

July 2010



# SUSTAINABILITY

## FOR PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

### Habitat Restoration Work Party - July 17<sup>th</sup>!

Since the Habitat Restoration Project started last year, volunteers from the PLU community have begun to restore the area behind the UC back to prairie oak woodland site, creating a low-maintenance native landscape that will become self-sustaining over time.

Our hope is that the PLU Habitat Restoration Project will serve as an outdoor learning space that can be utilized by students and faculty. Interpretive signage will tell the history of the area with a focus on human impacts, the names of some species, and their use by early indigenous people.

This summer, we hope to include more of the PLU and local communities in restoration activities, so we have planned a series of work parties. We are very excited about the PLU Faculty Appreciation Work Party that will take place on July 17<sup>th</sup> from 10am-3pm and will include a BBQ lunch. The success of this project will depend upon the support of the whole PLU community! Interested in attending? Contact Emma Kane, Volunteer Coordinator in the Sustainability Office at [kaneee@plu.edu](mailto:kaneee@plu.edu).



### Climate Action Plan v.2.0

Did you know PLU has a Climate Action Plan? In Fall/Winter of the coming academic year the Sustainability Office will release version 2.0 of the plan, which details how the school plans to achieve its goal of becoming a carbon neutral and zero waste institution. In version 2.0, the office plans to use the outline from the Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (a program developed by The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education to evaluate campus sustainability initiatives) to detail and map out our continued progress. Facility Action Plans will provide readers with information on the tangible improvements being made to achieve our ultimate goal by 2020. You can check out our website anytime for this and more great things happening around our office this summer! [www.plu.edu/sustainability](http://www.plu.edu/sustainability).

### **Upcoming Events:**

July 17<sup>th</sup> 10am-3pm  
Habitat Restoration Work Party behind the UC:  
Faculty Appreciation  
July 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm  
Sustainability as a PR issue on campus

**Fall Fitness Classes** – Is there a sustainability topic you would be interested in learning about during a fall fitness class series? Please submit ideas to [cooleycs@plu.edu](mailto:cooleycs@plu.edu).

### **July's Featured Greeniac**



Barbara Temple-Thurston, a professor of English and the faculty advisor of PLU's Community Garden, loves green spaces. After years of living near an unsightly dead end lot, Temple-Thurston and her husband Peter, also a PLU faculty member, decided they had had enough. The Temple-Thurstons have transformed the site into a community park using their own labor, some small city grants and donated plants. As the park project has reached completion, they have expanded further. With the help of the North End Neighborhood Council and Metro Parks, the Temple-Thurstons were able to purchase a defunct substation abutting the property from Tacoma Power. The site is scheduled to become a community garden.