY RAQUEL VALENZUELA '98, SCENE INTERN



Brent Hample '86, founder and president of India Partners, hands out blankets and things to all of the 30 orphans at the Orphans Faith Home in Machilipatnam, India, during his first visit in 1987.

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they have so many needs, and most of them are living day to day for food and clothes. We want to become their friends and help them employ each other through economic projects."

India Partners was recently given two private foundation grants and will use them for medical needs and village church projects. Near each church will be a self-sufficient agricultural project. \$40,000 toward the \$100,000 project has been raised so far.

Hample credits PLU for his success with India Partners. "The classes, teachers and the entire PLU environment really nurtured me."

In the past 13 years, Hample has helped India Partners grow from a single church's outreach to an agency with more than 100 orphan sponsors and a mailing list of 600. The church program continued until India Partners was incorporated in 1994 and granted tax-exempt status in 1995. India Partners is now managed by a committed volunteer board of directors from several Christian denominations. India Partners has been working with Rev. Babu in Andhra Pradesh and is now beginning to work in two other

states: Orissa and Tamil Nadu.

Being a Lute not only inspired Hample to visit India but he also gained support from longtime friend Rev. Rick Rouse '69, PLU's director of church relations.

"Rick was very helpful in connecting me with his rotary club," said Hample. They raised a major donation to help fund the building of fish ponds so that the people could become self-sufficient and raise and sell their own fish."

In addition to introducing India Partners to the Rotary International Club, Rouse and his family have been sponsoring a boy through India Partners for 10 years.

"The boy that my family and I have been sponsoring wants to be a doctor, and we have made it possible for him to pursue his dream," said Rouse.

India Partners is currently working on four schools for more than 600 disadvantaged children, free medical clinics for those who cannot afford health care and vocational training for the handicapped. India Partners is organizing a group of 10 people to visit project sites in India, Dec. 28, 1998 - Jan. 8, 1999.

For further information, write to India Partners, P.O. Box 50721 Eugene, OR 97405, or call 541-683-0696. Send email to [postmaster@indiapartners.org](mailto:postmaster@indiapartners.org), or visit the web site at [www.indiapartners.org](http://www.indiapartners.org)

"This is my calling, to help the people of India," said Brent Hample '86. He is founder and president of India Partners, a Christian nonprofit organization that has helped build an orphanage, three schools, a 10-acre fishery and six village churches in and around Machilipatnam, a coastal town of 100,000 in southeast India.

Hample, who is a finance manager at Hample Financial Services, a family owned-financing company, lives in Eugene, Ore., with his wife Monica (Smith) Hample '89, and runs India Partners in his spare time. They have two children, David, 3, and Rachel, 1.

**Why India?** While attending PLU, Hample received newsletters from his congregation, Central Lutheran Church in Eugene. A particular article about the efforts of Rev. G. Parishudha Babu of India, who wanted to build an orphanage for street children, caught his attention and changed his life. Marietta O'Byrne, a longtime member of the same church, had been guiding local efforts to support Babu. O'Byrne introduced Babu to Central Lutheran, and the congregation organized funds to assist Babu with Orphans Faith Home.

The congregation prayed for one of its members to visit India and become involved with the project. Hample learned of this and has since been there three times.

"The people of India are so friendly and hospitable to visitors. It's hard not to fall in love with them," he said. "At the same time,

Ronald Crump has taken a new job as senior account manager at Quill Communications, a strategic marketing communications company based in San Diego. Quill does high-tech business-to-business marketing for clients such as the Hewlett Packard Co. and Qualcomm. Ron works at its new branch office in Boise, Idaho.

1992

Karen (Stark) Dixon is pursuing her master of theological studies degree at Duke University. Her husband, Dave, is in his second year of law school at Duke University. They are hoping to return to the West after graduation in May 1999. Karen can be reached at [Karen@mail.duke.edu](mailto:Karen@mail.duke.edu).

Peter and Julie Bradshaw '95 announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline Jane, in February. She joins 2-year-old Jacob Peter. Peter is a district sales representative for Hershey Chocolate, USA.

Bill and Sheri (Noah) Feeney announce the birth of their daughter, Claire Jennifer, on Feb. 6. Bill is a marketing executive at Safeco

Insurance Co., and Sheri is a certified public accountant at Sisters of Providence Health System.

1993

Sam Capps is a new district representative with the Lutheran Brotherhood Great Northwest Agency in Seattle.

Federico Carreno and his wife, Patricia, announce the birth of twins, Edgar and Monica, on Sept. 4, 1996. Federico is a career development specialist at Wenatchee Valley College, and Patricia is a sewing machine operator.

Kara Berger and Peter McQuillan were married on Oct. 3 at St. Barnabas Church in Limassol, Cyprus, located on the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. Peter is stationed there as a corporal with the British Army.

Darin and Jennifer (Haroldson '92) Howard have bought their first house in Newberg, Ore. Darin is in his second year as a quality assurance specialist at Bidtek in Tigard, Ore., and Jennifer teaches in the Tigard/

Tualatin School District and coaches cheerleaders at Tigard High School. They are enjoying their new home, careers and spending time with their two new puppies. During the winter, Darin and Jennifer enjoy cheering for PLU at home and away basketball games. They can be reached at [howardjd@europa.com](mailto:howardjd@europa.com).

1994

Ryan Brown is a sales representative for Tharco Corp., a corrugated packaging and foamed plastics manufacturer in Auburn, Wash. His sales territory includes Northwest Washington and Alaska.

David Grimberg and Amica Davidson '93 were married on March 7 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Parkland. Amica is a sixth-grade teacher at Woodland Elementary School in Puyallup, and David is a systems analyst in the PLU Department of Computing and Telecommunications Services.

Jerilyn Dunlap is working on her master's degree in youth and family ministry at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., and is interning as

a youth director at Zion Lutheran Church in Anoka, Minn.

Erik Probstfield is a graduate student in materials science at the University of Washington. He spent the summer of 1997 at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, N.M., and is now doing research on developing techniques for processing aluminum/aluminum nitride composites. He continues to compete in the hammer throw, eclipsing 60 meters in a meet last summer.

1995

Sonya Zwinger Miller and her husband, Ron Miller, announce the birth of their son, Ryan Scott, on Nov. 13. He joins 12-year-old Scan and 10-year-old Rachel.

Cyrus Khemalaap will pursue a law degree at Golden Gate University School of Law in San Francisco this summer after participating in the Bangkok Law program hosted by the law school. He recently was an independent writing consultant for international graduate students in downtown San Francisco.





**Shelby (Eichele) Young** is the senior administrator for the Loel Foundation in Lodi, Calif. The position was created by the

foundation to oversee the development of a senior center. Shelby and her husband, Neil Young, were married on Aug. 3, 1996.

**Peter Wiles** is in the graduate program in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin.

**Eric and Hallie (Klipper '94)**

**Anthony** began their new jobs as nuclear engineers at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., after Hallie's graduation in May. She graduated from Washington State University with a master of science in environmental science in system dynamics modeling. The couple lives in Poulsbo, Wash.

1996

**Lisa Balmes** is a teacher at Beach Elementary School in Portland, Ore. Her day is split between a second-grade class and a special education class.

**Annette Goldstein** is in La Paz, Bolivia, on a Fulbright Scholarship. She has been there since September, researching bilingual and multi-cultural education, and developing Spanish as a Second Language curriculum as part of Bolivia's education reform. With more than 30 indigenous languages in Bolivia, many children learn Spanish for the first time when they go to school. The new curriculum will allow students to learn Spanish while continuing to excel in their native language. Annette will be visiting classrooms to observe the reform's impact on the students and the schools.

**Teri Shimoda** was named the Pierce County League Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season. She is the girls' soccer coach at Fife High School in Fife, Wash. Teri led Fife to a 15-2-2 overall record and a berth in the AAA state quarterfinals.



Four alums were reacquainted in January after a PLU Wind Ensemble concert in Honolulu, amidst flower-scented tradewinds, sun-kissed sand and sparkling blue waters. **Shawna Rowe '96** teaches kindergarten and is finishing her master's degree at Shaniade University of Honolulu.

**Darren Kerbs '96** is the associate director of the PLU Alumni and Parent Relations Office and anticipates starting a master's degree soon.

**Kristin Hartwell '94** is a Chinese linguist at Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu and is training for her next marathon. **Timothy Ho '96** is the director of choral music at his alma mater, Kamehameha Schools, and he traveled with his choirs to New Zealand in May.

**Andy and Lori (Gustafson) Dreyer** are resident managers of Walton Guest House, the only hospitality house serving hospitals in Salem, Ore. The house provides a place to stay for family and friends of area hospital patients. Andy and Lori are also working as scientists for Sunseeds in Brooks, Ore.

**Danielle Quigley** has finished her first year at the University of Oregon, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. She will be doing x-ray crystallography in the Remington/Matthews lab, focusing on enzyme mechanisms. She enjoys camping along the Deschutes River, climbing at Smith Rock and floating down the Willamette River.

**Jim Buchan** was named the 1997 NSCAA Regional Coach of the Year and voted as one of the top six soccer coaches in Division II for the second consecutive year.

**Kevin Marousek** is a page for NBC in Burbank, Calif., working on programs such as "The Tonight Show" and "NBC Nightly News."

1997

**Jennifer (Lisher) Mayhew** has a new job as an administrative assistant for Frank Russell Securities at Frank Russell Company in Tacoma.

**Kenneth Ward** recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, in Pensacola, Fla.

**Tracey Sund** is attending law school at New England School of Law in Boston.

**Daniel Barritt** is pursuing a master's degree in human-computer interaction at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. This summer he worked as a human-computer interaction specialist, helping develop a computer program for elementary school students. The program, part of a Carnegie Mellon University project, uses voice recognition to teach reading skills. After he graduates, he plans to develop educational software. He can be reached at [barritt@cmu.edu](mailto:barritt@cmu.edu).

**Matt Anderson** worked at the Max Planck Institute in Germany last summer with Chang-li Yiu, math professor and dean of the PLU Division of Natural Sciences, on the H4 potential problem. Matt is in the graduate program in electrical engineering at Oregon State University.

**Marci Wagner** is a statistical consultant for quality assurance at Boeing in Auburn, Wash.

## IN MEMORIAM

1952

**Philip Thomas Vorvick** died on Feb. 20.

1958

**Paul Hovland** died on Jan. 27.

1963

**Larry Trygg** died on Jan. 4.

1968

**Jim Willis** died on Dec. 31.

**Samuel Steere** died on Feb. 22.

1991

**Leroy Victor Thomas** died on Feb. 3.

### Faculty, Staff and Friends

**Donald Cornell**, a past member of the PLU Board of Regents, died on March 3. He was born June 22, 1908, in Seattle. In 1935 Don married Maxine Robey, and in 1950 they moved to Port Angeles, Wash., where he owned and operated Cornell Auto Parts until his retirement in 1976. Don was involved in many community activities, including serving on the Port Angeles City Council (1962-1969) and as the president of the Lions Club. He is survived by his wife, Maxine; sons **Donald '58**, of Union, Wash., and James and **Gerald '67**, both of Port Angeles; a daughter, **Lois Ruck '63** of Wapakoneta, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Chris Hansen** died on Dec. 19. Chris was a charter member of Q Club, joining in May 1972. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dave and Fran Hansen, of Burlington, Wash., and six grandchildren.

**Paul Wolfgang Ulbricht** died on Feb. 21 of complications from muscular dystrophy. He was a faculty member in the PLU Political Science Department from 1967 to 1986, when his health necessitated early retirement. Ulbricht was born in Hanover, Germany, on Dec. 20, 1932. At the age of 19, he studied on a Fulbright Scholarship at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. Later he studied in Munich, Göttingen and Paris, and in 1965 he earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Washington. Ulbricht is survived by his wife, Louise; a daughter, Mary; and a brother and sister in Germany.

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OCCUPATION: WIFE \_\_\_\_\_ HUSBAND \_\_\_\_\_

PROMOTIONS/AWARDS: NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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## A funny thing happened on the way to the university — I fell in love with the place

BY GARY SEVERSON, CHAIR, PLU BOARD OF REGENTS

### Regent Profile

**Gary Severson**, PLU Corporation President and Chair of the Board



Photo courtesy The Casey Family Program

**TERM:** 1995–98

**OCCUPATION:** Retired chairman of the board, First Interstate Bank of Washington

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### Board News

**Dr. William Foege '57 elected regent-at-large**



Dr. William Foege '57 was elected to the board as regent-at-large for the 1997–2000 term. An epidemiologist and pioneer combating communicable diseases, Foege is most recognized for his work in eradicating small pox worldwide. In June 1997, he received an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Harvard University. His exceptional medical missionary service in Nigeria led into a position as director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, followed by a position as Executive Director of the Carter Center. In addition to numerous other honors, Foege's expertise aided two presidents, numerous agencies and human health throughout the world.

My earliest experiences with Pacific Lutheran date to the '50s when a five-and-a-half hour Greyhound ride was my usual connection between Portland and Parkland. The "U" in the Memorial Gymnasium window was still a "C," as in Pacific Lutheran College, when I first attended a relative's graduation here. Later trips included other sibling and cousin graduations and a Luther League Leadership Conference or two before an absence of nearly 20 years as I built a banking career outside of the Pacific Northwest.

When I moved to Seattle in the mid-'80s, PLU was an account in First Interstate's Corporate Banking Division. My involvement with the university was mainly business, although some nostalgia seeped in from the earlier experiences. I was invited to join the PLU Board of Regents in 1987. As a banker I was invariably assigned to the finance committee. While honored with the appointment, I remember feeling that it was basically another community service role. I'd do my best to provide business and financial advice to yet another not-for-profit organization, as I had done with the likes of Pacific Northwest Ballet, Corporate Council for the Arts, Alliance for Education and others.

Then a funny thing happened. A wonderful thing happened. I fell in love with the place. For the past 11 years, I've had an incredible vantage point from which to watch PLU continue to grow and evolve into the remarkable academic institution it is today. (Witness the biennial kudos in *U.S. News & World Report*

and the prestigious fellowships our graduates have earned.) I've watched it win league and national sports championships and a Sears Director's Cup Trophy. I've seen its plays, listened to its choirs, thrown some frisbees and sneaked into some classes. It's a great university with fantastic students, faculty and administration. That's the fun part of being a regent.

The hard part of being a regent is making sure PLU remains a great university. PLU is heavily dependent on tuition and fees for revenue, or said another way, we get comparatively little income from our small (but growing) endowment. The constant dilemma of this frustrating disequilibrium is to improve programs, facilities and faculty salaries, among myriad other things, while keeping our price tag on tuition and fees within reason. "Within reason" is modified further at the individual student level by our significant commitment to financial aid. About 85 percent of our students receive some financial aid, which makes it one of the largest line items in the university's budget.

So how do we measure our success — by the bricks and mortar, the breadth and excellence of programs, the quality of faculty, the size of endowment? No! We measure it by the person these and other vital university assets help create: the PLU graduate. If that is a responsible, involved, contributing person operating on a basis of knowledge, ability, commitment and values, I think PLU is working well. And based on my personal observation of PLU graduates (and graduates-in-process), I think PLU is working pretty well, indeed.

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#### Q CLUB

The following individuals, churches and businesses have joined the Q Club or upgraded their membership from January 16, 1998, through March 20, 1998.

**AMBASSADOR (\$3,600–4,999)**

Karen and James Phillips \*  
Bill and Doris Rea \*

**SENIOR FELLOW (\$2,400–3,599)**

Christopher Flaot

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Paul and Megan Benton \*  
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Union Pacific Foundation	\$30,000	Conference Center Grant

# Top women's and men's hoop players shatter records, rack up honors

BY NICK DAWSON, SPORTS EDITOR



**Kim Corbray (10) finished her career as PLU's all-time steals leader with 366.**

national tournament. The Lutes lost in the first round to Doane College of Crete, Neb., 71-62, despite Corbray scoring 22 points and handing out five assists.

The 5'4" dynamo averaged 18.2 points per game as a senior and set a new PLU single-season scoring record with 492 points, breaking her own year-old record. A four-time All-NCIC first team selection and the 1997 NCIC Player of the Year, she established a PLU career scoring record with 1,730 points. She also is a highly regarded defender, finishing her career as PLU's all-time steals leader with 366, an average of more than 3.5 per game.

"Kim certainly deserved the All-America honor," said Gil Rigell, PLU head coach. "She showed throughout the season, and especially at the national tournament, that she is among the elite players in the country at this level."

**K**im Corbray, a senior point guard, earned NAIA Division II Second Team All-America honors. She is the first PLU women's basketball player to receive such recognition.

Corbray was the driving force behind PLU's 21-7 record, Northwest Conference of Independent Colleges (NCIC) regular season and tournament titles, and the Lutes' appearance at the NAIA

## Albright reaches new heights

**S**eth Albright, a senior wing on the men's basketball team, earned NAIA Third Team All-America honors after averaging 17.5 points and 4.7 rebounds per game this season. Albright, who was a 1997 NAIA Honorable Mention All-American, became the first PLU men's basketball player in 32 years to earn either first, second or third team All-America honors. (Curt Gammell was named an NAIA First Team All-American in 1966.)

As he helped the Lutes compile a 17-9 overall record this season, Albright broke a pair of PLU field goal shooting percentage records. Making 186 of 278 attempts from the field (a .669 percentage), he ranked among the top five marksmen in the country and broke the PLU single-season shooting record of .622 set by Greg Schellenberg during the 198-90 season.



**Seth Albright (20) established a new PLU career record for field goal shooting percentage at .608, making 450 of 740.**

Albright also established a new PLU career record for field goal shooting percentage at .608, making 450 of 740. The old mark was .528 by Dave Lashua, who played from 1978-81.

In Albright's four years at PLU, the Lutes qualified for NCIC's postseason tournament three times, reaching the championship game this past season. The 17 wins by the 1997-98 Lutes were the most by a PLU team since the 1985-86 season.

But Albright's court performances were not limited to PLU action. At the invitation of "Bud Light" team coach **Larry Eichler '59**, he played in the Western Invitational Tournament March 26-28 in Lewistown, Mont. He helped the team of other western-U.S. college players finish second in the contest, where they were beaten in the final game at the buzzer by an off-balance jump shot.



Want to know the latest on Lute sports? Call the PLU Athletic Hotline at 253-535-PLU1 (7581).

## Coaching roundup

### New men's soccer coach comes from across the waters



**JOE WATERS**, who started his professional soccer career in England and finished it playing with the Tacoma

Stars, has been named men's soccer coach at PLU. He replaces **Jimmy Dunn '79**, who resigned after 14 years so he could be more involved in coaching his two sons.

Dunn compiled a 149-110-24 record from 1984-97, making him the winningest coach in PLU men's soccer history. Under Dunn's tutelage, PLU earned a berth in the 1991 NAIA national tournament. This past season, the Lutes compiled a 14-6-2 record, equaling the program's season record for victories set in 1978.

A native of the Republic of Ireland, Waters was a member of the Irish national soccer team and started his professional career with Leicester in England. Waters eventually came to Tacoma, where he served as a player

and assistant coach with the Stars, a professional indoor soccer club. Waters has most recently coached the boy's soccer team at Bellarmine Prep in Tacoma and the girl's soccer team at Gig Harbor High School.

"I'm very excited about the prospects of working at the college level. It's something I've always wanted to do, but the opportunity never before arose," said Waters. "This is a very definite step up for me career-wise, and I'm looking forward to the challenge of coaching at this level."

### 12-year head-coaching vet resigns from women's basketball team

**MARY ANN KLUGE**, who served as head coach of the PLU women's basketball program from 1985 through 1997 before taking a sabbatical leave last season,



has resigned her coaching duties at the university. She will remain on the faculty of PLU's

School of Physical Education and will pursue a doctoral degree.

"I have approached coaching with an ethic of care," said Kluge, reflecting on her coaching career. "That's why I have such a peace, knowing that I coached with a sense of concern about the people. I'm excited that I had the opportunity to share what I had learned as a player, and about what athletics has meant in my life, to the students here."

Kluge served as head coach for 12 years, the longest stint of any coach in the history of the PLU women's basketball program. In her last season, she led the Lutes to a 17-9 overall record and a spot in the conference tournament championship game. She finishes with a 125-174 cumulative record.

Kluge played her collegiate basketball at the University of Rhode Island and later had offers to play in a short-lived women's professional league. She also played collegiate softball and lacrosse and was selected to the U.S. national women's lacrosse team in 1977.

In his announcement of Kluge's decision, PLU Director of Athletics Paul Hoseth said, "For many years, Mary Ann has successfully combined her teaching and coaching responsibilities. The decision to leave coaching after many years is not easy, but Mary Ann's doctoral pursuits and many other interests will find her talents used well in the classrooms."

### Rigell named new head coach



**GIL RIGELL** succeeds Kluge. Rigell was interim head coach during the 1997-98 season, leading the Lutes to a

21-7 record and a berth in the NAIA Division II national tournament.

"Mary Ann's support of and belief in me to be competent to move forward with the program is very gratifying," said Rigell, who got his start in the PLU women's basketball program as Kluge's assistant coach during the 1996-97 season.

"This is a great opportunity for me to pursue the coaching profession on a college level," he said. "I wouldn't want this opportunity to come at any other place than Pacific Lutheran University."

### Haroldson hits milestone



This season, PLU men's basketball head coach **BRUCE HAROLDSON** surpassed 200

wins at PLU (he has 201) and 350 for his career (he has 352). Way to go, Coach!

PHOTOS BY CHRIS TUMBUSCH

# arts events calendar

## JUNE

- 17**  
WED **Strawberry Festival**  
Show Brazil (Afro-Brazilian Rhythms)  
Red Square, cost is \$2

## JULY

- 12**  
THRU  
**16** **Summer Institute of Theology**  
"Recovery of Community: An Opportunity for the Church in an Age of Individualism and Alienation"  
Call 535-7423



**Coffee Festival**  
Quichua Mashis (Andean folk group)  
Red Square, free

PHOTO: COURTESY QUICHUA MASHIS

**20**  
MON

- "Global Warming"**  
Environmental expert featured  
7pm, University Center, Chris Knutzen Hall, free

- 22**  
WED **Raspberry Festival**  
The Gentleman Jugglers  
Red Square, cost is \$2  
PHOTO (RIGHT): COURTESY THE GENTLEMAN JUGGLERS



## AUGUST

- 12**  
WED **Peach Festival**  
Kids' Extravaganza (clowns, balloon makers, face painters)  
Red Square, cost is \$2

### Alumni Summer Events

June 21  
**Mariners vs. Oakland A's**  
Treat dad to a great game on Father's Day with other alumni, parents and friends as the Seattle Mariners take on the Oakland A's. Game time is 1:35 pm in the Kingdome. Adult tickets are \$18. Call 535-7415 or 800-ALUM-PLU.

July 24-26  
**Shakespeare Festival**

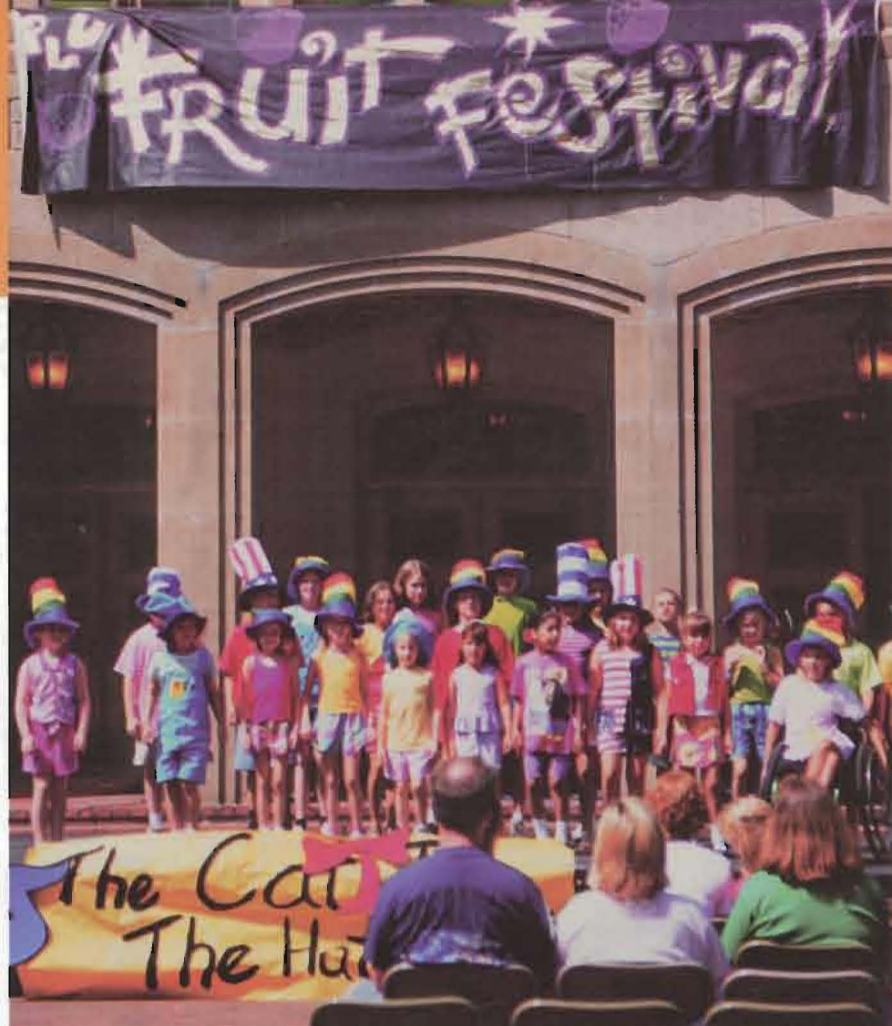
July 22 - August 6  
**Rhine River**

August 2  
**Rainiers vs. Redbirds**  
Do you like your baseball better outdoors? Come join other alumni, parents and friends of PLU at Cheney Stadium for an afternoon of sun and baseball as the Tacoma Rainiers meet the Memphis Redbirds. Tickets are \$4. Call 535-7415 or 800-ALUM-PLU.

### KPLU Summer Events

For the latest update on events visit KPLU's web site at [www.KPLU.ORG](http://www.KPLU.ORG) or call the KPLU jazz hotline, 206-292-JASS.

**The Mosquito Fleet** offers orca whale watch cruises to the San Juan Islands every weekend during the summer. Tell them KPLU sent you, and a portion of your ticket benefits KPLU. For more information and reservations, call 1-800-325-ORCA.



Fruit Festivals offer fun for the whole family.

### Art Exhibits

#### Traditional Scandinavian Folk-Wear Exhibit

Through June 30  
Scandinavian Cultural Center  
Display of Scandinavian costumes representing all five Nordic countries.

#### Hans Christian Anderson Exhibit

July 1 - September 1  
Scandinavian Cultural Center  
Focusing on the writings of Hans Christian Anderson, this Danish exhibit is on loan from the Royal Danish Embassy in Washington, D.C.

The Scandinavian Cultural Center is located on the first floor of the University Center. Regular hours are Sun. 1-4pm and Tue., Wed. 11am-3pm. Admission is free. Call 535-7532.

### Upcoming Events

#### All-Star Volunteer Weekend

September 11-13

#### Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Dedication

October 2-4

#### Homecoming

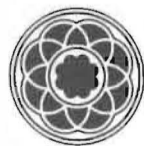
October 9-11

#### Family Weekend

October 30 - November 1

**NOTE: Not all events were scheduled at press time, so please continue to check out our website at [www.plu.edu/~events/ifesifes.html](http://www.plu.edu/~events/ifesifes.html) for updated event information!**

Events are subject to change; please call ahead to confirm. For up-to-date concert information, call the 24-hour concert line, 535-7621, or the PLU Music Office during regular business hours, 535-7602. (All area codes are 253 unless otherwise noted.) Ticket prices for music events (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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