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# RHA, ASPLU may merge

What will this mean

for PLU students?

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BY ERIC RUTHFORD AND LAURA RITCHIE Mast editors

The Associated Students of Pacific Lutheran University and the Residence Hall Association are considering merging into one organization.

ASPLU President Bradd Busick and RHA Campus Wide Programmer Brook Buchanan have been writing the proposal for the merger.

Busick declined to share any

specific structural changes that are within the plan, but he said to swallow RHA," he said. RHA's no positions

would eliminated.

"It's finally strong, unifed voice as opposed to two separate voices,"

He said students will know exactly who their senators are under the plan.

"It's not in ASPLU's interest

mission would continue, he said, "More of an outreach to students, just with more structure." The new organization would go under the

name "ASPLU," Busick said.

He said he will make it public at the next ASPLU Senate meet-

"Why should I give it to the Mast when I haven't given it to the people in my own organization?" he said.

He added he had not yet given a copy of the proposal to RHA members yet, either.

RHA President Robby Larson said he was not ready to commit to any plans, but he will support the most effective system of rep-

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# Wrestlers Cypher, Werner qualify to go to nationals

BY LENA TIBBELIN Mast sports editor

Two PLU wrestlers qualified for to the NCAA division III national tournament in Trenton, N.J. on March 5-6, by winning their respective wieght classes at the regionals.

Senior Matt Werner took the title at 149-pounds and junior Mark Cypher won at 184 pounds, to lead the Lutes to a fifth place finish in the team competition. The NCAA division III Great

Lakes Regional tournament, hosted by Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc., was a completely new experience for the Lutes. They were treated as the newcomers, and rightly so since this is PLU's first year in NCAA division III and the region.

'I like adverse situations; we and Pacific were the oddballs," assistant coach Anders Blomgren said. PLU and fellow conference opponent Pacific University, were the only two schools from the west coast competing against 12 schools from the midwest. Not only the opponents, but also the referees; were unfamiliar to PLU.

'They [the Lutes] had to work for every point which made it very rewarding," Blomgren said.

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McChord Air Force Base's fleet of C-141 Starlifter cargo jets is being replaced by quieter, more efficient C-17 Globemasters.

## Parkland's skies to soften

BY JENNI DILLON Mast reporter

The constant roar of planes over PLU will soon soften due to an exchange of the fleet of cargo planes at McChord Air Force Base. This summer will mark the beginning of an exchange of the 48 C-141's currently housed at McChord for 48 new C-17's set to be completed by 2002.

"The 141 is an older plane. It served the country well, but it's time to move on," said Lt. Lars nearly twice the size, meaning it can carry tanks, helicopters and missile batteries. In addition, the C-17 is considerably quieter than the C-141. Anderson said that the community will absolutely notice a difference in noise from the base planes. Not only are the newer planes quieter, but there will also be fewer flights.

Most of the planes currently flying over the area are being used for the training flights. "A lot of the training takes place in simulators, so there won't be as many local flights," said Ander-

To house the new fleet, the base is constructing \$150 million worth of new buildings. "There is always a cost when you transfer to a new airframe," said Anderson. He explained that the cost is worth the benefits though. "We're excited that the C-17 is coming," he said, noting that McChord supplies \$1.7 million per day in economic impact to the community and the new fleet

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# Car hits Harstad; no injuries

BY ERIC RUTHFORD Mast news editor

Usually, Campus Safety goes to the incident.

This time, when a car traveling at 50 miles per hour on Garfield Street hit a curb, flew 30 feet, and then crashed into the wall of the Campus Safety office at 1:23 a.m. Wednesday, the incident came to them.

The driver of the 1996 red Saturn, a 27-year-old Parkland woman with no connection to PLU, was arrested by the Washington State Patrol on suspicion of driving under the influence.

The woman had minor scrapes after the crash, Huston said. She was wearing her seatbelt, and the airbag in the car deployed on impact.

The car destroyed some shubbery outside of the office in Harstad Hall, but there was no damage to Harstad itself.

"Definitely the wall won. The car was a total loss, a total disaster," Campus Safety Director Walt Huston said. The car impacted between Huston's own office and the office of the operations supervisors.

One of those supervisors, Adam Collins, was standing outside of Harstad Hall when he saw the car slam into his office.

Huston, who based his information of Collins' eyewitness account, said the car was traveling west on Garfield Street South. When it reached the intersection of Park Avenue South, the car was accelerating, Huston said.

"When she hit the curb out there, it launched her Evil Knivelstyle and she landed 30 feet away," Huston said.

Only a small area of grass was torn up because the car was completely airborne for most of the distance between the street and the wall. "There are no skid marks whatsoever. She didn't hit the brakes at all," he said.

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#### Students will narrow seven candidates down to four on Tuesday in the ASPLU primary elections for Anderson. The C-17 is approxi-President and Vice President. mately the same size as the C-141, but has a space capacity Kate Hardin, Sean Howell, Robby Larson and Desi

Marvitz are running for President.

**ASPLU** primary

elections Tuesday

Linda Hutson, Greg Pickett and Keith Pranghofer are vying for the Vice President's position.

Turn to page 8 for full election coverage.

# Legislative internships give PLU students a 'foot in the door'

BY EMILY LAINE Mast intern

While most students were settling back into the routines of classes and homework, PLU students Shannon Doolittle, Lisa Birnel, Devora Heinert, and Laura Markus were beginning four months of intense, quick-paced internships at the State Legislature in Olympia.

"Every day is a little different," Markus said. Markus' internship involves writing letters in response to constituents' concerns, tracking bills, and making gubernatorial appointments.

Heinert works for Senator Tracy Eide,

who is co-chair of the Senate education committee. Her job involves taking care of anything having to do with the education committee; she attends committee meetings and writes constituent correspondance. She especially enjoys spending time with Senator Eide talking about bills.

Former ASPLUPresident Birnel spends most of her time tracking the bills sponsored by the Senator she works with. This involves attending hearings and following issues. She was given the opportunity last week to spend a day job-shadowing the Lieutenant Governor. "The internship is an awesome way to get your foot in

the door," she said.
The Washington State Legislature Internship Program began in 1955. "It is an academic work-based internship," said Judi Best, Intern Coordinator for the Washington State Senate.

In addition to working with Senators or Representatives, interns take part in weekly academic seminars. Interns also assume various roles and debate Senate and House bills in floor debates and mock hearings. Interns are given the opportunity to shadow an elected official or administrator for a day.

Interns receive a monthly stipend of \$1,000 and gain academic credit. Dr. Wally

Spencer, who oversees the intern program at PLU said that students can earn anywhere between eight and tweleve credits. In addition, PLU's convenient location to Olympia makes it possible for students to take night classes.

If bill-tracking, participating in mock floor debates, and shadowing high-ranking elected officials sounds like a good way to spend next Spring semester, there are a few things you should be aware of.

"We look for people who have a passion for learning about policy and who

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A.R.R.O.W. Day

Many clubs, departments, and organizations are joining together in the sixth annual Active Response Regarding Our World (A.R.R.O.W.) Day. This Thursday the UC Commons will be converted into a mini-carnival filled with activities and raffles

Students, faculty, and staff will have the opportunity to win raffle prizes including airline tickets, Mariners tickets, live goldfish, and many more. All funds raised will be donated to Faith Homes, a Tacoma Social Service Agency that provides housing and a supportive community to pregnant teens or teen mothers and their infants.

A.R.R.O.W. Day will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. Call the Volunteer Center at x8318 for more information.

Parkland Pride

ASPLU will sell an additional and final 100 Parkland Pride basketball t-shirts. ASPLU Vice President Ryan Bebe-Pelphrey will sell the shirts at the women's 6:00 game tonight. Tshirts cost \$5.

Dessert Theatre

Health Services, along with C.A.D.E.T., welcome substance abuse educator Mike Green to campus for this spring's Dessert Theatre. Green will present "One Night Can Have a Lifetime of Consequences" at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the CK.

Gourmet desserts will be served during Green's presentation. Admission is \$1 or one meal deducted from a meal card. Call x7616 for more information.



Feb. 13-

•In the course of routine patrol, Campus Safety Officers witnessed a Chrysler New Yorker stop in the middle of the intersection of Park Avenue South and Garfield Street South. The vehicle was situated in such a way so as to obstruct oncoming traffic. Campus Safety officers made contact with the driver of the vehicle, a local resident, and discovered that she had passed out while driving, due to severe alcohol intoxication. Campus Safety officers were alarmed at the fact that the driver was in the process of transporting three young children while obviously impaired. Accordingly, both Pierce County Sherrif's Department and the Washington Sate Patrol were contacted. The responding Campus Safety officers removed the driver's keys from the vehicle ignition, temporarily confiscating them and turning them over to the responding law enforcement officers. Both PCSD and WSP arrived and arrested the driver of the vehicle for driving under the influence. The three children were taken into protective custody by the responding WSP troopers.

· The PLU golf shop attendant contacted Campus Safety to report that a white Ford pickup truck parked in the Golf Parking Lot had been broken into and items appeared to have been stolen. The owner/operator of the vehicle, a PLU guest, was contacted and the owner confirmed that a black purse was stolen, containing approximately \$80 in cash. No suspects were identified. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was contacted and a report was

written.

•A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request emergency response to Ordal Hall for a fellow PLU student. The student was suffering from an apparent allergic reaction and was experiencing respiratory distress. Campus Safety and Central Pierce Fire and Rescue responded and discovered that the student was assisting the patient in administrating an injection of Epinephrine to counteract the effects of the reaction. Upon this injection, the patient's condition improved and no transport to an area hospital was necessary

• A PLU Construction Contractor contacted Campus Safety to report the theft of his portable band saw from the adminsitration building. Apparently the theft occured while he was ened in costruction work elsewhere in the building. No suspects were identified. Estimated cost of loss -\$400.

•A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report a noise violation in the fourth floor lounge of Tingelstad Hall. Campus Safety responded and made contact with six PLU students who indicated that the complaining student had approached them and was very rude, using profanity to indicate his displeasure. Two Tingelstad Resident Assistants were contacted and indicated that the same student had also threatened both of them in the past. With the noise violation mitigated, Campus Safety documented the occurrence and submitted the report to Sudent Conduct for review. This matter is still under investigation.

· A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance for an injury sustained when she was inadvertently hit in the mouth by a kicked soccer ball. Campus Safety responded and found the victim was

having difficulty moving her mouth, but no airway obstruction or respiratory diffictuly was apparent. Ice was administered to the injury and the patient was advised to seek additional medical assistance.

Feb. 17-

• A PLU staff member contacted Campus Safety to report that a Honda Prelude had been broken into in the Harstad Parking Lot. Campus Safety reported to the parking lot and confirmed the incident report. The owner of the vandalized vehicle, a PLU student, was notified of the incident and confirmed the theft of approximately ninety-five compact disks that were left on her front passenger's seat. No suspects were identified. The victim was advised to not leave any highvalue items in her vehicle. Estimated cost of loss - \$1500.

•A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assistance for another PLU student who had suffered a syncopal episode while watching a violent self-defense video in her academic class. Campus Safety responded and found the patient conscious, but slightly disoriented. No Emergency Medical Service response was necessary. After monitoring the patient's progress over several minutes, it was determined that no complications from the episode were ap-

parent.

Feb. 18-•A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report the theft of her backpack from the shelves outside the entrance doors to the UC Bookstore. A white, male suspect was seen observing the placement of the backpack in the shelves, but no contact was made with him. Estimated cost of loss-\$425. · A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to request medical assitance for a severe earache. Campus Safety responded and determined that the earache/ear infection was likely a complication of the patient's existing illness. The patient was advised to seek addition medical assistance. The student was later taken to St. Clare Hospital Emergency Room by a friend.

 In the course of routine patrol, a Pierce County Sheriff's Department Deputy witnessed a PLU student urinating on the fence adjacent to Marzano's Restaurant. The Deputy requested response from Campus Safety and contacted the student, who initially uncooperative with deputy, but quickly relented to the authority of both the Pierce County Sheriff's Department deputy and Campus Safety officers. The deputy instructed the student to apologize to the management of Marzano's and to return later in the week to clean the soiled fenceline. Student Conduct was notified of the incident.

 A PLU night custodian contacted Campus Safety to report that two windows in the Plant Services Office Complex had been broken by thrown rocks in an obvious act of malicious vandalism. No attempted break-in to the facility was apparent. Plant Services was notified of the vandalism. No suspects were identified. Estimated cost of damage - \$600.

Alarms to date:

•Fire: 15

•Intrusion: 25 •Panic: 2



"The multinational corporations & their exploitation of Latin American economies.

Greg Pickett, third-year student

\*Environmental issues. There are lots of groups on campus that are making a difference."

Emily Larson, third-year

student

What is the most important social issue or concern that the PLU community can help to minimize?

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\*Drinking problems."

Erik Swanson, third-year student



\*Probably helping the homeless.

Summerer, first-year student

Becky

FOR THE WEEK

Fri. Feb. 26 Lunch Pepperoni Sausage Calzone, **Mediterranean** Pasta, MYO

Burrito Bar Dinner Fish & Chips, Five Cheese Lasagna, Scandinavian Blend Veggies

Sat. Feb. 27 Breakfast Blueberry Filled Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Tator Triangles, Cream of Rice

Lunch Breakfast Menu plus Chicken Nuggets

Dinner

Chicken Enchiladas, Cheese Enchilada Casserole, Spanish Rice, Nachos

Sun Feb. 28 Breakfast Continental: Mini Muffins, Zoom

Lunch Fresh Waffles, Croissantwich, Cheese Omelets, Bacon, Danish

Dinner Honeystung Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Com, Jumbalaya, Key Lime Pie

Mon. March 1 Breakfast Breakfast Burrito, Bacon, Oatmeal, Hashbrowns

Lunch **BBQ** Beef S'wich, Baked Mostaccioli, Onion Rings, Veggies, Pudding

Dinner Chicken Strips, Lemon Pepper Fish, Curried Rice, Zucchini, Breakfast Bar

Tues. March 2 Breakfast Blueberry Pancakes, Cheese Omelet, 101 Bars

> Lunch Chicken Caesar Wrap, Chili Frito Casserole, Capri Blend, Brownies

Dinner Homemade or Veggie Lasagna, Italian Veggies, Ice Cream, lapanese Noodle Station

Wed. March 3 Breakfast French Toast, Scrambled Eggs, Potato Triangles, Struedel Sticks, Sausage

Lunch Chicken Cripitos, Spaghetti Casserole, Rice Krispy Treats

Dinner Beef and Veggie Fajitas, Black Bean Ravioli, Veggies,

Thurs. March 4 Breakfast Pancakes,

Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Hashbrowns

Lunch Little Charlies Pizza, Spinach Ricotta Calzones, Healthy Bake Fish, Salad

Dinner Roast Turkey, Artichoke Parmesan Bake, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing

Breakfast Belgian Waffles, Fried Eggs, Donuts

Fri. Masch 5

Lunch Grilled Turkey & Swiss, Tuna Casserole, **Curly Fries** 

#### MERGER

resentation for students, regardless of what the specific structure may be

He also said student input is necessary.

"It kind of depends on how it goes, how students react," Larson said.

Busick said if members of ASPLU are interested in pursuing the issue, the debate could go on until May.

Larson said RHA could concievably approve a merger a week from Sunday, but he added that there are so many steps along the way that he doubted it would happen that quickly.

Vice President and Dean of Student Life Erv Severtson said he saw two foci in RHA, one to exclusively serve its own constituency, the on-campus students, and one to serve the entire campus.

He said the side of RHA that works to serve the entire campus could use some further development, and more involvement with ASPLU could help.

"Their mutual cooperation makes sense," he said. Severtson said he was in favor of any plan that enhances student opportunities and makes better use of resources, although he said he was not familiar enough with the topic to comment on specific as-

pects of a merger.

ASPLU plans to discuss the issue at its weekly Senate meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in University Center Conference Room 210. The meeting is open to the public.

The RHA President's Council, which consists of all the Hall Council presidents will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Regency Room in the University Center. Larson said the possible merger would be the primary topic of discussion. Severtson and Busick are both expected to be at the meeting. Larson said the meeting is open to the public. Buchanan said late Thursday afternoon that was incorrect and the meeting will be closed. Larson could not be reached for further comment before press time.

If at the Sunday meeting a consensus is reached on the proposed merger, the question would then be posed to the individual Residence Hall Councils, who then would discuss the subject with their residents. March 7, the Residence Hall Council presidents would report their findings to the President's Council.

The subject could be held over for more discussion, rejected or accepted, at that point. Larson stressed there are many "what ifs" in the process.

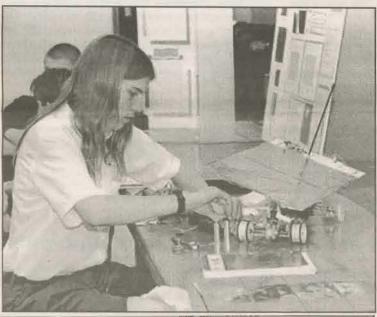


Photo by Lisanna Seim

High school student Barrett Campbell discovered that solar energy had many practical uses while building a dolar-powered car.

#### Students explore science

By ERIC RUTHFORD Mast news editor

Jeane Little and Desire'e Cordas set out to learn about Scrapie, a disorder in sheep that can lead to mad cow disease.

When they used a new test being studied at Washington State University on some sheep belonging to their school's Future Farmers of America club, they were surprised to find the disorder in one of the sheep.

The Sumner High School seniors, along with about 80 other area students, presented the results of their research at the South Sound Regional Science Fair Saturday in Olson Auditorium.

The sheep was sent to WSU, where it has been quarantined.

"They're waiting for it to start showing signs of the Scrapie disease," Little said.

The main purpose of their project was to see if the new test could cause false positives, they said.

"We found that this test really does work," Little said.

They also said they learned

about the scientific method, public speaking, teamwork and ethics. It was morally right to do the tests, they said.

They won the third-place award for team project.

Little wants to go into veterinary medicine, and Cordas plans on studying business, both at WSII

Barrett Campbell, a 9th grader at Timberline High School in Lacey, built a solar-powered car for his project. He was able to operate the car by remote control

He studied how and why the solar panels worked, and found out they were really expensive, but with they did have practical applications.

"By putting it on a larger car, you could actually fit in it," he

The first annual science fair gave out about 50 awards, some of which had cash prizes ranging from \$25 to \$500.

PLU, one of the sponsors of the event, awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to each participant who took first place in their category, provided that they attend PLU. News Analysis

## Merger could shift balance of power

BY ERIC RUTHFORD

Mast news editor

A merger between the Residence Hall Association and the Associated Students of Pacific Lutheran University would affect all student government on-campus and could alter the balance of power.

RHA and ASPLU are two independent organizations that provide the bulk of student voice at PLU. When the university is considering new policies, or considers hiring new administrators ASPLU and RHA members are often asked to sit on the selection and steering committees.

ASPLU President Bradd Busick and Vice President Ryan Bebe-Pelphrey are part of the student life committee that consists of several members of the Board of Regents. RHA President Robby Larson often gives reports to the same committee.

RHA represents the 1,600 on-campus students living in residence halls. ASPLU represents all students, both on-campus and off-campus, although they have some Senate positions to represent specific on-campus and off-campus constituencies.

Members of both organizations have been reluctant to discuss specifics. Busick claims the plan will not eliminate any positions, although it is also possible that the Residence Halls Councils could end up reporting to ASPLU, but many options regarding how the power structure will be changed are still open.

The issue of a merger has been discussed off and on for the past three or four years, and it is a question that gets posed at most candidate debates.

# Dewey resigns in frustration

BY ERIC RUTHFORD Mast news editor

Upper Campus at-large Senator Heather Dewey resigned her post Feb. 19, citing frustration with being blamed for failures in the Senate.

In a letter provided to the Mooring Mast by Dewey's roommate, Linda Hutson, which was read at the Tuesday Senate meeting, Dewey wrote:

"Over and over again, I have been criticized for not investigating enough, or not being prepared enough, and when I am at fault, I have no problem taking responsibility for my mistakes. Often, though, in this role that I have assumed, failure

by the part of the senate was laid on me, and not the senate as a whole. It has been said that when you get knocked down enough, there comes a point where you just stay knocked down. For me, this time has come."

Dewey declined to say Wednesday night what specific Senate issues led to her resignation.

"ASPLU was a large part of my life, and it was an extremely hard decision to resign," she said. Her reasons for resignation were personal, and her business, she

She also emphasized that she is still friends with many ASPLU members. "I want you to know I didn't leave ASPLU on bad

terms," she said.

In her letter, she also wrote that she was simply running out of personal energy to continue in her roles as Senator. She wrote:

"I understand that to some it may seem like I am just giving up, and I admit that I have failed at what I promised my constituents as well as you, in the beginning, but for my own emotional well-being and sanity, I cannot follow-through."

To replace Dewey, ASPLU has advertised for interested people to call ASPLU President Bradd Busick.

He will then make an appointment, and the Senate will vote on Busick's choice.

#### Religion at PLU

# Rejoice! returns after rejuvenation

Christian gathering in Tower Chapel seeks to bring attendence up

BY KRISTI SHETTEL Mäst reporter

Rejoice! took a break during the 1999 January-Term.

According to Tara Roberts, a third-year PLU student and member of the Rejoice! Leader-

ship team, it was a time of transition for the 30-year-old Christian gathering.

"We needed to reevaluate why we were there and what we were doing with Rejoice!," Roberts said.

Last year brought low attendance to the Wednesday night gathering, Roberts said. Those students who had once filled the lecture hall in Xavier once a week with song and prayer were dispersing themselves into other Christian gatherings Roberts stated.

While The Well, another charismatic Christian gathering that meets Monday nights, was seeing a surge in numbers, the Rejoice! crowd was dwindling Roberts explained.

After seeing more low numbers during the fall semester, Roberts said she and other members of the leadership team decided to make some changes. Jason Bendickson, a third-year student and fellow member of the leadership team, said that communication with other Christian students at PLU helped the team develop the format on which they base the gathering this semester.

"Some students would say 'it

The worship is still acoustic, but the five or more guitars that used to lead the Rejoice! worship has been replaced by only one.

Those who attend are welcome to chose which songs they would like to sing and start prayer whenever they feel moved to do so.

scribes the gathering in one very appropriate word, "intimate". That was the object of the leadership team said

Roberts.
"We want students to see that side of

Roberts de-

worship," said Roberts. "The quiet prayer and reflection side."

During a time when the Christian masses at PLU are flocking to louder and more rambunctious gatherings, Rejoice! is trying to define its new role in PLU Christian activities. In redefining that role, Rejoice! is also rediscovering the common mission of all Christian groups at PLU Roberts said.

"We're the same ministry," explained Roberts. "We just provide a different kind of worship."

In the spring semester, Roberts hopes Rejoice! will fully define its new role at PLU and will give students another option for "rejoicing" in their Christianity.

"We want students to see that side of worship... the quiet prayer and reflection side.

feels like a presentation, like

you're putting on a show'," said

Bendickson. "This semester's for-

mat is more friendly and less

sion that too much scheduling

and organizing had taken away

from the experience of Rejoice!.

In focusing on a looser structure,

the team thought there would be

more room for students to make

the time unique and personal for

the Spirit," Roberts said.

"We want Rejoice! to be led by

So, after a full month of prayer

and regrouping, Rejoice! is back.

The gathering is now held in the

peaceful setting of Tower Chapel.

The group came to the conclu-

structured."

themselves.

-Tara Roberts

# Show some respect: remove your gum from campus flora

A large tree stands at the juncture of several pathways down to lower campus, at the head of a path that winds between

It was here when the library was only two stories tall, and "Rieke" was a president and not a building.

It was probably here when Xavier was the library, and Harstad was referred to as "Old Main."

Its roots have weathered countless Puget Sound storms. Its branches have been home to generation upon generation of Lute squirrels.

But chances are good that its bark has never been afflicted as it is presently.

Either a new and bizarre form of fungus that looks exactly like chewing gum has invaded this tree, or it has become the newest trash receptacle on lower campus.

One side of the trunk is covered with gum of every variety, from Juicy Fruit and bubble gum to various minty-looking globs (the Mast has not undertaken a taste-test evaluation)

Students appear to have lost respect for something as fundamental to PLU's campus as the trees that make it a sanctuary in the midst of suburban strip malls and barren Air Force

How, then, will they behave when faced with remodeled buildings and updated furniture?

Complaining often seems to be what college students do best. None of us are immune.

The chairs in the U.C. don't match.

Those broken plastic chains protecting the grass on upper campus look cheesy

The Tingelstad elevators smell bad.

And what about that wobbly table in the Bistro?

Before we go too far, however, what are we doing to make this campus a cleaner, better-cared-for place?

Some of the problems on this campus come from lack of funding to take care of them.

Others were caused by our predecessors, and there's nothing we as students can do about that.

Many, however, are of our own doing, including at least some of the examples noted above.

If the university thinks we have no respect for campus property, the Regents aren't going to be very excited about giving us new stuff to wreck.

Find a garbage can for your gum and give the poor tree some respect. Then, maybe, we can begin to prove ourselves worthy of campus improvements.

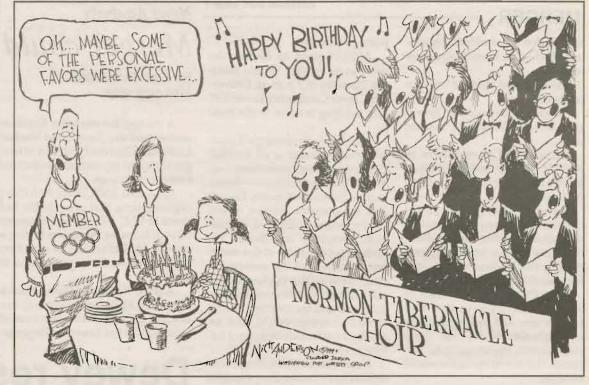
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#### Readers can submit "Guest Speaker" items

Do you have something you want to say in more detail, or a discussion you want to begin on campus?

"Guest Speaker" is a Voices page feature which offers readers a way to explore a topic in depth, or to express an opinion that won't quite fit into a letter to the editor.

Send proposed articles to editor-in-chief Laura Ritchie, The Mooring Mast, PLU, Tacoma Wash. 98447 (or e-mail her at mast@plu.edu).



#### Valuable candidate qualifications exist beyond ASPLU

Last week Bradd Busick and Ryan Pelphrey wrote that the PLU community ought to elect "two individuals that have experience, knowledge, and a dedication to making the students their number one priority:" However, they begged the PLU community not to vote for someone "who has never set foot in the ASPLU office." There are a number of inherent assumptions in this statement that range from ill-informed to downright elitist. The first of these assumptions is that anyone who has not worked for ASPLU has no experience, knowledge, or dedication to the students. We would beg to differ on this point.

There are hundreds of people in the PLU community who have "never set foot in the ASPLU office" who are wholeheartedly dedicated to the PLU community. Busick and Pelphrey are sadly mistaken when they assume the only way to dedicate oneself to the PLU community is through participation in ASPLU.

Knowledge is the next value they raise in their editorial, again implying one cannot have knowledge of the workings of PLU without having served in ASPLU. This, too, is wrong. Many students who have attended PLU for the past one to three years have an intimate knowledge of how PLU works. There are multiple ways to gain

knowledge about PLU, including being an R.A., serving for RHA, working in an office around campus, or just being an active member of the com-

Finally, they spoke of experience. Although one may not have direct experience in ASPLU, that should not lessen them as a candidate. As we stated before, it is possible to have a broad understanding of how systems work at PLU without serving for ASPLU. In addition, Busick and Pelphrey will be stepping down on April 1, but stay in the office until June. Hopefully they will be willing to serve as a resource to whoever may get the office. This "training" period is valuable and important, and was set up so that candidates could run for office without prior experience in ASPLU. Furthermore, new voices can bring about insight and positive

In conclusion, when we go to the ballot boxes next month, let's vote for the candidates who will best represent the student body; ones with experience in working for people, knowledge of the PLU community, and dedication to their job and the students of PLU.

> Greg Pickett Kate Hardin

# Northwest Airlines at fault in Detroit airport problems

Amy Pardini, I am sure you think Dateline is a very respectable source for accurate information, but maybe before writing your column, you might have tried asking those of us who were stuck in

I was lucky. I was only stuck there 36 hours. I don't mind going a couple days without a shower, sleeping on a hard floor with freezing air coming in through the nearest door, or eating hash browns, because Burger King was the only place still open and that was all they had left. I made the effort to have a good time. I met many interesting people, tried learning French from this French family since France was my final destination, and took pictures at 3 a.m. of the mass of people cluttering the hallways. That first night wasn't really that bad. thought of it more as an adventure.

It was the next day that began my frustrations, and it is where your information starts to become misleading. I am not happy with Northwest Airlines, because instead of coming in to help deal with the problem, over 500 employees called in sick. Flights that tried to take off couldn't, because at

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times they couldn't find the pilot, or seemed to have lost the crew. Some people rebooked their flight more than six times without any luck.

I felt bad for the mothers who ran out of diapers and baby food and could do nothing to stop the crying of their newborn babies. I felt sorry for this guy I met who was having problems with his diabetes because there was no food he could eat to help him. I felt sorry for the man who was trying to get home before his father passed away.

Please try to understand the facts before you make very judgmental accusations towards others. I agree with you that Americans take their lifestyle of luxury compared to much of the world for granted, but please try not to pin such a tag on people who do not necessarily deserve it. Many of the problems that happened the first week in January at the Detroit Airport were not necessary and could have been avoided. I cannot help but agree with Dateline that the passengers deserve the bias of this story.

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# Upside-down approach makes life more interesting

About two weekends ago, I was on an adventure.

I was gaining a new respect for North Bend, Wash.

A friend and I were trying to get to Spokane before Sunday, and it was already getting late on Saturday night.

The weather had taken a turn earlier in the evening. It was now pouring rain (like in the movies), and the wind was blowing something fierce.

Armed with my Visa debit card, we caught the Greyhound and made it to Spokane safely.

Not, however, before having to walk about a mile in the rain, with rain sticking to my glasses and dripping off the brim of the yellow wool hat I once got in Missoula. My Birkenstocks were soaking and my hands were red from the cold by the time the bus pulled up.

I have never been more happy to get on a Greyhound in my life.



#### LUTEicrous Kristen Sluiter

The warm smile from the bus driver embraced us and we found seats at the back of the bus, tired and cold but getting

Having had a couple hours to warm up, we stopped in Ellensburg and I found myself laughing at myself. I had had quite the day.

Most sane people would have planned ahead, and not gotten soaking wet trying to figure things out.

Most sane people would not have worn Birkenstocks in the middle of February in Washing-

Repeatedly, I find myself in an unexpected (or unintended) twist on the path of Life.

I try to walk the Straight and Narrow, but am forever finding myself getting off on the wrong

Once on these "wrong" exits, I tend to enjoy being off the beaten path.

I tend to, whether planned or not, try to add different perspectives to my life.

It all started when I was a little kid and hung upside down from the couch. I got to see the world

in another light. The ceiling really was not the ceiling anymore, and the floor definitely was not just the floor.

Soon, I would get a headache from all the blood that had rushed to my head and have to right myself.

Ever since, I think some upside-down-couch-hangers have preferred to save themselves the headache and never tried to get another perspective.

Me — I am forever putting myself upside down.

I talk to random people on the bus when I go to Seattle.

I smile at people I do not even

I came to a college where I did not know a soul.

Some days I like to dress up; some days I let things go.

I read books that are not re-

I take classes that I have heard

The list goes on and on.

Being told I am crazy is such old news. I do not pay it much heed, because I figure it is better than being normal.

I challenge myself; so sue me. I like to change the scenery occa-

Growing up does not have to mean forgetting the adventure that life can be. Different perspectives change and build character. It is nothing you can put a grade on; not an achievement you can type onto a resume. It is much deeper.

It's allowing yourself the headache from hanging upside down off the couch, and knowing you are better because of it.

I would choose the headache any day.

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# Life is full of choices; some are harder than others

Life is full of choices, simple ones or difficult ones.

Whether it be choosing where to go to eat a meal, buying new or used books, or picking the lucky guy or gal to join you at Spring Formal, it always comes back to choices

In the past 21 years of my life, I have made good and bad decisions. When I turned 16 and got my driver's license, I thought I was pretty cool. No one was a better driver than me, not any-

Most teens think that they drive better than their parents and friends, and feel they are invincible. Even I thought that at

But I quickly found out that everyone drove more carefully than a teenager does. Some do not feel it is necessary to even wear a seatbelt.

No one ever thinks they will have to think fast and choose whether to live or die.

The famous saying I always



# Journey of Faith Erin Safford

heard was "that's not going to happen to me."

It is not yourself that you should be worrying about, but the driver in the other lane, in front of or behind you, that might cause a fender bender or a major collision.

With a perfect driving record in 4 1/2 years, an accident was the last thing that I ever thought would happen to me, Miss Cautious Defensive Driver.

Seven months ago tomorrow, I had to make the hardest choice

On Monday, July 27, 1998, I drove to work at 5:30 a.m. My destination was High Cedars Golf Club in Orting, Wash. I was working there as a greenskeeper for the summer, and finished work at 2:20 p.m.

Unbeknownst to me, this day was to be the longest in my life.

When I left the golf course, it was 98 degrees outside. The sun was blazing and there was no breeze at all. I put my Garth Brooks tape in the cassette deck, rolled the windows down, and headed for home with my first paycheck in my pocket.

What was coming ahead, no one could ever be prepared for, and home would be a place I would not see for the next three

As I turned left onto westbound SR 162, no one was on the

road. I went over the Puyallup River bridge and began to decrease my speed in order to ease for the curve ahead.

All of a sudden, here came a green van speeding like a bat out of hell around the corner. The driver was not in her proper eastbound lane, but in MY LANE!

The next chain of events were what came down to the most important and vital life or death

For a moment, I wondered, what the hell was this person doing? Was she looking down, reaching for something, or changing the radio station? Who knows. All I knew was that I did not want to get hit, so I quickly glanced around.

To my right, there was a ditch and a drop-off, trees, a telephone pole, and a fence in the yard be-

To my left, the other lane was open, along with the shoulder of the road, because I didn't see any other cars behind the van.

So here was the split-second

decision I had to make: either go right and risk losing my life as the car went down into the ditch, or go left and hope that the van would drive on past me.

I would do anything to avoid an accident. I chose life to the

I pulled a hard left, crossing the double yellow line, and at the last second, the van corrected its driving and hit me head-on.

There was a high-pitched noise right as the van struck the front end of my car. I don't remember the impact because I

The next thing I knew, I was facing the way I was coming from and there was no windshield on the car. Blood was on the floorboard and my gray work shirt was stained red

No one was there to help or hear my screams . . . or was

This column is the first in a series. Erin Safford is a junior communication major.

# Down's syndrome babies deserve chance at life

Due to all of the attention that President Clinton's senate trial has received lately, you may have missed the fact that this year marks the 26th anniversary of the monumental Roe v. Wade deci-

Even though the 26th isn't usually a highlighted anniversary for most events, with this particular issue it has become one for me.



#### **Burden of Truth** David Urban

of abortion, it is very easy for me

When dealing with the topic

to get caught up in the political mess that usually surrounds this

> edy of abortion is so sad. Last month I learned of another factor in the equation that has reminded me why I became so passionate about this subject, and that is why this year's anniversary has hit home with me the way it has.

debate and forget why the trag-

Recently, while reading an article in World Magazine titled "Treatment, not Abortion," 1 learned that out of every 10 mothers who discover their child will have Down's syndrome, seven choose to abort that child (that number, fortunately, has dropped from nine out of 10 in 1992).

The reasons for this are not the same as those usually given to

It's not because the mother is too young and cannot support the baby.

Nor is it because the woman is simply asserting her "right to choose" and she doesn't want to have a baby.

It isn't because of the many other common reasons for having an abortion, either.

It is simply because the child is going to be retarded, and the parents do not want to have to deal with that.

Since the combination of abortion on demand and prenatal detection became possible, the number of Down's syndrome babies that have been aborted has increased dramatically.

These babies are losing their right to live because they are going to be different. They are losing their right to live because they are simply unwanted.

Now I remember why this debate means so much to me.

The numbers, however, are dropping, mainly due to medical discoveries that now allow Down's syndrome babies to have a better chance of living healthier

lives. Some of these include cardiac surgery, nutritional therapy, and the use of antioxidants.

Parents who learn about these breakthroughs, and realize that raising a child with Down's syndrome is not much more expensive than raising any other child, are choosing to take on the challenge and give their baby a chance at life.

I would hope, however, that even if these new options were not available, parents would still choose to have their baby.

Every child deserves to be nurtured and loved, but even if they truly believe they cannot support their child, adoption is always an option.

And if parents of Down's syndrome babies begin to see the wide range of options that they have, hopefully parents contemplating abortion in other situations will see those as well.

God loves every baby and mother without condition, and He wants them both to have a chance at life.

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# **Arts & Entertainment**

#### A&E Movie Review

# Veteran and rookie actors square off in 'Rushmore'

BY ERIK DENMARK Mast Intern

The movie Rushmore is an off beat comedy that tells the story of Max Fisher, a 10th grader at Rushmore Academy-a respected institution of higher learning.

Max is played by Jason Schwartzman who makes his Hollywood acting debut along side comical genius Bill Murray. Murray plays a steel tycoon named Mr. Blume.

Max is a likable dork in the movie whose ambition gets the better of him.

He is the editor of the school newspaper and yearbook; the president of the French Club, German Club, Chess Club and Astronomy Club; captain of the fencing and debate teams; founder of the Double-team Dodge ball Society; and director of the Max Fischer Players for whom he writes plays about police corruption, inner-city violence and war.

Max gets into trouble because all of his extra-curricular activities make him one of the worst students at Rushmore.

Eventhough he is placed on sudden death academic probation because of his poor grades but he continues his extra-curricular activities.

The story unfolds when Max falls in love with a first grade teacher at the academy, Miss Cross, played by Olivia Williams.

Max uses all of his resources

to try and win her over, including attempting to build an aquarium on the baseball field at Rushmore to impress her.

He befriends the steel tycoon, Mr. Blume, who is a Rushmore alumni and equally as extravagant as Max to help him pay for the building of the aquarium.

His plan backfires and he is expelled from Rushmore and Mr. Blume falls in love with Miss Cross

The rest of the movie unravels the battle between Mr. Blume and Max over Miss Cross and their attempts to destroy one another.

The film has a quirky sense of timing. Although the characters are likable, the story is hard to believe. It is difficult to determine whether to take this movie seriously or not, at times it seems to be leaning towards brainless humor and other times it attempts to be inspirational and charismatic.

The story doesn't have enough leverage to be believable or inspirational but it does succeed at being funny.

Bill Murray fits the role of Mr. Blume perfectly, using his mad scientist appeal to invoke humor in nearly every scene he is in.

Jason Schwartzman, who is also a musician and plays drums in the band, Phantom Planet, which is signed to Geffen Records, gives a very solid performance as well in his first acting role

Schwartzman has the right look and feel for the role of Max and for not having much experience he certainly seems to have the potential to be a great actor.

The director and co-writer of the film is Wes Anderson who wrote the script with friend and partner Owen Wilson.

Anderson and Wilson began writing the screen-play before filming their first movie, "Bottle Rocket."

The story resembles some of Anderson's experiences as a kid growing up in Texas including Max's interest in play writing.

I like the way these two write and Anderson's unique and "offthe-wall" style of directing.

I would say that "Rushmore" is a review of good things to come from Anderson and Wilson.

"Rushmore" is entertaining because it is unique and very funny, at times hilarious. The story seems to be a little too forced and its allure is over-calculated despite good performances by everyone in the cast.

I would recommend going to a matinee showing of this movie and grab it when it comes out on video but don't expect any Academy Award nominations for the film.

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Photo Courtesy of Touchstone Pictures

Comedy veteran Bill Murray and young Jason Schwartzman star in the new release "Rushmore."

#### A&E Music Review

# Latest Bad Religion album hardly filled with 'no substance'

BY MATT CAMERON Mast Music Critic

"No Substance" is a laughable title for a new release from the smartest punk band on Earth.

In an infamously hard-to-listen-to genre, Bad Religion has always made it worth the trouble with the kind of substance many critics are hungry for today.

Their sound is a careful blend of cerebral lyrics, catchy hooks, and unusually good harmonies working within the hyperactive stylistic confines of punk rock.

This album, officially released last April, has enough substance for three or four other punk records.

The 15th chapter in the Bad Religion canon contains few surprises but makes for a solid and listenable effort.

The usual topics are addressed, with the highly opinionated and absolute approach we've come to expect from this genre. Favorite topics like social inequality, the dumbing-down of American society, and the overlooked and underprivileged all get their share of time.

A few new ideas are thrown in to keep "No Substance" from living up to its name. "Biggest Killer in American History" lashes out at Edward Teller, father of the H-bomb, while "The State of the End of the Millennium Address" has frontman Greg Graffin rehashing the

band's leftist ideas in a moderately entertaining spoken-word piece.

Other picks include the catchy "No Substance," nicely harmonized "Shades of Truth," and singalong-worthy "Mediocre Minds."

At their core, each of the sixteen songs is a pithy reflection on some aspect of the "self-indulgent enterprise that we call America," as Griffon growls on the title track.

Although "No Substance" isn't quite as complex as their other efforts in this regard, it is still peppered with its share of ten-dollar words.

Microbiology Ph.D candidate Graffin may not always work within the listener's vocabulary, but he always has something to say.

As might be expected, no solutions are ever provided and little optimism is expressed.

This is a group that prefers a hands-on approach: organizing charity hockey games and free concerts while sponsoring college scholarships for student ecology projects. This is punk with soul

Souland substance. Although nothing particularly new, Bad Religion gives a solid performance and continues to work towards bridging the gap between punk rock and listenable music. "No Substance" is anything but.



Photo Courtesy of Kermet Apio

ASPLU is bringing comic Kermet Apio back to the Cave this Thursday night. His routine begins at 8 p.m. and admission is free. For other events around campus check the A&E calendar on the following page.

Tacoma, my Tacoma

# Secluded Titlow Park area is a diamond in the rough

BY MATT VANCIL Mast intern

Titlow Park is the second largest coastal park in the city of Tacoma, yet it is virtually unknown to non-Tacoma residents.

This lack of attention that gives Titlow its somber, peaceful atmosphere.

When one approaches Titlow Park, the first thing that comes into view is the Olympic size swimming pool and its old locker

The pool is closed now, and the only swimmers who frequent the pool are families of ducks.

Beyond the pool are several large, long ponds of brackish water alive with sea fowl. There is no swimming here for good reason; dead branches and other jagged debris poke out of the water in several places.

Aside from the ponds and the pool, several hiking trails wind their way through the spindly forest that borders the park.

The hiking trails are alive with the sounds of birds, inland and sea. The trails are otherwise quiet and make a perfect spot for contemplation or imagination.

Eventually you'll end up facing the train tracks across from a fence, or you'll emerge from the forest behind the brackish ponds.

Behind the largest of these ponds, a rusting, dilapidated water passage allows water from the bay into the ponds. The decaying mechanism looks like something from the movie "Mad

To the other side of Titlow pool is a large family area. Picnic tables and covered barbecue pits dot the field.

Basketball courts, tennis nets, and a softball field complete the area, though they are empty most of the time, like the rest of the

In 1911, Aaron R. Titlow built the Hotel Hesperides in what has become Titlow Park. The hotel had thirty rooms, and was built to resemble a Swiss chalet. The hotel failed, and in 1936, Titlow sold it to the Metro Parks of Tacoma.

Reduced now to two stories, the lodge still remains available for gatherings and retreats.

Across the street, Titlow Park ends and Titlow Beach begins. Follow the road out of the park past the Beach Tavern, and the beach appears.

There is not much room on the beach, and the sand is only accessible to the publicatione path that slopes down to the water.

A public dock is built over the water, and the Narrows Bridge looms in the distance.

The beach has some of the most stunning views of the bridge in Tacoma, as well as some of the best scuba diving in the north-

The public dock has marine information in several places and a public shower on the dock. The marine life in the Puget Sound is unlike any other on Earth.

The largest octopus in the world lives in these waters.

The dock sits dozens of yards off shore, like some abandoned fort; like Titlow pool, the ferry dock's only visitors today are

Nestled against the beach is the renowned Steamer's Seafood Cafe. The restaurant shares the fabulous view of the bridge with the beach. The place is quiet and relaxing, and is the perfect spot to finish an afternoon at Titlow Park and Beach.

In the eight years of its existence, Steamer's business and clientele has steadily grown.

Though the restaurant has

become more and more popular, its procedures remain the same. It has a very casual atmosphere and does not take reservations, but the customers don't mind.

People happily stand in line a half an hour before they order," says Jon Holt, the manager of Steamer's. "The people are casual and very friendly. There are a lot of good people in the area who want to work here.'

It's easy to see why. There are no major roads near the beach or the restaurant, so there is no traf-

Though the tracks run right next to the building, Holt says the trains are more of an attraction than a distraction. It's a place of quiet comfort, of casual companionship.

"I love the atmosphere," says Michelle Marsay, an employee, " and the view, I could look at the water all day."

So could you. Titlow Park and Beach, even on the weekends and especially this time of year, is visited by few.

The trails and fields provide excellentareas for reflection. The beach and the marine life around the ruins of the docks are amazing; while I was there, I saw four fully clad scuba divers waddling their way toward the water. The food and feel of Steamer's is re-

After spending a day in the chill air in the woods or around the water, try curling up with a warm bowl of chowder while gazing at the Narrows Bridge. You won't be disappointed.

To get to Titlow Park and Beach, take I-5 north to the 6th Avenue exit. Take a left on 6th and follow the road for a while until it drops down the hill to the left. When you start seeing the signs that say "Titlow Park," you'll know you are there

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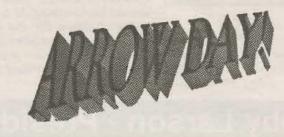
# **Top Ten List**

"Top Ten least popular movie sequels"

- 10. "Crocodile Dundee III:" Who needs a knife when you drive a Subaru?!
- 9. "Die Hard IV:" Bruce Willis battles his toughest enemy...Lung Cancer from smoking all of those ciga-
- 8. "Terminator 3:" 'I'll be back...as long as these idiots keep paying me \$20 million per movie.'
- 7. "Really Hard Rain:" Christian Slater returns in this sequel set in Tacoma.
- 6. "Rocky VI:" Rocky goes nuts and bites his opponent's ear, no wait that's the "Mike Tyson Story,
- 5. "White Out." Arnold Schwarzenegger stars again in this sequel to "Eraser."
- 4. "I Have No Idea What You Did Last Summer and I Don't Really Care:" Another bad horror film idea starring the casts from "Party of Five," "90210" and several other WB shows.
  - 3. "Babe III:" Pig Roast in Hawaii.
- 2. "All Dogs Go To Heaven IV:" Fido messes with the wrong postal carrier.
- 1. "Booty Call III:" Bill and Monica star in this X-rated flick!"

Just a little reminder

Thursday, March 4 is:



# A&E's going calendar for Feb. 26 to March 5

#### Friday 2/26

Dr. Rick Rouse, Director of PLU Church Relations, is featured at Chapel. 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Trinity Sanctuary.

Musical Duo "Kyle and Stof" play the Cave. 8 p.m.

#### Saturday 2/27

#### Sunday 2/28

University Congrega-tion in Lagerquist Hall with the traditional Lutheran Book of Worship. 10 a.m.

Evening Worship in Tower Chapel with the PLU-commissioned Now the Feast service. 9 p.m.

#### Monday 3/1

Pastor Brian Knutson, Chaplain of McChord Air Force Base featured with Priest George Hebert at chapel. 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Trinity Sanctuary

Service in Action Week's Brown Bag Lunch Panel Discussion led by Mary East, director of the Phoebe House. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. UC 206 For more information call the Volunteer Center at x8318

Off Campus Service Project for Service in Ac-tion Week. Meets in front of Harstad. 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call x8318

#### Tuesday 3/2

Service in Action Week's Brown Bag Lunch Panel Discussion. Topic: HIV/ AIDS at PLU. 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. UC 206

Off Campus Service Project for Service in Action Week. Meets in front p.m. For more info call x8318 of Harstad. 3:30 p.m. to 6

#### Wednesday 3/3

DeWayne Teig, admissions director of Wartburg Seminary featured with Chapel Choir at Chapel. 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Trinity Sanctuary

Service in Action Week's Brown Bag Lunch Panel Discussion. Topic: Student and FacultyPanel on Ser-vice Abroad. 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. UC 206

#### Thursday 3/4

A.R.R.O.W. Day Fair. Proceeds benefit Faith Homes. 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. UC Lobby.

Comic Kermet Apio performs in the Cave. Brought to you by ASPLU. 8 p.m. Free

Christian revivalist speaker David Ravenhill talks to PLU. Leraas Lecture Hall (Rieke). 8 p.m.

#### Friday 3/5

University Pastor Dennis G. Sepper and Choir of the West featured at Chapel. 10:30 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. Trinity Sanctuary







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## Kate Hardin - President



"Living on campus for two years and now living off campus this year has given me insight and a new perspective towards ASPLU and what improvements can be made," said junior Kate Hardin, one of the four candidates for the ASPLU presidency.

Hardin has been a member of the Residence Hall Council and she spent 21/2 years working for Red Carpet Club, Division of Humanities and Special Academic programs.

Better communication for the off campus students is a goal Hardin wants to see acomplished. "Off-campus students need to be more informed as to the activities

scheduled on campus," Hardin said. Living off-campus, she said she

was disappointed about the amount of information she has not received. An advocate for the off-campus newletter, Hardin wants to imporove it and hopefully create other means of communication for off-campus students.

When asked if only one platform issue could be accomplished next year Hardin chose this issue. "Increasing visibility and communication of ASPLU's progress and programs to students who have not traditionally been involved in ASPLU," Hardin said was an objective of hers. "Furthermore, trying to expand the types of programs available to students, so the activites appeal to a greater audience."

Getting rid of student apathy and increasing student involvement is a big issue for Hardin.

Another issue is to increase and improve upon PLU's climate for diversity and environmental awareness, and shift towards action and involvement.

"Bringing a new perspective, new voice to ASPLU" is what Hardin explained makes her stand apart from her opponates. Hardin said having no previous experience in ASPLU does not hinder her ability to do the job. She said she feels this makes her a better choice.

## Sean Howell - President



"Being ASPLU's new president" is what candidate Sean Howell said is the next step for him. Howell is currently a senator and a member of the university long term planning committee. "Bradd saw where I could go and appointed me on the committee." Howell explained.

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When asked if he thought being a freshman was going to hinder his chances for the presidency, Howell said,"That is a rather close minded question." Howell explained class rank should have nothing do to with being qualified for the presidency. "I am a member of the

varsity crew team and Bradd and I have met and he likes my ideas for the future of ASPLU and the direction I would like to see it go for the student body," Howell said. Howell said an objective of his for next year is to "work for a long term planning project to build a better Cave. I would like to see a better building built for students to go and hang out." He added, "I invision this building being built across from Pflueger and Foss on the grassy area. The school is spending \$3.3 million to revenvate Xavier Hall. A building can be built for under a million dollars."

Another issue Howell said he feels is important is passing Senate bills. Bills that are passed in the Senate have to go through two committees before coming to a vote by Senate. People on the committees may not have any idea or knowledge of the bill being presented to them. "Restructuring ASPLU by making bills voted on a speedier, more efficient process and bringing more events to campus," Howell said, are important issues to him.

Having knowledge of how ASPLU is run and how it needs to be reorganized were a couple of qualifications that Howell said makes him stand apart from the other candidates. Howell has written a couple of bills that were passed by the Senate that worked towards better stusdent communication. "I guarantee to make the channels of communication between ASPLU and the student body open," Howell said

## Robby Larson - President



"I love PLU so much that I bleed black and yellow," said presidental candidate Robby Larson. This along with his experience as president of RHA, he explained, makes nim qualified for the postion. "I am on six committees and four of which the ASPLU presidentserves on." Larson said that "watching ASPLU evolve and grow over the years and having the oppournity to work with Brad and having him as a friend," Larson said. made him more qualified for the presidental position.

When asked which issue on his platform he would like to see accomplished next year his response was,"PLU is an outstanding university and I want to get rid of student apathy and have more students become involved. Apathy is bringing down the university and with an increase in student involvement comes with the accomplishment of other issues." Larson explained that it is difficult to define one particular issue that is most impoartant because all are necessary.

"Having been a student here for three years and the experience of RHA," Larson said he feels makes him stand out from his opponents. When Larson was a freshman he began asking the ASPLU president what the job intails and how they deal with the stress. Larson continued this for the past two years. He is currently a junior.

Larson says he has the matuarity to handle the stress that comes with the persidency. "I am able to give 100 percent and that much more back to the student body of PLU," Larson said.

# Desi Marvitz - President



"I am persistant, ambitious, have prior experience in ASPLU and will strive to accomplish all of my goals on my platform," said presidental candidiate Desi Marvitz. She is currently an ASPLU senator and a member of the capital projects committee. In the past she served as chair for the ASPLU programming Dance/Homecoming committee. "It is my goal, to not only strive for a solution, but to use the leadership in this organization to pave a path for future leaders to finish them in the fu-

ture," Marvitz said.

Marvitz explained that it was important to her for univeristy funding to go to projects that the student body will be able to see directly. "I want to also see a point system established in the dinning services and to have the parking problem resolved," Marvitz said she would like to accomplish next year.

Marvitz said that the things she has acheived over the past year make her stand above the three other candidates. "My efforts and involvements have illustrated my dedication thus far, and my qualifications for this position," Marvitz said.

Supporting more big name bands and large scale programming are two issues on Marvitz's platform that she will make a priority next year. She has been involved with bands coming to campus this year via being an ASPLU senator. "I see ASPLU as more than an office with faces bustling in and out, but as a service to the students," Marvitz said



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#### Linda Hutson - Vice President

"Making student government work for the students," is the slogan vice presidental candidate Linda Hutson is using for her campaign. Similar to the other candidates, one issue on Hutson's platform is to make ASPLU accessible for every student.

Hutson said she would like to see the UC turned into a student union building. Another aspect of Hutson's campaign, she explained, was creating a safer and user-friendly campus for off-campus students. She said that this could be accomplished by installing lockers for students in the UC as an alternative over leaving belongings in their cars.

"Having a centralized student union building would benfit the whole student body," Hutson said. She proposed that the student union building contain the ASPLU offices, the games room and a larger info desk. Another office that would be located in the union building would be the Student Service Center. "Having the Student Service Center located in the administration office there is the attitude of the administration," Hutson said.

Hutson said she has the contacts with members of the Board of Executives to get things done for the students. Having prior experience as a member of the programs board and this year being the programs director, Hutson said, gives her the experience necessary for the vice-presidency position

"At the end of every year the ASPLU president and vice president sit down with the Board of Regents and plan out ASPLU's budget for the next year," Hutson said. "I know how to to structure a budget so ASPLU has the capacity to bring three or four big name bands to the campus. Some bands that were suggested were Dave Matthews Band, Cake and Big Voodoo Daddys."

"I posess a combination of ex-

perience and the ability to listen to students. Approachablity is a big factor for the vice president. I feel I am very approachable and am able to listen to any student voice," Hutson said.





# Greg Pickett - Vice President

"I represent change in ASPLU. I want to represent an outside voice, coming in and shaking things up,"said Greg Pickett, a vice presidential canidate.

"Many statements have been made that one needs previous experience in ASPLU in order to serve in an executive office. I wholeheartedly disagree with this. This statement is based upon the assumption that the current system is perfect and without flaws," Pickett said.

Pickett has been an RA for two years now and said he has knowledge of how the offices function and operate. "Serving on committees and having past experience in student government," Pickett said, makes him qualified for the vice presidency position.

In conjuction with the malicious pulling of Tingelstad's fire alarms, Pickett has made one of his platform issues to try to get a fire alarm system that would identify the perpetrator in all the dorms. This could be accomplished with camera, ink or "silent alarm" systems.

"I will work towards getting a university wide referendum system. That means that students would vote on some of the more important issues to them, not just the senate and the executive officers," Pickett explained. Some of these issues would include bringing big named bands to PLU and discussing the alcohol policy.

"I am a proactive person and strive to bring to life the philosophy talk means action," said Pickett. He said he has a number of policies that he thinks are important to PLU, ones that mean more focus, more attention and a positive change.

"I will guarantee that I will be willing to listen, and I will be a dedicated and knowledgeable representative. I will be an on campus resource to anyone who

thinks we need change, and I will work with the student body, ASPLU and the adminstration to make a positive change," Pickett said.





# Keith Pranghofer - Vice President

"Ilove working with people and want to make a bigger impact for the student body by working with ASPLU and others," said Keith Pranghofer, the third candidate for the vice presidency. Pranghofer explained that he is a self motivator and likes to be connected with the people and issues. "I don't want issues and bills to die, but rather help guide and push them along."

Last year, Pranghofer served as the new student senator and this year he is the director of the Cave. He also serves on Pflueger's hall council as the volunteer coordinator. "I am very people oriented and love to make things fun," Pranghofer explained

He said he wants to make required classes for majors, especially comunication, easier to enroll in, and have a larger availibility for students. The main issue on Pranghofer's platform is for another step in the Healthy Lifestyles initiative program to be established. "I

would like to have more availability of Olson gym to student use," he said.

Pranghofer suggested making Olson gym open to student use 24 hours a day.

"I want to make things fun for other people. When folks get burned out they are not having fun and the job is more stressful. I want to make ASPLU fun for people and not get bored with red tape and paperwork," Pranghofer said.



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# SWINGIN? INTO SPRING





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Clockwise, starting from the top left. Tony Husted and Janae Dykstra perform the Lindy Hop. Husted and Dykstra end the dance with a Rag Doll. Cliff Colon rips up a chart on his saxophone. Erin Scott and Janae Dykstra show off their moves with a Kick-thru Charleston. Britta Hobbs hits a high note.

Photos by Josh Miller





# SPORTS

# National berth at stake this weekend for PLU

BY ANDREW BENTZ Mast senior reporter

The Pacific Lutheran women's basketball team has moved into the sixth spot in the NCAA Division III West Region poll, with the help of the win over Seattle University last Friday night, 64-44.

Since PLU has changed over from the NAIA Division II to the NCAA Division III this past year, the playoff situation has changed. Each region: Northeast, East, Mid-Atlantic, Atlantic, South, Great Lakes, Central, and West, will all send six teams to the national playoffs. These teams will play against other teams in their conference and once down to (a certain number of teams) the conference leaders will play for the title of NCAA Division III cham-

Right now, the Lutes, with an over-all record of 17-5, are ranked sixth in the west region behind; Simpson (Iowa) 22-1, St. Benedicts (Minn.) 22-1, St. Thomas (Minn.) 20-2, Wartburg (Iowa) 19-3, and California Lutheran

"If they (George Fox) lose, they don't go to nationals. If we lose, we don't go to nationals. It will he a huge game,' freshman point guard Becky Franza said. "I want to go to nationals. The farther we go, the better it gets."

George Fox is currently ranked 24th in the NAIA division II poll. A loss this weekend for them could possibly knock them out of the national picture.

PLU's sixth spot in the region was strengthened by a loss by No. 7 UCSan Diego, Saturday night. A loss to either Pacific or George Fox this weekend could end the Lutes' hopes for a NCAA national playoff berth.

Nationally, PLU is getting recognition for its defense. Currently the Lutes are ranked 11th in the NCAA Division III statistics in scoring defense, 50.5 points per game. In addition, PLU is ranked 14th in field goal percentage defense, .335.

"We need to play better than that. We are going to play some quality teams at nationals. Of course we have to get past this weekend." Senior guard Misty Banks said.

On Friday, the Lutes faced off against Seattle U. Seattle started strong, but midway through the first half the Lutes had a 15-1 run lhat brought the score to 23-14.

During the second half PLU put the game away during a four minute stretch in which the Lutes scored four three-point shots in succession from Franza, junior forwards Tara Millet, and Holly Morganthaler. This gave PLU a 51-32 lead that

Seattle couldn't recover from. The Lutes finished off Seattle University,

"We didn't fell threatened going into the game. Those games are scary because those are the games that come back to haunt you." head coach Gil Rigell said. "Overall it was nice to get the win, it keeps us ranked nationally (in the west region)."

PLU hosts Pacific tonight and No. 2 George Fox tomorrow. Both games start at 6 p.m.

"We hope we get a big crowd for this weekend. These two games are the biggest games of the women's program since I've been here. Now is the time to our games becuase the crowd will see something special," Rigell said. "We hope that all the Lutes come out to cheer us on."



The Lute bench (from back to front) Amber Hahn, Betsy Ruud, Jessica Iserman, Misty Banks and Genny Johnson watching the action on the floor in PLU's game against Seattle U.

# Women's ski team hits slopes at regionals

BY BRENDASMITH Mast reporter

The Pacific Lutheran women's ski team is at the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Alpine Regionals this weekend in McCall, Idaho. The entire ski team has been competing since mid-January against 17 other college ski teams from around the area.

The women finished the season in 7th which gained them a spot at Regionals. Only the top 8 teams continued to McCall. The races started yesterday and continue through Saturday at Brundage Mountain just outside of McCall, Idaho.

The men also had an excellent finish for the season in 9th, but missed going on to Regionals. One member of the men's team, Lars Bunaes, did make it to regionals

on an individual basis. About the season, Bunaes said, "I am happy that I could do well with the little [amount of] training and the development of skis since I last raced has changed the competition a lot." Bunaes will be competing in McCall this weekend and stated that his goals are "top 10 in slalom and top 15 in GS."

The ski team competed in four slalom races and four giant slalom races this year. These were raced at Brundage Mountain in McCall, Idaho, Mt. Hood in Ore., Crystal Mountain, and Cypress Bowl in B.C. Some of the other universities sending ski teams to these races included UPS, Seattle U, U of Washington, U of Idaho, Albertson's College of Idaho, Eastern Oregon U, Western Washington U, Whitman, and U of British Columbia.

Assistant coach and racer Sally Cole said, "the season went great, obviously, since we made it to regionals, which has not happened for a long time at PLU." This is Cole's fourth year on the team and she voiced, "we had some strong girls racing for us this year."

At regionals, the top 5 teams this weekend will proceed to Nationals. The National competition wil be held at Mammoth Mountain, Calif. The expectations are high and ski team member, Leslie Johnson stated, "I think we have a chance at nationals. There is a high level of commitment among the team." Cole voiced that her goal for the team at regionals is top 6.

# Open up the gyms for students

I have a bone to pick. Last weekend my buddies and I wanted to play basketball. We went over to Olson Auditorium, which is supposed to be open until 1:00 a.m. on everyday except Sunday.

Except there was a science fair going on in Olson so the gym was closed all day. My friends and I thought, well there is another gym that is hardly ever used - Memorial.

We went over to Memorial — doors locked. By this time we were getting frustrated; middle of the day on a Saturday and we can't play basketball in either of the gyms.

Luckily, my friends and I knew people who had access to Memorial. So, we were able to get in.

We played for about 45 minutes or so when our friendly campus safety officer informed us that we would have to leave the facility.

The reason we were not supposed to be in the gym was because there was no supervisor and we didn't have a staff member position. Now I understand that.

But what I don't understand is the lack of availability of the two PLU

Olson is supposed to be open, baring special events, until 1:00 a.m. six days a week. But lately I have been noticing a trend in which it is either not open or closed early.

The day of the science fair, Olson was closed all day. Yet the science fair ended at 4 p.m. Why couldn't the gym be reopened later that evening?

On, another night, I tried to play around 10:45 p.m., expecting to be able to play until midnight or so, but the gym was closed at 11:00 p.m. because a worker couldn't cover his or

While I do have some problems



#### Craig Coovert **RANDOM THOUGHTS** FROM THE SIDELINES

with Olson, it is not where my biggest beef lies. For the most part, Olson is usually somewhat accessible.

Where my biggest problem lies is when Memorial is open, or should I say the lack of it being open.

Only once have I gone to Memorial and found the doors unlocked. I have a real problem with that.

Why is a perfectly good gym gong to waste?

Well, PLU does have its reasons. One is that they do not have enough supervisors to work at both Olson and Memorial.

The other, security. If PLU were to allow students into Memorial unsupervised, non-PLU students might be able to get in and possibly cause

While these are legitamite problems, I see them as having somewhat easy solutions.

In regards to the first problem, not enough supervisors, I question why PLU cannot find enough students to

PLU students are always looking for on-campus jobs. On-campus jobs allow the opportunity for work study, or just some extra cash. They are easily accessible and most times are low stress, which allow students time to do homework or other things they need to get done.

Yet, I have never seen any advertisements for supervisor positions for Olson or similar places. The real reason for this is probably that PLU does not want to pay the extra money for

supervisors to allow students the opportunity to play basketball at all times of the day.

The other problem is not as easily solved, but it is possible.

Some other universities allow students access to buildings by using electronic slide cards. While this solution might be somewhat costly, it would alleviate the problem of outsiders getting in because a student ID. card would be necessary to access to get into the build-

To make sure students did not allow random people inside, Campus Safety, who already patrols campus 24 hours a day could check the gym every half hour or so.

So I offer two solutions: One requires the hiring of more supervisors, which would allow both gyms to be open. The other requires building of technology, which would allow Memorial to be open 24 hours a day.

It is extremely difficult during the winter and spring sports season, to get into the gyms because of the teams using them. When the gyms are not open on weekends or evenings, it makes it extremely difficult for other students to get the opportunity to play basketball.

Basketball is a good form of exercise, a good study break and a good way to let off steam.

PLU should look into making the two gyms, especially Memorial, more available to its students.

#### Lacrosse splits opening weekend Wrestlers places fifth at the regionals BY PETER WHITE

Mast intern

The men's lacrosse team officially opened its season last weekend by splitting games with Washington State University and University of Puget Sound.

In the home opener on Saturday at Gonyea Field, the young Lutes team played tough against the larger and more experienced Cougars, but came up short 13-6 in the non-conference match.

The Lutes came out strong, leading 4-3 at halftime. However, penalties

early in the third quarter, when WSU scored two goals and took advantage of playing with an extra man, proved to be too much for the Lutes to overcome.

Despite the loss, the Lutes' offense showed off its skills with midfielder Luke Balash scoring three goals, and co-captain Keith Pulley scoring two goals. Midfielder Chad Booth added a goal on an assist from Balash, splitting the defense, to account



Photo by Ty Kalbera

PLU attackman Joby Titus (4) takes a hit by a Loggers' stick in the PLU-UPS game. The PLU 6-5 win was the first of the season for the Lacrosse team.

for the sixth goal.

"Anytime you have a team with intermediate skills you get inconsistency," Balash said, "but for a first game we didn't do bad."

The Lutes bounced back on Sunday with an impressive 6-5 conference win over cross-town rival, Puget Sound.

Midfielders Pulley and Billy Tackitt lead the way with two goals apiece. Attackman Rob Case and midfielder Adam Sundstrom also scored, giving the team its

first victory of the year.
"We played real well, although we slowed down in the second half, we made up for it by playing solid defense," coach Rob Resendez said.

The team looks forward to intense practices this week and are optimistic about the upcoming league games tomorrowat home against Lewis & Clark and away at Oregon State on Sunday.

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#### WRESTLING -

Head coach John Aiken added, "You had to beat a guy, otherwise you didn't know if you were going to win."

PLU walked into the tournament as outsiders, but in the end, it was the Lutes who had the last

Cypher's final match was against Andy Kazik from Lawrence. The whole crowd was cheering for Kazik, with the exception of five teammates, two coaches, and Cypher's parents. Sophomore Abe Porter, said "we couldn't compete against them [the Lawrence fans],"but Cypher certainly could.

The match was tied at 4-4 in double overtime and Cypher's focus was on the mat and Kazik. "I couldn't hear the crowd," Cypher said. His concentration was on the offense and being aggressive. "I felt I was the one pushing it and that gave me more confidence." He got the last



Mark Cypher



"He kept his composure and let out a rebel yell in the end," Blomgren said.

On the way to victory, Cypher knocked out John Henderson, Wheaton, III., 13-3. Then in the semi-final defeated top-seeded Michael Cull of North Central, 8-

Like Cypher, Werner knew that in order to make it to nationals you had to win; therefore he didn't waste any time out on the

In Werner's first match against Joe Miller of Concordia, Wisc,. he took only 2:03 to defeated Miller by technical fall, 18-0. In the semifinal, Werner allowed his opponent, Josh McCarty of North Central, to stay on the mat two seconds longer than Miller before pinning him.

In the championship match against Nathan Cross of Augustana, Werner defeated him 2-1. In this tight match, Werner got his points from an escape and riding Cross, giving him the victory. The only point Werner gave up in all three matches came from a stall call by

the referee, awarded to Cross.
"Ihad to ground out the win," Werner said, "sometimes that is what it takes."

For Cypher and Werner, an intense week of practice is ahead. The objectives of these practices are to keep them quick and active out on the mat, which will have to be accomplished by a team effort. "We were a team the whole year and hope to continue to be a team," Blomgren said. The teammates will come up and wrestle Cypher and Werner. But, Aiken and Blomgren, equipped with knowledge gained from personally attending nationals themselves, will wrestle Werner and Cypher to prepare.

When Cypher and Werner walk into the National tournament in two weeks as strangers to the NCAA wrestling, "nobody is going to respect them and they will shock a few people," Aiken said. "It's the best situation, they will make people recognize us [PLU]." He said that both Cypher and Werner have the capability to be ranked in the NCAA rankings, but that's not what's important.

What's important is that they get a shot at being All-Americans," Aiken said.

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BY LENA TIBBELIN Mast sports editor

Four Lutes went to the NCAA division III regional tournament and finished among the top six. In addition, senior Matt Werner and junior Mark Cypher took first place. [See separate story on front page.]

The four who closed out their season at the regionals were seniors Hoc Do (133) and J.J. Hanson (197) and sophomores Abe Porter (174) and Eli Porter (165). Hanson took fourth place; while Do and Eli Porter finished fifth, and Abe Porter sixth.

For the seniors, this marked an end to their athletic careers as Lutes. Although a little bit disappointed by not qualifying for the nationals, both Do and Hanson saw the big picture. Wrestling is about more than just winning. The team experience and the camaradie will be missed by both wrestlers.

Do lost his first match to Jamie McCarty of North Central and had to wrestle through the consolation bracket, trying to reach third place.

'It wasn't the end that I expected," Do said. "I didn't go to Wisconsin to get my butt kicked, I wanted to show some school pride." He made the most his tournament, and placed fifth.

Hanson, coming into the tournament with damaged shoulders, leg and foot, made the most of his PLU wrestling experience. Though battling injuries all season, contemplating quiting and talking to mentors and coaches, Hanson decided to give regionals a try. "I'm not a quitter," Hanson said. "You only have one time to do things, I don't want to look back and wonder: What if?"

Hanson finished fourth and afterwards, Cypher came down to him and said: "You've done a great job. Your body quit a long time ago, but mentally you have taken it so far."

Hanson said it was great to hear that, "I did everything I

For both sophomore Porters, the regional experience made them hungry for more, now they know what to expect for next

Abe Porter lost in double overtime in consolation semifinals, to Chad Campbell of Wheaton, and then took sixth place. "It was a fun tournament," Abe Porter said. "I wrestled up and down, and know what to expect for next

His twin brother, Eli, lost in the consolation semi-finals, and then came back to finish fifth. "It's tough to come back. It's all heart, and it shows how much you love wrestling. I'm happy that I won my last match."

The fact that all the Lutes placed among the top six and didn't give up after the first loss that put them out of the contest for a ticket to nationals, made coaches John Aiken and Anders Blomgren proud.

They showed a lot of heart and made me happy that it is in their character to make them-selves do that," Aiken said.

The tournament was a good experience for PLU wrestling, Aiken and Blomgren said, and this helped build for the future. "I think when it was over, some of them [the Lutes] realized that they can compete with the wrestlers [in the region]," Blomgren

"It gives us a good start for next year."

# Cusack keeps the wins coming

BY CRAIG COOVERT Mast reporter

In a contest that saw five of the six singles matches go to three sets, the women's tennis team edged out Whitman in a NW conference tennis match 5-4.

The Lutes won two of three of doubles matches, and three of the six singles matches to improve their record to 3-1, 2-0 in the NW Conference.

"We knew we were going to have a tough match against Whitman," senior Janel Broderson said.

It was a tough day for the Lutes' top two players. Both Broderson and sophomore Whitney Freed, who are No. 1 and No. 2, lost their singles matches. The also lost their doubles match, which they played together.

Both competed in close singles matches, but were unable to come out on top. Broderson won the first set of her match, but then dropped the next two, losing 6-3, 4-6, 3-6.

"I was too negative in my match," Broderson said. "I would make one mistake, get down on myself, which would cause me to lose another point."

Broderson came into the match with the goal of not losing any league matches. That goal was diminished against

"Ithink I was putting too much pressure on myself to win," Brodersonsaid. "Iwasn'trelaxed enough."

Junior Shayna Cusack, who plays No. 5, remained undefeated, winning a tough match,

"Shayna (Cusack) has improved so much since she go ere." Broderson said. "If she keeps up her mental toughness she has the potential to go undefeated for the season."

Cusack cruised to an easy first set victory, but then was on the receiving end of what she dished out in the first set. She lost 6-1 in the second set.

The third set proved to be much closer, with Cusack breaking Whitman's Monica Hilman to take a 5-4 lead in the set. Cusack then served her way to victory in the next game.

"Shayna (Cusack) is a fighter," Broderson said. "She never gives

The previous night against Whitworth, the women had a much easier time, winning 9-0.

Every singles match was won in straight sets, and in doubles, which they play pro sets, which means eight games are played, the most games won by Whitman

was three. The Lutes are at Linfield today to take on the Wildcats and are at Willamette tomorrow.





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# Softball prepares to take on conference opponents

BY ANDREW BENTZ Mast senior reporter

The 1999 Pacific Lutheran softball squad is ready to get back on top of the Northwest Conference this season after being dethroned, in the final doubleheader last season, to Pacific.

Lastseason, PLU finished second in the conference with an overall record of 29-11 and a conference record of 17-5. Second place is only disappointing when it marks the end of 11 years of being the number one team in the conference.

This year's squad is going to have to compensate for the loss of two key players: Sheree Deskin and Sarah Johnson. Deskin was an outfielder for the Lutes, first team All-America, and the PLU career record holder for hits and

stolen bases. Johnson was the catcher for PLU, made the 1998 NAIA All-Tournament team, and in 1998, set a school record with a 474 batting average.

Despite the loss of these key players, the Lutes have a solid group of returning players to fall back on PLU has six returning starters to the lineup: 2B Salena Goudreault, OF Kristen Gurske, 3B Mandy Flores, SS Michelle Iannitto, IB Tharen Michael, and OF Carli Rasmussen. Other returning players include McKenna Dotson and Heidi Wilson.

The Lutes have some offensive firepower in returning players Flores, Michael, and Rasmussen, Flores batted .473 last season and had 34 runs, eight doubles, two triples, two home runs, 28 RBI's and eight stolen bases for the Lutes. Michael bat-

ted .396 last season with eight doubles, two triples, six home runs and 35 RBI's. Rasmussen, who is also a member of the PLU women's soccer team, batted .454 last season with 12 doubles, five home runs, 36 runs and a PLU record 56 RBI's.

Joining the Lutes this season are a quintet of freshman from as near as Puyallup, to as far away as North Pole, Alaska. Infielder Irene Bryant (Puyallup / Rogers HS), C/IF/P Shannon Fritzke (Bothell / Bothell HS), pitcher Cherstin Johnson (Renton / Lindbergh HS), pitcher Melissa Korb (Poulsbo / North Kitsap HS) and catcher Amy McGlinchy (North Pole, Alaska / North Pole

Cherstin Johnson and Korb will be rotating in with Dotson as the three main pitchers for PLU.

# Thornton guides Lutes past Loggers

BY CRAIG COOVERT Mast reporter

The men's tennis team handed cross-town rival UPS, a convincing defeat last Saturday at the Logger's courts.

By defeating the Loggers 7-1, the Lutes improved their record to 2-2, 2-0 in the conference.

"It's always great when you cango to a rivals' court and dominate them," senior Rob Thornton

Similar to the match against Seattle U., the week before, the Lutes did not drop a single set in singles competition.

"We've played really well in our last two matches," Thornton

Doubles was more competitive for the Lutes, with UPS winning one of three doubles matches, and keeping the other two somewhat close.

Senior Rob Thornton played number one singles, once again winning 6-2, 6-1.

"I played pretty well," Thornton said. "This has definitely been my best year so far."

Freshman Peter Lunoe, returning to action after missing last week, played number two winning easily 6-1, 6-0.

Thornton praised the fresh-

"Peter (Lunoe) has the potential to be one of the greatest players of all time at PLU," Thornton

said. "He is going to be a strong

Junior Clayton Harris moved to number three this week, and won 6-1, 6-1.

Thornton and Harris are also the two team captains and are trying to step up as team leaders.
"We watched the juniors and

seniors while we were freshman and sophomores," Thornton said. "Now it's our turn to take over those positions."

Rounding out the final three; were junior Hao Nguyen and sophomores Leif Lunoe and Ryan Olson. Nguyen won easily, but Lunoe and Olson were challenged in their second sets

Nguyen, who began at PLU, then transferred after his freshman year, came back this year. According to Thornton his return was a big addition to the

Lunoe won the first set 6-0, but the second he won by a service break 6-4. Olson also won his first set 6-0, but went to a tiebreaker in his second, taking the second set 7-6.

Overall, Thornton is pleased with the season thus far, and says the system is working. "The five and six guys, Leif Lunoe and Olson, are playing really well too. Like coach Mike Benson says, "work the system and the system works for you."

The men are at Whitworth today to take on the Pirates.

BY ABBY WIGSTROM Mast reporter

The Lutes baseball team is optimistic and excited about what this year's team has the possibility of achieving. Head coach Larry Marshall said, each player is contributing their talents to make this year's team successful. "They are still asking themselves how good they can be. They need to see that we, as the coaching staff, know how good they can be and what they can accomplish.

The team return with almost all of their starting infield, with the exception of Nate Cano, who chose to not return for his senior year and graduate Aaron Stevens.

catcher and alf-conference pick, set a school record with 13 home runs and threw out 22 base run-

Among the new faces for the Lutes are: Jason Andrew; junior transfer from Lower Columbia Community College; and righthander Rich Kuehn. Also, catcher Brendan Selders, who will be backed up freshman Adam Epperson from Federal Way.

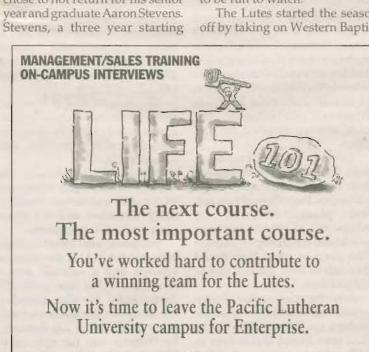
Returning junior center-fielder Casey Harvie said, this season has started off well and the players are working hard. "I feel the team is more disciplined and a lot more focused than last year," Harvie said. "We're going to be fun to watch."

The Lutes started the season off by taking on Western Baptist in a double-header Saturday, going away with a split, winning 7-2 in the first game and losing 7-2 in the second.

Sunday, the Lutes the National Baseball Institute 10-0.

"We had an absolutely tremendous weekend. We are very pleased with the performance of our players," Marshall said. He noted the five hits from

Harvie for the weekend, the home run from Selders, and the "outstanding pitching" from Brian Farman.

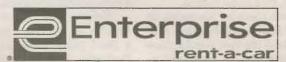


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# **SPORTS**

# Hunter, Makanani lead Lutes past Chieftains, 85-80

BY CRAIG COOVERT Mast reporter

Usually when teams are set to the play the worst team in their league, they relax a little, and not worry so much about the game. But their was no room for relaxing in the men's NW Conference basketball game against Seattle U. last Friday night.

The Chieftains, who came into the game with a 3-12 conference, brought PLU down to the wire in an old fashioned barn burner, losing to the Lutes by a score of 85-80. This was the second time this season that PLU was involved in a close game with the Chieftains - the first game saw PLU win 62-60.

The Lutes were behind only once in the game, when Seattle scored the first basket of the game, but the Lutes would never get far away from the Chieftains.

They handled our press very well," junior Chris Hunter said. "They came at us right away."

At times during the game, the Lutes resembled the team that beat the two first place teams in the conference — Linfield and Willamette. But at other times, they looked like a team somewhat off their game.

'We played well at times, and played kind of bad at times," senior Torey Swanson. "It was kind



Senior (21) Torey Swanson leaves a Seattle University player behind as he dribbles up

of a microcosm of our whole sea-

Two of the three junior college

transfers, junior Chris Hunter and started in his fifth game of the sophomore Shane Makanani, led

scored a team high 20 points, and Makanani added 17.

Hunter, who started for much of the season, lately has been coming off the bench as the sixth man. He said he felt good about the game because recently he has not being playing as well as he would have liked.

"I've been press-ing myself of late, and because of that not playing so well," Hunter said. "Tonight I was a lot more relaxed and felt really on my game."

"It was good for Chris to have a good game," Swanson said. "He gives us a big lift coming off the bench and has had a great attitude about it."

The man who took Hunter's startspot Makanani, who

season. Makanani continued his the Lutes in scoring. Hunter hot shooting from 3-point range, hitting three of seven.

"Shane (Makanani) has been playing real well since he moved into the starting lineup," Swanson said. "He made some big three's for us tonight."

While the Lutes did get solid games from Hunter and Makanani, they had a hard time getting the ball down low to the big men, particularly senior posts Brad McKnight and Brad Bre-

After leading the team in scoring the last two games in a row, the two big men were not on the receiving end of as many passes

We lost focus not getting the ball inside," Swanson. "When we play our best we are getting the ball inside to our big men."

McKnight did score 13 points and Brevet was big on the boards grabbing 14 rebounds and managed to score seven points, but they were not as involved in the offense as they should have been Swanson said. Swanson faults the guards and the wings for not getting them the ball enough.

W"! Swanson admits the

team did not play as well as the could have, he did say it was a good win. He added that next week the team needs to end the season on a winning note.

The Lutes are at home tonight to take on Pacific at 8 p.m.

# Sports on Tap

#### Week of Feb. 26-March 4

#### Men's Basketball

Feb. 26 — vs. PACIFIC			8 p.m.
Feb.	27 — vs.	GEORGE FOX	8 p.m.

#### Women's Basketball

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Feb. 27 — vs. GEORGE FOX	6 p.m.

#### Lacrosse

Feb. 27 — vs	LEWIS & CLARK	1 p.m.
Feb. 28 — vs	. Oregon State	Noon

#### Softball

March 3 —	vs. 51.	MARTIN'S	2 p.m.

#### Men's Tennis

Feb. 26 — vs. Whitworth	6 p.m.
Feb. 27 — vs. Whitman	1 p.m.

#### Women's Tennis

Feb. 26 — vs. Linfield	3 p.m.
Feb. 27 — vs. Willamette	9 a.m.

#### Track & Field

Feb. 27 — NWC RELAYS 10 a.m.

#### Wrestling

March 5-6 — NCAA Div. III Nationals Trenton, N.J.

**HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS** 

# Simmons to nationals; Webster new record holder

BY KATHRYN WOOD Mast assistant sports editor

After three days of conference championships, in which PLU only picked up one event win, two team members will be getting back into the pool to train for the national NCAA championships in Minneapolis, Minn. from

After ranking 11th and 17th in the NCAA championship times for the 100 Breaststroke and the 200 Breaststroke respectively Mike Simmons is looking toward his fourth national championship competition.

"Ît will be different from the championships," NAIA Simmons explained. "It will be a lot tougher and faster. I should make finals, I will be disappointed if I don't."

Newcomer to national competition is Randy Webster, the second Lute qualifyer.

Sophomore Webster is ranked 26th in the 200 Butterfly and 28th in the 100 Butterfly. It is still uncertain as to whether or not he will earn a trip to nationals or not. Since only 24 spots are given for each event, a couple of the faster swimmers will have to choose not to swim in those races for Webster to have the opportunity to extend his season.

While at the championships, Webster swam a school record in the 100 Breaststroke at a time trial at the meet. The new record of 51.93 broke the previous record of 52.38, set by John Shoup in 1986. The women's title was overwhelmingly won at the championships this year.

The University of Puget Sound women's team went on to win its third consecutive NWC

swimming title. Although Puget Sound only won five of the 18 events, their superior depth (seen by the numbers of swimmers they had in each event) was enough to overwhelm Whitworth, who won 11 events. Following UPS was Whitworth and Willamette. The Lute women finished in fifth

The men of Linfield ran away with the men's title, outscoring their nearest competitor by over 100 points. Puget Sound took second place, followed by Whitworth. The PLU men's team would end the championships in fifth place, a place they found themselves after the first day of competition.

After the opening day of competition at conference championships on Friday, Feb. 18, the PLU men found themselves in fifth place, trailing behind Whitworth, Linfield, University of Puget Sound and Seattle University. The women's team were seated more comfortably in third, with only a half a point lead over Willamette.

The PLU men's and women's teams placed pretty low in the first event, the 200 Freestyle relay, seventh and sixth respectively. After swimming preliminaries PLU won a spot in the A-Finals heat, the fastest finals heat, for every event on Friday.

The highest the women placed was third in the 200 Individual Medley, by Kristal Sutton.

A sixth place by Simmons, in the 200 Individual Medley, was the highest the men would place in the first day of competition. Unfortunately neither time met the NCAA Division III national provisional or qualifying times.

"Personally I was disap-

pointed in the competition," said Simmons. "I knew I'd be able to make it [to nationals], I should have done better. Nationals will give me a chance to redeem my-

The second day of competition saw less members of the Lute squad qualify for A-Finals spots. Only three women, and four men earned spots.

Sutton placed highest on the women's team, with a third place in the 400 Individual Medley. Stacy Snowden tied for fouth place in the 100 Backstroke.

Simmons came away with the only win for PLU at the championships and a national provisional qualifying time in the 100 Breaststroke. He also defended his 100 Breaststroke title. A fouth place finish in the 100 Butterfly by Webster was the only other high placing member of the men's team in the second day of compe-

The men's and women's team standings after the second day of competition dropped the PLU women to fifth place while the men held their fifth place standing from the first day of competi-

In the last day of competition, the Lute swimmers had more team members place in high scoring positions.

Simmons and Sutton both took. a second place finish in the 200 Breaststroke, Simmons winning a provisional qualifying time.

Webster was the next highest finisher for the men's team, with a third place finish in the 200 Butterfly. Snowden and Scott Isenhath both took fourth place finishes in the 200 Backstroke and 1650 Freestyle respectively.

# CAMPUS

Parkland Lutheran will get new gym, classrooms

BY TYLER SHILLITO Mast intern

Parkland Lutheran Church and School on Pacific Avenue is building a new gym, new classrooms and improving its entryway.

The \$1.3 million project, funded through donations, will benefit the church's preschool

through 8th grade school. Also for use of the school and the church, at the corner of 123rd and Pacific Avenue, will be the construction of a new gym.

Because the children have no way to play at recess when it is raining, the school will get a new gym. Presently there is no sufficient place for the children to stay out of the weather during

Four more classrooms are being built, which will help the school considerably because of its small enrollment of 137 stu-

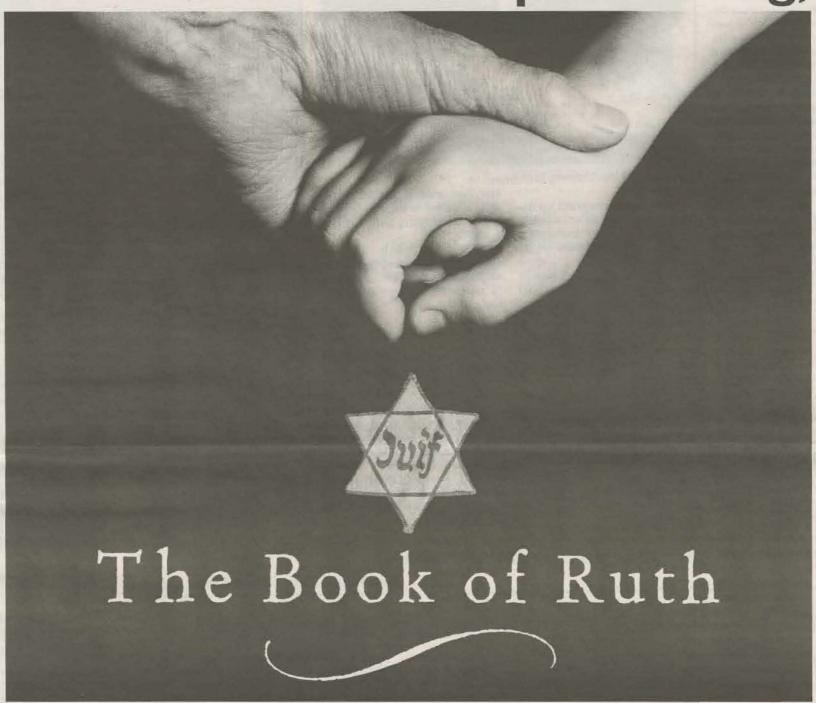
Currently some classes are conducted in portable class-

Fundraising began back in 1996 and has continued to the

present, reaching nearly half the desired amount of \$1.3 million. This is the first project of this sort in nearly 35 years at the church.

The school tries to spread the message of Jesus in its classes and is an extension of the church and its clergy. Around half of the students of Parkland Lutheran School belong to Parkland Lutheran Church.

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#### INTERNS

feel comfortable in a high-stress, business-like setting. Writing is critical," said Best. "Interns tend to be highly-motivated students," she said. Spencer added, "Anybody can apply. Different people bring different interests and different skills to the internship."

Selection is done through applications and campus interviews, and admission to the program is selective. Best reports that before the current session, there were 100 applicants, of whom sixty were selected.

Applications are available in the Spring in the cooperative education office and are open to juniors and seniors. Interviews are conducted in November, and applicants are notified by Thanksgiving.

The current interns encourage prospective applicants to be informed and prepared about the

interns when the session is over? "A lot of students go on to graduate or law school, probably about forty to fifty percent," said Best. Three former interns are now

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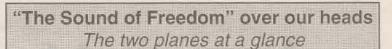
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ensures a future for the base.

Anderson insisted, that this transfer, while providing more economic support to the community, will not constitute a loss

"The numbers even out be-

cause we're building more facilities," he said. "A lot of people who fly 141's are training into 17's or into different job fields." Some will, however, transfer to other bases where they can continue to fly the C-141.



#### The C-141 Starlifter

Manufacturer: Lockheed

Entered service: 1965 Dimensions: 168 feet long x 39 feet high

Wing Span: 160 feet Maximum payload: 94,508

Fully loaded range: 2,500

nautical miles Engines: 4 Crew: 5

Requires a hardened runway between 6,000 and 10,000 feet long for landing.

The C-17 Globemaster

Manufacturer: Boeing Entered Service: 1995 Dimensions: 174 feet long x

55 feet high Wing span: 170 feet Maximum payload: 169,000

Fully loaded range: 2,400 nautical miles

Engines: 4 Crew: 3

The C-17 can land on a dirt runway 3,000 feet long with a cargo of 160,000 pounds.

Information taken from Boeing, United States Air Force, and Lockheed Martin web sites.

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application process. Birnel notes that strong letters of recommendation are critical. Markus ugres prospective students to meticulously proofread all parts of their

application.
What happens to legislative members of the House of RepreLisa Birnel in a mock hearing in Olympia

sentatives.

Birnel

Former interns wind up doing a number of ditterent things," Spencer said. He remembers a biology major who spent his internship working with the chair of the Senate Ecology Committee. He went on to law school and now specializes in ecological law. Best believes that the internship is valuable for any field in which developing policy is im-

While she may be biased, Best claims that, "It is the best internship in the state." Birnel agrees, "I wouldn't change anything

#### CRASH -

The car did hit the ground once before smashing into the side of the 100-year-old building, which slowed it down to a collision speed of about 35 miles per hour, Huston said. After that "bounce" the car's engine came loose from the frame and gouged a muddy hole in the shrubbery outside Huston's office. Huston said the driver was insured, and that the university will seek pay-

ment for the damages to the shrubbery.

Communication officer Patrick Miller was the only person in the office at the time of the crash. He was not injured.

The car was towed away at 3:34 a.m., Huston said.

This is the second time in two weeks Campus Safety has dealt with drunk driving incidents, at the same location. On Feb. 13,

officers noticed a car sitting at the intersection of Garfield and Park.

According to Campus Safety reports, when they walked over to the car, they noticed the driver, a local woman, was passed out, and three young children were in the car. The officers confiscated the woman's car keys and contacted the Washington State Patrol and the Pierce County

The woman was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence, and the children were taken into protective custody, the report said.

The Campus Safety sport-util-ity vehicle known as "Victor" was involved in a minor fenderbender at the same intersection July 4, 1997, but Wednesday's crash is the first time the Campus Safety office itself has been in-

music and a gospel theme."

Young explained that music

era. The gos-

pels brought

them together,

he claimed,

and helped

animate the

He thinks the

theme of "to-

gethernessand

spirituality"

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nection in the

was the only way blacks could

Campus Safety Director Walt Huston

volved in a car accident.

"We've never had anyone literally launch themselves on to the campus," Huston said. "I've been sitting in this office for 11 or 12 years and wondered why it didn'thappen. And now it's hap-

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# "Definitely the wall won. The car was a total loss, a total disaster.

# African-American history remembered at reception

BY LARA PRICE Mast reporter

Hands of all colors were held and voices of all tones were raised last Thursday at the African American History Month Reception. Hosted by Black Leaders Actively Communicating Knowledge at PLU, the event brought students and community mem bers of all ethnicities to the Scandinavian Culture Center.

In celebration of Black History Month, Curtis Young, the club's vice president, organized the event consisting of baked potatoes, gospel music and black poetry.

As a master of ceremonies B.L.A.C.K.@PLU President Cornelius Pope started off the evening following PLU President Loren Anderson's introduction.

Rosemary Reed then asked the audience to join her in singing the Negro national anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Sophomore Ron Cole and freshman Darius Alexander shared their poetry regarding issues like the Klu Klux Klan, prejudice and racism. The Youth Step Team on the Alheimer

Church of God and Christ from Tacoma performed, doing a dance move called "the step," a slapping on the chest, arms and

Special guest Crystal Aiken, a

the audience in emotion. The

PLU alumna, filled the center with her gospel song, touching

evening came to an end with a communicate during the slavery

#### "The main objective is never forget where you came from."

-B.L.A.C.K.@PLU vice president Curtis Young

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Gospel Choir from Seattle, encouraging the audience to participate as they reached out to their listeners.

Similar to the roots of black history.

performance by Total Experience

history, the night's entertainment seemed to have a Christian them, according to Pope. He stated that religion is an aspect with which all black people can relate. "Religion is the fountain of our history," he reflected about black

Because PLU is a religious affliated institution, Young found the receptions religious connotation fitting also. Deeming it appropriate, he claime, "Black history is usually synonymous with

A f r i c a n - American community. "That's all black people seem to have." The goal of the evening was to

celebrate black history in a different context, Young described. "The main objective is never forget where you came from," Young explained, in discussion of the evenings attainments

Pope strongly emphasized that black history awareness is not meant to be "melancholic" in nature, but a celebration and a time of rejoice in the black com-

"A sense to say, now it's original, it's ours," Young spoke of the black community. "But we want to express it in our own

