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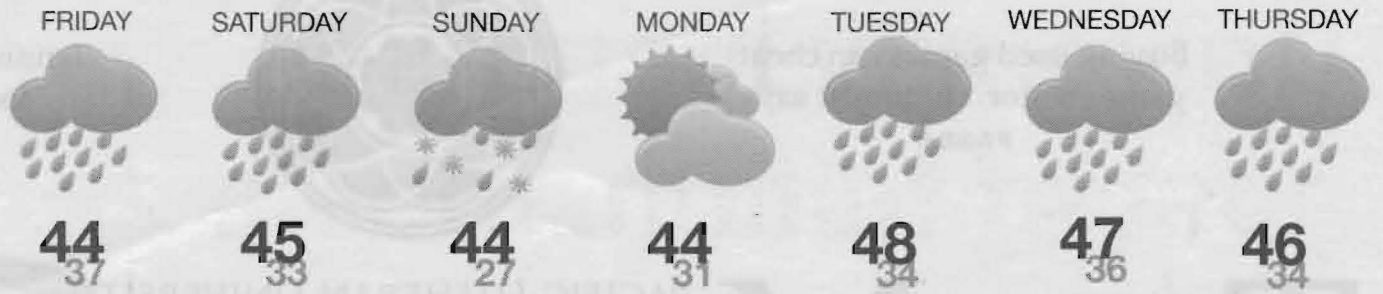
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Catcalling crosses line into harassment

Visiting author offers tools to address unwanted attention

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Walking to campus from off-campus housing or to local establishments from residence halls has always carried some risk. Now, Pacific Lutheran University is helping make students aware of the threat called "street harassment."

Holly Kearl, author of "Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women," lectured to a room of 23 PLU students and community members in the Regency Room Feb. 16.

Kearl discussed the definition of street harassment, where it occurs, why it happens, to whom it happens and what society is doing to address it.

Kearl said there is no official law defining or addressing street harassment, but defined it in her own words as "unwelcome sexual or sexist words or actions between strangers in public places, motivated by gender ...

[this] behavior feels disrespectful, startling, scary or insulting to its targets."

When Kearl asked audience members whether they had ever experienced street harassment, eight of the 23 raised their hands.

her injuries.

Kearl said disabled people, especially disabled women, are often harassed and viewed by their harassers as "asexual or nonsexual."

Sophomore Kate Pritchard said she had never experienced street

discussed techniques for addressing street harassment and emphasized telling harassers their actions are offensive.

Sophomore Katie Giseburt said she found these techniques for handling street harassment particularly interesting because "it just would be very startling and then you could follow up with, you know, 'Don't harass women.' Just having those tools and knowing them already and being able to mentally prepare and visualize is extremely helpful."

Sophomore Jessica Simmons said the lecture taught her street harassment can lead to sexual assault.

"It's not just something that we can ignore and say, 'Well, you just need to deal with it or buckle down or walk away as fast as you can,'" Simmons said. "It is something that we need to really confront. Everyone needs to take a stand and say, you know, 'This isn't okay. You can't do this.'"

"It [harassment] shouldn't be accepted as a norm, which I think I did just accept before. Now I think I see it as more of a cycle of violence."

Jessica Simmons
sophomore

Kearl noted that women are not the only targets. Members of the LGBT community are also often targeted, citing the case of Deoni Jones, a transgender woman who was stabbed at a Washington, D.C. bus stop Feb. 3 and later died from

harassment before coming to PLU.

"Coming to college," Pritchard said, "I've experienced a lot of it, and so this is something that's relevant, I felt, to the PLU community."

During the lecture, Kearl

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Volunteers clear a path



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Senior Preston Taylor (left), senior Kailynn von Kromemann (center) and Volunteer Coordinator senior Katy Guinn shovel bark chips onto a newly formed path near the University Center Feb. 12.

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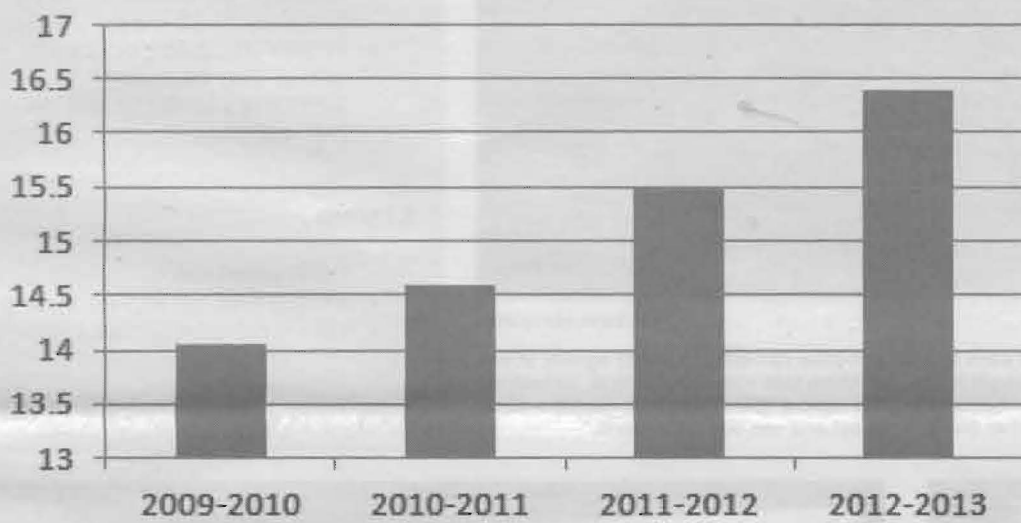
Pacific Lutheran's Board of Regents decided to raise the cost of tuition, room and meal charges for the 2012-2013 academic year, according to an email sent by the Office of the President Feb. 16.

Annual tuition will increase by \$1,850, bringing the cost up to \$16,400 each semester for 12 to 17 credit hours. Additional credit hours will cost \$1,035. Tuition for the 2011-2012 school year cost \$15,475 per semester for 12 to 17 credit hours, with additional credit hours costing \$915. The cost of room and meal plans will increase by \$350.

In the email sent to the PLU community, "a combination of new tuition revenue, careful cost control and innovation in operations, and gifts and grants to the university" will pay for the construction of a new synthetic turf field and new grass field, more improvements to residence halls and classrooms, and completion of the Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, among other endeavors.

"These significant initiatives demonstrate our commitment to provide an absolutely top-quality education that is affordable," President Loren Anderson wrote in the email. "They are also just the sort of indicators of enhanced productivity and good value that President Obama referred to last month in challenging colleges and universities to focus on affordability."

Annual Tuition (thousands of dollars)



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Tobacco-free forums see 'surprising' turnout

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Tobacco forums continue to dot Pacific Lutheran's calendar with tapering attendance, diminishing to an audience of zero this month.

The Task Force on a Tobacco-Free Campus designed three January forums Feb. 15-16 in an effort to continue to hear student feedback on the implementation of a tobacco-free PLU.

"I am surprised by no turnout," Task Force Coordinator Teri Phillips said. "I would have expected maybe not a huge crowd, but I would have expected a few people."

Phillips said a total of 11 people attended the forums held in January.

Executive Director of Residential Life and Task Force member Tom Huelsbeck said, "We don't quite know what it means."

Huelsbeck said the lack of turnout could be due to waning interests, satisfaction with feedback already given or satisfaction with the resolution as drafted.

"The summer can serve as an easing-in period," Huelsbeck said. He also said he did not think there are major revisions left to be made to the resolution.

The resolution prohibits the use of all tobacco products on campus, including but not limited to chewing tobacco, cigars and pipes.

E-cigarettes will also be banned from campus. Although they do not contain tobacco, e-cigarettes do contain water-infused nicotine. Phillips said that the purpose of this policy to improve all students' health, which e-cigarettes obstruct.

Both Phillips and Huelsbeck said this decision did not have anything to do with insurance.

"Just because we have gone down this road does not mean it will have a direct impact on student health insurance or employee health insurance," Phillips said. "That is not the motivating factor, and that is not the reason this was undertaken."

The resolution goes into effect June 1.

For previous coverage of the upcoming tobacco-free campus policy, go online to www.plu.edu/mast.

Storm damage serves new purpose

Fallen, removed trees will be recycled for campus improvements

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Jan. 12: The first ice of the storm hits Pacific Lutheran University. Between Jan. 19 and Feb. 3, a total of 86 trees and shrubs either fell or were removed around PLU due to extensive damage caused by the ice storm.

However, from those 86 trees and shrubs came wood that will be put to

those with caution tape around their trunks surrounding Red Square. Until replacements are set up, the trees will not be removed.

"For every tree that is removed or falls, two go in its place," Grounds Maintenance Manager Rob Audet said. "However, that rule may not be upheld due to the extensive amount of trees that have fallen and the space there is to put

Jennifer Smith said the tree caused damage to the neighbor's camper, roof and garage and continued to hang over the Women's Center. A gutter had to be replaced as did a privacy fence.

Once the trees are

removed, the wood will be chipped up and used on campus as mulch on pathways such as the one installed near the University Center Feb. 12. Some pieces have been chopped into bits of firewood for the

community to use free of charge. Most of the wood will be sent to Northwest Hardwoods, where it will be used in upcoming projects around campus.

The lobby of the black box theater is embellished with

Douglas Fir wood from tree removals performed last spring outside Kriedler hall.

Other ideas include using the wood in the remaining Eastvold renovations, including the Tower Chapel.

"For every tree that is removed or falls, two go in its place."

Rob Audet
Grounds Maintenance Manager

use around PLU campus. Director of Facilities Management Dave Kohler said a Tree Campus USA Committee has been meeting on campus to discuss how to replace the trees that have been removed or have been labeled for removal on campus. Trees labeled for removal include all

them. All the trees that were removed or that fell will be replaced, but they may not be replaced with the same species, or in the same spot.

A tree hanging over the Women's Center was removed due to the risk of it falling over all the way. Acting Director of the Women's Center



Damage due to the ice storm extended from the pool on lower campus to the Women's Center on upper campus, scattering debris across the grounds. Trees and fallen branches from the storm will be used in various projects, but the trees will not be removed from campus until their replacements are planted.

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Kearl gained significant media attention when her master's thesis research became the topic of an article on CNN's website in 2008 titled "Catcalling: creepy or a compliment?"

"I was going to grad school at George Washington University in [Washington] D.C.," Kearl said, "and I had to do a master's thesis and at that time there were some new websites about street harassment and I'd never heard the

term before. I didn't really know what it was, but once I read the sites I immediately recognized it from my own life and stories I knew my friends had, so I did my thesis on that, and then from there I realized there was really a hole that needed to be filled."

Since then, Kearl has authored one book, "Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women," and co-authored a second book with

Catherine Hill, "Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School," which focuses on sexual harassment in grades 7-12. Her work has been cited by the United Nations and press agencies including CNN, ABC News and the Washington Post.

Acting Director of the Women's Center Jennifer Smith said the Feminist Student Union plans to hold events for International Anti-Street Harassment Week, March 18-24.

Types of harassment experienced by women

(surveyed by Holly Kearl)

- » Leering
- » Honking
- » Whistling
- » Sexually explicit comments (more than 80 percent)
- » Being followed by a stranger (75 percent)
- » Sexual touching/groping (more than 50 percent)
- » Public masturbation (more than 33 percent)
- » Assault (25 percent)

Responding to and reporting harassment

- » Leave the situation
- » Have a "go-to" phrase to tell the harasser
- » Loudly announce to others around you what the harasser just said
- » Ask the harasser to repeat himself or herself
- » Ask the harasser if he or she would want his mother or sister or wife treated that way
- » If the incident occurs while the harasser is working, in form his or her employer

LINKS:

- » hollykearl.com
- » stopstreetharassment.org
- » meetusonthestreet.com

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Junior Jessica Lewis (left) adds to a discussion of past experiences of public intimidation and ways that an individual can defend oneself against street harassment after the Stop Street Harassment presentation. "I really liked the list of tips. I thought it was something that was very practical, something we can definitely take out into our everyday lives by bringing awareness to this kind of event," Lewis said. "This topic is really important, having a place to speak about it but also those day-to-day steps that most people can do and information that we can take out and use out in the world."

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Yummers goes to war ... 'Cupcake Wars'

Local bakery places third on Food Network reality show

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When Yummers 2 the 3rd Power chef Jeffrey Rowe received a call from the Food Network saying his shop was going to be on the reality show "Cupcake Wars," he thought it was a prank call. Little did he anticipate the stress, trials and fame to follow the next few months.

Garfield Street cupcake shop Yummers 2 the 3rd Power participated in the reality show "Cupcake Wars," which aired on Food Network Sunday evening. Yummers was eliminated in the second of four rounds.

"I'm disappointed they didn't win," PLU '11 alumna Paige MacPherson said after a public screening party at Farelli's Sunday night. MacPherson added that she liked Yummers' cupcakes better than anywhere else she'd been.

About 20 Pacific Lutheran students and alumni along with Yummers staff members attended the public screening party.

This episode's theme was "Monster Cupcake," in which competitors baked cupcakes with a monster truck theme in hopes of earning the right to bake for the VIP pre-race pit party for Monster Truck Jam. Rowe and Yummers co-owner Amber Serrano submitted their Strawberry Lemonade, Toasty Bacon and Slim Jim, Pumpkin Spiced Ale and their

best-selling Monster energy drink-flavored cupcakes to the competition.

Round one got off to a rough start for the Parkland pastry chefs. They forgot to add the pumpkin to the Pumpkin Spiced Ale cupcakes, and Serrano later admitted in an interview to spilling maple flavoring into a container of French Toast Bacon frosting. To make matters worse, the cupcake display they had built at home and shipped to Los Angeles for filming arrived in pieces and had to be rebuilt.

"Whatever could happen, did happen," Rowe said.

The drama rose in round two when the kitchen crew lost Team Yummers' pre-made decorative fondue monster truck tires, forcing them to settle for paper racing flags as decoration instead. The judges were not impressed. The final straw was the Monster energy drink cupcake, which Food Network judge Florian Bellanger didn't like for its artificial flavor.

"I don't know why they didn't think Monster energy drink cupcakes would be perfect," Serrano said. "If we'd have had a

younger judging crowd, it would have been better."

Despite the early elimination, Rowe said he appreciated the exposure on national TV.

"I'm glad it was something I got to experience because we're one of a million people who sent them audition tapes,



PHOTO BY IGOR STRUPINSKIY

Yummers 2 the 3rd Power co-owner Amber Serrano and Yummers chef Jeffrey Rowe wipe down the kitchen after "whipping out some cakes," Rowe said. Yummers aired on the Food Network reality show "Cupcake Wars" Sunday evening.

and we're four out of a million people that got picked," Rowe said. "That's pretty much a feat in itself, just being able to be on the show."

Serrano and her father, Eddie Serrano, co-founded Yummers February 2011.

"One year, three days later, we hit Food Network," Eddie Serrano said.

Amber Serrano sent in an audition tape shortly after opening. They found out they made the cut last summer.

Rowe said he believes their audition tape was selected because it showed their "personality and flair."

"When you're on a show like that, people aren't going to have a chance to taste your

cakes," Rowe said. "And so you're selling your cakes, basically, through the TV with your personality."

This phone call marked the beginning of a period of preparation leading up to five days of filming at a studio outside of L.A. during the summer. Eddie Serrano described the experience as "wild and crazy and stressful."

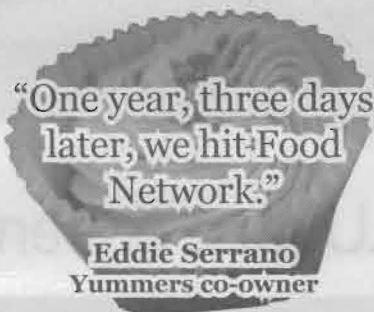
Amber Serrano said what she found most difficult was being constantly called aside and yelled at even while the

clock was going.

"I don't care how good of a baker you are, or how good of a multitasker you are, you're going to be confused, distracted and I think that's part of the whole competition," she said.

After the competition, "Cupcake Wars" asked Yummers if they would consider a redemption show, to which they replied "absolutely."

"Now that we know what to expect, we'll be able to do a lot better," Rowe said.



For more information on Yummers 2 the 3rd Power, visit www.yummers2the3rdpower.com.

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New Xbox may stop swaps

Columnist explains how new technology may halt used-game industry

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Imagine writing a novel. One person buys a copy, then loans it out to every other interested reader. Now, imagine buying a novel and being told you couldn't lend it to your friends.

This issue - the relationship between creative and consumer rights - has become increasingly relevant in the video game industry.

Like in other similar media, the video game industry has a tradition of recycling its product. Players who have beaten games are naturally driven to sell them, while players wishing to avoid high prices tend to buy used games. And middlemen such as GameStop have sprung up to facilitate this wholly-beneficial system.

However, in this system, the game creators are apparently left without their due, only receiving the money from the initial purchase of the game. Successive swaps see no monetary compensation

trickling to the creators of the game, and as Toy Head-Quarters creative director Cory Ledesma has said, "When [a] game's bought used we get cheated."

Strides in technology have seen an increase in the number of games purchased digitally. Digitally purchased games don't exist as hard copies, meaning the buyer is usually the only one who can enjoy it.

The lack of a disc, while increasing the simplicity of purchasing for the player, ensures the player cannot lend or sell the game to anyone else. The majority of games are still released in hard copy form as well, giving the player a choice of buying the game digitally or purchasing a disc. However, game developers

and publishers have begun to take further steps towards limiting a game's ownership.

Game creators have recently begun attempting to limit the used market for their games by releasing games with unique codes that limit some of the

game's content to the initial buyer. While this practice is cumbersome to players, it has so far been limited to particular games.

As reported by Kotaku, Microsoft might release the next generation of the Xbox with a feature that limits the use

of a purchased game to the initial buyer. While it is currently unclear how this would work, it would effectively destroy the used game market since use of each disc would become restricted to the original buyer. Players could no longer buy used games to save money, and a buyer

of a new copy of a game likely wouldn't even be able to let a friend freely borrow it.

Such a rumor raises questions of ownership, and, more specifically, of how long a creator retains ownership of his or her product. It can be argued that the product becomes the sole property of the buyer upon purchase, but it also seems somewhat unfair that a user can fully experience a product without the product's creator receiving any compensation.

There's no easy answer in this situation, where the freedom of the user conflicts with the dues of the creator. While it may seem initially preposterous that such a limitation of ownership is able to happen in the video game industry, the next logical step would be a producer such as Honda taking full payment for each used Accord sold.

Despite the worries of game creators, any inequality must be in favor of the consumer as purchased games must be seen as the sole property of the buyers.

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Dave Matthews Band saxophonist visits PLU jazz ensemble



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Saxophonist Jeff Coffin of the Dave Matthews Band jams with Pacific Lutheran students in Mary Baker Russell Feb. 15. Coffin used his visit to give the jazz ensemble pointers. Coffin is a longtime friend of music professor and director of Jazz Studies David Deacon-Joyner.

TECH TALK:

Columnist identifies 3 'must-have devices' for college students

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Let's face it. We love our electronics. They are human to us and when the stress of school and relationships causes our feelings to sink, the best thing we can do is forget our troubles and get endlessly emerged in the soulful world of electronics. But are we paying appropriate homage to the sanctity of these devices? How do we know when we have the right technology to complete ourselves? Not to worry. Here are the three must-have devices of 2012.



iPad

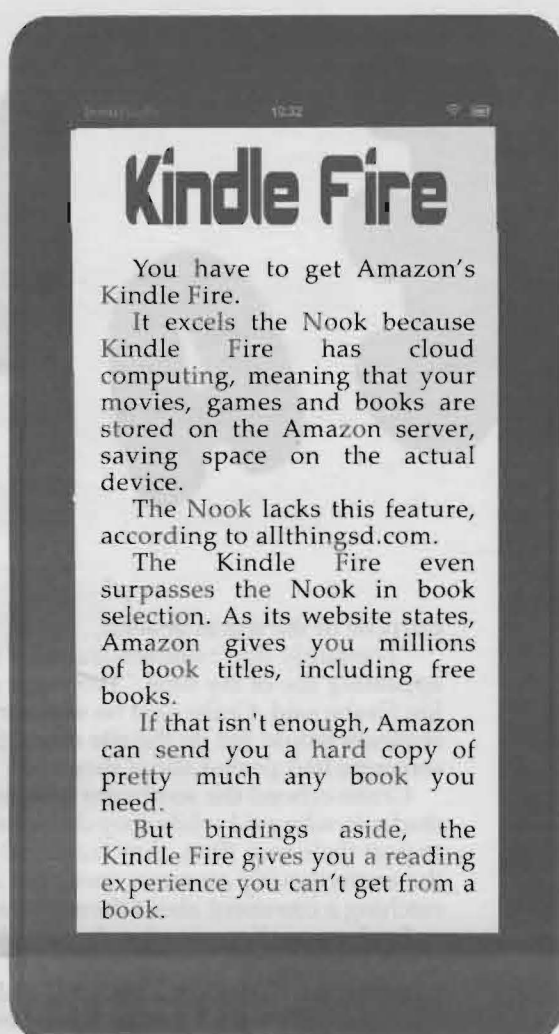
Despite the unfortunate death of Steve Jobs, Apple's grand momentum cannot be stopped. Apple products are easy to use and the intuitive operating systems make Windows users look like Cro-Magnons discovering fire.

With the number of downloaded apps approaching 25 billion, according to the Apple website, it is clear what people prefer. But one Apple device in particular stands out as superior, and that is, of course, the iPad.

With it, you can bring many of the countless activities that you do on a daily basis into one powerful device.

The iPad uses a dual-core processing unit that allows for multitasking and faster processing speed.

With it, you can keep up to date with news, friends and, of course, Facebook. It implements the intuitive design of other Apple products and makes many tasks, from reading books to checking email, fast and easy. It will be exciting to see what the iPad 3 will look like.



Kindle Fire

You have to get Amazon's Kindle Fire.

It excels the Nook because Kindle Fire has cloud computing, meaning that your movies, games and books are stored on the Amazon server, saving space on the actual device.

The Nook lacks this feature, according to allthingsd.com.

The Kindle Fire even surpasses the Nook in book selection. As its website states, Amazon gives you millions of book titles, including free books.

If that isn't enough, Amazon can send you a hard copy of pretty much any book you need.

But bindings aside, the Kindle Fire gives you a reading experience you can't get from a book.



Droid Razr

With cell phones becoming ever more powerful, two things are critical in determining a cell's success: what you can do with it and its portability.

Both Motorola's Android series and Apple's iPhone have been enormously successful in this regard. Both offer enormous flexibility in regards to customizing screen layout and GPS capabilities. However, the Droid Razr is just sexier. Its sleek design makes it very easy to carry and fashionable to own.

Droid Razr has a superior processing power, according to phonedog.com, with 1.2 GHz compared to 800 MHz in the iPhone 4S. The Droid Razr is faster than the iPhone 4S. Also, the memory capacity of the Droid Razr is greater with 1 gigabyte of RAM versus 512 megabytes. It can hold more memory for the programs you run on it.

Droid is the clear winner in this market.

Columnist names most anticipated films for 2012

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Short of the last installment of Harry Potter, 2011 was a lackluster year for films. However, it'll turn around in 2012 with the return of the blockbuster phenomenon. Here are the top five most-anticipated films of 2012.

5. The Amazing Spiderman

Our generation grew up with Toby Maguire clad in red spandex as Spider-Man. However, Director Marc Webb and Columbia Pictures are planning to resurrect the story only five years after the previous trilogy closed.

It's a bold move to reboot a classic story that was already successfully told less than a decade ago. The Sony website promises that this reboot will tell "a different side of the Peter Parker story."

We can expect Andrew Garfield, previously seen as the dashing whiney CFO in The Social Network, as Peter Parker. Co-starring along Garfield is Emma Stone as the love interest.

Spiderman will confront the comic villain Lizard as the antagonist. The original trilogy set the bar high for a remake so soon.

If we thought Maguire was good as high school students, Garfield better deliver to pass our judgment as college students. It hits the silver screen July 3.

4. The Great Gatsby

Toby Maguire ditched the red spandex suit to play Nick in the 1920s tale "The Great Gatsby." Warner Bros. is revitalizing F. Scott Fitzgerald's classic novel, which was last seen in theaters more than 40 years ago.

"The Great Gatsby" is a required reading in many

high schools, so the chance that the audience will have been at least exposed to the story is high. I usually prefer the books to the screen, but it will be a treat to see the 1920s in 3D. Leonardo DiCaprio stars as Jay Gatsby, taking Robert Redford's place in the 1974 version. However, it's not the actors I'm worried about. DiCaprio, Maguire, Carey Mulligan and Joel Edgerton make a fine cast for sure.

It's whether or not the 2012 revival will survive scrutiny against the 1974 version and the novel. The Great Gatsby will be released Dec. 25.

3. Brave

Animators cower in fear when they realize Pixar is releasing a film. Between the lacking results from Cars 2 and the recent death of Steve Jobs, the company's biggest shareholder, 2011 was an upsetting year for Pixar. Despite this, Pixar is unwavering with another promising 3D animation.

"Brave" is a landmark for Pixar. It is the first Pixar film to have a female lead, voiced by Kelly MacDonal. In addition, it's the first non-sequel film since the company's 2009 hit "Up."

I'm betting the story of a 10th-century Scottish princess named Merida will re-establish Pixar's authority in the animated world.

2. The Hunger Games

Suzanne Collin's first book in her best-selling trilogy, "The Hunger Games," is scheduled to appear in theaters March 23.

It's a story that takes place in a post-apocalyptic world where 24 children - ages 8 to 18 - fight to the death as punishment for rebelling against the government.

Director Gary Ross sets the dark theme of the movie with a young cast including Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth and Jennifer Lawrence. Evidenced by "Harry Potter" and "Twilight," science fiction novels face danger when crossing over to the screen.

It's that danger that makes "The Hunger Games" runner-up for most anticipated film of 2012.

1. The Dark Knight Rises

I have requested July 20 off work in anticipation of Christian Bale suiting up for the last installment of the Batman series.

The dark memoir of Bruce Wayne's double life is the most anticipated film of 2012. The political themes in "Batman Begins" and Heath Ledger's stunning posthumous performance in "The Dark Knight" have set up "The Dark Knight Rises" to be a colossus at the box office.

Christian Bale as Bruce Wayne has brought an all-star cast this year, featuring Tom Hardy as Bane and Anne Hathaway as Selina Kyle's secret identity, Catwoman.

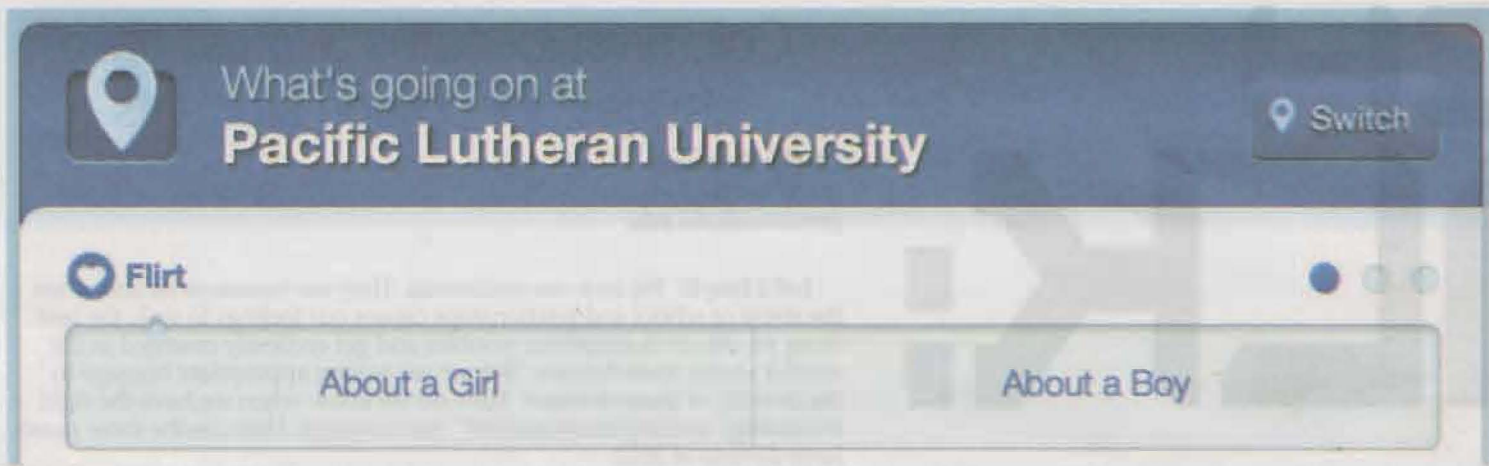
Academy Award Winning Actress Marion Cotillard also joins the comic book cast. Liam Neeson returns as Ra's Al Ghul alongside other Batman veterans, Morgan Freeman as Lucius Fox and Michael Caine as Alfred.

What separates "The Dark Knight" series from other action films is its relevance to today's society. Batman Begins was littered with political overtones of economic downturn and corrupt government.

"The Dark Knight" was Gotham City's version of the war on terror. In addition to the success of the previous movies, the fact it's the last installment and is a summer release will garner a few extra bucks at the box office.

The last installment of "The Dark Knight" series is a summer kickoff delivering an extraordinary cast and is the one thing that is making comic books and politics sexy. "The Dark Knight Rises" is the most anticipated film of 2012.

So despite a dull year for filmmakers in 2011, 2012 is featuring some promising flicks. I've grown tired of YouTube and Netflix. I'm ready for the return of the midnight premier.



LIKE A LITTLE



ABOUT A BOY
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Wednesday night — somewhere in the upper level of the University Center a brunette girl with blue eyes walked into the building, stopped at the market and went on with her night, unaware a secret admirer was in her midst. Had she checked the popular website LikeALittle, she would have known she was being watched from afar. Perhaps she would have stayed in the UC longer, turning a little like into a big crush.

Similar to the famed rise of Facebook, LikeALittle began as a college experiment at Stanford University and was quickly disseminated to universities nationwide. The site allows men and women to post anonymous messages, or “flirts,” about others. The website community then takes turns commenting, also anonymously, on the initial post.

Each participating university has its own LikeALittle page.

Pacific Lutheran University’s LikeALittle page appears to be heavily frequented, with new posts appearing in waves several hours apart. But some faculty and students said the anonymous social site where users share gossip and tips about subjects comes with its fair share of concerns.

Visiting Associate Professor of Communication Doreen Marchionni said the site is simply a technological manifestation of a much older trend in anonymous flirting.

“It appears to be a fairly innocent way for individuals to get to know each other on campus, not unlike personal ads,” Marchionni said.

Still, Marchionni said the secretive nature of talking about PLU community members could be risky.

“The main things they [site operators] need to look out for are comment trolls and imbeciles,” Marchionni said, describing online users who could abuse the site with gossip or slander.

Other professors thought the majority of LikeALittle content was negative, questioning the

purpose of the site in general.

“I certainly don’t understand why this is an appealing use of my time,” Professor of Psychology Jon Grahe said. Grahe said he was surprised students would get on the site other than to see if someone had posted about them.

Grahe echoed the sentiment of many PLU students who said while they do not use the site to post their own flirts, they frequently peruse the anonymously amorous messages in hopes of catching a comment about themselves.

Sophomore Kameron Jacobs said the site is purely for entertainment and should not be considered to have a bearing on social exchange.

“I don’t think it should be taken seriously,” Jacobs said. “I think it is just for fun. It’s just fun to look at.”

“There’s been a couple posts about me,” he added.

As of Wednesday night, speculations on whether or not a male subject was homosexual appeared in approximately 1 in every 5 posts.

Other students who visited the site in the past expressed similar opinions, though many critiqued site users as being negative and demeaning.

Senior Amanda Davis, who disclosed that she had posted on the site several times, said she thinks users’ posts can tend to “be kind of negative, which is upsetting at times, especially if you can tell who the person is.”

Regardless of user content, Davis said she wished people would “actually tell someone if they like them.”

Most concerns raised by students circulated around PLU LikeALittle users’ tendency to speculate on the sexuality of students they perceived to be the subject of a given “flirt.” This phenomenon seems to be isolated to the “flirts about a guy” category. As of Wednesday night, speculations on whether or not a male subject was homosexual appeared in approximately 1 in every 5 posts.

One anonymous January flirt, “brunette guy liked at Hinderlie,” quickly became a battleground over the subject’s sexuality. “He is gay,” one user posted. Another user soon responded, “No he isn’t. He is 100% straight.” The battle continued for

five more comments, during which another user wrote, “definitely gay. I would know.”

Grahe said he was not surprised by the use — and possible abuse — of LikeALittle.

“We know that anonymity online does provide the opportunity for people to engage in behaviors that are normatively challenging otherwise,” Grahe said.

Agreeing with Grahe, Marchionni said anonymous websites lend themselves to greater abuse and negative user comments. As for speculating on sexuality, Marchionni said “it is absolutely possible that someone can be outed for their sexual preferences.”

The frequency of sexuality debates on LikeALittle appeared to catch the attention of site users, including one user who recently posted an entire “flirt” requesting commenters to amend the behavior from the perspective of someone who was bullied about his or her sexuality:

“Can this site please not be used so much to find the sexual orientations of guys? I know it isn’t your intention, but by inquiring so publicly about the private preferences of people, you’re doing a form of bullying. If you wonder, ask them to your face. Thanks, someone who has been bullied and questioned into coming out before he was ready.”

Prepared to deal with possible abuse, LikeALittle user policies provide methods of content filtering and censorship. In order to create a new LikeALittle page for a university, an interested student or group of interested students must apply for the service, agreeing to serve as “founding members” charged with removing comments or flirts flagged for inappropriate content.

“Vicious gossip” is defined as one of the abuse LikeALittle does not allow and will delete.

Junior Kelli Peterson said she was the leading founder of LikeALittle at PLU. Once the PLU site went up in Fall 2010, she and other founding members began receiving notification emails for flagged comments and flirts. For the first several months, Peterson and her colleagues actively removed posts and kept up with complaints and other concerns.

However, Peterson said she does not use the site anymore. While she said she cannot confirm the behavior of her fellow founders, she said she was “almost positive” none of the moderators responded to flagged comments anymore, leaving the website unregulated.


According to PLU’s LikeALittle page, the university’s founding members included Peterson, junior Andrea Riemer, junior Allison McDaniel, junior Megan Aarsvold, junior Daniel Olson, junior Kyle Yee, junior Evan Hoover and sophomore Melanie Schoepp.


Interviews and data compiled with the help of News Reporter Nick Neely and Photo Editor Emily Biggs.





What do you think of the website Like a Little?

55% of students said:  Love it.

45% of students said:  Lose it.

Out of 100 students polled, an overwhelming majority of students who voted "love it" said they enjoy the site for its entertainment, but question the site's content.

Creep a LOT

from the EDITOR



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There's something wrong with this. I find LikeALittle a fascinating example of modern human communication — an anonymous flirting site that reduces the now-

antiquated need for face-to-face icebreaking. However, I also find some users' use of the site concerning, and think what was once a fun, friendly and unimportant distraction has become the stomping ground for several individuals who seem to be obsessed with the sexuality of Pacific Lutheran males.

After I shared my intentions for a LikeALittle Focus Section, my significant other thought it would be funny to post a flirt about me without my knowing. Within the first three comments, a user wrote, "he's gay." Note: my name had been identified in the thread, so the user who was convinced I was gay knew who he or she was writing about.

Another user soon commented, asserting he or she knew me and that I was straight.

I am straight. The flirt was posted by my girlfriend who was curious about the site after I explained the story idea. This personal experience with LikeALittle users

was disturbing — not because I am concerned with people thinking I'm gay. I'm a theatre major. It comes with the territory. I have no qualms and am not ashamed by community members questioning my sexuality.

My concern is purely hypothetical. What if I was gay? What if I was gay, but didn't feel comfortable enough to "come out" to the community? I would have just been publicly outed on LikeALittle.

This kind of speculation is beyond inappropriate — it is downright dangerous. Thankfully, I was not victimized by this particular LikeALittle user's self-appointed authority to describe my sexuality, but I easily could have been in a different situation. I easily could have been outed before I was comfortable with myself.

Let's get a life, people. This was once a wildly entertaining site where users could toy with flirtations and secret crushes, like a junior high playground. It was innocent and, in some cases, sweet.

But some users have chosen to steal the site's innocence, rendering it a battleground of gossip and malicious speculation.

If all you can think of to say is, "he's gay" or "he's not on your team," don't comment. Keep it to yourself, let the site keep its fun and let the author keep their innocent flirt.

On a side note, whoever "Grape" is: thank you, very much. You seem like a nice person — we should hang out.

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Check out PLU's LikeALittle at <http://lal.com/plu> or use your smartphone to scan the barcode below:



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Listen to be an active member of society

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I had a friend growing up who refused to trick-or-treat at a neighbor's house because there

was a John Kerry campaign poster in the window.

This way of thinking was not something she was born with. Her parents taught her to refuse to interact with others based on the possibility of differing beliefs.

The sad truth is this is not an isolated case. There are many grown adults today who are unable to put aside their political ideologies in order to learn and grow as human beings.

During McCain and Palin's campaign, another friend said she would move to Canada if they were elected.

She never had to move, but her unwillingness was similar to my childhood friend. Her

only solution was to leave when she did not agree.

Freedom of speech allows people with differing views to speak without the threat of persecution, but American society has reverted.

Politicians refuse to engage with certain news organization on the basis of differing political ties.

Without discourse, each political party becomes embedded in an us-versus-them mentality in which nothing can be accomplished.

Sarah Palin would only communicate with Fox News during the presidential campaign in 2008, and President Obama praised MSNBC for its good reporting.

The greatest danger of American democracy's structure is the inability of political parties to agree on or even discuss certain issues.

The polarization has become so severe that the government

has nearly shut down at both the state and national levels.

The most recent example involves Congress' failure to come to an agreement on the budget crisis, which ended with a temporary solution.

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Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall put it well when he said, "To listen well is as powerful a means of communication and influence as to talk well."

Sending adults back to

kindergarten to learn some basic skills may be what America needs in order to fix our growing issues.

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Wandering sole:

big world, small budget

Riding the CouchSurfing wave

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When I mention that I enjoy CouchSurfing, what others usually picture is something from Princess Diaries 2 with mattresses sliding down staircases. There's the usual odd glance or polite head nod.

So what is CouchSurfing really?

According to couchsurfing.org, "CouchSurfing is blazing the trail towards a better, friendlier world where people who are different from one another can find their similarities." Basically, it's a website where people from all over the world invite travelers to stay at their homes and spend time with them.

At first glance, that may seem like something way out of your comfort zone. It definitely was for me when I first gave it a go.

The first host I stayed with was in London — a young guy named Will who worked part time and hosted travelers while he wasn't on his own trips.

After sleeping in an airport the night before, it was amazing to have a friendly face welcoming me into his home and cooking dinner with me. An Austrian girl and her German boyfriend also stayed with him while I was there.

What made that trip for me was meeting such interesting world travelers and talking until the wee hours about international issues, such as the global impact of 9/11 and hearing four different countries' takes on the event.

It was an experience that could never have happened had I stayed at a hotel.

I've taken every chance to CouchSurf since. I've now surfed in three countries and

recommend it for much more than just a free place to crash.

While CouchSurfing is an amazing chance to meet new and interesting people, it should still be done with caution.

Every member has a profile that tells about who they are and has references to people whom they know or have hosted.

This is your greatest asset.

Pay close attention to what others have said about their experience and only stay with people who have an adequate number of recommendations.

If any part of what others have said or if what the potential host's profile contains doesn't sit well with you, it's easy enough to find someone else.

Once you find a match and email them, ask to meet them in a public place. This allows for another buffer for you to check them out and see if you feel comfortable before committing to staying with them. Creating a full profile for yourself will increase your chances of a host inviting you to stay.

I've CouchSurfed alone and have yet to have a problem, but it's always wise to use caution. Also, make sure you have a thank-you gift for your host. It's a part of the etiquette. If you're still nervous, check out the website for more tips, tricks and safety suggestions.

CouchSurfing has changed my view of travel by making real connections with locals more accessible. It's an adventurous option for budget wanderers who want more out of travel than just sightseeing.

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from the EDITOR Put down the remote, pick up a novel or 2

Editor encourages using library, limiting distractions, reading for enjoyment

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I can't remember the last time I sat down and read a book, just for the pure enjoyment of it. Assigned reading? Yes. I have read chapter three and the article on Sakai, and I've even completed the related homework. But reading just to read? It's been a while. And that's a shame. I love reading, and I should. I used to walk through bookstores and libraries until I had a stack of books so high I could barely see over the top. And I used to read everything I gathered. Reading invited me to think,

imagine and create. I miss that. I don't know when this stopped. I guess it has something to do with over access to the internet. It might be because of an increase in the amount of work and studying I have now. It probably has a lot to do with my continual decision to pick up a TV remote instead of a novel.

In any case, my priorities have shifted. I'm not saying there isn't a time and place for prolonged internet stumbling or even less-than-stimulating television viewing. I consume information from both media all the time,

although my penchant for stupid television and wasting time online rarely allows me to be actively engaged. I'm sure I'm not the only one

corner of upper campus called Mortvedt Library. I'm sure you've heard of it. Maybe you've even used it for a quiet place to study. Go there.

The first floor has movies and magazines and computers. It's pretty nice, actually. Walk past that.

Go up to the second floor, the third, even, if you feel like it. Find the rows and rows of books, but more specifically, the ones that intrigue you. Pick up something off the shelf, and take it back to the first floor to

check it out at the front desk. The librarians would love to help you and will even give you a library account number if you are new to the club. Are you still with me? Ok,

good. Now, read it. Return it to the library when you've finished or when it's due, whichever comes first. If it's due before you finish, renew it.

If you hate the book, return it and get a new one. That's the beauty of the library—there are always more books.

If you're like me, you probably even have books in your room you haven't read. It's time to read them or get rid of them. Maybe it's time to do both.

I, for one, will pick up a copy of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. I can't believe I haven't read it.

In a week, I want you to ask me about it. In turn, I will ask for your reading recommendations.

I look forward to your suggestions.

My penchant for stupid television and wasting time online rarely allows me to be actively engaged.

feels this way. So, friends, I have a challenge for us. That's right, I will be joining you. There is this place on the

Caucuses cause criticisms

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After a total of nine caucuses and primaries with 47 more to go, predicting the Republican Party nomination for President of the United States would be foolhardy.

However, one thing these early primaries and

caucuses will be able to give us is a quick glimpse of the general election.

In my opinion, the longer the uncertainty between the frontrunners goes on during the early elections, the more harmful it will be for the GOP during the general election.

The main problem for Republican candidates will not be their specific ideologies but their marginalizing and attacking fellow party nominees.

These primaries have seen republicans spend millions of dollars on negative advertisements.

As of Jan. 31 GOP frontrunner Mitt Romney has spent \$19 million and fourth place runner up Ron Paul has spent \$15 million.

Since there can only be one Republican

Party nominee for the presidential bid, the other candidates will eventually have to throw their support behind the one who wins the nomination.

Earlier in the primary season, Jon Huntsman criticized Mitt Romney in debates and questioned many of Romney's policies and decisions during his governorship of Massachusetts.

However, when Huntsman dropped out of the running for the Republican nomination mid-January, he turned around and threw his support behind Romney.

This is not the only example of a former candidate for the Republican nomination supporting someone he or she previously criticized. Rick Perry, who dropped out, now supports Newt Gingrich.

Many people will notice the hypocrisy in the Republican party when those who previously attacked and criticized a Republican nominee now support him.

So, as the primaries drag on and GOP candidates continue to focus their energy on attacking each other instead of focusing on promoting their own ideas or attacking their political opponent on the opposite side of the party line, Barack Obama, the Republican party will have some problems come the general election.

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1. In the cutline for the page 6 article "Vagina Monologues Empowers women, encourages discussion," Julia Rodrigues' name was misspelled and Caitee Borges should have been listed as a sophomore.
2. The last name of the new women's soccer team coach was misspelled in the page 14 article "New women's soccer head coach hired." His last name is Spidahl.
3. In the page 15 article "Swim team not cracking," the record-setting time was time was 1.26.85 in the 200 free relay.



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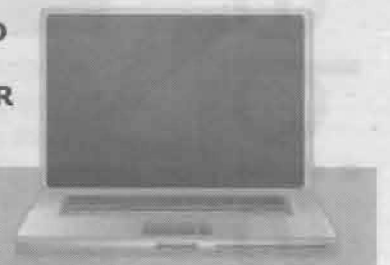
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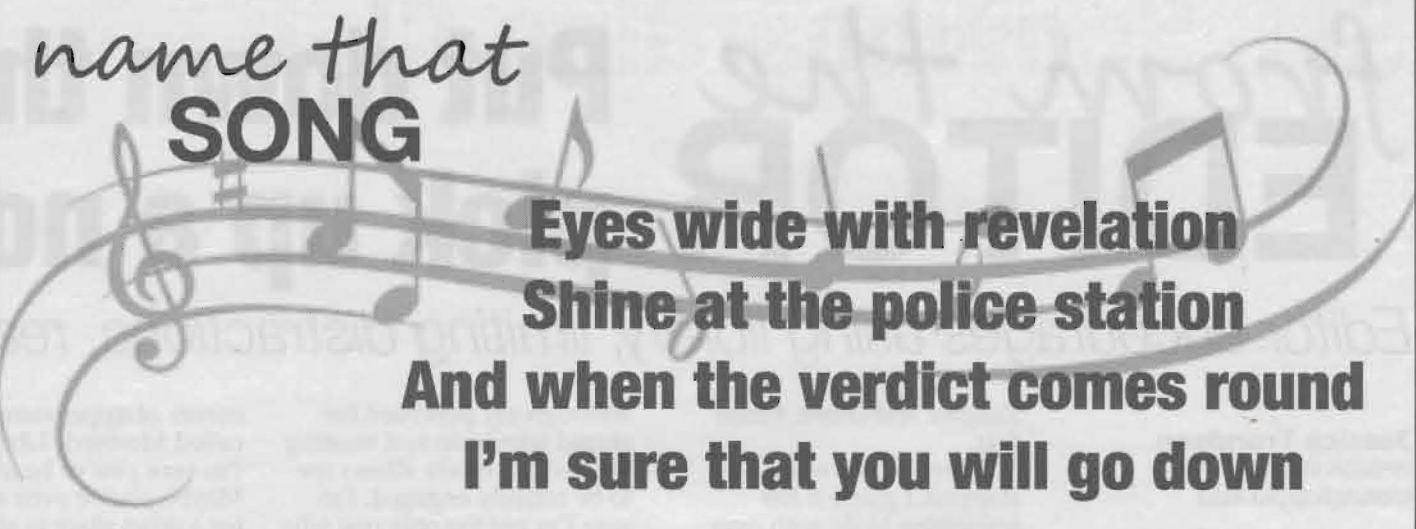
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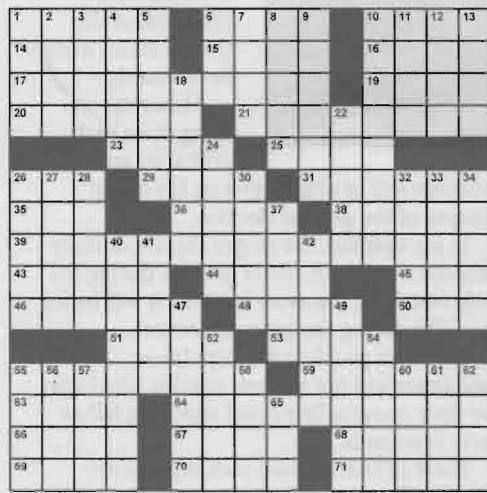


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Universal Crossword

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 - 6 "No _____ traffic"
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 - 14 "... sailed the _____ blue"
 - 15 Accustom to solid food
 - 16 Star of changing brightness
 - 17 They may be next to correct answers
 - 19 Genesis shepherd
 - 20 It may whistle in the kitchen
 - 21 Bug catcher?
 - 23 Closure for clothing
 - 25 '14 grad in '12, e.g.
 - 26 "Be quiet!"
 - 29 Move through muck
 - 31 Jigsaw puzzle parts
 - 35 Battery designation
 - 36 Contents of Pandora's box
 - 38 "Mona Lisa" feature
 - 39 Bad rap
 - 43 "____ Is Born"
 - 44 Damaged by drought
 - 45 _____ shot (drummer's quickie)
 - 46 Doctoral work
 - 48 Bang-up impression?
 - 50 "Walk-_____ welcome"
- DOWN**
- 1 Bookworm's counterpart
 - 2 After-shoveling feeling, sometimes
 - 3 Centipede's multitude
 - 4 Almanac tidbits
 - 5 Joints often twisted
 - 6 "Up, up and away" defunct flier
 - 7 Basil or rosemary
 - 8 Deals with the fall fall
 - 9 Use a plunger
 - 10 Greatly detested
 - 11 Brain portion
 - 12 Ancient Roman greetings
 - 13 It's sprinkled on icy roads
 - 18 African corn
 - 22 Prone to imitation
 - 24 Casting choices?
 - 26 _____ the feet of (received training from)
 - 27 Far from gentle
 - 28 Terre _____, Ind.
 - 30 Bonded, in a way
 - 32 High-altitude clouds
 - 33 Basketball legend Baylor
 - 34 "It _____ to me that ..."
 - 37 Shopping frenzy
 - 40 Infamous
 - 41 Abbey biggie
 - 42 Prefix with "fuge"
 - 47 Brokers' buys
 - 49 Risque beachwear
 - 52 Slow-moving mollusk
 - 54 Not _____ (barely okay)
 - 55 Sledgehammer's cousin
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 - 58 _____ of Capri
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 - 62 Where forbidden fruit was eaten
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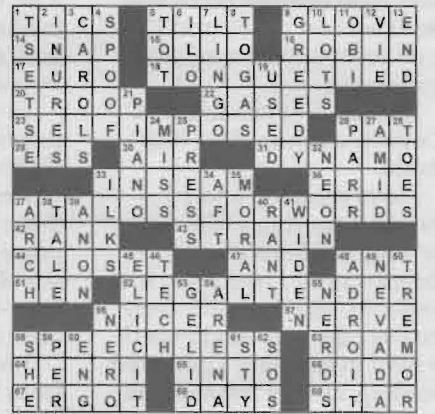
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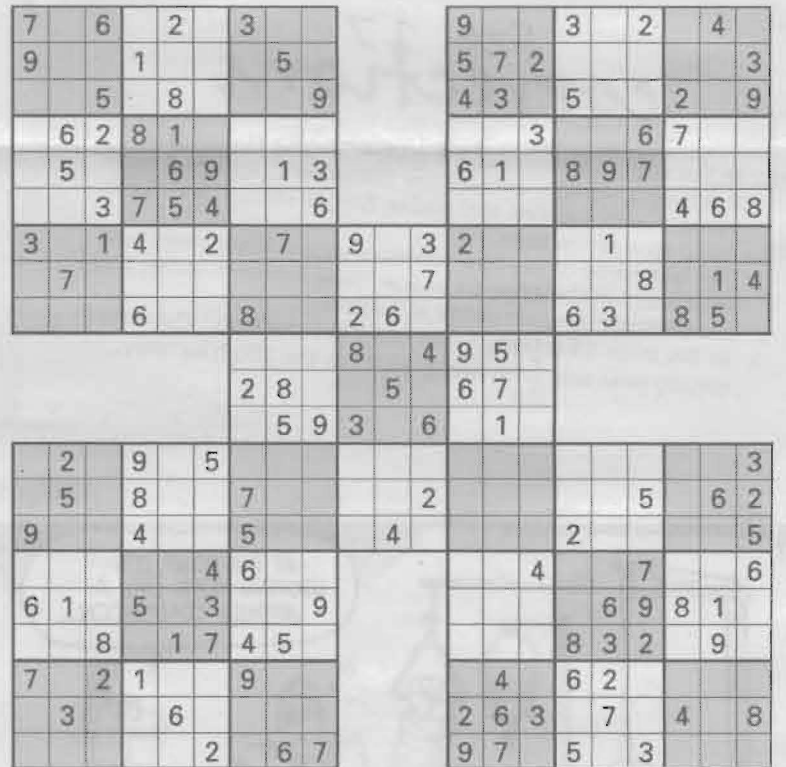
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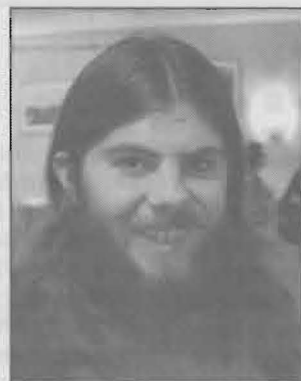
"To be honest, I didn't know it was rising. I'm graduating, so I'm not really invested in that."

Abigail Pishaw, senior



"I have a scholarship. I think PLU is very generous with scholarships and if you apply for one, there are a lot of options."

Ayla Schmick, first-year



"College is kind of being priced out of our reach as it is. So this is making the playing field even more unlevel."

Erik West, sophomore



"I feel bad for my parents. It's pretty high as it is. But with the rising cost of other stuff, it is what it is."

Andrew Alness, first-year

Ski, Snowboarding Club hits the slopes

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After years of inactivity, the Pacific Lutheran Ski and Snowboard Club is back under new leadership and in full force.

Club president sophomore Kyle Monahan said he knew he wanted to restart the Ski and Snowboarding Club the moment he got to PLU. He collected signatures and got the club approved through Clubs & Organizations at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, but it did not gain momentum until the middle of the academic year when he befriended some upperclassmen in the J-term skiing class who had cars.

Monahan's season ended early due to a back injury in February 2011, putting the club on hold as well.

This year, Monahan started gathering interest for the club early with a booth at the Involvement Fair and since then membership has more than doubled.

Monahan attributes the club's success to a "great group" of first-years who go up to the mountain

every weekend and "aren't shy about offering up seats in their cars to other ski club members."

Club Vice President of Skiing senior Boo Dodson said there has always been a group of PLU students who regularly went skiing.

"PLU's always had a group of people that are pretty good skiers, so we just want to keep that going," Dodson said, then added, "and snowboarders."

One of the main functions of the Ski and Snowboard Club is to serve as a carpool network, organized on the club's Facebook page.

"It's a lot easier to get up to the mountain if you have a skier friend with a car."

Kyle Monahan
sophomore, Ski and Snowboard Club president

"It's a lot easier to get up to the mountain if you have a skier friend with a car," Monahan said. "And then for upperclassmen, it's really cheap if you can get your car full and everyone paying for gas. So it's like a win-win situation."

For club member first-year Danny DuBois, snowboarding is a way to get away from it all and escape the monotony of college life.

"Every time I go up, it's a totally

different mindset and almost a whole new world for me," DuBois said. "I view the PLU Ski and Snowboard Club as sort of a window, a gateway to be able to do that."

DuBois said he has gone skiing 42 times already this season and expects to break his record from last year, which was 43 visits to the slopes. DuBois is an administrator for the Facebook group and said he hopes to become club president after Monahan graduates.

First-year Zack Wangler is from Missouri and has less experience than some members of the group.

"I'm more there for the rides than anything else," Wangler said. "Before I came to PLU, I had nine days under my belt in general, ever, skiing or snowboarding. And then I came here, and I met Danny [DuBois] ... Ever since then, I've been trying to go up about once a month or so."

Monahan said they let anyone join regardless of ability.

"You don't even have to

know how to ski," he said.

In addition to carpools, the Ski and Snowboard Club plans to collaborate with ASPLU Outdoor Recreation to organize bigger official trips. Dodson and Vice President of Snowboarding Ian Metz are both Outdoor Rec guides and are organizing on an overnight trip to Mount Baker.

"It's [Mount Baker is] really close, it gets the most snowfall in the world," Dodson said. "We've always wanted to go up there. We've just never been able to afford it."

Monahan said he and Dodson are also planning on filming some shots and putting together a short movie "that probably won't be very good, but it'll just be fun to have." Dodson said the edit will probably consist of them

goofing off, riding and attempting to do some tricks.

DuBois said that most of the friendships he's found at PLU have been through snowboarding.

"It's a really fun environment," DuBois said. "The group of people is amazing."

For more information on the Ski and Snowboard Club, email Monahan at monahakj@plu.edu or "like" the club on Facebook.



Junior Ian Metz performs a method grab as he rides at Alpenta last season.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BOO DODSON



PHOTO COURTESY OF BOO DODSON

Skier senior Boo Dodson skis at Alpental mountain last season. "PLU's always had a group of people that are pretty good skiers, so we just want to keep that going," Dodson said.

SPORTSask

What club or sport do you participate in, or what do you wish were more involved with?



"I used to play golf here, but it conflicted with too much with school and everything."

Rachel Erickson, junior



"I want to do intramural soccer cause I played it in junior high and I miss it. I'm pretty sure my cleats still fit."

Kelsey Spears, junior



"I wish I was more involved with the swim team. I did it in high school and really miss it."

Joshua Parmenter, first-year



"Dodgeball is a sport even I'm good at. So that's what I do."

Kelli Peterson, junior

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball

Upcoming Games

Feb. 25 vs. St. Martin's, 1 p.m.
Feb. 26 at St. Martin's, 1 p.m.

Previous Games

Win (11-4): Feb. 19 vs. Whittier
Win (4-3): Feb. 18 at La Verne

Softball

Upcoming Games

Feb. 25 vs. L & C, noon.
Feb. 25 vs. L & C, 2 p.m.

Previous Games

Loss (5-4): Feb. 7 vs. BYU-HI
Win (8-0): Feb. 7 vs. BYU-HI

Men's Lacrosse

Upcoming Games

Feb. 25 vs. WSU, 1 p.m.
Mar. 3 at Gonzaga, noon

Previous Games

Loss (13-16): Feb. 12 at Willamette
Loss (0-19): Feb. 11 at Portland

Men's Tennis

Upcoming matches

Feb. 24 at Whitman, 4 p.m.
Feb. 25 at Whitworth, 11 a.m.

Previous Matches

Win (7-2) Feb. 17 vs. U Idaho

Women's Tennis

Upcoming matches

Feb. 24 vs. Whitman, 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 25 vs. Whitworth, 12:30 p.m.

Previous Matches

Loss (1-8) Feb. 15 vs. UPS

LUTES WIN BIG, FALL SHORT OF PLAYOFFS

Men's basketball team KO's Boxers, pound Bruins in weekend series

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The Lutes enjoyed stunning victories over the Pacific Boxers, winning 78-41 Friday and the George Fox Bruins 86-61 Saturday, breaking a four game losing streak.

"It was a team effort tonight," wing junior Cameron Schilling said about their first game.

Olson Auditorium was packed with Lute fans Friday and Saturday night. Some supporters stood the entirety of each game, holding paper cut-outs of players, cheering, jeering and ultimately witnessing the Lutes deliver the hurt to the Boxers and Bruins.

The beat-down on the Boxers started when junior guard Drew Earnest made two consecutive 3 pointers in the first half. Schilling and guard senior James Conti also landed crucial 3 pointers, solidifying the lead.

"Obviously, we shot the ball pretty well," head coach Steve Dickerson said.

The entire team enjoyed the victory over the Boxers.

Schilling said team members who don't normally get playing time were able to get in and make some plays.

Olson went wild when first-year Austin Wilson, a 6'6" point guard, stood out with a tremendous jumper in the end of the second half.

By the end of the first half, the Lutes led the Boxers 29-21.

Coming out in the second half, the Lutes stepped up the defense while adding more points to their side



Wing sophomore Kai Hoyt jumps for a layup against the George Fox Bruins Saturday. The Lutes defeated the Bruins 86-61. Despite the victory, the Lutes still did not make the playoffs as Lewis and Clark defeated Pacific 70-57.

PHOTO BY SHELBY DALY

of the scoreboard. The Lutes only allowed the Boxers to score 20 more points.

"We played really well on defense at the second half," Dickerson said regarding the first game on Friday.

The Lute's relentless defense and shooting would make for a bigger win the next night against the George Fox Bruins. Schillings made 6 defensive rebounds and Conti had five steals against George Fox.

Schillings and sophomore guard Arvid Isaksen were also the highest scoring players in Saturday's game, making 33 points total for the Lutes.

"We played really well in the first half, defensively. We were up by 30 at halftime almost," Conti said "I mean, we had some lapses in the second half on defense, but all in all I think it was a good game for us, a good way to go out."

The lapses in the Lutes' defense

allowed the Bruins to make 42 more points in the second half, but the consistent scoring by Schillings, Conti and Isaksen would seal another big win for Lutes.

Conti and senior Zachary Klien played aggressively in their last games. Conti scored a total of 30 points and Klien 19 points on Friday and Saturday night.

The Lutes were hopeful for a playoff spot, but it wasn't so: Lewis & Clark beat Pacific 70-57, denying them a place in the postseason.

Though it would be the last two games for the Lutes, Dickerson has high hopes for the team next year.

"We're gonna miss James Conti and Zack Klien, but we have a lot of good young kids coming back."

FINAL STANDINGS:

Team	Conf.	Overall
Whitworth	15-1	22-3
UPS	11-5	19-6
Whitman	11-5	18-7
L & C	9-7	14-11
PLU	9-7	12-13
George Fox	8-8	11-14
Pacific (OR)	3-13	9-16
Linfield	3-13	5-20
Willamette	3-13	5-20

Women's basketball guard shaves head

Sophomore renders teammate's mother speechless, raises \$3,600

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She entered Olson Gym with all of her hair Jan. 10 for a basketball game against Puget Sound. She left with a shaved head.

Pacific Lutheran's women's basketball guard sophomore Allie Hamilton decided to shave her head in honor of Pam Kilcup, the mother of her teammate guard junior Shelly Kilcup.

Hamilton said she would shave her head at halftime during the men's basketball game if the women's basketball team could raise \$3,000. The team outdid that goal, raising roughly \$3,600. Thus, Shelly Kilcup earned the honor of shaving Allie's head.

Hamilton said her

teammates were supportive and excited for the event.

"A group of us were in the library one night and we thought of it together," Hamilton said.

The team created a Facebook page a month in advance to garner awareness. The players all wore matching pink T-shirts for the event.

"The 'Cancer Sucks' T-shirt was my team's idea," Shelly Kilcup said. "Right when they found out about my mom, they didn't waste their time and were so incredibly helpful."

Aside from the Kilcup family, almost 1,000 people attended the game. Scorekeepers and many audience members also wore the pink shirts.

"People who barely know me donated money, and that just brings tears to my eyes,"

Shelly Kilcup said.

This is not the first time Shelly Kilcup has had to deal with family hardship: Shelly's father, who shared her love for basketball, died just before last season started. Shelly's high school basketball coach, Mark Jones, said Shelly continues to stay strong and motivated.

Shelly said her mother's courage and her father's love of the game feed her drive on the court.

She also said she cannot thank her team enough for what they have done and they were the ones who got her through some of the roughest times in her life.

"Shelly is driven and supportive. She is a caring and outgoing person, with high moral character," Jones said. "It doesn't matter, whether it's basketball or

school, Shelly goes at it one hundred and ten percent."

Kilcup said her mother initially did not want Hamilton to shave her head and would never expect anyone to have done that for her, but Hamilton wouldn't take no for an answer. Now, when Hamilton walks around campus with her shaved head, she said she gets positive reactions.

"People are really nice," Hamilton said. "They say I look like G.I. Jane."

Hamilton's idea left Shelly Kilcup speechless.

"I can't even explain in words how much shaving her head meant to me," she said.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELLEY KILCUP

Women's basketball guard sophomore Allie Hamilton has her head shaved at a Jan. 10 game. Hamilton raised \$3,600 for teammate junior Shelly Kilcup mother's cancer treatment.

Learning from the bench

Seven first-years reflect on season, prepare for next

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Last offseason, seven first-years joined the Pacific Lutheran men's basketball team, five of whom earned awards for outstanding play in high school.

But college is different than high school, and the seven experienced this season from a different perspective: the bench.

First-year Cole Parker, a post from Monroe, was an honorable mention All-State selection last year. Parker averaged 7.5 minutes per contest in four games this season before season-ending back surgery Dec. 15.

"Coming into the season, I knew that as a freshman I was going to get limited playing time," Parker said. "You have to earn your time as a freshman and can't come into college basketball expecting that you're going to receive substantial minutes."

First-year Daniel Landram, a guard out of Kent, was twice a second team all-league selection.

In seven games, Landram averaged

3.3 minutes per contest.

"My expectations were pretty right on," Landram said. "I knew that as a freshman there's a lot I need to improve on before I start seeing more time."

Despite preparing for the drastic cut in playing time, several of the first-years struggled with the transition to the bench.

"As a competitor you always want to be in the clutch moments of a game," guard first-year Terrell Williams said.

The Lutes had their share of clutch moments this season. Two of PLU's first three Northwest Conference losses were by a combined two points. The third loss of the season was dealt by Whitworth 103-94 in a 2OT thriller Jan. 6.

"Sitting during that is kind

of hard," said Williams, who averaged 8.7 minutes per game.

Williams' 8.7 minutes per game is the highest of all the first-years. Williams was a second team All-League selection last year out of Mount Rainier High School in Federal Way.

"As a competitor you always want to be in the clutch moments of a game."

Terrell Williams
guard, first-year

"The hardest part about not getting on the court is just all the hard work in practice," guard first-year Andrew Alness said. "You feel like

you get yourself to a point where you are ready to contribute and don't get that opportunity."

Alness was a second team All-League selection out of Duvall and averaged 2.7 minutes per game.

With limited time on the court, the first-years are staying positive. The first year's effect on the final score of each game goes beyond what is reflected in the box score.

"Without sounding corny, I do feel like I affect the final score because all of us freshman push the starting squad as hard as any other defense in the league would in every single practice," Alness said.

Not only are the first-years pushing their teammates, some have grown through the experience of reduced playing time.

"You can see a lot of things differently than if you were actually on the court," Williams said. "It helps you prepare and learn more about the game."

As the first-years fight the internal battle between desire to play versus acknowledgment of their roles, they realize this is the first of four years.

"Naturally you want to show what you are made of," Landram said.



Point guard plays his last game

Senior sets university record with 168 career steals, starts 93 of 97 games

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Four seasons ago, James Conti was a first-year on the Pacific Lutheran basketball team. The Lutes finished that season with a 4-12 Northwest Conference record, good for a seventh-place tie.

Last season, the Lutes finished with a 10-6 NWC record, earning the fourth seed in the Northwest Conference tournament.

Before that year, the last time the Lutes finished the season with a winning record was during the 1998-99 season when they went 12-6.

This season, the Lutes ended with a 9-7 NWC record.

Conti, now a senior, can proudly say he has been an integral part of the transition back to winning ways for PLU basketball.

In Conti's four-year career, the Lutes took the court 97 times. Conti was in the starting lineup for 93 of those games.

"He is our senior captain and our point guard," wing junior Cameron Schilling said. "Everything we do both offensively and defensively goes through James [Conti]."

Conti also holds the PLU record for most career steals with 168.

"Defense is one of the most important things. It's something coach Dickerson stresses a lot," Conti said. "Steals is playing the passing lanes and being in the right place at the right time. It's definitely something I take pride in."



PHOTO BY IGOR STRUPINSKIY

Point guard senior James Conti set the PLU for most career steals with 168. "Defense is one of the most important things," Conti said.

Athletic ability aside, Conti's best feature as a basketball player is arguably his competitiveness.

"He is as competitive as it gets," head coach Steve Dickerson said.

It's common to see Conti diving for the ball when someone loses possession or to see him aggressively defending against an opponent.

"The biggest thing that James [Conti] has done for our team is his competitive nature," Schilling said. "There is nobody on the team or much less in the conference that wants to win more than James [Conti]."

Earlier in the season, Conti sunk a 35-foot prayer as time expired to force overtime against then No. 11 Whitworth.

However, as the four-year starting point guard for the Lutes, Conti's proudest moment does not come from any particular individual accomplishment.

"Bringing PLU back to the playoffs was a pretty proud moment, I would have to say," Conti said.

With his collegiate basketball career dwindling, Conti does not want to be remembered for his fire and determination or for the fact he led the team in scoring his senior season with 13.5 points per game. Rather, he wants to be remembered for the success his graduating class helped bring the program.

"What we did and how we helped turn the program around from a mediocre program to one that is pushing to go to the playoffs every year and pushing for a conference championship," Conti said. "If I'm one of the people responsible for that, I think that is pretty special."

"I'm going to miss the team aspect of being on a basketball team. Being with your boys, your family, all year - I think I'm going to miss that the most."

The reality for Dickerson and PLU basketball is that they will be losing not only a fierce competitor, but the four-year starting point guard as well.

"You don't replace a James Conti," Dickerson said. "You learn from him and his example."

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Baseball starts season strong, winning 3 of 4 games in Arizona

The Pacific Lutheran baseball team went 3-1 in the Arizona Desert Classic.

The Lutes lost the first game 6-13 against the University of Texas at Dallas.

UTD roughed up starting pitcher first-year Trevor Lubking for eight earned runs in two plus innings.

The Comets finished with 20 hits.

First baseman senior Brock Gates and short stop senior Sammy Davis each hit homeruns.

PLU won their second game against McMurry 15-2.

The Lute offense exploded with 16 hits and starting pitcher sophomore Kipp Godfrey gave up two unearned runs over six innings.

Catcher senior Ethan Ottemiller collected three hits for PLU while scoring twice.

Pitcher first-year AJ Konopaski pitched a scoreless seventh inning and pitcher first-year Jake Otness put up zeros in the final two frames.

In the third game against La Verne with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning, utility player senior Ryan Frost hit a single down the right field line to score outfielder sophomore Dominick Courcy for the winning run.

Starting pitcher first-year Chris Bishop went seven strong innings giving up three runs, two earned while collecting six strikeouts.

In the bottom of the 10th inning, the Lutes had the bases loaded with no outs, but were unable to plate the winning run before Frost's heroics in the eleventh.

PLU finally defeated Whitter 11-4.

Starting pitcher senior Nathan Eisenhauer pitched six innings and gave up one unearned run en route to the victory.

Courcy led the Lutes' offense collecting three hits, scoring three times and driving in two including his first triple of the season.

Women's basketball drops final two games

PLU lost their game against Pacific 66-58.

Leading by 5 with less than nine minutes remaining, the Lutes were unable to hold off the visiting Boxers.

Trailing 55-53 with 2:41 remaining, PLU allowed an 8-0 Pacific run that sealed the game for the Boxers.

PLU lost in its final game 59-75 against George Fox, Ranked No. 3 in the country with a 24-0 record, the visiting Bruins found themselves in a tie game at 21-21 with 7:44 remaining in the first half.

George Fox, however, finished the first half on an 18-2 run on their way to the route.

Tennis team moves to Sprinker

Washington weather provides poor outdoor playing conditions

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Weather in Washington state can be unpredictable in terms of rain and cold temperatures. Because of this, Pacific Lutheran's tennis teams will move indoors for home games.

The new location of choice is Sprinker Recreation Center, located five minutes away in Spanaway at 14824 So. C Street.

"Both the men's and women's tennis teams partnered with Sprinker because it rains a lot here, so we needed an indoor court, and Sprinker was able to give us courts for our matches," tennis player first-year Catherine Miolla said.

Once it starts raining, it becomes very difficult to play tennis. Wet tennis balls are hard on tennis rackets, wearing hard on the strings that make up the face of the racket.

In addition, the court becomes

slippery and dangerous since players have to run back and forth, often stopping suddenly to make cuts.

Some players prefer to play indoors rather than battle with the elements outside.

"Personally, I like playing indoors, as its fast and the conditions are stable," tennis player senior Daniel Cotton said. "Also, it's warmer than outside this time of year."

Sprinker's revenue will get a boost from the tennis teams' presence there for games and practices.

"We used to be able to go play tennis anytime pretty much for free, but now we have to pay," Cotton said. "We can take a tennis class four times a week for a month for \$40."

Sprinker Recreation Center might be what PLU has been looking for in terms of a consistent place to play home matches.

Men's tennis has dominated in past seasons, finishing in either first or second place 37 of 39 years. Look for the Lutes to take advantage of playing indoors to add to their impressive feat of ousting their competition for more than 30 years.

Last season the women's tennis team ended in ninth place in conference play.

The last time the women's tennis team finished in first place in the Northwest Conference was 1999.

"Personally, I like playing indoors as it's fast and the conditions are stable."

Daniel Cotton
tennis player, senior



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Tennis player senior Daniel Cotton plays in a singles match against College of Idaho Feb. 17 at Sprinker Recreation Center. Sprinker will serve as the Lutes' home court for at least this season.

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