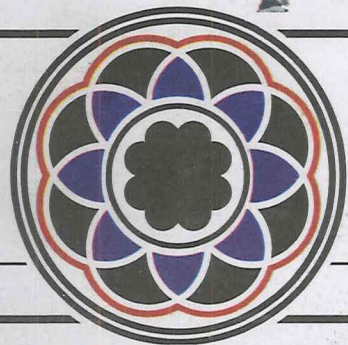




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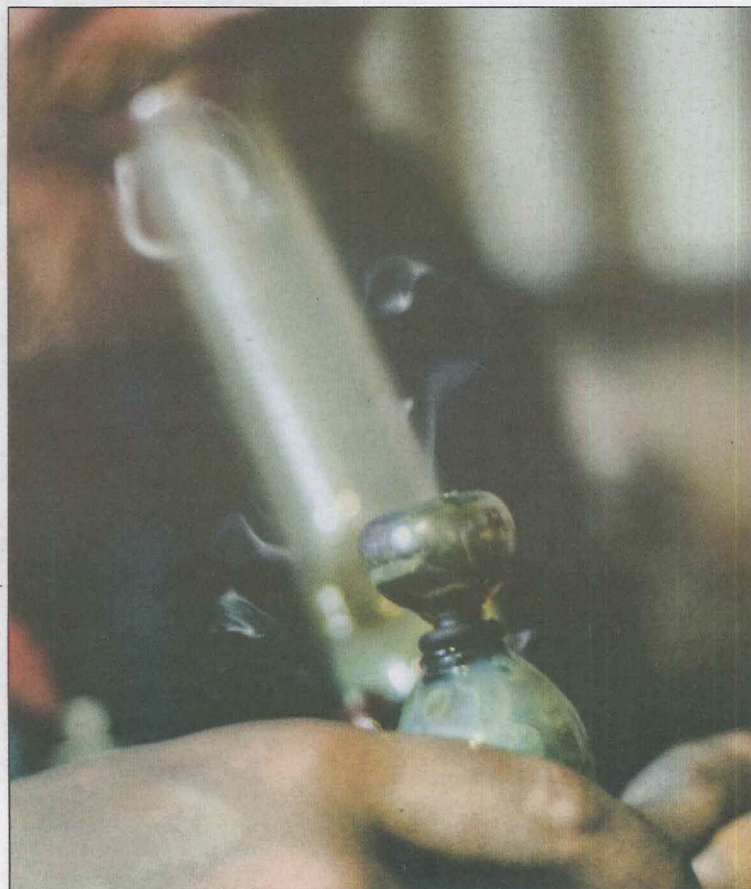
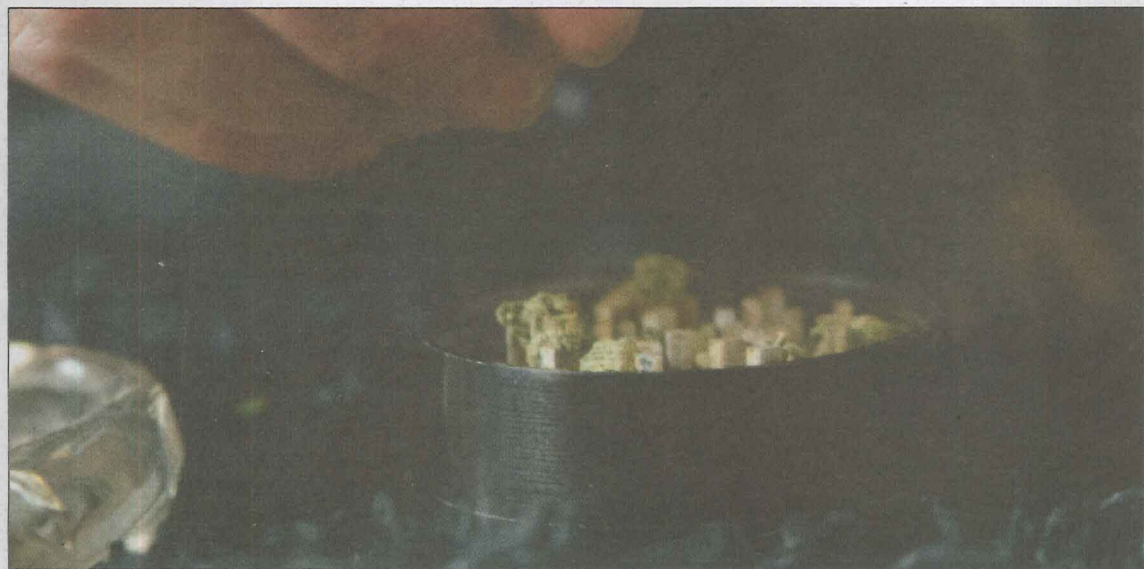


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ABOVE and LEFT: A PLU alumnus, who preferred to remain anonymous, smokes marijuana at his home.

Lutes still can't light up, despite pot legalization

By ALISON HAYWOOD
A&E Editor

Marijuana may be legal in the state of Washington, but Pacific Lutheran University students still can't legally light up. Possession and personal use, legal under state law for people more than 21 years of age, are still prohibited under PLU policy.

"Possession or use of marijuana is a violation of federal law, and therefore, it is a violation of university policy," Greg Premo, director of Campus Safety, said.

The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires all schools and universities to properly enforce and report drug offenses, Ray Lader, director for Student Rights and Responsibilities, said. This includes marijuana-related offenses, regardless of what state law says.

"It's the way the government does it when they have unfunded

mandates with a lot of things," Lader said. "Instead of saying 'Oh, we'll give you money to do it,' they say 'Well, we already gave you this money, you have to do what we want.'"

Unlike some other schools, however, PLU's policy extends to students even when they leave PLU property.

According to the Student Code of Conduct, PLU's jurisdiction extends to all students enrolled in courses at PLU, including incidents that happen on holidays or during breaks between terms.

While it is considered a policy violation for students to use marijuana off campus while they are enrolled at PLU, this is difficult to enforce.

Most drug-related offenses that come to Student Rights and Responsibilities are reported by Residential Life or Campus Safety. Both organizations' jurisdictions stop outside of PLU property.

"Most cases, if we don't know, we don't know," Lader said.

Students are not immune to the policy just because they keep their usage off-campus, however. Even by state law, it's illegal for minors less than 21 to possess and use marijuana, and Pierce County has enacted an ordinance to ban marijuana use in unincorporated areas, *The News Tribune* reported last December.

Although PLU is located within the boundaries of Parkland, some students living off-campus may be affected by the ban.

If Campus Safety gets a call regarding an odor or alleged possession, they send out Campus Safety officers to investigate, Premo said.

If they can pinpoint the source of the smell, they perform a student-led search of the room, meaning the officer asks the student to open various drawers and cupboards but does not conduct the search themselves.

They then confiscate any

marijuana and paraphernalia they find and refer the student to Student Rights and Responsibilities.

Marijuana and dirty paraphernalia are destroyed. Clean paraphernalia may be reclaimed at a later date, Premo said.

Even if students aren't found to be in possession of marijuana on campus, they may still be cited. If a smell is strong enough that a Resident Assistant or resident feels the need to report it to Campus Safety, it counts as a disruption of the community and can result in educational sanctions.

"Any time people are causing a disruption to the community, and causing people to complain, it is a problem," Premo said.

One sophomore male, Adam*, who has been using marijuana for

about a year, said he disagrees with this policy.

"I don't think it should be something that automatically gets you a referral to Campus Safety or Student Conduct or anything," Adam said. "People just need to be more open about it and talk about it more. Just like, 'Hey, you know, you're stinking up the hall, is there any way that we can work together to make this work for both of us?'"

It's more difficult for students to be cited for a marijuana violation when students are discreet about their activity — when they do not have a strong odor, are not creating noise complaints and give RA or Campus Safety no cause to investigate.

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Salish origin stories and culture explored

By BLAKE JEROME
Copy Editor

Students at Pacific Lutheran University had the opportunity to learn about local Native American tribes in the South Puget Sound area March 20.

Suzanne Crawford-O'Brien, associate professor of religion and culture, gave a powerpoint presentation titled "Healing Landscapes: Wellness and Place in Coast Salish Religion and Culture" to a crowd of about 100 students and faculty.

The event took place in the Scandinavian Cultural Center and Marit Trelstad, the head of the religion department, organized it.

O'Brien, who specializes in Native American religious traditions

and religious diversity in North America, said her seminar is meant to explore the intersection of place and wellbeing among the Coast Salish — Coast Salish is an ethnographic designation of Native American cultures who speak one of the Coast Salish languages — and considers how places can act as sources of healing.

"Initially I was unsure about how the lecture would go," senior Nichole Thompson said. "I wasn't sure if I would be able to take anything away from it that would be relevant to my life, but once the event started, I was really impressed with the content."

O'Brien's lecture focused on the Coast Salish peoples of Washington and Oregon.

O'Brien spoke about everything from local creation stories to early Native American architecture still

used in a lot of structures today.

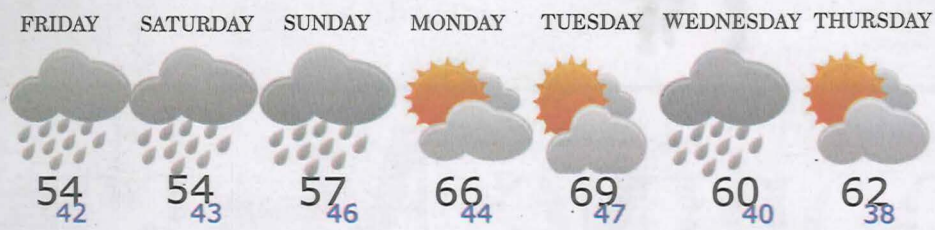
According to the Snohomish, their ancestors are descended directly from the chum salmon of the Pacific Northwest. Every year the people perform a "salmon ritual" to celebrate the fish, who they say are the givers of life.

Tribal members go fishing and they cook the first salmon they catch. After every tribe member has eaten a piece of the fish, the remaining bones are sent down river where they believe the fish will be reincarnated.

Salish people also have a great respect for nature, especially Mt. Rainier because it has provided them with water and vegetation.

"The presentation led me to reflect on my current position within nature," junior Janae Reinhardt said. "[O'Brien] was super captivating."

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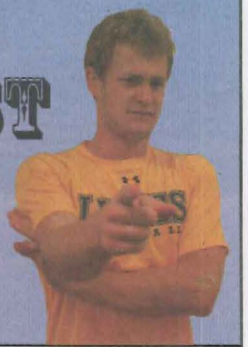


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First-year Luke Smith pushes 9-year-old Justin on playground equipment at Brookdale Elementary School. Smith and 11 other PLU students partnered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Brookdale Elementary.

PLU volunteers buddy up with Brookdale

By **RELAND TUOMI**
News Editor

The Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Brookdale Elementary School reflects the Pacific Lutheran University motto that encourages thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care to the community.

Twelve college student volunteers go to Brookdale, only a few blocks south of PLU, once a week for about an hour to work with the elementary students. The college students have committed to volunteer for a year.

"We love working with PLU students because of their volunteer spirit," Shanna Faulkenberry, coordinator for the Brookdale program of Big Brothers Big Sisters, said.

Volunteers who work with the elementary students meet the children's needs and promote education by reading books, focusing on building their self esteem and learning about themselves. The volunteers also play board games or outside games with the kids.

Later on in the semester, Big Brothers Big Sisters want the volunteers to help the kids with a science project. The Big Brothers and Big Sisters also sit and eat with the kids during their lunch period Wednesdays and Thursdays.

"The goal is to make a long lasting, self sustaining sense of self worth within

these kids," Kerrisan Meyer, case manager for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program at PLU, said. "PLU students have a lot to offer, and the kids are always excited when they come in."

Some of the volunteers work with kids who can be disruptive during class. Meyer said this one-on-one time the children get with PLU volunteers can help the kids learn how to act selflessly in class.

Some of the student volunteers joined this program as part of their major, such as first-year Luke Smith.

"I wanted experience for my major," Smith said. "I want to work in primary and secondary education, and I had experience from my mom's daycare. I thought it would be a good idea."

First-year Kalina Springer said she wanted to get involved to give back to the community.

"It's great to give the kids one-on-one attention that they might not be getting at home," Springer said. "It's good to focus on something all the way through."

Most of the PLU volunteers learned about the Big Brothers Big Sisters program at Brookdale from the volunteer fair last September.

To get involved in this program, visit the next volunteer fair in fall 2014, or to get involved now, contact Shanna Faulkenberry at PLUbig@bbbsps.org.

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First VP candidate comes to PLU

By **RELAND TUOMI**
News Editor

Students, faculty and staff came to the question and answer forum for Leah Barrett, a candidate for vice president for Student Life and Dean of Students. Earlier this year, Laura Majovski announced her plans to retire from the position.

The daughter of a Lutheran minister, Barrett was a graduate of the University of Wyoming and is the assistant vice president for student affairs at the University of Brockport in New York.

Before organizers opened the floor for questions, the hiring committee asked Barrett what opportunities there are for innovation and advancement in Residential Life and how she qualifies for the job.

After first thanking everyone for coming to the forum, Barrett said Pacific Lutheran University needed to work on retaining students.

"We need to keep students not only involved [at PLU] from their first year to second year, but also from their second year to their third," Barrett said. "We need to avoid the sophomore slump."

Barrett went on to describe her qualifications for the position of VP, saying she has been told she is both good at communicating orally and in writing. She also said she can identify a person's strengths and is able to motivate others into action.

After describing her love for the campus and for the size of PLU, organizers opened the floor for questions.

One faculty member asked which of the following Barrett wanted to prioritize for student life: vocation, women's empowerment, career development or student development.

"All at once," Barrett said. "We can't silo information. Students will move from the classrooms into the real world, and they need to know their vocation, feel empowered and feel they have developed their careers."

A student at the forum asked how Barrett would engage with the students and how she would advocate for them with the administration.

Barrett said she would invite any student or students over to her house for lunch to talk.

"I'll engage with some student leaders automatically," Barrett said, "but I need to know how the rest of the student body is doing."

Barrett also said advocacy is important, but that also depends on what is being advocated, saying student wants and needs don't always match. This statement was not necessarily well received by some of the students in attendance.

"I was encouraged by some of her answers, but I'd like to pick her brain about student engagement on campus," junior Dan Stell said.

One staff member asked how Barrett supervised and what could be expected from her as a leader. Barrett stated she is not a micromanager, saying she works on performance planning and how to help people get to the next step at work.

She concluded by saying she works with people differently based on their needs.

"The forum gave me a good feel for her style, her vision, what she'd like to do and where she's been," junior Amy Jones said. "I think she'd be a dynamic vice president."

There are two other candidates for VP, Joanna Royce-Davis, who visited yesterday, and Keith Champagne, who will visit this Tuesday.

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"If a student has not created any issues and they're not disrupting the community in any way, it's probably not going to come to anyone's attention," Lader said.

Adam said he never keeps marijuana or paraphernalia in his room. Instead he keeps it in a vehicle not registered to PLU, which he always parks on county roads, and he only uses it off campus.

"Keep the smell down, because that's really what gets people," Adam said.

Premo said there has been an increase in odor-related complaints regarding marijuana since the drug was legalized in Washington state a year ago, but no more violations regarding possession than in previous years.

Campus Safety responded to 11 narcotics complaints Sept. 1-Dec. 5. Last academic year, during the same period, they had only seven complaints.

"I think students are utilizing it off campus, and when they come back, that odor's just so strong that it's causing complaints," Premo said. "There needs to be some additional education to the students that it's still a violation of our policy and of federal law to go off-campus and utilize [marijuana]."

Adam said legalization was not a factor in his decision to start using it.

"Most people think it's OK, or they don't think it's OK. Whether or not it's legal is not going to change their mind about that," Adam said. "I don't think I've met anybody who's directly said they want to try it now because it's legal."

Since marijuana possession is a misdemeanor,



PHOTO BY JESSE MAJOR

PLU policy and Federal law prohibit students from smoking and possession of marijuana on and off campus.

not a felony, under federal law, Campus Safety does not report marijuana-related violations to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, Premo said. They do report other narcotics, however.

Unlike the federal law, however, PLU's policy does not make a distinction between marijuana and other types of drugs, excluding alcohol.

For Lader, the severity of sanctions has to do more with the amount of the drug a student was in possession of and whether or not he or she was planning on dealing.

"If someone is dealing, that's going to be dealt with a lot more severely than someone with a minor possession," Lader said.

For students' first drug-related offense at PLU, sanctions will be mostly educational. They may be required to pay a fee and attend an education session, perform community service and write a "letter of mutual understanding" to demonstrate their understanding of the policy, Lader said.

Depending on the students' histories and the severity of the violations, parental notification may be required.

The second time students are found responsible

for breaking PLU's drug policy, they are required to complete a substance use assessment and be placed on disciplinary probation. By the third offense, suspension is recommended.

Although the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) has provisions allowing for parental notification in the case of student disciplinary action, in general, a student's disciplinary record with a university is considered an academic record and cannot be released without the student's written consent.

This means that university-related disciplinary proceedings result in very few consequences for students outside of PLU.

Despite the ambiguity of the laws and regulations surrounding marijuana, Premo had clear advice to students who are considering using it: "Think twice about doing it. If you're making that choice to do it, think about your actions coming back to campus and how you can minimize impacting the community around you."

Jesse Major contributed to this article.

*Student's name has been changed.



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Karl Stumo plans to resign

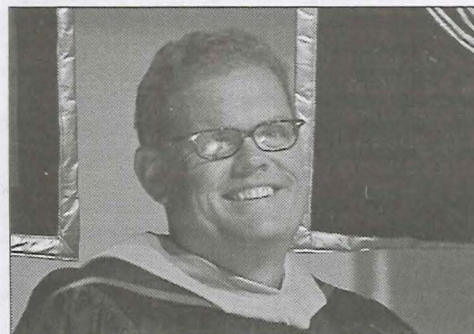


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Karl Stumo, vice president of Admission and Enrollment Services, is retiring from PLU.

Karl Stumo, vice president for Admission and Enrollment Services, announced his intention to resign at the end of the academic year. He is leaving Pacific Lutheran University for a new position in River Forest, Ill. as the vice president of Enrollment and Marketing at Dominican University.

Stumo began working at PLU as the dean and associated vice president of Admission and Financial Aid before becoming VP for Admission and Enrollment Services in June 2007, where he oversaw the Offices of Admission, Financial Aid and Student Services.

Stumo also worked to accomplish the university's overall goals by developing marketing, financial aid, recruitment and communication strategies.

Both Stumo and Laura Majovski, who will retire from her position as vice president of Student Life and Dean of Students at the end of the academic year, will be celebrated at the annual Farewell Reception May 19.

PLU a finalist for carbon neutral award

Pacific Lutheran University's Study Away programs can give a person a completely different perspective on life. But the plane rides to the different countries and continents make up 19.4 percent of the university's carbon footprint.

To offset these emissions, PLU's Study Away program partnered with Earth Deeds, a company that measures ecological impacts, to teach students how to give back to the earth while studying away.

This process of neutralizing a carbon footprint is called "onsetting." This program is a finalist for the 2014 Second Nature Climate Leadership Awards.

"Aiming for carbon neutrality is important, but it is the bare minimum," Christine Cooley, PLU's sustainability manager, said. "Innovative projects like onsetting soar past neutral and allow for regenerative sustainability projects — serving the ones that support the global and local environments PLU visits, and the communities where students study away."

A stop-motion film produced on campus and narrated by KPLU's Kirsten Kendrick highlights the onsetting program that will take place during the Study Away trips in the 2014-15 academic year.

To vote for PLU's video, visit <http://www.planetforward.org/idea/aligning-carbon-neutrality-goals-with-educational-mission-onsetting> and click the thumbs up symbol in the left column. Voting ends April 15.

If you have a story for PLU Briefs, send us a tip at <http://mastmedia.plu.edu/tip-line/>

What to do at PLU

Ongoing

The Art of Wayzgoose. March 12-April 9, University Gallery, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday-4/4

National Geographic State Geography Bee. AUC CK, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

LGBTQ Identity Workshop. South Hall Main Lounge, 6-7:30 p.m.

Food Symposium: Fungi for the People. Scandinavian Cultural Center, 7-8:30 p.m.

'Una Sola Familia.' Xavier 201, 7-9 p.m.

"Waiting for Godot." Karen Hille Phillips Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

LollaPLUza Headliner Announcement Show. The Cave, 8-9:30 p.m.

Saturday-4/5

"Waiting for Godot." Karen Hille Phillips Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Tasha Smith Jr. BM Recital, MBR 330 8-9 p.m.

Sunday-4/6

Organ Concert. Tickets: \$15 general admission/ \$10 senior citizens (55+) and alumni/\$5 PLU community, students, 18 and under/free for PLU music students with PLU ID. For tickets, call (253)-535-7787. MBR 330, 3-4:30 p.m.

Women's basketball open gym Olson Gym, 4-6 p.m.

Kroy Miller BMA presentation. MBR 306, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday-4/7

National Public Health Week. AUC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Languages & Literatures. AUC 134, 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Tuesday-4/8

National Public Health Week. AUC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Why Christocentrism is a Pluralistic Age?" AUC Regency Room, 1:45-3 p.m.

Housing Sign-Up Process. AUC CK, 3:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday-4/9

National Public Health Week. AUC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Rescue of the Jew" exhibition event. AUC, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 2-5 p.m.

Thursday-4/10

National Public Health Week. AUC, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Watch Your Mouth. AUC, 6:30-8 p.m.

MediaLab's "Tapped Out" premiere. Karen Hille Phillips Center, 7-9 p.m.

Symposium supports local food

By NATALIE DEFORD
Guest Writer

Food takes much more work than most people realize, and the food system can be complicated.

Pacific Lutheran University's second Food Symposium kicked off Wednesday night with keynote speaker Thomas Pogge, professor of philosophy at Yale University, who spoke about the Millennium Development Goals and global hunger issues.

Three panels of four, each with two professors and two community members filled Thursday. The panels dealt with diversity, justice and sustainability.

Between panels was a food expo, with poster presentations, snacks and demonstrations from Dining and Culinary Services.

Rachel Haxtema, AmeriCORPS VISTA Healthy Parkland Coordinator, was very involved with preparations for the Food Symposium.

Haxtema said the Food Symposium is a community event somewhat initiated by PLU's philosophy department, which held the Food Symposium coordinated by Aaron Mckenna about two years ago.

She also said that this year's focus was mainly on food production and animal ethics, while this year's focus is more on community issues around food.

Haxtema works in the Center for Community Engagement and Services (CCES), and she's working on The Healthy Parkland Initiative, figuring out on ways to get healthy food to low income people in the community.

One of the projects she works on with Pacific Lutheran University and Trinity Lutheran Church is the monthly community meal, which is normally vegetarian because it has less of an impact on the environment. Haxtema said it also reveals delicious vegetarian meals, which are not known to many people.

But this month's community meal was special for the Food Symposium. The community meal, doubling as Thursday night's symposium dinner, used squash from Trinity Lutheran's garden across the street, which is called The Garden of Edible Grace. "We're trying to find as much local food as possible," Haxtema said.

Senior Shunying Wang was one of the volunteers who helped Haxtema by cutting, peeling and dicing the squash.

"I thought it would be fun to come and prepare the dinner for the community," Wang said.

The squash was roasted and used in a hearty salad, which also included greens, eggs, onions, shallots and berries — all local food items from Holly Foster of Zestful Gardens and also from Terry's Berries.

"I think the main focus of this meal is to teach people how to eat and cook locally and that there are foods available in our community right here in Parkland,"

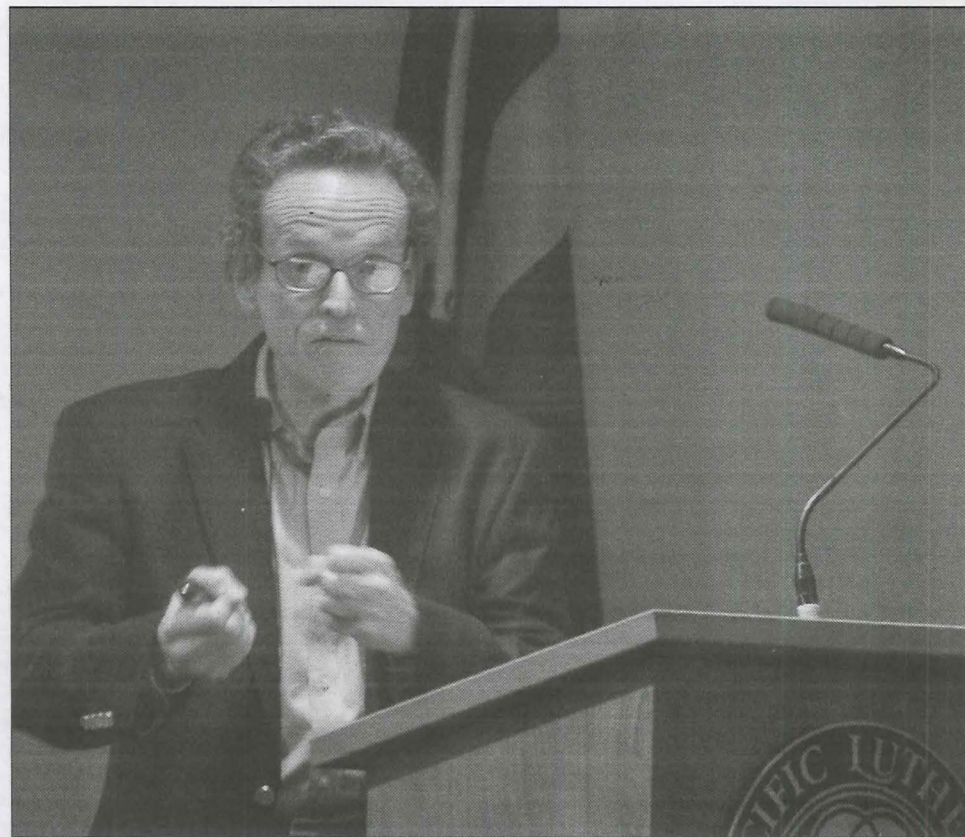


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Keynote speaker Thomas Pogge, director of the global justice program at Yale, speaks about global economics in terms of global hunger at his speech, "The Hunger Games," on the first day of the Food Symposium. The Food Symposium is from April 2-5.

Haxtema said. "It's not impossible, it's difficult especially this time of year, but it's not impossible to eat locally or at least try to find some local foods to put into your diet."

"Learning to grow your own food helps you understand what goes into growing really good food."

Rachel Haxtema
AmeriCORPS VISTA Healthy Parkland Coordinator

Haxtema explained several benefits of eating locally or from one's own garden, using the products of The Garden of Edible Grace as an example.

"Because they're grown across the street, there's no transportation costs, we know exactly what went into the soil, what went onto the plants — which was totally organic and no pesticides or chemicals — so that makes it healthier food and more fun to eat."

Haxtema also pointed out that knowing the work put into food helps one to gain an appreciation and understanding. This is also

why she said this year's Food Symposium includes farmers and people from United Farm Workers.

"I think there's an invisible side to our food system that we don't know a lot about where people are working really hard for really low wages doing really difficult labor," Haxtema said.

She said many do not often think about these types of things. "Learning to grow your own food helps you understand what goes into growing really good food, but it also helps you respect the work of other people as well," Haxtema said.

She also said this is one of the reasons why Thursday was so focused on local food options.

However, she said the larger Food Symposium is to get people thinking about the food system in new ways and to hear new thoughts about the philosophy and ethics of food.

But she said she hopes the events also help people to learn about what's happening in this community. "We hope to bring global and local into the discussion," Haxtema said.

There is an opportunity to work in the community gardens at Trinity Lutheran and at PLU this Saturday. "It's a great way to learn about gardening and see how to grow food in the Pacific Northwest," Haxtema said.

All food from both gardens is donated to the local food pantry.

Crime Time: PLU's Campus Safety Blotter

Taken from weekly Campus Safety reports

Information

Campus Safety helped Information and Technology Services remove a computer from Ramstad Hall March 24. The computer was removed from an office because of a possible security issue.

Drug policy violation

A Kreidler Community Assistant (CA) called Campus Safety because he or she had smelled marijuana March 24. Campus Safety and the CA knocked on the door where the smell was coming from, but there was no answer.

The CA and Campus Safety entered the room to see the resident was not in his or her room. They found several cigarette butts and a small amount of marijuana in plain sight. The incident was forwarded to Student's Rights and Responsibilities.

Theft

Campus Safety was contacted about the possible theft of two bicycle wheels near Mary Baker Russell last Friday morning. A PLU staff member said they had seen the bike

attached to a bike rack near MBR with both wheels gone. There was no PLU bike registration tag so the owner is unknown, and the question remains if there was ever a theft at all.

Information

A student contacted Campus Safety March 25 to report someone had possibly entered her South Hall apartment when she was away. The student said her roommates were gone for Spring Break and she was living in the apartment alone.

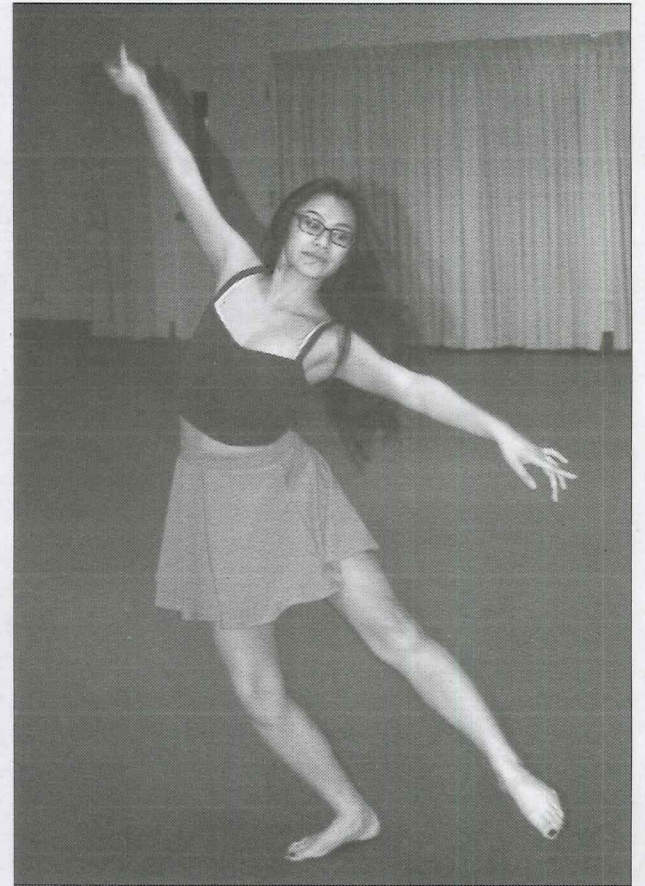
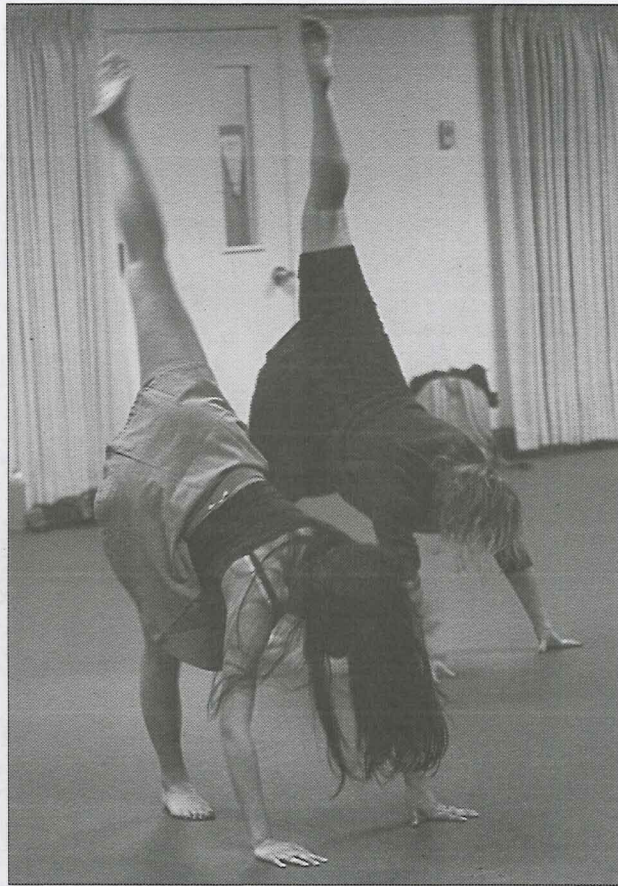
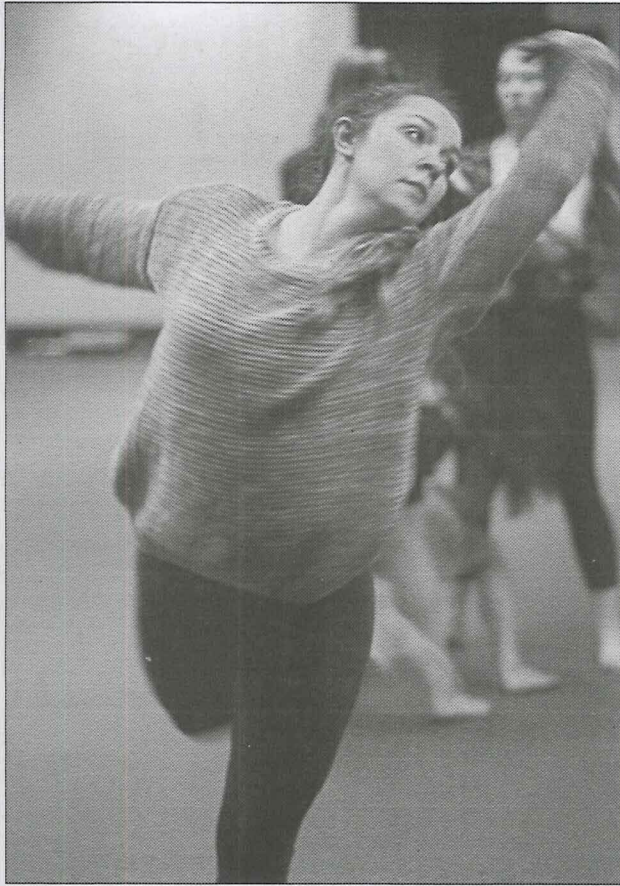
When she left the apartment, the student's door was open and her roommates' doors were shut and locked.

When the student returned to the apartment, she discovered her door locked and her roommates' doors open. There was a desk and trash can moved in her room, but nothing taken.

The student said a couple of power outlets were not working, so perhaps Facilities had come by. Campus Safety checked with Facilities, however, keep said it had not gone into the room. No further action had been taken by Campus Safety.

If you need Campus Safety's assistance, call (253) 535-7441

DANCE CONCERT: *New name, new director, new direction*



PHOTOS BY EMILY JACKA

LEFT: Junior Bethany Auld rehearses for Dance Concert Wednesday in the Columbia Center. Dance Concert will take place in the Karen Hille Phillips Center April 11 and 12. CENTER: Performers practice some of the more athletic moves for a piece they will perform. Dance courses at PLU are cross-referenced with physical education/movement studies. RIGHT: First-year Tory Rivera practices her piece for Dance 2014. The event will feature two dances by professional choreographers as well as student work.

By **UNA TINGVIK-HAAVE**
A&E Writer

Pacific Lutheran University's annual dance concert is right around the corner. In addition to works by seven student choreographers, this year's concert will also be comprised of two works of professional choreography by Director Paula J. Peters and guest choreographer Mary Reardon.

As with every year, a wide variety of dances will be presented on a presidium stage. There will be jazz, modern and traditional pieces.

Standing out this year is Peters'

contemporary jazz piece "Confine(less)," which is inspired by the ambition and drive of the female dancers at PLU.

"What I get a sense of from the students that I have worked with is that they want more dance," Peters said. "I think they want more performing opportunities, and they're quite capable of it."

Another unique performance this year is Reardon's piece, which expounds on the individual choices we make when taking time out for fun.

"I think this is going to be an interesting year, because we have Paula Peters," junior Avelon Ragoonanan, one of the student

choreographers, said. "This is her first time here, so some of the techniques have changed, and some of the functions of how the program was scheduled before has changed."

One of the changes Peters has been made this year is the name of the concert. While in the past the official name of the annual dance concert has been Dance Ensemble, this year Peters decided to change the name to Dance Concert.

"For me 'Dance Concert' is just how I tend to view what dance is when it is on a presidium stage in this way," Peters said. "I like process more than I like product, so

once it gets into the theater, I want it to be done professionally. I want it to be done well. So to me it's more of a concert and not a recital."

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Becoming more than 'just pals': first date tips for guys and gals

By **ZACK WITTSTRUCK**
Guest Writer

The experience of a first date is nerve wracking for some and a welcome challenge for others, but it almost always comes down to analyzing every decision for the date.

In a survey conducted by the app company Wist, such decisions are broken down for those of us who want, need or just casually care about the outcome of such occasions.

After you've worked up the courage, and no doubt prepared yourself for success, it's time to ask that special guy or gal on a date. The only choice left is to decide where to invite them.

Guys, if you're willing to brave putting your kitchen skills to the test and join the 22 percent who would readily do the same, be prepared to do your homework, especially if your confidence isn't "Top Chef" material.

The Wist survey found that 38 percent of women would welcome this gesture, but another 32 percent preferred a fun and casual restaurant instead.

If those odds aren't appealing, however, ladies, you should know that 43 percent of guys would be happy to go to a casual and fun restaurant and save showing off their cooking skills for later dates.

Now that you've chosen the perfect place for your date, it's time to choose what to order. Whether it's happy hour or not, the drink you choose on a first date could not only be a sweet deal, but a deal breaker as well.

Guys, if you find yourself surprised when your date orders and shoots back a shot to celebrate your romantic occasion, you would find you're in good company with the 99 percent of men who prefer their date resist the urge to pound a shooter or two on the first get together.

Ideally, if she looks at the wine list intently and orders from there, regardless of how expensive it may be, it pays off for the boost of attractiveness level.

Thirty-five percent of men

stated that their 'dream woman' would order wine, and another 26 percent said they'd find a specialty cocktail a welcome addition to the table as well.

So what does this mean for the specially priced beer on the tap? It means there is more to go around for those women who are in the 18 percent.

Ladies, if the date across from you decides on anything but a well drink like a classic rum and coke or a cold beer, you can proudly count yourself unique in thinking they are still in the desirable 63 percent.

Most women prefer their star of the night to steer clear of the colorful world of twisty straws and fruit filled drinks on the first date.

So gentlemen, please indulge them by not getting anything too bright and colorful, regardless of how convincing the other 12 percent of guys may be.

Though you may enjoy the challenge of snatching up and eating the cherry at the bottom of the glass, the first date is not the time or place for such endeavors.

Since you've chosen the lucky place and have aced your drink menu quiz, it's time to pay the check. Guys, if old fashioned habits are your thing, you're like the 57 percent who reach for that bill without so much as a second thought.

But it's important to note that

only 36 percent of women expect such chivalrous action of you and that another 31 percent of women would evenly split the bill.

So if you went into the date ill prepared with a light wallet, which 100 percent of people of both

genders highly recommend not doing, then feel free to roll the dice on splitting the bill.

After all, you've nailed both the choice of setting and your drinks, which made you look like a champion, so you should have some momentum going for you anyway.

That being said, we are living in a new age and both men and women who took the survey scored in the 20 percent range in believing the bill is the responsibility of the one who initiated

the date.

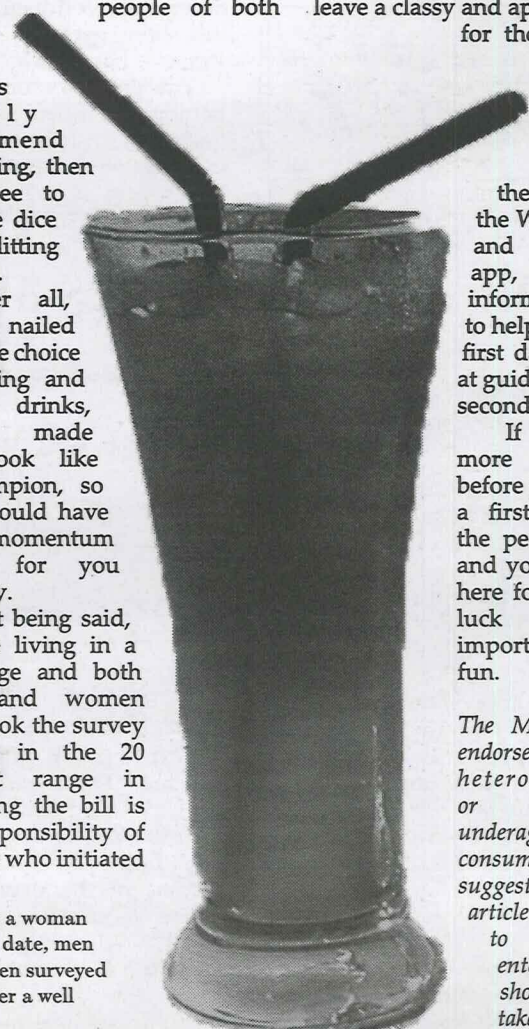
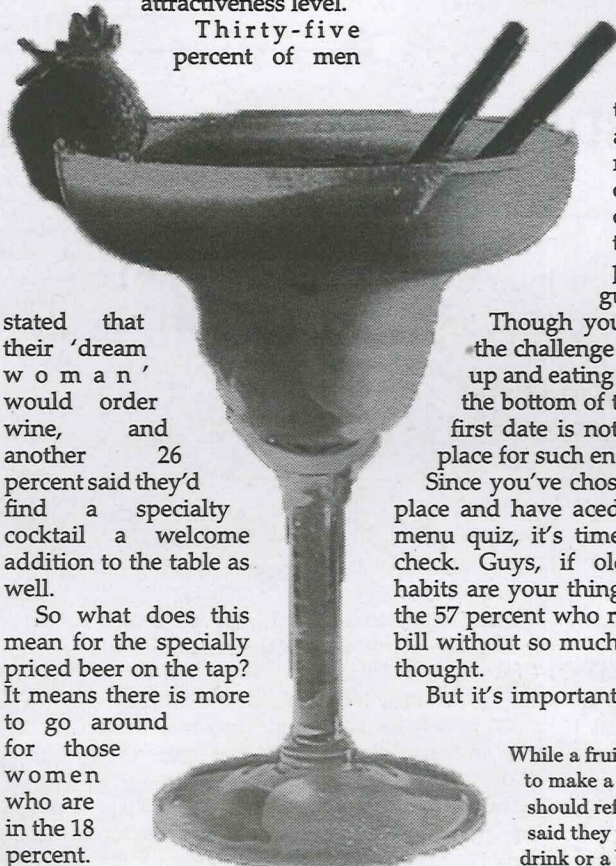
Thus, if you find yourself within this group, the decision of who should fork over the money should be the most cut and dry choice of the night.

Regardless though, be sure to leave a classy and appropriate tip for the server. We are still civilized after all.

Thanks to the surveyors at the Wist company and its dating app, all of this information is here to help people with first dates and aim at guiding them to a second one.

If you need more statistics before jumping into a first date, then the people at Wist and yours truly are here for you. Good luck and most importantly, have fun.

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While a fruity cocktail is a safe bet for a woman to make a good impression on a first date, men should refrain — 63 percent of women surveyed said they preferred their date to order a well drink or a beer.

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The 'mother' of all finales

Sitcom ends with a legen-WaitNineSeasonsForIt-dary conclusion

By **JESSICA TRONDSEN**
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Kids, around Thanksgiving 2010, I became aware of a show called "How I Met Your Mother" (HIMYM).

I binge-watched the first few seasons and fell in love with hopeless romantic Ted (Josh Radnor) and his cohorts.

Afterward, I followed along week by week so I could laugh as Barney (Neil Patrick Harris) executed scenarios from his Playbook, hypothesize the importance of Robin (Cobie Smulders) and cry when Lily (Alyson Hannigan) told Marshall (Jason Segel) his dad died.

I came to feel as though I were invited into their booth at MacLaren's while hearing these stories.

When it was announced the show was coming to an end after nine long seasons, I accepted the bittersweet challenge of saying goodbye to a tale so well told, because I trusted my on-screen friends to guide me to a proper conclusion.

And, flash forward to today, I believe they did.

However, after waiting a legendarily long time for Monday's series finale, one thing became clear to me: if I had really been part of their friend group, they would have given me an intervention about my obsession with their story much sooner.

They would have reminded me that no matter how creative, poignant or thoughtfully designed I deemed it, it's a story made for a TV show.

Better yet, it's a TV show where I and many other fans got wrapped up in semantics and lost track of its point.

Like any die-hard viewer of HIMYM, I was strung along from detail to detail and season to season waiting for the clues that would finally lead Ted to divulge how he met "The Mother" — and why it was such a long and important tale.

And in the end — spoiler alert — all of the viewer-generated theories that sought to answer that question were kind of correct. I almost wish I were joking.

A lot happened in this show's finale. Among those things were babies, a wedding, a divorce, a death and several reunions. That's a lot to cram into a 44-minute episode.

But if any show could pull it off, it'd

For more, check out "The numbers behind 'How I Met Your Mother'" at <http://mastmedia.plu.edu>

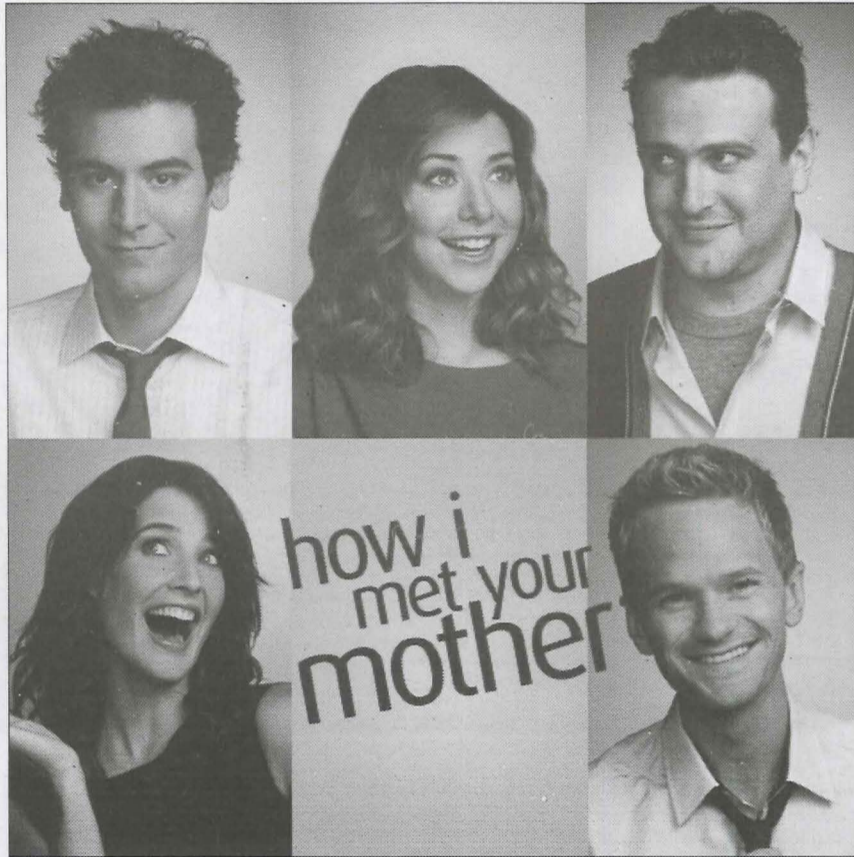


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More than 12.9 million viewers watched Monday night's series finale of the CBS sitcom "How I Met Your Mother." The controversial finish for which fans waited nine seasons for was the show's most-watched episode.

be HIMYM.

Throughout its entire run, HIMYM has been a show that cared about each and every one of its 9,125 scenes. With its flash-forwards, flashbacks and its long-winded story arcs, it seemed to effortlessly provide viewers the consistency and continuity that most shows overlook. And fans paid attention.

As the finale neared, my heart sank as I read online speculations that Ted's motive for telling the story was because "The Mother" was dead.

It took so long for us to meet her.

But since every scene can later be circled back to, fans knew Ted's season eight wish for 45 more days with his future wife could serve as plausible justification for 'The Mother's Dead' theory, just as much as a seemingly off-handed exchange of dialogue during this season's "Vesuvius" episode could nail her into the coffin.

That's the thing about HIMYM: it never makes off-handed comments. In this show, everything — for better or worse — happens for a reason.

This entire season was dedicated to Barney and Robin's wedding. In the finale's flash-forward to three years from last week's ceremony, Robin and

Barney divorce. Season nine may now seem like a waste of time, but it wasn't.

It showcased all of the little character nuances that punctuated why the two were flawed for the marriage, let alone one another.

And as far as the long-awaited reveal of "The Mother" (Tracy, played by Cristin Milioti) and the moment when Ted meets her, that was all the show ever promised. It delivered that.

Viewers, myself included, still had time to fall in love with her quirks. She was the perfect match. Yet the reason she wasn't introduced until the end of the eighth season suggests the final moral of the story: it was never really about her, just how Ted met her.

From the very title, the show has been about Ted. From the pilot episode, Ted's attention has been on Robin. For better or worse, that storyline came full circle.

It may not have been the finale I'd have written for my beloved series, but I'm satisfied.

It answered my lingering questions — except for why Future Ted sounded like Bob Saget for so long — and it even kept me laughing, hypothesizing and crying all the way to its much-hyped, controversial finish.

Proctor Art Gallery showcases local artists

By **BLAKE JEROME**
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The Tacoma community is home to more local art than what Pacific Lutheran's University Gallery displays.

The Proctor Art Gallery, located in the heart of the historic Proctor Business District in downtown Tacoma, is home to a wide variety of different styles of art created by a number of local artists.

The gallery features work in watercolor, oil, acrylic, mixed media, jewelry, pottery, glass, metal and wood.

Carolyn Burt founded the gallery in 2008 and since its opening, she has seen about 400-600 visitors per month.

"I taught art at every level for 24 years," Burt said. "After retiring I decided to fulfill my dream of opening an art gallery."

The gallery uses a cooperative (co-op) business model, meaning its members voluntarily work together in order to showcase their work in the store. The gallery's 18 members each work two shifts per month and attend regular events at the gallery in order to meet and greet with potential customers.

Burt said retail galleries usually charge the artists a 50 percent commission on each sale. However, because her business is a co-op, she only charges the artists 10 percent on each sale. Artists must also pay a minimal monthly rental fee for their space in the gallery.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Proctor Art Gallery must apply and then go through a jury selection process. Other artists, however, prefer to sell their work on consignment, which means the artist is subject to retail fees.

"Pacific Lutheran University art students are welcome to apply to our gallery. We are always looking for connections within the community," Joni Joachims, a local jeweler and five-year gallery member, said. "We pride ourselves on only accepting quality work. However, it isn't an easy gallery to become a member of."

The Tacoma Weekly and South Sound Magazine voted the Proctor Art Gallery the best art gallery in Tacoma in 2012. The gallery also placed fifth in the King 5 best of Western Washington contest for "Best Art Gallery."

"The art featured is nice, but it isn't unaffordable," Joachims said. "Our art ranges in price from \$10 all the way up to \$2,000. We even offer a layaway program."

Expertise, reputation of the artist and time spent are some of the factors that determine how much a specific piece is valued at.

"Every artist here has fans who come in to see their work," Joachims said.

"Art feeds the soul and mankind was born to create," Burt said. "Overcoming the fear of what someone will think of your work and the fear of being rejected is the difficult part of the art process."

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Exhibit commemorates anti-Nazi student group's resistance and resolve

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Today's students had the chance to learn about German students of the 1940s during the library's exhibit on the Nazi resistance group, *Die Weisse Rose*, or The White Rose. University students led and operated The White Rose.

Numerous stands with information and pictures dotted the ground floor of the library and continued up to the second and third floors. The information ranged from profiles on specific members to general information on The White Rose and related Holocaust material.

The exhibit has been touring the U.S. and appeared at Pacific Lutheran University March 10, the week of the Powell-Heller Holocaust Conference, and concluded Tuesday.

The White Rose is a fairly exceptional group in Holocaust history, because most young people in Germany were pro-Nazi.

"The war was so big, but you hear about all of these little things that people did that had an impact."

Richard Olson
junior

"Most German youth thought they were being idealistic in their enthusiasm for the Nazi party," professor Bob Ericksen, the Kurt Mayer chair of Holocaust studies, said. "This is a real story about outliers."

When Ericksen teaches the Holocaust 360 course, students watch the film "Sophie Scholl: The Final Days," which details one of the primary leaders within The White Rose and her resistance when she is arrested and later executed for distributing anti-Nazi pamphlets.

"The acting and the directing of the film are really high quality," Ericksen

said. "There's a real sense of realism — the way they [the actors] dress, the way they behave, the kind of interrogation they go through."

The Nazis also arrested Sophie Scholl's brother Hans Scholl and their friend and fellow resistor, Christoph Probst. All three were some of the individuals who had full-length panels in the exhibit detailing their lives and contributions to the anti-Nazi effort.

The primary students of The White Rose also included Willi Graf and Alexander Schmorell. The members rejected the Hitler

Youth, joined prohibited youth groups and read banned books for information.

According to interrogation records, Hans Scholl created the name, The White Rose, randomly, "proceeded from the assumption that powerful propaganda has to contain certain phrases which do not necessarily mean anything, but which sounds good which stand for a programme."

The White Rose most notably released six different pamphlets criticizing Hitler and the Nazis from 1942-43. In February 1943, Schmorell, Graf and Hans Scholl tagged buildings with slogans such as "Down with Hitler" and "Freedom."

Junior Richard Olson took the Holocaust 360 course with Ericksen last spring and learned about The White Rose.

"It's a big exhibit focusing around one thing, which is eye-opening that this one little thing that a group of people did had so much in it," Olson said. "The war was so big, but you hear about all of these little things that people did that had impact."

Swing club holds Disney-themed fairy tale dance

By LEAH TRAXEL
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A few beauties and even a beast danced the night away at the first ever fairy tale dance Monday in Anderson University Center.

The event, sponsored by the Swing Dance Club, was an opportunity for attendees to dress up as their favorite fairy tale character.

Natalie DeFord, the club's public relations coordinator, planned the event after seeing a new favorite Disney movie.

"When 'Frozen' came out, I got really excited about Disney music," DeFord said. "Then we just kind of realized that a lot of Disney

movies have swing-able songs in them, so I thought: 'If we can swing dance to any type of music, why not Disney music?'"

DeFord said that attendance usually spikes on special event nights such as Halloween and other holiday dances.

"People seem to really like when we have a themed night, so I'm hoping to do them once a month in the future."

Andrew Morris, a two-year veteran of the club, dressed up as Ron Stoppable from the Disney series "Kim Possible."

"This is one of the more fun experiences when we do big dances," Morris said.

DeFord said swing dancing is an inherently social activity, which is a big draw for some.

"It's a good way for people to just come together and dance," DeFord said. "It's also very social, I like that."

Club president and junior



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Senior Jayde Haggard dips junior Katrina Watson at Swing Dance Club's fairy tale dance Monday. Dancers wore festive costumes and danced to Disney music and classic swing-dance songs.



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Katrina Watson agreed, saying "when I found out there was a swing club at PLU, I was really excited. It was actually one of the reasons I came to PLU."

Swing Dance Club meets every Monday in The Cave and Wednesday in the lower AUC grey area at 8 p.m.

For more information about the club and upcoming events, check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/PLUSwing/>.



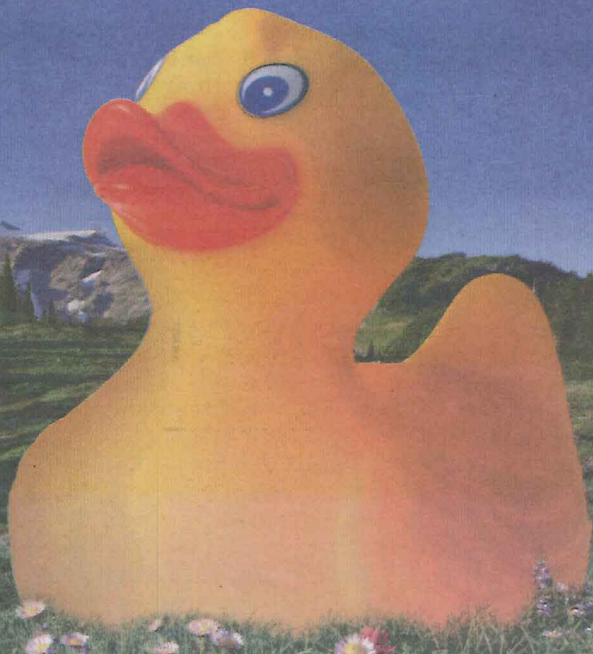
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Is it worth it?

High price of college degree will pay off in the future

By JILLIAN STANPHILL
Business Writer

While campus life presents plenty of distractions, it's difficult to forget the high price of an education at Pacific Lutheran University.

This thought is quickly followed by the ever-looming question, "Is it worth it?" as the dread of loans, hours of work and fear of the future comes to mind.

These questions are not only at the forefront of students' minds, but in the minds of educators themselves.

CollegeMeasures.org is a website database that collects information from thousands of universities nationwide to categorize degree and major worth.

Numbers may vary based on how frequently schools submit information, but a student can get a general idea of how much he or she will spend compared to what the particular degree is worth by state.

Elizabeth Dwoskin, a writer for Bloomberg, followed College Measures and the support of the state of Virginia.

Legislators have proposed to make a federal database, similar to College Measures, available to the public with updated information for every private and public university in the country.

It hasn't been voted for yet, but legislators have acknowledged the worth of the information.

Pacific Lutheran has increased tuition for the coming school year, 2014-15, to \$36,180.

Let's assume that a student will pay around \$144,720 for a degree earned in four years from PLU.

From this data, and one's own personal circumstances — loans, scholarship, financial aid — one can begin to estimate the amount needed to even out financially upon completion of a degree.

The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) released its 2013 Salary

Survey in January 2014.

This document offers a breakdown of the top-paying and top-hiring industries, as well as salary ranges for each individual bachelor and master's degree.

This data illustrates the specific industries that desire certain majors.

The NACE survey also provides up-to-date information on what the class of 2013 accomplished career-wise so that you have the most relevant information on what may happen after earning a diploma.

By focusing on those questions you can take the next step and do some research that may help you breathe easier or may encourage you to work harder, earn internships and diversify your resume.

There will be a need for someone with your degree.

Upon graduation and job search time, be fully invested in your capability to be the person needed to fill the job you want to lead to a career.

'MONOPOLY'

Pass go, collect business 'cents'



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By KELS MEJLAENDER
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A staple of the board games family, "Monopoly" is more than just a fun pastime — it's a tool for learning business strategies.

Growing up, children can learn a lot about business savvy practices and responsible finances from the game about avoiding bankruptcy. These are some of the things you learn when you "pass go, collect \$200."

1. Keeping track of finances

Nothing puts a damper on your roll more than realizing all the money you have left consists of a few fives and ones.

"Monopoly" forces players to practice responsible saving, aiming for that \$200 salary and looking to build a sizable chunk of change for investments.

Like in life, "Monopoly" teaches players to spend wisely, because the money isn't guaranteed to keep on coming.

2. Knowing when to invest

Of course, you have to spend money to make money, and "Monopoly" encourages wise and timely investments.

Players have to strategize what to buy — a low-cost property that will yield little rent or a pricey one that may yield more — and when to buy it.

Properties are only available to buy when you land on them, and while waiting might be more financially responsible in the short-term, "Monopoly" teaches players to plan ahead and see how spending now can result in a windfall later.

3. Arranging business deals

Game changing trades occur when you are polite, persuasive and show your opponents everything they have to gain by trading one or a set of properties for some of your properties or money.

Thus, "Monopoly" also teaches the art of smooth business dealing.

4. Vigilance in business upkeep

Another aspect of responsible business behavior is monitoring your properties. According to "Monopoly" rules, if someone lands on your property and you do not collect rent before her or his turn ends, you cannot collect it at all.

This teaches players to pay attention to their assets and monitor their businesses, because a

lapse of attention directly affects the contents of your savings.

5. Facing the reality of interest

Alas, even when you are a responsible businessperson, sometimes properties fail to return the profits you need, and to pay the rents of your opponents, sacrifices must be made.

In "Monopoly," properties can be mortgaged and immediately supply the mortgager with a sum of money.

However, this money doesn't come free, because to get their money-making properties back, players have to pay 10 percent interest on their mortgages.

6. Knowing there's an element of chance

As with everything in life, business is rife with good and bad luck.

Whether it's a roll of the dice that lands you in jail or an opponent landing on and purchasing the last property you needed to complete your monopoly, there are some aspects of business you simply cannot control.

"Monopoly" helps players learn how to accept the things they cannot control and then move forward to make the best of it.



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Secrets of Marketing: Learn these common tricks to save you from manipulation

By KATELYNN PADRON
Business Writer

Some call it marketing, others call it manipulation. Companies use a multitude of strategies to get shoppers to buy more, and many consumers don't even recognize many of these tricks in action.

Businesses carefully optimize each element of an item for sale, — from item placement to decor — to create more spending.

You may not notice these strategies, but chances are they affect your spending habits.

One of the most common tricks companies use is the method of insinuating freshness.

For example, you may be caught in a sudden rainstorm when buying produce at the grocery store.

Stores use mist machines to keep produce looking fresh. You are much more likely to purchase crisp, dewy spinach than a bunch of dry, wilted leaves.

However, these mist machines actually do more harm to your produce than good.

In 1990, *The New York Times* reported an outbreak of

'Legionnaires' disease, a flu-like illness, spread by the mist machines at a Louisiana Winn-Dixie.

The Louisiana Office of Public Health found 34 people infected by the system, two of whom died.

Connie Morbach, a microbiologist for Sanit-Air Inc., said the sprinklers are "not a problem unless you inhale the droplets."

She said she suggests shoppers avoid the mist.

Some stores play a thunder sound to alert customers that the sprinklers are about to come on.

This can give you the opportunity to avoid an unwanted shower.

Another way stores insinuate freshness is by placing flowers and produce near the entrance.

"Flowers, as everyone knows, are among the freshest, most perishable objects on earth," Martin Lindstrom, marketing expert and author of the book "Brandwashed," wrote. "Fresh flowers are placed right up front: to 'prime' us to think of freshness the moment we enter the store."

Whole Foods follows this freshness recipe, Lindstrom

said, and hopes its customers associate the entire store with freshness because of that first impression.

A second popular technique that marketers use to increase sales is to put the necessities in the back of the store.

You may have wondered why you have to head into the depths of a store for necessities like bread, cereal and milk.

Leah Zerbe from RodaleNews.com wrote "grocery store milk, and other things that just about everybody needs, are put in the back of the store so you (and your children) are more likely to make impulse purchases as you make your way the dairy section and back."

No wonder those Oreos made their way into your cart.

Store placement is not likely to have been the only reason for those Oreos to end up in your cart — marketers have also harnessed the science of craving.

Beverage companies set their coolers to exactly the right temperature to create "sweat" on the outside of cans.

Lindstrom said this sweat triggers a craving for the product.



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Grocery stores often place flowers near the entrance to insinuate freshness.

"What those little drops of sweat signal to us subconsciously is that the beverage is not just cold but ice-cold," Lindstrom wrote, "which as everyone knows, makes soda a million times more tasty and refreshing."

Many companies also include addictive ingredients in their products to induce craving.

MSG, sugar and caffeine are among the worst perpetrators.

"Caffeine activates the pleasure centers of the brain by slowing down the rate of dopamine reabsorption," Lindstrom wrote, "making us feel peppy and good (cocaine and heroin do the same thing, but obviously to a much greater degree)."

Once consumers are no longer caffeinated, Lindstrom said, they begin to feel tired and irritable.

In order to return to a positive state, one must consume more caffeine.

The same goes for sugar — found in large quantities in most soft drinks — and MSG, which is found in most salty snacks, like Doritos.

Next time you pick up a few things from Walgreens on Pacific Avenue, remember that marketers have engineered everything to encourage you to spend.

Save some money by recognizing these tricks and keeping your money in your wallet.

Did you know?

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Wanderlust:

Give travel destinations a second chance

By **ALLIE REYNOLDS**
News @ Nine Producer

While most students were in class looking forward to their spring break adventures, a lucky few members of Mast Media's Editorial Board, myself included, were able to attend the College Media Association Conference in New York City.

I had once visited New York City for a few days during the summer before I started high school, and I remember not being too impressed. Of course, I was on a student tour with teachers for chaperones.

The tour was hasty and cut short due to a cancelled plane ride days earlier. I remember the smell of garbage, loud noises and rude people wherever I went.

So while I was looking forward to attending the conference and learning new ideas and tips, I was a little nervous about the idea of being in New York City itself.

I had always thought I'd feel too overwhelmed living in a big city, but I loved New York. I loved the energy, the different attractions and the fact that basically anything can be delivered to your closet of an apartment.

Our temporary housing location, an apartment we were able to rent for the week, was located on the Upper West Side, a couple blocks away from Central Park.

We had to take the subway to explore the sights and sounds of the city and to get to the conference every day near Times Square.

I was nervous at first — I didn't want to look like a tourist — but I came back to Seattle wishing we had our own subway system to make getting around easier for everyone.

We were also lucky enough to score tickets to Jimmy Fallon's "The Tonight Show" monologue rehearsal.

As a huge fan, it was amazing being in the historic Studio 6B in Rockefeller Center and seeing the studio and the host that I watched nearly every day in person.



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Allie Reynolds, Mast Media's News @ Nine Producer, poses next to a promotional sign for The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. The junior and other Mast Media staff attended a Fallon monologue rehearsal while in New York City for a journalism conference in March.

Based on the audience's reactions to jokes, Fallon decided which ones to use for the actual show that night. It was an incredible experience, and I'm so glad that it worked out for us. It's definitely something I'll never forget.

At the College Media Conference we learned new tips for the journalism world outside Pacific Lutheran University and also tips on reporting to improve the newspaper and our website itself.

While I learned a lot at the conference, I feel like I learned more about myself by exploring the surrounding city and a whole different coastline.

New York City is the hub of all media, which is something I definitely want to work in after my time at

PLU.

I never even considered the idea of moving to New York City and applying for jobs across the country, but after my experiences there, I definitely will be considering jobs across the country.

If you visited a city, a country or even a town when you were younger and didn't like it, my advice is to give that place a second chance. We're constantly changing as people, especially in college, with new experiences under our belt every day.

I'm so glad I was able to travel to New York City again in my 20s, because it was a trip that showed me I was ready to move on from the suburbs and into the city if that's what works out for me.

Controversial selfies for good cause not courageous, but effective

By **TAHLIA TERHUNE**
Columnist



Selfies are now serving a purpose, though not without controversy. As a way to spread awareness for cancer research, the newest trend is to post a selfie without makeup.

Originating in the United Kingdom, this trend has become popular in the U.S. The promotion, although created with good intentions, is creating a controversy.

The idea is simple: you bravely snap a photo of yourself all natural and post it online. Users will tag their friends and challenge them to do the same, stimulating a chain reaction.

The goal is to get as many people as possible involved to raise awareness for

cancer.

Some believe this new act is both empowering to women and helping the fight against cancer. On the other hand, some argue that it is insensitive to women who have been through chemo and it is irrelevant to actually supporting cancer.

Kristina Egan of the *The Huffington Post* writes that the movement of selfies is empty. It lacks the actual desire to effectively help raise awareness for cancer or contribute to funds for research. However, she adds that the controversy of this movement itself has helped increase awareness.

One woman, who previously had battled cancer, commented on one of these selfies stating how she relied on makeup during chemo to help her feel beautiful during the hair loss. The irony of this trend had personally offended her.

One of the major flaws of this trend seems to be that the no-makeup selfie is being considered as a courageous act. Clearly, an act like removing makeup is minimally courageous when compared to the difficulty of and courage necessary for cancer.

There needs to be a more sensitive

language toward those partaking in this and a stronger sense of respect for who they are trying to help.

"I think there are good intentions behind them [no-makeup selfies], but they're not relevant," senior Mary Agnes Villanueva said. "There has to be better ways to boost cancer awareness than this. But I guess any movement for the cause is better than nothing."

Regardless of the issues surrounding the trend, it did prove financially beneficial to the fight against cancer. People pledged upwards of £2 million to be donated within 48 hours, according to the Independent.com.

While women who post their bare faces for social media to see may appear to be empowering women more so than supporting the fight against cancer, at least something is being done to draw attention. What they have begun to do is open up a dialogue for people to discuss what it means to be aware.

There have been donations from this trend, and that alone is reason enough to encourage it. It may not be the most holistically pleasing way to raise awareness, but it has made an impact. To make an impact is better than nothing.



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Lutes should lend a hand in landslide aftermath

BY SAMANTHA LUND
Columnist



Sometimes in what seem like the worst moments, we get the pleasure of being reminded how wonderful other people can be. The mudslide in Darrington, Wash. has given us the chance to see how extraordinary people can be in the face of catastrophe.

The minute the mudslide hit March 22 at 10:37 a.m., many Darrington survivors were on scene to help their neighbors and rescue anyone and anything they could.

Ever since the slide, Washington, along with the rest of the country, has been supporting the people of the slide and giving much needed help and supplies.

The mudslide swallowed homes, destroyed the landscape and as of Thursday 29 people have died and 20 are still missing. The amount of support pouring in for the victims of the slide is incredible.

If you do not have a chance to go up to Darrington and see it, watch any news program or read any Washington paper, and they will show the humane acts taking place.

Stores are giving away free supplies for people working on the rescue team, boy and girl scouts are collecting food to donate, high schools and churches are lending their space to foster people who lost their homes and people are stopping their daily routines to give their time and volunteer on the site.

Our support for the victims should be pouring in with the rest of Washington's. Pacific Lutheran University is known for giving back to the community and helping however we can.

We help the environment, we participate in community outreach projects and we help each other each time we hold a door open for an abnormally long period of time just to be polite to the next person. We are a community of givers.

Deciding to give back is the hardest part for most people but probably the easiest for Lutes. The hard part for us is deciding how to give back.

There are already more than enough people in the slide area giving hands-on help. The city reports that it needs more money to continue the efforts and maintain spirits.

Of course, you do not want to throw your money at

something without knowing it will directly help. However, there are charities that ensure your money will go toward the effort.

The United Way of Snohomish County has already pledged \$75,000 to the cause, and any more donations they receive will go directly to mudslide efforts.

If talking to someone on the phone is too '90s for you, you can donate to the Red Cross, which is helping with mudslide efforts, by texting "RedCross" to 90999.

When you text that number, you will automatically donate \$10. If you text your donation, it will come out in your phone bill rather than your bank account.

"I think giving donations is important," sophomore Sevryn Modahl said. "But along with giving donations, we should show our support by posting about it [on social media]." Modahl's hometown is Darrington's close neighbor, Arlington, a community that has been affected by the slide.

It's no secret most college students have empty bank accounts. If not, the money we do have gets spent on junk food and new apps for our phones.

If you do not have money to donate, and do not want to drive a couple hours to Darrington to donate food, you can join the support system online using the social media tools in your pocket.

Share pictures, tweet your support and educate your Facebook friends around the world on what is happening here in your home. That support can not only move people to help, but it also shows the affected community your support and helps it to push on through this disaster.

Let's support and send our neighbors the love they need now more than ever.

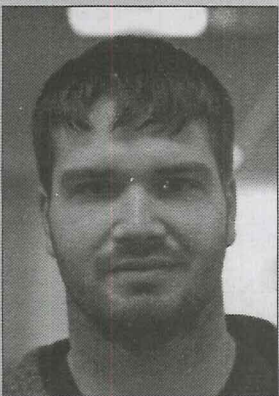
To show your support via social media, use the hashtags #osostrong and #530slide.

Give it an extra Lute touch and add #lutesforoso.

LETTER FROM THE COPY EDITOR:

I've got 99 problems, but handouts ain't one

By BLAKE JEROME
Copy Editor



Military veterans are one of the most important diversity groups in the country today — this was the message Pacific Lutheran University received March 20.

Safe Streets and Pierce County VetCorps partnered with PLU to host a veterans' issues meeting in the Anderson University Center to address some of the problems military veterans and their families face in Pierce County.

It opened with the reading of Anthony M. Hassan's "I'm Coming Home," a poem that raises the question, "What is society doing to help its troops transition to civilian life after their military service is complete?"

The overwhelming consensus: Pierce County needs to be a lot more veteran friendly.

Joanne Haffly, a United Service Organizations volunteer, said, "The rest

of the country forgets about our men and women in uniform. They go off to war while everyone else back here [United States] carries out their daily lives. I believe it is our responsibility to give them a leg up when they return."

While I agree that veterans should receive every benefit the military promised them in their enlistment contracts, I don't agree with the notion that it is society's responsibility to give our veterans a leg up.

Before I continue, I should mention that I served five years in the Army Military Police Corps — two and a half of those years in Iraq. I know what it feels like to be deployed to a place where each day holds a certain degree of ambivalence.

There is no arguing the military is tough. Soldiers, marines, airmen and sailors must endure hardships that a lot of people might not be able to handle. However, they knew what they were signing up for.

It is no secret that the United States was in a conflict with Iraq and is still in conflict with Afghanistan. By enlisting in any branch of the military, you accept the fact that you will likely be deployed.

The problem with expecting special treatment when exiting the military is the fact that no one asked anyone to join in the first place.

If service members had been torn away from their

families in a draft, forced to quit their jobs and placed in a situation where they could potentially be killed, it would obviously be different.

But just as a police officer or firefighter chooses to risk his or her life on a daily basis for the good of a community, so does the military service member.

The military preaches to all of its members a set of values that it strives to achieve, one of which is selfless service. According to Merriam-Webster, "selfless" means: "having or showing great concern for other people and little or no concern for yourself."

If service members truly live by this definition — and most soldiers I know do try — then they can't expect any form of reciprocity for services rendered to their country other than what has already been promised to them in their enlistment contract, otherwise it would no longer be a selfless service.

Veterans who earn an honorable discharge already receive the G.I. Bill, which helps pay for 36 months of schooling. They are also entitled to at least one guaranteed VA home loan in their lifetime, as well as many other benefits.

Non-service members are often expected to go to college or go straight into the work force and find gainful employment. They too are hard workers just trying to make ends meet. A veteran

being hired over a college educated person for the sole reason that they were in the military is incredibly unfair.

However, there are instances when military members should be allowed special opportunities.

If a service member is badly injured in the line of duty — loss of limb, eyesight or some other extreme physical or mental damage — then it would be acceptable for an employer to give special consideration to them when hiring, since the same care is given to civilians when they are injured on the job.

If I learned anything at the veteran issues' meeting, it's that the debate is ongoing. There are those who don't want handouts, because they feel they worked too hard in the military to be given special treatment when they get out.

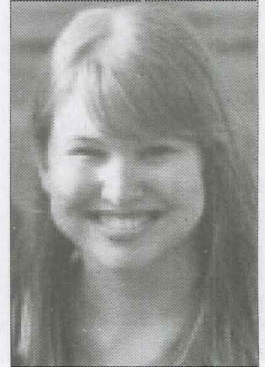
There are also those who think that because they performed a service that others weren't willing to do, they should be given opportunities that others aren't entitled to.

We can decide to give handouts to veterans or treat them as equals and require them to put in the same work as everyone else.

Regardless of where people stand, however, the military has a huge presence in Pierce County. As responsible citizens we can't continue to ignore the issue, because it isn't going away anytime soon.

PLU events can take us beyond education

By SHANNON MCCLAIN
Columnist



The ongoing Food Symposium at Pacific Lutheran University, which began Wednesday and runs through this Saturday, offers more than just an education on food democracy.

The philosophy department, Center for Community Engagement and Service and Trinity Lutheran Church organized the symposium.

The topic is food democracy, and it will address local and global ways to solve the problem of hunger and the lack of access to food in some parts of the world.

It began with a keynote address by Professor Thomas Pogge, the director of the Global Justice Program and a Leitner Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University.

A series of panel discussions with faculty members and members of the community followed the address.

Students presented posters, held food demonstrations and participated in a community meal and a day of service.

As I looked at the schedule for this event, I began to wonder what PLU's reasons were for putting on events such as this one.

Of course, it is a college campus, and events like these could be purely for educational purposes. In some ways, they are intended to educate and inform on a particular issue in our world.

Then my gaze drifts to the day of volunteer service. This is a different kind of education than keynote addresses and panel discussions. This volunteer work is education through experiencing the reality of the issue.

I used to volunteer at a shelter for women who had experienced abuse, both physical and emotional, at the hands of their husbands, boyfriends or other intimate partners.

No matter what facts and information I gathered about domestic violence, none of it compared to the reality of watching these women try to move forward and create a new life for themselves.

Seeing the issue firsthand through volunteer work inspires awe and can evoke passion. For some, this passion may even lead to a vocation.

Vocation almost becomes synonymous with passion at PLU. It is advocated as an important piece of the school's curriculum and atmosphere.

It is the ending question of Mary Oliver's poem "The Summer Day:" "what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?"

The significance for PLU and for us as students is that we are at the gateway of our future. We are trying to figure out what we want to do with our lives.

Junior Liandra Daniels said vocation is "a path others follow that brings them to conclude who they are and want to become."

It is PLU's hope that we will do something that matters to us, that we are passionate about and that is our vocation.

PLU provides us with events like the Food Symposium not only so that we will be educated on these different issues, but so that we will also discover a passion for something from an event.

This passion could lead us to find more than a suitable career — it could be a way for us to make a difference in the world.

SUDOKU High Fives

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HOW TO PLAY: Sudoku High Fives consists of five regular Sudoku grids sharing one set of 3-by-3 boxes. Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition. The numbers in any shared set of 3-by-3 boxes apply to each of the individual Sudokus.

PLU discusses cancer awareness selfies

The Mast asked students in a poll starting April 1 what they think of Facebook's cancer awareness "makeup selfies."

Join the conversation at <http://mastmedia.plu.edu/> in the Opinion section.

What do you think about Facebook's "No Makeup Selfies" for cancer awareness?

49% They are not the best way to spread awareness but it works. 26 votes

23% Other. 12 votes

19% They are offensive. 10 votes

6% They are fun and for a good cause. 3 votes

4% They are great! They get people talking about cancer awareness. 2 votes

Total votes 53

Results as of April 2, 11:00 p.m.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker March 16, 2014

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- 6 "Of ___ and Men"
- 10 College Bulldogs
- 14 Werewolves do it
- 15 One-___ vitamins
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- 17 Pass up
- 18 Go from blighted to gentrified
- 20 Swing Era pianist of "Black Sheep"
- 22 In the face of
- 26 Twilight time, to Tennyson
- 27 Easy and Elm (abbr.)
- 28 Never-ending
- 29 Goblet feature
- 31 Lone Huxtable son
- 32 Bean and Cool J
- 34 Architect Saarinen
- 37 Grammy-winning folk singer
- 41 Possible result of nonpayment
- 42 Campaigner, for short
- 43 Novelist Bagnold
- 45 "Bring on the weekend!" letters
- 48 Ponderer's comment
- 50 Sheep's plaint
- 53 Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
- 54 Like Carter's presidency
- 55 Award-winning ventriloquist
- 58 Certain commandment breaker
- 59 Shakespearean forest
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- 65 Verdi opera
- 66 Gullible
- 67 Coin action, for starters
- 68 Abound or swarm
- 69 Dairy-section nugget

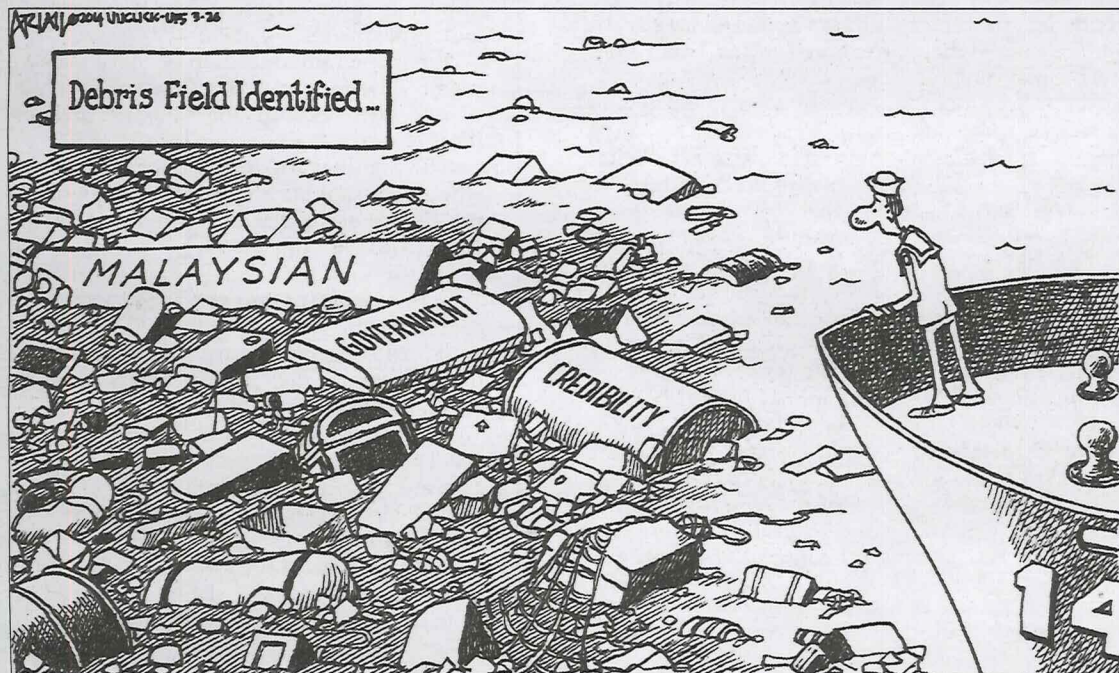
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- 4 Fuel efficiency abbr.
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- 6 Mr. Mastrianni
- 7 Potential problem-solver
- 8 Military groups
- 9 Shoelace opening
- 10 Mtn. road stat
- 11 Falana and Albright
- 12 Words for a stubborn sort
- 13 Fall months, for short
- 19 Wood overlay
- 21 Play for time
- 22 NYPD rank (abbr.)
- 23 It's a gas
- 24 "Now you ___, now you ..."
- 25 On time
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- 33 Have an evening meal
- 35 Washer cycle
- 36 Willow tree
- 38 Dairy-section offering
- 39 Projected 3-D image
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- 44 "___ Bones" (old spiritual)
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- 47 Spenser's "The ___ Queene"
- 49 Apartment dweller
- 50 Beauty's admirer
- 51 Enlarge, as one's lead
- 52 Malaria symptoms
- 56 Hannibal's high hurdles
- 57 Give advice to, way back when
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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Baseball

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Linfield	21	3	14-1	Won 10
PLU	16	9	8-3	Won 3
Willamette	16	10	10-4	Won 4
George Fox	20	6	10-5	Won 3
Puget Sound	7	13	5-7	Lost 4
Whitman	16	13	5-10	Won 6
Whitworth	6	17	3-9	Lost 9
Pacific	8	14	2-10	Lost 3
Lewis & Clark	8	15	2-10	Lost 3

LUTES' UPCOMING GAME: April 5 at Linfield, noon

Men's Tennis

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Whitman	10	3	7-0	Won 2
George Fox	7	2	5-1	Won 5
Pacific	8	3	5-1	Won 2
Whitworth	6	6	5-2	Won 1
Lewis & Clark	4	9	4-4	Lost 3
PLU	2	9	1-5	Lost 1
Willamette	1	8	1-5	Lost 5
Puget Sound	2	9	1-6	Lost 2
Linfield	0	7	0-5	Lost 7

LUTES' UPCOMING MATCH: April 4 at Pacific, 4 p.m.

AROUND THE LEAGUE...

TRACK & FIELD: Pacific Lutheran University senior Kyle Peart's hammer throw of 186-11 at the Puget Sound Peyton Scoring Meet this past weekend ranks second in NCAA Division III. He also ranks fifth in the nation in the shot put.

BASEBALL: Danny Clifford, a senior from George Fox, sparked the Bruins' winning streak this weekend with three doubles, a home run, six runs scored and five runs batted in. The Bruins swept Whitworth in three games.

SOFTBALL: Sophomore Amanda Woods, also from George Fox, led the Bruins with a double, three home runs, eight runs scored and 12 runs batted in over the past week.

TRACK & FIELD: Puget Sound's Alicia Burns helped her 4x400 meter relay squad run a sub-4:00 relay for first time in over 17 years. The relay's time of 3:59.17 set a Peyton Scoring Meet record and is the second fastest NWC time this season.

Statistics found at <http://www.nwcsports.com/landing/index>.

Softball

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Linfield	24	6	18-2	Won 3
Whitworth	22	8	14-4	Won 3
Willamette	14	13	10-7	Lost 1
Pacific	15	9	10-8	Won 1
George Fox	19	9	8-8	Lost 3
PLU	9	19	6-10	Won 1
Lewis & Clark	9	19	5-14	Won 2
Puget Sound	2	24	1-19	Lost 5

LUTES' UPCOMING GAME: Saturday at George Fox, noon

Women's Tennis

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	CONFERENCE	STREAK
Whitworth	9	3	7-0	Lost 2
Whitman	6	8	6-0	Lost 3
PLU	8	4	4-2	Won 2
Linfield	6	2	3-2	Won 5
Puget Sound	5	3	4-3	Lost 2
Willamette	3	4	2-4	Won 2
George Fox	6	8	2-5	Lost 1
Lewis & Clark	1	9	1-7	Lost 2
Pacific	2	8	0-6	Lost 1

LUTES' UPCOMING MATCH: Saturday vs. Willamette, 3:30 p.m.

Lutes rowing settles for fourth and fifth place at Daffodil Sprints

By TYLER SCOTT
Director of Athletic Communications

Weather concerns forced the cancellation of the second slate of races, but the Pacific Lutheran women's rowing team had a chance to compete in a pair of races at the Daffodil Sprints Saturday morning at American Lake.

The Lutes' first race was the women's Varsity 8, with PLU placing fourth overall. Puget Sound won the race with a time of 8:44.9, followed by Lewis & Clark (8:56.8) and University of Oregon (8:57.8). The Lutes finished with a time of 9:02.7 to beat out Washington State (9:37).

PLU closed out the day with a fifth-place finish in the women's Varsity 4 race. The Lutes completed the race with a time of 9:10.3, behind race-winner Western Washington (8:37.3), University of Portland 'A' (8:43), Willamette (8:57) and Portland State (9:04.3) and ahead of University of Portland 'B' (9:22.1) and Washington State.

The Lutes head to Vancouver this weekend for the NCRC Invitational set for 8 a.m. Saturday at Vancouver Lake.

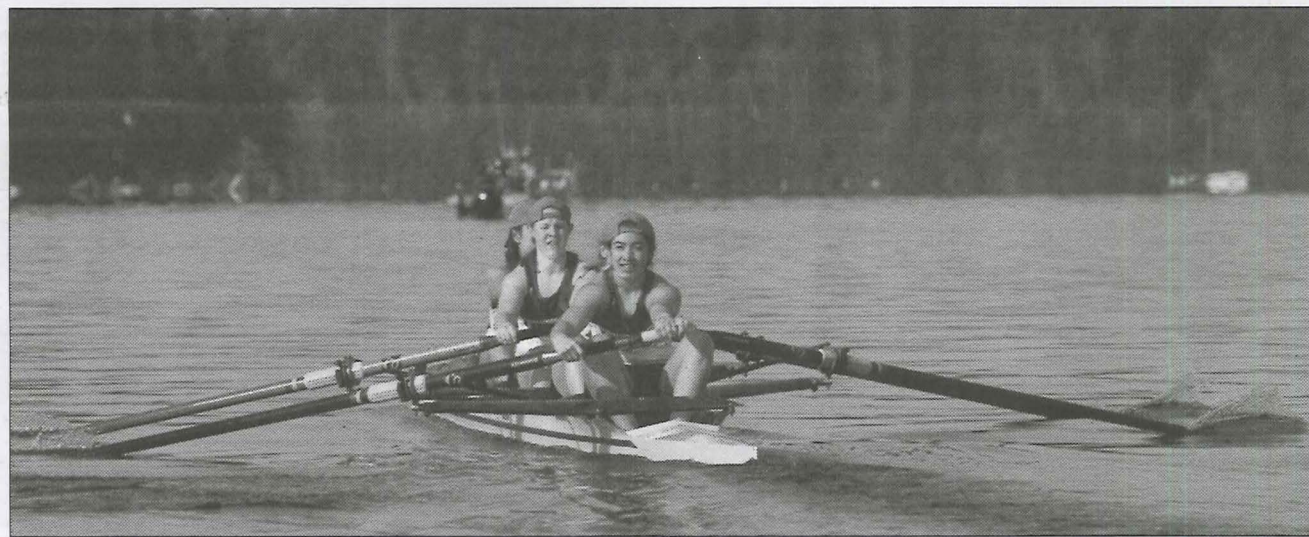


PHOTO BY JESSE MAJOR

The women's rowing team has been recognized as Pacific Lutheran University's latest varsity sport. The Lutes are coached by Thomas Schlenker, who was a former crew member at the University of Washington.

LUTES BASEBALL TEAM MANAGES ONLY 10 COMBINED RUNS AGAINST THE HATED LOGGERS OVER THREE GAMES

Will the Kentucky Wildcats or the Wisconsin Badgers prove to be victorious this weekend in a highly anticipated Final Four matchup?

By SAM HORN
Sports Editor

This is the week of sharing, because after all, sharing is caring.

Two weekends ago, the Lutes squared off against their hated nemesis, University of Puget Sound. In three games, the Lutes scored a combined 10 runs, going 1-2 over the weekend.

With that said, I asked the Mast Sports Pick 'Em contestants how many combined runs the Lutes would score against the Loggers. Three of them, Cale Powers, Alan Bell and Drew Oord said 14, so I gave them all the win.

I decided it would be in my best interest to be kind instead of give no one the win.

That's just coldhearted. Moving forward, the Final Four is upon us and many people nationwide could not have dreamed that Kentucky, Florida, Connecticut and Wisconsin would be remaining. Well, with the exception of Florida, because they're the top overall seed.

One of the Final Four games, the matchup between Kentucky and Wisconsin is particularly intriguing because both teams are seemingly equal on paper.

Both teams' tempos are relatively slow-paced and they don't rush their shots. They take their time.

Kentucky and Wisconsin pride themselves in rebounding, as both teams averaged 33 or more rebounds a game.

Kentucky has the slight edge in

rebounding, so it'll be interesting to see what the overarching theme will be that determines the winner in this contest.

All the craziness of March Madness ends in the next couple of days. As sad as that is, it will be exciting to see who the winner is after the past few weeks of neverending surprises.

If Wisconsin prevails over the hungry Kentucky Wildcats, Powers will be the sole owner of first place.

Nearly every contestant, except for Kyle Peart, picked Wisconsin. If Kentucky wins, that could alter the Mast Sports Pick 'Em standings a tad.

The Kentucky Wildcats and Wisconsin Badgers will kick off their game at 5:49 p.m. this Saturday. CBS will air the game.

Cale Powers (2-2)
Prediction: Wisconsin

Alan Bell (1-3)
Prediction: Wisconsin

Drew Oord (1-3)
Prediction: Wisconsin

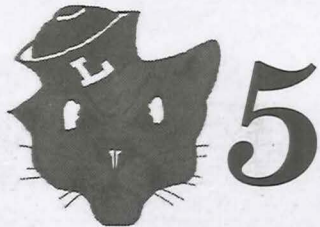
Kyle Peart (1-3)
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Michelle Hogan (0-3)
Prediction: Wisconsin

Softball team splits the weekend against powerhouse Linfield



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By NICK BARENE
Sports Writer

GAMES STATISTICS

Combined hits: 36

Combined home runs: 5

Combined errors: 10

Combined walks: 14

Combined pop flies: 81

Combined number of strikes: 303

Total strikeouts: 13

Combined number of runs: 19

Total attendance: 347

Statistics found at <http://golutes.com/sports/>



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LUTES RALLY PAST LINFIELD FOR LONE VICTORY OF WEEKEND

In a pair of games against fifth-ranked Linfield this past weekend, the Pacific Lutheran University softball team managed a 7-5 win in the first game and a 5-2 loss in the second.

In the first game, the Lutes trailed 2-1 until the fourth inning when they exploded with a five-run rally.

With two outs and the bases loaded, first-year Emily McConnell slapped a single that brought in the tying run.

Senior Spencer Sherwin then smacked a double to right centerfield that scored three runs.

The next batter, fellow senior Lindsey Matsunaga, reached base on a fielder's choice and Sherwin was able to score.

Both McConnell and Sherwin were able to handle being up to bat with two outs and the bases loaded. Neither batter let the

moment get too big for them, and they came through with clutch at-bats for the Lutes.

"I fully immerse myself in the task at hand, because that's really all I have control over in that moment," Sherwin said.

Linfield scored two runs in the sixth inning to draw within two.

In the bottom half of the sixth inning, senior Katie Lowery earned an RBI on a fielder's choice to bring the Lute's run total to seven.

The visiting Wildcats scored a run in the seventh inning, but pitcher Kelsey Robinson, a junior, recorded the save for the Lutes.

Starter Leah Butters, a junior, earned her fourth win of the season while giving up three earned runs on eight hits with one strikeout and two walks.

The second game began with both teams hitting home runs in the first inning, with senior Spencer Sherwin going yard for the Lutes.

Linfield also scored a run on a bases loaded walk in the second inning, and the score remained 2-1 until the bottom of the fifth inning.

Robinson earned an RBI on a groundout to tie the game. But in the seventh inning, the Wildcats put up three runs and recorded the final outs to win the game.

Robinson, who started the game on the mound after earning the save in the previous game, took the loss.

She pitched 6.1 innings and gave up four earned runs on 11 hits with two strikeouts and five walks. She also had a solid pair of games at the plate, going 4-7 with an RBI.

The Lutes struggled to find

their groove offensively in the game, stranding 10 runners on base over the course of the contest.

Despite losing the second game, the team felt good about the way they played.

"Linfield has consistently been our toughest competition the four years our seniors have been here, so beating them definitely confirmed that our team has a lot of talent," Sherwin said. "This year has been all about figuring out who we are as a team, and these past couple of weeks. I think we have made some great strides."

PLU moves to 8-18 overall and 5-9 in Northwest Conference play. Linfield is now 22-6 overall and 16-2 in NWC play. The Lutes will take on George Fox April 4-6.

Baseball avoids three-game sweep against crosstown rivals

By GIANCARLO SANTORO
Guest Writer



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LUTES LOSE IN EPIC PITCHERS' DUEL

Four hours, 442 pitches and 15 innings later, the Pacific Lutheran University men's baseball team fell at home to crosstown rival University of Puget Sound, 2-0.

In what can only be described as a pitchers' duel, it took until the top of the 15th inning for UPS to score the all-important two runs to claim its first win of the three-game series.

With the win, UPS improved to 6-9 overall and 5-3 in Northwest Conference, while PLU dropped to 12-6 overall and 7-2 in NWC.

"Playing UPS is always an important weekend for us," junior AJ Konopaski said. "Not only are they conference games, but they are our crosstown rival, and we always want to have the best team in Tacoma."

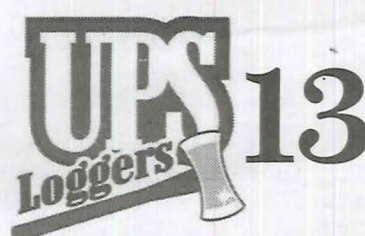
The game turned out to be an endurance test for both sides, with pitchers Konopaski and junior Trevor Lubking pitching 4.2 and 8.1 shutout innings respectively. Despite the good showing by the Lute pitchers, Logger pitchers Jarrod Beiser and Troy Kakugawa came away with the win.

Offensively, sophomores Tyler Thompson and Drew Oord and junior Colin Nilson came the closest to putting the Lutes on the board, but couldn't make the breakthrough.

"This weekend, we didn't have very much offensive production," Lubking said. "We lacked the big hit or hits on Saturday in the marathon of a game and UPS had the one clutch inning and came out on top."



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LOGGERS THRASH LUTES

It turned out to be one of those days for the Lutes, with officials postponing the second game of the day due to darkness with UPS leading 13-6 in the bottom of the eighth inning.

Despite PLU taking a 2-0 lead into the third inning, UPS smashed four straight runs on four hits in the fourth before junior Curtis Wildung made it 4-3 in the bottom of the fourth with a solo home run.

UPS extended its lead in the fifth and put the game away in the sixth by hitting four doubles and seven runs to create a lopsided 12-3 score.

After going down another run in the top of the eighth, PLU tallied three runs in the bottom of the same inning to make it 13-6 until darkness made the game unplayable.

"The team lacked timely hitting in the first two games," senior Alec Beal said. "We left a lot of runners on base and couldn't drive them in. That first game also seemed to give UPS all the momentum heading into the second game."



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LUTES ABLE TO AVOID THREE STRAIGHT LOSSES WITH A NAILBITING VICTORY

Determined to avoid a sweep, PLU took the third game of the rivalry series 5-4 Sunday. "Coach Loomis told us to 'flush' Saturday after the game had been postponed," junior Trevor Lubking said. "He said that they may have won today, but the sun comes up and tomorrow is a new day. And that's the mentality we all had going into Sunday, and we pulled out a victory."

With the win, PLU sits near the top of the NWC with a 13-7 overall record and 8-3 in conference. Despite the two wins, UPS still sits behind PLU in the standings after dropping to 7-10 overall and 5-4 in NWC.

"Losing the first two games was tough, but we definitely wanted to avoid a sweep," Konopaski said. "Winning the third game not only prevented us from getting swept by our rivals, but it kept our NWC title hopes intact."

Junior Chris Bishop pitched for the Lutes through eight innings and didn't give up a run until the sixth. Konopaski took over in the ninth and threw a perfect inning to come away with the win.

Beal, Nilson, Oord and first-years Ben Welch and Jacob Clements all batted in runs for the Lutes.

"Our team has a lot of promise going forward, and we are still in control of our own destiny," Konopaski said. "We just need to continue to improve from an offensive perspective, and we will win a lot of games."

Splitting their four-game road trip in California, the Lutes will take on Linfield Saturday. Game time is set for noon and will take place in McMinnville, Ore.

SAM SAYS...

By **SAM HORN**
Sports Editor

It hasn't even been two years, but the scent of a national champion is in the air at Pacific Lutheran University.

In 2012, the PLU softball team won the national title and didn't seem to struggle during its impressive run. In celebration of the momentous occasion, former governor Christine Gregoire named May 25 "Pacific Lutheran University softball day."

This year, the other PLU team armed with bats seems ready to win it all this year.

Yes, I'm referring to the baseball team.

In years past, the baseball team has settled for mediocrity. The baseball team hasn't been crowned Northwest Conference champions since 2009.

That drought could end in 2014, because this year is different.

This year, the baseball team is armed with some heavy artillery accompanied by a stingy defense and an unrelenting pitching staff.

This year is destined for greatness.

The baseball team came alive this March after settling for a 5-4 record in February.

On March 1, the baseball team squared off against Willamette in a doubleheader, winning the two games by a combined score of 12-1.

That was only the beginning.

The baseball team went on to win four

consecutive games, limiting its opponents to less than three runs in three of the games during the victorious span. This was due, in part, to the team's stellar defense.

Through 24 games, the PLU defense as a collective whole has compiled a .968 fielding percentage. Opposing batters haven't had the luxury of getting on base via an error on a consistent basis.

This PLU defense is the real deal.

While the fielders have been nothing short of extraordinary, the PLU pitching staff has been fanning batters regularly. The pitching staff as a whole has collected 215 strikeouts. Compare that with 173 punchouts from the team's opponents.

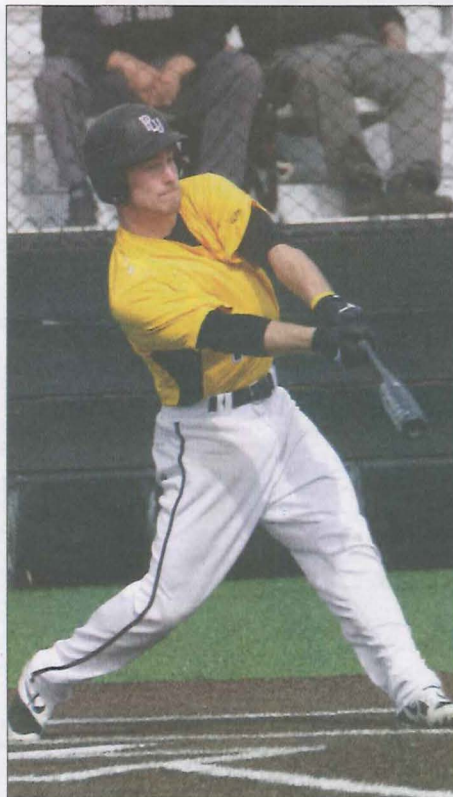
On top of that, junior Chris Bishop pitched a no-hitter against Willamette and fellow junior AJ Konopaski is the team leader in saves with 10.

The team's strikeout leader is none other than junior Trevor Lubking. For me, the 'Big Three' comes to mind when describing these three dominant pitchers.

The baseball team is enjoying a two-game winning streak in which it outscored Claremont 22-4 in two games combined. Boasting a 15-9 record, the PLU baseball team could be the recipients of national glory in the coming months.

It shouldn't be too long before Washington Governor Jay Inslee declares May 25 as "Pacific Lutheran University Baseball Day."

Baseball team looking like future national champions



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LEFT: First-year Ben Welch blasts a line drive between the gap against University of Puget Sound March 23. TOP RIGHT: Junior AJ Konopaski is the team's leader in saves with 10 on the season. BOTTOM RIGHT: Junior Trevor Lubking has pitched well this spring, as he has compiled a 1.61 ERA over eight games.

SPRING BREAK FOR WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM GOES ACCORDING TO PLAN

PLU loses twice against California but regains composure to capture two victories to split the weekend

By **GIANCARLO SANTORO**
Sports Writer

The Pacific Lutheran University women's tennis team spent its spring break winning two and losing two in four nonconference matchups against California schools Caltech, Whittier, California Lutheran and Occidental.

PLU started the trip slowly after losing the opening two games by scores of 9-0 against Caltech and 8-1 against Whittier. The Lute women rebounded, however, to earn a hard fought 5-4 victory over sister school Cal Lutheran and closed the trip out with a commanding 7-2 win over Occidental.

With the wins, PLU improved to 8-4 overall and 4-2 in Northwest Conference play.

"I think that California is always a learning experience for our team," junior

Allison McClure said. "We play a few schools that are tough and push us to the limits, as well as pulling on our depth to battle it out and win against schools that are very close to us."

The Lutes endured a rough outing in their opener against Caltech, which started out strong by winning three straight doubles rounds.

First-years Megan Beyers and Emily Bower came the closest to victory but ended up losing 8-4.

Caltech swept the remaining six singles matches to post the shutout.

Riding a three-game losing streak, the Lutes would fall in the next match against Whittier, but did get on the scoresheet.

Whittier dominated the doubles competition and claimed five out of six games in the singles. Bower had the lone win for PLU in a super tiebreaker.

"Our first two matches were tough, and they were against top seeds in their

conference," sophomore Samantha Lund said. "We aren't used to playing on these outside courts, and we had a bit of catching up to do."

The Lutes seemed to adapt better to the outdoor surface in the following games and claimed their first win of the trip against Cal Lutheran to snap a four-loss streak.

Senior Leah Newell and Lund opened up the scoring for PLU in the doubles round with an 8-4 win to pave the way for an 8-6 win by McClure and junior Mariah Siemion. Bower and Beyers finished the doubles round with an 8-2 win of their own.

"I think that [the win] shows how we are learning and growing even within the few days that we are here in California," Lund said. "We're using these matches to learn and get better and take some new tricks and skill back to Washington to be even better competitors within our conference."

The women finished off the trip with a

solid 7-2 win over Occidental.

As in the day before, Newell and Lund, McClure and Siemion, and Beyers and Bower swept the doubles round with 8-3, 8-0 and 8-4 wins respectively.

In the singles, Newell won 6-1 and 6-0 to get off the mark and was followed by wins from McClure, Siemion and Bower. McClure won by identical 6-1 scores in two sets, while Siemion won 6-2, 6-0. Bower finished the match against the Tigers winning 6-2, 6-0.

Occidental won the first and third singles rounds to avoid the shutout.

"The main takeaways from this trip are centered around improvement," McClure said. "Especially coming back with another half of our season left, this trip is a catalyst to keep improving and hopefully not peak too early like we did last season."

The Lutes return to NWC action at home against Pacific this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.



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LEFT: Senior Leah Newell returns a serve to her opponent. On the season, Newell is 2-9 in singles. RIGHT: Junior Mariah Siemion, a transfer from the University of Washington, returns an opponent's serve. Siemion has only lost three singles matches this season accompanied by eight wins. The women's team now stands at 8-4 on the season.

Going beyond the field

Power ball wasn't always in Nilson's repertoire

By **NICK BARENE**
Sports Writer

When junior Collin Nilson hits the ball, he hits it hard. Really hard.

The pitcher and outfielder is the Pacific Lutheran University baseball team's leader in home runs this season and has been known to crush balls out to more than 400 feet.

This season, the Lutes are 15-9 overall and 8-3 in the Northwest Conference, aided heavily by Nilson.

He has already crushed three home runs, batted in 13 runs, hit seven doubles and has racked up 35 total bases. He also boasts the second-most at bats on the team with 76, a .250 batting average and a whopping .461 slugging percentage.

At 6 feet 3 inches and weighing 200 pounds, Nilson is an imposing figure. With the effortless nature of his swing, one would think Nilson has been hitting dingers since he was old enough to take the field.

But it hasn't always been so easy.

"I actually had never hit a home run until I came to college," Nilson said. "I always hit the ball hard, but never hit any homeruns."

It wasn't until last season he hit his first round-tripper and led the team with three homeruns. The difference, Nilson said, hasn't come through improving his swing.

"When I came to college I weighed about 170, and now I weigh about 200. So hitting the weight room was really what did it," Nilson said.

The added muscle was just what Nilson needed to transform him into the real power threat that he is today.

One of his bombs traveled well past 400 feet.

"I hit one the other day that was 375 feet to the wall, and I heard it went about another 80 feet," Nilson said.

To put the right-hander's power into perspective, center field at Seattle's Safeco Field is 401 feet.

Nilson has also pitched 10 innings for the Lutes this year with a 1-1 record and recorded eight strikeouts.

Nilson is a player who is willing to do whatever it takes to help his team, whether it's taking the mound or taking an opposing pitcher yard.

But Collin isn't worrying as much about blasting the ball as he is about winning. The team is in second place in the NWC and is battling Linfield — last year's NCAA Div. III National Champion — for the top spot in the conference.

"We feel good," Nilson said. "It was good to get some runs this weekend. I feel like I'm swinging the bat well, and we feel good about where we are as a team."

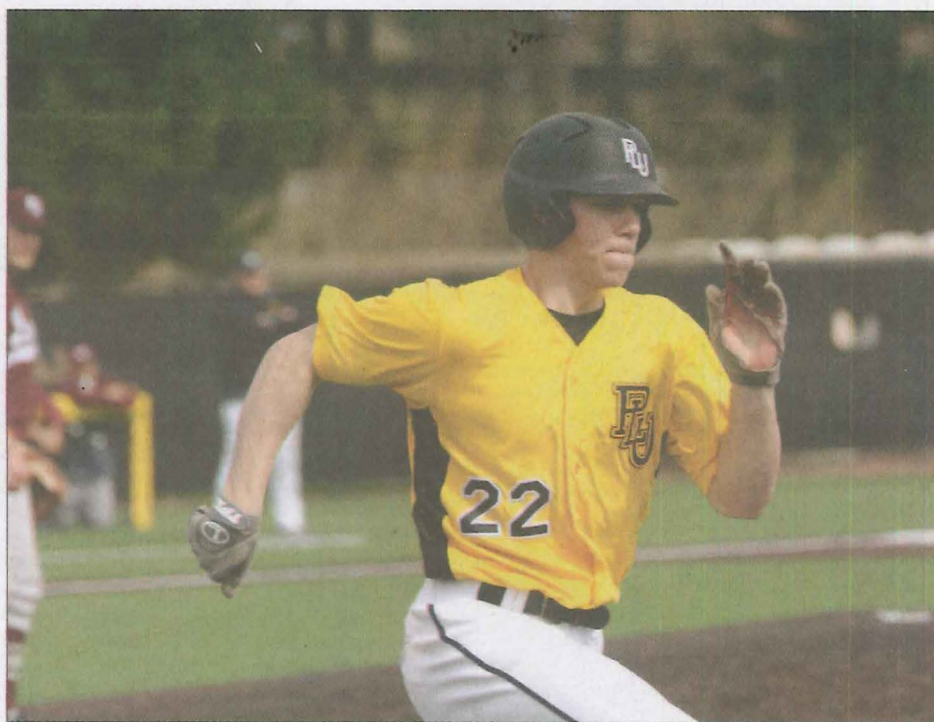


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Junior Collin Nilson has been a dominant force offensively for the Lutes this season. Not only does he lead the team in home runs and runs batted in, but he also pitches. Nilson is 1-1 on the mound with a 5.40 ERA and eight strikeouts.

Age isn't a limit for one tennis player

By **MARIANNE FLAKK**
Guest Writer



PHOTO BY JESSE MAJOR

First-year Sam Stadter has played beyond expectations this year. Coming in, Stadter wasn't even sure if he wanted to play tennis, but he doesn't regret making the choice to commit to the sport he succeeds in.

The tennis season for the Lutes has already started, and for one of the players, the season is off to a very good start.

First-year Sam Stadter has already obtained the No. 2 singles spot on the Pacific Lutheran University tennis varsity team.

"I love how the game is played and the matches last a long time," Stadter said of his choice to pursue tennis collegiately. Stadter has not declared a major yet, and for him, playing tennis at PLU was not a major priority.

"Tennis wasn't my main focus, but it was a bonus,"

Stadter said. "The coach was really adamant that I go here, and everyone is really nice."

Young athletes often have favorite professional athletes that inspire them to become better players in their sport and to work harder. Stadter is no exception.

"John Isner is my favorite because he is a really humble person, and he is a very hard worker," Stadter said.

John Isner is an American tennis player who made it to the quarterfinals in the summer Olympics in London 2012 — one of the greatest accomplishments in his career so far.

Another man who has influenced Stadter is his father.

"My dad is my role model for sure," Stadter said. "He has

taught me to be myself and to never give up."

Even though tennis players are on the field alone most of the time, they are still a part of a bigger team and spend a lot of time together at practice and on the road.

"The traveling is really fun and the people on the team are some of my best friends," Stadter said.

Since he has already reached the No. 2 spot as a first-year, Stadter could reach even greater heights in the years to come.

Stadter isn't letting the notoriety get to his head though.

"I'm just having a good time, and it's a really relaxed environment," he said.

THE MADNESS OF THE FINAL FOUR

By **BLAKE JEROME**
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It isn't called March Madness for no reason, and this year's NCAA division I college basketball tournament has not disappointed.

When billionaire investor Warren Buffett offered \$1 billion to anyone who could fill out a perfect tournament bracket, it seemed the entire country jumped on board.

However, Buffett isn't stupid — no one has ever officially completed a perfect bracket. In fact, a math professor from DePaul University concluded the odds of filling out a perfect bracket were 1 in 9.2 quintillion.

This is because there are always upsets — lower ranked teams beating higher ranked teams — and they are always very unpredictable.

In the first round alone there were eight upsets, perhaps the biggest when

the lowly, 11th-ranked Dayton Flyers conquered the sixth-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes — an upset that prevented 80 percent of the Americans who had filled out a bracket from winning the prize money.

By the end of the first weekend and 48 games later, everyone in America had at least one blemish on their brackets.

According to Slate.com, every American could fill out a random tournament bracket for the next 290 million years, and there would still be a 99 percent chance that no one would win Buffett's contest.

In a perfect world, the four number one-seeded teams from each region would win out and advance to the Final Four.

However, this is not a perfect world.

Florida is the only one seed to advance to the Final Four. The other three teams are the second-seeded University of Wisconsin Badgers, the seventh-seeded

University of Connecticut Huskies and the eighth-seeded University of Kentucky Wildcats.

The Wildcats have their work cut out for them. A number eight seed has only won the tournament once — Villanova in 1985 — and Florida and Wisconsin look nearly unstoppable.

Don't give up hope just yet Kentucky and Connecticut fans.

If fans have learned anything from watching college basketball, it's that anything can happen. Last year in the Elite Eight round of the tournament, Kevin Ware landed awkwardly after attempting to block a shot and broke his right leg on the court.

Both games will be played Saturday afternoon. The Gators will face the Huskies at 3:09 p.m., while the Badgers will take on the Wildcats at 5:49 p.m.

Regardless of who wins the competition, it's sure to be full of intense thrillers and buzzer beating finishes.



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The teams involved in the 2014 Final Four are the Kentucky Wildcats, Wisconsin Badgers, Connecticut Huskies and the top overall seed, the Florida Gators. Given all the insanity that has occurred so far in the tournament, anything can happen.