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Veterans Celebration

ROTC appreciates veterans today

MOLLY KELLER
Mast copy editor

A new generation of Lutes participating in Army ROTC will honor local veterans today as the student color guard proudly carries the Star-Spangled Banner in a university-sponsored Veterans Day ceremony.

The celebration is open to the public, and begins at noon in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Leading the Pacific Lutheran ROTC entry will be Master Sgt. Lee Baleme, the program's senior military instructor. The color guard will march onstage to present the American and Washington state flags, post the colors and retreat.

The flags of the 50 states will be previously arranged onstage, placed in order of the states' entries into the union.

"It's PLU's way of showing its thanks for the many service members, past and present, who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today," Baleme said.

Student Brianne Lueth will then take the stage to sing the national anthem a capella. Mark Mulder, director of Auxiliary Services at PLU, will deliver a message of

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ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED SQUARE, BLUE FISH



Photo by Hakme Lee

Art attack: A frightening fish manifested on the bricks of Red Square this week. The unattributed art, made with white and blue masking tape, was an addition to the masking tape outlines of two human figures that appeared in Red Square weeks earlier.

Ambassadors to Namibia bring AIDS discussion to the forefront

Visitors meet provost, students to share insights about Africa

DYLAN GINTZ
Mast news intern

Ambassadors to Namibia Joyce Barr and Jonathan Moore from Stanford University visited PLU Nov. 3 to share their experiences in both the Foreign Service and their efforts against HIV-AIDS in the African country Namibia.

The two discussed in the Cave at 3:30 p.m. the joint effort of the United States and Namibia against the disease.

Barr said if the population of the United States had the same rate of infection as Namibia, then approximately 30 million U.S. citizens would be infected with HIV-AIDS. Namibia has approximately 2 million people living in an area of land that is slightly larger than half the size of Alaska, making it sparsely populated.

Barr grew up in Tacoma and received her bachelor's from PLU in 1976. Moore earned degrees from American University and George Washington University, and is a career U.S. Foreign Service Officer and is on appointment to the Hoover Institution at Stanford University researching the Presi-

dent's Emergency Plants for AIDS Relief.

Barr said she is often asked how the \$40 million sent by Congress to fight HIV-AIDS is spent.

"It is going to build capacity in Public Health; training nurses, transportation and funding of both private and public hospitals," Barr said.

Moore said Namibia was close to its spending limit.

Barr described the approach to fighting HIV-AIDS in Namibia as the ABC program. "A" stands for abstinence, or waiting for sexual intercourse, "B" for being faithful to just one partner and "C" for condom use. She added that the acronym might be amended to include the letter "D" for diagnosis. She credits the increasing effectiveness of diagnosis partly to anti-retroviral drugs that can prolong an HIV positive person's life for decades.

"If you think you are going to die, then many people don't want to know about it," Barr said.

Moore disputed the notion that the spread of HIV is aided by poverty and lack of infrastructure.

He said South Africa "generally has clean water, and they generally have electricity and extensive infrastructure."



Photo by Brian Bradshaw

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Ambassador to Namibia Joyce Barr (right) visits Nov. 3 with Provost Jim Pence (left) and education professor Paula Leitz in the president's office. Later that day, Barr and fellow Ambassador to Namibia Jonathan Moore talked to students in The Cave about the AIDS epidemic in Africa. Barr is a native to Tacoma, Wash., and a PLU alumna.

STATE, NATION, WORLD BRIEFINGS

Local to Global news

Seattle's monorail: The fate of the beleaguered monorail project hinges on city voters yet again. This time they'll be deciding on a scaled-back version of the plan that won by a razor-thin margin three years ago. If Proposition 1 passes, monorail leaders say, they could break ground on the 10.6-mile Green Line next year. If it fails, it will be the end of the road for a civic dream the city has clung to ever since a one-mile line was built for the Seattle World's Fair in 1962. The Seattle Monorail Project has taken serious heat since June, when it unveiled a 50-year \$11.4 billion financing plan that included \$9 billion in interest on low-grade bonds — more than four times the project's estimated price tag. But monorail critics say the project has been so hopelessly mismanaged that it needs to be scrapped.

One killed, two wounded in Jacksboro, Tenn., school shooting: A teenager shot and killed an assistant principal and seriously wounded two other administrators at a high school Tuesday, officials said. The student was arrested. Campbell County High School assistant principal Ken Bruce was shot in the chest just after 2 p.m. and died soon after at a hospital, law enforcement and school officials said. The suspect was grazed in the hand by a bullet fired from his own .22-caliber handgun during a scuffle with the administrators and an unidentified teacher who helped wrestle the gun away, the sheriff said. No other students were injured. Principal Gary Seale was shot in the lower abdomen and assistant principal Jim Pierce was shot in the chest. Seale was in serious condition and Pierce in critical condition at University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, spokeswoman Lisa McNeal said. School will be closed the rest of the week, and counselors will be available to help students and teachers on Monday, schools director Judy Blevins said.

CIA makes referral to Justice Department on secret prisons story: The CIA took the first step toward criminal investigation of a leak of possibly classified information on secret prisons to The Washington Post, a U.S. official said Tuesday. The agency's general counsel sent a report to the Justice Department about the Post story, which reported the existence of secret U.S. detention centers for suspected terrorists in Eastern Europe. The newspaper's story, printed a week ago, said the CIA has been hiding and interrogating some of its most important al-Qaida captives at a Soviet-era compound in Eastern Europe, part of a covert prison system set up by the agency four years ago that at various times has included sites in eight countries. Those countries, said the story, include several democracies. On Capitol Hill, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and House Speaker Dennis Hastert called for a congressional investigation into the disclosure of the existence of the secret prisons.

The above briefs were gleaned from the Associated Press wire service.



AP Photo/Bob Edme

France reaches out to angry youths: France declared a state of emergency Tuesday to quell the country's worst unrest since the student uprisings of 1968 that toppled a government, and the prime minister said the nation faced a "moment of truth" over its failure to integrate Arab and African immigrants and their children. The extraordinary security measures, which began Wednesday and are valid for 12 days, clear the way for curfews after nearly two weeks of rioting in neglected and impoverished neighborhoods within largely Muslim communities. Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, tacitly acknowledging that France has failed to live up to its egalitarian ideals, reached out to the heavily immigrant suburbs where the rioting began. He said France must make a priority of working against the discrimination that feeds the frustration of youths made to feel they do not belong in France.

Business Update

Traditionally, stocks have advanced as the year's end approaches. The Dow Jones Industrial Average has suffered a fourth-quarter decline just once during the past 10 years, according to The Wall Street Journal. That drop was less than 1 percent, however, and could not keep the Dow from finishing with a strong annual gain. During the crushing 2000 to 2002 bear market, the Dow managed a fourth-quarter gain each year.

Not surprisingly, most investors think this year will be the same. One bull is William Miller, manager of the \$16.6 billion Legg Mason Value Trust mutual fund, who is famous for outperforming the Standard & Poor's 500 in each of the past 14 years. In an unusually strongly worded letter to shareholders, Miller said stocks are overdue for a big gain. He pointed to the strong economy, cash-flush corporate balance sheets and healthy corporate-profit growth, and argued that stock prices are low compared with expected profits.

Even skeptics hesitate to forecast anything different. Bears tend to predict not the market's fall, but that its gain will be small and that the new year could be rough. Following last week's .5 percent surge, the Dow industrials are down 2.3 percent for the year, according to The Wall Street Journal. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index is up less than 1 percent for the year. The hope, however, is that the perennial fourth-quarter rally will leave both with gains when the year ends.

Despite this short-term optimism, many investors think the focus on a year-end rally is shortsighted. "We are very concerned about the market going forward

next year," said Chris Orndorff, head of stock investment at Los Angeles investment-management group Payden & Rygel. He thinks oil prices will head back up and interest rates will keep rising, hurting economic growth and knocking blue-chip stocks down 15 percent. But "it is hard to know when people are going to start to focus on those factors," he says. For now, they might be too busy pumping money into stocks in anticipation of a year-end rally.

Why do stocks do so well at the year's end? Some think it is a holdover from the days when farmers deposited money in banks after harvests, according to The Wall Street Journal. Others say the reason is anticipation of the January flow of retirement money into stocks. Still others say it is that many companies book most of their sales and profits in the fourth quarter, as clients buy ahead of the new year. Whatever the reason, there is no guarantee that stocks will rally now. Investors were so optimistic in August about the coming fourth-quarter rally that they pushed indexes up sharply, with the Dow hitting a four-month high and the Standard & Poor's 500 hitting a four-year high. The hope was that the Federal Reserve would soon end its campaign of interest rate increases. But that hope and the summer rally were dashed by a series of Fed, the federal bank of the United States, statements indicating inflation concerns are likely to require more rate increases for a long period of time.

Business update compiled by Evan Unzelman.

SAFETY BEAT

CAMPUS SAFETY

Oct. 31:

A stairwell window was broken in Hinderlie Hall. Facilities Management was contacted for cleanup and covered the window.

A student contacted Campus Safety (CSIN) to request bandages for an injured arm and hand. Because the student could not remember how or where the injuries occurred, Central Pierce Fire and Rescue was contacted, and transported the student to St. Clare Hospital.

A staff member with chest pains contacted CSIN. CPFR was contacted, and the staff member was transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

A student reported his bike had been stolen from the east entrance of Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

Nov. 1:

CSIN was contacted about a shoving match between students. The matter has been forwarded to Student Conduct.

A student reported her car had been broken into while parked on

125th Street South

Nov. 2:

CSIN was contacted to assist a student who had been stung by a bee in Tingelstad Hall. Ice was applied and CPFR was not needed.

Nov. 3:

A student contacted CSIN to request ice for a twisted ankle.

Nov. 4:

A student contacted CSIN to request ice for a twisted ankle.

Nov. 6:

CSIN was contacted for assistance with an alcohol-related write-up. The matter was forwarded to Student Conduct.

CAMPUS SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't let strangers into your building or room. If there is any suspicious person(s) or activity around your building, report it to Campus Safety by dialing ext. 7911 on campus.

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PLU reduces, reuses

University wins award for being one of the best recyclers in its category

SAM CHREST
Mast news reporter

The PLU Facilities Management team continues to set the tone for PLU's award-winning recycling program.

The Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) awarded Environmental Services in May with an official acknowledgement of the department's efforts in the field of on-campus recycling. The award highlights PLU as one of the best recyclers in its class as a university.

"PLU is a school that values

"Recycling is a way to show that we are conscious of our environment and community."

Kat Qualheim
senior

community," said senior Kat Qualheim, a former Environmental Services employee. "Recycling is a way to show that we are conscious of our environment and community."

One indication of success is the high percentage of waste that is recycled at PLU. While the average rate for universities is 35 percent, PLU annually turns 60 percent of waste into recycling material.

Barb McConathy, a faculty member in Environmental Services, applied for the award on behalf of PLU. McConathy and other Environmental Services staff members have worked to increase the ease with which PLU students are able to recycle.

"Barb has been a tremendously positive force on campus in creating awareness," said senior Willie Painter, president of ASPLU. "She has been a source of action and change."

PLU's dedication to recycling makes it a prevalent option on campus. Each residence hall has communal recycling containers and individual bins in each room. These bins are also located in many other buildings on campus.

"Our goal is to continue to meet our recycling goals," said McConathy. "We want recycling bins to be easy to use, and let people know that they are there."

The WSRA is a non-profit organization created to support the recycling industry and promote recycling in Washington state.

Eastvold revitalized

SAM CHREST
Mast news reporter

Renovating Eastvold has been an ongoing project, but PLU hopes to finish it by 2009.

The project aims to improve the design, function and appearance of Eastvold over the next four years. Creating offices for the theatre department and humanities division is also on the agenda.

"The houses that currently house faculty are inefficient in terms of heating and power," said project chair Sheri Tonn, vice president of finance and operations. "Because the theatre department uses Eastvold, it was logical that they should have offices there. The humanities offices are spread out among different houses, and we wanted to group humanities together."

Plans for the building, originally built in 1952, will be completed in two phases. The first phase will focus on updating the theatre and chapel areas of the auditorium.

"We want to update the theatre and dance areas and make the chapel more accessible," said Monica Hurley, a member of the Development Office who is involved with the project.

To meet goals of increased accessibility, the area outside of the chapel will be widened and a second-floor entrance will be created. In addition to creating new space, the project will improve existing functions. Running water will be installed in the sacristy and a new niche will be carved out for an organ.

The theatre will also be expanded. The balcony will be removed, and declining seating will be installed. In addition, the size of the lobby will be increased.

"Plays like 'Laramie Project' lend themselves wonderfully to before and after discussion," Hurley said. "We want to make a better gathering place in the theatre."

Sophomore Tristan Morris has acted in many Eastvold performances, including "The Laramie Project" and last spring's "Brigadoon."

"I have enjoyed working in Eastvold with what we have, but it does need to be improved and I will look forward to seeing the changes," Morris said.

The second phase of the project will involve the area currently utilized by KPLU, the public radio station broadcast from campus. This area will be the new location for the

faculty offices of the theatre and humanities departments. This will create a centralized location for faculty members to interact, discuss events and plan curriculum. The location will give humanities and theatre faculty opportunities to work together in the future.

"The work with humanities has real potential," said Ed Inch, dean of the school of the arts and theatre. "We think it could be a strong alliance."

Theatre faculty members are currently housed in the Park Avenue house, and humanities faculty is spread throughout campus. Knorr House, a primary house for humanities, will be demolished.

"Knorr house is the most inefficient of the houses," Tonn said. "It will create some more open space in that area."

The first phase is scheduled

to be finished by early 2008, and the second phase is scheduled for 2009.

To fund the project, the university is looking at a number of different areas. Twenty-eight alumni and past parents have formed a leadership committee to raise money, and several faculty members have made gifts to the project. The committee has begun to petition for grants for further funding. The goal is to have \$10 million raised by the end of 2006. The project has currently raised \$7.11 million. Estimates for the final costs will be determined in January.

A large range of people from the PLU community have participated in the completion of the project, including Tonn, the co-chair, and Director of Auxiliary Services Mark Mulder. Inch and Douglas Oakman, dean of humanities, have also been involved.



Photo by Kyle Duba

Eastvold Hall is a PLU architectural landmark. Plans to expand the theatre, chapel and offices should be completed by 2009.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY: NOV. 11

1620: Pilgrim emigrants sign the Mayflower Compact, giving themselves the power to govern their planned settlement in New England

1918: World War I ends

1921: The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is dedicated at Arlington Cemetery in Virginia

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1965: Rhodesia, the African country later known as Zimbabwe, declares its independence from Britain



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Landscaping mud brings May buds



Photo by Hakme Lee

A landscaping and construction zone in front of Hinderlie Hall. The construction is part of a goal to have campus aesthetically pleasing by spring 2006.

Hinderlie Hall construction in preparation for spring Morken Center opening

CARLA MILLER
Mast news reporter

Students who frequent upper campus might have noticed the construction and landscaping happening in front of Hinderlie Hall.

This construction is part of the ongoing goal to have campus in top shape for the spring graduation ceremony.

"The construction was pretty bad earlier," said sophomore Jamie Rottle, a Hinderlie Hall front desk worker. "It was really hard for people to get around, especially when it was muddy."

This activity is connected with the construction of the new Morken Center for Learning and Technology.

"The [Hinderlie] construction couldn't wait until spring because it was part of the restoration of the

grounds that were dug in from the library to facilities this last summer to be able to get the Morken Center on line for classes," Sara Paz of Facilities Management said.

Paz said fall semester was a better time to do the construction work, because in the fall the region's plants put on more root growth and have less transplant shock than when they are planted in spring or summer.

Water consumption and waste will also improve because of this construction.

"The work at Hinderlie also enabled us to install an automated irrigation system which is more water efficient, with a back flow valve, deduct meter and flow valve so we can monitor our irrigation water use better," Paz said.

If the irrigation system needs work, it can be shut down without disturbing water flow to the inside of the building, she said.

The plan is to have the Hinderlie landscaping finished by Dec. 10, and Rottle said she can't wait for its completion.

"We're very eager to have the landscaping finished," Rottle said. "There aren't any trees or plants, and we miss the plants that were there last year."

Mast news editor Stephanie Mathieu contributed to this report.

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Jamie Rottle
Hinderlie resident

Surveying GURs

Faculty takes first step toward curriculum change by filling out survey, students next

VANESSA BRUCE
Mast news reporter

A faculty survey ended Oct. 31 concluding the first step of the two-and-a-half-year process toward the reform of PLU General University Requirements.

The faculty voted last spring for radical reform of GURs, and that process began this academic year. The plan in the first year is to educate faculty about what needs to be accomplished; in the second year, faculty will design proposals; and those proposals should be carried out in the third year.

The survey was distributed among the PLU faculty members. It consisted of broad questions pertaining to general education as well as specific attitudes toward PLU's current GURs.

The reactions from the survey have not yet been assessed. About 100 PLU faculty members responded.

The main goal of surveyors was to give perspective and direction to the steering group that is reassessing the General Education section of PLU's curriculum.

The survey started out with questions pertaining to the faculty member's attitudes toward general education. The survey then intended to decipher the faculty member's attitudes toward curriculums Core I, distributive and disciplinary courses, and Core II, integrated courses focusing on the contemporary world, and their personal experiences with these two forms of general education.

Toward the end of the survey, faculty members were asked what GURs they might eliminate, keep or possibly add to the PLU program. Many questions

provided multiple choice answers and then asked for written clarification.

Faculty chair Charles Bergman is in charge of the curriculum reform endeavor.

"It (the survey) is part of a general review of our requirements and possible revision," Bergman said. "This year we are studying our own curriculum. There will be a student survey in the spring to compliment this faculty survey."

A forum was held Nov. 1, in which students were asked what they thought the purpose of GURs were and what they liked and disliked about the current system. Students from both Core I and Core II were asked to contrast and compare their experiences and explain what they appreciated about their programs. All the students at the forum agreed that a better explanation of the difference between the two Cores is essential for incoming first-years.

"I think that it is so important for students to be involved in this process," junior Ellen Brotherston said.

PLU is attempting to obtain all of the information needed before making decisions that will greatly impact future generations of students.

"We are having conversations and building a sense of agreement among faculty to make this a positive experience," Bergman said. "We are also studying national trends and developments in general education at other universities. We are focusing on general education as the heart of higher education."

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Charles Bergman
Faculty chair

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Photo by Kyle Duba

Ambassador to Namibia Joyce Barr speaks to a group of approximately 20 students in The Cave Nov. 3 for about one hour.

Ingelore Katjingsiua is a Namibian first-year at PLU.

"AIDS in Namibia is a big problem," Katjingsiua said. "It is really bad in my country."

She said she lost someone close to her to the AIDS virus.

"She was my uncle's wife's sister," Katjingsiua said. "At the end she got really weak and she needed help to do her basic stuff. It hurt me to look at her in that condition."

When a country develops economically and improves their transportation system, people with HIV can travel around the country and spread the disease easier, Moore said. Moore asserted that if Namibia had better roads and infrastructure HIV could spread easier.

Moore also said he felt the gov-

ernment of South Africa had taken inadequate measures to fight against HIV, and that the health minister gave inaccurate information about HIV-AIDS. He also said the current Prime Minister of South Africa has not identified HIV as the only cause of AIDS.

"The Government of South Africa is not doing enough to address HIV-AIDS, so they only get one-third of the money that Namibia gets," he said.

Laura Polycyn, assistant to the President Anderson, described PLU's many connections to Namibia. January 2003, a group of PLU representatives, including the president, traveled to Namibia on a study tour.

"In the late 1980s, the Lutheran Church of Namibia and Germany, the Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran colleges in the

US came together to build a program that would educate 100 Namibians to help leadership in Namibia," Polycyn said. "Eight of these students came to PLU, and all returned to their homeland. They now work in education, communication and government."

"Since that time, students in this partnership program have studied at one another's campuses," Polycyn said. "PLU has also been involved in teacher education and other projects in Namibia."

PLU's Global Awareness Team sponsored the event.

"We want to promote global issues on campus," team member and junior Shelly Johnson said. "We want students to express their passions through events."

Debate to duke it out Monday

Final debate about United Nations approaches

LAURA HOWARD
Mast news intern

LYZ WORLEIN
Mast news intern

The PLU Speech and Debate Team will perform its final debate Monday, as part of The People Speak 2005 fall public debate series. All nine of the fall public debates have focused on the relationship between the United States and United Nations in the 21st Century.

The final debate will address the topic of restructuring the United Nations. It will be held in Xavier 201 at 7 p.m.

The Speech and Debate Team has partnered with The People Speak 2005, an organization that fosters balanced dialogue about America's role in the world. It is a non-profit organization sponsored by the United Nations and 29 bipartisan civic organizations. Last year, more than one million Americans participated in 4,000 events across the country related to The People Speak 2004.

This is the second year the PLU Speech and Debate Team has organized one of these fall public

debate series.

Dan Bloomingdale, director of forensics at PLU, initiated the series of public debates. He said he felt the debate team members would benefit from performance in a public forum.

"We raised public awareness about the debate team and participated in a national dialogue," Bloomingdale said.

The PLU Speech and Debate Team received mini grants from The People Speak 2005 for each debate that had at least 50 audience members.

Bloomingdale said the debate team's efforts have raised over \$500 and increased student mindfulness of global issues.

Although the team has not drawn 50 audience members at every debate, the team members feel positive about the increased knowledge that results from the weekly events. Senior Chris Russie, a team member, said he feels that debate presents topics in an entertaining way that evokes passion from students.

"Debate makes us more apt participants in American democracy," Russie said.

Audience members have also said the debates were constructive. Continual audience member, senior Britt Neuffer encouraged other students to attend the events.

"They bring up issues and points of views that one wouldn't necessarily get otherwise," Neuffer said.

Veterans

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welcome, followed by campus pastor Nancy Connor leading a group prayer. Next in the program is a poetry reading by Baleme.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony is Syl Wiles, the wife of Command Sgt. Maj. Brian Wiles who returned Monday from a one-year service in Iraq and works with the 42nd Military Police Brigade at Fort Lewis. The topic of her speech is "Keeping the HOOAH! Alive." Wiles will describe her lifestyle as a U.S. Army wife and discuss how military members and their spouses can maintain morale within the Army.

"I had spoken at two other

events, using the themes of being a military wife," Syl Wiles said. "Someone in the audience who heard me speak contacted me later about speaking at the PLU ceremony."

The Wiles family received the Army's nationwide Family of the Year Award in 2004, which ranked the family first out of all Army families for volunteer service. The family flew to Washington, D.C. free of charge and was honored at the Association of the U.S. Army Convention.

Scheduled next in the ceremony program is a brass quintet comprised of PLU student musicians. Immediately after Syl Wiles' keynote presentation, the quintet will break into a medley of service songs, beckoning veterans to stand if they wish to do so.

Sophomore Brian Hess, a trumpet player in the quintet, said he feels a personal connection to the Veterans Day ceremony. Hess was an active Navy serviceman for 11 years, during which he was deployed to Somalia for "Operation Restore Hope" and to the Arabian Gulf onboard the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

"Veterans come from all walks of life and places in the United States," Hess said. "We all have our stories to tell, but there are those who are no longer with us who gave their lives in war to protect the freedoms we all enjoy and some take for granted."

"This is a day that is shared by millions all over the country, and as time goes on, I believe that this day is becoming more and more personal for remembrance as the United States continues to remain in democratic support of foreign conflicts," Hess said.

In the final segment of the ceremony, the color guard will return to the stage to retire the colors. A reception with coffee and cake will follow in the adjacent lobby of the Mary Baker Russell Music Center.

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Brian Hess
Sophomore,
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From the editor

A salute to U.S. veterans

I've heard a lot of complaints about the military lately. On campus, I hear other students lamenting the damage, the bad job the United States forces are carrying out in Iraq, and it's common to hear others say they think we should pull out of our military endeavors in other countries.

Professors and administrators are not immune to these sentiments, either. It's no secret that PLU continues to engage in debate over the presence of the Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) on campus, an issue that has been emphasized by recent threats to the program.

Today is Veteran's Day, and say what you like about the President or the war in Iraq, or the infamous "don't ask, don't tell" policy of the United States military, but it is wrong to include military personnel — collectively or individually — in condemnation of the forces that are largely beyond their control.

I understand civil dissent over matters of politics or policy. I'll even go a step further and say I encourage it — as the bumper-sticker adage goes, dissent is patriotic. The great WWII journalist Edward R. Murrow once said, "We must not confuse dissent with disloyalty. When the loyal opposition dies, I think the soul of America dies with it."

I, too, have reservations about the political motivation for the War in Iraq, and I wholeheartedly disagree with the discrimination inherent in some of the military's policies.

I think it is erroneous, however, to conflate the related issues of government policy and those who have no choice but to carry it out. It is easy to do, but unfortunate.

Some will argue that the men and women of the military do have a choice as to whether they carry out the government's policies. Certainly. In the United States, everyone has a choice whether or not to join the military, unlike many other countries, which require military service from all citizens of a certain age.

But on the other hand, for many people, joining the military is the only way to obtain a college education and stable employment. In a country where the cost of education increases every year, four years at a university with tuition paid in full is an irresistible opportunity. Moreover, unemployment in this country is hovering around five percent, and has changed very little over the last few years, according to a report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics released in September.

Who can judge the diverse financial and personal situations affecting a person's choice to enlist? Several members of my own family would never have gone to college if it weren't for the G.I. Bill.

This is not to say that the military is a perfect institution. It may offer stable employment, but many enlistees are eligible for welfare and other financial assistance programs. Furthermore, the ubiquitous reports of sexual harassment and assault in the military, in addition to the hideous events at Abu Ghraib, are extremely discouraging, to say the least. Although I believe these reports signify a reprehensible group on the margins of the military, strong measures are necessary to put an end to this unacceptable behavior.

Disregarding this corrupt minority, I have tremendous respect and gratitude for every single man and woman serving in the military. They have the courage and the resolve to undertake the huge responsibility of protecting their fellow citizens.

In the case of the war in Iraq, the U.S. military, with the help of foreign forces, are protecting not their fellow citizens, but their fellow human beings. That's a heavy burden. I believe our military has handled the task with honor and care. Political arguments aside, any action that removes an evil dictator like Saddam Hussein is a positive action for humanity itself, and I am proud of every individual who contributed to his elimination.

My respect only grows with the awareness that many of these men and women are working under policies they may not fully agree with.

Our veterans deserve our respect and gratitude. It saddens me that so many veterans are treated to criticism and disparagement for a political culture they are powerless to control and unable to challenge.

Today, I honor the veterans of the U.S. military, and I ask everyone in the PLU community to join me, regardless of political opinion. I honor the men and women who risk their lives in the interest of preserving our safety and freedom. There may be many ways to improve the politics and the policies, but for today, I choose to focus on the individuals working for the protection of humankind, no matter the cost.

Dedicated with gratitude to Robert Mize and Jennifer Wissemann.



Cartoon by Adam Spry

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I know how you crazy kids are these days.

I know that your idea of romance is to stay up all night long chatting on Instant Messenger, speaking in flowery sentence fragments to your special someone, then text messaging them in class the next day with a heartfelt "i luv u and will c u l8r." I know that writing a paper consists of pounding blindly and frantically on the keyboard, hoping to generate something close enough to English to be recognized and made comprehensible by the spell checker.

And I understand. As college students, we need all the shortcuts and easy outs we can get. I won't pretend that when e-mailing or talking online, I don't sometimes snub capitalization and punctuation. Honestly, in this fast-paced, chaotic world, who has time to spend that extra nanosecond to write "thanks" instead of the timesaving "thanx?"

These phenomena are acceptable cultural responses to the new technologies of spell-checking tools, cell phone text messaging, e-mail and instant messaging. But what happens when we become dependent on these conveniences, or the effects are felt beyond the realms for which those behaviors were developed?

What happens when we start using Internet slang and abbreviations in the real world (and I can assure you that real human beings are actually uttering aloud such things such as lol, btw, wtf and brb)? What happens when the

spell checker isn't just a tool anymore, but the only way we know how to spell? What happens when the cute little time-savers get used so often that we forget what the actual words were? What happens when children grow up in this environment?

What happens is: We get stupid. Really, really stupid. Currently, 83 percent of Americans cannot correctly spell these six words: separate, business, necessary, height, sincerely and accommodation. Reportedly, 44 million Americans are as literate, or less literate than, a fifth-grader.

China gets it. Since September of this year, students in Shanghai have not been allowed to call unattractive girls "konglongs," one of the many Internet-derived slang terms that had been turning up in classroom use and worrying administrators. "On the Web, Internet slang is convenient and satisfying," a Shanghai city official told the Shanghai Morning Post, "but the mainstream media have a responsibility to guide proper and legal language use."

Unfortunately, America does not get it. After seeing the disturbing U.S. literacy statistics, I went looking for others who were as concerned as I am. Instead I found the Spelling Reform Movement, whose members have come up with the brilliant idea that it isn't our fault; it's the language's fault. Apparently English is just too darn hard to learn. So, logically, if Americans can't spell, we shouldn't waste time educating them. We should completely re-



Having My Cake and Eating Yours, Too

vamp the complicated spellings of many of our words.

Countless individuals have already developed complete, exhaustive alternative spelling systems. The cream of the crop, however, is www.freespelling.com. The main idea here is that people should just spell however the hell they want to. The site encourages people everywhere to invent their own easier spellings and submit them. So far, 45 words have already been accepted by vote, including such gems as "biznis" and the sweetly ironic "nollege."

That's right, America, if you sense the country getting dumber, why fight it? Instead, ask for help: "Please, concerned citizens, help us think of ways to further desecrate our language; we can't do it on our own."

Please, don't answer their call. Feel free to continue to use shortcuts online and on your cell phones, but for the sake of our intelligence and dignity, keep these out of the rest of your lives. Or do it for me, because I swear I will drop out of college and sell kitchen utensils sooner than attend Pasifik Lootherin Yooniversity.

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What do you think of all the Wal-Mart controversy?



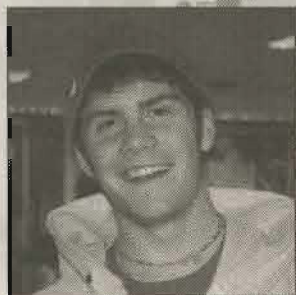
[Wal-Mart] is a really easy target to steal from.

Dan Neely, junior



I boycott Wal-Mart because of how they treat women.

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I'm from Bemidji, Minnesota. When Wal-Mart comes in they destroy local young business.

Kari Williams, first-year

For a report on the Wal-Mart documentary, please see Page 11.

Open letters to inanimate objects

Dear Internet:

I hate to say this, but I'm concerned about you. I think you may have a drinking problem. I mean, it's okay to drink a little now and then. Toward the beginning of the year you passed out sometimes, but you always came around after a few minutes and no real harm was done. However, as the year went on, this started happening more and more often, and finally you went into some kind of coma for several days and threw us all into a state of panic. And now, since you've been back, you've been very lethargic and sluggish. You're just not yourself anymore, Internet, and this hurts me very much. I'm your friend. You should at least have the courtesy to load my e-mail in less than half an hour. Please, do us all (and yourself!) a favor and get help.

Love, Corinne

Dear 1989 Model Ericsson Phone:

I know I haven't treated you very well in the past. I admit I have a tendency to forget that you have a cord, and since I like to walk around while I talk, I sometimes pull you off the desk and you hit the floor pretty hard. I apologize. I don't mean to do that to you. That being said, I think it's time you stopped being so

petulant about the whole situation. It's not very mature of you to make me suddenly inaudible to the person I'm talking to in the middle of a conversation or while I'm trying to leave a message. I'm giving you a chance here to correct this yourself, Ericsson, but this is your only warning. If these shenanigans continue I'll have to trade you in for a new phone, and neither of us wants that. So please, meet me halfway. I'll try not to send you crashing to the floor if you promise to quit cutting out on me. I think that's fair.

Love, Corinne

Dear Lamp That Spontaneously Broke In The Middle Of The Night, Falling On My Head:
Ouch!

Love, Corinne

Dear Piece Of Nondescript Gray Saltwater Taffy:

When I found you in my mailbox this morning, I was very skeptical. Out of the three pieces of taffy I got from my RA for Halloween, you were the creepiest-looking one. You couldn't hold a candle to the pink one with the yellow dot in the middle, or the purple and white spiraled one. Because of this, I thought you would taste weird, if not outright



All in All

bad, but you ended up tasting the best! I'm sorry I judged you solely on your appearance. That was very shallow of me. Thank you for helping me see the error of my candy racist ways.

Love, Corinne

Dear Radiators In Harstad:

These mood swings of yours are becoming difficult to take. I understand you guys are very emotional and all that, but you really should calm down a little. One week you make all of our rooms approximately 9 million degrees, and the next week it's so cold that I have to sleep with two blankets and a sweatshirt. I don't mean to be harsh, but that's pretty ridiculous. I suggest that you try some meditation or something similar. Find a happy medium so people don't go into shock from the climate change. Really, it will be better for all of us. I promise.

Love, Corinne

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Democrats progress

PLU Democrats translate values into action

SARA BURKES
LuteLife reporter

In a "blue state" where the majority of voters are Democrats, it is no wonder the PLU Democrats group holds an e-mailing list of nearly 400 students and faculty.

The PLU Democrats organization is one of the main forms of expression for student Democrats. The club holds weekly meetings, has an elected executive board, and sponsors on-campus events to support Democratic values and goals.

"To be a Democrat means to value the diverse nature of the U.S. and to represent those groups who are not always represented by other parties," junior Whittaker Harpel said.

Although Harpel is not a member, he said he enjoys attending the PLU Democrats-sponsored events.

The PLU Democrats Web site includes information about the ways in which the club upholds its values. These values include educating students about the philosophy of the Democratic Party and assisting in the election of local, state and national Democratic candidates.

Club president Andrew Austin said he believes the club is a great rallying point, even for those who do not consider themselves members.

"You can see how progressive ideals and Democratic platforms reach out to so many people in the diversity of the party itself," Austin said.

Austin, who is a senior, has been involved with the club since his first year at PLU. He was motivated to increase his contributions after he studied abroad dur-

ing the 2004 presidential elections. "Watching the election from Spain was very disheartening," Austin said. "Being in a country where Bush is really disliked made it very challenging to be an American there. I came back and wanted to put my frustrations into action."

Sophomore Kole Welsh joined the PLU Democrats during PLU's annual Involvement Fair. Welsh said he grew up in a conservative household, but that after seeing the types of injustice in the world it became apparent his viewpoints were leaning toward the Democratic platform.

"To be a Democrat means to apply values, like social justice and respect for others, within our community nationally and internationally," Welsh said.

Austin encourages other students with similar values and frustrations to seek empowerment by becoming involved and joining the PLU Democrats. The three types of programming the club offer are internal, social and all-campus. Of the three, two are available just for club participants, Austin said.

An example of the all-campus event sponsored by the PLU Democrats is "The Supreme Court and You," a discussion about a critical turning point in Supreme Court history. The event will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the South Hall Main Lounge.

Last week, the club tabled outside the UC Commons and asked students to call their Washington state senators. Club members continue to help lead a campus-wide campaign against substantial student aid cuts that have been proposed by the U.S. Congress.

Challenging students to learn about the issues and make their voices heard, Austin quoted late senator Paul Simon, "If you're not interested in politics, you're not interested in the future."

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Red scare in Red Square

Students spread socialist message on PLU campus

JOE FLOOD
LuteLife intern

When our generation hears the word "socialism," what do we imagine? Armies marching in snow-covered squares, James Bond villains or "The Hunt for Red October"? If we start discussing political ideologies, more questions are bound to arise, such as "What is socialism about?" and "Is it just another word for communism?"

To help people discover what

socialism is, the Socialism Club is now offered for PLU students.

Graduate student Brent Gaspair, founder of the club, said the current administration motivated him and others to start the group.

"George W. Bush, has inspired slackers like myself all over the world to put down our Cheetos, get up and do something," Gaspair said.

The socialist movement grew from the "Communist Manifesto" in 1848, a political philosophy authored by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. The famous document separated society into two classes: the Bourgeois, the aristocratic upper class, and the Proletariat, or working class. Marx and Engels

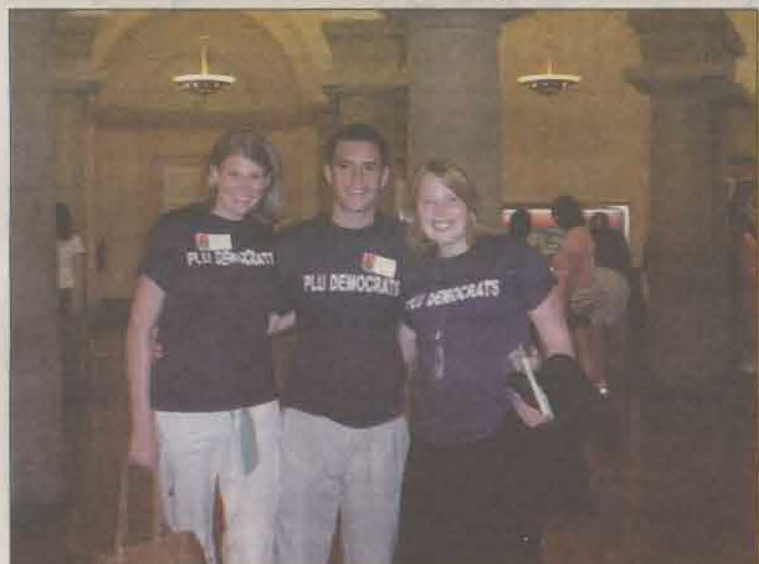


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College Democrats Shannon Murphy, Andrew Austin and Kirsten Blume at the national College Democrats of America Convention in Washington, D.C.



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Party Wars: American politics from the perspective of a Star Wars fan

How to bring balance back to The Force of American Politics

TROY A. BENTON
LuteLife editor

A long time ago in a galaxy not too far away, the United States was born. When the founding fathers wrote the Constitution, they did not wish to repeat Great Britain's mistake of ruling with arbitrary physical force. Rather, they dreamed of a country that

would use The Force of freedom and protection of rights to maintain peace and justice - a country that would never succumb to the greed, tyranny and absolutism of The Dark Side. They dreamed of an American democracy, not an American empire.

George Washington, the Yoda of American history, offered America a few "warnings of a parting friend" in his Farewell Address. Unfortunately, Americans of the 21st century have not heeded these warnings.

After Sept. 11, 2001, The Force was severely unbalanced by the "Phantom Menace": Osama bin Laden. In March of 2003, America retaliated by invading Iraq. Although the rationale for the war in Iraq turned out to be

just just as fictitious as one of George Lucas's "Star Wars" movies, the ongoing fighting is not.

The current situation in Iraq is not an intergalactic war between clones and machines. Men, women, and children continue to lose their lives daily. Now it seems that America is at a point of revenge, which is the same point where the "Star Wars" episodes just ended. The country is more politically divided than it has been in recent history and is in desperate need of a "new hope" that will restore balance to The Force.

Although influential individuals portray them as such, neither the Democratic nor the Republican Party is on The Dark Side. The parties have different interests, but they share

the same goal of sustaining a strong America. The real threat to America is not these political parties, or even another major terrorist attack; the true nature of The Dark Side is division.

The extent of this division was evident during the end of our last 2004 presidential election, when states were painted red and blue. We expected this division of party colors, because we had all seen it in the 2000 presidential election. The main difference between the elections, however, was the reasoning Americans gave for their votes. Many Americans who voted for President George W. Bush said they did so on the basis of "moral" issues. Suddenly, the election was about more than the typical political issues

of economy. It was about right and wrong. The Good Side of The Force versus The Dark Side.

In the movie "Star Wars Episode I," Yoda speaks of the elusiveness of The Dark Side when he says, "Hard to see, the dark side is." George Washington had a similar message in his Farewell Address when he told Americans to put up a "...political fortress... against... internal and external enemies that often operate covertly." Today, when most Americans think of national security threats they think of outside enemies. However, Washington warned America to also look out for internal enemies.

This insight leads to the question, "Who is on The Dark Side in American politics?" From a lib-

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encouraged a social revolution in the face of modern industry, for the abolition of private property and a breakdown of the social hierarchy.

This theory instigated many "leftist" parties in its time, and branches of socialist and communist revolutionaries overthrew imperial governments in Russia and China. It grew into one of the most controversial political movements of the 20th century; communism.

"Socialism has nothing to do with the USSR or China," Gaspair said. "Socialism as Marx envisioned it is completely democratic—more democratic in fact than our current political system.

"In a nutshell, socialism means taking democratic freedoms we enjoy in the political realm and

extending them into the economic arena through a system of democratically controlled public ownership," he said.

The club is working with a number of activist organizations, including Youth Against War and Racism. Members protested, among YAWR and other organizations, outside a military recruiter station at the Tacoma Mall Nov. 2. The Tacoma rally was part of a nationwide protest against the War in Iraq.

Student response to the new club has been moderate, Gaspair said.

"At our first meeting we had close to 50 people attend, and we regularly have anywhere between 15-20 people at our weekly meetings," he said.

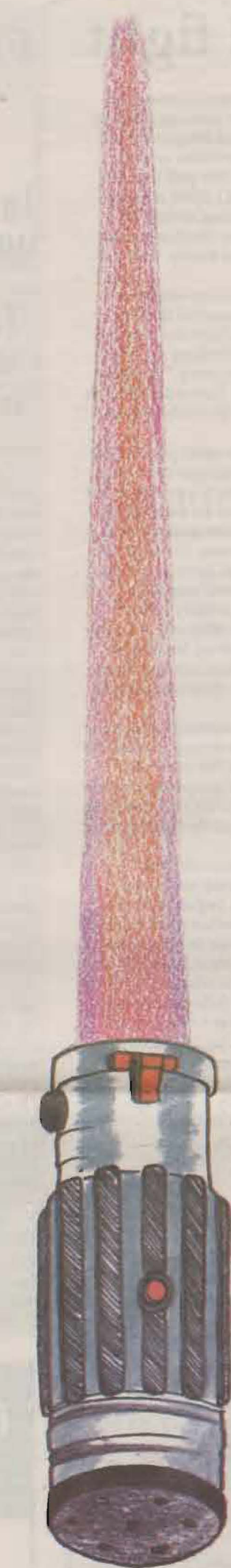
eral perspective, the Republican Party is The Dark Side. President Bush is the evil "Darth W" under the control of "The Emperor," Karl Rove. From a conservative perspective, the Democratic Party is The Dark side. The identity of The Dark Side varies depending on the political perspective.

The days and weeks following Nov. 3, 2004 were dark for many liberal Americans. Facing a consecutive loss for the presidency was already hard enough, but thinking about future implications of the election results made it even harder. Most political analysts have agreed the issues, or "moral values," of gay marriage, stem-cell research and abortion led Americans to the polls and gave President Bush a decisive victory. From the perspective of millions of Americans who voted for John Kerry, these election reports

were frustrating. The reports suggested that the Democratic Party is lacking in morals, and that issues like poverty and the war in Iraq involve no moral value.

Even more frustrating for millions of Americans was the phrase "Bush Mandate." Although the president tried to reassure his opponents with the words "I will need your support and I will work to earn it," the actions of the Republican Party have become more vengeful in Bush's second term. Republicans strove to get rid of the right to filibuster, and the fight over Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito promises to be a long, difficult one.

In "Star Wars Episode IV," Luke Skywalker becomes the new hope that will restore balance to The Force. Likewise, after 12 years under a Republican administration, many Ameri-



Republican responses

PLU Republicans aim for growth

DANNY HIBBARD
LuteLife reporter

Coming out of their most active year to date, the College Republicans are doing their best to maintain momentum and interest on the PLU campus.

Taking advantage of the interest stirred up by last year's presidential election, the College Republicans have hosted various fundraisers, such as Candy Canes for Soldiers, and have brought in notable speakers, such as radio personality and author Michael Medved.

Jason Estes, club president, said it is important to keep activity high and maintain interest during this school year.

"Just like with most political clubs, our major problem is that it's an off-election year," Estes said. "That leaves us with trying to use the funds we have to make it interesting for people."

Raising funds can be an obstacle of its own, but club members have handled it thus far. Finance director Jenny Blakey takes care of special functions, such as getting the club involved in the Pierce County Republicans Auction and Gala. The event is expected to help generate funds for the College Republicans.

To ensure the club stays active, club secretary Stacey Stone continues contact with PLU alumni and attempts to raise funds.

The organization has also been experimenting with new ways to capture student interest.

"We found out last year that people aren't really attracted to coming to meetings with agendas," Stone said.

This prompted the College Republicans to change their monthly meetings to social gatherings, where the group discusses political topics over dinner. The socials are held the second Tuesday of every month.

"It's very informal and fun," Blakey said. "It's not always about politics, either."

This fits into the club's major goal of providing a healthy environment for people of similar interests.

"We are trying to build a community atmosphere between people who feel the same way and have common values and morals," Stone said.

The club is active in promoting non-PLU events as well. This week, the organization promoted Freedom Week by advocating democracy and helping people appreciate their personal liberties.

Estes said members are also in the planning process of a Second Amendment appreciation event, in which they will emphasize gun safety and possibly visit a shooting range.

The College Republicans also plan to have State Attorney General Rob McKenna come to campus and share his views. Other speakers are also expected to make appearances.

As for now, Estes says, the best the club can do is to continue to be proactive and maintain a positive reputation on campus.

"We are hoping to create an environment for more conservatives to come out," he said.

"It's good to have diversity in the arena of political ideas."



Photo by Kyle Duba

From left to right: Dylan Gintz, Jason Estes and Allan Olums at a College Republicans meeting. The club discussed different ways to publicize and organize events.

nation. Thomas Jefferson said it best: "If I could go to heaven but with a political party, I would not go there at all." Both parties seem to believe God is on their sides, or America's side, but the question they all fail to ask is, "Are we on God's side?" Jim Wallis presents this question in his book "God's Politics." Both parties make a mockery of religion by playing tug-of-war with religious issues.

With Thomas Jefferson's quote in mind, I'm looking for the next politician or mass movement that will reject party politics and say, "I'm going to hell! Who's coming with me?" Because neither party has stopped the war, neither party has the cure for AIDS and neither party has a candidate who can walk on water. The new hope America needs is not another politician. The new hope is the unity

of the United States of America.

In his Farewell Address, Washington defines the moment of great fear and opposition as the moment when "you should properly estimate the immense value of your national union." National union. One nation. When Washington ended his term as president, America was just beginning, and the heart of his message indignantly frowns upon "... every attempt to alienate any portion of our country from the rest."

Once again, we are at a time in which we can either stand united or fall divided. In the words of JFK, now is the time to "ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country" -- or as Yoda would say, "What your country can for you do, ask not. What you can for your country do, ask." May The Force be with you.

Drink, drink, drink and fight

Frey's memoir expresses brutal honesty, but the repetition of experiences weakens overall effect



James Frey's memoir, "A Million Little Pieces," begins with twenty-three-year-old Frey awakening on an airplane bound for Chicago, nose broken, covered in spit, snot, vomit and blood, and missing his four front teeth and a chunk of his cheek.

By page two, Frey has stumbled off the plane and finds his parents waiting. On the drive home from the airport, his dad stops and buys him his last bottles of wine. The next day, the family takes Frey to a residential drug and alcohol treatment center in Minnesota. The rest of the 430 page book tells of his stay at "the Center." The book leads the reader through Frey's stream of consciousness as he overcomes drug and alcohol addictions.

The latest addition to Oprah's book club, "A Million Little Pieces," published in 2003, has recently become a bestseller. I chose this book, so different from what I might normally read, to understand what has been drawing in so many readers. "A Million Little Pieces" is graphic, raw and profane, but it also contains moments of incredible sweetness and sadness.

Frey writes with odd style. His memoir reads like an unedited journal. It feels as though

he spills his thoughts onto the page without looking back. Fragments and run-ons make up much of his prose, and he capitalizes nouns frequently and without clear reason. In the scene of his arrival at the treatment center, he writes: "We pull into the Parking Lot and park the car and I finish a bottle and we get out and we start walking toward the Entrance of the Clinic. Me and my Brother and my Mother and my Father. My entire Family. Going to the Clinic."

He repeats phrases and scenes so similar to one another that I would have expected them to be cut from his final draft. Over and over, he recounts awakening in the morning and throwing up. Over and over, he says, "I am scared to death." It seems that he chooses this style to take the reader through his experience, without sparing the reader any of his nauseous mornings or fears.

A sweet moment in the book takes place in the dentist's office, where a clinic employee takes Frey to have his teeth fixed. Because he is a patient at the drug and alcohol treatment center, he must endure the root canal and other procedures without even local anesthesia. In the waiting room, he sees a "Babar the Elephant" book. He loved Babar as a child. In the dentist's chair, Frey, a broken man with a horrible past who ran over his nursery school teacher with a Big Wheel at four years old, hit a boy in the face with a book bag, breaking his nose, at six, and stole cigarettes and smoked until he threw up at age eight, sits in a dentist's chair and asks for a Babar book for comfort.

I can't help wonder if a presentation other than Frey's uncut flow of thought and feeling would have been more effective for this book. He buries the best moments in repeated images and phrases which lose impact with every repetition. Yet I did consider those very best moments worth all the time I put into reading Frey's memoir.

Frey's latest book, "My Friend Leonard,"

came out in June. It begins after the author finishes his time in rehab and prison, and tells of his relationship with a father figure/mobster he met at the drug and alcohol treatment center.

"A Million Little Pieces"

James Frey
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Did you know?

- Baskin Robbins once made ketchup flavored ice cream. This was the only vegetable flavored ice cream produced.

- The Beatles held the Top Five spots on the April 4th, 1964 Billboard singles chart. To date, they're the only band to ever accomplish that standing.

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Fight against fitness



Top 10: Alternatives to exercise

Looking back over our extensive body of work and examining our habits, we recently came to an amazing and somewhat shocking conclusion. We are lazy. Not that we regret our behavior; in fact, we embrace it. Therefore, in our constant pursuit of the path of least resistance, we decided to tackle our greatest challenge: exercise. Some people enjoy it, some feel that it is necessary. We find it an annoyance and deterrence from greater pursuits. Therefore, in the interest of improving society, we will impart our wisdom to the masses, and enable the world to join us in our fight against fitness.

Here are our top ten alternatives to conventional exercise:

8. Science Major: These textbooks aren't just a major hit to your wallet, they are damned heavy too. Load your backpack with some Chemistry books, and try to make it across campus without falling over. Your thighs will be like Oak trees by senior year.

3. 8 AM Class: This is assuming that you are an average college student and hit the snooze on your alarm clock until 7:55. After that, it takes the fortitude of an Olympic sprinter to make it in time. If everyone registered for one of these, we'd have one hell of a track team.

6. Live on the 9th floor of T-Stad: The elevators never work there anyway, so if you live on the 9th floor, all those flights of stairs will do wonders for your cardiovascular system.

7. Intramural Sports: Friendly competition (depending on who is playing) is a great way to exercise. Plus, this year, league champions get t-shirts. And as we all know, free

stuff is like gold to college kids.

4. Help an inebriated friend get home: Every once in a while, someone has a little too much fun out on the town. Giving these people a piggy back ride home warms your heart and legs. Two things: First, make sure your friend is smaller than you (or get some help); two (and this is very important): Make sure that you did not have as much fun as your buddy.

10. Drink lots of coffee: This will get your heart rate up quickly. However, we're not pre-med students, so we aren't too sure of the side effects of this one. We'll get back to you in a couple of years.

3. Scaling buildings: Try free-style climbing one of the buildings on campus. Beginners can start with Foss or Pfeuger. Intermediates can give Xavier a try. But the Kilimanjaro of PLU is T-Stad. We must warn you, however, to be careful. We're not pre-law, but we're pretty sure this is a lawsuit waiting to happen.

2. Join ROTC: So we thought that playing war would be an easy way out. But after sleeping through the first morning of physical training and watching the movie "Jarhead," we changed our minds. Please disregard this one.

5. Dancing: Joining a class sounded like a good way to pick up chicks. That was until we got paired together. We still fight over who leads.

1. Clean your room: Sifting through piles of clothes, purses and old pizza boxes, cleaning is a full body workout for us, and most of the campus. Being a dirty guy helps, but if you aren't naturally disposed to being messy, we are more than happy to lend our expert services — for a price.

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Documentary adds fuel to the Wal-Mart debate

Panel discussion among local labor activists and PLU professors to follow film screening

KATRINA SWARTZ
Mast reporter

PLU will be one of 7,000 small venues to host a screening of "Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price." Director Robert Greenwald has called the non-traditional release strategy for his film "the largest grassroots mobilization in the history of film."

"Wal-Mart" is a documentary on the impact of the retail giant on families and communities. The film focuses on personal stories of family business owners, current and former Wal-Mart employees and other people affected by

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Andrew Austin,
PLU Democrats
President

the presence of the retail giant in their communities.

The PLU Democrats, along with the Society of Professional Journalists, will host a screening of "Wal-Mart" Nov. 17 in Ingram Hall. Local labor activists and professors from several disciplines will participate in a panel discussion following the film. Students will also have the opportunity to add their names to the e-mail list for Wal-Mart Watch, an organization sponsoring a public education campaign challenging Wal-Mart to be a better employer and corporate citizen.

To promote screening the film, Green-

wald, also known for the documentary "Outfoxed: Robert Murdoch's War on Journalism," made DVD screening kits of "Wal-Mart" available on the Internet for anyone wishing to host a screening (for ten dollars and the cost of shipping).

"You reach people on a really personal level," said PLU Democrats President Andrew Austin of the grassroots method of distributing the film.

"I think it is easy for PLU students and Americans as a whole to sit back and ignore the world around them. Many people shop at Wal-Mart simply because of their ridiculously low prices," said PLU Democrats Campaign Coordinator Shannon Murphy. "However, PLU students need to realize that every time they purchase a product, they in turn are supporting a company and what they stand for."

The value of "Wal-Mart" has been debated even before its release. Austin believes it will be an "investigative, interview based documentary that looks into the inherent concerns and problems within the Wal-Mart corporation."

Wal-Mart Corporate Communications responded to trailers from Greenwald's film with a press release stating, "Let's be clear about Mr. Greenwald's intent: it is not to present a fair and accurate portrayal of Wal-Mart. It is a propaganda video — pure and simple — designed to advance a narrow special interest agenda."

The release, included in a press kit on Walmartfacts.com, also contains a document alleging that three of the assertions made in Greenwald's three-minute trailer — that Wal-Mart crushed a local hardware store, told an employee that African American women have "no place" in management and fails to pay living wages — are incorrect.

A counter documentary called "Why Wal-Mart Works: And Why That Drives Some People C-r-a-z-y" will be released on Nov. 12. The film, produced by Ron and Robert Galloway explores Wal-Mart's success and the ways in which it improves the lives of working Americans and their communities. The documentary will premiere in the producers' hometown of Bentonville, Arkansas, and then become available on DVD.

"We show that the major arguments presented against Wal-Mart can be refuted with the facts, solid logic and reason, and compelling personal stories from people whose



Residents of a Miramar, Fla. community show their opposition to a planned Wal-Mart super store. The documentary "The High Cost of Low Price" has added fuel to the debate over Wal-Mart's effect on small businesses and various counter-documentaries have been launched in response.

lives have been touched in a positive way by Wal-Mart. There are always two sides to a story," Ron Galloway stated in another release from the press kit.

Austin remains unconvinced that Wal-Mart acts responsibly as a corporation, and hopes that the importance of the labor movement will be talked about during the panel discussion. "I hope people feel empowered to do something about this, leaving the panel and leaving the event. It's a lot bigger than just Wal-Mart, even though Wal-Mart is a huge part of it."

"Wal-Mart" will open on Nov. 4 in Los Angeles and New York theaters, and will be shown at grassroots screenings at churches, schools, family businesses and other small venues across the country during the week of Nov. 13.

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San Diego band tries to convey indie, crowd-friendly vibe

The Storrow Band tours college campuses across the U.S., building a fan base

KAT JENKINS
Mast reporter

Most college students spend a lot of time listening to music, whether it is a CD or a live show. Friday, Nov. 4 in the Cave, students had the opportunity to listen to The Storrow Band, an up-and-coming group from San Diego, California. The Storrow Band is touring this fall in support of their self-titled debut album, which was released in May.

The Storrow Band consists of Martin Storrow, Jeff

Riddle and Ian MacManus. Storrow sings and plays guitar. Riddle plays guitar, flute and sings. Mac Manus plays the bass, harmonica and also sings. Together they create a sound that crosses many genres, not fitting specifically into one type.

"We are influenced from all directions and once the music comes out, it's anybody's guess what it is," said Storrow.

The music that The Storrow Band plays is mellow, but with a level of energy that makes it easy and fun to hear. It is relaxing, yet upbeat.

"Their sound is non-intrusive. You can just sit back and enjoy it," said freshman Erika Dornfeld, a student who attended the concert.

The band played an hour and a half set and talked with the audience after the show.

On the band's website, Martin wrote, "One of our favorite parts of this whole experience is the opportunity to connect with people, and that doesn't stop at our music. We love meeting the people who are at our shows and learning what they're all about."

Most of the stops on The Storrow Band's fall tour have been college campuses and local venues. The band plans on coming back to PLU

in February. They really enjoyed their time here, according to Storrow.

"It's the schools that are smaller that you get to meet the students who know your music," said Storrow.

The Cave provided the perfect setting for just the type of concert for which The Storrow Band strives.

"We love an intimate setting," Mac Manus said, "the idea of drawing people into your music and having a connection with people."

From the number of students who stayed after to have their CD's signed or to just talk to the band, it was evident that many people indeed felt a connection with the band and their music.

"They're really laid back guys, and their music was really original," said freshman Andre St. Hilaire.

The band was willing to stand around after the show and talk about everything from their college majors to what they think about while playing music shows their commitment to their fans. They want to create quality music and develop a lasting relationship with their fans.

"The band was surprisingly original, even though they were acoustic. I expected them to be just another band passing through, but they were awesome," freshman Allison Parks said.

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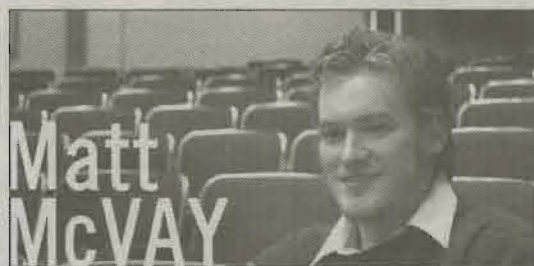
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"Jarhead" focuses on unusual aspect of fighting a war

Film shows how the anticipation of waiting for battle can be the hardest part



Someone sneezed in my popcorn

"Repeat after me. This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine. My rifle is nothing without me; I am nothing with out my rifle. Hoo Ra!"

This statement, repeated by the Marines not only in drill, but also in everyday life, sums up what the author of "Jarhead" was trying to say. No matter what a soldier does with his life, he will always know the feel of that rifle and he will never be the same.

"Jarhead" follows Marine Anthony Swofford, played by Jake Gyllenhaal, from boot camp to Gulf War Iraq and then returning to life as a civilian.

After being recruited by Staff Sgt. Sykes (Jamie Foxx) to become an elite Marine Sniper, Swofford wonders whether joining the Marines was the biggest mistake he could ever have made. He is befriended by Troy Fergus (Peter Sarsgaard), a Marine to the core.

After intense training exercises and drills, the Marines are sent to Iraq. They train, test equipment, patrol the desert, and try to stay sane. They think about loved ones, children and spouses or girlfriends. The longer they are there doing nothing, the more paranoid, anxious and frustrated they all become. When the battle does begin it is over before any of them can even fire off a round since soldiers were no longer needed; everything was being fought with jets and tanks. This caused more anxiety and frustration for the grunts. When they came home, people

celebrated and then they went back to their everyday lives.

"Jarhead" is based on the book of the same name by Anthony Swofford. It is an autobiography about his challenges in the Marine Corps, the first war in Iraq and his life after he got out of the corps. Although fairly similar to the book, the adaptation does skew a few moments to make them more cinematically pleasing and to put the movie in a more linear format. This did not take away from the book's story, but fixed elements that made the book disjointed and hard to follow.

Some situations are exaggerated just enough to make for an interesting situation. For example, in the book, Fergus was to be on fire watch and wake the troops at 4 a.m. for training exercises. He slept through them and because Swofford was in charge of the group, he was the one punished. In the film, Swofford instead makes Fergus cover his fire watch shift, so that he could get drunk on Christmas Eve. Fergus fails his fire watching duties and after seeing it, you'll know how it turns out.

Troy's character makes a slight transformation in the film as well, acting as Swofford's moral guide to an extent, keeping him from screwing up and dishonoring the Corps. In the book he was more the instigator of certain activities that might not be honorable. Because the movie cut parts of the book, much of the emotional impact was lost and characters became flat when they were so much more complex than portrayed in the film.

The performances were amazing in this film. After "Stealth," I wondered about Jamie Foxx. But he pulled out a phenomenal performance and proved to be a strong actor, in another Oscar-worthy performance.

Peter Sarsgaard also does a wonderful job. He is becoming one of the best actors out there today.

After "Day After Tomorrow" Jake Gyllenhaal moves back to his roots, similar to the tortured soul he played in "Donnie Darko." His emotion, confusion, and anger all came across as genuine.

With the help of fantastic cinematographer Roger Deakins, the viewer remains entranced by the direction of Sam Mendes, who beautifully transfers the ideas of the book



Staff Sergeant Sykes (Jamie Foxx) and Anthony "Swoff" Swofford (Jake Gyllenhaal) contemplate their next move. The film examines the impact of sitting around waiting for the war to come to them, and shows their frustration at being so far from home without seeing much action.

into film. Mendes is the director who also created "American Beauty" and "Road to Perdition." If you gain nothing from this film, at least it looks good.

The film itself isn't an anti-war film, but instead a critical look at the anticipation of war. These men are trained to kill, they are trained to fight, they are trained for war. They must make themselves callous, enduring hardships that will break them down, readying them to face horrors they have never seen before. They are told they will be using these skills in operation Desert Storm. They prepare for war; they bring it into their hearts. They watch war films and cheer as the military takes out their targets.

The horrors of war are their duty. Their disappointment at having the battle over before it began makes them wonder what they will do next, and the film asks the audience what they should do with their pent-up aggression. Some could handle it others could not. Some found a cause to fight for; some were still searching for that cause, while others simply gave up on a cause entirely.

Regardless of the viewer's feelings on war or the military, this movie will entertain. It finds a great balance between humor and drama. The action is very little, which is contrary to what many people are expecting to see in a war film, but again this is about the anticipation of war. On the merit of story, realism and a just plain cool looking

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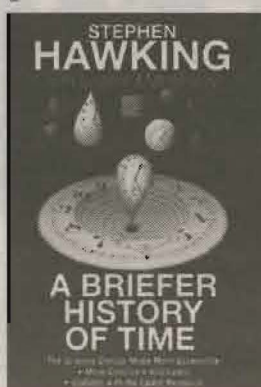


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Huskies need time to get back on track

UW football needs stability to reach glory once again



Don't blame Willingham for team's performance

NICK PAGE
Mast sports columnist

I don't know which is sadder, the empty seats in the stadium or the plays on the field.

That is a question I never thought would have to be answered, but the current state of University of Washington football begs for it to be.

After the Huskies' 18-10 loss to Oregon State this weekend, the once proud program finds itself in the midst of its lowest point in its 100-plus year history.

Husky Stadium was the emptiest I have ever seen Saturday, and I've been going to games regularly for over ten years.

What speaks louder though, are people who have been going to games since the 1960s say the same thing.

It wasn't that long ago that Husky football was at the top of its game, with a national title in 1991. No other school won more football games than UW in the 1990s.

It looked like the beginning of the 21st century was going to bring similar success, with a 10-1 season in 2000 and a trip the next year to the 2001 Rose Bowl.

Oh, how the mighty have fallen since then.

Sub par season followed sub par season and two coaches were fired. Now, we find ourselves in the midst of another lost season, and the fan base is quickly growing disgusted.

Two one-win seasons will do that. Interest in Husky football is at an all-time low.

There used to be a time when the

Huskies were the only game in town. The Seahawks, Mariners and

Sonics have all done their share to divert the attention. If people want to root for a winner, they have to look elsewhere.

There will be people calling for the firing of coaches — as if another coaching change is going to fix everything.

For this program to get back to the top or even back to respectability, the team needs stability.

Coach Tyrone Willingham needs to bring in a couple of solid recruiting classes, and then he needs to produce on the field.

Transitions are always tough in the world of sports, and this one is no different.

It might just be a little harder to watch this transition than some of the others.

The last two seasons have been hard to watch, and based upon what I saw Saturday, it's not getting better anytime soon.

But the die-hard fans aren't going anywhere. Rome may be burning, but some of us are just waiting for the flames to go out so we can build it back up again.

Agree or disagree with Nick or Tim? Let your voice be heard.
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Third and long and we're swinging for the fences

TIM KELLY
Mast sports columnist

"Mighty are the men of Washington" says the song, but for the past three seasons the Husky football team has been anything but mighty.

Heading into this week, the Huskies have lost 14 straight Pacific 10 Conference games.

The overall record in the era of "P.N." or Post Neuheisel, has been 8-24 overall and 4-18 in conference play. These numbers might be acceptable east of the Cascades in Pullman, but not for the most storied program in the Northwest.

The Huskies have been on a downward spiral ever since Billie Joe Hobart claimed he received gifts from a booster and the team was put on probation.

This forced legendary coach Don James into retirement, and his Defensive Coordinator Jim Lambright took control of the program.

Lambright's first few years did not see any bowl action, and after probation he put up winning seasons.

However, he was unable to return the program to "the granddaddy of them all," the Rose Bowl. Eventually he was fired.

His replacement was a weasel known simply as Neuheisel. Sure, he led Lambright's players to the Rose Bowl; but his constant violations and supposedly great recruiting has run the program into the ground.

Neuheisel recruited most of the "talent" on this year's roster. He missed out on top recruits but claimed he nabbed the better all-around player. Case in point, he missed out on Vince Young but got the "better" Isaiah Stanback. Young has a Rose Bowl victory and is a Heisman front-runner, while Stanback has been benched this year.

The line can't block, the quarterback can barely throw, the running backs never find the holes and worst of all, the defense can't hit anybody.

New head coach Tyrone Willingham came in with a lot of hype. His job is to turn this team around, yet this year, even with a 1-8 record, the blame should not fall on Willingham. The glass is half full for his program.

Willingham does have an impressive track record. He has already coached in the Pac 10 at academic powerhouse Stanford.

Things will turn around. Willingham has seen winning seasons at his last two schools, both of which feature tough academic standards. The University of Washington is good academically, but not on the same page as Stanford and Notre Dame.

Can you imagine what Willingham will do with his recruits?

It will cause long, anxious days for the Pac-10, and most importantly, for the farmers in Pullman and the hippies in Eugene.

Lutes kill Boxers, Bruins



Photo by Roxanne Cooke

Members of the PLU volleyball team celebrate after a kill by Kati McGinn in the first game against Pacific Friday night. The Lutes swept Pacific -0 and beat George Fox Saturday 3-2 to conclude their season with a 14-9 overall record.

ANDREW CROFT
Mast sports reporter

After the weekend's disappointment, the Lutes ended their season with two wins, finishing in fourth place overall. The team beat Pacific 3-0 Friday and George Fox 3-2 during senior night on Saturday.

There was absolutely nothing standing between the Lutes and their victory Friday as they slaughtered Pacific.

In game one, middle blocker Kati McGinn delivered a kill to put the Lutes up 4-2. After building a 17-8 lead, the Lutes cruised to a 30-12 win.

The toughest battle of the night occurred in game two, when the Boxers bounced back from a 6-0 deficit to take the lead 19-16. After a three point deficit, outside hitter Meghan Fagerberg made a kill to tie the score at 30-30. A block by middle blocker Kyla Wytoko and outside hitter Rachel Shillinger put the Lutes ahead by one. Fagerberg came back with another kill to give the Lutes a 32-30 victory.

In game three, Brianna Drexler gave PLU an 18-5 lead. The Lutes strolled to an easy 30-17 victory to take the match.

The following night, the women faced George Fox on their senior night. Though George Fox gave them a

run for their money, the Lutes came out on top 3-2.

"They always give whoever they play a battle," said outside hitter Stephanie Turner of the opposition.

In game one, the Lutes fell to the Bruins 30-21.

In game two, the Lutes evened the match at 1-1 with a 30-22 win, but the Bruins came back to win game three, 30-20.

The Lutes appeared dead after they fell to 10-20 in game four, but coach Kevin Aoki called a time out and gave them the energy they needed to win the game.

The Lutes went on an 18-6 run to win the match with a close call at 30-28.

In the fifth and final game, the Lutes went on to a 7-2 run to take a 11-6 lead. The Bruins took the next four points, but the Lutes answered with a kill by Rachel Crossen. The Bruins scored the next point, but it would be their last. A kill by Turner and Shillinger completed the comeback victory.

With the season over, the team, especially the senior players and coach Aoki, expressed thanks to everyone who has come out and watched the team play this year.

"I would like to thank the fans for coming out and supporting us this year," Aoki said. "It was very special."

ALL CONFERENCE HONORS

Men's Soccer

- Kevin Murray (senior)
Northwest Conference
Offensive Player of the year
midfielder - First Team
- Mike Ferguson (sophomore)
midfielder - First Team
- Jay Pettit (senior)
midfielder - Second Team

Women's Soccer

- Andrea Gabler (senior)
forward/midfielder - First Team
- Megan Shannon (first-year)
forward - Second Team
- Christina McDuffie (first-year)
forward - Second Team
- Jenny Ironside (senior)
defender - honorable mention

Volleyball

- Stephanie Turner (senior)
outside hitter - First Team
- Kati McGinn (junior)
middle blocker - Second Team
- Gina Di Maggio (sophomore)
setter - Second Team

Women's soccer playoff hopes die with 0-0 tie

Lutes needed win against Willamette to receive regional playoff berth

TYLER OCHSNER

Mast sports reporter

Following Friday's 2-1 victory over Linfield, the women's soccer squad held onto a glimmer of hope that the team would earn a berth into the NCAA Western Regional playoffs. This dream could only come true if the Lutes took down second-place Willamette.

In a must-win regular season finale, which featured two teams separated by one point in the conference standings, the Lutes collided with Willamette in a 0-0 tie that decided the fate of the PLU season Saturday at Franklin Pierce High School.

"If we would have won, it wouldn't have been our last game," forward Christina McDuffie said. "Since we tied, it didn't help our chances of making it to regionals. We ended up one point short."

PLU (11-6-2, 9-5-2 NWC) tallied 29 conference points on the season compared to Willamette's (11-6-3, 9-4-3 NWC) 30 points. With the tie, UPS, the conference champion and automatic qualifier, was the only team going to the regional playoffs from the NWC.

However, the Lutes would not have even been considered for playoff contention unless they knocked off Linfield Friday. But the team did exactly that on a rainy, blustery afternoon at Curtis High School.

"With Linfield scoring first, it was a real eye opener for us," McDuffie said. "We had to stop worrying about [the weary factor] and the rain because we didn't want our hard work to go to waste."

In the 16th minute of the contest, Linfield forward Ashley Covey recovered a loose ball and placed it into the net over the head of PLU goalkeeper Amanda Tschauner.

"When [Linfield] came out and scored, our team stepped up a level," forward Nicole Reinke said. "We didn't want to tie and send the game into overtime."

The Lutes knotted the game eight minutes later when McDuffie punched a ball into the goal from 12-yards away off a Linfield deflection.

It appeared the 1-1 game was headed to an overtime period, until the 85th minute of the contest. With less than six minutes remaining, forward Megan Shannon received a pass from midfielder Lauren Northcutt and booted the ball into the left side of the net to capture the 2-1 win for PLU.

However, the Lutes had little time to celebrate, as a final conference clash versus Willamette was waiting for them.

PLU wanted to win the game because a trip to the regional playoffs was on the line, McDuffie said.

But the Lutes were also hoping to be victorious over a Willamette team who displayed a poor attitude, an overly aggressive style of play and disrespect for PLU, she added.

Through the first 45 minutes of battling, neither team's defense was willing to surrender a goal.

At halftime, PLU head coach Jerrod Fleury informed his players that a phone call confirmed the team had a high chance of reaching the regional tournament if they beat Willamette, Reinke said.

"He told us about [the phone call] to get us pumped up," Reinke said.

As PLU took control of the offense in the first half, Willamette did the same in the second period.

"For the first 30 minutes, we had run of the play," McDuffie said. "In the second half, [Willamette] had run of the play. But we had run of the play in overtime."

In the second overtime period, Fleury was ejected after receiving his second yellow card for remarks towards the head official. The referees also gave PLU assistant coach Matt White a yellow card.

"The referees were making some horrible calls and Jerrod [Fleury] was unhappy,"

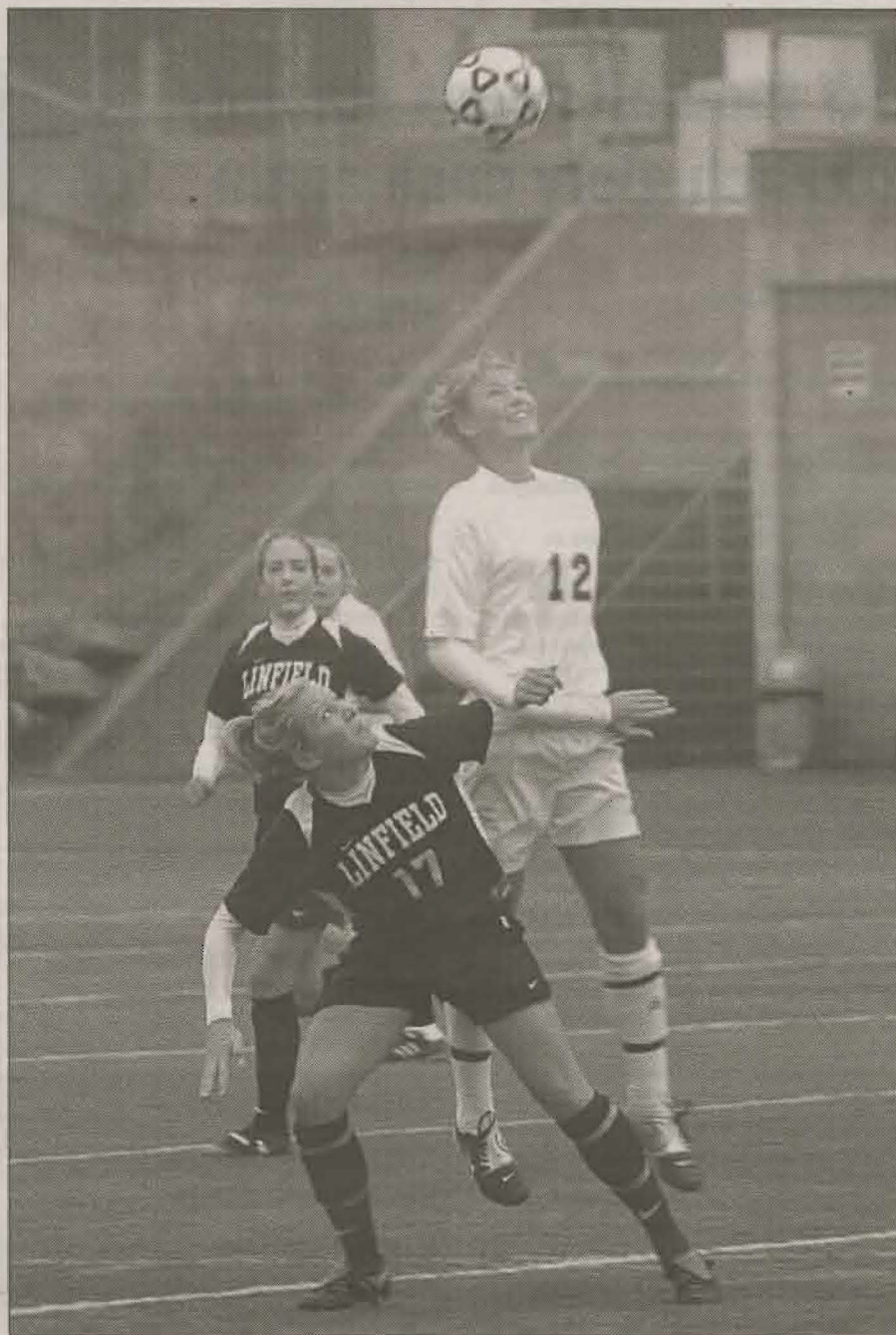


Photo by Brian Bradshaw

Midfielder Lauren Meyer heads the ball away from Linfield's Chelsea Stolz during Friday's 2-1 victory over Linfield. The Lutes ended the year at 11-6-2, good for third place in the conference standings.

McDuffie said. "He was mocking the referee by saying 'corner' [indicating that Willamette was receiving too many corner kick opportunities]."

After 110 minutes, 21 shot opportunities, three yellow cards and an evening filled with drama, the important contest concluded in a 0-0 draw.

"In no way we gave up," Reinke said. "It was really frustrating because we wanted to beat them and go to the playoffs."

After the game ended in a tie, "we [realized] our season was over for real," she said.

Men's soccer dominates Willamette 9-0

Team sets new record for victories in a season since becoming Division III

MEGAN WOCHNICK

Mast sports editor

Before heading into the final game of the season Saturday, the Pacific Lutheran men's soccer team needed one victory to set a new team record for wins in a season since it entered Division III eight years ago.

That mission was accomplished with ease as the Lutes' high-powered offense overpowered Willamette, shutting out the Bearcats 9-0 for the 12th win of the season.

"The victory was great," head coach John Yorke said. "The fact the seniors were able to completely enjoy the night and play together one last time was awesome."

Although the game was the finale of the season for the Lutes, it was played at Franklin Pierce High School due to poor conditions on the campus soccer field.

PLU (12-8-0 overall, 8-6-0 NWC) quickly got on the scoreboard at the 2:11 mark, as forward Mike Ferguson gave a pass to midfielder Kevin Murray near the middle of the goal box.

Soon after Murray scored, he received a yellow card for excessive celebration when he took off his jersey.

Just minutes later, Ferguson scored one of his three goals in the first half, off a deflection in front of the goal box to make the score 2-0.

The tandem of Murray and Ferguson came together again at the 12:47 mark, as Murray passed to Ferguson from the right side and put the ball in the back of the net.

Ferguson's final goal came at the 16:48 mark, unassisted, as Willamette goalkeeper Dane Meier deflected the ball to put the Lutes up 4-0.

Defender Matt Taller got into the offensive mix, scoring his second goal of the season off another deflection.

"[The shot] was my third chance on that play and I finally scored," Taller said.

PLU's final first-half goal came from a line drive shot from Murray about 30 yards out at the 29:07 mark of the game, over the head of Meier, to make the score 6-0 at halftime.

"I didn't think the game would be an onslaught like that," defender Brian Lubeck said.

The Lute offensive force continued in the second half as midfielder Justin Stevens scored his first goal of the season and his last game as a Lute.

Murray then scored his final goal of the game, completing his hat trick goal performance at the 64th minute on a header off a corner kick from midfielder Jay Pettit.

The team's final goal came from forward Greg Majovski, who also scored his first goal of the season at the 68th minute. Majovski received a cross pass from Murray, from near the top of the goal box, to have the final score read 9-0 — a season high in goals for the Lutes this season.

With four assists in the game, Murray set a new school record for the number of assists in one game.

Yorke praised Murray's efforts both on and off the soccer field in his career at PLU.

"Kevin has done a lot for this program in his two years

here," Yorke said. "He, and all of the graduating seniors, have left this program in a much better way than they found it four years ago when they all arrived here."

PLU dominated the Bearcats in every category, including a 24-3 shot advantage and 9-2 on corner kicks.

Rob Grolbert had two saves in the game, and split the goalie position with Ryan Nichols late in the game.

"The game was a blast," Lubeck said. "It was an appropriate way to end the season for the seniors."

The seniors who played their last games were: Jon Novotney, Stevens, Grolbert, Harman, Murray, Taller and Pettit.

Linfield tops Lutes, 2-0

Linfield's Mike Grabast scored two goals in the second half, giving the visiting Wildcats a 2-0 victory over the Lutes at Curtis High School Friday afternoon.

The game was played at Curtis due to poor conditions on the PLU soccer field.

Grabast broke a scoreless tie four minutes into the second half, when his shot from the left side near the goalkeeper's box went into the right corner of the net.

He added an insurance goal with 13 minutes left in the game when he stole the ball from PLU goalkeeper Jared Harman, who came out of the goalkeeper's box in an attempt to retrieve a loose ball and kick it upfield. Grabast deflected Harman's kick and scored on the breakaway.

Three Lutes earn All-Conference honors:

Kevin Murray, Mike Ferguson and Jay Pettit earned All-Conference honors for their play this season.

For details, turn to Page 13.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THIS WEEK IN SPORTS	• The Sonics continue their east coast road trip as they take on the Washington Wizards at 4:30 p.m.	• PLU football plays final game of the season against Whitworth at Spark Stadium. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m.	• PLU men's crew team competes at the Head of the Lake Regatta in Seattle at 8 a.m.	• Monday Night Football on ABC at 9 p.m. Dallas Cowboys vs. Philadelphia Eagles	• College Football on ESPN2: Bowling Green takes on Miami (Ohio) at 7 pm.	• NHL action: Colorado Avalanche at Phoenix Coyotes. Game time is 7 p.m.	• Husky Volleyball: The UW women's volleyball team plays host to Oregon State at 7 p.m.

Eagles are better without Terrell Owens

My message to a player who has yet to do anything amazing



The Philadelphia Eagles suspended Terrell Owens this past week for being, in basic terms, a distraction to the team.

While the suspension listed four games, Eagles head coach Andy Reid said at a press conference earlier in the week that T.O. would not be returning to play this season for the Eagles. I would just like to be one of probably many to stand up and applaud this decision.

This all started when T.O. bashed the Eagles' organization during an interview. He said that the Eagle's front office had no class, and they would be undefeated with a guy like Brett Favre at quarterback because he plays through injuries. (Even though Eagles' QB Donovan McNabb played a good chunk of a season on a broken ankle. I think that also could be considered playing through injuries.)

What I see here is the case of an athlete thinking he is bigger than his teammates, his entire organization and ultimately the league.

My message to Terrell Owens: "Shut the hell up!"

I cannot believe this guy and the stupid, arrogant, egotistical things he says about himself and about other people. This guy was once quoted as saying "I love me some me." In some cases such a quote can be seen as funny, somewhat comical and a good sound bite. However, this is the same guy that decided to hold one of his workout sessions in his drive way because he saw reporters outside of his house. This guy needs to get off himself and realize that he really has no reason to be so cocky.

One of the easiest ways to judge a football players success is to simply look at the numbers.

What have you done for me lately? Well T.O. I hate to break it to you, but you really haven't done much.

I will give him credit for the fact that he does have over 100 touchdown catches for his career, as well as over 10,000 yards receiving, but other than that, nothing that would put him into the debate of "greatest receivers of all time." He helped get the Eagles to the Super Bowl last year, but they did not win. And what did he go and do when they lost? He quickly pointed the finger at McNabb. Football is a team game. You win as a team and you loose as a team. McNabb was not the only reason the Eagles lost that game, but T.O. never wants to put T.O. down.

Other than his one Super Bowl appearance and his pro bowl selections, what else has T.O. done? He has not won any Super Bowls. He does not hold any big time NFL records. He has done nothing but make some good players mad, show off in

the end zone and run his fat mouth.

It makes me sick to know that T.O. is a part of a position that has included the likes of Jerry Rice, the greatest receiver of all time, Michael Irvin and former Seattle Seahawk Steve Largent. Irvin was known as a bit of a talker in his day, but he never threw his own teammates under the bus, and he backed up what he said because he actually won Super Bowls.

You look at guys like Rice and Largent and you will see players that handled their superstar status with class and dignity. They let their play do the talking, and never gave into the pressures of the media. I know the media can be vicious at times, but Owens makes the choice to play into them.

He is simply a man who wants more than he deserves and is in desperate need of attention. He knows reporters love interviewing him because he is going to give great quotes, so he plays into it and gives them what they want. The only person Owens thinks about is Owens.

Win a Super Bowl, Terrell, break a record held by the great Jerry Rice, do something besides run your mouth about how good you are and how your team is horrible and treats you like crap.

I think the Eagles were smart for suspending him for the season. In my opinion he does not deserve to play on any NFL team or enjoy the perks. This man gets paid over \$7 million to play one game. He gets to travel the world for free. He gets meals for free, plane travel for free, clothes for free, though he has more money than most people in the United States.

He gets national exposure on a weekly basis and has thousands of people watching his every move, simply because he catches

a ball. In my opinion Terrell Owens does not deserve the life of an NFL player. He is selfish, egotistical, a horrible teammate and a poor example of a football player. What makes it even worse is that until he wins a championship or does something great, in my opinion he will be just a good player who has ruined his talent and athletic gifts because he thinks he is bigger than the sport.

If you think I am just a lowly college columnist who has no right to criticize the man, and that I would not say this to his face, you're mistaken. I would. The Eagles are better off without him and I think the NFL is better off without him. This column will also be sent to the Eagles' offices in Philadelphia, so T.O. can see what I think about him. He has given a bad name to the wide receiver position that, until this point, has been filled with classy players worthy of the NFL life.

T.O., you make me sick. Plain and simple.

10 Lutes earn all-conference honors

10 PLU fall athletes earned All-Northwest Conference honors for their play this season. To check out the players and the honors they received, turn to page 13.

Scorecard

Men's Soccer

Team	NWC	%	Pts.	All	%
Whitworth	13-0-1	.964	40	16-1-1	.917
Linfield	10-1-3	.821	33	11-4-4	.684
UPS	10-2-2	.786	25	11-2-3	.781
PLU	8-4-0	.571	35	12-8-0	.600
Whitman	6-8-0	.429	18	8-11-0	.421
Willamette	3-11-0	.214	5	5-13-0	.278
George Fox	1-12-1	.107	11	2-15-1	.139
Pacific	1-12-1	.107	7	2-15-1	.139

Final season stats

Goals by Period	1	2	OT	OT2	Total
Pacific Lutheran.....	22	23	0	1	46
Opponents.....	13	12	0	1	26

Shots by Period	1	2	OT	OT2	Total
Pacific Lutheran.....	151	149	3	1	304
Opponents.....	103	90	4	1	19

Last weekend's games

11/4 vs Linfield - lost 2-0
11/5 vs Willamette - won 9-0

Football

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	3-0	1.000	7-0	1.000
Willamette	3-0	1.000	5-3	.625
Whitworth	1-2	.333	4-3	.571
UPS	1-3	.250	4-4	.500
PLU	0-3	.000	3-5	.375
Lewis & Clark	0-0	.000	0-4	.000

Upcoming Games:

11/12 vs Whitworth - 1 p.m.

(All stats as of 11/9)

Team Leaders - Rushing
1. Chase Reed - 258
2. Chris Maine - 2237
3. Craig Stahl - 193

Receiving
1. Craig Chlado - 902
2. Chase Reed - 616
3. Jacob Washburn - 405

Interceptions
1. Kurt Van Selus - four; 51 yards
2. Brent Frank - four; six yards
3. Tyler Bream - one; four yards

Volleyball

Final Standings

Team	NWC	%	GB	All	%
Whitworth	15-1	.938	-	20-3	.869
Linfield	12-4	.750	3	20-4	.833
UPS	12-4	.750	3	15-5	.750
PLU	11-5	.688	4	14-9	.600
George Fox	7-9	.438	8	12-12	.522
Whitman	7-9	.438	7	12-12	.500
Lewis & Clark	5-11	.312	10	9-15	.375
Pacific	2-14	.125	12	9-17	.346
Willamette	1-15	.063	14	1-19	.050

Last Three Games

10/29 at Whitworth - lost 3-1
11/4 vs Pacific - won 3-0
11/5 vs George Fox - won 3-2

(Final stats)

Team Leaders - Blocking
1. Kati McGinn - 68
2. Kyla Wytiko - 52
3. Rachel Shillinger - 42

Team Leaders - Kills

1. Kati McGinn - 304
2. Stephanie Turner - 277
3. Meghan Fagerberg - 238

Team Leaders - Digs

1. Nicole Potts - 31
2. Megan Kosel - 277
3. Kati McGinn - 186

Team Leaders - Set

1. Gina Di Maggio - 979
2. Rachel Shillinger - 30
3. Ashleigh Houlton - 23

Women's Soccer

Final Standings

Team	NWC	%	Pts.	All	%
UPS	15-0-1	.969	46	16-1-1	.917
Willamette	9-4-3	.656	30	11-6-3	.625
PLU	9-5-2	.625	29	11-6-2	.632
Whitman	8-5-3	.594	27	10-6-3	.605
Whitworth	7-7-2	.500	23	8-8-3	.500
Lewis & Clark	5-9-2	.375	17	7-10-3	.425
Pacific	4-11-1	.281	13	7-12-1	.375
Linfield	3-10-3	.281	12	5-11-4	.350
George Fox	3-12-1	.219	10	6-13-1	.325

(Final stats)

Goals by Period	1	2	OT	2OT	Total
Pacific Lutheran.....	15	12	2	0	29
Opponents.....	13	8	1	1	23

Shots by Period	1	2	OT	2OT	Total
Pacific Lutheran.....	110	130	6	3	249
Opponents.....	102	112	5	4	223

Last Three Games

10/30 at Whitworth - lost 2-1
PLU goals:
Megan Shannon - 1

11/4 vs Linfield - won - 2-1
PLU goals:
Christina McDuffie - 1
Megan Shannon - 1

11/5 vs Willamette - tie 0-0
PLU goals: none

Team Leaders - Goals
1. Megan Shannon - 10
2. Andrea Gabler - 9
3. Christina McDuffie - 6

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First-year tackles all odds, returns to play

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Mast sports editor

"Everything happens for a reason," and "it all works out in the end" are the messages first-year Doug Rickabaugh received in get-well cards, but these messages were not what he wanted to hear. The only thing he wanted to hear was that he would be cleared to play football, the game he loves.

Rickabaugh attended Cascade Christian High School in Puyallup and participated in both track and football. During a field event in spring of his sophomore year, an opponent's discus hit Rickabaugh in the head and knocked him out.

The discus chipped Rickabaugh's skull, bruised his brain and damaged his inner ear, which helps the body maintain balance. To this day, Rickabaugh cannot balance with his eyes closed.

Even with this serious injury, Rickabaugh turned out for football his junior year, playing running back and linebacker positions.

After receiving his third serious concussion, Rickabaugh's doctor delivered a devastating announcement, he could no longer play football.

"My family is a football family," Rickabaugh said. "I had let [football] become who I was, when that was taken away it made me think about who I was. I felt like everything was taken away."

While on the sidelines, Rickabaugh picked up an old skill; punting. He began practicing, but not suiting up for games. Finally, with the season almost over, Rickabaugh was able to join his teammates on the field.

"I played along side him for a couple of years," PLU sophomore and former Cascade Christian football player Chad Isenhart said. "Having him out there punting, connected him again."

Rickabaugh rejoined the team for the 1A semi-finals game at the Tacoma Dome. Rickabaugh felt much better about punting than never getting to step onto the field, yet the role was not fulfilling enough for him, especially

after being named captain his senior year.

Rickabaugh talked to the Seattle Seahawks' physician, who cleared Rickabaugh, but said that if he were his son he would not let him play. His family took this advice to heart and decided before his senior year that he would only punt for the team.

At football camp that summer, Rickabaugh's mother could not stand seeing him try to lead the team from the sidelines. His parents told him that the choice was his, if he wanted to go back out on the field.

Rickabaugh chose more playing time.

He approached his coaches, but his old positions were already filled. Rickabaugh told them that he wanted to play wherever the team needed him, which turned out to be a quarterback.

Every player on the team knew how dangerous it was for Rickabaugh to play.

"Every single starter was willing to give their life for me," Rickabaugh said, "which [is something that] will never be duplicated again."

His comeback motivated and surprised the players on his present and former teams.

"It was such a crazy experience seeing him out there," Isenhart said.

Surviving the football season, Rickabaugh turned out for track and field in the spring, throwing the discus once again. Ironically, Rickabaugh won the state championship in the event.

Now he punts for the PLU football team, but still has to miss a lot of the action.

"I'd do anything to sweat and bleed with the football players out on the field, but for some reason that's not in God's plan," Rickabaugh said. "I take what I have been given and make the best of it."

His injury also strengthened his Christian faith.

After analyzing the past year, the only word that comes to his mind is "blessed." He even began to agree with the get well cards he had received while injured.

"They say everything works out in the end," Rickabaugh said, "and so far it has."



Photo by Roxanne Cooke

First-year punter Doug Rickabaugh practices his kicking skills. Rickabaugh had to overcome a serious head injury that occurred his sophomore year in high school to play football again. His senior year, Rickabaugh became quarterback and captain.

Football runs down third season victory

Offensive explosion leads Lutes to success

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There was no shortage of offensive play Saturday as the Lutes gave a convincing performance against Menlo College with a 48-24 at Spark Stadium.

The offensive onslaught was classic Lute football, and

they finished just 21 yards shy of the school record for total yards in a game, with 632. Of the gained yards, 438 were through the air. Starting quarterback Chris Maine finished the game with ten completions, half of them completed for touchdowns. He came up just short of the school record for touchdown passes in a game, which still stands at six.

The Lutes spotted Menlo an early lead, giving up a 26-yard field goal. However, it quickly turned around when Maine hit receiver Jacob Washburn down the sideline for a 71-yard touchdown.

"It was a blast," said Washburn, who added a 63-yard touchdown catch later in the half, "our offense is always capable of putting on a performance like that. It felt

tremendous for everybody."

Stealthy receiver Chase Reed made his usual contribution, flying around the field and wreaking havoc, finishing with eight catches for 167 yards and three touchdowns. Another receiver, Brian Stevens, joined the touchdown group with a 55-yard reception. Washburn, Reed and Stevens all return next season for PLU.

Craig Chiado caught two balls for 46 yards; a substandard effort for him, considering he has 50 catches on the year and is widely considered the best receiver in the Northwest Conference.

"I think maybe he let us have some fun this time around," Washburn said.

Reserve quarterbacks Evan Bratz, Rob Iverson and Matt Griffith all saw action under center, with Iverson tossing a touchdown and Bratz contributing an interception on the defensive side.

"We're always focused, we always play tough," linebacker Jon Hergert said. "We did what we set out to do, play hard, have fun and do some damage."

The Lutes get one more opportunity to do damage tomorrow at Sparks Stadium, where they will battle with conference foe Whitworth. Kickoff is scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

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