

PLU Class of 1968

Memory Book

1964-65: Freshman Year

Our freshman year began in early September 1964. The bewilderment of college classes, new living quarters, and new roommates was quickly replaced by the inevitable—beanies! Did you wear a bib? Or carry a pillow around all day? Or play some dumb part in the freshman initiation skits in Eastvold?

PLU's campus was in transition to what it would later become. Many old buildings on lower campus, since demolished, were still in place then. Remember Clover Creek Hall? It sat where Tinglestad does now. Pflueger Hall was about the newest thing on campus. Later that year, what would eventually be Foss Hall first took shape as a muddy swamp on lower campus. Elsewhere on lower campus, the swimming pool was completed during the school year and opened for student use. On upper campus, a street still ran in front of the Administration Building and the CUB. Many of today's large trees were just being planted. And other than Harstad, the main women's dorms still sported their old nondescript directional names—North, South, and West.

We went to chapel, where attendance was required four days a week. Many of us began our chapel careers in the balcony of Eastvold, where we liked the first chapel talks so much we applauded for them. About a week later, a note signed by Dr. Mortvedt, PI-I-I's President, appeared in the daily chapel bulletin. The note pointed out in no uncertain terms that applause was not part of chapel. Perhaps this was Dr. Mortvedt's first indication that, like most classes, the Class of 1968 would be some variety of a loose cannon. We were soon dispersed throughout Eastvold, where older, more seasoned faces could explain things to us.

Along with going to class, we started getting busy in other things. The class officers we elected included Tim Stime, Laurin Vance, Carol Christopherson, and Nancy Franz. Phil Formo, Mike McDowell, Chris Morken, John Pederson, and Phil Ranheim were in the Choir of the West. PLU's debate and speech programs drew Annette Leverson, Kathy Simantef, John Stuen, Jim Simpson, Mike McKean, Conrad Zipperian, and John Shoemaker. It seemed half the world was in the Montana Club.

Homecoming that year had the theme "A Mad Mad Mad Mad World." We were introduced to songfest, and the guys from Evergreen turned their place into New York City, complete with storefronts, traffic accidents, and a policeman on a horse. We had a spirit bonfire and listened to Bud and Travis at the homecoming concert (can anybody remember the title of a Bud and Travis song?). PLU beat Western 7-0 at the homecoming game.

Several sports teams had a good year. The football team won the conference with a 34-19 win over Central in the season's final game. The basketball team placed second in the conference. Some of the athletes from our class were Lloyd Eggan and Bill Krieger in football; Dennis Bucholz in basketball; Herb Laun, Bob Yost, and Ed Peterson in tennis; Gary Bierwagen in golf; and Tom Baumgartner in crew.

"Pop-folk" was big, and along with Bud and Travis, the Serendipity Singers came to campus for a concert. Jazz was here, too, in the form of the Oscar Peterson Trio. The Choir of the West would provide some of the music fireworks, premiering "The Vanities of Life," a choral work by Miklos Rosza, who was to film scores in the 1960s what John Williams has been in more recent years.

Candidates for the annual Lucia Bride Festival came from the freshman class. Our Lucia Bride was Tarina Kirkeeng, and her court consisted of Karen Schlatter and Becky Baseler. Later that year, Sharon King would be

the freshman class representative on the May Fest court. To show how much things stay the same as they change, consider that when Pi Kappa Delta, the national speech honorary, hosted a national debate tournament on campus over spring break, the debate topic was "Resolved: That the federal government should establish a national program of public works for the unemployed."

That spring came one of the "where-were-you-when?" events—the earthquake that rattled the Puget Sound area, damaging the dome in Tacoma's downtown union station, knocking books off shelves at the library and dishes off shelves at the CUB, and causing at least one hastily wakened Pflueger Hall resident to jump out of a second floor window. Where were you when it hit?

We finished out the year with a spring carnival and "Carousel" as the spring musical, participated in PLU's first-ever nominating convention for ASPLU officers, and left for the summer, waiting to come back as older—and much wiser—sophomores.

1965-66: Sophomore Year

Our sophomore year was PLUS 75th anniversary. Dr. Walter Schnackenberg, famous for his History of Civilization essay test questions like "How far is Chartres from Kansas City?" published The Lamp and the Cross a history of PLU that would stand as the main chronicle of PLU until Dr. Phil Nordquist's book, Educating for Service, a quarter century later. PLU was busy adding faculty members and administrators. Dr. Thomas Langevin arrived as Academic Vice President, and Dr. Richard Moe arrived as Dean of the College of Professional Studies.

We were getting busier—and in one way bossier, as we passed along fine PLU traditions in initiating the Class of 1969. Our class officers were Lyle Waite, Brian Hildahl, Kris Anderson, and Lynda Thomsen. Brian Hildahl and Barb Thrasher were the sophomore justices on the Judicial Board, and Sue Howard, Ann Erickson, and Tom Baumgartner were among those active on the Social Activities Board.

Foss Hall was finished—more or less—and the famous water balloon contests between Foss and Pflueger began soon afterwards. Construction crews began tearing up parts of upper campus, making way for Stuen Hall. To add to the general confusion of buildings going up and streets disappearing, North Hall was renamed Hong Hall and West Hall was renamed Kreidler Hall. South Hall would have to wait for its new name—Hinderlie—for another year.

Folk music was still big. Glen Yarbrough appeared in concert, and in the spring a "Sounds of Music" folk festival featuring many Northwest groups was held. But folk wasn't everywhere: Duke Ellington played the Homecoming concert, and the Vienna Choir Boys packed them in at Eastvold.

Thor Heyerdahl, the explorer of Kon-Tiki fame, came to campus to receive PLU's first Distinguished Service Medal. Theologian Norman Habel came for a week's worth of lectures and for the premiere of his play, "The Prophet." Other plays staged that year included "A Different Drummer," "A Doll's House," "No Exit," "Heidi," and "King Midas." The spring musical was "Song of Norway."

In sports, we still weren't sure if we were the Knights or the Lutes—we were in that transition period between names, just like we were in transition between athletic conferences. We lost the homecoming football game to Whitworth, 20-13, but beat UPS later in the year 14-0 in a game that featured Bill Krieger's blocking a punt, recovering the ball, and running 21 yards for the first touchdown. Ron Melver, Mike McMullen, and Jeff Carey were among others on the team.

These years were still the basketball heydays. That year, we beat Seattle Pacific, a team that had beaten Seattle University, which in turn had beaten somebody else who had beaten Duke, which at the time had been ranked the number one team in the country. The next week, an article appeared in Time Magazine announcing that with the goofy way in which teams weren't playing to form, perhaps tiny, unknown PLU would wind up as the number one team in the country. This led to lots of chest-beating on our part and a pretty good case of "We're number-one" phobia. But just to help remember what those days sounded like back in Memorial Gymnasium, consider this observation, which appeared in the Linfield student newspaper: "Those of us who made the trip to Tacoma got a real education. We saw the awesome power of PLU's tall Knights. We saw a halftime show worth the price of admission. We saw and heard an extremely stimulating pep band. We saw and heard a Dad's night audience, approximately 2,000 voices strong, go wild over a simple thing like a Lute dropping a basketball through the hoop. . . . We saw what happens to a team when they have this kind of support. Now we can understand why the Lutherans have never lost on their home floor to a Northwest Conference team.

A look at the 1966 annual will show that Rich Knudson and Dave Fenn were on the baseball team; Keith Johnson, Craig Wright, Mike Ford, and Bill Dikeman were playing tennis; Ron Ahre was on the golf team; and Paul Weiseth was running distance races for track. Dave Fenn was also directing the intramural program, which included both men's and women's sports. Evergreen and 3rd floor Foss played in the championship football team; virtually everybody wanted to try the lost cause of defending the unstoppable Jim Van Beek in basketball; and the women were busy starting up Sea Sprites, a synchronized swim team.

The echoes of the free speech movement and the growing campus concerns about the Vietnam war were just beginning to make their way to the campus. The buildup of troops brought the start of pressures from the draft--we watched those a couple years ahead of us begin to go. The last of us procrastinators began settling on majors. In the spring sunshine, we decorated a Daffodil Festival float, picked Kim Morley as the Spring Carnival queen, and elected Ed Petersen as Associated Students 2nd Vice President.

1966-67: Junior Year

Our junior year saw many physical changes on the campus, with the opening of Stuen Hall and the Mortvedt Library and the start of construction of PLU's first and only high-rise, Tinglestad Hall. Stuen's first residents celebrated by winning the Homecoming songfest competition with a musical tribute to Humpty Dumpty. More on the library later.

We had a new Vice President for Student Affairs, Daniel Leasure. It was actually a more storied year for student affairs than just Dr. Leasure's coming: joining the faculty in psychology that year was Erv Severtsen, later to become Vice President for Student Affairs, a post he holds today. The science faculty was busy: Jens Knudsen of the biology department published a textbook on research methods, and Charles Anderson of the chemistry department became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

We were joiners, and busy. Our class officers were Rich Knudson, Sharon King, Barb Reichert, and Mike McMullen. Officers and committee chairs for Associated Students included Ed Petersen, Mike McKean, Marsha Hustad, Mike Ford, Ted Schneider, Dave Rice, Sharon Hiltesland, Conrad Zipperian, Carol Christopherson, Phil Ranheim, Nancy Franz, and Stan Stenersen. Kristi Smith and John Biermann were the class's Judicial Board representatives. Associated Women Students officers included Ann Erickson, Jan Clausen, and Barb Thrasher; for Associated Men Students, officers included Dave Fenn and Ken Sandvik. In student congregation, leaders included John Cockram,

Dave Rice, Lina Allen, Ron Melver, Tom Baumgartner, Cathie Strong, Chris Rose, Gary Jenkins, and Margee Christopherson.

Concert- and lecture-wise, it was probably the brightest year of our four. Louis Armstrong played Homecoming; classical guitarist Carlos Montoya and the Julliard String Quartet made appearances. Vincent Price lectured on art, Roland Bainton lectured on the Reformation, and Max Lerner called for the U.S. to recognize Red China. Oh, and was folk music dead? Nope--the Chad Mitchell Trio sang, too. Not to be outdone, the political side weighed in with an appearance by Vice President Hubert Humphrey, who answered questions in a packed Memorial Gymnasium. Though he was warmly received, student concerns about the country's direction were evident; the first question was about Vietnam. The war's impact was hitting home--for study motivation, male students needed only to go outside to hear the "thump, thump, thump" of artillery practice at nearby Fort Lewis.

Social concerns were important to us. Associated Students launched USSAC, the University Students for Social Action Committee, and we joined in large numbers to help in such varied ways as tutoring junior high school students, helping handicapped kids learn to swim, styling residents' hair at Western State Hospital, and teaching the mentally retarded.

But if we ever had a Woodstock equivalent that truly marked our coming together in community, it occurred on a rainy December 5, when students, faculty, and administrators moved the entire collection of the library to the new building in half a day. Classes were cancelled, and we spent the hours carrying books and being rewarded with Mountain Bars. James Ross of our class coordinated much of the move.

KPLU-FM started broadcasting--10 watts worth, from a 121 -foot tower above Eastvold. PLU students signed on as engineers, deejays, and producers. The campus TV network had a weekly show, "Knight Time," featuring such programs as (for Halloween) the Doolittle Dauer Hour Scare Show. John Biermann was student director for the second semester.

We saved our strongest media opinions for the Mooring Mast. Years later, in his centennial history of PLU, history Professor Phil Nordquist would observe, "The Mooring Mast was thoughtfully edited and often very well written during these years." Conrad Zipperian took over as editor and was assisted by Bobby Baker and John Peterson, among others. The Mast tackled issues of in loco parentis (remember that phrase?), student involvement in university decision making, the "God is dead" movement in theology, and social unrest. In the Legislature, one male delegate disgruntled with the level of participation by women representatives introduced a bill to remove all women's living groups from legislative representation.

Campus life at PLU was changing in other ways, too. The growing size of the student body and changing attitudes about required chapel led to a decision that year to require chapel attendance only for freshman and sophomores. Dances were more widespread: "stomps" started, and a band called the Deacons was the campus favorite. We started a coffee house called the Diet of Worms in the back of the CUB, which became the center for campus forums as well as for David Qualey's exquisite guitar playing.

The basketball team had another sterling year, tying Linfield for first place and beating them 109-70 in a game that nearly took the roof off Memorial Gymnasium. The football team included Phil Rue, Lloyd Eggan, Mike McMullen, Bill Krieger, and Dennis Bucholz. Cheer and song leaders included Kim Morley, Gayle Niemi, Linda Rude, and Byron Brown. You could find us on all the other teams, too.

Sue Richards had the female lead in "South Pacific," the spring musical; Ron Melver played the giant in "Jack and the Beanstalk" in Children's Theater; Dave Monsen directed "Six Characters in Search of an Author." Many

others were involved in these and other productions, which included "A Slight Ache," "A Thurber Carnival," and "A Christmas Carol."

Finally, no one who became endeared over the years to the thin walls, drafty windows, and perhaps unmatched camaraderie of Evergreen, Ivy and Delta Halls on lower campus will forget the night of May 10, when with somber garb and muffled drums, residents paraded through campus (including Mortvedt Library) to summon the campus to a funeral for small dorms on the steps of Eastvold Chapel. And to symbolically douse the fires, we held a campus-wide water fight on the grounds between Pflueger and Foss just before finals.

1967-68: Senior Year

Our senior year opened at a campus with many more students than were around during our freshman year. Tinglestad and Ordal Halls opened, completing the rapid residential building program. (First floor Tinglestad achieved instant fame when the "dirty dozen" moved in.) The student affairs office added a Dean of Men (William Sandler), an Assistant Dean of Women (Mary Kay Heisler), and a Director of Men's Residence Halls (John Lennon). Jim Van Beek, who had recruited many of us as an admissions counselor, started handing us loans as the Director of Financial Aid.

The year opened with an address at academic convocation by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Reverend Dr. Michael Ramsey. The Archbishop, who looked like a 15th-century saint somehow come alive from the stone on his cathedral, talked (in those pre-non-sexist-language days) about being "acting men of thought, thinking men of action."

Building was still under way. This year, the university would break ground on the new gymnasium, to be called Olson Auditorium, and it would complete plans for a new university center. We pushed for a spot in the new university center that would be a free-form space like the Diet of Worms we had built in the CUB. That spot, called the Cave, was included in the design and still has much the same function today. The small-dorm advocates who had been relocated to Tinglestad recreated biblical history when, in a last-stand effort, they circled the building seven times, just as the Israelites circled Jericho's city walls. As they finished and shouted as the Israelites had done, Paul Weiseth buzzed the campus and dropped ashes from his plane. It didn't work; the walls of Tinglestad stood firm, and the disgruntled trudged back to their rooms.

We were pushed in new directions—literally—in this last of our four years. Education majors disappeared during the day for a semester of student teaching; nursing students left for hospitals in the small hours of the morning; some students spent time studying on other campuses. And for many of the men, the realization took hold that the growing escalation of the Vietnam war meant changes to plans for graduate school or careers.

Early in the year came the first U.S. concert of a popular Australian group, the Seekers, who had sung the theme song to the movie "Georgy Girl." Their opening act was an unknown comic by the name of Ron Carey, who would go on to star for many years on the TV series "Barney Miller." Homecoming followed soon afterward. Ann Erickson was chosen queen, with Kim Morley and Tareena Kirkeeng as attendants. As Handsome Harry, Jeff Carey jumped from his football uniform to a suit. Ray Charles played the Homecoming concert in Memorial Gymnasium; we danced at the Tacoma Mall; PLU women played UPS in the traditional field hockey game, and the Lutes--or was it still the Knights?--beat College of Idaho 20-7 at Franklin Pierce stadium.

The Choir of the West cut a record. Phil Ranheim was choir president, and Ken Sammons was student director. The University Chorale and the Orchestra presented one of Bach's oratorios. Seniors still with the University Band included John Cockram, Karla Miller, Ron Ahre, and Gary Beard.

Drama presentations included "Romeo and Juliet," "Barefoot in the Park," "Antigone," "Flibbertygibbet," and flying amazingly as always, Eric Nordholm's troupe in "Peter Pan." Seniors active in debate and speech included Jim Simpson, Kathy Simantel, Annette Levorson, John Stuen, and Conrad Zipperian.

Student activism had a national and international focus. While we pushed for a greater say in campus affairs, representation on university committees, and occasional open visitation periods in dormitories, the wider world was clearly on our minds as well. In those days when the voting age was still 21, Time Magazine sponsored a presidential primary at campuses throughout the nation, and in PLU's voting, Robert Kennedy edged out Eugene McCarthy. The head of Washington's Selective Service System accepted an invitation to speak and was greeted by polite protesters.

Perhaps the largest commitment of time and energy in the area of world and national events was the students' decision to host a first-ever West Coast China Conference. This event, coordinated by Mike McKean, involved speakers from such places as Harvard and McGill universities and drew participants throughout the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. In his centennial history of PLU, Phil Nordquist would note the conference as a significant university event.

Senior Class officers were Mike McKean, Doug Ahrens, Penny Johnson, and Karen Sundt. Associated Women Students were led by Barb Thrasher, Sue Howard, Marsha Hustad, Barb Anderson, Bev Bell, Ellen Especial, Jan Clausen, and Ann Erickson. In Associated Students, officers and committee heads included Stan Stenersen, Lloyd Egan, Mike Doolittle, Bob Yost, Ted Schneider, Dave Monsen, Marsha Stirn, Ed Petersen, and John Cockram. In Student Congregation, Mike McMullen, Susan Hackett, Chris Rose, and John Cockram were among the leaders.

The year ended on somber as well as joyful notes. The somber notes came largely from outside: the growing acrimony of protest against the war, the assassination of Robert Kennedy just before graduation. The joy came in part from the inventive mind of Mike Doolittle, who produced a hilarious movie on life at PLU. (Sadly, Mike died shortly thereafter, and the film has been lost.) The joy also came from a sunny Commencement Sunday, the friends and family that surrounded us, and—wonder of wonders!--a college degree in hand. From that small spot on that sunny day, we set off into what would happen.

Not a Level Playing Field

It would be fair to say that not all of the men and women of PLU's Class of 1968 were on a level playing field.

Women had a curfew. Sunday through Thursday, they had to be back in their dorms by 10:00 p.m. Weekend hours were stretched to midnight during our Freshman year, but that was changed to 1:00 a.m. the following year. Men did not have a curfew.

Women had clothing restrictions and were only allowed to wear slacks or Bermuda shorts on Saturdays or afternoons on Friday (but not if they were going to a class). P.E. during our Freshman year required a pretty hideous "daffy suit". Fortunately, the following year this was changed to a standard shorts and shirt set, purchased at the bookstore.

Women were not allowed to smoke on campus. Men, however, did not have that rule, and more than one male faculty member smoked (usually a pipe), even during class.

Women were not allowed to drink alcohol - even off campus - when they were legal old enough to do so. Men didn't seem to have that same guideline.

Men had one very important difference in their time at PLU. The Selective Service dominated men's life choices over all other factors. Women couldn't possibly have understood the pressure that was on men.

When participating in a fire drill (which seemed to happen fairly frequently), women were required to wrap their hair in a towel so it wouldn't catch fire. Apparently no one was worried about the men's hair!

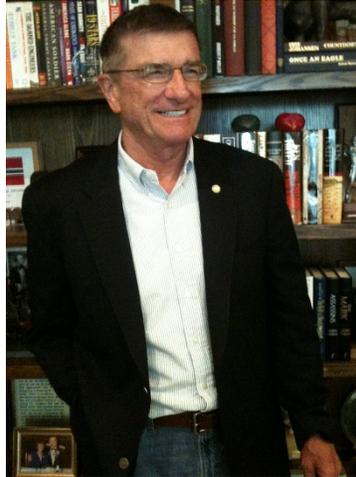
Memories of dorm life include the twice per year two-hour time period when men and women could visit each other's dorms. Needless to say, year around pranks occurred - short sheeting, hiding underwear, etc. Rumor has it that Harstad Hall won the competition for the most innovative pranks in the women's dorms!

It would not be a true representation of that period in our lives if we did not also address some other obvious things that hopefully have improved over the 50 years since we graduated. In our time at PLU, there was little diversity. In fact, probably a majority of the students were not only Caucasian but probably of Scandinavian descent. The school emphasized this Scandinavian heritage in many obvious ways - Lucia Bride, some of the cheers - "Lutefisk, lutefisk, lefse, lefse, we're the mighty Lutherans, ya sure, ya betcha!" German Lutheran students (who seemed to number few) were confused that the Scandinavians had apparently never figured out that Martin Luther was a German, not a Swede or Norwegian!

Another reality that was seldom, if ever, discussed was that some of our classmates did not feel comfortable expressing their sexuality. Gays and lesbians did not openly discuss their sexual preferences, and this subject was not even mentioned in most cases.

Yes, 50 years ago life on the PLU campus was definitely different than it is today. Let us hope that PLU has moved toward becoming a community where all students are treated equally and feel safe - living fully and openly during their years at PLU.

**50TH REUNION – CLASS OF 1968
PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY**



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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? In other directions. I was pursuing degree in architecture, with 5th year at University of Washington, but due to Viet Nam war, 5th year deferments were eliminated, so I earned a BFA at PLU and went on to serve in the Army Corps of Engineers for 35 years, retiring as a Major General.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? No, but intellectually and socially broadening. Courses in religion seemed intent on destroying my faith, but they did not.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I'm one of ten children; all of us graduated from a university, but I was the first from my family to attend PLU; no siblings, children or grandchildren have attended PLU, but the grandchildren are considering PLU. Sandy & I are still married after 48 years, had 2 daughters and 1 son, and now have 7 grandchildren.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I own and run a management consulting firm that specializes in engineering, construction and maintenance of military infrastructure, supporting clients and projects for Department of Defense. Other than family, work is still my most fulfilling pastime. I also love gardening, reading, music, the arts, travel, and DIY projects.		
What excites you about the world today? There is still much to be discovered, and the ease by which technology has shrunk the globe.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I retired from the Army as a two-star General Officer, and the experience of 35 years of service to our Nation's defense, and the opportunity to lead Soldiers was a true honor.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! In the evenings of my senior year, I ran the old art building for the PLU Art Department. This was a special experience that gave me the opportunity to interact with other art students, and allowed me to paint, sculpt, and work ceramics while earning a little money. I would crank up the boom box with Procol Harum's "Whiter Shade of Pale" late into the night, and produce some of my most inspired works.		

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I majored in education, taught elementary school in Puyallup, and am now retired.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? It opened up so many possibilities and enabled me to spend my life in a wonderful occupation.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Married with one child and 2 grandchildren.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? We enjoy traveling and playing with our grandchildren. I also enjoy playing the guitar.		
What excites you about the world today? Traveling and meeting people from all around the world who are welcoming and eager to share their stories with us.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! Each year the concert band went on a tour and I still have great memories of them.		

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Yes and no. I did not continue as a classroom teacher, but did continue as an educator. I worked as a visiting musician in numerous classrooms, and taught adult classes on songwriting, creativity, and many other subjects. Professionally, I became a musician, interfaith minister, and educator.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Absolutely. I believe my time at PLU helped clarify my passion for justice and healing. I felt I was empowered to follow my calling in the work I chose. I also felt supported and encouraged in following a spirituality that evolved and transformed my understanding of God.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I was the first in my family to attend college. I have been married twice. My first marriage gave me the blessing of two daughters, Jen and Kristin Allen-Zito, who are following their own callings as musicians. My second and present marriage is to Scott Slaba, and we have a son, Nathaniel Allen-Slaba, who is a graduate of PLU, and a third year medical student. No grand-kids...yet.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I would say my work as a Clinical Musician for Hospice and as a performing artist, is what I also do for fun and relaxation. But I do also love to travel, to garden and to ride my bike....until I broke my wrist recently. But I'll be back on that bike as soon as I can!		
What excites you about the world today? I hold hope that the incredible challenges of these times also hold the seeds of a new way of being in community on this fragile Earth. My hope lies in the passionate voices of the young people today. Hope is the legacy of the generations before us, and I pass that on to the next.		

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

I have now published 11 CDs (working on the 12th) as well as four songbook collections. I was honored to be Resident Songwriter during Washington's Centennial Celebration. I have received the YWCA's Women's History Award as well as the Mayor's Arts Award, and was inducted into the Northwest Women's Hall of Fame. I also received an Artist Trust Fellowship and grants from the Washington Centennial Commission, the Washington Women's Heritage Project, The Grange Music Heritage Project, the Jack Straw Foundation and the Women's History Consortium.

But the true honor has been the ability to follow my passion in work that brings me great joy and uses my skills to "bring a little light into my piece of the darkness" (in the words of Joanna Macy).

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

Not to ignore the problems associated with being "tapped to be a Spur" for the community, this event remains one of my strongest memories....a moment when I felt that I was becoming more than the shy, introverted person I had been. It was so marvelously empowering.

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? After graduation I became a flight attendant traveling to Guam, Okinawa, Japan and Viet Nam. I now teach elementary band, orchestra, chimes and a percussion class for special needs children.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? My experience at PLU helped me to grow academically in service to others. I am very grateful for the the education I received there and the friends I made.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I am married to my husband Ed. We have 3 great kids and 2 beautiful and busy grandchildren, Kolby and Keira, ages 9 and 7. I was not the first in my family to attend college.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I perform in an 85 piece symphonic band, run 5Ks, and collect antique toys and books. I have recently started a flute choir. We have also traveled to Europe and visited my cousins in Sweden.		
What excites you about the world today? I am hopeful that people are caring more about the environment.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I received the Very Special Person Award from the PTA at one of my schools.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! I remember the beautiful campus with the brick buildings and towering evergreen trees. It was magical when it snowed during winter break. I remember singing with my chapel partners, playing many concerts on band tours, moving books to the new library and running out of the music building during the earthquake in 1965.		

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I entered active duty in the Air Force after graduation. After my military service I pursued a career in aviation.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I learned how to think critically and to write thanks to my history professors. My Christian faith deepened during my years at PLU.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I married Jane Farnum in 1974. We have five children and three grandchildren. My daughters Rebecca and Katherine are PLU graduates. I was the first to graduate from college in my family.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Skiing, reading, singing in the church choir, worship.		
What excites you about the world today? My life with my wife and family.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I have written professional articles, lived in Europe twice. I was awarded seven Distinguished Flying Crosses and eleven Air Medals for combat service in Vietnam.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! I have warm memories of my studies with Dr. Walter Schnackenberg, Dr. Phil Nordquist, four band tours under Gordon Gilbertson, playing at the 450th Reformation service in Seattle in 1967, and the wonderful women I dated during my student years.		

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Yes, worked in a Home Health and Hospice for most of my career.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Great foundation in nursing practice, life long friendships and grounded my faith		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: We have one son who graduated from Washington State University..he is married and they have four children		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Rod and I travel whenever possible....we visit our children often in Eastern Washington....I love to knit and read		
What excites you about the world today? The world is a beautiful place to visit and get close to the various cultures and peoples		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! Nurses traveled to various hospitals and sites for our practicums.. “The car” became a symbol of our friendships and experiences		

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First Name: Cathie	Last Name: Coffman	Maiden Name: Strong
Name of Spouse: Bill Coffman		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? My professional life moved in a zigzag of directions, ending up where I wish I has started - in the world of hospitality and teaching. I managed pretty much every department at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel and assisted in opening a new hotel. But training was my all-time favorite!		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? My years at PLU were a launching pad to go out and view and experience the world. The young woman I was 50 years and the mature woman I am today are widely different. I was shy, an introvert and couldn't imagine becoming the person I am today. But four years away from home, learning about who I was and who I might become, gave me the kick start to go out, experience the world and, hopefully, make a difference.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Bill (class of 1966) and I have a blended family. My daughters Jen and Amy live near us in Vancouver. Jen's children are Zoe (15) and Evan (13). Amy's children are Will (17) and Chance (14). Bill's New York daughter, Karise is mom to Tatyana (25) and Amir (12). His son, Jason lives in Seattle.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? As retirees, Bill and I travel often, taking at least a couple of significant trips every year. We also have spent time most summers sailing in greater Puget Sound. I tutor English as a second language, and I have made some lasting friendships doing this. I also spend one day a week working with my daughter's kindergarten students. It is interesting that few of them have much, if any, contact with grandparents. It gives me great joy to spend time with them.		
What excites you about the world today? The world is still opening up. Although I struggle with many of the current issues which plague our country and the entire world, I also find hope in the changes that are happening. Women are speaking out and claiming their place in a way that I could not have imagined 50 years ago. Truths that were never spoken about are now out in the open.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I would like my classmates to know that I like who I have become. I have a wicked sense of humor, am a good listener, and have a variety of friends from many different walks of life. Bill says I am a person of earthy spirituality. The earthy part includes cigars with my dad, sneaking beer into Harstad, drinking scotch and watching baseball games. I believe the gospel is God coming to earth, and I try to live in this big world, sharing all that I am and all that I have with others. We are blessed with a wonderful blended family, and we delight in the time we spend with our children and grandchildren, all of whom, of course, are exceptional.		

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

Before Christmas break of our Senior year, my roommates Susie Hackett (Olson), Carol Erickson and I had decorated our room's door with an image of a fireplace with our names on stockings in anticipation of the semi-annual event where men and women could visit each other's dorms (for a grand total of two hours). While we were all on lower campus, the really tall, really heavy door to Room #412, Harstad Hall, was removed! Rumor has it that the Dirty Dozen had a lot to do with this. Days later, Pastor Larsgaard (for whom I worked) asked me if we were missing a door. He was "just wondering" since a door with our names on it was in the staff mailroom area, right outside of Dr. Mortvedt's office.

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Continued as a nurse, in the Army and then as a civilian as a Nurse Anesthetist		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? First time away from family and home, felt difficult to assimilate into campus life, but gave me a good basis to grow.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Care for g-nieces and nephews, garden in the summer, raise chickens, read, cook, enjoy the seasons,		
What excites you about the world today? The opportunities and the technology, wondering in which direction it will take us.		

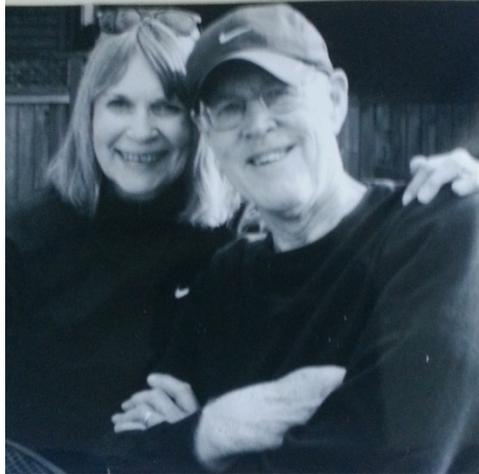
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First Name: Lynda	Last Name: Dodge	Maiden Name: Thomsen
Name of Spouse: Ed Dodge		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I attended PLU my freshman and sophomore years as a Physical Education major. I graduated with that degree from Colorado State College, and I remained in education for the next 45 years.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I have wonderful memories of my years at PLU. I do regret that I have not kept in touch with the fabulous friends that I made there, but I still consider those friendships to be some of the best of my life.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I married Ed Dodge in 1969. We have a son and two daughters that are all happily married. We have three young grandchildren that live close to us. I was the first in my family (both sides) to graduate from college.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I love to read outside in the sunshine, take walks around our beautiful neighborhood and talk to Jesus, volunteer at my grandchildren's school, swim, attend Book Club, and spend time with family.		
What excites you about the world today? There are so many changes happening so fast, I feel like we will always be mentally stimulated just trying to keep up.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I love to write, but I have not written a book. Maybe one day I will. I absolutely loved being a teacher! During my 45 years in education I taught physical education, kindergarten, third grade, and coached gymnastics and swimming.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! Susie and Sue, I think about the two of you often!		

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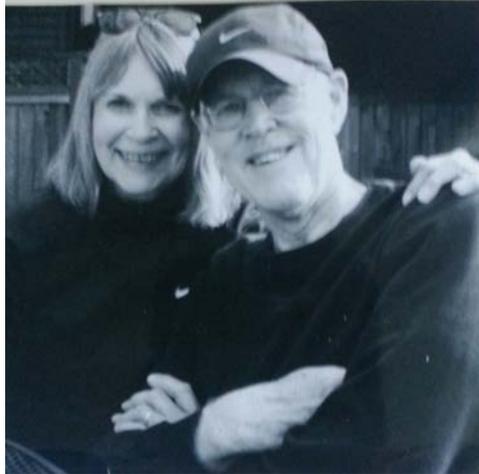
First Name: Susan	Last Name: Echelberry	Maiden Name: Keplinger/Materne
Name of Spouse: Joseph Echelberry		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I received my Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Pacific Lutheran University. Shortly after, I moved home to the San Francisco area and here received a master of Psychology degree at the University of California San Francisco. I worked for over thirty years at Marin General Hospital, the last ten years as the Vice President of Patient Care. Then I worked for a nation-wide nursing consultant firm. I finished my career in nursing with Hospice by the Bay. I have been retired now for over eight years.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Yes. It was so refreshing to attend a university where teaching was the primary objective of the university and faculty. I enjoyed my studies and professors and I excelled, earning my Bachelor of Nursing degree Magna Cum Laude.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I have been married to my husband, Joseph, for thirty-six years. I have one son, Orin, from a previous marriage. Orin has a son, Dashiel, who is eighteen years old, and a daughter, Tulah, who is fifteen years old. We have an "adopted" son, Scott, who has been like a son for most of his life.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? For many years I played the piano for my pleasure, and the organ in my church. I have enjoyed our many travels and cruising.		

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First Name: Michael	Last Name: Ford	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Mary Lynn		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I majored in philosophy, then enlisted in USAF for four years, followed by a Ph.D. in student affairs administration and a 42-year career in higher education, serving in a variety of leadership positions, 38 of those at Lewis & Clark College, Portland, Oregon.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? My studies focused on the liberal arts and prepared me well for a professional career assisting and mentoring others as they pursued their educations. Outstanding teachers include professors Arbaugh, Govig, and Huber. I had many memorable friendships and enjoyed student activities, including tennis and basketball.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I married Mary Lynn Ramstad during our senior year at PLU. We have three children – Kristin and Brian graduated from PLU and Katie graduated from Whitman. Three grandchildren - Sam Martinson, a junior at PLU, Lily Martinson, a high school senior, and Maggie Emmons, a second grader.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? In retirement I have time to do more reading, writing, teaching, volunteering and to be involved in some new ways with our Lutheran church. For over four decades, I have been active with our Social Concerns Committee, and I helped initiate the church’s Environmental Stewardship Team.		
What excites you about the world today? I am excited that I can continue to play a productive role in addressing some of the societal challenges we face, recognizing that for me, small things done lovingly are always within reach and usually close at hand. Most importantly, I am excited to be living in the love of my wife, Mary Lynn, and our family and close friends, some of whom are classmates from PLU.		

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First Name: Mary Lynn	Last Name: Ford	Maiden Name: Ramstad
Name of Spouse: Michael		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? With an English major I entered the School of Education, I taught for 27 years in which I worked to create an atmosphere of learning, curiosity, safety, respect, inclusion, and kindness for each child. It was a deeply fulfilling calling.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Professors Napjus, Knudsen, Vigness and Huber, plus close friendships gave me an open, enriching space to deepen my faith, interests, and relationships. I was a student in Dr. Curtis Huber’s Ethics class. By his teaching and very presence, he opened a door of guided inquiry into the discipline of ethics that changed my life.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: December 1967 on a snowy Seattle evening Michael and I were married with PLU friends Stan Stenersen, Susan Howard, Linda Wendel and Joanne Schnaidt in our wedding. We have three children. Kristin graduated from PLU in 1992 and married David Martinson, class of 1990. Brian graduated from PLU in 1995 and Katie graduated from Whitman College in 1997. We have three grandchildren. Sam Martinson is a junior at PLU, Lily Martinson is a senior in high school, and Maggie Emmons is in second grade. Five generations of Ramstads attended PLU.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? We walk outside every morning. Coffee and conversation are included. Visiting close friends fills me with appreciation. I’m fulfilled by our loving family, our marriage, church of 42 years, books, movies, music, writing, and prayer.		

What excites you about the world today?

Michael and I respond with hope, engagement and compassion to those in desperate and often life threatening environments. Through progressive non-profit organizations, social concerns, and local hunger issues we give our support and time.

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

I find hope and promise in this quote by Soren Kierkegaard:
"Spiritually, love is the ground of everything."

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First Name: Philip	Last Name: Formo	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Jean		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Following a degree in education I taught special education in the Minneapolis Public Schools for eight years. While serving as the chair of the call committee for my local church I experienced the call to ministry and spent the next four years at Luther Seminary in St. Paul and internship in Gilead, Nebraska. Following ordination I served four ELCA congregations, St. Olaf in Austin, Prince of Peace in Roseville, Gloria Dei in Rochester and St. Lukes in Bloomington, all in the state of Minnesota.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I signed up to sing in any PLU chorus, but to my surprise following auditions I was honored to sing for all four years in the Choir of the West. Daily rehearsals, choir tours and deep friendships made this my life changing college experience.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I was the first person on both sides of my family not to attend Augsburg College where my grandfather and uncles had taught. Breaking tradition I went west and was never disappointed in my decision. I met my wife Jean at church where I had grown up and she served as a church professional. She became a lettering artist and a Reiki teacher at the master's level. We have two daughters, Carrie Peterson, mother of two children and owner of two home businesses, and Krista, married and is a business banker in Oceanside, California.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? As a family as well as a couple we have always loved to travel. Our most common destination is England. I work out daily at a local athletic club.		

Throughout the years I have enjoyed taking writing classes at the Loft in Minneapolis, the Writer's Festival at the University of Iowa and Writers by the Lake at the University of Wisconsin.

What excites you about the world today?

The advancement of medicine and the skills and interests of the younger generations.

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

I have published two books, Papa A Life Remembered, a creative memoir about my grandfather and my own memoir titled Writing My Life. I am finishing a fictional work that includes the humorous experiences of a parish pastor.

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

As I sat in the bathroom in old Ivy Hall, I was surprised to feel the ground shake under me and witness the nails coming out and in in this former wooden WWII Army barracks. I was much luckier than those jumping out of the second floors of the concrete dorms.

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First Name: Howard	Last Name: FOSSER	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Adele Swenson Fosser		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I attended Luther Seminary and was ordained in 1972. We served parishes in Beaverton, OR; Forks, WA; Troutdale, OR; and Port Townsend, WA.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I was a freshman at PLU in 1960. I left PLU in 1962 and joined the USAF, served 4 years, and returned to PLU in 1966 and graduated in 1968.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I was the first in my family to attend and graduate from college. Adele Swenson (graduated from Augustana in Sioux Falls, SD) and I married in December of 1970. We have 2 children: Hans attended PLU for one year and was then appointed to the US Naval Academy. He married Anna Marie Harris, class of 1997. They have 3 children. He is the commanding officer of the USS Pennsylvania submarine at Bangor, WA. Our daughter Kari graduated from PLU in 1999. She earned a PhD in Chemistry from the U of Illinois and is employed by Agilent Technologies in Folsom, CA.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? We enjoyed skiing, until we got old. I enjoyed reading, until my eyes got old. We remain active in church and enjoy being with family and friends.		
What excites you about the world today? We enjoy watching our grandchildren grow and enjoy the gifts of retirement.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I have not been arrested. I have baptized, married, and buried more people than I can count. I have written and preached more than enough sermons.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! I fondly remember my friends in Foss Hall my Senior year.		

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First Name: Carol	Last Name: Geiszler	Maiden Name: Christopherson
Name of Spouse:		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Yes, I have worked in music education since I graduated. I taught high school music, elementary music, community choirs, church choirs, community theater.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Yes. I was given a rich education in choral music at PLU		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Married for 23 years, then divorced. I have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. None have attended PLU		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I love to have time with my kids and grandchildren. Also, love to read, listen to audio books, walk, and attend musical and theater productions and also athletic events at UND here in Grand Forks		
What excites you about the world today? Opportunities that are available for our kids....especially for our girls.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I have had a song published. Recently, I have just organized a choir for Alzheimer and other Dementia patients and their caregivers.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! I loved singing in the Choir of the West for 3 years. I enjoyed being part of the SPUS and the Tassels. My senior year was highlighted by a great student teaching experience and also by being crowned May Fest Queen.		

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First Name: Ruth	Last Name: Gilge	Maiden Name: Onstad
Name of Spouse: Leroy Gilge		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I worked 39 years in elementary and middle schools and ended my career in school administration, retiring in 2004.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? PLU was a great place to continue growing up. Being away from home for the first time, we learned to live with others, build new friendships and continued our education goals.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: We've become a legacy LUTE family. Leroy '67 and I were married in 1970. Our family includes Janelle Gilge '02 of Springfield, OR, and Rebecca Gilge Benson '98 and husband Scott Benson '96 of Benson Vineyard in Chelan, WA. Our grandchildren are George and Rachel Benson.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I have traveled, but I like being at home. My days are filled with swimming, lunches with friends, church, reading, yard work, 2 cats, and wishing for sunshine during Oregon winters. My favorite times are with our children and grandchildren..		
What excites you about the world today? My cell phone, which is my favorite computer, entertains and organizes my life!		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I have wonderful memories of PLU with its challenges and joys. Those years were 'grounding' for the many years ahead for careers, decision making, lasting friendships, faith, and family.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! -I loved the NEW swimming pool! -Sunbathing on Hinderlie's roof when military transports flew over just feet above us as they landed at McCord -Being in the gym dressing room the morning of the earthquake and watching the concrete floor rise and fall. -Wearing 'daffy suits' for PE -Being with Montana Club on campus over holidays...too far to go home -Wearing cut-offs under our coats to breakfast which was against the dress code -Crab burgers on Friday! -Waiting for the mail to arrive daily and calling home once a week -Serenades: "Tell my why the sky's so blue, and then I'll tell you just why I love you."		

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First Name: Georgia	Last Name: Girvan	Maiden Name: Stirn
Name of Spouse: Jim Girvan		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? My degree in education served me well beyond the 5 years of classroom teaching: raising a family, teaching all ages from preschool through senior citizens in a variety of settings from church, community, and university classrooms. I called upon my education background and a Master's in Health Education to be blessed with my dream job: directing a statewide center that distributed print and video information in substance abuse prevention to professionals and community members.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Being surrounded by dedicated Christian role models reinforced values I was raised with, challenged me to grow spiritually, and taught me lifelong skills in caring about others.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Little did Jim and I know that our meeting in the bleachers of Memorial Gymnasium during the 1968 Nominating Convention would result in a 50 year long love affair! Our faith in God carried us through the trying beginning years, with Jim called to military service and stationed in Viet Nam. We are blessed with a daughter and son, their spouses, and four grandchildren. Three of the adults are faculty or administrators in higher education. We believe our college education was certainly an influence on their chosen careers.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I love to chase balls--tennis balls, that is; I began playing tennis as an empty nester. Spending time with grandchildren and serving in various capacities in our local Lutheran congregation and in the community fulfills my passion to organize, facilitate connections, and to connect with others.		
What excites you about the world today? An emphasis on kindness, from the preschoolers I teach to tee shirt messages to media coverage, brings me hope that we can counter the negativity that seems so prevalent in our world.		

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

I play the ukulele, thanks to my PLU education methods class. I have over 30 years of children's sermons/messages I'd like to figure out a way to share. In my work with over 10 community coalitions I was honored in 2012 with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Idaho Conference on Alcohol and Drug Dependence.

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

My affiliation with SPURS and organizing the Lucia Bride Festival spawned a lifelong love of the Scandinavian culture and hosting breakfasts each year around December 13th. Chapel messages that are still with me: Filling Our Buckets by Leland Johnson and Stop and Shop and Pray As You Go by the SPURS.

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First Name: Jim	Last Name: Girvan	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Georgia (Stirn) Girvan		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Following graduation, life threw me a major league curveball. My undergraduate education at PLU gifted me with acceptance into a doctoral program in chemistry at Washington State University with a full fellowship. My ultimate goal was to teach chemistry and conduct research at the university level. Six weeks into my studies, I was drafted into the US Army abruptly ending my fellowship and certainly altering my plans. Following Army basic training and advanced training in medical technology, I spent the next two years in Vietnam and Fort Ord, California serving in hospitals and clinics. After discharge, Georgia and I (we were married following my basic training cycle) moved back to Tacoma where I enrolled at PLU to complete a program that led to secondary teacher certification. For the next 13 years I taught general and advanced placement chemistry at Curtis High School in University Place, WA. I also coached football, girl's basketball, and baseball. It was great fun. In 1984, Georgia and I and our two children left for Eugene, OR where I enrolled in a Ph.D. program in Community Health Promotion at the University of Oregon. Upon graduation, we moved to Pocatello, ID where I taught health promotion and public health courses at Idaho State University ultimately serving as department chair. During my tenure at Idaho State, I also completed a post doctoral masters degree in Public Health from the University of Washington. In 1999, Georgia and I relocated to Boise, ID where I served as a professor and dean of the College of Health Sciences at Boise State University until my retirement in 2011. In the end, I have been blessed many times over. The new opportunities that God presented me (us) with were responsible for adventures and rewards far beyond those I had envisioned when enrolling at Washington State University immediately after my PLU graduation in 1968.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Yes, my PLU experience was life changing in multiple ways. First and foremost, during our senior year I met and ultimately married my best friend, Georgia Stirn. She is responsible for much of the joy and satisfaction that life has granted me.		

The professors at PLU had a positive influence in that I was exposed to excellent teaching, challenging and thought-provoking questions, both laughter and tears, and solid ethical and moral individuals with great listening skills and caring, student-focused personalities. They may not have known it, but several of them served as role models for me as my career advanced.

Also, I made several lasting friends at PLU. They continue to influence me in life through their demonstration of Christian faith in service to others.

Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren:

I am married to Georgia (Stirn) Girvan (this is also the year of our 50th anniversary). We have two children. Our oldest, Jennifer Girvan Nelson, is married. and lives in Boise, ID. She and her husband Erik, have two children, Rose (10) and Olin (4).

Our son, Erik (yes we have two Eriks), is married and lives with his wife, Becky, in Eugene, OR. They also have two children, Jonah (12), and Aevan (9).

Neither of our children attended PLU but they both grew up rooting for the Lutes.

I was not the first in my family to attend College. My Dad completed his degree in chemistry from the University of Portland on the GI Bill following service as a B-17 Pilot during World War II.

What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment?

In retirement, I volunteer in several nonprofit organizations including our church, play golf, work on woodworking projects, take piano lessons, hike, bike, travel, and read.

What excites you about the world today?

As a youngster in Sunday School, I remember praying for peoples in other nations that they would someday have the resources and educational opportunities with which we are blessed in the US. The global interconnectedness of the world today excites me in that my prayers are being answered in some settings. Also, the increased opportunities for women is a major driver in my optimistic attitude about our future.

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

I am a co-author of a best selling university textbook in public health; I have been honored for community service and teaching at two universities and as the Idaho higher education administrator of the year; and health-related organizations within the state of Idaho recognized me as a "Health Care Hero". Finally, I had the privilege of serving as head baseball coach at PLU from 1980-1983.

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

My most vivid memory aside from many of those noted above is the death of my roommate John Niemela in the fall of our senior year. John and I were very close, and I loved him as a brother. To this day, I wonder what he would have become, and I have tried to live my life in a manner that honors the wonderful person he was.

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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I am one of the few that continued being a Medical Technologist until I retired.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I don't know if it was life changing, but it was a great experience.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I was married and had 2 great kids. Now I have one grandchild and another on the way.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I love to travel. Australia is the only continent I have not done. Also love to play bridge. Active in the Episcopal church and on the diocese level too.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? My favorite job was working in Oncology. Also, was a Stephen Minister for over 15 years.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! Glad Daffy Suits are gone!		

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First Name: Penny	Last Name: Leake	Maiden Name: Johnson
Name of Spouse: Richard Leake		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I graduated with a major in nursing and continued in the nursing profession during my entire career. I taught in all educational levels of nursing (including four years at PLU) and taught in almost all clinical areas. Public Health Nursing became my passion as it gave me a chance to pull all my experiences together to promote and improve the health of communities. I was fortunate to help in the development and beginning years of four different nursing programs. I also had the opportunity to teach computer classes and early childhood education classes along the way.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? fter growing up on a farm in North Dakota and attending a two-room country school, coming to PLU opened doors for me that I could never have imagined. I have always valued the liberal arts education that PLU provided. That perspective allowed me to be involved in so many wonderful personal and professional activities		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: A year after graduation, I married my college sweetheart, Rich Leake. We have three married children and eight grandchildren. I was the first in my family to attend a four-year college, and the first of seven siblings who all attended PLU.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? We love to travel to see family, friends and many beautiful places around the world. We both try to stay physically active with walking, biking, kayaking, and tennis. I also love photography, sewing and many crafts.		

What excites you about the world today?

There are so many opportunities to explore the world and learn about different people and their cultures. Whether it is physically traveling or just exploring on the internet, the possibilities seem endless. No wonder I love "It's a Small World" whenever we visit Disney.

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

Professionally I have had the opportunity to make presentations at several conferences domestically and internationally, published articles in nursing journals, and contributed chapters to textbooks. A major accomplishment was completion of an online course entitled Community/Public Health Nursing Online that is used by four Elsevier nursing textbooks. This project received an AJN Book of the Year Award in 2008.

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

The most important memory was meeting my spouse and we have many PLU memories in common. I remember our first kiss on the steps of Harstad as the lights blinked to let us know that the doors were locking and we were in danger of getting "late minutes." I also remember mandatory chapel, participating in SPURS and the Santa Lucia Festival, and walking the halls of Madigan General Hospital as a nursing major. PLU will remain in my heart and memory forever.

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First Name: Ronald	Last Name: Melver	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Carol Kristine Berg		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 3602224043 Email Address: ramelver@gmail.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? + MDiv, Luther Seminary, 1975 + Macksburg Lutheran Church, pastor, Canby, OR, 1975 - 1978 + Zion Lutheran Church, pastor, Redmond, OR, 1978 - 1987 + Saint Charles Medical Center, Chaplain, Bend, OR 1995 - 2006 + Nosler, Inc. Industrial Chaplain, 1995 - 2010 + Washington State Notary Public, NSA Private Practice Pastoral Counseling, 1991 - 2011		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Gathered a broad range of experiences. + Pflueger Hall, RA and Asst. Head Resident + University Football team, 1963 - 65 + May Festival, 1963 - 68 + Alpha Phi Omega, Iota Beta chapter, President + University Band, 1963 - 68, percussion + University Chorale, 1963 - 68, President, tenor + LIFT + Student employee: bus driver, dishroom worker, library reference room + University Theater: Jack and the Beanstalk, Giant. + Tower Chapel speaker + Listening Witness Team, Portland, OR, summer 1965 + University Student Congregation + BA English Literature		

Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren:

- + Married, Carol Kristine Berg, '68 on 14 June 1969
- + Erik Roald Melver, '96
- + Kirsten Camille Melver Griffin, '96
- + Matthew Allen Hak-Goo Melver
- + Naomi Kim Jee-Sun Melver
- + Grandchildren: Aidan, Anika, Jackson, Saskia, Vivika

What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment?

- + Active member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland, WA
- + Write poetry. FB Poetry of Ronald Allen Melver
- + Walk, Healing Touch, Contemplation, Reading
- + Interact with my active family

What excites you about the world today?

Extremely wide range of opportunities to make love, peace, justice and healthy living happen. Right outside my front door begins the adventure of this four minutes. Lively conversation can bring new perspectives.

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

Currently renting a house as we await the next step on our path.

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

- + Help organize the campus flush in 1967 (?) that overwhelmed the water disposal building.
- + Participated in the library move-in to Mortvedt Library from Xavier Hall.
- + Defended a Pflueger Hall resident art student with the Dean of Students re: a beautiful collage of Playboy art on his room bulletin board. We made the classic art defense.

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First Name: Susan	Last Name: Molver	Maiden Name: Howard
Name of Spouse: Erling Molver		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 2538460595 Email Address: fjordmolver@aol.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Yes, I did continue in the field of Education after PLU. I was an elementary teacher in the Clover Park School District for 12 years. After completing a Masters in Administration/Principal Credentials; I began 18 years in Central Office having responsibility for assisting elementary teachers and then coordinating district-wide federal and state grant programs. I retired after 30 years and then worked for OSPI (Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction) for 7 years as a consultant for "School Improvement" in districts across the state.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I found myself becoming much more independent, engaging in many new friendships, enriching my spiritual growth, and focusing on future life goals.....I felt that PLU provided the foundation to prepare me for the challenges and demands that life presented.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I am married to Erling Molver, a former elementary school principal and have two step children/spouses: Darleen (Sam) Earnest and Eric (Desiree) Molver. We have six grandchildren: Alicia, Justin, Ally, Jensen, Ben and Jake.		

What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment?

We enjoy traveling both domestically and internationally; exploring various countries and cultures. Some of our most favorite trips are with the grandchildren. I belong to a book club and have always loved reading; playing golf; boating; taking trips in our RV and spending time with family and friends. I also do some volunteer work and assist a local school district with their testing needs.

What excites you about the world today?

Hope for the future.....as seen through the eyes and thoughts of young people. The world is much more accessible now and from that, I see a greater embracing of diversity and acceptance of differences. I see many more opportunities to "make a difference" and to truly explore our world and beyond! Space travel excites me with it's endless possibilities!!

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

Living in a dorm situation for the first time will always be a special memory for me.....getting to really know the girls in our wing in Harstad Hall, sharing stories, having slumber parties, helping each other, playing tricks on each other, experiencing the earthquake together, participating in candle passings, running outside for fire drills with towels wrapped around our heads, decorating the halls and rooms and always knowing we were "there" for each other!!

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First Name: Mark	Last Name: Nesvig	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse:		
Contact Information (Optional)		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Sociology Major. Ended up being a US Govt. Contracting Officer at Olympic National Paark.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Taught me to critically think on my own.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Chris Bair - Son		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Like to read, walk and hike, cook		
What excites you about the world today? Very depressing from a political point of view.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? Very active in the LGBT community in Montana.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!		

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First Name: Steven	Last Name: Peterson	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Susan K Peterson		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 3602590421 Email Address: petersonsj@comcast.net		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I took a job with the State of Washington in June 1968 and continued there until retirement.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Well it certainly prepared me well for my life's work, and I enjoyed my time there.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Three sons, six grand children.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Golf, travel, exercise, read, etc.		
What excites you about the world today? Just about everything, considering the definition of excite; whether joy, anger or frustration. This is not meant to be negative.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? Haven't been arrested---yet. Love our SW road trips to visit sons' families.		

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First Name: Karine	Last Name: Pettersson	Maiden Name: Johnson
Name of Spouse: Gunnar Pettersson		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 4245-760-9704 Email Address: petterssonkg@outlook.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I started out in the fall of 1968 and taught third and fourth grade until I married Gunnar in 1975. After that I would substitute teach to keep my certificate valid. And yes, two children, and other family needing help or care, did lead me other directions. All tolled I was involved in teaching around 40 years.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? I suppose that moving to Harstad Hall at PLU was life-changing. It was my first time living away from home and it took me awhile to adjust. I was a transfer student from Everett JC, and had to find out how I fit into this new environment.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: As I said before, I married Gunnar Pettersson in 1975. We have two children, Monika and Roger, and a granddaughter, Haley. Monika is a music teacher and Roger, a mechanical engineer, graduating from UW and WSU, respectively. I was the first of my birth family to attend college and graduate. My brother started at Everett JC, but decided to sign up for the army in 1963, where he received good training for his future jobs.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I am quite happy being here at our home, involved with gardening and preserving our crops of blueberries, peaches, pears, and apples. (I leave the cherries for the birds...they need it more than us!) Then I have gifts that are good and healthy for friends and family alike. I have been a devoted member of the American Association of University Women since 1972, and am active in my church, singing in the seasonal choir. I enjoy the fellowship among the members. My husband and I travel with our RV fifth wheel, usually in the early part of the new year. Last, but so special, are my walks around our neighborhood with our adopted shelter dog, Anya, a petite Alaskan Malamute!		
What excites you about the world today? Like I said, I enjoy being in my world, here at home. I try to not watch too much news, (I leave that to my husband), but relax and enjoy classical music on the radio. The world needs love and lots of it!		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? No, none of those examples fit me, but I always try to be kind and caring to people I meet. I would like to thank Gary Beard, who called to encourage me to write this report. It took until the last day to get it done, but I had lots of time to think about it.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! We all practiced the Zaner Blosser method for cursive handwriting in Arne Pedersen's Ed class. I taught it to my third and fourth grade classes. I wonder what Mr. Pedersen would think about not teaching cursive writing anymore? Another memory...riding to Collins Elementary School with Marsha Stirn. Thank you, and I remember how you and Mr. White had your fifth graders perform The Wizard of Oz! It was pretty special! And now thanks for all the good memories I have recalled of those two life-changing years at Pacific Lutheran University. Go Lutes!		

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First Name: Barb	Last Name: Richards	Maiden Name: Thrasher
Name of Spouse: N/A		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 206 228 8217 Email Address: barbpfaffrchrds@hotmail.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Yes! For 50 years!! Just retired on October 4, 2018 from my nursing career		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Coming from a very small town/high school, PLU was the perfect entry point for me into the "big, wide world." So many amazing people helped me grow up during those 4 years.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Have been married twice (13 years each time; my lucky number?) and am currently divorced. First marriage blessed me with two amazing children, Tiffany who is 39 this year and Mark who will be 37. Tiffany currently lives in Singapore with her husband Jason and 2 sons, Koen (5 in January) and Rory (2 in January.) Her work with Microsoft has taken her all over the world. Koen was born in Germany and Rory in Singapore.. Mark just graduated in IT and is currently a web master for Olympus Press and their customers. He lives on Capitol Hill in Seattle.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Newly retired. . .not sure what all I will do, but looking forward to travel, reading, meditation and continued learning. Taking a Past-Life Regression workshop in Sedona, AZ, after Thanksgiving this year.		
What excites you about the world today? When pregnant with my children, one of my dreams for them was that they would become "world citizens." I love embracing all cultures and learning from all religions. I love that our world is becoming one; I believe we are all in this life/world together.		

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

Spent 2 1/2 years on a 40' sailboat with my second husband, Fred. Went down the Intercoastal Waterway on the East coast; spent a year on anchor in St Augustine and sailed out into the Bahamas. He also talked me into taking flight lessons with him, so I had 5 solo hours in an airplane before we took off on the boat.

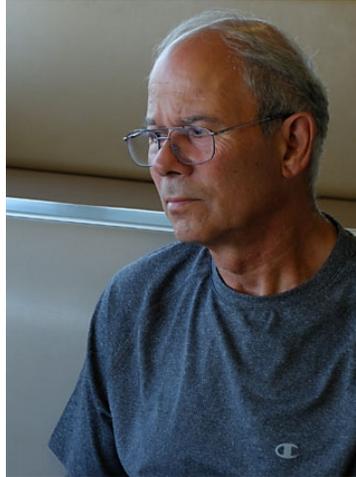
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

So many memories run together; playing Nertz (card game) in the halls of Harstad; thinking the Alaskan earthquake was my fault because it was my first time skipping a class to study for a test (thought it was instant judgment. Grin); tears at candle lightings; Lucia Bride festival and on and on

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First Name: Brian	Last Name: Rudenick	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Marge		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 3038084425 Email Address: brrudenick@hotmail.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Worked in accounting and finance for 37 years, for Boeing's, LTV, Dallas County, the FDIC and as a consultant for the State of Colorado and banks.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Yes, it provided me with the skills to allow me to stay employed.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: None		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Avid runner/walker, fisherman and traveler.		
What excites you about the world today? My grandkids!		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I'm happy!		

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First Name: Robert	Last Name: Sievertsen	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse:		
Contact Information (Optional)		
Telephone number: 253-709-3916		Email Address: Rsievertsen@gmail.com
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? Went into hardwood lumber and plywood distribution after Vietnam		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? A major event my junior year changed my direction. The education I received and being involved in the debate team has aided me my whole life.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I was married for 34 years and have two children and five grandchildren. I finally, actually graduated in 2012 with a philosophy degree.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? For my entire life I was a cyclist but now I am a full time sailor. I still ride a bike, hike and continue to build a variety of things. Bogy boarding is my new activity.		
What excites you about the world today? For most of my adult life I was active with the Boy Scouts and the youth of today seem to have good values.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I have ridden my road bike in 8 Seattle to Portland events, climbed a variety of mountains including Mt. Rainer, have numerous Scouting awards, built a sailboat, built a house, and now have sailed over 3,000 open ocean miles in my modest sailboat.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! During initiation time my freshman year I ended up in a play as the father of Goldilocks which got me involved with the debate team on campus.		

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First Name: Rosalind	Last Name: Spitzer	Maiden Name: Olson
Name of Spouse: Richard Spitzer		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I had a career in education, teaching in high school, alternative school, private school, and higher education. The last 20 years of my career until 2012, I was on the faculty at Bellingham Technical College.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I married Richard Spitzer in 1971. We have two daughters and three granddaughters.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I have spent my post-career researching and writing. My recreation includes hiking, gardening, and reading.		
What excites you about the world today? Being in nature is the most rewarding aspect of being alive in any era.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? I have recently written and published an historical novel based on my great-grandparents' lives in the 19th century. It's titled Anna's Home. The novel traces their courtship at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, in 1883-84, and their correspondence over the next two years while Anna taught in a one-room school in Vasa, Minnesota, and Gustaf started his ministerial career in Tacoma, Washington Territories.		

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First Name: Stan	Last Name: Stenersen	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Sharon Stenersen		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 2537198343 Email Address: stanstenersen@comcast.net		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I left PLU expecting to earn a Ph.D. in English and teach at the university level. Such jobs turned out to be scarce, so I ended up working for government research agencies as a writer, editor, and "report coach." I found a way to teach by developing writing workshops for people in agencies like mine.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? PLU gave me an intellectual and service-oriented jump-start, and I hope I've lived up to that spark.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: Married 50 years to Sharon; two daughters; six grandchildren. One daughter, two sons-in-law, and (so far) one grandchild also attended PLU.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I read a lot, and Sharon and I travel and volunteer.		
What excites you about the world today? Seeing what the grandkids are up to and how they will make their own way in the world.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! The China Conference--something we pulled off that was significant enough to make it into Phil Nordquist's history of PLU.		

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First Name: Pam	Last Name: Sundheim	Maiden Name: Point
Name of Spouse: Don Sundheim		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: Email Address: sundheim@gtec.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I studied to become a high school French teacher and pursued that career for 36 years. I also taught a foreign language methodology course at Eastern Illinois University for many years.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary August 3, 2018. We have three children and three grandchildren.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? I enjoy making exercise part of my day. Reading, knitting, and quilting are some of my favorite hobbies.		
What excites you about the world today? The presence of the Internet has revolutionized my world, not only professionally, but personally. Consulting Google for most anything has been an incredible resource.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! It was at PLU in French class that I decided to spend my junior year abroad in Paris, France. My good friend, Sally Williams Jones, decided to do the same thing. It was wonderful to share that year with Sally. A year abroad was the best preparation I could have had for becoming a French teacher. My roommate for two years, Patty Boysen Reinkensmeyer, has remained a close friend over the years. That kind of friendship is invaluable.		

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First Name: Barbara	Last Name: Troyer	Maiden Name: Rask
Name of Spouse: Phil Troyer		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: Email Address: ptroyerbarb@hotmail.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I worked for 32 years as a Medical Technologist in hospital laboratories in various capacities: Chemistry tech, supervisor, new method development. Now enjoying retirement.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? Good education, professors, special friends.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: First in family to attend college.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Travel in US and abroad, enjoy outdoors on walks & hikes, gardening, reading, playing the organ.		
What else would you like your classmates to know about you? Master Gardener for 12 years.		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! Many things: chapel, candle passings, Lucia Bride, moving the Library, the 1965 earthquake.		

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First Name: Judy	Last Name: Voeller	Maiden Name: McGillivray
Name of Spouse: Ray Voeller		
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Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? After graduation, I moved to Seattle and taught 4th grade in the Highline School District for 5 years. Then I was home with my two children for a few years and then started teaching at a Christian Coop Preschool. After 25 years of teaching preschoolers I retired. I was in charge of a tutoring program for several years at our church. We have been very active in our church for many years. After retirement, we bought a 5th wheel trailer and enjoyed many trips in the US. Then we started going to Mesa, Arizona for the winter and have enjoyed several winters in the desert sunshine.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: We have a son and a daughter and 4 wonderful grandsons. Our daughter, Marci, graduated from PLU as an RN and her husband graduated with a business degree. We enjoy watching the grandsons in their many sporting events and very thankful for the blessings of family.		

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First Name: Marsha	Last Name: White	Maiden Name: Stirn
Name of Spouse: Virgil Roy White		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 2505581555 3602010305 (cell) Email Address: marsharswhite@gmail.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? With a BA in Ed. I taught elementary school for 31 years. I returned to PLU for a Masters in Special Ed (1992) and the last 10 years I was a Learning Specialist with Reading Recovery/Title I/Special Ed programs. I taught in Minn., So. Dakota, Sumner, Wa., and Sumas, Wa.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? PLU was just what I was looking for. I found classmates who wanted to grow in their Christian faith and serve as Christians in the community. The mentors in our dorm provided role models that influenced my decision making for the rest of my life. Weekly wing devotions, daily chapel, and class discussions all enhanced my faith. Learning Scandinavian traditions spoke to my heritage.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: I married Virgil Roy, a 1965 PLU grad, in June 1969. We have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Brent and wife Angela live in the LA area. Tarina and Rod live in Modesto, CA area with 4 children. Kirk lives in Boise, Idaho. 2 of our children attended Christian colleges.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? My husband is a Lutheran pastor. I have been very involved in the church, especially Children and Family programs. I used to garden until I found tennis. I have been an avid tennis player starting at age 52 and got involved in community tennis programs.		
What excites you about the world today? We have many challenges as Christians. Where is the best place to be involved and witness to our faith? What avenues do the internet provide?		

What else would you like your classmates to know about you?

I moved to Vernon BC with few tennis opportunities. So several of us started and grew the Vernon Tennis Assoc. where I have been president for 6 years. We now have over 100 members and many more opportunities. In 2016 Tennis BC honored me with the "Contribution to Community Tennis" Award and trophy.

Please share one of your favorite PLU memories!

I was responsible for getting the candles for the Lucia Bride crown. We had to get dripless and freeze them up until the ceremony so hot wax would not drip on Lucia Bride's hair. Fortunately all the instructions worked.

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First Name: Lydia	Last Name: Wise	Maiden Name:
Name of Spouse: Frank E. Wise		
Contact Information (Optional) Telephone number: 2535379282 Email Address: wiseduo@gmail.com		
Did you continue professionally on the path you began after PLU? Or did life take you in other directions? I came to PLU to complete my B.A. and fulfill the requirements for a teaching certificate. In 1960 I had started teaching at Hope Lutheran School in West Seattle with three years of college training. In 1966 I moved with my husband and two preschool children to Tacoma and began taking classes part time, while working part time as a substitute teacher, as well as a mom and homemaker. I retired from full-time teaching in elementary and middle school in 1997 for health reasons, but I continued to teach part-time, substitute, or volunteer throughout the last 21 years.		
Did your experience at PLU turn out to be life-changing? The staff at PLU, especially the Registrar and the Education department went above and beyond in helping sort through my previous college courses and finding equivalents for the requirements I needed for graduation. They credited my teaching experience in advising me on course selection. Due to such individualized help, I was able to attain my goal of graduating in the class of 1968.		
Marriage/Children/Grandchildren/Great-grandchildren: My son, Timothy S. Wise, and daughter, Susan Rachel (Wise) Sanborn attended and graduated from PLU. Their children, Sarah Elizabeth Wise and Andrew Timothy Wise are also PLU grads.		
What do you do for fun, relaxation or self-fulfillment? Sing in two choirs, volunteer at school, church, and community organizations, writing group, reading, a daily walk.		
What excites you about the world today? So much to discover, learn, and enjoy, and not nearly enough time...		
Please share one of your favorite PLU memories! I attended two Lutheran colleges (LCMS) prior to PLU. PLU had many more students and to me the rules were less parochial and restrictive. I remember a poster in a dorm room that said, "God isn't dead. He just turned 21 and moved off-campus."		