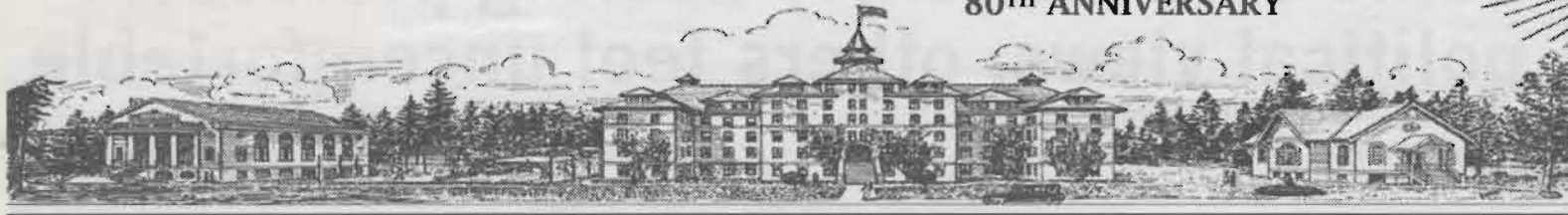
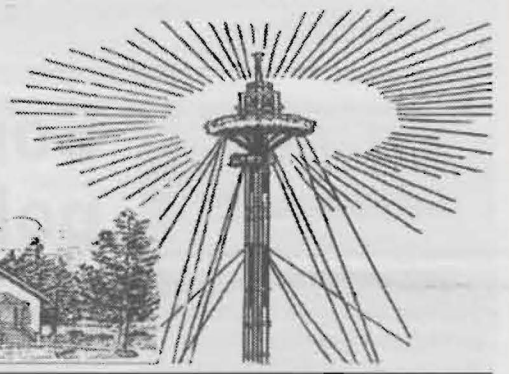


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The Mast Special Feature: REFLECTIONS ON IRAQ

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PLU junior Deborah Von Cannon, 34, recalls the rush of emotion she felt before departing to serve a tour in Iraq.

"I was scared to death," Von Cannon said. "Especially as a woman and mother."

Von Cannon, a U.S. Army Reservist, is married and has three daughters. She returned home in May 2004, after 408 days of service.

Von Cannon was mobilized from reserve status to active duty in January 2003. In March 2003, she began training at Fort Lewis. Two months later she left for Kuwait.

"Our chain of command guessed we would be in the rear and stay in a place like Kuwait," Von Cannon said. "But we weren't. Our Company was stationed to the Balad U.S. Air Base, 40 miles north of Baghdad. Balad is one of the largest air bases in Iraq situated within the Sunni Triangle."

Von Cannon spent the next year, with the exception of Thanksgiving break, living and working on Balad Air Base. She served as a helicopter engine mechanic, on call 24 hours a day.

As a mechanic, Von Cannon never left the two-mile radius of

the base during her tour and interacted with Iraqis on one occasion.

"My only Iraqi civilian contact was with three females," Von Cannon said. "All three women were wives to a single Iraqi man. One of their daughters was hurt and they came to our base for medical attention."

The Iraqi hospitals are awful and many Iraqis still do not know if they are allowed to use hospitals from Saddam's reign,

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Presidential race heats up as election draws to a close

INNA BOND
Mast news intern

In just a matter of days, the presidential campaign ads will come to an end, as the commander-in-chief will be decided upon on Nov. 2. Concerns of a repeat of the confusion of the last presidential race aside, Bush and Kerry now focus their energy addressing the perceptions of their positions on issues and events that may negatively affect them during the final hours of the race.

What do the polls look like? Analysts say the approval ratings for Bush are just less than 50 percent, fluttering between 47 and 49 percent. Kerry's ratings are between 48 and 56 percent. What about the undecided voters?

Tom Smith, an analyst with the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, said there is "good theory" behind the rule on undecided voters, but he's not sure it fits this year.

"There seems to be more undecided who are conflicted rather than uninformed, meaning they like each man on different issues and it is not clear yet which one of those issues will ascend to priority," Smith said.

This is different "from previous years when the undecideds were leaning toward the challenger but needed to 'feel comfortable' before closing the deal."

"Every year, an iron law gets broken," political columnist and senior policy official in the Bush administration Jim Pinkerton said. "The risk one takes by predicting the future results based on retrospective analysis only goes so far."

Historical precedence may not be applicable to this election as the conflict in Iraq has been the subject of much disagreement and argument on the part of American people. While the voters are concerned with what goes on in Iraq today, they seem to be more concerned and divided about who would be a better candidate to resolve the conflict.

"It may be that the people have problems with the president, the direction of the economy or whatever, but it comes down to the war," correspondent for National Public Radio Juan Williams said.

Is there any risk of running into a Florida-like problem again? The candidates are facing several issues that may significantly impact the outcome of the election. In Fort Lauderdale, Fla. about 58,000 absentee ballots have not reached the voters in Broward County after the voters requested them more than two weeks ago. A large number of people are contacting the county election office for answers while

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Photo courtesy of the PLU Web site

Seattle-based a capella group The Coats will be performing next week as part of the Meant to Live program. Meant to Live is funded by the Lilly Endowment, and focuses on helping students find their calling in life.

Meant to Live: Sharing a message of vocation

LAINA WALTERS
Mast editor-in-chief

In college, Michael Gilbert, now a military reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune, thought he'd climb from one newspaper to the next, moving his way through the ranks to more fame and bigger pay.

Yet what he will share with students and the PLU community at the Meant to Live event, Nov. 5-7, is quite a different story.

He found he was "meant to live" at a much less grandiose,

but much more meaningful level through his work in the Puget Sound area and abroad.

The student-led event will bring more than 20 people from eight different career fields to speak about the journey to find meaning and purpose in their lives.

Speakers range from Peter Mayer, a guitarist for the Jimmy Buffet band, to PLU faculty and alumni such as the director of the Center for Public Service at PLU, Oney Crandall.

Musical performances from Mayer and The Coats, an a cap-

ella group, will speak about the search for purpose in a different way. The Coats perform Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Chris Knutzen Hall. Mark Hanson, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America will attend and speak at The Coats' performance. Mayer will perform with PLU musicians Nov. 6 at 7:30 in the CK.

Gilbert said he will share his sense of obligation as a journalist and a citizen, an obligation that led him to spend nine

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Briefly...

National, international

Fight for governorship among many races to be decided Tuesday: Former attorney general Christine Gregoire (D) and former State Senator Dino Rossi (R) are the two fresh faces in the race for Washington state governor, since Governor Gary Locke has served the term limit. In the campaign for secretary of state, State Rep. Laura Ruderman (D) is challenging incumbent Sam Reed (R). Also on the ballot are Rep. George Netthercut (R), J. Mills (L) and incumbent Sen. Patty Murray (D), who are running for Senate.

Oil spill off the coast of Washington state, culprits unknown:

Approximately 1,000 gallons of oil were discovered Oct. 14 by a tugboat operator off the coasts of Vashon and Maury Islands. Those responsible for the spill, which spans 21 miles of shoreline and has cost \$1.6 million in clean up thus far, are not known.

William Rehnquist battles thyroid cancer:

Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, was hospitalized last weekend and received a tracheotomy Saturday for thyroid cancer. As of press time, he remains in Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, but he is expected to get back to work next week. Political pundits say news of the conservative leader's illness may become a factor in this week's election. Voters may acknowledge that given Rehnquist's current condition, the next president will most likely appoint the next Chief Justice of the United States as well as a new Supreme Court Justice, pundits say.

Afghanistan presidential election results pending investigation:

According to CNN, Incumbent Hamid Karzai was the obvious victor in the Afghanistan election for president held Oct. 9. However, possibly 65,000 votes are under investigation concerning fraud. Officials said the votes in question would not affect the election outcome. Other candidates Abdul Rashid Dostum and former education minister Yunus Qanooni said they have accepted Karzai as the winner. Karzai was appointed by the United States as the first president of Afghanistan following U.S. occupancy.

Earthquakes in Japan leave at least 16 dead, 900 injured: Multiple earthquakes shook northern Japan Sunday beginning at 5:56 p.m. At one point, the quakes measured 6.8 on the Richter scale. Of the 16 killed, four were children. In addition to the deaths and injuries of citizens, blackouts hit approximately one million people, expressways shut down, roads caved in and gas was cut to about 40,000 households.

Briefs compiled by Stephanie Mathieu.

Some students enjoy hearing professors' political views, others feel uncomfortable

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PLU's Non-Discrimination policy states the university "does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, or any other status." So what does that say for a student's political views? As of yet, there is no written policy that directly states how far a professor can go in discussing politics or personal views in the classroom, which makes some students uncomfortable.

"From my experience so far, it's kind of hard when they take a completely partisan side and don't address the other side. It's kind of frustrating," junior Scott Rees said.

Junior Adam Bonney said he agrees. "There's a time and place for it. [It's okay] if it's a political science or communications class because then it tends to be an open discussion," Bonney said "But when it's in math class and your teacher goes from discussing derivatives to going into a political spout about Bush or Kerry, it's not appropriate and it makes students feel uncomfortable."

Rees has seen situations where this has occurred, he said.

"In one of my classes, my professor has seemed to slant the discussion as an 'America is evil' issue, instead of portraying America as having good and bad characteristics," Rees said.

But other students have a different viewpoint. As a science major, junior Kristen Kuehl has not had much experience with professors discussing politics in the classroom.

Nonetheless, "I support my professors talking about [politics]. It's important to challenge both sides and to challenge students to come up with their own opinions," Kuehl said.

First-year Lance Tanaka has had a good experience with the discussion, he said.

"So far, my professors have been only talking about good things about Kerry, and that's who I'm going for, so it's never bothered me yet," Tanaka said. "There's always an even amount of voices in the classroom, so it's always a good argument. It's just like discussing other controversial issues in the classroom, politics just happen to be one of them."

What about professors? Political science professor Sid Olufs said he has to deal with this issue often.

"The main job here is to teach critical writing, thinking and speaking skills. I think it's a failure if a professor loses sight of that and goes partisan," Olufs said.

Olufs said he is careful to treat politics as an open ground for communication.

"Thinking...that's what counts. What

some people do is mistake balance for objectivity," Olufs said.

Professor Olufs asks students to think "what are the grounds for coming to certain conclusions? Am I thinking clearly or not?" And sometimes, he feels that political events are useful to the classroom.

"The war is an opportunity to think about what we're doing and why we're there...it's a gift for teachers," Olufs said.

And as far as his political stance, Olufs said if he makes a personal comment he always gives the students plenty of notice.

"I'll say, 'time out, editorial comment. This is my personal judgment,'" Olufs said.

American literature professor Dennis Martin said he talks about "American literature and culture and literary works in which political themes are present."

Does this mean Professor Martin's opinion on current politics is stressed to his students?

"Never. I never advocate my individual political preferences," Martin said. "I don't think that's my role. I will encourage my students to vote, but I won't encourage them to vote a certain way."

Though he won't advocate his personal beliefs, in some instances he will share.

"I directly talked about being opposed to the Vietnam War in class," but Martin said it was simply as "a way to share an anecdote. I thought it was necessary to take a stance at that time, but I don't feel obligated to talk about my stance on the Iraq war now."

Martin thinks there are times when other professors might bring an idea in that is not usually taught in a certain subject.

"Professors can talk about a lot of different things as a way of approaching a topic," Martin said.

He talked animatedly about a fellow colleague who brought the subject of butterflies in her math class.

"Most people wouldn't think of butterflies and math going together, but butter-

flies were part of her mathematical study," Martin said.

While current politics are not usually on the agenda for Martin, assistant professor of communication Amanda Feller said that politics are a "natural area for discussion" in her classes, especially in her introduction to rhetorical communications class.

"We're discussing the nature of communications, so naturally politics are a subject. Election years are always exciting," Feller said. "We can talk about all the dimensions of communicative studies. That content area is important because it's a central aspect of being a citizen in the United States, to pay attention to those activities and how they're constructed."

She'll ask her students questions such as, "what is the spin room and how does it influence the public? How do newspapers and the media influence our understanding?"

Feller said she is "comfortable with students knowing that I'm going to vote for John Kerry. At the same time, it's important to keep that in check so students can say 'I'm voting for George Bush' or 'I'm voting for Ralph Nader.' I'll just say, 'let's have that critical discussion. Why are you voting for John Kerry?'"

Feller said that she has never intentionally influenced a student in voting.

"Teaching what we teach, naturally there's going to be statements that are made that can be construed as 'you're telling me what to do' or 'if I don't do this I'm not going to be positively evaluated,'" Feller said. "I think that it can happen, but in my experience teaching, that has not come up in feedback from students. PLU is a place that tries to separate classroom discourse from the power of evaluation."

But when that line is crossed, and students feel that the power is being misused, would a policy help protect students' opinions?

"A rule seems so extreme. Is the teacher not allowed to say Bush or Kerry in the class?" Bonney said. "It should be frowned upon, but where do you draw the line for a rule? It's everywhere, so it's hard to avoid. What do you do, and what's too much? A student should be able to say 'this makes me uncomfortable, can we not do this anymore?' and the teacher should listen."

At press time, there is no policy on discussing politics in the classroom.

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Northwest native witnesses horror, hope in Iraq

MATT STEINER
Mast news intern

Editor's note: This story was written by PLU sophomore Matt Steiner, whose friend, Brandon Hern, is serving in Iraq.

Television news and newspapers were full of reports last August from Iraq regarding the conflict in Najaf between a local insurgent faction and U.S. troops. A college student from the Northwest was involved in the 17-day struggle that even experienced war veterans said they had never seen anything like before.

Brandon Hern, of Whidbey Island, was a two-time state champion wrestler in high school who continued his passion for competition by wrestling for Oregon State University. He also chose to participate in ROTC at OSU and joined the National Guard, a decision that changed his life.

Shortly after Hern completed boot camp and helicopter drop school, his National Guard unit was called to Iraq. Last May, Pfc. Hern, along with all of Bravo Company 2nd Platoon, made the long journey to their

new home, Camp Cooke, in Taji, about 10 miles north of Baghdad.

Hern does everything from manning the .50 caliber machine-gun on the back of a humvee to rappelling from Black Hawk helicopters during night missions.

About mid-July Hern said things were starting to heat up in Taji. Terrorists predominately from Iran and Saudi Arabia were ambushing their daily patrols with Improvised Explosive Devices and small arms fire. Hern's unit would almost always overpower these attacks with superior firepower and exceptionally trained soldiers. However, they have suffered some losses.

"We've had to watch the deaths of three Oregon boys so far. I had to watch the medic pick up pieces of my brothers, try as I could, I was frozen," Hern said.

Hern said he witnessed the killing of Iraqi civilians by terrorists; people burned alive from homemade bombs and children shot for no reason.

Then came the assault on Najaf. The terrorists had a stronghold in the huge cemetery

in Najaf. Within the cemetery is a mosque, believed to be the place Mohammed's cousin died. Surrounding it were fields of mines, more IED's and abandoned buildings where many of the insurgents laid waiting.

Hern and the other U.S. soldiers fought for 17 days. The 120-degree heat caused some soldiers to fall out.

"I was lucky," Hern said. "At least 10 men in our platoon had heat rash so bad that it covered their entire upper body and some even down their legs."

Hern wore the same clothes, socks and shoes the whole time. "My socks, pants and top had become infused, bounded by sweat, salt, grease and weapon oil," Hern said. He also came down with a horrible case of athletes' foot.

Throughout the 17 days, rocket propelled grenades and machine-gun fire whizzed by the heads of Hern and his platoon.

"My roommate, Dow, had an RPG hit the wall about five feet behind him, and it blew him almost 10 feet in the other direction. Luckily, he didn't suffer any injury," Hern said.

Hern's team was noticed by a pair of elite Navy SEALs snipers who asked to join their squad.

"We welcomed the SEALs



Photo courtesy of Matt Steiner
Holding his M-249 saw, Hern (right), crouches next to his fellow Bravo Company 2nd Platoon member in Iraq. The two were involved in the fighting at Najaf last August.

because they came with well trained snipers and medical experts that made our medics look like freshmen medical students," Hern said.

Their squad led the frontal assault through the abandoned buildings, matching rounds with the snipers as they fired. One of the snipers said he had been a SEAL for 18 years and had never seen anything like this before. The shooting was so constant, "After a while I became immune to the shelling, it almost put me to sleep," Hern said.

"We only stopped firing to clean our guns," Hern said.

By day 17, Hern's section was only 200 yards from the central Mosque and the firing stopped. Peace negotiations began and the few remaining terrorists laid down their weapons.

"We maintained our position, just in case the peace talks failed," he said.

The Red Cross estimated that

almost 2,000 insurgents were killed and another 3,000 were wounded.

"Our task force, 2-7 CAV Battalion, didn't have a single casualty," Hern said.

Regarding Iraqi feelings towards United States occupation Hern said, "They love us for kicking out Saddam, however they now want us to leave."

At his own base in Taji they are training Iraqi police and almost a quarter of his camp has been filled with these officers.

"Iraqis are slowly taking over our jobs," Hern said.

He has been through the horrors of war and feels he has had to "grow up too fast."

"I'm only 20, soon I'll spend my 21st birthday here in Iraq," Hern said.

He feels his friends who have died, did not die for Iraq, "they died for America," he said.

Hern has about four months left on his tour.



Photo courtesy of Matt Steiner
A member of the Bravo Company 2nd Platoon fires an AT-4 anti-tank weapon from behind a wall.

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Von Cannon said.

Von Cannon became frustrated at Army politics while stationed at Balad Air Base, particularly because civilian contractors working for companies like Halliburton were overpaid and under-worked.

"Contractors from Halliburton worked on the air base," Von Cannon said. "They pulled in \$80,000 up front for being there and received perks like shower trailers, plush civilian compounds and vacations every four months. If we are trying to rebuild Iraq, why aren't the Iraqis making \$80,000 a year to aid their economy?"

One of the biggest problems facing Iraq is their environmental degradation, Von Cannon said, an environmental studies major.

"Ever go to a junkyard? Imagine the whole country as junkyard," Von Cannon said. "A lot of what we cleaned up was from Desert Storm."

Although Von Cannon observed scenes of underpaid Iraqi laborers and the effects of war on a country, there was a strong community on the base. Von Cannon said the women especially stayed close together, developing strong friendships. There were about 25 women in her company compared to 200 men.

"It was like having a big group of sisters," Von Cannon said.

Certain days in the summer the temperature would easily top 120 degrees

Fahrenheit in the sun.

In the stifling heat of the Iraqi desert, Von Cannon said she remembers taking part in one of the saddest things of her life. In November 2003 she attended the memorial service of four men who died in a Chinook helicopter crash.

"I attended the memorial service right there in the desert, it was one of the saddest things I've seen in my life," Von Cannon said. "Never have I seen so many men cry at one time. I never wish to see it again."

Since coming home, Von Cannon has struggled returning to normal life. She says people in the United States fail to realize how much they have. Von Cannon also resists product choices consumers in the United States are given.

"My head is still not in the game, I don't know if it will ever be," Von Cannon said. "Now I think Americans have too much, it makes me sad. Many of the poorest people in this country have it better than the Iraqis. Still we complain."

Von Cannon has serious doubts about what would happen if the United States were to leave Iraq.

"Just because the Army as a whole may be messing up doesn't mean the soldiers are," Von Cannon said. "I just would not want to leave the job incomplete. We go where we are sent. A lot of people over there are everyday people are just trying to help."

After a pause she continued, "Sort of one of those things, if you have not been there you just don't know."

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Von Cannon
Junior

Awaiting her husband's return: Packing for home

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Editor's note: This story was written by PLU senior Liz Worlein, whose husband, James, is serving in Iraq.

For most people, packing is a tedious task, but for Army Sgt. 1st Class Michael Martinez and 1st Lt. James Worlein, packing is a happy occasion. It signifies their one-year deployment to Iraq will end soon.

Martinez and Worlein are members of the 334th Signal Company, which is assigned to the 3rd Brigade. They have spent most of their deployment in Mosul, a northern city in Iraq. That area has been the recent target of suicide bombers.

Both said they are happy to return home.

"I have lived everyday under the threat of mortars, IED's [improvised explosive devices] and rockets. Going home to be safe with my family is such an event that defies description," Worlein said.

Martinez said this deployment was especially tough for him because it followed after a one-year tour in Korea. He has been away from his wife and two sons for the last two years.

Worlein and Martinez also said that the orders to pack made other members of the company happy.

"The morale increased dramati-

cally," Martinez said. "There was none of the usual complaining and griping that soldiers usually do when these types of details come around. We all knew this was the first step to coming home."

The men will take home a few gifts.

"My wife loves silver and I have purchased some nice pieces for her," Martinez said.

Both officers also packed items that are important to them. Worlein kept the Bible, which was a gift from his wife in boot camp. Martinez has a frog beanie baby named Smoochy. "He is my good luck charm," Martinez said.

Worlein and Martinez said they would both leave behind extra toiletry items, as well as the threat of a mortar attack.

"I will leave a little part of my sanity here," Martinez said. "The things that we experience, either directly or indirectly, plays on one's mind all of the time. It's almost as if you get used to never feeling safe."

In addition to gifts for their family, the men will also take home a new appreciation for their country, they said.

"One cannot know the precious gift that living in the U.S. is until you have spent time over here," Worlein said.

Worlein is expected to be home within the next few weeks.

Low-income community pictures new beginning

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For people like Min Bui, life has been a battle.

Bui, 75, spent more than two decades in Vietnam fighting communists and found it very difficult to survive. Then one day, he was captured and held in prison for 13 years.

After South Vietnam lost the war, the communists kicked Bui out of Vietnam. The only choice he had was to bring his wife and two children to the United States, Bui says.

Bui has spent the last eight years living in Salishan, a low-income public housing community located in Eastside Tacoma, and is enjoying the United States. He spends a lot of time around his house planting flowers and vegetables.

"It is a very, very nice country. Nice weather, nice people," Bui said.

Bui will also have the opportunity to live in nice housing as a result of the Hope VI project. Hope VI is a revitalization project that will remove old and obsolete public housing and construct 415 more housing units than is provided now, according to the Tacoma Housing Authority.

The project will take place in three phases that correspond to the three distinct residential areas of the property. These phases are Area One, Area Two and Area Three, according to the Tacoma Housing Authority.

While resident areas are being renovated, they will be relocated to other subsidized housing within the Tacoma area, according to the Tacoma Housing Authority.

"Each resident was provided with one-on-one counseling and relocation assistance to help locate their new homes.

"Based on their preferences, the residents were either housed in available units at Salishan, in other THA public housing developments or they used Section 8 to find housing," Hope VI coordinator Melissa Adams said.

Area One is currently under construction. The groundbreaking ceremony took place in August.

Bui hopes to get a house in Area One, but he is not alone. Dusdee Adkins, a Salishan resident, also hopes to make Area One her permanent home.

"I would like to buy my own house in Area One," Adkins said.

Adkins is a single mother, raising two children on her own. After divorcing her husband, she left Eatonville and applied for public housing. The Tacoma Housing Authority placed her in an apartment until a house in Salishan was available.

Adkins has lived in Salishan since 2001 and is trying to earn a steady income. She has a part-time job and is in the process of looking for a full-time job.

"I would like to stand on my own two feet," Adkins said. "I want to be an inde-

pendent woman."

Adkins hopes the revitalization will help with violence and problems with people not obeying speed limits.

"I won't let my children go play outside without me," Adkins said. "People drive fast."

She also hopes that Salishan will offer tutoring programs for her children because she is not always there to help.

Liloi Semeli, Salishan Council president, is excited to see the project underway.

"It's great. It's been a plan for many years and now it's coming," Semeli said.

Semeli came to Salishan two years ago from American Samoa, an island located in the South Pacific Ocean. He wanted to live somewhere he could afford.

Council members have played a major role in the Hope VI project. One of their jobs is to act as a bridge between Salishan residents and the Tacoma Housing Authority, according to Semeli.

Semeli said there is a huge language barrier between the residents and the housing authority.

The primary languages spoken at Salishan are Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Russian and English, Adams said. Council members help the housing authority by communicating with the residents.

Semeli helps by talking with residents who speak Cambodian and Samoan. He said that it has helped residents understand the project and not fear what might happen when it is their turn to relocate.

Even with council members explaining the situation, many seniors are afraid of what may happen in the future.

Although some are skeptical about the project, Semeli has a positive outlook.

"I know they will like it when it's done," Semeli said.

When Lorig Associates, LLC, the master developer of the project, completes the housing, there will be a total of 1,270 housing units on 188 acres, according to the Tacoma Housing Authority. Lorig Associates is managing the design, planning, permitting and construction process for the Tacoma Housing Authority, according to Lorig Associates Web site.

Hope VI is a \$208 million project. The project is financed by Hope VI funds, other federal funds, state funds, local funds, private equity, home sales and other housing grants.

For low-income residents there will be 921 rental units, 88 affordable homes and 15 home ownerships units for which residents can pay a portion of the down payment with labor.

Salishan will also offer 246 market-rate home ownership units, according to the Tacoma Housing Authority.

Residents will also be provided with updated facilities. The amenities include a new medical and dental clinic in partnership with Community

Health Care, an education technology center in association with Washington State University, Metropolitan Development Council and Tacoma Community College, new property management and maintenance facilities and creation of new parks and open space, according to the Tacoma Housing Authority.

Next October, rental units open for occupancy. In 2006, new homes will be available for purchase.



Photo by Andy Sprain

Elizabeth Brusco, Dara Chun Ros and Barbara Temple-Thurston (left to right) are at the Salishan PLU sponsored home, where four students have lived since September. The students volunteer four hours a week and socialize with residents. On Oct. 21, the students helped organize Salishan's first October Fest, where the community gathered for entertainment and games.

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police investigate these claims. "We are trying to determine what occurred and whether there was any kind of criminal violation," representative for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Paige Patterson-Hughes said.

Continuing with events, the Pentagon revealed that nearly 400 tons of powerful explosives from an Iraqi military facility disappeared in a two and a half month period in spring 2003. Now there is a war of words going on between Sen. Kerry and President Bush. Kerry accused Bush and his administration for negligence in the disappearance of the explosives and how he failed as a commander-in-chief for putting our citizens and our troops in great

danger. However, Kerry's top foreign policy adviser admitted, "We do not know the facts." President Bush blamed Kerry for jumping to conclusions too early once again. Vice President Dick Cheney later said, "It is not clear that those explosives were even at the weapons facility when our troops arrived in the area of Baghdad."

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months out of the past 19 in Iraq covering the Ft. Lewis Stryker Brigade. He said he missed his wife and three kids while abroad, but the e-mails of appreciation from Stryker families kept him and his family going during the separation. Despite what Gilbert has seen and done, he says strong societal expectations to climb the corporate ladder stick in the back of his mind. "I'm still coming to terms with having satisfaction in being a regular guy," Gilbert said. The 42-year-old values family time and being active in his parish, ways of contributing to the world that have nothing to do with his career.

Meant to Live

The Meant to Live event, named after a Switchfoot song, "captures everything about this weekend," student coordinator for Meant to Live Laura Chrissis said. The event is just one aspect of the Wild Hope Project, a larger PLU program designed to integrate questions of vocation into every aspect of the university. The Lilly Endowment, an Indianapolis-based philanthropic group, granted PLU \$2 million over five years to explore vocation. Vocation isn't an easy concept, director of the Wild Hope Project Paul Menzel said. People, both as students and throughout their lives, must ask big questions about how their interests, passion and skills intersect with the world's need, Menzel said. "If people don't engage in that quest, they are less likely to have a sense that what they are living for is worth living for," Menzel said. "If you don't ask that question coming out of PLU, PLU has failed."

leaves its imprint by funding reflection groups for students returning from experiences abroad to taking first-year students on an off-campus weekend retreat during J-term. Vocational seminars for faculty and staff are also in progress, stressing vocation as a life-long process. For Crandall, vocation has certainly been a lifelong process. In everything she has done, which ranges from land use planner to teacher and administrator, she looks for patterns of meaning. After a lot of worrying about her place in the world, Crandall said she has decided vocation is much more about how people experience things than what they are actually doing. Whatever the job description, her career "keeps forcing me to ask questions," which Crandall said she finds irresistible.

Such a personal call is certainly what inspired Judith Billings to run for Washington state Superintendent of Public Instruction again. She held the position from 1989 to 1996, during which she passed the School Improvement Act of 1993. Since then, Billings has seen a piece of legislation meant to help the educational system end up causing much more harm than good. Her passion for helping students got her back in the race, despite finding satisfaction in AIDS education since leaving office. Billings found she had contracted HIV from artificial insemination in 1996. "We are in desperate need of a course correction," Billings said. "There's no way I can stay out of it" when the Washington Assessment of Student Learning is stressing students and skewing education, Billings said. "Other avenues for energy and creativity have been shoved to the side." Working in education has been personally rewarding for Billings. "Once you work with young people, while it can be extremely frustrating, it can be most satisfying," Billings said. She said she looks forward to working with PLU students in finding frustrating satisfaction in their own lives.

The grant has worked to strengthen PLU's existing focus on vocational exploration at the student, institutional and community levels. Meant to Live is the only student-led activity for the Wild Hope Project at this time. The Wild Hope Project also



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From the editor

Wanted: moral dignity

Regardless of your opinion of our president, Bush's war in Iraq woke up the United States public to issues of international intervention. It's safe to say we may have slept through the alarm clock many times before Sept. 11, but now we are, at least groggily, waking up.

A few weeks ago, retired Canadian Lieutenant General Romeo Dallaire spoke to us about these very issues. The lecture comparing the contemporary crisis in Sudan with Rwanda's genocide 10 years ago wouldn't normally warrant this kind of belated coverage in a fast-paced news cycle. However, what Dallaire had to say is not only timeless, it's urgent.

Dallaire questioned the moral standard of a humanity where a developed 20 percent of the world disregards its brothers and sisters in the other 80 percent. It sees them as less than human by failing to meet them in their times of need.

We justify action or inaction based on our strategic interest. While Iraq had a horrible despot to root out, it also has oil. We have, and continue to have, no interest in Africa.

"No one came to Rwanda, even when they called it genocide," Dallaire said. Those in the international community whispered "all they have there is human beings." Which apparently is not reason enough to intervene.

"Once again, the U.N. bickers while Africans die," Dallaire wrote in an op-ed piece that appeared in the New York Times on Oct. 4th.

Thanks to grants from the Wang Center and the Wild Hope project, I personally witnessed discussions of the plight of the Sudanese at the United Nations in Geneva this summer. The stuffed suits were a stark contrast to the conversations of malnutrition and the mud of a rainy season we can only dream about in nightmares. The contradiction of an organization built for so much good, and yet dragged down by the strategic interests of its heavyweights, gave me pause. Yet, in the end, I came to the same conclusion as Dallaire.

The United Nations is still the best structure we have for our greater involvement in the world. It mirrors our own governmental system of checks and balances where multiparty actions are more driven by principle than self-interest.

"Those who think of self-interest first will not live in peace," Dallaire said. He worries about the building rage of the 80 percent of the world that falls deeper and deeper into poverty every day because of our self-interest. That rage expressed itself on Sept. 11.

Bush justifies his intervention in Iraq by saying that spreading freedom and liberty will dismantle the terrorist hold on vulnerable developing countries. I don't entirely disagree with that.

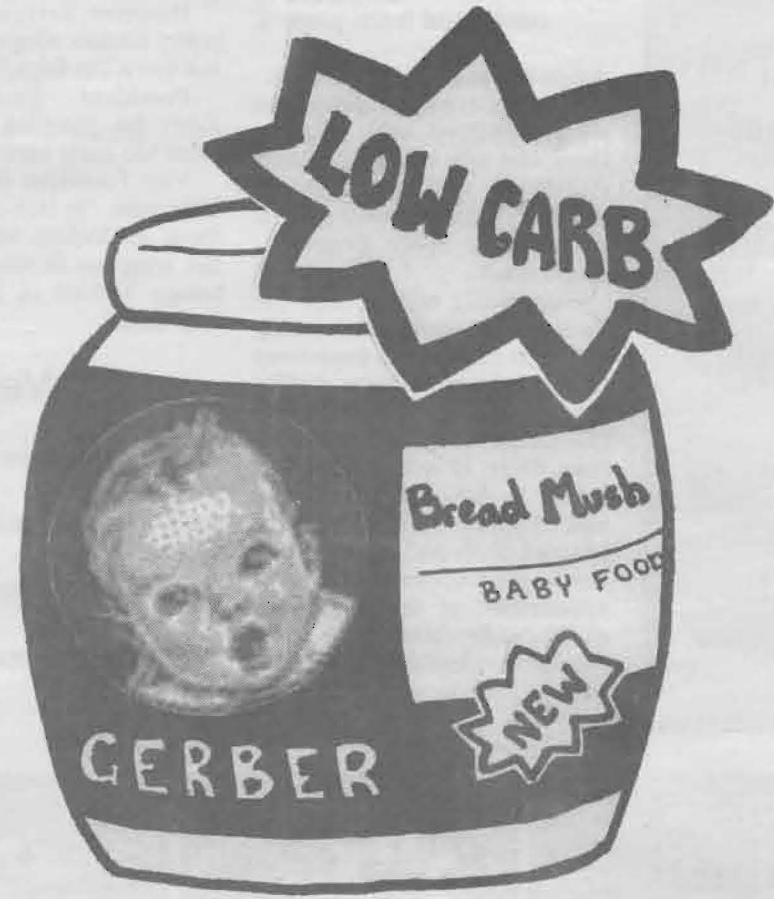
In fact, a deep respect for human rights and the inherent dignity of each person is the only thing that can create everlasting peace. In a way, he is right on and more power to him. But the presence of oil in Iraq and a miniscule coalition also gives me pause. And this pause won't go away.

Dallaire did not speak directly to the issue of Iraq, but to a larger context to which our actions in Iraq belong. It is to this larger picture that I give my energy.

Dallaire's position as head of the peacekeeping mission in Rwanda has given him the first-hand experience to know where our current methods of international intervention succeed and fail. Bush is right that the classic way to fight wars has changed. Many wars today are intrastate ethnic issues or terrorism. Referees for evenly built teams are no longer relevant as peacekeeping measures.

We can no longer afford to be Pontius Pilate in our international affairs, Dallaire said. The heavy-weights "fiddled" through the 1990s and we need to stop. We need a comprehensive plan that includes more discussions of human nature than armament strategies. It is a bad business plan not to bite international problems in the butt, Dallaire said. We need to better understand why conflicts start so we can detect them early on. He stressed that middle-weight countries such as Canada and Norway can provide the diplomatic support that the international community so desperately needs.

The United States and its military weight are extremely useful, but should be waiting in the rear for when other intervention truly fails, Dallaire said. In the meantime, contemplating what love thy neighbor means should keep us busy.



FINALLY, AN ATKINS OPTION FOR INFANTS!

Cartoon by Steven Donovan

Letter to the editor

Young voters have stake in election

I've heard it too many times from my daughter's friends: "Why should I vote? One vote doesn't change anything."

Consider this: Florida was decided by just 500 votes in 2000 - that's the size of a college residence hall.

My daughter Michelle, a 19-year-old college student, is active in campus environmental groups. My eldest daughter Courtney, a third-year law student, spent her last semester working in civil rights advocacy.

Like many of you, they prefer to get news from Jon Stewart and Tina Fey than Tom Brokaw or Dan Rather.

Like many of you, they are concerned about the war in Iraq, the cost of higher education and whether or not they will be able to find a job when

they graduate.

And like many of you, they are going to vote on Nov. 2 because they believe that 24.8 million young Americans can change the outcome of the 2004 election.

I was originally inspired to enter public service by President John F. Kennedy's call. Now, it's time for the next generation to be involved in their communities.

Your generation volunteers in record numbers because you are concerned about the world around you. You work in soup kitchens, tutor disadvantaged kids or volunteer at non-profits because you want to make a difference.

You have changed your communities.

You can also change politics.

Important decisions about the country will be made in this election at polling booths. This election will determine the direction our country takes on issues ranging from foreign policy to stem cell research to education funding.

Many important issues will be decided here in Washington state as well.

The enrollments at our colleges and universities have been swelling in recent years.

This election matters. You have the chance to make a statement on issues that directly affect your communities and lives. I urge you to make your voice heard.

Chris Gregoire
Democratic candidate for
Governor

Note:

In the Oct. 1 issue of *The Mast*, the cartoon advertised that Sam Bowers, a Grand Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, had graduated from PLU in 1974. This is not a joke, but a true part of our history, sad as it may be. Political cartoons should get people to think, and this one certainly does.

Correction:

In the Oct. 15 issue of *The Mast* we ran an incorrect ad. The Meant to Live event will have different performers than advertised. This week the ad is correct.

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Jumping for joy at every day life effectively battles the blahs



Eccentricities in the 3rd person Solveig Berg

I woke up this morning with the blahs. What are the blahs, you ask? Well to give a dictionary definition, blah is a feeling of psychological discomfort. When I start to sense that "blahish" feeling coming on, I get the munchies. Doritos become my nemesis, and I must hide all cranberry juice from sight.

I then proceed to have a completely unproductive day followed by a slight depression that causes me to reflect on the number of friends I have and ponder why they haven't called or e-mailed me lately. It's pretty pathetic.

The good news for all you blah sufferers is there is a cure. I dis-

covered this epiphany tonight as I ran around the small indoor track at the fitness center. Around and around I went until I was extremely dizzy, even though I hadn't run more than a mile. The exercise must have triggered a physical reaction in my brain, but I suddenly felt at peace, observing my surroundings.

I discovered that life is pretty darn joyous when you come to think about it. Stop for a minute and remember all of the random things you saw today that made you laugh.

I too looked around the weight room and grinned at all of the humorous stereotypes I was witnessing. There were the girls on the elliptical machines. You know, the ones who put the setting on the lowest so they can pedal really

fast, their ponytails bobbing up and down to the rhythms of their iPods. Looking further, I also saw the socialites—the people that come in to workout, but end up in the corner chatting with a friend for a half hour instead. And don't forget the mirror watchers. Have you ever watched someone watch themselves in the mirror? It's truly fascinating.

The great part is these observant joys are just about everywhere.

For example, I was stopped at a traffic light when I glanced across the street to see two girls come up to the signal. One girl ran to the pedestrian button and proceeded to hit it (forcefully I might add) at least 20 times. Do you think that's going to make it turn faster, honey? I got a slight chuckle out of it, so at least she was providing the oncoming traffic with a little bit of humor to fuel their day.

Or, the other day, as I was walking across a seemingly deserted red square, I glanced over at the metal, rotating, pointy things (you know what I'm talking about right?) only to witness a woman hiding behind one of them. At first I pondered as to just what she was doing; then I saw a small blond-headed boy running across the bricks, giggling and grinning, playing peek-a-boo with his mom. They were having the best time; I almost felt like I was imposing upon their special moment.

Another blah curer for me is observing the cars around me when I'm stuck in rush hour traffic. I was pretty ticked off one day, late for another meeting as usual, when I glanced in my rearview mirror. Two young girls, probably 16 or 17 years old were rocking out in their car, doing a coordinated dance and laughing like they had no cares in the world.

Needless to say that put me out of my funk in a hurry.

Later down the road I looked over at the shiny BMW beside me. We were at a stand still, and the driver looked over at his wife or girlfriend and grabbed her hand. They exchanged a loving smile, and I felt like bursting into a song from the '60s like, "All you need is love" or "What the world needs now is love," etc...

I hope this article taught you all a very important lesson on blahness. When you are feeling the unsettling butterflies in your stomach and all you want to do is eat Doritos and listen to your New Kids on the Block: *Greatest Hits* CD, do not despair.

Go outside and observe your peers, your teachers or the random youth riding their bicycles through campus. Learn to laugh at what you see because humor is just about everywhere you look.

Letter to the editor

Fahrenheit 9/11 sparks debate

This letter is being written on concerns expressed by some of my residents and myself pertaining to the all-campus viewing of *Fahrenheit 9/11*.

I think this movie was an extremely interesting piece of work and I actually watched it three times at the theater this summer. I wound up facing harsh criticism by some of my closest friends – wanting to know why I would waste my money and time to watch such garbage and lies. I told them that I used this movie as a mechanism of diversification; not taking the movie as the literal truth but an exploration of some points of view I was previously ignorant to consider.

For the first time ever, I'm voting for a Democrat (don't tell my parents). But, I am also voting for Republicans and true independent candidates. I've managed to break away from the persuasion of one specific political viewpoint that only partially satisfies my perspective on what is the right way to go about governing things. Coming from a staunch

Republican family with Republican politicians, I am possibly committing an act that might not be well received by my family.

Did *Fahrenheit 9/11* make me vote for a Democrat? No way. The movie in no way altered my voting stance. However, I believe that some individuals lack the open-mindedness and perhaps just plain common sense to distinguish between the presentation of an idea versus facts and lies. I feel that some individuals will take this movie as the literal truth, lacking any exposure to the other side of the spectrum. I myself am not perfect, yet I think that many people will use this as a voting decision; if they choose to do so, good for them. I, on the other hand, don't agree with that tactic.

The event, which took place on Oct. 27, was similar to one I had planned to take place in Ordal Hall this week. The Ordal event, however, would have offered students and faculty to view both *Fahrenheit 9/11* and a rebuttal, either

Celsius 41.11 or *FahrenHype 9/11*.

I believe that the showing of *Fahrenheit 9/11* is a positive thing; however, I think in an academic community such as ours where we encourage students to seek out both sides of the story and look at the world with an open mind, it is important to show both biases together. Seeing that this event was similar to Ordal's I decided to not go forward with the program.

In conclusion, I simply ask those who saw *Fahrenheit 9/11* to go out and watch a rebuttal; and for those who didn't see it, give it a chance – it might actually open a few doors or, conversely, close some too. All three of the aforementioned movies can open one's mind to a lot of "what ifs" and are definitely thought provoking and at times unsettling for some. Beware of the contradictions in the films; some more subtle than others.

Zach DeBoard
Ordal Hall President

Video games unite people, fine-tune skills



If I had a million dollars... Jonathan Bongard

There are many things one may be drawn to or called to do in college. Sports, clubs and organizations, volunteer opportunities, etc. But none of these callings is as underappreciated as the temporary vocation of video games. With the release of *Grand Theft Auto San Andreas* on Tuesday, it is clear that this calling is one in which many students have heeded and even more are picking up the charge daily.

GTA San Andreas had over one million preorders before it was released. *Halo 2*, the highly anticipated Xbox release already has over 1.5 million preorders, some from as long as one year ago. I would like to take this opportunity to defend all of my brothers (and sisters) who are called to the phosphorus box in hopes of slaying the dark Jedi lord, finding the 100th hidden package in liberty city or achieving the rank of champion with *Kage Maru* on extreme difficulty.

You see, video games bring people together. Indeed, at any one time, dozens of people may be playing a network game of *Halo* from all corners of the Lutedome. Conversely, one person may be slaving away at the newest *Mario* release, trying to solve the puzzles and hone their logic skills. What bonds these people together is the inevitable excited conversation that ensues once the "high sign" is given.

In other words, once someone is identified as nerdy enough to shoot the breeze with about video games, there's no stopping those two people from becoming locked in a days long conversation about which *Zelda* release for NES was cooler or which *Mario* for the original console was most like an acid trip (*Super Mario 2*, of course). But alas, do not be confused by this exchange and assume these people get out as often as a three-strikes-you're-out inmate, they are in fact well rounded, stable people.

You may be thinking to yourself that it's only guys who play video games, at least to a nerdy extent. But I

know there are those ladies out there who want nothing more than to sit down with their trusty copy of *Need for Speed 2* and rip through *Alpine Trail* like there's no tomorrow. Some of the newer games may be too much for some people to handle, but anyone can find solace in *Duck Hunt*, *Donkey Kong Country* or *Mario Paint*.

Don't get me wrong, one doesn't have to scratch the surface too hard to find those who may be too into games for their own good. For example, if any of these next video game obscurities sound familiar, you should seek a girlfriend immediately, or at least a cat; the Power glove for NES, *Super Scope* for SNES, *Sega CD*, *R.O.B.* or robotic operating buddy (which is incidentally the name of my senior prom date). Again, if any of these sound a little too familiar, it may be time to put down the dual shock analog controller, step away from the Famicom console and escape from the mushroom kingdom some other time.

If any of you reading are confused about what I'm saying, let me clarify. Video games should be treated like the triforme. In other words, video games have come out of the closet of dungeons and dragons dorkiness and into the realm of venturing to dimension X to defeat the shredder using only Michelangelo and one blip on your life meter.

So, if we have learned anything in the few minutes it took to read this, it's that video games are nothing to be scoffed at, and instead they should be heralded as bringers of peace, unity and coming together over a common desire to defeat Dr. Wiley.

We haven't seen Jonathan for a few days, last we heard he was in Los Santos with April O'Neil riding a ton ton trying to get back the blue eco for his people. If you see him, tell him to shower.

Letter to the editor

Kerry's global test is bad defense

I would like to clear the air before I begin by stating that I am not an independent voter. I am a Republican, and I support the reelection of President George W. Bush. I refuse to lie to you like the PLU Democrats vice president did a few weeks ago by claiming she wasn't writing a political ad.

Most polls suggest the most important issues in this election are national security and the war on terrorism. President Bush has strengthened the security of the homeland by creating the Department of Homeland Security. President Bush signed the Patriot Act into law, which allows communication between law enforcement and intelligence agencies. This communication was blocked by the Justice Department of the Clinton administration. Our military is currently being transformed in order to meet the threats the country faces today.

President Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld have stated there will be no draft. The only bill before Congress to reinstate the draft was introduced in the House by Democrat Charles Wrangel of New York, and in the Senate by Democrat Ernest Hollings.

We are winning the war on terror. Under the leadership of President Bush, our military, along with our allies, destroyed the infrastructure of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan.

Iraq is no longer under the brutal dictatorship of Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi people are beginning to enjoy democracy and are planning free elections in

January. There are still problems, but we must remember that freedom comes with a price. John Kerry wants you to believe that our military let up on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden when called into Iraq. But, over 80 percent of Al Qaeda operatives have either been killed or captured since the war on terror began in 2001.

John Kerry believes we should put the defense of our country to a global test. This means the United Nations should have the final authority. The United Nations stood by in Rwanda while 800,000 people were slaughtered in 100 days. Retired Lt. Gen. Dallaire talks about how we need to see the humanitarian side of the conflict. He stood by in Rwanda and did absolutely nothing. This is the same leadership that John Kerry proposes.

Kerry has been on the wrong side of important defense issues so many times. He was against Reagan's plan to win the Cold War, he proposed slashing billions of dollars in intelligence funding during the nineties, he voted for our troops to go to war in Iraq, but then votes against funding them.

On Nov. 2, you have the choice to reelect President Bush, who is a strong leader and believes in America, or you have the choice to elect the first French president, Jean Francois Kerry.

Jason Estes
PLU College Republicans
Policy Analyst

Giving to the community:

A Korean-American businesswoman's perspective

ABIGAIL FAYLOR
Mast webmaster

With only \$200 in her pocket, Youngsil Jaqua came to America in 1977 from Korea as a U.S. Army recruit.

"Korea was so small to me at that time," Jaqua said. She remembers telling herself, "I am going to the U.S. and make something happen."

Since her arrival in the United States, Jaqua, a PLU alumna, has made many things happen for herself and her community.

As with most South Korean immigrants, learning to speak English was Jaqua's first challenge. She could write and read English, but speaking and understanding fluent English speakers proved difficult.

In boot camp her fellow recruits did not understand how she could get 100 percent on written tests, but could hardly keep up a conversation in English.

Jaqua ended her four-year commitment to the Army at Fort Lewis in the finance department. She then returned to school to complete her bachelor's at PLU. Jaqua graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.

"I lived in the library the whole two years I spent at PLU," Jaqua said. She found the writing and studying difficult and time consuming.

Jaqua graduated in two years due to transferable course work she completed in Korea.

"In Korea it is hard to get into school," Jaqua said. "But then you don't have to study hard. Here it is the opposite."

She often only slept two or three hours a night because she had so much studying to do.

Jaqua owes her success at PLU to her time in the U.S. Army. "You can do it," she told herself. "If you did training then you can do PLU."

With her education and experiences Jaqua offers much to the Korean community.



Photo by Abigail Faylor

Youngsil Jaqua visits with a business associate who shares office space with her

"If you learn something and don't contribute to the community, what is it good for?" Jaqua said.

Jaqua serves the community primarily through her accounting business, Young Jaqua Accounting and Tax Service, located in Pierce County's International Business District at 3818 Steilacoom Blvd. S.W.

The district, from 84th to 96th streets along South Tacoma Way, began with the Boo Han grocery in the mid-1970s and its expansion was fueled by the large immigration of Koreans after the Korean

Recommended places to visit in the International Business District by Youngsil Jaqua.

Ho Soon Yi, Korean restarant, 253.584.4572.
8501 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood

Chung Ki Wa, Korean grill restaurant, 253.588.5976.
8601 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood

Doo Ri Ban, Traditional Korean dining, 253.581.1200.
9104 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood

Boo Han Market, Large variety of Asian foods and goods, 9122 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood

Kim's Oriental Furniture, Korean furniture, blankets, clothing among other goods 9612 South Tacoma Way, Lakewood

War. It is lined today with many restaurants, grocery stores, dry cleaners, salons, home furnishing stores and coffee shops.

Koreans run the majority of the businesses in the district and 90 percent of its customers are Korean. Jaqua would like to see that change. She dreams of forming an international market for the area, which might attract more nationalities.

"Koreans like to own their own businesses," Jaqua said.

However, the concentration of

Koreans can be a problem, Jaqua said. Because of the close proximity with many Koreans speaking limited English, they tend to go into the same business, like grocers, dry cleaners or restaurateurs.

The Korean community must get more creative and cater to a broader population in order to grow, Jaqua said. This can be done through the Korean second generation.

"The second generation has English, but not money," Jaqua said.

With the experience and finances of the first generation and the English skills of the second generation, the community will grow, she said.

Jaqua works hard toward this goal with her involvement in The National Association for Korean Schools (NAKS), where she has been teaching Korean to second generation Koreans for 10 years. The northwest chapter of NAKS has 2,000 students and 85 schools in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Idaho and Montana.

Jaqua also represents the Korean community on the advisory board for the Lakewood Police Department. She helps bridge the social and language gap between the Korean community and the police.

Often Koreans do not know who to talk to or where to go when they have questions or problems, Jaqua said. Formed in September 2004, the advisory board opens up communication and enables the community and the Police Department to work together.

Jaqua has been a part of many other organizations that serve the Korean community.

Working to help others and passing on her experiences, Jaqua said, will help bring the growth and success that she dreams of for the Korean community and the International Business District.

International students talk about the presidential election:

PLU's international students may not be voting in Tuesday's election, but they are certainly paying close attention. Three international students speak their minds about how U.S. foreign policy affects people around the world, particularly their own countries.

BY HARMONY HAVEMAN



Khaled Al-Zaabi
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Senior; Accounting major

"It's funny because I don't think the election only concerns the United States, it concerns the whole world."

"This election is really important to everybody. But if you go ask anyone, who is not a U.S. citizen,

they will immediately choose one side without hesitation."

Khaled answered on the question, if Bush wins what will be the affects worldwide:

"The Middle East will not be in a stable state, due to the disappointment of most people in the area of Bush's policies and actions on certain issues."

Khaled answered the same question, but for Kerry wins?

"Definitely going to be better. Most opened minded to other countries, and not just focusing on his own beliefs and one-sided ideas."

Lorraine Homem
Nairobi, Kenya
Senior; Biology major,
Chemistry minor

"For Kerry, at this point in time for the world itself, he is a stronger force for united forces around the world."

"I personally do not believe Americans should not have gone in without the backing of the U.N. It puts the U.N. at loss for integrity."

"In high school, people would die to go to America and get the American dream, not the case anymore. Seeing what is happening in the world is not what they are looking for right now."

"Everything that happens in American economy affects my country."

Thea Berg
Trondheim, Norway
Sophomore;
Political Science major

"Campaigning is really weird because you don't get what they think, just bad mouthing each other."

"Probably will affect us [Norway] at some point. If Bush is reelected it will affect the world a lot more than Kerry. The Bush administration wants to be a big brother, if Bush is reelected it will not be a good thing. It's not a good thing if one country wants to control the rest of the world."



Pictures from Von Cannon's year-long tour at Balad Air Base in Iraq



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Above: Iraqi children gaze into the Balad Air Base.

Above: Servicemen fill downtime with a game of cards, guns nearby.

Above: Typical shower stalls on Balad Air Base.

Below: Reservists display signs of overextended service in Iraq.

Below: Von Cannon working on a helicopter in Balad Air Base.

Below: Temporary men's urinals also on the air base.

Orphaned children face hardships in Mexico

CHARA MCELFIN
 Mast International reporter

Numerous topics don't make sense here in Mexico.

Why, for instance, is milk left sitting out for hours before use? Why do people wear T-shirts with silly English phrases on them? Why do they create free public schools for kids, but then require abnormally expensive uniforms to be bought and worn?

While the differences above take some getting used to, none can compare to the biggest confusion I have had since arriving. How can so many Mexican officials be corrupt to the point of hurting other people? In particular, how the government deals with children's rights.

During my time at El Refugio de Heidi y Pedro, an orphanage in downtown Guadalajara, I have learned of several incidences that don't make sense.

Most of the children are found on the street and are brought into the Refuge by workers. The police, however, bring some children in. The children who are brought to El Refugio by the police have been removed from dangerous homes. However, the family can buy their child back with a bribe.

A few weeks ago, a six-year-old boy was brought into El Refugio. His father had beaten him so violently he lost an eye. After only a few days, the police took him out of the orphanage and gave him back to his parents, who were responsible for the beating. Within a week, his father beat the boy to death. The lawyers who work at El Refugio discovered the boy's father had paid the police about \$50 to have him removed from the orphanage and placed back into their custody.

Workers at El Refugio are in constant battle with the police. There are known spots where homeless kids live in the downtown area, which are frequented by the police. Several lawsuits have been brought against the government to hold officers accountable who repeatedly visit these spots and sexually abuse the homeless children.

Homeless families here have virtually no rights. About one month ago I visited an

empty lot about 50 homeless people called home. I met a woman there who had lost her baby a few weeks before. I asked her what happened and she told me the father had killed the baby during a drunken outburst. The police did nothing and told the mother she could bury the child somewhere in the empty lot.

"A few weeks ago, a six-year-old boy was brought into El Refugio. His father had beaten him so violently he lost an eye. After only a few days, the police took him out of the orphanage and gave him back to his parents, who were responsible for the beating. Within a week, his father beat the boy to death."

in some aspects. They can smoke at the Refuge, but cannot bring drugs or alcohol inside. Their ages range from six to 17 years old, but their faces show experiences beyond their years.

As I spend more time with all the different kids, I develop anger toward all the things that don't make sense to me. I don't understand why kids are abandoned, beaten, raped or even killed by their parents.

Considering their backgrounds, one would think they find it difficult to love or open up to outsiders like myself, but still, they do. Within days of my arrival, I realized that leaving was going to be one of the hardest things to do this semester. I don't know how they get so excited to see me everyday, or how they find things to give as presents or how easily they trust and befriend me. These are some of the many things in Mexico that don't make sense, and I'm glad.

Kids who want to escape these circumstances on the street find a welcome shelter at El Refugio. They can sleep, eat and attend alternative school. All without having to supply a birth certificate, proof of citizenship or even a clean drug test, which most shelters and hospitals require.

Kids can come and go as they please, maintaining their lifestyle



Events and Dates to Remember!

Pre-Departure Orientation (for all who missed Oct 18) – October 29 – 3:45 to 5 pm, Regency Room University Center

Study Away 101, Overview of Possibilities – November 4, 7 – 8 pm, Hong International Hall

Oaxaca, Mexico - Semester Abroad Information Session – November 9, 7 – 8 pm, Hong International Hall

Passport Sessions in Hong International Hall

- Viva la Visa*
- November 1, 1:15 to 2:15 pm
 - November 16, 4:30 to 5:30 pm

What to Pack and How to Get There

- November 1, 12 to 1 pm

Big Questions and Study Away

- November 2, 12 to 1 pm
- November 19, 12 to 1 pm

Re-Entry/Culture Shock

- November 4, 4 to 5 pm

Gender/Sexuality

- November 9, 12 to 1 pm
- November 17, 4 to 5 pm

Global Citizenship

- November 10, 6 to 7 pm

Travel Smart

- November 11, 12 to 1 pm
- November 17, 12 to 1 pm

Cross Cultural Awareness

- November 12, 12 to 1 pm

Manners that Matter: How Not to be an Ugly American

- November 16, 12 to 1 pm

Tourist or Traveler: The Art of Being a Sojourner

- November 12, 12 to 1 pm

Ready to rock? Some rules to follow



Musical musings

Eric Thompson

I found myself dodging elbows and sidestepping flying, flailing, fragrant bodies last weekend at a concert in Portland, when I started thinking about etiquette.

Our society is guided by a lot of casual norms and unspoken rules that are seldom mentioned or discussed, but are nevertheless important.

These can apply to society in general, but sometimes groups or subcultures establish etiquette of their own for certain events and situations. A rock concert is definitely one of these situations.

Knowledge of the expected code of conduct can be helpful in understanding the behavior of people attending them and necessary for surviving them. It can also be frightening, disturbing and fascinating.

The first thing that must be understood is that your personal bubble of space is forfeited upon entry.

People who are not comfortable with this concept should NOT attend a concert. After finding their hands inextricably lodged between a tall guy's butt and a short girl's smashed face for the better part of an hour, they will be regretting their decision.

On the other hand, it is always amusing when people who don't understand this rule attend. At one concert I attended, a girl standing in front of me turned around to let me know that she didn't appreciate my hands digging into her back.

She informed me of this rather angrily, as if we had been having a tea party when I suddenly let out a war cry, lunged across the table and slammed my arms into her body with a look of smug satisfaction on my face.

Apparently she failed to notice the hundreds of rabid people behind me pushing me into her.

Crowd surfing is a behavior that is usually encouraged at concerts.

However, it must be done with discretion. It is generally understood that if you weigh above a certain weight, say 200 pounds, you should refrain from crowd surfing.

Perhaps this one is just wishful thinking on my part judging from the multiple occasions I've experienced 290 pounds of sweaty man landing squarely on my neck. In any case, this rule should be instituted if it hasn't already.

People who decide to crowd surf must also realize how vulnerable they are. They must embark on their journey fully expecting to return minus a

shoe and the contents of their pockets, and having gained a few extreme violations of their bodily privacy.

A fixture of most rock concerts is the mosh pit. This is a circle in the middle of the crowd in which people (myself sometimes included) thrash about like spastic, seizing, mentally deficient professional wrestlers.

Participation in the pit requires you to beat the living crap out of others as a form of expression and recreation. You also have to enjoy it.

When I returned from one concert last year and expressed how great it had been my roommate had one question for me, "Did you get a bloody nose?"

"No," I answered. "Then it wasn't a good concert," he quickly replied.

While he was joking, this is an attitude shared by a certain percentage of concertgoers, and should be kept in mind.

The presence of etiquette isn't particularly strong in the mosh pit and therefore it should be avoided if beating the crap out of others doesn't sound like a good time to you. Moshing is ideally confined to the middle of the crowd and people stay away on the outskirts.

In my experience, it is expected you agree with whatever the lead singer may hap-

pen to shout at the crowd, no matter how preposterous. You do this by following up his or her statements with enthusiastic yelling and occasionally the exhibiting of the devil horns (the hand gesture made by extending the index finger and pinkie, and optionally the thumb).

Yes or no questions require a resounding "yeah" no matter what your actual opinion on the matter.

This leads to exchanges that can be confusing to the untrained ear - audiences cheering excitedly as they are showered with abuse or responding in the affirmative to a question such as, "Are you guys ready to rock so hard your brains drip out your noses and your body is bruised beyond recognition?"

You should be considerate of others near you at the concert (especially those less equipped to fend for themselves), but the nature of the experience is also very individual; it's a free for all.

This is a balance that many find difficult to achieve. Some expect too much accommodation, such as the short lady near me at the Red Hot Chili Peppers concert who spent an hour yelling at everyone within earshot to get out of her line of vision so she would be able to see when Anthony Keidis* came onstage.

Others are oblivious to their surroundings to a fault. Many people I've observed have appeared to be incapable of comprehending the reality that they weigh 400 pounds whereas the person they were stepping on is a 90-pound, 14-year-old girl.

These fine distinctions in appropriate concert behavior illustrate why it is helpful to have a firm grasp on the unspoken guidelines.

I know that I was definitely unequipped with the necessary knowledge the first time I saw a real rock concert.

I also know from experience that many people who continue to frequent these concerts are still a little confused on the expectations. I hope I have made some small contribution to the education of those people.

I'd like to close with some words of wisdom from my roommate, Eric Tavares, "Never flip off the band unless the band flips you off first—unless they suck. Then you can do whatever you want."

If that makes any sense to you then you are probably already experienced in these matters and didn't even need my help. If not, then I wish you the best of luck. I'll see you at a show sometime. I'll be the one sitting on your head.

Hey, I'm under the weight limit—it is allowed.

Music around the sound

Concert Calendar Oct. 29 thru Nov. 4

Friday, Oct. 29
Armor for Sleep, Number One Fan, Days Away, The Snake The Cross The Crown The Graceland; Doors at 4:30 pm, all ages/bar w/ID, \$8 advance

Mistress of Reality (all-female Black Sabbath tribute), *Sunder, The Abodox* Hell's Kitchen; 9 p.m., 21+, \$10

Saturday, Oct. 30
Poorsport, Orizon, Lucky for Nothing, Years to Zero, Pistol for a Paycheck The Graceland; doors at 4:30 p.m., all ages/bar w/ID, \$5 advance

YO SON! feat. DJ Scene, Soul One Neumo's; doors at 10 p.m., \$6

Sunday, Oct. 31
Enery, Brazil, A Thorn For Every Heart, Down to Earth Approach, Loved In Minnesota The Graceland; doors at 6 p.m., all Ages/bar w/ID, \$8

Schoolyard Heros, Aiden, On the Last Day Hell's Kitchen; 5 p.m., all ages/bar w/ID, \$7

All Ages Costume Party feat. *The Vicci Martinez Band* Jazz Bones; 5 p.m., all ages/bar w/ID, \$5 for students

Monday, Nov. 1
Acoustic Open Mic Jazz Bones; 6 p.m., all ages, FREE

Guitar Center Jam Jazz

Bones; 8:15 p.m., 21+, FREE

Tuesday Nov. 2
Saul Williams (amazing spoken-word, poetry) and *guests* Neumo's; doors at 7 p.m., all ages/bar w/ID, \$15

Thursday, Nov. 4
Roy, Eyes of Autumn, Patrol Hell's Kitchen; 9 p.m., 21+, \$3

Instant Winner, Twink the Wonder Kid, The Femurs The Graceland; doors at 7 p.m., all ages/bar w/ID, \$5

Good Charlotte, Sum 41 The Paramount Theatre; 7 p.m., all ages, \$27 via Ticket Master

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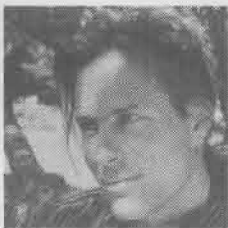
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10/08/04
While on routine patrol, Campus Safety noted an odor what was believed to be alcohol in Stuen Hall. Residence hall staff requested a room search.

A room search was conducted and no alcohol was found. A PLU student stated she had been "written-up" earlier that evening for alcohol she had brought back from an off-campus party.

Prior to conducting and during the search, all of the individuals involved were uncooperative, verbally aggressive and belligerent. One PLU student refused to follow the directions of three Campus Safety staff members to remain outside the room. Those involved were identified and the report was forwarded to Student Conduct for further action.

10/10/2004
A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report an ongoing conflict with her roommate and she was concerned for her safety. She and her roommate have been attempting to work through the conflict with resident hall staff but have had little or no success.

One reported the other has a volatile temper and was in possession of a large kitchen knife. Residence hall staff was contacted and the knife was removed. Residence hall staff spoke with both individuals. One student will be residing with a friend until the conflict is resolved through the Residential Life office.

A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report a pos-

sible harassing telephone call. The victim states she received a telephone call from an unidentified male who referred to her by two different names and claimed they had a class together. A report was completed and CATS has been contacted to determine the origin of the call.

10/12/2004
A PLU student accidentally activated the fire alarm in Stuen Hall. The student struck a fire alarm head with a Frisbee damaging the alarm head and activating the alarm.

The alarm could not be immediately reset and the residence hall was placed on fire watch until the alarm system could be repaired and reset. The alarm head was replaced and the system was reset within ninety minutes.

All notifications were made and a copy of the report has been forwarded to Student Conduct for further action.

10/16/2004
A PLU guest became trapped in the Tingelstad Hall elevator when the door was manually held open. The on-duty engineer was contacted and the individual was freed without further incident. The elevator was repaired and returned to service.

10/18/2004
While on routine patrol a Campus Safety student staff member slipped on wet pavement near the Alumni House causing a 3/4 inch laceration to his left knee. The wound was cleaned and bandaged. No further medical assistance was required. An Employee Injury Report was completed and distributed to the proper departments and individuals.

10/20/2004
A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report a former boyfriend had been harassing her on campus. She

stated the former boyfriend had been contacting her cellular phone and was on campus against her wishes. She reported he socialized in her residence hall with others and attempted to speak to her and contact her in her room.

She has considered obtaining a no contact order through Pierce County and wanted to inform Campus Safety of the situation in case it continues or escalates.

The former boyfriend is not a PLU student nor does he have any reason to be on campus.

10/21/2004
While on routine patrol Campus Safety observed a female kicking cars, waving her arms and yelling along Garfield Street. The female was nearly struck by two oncoming vehicles. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was contacted. Upon arrival, PCSD attempted to question the female. The female would not provide a last name and did not know where she was. PCSD contacted mental health professionals who arrived and transported the female without further incident.

10/25/2004
A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report he discovered two "bullets" on 124th Street near the Nesvig Parking Lot. Responding units retrieved two unspent .38 caliber rounds in the grass along the North side of 124th Street. The ammunition was turned over to PCSD.

Campus Safety and PCSD responded to a report of a firearm on campus. A .32 caliber revolver was recovered from Pflueger Hall. A PLU student was responsible for the weapon being on campus. It was originally reported the suspect exposed the weapon at an off campus party. PCSD confiscated the weapon and will be taking the necessary action.



Raeven Lee
and
Sophie Lou:
Resident
Gumshoes



Providing answers
and advice for the youth of today
and the leaders of tomorrow

Dear Lou and Lee,
I am in desperate need of advice. As of late I've been in a jumble of emotions and confusion. You see, there's a matter of the heart on hand. Romance is not my strong point. I tend to strike out more often than not when it comes to the lady folk. While I've been told many times I'm a fellow of affable qualities, none of my previous relationships have yet to work out. Herein lays the conundrum. This previous Friday I developed dreadfully intense emotions for a fine and forthright female whom I hardly know, and who knows not of me. What's worse, on this same day I became aware of another quite pleasant girl who I find equally desirable.

How often is it that on one day you find two potential soul mates? Now, in my desire to keep this situation anonymous I cannot tell you much, but let's call these girls "Fou" and "Fee." I became aware of these two delightful jewels while reading their work in the...um...yeah, the "Frast", our school's "Fewspaper". See, they write this "Fadvice Folumn" and their soothing words are intensely "Farousing".

Any advice fair maidens of love and delight? I mean...knowledgeable females of platonic nature, what should I do? Shall I court these two goddesses? And if I catch their attention, how could I ever choose? Thanks for your time,

Love, err, sincerely,
Falvin Foore

RL and SL:

Well Falvin, whoever these "Fou" and "Fee" ladies are, I'm sure they're both very lucky to have captured your attention. You didn't give us much in the way of a description, but we're sure your discriminating taste chooses only the finest.

First thing's first - pick one and stick to it. There's nothing a girl likes less than a flakey gent. So search the depths of your soul and make a decision as to which one is your true lady love. Once you've decided who your heart desires, the next logical step is courting her. Candy and flowers went out of style a long time ago. Nowadays the most important thing is making a lasting impression. Might we suggest an homage to one John Cusack in *Say Anything*.

1. Acquire a black trench coat and a very large boom box.
2. Purchase a tape of "Her favorite Sappy Song."
3. Don your new coat and lug the boom box to her house (or dorm room.)
4. Hoist the oversized boom box high over your head and press play.
5. Let the song play over and over again until she falls in love with you.

NOTE: Never set the boom box down. If your arms so much as buckle she will hate you forever.

Godzilla attacks use of nukes

ETHAN JENNINGS
Mast critic

As cheesy as the later films are, a lot of people forget—or plain don't know—that the original *Godzilla* was meant as a serious cautionary tale against the potential horrors of nuclear weapons. *Godzilla King of the Monsters* was the title to the reworked version of the 1954 Japanese movie *Gojira*, the first film to feature the G-man, when it was released in America in 1957.

Godzilla tells a straightforward story: American journalist Steve Martin (played by Raymond Burr from TV's *Perry Mason*) arrives in Japan to do a story on his longtime friend Dr. Yamane (Takashi Shimura of *Seven Samurai*).

Martin visits another friend, Dr. Serizawa (Akihiko Hirata). Shortly after arriving in Japan, he is caught up in a strange set of attacks on fishing boats in the Pacific Ocean. Eventually, it becomes apparent that a



giant radioactive dinosaur, awakened by U.S. hydrogen bomb tests, is creating all this havoc. Even worse, said dinosaur is on course for Tokyo.

Godzilla (named after a local legend) attacks Tokyo twice in the film, wreaking horrible damage on his first incursion and leveling the city on his second. After that, it's up to our heroes to stop him. Serizawa has developed a weapon he believes can kill Godzilla, but he is reluctant to use it, fearing that in the hands of humanity

it will unleash even greater horrors than the fire-breathing dinosaur.

Godzilla King of the Monsters is at times heavy-handed in its anti-nuclear message, but then again, it was made less than 10 years after the nuclear bombs were dropped on Japan. Some of the imagery is very bleak and disturbing—on occasion, footage from the aftermath of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is used for a post-*Godzilla* Tokyo—and the film is steadfastly pacifist.

The scenes in which Dr. Serizawa watches Godzilla destroy Tokyo on TV are reminiscent of seeing the planes go into the towers on Sept. 11, and remind the viewer that disaster may befall anyone.

Before it turned into a silly boxing match between rubber suits, the *Godzilla* series really did have a point, and nowhere is this better shown than in *Godzilla King of the Monsters*.

Take a study break!

<p>Maria Full of Grace (R) Daily: 4:45, 7:00, 9:15 Sat/Sun: 12:30, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15</p>	
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Men's soccer ends three-game losing streak with shutout

Men fall to fifth in the conference with 4-5-1 record, 15 points out of first place

MEGAN WOCHNICK
Mast sports reporter

Men's soccer was kicked around by UPS and Linfield but trounced Pacific University over the weekend.

The men's soccer team scored early in the game Sunday and kept Pacific University out of the goal for their second shutout of the season.

Junior forward Jon Novotney scored PLU's lone goal in the game, which came at the 16:29 mark. Novotney scored on a chip shot, with an assist

from first-year forward Mike Ferguson, that was out of reach for Pacific goalie Chris Caswell.

Rob Grolbert started at goalie for the Lutes and had his first shutout of the season. The Lutes' defense held Pacific at four total shots while PLU tallied 11 shots during the game.

With the home field advantage last week, Linfield and UPS defeated PLU.

"This is a hard conference to get wins on the road," head coach John Yorke said.

The Lutes couldn't overcome a strong offensive team Sunday, Oct. 17 and lost to the Linfield Wildcats 2-4.

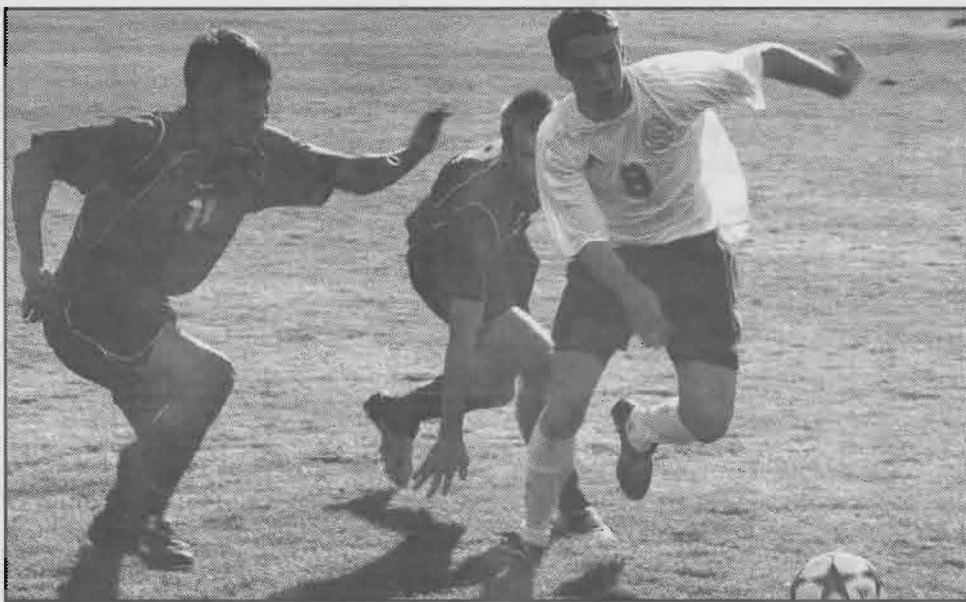
Ferguson and first-year forward Trevor Jacka each scored, but it was not enough to beat the defending conference champions.

"We always believe we have a good chance to win," Yorke said.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 2-1 lead at halftime, with goals by Jason Wong at the 20th minute and Kevin Popich at the 44th minute.

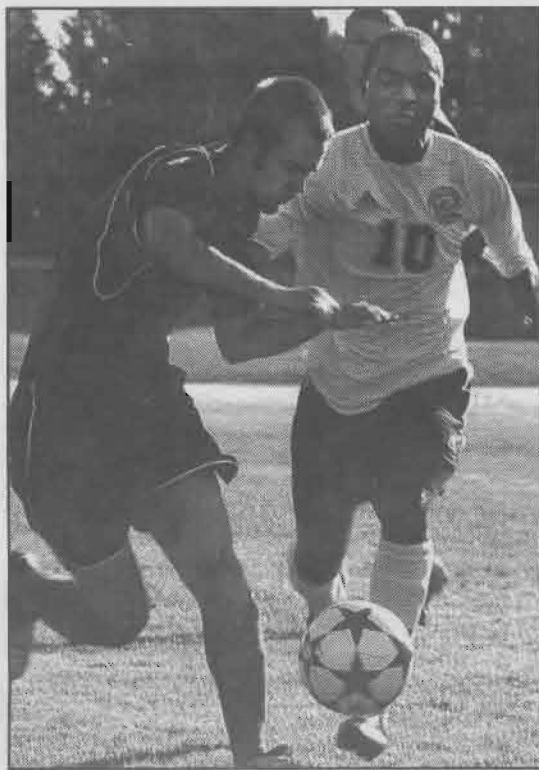
Ferguson scored his sixth goal of the season minutes before halftime, with an assist from first-year midfielder Jacob Adams.

Linfield had a 3-1 lead in the second half as Tyler Lundy scored on a penalty kick at the 56th minute.



Above: First-year standout Mike Ferguson is chased by two Pacific University players last Sunday. Ferguson currently leads the team with junior Kevin Murray in goals with six each. He is a part of a strong first-year class on the men's team.

Photo by Andy Sprain



Left: First-year Stephen Washington races for the ball against Pacific University last Sunday. The team is now fifth place overall in the NWC.

Photo by Andy Sprain

PLU closed within one goal as Jacka scored, bringing the score to 2-3.

Wong put in an insurance goal at the 87th minute, making the final score 4-2, Linfield.

"I still think they (Linfield) are a team we can beat," Yorke said. "But obviously they can beat us as well, and we give each other a good battle."

Junior goalkeeper Jared Harman made five saves in the loss.

Lutes were shutout on Oct. 13 by cross-town rival, University of Puget Sound, 2-0.

UPS's Josh Snyder and Andrew Hewitt scored for the Loggers, as they out-shot PLU 18-12 in the game. Snyder's goal came seconds

into the second half as he scored from six yards out and out of the reach for Harman. Hewitt's goal came at the 72-minute mark, as a corner kick from the left side found the back of the net.

"We thought we could keep them from scoring in the run of play but knew we had to stop them on set pieces," Yorke said. "They scored two goals on set pieces and they did well to stop us on our chances to score."

Harman and senior Matt Atwood shared time at goalie. Harman made four saves in the loss.

The Lutes (5-10-1, 4-5-1 NWC) return to action tomorrow when they host Whitworth at 1:30 p.m.

PLU volleyball digs 98 hits in Linfield match; third in region

KRISTEN LABATE
Mast sports reporter

The PLU volleyball team is on a phenomenal winning streak, adding four more wins to their record in the last two weeks. They now stand 11-1 in conference and 12-6 overall with first place standing in the Northwest Conference. PLU is ranked third in its region.

"I am not surprised at all how far this team has come this season," assistant coach Tim Templin said. "The first-year players have proved to be valuable assets to this team and the veteran players have really stepped up."

PLU hosted George Fox on Oct. 15 in Olson Gym. The match was quick, lasting three games, 30-21, 30-23 and 30-26.

PLU played Willamette Oct. 16. This was the heart attack match of the season. If you wanted to see an entertaining match, this was it. It was vital for PLU to win this match in order to retain first place in the NWC. They did, in three straight games.

"It was great to defeat Willamette and even better to do it in three games because it will help us down the road when the conference title is determined," senior captain middle blocker Julie Locke said.

To grasp the magnitude of this close match, PLU and Willamette tied 20 times just in the first game. The crowd got into it too, roaring loud with cheers. Just when it looked like Willamette was going to win the

first game, junior right side hitter Meghan Fagerberg put away the ball for a one-point lead and then served an ace to finish the match, 33-31.

PLU came out strong leading the second game 7-2. The Willamette Bearcats could not keep up with the Lutes' momentum. PLU won the game 30-24.

The Bearcats were not ready to settle. Willamette fought to stay alive in the third game by taking advantage of their fast-paced offense and scraping defense. They took the first lead, 8-5.

PLU regrouped and scored seven unanswered points to catch up to the Bearcats. To break PLU's scoring run, Willamette took a timeout. The timeout proved to be beneficial as they retook the lead, 23-19.

A few attack errors by Willamette evened the score at 25-25. Very much like the first game, there were several ties late in the game. Junior outside hitter Stephanie Turner pulled out two consecutive kills on the outside for victory.

Turner totaled 20 kills and first-year libero Megan Kosel accumulated 17 digs and three ace serves.

"I am so excited with our wins this season and hopefully we will just keep getting better and better with each passing game," Turner said.

Cross-town rivals met a second time this season. PLU faced UPS on Oct. 19. Having home court advantage did not help the Loggers. PLU defeated UPS in five games, 30-28, 21-30, 30-27, 26-30, 15-7.

Sophomore middle blocker Kati McGinn led the

team in kills with 19. Locke totaled 15 kills and senior outside hitter Lina Peloli totaled 13. First-year Gina DiMaggio reached a season and career best with 58 assists and Kosel also tallied a season and career best with 35 digs. DiMaggio accumulated 18 digs and Locke 17 digs.

While many PLU students relaxed over the four-day fall break the Lutes were busy practicing for their Linfield match in McMinnville, Ore. However, the Lutes did get out and have some fun. On Friday, Oct. 25 they went to the University of Washington to watch the UW volleyball team play California.

"It was amazing to watch them play. It helped our team prepare mentally for the Linfield match," sophomore middle blocker Jenn Henrichsen said.

It was a four game match against Linfield. The Wildcats captured the first game, 26-30. However, the Lutes cruised through the next three games for victory, 30-24, 30-26, 30-23. The PLU defense as a whole totaled an impressive 98 digs for the match.

Turner was named the NWC player of the week after the UPS and Linfield matches.

The Lutes will travel to eastern Washington this weekend for matches against Whitman and Whitworth.

"These will be tough matches because Whitman and Whitworth are competitive and some of our biggest rivals in the conference along with UPS and Linfield," head coach Kevin Aoki said.

PLU men's tennis earns All-American status at Nationals

ERIK HUSA
Mast sports intern

The Lutes were all the buzz at the Men's Fall National Tennis Championships in Fort Myers, Fla., Oct. 14-16, with a first round victory over number-one seed Emory University.

Having never competed together in Division III play, PLU juniors Richard Butenko and Matt Larimore turned heads with their debut on the national scene defeating Mark Odgers and Alex Jacombs 3-6, 7-5, 11-9 of Emory University in the first round.

"Players and coaches knew nothing of PLU before this tournament, but we're

making waves now," Larimore said.

Qualifying for nationals in doubles with a finals victory over a Hardin-Simmons duo Sept. 26 in Portland, Ore., the PLU pair of Larimore and Butenko felt they had nothing to lose competing at nationals.

"There are no points to lose. No rankings to defend. We have everything to gain and nothing to lose," Larimore said.

Eight teams from eight regions across the United States competed in the tournament, participants in the tournament will be recognized at the end of the 2004-2005 season as All-Americans.

Leading up to the tournament, Butenko was unsure of what to expect. He played in numerous national events

when he was thirteen, but never at the collegiate level.

"These guys are practically pros. To come up with a victory at the start. That was huge for us," Butenko said.

Compliments and questions flew from all directions toward the two Lutes as they fought and lost their next two rounds to place fourth in the tournament overall. Losing first to University of California Santa Cruz 6-4, 6-3; then losing to second seeded Adam Morgan and Brett Morse-Karzen of Gustavus Adolphus College.

"The follow up matches were tough. [UC] Santa Cruz is a tough team but we hung right with them only letting one break of serve go un-matched," Butenko

said. "It was hard for either team to get a huge rhythm it was so windy that day."

In a play off for third and fourth, Larimore felt the match was just an unfortunate day on the court. Struggling to convert on the big points and having to fend off the serve of Morse-Karzen at a crucial time in the third set tiebreaker.

"They came up with the goods at all the right times," Larimore said.

The Lutes' final score was 6-7, 6-1, 10-5.

"It was an honor and a delight to be so lucky to go. Those experiences are what athletes play for. That's why we work so hard," Larimore said.

Half court chatter: Is baseball America's real national pastime?



KRISTEN LABATE
Mast sports columnist

I stood in the hallway of Hong last Wednesday, and I turned my head to see what the commotion was about. Milliseconds later, two students rounded the corner running and screaming with excitement, "the Red Sox beat the Yankees."

What was all this baseball madness about? It was just the baseball playoffs. Granted baseball is known as America's favorite pastime, but I have never witnessed such hype.

The University Center even had the playoff teams' flags hanging from the kitchen ceiling, not to mention the World Series theme meal on Wednesday.

Once again, I was still puzzled by this baseball phenomenon. The most I knew about baseball was the great childhood movie, *The Sandlot*.

Like the inquisitor I am, I set off on a mission to unravel the mystery behind the hype. I talked with various students on the matter. I learned that the Yankees baseball team was far from the favorite.

Apparently, the Red Sox haven't won a World Series since 1918. History has it, that in 1920 when Babe Ruth was

sold to the New York Yankees. This cursed the Red Sox. So, to see the Red Sox have a shot at the World Series title, I guess, was a big deal to students on campus!

I usually root for the underdog, so after hearing both sides of the story, I am glad the Red Sox beat the great empire, the Yankees. But sweet comebacks happen all the time in sports. So, why should we get all bent out of shape for this one?

I know baseball is America's pastime, but it isn't my pastime. I personally find it hard to get into. Oh, I have an idea, how about I throw a ball as hard as I can at you, YOU swing at it, hopefully hit it and run as fast as you can to that square object to your right. And if you get out you have to wait for eight other people to hit before you get another chance. Where's the entertainment as a player or a spectator?

Regardless of my lack of enthusiasm for baseball, I still have a burning desire to guess who is going to win the World Series. Will it be the Red Sox or is Babe Ruth just teasing us?

Since 1918 the Red Sox have appeared in only four World Series and lost all four of them in the seventh game.

I just do not know if Babe Ruth is ready to forgive the Red Sox. One can never rule out the superstitious element. But what do I know? My only baseball education is the movie, *The Sandlot*.



TYLER OCHSNER
Mast sports columnist

Growing up, I was one of those little leaguers who dreamed of pitching with two outs, bases loaded and a full count in the ninth inning of the World Series. I vividly remember playing baseball in the backyard with my dad and brother nearly 15 years ago.

Baseball has been a national pastime since its invention in Cooperstown, NY in 1839. Why has it been our national pastime for all those years? There is no one reason it has continued to be an integral part of America's entertainment throughout the decades.

Following the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, baseball was the first sport to resume play. Through baseball, Americans displayed their national loyalty, patriotism and courage in a time of turmoil. For others, it was simply an escape from a terrible reality. It was the first sport that paused to play "God Bless America" in the midst of a game to remember those who lost or sacrificed their lives on that dreadful day.

You may ask how baseball requires skill, talent or knowledge. Baseball requires exact precision and timing. The pitcher must throw the ball, with a variety of spins, across a 17-inch wide

plate that sits about 60 feet away. The hitter must time a pitch that is coming at speeds of 80 to 90 mph. The fielder must judge the distance of the ball in order to catch or field it.

My passion results from the excitement and suspense that builds. A single, perfectly-placed pitch, a crack of the bat, a diving catch and a close call can dictate which team will win. In October, this short, but pivotal moment can determine which professional team will be the grand champion of the baseball world. This is the fall classic.

This year, the Boston Red Sox went on a playoff run even more remarkable than the Seattle Mariners in 1995. Facing the most improbable odds, they overcame a 0-3 game deficit to eliminate the New York Yankees 4-3 in a best-of-seven-game American League Championship Series. This marked the first time in baseball history that a team came back to win a series after trailing by that margin.

After the Yankee downfall, the only remaining team standing in the 2004 playoffs was the St. Louis Cardinals; winners of the national league pennant. Boston has outmatched St. Louis in this year's World Series. The curse has finally been erased 86 years after Boston last stepped into the winner's circle! After they win it all, an eruption from an ecstatic Red Sox community will be heard around the world...or at least in Boston.

Football steamrolls Lewis & Clark 42-0

LINCOLN VANDER VEEN
Mast sports reporter

PLU football traveled south down I-5 Saturday and completely dismantled a hapless Lewis & Clark team 42-0. The win runs the Lutes record to 2-1 in conference and 5-1 overall while Lewis & Clark remains winless in conference play.

The Lutes scored on their first two possessions of the day on sophomore Matt Steiner's 13-yard scamper and senior Ryan Simpson's 1-yard plunge. PLU piled up over 400 yards on the ground in the end. Sophomore Anthony Canger led the rushing attack gaining 99 yards on only 12 carries and also contributed touchdown runs of 38 and nine yards.

"We definitely did some good things offensively,"

Canger said. "We executed well offensively and the defense dominated throughout. They never let up."

The defensive dominance was evident from the beginning. The Lutes held Lewis & Clark to a measly 55 rushing yards and 142 total yards.

The victory over Lewis & Clark was PLU's 11th in a row and 30th out of 40 attempts. This win was the first blowout of the season for the Lutes. Their first four victories were all close, hard-fought battles that were decided late in the fourth quarter.

PLU will play host to Willamette University tomorrow with kickoff set to occur at 1:30 p.m. It will mark the final home game of the season for PLU and the outcome will be immensely important in their bid for the playoffs.



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		Women's Soccer PLU v. Whitworth 11 a.m.	Women's Soccer PLU v. Whitman 11 a.m.				
		Men's Soccer PLU v. Whitworth 1:30 p.m.	Men's Soccer PLU v. Whitman 1:30 p.m.				

Boston fans need to get over the curse and move on

Appreciate what you have before lamenting over what you do not have



On the ball
Brian Jones

Look, there is the Boston Red Sox bandwagon. Let's all jump on!

For those who cannot pick up sarcasm in print, I am spreading it on heavily.

I will admit I picked the Red Sox to win in seven games over the Yankees. KCNS has the tape to prove it. Do not get me wrong, I want them to win, but not in that fashion. I was hoping for seven 3-2 games, not the second greatest comeback of all time. (The greatest comeback was the 1995 Seattle Mariners. I will fight to the death over that one.)

I am still cheering for Boston, but for one reason. To end the curse. I want Red Sox fans to stop whining. I want them to stop blaming Buckner. I want them to say they broke it and it took a center-fielder looking like Jesus to do it.

I know you are confused. Here is the bur in my saddle.

Boston complains all the time about the curse. It is to the point that it has infected all of sports media. All I hear about on ESPN and ESPN.com is the Boston Red Sox and the Curse of the Bambino.

For those of you who do not know what the curse is, let me enlighten you.

In 1918 the Red Sox won their fifth World Series, the most by any club at that time. One of the stars of the Boston championship franchise was a young pitcher by the name of George Herman Ruth, aka, The Babe or The Bambino.

In 1920, Red Sox owner Harry Frazee needed money to finance his girlfriend's play, so he sold Babe Ruth's contract to Colonel Jacob Ruppert's New York Yankees for \$100,000 (plus a loan collateralized by Fenway Park).

Since then, the Yankees, who had never won a World Championship before acquiring Ruth, have gone on to win 26, and are arguably one of the greatest success stories in the history of sports.

Meanwhile, the Boston Red Sox have appeared in only four World Series since 1918. They lost each one in game seven. This year is their fifth World Series

appearance. Many consider Boston's performance after the departure of Babe Ruth to be attributed to "The Curse of the Bambino."

Along the way, Boston had Dave Henderson's blast to win the American League Championship Series and Charlton Fisk's famous shot over the green monster in the World Series. But they suffered through Bill Buckner's play of the ball going between his legs. They suffered through Aaron Boone's home run last year.

All I have to say is, "STOP COMPLAINING." As a city, you've had two Super Bowls in the past three years. You have the record of most consecutive wins for an NFL team.

You had the Celtic dynasty with Red Auerbach and Bill Russell to Larry Bird, Robert Parish and Kevin McHale. The Celtics won 16 championships.

What about the Boston Bruins? They are part of the Original Six in hockey and one of the most storied franchises. They've won three championships and played home to some of the greatest hockey players of all time in the likes of Bobby Orr, Ray Bourque and Cam Neely.

What more do you want? Boston is one of the fabled cities of sports. When people speak of Boston sports, they use names like Larry Bird, Bill Russell, Ray Bourque, Tom Brady, Phil Esposito and Ted Williams. Only Boston fans remember Buckner. The man still gets heckled to this day.

Suck it up. Your city has more legacy and legend to it than Seattle ever will. We can look fondly back on the days of the 1917 Seattle Metropolitans (Sarcasm again). All we ever had were the Sonics of the later '70s. By later 1970s I mean '78 and '79.

We have had about four good seasons from each of our franchises. Boston has had dynasties. We have three championships since 1900, you've had two in three years.

You pine over one sport's team, we lament over three.

So I'll be cheering for the Red Sox. I will cheer for a sweep. I hope Johnny Damon is the savior and David Ortiz plays lights out. But I only hope that so Boston will stop complaining.

Take responsibility, there will be no sympathy from me.

Scorecard

Cross-Country

Men's

RESULTS
10/16/04

NIKE Jim Danner - Troutdale, OR

Robinson, Brendan, Portland, 20:00.91.
2, Olinger, Chris, Portland, 20:04.12.
3, Perez, Matt, Portland, 20:09.08.
4, Butkey, John, Clackamas CC, 20:10.09.
5, Hollingshead, Aaron, Willamette, 20:13.63.
6, Houck, Justin, unattached, 20:19.20.
7, Quackenbush, Mike, unattached, 20:19.76.
8, Coolidge, Trevor, Portland, 20:26.35.
9, Harris, Travis,

Willamette, 20:28.06.
9, Dunn, Zach, Lane CC, 20:28.06.
48, NUGENT, TYLER, PLU, 21:25.43.
61, OSWALD, ADAM, PLU, 22:01.37.
71, CHILCOAT, KENNETH, PLU, 22:18.43.
84, FISH, COREY, PLU, 22:59.32.
90, JOHNSON, BEN, PLU, 23:16.18.
94, JOHNSON, BRYAN, PLU, 23:42.08.
99, CHRIS, RAMIREZ, PLU, 25:28.42.

Women's

RESULTS
10/16/04

NIKE Jim Danner - Troutdale, OR

Bloomer, Lorilynn, unattached, 17:59.19.

2, Rumore, Danya, Willamette, 18:08.14.
3, Connelly, Camille, Washington, 18:08.41.
4, Metcalfe, Kelsey, Portland "B", 18:11.79.
5, Holbert, Kari, Willamette, 18:20.78.
6, Funk-Danielson, Brenda, unattached, 18:21.82.
7, Marshall, Sitges, Highline CC, 18:23.83.
8, DeVilbiss, Bethany, PLU, 18:31.01.
9, Jamieson, Ashley, PLU, 18:29.99.
10, Phinister, Molly, Willamette, 18:35.38.
32, Walters, Shawn, PLU, 19:30.23.
47, Salzman, Becca, PLU, 20:10.18.
83, Bartling, Jillian, PLU, 21:25.37.
94, Jacobson, Liz, PLU, 21:51.99.
96, Berdahl, Chelsea, PLU, 22:07.84.
103, Firnstahl, Joanie Kay, PLU, 23:41.84.

Football

Standings

Team	NWC	All	PF	PA
Linfield	3-0	6-0	283	160
Willamette	2-0	5-2	198	115
PLU	2-1	5-1	186	134
Whitworth	1-1	5-1	242	204
L & C	0-2	1-5	58	194
UPS	0-4	3-4	139	157

BOX SCORE

10/23/04

Pacific Lutheran 18 3 14 7 - 42
Lewis & Clark 0 0 0 0 - 0

First Quarter

PLU - Steiner 13 run (kick failed), 11:13.

PLU - Simpson 1 run (pass failed), 8:00.

PLU - Macauley 52 run (pass failed), 3:59.

Second Quarter

PLU - Hodel 25 field goal, 11:37.

Third Quarter

PLU - Canger 38 run (Hodel kick), 12:54.

PLU - Canger 9 run (Hodel kick), 9:56.

Fourth Quarter

PLU - Maine 3 run (Hodel kick), 3:18.

	PLU	L&C
First Downs	23	9
Rushes yards	52-401	29-55
Passing yards	83	87
Return yards	113	95

Comp-Att 7-18-0 14-29-2
Sacked-Yards lost 0-0 4-29
Punts 4-36.2 8-33.4
Fumbles-Lost 0-0 1-0
Penalties-Yards 8-103 1-5
Possession time 31:25 28:35

Individual Statistics

RUSHING - Pacific Lutheran, Canger 12-99, Steiner 8-73, Macauley 1-52, Simpson 10-46, McDonald 6-41, Reed 2-26, Stahl 3-24, McCall 3-23, Johnson 3-9, de Vries 2-5, Maine 2-3. Lewis & Clark, Wennerlind 7-39, Hitsman 4-7, Miller 3-5, Pugmire 9-3, Moyer 3-2, Doherty 3-minus 1.

PASSING - Pacific Lutheran, Macauley 4-12-0-39, Maine 3-6-0-44. Lewis & Clark, Moyer 8-16-1-68, Pugmire 6-13-1-19.

RECEIVING - Pacific Lutheran, Washburn 2-16, Johnson 1-31, McCall 1-12, Chiado 1-12, Canger 1-9, Nichols 1-3, Lewis & Clark, Miller 6-39, Wennerlind 6-25, Jany 2-23.

MISSED FIELD GOALS - None.

Soccer

Men's

Standings

Team	NWC	Pts.	All	GF	GA
Whitworth	9-1-1	28	12-2-1	40	15
UPS	7-2-1	22	10-2-3	34	8
Linfield	7-3-1	22	9-7-1	32	22
PLU	4-5-1	13	5-10-1	23	39
Pacific	4-6	12	5-9	19	29
G. Fox	3-6-1	10	4-9-2	21	32
Willamette	3-8	9	3-11-2	13	38
Whitman	2-8-1	7	4-20-1	17	31

RESULTS

10/13/04
UPS def. Pacific Lutheran 2-0

10/17/04
Linfield def. Pacific Lutheran 4-2

10/24/04
Pacific Lutheran def. Pacific 1-0

Women's

Standings

Team	NWC	Pts.	All	GF	GA
UPS	11-1	33	14-1	51	4

Whitworth 10-2-1 31 11-4-1 34 19
PLU 7-4-1 22 7-6-2 21 24
Whitman 7-5-1 22 10-6-1 33 23
Willamette 6-5-1 19 8-6-2 31 20
G. Fox 5-8 15 8-9 30 29
Pacific 4-7-2 14 5-8-2 23 23
Linfield 3-9 9 3-12-1 16 36
L & C 0-12 0 2-12-1 18 29

RESULTS

10/16/04
Pacific Lutheran def. Lewis & Clark 3-2

10/17/04
Pacific Lutheran def. Linfield 1-0

10/20/04
UPS def. Pacific Lutheran 4-0

10/24/04
Pacific Lutheran def. Pacific 4-1

Volleyball

Standings

Team	NWC	GB	All
PLU	11-1	-	12-6
Willamette	10-2	1	16-5
Whitworth	9-3	2	16-4
G. Fox	6-6	5	11-10
Linfield	5-7	6	7-11
Whitman	5-7	6	7-13
UPS	4-8	7	5-15
L & C	2-10	9	3-15
Pacific	2-10	9	3-17

RESULTS

10/15/04
Pacific Lutheran def. George Fox 30-21, 30-23, 30-26.

10/16/04
Pacific Lutheran def. Willamette 33-31, 30-24, 33-31.

10/19/04
Pacific Lutheran def. UPS 30-28, 21-30, 30-27, 26-30, 15-7.

10/23/04
Pacific Lutheran def. Linfield 26-30, 30-24, 30-26, 30-23.

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Crew teams race hard at Head of Silcox, finish fall season strong



The men's varsity eight pushes out onto American Lake during the Head of the Silcox Regatta last Saturday. They raced hard for a fourth place finish. The crew teams stroked to one first place finish and two second place finishes.

Photo by Justin Jones

Women's soccer wins two games, moves into third place

BREANNE COATS
Mast sports reporter

The women's soccer team bounced back from their loss against cross-town rival University of Puget Sound last Friday and defeated Pacific last Sunday. The Lutes traveled to Oregon Oct. 16 and 17 and earned two victories after defeating Lewis & Clark and Linfield.

"All in all it went well," senior goalie Kim Bosley said. "We ended up winning."

The Lutes struck fast against Pacific University and PLU senior forward Brita Lider scored after only a minute of play off a deflected shot by teammate sophomore defender Jackie Oehmcke.

The Lutes had strong communication up front and after a strong teamwork play among junior forward Andrea Gabler, Lider and first-year midfielder Melissa Buitrago, who scored at the 29:05 mark.

Gabler then got two goals of her own, one off the crossbar at the 37:10 mark and the next reflected off the goalie after 40 minutes of play. The Lutes entered the second half with a 4-0 lead.

Pacific refused to be shutout and Pacific's Angela Burcar scored after 64:45 of play. The final score of the game was 4-1.

UPS shutout the Lutes with a score of 4-0. UPS' Courtney Kjar scored after 15 minutes of play and Abbie Ogaard scored at the 37:52 mark.

In the second half they repeated themselves and earned two goals, the first one scored by Adrienne Folsom at 51:25 and their final goal by Katie Gillette after 86 minutes of play. UPS took a total of 16 shots compared to PLU's one.

A more positive note for the Lutes was when Gabler earned a hat trick by scoring three goals on Oct. 16 and scored the only goal on Sunday.

"It's really exciting," Gabler said. "I couldn't have

done it without my teammates."

The Lutes triumphed over the Lewis & Clark Pioneers on Saturday by a score of 3-2. The Lutes practiced inside all week to prepare for the astro-turf field that Lewis & Clark plays on. The Pioneers used an offside trap on the Lutes again, but this time was not as effective.

"We exploited their weaknesses," Gabler said. "We were able to play balls through. We were a lot faster up front and the ball plays really fast on the turf. We got more scoring opportunities that way."

Gabler scored the first goal off a chip shot that went over the Lewis & Clark goalie's head, after 9:38 of play. However, Lewis & Clark's Lisa Housman scored at the 27:19 mark to tie the game going into the second half.

Neither team was able to score again until Gabler scored the Lutes second goal with 14 minutes left in the game. The Lutes seemed to have sealed the victory until Lewis & Clark's Alison Hudson scored to tie the game with 53 seconds left in regulation time.

The Lutes were determined not to go into overtime. They worked the ball from the kick-off to a corner kick where junior midfielder Alyssa Burleson hit the post of



Above: Junior Brita Lider fends off Angela Burcar of Pacific University last Sunday. The women played hard and propelled themselves into a third place position in the Northwest Conference. They trail first place UPS by 11 points.

Photo by Andy Sprain

the goal and Gabler was able to score her third and game-winning goal with only six seconds left in the game.

"It was a great ball it ended up a free for all and with six seconds left your pretty desperate," Gabler said.

The Lutes defeated Linfield Sunday with a final score of 1-0.

"We started out slow, but we stepped it up in the second half," Gabler said. "Even though we didn't play our best we still found a way to win and come together as a team and find a way to win."

Linfield out-shot PLU, Bosley came out of the game with the shutout and eight saves.

"I'm happy with my performance, [the action] was typically more than I'd want," Bosley said. "There are a lot of games, [however], when I haven't played my best and the offense had to pick it up."

The only score of the game occurred in the 73rd minute. Gabler headed in a cross made by sophomore forward Nicole Roeder.

The team has won five of its last six games and is feeling positive about their season and the way the team plays together.

"It's great how much we're coming together," Gabler said. "To have a talented team with chemistry makes for a good season and that's what we got going."

The Lutes record is now 7-6-2 overall and 7-5-1 in conference play.

Left: Sophomore Jackie Oehmcke keep the ball in bounds along the corner against Pacific last Sunday.

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