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Dog rescues owner



Leanna Beasley of University Place in Seattle shows off some of her dog Faith's tricks in her home. Faith is trained in more than 200 commands. Photo by Sarah Kehoe

Local owner survives kidney failure thanks to pet's care and attention

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Faith Beasley is ready for her close-up. The seven and a half-year-old rottweiler will receive an award on the new Fox Network show, "2008 Hero Awards" airing June 6. Named after Hebrews 11:1 which reads, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen," Faith turned out to be more than just man's best friend when she saved her owner's life.

On the night of Sept. 7, 2004, 49-year-old University Place resident Leanna Beasley blacked out due to liver failure.

While Faith had been trained by Beasley to respond and detect seizures by noticing changes in body chemistry, Faith had not been trained to respond to liver failure.

But she did. "She was jumping on my bed and running around in circles," Beasley said. "You're supposed to listen to your service dogs, so I got up and began to make myself some hot chocolate. I was reaching for the mug and then it was like someone turned the lights off on me."

Faith immediately ran for the telephone made specifically for service dogs when she couldn't wake Beasley up and pressed the black speed dial button for 911 with her nose.

The tape from the 911 call reveals Faith barking right after dispatcher Jenny Buchanan speaks, almost as if they are conversing.

Buchanan: "911, this is Jenny, Please state your emergency."
"Hello?"
Faith lets out one direct bark into the receiver.
Buchanan: "If you can hear me, I am sending someone over for help."

"I sensed there was a problem on the other end

of the 911 call," said Buchanan to the Associated Press Oct. 29, 2004. "The dog was too persistent in barking directly into the phone receiver. I knew she was trying to tell me something."

Faith rolled Leanna onto her stomach, ran to the window when help arrived, and opened the door to let the police in upon recognizing their uniform, recalls Beasley.

Opening doors and dialing the telephone are just two examples of more than 200 commands Beasley has taught Faith.

Faith can also open and shut the refrigerator door, unload the laundry, pick up any object from a human being to a coin and dress and undress Beasley.

Although Faith can only speak with a "woof," she uses her eyes and body language to communicate, said her owner.

"She's intuitive, with a real wicked sense of humor," said Faith's godmother, 62-year-old Key Peninsula resident, Theresa Knots. "Faith is very loyal and devoted, calm when she needs to be and full of beans when she needs to be."

Beasley knew that Faith was special the day she went to see her with retired service dog Bronson and her son Michael Beasley, following a friend's suggestion.

Choosing a service dog is not easy. The dog must have a special quality that enables him or her to read body chemistry in order to detect the illness before it gets out of hand, Beasley said.

A dog is considered a service animal if it has been "individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability," according to The Americans with Disabilities Act.

Leanna Beasley had searched high and low for a replacement for then 6-year-old Bronson, who had become too sick with arthritis to function as a service dog.

"Faith stood out from the others," said Leanna Beasley. "She was inquisitive while all the others were easily distracted. She climbed into my lap as if to say, 'I'm going home with you, you're taking me home.'"

Bronson also fell in love with Faith, immediately warming up to her and curling up next to her for a nap, Leanna Beasley said.

Beyond a service dog, Faith is a loyal, loving and caring pet.

With the same dog smell and desire for treats and

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Commendations and recommendations

Accreditation team reports on the state of the university

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Student assessment was on the top of the list of recommendations April 16-18, as the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities wrapped up their accreditation visit at PLU. University accreditation happens once every 10 years. During the visit, the NWCCU evaluates the university's programs and its facilities and produces a comprehensive report back to PLU. During the 10-year phase, evaluators also ask for an interim report about every five years, which may include sending a person from the NWCCU to visit the university.

Laura Polcyn, assistant to the President's office and David Robbins, professor and chair of the Department of Music co-chaired the "steering committee." The committee prepares the university for its accreditation visit. The steering committee conducts a self-study that addresses issues that the university is looking into to improve its performance. Polcyn and Robbins have been working to

prepare for this visit for two years. Polcyn said that it was considered a good visit by the team.

"I would say that 10 years ago we also had a good visit," Polcyn said. "We have—because of the leadership—been very true to our mission and exhibited long-range planning that ties directly to our mission."

The NWCCU looks at both specific programs and how PLU has incorporated its mission and goals. Polcyn said that the self-study aided the committee and the faculty, to see how PLU has worked towards its goals for the last 10 years.

"Putting that [the self-study report] together helped us see what we've been doing in support of student learning," Polcyn said.

Robbins also gave praise to the university's preparation and for the work of the NWCCU in their evaluation process.

"The process is a great chance to look at both the breadth and depth [at PLU]," Robbins said.

Robbins continued to say that the self-study's results and the actual accreditation's results mirrored each other and affirmed the self-study. The accreditation shows growth and progress a university has made.

"We have been very good at continuing to lift up the same three distinct programs consistently over time," Polcyn said. The three programs are purposeful learning,

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Number of incoming first-years to stagnate

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In terms of new student enrollment for fall 2008, PLU's admissions staff is pleased with the momentum thus far.

"We are excited about the applicant level and the high school student interest in PLU," said Vice President of Admissions Karl Stumo.

Last year, the incoming first-year class here at PLU was the largest enrolled class in the history of the university. Stumo indicated that this class size seems to be remaining constant.

"You never know for sure until after May 1, but enrollment for fall 2008 looks strong," Stumo said. "[We] are planning for a class of similar size for this fall."

Last fall, 715 enrolled first-years attended PLU. The waiting list during that previous summer was very limited, due to the vast size of the incoming class. This tendency is predicted to repeat itself if a class of this size remains constant, Stumo said.

"It is too early to tell," Stumo said. "[It is difficult] to predict with confidence a very large class."

One clarification, emphasized by Stumo, was to assure the student body that balance is the goal here on campus.

"[We] need to be sensitive to the overall balance of students needed on campus," Stumo said. "The Office of Admissions works closely with Residential Life and Student Life, as well as the Provost, to make sure we enroll the appropriate number of students."

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STATE, NATION and WORLD BRIEFINGS

Local to Global

London summit discusses hunger



Photo by Musadeq Sadeq, Associated Press

Afghan food sellers wait for customers at the market in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan, April 22, 2008. Afghanistan has allocated U.S. \$50 million (euro 31.4 million) to buy food from neighboring countries, an official said Tuesday, amid skyrocketing prices of food staples like wheat.

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Ration cards. Genetically modified crops. The end of pile-it-high, sell-it-cheap supermarkets.

These possible solutions to the first global food crisis since World War II—which the World Food Program says already threatens 20 million of the poorest children—are complex and controversial. And they may not solve the problem as demand continues to soar.

A “silent tsunami” of hunger is sweeping the world’s most desperate nations, said Josette

Sheeran, the WFP’s executive director, speaking Tuesday at a London summit on the crisis.

The skyrocketing cost of food staples, stoked by rising fuel prices, unpredictable weather and demand from India and China, has already sparked sometimes violent protests across the Caribbean, Africa and Asia.

The price of rice has more than doubled in the last five weeks, she said. The World Bank estimates food prices have risen by 83 percent in three years.

“What we are seeing now is affecting more people on every continent,” Sheeran told a news conference.

Hosting talks with Sheeran, lawmakers and experts, British Prime Gordon Brown said the spiraling prices threaten to plunge millions back into poverty and reverse progress on alleviating misery in the developing world.

“Tackling hunger is a moral challenge to each of us and it is also a threat to the political and economic stability of nations,” Brown said.

Malaysia’s embattled prime minister is already under pressure over the price increases and has launched a major rice-growing project. Indonesia’s government needed to revise its annual budget to respond.

UN reports Darfur conflict worsening

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The conflict in Darfur is deteriorating, with full deployment of a new peacekeeping force delayed until 2009 and no prospect of a political settlement for a war that has killed perhaps 300,000 people in five years, U.N. officials said Tuesday.

In grim reports to the Security Council, the United Nations aid chief and the representative of the peacekeeping mission said suffering in the Sudanese region is worsening. Tens of thousands more have been uprooted from their homes and food rations to the needy are about to be cut in half, they said.

“We continue to see the goal posts receding, to the point where peace in Darfur seems further

away today than ever,” said John Holmes, undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs.

The conflict began in early 2003 when ethnic African rebels took up arms against Sudan’s Arab-dominated central government, accusing it of discrimination. Many of the worst atrocities in the war have been blamed on the janjaweed militia of Arab nomads allied with the government.

A joint U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force took over duties in Darfur January from a beleaguered 7,000-man AU mission. But only about 9,000 soldiers and police officers of the 26,000 have deployed.

“We are late and we are trying to speed up the deployment of this mission, and we facing many obstacles,” said the U.N.-AU force’s envoy, Rodolphe Adada. “But eventually, with the help

of some donors, we could be in a position to achieve maybe 80 percent of the force by the end of this year.”

The mission faces major problems in putting troops into a very hostile environment, Adada said. It still lacks five critical capabilities to become operational: attack helicopters, surveillance aircraft, transport helicopters, military engineers and logistical support.

“But only an end to all violence and concrete steps towards a political settlement will make the fundamental difference needed, as the rebel movements themselves above all need to recognize,” Holmes said. “Otherwise the reality is that the people of Darfur face a continued steady deterioration of their conditions of life and their chances of lasting recovery.”

Zimbabwe’s neighbors unite to block shipments

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Zimbabwe’s regime got a taste of the international isolation critics say it deserves, with its neighbors blocking a shipment of Chinese arms to prevent them from being used against Robert Mugabe’s opponents. China said Tuesday the weapons might be returned home.

Union, church and human rights leaders across southern Africa rallied against allowing the Chinese freighter An Yue Jiang to dock at ports in any of landlocked Zimbabwe’s neighbors, and they

were bolstered by behind-the-scenes pressure from the U.S.

In the end, governments usually unwilling to criticize Mugabe barred the ship at a time when Zimbabwe’s government is being accused of cracking down on dissenters.

Tuesday, church leaders in Zimbabwe said people were being tortured, abducted and murdered in retribution against opposition supporters following the March 29 election, and urged international intervention.

In Washington, the State Department said it urged countries in southern

Africa—notably South Africa, Mozambique, Angola and Namibia—not to allow the ship to dock or unload. It also asked the Chinese government to recall the vessel and not to make further weapons shipments to Zimbabwe until the post-election crisis is resolved.

Patrick Craven, spokesman for a South African trade union federation, which helped lead the campaign, called it a “historic victory.”

“So far the governments have clearly been lagging behind the people,” Craven said. “We’re hoping now they will wake up.”

PLU network cut temporarily

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Early Tuesday morning, at approximately 3:45 a.m., a car accidentally hit a telephone pole near Highway 167 and Tukwila, which housed fiber optic cables belonging to the Integra Telecom network. PLU receives its telephone and Internet service via Integra and therefore lost power to both of those systems. University of Puget Sound uses Integra’s network to connect its telephone service and lost its connection as well.

The connection between campus networks, like intercampus calls and on campus connections to the PLU Web site, remained viable during the outage due to PLU’s own on-campus network of fiber optic cables. During the outage, people off-campus could not call on-campus phone numbers or access PLU’s internet network. Those on-campus could not reach off-campus numbers from campus phones and also could not access Web sites outside of the PLU network.

Despite rumors on campus about the incident, some calling it vandalism or an otherwise criminally based event, Keith Folsom, PLU’s senior director of Computing and Telecommunication Services, said, “As far as we know, this was a simple accident and was not of malicious intent.”

Within two hours of the disconnection, the Information and Technology Services staff was notified. The network manager, David Allen, then called Integra to inform them of the problems PLU was experiencing.

“Integra was already aware of the problem and was in the process of resolving it,” Folsom said.

Folsom found that in order to fix the fiber optic cables that usually connect PLU’s system, Highway 167 would have to be partially closed. However, Integra decided to reroute PLU’s service through other cables so that the network would be reconnected faster.

It took until 9:40 a.m. on Tuesday for the network to be rerouted, but Folsom and his associates, including Chris Ferguson, the Assistant Provost for Information and Technology Services, and Allen, followed protocol for such an outage.

Folsom said PLU will create a plan to prevent such outages from reoccurring.

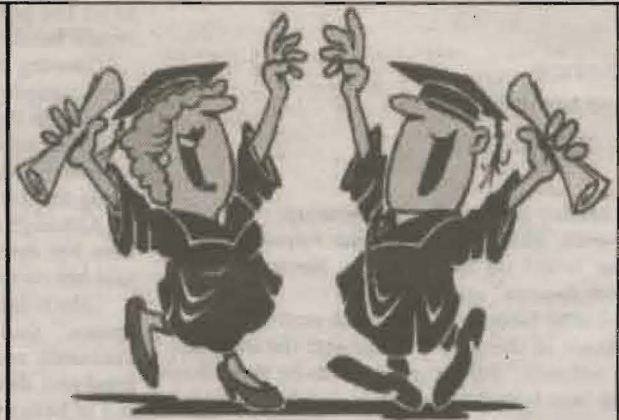
“We are going to be establishing both Internet and telephone services through other companies as well as Integra,” Folsom said. “That way, if we lose service from any one of the companies, we will still be connected by another one.” Folsom hopes to have established these new networks by fall 2008.

For more information about the outage, please contact Keith Folsom at (253) 535-7259.

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From tennis to business in U.S.



Winning three gold medal tournaments in a row nationally, MBA graduate student Ruchita Shetty moved to Washington in order to pursue her education in business. Shetty is interested in large corporations expanding internationally and wants to continue studying this field. Photo courtesy of Ruchita Shetty

Student moves to U.S. from India to pursue MBA

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Three years ago in the hot and dry city of Ahmedabad (Ah-med-ab) in western India Ruchita Shetty stood in front of hundreds of people to accept an award of 50,000 rupees (\$1,250) presented by the state chief minister, Narendra Modi. Shetty was recognized for her skill in tennis at a national level, receiving gold medal wins for three consecutive years.

Today, 21-year-old Shetty is studying for an MBA at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

Although the world of tennis consumed her life for 10 years, Shetty gave it all up for a future in business. Growing up with American restaurants like McDonald's and Subway, Shetty found an interest in the success these companies have developed through their international expansion, especially to countries with so many differences.

"Some companies are all over the world. I want to know how they work. I want to be a part of that and make a difference," Shetty said.

Life On Campus

On campus, Shetty stands out among most students. She is one of four other Indian students on campus with her chocolate-brown skin, dark eyes, long, curly black hair, and strong accent.

Despite Shetty's love for her homeland and inexperience in American business, she has become fond of the culture.

"I don't want to leave here," Shetty said. "Hopefully, I can work for an international company that works with India."

Professors and friends who have gotten to know Shetty already see this dream as a possibility because of her determination and effort.

"She can be good here because of attitude and commitment to quality and excellency," said Chung-Shing Lee, professor of business and Shetty's current supervisor for graduate internship.

Shetty has been working 11 hours a week this semester as Lee's assistant. She has been helping in research, data organization and proofreading documents. Her work ethic and commitment to her assignments has kept Lee very satisfied in the past two months.

MBA professor in management at PLU, Thad Barnowe is experiencing

the broadest international class he has had. Barnowe has observed the inexperience of speaking up in class from international students including Shetty. Active participation seems not as important in their previous classes as it is expected at PLU. However, Barnowe still sees a positive future for Shetty.

"She has ambitions, [and is] a person with a lot of ability," Barnowe said.

International students are traveling more and more to study at PLU, which Shetty saw as a perk when she applied. With only 15 years of previous education, PLU still accepted her into the master's program unlike the University of Washington, where Shetty also applied to go.

More than just the education system is different for Shetty back in her home country.

Life Back Home

The sun's heat seems only feet away as it radiates over western India. Where she grew up, dust circulates through the dry air with the smell of pollution as one crosses the dirt city streets, weaving in and out of buffalos, cows and goats, and transportation vehicles like camels and elephants.

"It's like a zoo," Shetty said. "Sometimes there are more animals than vehicles on the roads."

Driving a mo-ped is often a challenge in avoiding animals and people. The side streets are packed with markets full of fruit and vegetables and monkeys performing acts. Every once in awhile large monkeys swing from tree to tree through the city, harmless, but scary Shetty recalls.

Shetty's mother, Geeta Shetty, was a full-time working mother, leaving Shetty at home with her brother.

"She was independent, playing, studying and taking care of her little brother while I worked all day," Geeta said.

Born September 8, 1986, Shetty is three years older than her brother Rohan. She can recall many memories of them fighting as kids.

They used to watch the World Wrestling Foundation (now World Wrestling Entertainment) together and then practice moves on each other for fun.

"We used to drive each other crazy," Shetty said, laughing. "He'd always give me the choke move, and we fought all the time until someone started bleeding."

Tennis Beginning

Shetty's father, Jagannath Shetty, owns his own transportation business in India and first introduced Rohan and Shetty into tennis as a fun activity. As they both developed their talent to become strong athletes, Jagannath and Geeta continued to

support them.

Rohan and Shetty were both one of tennis coach Narenda Kankaria's first students in tennis. Kankaria remembered how well they knew how to play as beginners.

"Rohan was more mental and stronger; Ruchita was a hard-worker, sincere and physical," Kankaria said.

After high school, Rohan left for the U.S. with a scholarship in tennis at Nicholls State University in Louisiana while attaining a degree in business as well.

During tennis, Shetty's focus was always on the pressure to win. One bad call from the referee could ruin her chances.

"I used to shout at the referee and smash my tennis racket on the ground," Shetty said.

Since 1998, a typical day for Shetty started at 5:30 a.m. for fitness training until 9 a.m. She then practiced tennis until 12 p.m. After a lunch and rest break, she was back to playing tennis from 3:30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

To focus her time on tennis, Shetty dropped her other activities such as swimming and painting. She almost dropped her studies as well.

During college, this tennis program continued despite her class schedule. Shetty never attended class or met her professors. Homework assignments were turned in and as long as she tested well, the faculty didn't care. The attention Shetty received from the press gave the school publicity too.

"No one cared as long as I scored well and played well. That's all. It made me really tired, though," Shetty said.

Although Kankaria would have loved to see Shetty continue playing, he understands the importance of an education. One of the first things he recalled about Shetty was not just her talent, but how well she did in her studies.

After working with Shetty for 10 years, up until the very month she left for the U.S., Kankaria could sum up in one sentence her talent in tennis.

"She is the best girl I have ever seen in India," Kankaria said. After completing an undergraduate degree in accounting at H-L College in Ahmedabad, Shetty was off to study in Washington.

"It's so quiet and clean here and the trees are huge," Shetty said.

Life in the U.S.

Three months after arriving, Shetty has gotten used to the large

fruit, animals on leashes and paved roads of Washington.

Marketing management and algebra books now sit next to a box of Lucky Charms and a bag of tortilla chips on Shetty's shelves in her on-campus room in Ordal. Pictures of U.S. tennis players like Maria Sharapova and actors like Brad Pitt line the walls surrounding her desk.

One picture she absolutely loves: a dreamy, Indian actor, Hrithik Roshan, who became the first superhero in Indian cinema.

"I watch his movies over and over, even when they're terrible," Shetty said.

She said she also fancies Brad Pitt in "Troy," a favorite American film.

For the first time in the U.S., Shetty didn't know anyone and everything was so new. She said she was afraid after observing how quiet it was, even Seattle seemed motionless compared to her home city. She said she felt unsafe to walk around by herself.

"If I scream, I don't think anyone will hear me," Shetty said. "There are people everywhere in India all the time."

Finding Friends

Luckily, PLU sophomore Komal Patel came to her rescue. They were introduced through an international counselor since Patel is also a student from India.

After experiencing the same situation of traveling to a new country, Patel knew how Shetty felt. After a tour of the campus,

answering all Shetty's questions, they became friends.

"Ruchita was so willing to accept everything, she got used to this new culture so quickly, like a week," Patel said.

At the beginning of the term, Shetty didn't have a roommate

and first-year Tina Morrison called her within a couple weeks looking for a new roommate.

"Ruchita was so excited, she asked me right away, 'When can you move in?'" Morrison said.

Shetty said she was homesick and lonely and a roommate was just what she needed.

"She acts like a big sister, she'll ask me questions about what I've eaten today since I have a sensitive stomach," Morrison said.

International students Tesheen Ansari and her fiancé, Abbas Syed, are also from a different part of India and in two of Shetty's MBA classes. Currently, there are 179 international students on campus, most from Norway and China. Although few are from India, Shetty and her friends are part of this continual growth in diversity at PLU.

The two now have a close friendship with Shetty and spend a lot of weekend time together. Cooking, watching movies and occasional off-campus activities fill their schedules whenever possible.

During spring break, the three of them went to Seattle and experienced the Space Needle.

"It was really cold that day and we couldn't get Ruchita inside. She liked looking at the city," Syed said.

After their education, Ansari and Syed plan on staying in touch with Shetty.

"We've gotten very close, like a family we have created over here," Syed said.

With the craziness of work and her master's program, Shetty has no time to join the tennis team, but hopes to pick up her racket and get the chance to play this summer while she stays at PLU. She said she hopes to help out with the tennis team next year. At this current time in her life, she said she can't stop thinking about playing again.

Ruchita's eyes widen as she reminisces back to when she was 18 standing across the court from her opponent.

"I know I can beat her, everyone has beaten her," Ruchita said.

Through the course of the match, Ruchita's anger and frustration surfaced and finally grabbed hold of her. The tournament was done; a complete embarrassment.

"I just need one more chance and I will beat her," Ruchita said.

As the next tournament came, Ruchita could never have been more anxious. Looking at the brackets, Ruchita would again be faced against her opponent.

"Finally, I can show that I am better. Sorry sweetie, but I have to do this," Ruchita said to herself as she stepped onto the court.

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PLU TV

KCNS is now hiring for paid positions for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

KCNS, channel 26 on campus television, is run by students for students and is committed to providing ethical entertainment, news, and campus events to the entire community. We teach broadcasting in a hands-on, fun way and provide ALL of the skills you need to make TV happen from writing the scripts to handing out the finished DVDs.

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If you have any questions, please e-mail us at kcnstv26@plu.edu.



Photo by Sarah Kahoe

Seven-year-old rottweiler service dog, Faith, saved her owner Leanna Beasley by warning Beasley and dialing 911 September 7. Faith is trained to respond to seizures.

Rescue

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attention, the dog identified by her family as a people dog, nuzzles her head on her mother's lap when off duty, rubbing her wet nose against Beasley's skin until Faith is given the proper attention she desires.

"She is sweet, caring and laidback," said 23-year-old Michael Beasley who lives with Faith and his mom so he can look after Leanna.

Yet Faith's relationship with her mother is deeper than simply owner and pet, Knots said.

"One of the reasons why Leanna and Faith are so tight is that they are dependent on one another to meet certain needs," Knots said.

Faith needs Beasley for love, food and care while Beasley relies on Faith to guide her safely throughout her day.

Faith goes with Beasley everywhere, from the swimming pool where Beasley receives physical therapy to Tacoma Community College where Beasley attends school.

"She's my partner, but at the same time she's an extension of myself," Beasley said. "It is simi-

lar to when I think something and my left hand does it. That's how she and I are."

Although Faith is well-received at the college and most other places, she has run into some people who do not understand the duties of a service dog and are not very receptive to having her at their establishment.

Beasley has been told that she couldn't bring Faith with her into some stores and business offices.

"Are you blind? Well then this dog can't be in here."

"You don't look disabled to me."

These comments not only offend Leanna, but have forced her to leave certain places that demand for her to keep Faith outside.

"According to the law, Faith is a piece of medical equipment," Leanna Beasley said. "It's like saying, 'No, you can't come in here with your crutches.'"

The ADA requires business and places of public accommodation to admit people with disabilities with service dogs to their premises.

"People with service dogs have access to nearly every place where the general public is welcomed. For example, service dogs are permitted to ride in

taxicabs, buses and trains. They may enter restaurants, theatres, hotels and public schools," explained representative of Delta Society, a non-profit organization located in Bellevue that is specialized in offering information regarding service dogs.

One place where Faith doesn't have to worry about any laws is out on the open water, fishing with her mom.

"She allows me to go fishing and I love fishing," Beasley said. "The doctors told me I shouldn't take baths or be in the water because of my grand mal seizures. Never one to follow rules of elders, I found a way around it by training my dogs to respond."

Faith alerts her mom to get out of the water if she senses Beasley about to have a seizure and can pull Beasley's body out of the water if needed.

Michael Beasley is grateful for Faith's training, and that there is someone else who looks after his mom.

"Faith gave me my life back," Michael said. "After Bronson was retired, I was really high-strung and always worried about my mom, but now I can relax a little bit and go have fun with my friends."

Faith also makes time for her own fun, such as when she filmed a reenactment of her 911 call this Saturday afternoon for the "2008 Hero Awards."

"Faith is an amazing dog and Leanna and Faith's story is just as amazing," said producer Josh Martorana of Los Angeles, Calif., who took part in filming Faith's reenactment.

Faith's godmother was also impressed at Faith and her ability to do tricks repeatedly for the cameras.

"I loved how they would be like, can she do this? And then she would do it, just like an actress," Knots said.

This isn't the first time Faith is receiving an award or appearing on a show.

She was also featured on The Oprah Winfrey Show in 2004, appeared on CNN with Anderson Cooper shortly afterwards, and received the Service Dog ACE award from Animal Planet.

It seems that Hebrews 11:1 has shown itself in Faith's life after all, as she has been everything the Beasley family could hope for and more.

The only difference is that now the whole world gets to see.

Enrollment

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PLU is built for 3600-3700 students, according to the university's mission statement. The balanced student body that Admissions and other departments work closely to maintain depends on varying factors. The goal is to have an estimated 1000 new students enrolled next fall, Stumo said. This goal is a combination of both incoming first-years and transfer students.

"The transfer recruitment market is very competitive right now," Stumo said.

As far as housing is concerned, the anticipated number of incoming students appears to have no effects out of the ordinary for Residential Life.

"At this point, the number of housing requests we have processed has not exceeded our normal range," said director of Residential Life Tom Huelsbeck. "While we are currently a bit ahead in both new student and continuing student requests compared to last year, we are in a similar position when it comes to contingency planning."

Should any need to shape the housing arrangements arise, Residential Life has a plan for how they would handle it.

"Our primary tool for managing the fluctuations in our housing demand is controlling the number of double rooms we offer as singles (called single/doubles)," Huelsbeck said. "This is a very popular living option, especially for our upper division residents, so we approach this very carefully."

Through a collaborative effort with Admissions and the Provost, Residential Life is also working proactively as far as planning for the incoming students.

"In Residential Life and across PLU, we work to think ahead and be proactive," Huelsbeck said. "Our efforts right now are focused on managing the housing processes and capacity, forecasting likely occupancy, and establishing contingency plans should requests exceed our projections. It is through proactive efforts such as these that we minimize any possible concerns and ensure that all students will have the residential experience they are seeking when they come to PLU and we expect to provide."

The National Candidate Reply date is May 1. This is when the accurate number of students to be enrolled in the university will have submitted their enrollment deposit of \$200, officially putting them on the list of incoming students this fall.

Accreditation

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student/faculty research and a global mission.

The accreditation visit ended Friday, April 18 with an exit meeting that was open to the public. About 200 faculty, staff and some students attended the meeting to hear the NWCCU visitation team's recommendations.

Robbins said that the U.S. accreditation process is unique in the way that it is conducted. The majority of countries' accreditation is run by the government, which sends out its own team of evaluators.

The U.S. accreditation is peer-evaluated. Eleven evaluators were from other Northwest colleges, but outside of Washington. Universities use evaluators from the local region instead of national, Robbins said, because that brings in a more in-depth review.

"Their doing exactly what we are doing," Robbins said.

At the meeting, there were four recommendations to PLU. One is to involve a more active institutional research program that assists the as-

essment process.

"The issue is that we are not using the data as well as we could to inform decisions, including assessment," Polcyn said.

Other recommendations include minor changes in faculty evaluation, better articulating the Integrated Learning Objectives in the course catalogue, and improvements on the assessment process at PLU.

President Loren Anderson also recognized the accreditation as successful for PLU.

"On a more informal level, individually and as a team, the evaluators were excited and enthused by people and programs of PLU and their experience on our campus," Anderson said in an e-mail to the PLU community.

Some commendations that were made were on PLU's long-term planning, campus improvements, sustainability, information technology services and faculty leadership.

A rough draft of the accreditation will be sent to the university next week for any factual corrections. The final report is likely to be published in July and will be available on the accreditation Web site at www.plu.edu/~accred.

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From the editor...



STIRRING THE POT

Racial inequality is still alive and well, speaking out is only the first step

Jada Lee

MAST COPY EDITOR

For me this editorial has been a long time coming, and it wasn't until the March 24 episode of "The View" that I felt it time to approach this issue of being black. And yes, it is an issue. Not necessarily for me, but I know it is for others.

On the taping of "The View," Elizabeth Hasselbeck criticized Barack Obama for his comments about his late grandma. Obama said that, like many women in her era, if his grandma were to be walking down the street and come across a group of black youth, she would clench her purse a little tighter and be on her guard.

It was this comment that outraged Hasselbeck. She told viewers that what Obama said was outrageous and has nothing to do with the current times, because our nation has come such a long way.

Known for her conservative views, I wasn't surprised by Hasselbeck's reaction, but one of her comments set me aback. When asked by Whoopi Goldberg, another host of the show, why she disagreed, she said the situation does not hold true to the current time. She said that if she were walking down the street, and came across that same group of people, it wouldn't faze her.

Are you serious? As a wealthy white woman, co-host of a popular morning show and wife of an NFL player. When exactly would she ever encounter that group of people while she was alone on a street? That's a nice thought but exactly how many "those" people do you find on the street-corners of Hollywood? I don't think we've made that much progress. But with less than 60 years since the first desegregated public school, just how far have we come?

I thought back to my childhood. Growing up, I never

gave much thought into being black. Though I grew up in a predominately white neighborhood and was one of five black kids in my elementary school, the color of my skin was not something I was always consciously aware of. That is, until a little girl came up to me and said, "Jada, you're black."

I was always aware of my race, but for the first time someone was making it clear to me that they were aware of it, too. Never before had I defined myself by the color of my skin or the texture of my hair. Yet, at that moment I realized the rest of the world did.

Race is something we have learned to brush under the rug. Too taboo a subject to give our honest opinions about. As a nation we are so worried about being politically correct, that we fail to even make sense. We just call ourselves a melting pot and it's all good.

A melting pot sounds good, yet everyday I am reminded just how far we still have to go. I work for a company that employs more than 285 employees at my location, but only 14

of them are black.. And better, I to go to a university where being black is almost as common as having three arms.

For me Hasselbeck downplayed an everyday struggle for many minorities and especially blacks in this country. No, we can't change history, but the future is still up for grabs.

So I ask everyone to just take a second and stop to think before you voice your opinion on a subject in which you have limited experience. Though it might sound good and make sense in your head, you have to think about how it will be received by your audience.

Being black isn't my issue, it's my reality. With that said, be accountable for your words and actions; chose them carefully. For once you have put them into the universe, you can't take them back. Some might see the U.S. as a melting pot, but if you ask me, it's about time to turn up the heat. We have to stop just talking about it and take action with our words.



BURNING TO BE BEAUTIFUL • Modern beauty standards drive some to skin whitening—at dangerous costs



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Google search: "skin whitening." You might be surprised at the results. I was.

There are pages upon pages of skin bleaching creams, lotions and balms that promise to enhance your beauty by lightening it.

This is not a new phenomenon.

Take a look in some of the nostalgic, old, black-owned newspapers. The 1930-40s Pittsburgh Courier, the former self-proclaimed "black daily," freely and frequently advertised skin-bleaching creams (ironically adjacent to reports of the horrors of lynching and editorials promoting black empowerment). A lot has changed in the media, and all self-proclaimed progression aside, it seems beauty standards have been slow to catch up.

"Guaranteed to become lighter and more beautiful."

Recently I read a BBC report commenting on women in Africa and the growing popularity in bleaching their skin. I read similar reports pertaining to women in Hong Kong, China and throughout the Middle East. These regal women, with their smooth, dark skin were going to great (and dangerous) lengths to chemically whiten their complexions because many explained that darker skin just wasn't desired anymore.

I understand that the U.S. has a legacy of systemic racism and prejudice that reinforces these ideas of beauty. These ideas are a reflection of the people in power. The majority class. The mainstream. The thing that struck me as strangest about these women is that on their continents, dark skin is the norm. What was motivating these women to go to such dangerous lengths? What was different? What was changing?

One Senegalese woman remarked that it was getting harder to find a husband without being lighter. She explained that the men look to the lighter skinned women they see in the media, like singer Beyoncé Knowles, as their new ideals of beauty.

So, the media was one of the roots of the entire ruckus.

What's next? Are they going to say there are systemically racist ideas of "white being

superior" and they also add fuel to the fire?

Ok, being serious for a minute.

As a future media professional, I cringe at the thought of my technology being used to spread racially destructive ideas. I am also very aware of the power that the media has to persuade, cajole and reinforce our overly stringent ideas of male and female beauty.

The media gives us messages and information everyday. The advertisements try and convince us of who we are, what we want, where we want to go, and who we think is beautiful.

"Because you're worth it."

These messages are then circulated around the world. But let's think about it for a minute. What image is being circulated? The images we see every day project the same standards of beauty that have always been there: young, light and thin.

It seems to me that the world is in a time of great societal progression. As one of the strongest nations in the world, the U.S. is taking the great leap into a new era with the emergence of our first bi-racial and woman presidential candidates.

A lot of citizens believe that these two trailblazers are proof that the U.S. is truly changed. We have finally reached that "Promised Land" Martin Luther King Jr. prophesied decades ago.

But then we are reminded that we still

have a long way to go. In the midst of all the talk of progression, we are still oblivious to the damaging little details. What makes us who we are? What about us makes us unique and valuable to this world? We all have things we wish we could change about ourselves. Some want to be taller, thinner, have better hair. But really, what is beauty but a figment of our imaginations? A socially constructed concept. Abstract in its purest form.

The most important thing we have to remember is whose standards we are trying to live up to and why those standards were created in the first place.

"Maybe she's born with it." You're damn right she is.



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Sidewalk Talk

What's the most drastic thing you've done in the name of beauty?

This week's Sidewalk Talk was asked inside the Old Main Market and at Conferences and Events.



Probably do like every facial and hair mask there is. Like in one night. I've done that before.

Alisha Buoy, first-year



Some lame thing like the teeth bleaching strip things.

Cassie Gilbert, first-year



I got veneers because I hated my teeth.

Laura Johnson, first-year



I purposefully got a sunburn on my legs by laying on a beach for two hours.

Samantha Alexander, first-year



I shaved my head once, but it was more of a joke.

Mitch Jones, junior

FACULTY VOICE

CHANGE: The only thing that doesn't

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MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

Students in beginning physics courses study the motion of projectiles. When a pebble is tossed into the air, its position, speed and direction vary all the time in complicated ways. Students learn to trace these variations by using Newton's laws of motion.

Soon afterwards, they learn a shortcut based on the principle of energy conservation. Regardless of how complicated a motion is a quantity called "energy" remains constant throughout the movement of the projectile. Using this principle, we can relate the speeds of the projectile at any two points right away, without having to solve Newton's equation.

Energy is but one of the many constants, or conserved quantities, in physics. These conserved quantities are like beacons in the ever-changing physical world. They can cut through tangled ideas and help us arrive at simple and direct answers to complicated questions.

Take the conservation of mass principle in classical chemistry, for example. It says that the total mass must be the same before and after any chemical reaction. When chemists try to find out the details of a particular reaction, this principle immediately rules out any potential chemical process that does not preserve mass.

There are similar ideas in human affairs.

Once when I was waiting near the office of Dr. George Hauser in Computer Science, I read a note posted on his door: "We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form into teams, we would be reorganized. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing. And what a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency and demoralization." Everyone knows that, I thought. Why post this note? Then I read the origin of the quotation: "Petronious Arbiter, 66 A.D."

Some things remain unchanged in this ever-changing world.

We all have our favorite adages from the ancients. These adages remain fresh through the ages and serve as moral beacons in our lives. They are constants of motion in human affairs. Confucius told us to "love others as you love yourself." That remains good advice after more than two thousand years. But the fact that

we still need that advice means that we still don't love others as much as we love ourselves. Jesus advised his followers to use only the Lord's Prayer, saying, "Your Father has knowledge of your needs even before you make your requests to Him." But guess what? Even those who insist on interpreting the Bible literally virtually always say their own prayer first, and then tag on the Lord's Prayer. There is something stubbornly constant in human beings that even Jesus could not change.

Nonetheless, we still cling to ancient teachings, even when we don't exactly follow them. We have not given up trying to do better yet; that is a very good constant in human dynamics.

Although we use constants to make sense of our world, even constants change. Long before the global positioning system was invented, the North Star guided travelers for thousands of years. The star can do the job because its position in the sky is fixed in the north, while other stars circle around it during the night. Can this go on forever? Apparently not. Modern astronomy teaches us that in some 10,000

years the North Star will wander substantially far from its current position. Then, just like all other stars, the "North Star" will circle around the point it used to occupy and will no longer guide travelers.

Sometimes we find that our understanding of a constant needs adjustment. Physicists have found that the conservation of mass principle is not strictly correct. To be more accurate, we must consider the conservation of mass and energy together. Similarly, for more than 200 years Newton's laws of mechanics were considered a permanent mandate of nature. At the beginning of 20th century its limitations were discovered, and Newton's laws were replaced by more all-encompassing laws. We expect that in the future these new concepts will undergo further changes as we learn more about nature.

So all the golden rules of human behavior, which have been with us for millennia—will they also change? If the lessons in science are to be taken seriously, they might. Don't get too upset if someone challenges them. You might be witnessing history in the making.

The only unchanging aspect of the universe, observed some ancient Chinese and Greek philosophers, is change. The consolation is that some changes are so slow that even for true conservatives they might as well be constants.



It's all in the tone ...

Teaching crosses language gaps



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I am standing in a classroom with sixteen boys, ages 10 and 11. Three are climbing on the couches, four are playing dead-arm ninja, two are under the tables, two are flipping each other off as they scratch their noses, and the other five are having a heated discussion about macaroni.

The task they have to complete in the next 20 minutes is to organize a series of pictures I will give them and then tell me a story that goes along with the pictures. This is the second time we have split the class, and the first time I have gotten the male half. I am a little scared, but one of the tricks I have learned about teaching is to show no fear.

I heard about the teaching internship before I came to Austria from a former student. I had been interested in teaching English abroad for some time and saw this as an opportunity to figure out if it was something I was seriously interested in.

I was assigned to a teacher named Ingrid. From the name alone I assumed she would be older

and formal. I was wrong. Ingrid is about 30 years old and a ski instructor in her spare time. She broke her finger playing volleyball with the other teachers and stayed out dancing last weekend until 4 a.m. What I am trying to say is that she is cooler than me.

With her I teach three different classes a week in a Gymnasium, which is basically 6th grade to 12th grade in the Austrian education system. The second years, known throughout the school as the crazy class, have recently taken to shouting explicit American rap lyrics to see which words I react to, and then repeating those same words loudly.

The sixth years are teenagers. They know everything. They are cooler than you and me. And they think the drinking age should be lowered to 14. Then there are the first years. Normally quiet, well-behaved and engaged in the learning process, they have been the bright spot in my Monday mornings.

But today is different. The little balls of joy are currently exhibiting characteristics of demonic monkeys who just figured out that their zoo-keeper (that would be me) cannot speak their language and hasn't figured out which key goes to which lock. Just as I am considering running away to a cozy janitorial room until the next bell rings, I remember something. Monkeys are monkeys. People are

people. And, please forgive me for this horribly cliché comment, but boys will be boys.

"Butts in chairs! Now! If your butt is not in a chair in the next five seconds, you will be sent back to class with a bad note. Butt. Chair. Now." The language does not matter. The tone says it all. In five seconds I have sixteen angels sitting in groups of four staring intently at pictures of Mr. Parker and his cat. While I know that the calm will only last for two minutes, at which point I will be forced to use my commander volume voice again, it is comforting to know that at any given age, people are people, wherever you are.

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Fiery relay for B

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Han Yao, a senior economics major, found his collegiate home at PLU. Coming from Beijing, China, Yao transferred to PLU and will be graduating in May and hopes to pursue graduate studies in the U. S. However, his desire to be educated in the United States does not dampen his pride for China and especially his hometown with the upcoming summer Olympics.

"Two events, badminton and gymnastics, will be held at my former school," Yao said.

The pride that Yao exudes when discussing the upcoming summer games represents the nationalistic pride that Chinese youth feel about welcoming the globe into their culture.

"The Olympics gives China and its people a great opportunity to show the world our country and culture after the new China has been founded," Yao said. "We just want to make more friends in the world."

PLU is home for many Chinese students looking for a western education in the United States. In recent weeks, the explosion of news coverage on China's relationship with Tibet and the visit of the Dali Lama to Seattle, as well as the impact of the Olympic torch events around the world have implications for the PLU community.

The pressure placed on China by western influences during this twilight before the Olympic Games is something that China has dealt with since it became a nation state. After World War II, the pressure for China to become a nation state was a challenge because the historical dynastic structure of Chinese rule did not incorporate the 56 national cultures into one centralized entity. The centralization of Chinese identity has always been a problem for the Chinese government, said Greg Youtz, PLU professor of music and expert on China.

During the revolutionary years after 1949, when China developed communism as its national government structure, the diplomatic relationship between China and the U. S. was severed until 1979. A clear line was drawn between the eastern influences of communism and western capitalistic ideals.

"For much of the 20th century, China has struggled with unwelcome external influence in its international and internal affairs," said Adam Cathcart, assistant professor of history.

When former U. S. President Richard Nixon traveled to China for the first time during his presidency, the wall between the east and the west seemed to crumble. Ever since the global economy has been developing with a directive that participants like China must adopt capitalistic practices. China has ultimately shifted some of its economic policies to incorporate capitalistic practices. It has achieved a great increase in economic power in the last decade.

Since China received the bid in 2001 for the 2008 games, the politics of the situation have become complicated. International media and global leaders have waved China's human rights record over their heads and brought it to the forefront. This attention has stressed that the Olympics could be an incentive for China to "clean up" its human rights abuses.

"Even in the selection process, the Olympic committee politicized their decision," said Neal Sobania, director of the PLU Wang Center for International Programs. "This is an opportunity for China to demonstrate to the world its progress in human rights".

The international pressure on China reached a new level in recent months with regard to the Chinese conflict with Tibet.

"There is a high level of sensitivity in China that foreign powers are trying to decouple Tibet from China," Cathcart said.

CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION

When protests broke out in Tibet and surrounding areas March 10, they marked the 49th anniversary of the Chinese People Liberation Army's suppression of a Tibetan uprising. In 1959, the Dali Lama, the religious and political leader of Tibet, fled and has been living in the northwest corner of India ever since with an estimated following of tens of thousands of Tibetan exiles, Cathcart said.

Ever since the 1989 Tiananmen Square demonstrations, Tibet has attracted international attention. However, an unbiased understanding of the true situation in China is complicated by the western media's perspective and the Chinese central news agency Xinhua, which controls all media to the provinces in China.

"It is hard to know what the protests are really about because of the large amount of masking of information," Cathcart said. "Essentially, the Tibetans are opposing what they see as colonization by ethnic Chinese and their unwelcome enmeshment in China's increased capitalism. On the other hand, the Beijing government wanted to use the Olympics to showcase its investment in Tibet and that region's economic development.

It appears that the Olympics are bringing this contradiction to a head".

When the protests broke out March 10, Xinhua virtually cut off all news about the unrest for four days, Cathcart said.

Chinese students at PLU have been concerned with this issue and there is cultural distrust of western media. Chinese expatriates have turned to the Internet as a way to discuss the events going on in China. Blogs have begun and been a part of the Chinese expatriates expression of their opinions about the happenings in China.

TIBET AND CHINA...49 YEARS LATER

The young Chinese people responded to the protests. This reaction inspired the younger generation of Chinese citizens to protect the nationalistic feelings and promote the power of China rather than allow the criticism by external forces to infiltrate the Chinese system.

"What the Tibetans did not realize is that using the spotlight on China to gain attention backfires," Youtz said. Youtz went on to say that when the west reacts violently against China, it only buckles down to a greater extent and restricts the information it releases.

The Chinese-Tibetan relationship can be viewed from many different perspectives, but the over-arching opinion is that Tibet's struggle for autonomy will never be realized, Youtz said.

"Tibetans in exile need to figure out that independence is not going to happen," Youtz said. "What they should focus on is preservation of culture, not a state."

Looking at history and understanding that China only emerged as a nation-state in the early 20th century, Cathcart points out that historians will endlessly debate the relationship of the Tibetan monarchy to Chinese dynasties prior to 1911. However, taking into account China's border war with India in 1962 and other factors, he recognizes that Tibet is regarded as a Chinese area and is likely to remain so in his lifetime.

Tibetans argue that they should receive independence because they have their own active and thriving language. Since prior to 1951 Tibet was under the rule of the Dali Lama, Tibetans argue that their autonomous government was stripped from them and that the Chinese should reinstate their sovereignty.

At the moment, China places limits on the number of monks who can be in the Buddhist temples in Tibet. Monks are also required to sign agreements that say they do not believe in



Chinese students hold banners in support of the Beijing Olympic Torch relay in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Monday, April 21 after the Torch has been under attack in the last month. Last week Chinese students at PLU held a candlelight vigil to honor those who have been injured due to violence surrounding the Torch.

Beijing Olympics



the Dali Lama, Youtz said.

"From a western perspective, China is working to do a lot of things to help develop Tibet by providing school incentives, subsidies for home improvements and better transportation infrastructure," said James Thoburn, a junior Chinese Studies major who studied in Chengdu last semester and visited Tibet.

One example of China incorporating Tibet into its national identity is the development of the Beijing Olympic mascots. One of the five fuwa or icons, intended to represent diversity for the Beijing games, is of a Tibetan antelope.

"This is a subtle way to say that it's OK to include Tibet when talking about China," Cathcart said.

PROTESTS AROUND THE OLYMPIC TORCH

The Olympic torch has been a significant icon since it began traveling the world, prior to the Olympic games. The tradition of the torch began with the Berlin Olympics in 1936. But until this year it never had to be extinguished to mitigate the unrest the procession instigated.

"The torch is a rallying point that is too easy to focus on," Sobania said. "Tibetans felt that they had to use a large public event because it gives an opportunity to draw attention to the

issue."

Both Cathcart and Youtz see the Beijing Olympics as China's "debutante ball" and a beginning for China to act as a mature player on the world's stage.

Across the world, the Olympic organizers are scaling back the length of the routes for the Olympic torch to travel in order to protect the torch.

DALI LAMA VISITS SEATTLE

Amidst the young Chinese expressing their discontent with the protesters of the Olympic torch, the recent visit of the Dali Lama to Seattle for the Seeds of Compassion conference only escalated the feelings and tension related to the conflict between China and Tibet for Chinese students at PLU.

Many PLU students, including junior math and physics major Andy Guinn attended the Dali Lama's events in Seattle.

"I think he does an excellent job at advocating peace where violent attempts at solutions can be prevalent. The most amazing thing for me was being able to watch him smile and laugh about things that are seeminly serious."

Yet the American student support of the Dali Lama's visit was countered by the anger that Chinese students at PLU felt.

"I was mad about the Dali Lama's visit because I feel that what he says is always different than what he does," Yao said. "He preaches this message of non-violence, but if he is and does what he really claims to do, then he should have prevented the people who planned the riot."

Yao believes his claim is supported by the recent riots around the Olympic torch, led by Tibetans, that have incited violence and caused global unrest.

During Thoburn's visit to Tibet in October, he acquired a different view of Tibet than the Dali Lama expressed during his visit to Seattle.

"There is this Shangri La point of view that Tibet would be this utopia under the Dali Lama's rule," he said.

Thoburn quickly pointed out that westerners do not understand that the Dali Lama has not been living in Tibet for almost 50 years and that even the majority of the population living in Tibet does not know life under the Dali Lama.

Every time the debate over Tibetan autonomy erupts in China, the central government in Beijing revisits the feudalistic history of Tibet pre-1951. Before the People's Liberation Army entered Tibet in 1951, Tibet had incredibly high infant mortality rates and Tibetans were treated slaves to the Dali Lama, Thoburn said.

The Dali Lama's message of non-violence did not resonate with many of the Chinese students at PLU. In fact, several students participated in protests against his visit at the University of Washington.

"If Dalai's ideas regarding the compassion and things like that are always followed by his political pursuits, then western people should be warned that he doesn't deserve respect and trust. And all his words are just lies," Yao said.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

While this conflict seems so embedded in the political landscape of Asia, ideas for peace do exist and the potential to create harmony between Tibet and China does exist.

"The time is ripe for dialog," Youtz said. "This Dali Lama has a long history of seeing what China has to offer."

Reports suggest that the Dali Lama's brother has been in low-level contact with Beijing for months, Youtz said. The low level diplomatic talks symbolize a Tibetan and Chinese willingness to attempt to find a compromise to the situation.

Yet, the responsibility to find peace does not fully fall on the Chinese government in this situation. The pressures of western media and the high levels of criticism expressed by many western journalists and newspapers these days can continue the discord.

"The west needs to find more constructive ways to voice concerns," Cathcart said. "Both sides need to be mature enough to find ways to work this out."

With the Beijing Olympics, China assumes a new level of prominence on the world's stage and opens itself up to global influence and inspection.

"There is a huge misconception that China should have it together, but [China] has not been a nation state for very long. One has to look at China as it exists today," Thoburn said.

If one thinks of China being a single entity only after the revolutionary years, then modern Chinese history dates from 1976, 32 years ago. In those 32 years, China has organized and developed the world's largest population into an economic machine.

"To deny that a problem exists is indefensible," Youtz said. "World leaders need realistic solutions, not ideological positions."

Last week Youtz and Cathcart led an open forum to discuss these issues with PLU students. After participating in a candlelight vigil for some of the victims of the violence in Tibet, about twenty Chinese students arrived at the forum to engage in a long discussion about the issues.

"This was a chance for us to test our commitment to dialogue about some of the toughest questions that are facing the U.S.-China relationship today and tomorrow," Cathcart said.

PLU provides a unique forum for Chinese students to openly discuss the situation with the guidance of professors like Cathcart and Youtz to encourage students to live by Mao Zedong's idea, "seek truth from facts." Because there are gaps in the media coverage of the China-Tibet issue both in China and in the west, people can easily become overly emotional about their positions, Youtz said. Therefore, the charge of an academic institution is to provide the tools to continue open discussion about the issues in a constructive, fact-based context.

"Coming to PLU is an amazing opportunity," Sobania said. "It is a chance to see media coverage here without any restrictions and to explore those opinions."

The challenges of the Beijing Olympic Games in August are multi-faceted and unsolvable by the pressure of western media. However, the dialog and conversation that can occur about the situation in China between American and Chinese students can further cultural understanding.



AP photo Lai Seng Sin

Over the relationship between China and Tibet. Chinese students around the world, including at PLU, are organizing to show their support for the Beijing games;

RED NOISE

Radio play combines dark humor and intriguing characters, entertains but confuses

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"Red Noise," written by former PLU student, Max August Falkenberg, is the capstone project of theater major and senior Brie Yost. In the style of a 1930s radio drama, each actor stands up from a row of seats, script in hand, to give their monologue or act out a scene.

Set in Seattle, "Red Noise" follows the lives of eight seedy and somewhat disturbed characters. The leading lady, Roxanne (sophomore Anne Olsen), is a seemingly confused woman who came to Seattle from L.A. She seeks redemption for her deeds by helping good people in bad situations. Roxanne befriends a man named Peyton (junior Nicolas Olson). Peyton appears to be a good man who understands Roxanne and her need to help others.

Throughout the play, more characters are introduced, including Foster (senior Cameron Pahl), a German who was abducted by Peyton. Foster is an odd man, a prostitute to homosexual men—though not homosexual himself. He creates comedy in this dark play, with his quick wit and taboo jokes.

PLAY REVIEW

"RED NOISE"

Directed by Brie Yost
 Written by Max August Falkenberg

★★★★★

The plot thickens when, in a flashback, the audience learns that the reason Foster went to Roxanne is because his friend, Tom (first-year Kyle Sinclair), was abducted by a group of people who controlled a radio signal they called—you guessed it—"Red Noise."

With a dark, sharp and witty screenplay that keeps you guessing and intrigued until the end, this play reminds me of "Sin City" on the radio. I could even see it being turned into a movie directed by Quentin Tarantino. Without a doubt the best character in this play was Foster. Pahl charmed the audience with his humor and wit.

There was one problem that truly hurt this otherwise great play. Though the style of a 1930s radio show was a great idea, the script did not lend to that type of style. With so many characters and flashbacks, I was confused as to who was who. During intermission, I had to write down who I thought each character was in the play. Later I found out, even with this precaution, I had them mixed up.

The scenery never changed and there was no indication when the story would suddenly drop into a flashback sequence. This created even more confusion. With a great script and great actors, this minimalist radio-drama style dragged it down. Other than this, "Red Noise" was a great play and if you didn't see it, you've missed out.

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HBO series delivers once again on DVD

'Six Feet Under' takes different look at death, family

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Given the recent deluge of TV shows that have found their way onto DVD, it can often be difficult to determine which are worthy of our devotion. HBO is by and large a safe bet for quality television, and its 2001 series "Six Feet Under" is certainly no exception.

The brainchild of "American Beauty" writer Alan Ball, "Six Feet Under" chronicles the trials and tribulations of the Fishers, a Pasadena family, living in the Fisher and Sons funeral home. After the sudden death of patriarch Nathaniel, the remaining Fishers are left not only with the task of running the family business but of fighting through years of dysfunction in hopes of truly connecting with one another.

Not surprisingly, death is the show's central theme. Each and every episode begins with a death, ranging from comical, to tragic, to simply bizarre. As the show's characters live and die, we,

TELEVISION REVIEW
"Six Feet Under"
Originally Aired 2001-2005
★★★★★

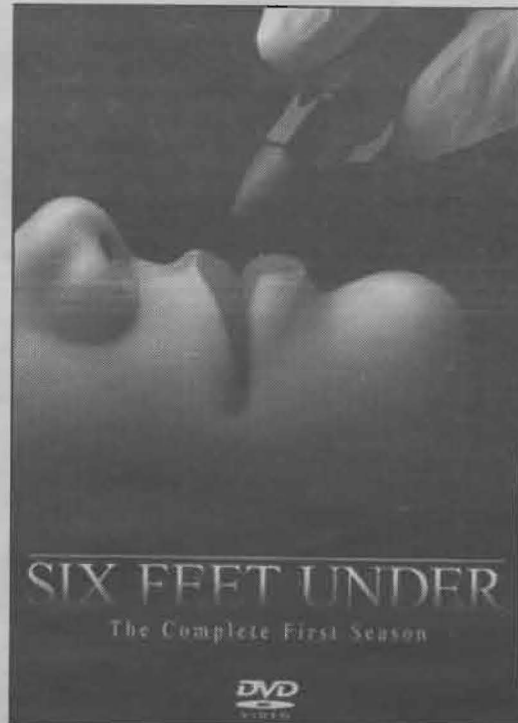
as audience members, slowly become more comfortable with the fact that everything and everyone we know, including ourselves, will end someday.

The cast is spot-on, and the writing is stellar. Each family member, including initially-closeted David, emotionally repressed mother Ruth, and rebellious art student Claire, is both consistent and dynamic. The show exhibits a remarkable capacity for character economy, leaving none of its supporting cast forgotten.

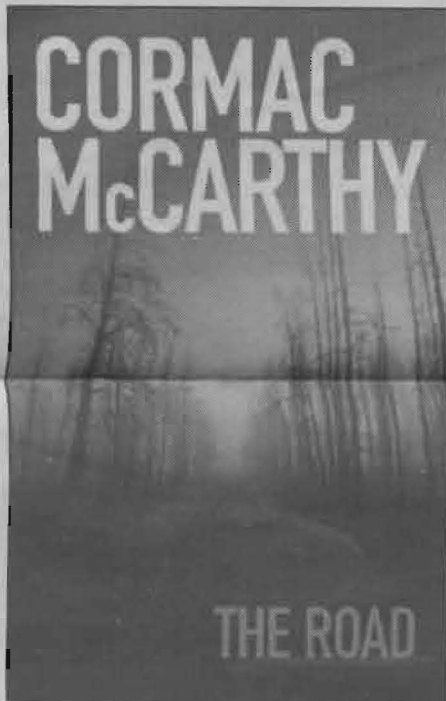
And the atrociously priced DVDs have come down in price considerably. Right now, the five-season set, complete with a patch of fake grass on top of the box, sells for around \$150.

Simply put, "Six Feet Under" on DVD is some of the best television available. Its talented cast, true-to-life writing, and exploration of death and dying, provide one of the most unique and rewarding small screen experiences in recent years.

As is consistently stated on the show, everything comes to an end, and "Six Feet Under" is no exception. For those who are interested, check out The Mast Web site at www.plu.edu/~mast for my reaction to the series' final episode.



Author paints bleak picture through characters



McCarthy's take on post-apocalyptic society is definitely a downer

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"The Road" chronicles a father and son's journey in a futuristic post-apocalyptic U.S. The novel is written from the perspective of the father but the narrative lacks intimacy. Even the father's flashbacks and dreams of the past keep the reader on the outside looking in, little more than horrified spectators. McCarthy seems intent on keeping the reader at arms length.

The father, like the wasteland he walks upon, is barren. He has lost his humanity, his capacity to care about other human beings. Even the memories of his past fail to evoke much emotion. His singular purpose in life is to keep his son alive, but even this seemingly selfless goal isn't about the love he feels for his son. His efforts to protect the boy are largely selfish. He knows that his son may be better off dead, but can't bear to lose him.

The son, on the other hand has retained his humanity. Despite the horrific things he has seen, he is willing to trust people. He is

BOOK REVIEW
"The Road"
By Cormac McCarthy
Fiction, 287 pages
★★★★★

concerned about others and is prepared to make sacrifices to help people, even if they would not do the same for him. While the ending to the novel could hardly be described as upbeat, ultimately I think McCarthy is trying to get the point across that humanity is capable of great perseverance.

I found "The Road" to be an unsatisfying read because we experience the novel through the eyes of the father, who is so detached, the reader never feels invested in the story. McCarthy does this intentionally. His prose is sparse and he never gives away the names of his characters, never permits readers to delve deep into their minds or feel anything except futile hopelessness and a profound sense of anger and fear.

Maybe this is what McCarthy wanted, but it didn't engage me. I can appreciate the literary accomplishment of this novel, but I can't say that I was ever completely drawn into it. I felt like a spectator watching a horrible disaster on the evening news. I felt empathy, but ultimately I didn't feel like I knew the characters enough to be deeply moved.

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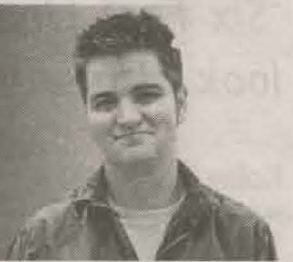
UWE BOLL : REVISITED

REVIEWING THE ESSENTIAL FILMOGRAPHY OF THE INDUSTRY'S GREATEST BAD DIRECTOR



German director Uwe Boll (right) speaks with Burt Reynolds (center) and John Rhys-Davies (left) on the set of "In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale" in 2005. The film was shot on a budget of \$60 million but only grossed \$4 million in the U.S., reports Box Office Mojo.

Matt CLICK



CINEMATIC EXCURSIONS

Two weeks ago, hack filmmaker and German madman Uwe Boll appeared in a YouTube video in which he griped about the hugely popular "Stop Dr. Uwe Boll" online petition (which, as of this writing, has over 22,000 signatures).

Boll, who is widely regarded as the worst filmmaker since Ed Wood, is the culprit behind such cinematic gems as "Alone in the Dark," "House of the Dead" and "BloodRayne." He also challenged some film critics to a boxing match in 2006 and knocked a bunch of them unconscious.

Late last year, Boll stated that if a petition garnered one million anti-Boll signatures, he would stop writing, directing and producing films. So, after the petition went live and began accumulating close to 1,000 signatures every hour, Boll panicked and shot back with his own pro-Boll message:

"I want a pro-Boll petition and I expect a million votes pro-Boll," Boll stated. "Because, look—I'm not a f***ing retard like Michael Bay or other people running around in the business. Or Eli Roth, making the same sh**ty movies over and over again.

"If you really look at my movies, you will see my real genius. You have to really wake up and see me for what I am—I'm the only genius in the whole f***ing business."

As eloquent and thoughtful as Boll's rebuttal is, I can't help but wonder if maybe the guy has gone off the deep end—either he's insane and truly believes he's talented, or he's just screwing with us. So as Boll jumps the shark, I'll risk it all and delve deep into the selected life's work of a complete lunatic.

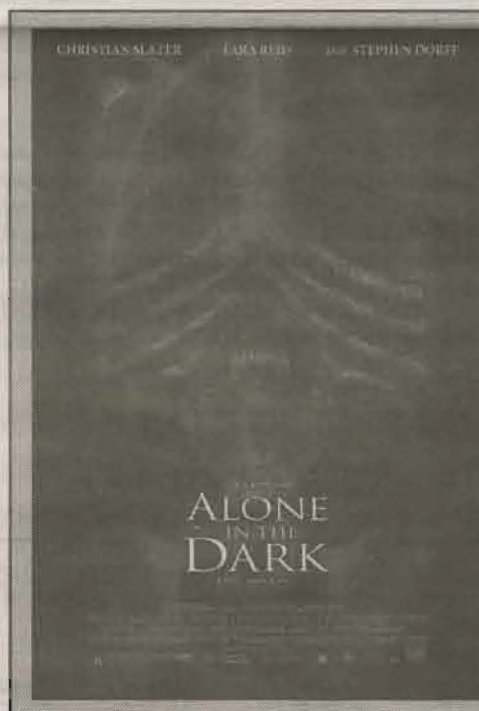


House of the Dead 2003

Starring Jonathan Cherry, Tyron Leitso
Rated R, 90 mins



Uwe Boll's first—and possibly worst—wide-release picture follows a group of teens as they arrive on a secluded island for a rave, only to find that it's been overrun by the undead (which, honestly, isn't drastically different than any other given rave). The barely-clad Abercrombie models grab some guns and get to work blowing up a bunch of extras in bad zombie makeup. "House of the Dead" is the most difficult of Boll's to sit through—all it takes is a teenage girl roundhouse kicking a zombie in slow motion to DMX's "Up in Here" and I'm scrambling for the remote.



Alone in the Dark 2005

Starring Christian Slater, Tara Reid
Rated R, 96 mins



This is Boll's undisputed masterpiece. Christian Slater pounds the final nail in his coffin as monster-hunter Edward Carnby and Tara Reid is laughably bad as his archeologist girlfriend (they gave her glasses to try and make her look slightly intelligent, but it doesn't really work). The plot concerns something about monsters being released from an ancient box and orphan children being given special powers by aliens. I can't recall exactly. All I really remember is that Stephen Dorff kills an old man by throwing a switchblade into his chest, and it's literally the funniest thing I've ever seen.



BloodRayne 2005

Starring Kristanna Loken, Ben Kingsley
Rated R, 95 mins



Boll followed the right book of "Alone in the Dark" with the jaw-shattering uppercut of "BloodRayne," a movie about sexy goths who fight Nazis. Or something like that. This one sports Kristanna Loken in little-to-no clothing as its main draw. However, it also prominently features a lumpy, weathered-looking Michael Madsen in leather trousers and a wig. So, really, it balances out in the end. Ben Kingsley cashes his paycheck as a vampire king, and even Meat Loaf makes an appearance. If that's not a dynamite ensemble cast, I don't what is.



In the Name of the King 2007

Starring Jason Statham, Ray Liotta
Rated PG-13, 127 mins



A chimpanzee is allotted \$60 million to produce a rip-off of "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Chronicles of Narnia" that must include the following: flying ninjas, Burt Reynolds in a ridiculous suit of armor, and Ray Liotta performing a backflip in slow motion. The result closely resembles Boll's most recent project. He truly outdoes himself here, utilizing every "no-no" in the business and gathering all the out-of-work actors in Hollywood to spend a couple weekends shooting a fantasy epic in the woods behind his house. Even for Boll, this film hurts.

Lutes conquer Pioneers



Photo by Jenna Callaway

Sophomore Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt runs for home in one of the games versus Willamette at PLU, April 13. The Lutes split with the Bearcats losing the first game and taking the second. The Lutes won both of their games against Lewis & Clark this past weekend.

Softball sweeps Lewis & Clark, Johnston sends 2 out of the park

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Pacific Lutheran University's batters ran riot Sunday, sweeping Lewis & Clark, 9-3 and 16-0, in Northwest Conference play after collecting 34 total hits.

PLU sophomore Shelby Johnston helped lead the offense in a breakout performance, slugging two home runs and adding up six RBI's for the day.

"These were my first at-bats that I've been able to take advantage of without a cast on," Johnston said. "I'm out there trying to give it my all again."

The Lutes broke open a 2-1 duel in the third inning with four runs on six hits.

PLU sophomore Hadley Schmitt took advantage of a possibly demoralized team by cooking up a 10 strikeout recipe while allowing only four walks and four hits.

"We all had our heads on so that was really nice," Schmitt said.

Lewis & Clark may have had a little breath of life in them after six PLU errors. But the Lutes managed to keep any gap open that was trying to be closed by adding one run in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth on a two-run homer by Johnston.

"I think that with the errors we would let one person score," Schmitt affirmed. "But we didn't let it affect the next thing we did."

The Lutes kept rolling in the nightcap scoring three runs in the first three innings. Johnston got her second round tripper with her three run blast in the fourth inning that started a 12-run inning.

Sophomore Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt pitched a shutout and only allowed three hits in five innings, striking out one and walking none.

Senior Heather Walling, first-year Crystal Reno, and Wheeler-Hoyt went 3-3 on the day. Sophomore Carly Starke, sophomore Vanessa Bryant, and Johnston each had two for PLU.

PLU looks to finish the season strong. "We're going to end the season by giving it all we got," Johnston said.

The Lutes finish the season next weekend with a four-game series against cross-town rival Puget Sound. The first game will be played Saturday at UPS at noon before bringing the end of the doubleheader to PLU Sunday.



Johnston



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Lutes sweep up Missionaries



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Sophomore Ben Shively attempts to turn a double play as senior pitcher Brett Brunner looks on during a game this past weekend against Whitman. PLU completed their season sweep of the Missionaries with four wins Saturday and Sunday. With a cross-town series looming with UPS, the Lutes still have a chance at second place in the conference.

PLU baseball team still has chance at second place in Northwest Conference

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After dropping a couple of close games to Menlo the first weekend of April, the Lutes emphasized the importance of finishing the season on a strong note. Two weeks and back-to-back series sweeps later, the Lutes are poised for a cross-town match up with Puget Sound in a series that could give Pacific Lutheran a chance to take second place in the Northwest Conference.

Pacific Lutheran swept a floundering Whitman team last weekend in its final home series of the 2008 season, outscoring the Missionaries by a combined 38-6 score. For the second straight weekend, the Lutes combined excellent pitching, solid defense and timely hitting to blow out their opponent.

Head coach Geoff Loomis believes that the baseball team's clutch offensive play has been the key to the eight-game winning streak.

"Our pitching and defense has been very solid, but I would say that extending our offensive innings by getting two-out hits has been the biggest difference," Loomis said.

In Saturday's opener, three PLU pitchers combined to give up only two runs on seven hits. Robert Bleecker pitched the first five innings, giving up the only two runs of the game, before Jeremy Ellison took the ball and gave up only one hit in three outstanding innings of work. Jeff Danforth entered in the ninth to finish the game for the Lutes.

The Lutes got on the board early, after falling behind 1-0 in the first inning. Josh Takayoshi led off the bottom of the inning with a single to the left side, stealing second base a couple of pitches later. Matt Akridge followed with

a single and a stolen base, with Jordan Post walking to load the bases.

Geoff Gabler worked a bases-loaded walk to force in the tying run, and Ryan Aratani grounded into a 6-4-3 double play and brought home another run, which gave the Lutes a 2-1 lead.

In the third inning, the Lutes combined four hits with three Whitman errors to put five more runs on the board to take a 7-1 lead. Four more hits in the fourth inning led to two more runs and a 9-1 lead, with Whitman adding one more run in the fifth and the Lutes scoring their final run in the seventh.

At the end of the first game Brandon Sales had three hits, Post had two hits, two runs and one run batted in, and Gabler had two hits, scored two runs and drove two runs in.

Springtime snowfall led to a short delay before the beginning of the second game, and the wintry conditions eventually forced the umpires to suspend the game in the eighth inning.

PLU scored six runs in the first three innings, and sophomore Paul DiPietro gave up only one run in six innings as the Lutes took the second game by a score of 8-3.

Catcher Andrew Hernandez blasted a two-run home run and scored two runs for the Lutes and Sammy Davis had a bases-loaded double in the second inning to drive in three runs.

Sunday's first game featured a complete game performance by senior Brett Brunner in his final home start. The Lutes backed up the starter with 13 runs on 15 hits. Aratani contributed three hits and three runs, while Takayoshi, Gabler and Hernandez all had two hits.

Brunner improved his record to 3-3 with the six-hit performance, striking out seven and giving up one run in the 13-1 PLU victory. Monday, Brunner focused on the importance of every member of the team in contributing to a win.

"Baseball is such a multidimensional game," Brunner said. "There is so much going on with every pitch. The outfielders and infielders are moving to put themselves in the best position possible and the catcher is going through pre-

vious at bats against the hitter in his head."

The Lutes finished off the four-game sweep with a 7-0 victory in the final game, headlined by sophomore Trey Watt's complete game shutout performance. Watt allowed only three hits and no walks to the Missionaries, and his seven strikeouts gave him a Northwest Conference-leading 52 strikeouts for the season.

Once again the middle of the lineup gave the Lutes optimum production, as Post had three hits — including two doubles — scored two runs and drove in one, Gabler also scored two runs and drove in four with a pair of hits and Aratani also contributed two hits and one run batted in.

Second baseman Carl Benton had a special weekend of his own, setting a new PLU record with his 24th and 25th hit-by-pitches of the season. He passed Paul Montmeny's 23 in 1990.

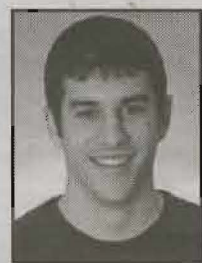
Pacific Lutheran travels to Puget Sound this weekend to face the Loggers in a season-ending showdown. With PLU two games back of George Fox for second in the NWC, and with the Bruins facing conference-leading Linfield this weekend, the Lutes could potentially overtake George Fox for second place in the conference.

"This is a very special group of seniors," Loomis said. "The feeling this weekend was that they deserved four wins to finish out their career on our home field. Our goal will simply be to finish this season strong by continuing to play the game better than our opponents."

Brunner is looking forward to the opportunity to pitch one final game for the Lutes, saying that "I really want to get that last win at UPS."

"Considering that Sunday might be the last time I get to pitch in a competitive situation, I really want to go out there and perform well," Brunner said. "I want to compete and leave everything I have out there on the field. If I can look myself in the mirror Monday morning and say that I held nothing back and have nothing to regret about my baseball career, then I will be absolutely happy no matter the outcome of the game."

Pacific Lutheran closes out the 2008 season at Puget Sound with doubleheaders starting at noon Saturday and another Sunday.



Gabler

The upcoming
week in
PLU
sports:

Men's Tennis:

» April 25 - 27, PLU at Ojai
Tournament, Ojai, California.

Track & Field:

» April 25, PLU at WWU
Twilite Bellingham, Wash.,
2:24 p.m.

Softball:

» April 26, PLU at UPS, noon.
» April 27, UPS at PLU, noon.

Baseball:

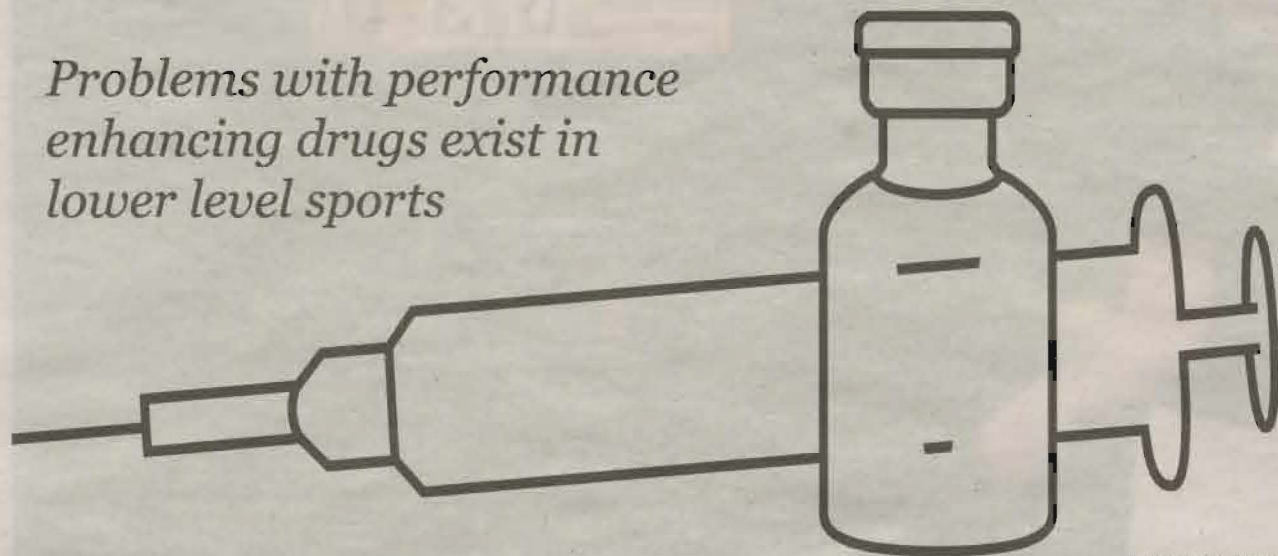
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Steroids at PLU?

Problems with performance enhancing drugs exist in lower level sports



Graphic by David Johnston



Collin GUILDNER

Why not, You ask yourself. Why not run one tenth of a second faster? Why not be able to hit the ball ten feet farther? Why not get that edge you have been looking for to make you a premier athlete in your sport?

Steroids have become a staple in the professional sporting world. It is almost to the point that it is no longer cheating. The use of performance enhancing drugs has become so common that athletes using them are no longer gaining an advantage over the playing field, they are only leveling it.

So if cheating is defined as gaining an unfair advantage over your opponents, we can no longer call steroid users cheaters.

In the professional ranks of athletics, steroids are much more widely used than in college or lower ranks of athletics. There is obviously more incentive to use performance enhancers when you are competing against world-class athletes for a higher paycheck.

But what about those athletes who only compete for the love of the game? Those on college campuses around the country? These athletes are on a playing field where losing a spot on the team could mean losing a scholarship or a chance to turn pro.

What about at a small Division III school like Pacific Lutheran University? There can't be any incentive to take steroids here, right? No way.

I have come to love NCAA Division III athletics. This is where you really see passion for sport. Students are paying thousands of dollars a year to attend a school and still fit hours of athletics a week into their schedule. For no other reason than that they love the sport they have been playing their whole life.

A Division III athlete does not go to school for the sole purpose of playing sports. They are there for the value of education and athletics is an added plus. Except for a few very unlikely exceptions, there are no scholarships, scouts or professional aspirations.

So this being said, we should not have waste our breath on the possibility of our own student athletes using performance enhancers. Right? Not so fast. It is more of a probability than a possibility that even Division III athletes are dipping into the steroid pool.

Let's start with the statistics. Though use of steroids by collegiate athletes is lower than that of professional or even high school athletes, there are still 1 percent of student athletes using performance enhancers according to the higher education center. That percentage raises among college football players, which is at 3 percent.

Though these numbers may seem quite low at first glance, I would like to point out that there are over 350 student athletes at PLU, including over 100 football players. This means there could be upwards of five or more students on our own campus using steroids.

I know what you are thinking. Why care about five athletes out of so many? Why not focus on the 350 plus students who are clean?

I argue that just because a problem may seem small, that does not necessarily make it any less meaningful. What if one of our steroid users wins an All Conference honor, taking it from the rightful winner who is clean of steroids. This would be a major problem if it presented itself

So why would someone in a lower level of collegiate athletics even consider taking these drugs without the high incentive? This is the question these athletes want us to be asking ourselves. If we don't suspect them of taking this extra advantage, there is no way they are going to get caught doing it.

Because there is not as big of a watchful eye on our student athletes as there is at the professional level or even at a Division I school, it makes it much easier for our athletes to say to themselves that it is no big deal for them to take performance enhancing drugs. The athletes are also not at risk of huge consequences if they get caught. There is no scholarship or paycheck to lose.

But still. No big deal right? Five athletes? But it is a big deal. The athletes who believe they can take steroids and gain an unfair advantage are cheaters at our Division III level. They are tainting the purest form of sports in our country. These athletes need to love themselves just as much as they love the game they are playing.

NWC let down Lutes make finals, can't pick up conference crown for first time in three years

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The Pacific Lutheran University men's tennis team, three-time defending champion of the Northwest Conference ended their winning streak to conclude the season as they lost 8-1 to Whitman this last weekend.

The Missionaries stepped into the NWC tournament with the No. 1 seed based on a 16-0 conference record. Whitman was confident as they dominated in the tournament championship match Saturday afternoon at Yakima Tennis Club.

This was Whitman's first conference title since 2004.

The brothers' duo of Daniel and Matt Solomon defeated their PLU opponents senior Justin Larimore and sophomore Kevin Floyd, 8-2, at No. 1 doubles, and Jasper Follows and Justin Hayashi took a victory over first-year Scott Sheldon and senior James Crosetto, 8-2, at No. 3 doubles.



Sheldon

The Lutes picked-up a doubles point at No. 2 where sophomore Justin Peterson and sophomore Michael Manser slammed Nadeem Kassam and Jake Cappel, 8-5.

Those were the only points that PLU came out of the match with as Whitman coasted through singles.

Matt Solomon proved his spot at No. 1 beating Floyd, 7-5, 6-4, and Daniel defeated Larimore, 6-2, 6-4, at No. 2.

Chris Bailey at No. 3 captured a victory over Peterson 6-1, 6-2, Cappel at No. 4 beat Manser 6-2, 7-5, and Dan Wilson at No. 5 topped senior Tory Silvestrin 6-2, 6-1.

Sheldon put the pressure on Hayashi as they played a third set before Sheldon was beat, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 6 singles.

"We fought hard but it was disappointing to lose to Whitman in the final," Sheldon said.

The loss in the conference final means that the Lutes will not be competing in the NCAA division III national tournament. PLU had competed at nationals the last three seasons as the winner of the Northwest Conference

Although the Lutes have wrapped up their season, the top five players will head to California to catch some rays and wins this weekend as they participate in the Ojai Tournament.

The Lutes will attempt to follow up an amazing performance by Larimore and his partner David Miller, who graduated last season. The two won the Division III doubles championship at Ojai last year.

Scorecard

Men's Tennis

Final Standings

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitman	16-0	1.000	20-9	.690
PLU	14-2	.875	14-10	.583
Linfield	11-5	.688	11-8	.579
Whitworth	10-6	.625	13-10	.565
Willamette	8-8	.500	8-9	.471
UPS	7-9	.438	7-9	.438
L&C	3-13	.188	4-16	.200
George Fox	2-14	.125	2-17	.105
Pacific	1-15	.062	1-16	.059

NWC Tournament Champion: Whitman

(Individual Records as of 4/23)
Singles:

- Kevin Floyd - 10-11 (9-2 NWC)
 - Justin Larimore - 10-10 (8-2 NWC)
 - Justin Peterson - 12-11 (9-4 NWC)
 - Michael Manser - 12-8 (7-3 NWC)
 - Tory Silvestrin - 9-7 (8-1 NWC)
 - Scott Sheldon - 11-9 (10-4 NWC)
- Doubles:**
- Justin Larimore/Kevin Floyd: 10-5 (7-0 NWC)
 - Justin Peterson/Michel Manser: 6-8 (4-2 NWC)
 - Jared Vidano/Scott Sheldon: 6-5 (5-1 NWC)

Women's Tennis

Standings

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	16-0	1.000	16-5	.762
Whitworth	14-2	.875	16-4	.800
L&C	11-5	.688	11-7	.611
Whitman	10-6	.625	12-11	.522
Willamette	8-8	.500	8-11	.421
PLU	7-9	.438	9-10	.474
George Fox	3-13	.188	4-16	.200
UPS	2-14	.125	3-15	.167
Pacific	1-15	.062	1-17	.056

NWC Tournament Champion: Linfield

(Individual records as of 4/23)
Singles:

- Erika Feltus - 9-12 (7-8 NWC)
 - Liz Currey - 14-6 (10-4 NWC)
 - Ashley Coats - 14-8 (10-6 NWC)
 - Ashley Brooks - 13-9 (10-6 NWC)
 - Emily Starr - 9-2 (7-0 NWC)
 - Esther Ham - 8-10 (4-8 NWC)
- Doubles:**
- Erika Feltus/Ashley Coats: 13-8 (9-6 NWC)
 - Liz Currey/Ashley Brooks: 5-6 (3-3 NWC)
 - Emily Starr/Morgan Jones: 2-2 (1-0 NWC)

Baseball

Standings

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	24-4	.857	29-7	.806
George Fox	21-7	.750	25-11	.694
PLU	19-9	.679	22-12-2	.639
Pacific	15-13	.536	18-18	.500
Willamette	14-14	.500	18-19	.486
UPS	13-15	.464	17-18	.486
L&C	12-20	.375	14-23	.378
Whitworth	10-18	.357	11-25	.306
Whitman	0-28	.000	2-34	.056

(Stats as of 4/23)

Team Batting Average Leaders: Min. 120 AB
Ryan Aratani - .394
Jordan Post - .389
Brandon Sales - .373

Team Home Run Leaders:
Jordan Post - 6
Matt Akridge - 4

Team RBI Leaders:
Jordan Post - 31
Brandon Sales - 25
Ryan Aratani - 23

Team ERA Leaders: Min. 50 IP
Rob Bleeker - 2.65
Trey Watt - 2.89

Team Wins Leaders:
Rob Bleeker/ Trey Watt - 5

Team Strikeout Leaders:
Trey Watt - 52
Rob Bleeker - 46

Softball

Standings

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	21-1	.955	32-2	.941
Pacific	16-4	.800	27-5	.844
Willamette	17-5	.773	23-7	.767
PLU	12-10	.545	15-19	.441
Whitworth	11-10	.524	14-19	.424
UPS	7-12	.368	11-19	.367
George Fox	3-21	.125	3-27-1	.113
L&C	2-26	.071	2-33	.057

(Stats as of 4/23)

Team Batting Average Leaders: Min. 70 AB
Heather Walling - .369
Caitlin Brown - .368
Lisa Gilbert - .342

Team Home Run Leaders:
Vanessa Bryant - 3
Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt - 2
Stephanie Mullen - 2

Team RBI Leaders:
Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt - 22
Carly Starke - 16
Vanessa Bryant - 15

Team ERA Leaders: Min. 90 IP
Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt - 3.50
Hadley Schmitt - 3.62

Team Wins Leader:
Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt - 9

Team Strikeout Leaders:
Hadley Schmitt - 91
Rachel Wheeler-Hoyt - 44



Sophomore Ashley Brooks goes for a forehand against Whitworth's Justine Hays at the PLU tennis courts April 5. Brooks won this match 2-6, 6-3, 1-0 (10-6). The Lutes lost to Whitworth at home and again at the NWC tournament 6-3. Photo courtesy of Nick Dawson

Lutes surprise NWC competition

Women's tennis upsets Lewis & Clark, takes 4th overall

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Pacific Lutheran University women's tennis team wrapped up its season last weekend finishing fourth at the Northwest Conference Championship.

The Lutes opened their tournament play by upsetting No. 3 seed Lewis & Clark 6-3.

The first singles matches went to the Pioneers when Amalia Nilsson defeated PLU senior Erika Feltus 6-3, 6-3 in the No. 1 spot and Lisa Harunaga beat senior Liz Currey 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 2 match.

Lute sophomore Ashley Coats might have made things a little easier winning her match against Whitney DeBree 6-2, 6-2. Coats' teammates got the same idea causing PLU to take the rest of the singles matches with wins from first-years Emily Starr, Esther Ham and sophomore Ashley Brooks.

In doubles competition for PLU, Feltus and Coats defeated Nilsson and DeBree 8-5 and teammates Starr and senior Morgan Jones beat Paige Earhart and Teresa Kiemnec 8-4.

"I was really happy with our team's progress," Currey said. "I think we shocked a lot of people who probably underestimated us. It felt really nice to beat the No. 3 seed."

PLU's second Friday matchup was against Whitworth. Whitworth defeated the Lutes 5-4.

The match left neither team with an advantage after singles play ended with a 3-3 split.

Feltus defeated Rachel Burns in two sets, but it took three sets for Currey and Coats to defeat their opponents.

In the bottom three spots, Whitworth's Katie Staudinger, Justine Hays and Taryn Smith were victorious over Brooks, Starr and Ham.

PLU started doubles play off with a victory when Feltus and Coats defeated Lexy Harrington and Linh Aven 8-4. But Whitworth managed to pull a series of games their way in order to get the last two victories in the defeat of PLU's No. 2 and 3 teams.

The Lutes came into the tournament as the No. 6 seed and faced their third opponent when they met up with Whitman Saturday. The Missionaries defeated PLU 6-3.

Whitman arrived in the tournament as the No. 4 seed and faced a good opponent in PLU. Singles competition was, once again for the Lutes, tied up with a score of 3-3.

Currey came back to defeat Hadley DeBree 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 in the No. 2 spot. PLU didn't find their two other singles victories until Starr won 7-5, 6-1 in the No. 5 slot and No. 6 Ham was victorious over Jacquie Frank 6-2, 6-0.

Whitman ended up getting the better of the Lutes in doubles competition winning all three of the matches.

After the tournament, Feltus was named to the First Team All-Northwest Conference. She was the only one from her team to be on the first or second team. This is the third year in a row that Feltus has been awarded this achievement.

The final loss put PLU to 10-12 on the season (7-9 NWC) with interim head coach Lorrie Wood. Feltus said Wood did a wonderful job filling the position.

"Usually when you get a new coach, typically a team goes into a downward slope during the season," Feltus said. "But I still think we played really well even though she was a new coach, so I think that's saying something about her coaching abilities and her knowledge of the sport."

Both four-year letter winners, Feltus and Currey, said their farewells, as they will graduate this spring.



Currey

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