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Honoring the life of Karen Phillips PLU holds memorial service for former regent, benefactor

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The Pacific Lutheran community celebrated the life of Karen Phillips, the largest benefactor in PLU history, Monday in Lagerquist Hall.

During her lifetime, Phillips anonymously donated \$2 million for the renovation of Xaver Hall, the beginning construction of Murken and the upcoming renovation of Eastvold Chapel.

Those who knew Phillips say she did not want the recognition for her donation but rather to help future students excel.

"I can honestly say I have never known anyone more caring, more humble of bearing, or more generous in spirit than Karen," said President Loren Anderson.

Phillips grew up in Ritzville, Wash., on a wheat farm, where a young pastor named Seth Eastvold came asking for donations to PLU.

"Karen had a high regard for Eastvold," said PLU alumna Ery

Steverson. "She saw her father in the depths of depression give money to Seth Eastvold. He gave a hundred dollars during a time when a hundred dollars was a lot of money."

President Anderson said the one thing Phillips wanted to see through was the completion of the renovation to Eastvold.

"There is a poetic irony between Seth and Karen," Anderson said. "The current plan is to name the Eastvold auditorium after her."

Phillips received the Distinguished Alumna Award from the Awards and

Recognition Committee this year.

"The committee knew Karen was a large benefactor. They had no idea that she was PLU's largest benefactor ever," said Lauralee Hagen, executive director of Alumni and Constituent Relations. "They wanted to recognize her time on the Board of Regents, her PLU community volunteer efforts and her contributions to society in her distinguished career in nursing."

People who worked with Phillips on

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Karen Phillips bequeaths \$10 million to PLU

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Pacific Lutheran students and staff honored the death of benefactor and former regent Karen Hille Phillips Monday evening. Phillips passed Sept. 13 after a brief illness.

Phillips' death was coupled with bittersweet news, said President Loren Anderson in his address to an all-campus gathering held Tuesday in Chris Krutzen Hall.

Phillips' estate left the university with a \$10 million bequest. Her gift leaves the university's fundraising campaign, "Engage the World: The Campaign for PLU," at over 90 percent completion.

"Because of Karen's gift," Anderson said, the university will now "move aggressively toward the full restoration of the Performing Arts Center and Chapel at Eastvold."

Tuesday's gift, coupled with Phillips' past donations, makes her "the largest benefactor in the history of our university," Anderson said. Phillips contributed a total of nearly \$20 million in support.

"She cared so deeply about the work of what she called 'her university,'" Anderson said. "MaryAnn and I were privileged to sit at her bedside the last afternoon of her life, and all she wanted to talk about was the work of Pacific Lutheran University."

After Phillips' gift was announced, the crowd stood for applause in her memory. The applause lasted almost a minute.

President Anderson said the university hopes to begin "phase one" of the Eastvold restoration process this upcoming summer. Phase one involves the renovation of the north wing of the building and the construction of a new black box studio theatre and scenic design shop. The university will then begin planning phase two — the restoration of the chapel and main stage, which Anderson said he expects could begin summer 2012.



ASPLU Senator and future Taylor Astor and faculty members discuss possible improvements to the undergraduate program Wednesday.

PLU 2020 committee asks 'how'

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The Pacific Lutheran 2020 Steering Committee launched the October portion of the discussion week this week. The next installment in a series of conversations regarding the future of the university, Tuesday's and Wednesday's discussions sought to follow-up on last month's conversation, "Whom shall we serve?" with the question "How shall we serve them?"

Instead of voting polls and breakout sessions like September's sessions, participating students and faculty were given the duration of the two-hour forum to discuss questions about PLU's general academic program, the concept of "meaningful learning," the balance of liberal arts and professional programs, the undergraduate

program, post-baccalaureate program and co-curricular program.

Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students Laura Majovski and Provost Steve Starkovich co-chair the 2020 Steering Committee and have facilitated the discussions this fall.

Audience members discussed open-ended questions about their definitions of university values and what they thought the future of academic programs should look like. Each group's thoughts were documented by a table facilitator and collected by the Steering Committee. The documents will eventually be given to the writing team.

Monday's audience was comprised of mostly faculty and staff, with roughly 10 students.

As Monday and Tuesday's conversations progressed, Majovski said the "how" and previously discussed "whom" conversations are very closely related and that each

conversation "will enrich the other."

Starkovich said this week's events sought to gain "input on the educational program," and over the final sessions in November, he and Majovski will have a better understanding of what topics they want to have more about.

However, the 2020 planning process is far from over. After next month's conversation, titled "Engaging Theories: Diversity, Learning, Sustainability," the writing team will begin to compile answers from the fall sessions. In the spring, the Steering Committee will host more sessions to give students and faculty the opportunity to discuss and shape the 2020 rough draft.

The next 2020 forums will be held Nov. 10 and 11.

For those who missed the forums, Majovski said the community can stay updated at <http://dill.plu.edu/PLU2020/>.

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Harmony kicks off Gender Exploration Week with National Coming Out Day

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In the strongest showing in years, Pacific Lutheran students gathered Monday to celebrate National Coming Out Day, an international awareness day meant to facilitate discussion about LGBT issues. Organized by PLU's Harmony club, the events of National Coming Out Day were the kickoff for Gender Exploration Week.

Gender Exploration week, having been recognized at PLU for several years, is designed to facilitate active discussion about gender identity and is organized by Harmony, the Diversity Center and the Women's Center.

It is the main on-campus project meant to recognize LGBT History month, which occurs during October.

National Coming Out Day has been the traditional opening event of Gender Exploration Week in recent years, and has been steadily increasing in size and scope. With this heightened prominence comes an increased level of gravitas associated with the event.

"In the past we've had people

who came out as like, 'oh, I had a connorner, that's like that,'" said junior Clayton Haselwood, co-commissioner of Harmony. "But over the years we've been trying to increase the amount of people who do 'coming out' stories."

Haselwood, who has been involved in Harmony since his first year, said that Gender Exploration Week, happening in fall rather than spring when the widely recognized Pride Week and Day of Service events take place, is a recent development, but in lieu of Gender Exploration Week, more events are being planned for April.

"Our idea for April went from a public speaking thing with a podium and microphone and went to this sort of 'Two-Secrets' type event, where people would submit their coming out stories years and we would celebrate them come Pride Week," Haselwood said.

Other students agree with the move to an increased visibility for National Coming Out Day and Gender Exploration Week.

"To be honest I wasn't familiar with them for my first years here, but this year it's being advertised and organized much better," said senior Jayde Huggard.

Along with the traditional tabling and information session in Red Square, this

year Harmony introduced a new event called Open Gender Open-Me night in The Cave, where students come to share their stories on LGBT and related issues.

Taking advantage of this new forum, many students told personal stories about their own coming out experiences.

"I decided to come to MeSpace one day and announce on the stage 'I came out, if you can't handle it don't talk to me any more,'" first-year David Nguyen said of the event.

Nguyen, who has been openly gay since sixth grade, is an active member of PLU Harmony and describes this year's National Coming Out Day as being especially important given the recent high-profile incidents of anti-gay bullying across the nation.

"I think being openly gay should be celebrated — a hard thing to do and has been committing suicide lately and something has to be done," Nguyen said.

Haselwood agrees with Nguyen, and Harmony is already organizing an event for Oct. 20.

The 20th is quickly becoming the Facebook-official "Wear Purple Day," Haselwood said, "because purple on the rainbow flag represents the spirit."

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IN THE NEWS:



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Miner Esteban Rojas is carried away on a stretcher after being rescued from the collapsed San Jose gold and copper mine near Copiapo, Chile, Wednesday. Rojas is the 19th of 33 miners brought to the surface from the mine after 69 days trapped underground.

Chilean miners safely raised to surface

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SAN JOSE MINE, Chile — The last of the 33 Chilean miners were raised from the depths of the earth Wednesday night — a joyous ending to a 69-day ordeal that riveted the world. No one has ever been trapped so long and survived.

Luis Urzua ascended smoothly through 2,000 feet of rock, completing a \$22 million 224-hour rescue operation that unfolded with remarkable speed and flawless execution.

When Urzua stepped out of the capsule, he hugged and shook hands with Chilean President Sebastian Piñera before a crowd of 2,000. With the last miner by his side, the president led the crowd in singing the national anthem.

The miners rejoined a world intensely curious about their ordeal, and certain

to offer income and jobs. Previously unimaginable riches awaited men who had risked their lives going into the unstable gold and copper mine for about \$1,600 a month.

Beginning at midnight Tuesday and as quickly as every 25 minutes the capsule, dubbed Phoenix, was lowered the nearly half-mile to where 200,000 tons of rock collapsed Aug. 5 and entombed the men.

The rescue was planned with extreme care. The miners were monitored by video on the way up for any sign of panic. They had oxygen masks, dark glasses to protect their eyes from the unfamiliar sunlight and sweaters for the jarring transition from subterranean sweater to chilly desert air.

The men emerged in good health, but at the hospital in Copiapo, it became clear that psychological issues will be as important to treat as physical ones.

ROTC cadets nationally ranked

Leadership Development and Assessment course challenges cadets

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Pacific Lutheran's ROTC cadets scored among the best in the nation at the Leadership Development and Assessment Course held from June to August in Fort Lewis, Wash.

The cadets competed against more than 6,000 other candidates participating at various military installations across the country.

Of the 15 PLU cadets who successfully completed the course, six finished in the top 20 percent of the nation, earning them the title of Distinguished Military Graduates.

The U.S. Army's website describes the LDAC as "the most important training event for an Army ROTC cadet or National Guard Officer Candidate. The challenges are rigorous and demanding, both mentally and physically."

"It's the high point of every cadet in ROTC," said senior Danny Miller, who scored

in the top five percent of the country. "From day one when you get here you know you have to go to this camp. You spend all three years preparing for it, and then once you finally pass it, you're good to go. Then you're going to be an officer."

Graduation from the LDAC was not easy. The cadets endured 29 consecutive days and nights of limited sleep, long hours in the field and a constant stream of challenges designed to test their intellect, physical fitness and ability to make leadership decisions under pressure.

Days usually started at 4:30 a.m. and ended at 10 p.m.

"That doesn't mean you went to sleep," said senior Michael Monday, also a top five percent finisher. "Planning next day events and talking to your squad members was always priority."

During the course, cadets spent about one-third of their time in the barracks. The rest of the time they were

outside battling heat, rain and tangled underbrush as they tested their competence at leading mock combat patrols, maneuvering land navigation courses and applying combat medical care to wounded comrades.

"ROTC is not for everyone ... It takes dedication and hard work."

Michael Monday, senior

When asked what the key to their success was, none of the cadets pointed to themselves, but to the ROTC team as a whole.

"Our greatest strength is teamwork and squad cohesion," said senior Aliandra Mackey, who finished in the top 20 percent.

Miller and Monday each gave similar appraisals, citing the camaraderie and community that the PLU cadets built over the course

of four years as the program's greatest strength.

"ROTC is not for everyone," Monday said. "It takes dedication and hard work. The cadets walking around campus put extra time into their college experience to be a part of ROTC. They have to study harder and for longer hours due to ROTC events. They are up at six in the morning and usually do not sleep until eleven at night."

The ROTC team includes not only cadets, but also the cadre members who mentor them and who, Miller said, are largely responsible for PLU's success at the LDAC this summer.

"It shows that the cadre members really put a lot of effort into the program and really try to teach [us] the basics," Miller said.

The cadets now await their graduation from PLU and commissioning as officers in the United States Army.

BRIEFS

Global food studies conference begins 5 p.m. today

"What's on Your Plate?" is a global food studies conference that will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church and Pacific Lutheran University Oct. 15 to 16.

Friday's event, which runs from 5 to 9 p.m., will cover the issues surrounding water shortage. Saturday's event will focus on "fisher and the decisions we make" in a series of workshops from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event is free for PLU students, but lunch will not be provided. Students can register via email to mcadee.goods@plu.edu.

Men Against Violence host conference

Pacific Lutheran's Men Against Violence will host the Paving a Rocky Road Conference to bring together men against violence and to promote gender equality through films, activities and discussions led by guest speakers.

The conference, held Oct. 14 to 16 in the University Center, seeks to prevent violence and raise awareness to young men on issues of gender-based violence.

Required first-year workshops to occur Oct. 18-19

First-year students must attend a 30-minute workshop that overviews Pacific Lutheran's General Education requirements Oct. 18 or 19.

"Students often have misconceptions about the requirements, so these workshops will help students interpret the academic catalog," said academic advisor Hal DeLaRosby.

The workshops will be held at times that correspond to the academic class schedule. Students do not sign up for a workshop but must attend one of the sessions. Academic advisors will be available after each session to answer questions.

Diversity Center hosts Multicultural Night

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The fifth annual Multicultural Night, hosted by the Diversity Center, will occur tonight at 8:30 p.m. in the UC commons.

Multicultural Night gives people from different cultures an opportunity to come together and share about their culture through fellowship, arts and crafts, entertainment and food.

"It's been a really great opportunity for students from different international cultures to fellowship in an intimate setting," said senior Maurice Eckstein, diversity advocate for International

Student Services. "It has grown over the years and we look forward to seeing how this year is going to go."

The night will include samples of food from different countries beginning at 8:30 p.m. With an admission price of \$2, students will be invited to try a selection of foods not typically found on a day-to-day basis. The fee can be paid with Dining Dollars, Lutebucks or cash.

Performances in the seating areas will begin at 9 p.m. Arts and crafts from different cultures will be on display during this time.

"There is a lot of creativity put into making this night exciting," said senior Jon-Paul Bulala, president of the Asian Pacific Islander Club. "I am looking

forward to seeing what everyone is going to do."

Pacific Lutheran students, transition students in the language program, as well as the Diversity Center, International Student Services and International Student Club collaborated to make this event happen. Anyone in the PLU community is invited to attend.

"You can experience different cultures firsthand by attending this unique event on campus," said Akane Yamaguchi, assistant director of International Student Services. "A lot of students think you have to travel abroad to experience different cultures. Multicultural Night gives students the opportunity without having to leave campus."

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the Board of Regents said that her love of PLU students was evident.

"One of the things that marked Karen's time on the Board of Regents is her incredible love for the students of PLU," Anderson said. "She was an avid reader. Every time she saw a PLU graduate in the newspaper or magazine, she would clip the story out and mail it to me."

Beverly Knutzen remembers

Phillips from her time on the Board of Regents. They always sat by each other during meetings.

"Karen was not the type of person to promote herself," said PLU alumnus Beverly Knutzen. "She was interested in knowing and helping others."

PLU students read scripture and spoke at the memorial service. Choir of the West also performed.

"There are just some people, you can sense their affinity or bond with a place," Hagen said. "Karen was a person who had a bond with PLU. She attended all the donor banquets and homecoming events. She wanted to help future students."

The people closest to Phillips said that she wanted the best for former, current and future students of PLU.

"She would want to see PLU

continue to educate students in ways that are excellent and call students to a life of service," Anderson said. "Karen was so in-tune with the mission of the university; to see our students flourish would put a smile on her face."

Anderson said he received letters every two to three weeks from Phillips. At the end of every letter, Phillips wrote "Thank you for taking care of my university."



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Harvey Milk once said, "If a bullet should enter my brain, let that bullet destroy every closet door." Since Milk's historic election to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, 10 countries and six states now allow same-sex marriages. Our culture has become more tolerant. However, we must lift the veil of progress, because the journey is not finished.

Four gay youths have taken their lives due to harassment in the past two months. One was a first-year student, Tyler Clementi, of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Clementi had been secretly taped by his roommate during an intimate encounter. The video was then streamed online by Clementi's roommates Dharun Ravi and his girlfriend Molly Wei, both of whom have since been charged with invasion of privacy.

After Clementi's suicide, Elder Boyd Packer, the second-highest ranking Mormon leader, said that same-sex attraction was "impure and unnatural." He went on to refer to same-sex unions as "against God's law and nature." Not only are these statements hateful, but the timing is despicable.

Due to Clementi's death and Packer's comments, secular and religious leaders around the country have begun to rightfully assuage a nation's grief and rally even more efforts to implant equal opportunity within our society.

The gay rights movement currently stands on the precipice of another pivotal decade toward equality as these recent tragedies have even more justified already much-needed legislation. Legislating same-sex marriage would establish the same rights and benefits that heterosexual couples enjoy. More importantly, the establishment of laws that would grant acceptance also helps institute a culture of respect.

States such as Colorado, Washington, Oregon and Nevada grant citizens same-sex unions. The next step is marriage. The overturn of Proposition Eight in California earlier this year was a resounding victory and a step in the right direction.

The measure of a democracy is not in how it accommodates the majority, but the respect it grants the minority. That is why it is imperative that PLU instills a community of allies. Ron Martin-Dent of Harmony (a club that supports, empowers, and educates the campus on queer issues) said, "Having conversations about the events and talking to other students is critical." Ron also went on to say, "Harmony is open to all students looking to be active on these issues. This is not strictly for the queer community and allies; everybody is welcome."

If you want to become involved, go to www.hrc.org, where you can sign a letter opposing Elder Packer's sermon. Or go to an upcoming Harmony event, Fighting Back, which is Tuesday Oct. 19 from 7:30-9:30. They will be showing the movie "Bullied," followed by a panel discussion.

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The weather may be changing here in the Northwest, but don't let it dampen your spirit. ASPLU will continue programming a wide variety of events and activities through the winter months. For information on ASPLU-sponsored events,

check out the Daily Flyer or pop into the ASPLU office and check the events calendar on the wall.

There are aerobics every Monday from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Cave. Join us for a weekly, routine workout.

Also, tonight marks PLU's fifth annual Multicultural Night in the UC Commons. Spending \$2 in Dining Dollars, Lutebucks or cash gets you a sampler plate from different

cultures, starting at 8:30 p.m. followed by performances by from different cultures by students starting at 9 p.m.

I would like to wish you all happy studies and good luck as we make our way into midterms. As always, the invitation to join us at our weekly senate meetings remains on the table—Tuesday nights at 6:15 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the lower UC.

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Columnist supports female politicians

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Today, American women have more choices, greater access and social standing than ever. "Cougars," women who date younger men, no longer seek older, successful men to support them, because they look after themselves. More women than ever earn \$100,000 or more annually, according to the Washington Post.

But there is hypocrisy among feminists.

Most feminists are Liberals. They disagree with conservative Republican women like Sarah Palin, Sharron Angle, Nikki Haley or Christine O'Donnell. These ladies should be heroines; not only are they breaking the glass ceiling of political office, but some are mothers who prove by their lives that they can have families and careers. Yet they've been subjected to smears by Democrats, the media, and ruling class Republicans. And feminists aren't outraged at all.

There are stories libeling Palin as a sexualized GOP starlet. Strategist Will Folks

falsely confessed to sleeping with Haley O'Donnell admitted to dabbling in witchcraft in high school, and now receives media scrutiny, as though witchery was anathema to the Left. Shouldn't conservatives be upset about witchcraft,

Not only are they breaking the glass ceiling of political office, but some are mothers who prove by their lives that they can have families and careers.

Paul Edwards, columnist

while Liberals defend the free exercise of religion?

The silence is deafening from feminists. Not a word from the National Organization for Women or Ms. Magazine. Gloria Steinem, a feminist and journalist, remains silent.

If this were happening to Hillary Clinton, there would be a national outrage. The media attacked Sen. Harry Reid for

calling Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand the "hottest member" of the Senate, but Gillibrand is a Democrat. Meanwhile, male Democrats like Ted Kennedy and Bill Clinton commit vehicular manslaughter and serial sexual harassment, respectively, and feminists praise them for their compassion and social consciences.

Speaking as a man who reveres the influence of women on society as a whole, this is appalling. God saw the original single man, Adam, and said, "This guy can't make it by himself." Any formerly male-only organization sanitized and upgraded by women's influence shows exactly why the fairer sex is so invaluable. Yet somehow, conservative women don't qualify for feminist protection.

Which leads me to conclude what I suspect about feminism—that it has become more about empowering Liberals than women.

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Letters to the Editor

Response to "Liberals wrong in defending mosque"

There was a column that caught my attention in the last issue of the Mooring Mast called "Liberals wrong in defending mosque."

First of all, it is an Islamic cultural center that will be built. With a swimming pool, restaurant and a place for Muslims to worship, this is far from what the author leads us to believe when he refers to the project as a mosque.

The columnist calls liberal support for the center hypocritical because liberals support separation of church and state. The author presents us with a 2006 Gallop Poll showing the world's nine largest Muslim nations favoring in the majority the separation of church and state.

A new Islamic center will have no influence over the United States' separation of church and state. The center will be in the U.S. and those in charge of it will abide by U.S. law. Therefore, the nine largest Muslim nations' preference of church and state has nothing to do with an Islamic cultural center near Ground Zero or proof of liberal double standards.

The author then uses the word "terrorist" to describe the center's leader, Feisal Rauf, about whom we get no background information and are left to judge from a few out-of-

context quotes. One example puts the spotlight on the U.S. as Rauf was quoted saying U.S. policies were an accessory to 9/11. Islam is a thousand-times larger than just Rauf; one's opinion on 9/11 should not define an entire religious or political ideology.

The next quote is Rauf saying that

"Religious freedom is bipartisan in the U.S.; the leaders have every right to build their center if they have the means to do it."

Thomas Begalka, senior

the West forgets how much Muslim blood it has on its hands. If there is any doubt the West does not have substantial amounts of Muslim blood on its hands, Google "civilian deaths in Iraq & Afghanistan." The quotes listed are few and far between, giving no evidence Rauf is a terrorist.

Pros for building include showing the world that Americans do value religious freedom and diversity. Religious freedom is a right we value in the U.S. It would also prove that

Americans have not stereotyped all Muslims as terrorists and extremists since 9/11. Those opposed say that it is throwing salt in a wound, taunting the victims and survivors of 9/11 and insulting a nation.

The pro argument is based off logic and rights, while the cons are assumptions and emotions, expecting the worst intentions of the center's leaders.

Religious freedom is bipartisan in the U.S.; the leaders have every right to build their center if they have the means to do it.

The problem here is that many Americans do not know Islam or a person of Islamic faith. These unknowns often lead to false attributions, painting an inaccurate picture of Muslims. Cultural differences often lead to misunderstandings, and misunderstandings lead to prejudice.

To take a stance on the Ground Zero mosque controversy, one must be culturally mindful of all parties. After all, Rauf has been a U.S. citizen since 1980 and has worked for the U.S. State Department and FBI. To refuse citizens the right of religious freedom would be hypocritical and irresponsible reasoning, based on false assumptions.

Thomas Begalka, senior

Bullying ruins lives



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Two stories have received a lot of media attention lately and have caused outrage among the public. First is the story of Tyler Clementi, the most recent teenage suicide in a string of sad stories of gay teens being bullied. The other story is about the members of the Westboro Baptist Church, who held rallies at funerals for gay people and soldiers to claim that "God hates America." It's not just homophobia that these two stories have in common. The lowest common is a much simpler issue: old-fashioned bullying.

The problem with both of these cases is that people don't fully understand what bullying is. Children understand bullying to be the big kid physically beating up on the nerdy kid.

Racism and homophobia are extreme and obvious forms of bullying, but there are underlying aspects of hatred which can be frequently overlooked.

In both the cases of Tyler Clementi and the Westboro Baptist Church, many of the people involved don't consider themselves to be "bullies." The two students who harassed Clementi and invaded his space probably thought they were pulling a funny, harmless prank. What they did was horrible, sick and driven by a desire to laugh at the "other."

Likewise, the people of the Westboro Baptist Church argue that what they are doing is protected under free speech. We may not like or agree with what they are saying, but they truly believe that they have the right to do so. In reality, their message is hatred-fueled and with the sole intention of hurting people.

Fortunately, people are stepping up against this behavior. A series of internet videos have responded to the issue of Tyler Clementi, encouraging people to put an end to bullying. People are retaliating against the hate-filled Westboro Baptist Church by staging counter-protests and going to court to determine what qualifies as free speech versus a hate message.

These positive messages need to be continued. We need to discourage bullying among everybody and raise awareness that bullying is a mental and emotional issue.

For those who do feel bullied, do not hesitate to ask for help and support. There are many resources available on campus. Visit the Counseling Center (located on the third level of the UC), speak with Campus Ministry, call Campus Safety or speak with any faculty or staff member you trust. You're not alone, and it will get better.

Response to "Why buy from PLU?"

The Garfield Book Company Staff would like the opportunity to respond to the "Why Buy from PLU?" editorial in your October 1st issue, as we believe it sets forth inaccurate and incomplete claims about our commitment to serving PLU students.

In your editorial, you challenge the bookstore to "support the student body with reasonable, transparent and justifiable prices and availabilities of all textbooks, new and used." The piece also states that Garfield Book Company "fails to take into account the primary alternative students use to shop for books—the Internet." One quick look at our website would have made the writers aware of our price comparison feature, which gives real-time price comparisons

for textbooks. It is hard to imagine a more transparent pricing structure as all pricing information from our store and other vendors—as well as the ability to order directly from these vendors from our website—is available at the click of a mouse.

Your article also states that the bookstore "often offers only new copies of textbooks." A more accurate statement would read: "The bookstore makes every attempt to stock used books. The bookstore initially searches for used books, purchasing books from students, from a national network of wholesale companies and from other used book sellers. Only after these resources are exhausted does the store order books from publishers." The simple

fact is, used books are not always available. We appreciate your statement that our usedbooks are competitively priced. Used titles do sell fast, so we encourage buyers to shop early. To this end, we have books available in-store and on our website one month before classes begin.

As for new books, we at the bookstore do not have control over the price, because the price is determined by the publisher. We have a minimal markup to cover freight and operating expenses, but of all the products carried in our store, textbooks have by far the lowest markup. We agree that textbooks are expensive, which is why we put so much effort into acquiring used texts and into developing options like our rental program—

another money-saving option introduced on our website this year. And, through our new Loyalty program, students get a \$15 gift card for every \$100 they spend at the bookstore, textbook purchases included.

We agree that we need better information on our website regarding stock availability and pricing. Our new website solution, targeted for fall 2011, will provide both.

In conclusion, the Garfield Book Company at PLU is here to serve students. We welcome the opportunity to present and discuss facts about our business, because it is in the best interest of students to get accurate, complete information.

Sincerely,

The Garfield Book Company Staff

Sidewalk Talk

How do you think PLU should spend its recently acquired \$10,000,000?



"Students should get more affordable bus passes."
Jenny Snipstead
junior



"They should spend it on academics and academic facilities."
Taylor Haslett
sophomore



"They should build a football field and upgrade old buildings."
Ryan Ransavage
sophomore



"They should upgrade the fitness center, get new equipment."
Taylor Cameron
first-year

PRIZE-WINNING PRISON

Imprisoned Chinese Nobel Prize winner sparks dis...

2010 NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

Physiology/ Medicine
Robert G. Edwards

Physics
Andrew Geim
Konstantin Novoselov

Chemistry
Richard F. Heck
Ei-ichi Negishi
Akira Suzuki

Literature
Mario Vargas Llosa

Peace
Liu Xiaobo

Economic Sciences
Peter A. Diamond
Dale T. Mortensen

Christopher A. Pissarides

From Nobelprize.org, the Official Web Site of the Nobel Prize

NOBEL PRIZE FACTS

Since 1901 the Nobel Prize has been awarded to those who have shown high achievement in physics, chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature or peace. The Nobel Foundation in Stockholm is the administrator of The Nobel Prize. The Nobel Prize is an international prize. In 1968, Sveriges Riksbank established The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, founder of the Nobel Prize. Each prize winner is given a medal, personal diploma and cash award.

Marie Goeppert-Mayer was the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize in 1963. She received the Nobel Prize for Physics.

There have been 543 Nobel Prizes awarded since 1901. Only 41 of these prizes have been to women.

From Nobelprize.org, the official website of the Nobel Prize.



A security officer points to a photographer near the residential compound where Liu Xia, the wife of this year's Nobel Peace Prize winner, is held under house arrest in Beijing, China on Wednesday, Oct. 13. The wife of the imprisoned Chinese dissident said she hopes to travel to the Nobel Peace Prize on his behalf, though for now she can only leave her Beijing home under police escort.



BELOW: Pro-democracy protesters carry piggy bank in Hong Kong Monday, Oct. 11. The leftist leader told her in tears that he was done. (AP Photo/Kin Cheung)

LEFT: Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaoxian during a press conference at China's Foreign Ministry, interfering in its political system by backing Yuan.



WINNER

Discussion on PLU campus

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Each year six international awards are given to those deserving of the title Nobel Prize winner. This year, the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, Liu Xiaobo, has caused commotion both in his home country of China and internationally.

"Not all Chinese are communist," said Chenyu Xu, a senior business major and Chinese exchange student. "Not everyone thinks the same way as the Chinese government; people are smart."

Xiaobo was an activist in the 1989 democracy movement and was imprisoned by the Chinese government for the past 10 months after writing a pro-democracy and end to communism statement, according to "Wife Detained After Visiting Nobel Winner," a New York Times article. He will be serving an 11-year sentence. Xiaobo was a literature professor prior to his imprisonment.

"I am so grateful and proud he won this prize, but on the other side there is too much political agenda," Xu said.

Xiaobo was punished for challenging the Chinese government, Xu said. The Western world and China have very different views, so it is obvious that the Peace Prize Committee have their own agenda by giving Xiaobo this prize, said Xu.

After Xiaobo was granted the Peace Prize, his wife and brother were also imprisoned. Both Xiaobo's wife and his brother are under house arrest and are not allowed to leave their homes unless in the presence of a police escort. This began after Xiaobo's wife visited him in jail once he was awarded the Peace Prize.

"I am not surprised that China is reacting in such a way; it has only been about 20 years," said Lou Vargas, a PLU junior and president of the Asian Pacific Islanders Club. "That is not a long time and this is where it is all resonating from."

Vargas was not surprised by the Chinese government's actions against Xiaobo's wife and brother. But he also felt it was going too far.

"Well my sense of liberation is a little more Western, so the imprisoning of his wife is, I think, a little bit out there," Vargas said.

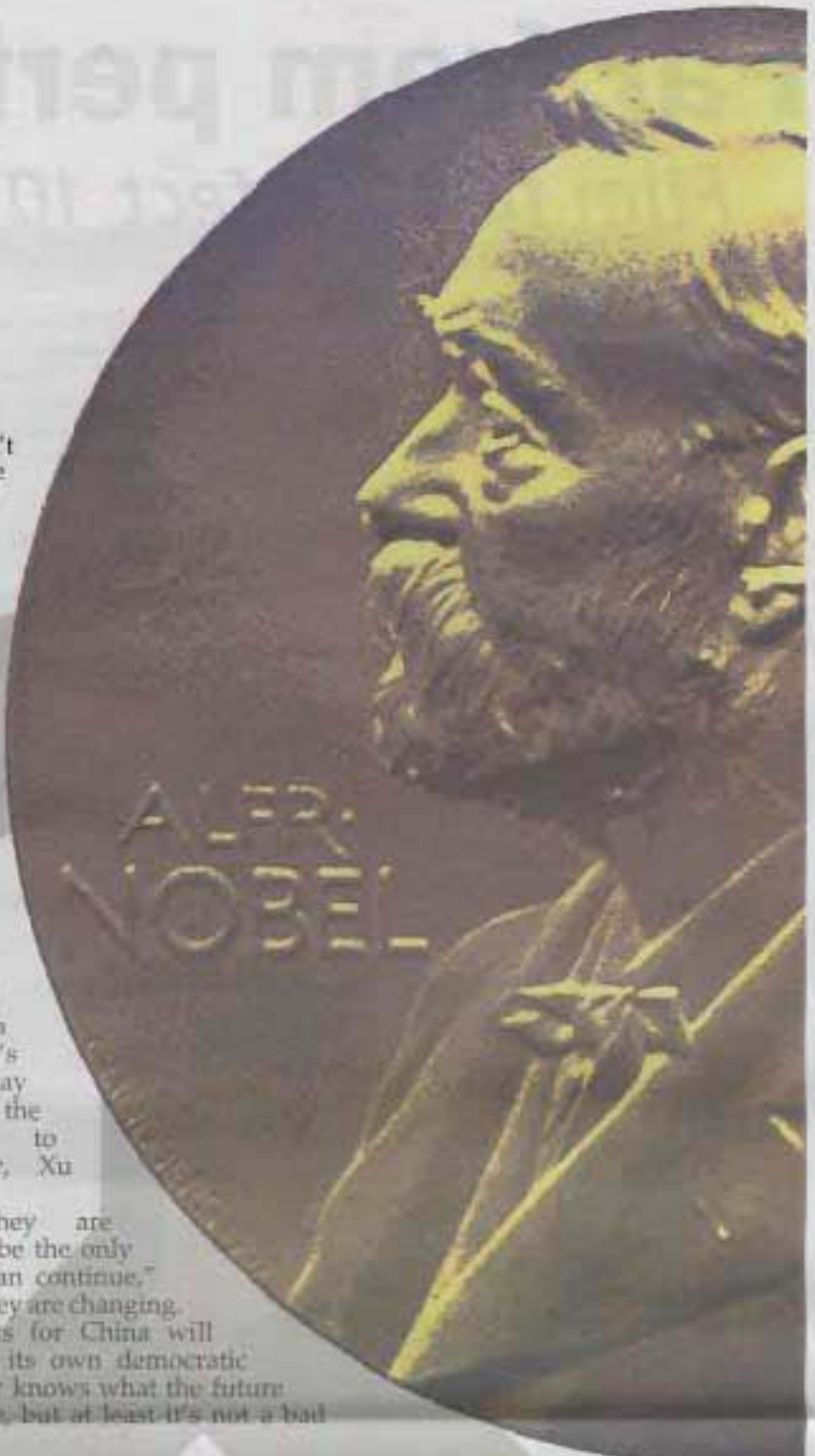
"To understand these situations, you need to stay in the objective perspective," Xu said. "They are doing this because this is the way the communist government rules. They have their own reason to do this. I am not going to judge it."

Xu feels the important part of these situations is not to make assumptions, not to judge, but to become informed. He was very disappointed in how little the Chinese community at PLU seems to know about what is happening in their home country.

"I don't think the majority of Chinese students at PLU even know about [this]," Xu said.

Though Xiaobo receiving the Peace Prize will not change China's legal system and there will be no action on Xiaobo's behalf, it may influence the government to change later, Xu said.

"What they are doing might be the only way China can continue," Xu said. "They are changing. Human rights for China will develop into its own democratic state. Nobody knows what the future is going to be, but at least it's not a bad thing."



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Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo as they demand his release outside China's embassy in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Oct. 12. China has accused foreign governments of awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the imprisoned dissident. (AP Photo/Alexander F.

06 to a question about Liu Xiaobo who won the Nobel Peace Prize for the year in Beijing, China, Tuesday, Oct. 12. China has accused foreign governments of awarding the Nobel Peace Prize to the imprisoned dissident. (AP Photo/Alexander F.



(AP PHOTO/YODO NEWS)
April 2008 in China, Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo poses for a photographer. Imprisoned Liu won the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, Oct. 8 for "his long and nonviolent struggle for fundamental human rights", a prize likely to enrage the Chinese government, which had warned the Nobel committee not to honor him.

Far from perfect:

Film fest 'Perfect 10' fails to live up to its name



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"Perfect 10," one of the official selections for the Tacoma Film Festival, fails to live up to its name in an uncomfortable 114 minutes of undeveloped character arcs, clunky dialogue and lack of editing.

The feature length debut from Lindy and Kris Boustead follows Mara (Karie Corina), a play-size career woman with image and self-esteem issues. In order to combat these issues, she decides to attend her 10-year high school reunion with her best friend Libby (Morgan Elizabeth) as she hopes of winning the love of her schoolgirl crush, Danny (Aaron Heinzen). This all might be fine except that Mara is married and lies to her husband that she is

going on a business trip. The film makes the fatal mistake of making the protagonist, Mara, more and more unlikable and difficult to relate to throughout the course of the movie.

In a movie that the filmmakers, who were present at the screening, said was supposed to be about inner beauty and "accepting the magic in the mirror" the audience is subjected to watching the shallow, selfish behavior from Mara. For every shot of Mara looking in the mirror doubling herself, we are supposed to empathize with her.

There are three nice shots of her brushing aside the people that care for her must to get what she thinks she wants. Watching her self-destruct is like watching someone take

nearly two hours to walk into a turbine. You know it will be uncomfortable, but you kind of wish she would just get it over with.

As this is their first attempt at a full-length film, the Bousteads' work still suffers from clunky editing and camera work. Pacing is an issue throughout the film as scenes drag on far much longer than they should. After my brain had already moved on to the next idea, my eyes still found themselves watching the same awkward dance scene or uncomfortable love-making scene for at least two to three more minutes.

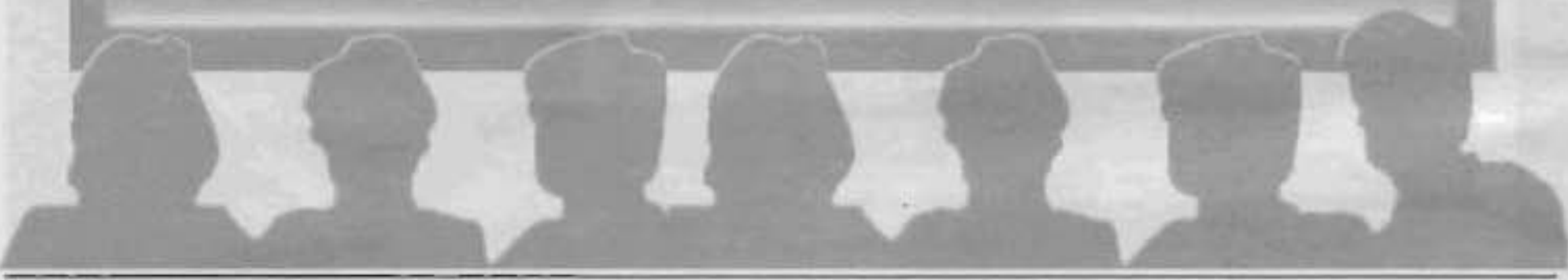
The main bright points are the film's score and the performance of Morgan Elizabeth.

Most of the songs in the film are credited to The Brook 126 Catastrophe with other

selections from Ahn Trio and Cloud Cult. The music is well-integrated into the film despite the lingering scenes they have to accompany at times.

Elizabeth's portrayal of Libby makes the minor story arc of the loudmouth, opinionated best friend more interesting than the main story of Mara. Her acting was the most fluid and natural of the entire cast and made her screen time a sigh of relief from the whiny, bad decision-making Mara.

The message of inner beauty triumphing over misgivings about physical appearance is just what the character we are supposed to relate to becomes far more unpleasant on the inside than anything she could do to the outside of herself.



Good eats

Columnist leaves Lute Dome in search of dine ins and outs



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There is no better way to experience a culture than to immerse oneself in it. It is the fastest way to learn a language, a religion or a set of customs. The American/Pacific Northwest culture is a combination of imported ideas and practices that have been spun around and reinterpreted from their original roots. There may be no way to fully define our melting pot-style culture, but luckily we can explore that question with one word—food.

The Pacific Northwest is teeming with so many different traditions and flavors that it definitely is a one-of-a-kind place to live. We are traditionally given a nod for having great, fresh seafood and an abundance of coffee shops, but that is where the description tends to stop.

Tacoma itself is host to many excellent restaurants offering cuisines and experiences from around the world. If you want a taste of Vietnam, France or even our own southern United States, Tacoma has it all.

This column is dedicated to exploring the greater Tacoma area through its immensely diverse restaurant scene. By embracing the culinary landscape just outside the doors of Pacific Lutheran University, we can learn not only more about what's good to eat in the area, but what makes the Pacific Northwest such a unique place to live.

Every week, this column will review a restaurant that is off the beaten path for the PLU community. It is my goal to find and spread the word about restaurants that offer knockout food. There will be bakeries, quick-lunch spots, ethnic restaurants and even special destinations to take friends or visiting family.

This column will highlight a restaurant for everyone. It is my hope that in the pursuit of food and restaurants unknown or unfamiliar, you might just stumble across something

truly remarkable. There is so much to do, see and experience in the Pacific Northwest, and it's waiting for you. I challenge everyone to step outside the comfort zone of the LuteDome and experience the wonderful food of the Pacific Northwest. Explore widely and eat boldly.

"I am not a chef. I am an explorer of food."
Erma Bombeck



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WORLD PREMIERE

Famous composer showcases new piece at PLU

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World-famous composer Ola Gjeilo visited campus this Wednesday to observe rehearsals of his new work "Meridian" for wind band and chorus. While pacing around Lagerquist Concert Hall, Gjeilo listened as some 160 music students played and sang his latest composition. "Meridian" was written especially for the PLU Wind Ensemble and choirs, who will premiere the work this Sunday.

Wednesday's rehearsal was the first time that the wind ensemble and choir had worked on the piece together. It was also the first time Gjeilo heard a wind band play his work, never having written for that type of ensemble before. "It's a very powerful experience," Gjeilo said.

Edwin Powell, conductor of the PLU Wind Ensemble, contacted Gjeilo last year to secure permission to arrange one of his choral works for wind band. This simple request opened communication between the two musicians, and Gjeilo eventually offered to write a band piece for Powell.

"I've been wanting to write for wind band for a while," Gjeilo said. "I listened to [Powell's] group on the PLU website and liked it a lot."

As a choral composer, Gjeilo couldn't help but add choir to the mix.

Gjeilo also attended a composition seminar Wednesday, speaking to a group of PLU composition students and faculty



PHOTO BY TED CHARLES

Composer Ola Gjeilo watches from the piano as PLU music students rehearse his upcoming work, "Meridian." Gjeilo is an internationally renowned composer who created the work specifically for PLU ensembles.

about his career and music. His advice to PLU student composers is to "listen to what you really love to write, and what you love to hear. That's the only way you will be an original composer."

"Meridian" is a dramatic work that melds active instrumental passages with smooth choral sonorities. Gjeilo noted the strong influence of film scores in his style, which is evident in the piece's sweeping themes and upbeat rhythms.

Gjeilo was excited to share

a direct connection with PLU performers before Sunday's premiere. Much of the time, communication about commissioned work is done by email, he said. "It's great to see the people who are doing it, it's a very special experience to see people putting a lot of heart and passion into what you've produced."

Gjeilo's "Meridian" will be premiered this Sunday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall.

Film tackles depression through heartfelt humor

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Heartfelt and comical, "It's Kind of a Funny Story" touches on the serious topic of adolescent depression with a humorous undertone. Based on the novel by Ned Vizzini, the story portrays the struggles of a 16-year-old boy in today's society, balancing pressures of which every teenager and young adult can relate to.

When Craig Gilner (Keir Gilchrist) admits himself into a hospital psych ward at 5 a.m. on a Sunday morning, he doesn't realize that he can't just take a magic pill and feel better. Falling ill to the pressures of a father who wants him to get accepted into a rigorous and competitive summer school program, a best friend who is good at everything and not getting the girl he's fantasized over for two years, Craig is trapped.

His psychiatrist (Viola Davis) encourages him to think about why he has been committed, having him stay for five days, requiring him to meet other patients and follow their rules. Forced to stay in the adult ward because the youth ward is temporarily closed, Craig finds himself under the wing of Bobby (Zach Galifianakis), a sarcastic and humorous patient. Through this relationship, Craig is introduced to a world of dark places people have fallen due to different disasters in their lives. He comes to the realization that he has so much going for him—a family who loves him, a great education, friends—that it's selfish for him to be in the ward.

When Craig falls for Noelle, a teenage girl and fellow patient in the psych ward, the story transforms from one of a confused teen to one of new beginnings. Through the cliché, while helping others he helps himself, comes a story of comedy in light of a serious problem in our society today.

"It's Kind of a Funny Story," directed by Anna Boden and Ryan Fleck, is a great film suitable for a wide range of viewers. However, the movie does have many clichés and scenes that are easily predictable. With comic relief on a serious topic, the movie blends modern teenage life with a less than modern theme. Though the film could have wrapped up the storyline with a more detailed ending and left the audience with more knowledge about the character Bobby's final state of mind, there is a sense of closure.

In the end, it's kind of a funny story about a boy and his venture to understanding that while life is full of pressures, what is there to do but live and laugh?



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3 p.m. Oct. 17, Lagerquist Concert Hall

PLUtonic/HERmonic FALL CONCERT

7 p.m. Nov. 2, Lagerquist Concert Hall

Lutes SPORTS SCHEDULE

Men's and Women's Soccer

Oct. 16 - *Women vs. Whitworth, noon
 Oct. 16 - *Men vs. Whitworth, 2:30 p.m.
 Oct. 17 - *Women vs. Whitman, noon
 Oct. 17 - *Men vs. Whitman, 2:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Oct. 15 - at Whitworth, 8 p.m.
 Oct. 16 - at Whitman, 5 p.m.

Football

Oct. 16 - at Menlo, noon
 Oct. 23 - *vs. Linfield, 12:30 p.m.

Cross Country

Oct. 30 - NWC Championships
 at Lakewood, Wash., 10 a.m.
 Nov. 13 - NCAA West Region Championships
 at Secon, Ore., 11 a.m.



* represents a PLU home game

Men's Soccer, No. 2 in NWC

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The Pacific Lutheran men's soccer team moved into second place in the Northwest Conference after the Lutes topped crosstown rival Puget Sound Oct. 10, 3-0.

The win partnered with a Whitworth loss to Whitman Oct. 9, helping boost PLU into the number-two slot.

"We didn't play pretty, but we played hard and played tough and responded to the challenges they brought at us," head coach John Yorke said.

PLU, 6-5-1 (5-2 NWC) excelled past Whitworth in the standings to sit behind Pacific, which has tallied 16 points with its 5-1-1 conference record this year. Whitworth, 4-2-1 NWC, owns 13 points and rests in third place.

"It keeps us in pace for a conference championship," Yorke said. "It's kind of a double win with beating your conference rival."

First-year Giancarlo Santoro scored PLU's only first-half goal in the 13th minute after splitting two defenders and streamlining the ball past Puget Sound goalkeeper Chris McDonald and into the back of the net. It was

Santoro's second goal of the season. The game was locked-up until junior forward Chad Kearns knocked a screamer past McDonald in the 88th minute. Kearns, who leads the NWC with 12 goals, was set up in the open by a pass from junior Spencer Augustin.

Santoro penetrated the box once again with 23 seconds left and was fouled, giving the Lutes a penalty kick. Senior Daniele Zaccagnini did his part and gave the Lutes their third goal of the game.

"We were able to manage the rest of the game with a little more of a counter and defending style," Yorke said.

First-year keeper Joe Rayburn earned his third shutout of the season and made four saves.

PLU outshot UPS 12-5, with seven of the Lutes' shots coming in the second half. PLU also had the edge in corner kicks, 9-3. UPS had good stretches of possession, particularly in the second half, but was unable to break down the PLU defense once it got into the attacking third of the field, according to a release by the PLU Sports Information Office.

The Lutes host Whitworth on Saturday, Oct. 16 and Whitman on Sunday, Oct. 17 in NWC matches that start at 2:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY BRENDAN ABSHIER

First-year Giancarlo Santoro celebrates with junior Chad Kearns after Santoro's goal against Puget Sound Oct. 10. Kearns leads the Northwest Conference and is tied for sixth in NCAA Division III scoring with 12 goals. Pacific Lutheran leads the entire NWC with 30 goals and 29 assists. Junior Spencer Wedafo leads the NWC with eight assists.



PHOTO BY TED CHARLES

First-years Allison Wood and Anna Buck look on as Pacific Lutheran head coach Kevin DeWalt talks to the team during a match this season. By defeating Linfield, the Lutes hold onto a three-way tie for first place in the Northwest Conference.

Volleyball recovers

PLU beats Linfield 3-1 after loss to UPS

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Pacific Lutheran volleyball quickly recovered from a midweek sweep to Puget Sound Oct. 6 by downing Linfield 3-1 Oct. 10 in a Northwest Conference match at Olson Auditorium.

PLU won 25-15, 22-25, 25-18, 25-11, holding onto the top position in the NWC, tied with Puget Sound and Whitworth.

The Lutes improved to 13-4 (7-1 NWC) while UPS moved to 12-4 (7-1 NWC) and Whitworth rose to 10-5 (7-1 NWC).

PLU hit .433 in the final set to secure a victory, with a .236 attack percentage for the whole match.

In the opening set, sophomore Blair Bjorkman served five straight points to

boost the Lutes to an early one-set lead.

The Lutes took a quick 15-9 lead in the second set, which eventually closed to a 20-16 lead. Then, Linfield battled back to pull the teams to 22-21. The Lutes made a few attacking errors, according to a release from the PLU Sports Information Office, which led to a Linfield kill and second-set victory.

In the third set, PLU amounted a 10-point lead and never led by less than six points in the rest of the set.

The Lutes took control from there and finished the match by winning the next set after leading 14-1.

Junior Kelsie Moore had 13 kills and junior Missy



DeWalt

DeWalt smacked 10 more. Senior Sarah Beaver also had 40 assists.

Moore and Bjorkman each had three of PLU's 11 service aces. Bjorkman also had 18 digs.

PLU plays at Whitworth tonight at 8 p.m. and at Whitman tomorrow at 5 p.m.



Moore

Notable 2010 Stats

Hitting Percentage: .216 (1st in NWC)

Kills: 12.08 per set (2nd in NWC)

Service Aces: 1.98 per set (1st in NWC)

Cross country

Women place 2nd, men 3rd

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Andrascik was 17th in 27:31.04, sophomore Kater Cirigsky was 19th in 28:13.83 and sophomore Nathaniel Allen-Slaba was 20th in 28:18.13.

Clark College had two of the top four finishers in the women's division, scoring a total of 33 points. PLU was next with 49, then Saint Martin's with 52, Green River CC with 119, Highline CC with 128 and Olympic College followed with 151.

Junior Katie Gebert and sophomore Suzy Olsen led the Lute women. Gebert finished sixth in 23:28.52 and Olsen came in seventh in 23:51.00.

First-year Erinn Kuest finished 12th in 24:51.44, first-year Adison Young came in 14th in 24:42.95 and junior Erica Johnson was 18th in 25:04.95.

The next event is the NWC Championships Oct. 30 at Fort Steilacoom Park in Lakewood, Wash.

Clark College took the throne in the women's division and Saint Martin's finished first at the Pacific Lutheran Cross Country Invitation Saturday at the University Golf Course.

The PLU men placed third while the women came in second.

Seven teams competed in the men's division. Saint Martin's had the best three finishers and scored 52 points. Clark College had 51.

PLU finished the race with 71, Highline Community College with 81, Olympic College with 119, Green River CC with 125 and Skagit Valley CC rounded up the pack with 184.

Senior John Phillips led the Lute men, finishing sixth overall in 27:13.09. First-year Alan DenAdel placed 12th in 27:36.71, junior Sean



PHOTO BY TEOCINABELS
First-year Mariah Rasmussen and junior goalkeeper Lauren Chamberd battle an opposing offensive player for the ball in the Pacific Lutheran 18-yard box. The PLU win snapped a five game losing streak.

Women split NWC matches

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The Pacific Lutheran women's soccer team traveled to Oregon for Northwest Conference competition against George Fox Oct. 9 and Willamette Oct. 10.

The Lutes split their weekend matchups, defeating the George Fox Bruins 3-2 and losing to the Willamette Bearcats 2-0.

The second half against the Bruins turned into a rough competition after both teams failed to score in the first 45 minutes.

"We really came together as a team this game," said senior forward Brittney Bronson. "The energy as soon as we stepped onto the field implied a win."

Just 90 seconds into the second half, junior midfielder Karli Hurlbut made a run into the box and headed a cross into the net, giving the Lutes a 1-0 lead.

The Bruins responded two minutes later with a goal into the left corner of the net.

The Lutes answered in the 69th minute by retaliating with another goal from Hurlbut. This time, junior midfielder Kristina Snaring sent a long

ball and Hurlbut headed it in.

Not giving up easily, the Bruins responded with another goal off of a penalty kick, setting the score at 2-2.

The Lutes brought the ball back into the offensive end of the field. During a scuffle in the box, a foul was committed by the Bruins and sophomore midfielder Mimi Granlund stepped up to take the penalty kick. Granlund sent the ball straight into the right corner of the box, giving the Lutes the final 3-2 lead.

The Lutes faced Willamette the next day. The line-up remained the same and the Lutes attacked Willamette head-on. PLU suffered two early injuries and changed the game plan for the Lutes.

"We had to take chances in the line-up due to two injuries during the game," said sophomore forward Shelby Daly. "Hoping to be more of an offensive threat, we changed it again towards the end of the game."

The changes in line-up gave the Lutes a better attack offensively, but it was not enough to shatter Willamette's defense.

The Bearcats scored two goals in the second half and kept the Lutes scoreless throughout the game.

The Lutes host Whitworth Saturday and Whitman Sunday, both at noon.



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- Spicy Pork
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Scorecard

Men's Soccer				Women's Soccer				Football				Volleyball							
Team	NWC	%	All	Team	NWC	%	All	Team	NWC	%	All	Team	NWC	%	All				
Pacific (Ore.)	5-1-1	0.794	9-1-2	0.633	Willamette	4-1-0	0.800	10-3-1	0.750	PLU	2-0	1.000	4-0	1.000	13-4	0.765			
PLU	5-2-0	0.714	8-3-1	0.542	UPS	7-1-0	0.875	18-1-1	0.875	Linfield	2-0	1.000	3-1	0.750	12-4	0.750			
Whitworth	4-2-1	0.643	7-3-1	0.582	Linfield	7-2-0	0.778	8-4-0	0.667	T&C	2-1	0.667	3-2	0.600	10-5	0.667			
Linfield	4-3-0	0.571	5-4-1	0.500	Pacific (Ore.)	5-3-1	0.611	5-2-2	0.562	Willamette	1-1	0.500	3-2	0.600	Ludlow	8-0	0.800	8-0	0.871
UPS	3-2-2	0.571	6-3-4	0.615	Willamette	4-5-0	0.444	5-2-0	0.389	Whitworth	3-1	0.750	3-3	0.500	L&C	3-5	0.375	7-11	0.389
Whitman	3-3-1	0.500	5-6-2	0.462	Whitman	3-6-0	0.333	5-7-0	0.417	UPS	0-2	0.000	1-1	0.200	George Fox	2-6	0.250	7-11	0.389
Willamette	1-5-1	0.214	3-7-2	0.333	George Fox	2-6-1	0.278	3-7-3	0.246	Pacific (Ore.)	0-2	0.000	0-4	0.000	Willamette	2-6	0.250	6-11	0.353
George Fox	0-7-0	0.000	0-9-1	0.090	PLU	3-6-0	0.290	3-4-0	0.182	Willamette	2-6	0.250	6-11	0.353	Whitman	2-6	0.250	5-12	0.294
					T&C	0-4-0	0.000	2-2-2	0.250	Pacific (Ore.)	1-4	0.250	2-17	0.118					

Team Points Leaders		Team Points Leaders		Passing Leaders		Team Kills Leaders	
Kearns 28	Walden 14	Erfurdt 6	Granlund, Gilmer 5	Rasmussen 61-116, 157.3, 90.7 yds, 12 td, 5 conv	Moore 193		
Zaccagnini 12		Lee 4		226.8 yds/g	Bremont 140		
				1 rd 1-1, 732.8, 36 yds, td	Hanna 139		
Team Goals Leaders		Team Clutch Scores		Rushing Leaders		Team Assists Leaders	
Kearns 12	Walden 10	Hurlbut 4	Granlund, Gilmer 2	Suarez 36 att, 67 yds, 2 td, 8.4 yds/g, 117.5 yds/g	Beaver 574		
Walden 8	Walden 8	Edwards, Bronson, Lee, Daniels 1	Edwards, Bronson, Lee, Daniels 1	James 19 att, 90 yds, 4.7 yds/g, 22.5 yds/g	Bjorkman 29		
Kearns 4	Santoni 3						
Team Saves Leaders		Team Assists Leaders		Receiving Leaders		Team Blocks Leaders	
Rayburn 20	Kirshof 16	Snaring 3	Lee 2	Ford 23 att, 46 yds, 5 td, 1.98 yds/att, 103.5 yds/g	Bremont 47		
		Gilmer, Walker, Bronson, Granlund 1	Gilmer, Walker, Bronson, Granlund 1	Lucas 12 att, 21 yds, 4.5 yds/att, 50.21 yds/g	DeWalt 45		
				Whitman 10 att, 19 yds, 1.9 yds/att, 28.5 yds/g			
Team Saves Leaders		Team Saves Leaders		Overall Defensive Leaders		Team Digs Leaders	
Rayburn 20	Kirshof 16	Chamberd 51	Harvey 4	Ford 32 tds, 4 td, sack, ff	Bjorkman 333		
				McMillan 26 tds, 3 ff, f	Moore 270		



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PLU Football

4-0

jumps into national poll at No. 25

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Pacific Lutheran football has a proud history at PLU, and this season's Lutes are playing the game just as well as any of the other great teams in the school's past.

The Lutes are 4-0 this year for the first time since 2007 and the fourth time in 20 seasons, dating back to 1991. Only two previous Lute football teams in the past 20 years, 1991 and 1997, have won five or more consecutive games.

PLU had two national championship teams during the last 20 years, and neither one started as hot as this season's team. The 1993 NAIA Division II champion Lutes were 0-0-1 after one game. 1999 NCAA Division III champions were 3-1 after four games.

The Lutes earned national recognition this week in the D3football.com Top 25 poll at No. 25. The poll, which began in the 2003 season, according to a release from the PLU Sports Information Office, has only listed PLU as high as "others receiving votes" for two weeks in 2004. PLU was 4-1 and 5-1 during that season.

In the Northwest Conference, the Lutes rank third overall in total offense and fifth in total defense, but if total stats were the only examined component, much of the PLU football team would be overlooked.

Earlier this season, head coach Scott Westering said it doesn't make much of a difference playing on the road or playing at home because the men on the PLU football team love to travel and play as a family.

"If you get all eleven guys out there that are playing on that given play, having that feeling and that mindset and they put in and look at each other, that's a pretty powerful thing regardless of what you're facing," Westering said.

The heart and passion, combined with an intelligent and disciplined

style of play are what give this year's team an edge over its competition. It's the kind of fire that drives a team to achieve victory after a goal-line stand against Hamline, and the kind of mindset that doesn't quiver when asked to do something it's not used to (49-yard field goal by senior Richard Isett to defeat Puget Sound).

This PLU team is second in the conference in third down conversions (21-46), first in sacks allowed (three in four games), second in penalties (27) and first in red zone defense (10-17). These statistics show that the Lutes are playing smart football while maintaining the camaraderie once visible in other great PLU teams.

Individually, the Lutes have top league performers. The main artillery for PLU has come from senior quarterback Jordan Rasmussen, who has completed 61-of-106 passes while amassing 907 yards and 12 touchdowns. He is second in the NWC for passing behind Linfield's Aaron Boehme.

Senior Greg Ford has 23 receptions for 414 yards and five touchdowns, topping the list of NWC receivers. Adding to the offensive attack is senior Alec Simmons, who has 470 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 56 attempts. He is second in the NWC for rushing and all-purpose yards. Altogether, Simmons is producing 144 total yards per game.

The Lutes' defense has also been rewarded with three top-10 NWC leading tacklers in seniors Isett (32), Jordan Davison (26), and Cameron McMillan (26). Senior Trevor Fox has also been an impactful player, nabbing four interceptions so far.

PLU travels to Menlo this weekend for a non-conference matchup Oct. 16 at noon. Menlo was ranked No. 24 before losing 20-7 to Whitworth Oct. 2, then dropping one more to Lewis & Clark, 31-10 Oct. 9.

Westering has never been 5-0 in his six previous years as head coach at PLU, but with a family of tight-knit competitors like this team is, never doesn't last forever.

TOP LEFT: Senior Greg Ford runs to catch a pass from senior Jordan Rasmussen against Whitworth Oct. 9. **RIGHT:** Head coach Scott Westering walks the sidelines during Saturday's game against Whitworth.

Against Whitworth, Rasmussen completed 16-of-22 for 214 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Isaac Moop was the leading Lute receiver with 68 yards and two touchdowns on five receptions. Ford had four catches for 34 yards and one touchdown. Senior Alec Simmons gathered 15 rush attempts for 72 yards. PLU had 172 yards compared to Whitworth's 321, but a bigger difference came on defense. The PLU defense forced five fumbles, recovering three, made Whitworth punt four times and caused Whitworth to go for four fourth-down conversions. The Lutes held Whitworth to seven points in the first quarter and eventually won the contest 39-21.

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