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PLU 2000 answers questions, creates more

by Chris Coovert Mast asst. news editor

Now that PLU 2000, which took almost two years to research, write and develop has been officially adopted by the Board of Regents, the question arises: where do we go from here?

The final document, adopted by the Regents during their winter meeting last month, was co-edited by Bill Frame, vice-president of fi-nancial and operations, and Carolyn

Schultz, assistant dean of nursing. "[PLU 2000] is the first major attempt at long range planning that the university has ever been involved in," Schultz said. "It pro-

vides a guideline for what needs to

It will be up to individual com-mittees to develop specific plans of action for areas such as finance, diversity and technology, Schultz

The Long Range Planning Committee, a committee made up of campus administrators, faculty and students, will be responsible for helping to facilitate the planning, she said. "TheLong Ranger Planning committee is going to have to make specific suggestions to who ought to be making the plans."

Some students have raised concerns about the process used to formulate the plan.

Paul Holtzheimer, a senior biology, psychology and philosophy major, has written a 15-page critique of the first draft of PLU 2000 and the process which created it.

He wrote the paper, "PLU as a Community of Learners: Observations and Suggestions in Response to PLU 2000," in an effort to generate discussion and raise points of concern around the campus

The big issue that nobody seems to be addressing is why aren't stu-dents there," Holtzheimer said. The PLU 2000 process was characterized by a lack of student involvement, he said.

"I know some students were upset," Skyler Cobb, ASPLU president, said. "The effort was there for [students] to be involved, but I think it was a little late."

Cobb joined the Long Range Planning Committee last Fall, replacing Trent Erickson, former ASPLU president.

"I heard from students that they were frustrated that sud-denly we had this draft last fall before they had a chance to offer input," Cobb said. "They felt like it was difficult to jump into the process by reading a 50 page document," he said.

After the first PLU 2000 draft was presented to the campus last

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INSIDE:

Tennis set for season

Women's tennis returns strong team to challenge for title

FRESHMAN REVIEW

National education expert reveals solutions to student lack of involvement



Don't lose your head in the snow

Foss and Pflueger residents romp in the blanket of surprise Sunday snow covering Foss field.

ASPLU explores Food Services restructure

by Anne Marie Sorenson Mast reporter

ASPLU believes student waste is a primary cause for high Food Service prices and has suggested sweeping changes in structure to stretch student's food service dollar.

Hillary Hunt, Ways and Means committee co-chair, presented an initial report to the senate during its Tuesday meeting explaining several ideas for reducing wasted food and thus lowering Food Services prices. Though ASPLU has no policy-making power within Food Services, Hunt said it may suggest that certain changes be considered.

Among Hunt's suggestions for reducing waste is a change in the meal card system from the present "all-you-can-eat" format to a debit card system in which students would select individually priced food items and subtract them from a pre-paid account on their card.

Another of Hunt's ideas was a meal voucher plan that would allow students to carry over unused meals to following weeks.

Concluding her report, Hunt

announced plans for a Waste Awareness Day to educate students about the increasing problem of

food wasted by students.
"Part of the Ways and Means committee's biggest concern is to search for ways to save the university and the students money," Hunt said. "If we don't waste as much, we won't spend as much and prices won't go up."

As part of the proposed debit card meal system, Hunt explained that points or dollars would be subtracted from a pre-paid account on the card as individual food items are consumed. She said students would purchase the account at the beginning of the year, and could receive a percentage of any left over money at the year's end.

Erin McGinnis, Food Services director, confirmed that consideration is being given to some type of meal plan change for the fall of 1996. She also said that a new computer system will be installed next year which would be capable of handling the debit card scanning option, should the idea be accepted.

"We are thinking about this (idea)



A mound of uneaten food awaits disposal at the end of the dish line in the UC. Plastic cups, shown here, are being tested to cut down on glass breakage

and we would like student input on it," McGinnis said.

The new computer system, called CBORD Meal and Inventory Management System, has already been approved and installation will begin this fall, McGinnis said. It is intended to streamline food inventory, eliminate guesswork about menu planning and provide nutritional analysis of menu items. McGinnis said that a new meal card scanning system will be added to the CBORD system in the fall of 1996 and could be programmed for various scanning options.

The benefit of adopting a debit

card lies in the reduction of student

food waste and portioning guess work, which would produce savings in student food costs, McGinnis said. "People would eat what they pay for. A percentage (of money) would be returned at the end (of the year), or students could add money (to their account) if they run out."

The fooditself would also change if such a system is implemented, due to the need for individual and regulated portions, McGinnis said. That could allow for more expensive, individually wrapped, namebrand items, she said.

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BRIEFLY

Transit plan put before voters

Voters in three counties will be asked next month to approve a sweeping change of the way we move about the Puget Sound Region.

On March 14, Pierce, King and Snohomish counties will be asked to approve a \$6.7 billion regional transit plan, half of which will be paid for by an increase in local sales and vehicle licensing tax.
Phase 1 of the Regional

Transit System, proposed by the Regional Transit Authority, calls for a three-tier system of commuter rail, light rail and regional bus service.

The commuter rail would run from Lakewood to Everett taking advantage of existing tracks and would be put into operation within three years.

The proposed light rail system calls for electric rail cars which would travel between Tacoma and Mill Creek making frequent stops in the com-

munities along the way.

The regional bus service would be used to link communities not covered by the rail service with the train system.

SIDEWALK TALK

Question:

So you agree or disagree with the statement that this year's freshman class is the least politically interested class to enter U.S. Universities in 30 years?

(See related stories, page 15)



"I think that in a way it's correct. Politics bave become so drawn out, people have been given so many choices, they don't know what to believe anymore.'

Tanya Robinson Freshman



"I tend to agree. From the people I've talked to I would say political interest has dropped. But as issues were brought to our attention and related to us directly, we became more interested."

Paris Mullen Freshman



"I disagree. I think people my age are more aware of politics than that survey gives us credit for. Most of the freshmen I've talked to seem to be pretty informed on things."

Ken Johns Freshman



"I agree with the survey. Personally I don't pay attention to politics, either. I don't bear about it and I don't watch t.v. or anything so maybe it's the same for other people, too.'

Aurora Bray Freshman

BRIEFLY

Music professor's songs published

PLU Assistant Professor Richard Nance will have eight new compositions published by Hinshaw Music, Inc.

Hinshaw, one of the largest publishing houses in the country, has accepted three American folk songs, two arrange-ments of the "Magnificat" for mixed and women's choirs, and three other songs.

Nance began composing ten years ago as a doctoral student at Arizona State University. His first composition, "Songs of a Young Man," showcased his talent to such a degree that it was one of only two men's chorus pieces published by Hinshaw that year.

Bike Beijing by the backroads

Dennis Johnson, a Graduate student at UCLA and fouryear resident of Beijing, China, will present his speech "Lost in the Hutongs: Riding the backroads of Beijing" next Thursday in the UC Regency

Room at 7 p.m. Hosted by the PLU Chinese Studies Club, Johnson will talk about his bicycle trips away from the normal tourist attractions in China.

"People thinking about studying abroad, traveling, or living in China will be able to come and ask him questions," said Becky Sundstrom, president of the Chinese Studies

A reception with free punch and cookies will follow the

Looking for a summer job?

Summer conference aides are needed to work throughout the summer. Applications are available in the UC or at Career Services.

SAFETY BEAT

Wednesday, Feb. 8

 A student called Campus Safety and reported his vehicle broken into.
 The car was parked in the Ivy Lot over night and the thieves broke the passenger side window and stole his stereo amplifier. Estimated loss is \$500. There are no suspects.

 A PLU faculty member reported to Campus Safety that his wallet had been stolen from Olsen Auditorium. The faculty member had been exercising and left his wallet in an unlocked locker in the locker room. When he returned he found his wallet missing. The estimated amout of loss is \$50. There are no suspects.

Thursday, Feb. 9

• A PLU staff member found several credit cards inside a closet in Ingram Hall. The staff member reported the find to Campus Safety who contacted the owners and discovered that some of the items were stolen from the University of Washington. Campus Safety then notified the UW police who reported that they had a suspect in custody regarding the credit card thefts. All of the information was then turned over the the UW police.

Monday, Feb. 13

· Campus Safety and the Pierce County Sheriff's Office responded to

an intrusion alarm set off in the UC Computer Center. The alarm was activated by a janitor who had forgotten to turn the system off after entering the room. Campus Safety turned the alarm off.

 An Ordal resident contacted Campus Safety and requested that his wrist be wrapped. The student had sprained his wrist earlier in the day and wanted it re-wrapped for the evening. Campus Safety obliged. No further aid was required.

 A student reported that her green and purple Gortex ski jacket had been stolen from a library study cubicle on the second floor. She was away from the cubicle at the time of the theft. Campus Safety has no suspects. Loss is estimated at \$200.

Fire Alarms

Feb. 8, 1:40 a.m., Evergreen Court; smoke from burning cookies.

Feb. 10, 2:15 a.m., Tinglestad Hall; malicious pull. Feb. 11, 2:40 a.m., Pflueger Hall; malicious pull.

Feb. 13, 1:33 a.m., Foss Hall; cause undetermined, possibly system

Feb. 13, 9:31 p.m., Evergreen Court; burning popcorn.

Feb. 13, 11:53 p.m., Foss Hall; cause undetermined, possibly system malfunction.

FOOD SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 18 Breakfast:

Waffles Bacon Scrambled Eggs

Ham & Turkey Subs Breakfast Menu Beets

Dinner: Chicken Caccatori Barbecue Ribs Mixed Vegetables

Sunday, Feb. 19 Brunch: Bluberry Pancakes Scrambled Eggs

Dinner: Pot Roast w/Gravy Stuffed Shells Hamburger Bar

Monday, Feb. 20

Breakfast: Oatmeal Muffin Sandwich Apple Pancakes

Grilled Cheese Beans & Wieners Tuna/Chicken/Egg Salad

WaikikiChicken Brown Rice Cuban Black Beans

Tuesday, Feb. 21 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs Waffles Hashbrowns

Lunch: Fettucini Alfredo Fried Cod Peas

Dinner: Tamales Refried Beans Montana Rice Ole

Wednesday, Feb. 22 Fried Eggs Pancakes

Chicken Sandwich Beet Ravioli White Rice

101 Bars

Dinner: Steak and Gravy Tortellini Primavera Mashed Potatoes

Thursday, Feb. 23

Breakfast: Make Your Own Omelette Waffles Hashbrowns

Lunch: French Bread Pizza Cheese Pizza Cheese Ravioli

Dinner: Stir Fry Vegetables Vegetable Egg Rolls Teriyaki Steak

Friday, Feb. 24 Breakfast: Biscuits and Gravy Hard Eggs Oatmeal

Lunch: Burritos Tacos Make Your Own Vegie Burrito

Dinner: Broccoli Beef Vegetable Lo Mein Wild Rice

Senate goes formal

By Randy Danielson Mast senior reporter

An ASPLU Senate Constitution, presented by Tom Brown, a lower campus senator, was the focus of enthusiasm and conversation during Tuesday's ASPLU Senate meeting.

After attending a University of Puget Sound Senate meeting two weeks ago, Brown and other senators brought back ideas for discussion at an informal meeting Sunday night.

The seven attending senators drafted the four-page addition to the ASPLU Constitution, called the ASPLU Senate Constitution.

Brown, wearing a dress shirt and tie, presented the restructuring plan to a full senate during Tuesday's meeting.

The draft includes sections regarding informal senate meetings, professional dress and senate attendance.

Brown and other senators have been frustrated with the 1994-95 ASPLU Senate's lack of activity and formality.

"After all the meetings this year, we had numerous complaints, and so we decided to put it in writing," said Brown.

It is still too early to tell whether or not this proposal will be a part of the existing Constitution, or if it will be a set of guidelines all the senators will be forced to obey, Brown said.

"Basically it will set guidelines for senators to follow, create a new position and give more power to the senate," Brown said.

Brown would also like to see a Senate Chairperson run the Senate meetings instead of the Vice-President, who presently chairs senate meetings.

"We should run our own meetings," he said.

The Senate Disciplinary Committee, a new committee proposed in the Senate Constitution, will look into senate violations.

One example of a violation would be a lack of attendance, something that has been a problem this year.

Sarah Baxter, clubs and organizations senator, thought that the senate needed to be able to take action against senators who don't follow the codes. "We're a little to easy on senators." Baxter said.

easy on senators," Baxter said. Brown added, "We already have rules for disciplining senators, but it hasn't been enforced."

Another of Brown's ideas is implementing two student advisors for each senator. This would be another way to get students involved, Brown said...

Hillary Hunt, an upper campus senator, was the only senator at the informal meeting who didn't put their signature on the drafted Constitution. "I wanted to clear some things up with my constituents before I signed it," Hunt said.

"One of the concerns I faced was that people weren't sure how it would relate with the rest of the ASPLU Constitution and the senators were pulling themselves away from the rest of ASPLU."

Hunt also argued that no other faction of ASPLU has their own constitution.

Daren Boyd, a commuter transfer senator, who took office in January, helped organize the informal meeting along with Brown.

Like other senators, Boyd is bothered with senate's lack of organization. "Right now there is a real sense of frustration," he said. "It feels like we don't have any power."

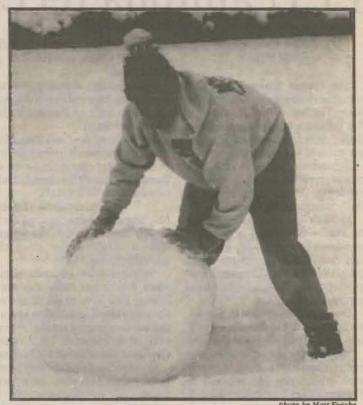


photo by Matt Kusch

Rolling with it

Brian Vanvaley rolls in to his snowman on Foss field Sunday afternoon.

Book exchange provides outlet for student needs

By Randy Danielson Mast senior reporter

The ASPLU book exchange will allow students an alternative to selling their books to the bookstore. This is the first proposal passed by the Senate this year.

ASPLU will implement PLU's first year round book exchange this

With this exchange, the students can take a book into the ASPLU office at any time during the year and put it on sale. If the book sells, then the student gets the money for the price they ask.

Elsie Buzard, commuter senator, proposed the idea to the ASPLU Senate last November. "This is a way you can save money and make money," Buzard said.

The process is very simple. Any student can go to the ASPLU office during business hours and put a book on the shelf for sale. The seller has to establish a price for the book, read a consignment form and sign an agreement. After that is completed, the student gets a pink ticket, used to reclaim the book, and the book goes on sale.

Potential book buyers will be able to browse the book cabinet in the ASPLU office, located downstairs in the University Center next to the games room.

All sales are final and no refunds are given.

Once a book is sold, a stamp is placed on the book so that it cannot be sold back to the bookstore, protecting the bookstore from allowing books bought from the book exchange to be resold to the bookstore. The seller of the book is then mailed a postcard announcing that the book was sold, and they can be compensated.

The books will be shelved on a cabinet in the ASPLU office which

the senate bought for \$325.
Only books being used by PLU professors will be eligible for exchange. A list of the present books being used and the bookstore's prices for those books is listed in the

ASPLU office.

Buzardemphasized that the book exchange is not competing with the bookstore. "This is just an additional service to students who are money conscious," Buzardsaid. "It's students doing business with students in an open market."

Angela Zurcher, assistant director of the bookstore, said that 75 percent of the bookstore's profit is from selling books.

When a book is sold back to the bookstore at the end of the semester, the students are able to sell the book back for more than half of the original price if the bookstore will re-sell it.

If not, then the book will be bought based on the wholesale price of the book, which varies from book to book, depending each book's market value, said Eric Peckham, text book manager.

Peckham said that the bookstore marks the book up twenty-five percent from what the student received for selling the book back. However, after the labor and postage are paid off, the bookstore only makes about a twelve percent profit from the book they hought back from the student.

they bought back from the student. The battle by the publishers to sell new books is a desperate one.

Zurcher says that the publishers don't like the buying back and reselling of books, because they don't make a direct profit from it. The publishers work to persuade professors to buy new additions of books or to choose bundled editions, those sets of books that have a workbook and textbook wrapped together with shrink-wrap, for their classes.

This tactic deprives anyone from selling back the book and ends up being worthless since it is a part of an incomplete set after a semester of use.

Zurcher thinks that the bookstore's ability to buy back books a service to the students. She says that the students save money by selling back and or buying a used book.

Both Zurcher and Peckham say that the students benefit most if they can buy a used book. However, Zurcher states, "It winds up to be the professor's choice."

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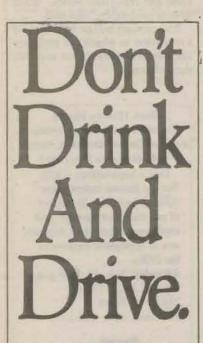
The system for the exchange is very flexible for future changes, Buzard said. "That is what is great about it, it is paradigm to meet future changes," she said.

Although Buzard thinks that the

Although Buzard thinks that the book exchange will take awhile to catch on, it will become an asset to the student body. "I think it will be slow to start," Buzard said. "But will be very successful when fellow students realize the convenience this does and that it saves time and money."

"This will bring the students to the ASPLU office and once they are there they can interact with the other senators and hopefully get involved," Buzard concluded,

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PLU alumna receives teacher of year award

By Julie Thompson Mast intern

The reason Kathy McFarland recently received the Washington State Teacher of the Year award lies behind a 4th grade classroom door covered with construction paper colored with Crayola crayons.

Behind that door today, the mesmerized stares of her 30 students settle upon a Native

American video on legends. McFarland's three month focus on Native Americans is part of a unit from Pioneer Valley Elemen-tary School's "Arts Integration" program which works toward integrating music, drama, dance, visual arts and media arts.

Despite her recent honor, McFarland, a PLU alumna, is quick to point out that she is not the best.

She believes she represents several teachers in Washington, many with whom she has worked at Pioneer Valley Elementary School.

McFarland has a vision of developing educational ownership, get-ting kids to take active participation in what they are learning.

Her goal drives her through end-

less meetings and grant proposals, activities which are familiar to McFarland.

Pitter-patters of young feet racing to class have only been echoing down the halls of Pioneer Valley for four short years.

The sight of students clenching tests in their hands, proud gleams in their eyes, continues to be an immediate payoff for the relatively new Pioneer Valley staff.

McFarland described the ex-hausting task of developing a three month integration unit, the assignment of each teacher since the school began in 1991.

"It takes a lot of extra effort when you're not using any textbooks. You have to do all the research yourself, in addition to contacting community resources, and bringing in materials," said an enthusiastic but wearied McFarland.

She explained that she gets home usually after 6:00 p.m., on a good night.

Innovative committees, like the Pioneer Valley Technical Team, contribute to the electrifying buzz felt in- and outside the building.

McFarland is a member of the



Kathy McFarland, teacher of the year award winner, works with students in her fourth grade class.

team and is presently working on grants to get their school internet access to encourage kids to make use of worldwide information found online.

McFarland attributes part of her achievement to the education program at PLU, which awarded

her a masters degree in 1980.

"PLU doesn't limit its students to their own area; it sends them out in to the real world," McFarland

McFarland's learning adventures do not end in her classroom, she said. Winning the Teacher of the

Year award has also been a learning experience.

She is already practicing self-composure, a skill she will need during the many speeches that accompany the award.

"I get so nervous!" she said with

Who will fill the shoes? RA applications due soon

by Teresa Morrison Mast reporter

Do you have what it takes to fill the shoes of a Resident Assistant? This is the challenge posed by the Residential Life Office helpwanted posters all around campus.

So, what does it take? Those who have filled the role in the past have lots of advice for prospective RAs Imagination is one important

part of the job. "As an RA you are responsible for coming up with programs for your residents, which prompts your creativity," said Gretchen Dubeck,

an RA in Ivy Hall. Dubeck added that skills she has gained in areas such as conflict resolution, communication and leadership have benefited her.

Another part of the job is a time commitment, said senior Jenny Baker, an RA in Pflueger Hall. "There isn't a fixed schedule for an RA," she said.

"Flexibility in time schedule can be challenging," Dubeck said. "You want to keep your door open so people know you are available, but

you also have your own schoolwork to concentrate on.'

Drawing a line between friendship and doing your job is also challenging, said Dubeck.

"You want to establish a rapport with the residents, but it is jeopardizing when you have to write them up for something.

Overall, both Baker and Dubeck feel the skills they gained from being an RA will help in their future careers.

Whatever career you choose communication skills and conflict resolution skills are essential," Dubeck said.

Other benefits are a little more immediate.

For instance, each RA receives a \$150 stipend each month and free

Aside from the financial benefits, RAs get the opportunity to develop relationships with students and various faculty and staff members. RAs are able to expand their friendships and meet people with whom most students would not have contact, said Baker.

See RA, back page

Earth mass to present music of nature

by Katie Nelson Mast environment reporter

The music of two local artists and a PLU choir will blend in a concert called "Let's Move Together in Peace.

"An Earth Mass," a series of songs celebrating nature, will be the featured work of the concert held in Lagerquist concert hall in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center at 7 p.m. on Feb. 24

The concert is sponsored by the Peace, Justice and Environment Center and the ASPLU Artist Series and Appropriations, with support from Dirt People for the Earth.

Kari Serkland, a member of the PJE Center, said peace and justice events usually take place in the form of rallies and debates.

This time, Serkland said, the PJE Center wanted to bring something for the enjoyment of people.

Featured performers are Esther "Little Dove" John on the flute and Jim Scott on the guitar. The pair will combine their music with the voices of the PLU Chorale under the direction of Richard Sparks.

Both John and Scott are nationally known musicians. John is a "spiritual flautist" whose latest album, "Elements II," received Grammy nomination.

In "Elements II," John takes her flute to sites across the Pacific Northwest, where she plays along

with the background "music" of nature. In one piece her flute combines with the sound of wind moving across a central Washington wheat field. In a different piece she plays alongside a small creek in the Cascade mountains.

Christy Falk, also a member of the PJE Center, said, "What I found really inspiring about her music was it was really personal, so close

In 1987, John walked solo in support of peace from her Seattle home to the United Nations in New York State, where she grew

John is the director for the Mission of Music and Healing, a nonprofit organization that organizes live concerts for people with can-cer, AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses.

Scott is famous for his work with the Paul Winter Consort, for which he composes and sings and his singing on the consort's album "Common Ground"

Scott, who lives in Eugene, Ore. has worked in many types of music. He has made recordings with a jazz flautist in the gardens of Findhorn, Scotland and shared a stage with popular music group 10,000 Maniacs.

His newest compact disk, "Earth, Sky, Love and Dreams" combines jazz, folk, Latin and Caribbean music with his guitar and lyrics of the environment and social justice.

Serkland first met John when she taught flute at her grade school, the year before John did her peace walk. Last summer, Serkland heard the flautist in concert at Holden Village, a justice and environment retreat center on Lake Chelan, Wash.

Serkland invited John to do a concert at PLU. John invited Scott, since the two were going on tour together, and Scott suggested involving the choir.

"Both are so excited to come here," Serkland said. The duo wanted to create an all-day workshop, Serkland said, involving brown-bag lunches and speaking with students, but a small budget and limited planning time didn't allow for it.

The cost for the event is \$3 for the public and \$1 for PLU students and children under 10.

Music students can fulfill their concert attendance requirement by attending the event.

"We wanted to make it so PLU and the Parkland community could both come and enjoy it for free," Serkland said, "but we couldn't cover the costs of lighting and

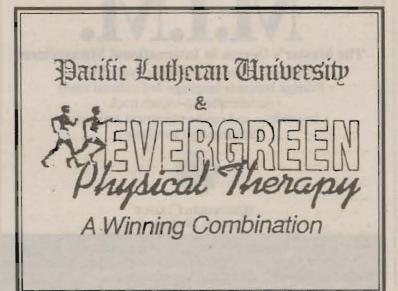
Serkland appreciated the financial help from ASPLU Appropriations and the Artist Series. "Both gave considerably," she said.

The concert will be followed by a reception in which the audience can meet the performers and buy their albums.

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Black History Month Tacoma Film Society presents pair of Oscar Micheaux classics Ten Minutes to Live (1932) God's Stepchildren (1938) See the famous independent African-American filmmaker of pre-war "race movies" and experience what Black America saw at segregated theaters in the 1930s Saturday, Feb. 18, 7:30 p.m., Tacoma Little Theatre 210 N. "T" Street, \$4 at door, Info: 752-3329



OPINION

EDITORIAL

Non-participation harms us and future students

Education expert Alexander Astin came to PLU the other day to administrators how this year's crop of college freshmen have less interest in politics than any he has seen since he began studying

such things 29 years ago (see story, page 15).

If he means these students do not care what happens on the serious, grown up side of our democratic society, our country is in trouble. Democracy, after all, has a way of depending on the active participation of a population that claims it as a self-organizing

In their defense, sort of, the fact that this year's freshmen statistically show less interest in politics does not mean this year's sophomores, juniors and seniors are climbing all over themselves to get the latest story out of Washington, D.C. Most likely, a pendulous political question directed at an upperclassman is just as likely to draw a blank stare as one directed at a freshman.

Consider PLU 2000. There are exceptions, but most students do not know much, if anything, about this document. Last year,

forums were formed, posters were posted and memos were mailed. The document was even distributed on the VAX system so that for months a message prompted us to read it each time we logged on to check our e-mail. And still we plead ignorance. Most of us pay little attention to things that do not affect us

directly. PLU 2000 is a project for future generations. We will be

alumni when its suggestions become policies. Therefore, we do not much care.

It may be difficult to pin down precisely why we should care, but still there is the feeling that we should be involved. We should be interested in the direction our school is moving, even if we are not around to experience the differences that result.

We complain about the environment and the economy, about the problems our parents are leaving for us to fix. We say there ought to have been more accountability a generation ago. Yet many issues on our campus today end up being addressed by only a tiny part of the student population. Proposals for changes in Food Service, planning documents like PLU 2000, ASPLU projects, RLO projects are some examples.

Ignoring the chance to participate in shaping these issues is more than just waiving the right to complain about campus life. It also means giving up any defense in the future when students complaining about the poor quality of their college experience begin looking back for scapegoats.

We will be likely candidates if we scoff at our role in planning for the future. Whatever your schedule is like, whatever you do with your spare time, get interested in PLU "politics," and find ways to improve our school.

-Kelly Davis

NON SEQUITUR



Corrections

Usually, we fill this space with corrections, but no one brought any errors to our attention this week.

However, if you think the Mast made a mistake, published inaccurate information or misspelled a name, please let us know at 535-7494.

Rushing through love leaves bruises

As I sit here on the eve of St. Valentine's Day, trying to create a Valentine's Day card which does't reek of cliché or false sentiment, I am aware that my thoughts should be in tune with the lovely melody of spring (or is the snow on the ground sounding a discordant note in this yearly performance?).

Is not this the time of affection, of sentiment, of amore? Strangely, my thoughts drift

back to a hiking trip I experienced last summer — perhaps the most humbling 48 hours of my

Digressions have a way of making some sense in the end, so I will let this one work itself out. My close friend Pete and I had

set our sights on Great Northern Mountain, just outside Glacier National Park, in Montana. It was late July, the weather was perfect, the mountain was prisune and our packs were packed.

We hit the trail.

We hit the trail late. By the time we started it was near noon. We meant to hike eight miles to the peak, then come back six miles to camp on the shores of a beautiful lake.

The first half of the trip was great! Then the trail reached a beaver pond — and stopped. No worries! We were both confident off-trail travellers. We set our sights on a ridge above us and started bushwacking.

The topographic map we carried informed us of the steepness of the terrain. What it failed to mention was the devil's club, stinging nettles, and alders growing in such abundance they obscured both the sun and the

Two hours after we left the trail we found ourselves, beaten, battered, scratched and bruised. above the tree-line. We had only



DIGRESSIONS By Alex MacLeod

to ascend a steep boulder field. Up, up we went.

About three quarters of the way up the boulder field, we stopped. We were exhausted and dazed, and beaten. We passed the water bottle a few times and

then, as we sat side by side among the boulders, we watched the sun drop below the ridge.

"Hey, Pete?"
"Yeah, Al?" "Uh . . . do you have a flashlight?"

Pause. "No, Al . . . (another pause). You?"

Silence.

We eventually collected ourselves in the lingering daylight, looked back only once toward the peak we would never stand on, and began our descent.

I have indistinct memories of reaching the beaver pond. Somehow my legs had not become accustomed to the biting sting of nettles, or to the slashes of thick underbrush, but my mind had become numbed to the trail-less descent — I felt pain, but I have no recollection of time or place. Twilight had completed its slow retreat by then, allowing us only to find our trail before

night set in.

We hurried in the dark, our feet finding the trail more surely than our eyes. As we moved through those dark mountains we yelled out periodically, "HEY BEAR!!" to discourage any lurking company.

In the forest, on either side, large animals moved off through the brush, snapping and crackling branches as they went. Not the most comforting of times.

About a mile outside camp, Pete twisted his ankle. For the last stretch he limped along and I carried both our packs. At eleven that night we made camp on the shores of the beautiful lake, and crumpled into our sleeping bags.

At the end of this tale I have come no closer to my goal of a sincere Valentine. Why is it so difficult?

Perhaps because there is no topographic map for this sort of thing. St. Valentine's Day seems to highlight the hard trail of love. So many of us are out in the wilderness, setting our sights on goals we are not truly prepared to

And once we start down the wrong trail, instead of making camp and waiting for a little more light on the subject (which Pete and I could have done at almost any time), we persist in pushing on until, battered and bruised, we end up right back where we started.

Rather than take our time, wait for the right moments, and enjoy the journey, we push too hard and miss our goal. This St. Valentine's Day I am

going to be a little more realistic. I would rather not hack my way through a relationship, constantly worried about the dangers lurking in the underbrush, when a little patience might make the journey much more pleasant.

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OPINION

Themes expose PLU's dirty secrets

If you have not noticed, my last two columns have been about food, a theme that runs rampant in my life.

I have found that, like me, PLU also has a lot of perpetual themes. So, I have devised a list. If you think I missed any, just take a pencil or pen (your choice, of course) and add them to your paper. Even better, use those environmentally unsound credit card applications found inside the paper. At least then they would serve a purpose.

Theme 1: Anytime you are unhappy about something at PLU, the thing to say is, "I pay \$18,000 a year to go here and."

Number 2: If you are not near a garbage can, you can just throw your trash on the ground. Heck, even if you are by a receptacle, just toss your Taco Bell Fritos 'N' Cheese containers next to it. Who knows, maybe the squirrels will clean it up. I guess that is one way to complete the food

Number 3: To find out what's going on in your life, ask someone you do not know. They probably know everything about your romantic life, as well as where and with whom you were two Fridays back. (This is almost totally unrelated, but does anyone remember how much Wilma Flinstone and Betty Rubble liked to gossip? I loved that scene when they flashed their shutters in Morse code to chat because Barney and Fred were fighting. Wait, Fred and Barney ordered their wives not to talk. Hmmm . . .

sexist much?)
Number 4: At Christmas
time, no matter where you go
you are inundated with Amy
Grant. It's true.

Number 5: If a crane is erected on campus, it needs to be climbed.

Number 6. No meetings are scheduled on Monday or Wednesday nights between 8 and 10 p.m., and if they are, attendance is low. By the way, could someone PLEASE e-mail me and tell me what's happening on Melrose Place and 90210? My'address is bherb@findhorn.org. Thanks a lot.



Number 7: Most people like Melrose and 9-O, but deny it.

By Bryan Herb

Melrose and 9-O, but deny it. My favorite is, "I just watch it to make fun of it," which is true for me, actually, but no one else.

Number 8: There appears to be a theme of certain individuals saying they will e-mail their friends who are studying abroad, and then do not. This is a cry for help, by the way.

Number 9: Even if UC food is good, we don't say it.
Instead, we say, "Hey, this isn't that bad," or, if we are potty mouths we say "Hey, this (expletive) doesn't taste (expletive)."

Number 10: Nobody knows the real purpose for the garbage cans by the dirty tray belt. Are they for all garbage or just paper? Maybe a sign has been placed since I left.

Number 11: During the most interesting part of a lecture, a plane the size of Dallas flies overhead. Have I mentioned that the Findhorn Foundation is located next to a Scottish air base? I feel your pain.

Number 12: We all secretly want to be Carol Brady from "The Brady Bunch."

Number 13: For Christmas freshman year, everyone's family members get PLU sweatshirts, T-shirts, goggles, toilet paper, nose warmers, etc.

Number 14: There is a university-wide hatred of zits. Face it, wouldn't you hate to be a zit at PLU?

Number 15: We all secretly wish to be Bryan Herb. Don't be mean.

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illustration by Craig Garretson

Craving for refried beans is part of reverse culture shock

When I was in Namibia, I missed Tacoma and the rest of Washington in ways I never thought I could.

I missed the rain and the mountains, the coolness of the weather and the availability of iced tea, lattes and refried beans. I missed Red Robin, The Gap and Nordstroms.

I missed my friends and family. I lamented the absence of so many things, and for some, I grieved. As I flew closer and closer to Sea-Tac Airport, my readiness to once again experience life in the Northwest soared through my fatigue. I worshipped the snow-capped mountains — Hood, Adams, St. Helens and THE mountain, Rainier. I exalted in the urban sprawl of the I-5 corridor.

Exiting the plane, I was met by my uncle and cousin. My immediate family met me at the

Then and there I began a week of of indulgence. At the car, chocolate-chip cookies and Thomas Kemper root beer were standing by to appease two of my cravings.

On the drive home, we stopped to eat and checked three more things off a list



CONTINENTAL DRIFT

By Kimberly Lusk

generated during five months in Namibia: Red Robin, garden burgers and iced tea.

The next morning I donned a pair of jeans (check one more off the list) and walked to Garfield Street to run some errands, including a stop at a cafe for a long-awaited latte.

Later in the day, I crossed both refried beans and Taco Bell off my list

A week later, my mental list is scratched out — three and four times over. The problem is that I am using the fact that I craved some of these things for five months as an excuse to overindulge myself now.

I have had meals that consisted only of chocolate chip cookies, and days when refried beans were my only source of protein. I have made more trips to Red Robin in a week than I would normally make in a month.

One thing I have stopped craving is the ability to cook whatever and whenever I want. During those Namibian months of cheese and tomato sandwiches and carrot and corn pizza, I dreamed of creating culinary concoctions to rival any world-reknowned chef — even though I claim to not know how to cook.

So far, my kitchen experiences have consisted of heating refried beans, opening cookie containers and starting the dishwasher.

I keep telling myself I just need time to re-adjust and reassimilate to life. In reality, I think the only way for me to get over my cravings is to binge.

After a few more weeks of chocolate chip cookies for breakfast, I will be fine.

Kimberly Lusk is a senior communication and global studies major.

VOICES

Boycott the Bistro, use those comment cards: Food Service must be more attentive

To the editor:

I write this letter because recent events have left me no choice. I am, of course speaking of the current scourge of this campus: PLU food services.

Let me start by requesting that everyone boycott the Bistro until they learn how to make a pizza and correct the ventilation problems. Currently, you order a pizza, fill up your beverage container using the overcarbonated soft drink dispenser, attempt to grab a bag of breadsticks only to find that they have run out for the rest of the

You then wait anywhere from 20 minutes to half an hour when, if you are lucky, they have made your pizza. At this point, any number of things can happen: 1) The pizza will be burned

beyond recognition.
2) The pizza will have the

wrong toppings.
3) They will have forgotten to make your pizza at all.

Of course, through all of this, you are developing black lung disease from all the smoke billowing through the Bistro itself.

For the two weeks of my boycott of the Bistro, I have been going to the UC Coffee Shop. Each and every evening I have ordered the same thing: one cheeseburger — hold the vegetables — with a side order of fries, to go. You would be surprised what variations on that relatively simple theme I get. At this point, I would like to add that the people that take the order are getting it correct.

I realize I am making some enemies out of many of the good people in Food Services. I know many of them and do not count them all bad. But this level of incompetence goes far beyond the cooks and the clerks, and I am not the only one who has experienced these situations.

I blame the food service management, trainers and supervisors for their lack of attentiveness. Just because it is not filled out on a "U.C. Comment Card" does not mean the problem does not exist, I am asking that they please pay attention and that others make their feelings known.

Lastly, I would like to add that the workers in the UC cafeteria are, 99 percent of the time, quite able, intelligent and responsible people. I just do not eat there because I cannot take another "chicken stir fry" or "pasta bar" night.

-Kevin Marousek, junior

Donors deserve thanks from commuters

To the editor:

I am writing to thank all of the 114 students that donated a meal to our first Feed a Commuter Day. The commuter students and I appreciate their generosity and hope to make Feed a Commuter Day a regular activity throughout the year. The commuter students especially appreciated a break from peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and other "backpack" food.

-Lisa Upchurch Program Coordinator for Student Activities



OOD you like to carve?

By Lindsay Tomac Mast O & A Editor

"Wood—The Universal Material" is the newest exhibit on display in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. The exhibit opened Feb. 12 and will be on display through March 31.

This display features the work of several local woodcarvers including Lewis Carlson, Jim Clark, and Earl Hildahl, as well as selected pieces from the Scandinavian Cultural Center archival collection and other private collections. The twelve carved panels now adorning the Center's West wall highlight the exhibit. The official dedication of the panels took place on Feb. 12.

The panels were dedicated by the descendants of Axel Myron Shjeflo, who immigrated from Norway, and Judith Nellie Rudd Shjeflo whose family also immigrated from Norway. The panels tell the immigration story. Kare Sollid of Telemark, Norway carved the panels.

The first four panels depict the departure and travel to and across the ocean and the prairies. The middle panels shows family life in

America. The final four panels suggest what occupations provided income for the families in the new world,

Clark has worked in close cooperation with the SCC Exhibits Committee to put together a woodcarving program that focused on woodcarving Scandinavian style. In addition to featuring his artwork, he has offered a series of classes, demonstrations, and lectures.

The first woodcarving class, in a series of four, was held on Tuesday, Jan. 21. The second class took place on Feb. 14, and the final two classes will take place on Feb. 26 and March 17.

Clark, with 20 years of expertise, uses primarily the Scandinavian flat plane carving technique. The classes began with carving basics and included knife and shop safety, basic knife cuts and all that's needed to go on to more advanced projects. The classes were designed to cater to the needs of both the beginner and the expert.



Above: Jim Clark whittles away during last Tuesday's woodcarving class. Below: These scandinavian miniatures were carved by local woodcarver, Earl Hildahl.



Rose Ann Ransome, a student in Clark's woodcarving class, focuses all her attention on her carving.



Photos by Heather Anderson

Friday, Feb. 17

Tonight the Second City Chamber Series will present a special concert of Baroque music at Christ Episcopal Church, 310
North "K" Street in Tacoma. The Baroque Gala, this year highlighting early English music, will begin at 8 pm. Tickets are \$15.

Saturday, Feb. 18

On Saturday, Feb. 18 the instrumental trio, Destiny, will be playing in the Cave at 9 pm.

Saturday, Feb. 18

The men's lacrosse team will be playing the alumni on Foss Field at 1 pm on Saturday.

Saturday, Feb. 18

The Scandinavian Cultural Center is hosting the annual Fastelavnfest at 7 pm on Feb. 18. Fastelavn is the annual Danish Mardi Gras celebration chasing away winter and welcoming spring. Families will enjoy dancing, games, a costume parade, traditional fastelynsboller (hot cross buns) and hot cocoa. Cost is \$3 for students.

Thursday, Feb. 23

On Feb. 23 at 7 pm Chinese Studies will be hosting a presentation made by Dennis Johnson entitled Lost in the Hutongs: Riding the backstreets of Beijing. The presentation focuses on exploring China by bicycle. Johnson's presentation will take place in the Regency room in the UC.

Saturday, Feb. 25

PLU is looking for volunteers to plant trees on Feb. 25 from 8 am to noon for the Tree Project. UPS, Clover Park Technical College and various local businesses and organizations are also volunteering. Training, coffee and muffins will be provided. To sign up and arrange for carpooling contact Lisa at x7487.

Remaking the communi

Parkland youth

STEREOTYPE

needs update

Karl Hoseth Guest Reporter

Nine years ago, Greg DeJardin was a Parkland Youth - though he never knew it.

He was 12 years old and had lived in Parkland all his life, Technically speaking, he qualified for the label of Parkland Youth. But as a seventh grade student at nearby Keithley Middle School, DeJardin had no idea of the way he and his friends were viewed when they strayed into the "Lutedome."

"Back then, I never really sensed that PLU students looked down upon me," DeJardin, now a junior at PLU, said. "And I had never even heard of the term 'Parkland

DeJardin enjoyed playing bas-ketball on the courts between Pflueger and Foss. The courts are highly revered by Keithley and Washington High School students for their close proximity, the multitude of people wanting to play basketball and the hoop in the southeast corner that has a bent rim that sags nearly six inches lower than the regulation height—a highlight for prospective dunkers.

Even though DeJardin visited the campus to play basketball a couple times a month during his Keithley years and at least once a week when he attended Washington, he didn't know much about

"Before I came (to PLU) it seemed to me that PLU was in anotherworld," DeJardin said, "All you would see is white (students) who were pretty rich.

Esther Ellickson, who graduated from PLU in 1958 and now teaches at Washington, believes many WHS students have the same lack of knowledge about PLU as DeJardin once had.

I think there's a remoteness for most kids (concerning PLU)," Ellickson said. "It's sort of seen as 'the castle on the hill.'

But for some kids, PLU is a

place to hang out.

"I don't think Parkland Youth see PLU as negative," DeJardin said. "They like to be around young adults. It's (PLU) a place of safety. It's a lot safer to ride your bikes around PLU as opposed to Pacific Avenue."

But for many PLU students Parkland Youth are viewed as un-wanted guests. The mere utterance of the words 'Parkland Youth' sends a shiver down the spine of many past and present Lutes.

Delardin was astonished to find out how negatively Parkland Youth were perceived when he enrolled at PLU.

"When I was a freshman, it surprised me that so many PLU students saw Parkland Youth that negatively and to that extent," DeJardin said. "The attitude was like, 'You don't belong here. You don't go here. Get off our basketball court.'

I remember my first year here reading the Mast and seeing 'Parkland Youth' in quotations. It was being used like a bad word. Every week it was like people were saying, What did Parkland Youth do this time?'

PLU senior Jon Rubey was warned of the devilish little deviants dubbed Parkland Youth nearly from the time he first set foot on PLU's campus.

"My first impression was not a good one," Rubey said. "I heard so much bad stuff and not really any good stuff about them. I pretty much believed what everyone said. I thought they were juvenile delin-

"But like with anything, if you aren't knowledgeable about the people you're dealing with you' tend to lump them all into one

category."

Such is the reasoning PLU's
Director of Campus Safety Walt
Huston gives for the bad rap

Parkland kids have received. "Tenpercent of Parkland Youth get tangled up with 10 percent of the PLU students and it creates a bad situation," Huston said. "A few kids come on the basketball courts, yell at people in windows, make remarks to females and the next group of kids that comes by just to walk through campus catches hell."

Hearing fellow PLU students speak negatively about DeJardin's home town and high school caused him to become somewhat defen-

"If anything, the negative talk instilled a lot of Parkland pride in me and others who went to Washington (and now attend PLU) Delardin said. "It's not as bad as everyone makes it out to be."

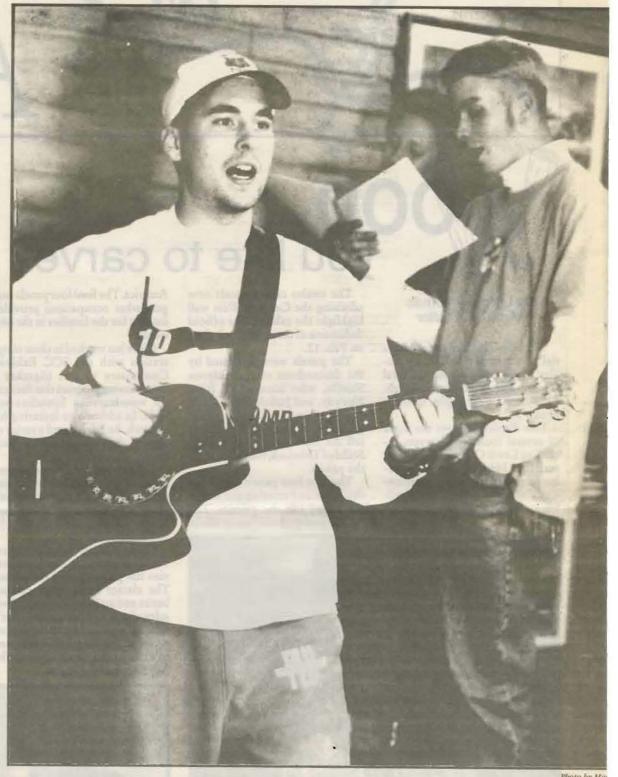
DeJardin was moved to get involved with his alma mater. For the past three years he has volunteered as a Young Life leader and coached the ninth grade boys basketball team at Washington.

Seven PLU students and approximately 35 WHS students are involved regularly with Young

With Young Life the kids know they are getting to work with PLU students who truly care about them," DeJardin said.

Rubey and fellow PLU senior Andrew Hershey are in their second year as Young Life volunteers at Washington and also felt a need to reach out to kids in need of guidance in the community.

"I remember when I was younger what an impact older kids had on me," Rubey said.



Greg DeJardin, a junior at PLU, volunteers as a Young Life leader. DeJardin attended Washington High School and now co a ninth-grade basketball team there.

"I grew up without a father," Hershey added. "I got involved to hopefully teach someone who is in the same situation I was in, and be a positive role model."

Their involvement with Washington students has eliminated the stereotypes they once held about Parkland Youth.

Hershey said he wished that PLU students could see not all WHS students are hoodlums.

"There are bad kids everywhere you go, but there are also plenty of

Having PLU students work with WHS students may also reduce stereotypes held by Washington students toward their collegiate

neighbors.
"If the kids go to PLU to play basketball they may encounter students who seem rich, snotty and from the upper class," DeJardin said. "Unless they have definite personal contact with a PLU student their impression won't

But most students do not have personal contact with PLU stu-

"Ever since I was little I would hang out at PLU just running around," WHS senior Tymon Norman said. "To me it doesn't even seem like a college. '

"WHS students are getting people from PLU that like to workwith kids and want to see them succeed and grow," DeJardin

"And I think many times PLU students are finding that no matter where you go, kids are the

Even in Parkland.

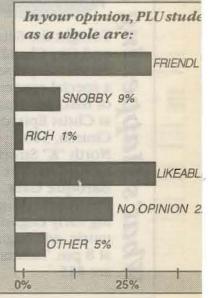
While the general feeling toward Parkland youth from PLU students seems overwhelmingly negative, the students who attend Washington High School do not appear to share the same view about their collegiate neighbors.

A survey was handed out to a random sample of 155 students in grades 9-12 at WHS in Oct.

In addition to the information compiled in the graphs (right) the survey showed that 35 percent of WHS students resent the fact that PLU restricts its access to campus facilities to PLU students, faculty and staff.

Most commonly used by the youth are the gym, library, games room, coffee shop, and the pool.

And the s



y: outreach in Parkland

Opening campus doors seen as possible solution to relations with Parkland youth



Photo by Mari Hoset

Andrew Hershey (at right), a senior PLU student, bonds with Washington High School students at a weekly Young Life meeting. Hershey is in his second year of volunteering.

Karl Hoseth Guest Reporter

NO TRESPASSING. PRIVATE PROPERTY. For the use of PLU students, faculty and staff.

The signs are posted near every door leading into Olson Auditorium, Memorial Gym and several other facilities on campus at PLU. Their main purpose is to

keep out Parkland youth.
Esther Ellickson graduated from PLU in 1958. Now she teaches World History and English as a second language at nearby Washington High School.

"They (WHS students) see PLU as an off-limits area with an invisible barrier," Ellickson said. "I wish there was a positive way they could be there without being a threat."

Ellickson believes the Parkland youth who do come onto PLU's campus are

looking for something to do. At least 80 percent of the WHS students are not involved in an after-school activity, she said.

When school gets out at 2:10 pm, many times parents are still working. Since there is no YMCA or Boys Club in the Parkland area, the best place to play is at PLU.

Mike Benson has been the Athletic Fa-cilities Coordinator at PLU the past 14 years. Benson said that only the swimming pool functions as a public facility; all other facilities are off limits to non-PLU stu-

PLU seniors Jon Rubey and Andrew Hershey think letting Parkland youth use PLU's facilities would be a good idea.

"I believe we should open up PLU's fa-cilities to them (Parklandyouth)," Hershey said. "The way to combat juvenile delinquency is to give kids alternatives. If you give kids something to do there won't be as much crime."

"If we could have specific times when Parkland youth could use the facilities and PLU people would know they would be there, I don't think there would be a prob-

lem," Rubey added. Benson believes a plan similar to Rubey's would be a good idea, but he also sees some drawbacks.

'On a certain night of the week we could open up the gym to the community, charge one dollar to get in and have someone supervise," Benson said. "But then PLU students would say, 'This is our facility. We're paying \$20,000 a year and can't even use our own gym.'

Benson said the solution of opening up PLU's facilities is not as easy as it seems.

"I realize that one of the problems is there is no where (for Parkland youth) to go," Benson said. "But the facilities are heavily scheduled for PLU. The facilities would be overrun by outsiders if we opened

them up to the public. "It takes 30 people to fill Olson. Fifteen hundred students live on campus and a number are living off-campus, but close by. We're trying to preserve the facilities for the PLU community."

Diane Seeley, Director of Administrative Service said that PLU's insurance policy only allows groups of high school students from a particular class to use the facilities. And then, only with constant supervision.

One of the problems in the Parkland

community, Ellickson said, is that PLU and the Parkland youth don't understand each other. If PLU could open up a few areas to the students at WHS, the relationship between PLU and WHS would greatly improve, she said.

"If PLU could have a formal open house, (WHS) students could see what a dormitory looks like and that PLU students are real people," Ellickson said. "Maybe they (WHS students) would see a working campus and that their job is to be students.

"We could expose kids to the arts by organizing field trips to PLU. If a group were invited to dress rehearsals or concerts free of charge, it would be a great way to address kids who don't have a vision."

Benson believes the same idea could be

used in the athletic department.
"For basketball or football games we could have a Parkland Youth night and hand out free tickets at Washington or Franklin Pierce (High School)," Benson

Greg DeJardin, a PLU junior and former WHS student likes the idea of handing out game tickets to local high school students.

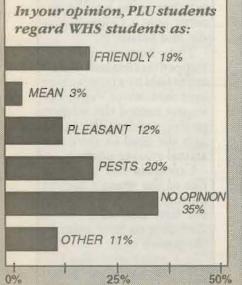
"Many people in the community don't have a clue what PLU is all about," De Jardin said. "It would definitely increase atten-

"Oftentimes PLU is just looking out for itself without seeing what it can do for the community. People are in need of a place to go and want entertainment."

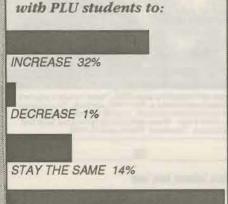
Ellickson has seen the relationship between PLU and the community drift apart over the years, but believes the two can become much closer with a little effort.

"I would love to have it like the days when I went to PLU, when PLU and Parkland were one and the same," Ellickson said. "PLU could be a wonderful catalyst. There are so many untapped resources that would be wonderful to tap into at PLU."

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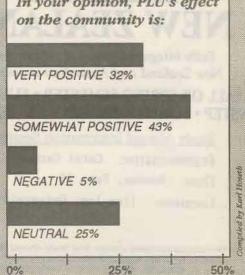
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Theme of movie emphasized in soundtrack



By Kristin Mark Mast intern

ARTIST: Various
ALBUM: Higher Learning
Soundtrack

A movie soundtrack is often seen as an important element of a motion picture.

John Singleton's Higher Learning soundtrack provides a unique blend of alternative, jazz, hip-hop, and R&B music, and its central theme focuses on the political and social issues in the movie.

Outstanding tracks include Ice Cube's "Higher," Me'Shell Ndege'Ocello's "Soul Searchin," "Ask of You" by Tony! Toni! Ton'e!, and an excellent remake of R.E.M.'s "Losing My Religion" by Tori Amos.

Singleton himself selected the soundtrack's artists.

His previous motion picture soundtracks (Boyz N the Hood, Poetic Justice) were entirely hip-hop and R&B based. Singleton furthers his musical selection by adding alternative picks to Higher Learning.

A unique aspect of Singleton's soundtracks is that he seems to use the music as a tool to better emphasize the theme and message of his movies. The Higher Learning soundtrack, in all of its diversity, shows just this.

'Important Junk' is back in action

OK, let's try this again . . . wow! It worked! After a six-week hiatus, your curiosity and demand for more Important Junk has been answered.

So, like a poltergeist, "I'm baaaaack!" And boy do I have some stuff for you.

If nothing else has caught your attention this past week, you must have at least noticed the snow. You know, that cold white stuff on the ground?

The way people were predicting it, the stuff sounded like it woud be falling for 40 days and 40 nights

Well, weathermen and Lutes are not always right (though we would all like to think so). The stuff stopped falling from the sky and it started getting colder. I was kind of impressed with the snowballs people were making. They were more like snow bullets: hard-packed, round little things that shattered hard on impact. Alas, the snow left, but the ice

Alas, the snow left, but the ice remained. Ice is so much fun. Nothing could be more exciting then slip-sliding away on stuff that coats the ground like Smucker's Magic Shell!

Then, besides the white stuff, we also had Valentine's day.

I recently explained it to a fellow from Denmark as a "bizarre American holiday where there is lots of red and people get all mushy on each other."

I should have added that Valentine's Day is the only holiday where people actually try to emulate Barney: "I love you, you IMPORTANT

love me . . ."

I'm not saying I hate Valentine's Day. I'm just saying it severely

JUNK

By Justin Sloan

annoys me. For instance, on Valentine's Day morning I opened my door only to get barraged by a mass of red and white balloons.

Ordinarily, sure, that is a cute idea. But not when I'm half-awake, in need of caffeine, and having yet to clean myself up before trudging to class on the aforementioned ice.

For those of you that enjoyed it, I am happy for you, and maybe even a tad jealous.

On that note, we will wrap up another Important Junk. Until next time, try to stay as calm, cool and collected as the weather outside. (Well, calm and cool, anyway.)

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Justin Sloan is a communication

"Boys on the Side" appeals to narrow audience

By Michael Casey Guest Reviewer

If you are a man, you know you may be in the wrong theater when, while groping for the bucket of popcorn, you suddenly hear the words "celebration of my uterus" blurted with pride from the Dolby sound system.

But I doubt men are the only ones who would feel alienated if lost in a dark theater with the new Whoopi Goldberg film, "Boys on

While this movie is being called a "woman's film" by many in the media, I think that even that term is too broad for the audience to which this film would actually apneal

"Boys on the Side" carries all the politically correct baggage it can in its long, drawn-out two hours. Mary-Louise Parker plays Robin, a woman who contracted AIDS from a fling with a bartender and is on her way back to her parents in San Diego to die.



Boys on the Side

Rated: R

Starring: Whoopi Goldberg, Mary-Louise Parker, Drew Barrymore

She recruits Whoopi Goldberg's character, Jane, to go along with her to help with the driving. Jane doesn't realize Robin has AIDS until an ambulance is required.

Robin does not realize Jane is a lesbian until told so by the third passenger they pick up, Holly, played by Drew Barrymore. Holly is the immature girl who just cannot help falling in love with men who abuse her, and who just happens to be slightly pregnant.

This is not really a film with a

This is not really a film with a plot so much as it is a film of contrived snapshots, themes and symbolism. It is not about what they do or where they go, but why they do it, which is the most disturbing aspect of this film. This is not a story; it is a political message, and a bad one at that.

Snapshot #1: Holly, the anti-

Snapshot #1: Holly, the antiwoman of the '90s, lives with her violent, abusive, drug-dealing boyfriend, Nick. After Nick's fist fight with Jane and a flurry of obscenities by both, Holly clubs her sweetheart (referred to as "the animal") in the head with a bat, and they decide to tie him to a chair and leave him there. He later dies struggling to get free. (Didn't they do this one on Oprah?)

Snapshot #2: Jane, the lesbian, is apparently there to help bring about "liberation" for these women as best she can, especially for Robin, whom she secretly longs for throughout the whole film.

Jane tells Holly to just get an abortion and later comments of Holly, "She gives us all a bad name with that 'I'm addicted to a bad guy' stuff."

Snapshot #3: Robin, the ill-fated AIDS recipient, dreams of having a husband, two kids and the house with the proverbial picket fence.

At her best, she expresses the regret, frustration and lack of intimacy in relationships that many AIDS patients must go through.

At her worst, she is a politically correct pamphlet advertising the many things AIDS carriers can do.

She kisses. She holds a baby. She shares a cigarette. She gets entangled with another bartender, who tells her not to worry about having sex because he is "going to use something."

The two other main characters of this film are Robin's mother, who arrives late in the film to represent the represent, older generation, and Holly's law-abiding new love, Arizona policeman Abe Lincoln. (Honest!)

Robin's mother, played by Anita Gillette, bursts onto the screen after a long car drive begging, "Where's the potty? Where's the potty?" She expresses shock that her daughter is living with a "black lesbian," but eventually finds enlightenment through her daughter's struggles.

Good old Abe, played by Mat-

Good old Abe, played by Matthew McConaughey, has nothing but lust, ... uh ... I mean "love," for the clearly pregnant Holly, who happens to drink and smoke pot to pass the maternal time away.

to pass the maternal time away.
Eventually, she confesses to her new sex partner, ... uh ... I mean "boyfriend," that she accidentally killed her previous partner in self-defense. With intentions to eventually marry her, which he does, Abe turns her over to the authorities, proclaiming to a protesting Jane that there is no family without the law. Soon after that, Robin proclaims that Jane and Holly are her "family."

And there you have it.

Between Abe Lincoln and a black lesbian, this film wants to say more than just the fact that good friends stick with you no matter what. The film's makers seem to want to emancipate our thinking of what "family" is all about.

To me, this is not a film for women. (And it definitely is not worth a man's time, either. Trust me.) I think it is especially made for people who want to take society for a joy ride and go driving off a cliff with it. Or maybe just club it over the head and leave it for

dead.



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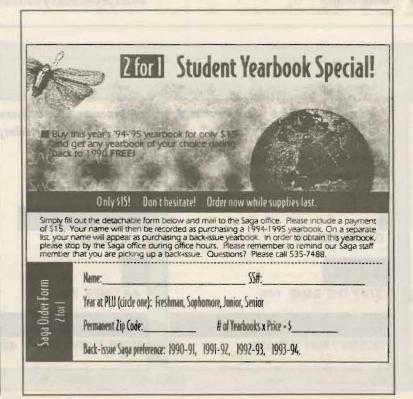
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COLOMBIA-A Holstein cow was reported in critical condition after being shot in the head by another cow, a Colombia radio said yesterday.

The bovine suspect stepped on a loaded rifle left in the field by a farm worker near the town of Valez. The impact caused the weapon to fire, sending the bullet into the head of the other animal grazing nearby.

animal grazing nearby.

Colombia has long had one of the world's highest murder rates, but this was the first case of violence spreading to farm animals, the station said.

—taken from the New York Daily News, Jan. 2, 1995



The Lutes Krister Sundquist plays keep away from a Concordia defender.

Men keep rolling

By Geoff Beeman Mast reporter

PLU men's basketball extended their winning streak to six games last weekend. A 88-72 victory over Northwest College and a 88-86 victory over Concordia of Portland, Ore. brought the Lute's season record to 13-12 going into the final two games of the season.

M-BBALL

Overall record: 13-12
Next game: Friday, vs.
Willamette, 8 p.m.

Friday night the Lutes took the court against the Northwest College Eagles. The game started with PLU jumping out to an early lead. By half time the Lutes had built a 41-28 lead, and seemed to be on their way to coasting to an easy victory. Guard Erik Peterson led the first half charge with 11 points.

Northwest woke up in the second half cutting the PLU lead to three points with just over thirteen minutes remaining in the game. Much of the Eagle comeback could be credited to guard Brett Wille who, with center Greg Brown, led Northwest with 16 points.

PLU regained control of the game with tenacious defense.

Northwest was held to only ten points in the next ten minutes of the game. For the game the Lutes forced 27 turn-overs compared to the 18 committed by PLU. The Lutes built their lead over the final 13 minutes, ending with the 88-72 final score. The win brought the PLU winning streak to five games.

Leading the scoring for the Lutes was center Matt Ashworth with 17. Following Ashworth was Peterson who ended with 13 points. Peterson also had six steals in the game. Guard Chris Pierce went three for five from beyond the three-point line, ending with 11 points.

For Northwest Brown and Wille had 16 points each to lead the scoring. Brown also led everyone in rebounds with 12 boards. Willie and Lynn Kennedy both went four for eight from three-point land.

The next night PLU put the five game winning streak on the line against the Concordia Cavaliers.

From first buzzer it looked as if the Lutes were going to blow the Cavaliers all the way back to Portland. Not even halfway through the first half the Lutes had jumped to a 23-8 lead That's when Concordia guard Brandon Wyllie came off the bench. For the remainder of the half, the Wyllie led Cavaliers climbed their way back into the game. By half-time the PLU lead was down to 46-45. In

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A giant step

By Bryan Sudderth Mast reporter

No matter what happens this weekend, the PLU Women's Basketball team has made a dramatic improvement over last year.

W-BBALL

Overall record: 11-12
Next game: Friday, vs.
Willamette, 6 p.m.

On the strength of five new players (three freshmen and two transfer students), PLU has become a competitive team. After last year's frustrating 2-22 season, those players that would be returning and coach Mary Ann Kluge made a commitment to become a competitive team this year.

"We worked hard last year in recruiting. We looked for people who we could have confidence in," said Kluge. The goal was to reconstruct the team so that it would be competitive night in and night out. Their definition of competitive was that they would "play 40 minutes of good basketball and give themselves a chance to win at the end."

Kluge said there were some circumstances and constraints that made it difficult to get everyone they wanted (one player went to another school because that school was able to offer a full-ride when Kluge couldn't) but that they were happy with what they came up with

they came up with.

"We won our share of games and learned how to find a way to win this year", said Kluge, The Lutes, who sit at 10-11 and were in the playoff race for much of the year, can safely put last year's dismal blowouts behind them.

"For the returners, we have met our goals," said Kluge.

Lutes find answers to road problems

By Bryan Sudderth Mast reporter

Despite an injury, a depleted bench and an aggressive Northwest College press, PLU's Women's Basketball team came away with a 67-62 win in Kirkland last Friday.

The win was only the Lutes second on the road this season.

"It was good for us to be able to do that on the road (where) we have struggled," said coach Mary Ann Kluge.

PLU wasn't able to put the Eagles away until the final minute of the game, despite beginning the game with an 8-0 run and leading by six at the half. Kim Corbray came out of a time-out with 19 seconds left and broke a 62-62 tie with a three-pointer on a play designed for her.

Corbray finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and two steals.

Northwest missed a quick threepoint attempt and PLU came away with the ball out of a tie-up under the basket and the possession arrow was pointing their way. Northwest's point guard, Dawn Reid was able to foul Tanya Wilson who missed the front-end of a oneand-one opportunity. Jennifer Riches grabbed the rebound and sank two free throws for the final points in the game to put it out of reach.

The bench that was missing Anna Nelson, Mari Hoseth and Lian Weiland, was further depleted with four minutes left in the game when junior forward Michelle Price fouled out.

"It didn't really affect us that much, everybody can contribute on our team," said Kristie Preiskorn.

The game was stopped twice due to an injury that Northwest's Kristen Hovies suffered in a collision with PLU's Preiskorn. Preiskorn was trying to get the ball, while Hovies was trying to break the Lute's full court press. Paramedics rolled a stretcher out on the floor later in the game to take Hovies for precautionary x-rays. According to Northwest College officials, they turned out negative and she will be ready to play in the Eagle's next game.

The scoreboard operator neglected to restart the clock for nearly 30 seconds following that second stoppage of play.

PLU was able to get their transition offense up and running in the "(A string of injuries) didn't affect us that much, everybody can contribute on our team."

- Kristie Preiskorn

"They tried pressing us (in the first half), but it only takes us a few minutes to figure out what's going on and then we can break

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Depth prevails in Portland

By Jason Benson Mast intern

If there's anything this year's men's tennis squad is lacking, it certainly isn't depth.

M-TENNIS

Overall record: 1-0 Next game: Friday, at Puget Sound, 4 p.m.

Just ask the Portland Pilots who, after winning at No. 1 and No. 2 singles last Friday, were no match for the Lutes in the latter part of the lineup.

Although the Pilots ended up winning two out of three doubles matches as well, PLU's dominance in singles competition proved to be the difference. Paul Hemry, Shane Velez, Scott Erickson, and Andy Jansen all won their respective matches in straight sets, leading the team to a 4-3 victory.

Hemry, playing at No. 3 against Igor Pavliska, dominated his match, winning 6-0, 6-0. Velez followed at No. 4, beating Steve Ascher 6-3, 6-2 and Erickson had little trouble with Jeff Watson, defeating him 6-3, 6-1. Jansen rounded out singles play with a 6-4, 7-6 win over Ryan Scheaffer.

In a tight match at No. 1 singles, Chris Egan dropped the first set 7-5 to opponent Chris Atzet, but came back to win the second 6-3. Atzet finally prevailed, though, claiming a 6-3 victory in the decisive third set.

"Chris's opponent was a good player," remarked Coach Benson, "(Egan) fought hard but couldn't quite get it done."

Erik Monick met a similar fate at No. 2, dropping his match to Henry Oldham 6-3, 6-1. Overall, Benson was pleased with his team's performance against the NCAA Division 1 Pilots. "Everyone played well," Benson

"Everyone played well," Benson said. "I think we're looking pretty good, but we hope to be able to continue to improve."

The No. 3 doubles team of Andy

The No. 3 doubles team of Andy Jansen and Bryant Green who was so successful in nationals last year, continued their success this year, winning their pro-set against Watson and Scheaffer by a score of 8 to 3

But that was the only doubles win the Lutes could manage against the Pilots. Oldham, along with his partner Chris Atzet, again got the best of Monick, beating him and partner Shane Velez 8-5. Egan and Erickson also dropped their doubles match, 8-6 to Pavliska and Ascher.

The Lutes return to action today, as they travel across town to

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SPORTS ON TAP

Men's Basketball

Friday — vs. Willamette, PLU, 8 p.m. Saturday — vs. Linfield, PLU, 8 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Friday — vs. Willamette, PLU, 6p.m. Saturday — vs. Linfield, PLU, 6 p.m.

Swimming

Friday — NCIC Championships, PLU, Saturday — NCIC Championships, PLU, 1 p.m.

Wrestling

Friday -vs. Central Washington, PLU,7:30 p.m.

Men's Tennis

Friday — at Puget Sound, Tacoma, 4 p.m.

Women's Tennis

Friday - at Oregon, Eugene, Ore., 3 p.m.

NCIC Finals begin

By Aaron Lafferty Mast reporter

The Lutes swim team will be hosting an intense conference meet this weekend.

SWIMMING

Overall record: M-7-3, W-6-4 Next game: Friday, NCIC Championships, PLU, 1 p.m.

Beginning Thursday morning, the Lutes will welcome Linfield, Whitman, Whitworth, Willamette and Lewis and Clark to this year's conference meet that will decide which team will move onto regionals later this month.

Over the course of the entire meet, the teams will compete in 18 events. In each event, there will be two representatives from each school, for a total of 12 swimmers in the preliminary heats. Later, in the finals, the top six will compete for the championship, while the swimmers who placed seventh through twelfth will compete for the consolation title. In addition, each swimmer is allowed to swim in a maximum of three events, not including the relays.

During Thursday's competition, the teams will swim in five events; the 200-yard freestyle relay, the 500-vard freestyle, the 200-vard individual medley, the 50-yard freestyle and the 400-yard medley.

The teams will meet again on Friday, competing in seven events; the 200 medley relay, 400 individual medley, 100 butterfly, 200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, and 800

freestyle relay. The meet will conclude on Saturday with 1650 freestyle, 200 backstroke, 100 freestyle, 200 breaststroke, 200 butterfly, and 400 freestyle relay.

"It is rare that four teams are legitimate contenders," coach Jim Johnson said about how close the women's competition will be.

The Lutes will be battling the defending conference champion Willamette, strong Linfield squad and an impressive Whitworth team for the conference title.

Coach Johnson pointed out that the women should fair well in the 500 freestyle, 50 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 1650 freestyle, and 200 butterfly. He added that his team is a little weak in the 200 individual medley and both 100 and 200

freestyle races.
"We need all eighteen swimmers to score in all their events." coach Johnson said, summing up the women's competition. "The meet could be decided by the relays, which is something that the women have dealt with many times this

As for the men's competition, the battle will likely be more for second and third, rather than first place. The strong Linfield squad is the overwhelming favorite; with the Lutes and Whitworth fighting

"Our strength is our depth," Johnson said. "Home advantage is a big help in swimming, especially in a meet like this,'



Erik Peterson looks for a lane in the Lutes sixth victory in a row last Saturday

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NCIC Swimming Championships

Friday

Preliminaries 10:00 a.m. Finals 6:00 p.m.

Events

200 medley relay 400 Individual Mediay 100 Butterfly 200 Freestyle 100 Breaststroke 100 Backstroke 800 Freestyle Relay

Saturday

Preliminaries 9:00 a.m. Finals 5:00 p.m.

Events

1650 Freestyle 200 Backstroke 100 Freestyle 200 Breaststroke 200 Butterfly 400 Free Relay

the first half the Lutes shot an incredible .667 from the field.

The second half proved to be as exciting as the first with the lead juggling back and forth for the entire twenty minutes. With the clock down to under thirty seconds, center Ashworth took the game in his hands. In the last twenty-one seconds Ashworth hit three of four free throws and made a game saving block of Todd McIlhenny's layin attempt. Concordia had one last chance with nine seconds left, but McIlhenny missed his 15-foot jumper and Sean Candelaria couldn't get the put back to go down, leaving the final score 88-

PLU's leading scorer for the game was Peterson who had 22 points, going 9/16 from the field, 4/8 from beyond the three-point line. Ashworth followed Peterson with 19-points. Kister Sundquist added 16 of his own. The most telling statistic for the Lutes was the .571 percent they shot from the field for the game.

Concordia's scoring was led by Wyllie with 21 points. Wyllie made seven of nine shots from the field, three of four from the three-point line. Randy Eason put in 18 points. The Cavilaliers shot over 84 percent from the free throw line for

PLU heads into the final weekend of the regular season with a six game winning streak and playoff hopes on the line against Willamette on Friday night, and Linfield Saturday. The Lutes must win both games in order to advance to the playoffs. Friday's game against Willamette starts at 8 p.m. in Olson Auditorium. Saturday tip off against Linfield is also at 8 p.m.

S. Fraser too tough for Lutes

By Matt Telleen Mast sports editor

The PLU Wrestling team was outclassed last Friday against the Clansman of Simon

WRESTLING

Overall record: 2-13 Next game: Friday, vs. Central, PLU, 7:30 p.m.

The team only won two matches, one by forfiet, in the 33-9 loss. They had to forfiet two weights themselves, and dropped five decisions.

The Clansman forfieted 118 pounds to Quac Nguyen of PLU, who has been the Lutes best wrestler this season. Nguyen is 35-7 this season and has qualified for the national tournemant.

John Johnson got the other PLU victory with an impressive 6-5 decision over Dennis Herren at 177 pounds.

The Lutes were wrestling without one of their top performers, freshman Jeremy VonBargen, who was injured at a tournament in Las Vegas. VonBargen will rest again this week against Central, attempting to rehabilitate before nationals.

The Lutes have five wrestlers who have qualified for nationals now. Seniors Chris DiCugno and Nate Button qualified on the strength of their second place finishes in Las Vegas. They will join Nguyen, Matt Bliss and VonBargen.

DiCugno, Button and Nguyen all went to nationals last year. Button finished fifth while DiCugno and Nguyen finished seventh.

The team will finish off their season by going head to head with the Central Wildcats for the third time this season. The Lutes lost 27-16 and 32-12 in the first two meetings. The

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People and Sports. A classic love affair

With Valentine's day just behind us, I must confess to getting kind of sappy. Love is in the air this time of year, so it's time I told the world about a love affair I've had almost my whole

life. I am in love with sports.
I am hardly unique in my passion. I share it with the majority of my friends and classmates, relatives and co-workers, and millions of other Americans. Even America doesn't have a monopoly on sports fanatics. The Irish soccer fans make Buffalo Bills fans look about as crazy as the crowd at a Yanni concert.

Sports is truly a world class love affair. Sports capture more hearts each year than Cindy Crawford, Brad Pitt, the girl from the Aerosmith videos and the guy from My So-Called Life

all rolled into one.

Recently I heard someone complain that a love of sports is unhealthy. They feel that an ob-session with sports distracts people from reality. They argued that sports put too much emphasis on winners and losers, on standings, on one person being on top, and some person being on the bottom.

I can't defend sports against these criticisms, and as a matter

of fact, I don't want to. Not only will I concede that these elements are part of people's infatuation with sports, I'll argue that they are the characteristics that endear sports

Do sports distract people from reality? Sure, but watch the news some night and tell me you couldn't

use a little less reality.
It's true that in sports there is always a winner and a loser. You could look at that as a negative, because there is always a loser, but what else in life guarantees a winner? Yes it hurts to lose, but there are so many activities in which there is no winner, only losers, like war and politics and gangs, that to go into an activity with a chance of emerging victorious doesn't seem like such a bad deal.

The summer after my junior year of high school, my friend Jimmy and I started a tennis program at the inner city park near my house. Two of our students, Jose and Jeff, loved coming over to Jimmy's house and talking sports with us. I would attempt to ask them about their home life and they would shy

As I got to know them, I realized that their home lives were pretty rough. They both had single mothers and both their older brothers



Running on MT By Matt Telleen

were pretty deeply involved in gangs. For them, talking about sports was a complete distraction from reality, and they needed that to survive. When they were think-ing about their favorite sports team, they weren't thinking about all the other problems in their life.

Sports teams can pull a community together like little else. I was fortunate enough to have the hometown Minnesota Twins win two World Series championships while I was growing up there. For people who haven't lived in a city that is completely engrossed in a championship drive of a sports team, it is unlike anything else in the world.

For practically the whole month of October, the whole state lived and died with the Twins. People would stop strangers on the street and ask, "How about those Twins?" People would smile and wave and honk at anyone wearing any kind of Twins paraphernalia, which included almost everyone.

After the Twins won, everyone in Minnesota was happy for at least a week. No kidding. Everyone was happy. Any problem seemed beatable, any enemy seemed lov-able. After all, we were Minneso-tans, home of the World Champions. Everyone you passed on the street would smile and wave. Every store had a banner and every home had a pennant.

Even in victory, there are many different levels on which sports speaks to people. When Kirby Puckett hit a home run in the bottom of the 10th in game six of the 1991 World Series, people across the country could restore their faith in heroes. Someone was going to come through when you needed him, and that let you believe you could do the same. You believed that you could be the best at what you did, be perfect in whatever you

chose to pursue. When Gene Larkin got the game winning single in the bottom of the 9th in game seven, people everywhere could believe in the little guy. The underdog, who doesn't have all the god given ability, but works a little harder to get the job done. Heroes like this can only

reach people through sports. Yes, athletes are human. They make mistakes as often, sometimes more, than anyone else. But when they are on the field, or the court, or the ice, they can be perfect. And that hope is what draws fans in, what brings

What else but sports can bring this much joy? What else but sports can give people this kind of messages? Is it bad for a person to dream of achieving great success in life and coming out a champion?

If these dreams are separated from reality, it seems to me a better place, and that's where I'd rather spend my time. You can't leave reality, but you can escape it, if only briefly.

Matt Telleen is a junior majoring in journalism.

Lacrosse looks to get offensive in opener

By Bryan Sudderth Mast reporter

PLU's lacrosse team will be try-ing to prove they can add a suffocating defense to their already potent offense when they start their

M-LACROSSE

Last season's record: 5-5 Next game: Saturday, vs. Alumni, Foss Field, 1 p.m.

The team opens with games against the alumni and Oregon State this weekend on Foss Field. The team finished at 5-5 last year in PNCLL (Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League) con-ference games. They have set a goal of getting into the top five in the conference this year after finishing in the middle of the twelve-team conference last season.

The goal will be a challenge, as "Lacrosse Magazine" has already picked them to finish seventh. Directly ahead of PLU in those rankings are the University of Oregon and Whitman University. The team believes they can leaptrog those teams into the top five this

"I think we even have a chance of beating University of Washington. If we can win that game or beat Whitman, that will throw us into the top five," Brett Bollinger said. "We didn't get to play Oregon last year, but we beat them convincingly two years ago."

"This season, our talent is more evenly dispersed, with several older players who have learned what to do and some real athletic rookies."

- Brett Bollinger

The Lutes will have to replace three-time captain and all-time leading scorer J.B. McGoldrick, who graduated. The Lutes also lost rookie J.P. Hutchins, who was a Colorado All-Star in high school, when he transferred to the University of Colorado.

Leading scorer Kristian Erickson is back at attack for his senior year after scoring 33 goals last season. He is one of the tri-captains with Junior defenseman Brett Bollinger and Senior midfielder Ryan Tesarik. Despite the presence of Erickson, the team have a more team oriented approach on the offensive end, rather than looking for one or two players to replace those leading scorers.

"Historically, our team has had one or two players that have been playing for a long time," Bollinger said. "This season, our talent is more evenly dispersed, with several older players who have learned what to do and some real athletic rookies."

"Lacrosse Magazine" predicted the mix will give PLU a "high oc-tane offense," thanks to Erickson and the rest of the older players. The returnees who will play key roles will be attacks Brian Thayer and Matt Telleen and midfielders Matt Edstrom and Hans Meyer. Rookie Mike Hjelkrem is another rookie who played in high school in Colorado and could make an immediate impact.

The "Lacrosse Magazine" write up did have concerns about PLU's defense. It said an injury to returning goalie Kevin Wells could keep the team from climbing into the

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Beth Dorsey strokes a winner as the Lutes prepare for their season opener.

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the indoor courts of the University of Puget Sound for a 4 p.m. match.

Scoring for the match will be the normal nine-point format as op-posed to the NCAA Div. 1 sevenpoint format used in Portland. In the seven-point system, adapted three years ago, the best two out of three pro-set doubles matches receive one point.

An important factor in the match may be that the Loggers are missing three veterans off last year's squad who have chosen instead to concentrate on their studies. Nevertheless, Coach Benson knows they'll have to play well to win.

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top of the league.
"Wells has come back faster than
we thought," Bollinger said. "We
also have a few rookies who may see some time in goal. Our defense is young, but we have some good athletes who are learning quickly."

The rookie defenders are Ken Johns and Andy Barber, who could both see significant action on defense along with sophomore Justin Bechtolt. The team hopes Senior Eric Anthony, a two year starter, can return from a shoulder injury and Meyer could help out on defense in certain situations.

If the team's defense can support their offense, it feels it could have a successful season.

"There are certain teams we probably can't beat, and many teams we'll beat easily," Bollinger said. "It's how we play in the other games that will decide whether we have a successful season or not."

Returners reason for optimism

By Ben Egbers Mast reporter

If there is one word that can describe this year's women's tennis team, it's depth.

W-TENNIS

Last season's record: 13-4 Next game: Friday, at University of Oregon, 3 p.m.

"Our definite strength this year is our depth," said Head Coach, Rusty Carlson. "We have a whole bunch of really good players and we should be deeper than most of the other teams that we play, Where lots of our competition drops off, we just don't,'

The reason behind the team's depth seems to stem from two major factors. First, the squad lost only one of its players from last season. Second, the way many of the returning players have improved their games to be ready for this year.

"We're returning six of our top seven seeds from last year's team," Carlson said. "With everyone back, and some of our other returners really stepping up their games, we're going to have a really tough

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it," said freshman guard Tasie

Hampton.

Kluge was not surprised that they did that, "they don't like to get into a half-court game, (because) they lack size and strength in the post."
PLU will complete their season this weekend with games tonight

and tomorrow against Willamette and Linfield. Both games start at 6 p.m. The Lutes will be looking to complete a dramatic turnaround from last year with a winning season. They will need to win both of these games to finish with a winning record.

That will be a challenge, as Hoseth, Nelson and Weiland are out for the remainder of the season. In addition, Wilson has had limited practice time due to a stress fracture in her foot and Jennifer Riches was sick for the first half of the week.

We have our work cut out for us," said Kluge.

Three of the returners that look to have more of an impact this year are juniors Molly Delk and Jen Seals and sophomore Karen Schmidt. Each of them is moving into a top six position and will look to contribute with the additional playing time.

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> -Head Coach Rusty Carlson

"The fact that our team is so competitive is exciting," said Delk. "It's tough, sometimes, playing each other in practice because we get so intense. But off the court we

all try to stay friends."

Coming off a very successful season last year in which the team went 13-4 and was undefeated within their conference, the squad managed only a second place finish at the conference tournament. That finish was, in part, because two of the team's top players missed the match due to illness and prior commitments. This year the team would like to return to the conference tournament and hopefully come away with a first place finish.

"As a team, we want to focus on being the best we can be," said co-captain Tabitha Smith. "We want to see the national tournament as a bonus, something we are capable of accomplishing but not something that we're constantly thinking and worrying about."

Coach Carlson agrees with Smith, adding, "We want to focus on building up to playing our best tennis at the conference match. We're going to use the matches between now and then to concentrate on improving; if we do that, the conference championships will take care of themselves."

For the women's tennis team, the road to the conference match begins this weekend with two away matches: Friday against the University of Oregon and Saturday against University of Portland.

"We're going to go down to Oregon as a little NAIA team and play two Division I schools," Carlson said. "It'll be tough, but we're going to give it our best. It should be a good test for us."

Keep hope alive

The men's basketball team goes into their last two games with hopes of making the playoffs. The scenerio is confusing to say the least, but here's a breakdown of what needs to happen.

If PLU loses both games this weekend: They are eliminated from the playoffs with a conference record of 5-7.

If PLU beats Willamette, but loses to Linfield: They are eliminated from the playoffs because they would tie with Linfield at 6-6, and Linfield would get the last playoff spot because they beat the Lutes twice.

If PLU beats Linfield, but loses to Willamette: And Whitman loses one of their last tow, They have a chance at making the playoffs at 6-6. Then it would go to the breakers, because Whitman and PLU split their regular season games.

If PLU wins both games: They are not guaranteed a playoff spot at 7-5, because if Whitman wins both their games it could still go to tie breakers, but the Lutes could also move up as high as second place in the conference and could potentially host a first round playoff



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NATION

National Pollster discusses survey results

By Jamie Anderson Mast news editor

The most frequently cited education author in the country talked to a group of local administrators and student life personnel on campus Monday.

Dr. Alexander Astin, a professor of higher education and the director of the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles talked about the problems plaguing today's college students.

Astin's annual national study of college freshman provides him with a database to analyze student

In its 29th year, the poll found that this year's crop of freshman are less politically inclined and interested than any class since the poll's inception (see related story below).

Addressing a group of more than 150 student life representatives and administrators from PLU and five other local universities, Astin proposed his model for a change in student involvement.

Astin attributed student disengagement not to indifference, but to a lack of understanding.

He cited the news media, politicians and educators as contributors.

Astin said that higher education

needs to be more focused on helping students understand how the democratic system works, so students will take more interest.

He explained that students must understand not only information, but be critics of the mass media as

"Education must help young people be crap detectors," Astin said. "Students need to learn how to avoid getting bamboozled by politicians and the news media," he said, calling the news media "ma-nipulative" and "corporately-controlled."

These issues are relevant for universities because they are responsible for educating large portions of the voting population, including politicians, journalists, educa-

who "have helped to create problems that plague citizenry," Astin said. According to Astin's 1994 poll, institutions are not getting the job done.

However, before universities can get the job done, they have to stand back and analyze what their role should be, Astin said.

"If we want students to develop social responsibility, integrity, hon-esty... then we have to model these same values in our institutional policy," he said.

After researching 24, 847 students at 217 institutions, Astin found that the most important thing a student can do is get involved.

He offered some examples of ways universities might increase student involvement. They included: strong student (freshman) orientation, frequent student/faculty contact, a strong emphasis on diversity, emphasis on service opportunities, generous budgets for student services and strong humanities programs.

Astin later introduced a model of interconnected values associated with effective student leadership

and involvement (See list to right). He views his model as a challenge to higher education. It is designed to

be utilized by students and faculty Institutions have not done a very good job of modeling these values, he said. "It's in our mission state-ments, but where else?" he asked.

Though PLU was not one of the 600 universities polled for Astin's 1994 study of freshman, PLU administrators and Student Life personnel took interest in Astin's pre-sentation and will look for ways to implement some of his ideas.

Paul Menzel, provost, said that some of Astin's proposals are right on track with parts of the PLU 2000, PLU's long-range planning docu-

One element of a proposed freshman core curriculum, "critical conversations," aims at stimulating involvement and critical thought in freshman conversation groups...



photo by Matt Kusche
Education expert, Dr. Alexander Astin presents his leadership model to local educators during a presentation in Chris Knutzen Hall on Monday.

Menzel said that one of the biggest challenges is implementing service learning into the curriculum. One of his goals is to pick out areas of the curriculum where community service has productive potential and devote attention to it.

Due to a limited number of invitations, Junior, Erik Christopherson, was one of few students who were able to attend Astin's presentation.

Christopherson, a member of the Coalition for the Advancement of Active Learning, took attentive notes during the presentation.

Though he agreed with the axioms of Astin's model for student involvement, Christopherson said that the application of the model present some concerns.

"The model is institutional," Christopherson said. "It assumes that people are involved."

Christopherson said that there must be an acceptance of change, accompanied by a willingness, in the community it is effecting.

"You need to make sure that if you are committed to one model, you allow the people involved to

take part," he said. Erv Severtson, vice-president for Student Life, said that Astin's research and data fits a model that makes sense at PLU.

Though he was not sure how Astin's model for leadership di-rectly applies, he said that the issue will be discussed at an upcoming Student Life directors' retreat. One of the topics for discussion at the March 16 retreat will be the how the model fits with the PLU 2000

Dr. Alexander Astin's seven core leadership values to bring about change

 Consciousness of the self - knowing what you believe and why you feel the way you do

 Congruence - actions are consistent with what you believe; think-ing, feeling and behav-ing with genuineness and honesty

· Committment - passion and energy which causes a person to serve

 Collaboration - implies that you must have clearly defined roles, goals and purpose, mul-tiplies the group effectiveness

 Common Purposetrusting people in order to carry out the goal

Controversy with Civility - realizing that differences are inevi-table, allowing for con-troversy, but handling it in a civil manner. contro-versy adds energy

 Citizenship - seeing connections with the outer community, responsibility to

aware, survey finds Today's fre

By College Press Service

This year's college freshmen smoke more, drink less and are more worried than ever about how they'll finance their education, according to the annual freshmen survey, which was conducted by the Higher Education Research Institute at the University of California at Los Angeles.

And if you want to catch the interest of a freshman, don't try talking politics. The majority of first-year students couldn't care less, the survey finds.

According to the national survey of freshman attitudes, students who started school last fall are less involved and less interested in politics than any class in the survey's 29-year history.

Only 31.9 percent of the Class of '98 said that "keeping up with political affairs" is an important goal in life—down 10 percent from the year before and about half the 1966 level.

Survey director Alexander W. Astin said the drop in political interest is surprising.

"Considering that the figures from 1993, a non-election year, was 37.6 percent," said Astin, a professor of higher education at UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, "the sharp drop observed during this recent election year is all the more re-

Less than 16 percent of college freshmen said they discussed poli-

tics frequently, compared to 18.8 percent in 1993 and 24.6 percent in

Kellye McIntosh, field advisor for the United States Student Association, said that students aren't really as apathetic as the survey indicates. Instead, she says, they are uninformed.

What I witness on campus is that students don't have enough information on issues that are of

major concern to them," she said. "No one reallyaddressed the problems that students face in the last election, so it's hard to judge, but when the issues are addressed, students definitely get involved."

The survey also found that the number of students describing themselves as politically "middleof-the-road" has increased alongside their indifference.

More than half, or 52.6 percent of students, called themselves "middle-of-the-road," while the number of students who called themselves either liberal (25 per-cent) or conservative (22.4 percent) declined.

Students also reported record amounts of stress.

Astin said that a record-high percentage of freshmen reported that they frequently "felt overwhelmed by all I have to do." A total of 24.1 percent of the students said they are under a high amount of stress, compared to 23.3 percent who said the

same in 1993 and

16 percent in

"Today's new

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freshmen are lighting up these days.
The percentage of freshmen who

smoke cigarettes rose for the sixth time in the past seven years to 12.5 percent, up from 11.6 percent last year. This figure is nearing the all-time high of 13.3 percent, which was set in 1985.

Freshmen alcohol use is down, as an all-time low of 53.2 percent of freshmen reported drinking beer on a regular basis, down from 54.4 percent last year.

Those numbers indicate a dramatic drop from 1981, when 75.2 percent of college freshmen said they regularly downed a brew or two. Those students who drink wine or hard liquor declined as well to 52.5 percent, down from 66.7 percent in 1987.

Jeff Merril, vice president of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, says that students are becoming more aware of the negative situations they can find themselves in after they've been drink-

"There is nothing glamorous about being drunk," Merril said. "It's not as though it makes you perform better in any way. It's been glorified way too much."

Other results of the freshmen survey include:

 An all-time high of 28.1 per-cent of students indicated they had an "A" average in high school, up from 27 percent last year and 12.5 percent in 1969. Only 15 percent of the students said their average grade in high school was a "C." Nearly 33 percent of the students said they were "bored in class" while in high school.

· Nearly 9 percent of the freshmen said they planned on obtaining M.D. degrees, up from 4.1 percent in 1969.

More women (9.9 percent) than men (7.7 percent) plan on pursuing medical degrees, which is a major switch from 1966, when men outnumbered women among premed students by nearly four to

· The percent of students who expressed doubts about their ability to pay for college reached an alltime high of 18.9 percent, up from 8.4 percent in 1968.

 When it came to social topics, freshmen's attitudes tended to lean toward the left.

Support for the legalization of marijuana increased for the fifth straight year to 32.1 percent, up

from 16.7 percent in 1989. Support for legislation to outlaw homosexuality reached an all-time low of 33.9 percent, compared to 53.2 percent in 1987.

However, freshmen tend to be right-leaning when it comes to crime and punishment issues.

Their support for abolishing capital punishment reached an alltime low: 20 percent, compared to 58 percent in 1971.

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fall; two campus-wide forums and three departmental forums were held to get campus input, Frame said.

"Student attendance at the forums was not what I would have expected," Cobb said.

He thought that attendance would have been much higher.

Faculty and administration tended to be better represented than students. The difficulty of becoming involved late in the process may have hurt student attendance, he said.

Students were involved right from the beginning, Schultz said. ASPLU made recommendations and interested students were assigned to committees.

"We didn't want any group of the university left out," she said. "I really believe there was ample time for anyone who wanted to get involved to do so"

The long process meant that some people were likely to drop out, Frame said. Students were more likely to do so, he added.

Holtzheimer questioned the real influence of the involved students.

"The cynic in me looks at the forums and asks how much are they (asking)," Holtzheimer said.

"There is just a very common sense that a lot of students get when working with administration that there are some things we are not supposed to know about," he said.

The initial work on PLU 2000 was done by eight commissions which prepared papers and held forums to advise the PLU 2000

Each commission included at least one student.

"They think that one or two students on a committee is enough, I personally disagree," Holtzheimer said.

The PLU 2000 development process began in the spring of 1993 when 12 commissions were organized by Schultz and original co-editor Robert Wills, former PLU provost.

The committees produced 42 papers over the summer, which were then used as a basis for campus-wide forums held throughout the 1993-94 school year. Each commission held two forums.

The forums were well publicized, but not well attended, Frame said.

Frame and Schultz used the commission papers, and records of commission forums to write the first draft over the summer of 1994

The first draft was used as a basis for the forums last fall which provided recommendations for revisions.

The document changed substantially between its first draft and the one approved by the Board of Regents, Frame said.

Food
The debit card itself wou

The debit card itself would be similar to a credit card with a magnetic strip, which would also provide flexibility for future changes. For instance, the cards could be used for dorm access, bookstore purchases, laundry and cash machine use, McGinnis said.

In her report to the senate, Hunt also addressed the student-raised issue of donatiing unused meals to charity, and reported that Food Service was not in favor of such programs because of their affect on the department's operations

McGinnis affirmed that a meal donation program had been initiated by a group of students last semester which allowed students to use leftover meals to donate sack lunches to an off-campus charity every Friday. She said the activity had to be limited because of its increasing affects on costs. Now, a total of ten meals from Food Services can be donated weekly, she said.

"It was getting up to 40 to 50 meals (donated) per week and ended up driving up our costs," McGinnis said.

"Those surplus meals aren't really surplus," McGinnis explained.
"We count on the fact that not all people eat their meals." Food Services creates its budget based on the knowledge that students will use only 80 to 85 percent of the meals they purchased, she said.

Due to recent changes such as the addition of the Bistro for pizza and sack lunches, longer UC hours and the Coffee Shop dinner option, McGinnis said students have more opportunities to use their meals and have been doing so.

"We have to budget tighter because people are eating more

Part of Waste Awareness Day would involve displaying buckets of uneaten food taken from students' trays to demonstrate the impact of waste

- Hillary Hunt

meals," McGinnis said. "We want people to get as many meals as they can, but we can't send that money outside. It's directly taking away from what we can improve inside."

McGinnis said that for the same budget concerns she was not as supportive of Hunt's idea for a meal voucher system, which would keep track of and carry over unused meals for students to use in later weeks.

She said saving the unused meals for later consumption would cut

into their operating budget cush-

Hunt, who also works in Food Services, said the Ways and Means committee is researching data for the Waste Awareness Day in March to educate students on just how much they waste at the UC and how much money is lost when students walk out with silverware, dishes, and food. Part of the program would involve displaying buckets of uneaten food taken from students' trays to demonstrate the impact of waste, she said.

"Right now there isn't much of a sense of student responsibility," she said. "The (student) perception is, 'I paid, thus I have a right to have it.' But, the more we waste, the more we pay."

McGinnis said additional Food Service remedies are already in progress, including a change-over from glass to plastic cups to avoid loss from breakage. Next year, 16-or 20-ounce plastic "thermo-mugs" will be issued to students with meal plans for use in and outside of the UC, UC Coffee Shop, the Bistro, and at the espresso carts, she said.

"People are more aware of the environment, so hopefully they will use these," McGinnis said.

Student input regarding changes in Food Service is strongly encouraged, McGinnis said. "I try really hard to address these (suggestions)," she said. "I take them seriously."

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On that day, prospective RAs participate in events like role plays, organizational exercises and group activities. Mark Mulder, hall director of Foss and Pflueger halls, said this gives the committee a chance to look at the personalities of perspective candidates.

The last step of the process is "familiarization and draft" day, when all candidates meet the hall directors.

This gives the hall directors one

This gives the hall directors one last chance to meet the candidates and decide who they want on their staffs.

"Scores and ratings of each candidate are taken throughout the process," said Flores. "It's kind of like the NFL draft."

Mulder said there is no such thing as the "perfect" RA

"There are so many different personalities that it's difficult to stereotype certain characteristics to an RA," he explained. "The RAs in Pflueger all had different per-

sonalities, but we were all able to

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get things together," he said.

Mulder listed open-mindedess, respect for and willingness to serve others, and the ability to work in groups to achieve goals as characteristics the search committee looks

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