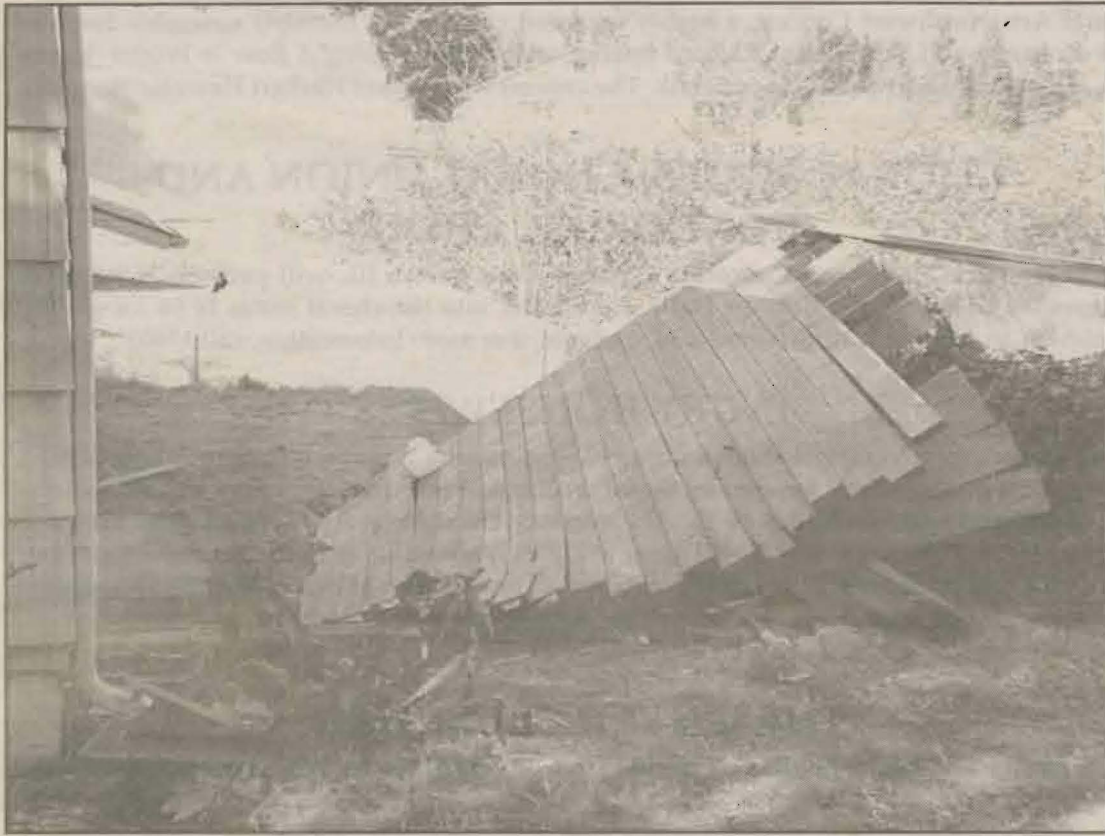


Tragedy saddens PLU



The deck that collapsed at an off-campus party Saturday night, killing one PLU student and injuring several others, was added to the 1972 house in 1999 without a proper permit.

Photo by Nisha Ajmani

Remembering Monica

BY KELLY KEARSLEY
Mast editor in chief

PLU freshman Monica Lightell never merely walked into a room — she burst in. She would never knock on a door, but tapped her fingers in a certain way so that you knew it was her. And when she greeted friends, instead of a mundane "hello," she said "hi" as if it were a little song.

Monica Sara Lightell, 18, died Saturday night when a deck collapsed at an off-campus party. She is survived by her mother, Carol Lightell, her older brother, Dan Lightell, who lives in Tallahassee, Fla., and grandparents Virginia Wilkins and Ben Hayward. She was preceded in death by her father, Buck Lightell.

Monica was born in Monterey, Calif., but she spent 10 years living in Panama. At the beginning of 11th grade, she moved to Steilacoom, Wash., where she graduated from Steilacoom High School with the class of 2000.

A love for life

High school friend Kristele Baillargeon remembers the first day she met Monica. "We were both new to the school, Monica was the very first person to introduce herself to me," she said. "Her coming up to me just wiped away all my fears. She was witty, and she always made me laugh and smile."

Monica was chosen by *The Lakewood Journal* as one of the Best and Brightest of Steilacoom High School. She is quoted in the journal as saying: "You only live life once. Life is not a dress rehearsal. Make each day count."

Jessica McClendon, another high school friend, said if words can capture a person,



Monica Lightell, 1982-2001

this quote does. "It is just so her," she said. "She never wasted a day."

Monica's sheer enthusiasm for life and living is remembered by her PLU friends as well.

"She was just excited about everything," said freshman Kathleen Simpson. The two met at PLU's Middle College, a summer transition program, and planned to live together next year.

Simpson laughed, remembering the time she and Monica went to the toy store to buy an inflatable rubber ball. "Monica was so excited that she made me stop at a gas station on the way home to fill the ball up."

Monica's friends relished her energy. "She was entertaining and dynamic," said freshman Carly Mezmarich. "She loved to dance and sing, she was always on chairs using a hairbrush as a microphone."

"And you know what," added freshman Jane Berentson with a small smile, "Monica never wore white socks, she always had crazy and colorful ones." Berentson lived next door to Monica on the third

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Officials continue to investigate accident that killed freshman

BY JENNI DILLON
Mast news editor

Pierce County officials are continuing investigations into the off-campus party accident that killed PLU freshman Monica Lightell and sent five others to area hospitals. The County Prosecutor's Office has made no decisions as to whether charges will be brought against parties involved.

Lightell, 18, was killed when a deck collapsed during a party at an off-campus student residence late Saturday night. The five students with non-life-

threatening injuries were transported to hospitals, and several other individuals were treated for minor wounds and shock on the scene.

Police and party-goers estimate that as many as 400 people visited the party at some point Saturday night.

The number of people on the deck at the time of its collapse has not been determined, but estimates range from 40 to 100 people. Several individuals, including Lightell, were under the deck when it collapsed.

Toni Peters, a legal assistant in the homicide unit of the Prosecutor's Office, said the

office has not received a complete report from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, so no charges are being considered at this time.

Parties involved, including the builder of the deck, the homeowner and the tenants, may be at risk of litigation at some point in the future, however.

A former tenant at the house said the deck was added to the 1972 home in late 1999 by a friend of Tom Jacobs, the owner

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Earthquake registers at 6.8, shakes PLU campus

BY ERIC RUTHFORD
Mast copy editor

No injuries and almost no damage were reported to university officials after a magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck 13 miles west-southwest of PLU.

Students, staff and faculty members evacuated buildings across campus after the 10:55 a.m. earthquake while President Loren Anderson and Plant Services Director Dave Wehmhoefer directed the university response from the Emergency Operations Center.

At 1:10 p.m., Wehmhoefer declared all buildings on campus safe to be reoccupied. Of

the main buildings, the Rieke Science Center and Ingram Hall were among the last to re-open because Plant Services personnel were concerned about volatile materials that the School of the Arts and the Natural Sciences division store.

Damage reported to Wehmhoefer by radio included a few cracked windows in Eastvold, ceiling tiles that fell in Mortvedt Library, a broken picture frame in the Administration Building and fallen bookshelves in faculty offices, which did not injure anyone. He could not be reached for a complete list of

damages late Wednesday.

The minimal damage reported in the Parkland area can be explained partially by the depth of the earthquake, which the University of Washington put at 32 miles under the ground. PLU geosciences Professor Duncan Foley said that the large amount of earth through which the shock waves had to travel caused the shaking to be weaker when it reached the surface.

He said that a shallower

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Students evacuated from Tingelstad Hall after the quake gather to check in for roll call with resident director John Paul.

Photo by Eric Ruthford

Sidewalk Talk

Do you think people will use the organic food cart?



"Yeah, I definitely do."

Isaac Brandt

"I don't think too many people even know about it."

Aaron Pershall



"Oh yeah."

Alan Davies

"I haven't seen one person use it."

Miriam Claudio



Campus Events

LENTEN SERIES

Catholic Student Ministries invites students and faculty to participate in a Lenten Series sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Western Washington. The Lenten Series will consist of five classes structured around following Jesus' life through the Gospel of Luke. The first class will be today at 10:30 a.m. in UC 208. Classes on different topics will run on Fridays through April 6.

CHORAL ARTS NORTHWEST CONCERT

Choral Arts Northwest Concert, a highly regarded community chamber ensemble founded and directed by PLU professor Richard Sparks, will be performing *A Rose in Winter* tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall. The concert will feature Herbert Howells' Requiem.

CHORAL SERIES: CHORAL UNION AND CONCORDIA CHOIR

The PLU Choral Union and Concordia Choir of River Forest, Ill., will perform at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Admission into the choral series is \$8 for general admission and \$5 for senior citizens and students. For more information, call x7602.

ANGRY HOUSEWIVES

Angry Housewives, a musical about a group of women who form their own rock band after feeling unappreciated and ignored by their families and intimates, will play in Eastvold on March 8-10 and again on March 16-18. The musical will show at 8 p.m. on all dates except for the March 18 matinee, which will show at 2 p.m. Admission is \$7 for general admission and \$4 for senior citizens, PLU faculty, staff and students. The March 8 showing is a student preview with a \$2 admission. For more information, call x7762.

THE HAWAII CLUB LUAU

The Hawaii Club will be holding its annual Luau on March 10. For more information, contact Kelly at panemkt@plu.edu or 539-7882.

Clubs and Organizations

- Monday:** **Philosophy Club** Northern Pacific Coffee Co. - 7 p.m.
Diversity Coalition ASPLU office - 8:15 p.m.
- Tuesday:** **HARMONY** UC 208 - noon - 1 p.m.
Puentes UC commuter lounge - 6:30 p.m.
Truth Ministries In front of Eastvold - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday:** **B.L.A.C.K. @ PLU** UC 208 - 7:30 p.m.
PLU Young Democrats UC 214 - 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** **Advocates for Social Justice** UC gray area - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday:** **Truth Ministries** The CAVE - 9 a.m.

February 23

■ The small lamp post by the east entrance to South Hall was knocked over by unknown individual(s).

■ The vehicle of a PLU student was victim of an apparent attempted motor vehicle theft while parked in the Yakima Lot.

■ While checking all unassigned rooms in Pflueger Hall for an unknown male trespasser, a comforter, pillow, and water bottle were found in a room.

■ The purse of a PLU student was stolen from her wheelchair outside her South Hall room.

■ A PLU student reported seeing a suspicious male in Pflueger Hall. Campus Safety responded and made contact with the individual. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was notified, but the individual jumped out the second floor lounge window to escape.

February 24

■ PLU students reported two unidentified males who threw a rock at the lower south-

east window in Hinderlie Hall, leaving a crack in the window.

■ The vehicle of a PLU student was broken into while it was parked next to Olson Gym.

February 25

■ A PLU student injured his right ankle while playing soccer. Ice was applied and he was advised to seek further medical attention if needed.

February 26

■ PLU staff members reported that a PLU student ran into their Plant Services vehicle with his bicycle. A report was not made.

■ The vehicle of a PLU student was stolen from Yakima Parking Lot.

■ A PLU student was possibly intoxicated with a combination of alcohol and cold medicine. Pierce County Fire Department responded and assessed. The student was left with a resident assistant to watch her for the remainder of the night.

SAFETY BEAT is compiled by Campus Safety

SAFETY BEAT

February 17

■ A PLU student broke the left side mirror off of a car after getting into an argument with his Pflueger Hall roommate.

February 18

■ A PLU student reported some concerns that his Pflueger Hall roommate was involved in a hate organization. Student Conduct is investigating the matter.

February 22

■ A PLU student reported the smell of smoke in Ramstad Hall. Pierce County Fire Department responded. The building was cleared and Plant Services responded to work on the problem.

■ A PLU staff member reported seeing an unidentified white male take three course books from the UC Bookstore.

Intruder raises alarm

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast senior reporter

Campus Safety officials are concerned about a college-age male who has been gaining unauthorized access to residence halls. He is not a student, they said.

Residential Life released a security concern notice to students three weeks ago regarding a transient who has been visiting and sleeping in the lower-campus residence halls.

Campus Safety Director Walt Huston said that the individual has been getting into halls because people have been opening the front door and letting him in. "We have found no sign of forced entry, and since the individual looks young enough to be a PLU student, residents are just letting him in," Huston said.

Pierce County Sheriff's Deputies have been called to come remove the individual from PLU property, but the intruder leaves before the

deputies arrive, according to Huston. "We have talked to the individual several times and have informed the him that he is not welcome at PLU," Huston said. "The problem is that we have to get him to sign a statement saying he has been told that he is not welcome here."

Huston added that the university knows that this individual is not a PLU student because students have identified him by his booking photo. "The individual has a prior record of drug charges, so we were able to get his booking photo from Pierce County Sheriff's Office," Huston said. "We showed this photo to some students who have had conversations with the man."

According to Huston, the individual carries unsheathed needles in his pockets, which makes him a danger. In the buildings in which the individual has been spotted, property has been reported stolen. "Both Foss and Pflueger halls have reported that some stuff has

been stolen out of students' rooms," Huston said.

Since none of the halls show signs of forced entry, the individual will be charged with criminal trespassing if he is caught by the by Pierce County Sheriff. But if he is caught after the main doors have been locked then the charge will be burglary, Huston said.

"The main thing we [the university] want to stress to students is that they need to lock their doors and if they see an individual trying to get into the building that does not have a key, do not let them in," said Huston.

"If you see the individual the best thing to do is not to approach him but call Campus Safety report that you have seen the intruder and give his location."

According to the description sent out by Residential Life the individual is a male about 5'6, appears to be of Hispanic descent, and has a shaved head and light-colored eyes.

What to look for:

Sex: male

Age: late teens, early 20s

Height: 5'6"

Physical description: Shaved head, light colored eyes, Hispanic descent

Seen frequently in lower campus residence halls, often sleeping in lounges. Personal property has been reported stolen in buildings the intruder has been spotted in.

If seen call, Campus Safety at x7911.

News wire

News from beyond the Lutedome

FBI charges seven men with terrorism

Seven men were arrested in Los Angeles by the FBI on charges of terrorism Wednesday. The men are believed to be members of the Mujahadin-e Khalq or the People's Holy Warriors. The MEK is a terrorist group based in Iraq that advocates the overthrow of Iranian government.

The seven men have been accused of soliciting money for a phony Iranian charity called the Committee for Human Rights. The money was supposed to feed starving children in Iran, but it is thought to have actually paid for terrorist weapons such as mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

The men were charged with support of a terrorist organization.

High-speed trains crash in England

A high speed passenger train crashed into a freight train Wednesday in England. A Land Rover towing a trailer slid off the road and onto the passenger train's track.

When the passenger train collided with the Land Rover, it derailed into an oncoming freight train traveling on a parallel track. At least 58 people were injured and 13 people died.

Underground drug tunnel discovered

The U.S. Customs Service discovered an underground drug tunnel beneath the U.S.-Mexican border Tuesday.

The tunnel runs from a storm trough in Nogales, Mexico, through 500 feet of sewer pipe to a 25-foot-long, hand-dug tunnel that ends in the living room of a vacant residence in Nogales, Arizona.

The tunnel is less than six feet underground, and is not big enough to stand up in.

The U.S. Customs Service found 198 bricks of cocaine in the tunnel. The seized bricks have an estimated wholesale value of \$6.5 million. This is the sixth drug tunnel discovered beneath the U.S.-Mexican border in the last six years.

Milosevic under investigation

Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic has been placed under investigation by the Belgrade's prosecutor's office. Milosevic is accused of smuggling more than 400 pounds of gold out of Yugoslavia before he was ousted from power last year.

The United Nations has also indicted Milosevic and four of his top officials for war crimes committed against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

Compiled from CNN Online

Dates to Know

Jan. 1	Students begin filing Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
Feb. 22	Start obtaining instructors' signatures to withdraw from or add classes (no tuition refund-W grade; \$50 administrative fee per transaction).
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March 20	Incomplete grade changes due from faculty for Fall 2000 and J-term 2001.
March 24- April 1	Spring Break

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In time of tragedy, PLU pulls together for help and comfort

It is human nature to find a cause to every problem and place blame for every accident. This weekend's tragedy, which involved the death of PLU freshman Monica Lightell, the injury of five more students and the mourning of an entire community, is no different.

Everyone wants a reason.

And on the outside, there are plenty. Most of the media this week have blamed the alcohol, the underage drinking and the "out of control" partying supposedly characteristic of college students. Words like "belligerent" and phrases like "smell the alcohol a block away" create a context for the reader that can point a finger or suggest blame.

Others have pointed to the structural failure of the deck and the landlord's lack of a building permit. Some say this was the reason for the accident; had the deck been inspected, perhaps this accident would never have happened. Perhaps with better construction, the deck could have supported the weight of those that were on it.

The Mast is not looking to place blame. We recognize that there are details that need to be sorted out, but we also recognize (and hope the rest of the community does as well) that everyone is a victim in this sad situation, and that all parties are grieving for the inexplicable loss of a life. The main concern rests with Monica's family and her friends, and supporting them through their grief.

And yet there is a piece of the story missing, an aspect that does not lessen the sadness of Monica's death, but instead speaks to the character of those who helped Saturday night and far into this week.

In the moments after the deck fell, countless PLU students took it upon themselves to help the injured, to lift the deck, to reassure the frightened and to account for their loved ones. These students did not run in the face of tragedy, but instead selflessly committed themselves to helping in any way they could.

The Mast staff interviewed several people this week about the accident, heard a hundred different stories, and felt the emotion of a community fraught with grief. In the dark moments of this experience there were little signs of light: the student who used his shirt to slow the bleeding of a woman's leg wound, the man who carried people to the garage to protect them from the crowd, the Campus Safety officers who went from their beds to the scene - and those who desperately tried to help Monica.

This willingness to help has extended far into this week, and permeated every corner of campus. Students crowded around the table in the University Center to write condolences to Monica's family; and they donned yellow ribbons in remembrance of her life. In an orchestration worthy of praise, the administration provided support groups, counseling sessions, and several religious services to help students cope.

And we all cried.

This campus dedicated not only their actions, but their hearts to this accident, feeling the pain of the loss whether they knew Monica or not.

The Mast does not claim these people are heroes. But perhaps more encouraging, we recognize that through this tragedy the true nature of our community has emerged. That we at PLU are surrounded by a plethora of students, faculty and administration that care more than we could ever imagine.

And it is this atmosphere of sincere character and true caring that we hope may bring some comfort.

The Mast staff

IN AN EFFORT TO STOP EMINEM'S MUSIC FROM BEING HEARD, HUNDREDS OF PROTESTORS GATHERED AT LAST WEEK'S GRAMMYS.



Under-age drinking not to blame in accident

As I'm sure was most of the PLU population, I was shaken to hear of the tragic death of a fellow student during an off-campus party this past weekend. The e-mail relaying this news to me, however, made me severely disappointed in the integrity of the school which I attend. According to the e-mail, "In an accident at a house off-campus where a group of students were attending a party, an outdoor deck collapsed, killing one student and injuring several others. The Pierce County Sheriff reports that underage drinking may have contributed to the accident."

I don't think I need to remind the reader, nor the rest of PLU, that the housing area immediately surrounding the campus is not entirely in top condition.

Now with this perception in mind, one could say that it is very possible

that the residence at which this incident took place where one of the common houses of the neighborhood, and therefore, older and less structurally sound. As a matter of fact, one could even say that the porch was waiting to collapse, it was simply a matter of timing and weight ratio.

Please tell me: Was it weight of the beer bottle in the hand of a 20-year-old, versus a 21-year-old, that caused the decrease in the structural integrity of the building's porch?

Of course if it had been a bridge party, the same number of old ladies drinking lemonade and chatting in the sunshine wouldn't have resulted in such a terrible event.

The e-mail I received could have been a sincere message to the PLU community concerning the weekend's tragedy, but instead was a warning against freshmen and

sophomore students who engage in off-campus social events involving alcohol. The e-mail might as well started off: "If you're involved in under-age drinking, this could be you." It's true that human nature implies that every bad situation calls for a scapegoat, and in this case one may be warranted.

However, do we have to be as far fetched as to say that it was because the students on the porch had beer and not Kool-Aid in their plastic cups?

As a final note, to the parents of the student who lost her life in this accident, I sincerely apologize on behalf of PLU for using an event which caused your child's death as a leverage for the school's stand on alcohol consumption by minors.

Brooke Mueller
PLU senior

Administration needs to follow own alcohol policies

The Sidewalk Talk of the Feb. 16 *Mast* asked: "Should the administration get involved with off-campus students' activities, such as house parties?" Due to our recent sorrow, some people will say "yes" and others will still respond with a "no." The PLU administration is currently reviewing its policy on alcohol behavior.

Many students work for some department at PLU. My job is Environmental Services. This department handles a great deal of the waste and recycling the university creates and working there has been a tremendous eye-opener for me. What I'm about to say are my opinions and don't reflect those of

Environmental Services.

This campus has a "dry campus" policy. As we all know, no residence hall is free of alcohol. But it doesn't stop there. Since June of 2000, it has come to my attention that Faculty House, Gonyea House, and off-campus functions for staff, faculty, and donating Alums possessed wine, beer, and other such beverages. If the administration wants to change behavior at PLU, it needs to start with itself.

Whether the Faculty House and Gonyea House are meant as private residences, it is still PLU property like the student residence halls. The "dry campus" policy should apply to them as well. A perfect example

comes to my mind. August of 2000, an Environmental Services worker and I went to Gonyea House to pick up an over-flowing tote full of bottles. There was over 100 bottles of wine, roughly 60 bottles of beer, etc. This event was for PLU staff.

If President Anderson or any member of this administration, staff, and donating alumni want to justify their acts with some rule that exempts them, they are being hypocrites of the "dry campus" policy.

The rules should apply to them just as equally as they apply to the students.

BrookHunter Whelchel
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All hail the UC: Lots of free food and it's served to your sorry arse

I'm gonna tell you a little secret. I like UC food. You know why? Because I don't have to cook it, I don't have to shop for it, I don't have to prepare it, and it's much better than most of you are willing to acknowledge.

I'll bet half of you out there couldn't cook a meal as well as the UC, and the other half would take offense at my suggestion they cook for themselves. I mean, isn't that what underpaid migrant servants are for?

So, how did I come to like the UC? Simple. I'm a commuter. I have to buy and cook and prepare my own food, so I realize what a boon the UC is. It saves me time, effort, and money, and the menu on any given day is better than anything students have in their rooms.

Want to complain about options? Go back to your room



No apparent reason Matt Vancil

and eat Ramen and EZ Mac and other forms of colon glue. Try to subsist on that crap for a week. Then come back and complain that the burger baskets aren't fresh enough.

Why else do I like the UC? I can relate to the workers. It's hard to believe, but there are non-dorm front desk jobs out there. I've worked in three different food-service positions, and I know what these folks have to deal with.

The main difference is that the customers where I worked were on the same social and economic level as the workers, whereas here, those God-fear-

ing Lutes do their darndest to pretend UC workers are scullions who don't exist other than to serve them.

Don't believe me? Listen to yourselves the next time you get food. Did you say "Could I get" or "May I please have a crispito," or did you say "I'll have," "I'll take," or "Give me some crispitos"?

Last year, did you complain that you had to bus your own trays? And now that UC workers are bussing your trays, do you complain that they're not doing it well enough? Would you like to go back to doing it yourself?

I'm sorry; my fault. I forgot how rude it is to beg favors from those closer to God.

Speaking of hypocrisy, I've noticed that it's not just the UC workers who are treated with such disrespect. Lutes treat each other pretty poorly at meal time. Do you remember last semester, when there seemed to be fewer cups than usual? I remember walking in and seeing a single rack of cups left during the dinner rush one night. There were a number of people in front of me who saw the shortage of glasses.

Now, did they look at their WWJD? bracelets and decide that the right thing would be to take a single glass so that the people behind them might have one? Or did they say, "Screw the stragglers; I'm here now, and I need three glasses to fulfill my needs."

I know, I know. You're think-

ing, "It's not my fault the UC doesn't have enough glasses and silverware for everyone." Actually, it is your fault, and by "your," I mean the student body.

At the end of last semester, half of the glasses the UC started the year with were gone. Seeing as how those glasses are virtually indestructible (I cite personal research), there's a very clear cause for the missing glasses. They were stolen. By Lutes. Half of them.

Still don't believe me? Try doing a thorough room-by-room-search of every dorm and off-campus residence, and see how many UC glasses and pieces of silverware you find. You'll be embarrassed. I am.

Matt Vancil is a senior classics and writing major. If you've ever seen him eat, you know he doesn't need silverware.

Chihuahua, retriever or terrier: Hey baby, what's your breed?

Last weekend, I was a little bored and decided to check my e-mail for the three or four hundredth time and was delighted to find one new message in my Hotmail in-box. It was from a friend and titled, "James eats kibble and wants you to try some!"

Hmmm, I thought. Might as well "take a looky" at that one. What I found was astonishing. James had actually taken an on-line personality test that concluded that if he were a dog, he would be a Chihuahua. Mind-blowing. *What kind of a dog would I be?*

Of course I tapped the blue link and took the test. It was one of those situations not unlike being stuck on Interstate-5 and red-in-the-face angry at the myriad of autos in front of you for staring at an accident. *Give the poor people some peace, you think.* But of course you ogle, the same way I ogled the on-line personality inventory.

Now before I tell you all about the test and just how ridiculous it was, I must confess that I am more or less obsessed with



Writer's block Kara Larson

dogs. I love them! If you ask my friends they'll tell you, all I ever want is a puppy. I even have a "puppies are cute" voice that closely resembles that of a Teletubby.

I love dogs the way Maggie Santolla loves snow, the way Matt Cameron loves beat poetry, the way George W. Bush loves to look like a monkey with a migraine. But as much as I love them, I had never before imagined myself as a dog. Again I had to wonder *what breed would I be?*

Well, I'm sad to say that this matter is still undecided. Sure, I made it through the inventory fast enough and didn't get psychologically reversed by any of the questions. Actually, the questions are sad. What can really be decided about a person from the question "How

much of a couch potato are you" when one of the multiple-choice answers is "tater tot"? There are 15 questions in all, and when I reached the end I was told, in so many words, that I was indeed a Chihuahua, just like my e-mail friend.

This is crap, I thought, I am not the aggravating, hairless cat look-a-like, yap yap Taco Bell dog! This test is worthless. Ah, but then I noticed there were more options. That's right folks, if you don't like your given breed, you can take the test again.

Okay! I did it. I went back through and changed nearly every answer with the end goal of being named a black lab or a golden retriever - even a Dalmatian would have made me feel better. Guess what? The second time around, after changing each answer a degree,

I was named a Bernese mountain dog. How flattering.

Let's think about this one for a moment. The first dog to represent my personality is small, energetic, has beady eyes and is celebrated in some Latin American countries. The second sort of makes you think of the VonTrapp family singers belting "high on the hill was a lonely goat herd." The contrast is frightening.

But I suppose I shouldn't complain. The Bernese mountain dog, according to the test, is playful, loyal and sweet. But then, they're also really, really hairy. And they shed and slobber more than the average dog. Is this an indicator that I may have a deeply rooted hygiene problem?

Since taking the test I have gotten 20 of my friends to try it and have been surprised to find out just who has joined my pack. Mast columnist Julie Wade is also a Bernese mountain dog. Yes! Then again, Mast columnist Maggie Santolla is a Chihuahua as I originally was. Tough blow. Sorry Maggie.

Here's a hint-take it again!

So where am I going with all of this? That, my friends, is a great question. I'm going nowhere. I realize that people actually get paid to sit around and dream up Web sites such as this one so that we humans can numb ourselves a bit longer, make ourselves feel like we might understand ourselves a little better.

And in the end we realize that no matter how many times we try to rig the test, no matter how many times we strive for best in show, in the end we all chase cats down the same road. And that, my fellow Lutes, has made all the difference.

Kara Larson is a psychology minor who digs cheesy life metaphors and dogs much more than the human reality. You, too, can determine your breed of dog at www.emode.com/dog. Knock yourself out.

Editor's note: The Mast editor-in-chief is a Scottish Terrier.

The difference between 2 and 2:04 a.m.? Obviously lots of sex

So, imagine this situation. You and your roommate are sitting with one of your best friends (who happens to be a different sex from you), and you're watching a movie.

It's not quite done when the clock hits 2 a.m. What do you do? Make your beloved friend leave? Turn off the movie and wait for the ending until the next day? Heck no! You turn down the TV, all scoot up real close to the monitor, turn off the lights, and pray that no Campus Safety officer or RA thinks your room is under suspicion. This seems extreme for such an innocent offense.

Here's another situation. You're having a crisis and your friend of the opposite sex is helping you deal with the aforementioned crisis. You're bawling, and you need his or her support, and it just happens to be 2:04 a.m.

You evil person! You're breaking visitation! God will surely damn you (implied by the stringent rules PLU places on us about visitation).



No one asked me Sarah Sanders

However, PLU doesn't just arbitrarily impose these visitation rules. The rules are there to protect roommates. Yeah, right! We're in college. Most of us are adults. If we aren't old enough to have a serious conversation with a roommate about whether her or his significant other is hanging out too late, we shouldn't be in college. Visitation is a rule that is only there to protect the good Lutheran name of PLU. The administration is scared, parents are scared, and most importantly, the regents are scared.

What the heck are they scared of, you ask? Sex. Heaven forbid sex would happen on a college campus. But guess what? Most people sleep between 2

a.m. and 8 a.m. We have sex during the day when we're procrastinating instead of studying! We've been too busy having sex and possibly studying all day! So really, all those authority figures trying to save us from the pernicious evils of sex are losing the battle; we're doin' it anyway - sometimes twice!

In my opinion, all that they're depriving us of is intimacy, and therefore the fullest companionship between members of the opposite sex. Men and women don't understand each other, mainly because society tells us we shouldn't. PLU is perpetuating this problem by not letting us cultivate normal adult relationships with the opposite sex.

Where else in adult life am I

going to have to kick my boyfriend out of my apartment at 2 a.m.? Why is PLU babying us? Do they not think we're mature and capable enough to make our own decisions about with whom we spend our time at any given time during the day, or night as case may be? It's insulting to our intelligence and maturity.

You know what else is interesting? South Hall doesn't have visitation, which is a good thing. However, opposite sex people cannot cohabit unless they're married. This makes no sense. Theoretically, you could have someone of the opposite sex spend every night with you, but you couldn't have them live there. How dumb is that?

All of the other policies I understand. Quiet hours are good so you don't have to ask you neighbors every day to keep it down. The alcohol policy is acceptable because the guy above you can't throw raging keggers 'til 4 a.m.

The candle rule is a little insulting, but I can see forget-

ting to blow one out and a whole residence hall burning down. It's just safer; I get it. But visitation is pointless. It doesn't prevent anything that our authorities are trying to prevent. Sex happens, and it'll happen with or without a stupid visitation policy.

The administration and the regents are catering to scared parents and gave us the policy to provide the guise of virginity, innocence, and purity. It isn't about protecting us or our roommates, hell, it's not even solely based on sex, it's about money and who pays the school.

I believe the visitation policy is a stupid asinine policy that underestimates our morality and maturity, but then again, no one asked me.

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*"You only live
life once.
Life is not
a dress rehearsal.
Make each day
count."*



Monica Sara Lightell: 1982-2001

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floor of Foss Hall. She and Monica had planned to have a radio show on K103 last fall.

The plans fell through, but Berentson said she was sure the "Jane and Monica Show" would have been good.

"I know it would just have been Monica talking, and me laughing," she said.

Monica was always making people laugh. "She had an original sense of humor," Berentson said. "She was always walking past doors, making goofy faces."

"She just made the most boring things fun," Berentson said. Simpson agreed. "I remember one time we were in the UC and I said something about ketchup being boring."

"Monica then made up a song about ketchup," Simpson laughed. "Somehow she even made ketchup fun."

A knack for living

Monica lived her 18 years with vigor and an optimistic attitude that made the most of every day. "She was always up for adventure," said high school friend Audrea Respicio. Respicio remembers a ski trip, taken their senior year, when Monica was learning how to snowboard.

"We didn't want to go, but Monica just looked at us and was like 'Then what are you going to do?'" The question was fitting – friends claim Monica was never wondering if she

should do something, just how.

Baillargeon said in high school Monica was involved in many activities. "She always volunteered to help," she said.

During her two years at Steilacoom High School, Monica was president of the International Club, threw the javelin for the track team, and represented the school in the 1999 Girls' State.

"Monica put 110 percent into everything," McClendon said. "She didn't do things half-heartedly."

Her active lifestyle and passion for life were noticeable in her short time at PLU. She rowed on the crew team, studied communication and Spanish, and talked constantly about her love for Panama.

"She loved telling Panama stories and listening to Latin and salsa music," Simpson said. When she lived there, Monica had the opportunity to paddle the Panama Canal in the annual Ocean to Ocean Explorer Scout boat race.

She had plans to study abroad in Italy for a J-Term and Spain for a semester, Simpson said.

A special connection

Friends say Monica's relationship with her family was exceptionally close. "When I would walk into the room and Monica was talking to her mom on the phone, it sounded like it she was talking to her best friend," Berentson said.

Family was important to her.

"Monica always talked about her brother and her mom," Berentson said, adding that Monica planned on visiting her brother in Florida.

Monica's kindness reached her surrogate PLU family as well. Many people wrote memories and condolences on a large banner in the University Center Wednesday.

As the paper filled up, quotes ranged from "I am sorry about the tragedy," to "Monica, you've impacted so many lives in ways that you'll never know."

Freshman Sarah Shindler remembers Monica as a loving person. "She just cared for everything," she said. "She was always considerate, always friendly."

Simpson said Monica was a good person to talk with. "We could discuss anything," she recalls. "Everything was just out in the open."

For McClendon, Monica was a constant – a loving and loyal friend. "She wasn't afraid to talk about feelings. She was a listening ear for me, and she said what you needed to hear."

Her friends also recall her ability to be charmingly blunt, which they say was not negative, but just straightforward. "Monica never left you guessing, she was just true to herself," Shindler said.

Even in the midst of their grief, friends said they feel grateful they knew Monica. "I feel so fortunate that we came here, and we were put with Monica," Berentson said.



"People may talk about her death, but I feel fortunate to have known what she was really like."

And for many, knowing Monica was a lesson in living. "People say it's too bad she died so young, that she didn't have a chance to live her life," Simpson said.

"But she did, and she loved it while she was living it."

A memorial service for Monica Lightell will be in Olson Auditorium today at 10:30 a.m., and a scholarship is being set up in her name.

Pictures clockwise from top: Friends Amber, Melissa Rasmussen, Monica Lightell, Carly Meznarich, Kelsey Loftness and Sara Shindler stop for a picture Saturday night; Monica wearing the "Krissy K. Kristian" hat she made for her Carnival class project; Jane Berentson and Monica singing "Would you light my candle," from the *Rent* soundtrack; Berentson and Monica with raisins in their teeth.

Photos courtesy of Monica's friends.



DECK: Students respond to crisis with compassion, care

at the time.

The Pierce County Permit and Land Use Department, however, has no record of a building permit issued for the deck.

County law requires a permit for any deck built more than 30 inches off the ground. The lack of a permit is not only a misdemeanor, but also means that the deck did not undergo mandated inspections before, during and after the construction process.

Building inspectors who surveyed the collapsed structure said the deck appeared to have been well-built, except for the fact that the screws attaching it to the house were too short — a detail that could have been caught by county inspections.

Due to the lack of a permit, the deck builder or Jacobs may be held partially accountable for the accident. Jacobs, however, is no longer the owner of the house.

He sold the property to Ryan McGowan in June 2000. McGowan then formed PLU Investors LLC with his father, Clark McGowan, and sold the property to the corporation. As the current homeowners, PLU Investors LLC may also be liable for the accident.

The tenants responsible for the party Saturday night may also be held legally accountable. The tenants could be open to charges of selling alcohol without a license because they were charging for admission, as well as with negligence for allowing too many people into the house.

Furthermore, they could face legal consequences for providing alcohol to minors. They did, however, post a sign on the door that said the party was for people ages 21 and over.

In fact, early accounts of the accident focused heavily on the presence of alcohol. The lack of proper building procedures, however, may lessen the tenants' liability in the case, proving that the deck wasn't stable to begin with.

Patrick O'Neill, a PLU senior who was at the party, maintained that the people at the party were not doing anything that should have caused the deck to fall.

He said that people at the party were not acting out of control or being obnoxious, and that the party was so crowded he couldn't imagine how anyone could have even gotten to the kegs frequently enough to be drunk.

O'Neill was outside on the deck when it collapsed. He said people were standing around and talking when the deck gave

a lurch, then fell in toward the house.

"I pushed my friend off the small edge [onto the lawn]," he said. "And then it fell." O'Neill fell with it. "There was just a pile of people."

O'Neill worked his way out of the pile and ran underneath to see if people were hurt. "One guy was yelling 'God, please help me, there are two girls trapped under here!'"

Several men lifted the deck off the trapped students, and O'Neill pulled one woman out of the wreckage. He said the girl had an broken ankle and he began carrying her to the garage, directing others to bring any injured individuals to the garage as well. He also asked students who were not

injured to hold the injured people's hands and reassure them.

O'Neill said he saw Lightell, surrounded by other students trying to administer first aid. Other sources say students attempted to resuscitate Lightell, but O'Neill said that something in him just knew she was dead.

He added that most of his friends had been involved in moving the deck and helping injured students, and are struggling to deal with the tragedy.

He noted, however, that he was surprised and thankful that so many people stayed to help out that night.

In addition to the paramedics and party-goers helping the wounded, PLU Campus Safety also responded to the accident. Campus Safety Director Walt Huston said that he was called at home at 11:58 p.m. and arrived on the scene at 12:10 a.m.

Huston said that 15 extra Campus Safety officers and three communication officers came on duty in the middle of the night to help with the aftermath of the party. Campus Safety officers transported students from the party to Olson Auditorium, where administrators and psychologists gathered to debrief as police took further statements and assessed injuries.

Liz Hood was one of the students who ended up in Olson Auditorium later in the evening. Like O'Neill, Hood was standing on the deck when it collapsed. She said she heard a loud crack and then the deck dropped and she slid into a pile of people.

"I couldn't get up or move," Hood said. "People started screaming."

Hood said she wandered through the crowd trying to find friends, despite having an injured ankle. She went to the garage and helped use a shirt to control the bleeding of another

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Loren Anderson
PLU President

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Liz Hood
PLU student

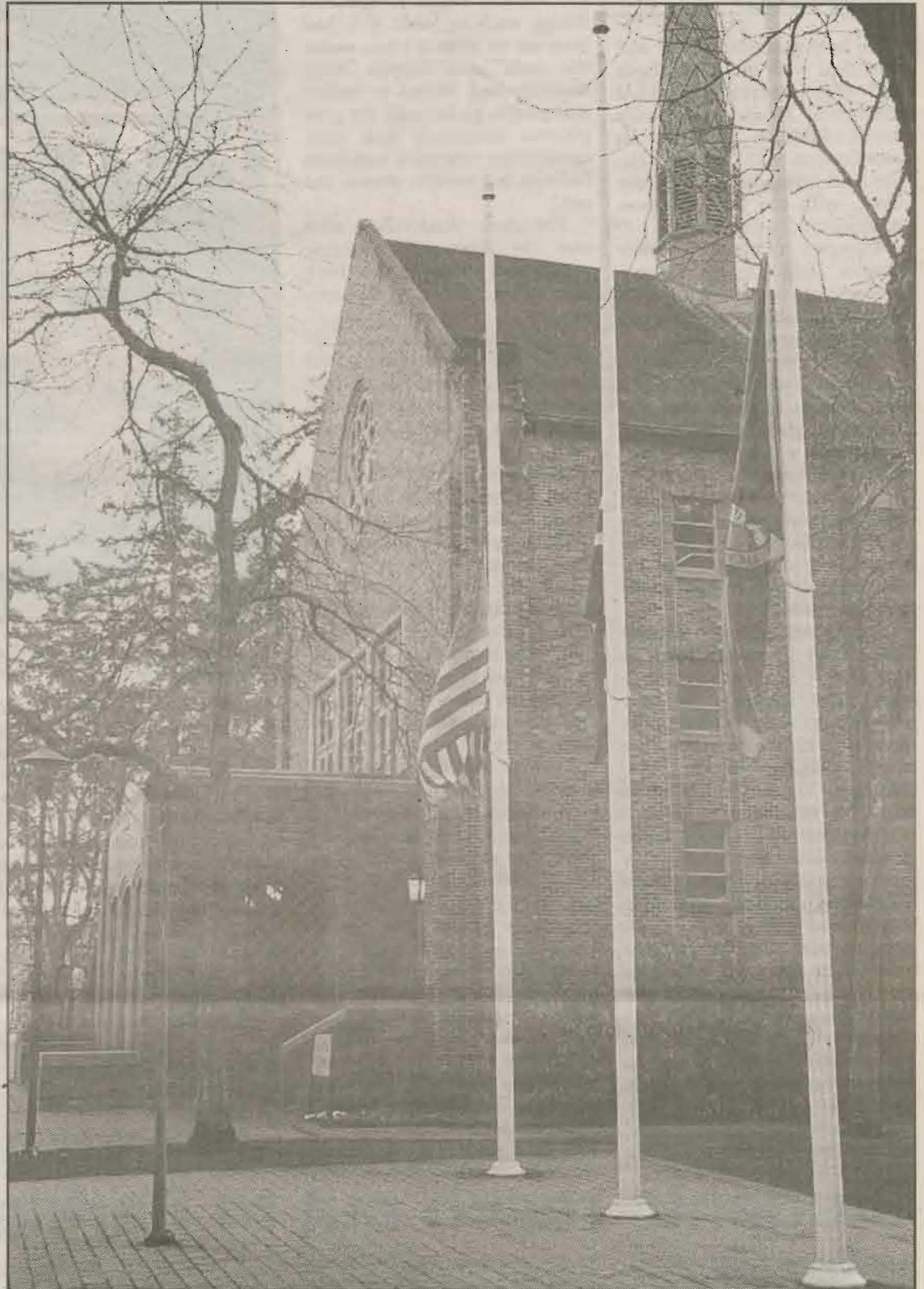


Photo by Ty Kalberg

PLU's flags fly at half-mast in memory of PLU freshman Monica Lightell, killed Saturday night.

woman's leg.

After some time, Hood ran with a group of students back to Pflueger, and then went to Olson Auditorium. Hood said she was mostly worried about friends who were unaccounted for, but when she got to Olson she was treated for her injured ankle and then transported with another student to the hospital by ambulance.

She said that she was in shock and too hysterical to realize that her ankle was even hurt. She actually had a chipped ankle bone and numerous bruises on her arms and back.

En route to the hospital, paramedics told Hood that there had been one fatality. "When we found out, we just started praying for her family," Hood said.

In the emergency room, Hood was approached by a police detective and asked to fill out a statement.

"He never once asked me about drinking, but the first thing he said was 'Who did it?'" Hood said she had no idea what the officer was talking about.

Later, when Hood heard

reports that drinking contributed to the accident, she was angry. "Saying that this accident was caused by underage drinking is like stabbing a knife into the hearts of everyone there," Hood said.

She said everyone, especially those on the deck, already felt tremendous guilt. "I mean, it was our body weight that crushed her," Hood speculated.

"There is not a single line to this story except that there was a terrible, tragic accident."

Loren Anderson
PLU President

PLU President Loren Anderson agreed that alcohol could not directly be blamed for the accident.

"Alcohol didn't make the deck fall down, but we do know that when lots of alcohol combines with lots of people it creates lots of danger," he said. "There is not a single line to this story except that there was a terrible, tragic accident."

In the midst of the grief,

though, Anderson also praised the community's response to tragedy and to one another. "Whatever is wrong with this place, when it comes down to it, this is all about the students," he said.

Posters have appeared around campus, allowing students opportunities to write their memories of Lightell, and PLU community members have donned yellow ribbons to honor her. In addition, an all-campus memorial "Celebration of Life" service is scheduled for this morning at 10:30 a.m. in Olson Auditorium. Classes regularly scheduled for 11:15 a.m. will be

cancelled to allow students to attend the service.

"The accident brought to light how compassionate and willing this community is to care for their hurting members," Anderson said. "I would like to think PLU is a unique community to care so much."

Most editor in chief Kelly Kearney and copy editor Eric Rutherford contributed to this story.

Campus responds with counseling, programming

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast senior reporter

To help students, faculty and staff deal with the grief, shock and anger surrounding PLU freshman Monica Lightell's death, Campus Ministry, in coordination with Student Life, has held grief sessions this past week, with the first in Olson Auditorium 2 a.m. Sunday.

Campus Pastors Nancy Connor and Dennis Sepper immediately began talking with the students about the shock and horror they had witnessed.

"We divided the students into groups as to what residence hall they lived in, Foss, Pflueger and Tingelstad, and allowed them to articulate what they saw," Connor said.

The students supported each other as they got the chance to hear the different story perspectives, as some students were on the balcony and others were standing under it."

Sepper said that the session lasted until 5 a.m. The focus of this session, Sepper said, was to allow the students to start expressing their feelings. On Sunday at 12:30 p.m., there were more sessions held in Foss, Pflueger, Tingelstad, Harstad and Chris Knutzen Hall West.

"We allowed students again to express their feelings, but this time we focused more on their hearts and emotions than their heads and what they saw," Sepper said. "Many students were still in shock, not only from the death but also seeing the bodies lying under the deck."

Sepper added that at this time students were beginning to express feelings of survivor's guilt. They wondered why they had escaped unhurt, while others had been under or on the

deck when it fell.

"Students began to question things, such as what if it had been me or what if I was under the deck," said Sepper. "Also, students had begun to realize that people go through the grief process differently and were questioning why they had these feelings, but another person did not."

President Anderson, who was in Hawaii recruiting prospective students, flew back Sunday to respond to the accident.

"When things like this happen, you go into such shock, and then there is so much to do that you don't have time to stop and really think about it," Anderson said.

"What we [the university] are trying to do now is to cope with the grief, disbelief, and shock of it all by providing support for one another."

As the week continues, Sepper said the focus will be placed more on students' feelings. "The main thing we want to get across to people, students and faculty alike, is that people grieve in different ways. Some may not ever have the same emotion as their friend, and that is okay," Sepper said.

And once a person goes past a specific emotion, that does not mean they will not have it again. The grieving process is not linear."

Connor added that people cannot be hurried through their reactions; they have to take their own time. "People should not be forced to talk about what they saw or how they are feeling. When they are ready to open up and share, they will, but until then they should not be forced," Connor said.

Sepper said that right now



PLU students in the University Center sign a banner and read messages dedicated to Monica Lightell and her family. Many donned yellow ribbons in memory of her Wednesday. Photo by Ty Kalberg

the campus community needs to be especially sympathetic to one another, give people space, but also watch out for one another. This includes making sure people are eating, sleeping and working off stress. "There are many resources on campus and students should reach out and utilize them as much as possible. You can contact campus ministry, an RA, an RD, Counseling and Testing and Student Life," Sepper said.

He added that on Tuesday night the Campus Ministry office holds a regular grief support group at 7 p.m., and everyone is welcome.

"This event may have triggered past grief memories for

some people, and that is normal," Sepper said.

Along with the emotional counseling, PLU is also planning some weekend entertainment alternatives. Vice President and Dean of Student Life Laura Majovski said wants to expand on-campus activities and legitimize the decisions of those students who choose not to drink.

She predicted the event will have an affect on off-campus parties. "This week, a number of off-campus students told me that the accident will change how they hold parties at their homes."

"There is a high level of responsibility associated with living off campus, being a good

neighbor and abiding by the laws. We will continue to educate our students, both those living on and off campus, about living safely."

And safety is what President Loren Anderson wants. He said the death of a student is one of his worst fears.

"You just live in fear of that phone call," he said.

"And for whatever bureaucratic association comes with the administration, there is not one of us who hasn't stopped and cried this week."

Anderson said there has been only one other student death in his nine years as president. PLU student Judy Cook died in a car crash on Christmas Day 1998.

Students reach out to Parkland through service

BY STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER
Mast reporter

While Parkland might not be the prettiest neighborhood, student Jessica McFarland said the Parkland clean-up helped Lutes respect the people who live there.

She said Sunday's Parkland clean-up was a good experience "because most people look at Parkland as a really trashy place."

"But when you pick up the garbage, you start to see that this is people's home, and that we shouldn't just throw stuff on the ground."

Students met Sunday in Red

Square and went into the community, cleaning streets and buildings, then returned to campus for fellowship and pizza.

Andrea DeLuca said that those who participated "wanted to show Parkland some love and care and respect."

Tesia Forbes thought the event helped students feel connected to the community.

"It was a good way to connect the students and the community around us."

Monday was open-mic night at the Cave. The night was an opportunity for people of all talents to come and share in a night of fun and laughter.

All donations went to Helping Hand House, a shelter that provides emergency housing for homeless families.

Tuesday, students had the opportunity to serve at Helping Hand House. Students stocked two of the houses used for emergency housing with food and cleaning supplies.

Wednesday, students went to St. Leo's Hospitality Kitchen to serve meals to the homeless in Tacoma.

Thursday topped off the events of the week with ARROW day. The theme of the day was children's literature, making the event fun for chil-

dren of all ages. Activities included games, booths, and raffles, sponsored by various clubs and residence halls.

Community families and children were invited to join in the fun in the University Center, as clubs and organizations took the opportunity to meet with the community and raise awareness of clubs on campus and awareness of the Helping Hand House. Funds raised by raffles and games went to Helping Hand House.

Last year the event raised over \$1,000 for Northwest EquiCARE. The Volunteer Center usually directs funds from this event to small, com-

munity organizations that could benefit from a private donation.

This year, the Volunteer Center hopes to raise money for the Helping Hand House, as well as raise awareness of the organization among the community.

The week of events also serves to continue the tradition of service and create awareness of the Volunteer Center and the opportunities for PLU students to serve in the community.

If you would like to make a donation of towels, sheets, food or other items to the Helping Hand House, contact the Volunteer Center, x8318.

LETTERS

Ignorance surrounding academic study of religion explains objections to Borg lecture

The hyperbole surrounding our humble religious studies lecture this year (e.g., campus "invasion" of Marcus Borg) has been remarkable! Just for the record: The religion department invited Marcus early last spring because he is in our region, has published notable scholarship in religion and was willing to come for an affordable fee.

The pervasive ignorance of the academic study of religion in U.S. culture (ironic, given its roots in Deism and the Enlightenment) ought to be far more distressing than Borg's views. There is so little critical,

historical and comparative study of religion in public schools (not to speak of private), that we should not be surprised at the outcry or incomprehension.

When Marcus indicated that faith was not about "belief," he might have gone on to say the university is not about "belief" either, but rather the critical examination of beliefs. There are real alternatives to the false dilemmas and supposed absolutes of fundamentalism.

Close to the heart of a university, going back to Socrates, is the examination of those things

thought to be known with such certainty. And close to the heart of the church, going back to Jesus and Moses, is the critical examination of idolatrous claims that are thought to be so absolute. Paul Tillich, on the very first page of his great *Systematic Theology*, discusses American fundamentalism as a violation of the First Commandment. With this common cultural mission, perhaps church-related higher education might not be an oxymoron after all.

While I must thank *The Mast* for its coverage of the Borg lec-

ture, Thonney's rather dismissive editorial hardly encourages the thoughtful consideration such a fine speaker deserves. Perhaps those with superior biblical study may know something Borg has missed, though miss crucial points in what he said (lost, I guess, in "lengthy and detailed and dreary" explanations by someone with an Oxford University Ph.D. in New Testament). Borg does, in fact, discuss lucidly the question of sin and other important theological topics in his books.

Meanwhile, the Bible continues to be used "literally" with-

out consistency or regard for its original meanings.

Important critical alternatives deserve to be heard and understood, not dismissed. That is at the deepest heart and mission of an excellent university education. That is the spirit which animates the religion department lectureships. That thoughtful, creative energy might sometimes be God's own Spirit.

Douglas E. Oakman
Associate professor and
chair of religion department

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Earthquake enthusiasts lament a 'monumental failure'

BY MATT CAMERON
Mast A+E editor

Locals and experts alike have deemed the earthquake that shook the Pacific Northwest Wednesday a near-total failure.

The earthquake, measuring at a respectable magnitude of 6.8, caused widespread coffee spillage as well as thousands of reported cases of pet hyperactivity.

"A quake of this magnitude will typically do far more damage than what we saw," said seismologist Kathryn Furtado.

"The only reason that this event failed to live up to its tremendous potential was the simple fact that it occurred 32 miles below ground. As natural disasters go, this thing was a monumental failure."

PLU junior Consuela Martinez was "totally let down" by the quake's disappointingly ineffective showing.

She and her family moved to Tacoma from San Francisco in September of 1989, mere weeks before the city was hit by a quake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale.

"I was so mad," she said. "My friends back at my old school got to brag about what it was like to be in a real earthquake and I missed out on the whole thing - I've always wanted to experience one ever since. What a disappointment."

She paused to kick the ground with her toe.

"Yeah, I'm talkin' to you, Puget Sound fault line. You think you're all that with your 6.8 thirty miles underground. Yeah? You wanna

try me? Bring it on!"

Many believe that the quake's failure will only reinforce the Seattle-centric view that many Americans have of Washington state.

"This is so typical," sighed Corrin Tucker, vocalist for Olympia rock trio Sleater-Kinney.

"This earthquake should have totally rocked the Northwest! But nooo... nothing can make a real impact if it tries to operate south of Seattle. Except us, of course."

Although many experts are speculating that more quakes are inevitable, earthquake enthusiasts are concerned that this might have been the massive earthquake which had long been predicted to wreak havoc across the Northwest.

"I hope that wasn't 'the big one' we've been expect-

ing all this time," said lifetime Parkland resident Carl Neeland.

"With all of those fault lines we've got around here, we should be able to do much better. I had my home reinforced after the '65 quake, and I've been waiting for the fun to start every day since then. We haven't had a real natural disaster since St. Helens... let's get it going, Puget Sound!"

Martinez agrees. "I was especially disappointed by how little action we got here on campus, especially with the epicenter only a few miles away.

"The least that stupid quake could have done was take out the math building or something. We need some excuse to rebuild that dump."

The Longest Journey is well worth the trip

BY BRANDON WHIPPLE
Mast critic

Six days. I just sacrificed six days of my precious life for a game. Aside from the occasional break for bread, water, and sleep, I have spent the last six days playing a computer game. It was worth it, I think, since *The Longest Journey* was probably one of the best games I have played in a very long while.

An adventure gamesimilar in form to the classic Lucas Arts games *The Dig*, *Day of the Tentacle*, and the *Monkey Island* series, *The Longest Journey* takes you on, well, a really long journey.

This entails about 13 chapters of story to plow through, with dozens of unique characters to interact with.

The story starts out simply enough. There are two parallel worlds that co-exist: our science-based Earth and a magical world called Arcadia that we are unaware of. The two worlds are protected by a "Guardian" who watches over them and ensures that they are in balance.

April Ryan, a young art student living in Venice about 300 years in the future, is the protagonist of the story. As the game begins, April is slowly discovering that she has the ability to "shift" or travel between these two worlds. The story really starts rolling when the Guardian disappears and the two worlds start to slowly merge into one.

Of course, it becomes April's responsibility to find



photo courtesy Funcom

the Guardian and restore the balance, since she is gifted with the ability to shift between worlds. Absolutely sure that she has gone insane, April starts out on her journey to find the Guardian and save the world.

The gameplay has a very classic feel, with little variation from most adventure games. (These should not be confused with role-playing games, a far more complicated and specialized genre.)

You examine the environment, pick up objects, and use them to further your progress in the game. For example, you can buy a can of soda, shake it up with a paint mixer, and give it to the thirsty police officer who is blocking your progress.

Whammo! When opened the can drenches the officer.

He runs off to change, and you are able to continue.

Anyone who has played any kind of adventure game before should be familiar with the game's simple point and click setup, and newcomers to the genre should have no trouble learning to navigate the environment.

The graphics are 3-D accelerated, and take advantage of all sorts of lighting and shadow effects. This creates tons of mood and atmosphere for the game's many environments, which include a tropical island, the projects of Venice, and an ancient stone temple, among others. The characters in the game are all well done and extremely unique, although sometimes slightly pixelated.

The game has great sound all around, but the real treat comes from the voice acting. None of these performances are Academy Award-winning material, but they do the

story justice, and enhance the overall gaming experience.

April has a lot of great lines, and the voice acting really helps to portray her as a strong, occasionally stubborn, character.

Be warned: this game is highly addictive. If you give it a try, and I wholeheartedly recommend that you do, you should be prepared to spend quite a bit of time at your computer.

This game will suck you in and not let you up for air until you have led April to the end of her journey. *The Longest Journey* is without a doubt the best adventure game released last year, as well as one of the best ever.

For more on *The Longest Journey*, try <http://www.longestjourney.com>

Stuff That Matters This Week

ACCORDING TO MATT CAMERON

Mast A+E Editor

Friday

Saxifrage submissions due!

Don't miss your chance to be included in the best Saxifrage ever! This is your last opportunity to submit your poetry, prose, artwork, or musical scores for consideration in this year's edition.

Submission forms in Haavik House, Knorr House, Admin. 222, and the Writing Center. See posters everywhere for details or call x7827. Operators are standing by.

Saturday

The Clap and Lila

Two local bands including PLU students and alumni will be at Tuscany's to promote the release of The Clap's new independently released album *The Sound of One Hand Clapping*. The show is free, and the CD is only five bucks!

Tuscany's Pizza, 8 p.m.

Tuesday

ASPLU Election Primaries

It's votin' time! Get started early by narrowing the field down to the best and brightest of our ASPLU candidates.

Just about everywhere, all day

K103 Interest Meeting

Anyone interested in having their own radio show (everyone should try it at least once) or helping out around KCCR is welcome to attend this general interest meeting.

University Center Regency Room, 8:45 p.m.

March 10

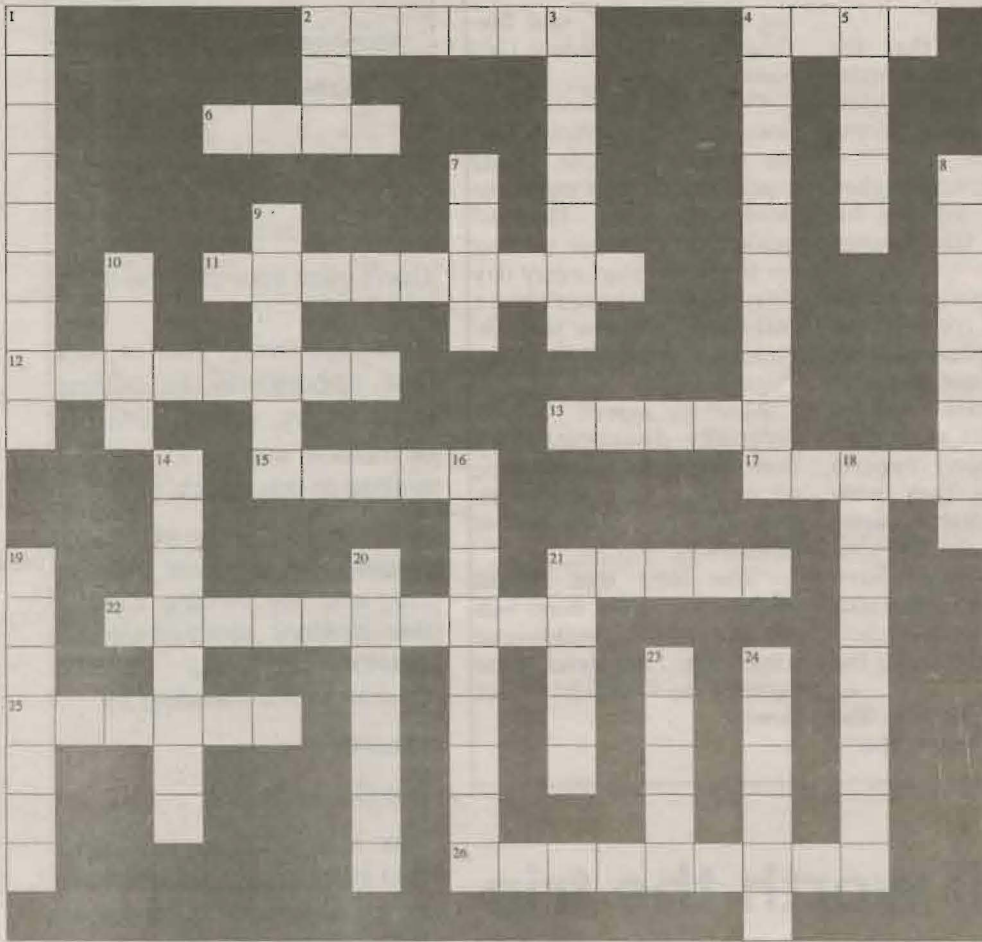
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Chris Knutzen Hall, 5 p.m.

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Across

- 2. Bush presented his plan for a 1.6 trillion one to Congress last week
- 4. Declared presidential winner following Miami Herald's recount of Florida undervotes last week
- 6. ____-and-mouth outbreak currently sweeping England
- 11. Holiday which inspired rioting in Seattle last week.
- 12. 350 lbs of this were not discovered in a Lakewood storage facility last month
- 13. The ____ Administration Building
- 15. Clinton coke dealer and second-rate rock singer pardoned by his brother in January.
- 17. Last week's Schnackenberg Lecture: "____ and China: An Unlikely Marriage"
- 21. "____ Housewives", opening next week in Eastvold.
- 22. "____ Island", ended last week after seven episodes too many.
- 25. Mt. Rainier's original name, changed only after strong opposition from Seattleites
- 26. PLU's uncensored Internet forum; now claims nearly 150 users per day

Down

- 1. Popular NASCAR driver tragically killed last month in the final lap of the Daytona 500
- 2. Hour in the morning at which members of the opposite sex must leave your dorm room
- 3. PLU band playing this Saturday at Tuscany's with Lila to promote their latest, *The Sound of One Hand Clapping*.
- 4. "____'s back, alright"? Probably not, but they were in the Tacoma Dome last week, anyway.
- 5. Richter scale measurement for recent earthquake, (rounded up to the nearest integer)
- 7. First name of Clinton in-law paid to facilitate pardons
- 8. Infamous UC chicken entree: don't forget the sauce!
- 9. Renovations should be finished by next school year
- 10. Lead singer of "Song of the Year" Grammy-winning Irish band
- 14. End of the line for SR 512 westbound
- 16. Won "Best Alternative Music Album" for *Kid A* last month at the Grammys
- 18. What the Coffee Shop has started serving this year
- 19. XFL commentator, unlikely Minnesota governor
- 20. Tacoma's infamous gateway to Gig Harbor
- 21. U.N. head Kofi ____
- 23. Nickname of infamous gangsta rapper Combs taking the stand in his nightclub shooting trial; ex-GF J-Lo won't. (It's all about the testimony, baby.)
- 24. Biblical inscription outside of Admin: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of ____"

Answers next week!

—Matt Cameron

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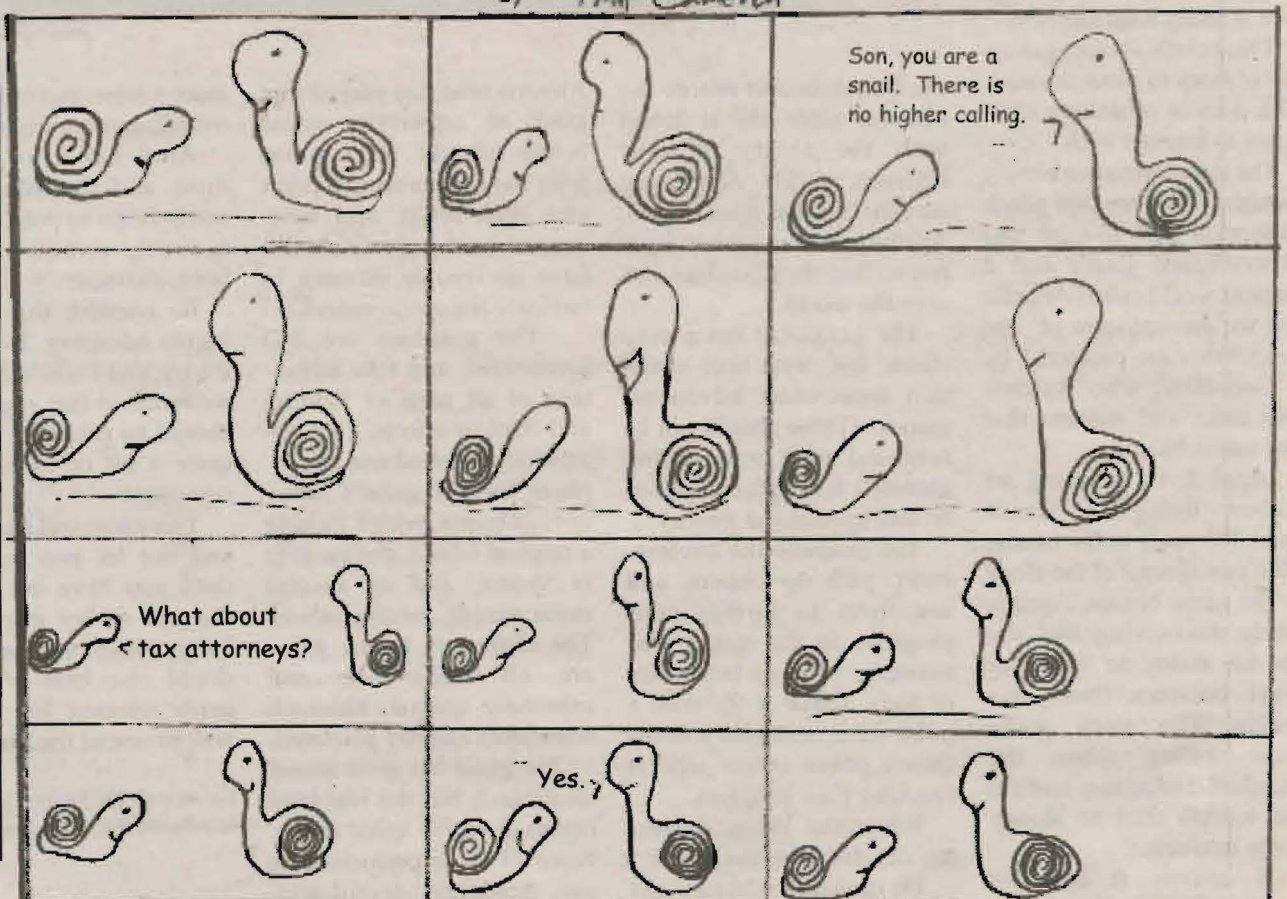
By Matt Cameron

Think this cartoon sucks?

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If you think that you can do better, drop off your best strip at the Mast office, and we'll just see about that.

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Women's basketball falls to George Fox, ends season

BY HAZEN HYLAND
Mast intern

Struggling to find healthy players at a crucial time of year, the PLU women's basketball team traveled to Newberg, Ore., last Saturday night to play the pesky George Fox Bruins for the third time this season. And like the previous two games, this was a dogfight.

Racing out to a nine-point halftime lead, the Lutes looked to feed junior forward Jessica Iserman, who had a game-high 22 points and 11 rebounds. Iserman's stellar games have become the norm for her.

However, that nine-point halftime lead evaporated quickly. The Lutes could not contain the inside presence of Katie Lacey, and the complementary outside presence of Nicole Prazeau for the Bruins. As the lead slipped, George Fox put on a shooting display for the 1,200 fans in attendance. The Bruins shot 74 percent from the floor in the second half, a shooting percentage rarely reached at any level of basketball. The final score was 63-58 and the Northwest Conference Championship went to George Fox.

Throughout the game, the Bruins seemed to fear the driving duo, juniors Becky Franza and Jamie Keatts. Both took the ball to the rack and George Fox was forced to foul. Franza played the entire game and led the Lutes with seven assists,

while converting all nine of her free throws. She had a total of 18 points, while Keatts added 10, and Ruud chipped in six.

While the Bruins moved on, the Lutes still had an outside chance to make it to the national tournament with an at-large bid. But it didn't happen.

"For teams hoping to get at-large bids, the three West Coast teams don't get any respect," coach Rigell said.

Two nights earlier, the Lutes punished Willamette in their home playoff opener with a 63-51 victory. Playing in quite possibly the most enthusiastic crowd of the year, the Lutes finally found their home identity.

"I wasn't nervous about our injured team because I knew someone was going to step up," junior guard Maria Geni said. "I think it was the best we played at home all year."

Junior forward Jessica Iserman led the scoring assault with 17 points, 15 of which came in the first half.

The Lutes went on a 10-0 run in the last three minutes of the first half, highlighted by a key steal and lay-up by Keatts. Iserman added a bucket with 10 seconds left to secure a seven-point lead.

Willamette battled back to take a one-point lead on Rosie Contri's three-pointer six minutes into the second half.

However, their efforts were not to be rewarded.

Iserman was on the bench in foul trouble when PLU went on



Jamie Keatts and Maria Geni block a shot against Willamette. Photo by Leah Sprain

another run, led by seniors Betsy Ruud and Lucy Barker. They made back-to-back shots to push the lead to 56-44 on Ruud's second long range cannonball.

"The girls came in and did what they had to do," assistant coach Ryan "Bebe" Pelphry said. "[Hively] came in and even though she only played two minutes, she contributed

For more information about individual statistics, check out the PLU Web site at: www.plu.edu/~phed/

everything she could. It was a good overall team performance."

Courtney Johnson, a freshman center for the Lutes, had five blocked shots. Johnson also had a game-high 12 boards.

The Lutes finished yet another season with 20 wins. This is the fourth consecutive year PLU has won at least 20 games, and these four years under coach Rigell are the only years in school history the Lutes have accomplished so much.

Franza and Iserman were voted by league coaches to the All-Northwest Conference first team. They were the only non-seniors of the six players selected to the first team.

Wearing PLU jerseys for the last time in the George Fox game were seniors Ruud and Barker. "Their long-range shots and warm smiles will be missed," said red-shirt freshman Leslie Johnson. It was an emotional last game for many of the players and families in attendance.

"Basketball at PLU has definitely been raised to a new level," said Ruud. "It's been a fun four years alongside [Barker] to win three conference championships. Women's basketball is finally on the map."

Basketball memories and fond farewells



Instant Replay
Andrew Bentz

I am in an unusual frame of mind for this time of the year. Finally, I figured out what it was.

The PLU women's basketball team is not in the national tournament.

My freshman year, the Lutes earned a berth to the NAIA Division II national tournament thanks to the superior skills of point guard Kim Corbray and shooting guard Tasie Hampton.

My sophomore year it was freshman point guard Becky Franza, and juniors Tara Millet and Amber Hahn who led PLU to the NCAA Division III tournament.

Last year Millet and Franza led the way to the Lutes' second consecutive national tournament berth with help from junior three-point specialists Lucy Barker and Betsy Ruud.

Junior Jessica Iserman came off the bench in both her freshman and sophomore years, but could have started on any other team in the conference.

This season, with the loss of Millet and Hahn to graduation, head coach Gil Rigell recruited hard for the post

position and brought in 6-foot-3 freshman Courtney Johnson and 6-foot-1 freshman Andrea Hively.

With the new recruits, and the increase in production from Iserman and sophomore center Katie Springer, the Lutes seemed bound for the national spotlight again.

Iserman put up career numbers this season, averaging 15.6 points per conference game and 11 rebounds per game. Franza was 14th in the conference, averaging 10.5 PPG.

For their performances both Iserman and Franza were named to the All-Northwest Conference First Team.

On the defensive side of the court, three Lutes were in the top five in the conference for blocks per game. Johnson was first with 2, Springer was third with 1.6 and Iserman was fifth with 1.31.

Even with all these accomplishments, PLU fell short of a national appearance, thanks to the reigning NWC champion George Fox Bruins.

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Men's and women's tennis kick off season with wins

BY SCOTT MCVICKER
Mast reporter

Pacific Lutheran University's women's tennis team began their 2001 season hoping to repeat as Northwest Conference champions. Judging from their results this past week, they are on the right track. A deep and talented Pacific Lutheran University men's tennis team also began its 2001 campaign with a pair of home wins against Northwest Conference opponents.

The Lutes got off to a great start, winning their first four matches on the road against Northwest Conference foes Puget Sound, George Fox, Lewis and Clark and Pacific.

PLU opened the week and their season Feb. 21 with an 8-1 dismantling of cross-town rival University of Puget Sound. Leaving little room for improvement, the Lutes went on to 9-0 whitewashing of Lewis and Clark Feb. 23.

The Lutes traveled to Oregon Saturday to hand Pacific University a 9-0 defeat in the morning, and George Fox University an 8-1 defeat in the afternoon. "We have a great team, and a great coach," said PLU senior captain Kalei Kowalski.

The Lutes dominated so much that only one singles match out of the 24 played

this past week ended up going longer than straight sets.

The Lute tennis team has set high, yet attainable, goals for its performance this year.

"Winning the Northwest Conference is our main goal, but we are also hoping to win at regionals," said senior Soffie Tibbling.

The Lutes not only dominated in singles play, with players such as junior Heidi Ruud and senior Kirstin Rorvik going 4-0 for the week, but also dominated in doubles action. The PLU women were flawless in all 12 of their doubles matches. Lute captain Kowalski said, "We have four seniors, so why not go out on top?"

On top is where the Lutes intend to stay. The Lute women are in action today and tomorrow against Willamette and Linfield at PLU. "Everyone is going to be gunning for us because we are two-time NWC champs," said Kowalski.

The Lute men started their season handily beating Lewis & Clark and Pacific University both by a score of 7-0.

"We had a good weekend," said PLU men's co-head coach Doug Gardner. "We were able to play a lot of the guys that are seven through 12 in our ladder and they played well."

Despite allowing some of

the lower seeds to play as top six seeds, the Lutes did not lose a set in either match.

"It is great to let them get a feel for top six play," said junior captain Tyler Imig. "We have a great squad this year, we are very deep."

Everyone was successful for PLU. Imig as well as junior captain Peter Lunoe, sophomore Reid Wiggins, sophomore Justin Ochsner, and sophomore Scott Nguy all had strong performances in both matches. Also recording wins in their collegiate debuts were freshmen Kurt Swanson, Luke Roloff, and David Edmiston.

When asked about the team's goals for the upcoming season, co-captain Imig said, "We are definitely looking to take the Northwest Conference title and go back to regionals." For the team to realize such goals, they are looking for a successful week. The Lutes will travel to play the University of Puget Sound, Linfield College, and Willamette University.

"We are ready to go get 'em," Imig said. And get 'em they must. UPS and Willamette provide good competition, but by all accounts Linfield should be the toughest. Linfield recently knocked off defending NWC champion Whitman College with a 5-2 victory. The Lutes hope to do the same to Linfield today at 3:30 in McMinnville, Ore.

Fastpitch looks to have another strong season

BY JASON ANSPACH
Mast senior reporter

Pacific Lutheran University's fastpitch team ended last season one win away from the 2000 NCAA Division III World Series. Needless to say, the squad wants another go.

The Lutes are currently ranked fifth by the National Fastpitch Coaches' Association.

Head Coach Rick Noren shed light on last season's ending. "In those final games of the year," Noren said, "you need a little luck, and you can't control whether or not you'll get it. Hopefully, this year, the breaks will go our way."

All luck aside, the Lutes maintain a strong nucleus from last year's team. Only two starting-position players from last season graduated, leaving a platoon of experienced sophomores, juniors and seniors along with a "solid recruiting class" of freshmen.

While some teams excel at offense, and others at defense, the Lutes have obtained a mastery of both.

Last season, 11 out of 17 players hit .300 or above, with three more hitting .250 or above. "Offensively, we've always been big and strong," Noren said. "This year, we've

added a couple of speed components and plan to run more aggressively on the bases."

After hitting a staggering .510 last season and capturing a slough of awards, including NCAA Division III catcher of the year, and Northwest Conference Player of the Year, Shannon Fritzsche is confident doing what needs to be done in order for the Lutes to duplicate their phenomenal performance last season.

"We need to be mentally tough all year," Fritzsche said between swings at batting practice. "The past seasons, we keep that toughness for a good portion of the year, and then lose it little by little. I want to end a season feeling that [the team] is stronger."

Mental toughness is a key term often repeated by the fastpitch players. "[The team] needs to come out with intensity and a winning mindset," junior Irene Bryant said. "Both the team and myself need to get better from each game."

PLU's pitching is just as dominating as its offense. The team combined for a record of 36-6 with a mind-numbing team ERA of 1.09. Despite losing the accomplished Cherstin Johnson to injury, the rotation still has what it takes to put hash marks in the W column.

"Pitching needs to keep



Photo by Nisha Ajmani
Juniors Jessica Baca and Jenni Ferries defend the left side of the infield.

doing what they do," Noren said, adding with a smile, "But they also need to let their defense have a little more action."

The staff's Ace, junior Melissa Korb, dominated opponents last year by holding them to a paltry .158 batting average

en route to a 19-3 record, boasting 175 strikeouts to 59 bases on balls.

"I want to end a season with a good feeling," Korb said, alluding to the team's inability to enter the World Series last season, "This season, we're going to look at each game in

the sense of areas you can improve, as opposed to wins or losses."

A good mix of veteran talent and freshman enthusiasm will hold the team's defense together. Freshman Sara Shideler will fill the first-base position, while sophomores Guerrero and Jenni Ferries play up the middle.

"People need to step up and fulfill leadership roles," Ferries said, "Our team has more depth and speed than it has before. I just want all of us to come together to work and show our versatility."

The outfield will be divided up in the capable hands of freshman Allison Gaboury, Bryant in left field, and the team's sole senior, McKenna Dotson playing center field.

"Last year we put a lot of big teams on pedestals," junior Amy McGlinchy said, "We can't let ourselves be intimidated by those teams anymore, we're a big team too, now." With the pieces set in place, the Lutes now set out to achieve their ultimate goal.

McGlinchy put things bluntly. "A ring," she said. This is a tone shared by Dotson, who with a smile proclaimed, "Winning a national championship would be a good way to go out."

Men's baseball hopes to show its strength

BY JASON ANSPACH
Mast senior reporter

The Pacific Lutheran University baseball team is set to play its first home game of the season tomorrow at noon, and head coach Larry Marshall is pleased with what the team will bring to the field.

"This team has more speed and athleticism than any team, I think, we've had in the past," Marshall said. "You're going to see more squeezes and bunts."

"We're going to be very aggressive on second base, take calculated chances, and look to steal third more often," Marshall said.

The team must deal with the loss of first team all-conference shortstop Jay Chennault, who hit .393 last season with 57 hits, 28 runs scored, and 26 RBI along with 15 stolen bases. Chennault left PLU as the career leader in six different offensive categories.

Junior Rob White, who will likely play left field, will be responsible for filling the hole in the lineup.

"If [White] can hit productively in the No. 3 spot," Marshall observed, "we'll have a solid offense."

Another key player in Marshall's lineup is freshman Chris Ullom, a right-handed second baseman out of Yelm High School. "Ullom has great speed

and tenacity, and runs with no fear," Marshall said.

Defensively, Marshall feels the team "has the potential to be a strong ball club as a result of their athleticism."

PLU has a capable pitching staff. "This staff has more depth than it has in a long time," Marshall commented. The team has a total of nine pitchers available, though seven are freshmen.

Marshall hopes for repeat performances from senior right-hander Brian Farman, who hurled in 92.1 innings with eight complete games and 76 strikeouts, as well as junior Jason Andrew, also a right-hander, who sported a 2.91 ERA over 12 starts, pitching 89.2 innings with six complete games and 89 Ks.

"Both of these guys have been strong leaders," Marshall said.

Luke Faxon, a freshman out of Sherwood, Ore., is a likely candidate for the role of third starter, with freshman Rob Wright likely taking the number four spot. Nearly locked in for the closer role is freshman Shaun Parthemer out of Sammamish, Wash., with Dave Janney most likely filling the middle relief position. Marshall also has the option to go to the talented Luc Hammond or import Atushi Hosaka, who hails from Kofu, Japan.

The Lutes are anchored up the middle by junior catcher Adam Epperson, who threw out 16 of 26 base runners, despite

missing part of the season due to injury.

Second base is up for grabs between Ullom and sophomore Matt Simon, both of whom are capable of the job.

Shortstop is another tossup, as sophomores Jason Anglin and Todd Haberly are both more than able to handle the position well.

The corners are in good hands with lefty freshman first baseman Nolan Soete, whom Marshall says can "hit the ball harder than anyone I've seen." Sophomore Josh Reiman, who hit .313 with 42 walks, will be back at third base.

The outfield will be held down by senior Mark Lydell, who moved from left field to right. Michael Colón and speedster Lew England will switch off in center field.

"The biggest strength of this team," Marshall observed, "is the way all 24 of these guys are able to interact. They work cohesively for the same common goals, they show tremendous leadership, and someone always steps up to fill in a gap."

"The talent's there," Marshall said. "They just have to make the routine plays with their ability and quickness, and we'll put together a winning season."

■Next up—Tomorrow the Lutes face British Columbia in a double-header at home. Sunday the Lutes will play two games against Central Washington.

Cromwell breaks record

Pacific Lutheran Men's Swim team senior Richard Cromwell swam to a record-setting time in the 200 backstroke last weekend.

Cromwell's time of 1:56.23 broke the former PLU record of 1:56.74 set by Ron Barnard in 1975. The 1975 record was the oldest men's record still on the books; Cromwell's 2001 record is the newest.

Fastpitch improvises in response to quake

The Lutes found themselves facing off against each other in a split-squad matchup when the St. Martin's failed to show Wednesday.

St. Martin's athletic director told their fastpitch team not to make the drive to Parkland because of damage caused locally by the 6.8 earthquake earlier in the day.

St. Martin's, despite its absence, will not be forced to forfeit the game. No information has been released as to when the two games will be made up.

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Track teams expect to be competitive

BY KRISTINA COURTNAGE
Mast assistant sports editor

With the momentum from last year's conference championship behind them, the PLU men's track and field team hopes to see some outstanding performances against the University of Washington in Seattle this Saturday.

A small group of 20 athletes from the men's and women's teams will compete at the event.

Both the men and women have unusually young teams this year. Head coach Brad Moore said that approximately half of the women are freshmen. "We have lots of freshmen that are going to contribute," he said. "It's exciting for the future."

Some key players to watch for this season on the men's team include junior Ryan Reed, who competed in steeplechase last year, senior Alan Davies in the distance events, and Kevin Giboney, who ran one of the fastest times ever for PLU in the 100 meters.

On the women's side, sen-

ior Leslie Seelye and sophomore Rochelle Weems will return. Seelye has competed nationally in the hammer while Weems also competed in nationals last year, throwing javelin.

In the sprints, junior Jill Wilmovsky and junior Becca Ehli will compete. Ehli ran on the relay team last year at nationals and Wilmovsky has competed at nationals the last two years.

Also for the women junior Lia Ossiander, a national competitor in cross country the past three years, will compete in the running events for the first time. "I expect her to be very competitive in track and field as well," said Moore.

Leah Proctor, a freshman this year, will compete in javelin. "(Proctor) has an outstanding background in javelin," Moore said.

He added, "We're anxious to get started to see where we are at and where we can be between now and May."

The Lutes have their first home meet on March 10 against Salzman, beginning at 10 a.m.

Crew honors memory of teammate

BY KRISTINA COURTNAGE
Mast assistant sports editor

Losing a teammate is never easy. This is especially true in the sport of crew, where teammates must be in tune with each other mentally and physically to row in synchronization.

When the crew team learned of port rower Monica Lightell's death, they quickly organized an impromptu get-together Sunday evening in Harstad, where all the novice women were able to talk, pray and console one another. They also shared pictures of earlier regattas that Lightell had been a part of and wrote letters to her family.

The team has no trouble recalling fond memories of Lightell. "She was so fun and bright," said freshman Katie Alexander.

Lightell liked to spice up practices with her creative clothing. "Monica's outfits brought so much into practice," said sophomore Jessie Muhm. "She wore big, funky socks and hats. Some of her socks had Scooby Doo or were multi-colored wool socks. She also had orange or pink shorts that she would wear twice a week and she wore her hair in braids."

"She splashed you if you sat next to her," said freshman Kimberly Andre with a smile.

Lightell was dedicated to crew, and would always show her enthusiasm when she met someone else from the team. "Monica was more enthusiastic than anyone I can think of," said Muhm. "She would say 'I

practices. "We thought it was going to just be movie girls," Alexander said. "Almost the entire varsity team was there to support us as well."

Before eating dinner at the boathouse, the team lit floating candles that they put along with flowers into the dark, calm lake where Monica and the rest of the crew team spent countless hours during the fall, practicing.

During the memorial, the tone was serious. "Right in the middle of the talking, some ducks quacked and it was just Monica trying to lighten the situation," said Alexander



Photo courtesy of Katie Alexander
Monica Lightell with her teammates in November 2000. Monica is on the far right, wearing a hat.

love this sport' when she found out someone was from crew."

"Whenever she'd come out, it was just 100 percent if not more," said Alexander. "She put so much time and effort into crew. She had so much energy and put it in such a positive way."

"She had the biggest, brightest, most beautiful smile in the whole world," Alexander said.

The women attended chapel service together Monday morning and held their own memorial service in the evening at American Lake, where the team

with a smile. "Monica wouldn't want us to go away sad, so we rolled down the hill screaming before we left."

"It was good for me," said Muhm. "Monica's really helped to bring our whole team together."

"It was really special," said novice women's team captain sophomore Devon Van Dyne.

The team decided to dedicate this season to Monica. "We will do our best for her," said Alexander. "It's a really sad time but we're finding the strength in each other."

Write for the Mast!

The sports section is still seeking enthusiastic writers for the spring sports season.

Contact Chris at X7493 if you are interested.

Lacrosse misses against WSU

BY CHRIS FREDERICK
Mast sports editor

The Pacific Lutheran University men's lacrosse team lost a tough match Sunday against the Washington State Cougars. The final score was 12-15, putting the Lutes at 1-4 so far this season.

Things began well for the Lutes as they took the lead right away. PLU's offense was aggressive and the defense prevented the Cougars from scoring in the first quarter. The first goal of the day was attributed to a WSU player who unintentionally put the ball in his own team's goal. Senior middle Billy Tackitt soon added another for PLU. When the Cougars scored a goal of their own, sophomore attack Levi Diggs responded with a third PLU goal. WSU was able to sneak another by sophomore goalie Mike Forbes to pull within one of the Lutes. Before the first quarter ran out, Tackitt put another in the net for PLU.

Although the Lutes took the lead early in the game, WSU soon rallied back, scoring four consecutive goals for a two-point advantage over PLU. The Lutes were never again able to regain the lead, and in fact did not score the entire second quarter while the Cougars had

six goals in the second quarter alone.

However, the Lutes still put up a strong fight. In the third and fourth quarters, goals by Tackitt and junior attack Aaron Henderson brought the Lutes within two points of the Cougars.

Despite coming off of a triple-overtime win the previous day over the University of Washington, WSU was able to hang onto the lead, and even pulled away from the Lutes by zipping three more goals by Forbes.

Throughout the game, PLU gave the Cougars a run for their money. "I told them that I knew they could win today," Stockton said. "We had a shot to beat [WSU], but we came up a couple of goals short in the end."

Tackitt said he thinks the loss is partly due to the team's morale and mentality. "We've never beaten Wazzu, and with a team like that there's definitely a mental block. They're just the one team where for some reason something keeps you from beating them."

Damages to the PLU team from penalties and lack of players were harrowing. With all the injuries, Tackitt said, "it's like starting over every week." The Lutes faced several man-down situations and had to

deal with missing key starters, all the while trying to fend off an extremely fast and aggressive Cougar offense. Despite playing with missing players, some team members said they felt those who were able to play did well. "Some of our rookies that haven't gotten a lot of playing time stepped up and filled in where they needed to fill in," Diggs said.

Still, Tackitt said he felt the team adjusted well. "We came out undermanned, and we played really well." PLU did do well on face-off, winning several for their side. The defense played rough, especially junior defender Micah Kwait, who put several Cougars on their backsides. Forbes also contributed several key saves. Sophomore middle Bradley Campbell scored his first goal of the season.

Henderson and junior middle Kris Johnson each finished with two goals, and Tackitt gained five. "There are definite momentum shifts, and I think we were switching the momentum back in our favor at the end," Tackitt said. "We just ran out of time."

Next up—the Lutes have a bye this week. The team's next game is March 9 at Western Washington University. PLU must win the game for the team to advance to playoffs.

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The two-time NWC Player of the Year Katie Lacey averaged 16.6 PPG, while grabbing 9.6 boards per game; she shot 55 percent from the field (105-of-191) and 78.9 percent from the free throw line (56-of-71).

While the Lutes didn't make the NCAA national tournament this season, we still have the memories of years past.

Who can forget Millet's buzzer-beating jump shot to advance PLU over California Lutheran in 1999, giving the Lutes their first NCAA Division III national tournament victory?

Or how the Lutes were victorious in a loser-out game on Feb. 22 defeating Willamette 63-51 to advance PLU to the NWC championship game?

I will be graduating in May, and the women's basketball team will be one of the teams at PLU I will miss the most. I was the beat reporter for my freshman through junior years and for the first half of this season.

I remember watching them at practice and in games over the last few years and have watched Rigell mold a group of players into one of the premier teams in the NWC. He has brought national recognition to the program.

I will miss watching Franza driving past her opponent and scoring a lay-up. Or Barker and Ruud squaring up after a dou-

ble screen and draining a bucket from beyond the three point arc.

The post play of the "Triple Towers" as I called Millet, Hahn, and Iserman during the 1999-2000 season, I will also miss.

I wish I could see the talented group of freshman and reshirts be molded by Rigell's leadership and become the stars of the NWC of tomorrow.

Most of all, I will miss the friendships I have built with some of the players and Rigell over the last few years.

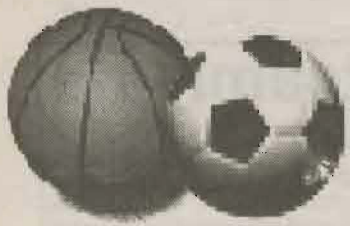
Thank you to all the women basketball players, coaches, and other athletic personell that have befriended me over my career at PLU.

On a personal note, it is with great regret that I must inform the readers of *The Mooring Mast* that this will be my last sports column.

My off-campus job and May graduation is taking up too much of my time, and I must focus on my future career.

I hope you have enjoyed reading my columns as much as I have enjoyed writing them. I wish you all a happy rest of the academic year, and hope that you support your PLU spring sports with as much enthusiasm as you did in the fall and winter.

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Intramural sports

Opportunities for 'fun, fitness, fellowship'



Photo by Leah Sprain

Players run to kick the soccerball at an intramural soccer match in Olson Fieldhouse.

BY HAZEN HYLAND
Mast intern

Intramural sports are already underway this semester, and the games are heating up.

No matter what your skill level, there is a division that will fit your level of play.

All PLU students and staff are invited to participate.

The open division encompasses top level competition by well-skilled athletes, and the recreational division is for amateur players who want to have fun more than stress about the level of competition.

Besides the free cost of play, intramurals don't require a big time commitment like that of a high school- or collegiate-level sport.

Five-on-five basketball and indoor soccer teams for spring have already

formed, but time still remains to start a softball, ultimate frisbee or beach volleyball squad.

March 16 is the last day to sign up for these three sports. The games are played at night or in the late afternoon and run for roughly a month from the start-up date.

All sports offer men's, women's, and coed teams.

Adam Holt, an indoor coed soccer team co-captain said, "IM sports are perfect for students who don't have enough time to partake in a varsity sport."

The other co-captain, Lindsey Smith, said it's better when other teams show up or else it is kind of disappointing. "It is fun because I am playing my favorite sport," said Smith. "But what's even better is that my friends are with me."

As a member of a men's basketball team

this spring, Michael Fox feels fortunate to have a second chance. "I get to relive the high school glory days I never had," Fox said.

A severely damaged lung limited his playing time during high school, but he vows it won't stop him from competing.

Indoor soccer games are held in Olson Fieldhouse, and basketball games are in Olson Auditorium.

During the week of April 2-7, there will be various basketball activities such as a three-on-three tournament because it is the week where the Final Four is held.

If there is enough interest in racquetball, golf, or any other sport, arrangements can be made to fulfill these requests.

For more information about IM sports, call Craig McCord at 535-7355.

Sports on Tap

- Baseball**
- Saturday - British Columbia - noon (Home)
- Sunday - Central Washington - noon (Away)
- Women's tennis**
- Today - Willamette - 3 p.m. (Home)
- Tomorrow - Linfield - 10 a.m. (Home)
- Men's tennis**
- Today - Linfield - 3:30 p.m. (Away)
- Saturday - Willamette - 10:30 a.m. (Away)
- Track**
- Saturday - Washington Invitational - 10 a.m. (Away)

New IM ladders allow for individual events

BY JON-THOMAS FLETCHER
Mast intern

Intramural sports are getting a facelift this year. While intramurals are normally associated with team-oriented sports, like soccer or basketball, Director of Intramural Sports Craig McCord integrated a ladder system into the already existing chain of competitions.

This system will be oriented around individuals, instead of teams, wanting to play a number of single or double sports including: racquetball, squash, tennis, golf, bowling, and bench press. "I am here to serve the students' recreational needs," McCord said.

Each person will begin at a certain spot on the ladder. To move up the ladder, a competitor may challenge a player higher up for his or her place.

McCord said, "It should in a round-about way find out who the best player is." He also welcomes suggestions of new sports that may be introduced.

Bowling incorporates both individual and team play. Senior Brandon Bowman, Ordal Resident Hall Athletic Director and bowling league organizer said, "If for some reason someone doesn't show up, you can still play as a team using a percentage of the missing person's average.

"Another positive aspect about the bowling league is its accessibility for both on- and off-campus students."

Residence Hall Athletic Directors serve as liaisons between the residence halls and McCord by informing residents of due dates for sign-ups and helping to organize teams.

Not only can students participate in competition, but staff are welcome to join as well.

There is even a group of staff members have a pickup game of basketball at least once a week, so students may end up playing basketball against their professors.

The three main objectives of intramural sports can be found in its mission statement: fun, fitness and fellowship. "The main aspect of intramurals is fun," McCord said.

Teams are divided into groups: "A" or "B." Teams can consist of men only, women only, or both.

Although some sports may not be overly challenging, he said they can help reduce stress.

Fellowship may also help people to make new friends around campus.

However, there can be a few problems with intramural sports on campus. Unlike organized sports that have a coach and funding, intramurals are almost completely regulat-



Photo by Leah Sprain

Intramural basketball competitors fight for the ball in Olson Auditorium during a three-on-three game.

ed by students.

Since the students do not pay for playing, there are no referees. The disadvantage of not paying for intramural sports is that it means, "People can be on a team and not show up every time," said McCord.

Bowman said, "Ideally you want to have more players than you actually need to play. The downside of that is that if players

have to rotate in, they don't get as much playing time."

That can be great for people who don't want a permanent commitment, and bad for those who do and miss games because of lack of players.

Additional information about intramural sports is available outside Olson room 102, from RHADs, or by contacting Craig McCord at x7355.

CHOOSE A VOICE:

ASPLU candidates present platforms for primaries

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Tim Vialpando
Junior

Goals

• I want to not only listen, but I want to really hear what you are saying, and then have you watch as we put your ideas into action.

• It's about looking at the way the organization works and fixing what needs to be changed.

• This is about starting the long process of bridging the gap between students and administration. Regularly scheduled Town Hall meetings are vital to this crucial next step towards the overall community.

• This is about taking risks. The only way to find out what really works, is to be willing to try. We can no longer accept mediocrity in the way things are run, planned and implemented. I don't want to be in an environment in which we can say we didn't try.



Branden J. Durst
Junior

Student Accessibility to ASPLU:

• I would put boxes with a standardized forms that could be filled out by the PLU Community with ideas and suggestions.

•Collaboration:

I would immediately organize a meeting between myself and other regional student body presidents to open lines of communication and allow for priceless collaboration.

•Voice in the Administration:

I would recommend a resolution to be passed by the ASPLU Senate, sign an Executive Order, and organize a student petition to allow for one student vote in the President's Council.



Sean Howell
Junior

Platform:

- Be personable
- Team mentality
- Character and openness
- Realistic goals

- Encourage interaction

Create New Positions:

- Environmental Activities Director
- Grant Writer to help clubs and student organizations apply for grants.

Issues:

- Operation Hours, keep the library, fitness center and main dining hall open longer. These are basic facilities and we need them to be accessible.
- Safety, security and a safe environment are paramount, expand lighting and replace burnt bulbs immediately.
- Financial Aid, coordinate WA private colleges into a strong lobby group to Olympia for financial aid.



Randy Roberts
Junior

Qualifications

- Vice President of Alpha Delta Omega at Pierce College
- Public Relations

person for Phi Theta Kappa at Pierce College

• President of the board of trustees at Summit United Methodist Church

Platform

- To push for a sense of more inclusion among the student body. It is my hope and goal that no student feels as if they are not being heard or that their opinions are not valued on this campus.
- Relieve the parking issue
- Create a campus that is safe for everyone. We need a reporting system that is workable for everyone, not just Campus Safety.



Dan Coen
Junior

Goals

- Represent the needs and interests of the entire student body.
- Develop programs to enhance student participation.

- Open all lines of communication between students and ASPLU.

Experience

- 2001 ASPLU Clubs and Organizations Senator
- 2000-01 ASPLU Secretary
- 2000-01 Hinderlie Secretary/Treasurer

Issues

- Leadership
- Parking
- Community Involvement
- Communication
- Tuition, Room & Board
- Off-Campus Students • Clubs and Organizations

Election Schedule

Meet the Candidates

Monday
8 p.m.
Cave

Primary Elections

Wednesday
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Reike, Administration Building, University Center, Residence Halls

Final Debate

March 11
8 p.m.
Cave

Final Elections

March 13
9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
Reike, Administration Building, University Center, Residence Halls.

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Cale Holmes
Senior

Experience

- Pflueger Hall President 1999-2000
- RHA President 2000-01
- Serves on the University Review Board
- Serves on the Healthy Lifestyles Committee
- Serves on PLU Programming Committee

- Serves as the RHA representative to ASPLU

Goals

- More free programs
- More on-campus weekend activities
- Work with dining services for more food options
- Extend the hours of Olson Auditorium
- Be a voice for all students, international, transfer, off-campus, non-traditional, and all others



Tommy Dunston
Junior

Platform

• General vision for the campus as a whole. Instead of having a campus where organizations see themselves as adversaries, we should try to work to help the groups get together and find common ground.

• Reach all groups on campus. I think ASPLU uses all the resources available to them on campus. For example, KCNS26 could be utilized better as well as all the other student media. I would sit down and listen to whatever proposals they have to help disseminate information.

• Reach out to the other already active groups on campus. ASPLU should become a silent partner in many campus events, making ready the resources to devote to a group's goal so that it can become a reality.

QUAKE: Minimal damage, no injuries reported at PLU

6.8 magnitude earthquake would have caused much more damage.

"This wasn't the really, really 'big one' that we're expecting," Foley said. "This is what I would call a wake-up call."

After the Loma Prieta earthquake that shook the San Francisco Bay area in October 1989, Foley wrote a study on how well-prepared PLU was for an earthquake. His answer was that at that point, the university was completely unprepared.

Since then, the school has created an emergency operations plan, which involved having students meet at points after evacuating buildings, emergency medical care, food and a system for responding to inquiries about students from

their parents.

Even with the plan, a large portion of the campus community ignored an earthquake drill that was directed by Safety Coordinator Jennifer Wamboldt more than a year ago.

While Wamboldt could not be reached for comment on how the university reacted to the earthquake Wednesday, President Anderson said he would give the community response a "B."

While crowds of students could be found outside residence halls and classroom buildings, some did not evacuate. In South Hall and Ordal Hall, a number of students had to be told to leave.

"People were not acting in a serious way," said Tom Huelsbeck, director of the Residential Life office. "Some were refusing, some were just lackadaisical," he said at a meeting of administrators at the Emergency Response Center, known as the

Plant Services break room when disaster doesn't strike.

Wehmhoefer said people should react to a shaking building in the same way they would to a fire alarm.

After the shaking stops, people should leave the building until it can be inspected and declared safe.

Wehmhoefer added that he did not want people pulling fire alarms in an earthquake as a means to get a building evacuated because the alarms would have to be reset, which would distract response workers from helping others.

Administrators also discussed other unsafe actions by members of the PLU community during the earthquake.

Plant Services received reports that people ran out of Harstad Hall during the shaking, which was dangerous because bricks could have hit them. Nothing appeared to have fallen off the building, however.

Also, Laura Majovski, vice president and dean of Student Life, said people were standing too close to buildings, including the Russell Music Center, which has large windows that could break.

The administrators also discussed which buildings should get the highest priority for re-opening. Anderson was pleased that workers were able to re-open the University Center and Olson Auditorium so that students could have places to eat and stay out of the weather, but they were a bit slow in getting the Administration Building and the Mortvedt Library, which are important communication centers, open again.

Sheri Tonn, vice president of Finance and Operations, said she



Photo by Josh Miller

Students gather in the University Center, waiting for buildings to reopen after 6.8 earthquake causes campus-wide evacuation.

wanted the East Campus building to have a higher priority in future incidents, because the elementary students in that building need to be cared for.

Administrators were also frustrated that cellular phones did not help them communicate with each other. Majovski called them a "Godsend" during the university's response to a deck collapse Saturday when a student was killed, but on Wednesday they did not function. Anderson said that the university needs to purchase more radios for future incidents.

Students, on the other hand, found plenty of opportunities to communicate as they milled around evacuated buildings.

Alpine residents said they felt Tinglestad Hall sway for

10 to 15 seconds after the shaking stopped.

Ninth-floor resident assistant Doug Granquist said the shaking caused an empty brandy glass in his room to fall off a shelf and break.

His response was to grab his television to prevent it from breaking, too. After the shaking stopped, he talked to freshman Pete Gonnason.

"I came out of my room, and he was in a towel, it was funny," he said.

Gonnason had been in the bathroom when the shaking started. When he got back to his room, he found a drawer open.

He called his father, who works in a tall office building in Bellevue.

"Dad's secretary said Dad was hugging onto the wall, bug-eyed."

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