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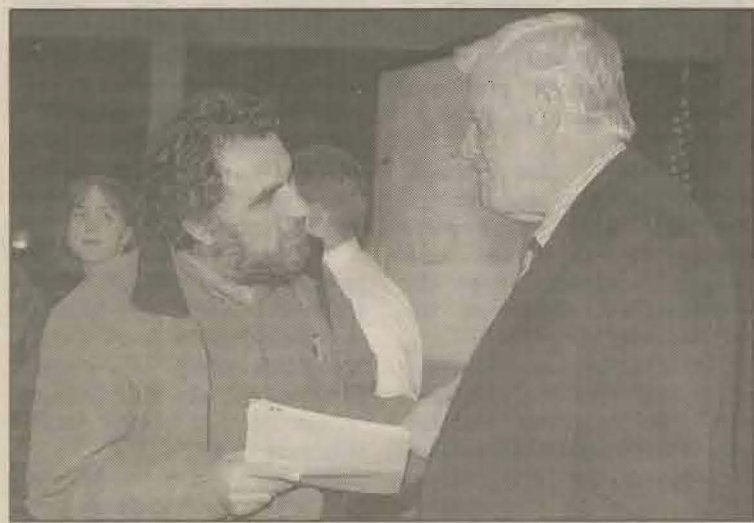


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Assistant professor of Computer Science Tosh Kakar discusses the possibility of war in Iraq with Congressman Jim McDermott.

BY STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER
Mast news editor

U.S. Congressman Jim McDermott encouraged students to make their voices heard at a speech on the disarmament of Iraq Nov. 25.

"Students invited me here tonight. The administration didn't invite me," McDermott said. "There are things you can do to change the way things happen at PLU and in Tacoma."

The event, sponsored by ASPLU and PLU Young

Democrats was originally scheduled to be a debate between McDermott, congressman from Washington's 7th district and Washington State Republican Party Chair Chris Vance.

But ASPLU senator Chris Russie said McDermott's staff said yes to the debate without speaking to McDermott first. McDermott did not want to debate Vance.

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University to charge for printing costs

BY LAINE WALTERS
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In response to increasing print abuses, charges of 5 cents per sheet will greet students in the new year. The charges will apply to use of the University Center computer lab and the Haley Information Center in the library.

Director of Information Resources, Chris Ferguson, calls the implementation of charges a "modest regulation." Students will also receive a 100 page credit to their LuteCard account each semester. Copying charges will be reduced from 10 cents to 5 cents to match computer print costs.

Ferguson said that a third to one half of printing in unregulated environments is pure waste. University programs that switched from free printing to charges reduced the amount of pages by a third to one half.

PLU printed 1 million sheets between copies and computer printing last school year. Without the January implementation, the school

would be en route to inking up 1.5 million pages this year.

"We simply can't do it anymore," Ferguson said, both for fiscal and environmental reasons.

He attributes the increased amount of printing and decreased amount of paid copying to the continual switch of course materials to electronic reserve and other such electronic shifts.

Ferguson said PLU is one of the few schools to view LuteCard technology, photocopying technology and print management as one system, which has allowed it to offer what he considers "rock bottom" prices for printing and copying.

Many schools, Ferguson said, charge 10 cents or more. While some schools do not charge for printing, their numbers are steadily decreasing, he continued. Ferguson said he considers the PLU 100 page credit per semester for students well within the range of other universities.

While many students grumble that their tuition should cover printing charges, so that prints appear "free" in

the library and computer lab, tuition is not an adequate or equitable means for covering the costs, Ferguson said.

"How fair is it that some people are sucking toner cartridges dry on a weekly basis?" he asked.

Ferguson likens the fee per print to taxes where a student must pay to reap the benefits of the service.

The decision was made last week after years of studies, reports, and consultations with other universities and PLU student leadership.

To advertise the change, a memo went out to the faculty yesterday, advertisements began running in the Daily Flyer Monday, and a team of students will put together an informational campaign through a Public Relations class.

Ferguson said he is ecstatic that information resources can move on to other projects, such as seriously considering Grass Roots for Environmental Action Now (GREAN)'s tree-free campaign to reduce the amount of virgin pulp in the paper the university uses.

The debate continues

Faculty assembly to vote to eliminate Option III

BY JENNIFER NEWMAN
Mast news reporter

In a move to promote the importance of international education, the Faculty Assembly will vote to eliminate Option III from the College of Arts and Sciences on Dec. 13.

After the Sept. 27 approval by the College of Arts and Sciences, this is the final vote necessary to implement the motion, which will not appear before the Educational Policy Committee since it affects general curriculum rather than specific course changes.

The College of Arts and Sciences was designed to require foreign-language study for Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science majors. Options I and II allow stu-

dents to fulfill this requirement by taking four years of high school language or one year of college language.

With Option III, students can take eight credits of history, logic, mathematics, computer science, or statistics instead of language courses.

The inclusion of Option III has been controversial since its 1969 implementation, when a specific language requirement was considered too academically challenging and limiting.

The motion to eliminate Option III, sponsored by Dean of Humanities Barbara Temple-Thurston and Chair of Languages and Literatures Mark Jensen, rejects these reservations and identifies the option's elimination as necessary to "institutional integrity."

According to the motion's resolution, foreign lan-

guage study is "a hallmark of liberal arts" and underlines its increasing importance. In a world they identify as "post-Sept. 11 and...an age of U.S. global supremacy," Temple-Thurston and Jensen said in the proposal it is unacceptable "for our students to be sent the message that a monolingual approach to the world is adequate for a college-educated person in this country."

The motion correlates with PLU's re-evaluation of its international approach in the planning document "PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction," and the campaign, "The Next Bold Step: The Campaign for

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Lilly endowment opens doors to explore vocation

BY SADIE GREGG
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PLU has been awarded nearly \$2 million from the Lilly Endowment to support the project "Exploring Vocation at PLU" from 2003 through 2007.

Provost James Pence said this grant will fund the exploration of personal vocation, which he described as one's "calling."

Exploring vocation involves asking, "What do I stand for? What is my mission in life?" Pence said. "What you want to do and how you want to be."

The Lilly Endowment, Inc.

is a private philanthropic foundation based in Indianapolis, Ind. It supports the causes of religion, education, and community development, according to www.independentsector.org, a non-profit foundation Web site.

Lilly Endowment Inc. is interested in initiatives that benefit youth, foster leadership education in non-profit institutions and promote philanthropy and volunteerism.

The grant was proposed by a committee headed by former provost and philosophy faculty member Paul Menzel and Patricia Killen of the religion

department. Only 39 universities receive such grants. Other recipients have included Purdue and Azusa Pacific Universities.

As for what PLU plans to do with this grant is still up for debate. In the recent memo to faculty, staff and students, several options were discussed.

These options include seminars for staff, lectures from guest artists, and "vocational resident assistants" who would live in the residence hall and provide counseling on finding one's calling.

Pence said though there are many options to discuss, and

no specific outcomes as of yet, "this grant provides leverage for change."

"(PLU) is not far off the mark," Pence said about addressing vocation. He said PLU would not have been awarded the grant if it had not been doing a good job to start with. The grant will enable to university to go deeper into its mission, Pence said.

"Exploring Vocation at PLU" will be slowly worked into the existing curriculum, counseling programs and lecture series, starting in fall of 2003. The ideas to be put into action are not specific to any major or

program, but are a university-wide effort to discuss one's "calling."

The grant will cover the costs of implementing lectures and other ideas for the years 2003-2007. Pence hopes to incorporate "Exploring Vocation" into the fabric of the university, so it will be further supported when the grant is spent.

He also recognizes that the grant may only be used to put the program in place for a few years. The life of this program will be used to make changes at PLU for as long as needed, said Pence.

Grant recognizes PLU's commitment to the world

Teagle grant gives faculty time to evaluate, strengthen international studies program

BY LAINE WALTERS
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PLU aims to integrate, strengthen and increase the visibility of its international and intercultural programs through a \$456,300 grant from the Teagle Foundation, received in May.

Tamara Williams, Spanish professor at PLU and faculty director of the Teagle Grant for International Education, said the grant is intended to help the university integrate and strengthen the programs and features that already exist and help the school reach its goals of becoming distinct for international education.

The grant will have pan-university implications, and Williams hopes to tie together the isolated intercultural programs that already exist. Doing so will strengthen the visibility of dedication to interactive learning in an intercultural community, she said.

Williams said PLU received the grant from the Teagle Foundation as an acknowledgement that PLU has a good start on distinctive international education.

According to PLU's proposal to the Teagle Foundation, "As recently as 1995, PLU offered only two short-term (January) international programs. In 2002, we enrolled 240 students in 16 overseas courses."

The grant gives PLU the resources to take time out and to evaluate where it wants to go next. Among the many goals of the grant are the aspirations to increase student participation and increase integration and coherence of international programs across the university.

Participation in international activities by students is "spotty," Williams said. Only some students study abroad, and few actively relate their experience overseas to the work they do when they get back.

She said the current set-up of international opportunities is not user-friendly for students, and they do not understand clearly enough how everything is supposed to connect.

One of the ways the university will achieve this connected feeling is through implementation of an international education endorsement. The endorsement will be awarded to students who have completed a four-phase framework including study abroad and intercultural connections to the local community. The endorsement is in early planning stages.

The Teagle grant will impact the university beyond the endorsement framework. It will work to improve student/faculty advising, and create support programs in Student Life for the entry of international students and the re-entry of PLU study abroad students to the university.

It will take part in, but not lead, conversations about revisions to the Cores, General University Requirements system, honors program and first-year experience.

"We can work curricularly until we are blue in the face, but we need a climate that will support it," Williams said.

Committee envisions an International Education Endorsement to integrate student experience abroad into the classroom

BY LAINE WALTERS
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As early as 2004, first-year students will be invited to link local intercultural, study abroad, and classroom experience together as they trek toward an international education endorsement.

Students will progress through a four-stage framework of introduction, exploration, participation and integration.

The new endorsement is the largest brainchild of the Teagle

While Chautauqua is a county in New York, it's also a cultural experience that for PLU, might include an international film festival, local speakers, and other things that contribute to experiential learning. Lamoreaux likens the plans to J-Term on the Hill.

A hypothetical example being planned right now would be a class entitled "Knowing Your Neighbors." It would focus on Canada and Mexico, integrating service work with Hispanic groups in the Tacoma area or trips to Canada.

First-year students would be introduced to international education as a requirement during J-Term as part of a university commitment to the introductory phase of the endorsement program.

After the introductory phase their first year, students would be given the informed choice whether or not to continue with the international route through revitalized advising, Tamara Williams, faculty director of the Teagle Grant, said.

She said she believes students' early exposure will help solidify the framework and lead to many students working toward a full endorsement.

If students opt to continue, in the exploratory phase, they will be encouraged to see how all of the curriculum is connected. They will be invited to enroll in Core 2, minor in Global Studies, other cross-departmental minors, or inherently international programs such as anthropology or languages.

The new endorsement track should encourage students to join Core 2, revitalizing it with increased numbers.

The Teagle grant will help the university increase options for science and professional degree students to participate in international study relevant to their major.

Students should begin to see the connections between all of their academic areas and

their future travel experiences.

In the third phase, the participatory phase, possibly in a student's sophomore or junior year, students working toward an endorsement will study away for a semester. Students will combine academic study with a service project, research project or internship relevant to the place they are living in.

According to PLU's Proposal to the Teagle Foundation, a third of PLU students who study abroad do so independently or with programs not related to the university. One of the goals of the university and the Teagle grant is to create more programs run by PLU faculty.

The fourth phase, the integration phase, will link what a student learned and worked on abroad with local issues. "Students often come back from study abroad and go: 'What do I do with this?'" Williams said.

Students who travel with PLU's Trinidad program often experience a difficulty with re-entry into American and university life. Because of this, for years when Trinidad students return, they have opted to live together in communal housing in the Salishan neighborhood through the Tacoma Housing Authority.

Williams expects more intentional living community houses to become part of the integration phase.

Williams said she sees the endorsement students can earn as a way of recognizing the study abroad experience and integrating it to life at home through some method such as a capstone or service projects.

An environmental studies student provided a model of integration by conducting a comparative study of the recycling efforts of Mexico and Seattle.

The predicted framework is modeled after the experiences and interests of former students, such as those studying on Fulbright scholarships.

"As recently as 1995, PLU offered only two short-term (January) international programs. In 2002, we enrolled 240 student in 16 overseas countries."

PLU's proposal to the Teagle Foundation

Grant Committee. All the Teagle ideas, including the endorsement, are still in draft stages. There are no guarantees that everything proposed will end up in the final project. The endorsement may change its name and form in the planning and implementation process.

Director of the First-Year Experience, Doug Lamoreaux, said one of the best ideas coming out of the conversation on revising the experience's J-Term component is a required Chautauqua experience. The experience will act as the introductory phase of the endorsement.

Nurses donate comfort toys

BY KARYN OSTROM
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The nursing club, Delta Iota Chi, began its toy drive on Monday and will continue through the end of the semester.

Junior Shannon Brown, co-president of the organization, said that what was initially envisioned as a holiday community service project within the School of Nursing, evolved into a campus-wide event.

Collected toys will be donated to the Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma.

Stuffed animals will be given to the Washington State Patrol's Teddy Bear Program.

Drop-off locations for new unwrapped toys and stuffed animals can be found at the library circulation desk, UC Coffee Shop, School of Nursing office in Ramstad Hall, Student Services office, LuteCard and Information Center, and by the copy machine in Rieke Science Center.

During a recent clinical, a hands-on learning experience for nursing students, at Tacoma General Hospital, Brown saw a father pulling his son in a wagon with the child's IV bag dragging behind.

Brown said the touching nature of the scene further instilled in her the impact that toys have on children who are ill or are recovering.

"By giving them gifts it will give them hope that they'll someday be able to go out and get their own toys," Brown said.

The Washington State Patrol's Teddy Bear Program distributes new teddy bears and stuffed animals to children to comfort them at car accident scenes.

Brown said there is a high demand for stuffed animals, according to troopers who participate in the program. She said she has seen first-hand the impact this program has had on children.

Four years ago, family friends of Brown's with two young girls were in a car accident. The frightened children were given bears from troopers who responded to the accident. The bears have since been used to bring comfort and security during times when the children have been scared.

Delta Iota Chi is PLU's chapter of the National Student Nurses Association and is comprised of nursing students who want to give back to the school

and community.

Brown said the benefits of being part of a pre-professional organization are many, but stressed that involvement in community service and the opportunity to network with nurses and nursing leaders is beneficial.

Brown would like to see the toy drive become an annual event at PLU.

She said that it is important to help kids who spend the holidays in the hospital or who are involved in car accidents throughout the year.

Delta Iota Chi has already sponsored a blood drive this school year and has one planned in January. Other upcoming events the club is sponsoring include CPR certification classes in January and Nurses Week in May. They hope to also sponsor a clothes/makeup drive for patients at Western State Hospital.

Donations for the toy drive will be collected through Dec. 19 and will be delivered to the hospital and patrol office the following day by Delta Iota Chi club officers. If there are any questions about making a donation, Brown may be contacted at brownsk@plu.edu.

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16 days focus on activism against gender violence

BY SARA BURKES
Mast news reporter

With the organizational work of the Women's Center, the Feminist Student Union, Advocates for Social Justice, and others, PLU joined more than 1,000 individuals and organizations from over 100 countries to sponsor activities in "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence."

In 1991, the Center for Women's Global Leadership in New Jersey sponsored the first "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" as an organizing strategy to call for the elimination of all forms of gender violence.

Judy Mladineo, the PLU Women's Center director, said she was excited about the activities planned for PLU and wanted the campaign's messages to be loud and clear.

"It really helps connect local community violence that we experience with events around the world," she said.

Junior Alexa Folsom-Hill, a co-facilitator of the Feminist Student Union said she agreed. She also wanted students to "be aware that sexual assault happens, that gender issues of sex and issues play a big part in everyone's lives."

Original participants chose the days Nov. 25—Dec. 10 to highlight four specific dates. In 1981, the Feminist Encuentro for Latin America first declared Nov. 25 International Day Against Violence Against Women, commemorating the efforts of three social activist sisters from the Dominican Republic, who were killed under the dictatorship of Leonidas Trujillo.

On Nov. 25, the PLU campaign officially started at the Trinity Lutheran Church student chapel service with speaker Alina Urbanec, a career counselor. Later, an invitation was extended to students to make the personal choice not to contribute to violence.

The following Monday in the UC lobby, students were encouraged to paint their handprint onto a banner that read "We Will Not Raise These Hands in Violence." By the end of lunch time, the banner had

already gathered more than 40 handprints.

Volunteer Annelise McDougall, junior, said, "It was refreshing to see people so gung-ho about the movement."

McDougall was one of several artists to make a collage that will be displayed outside the bookstore. She focused it on terrorism, which she said she had experienced first-hand while living in Indonesia and knew a teacher who was killed.

"It's very important for people to realize that women's rights are the same as human rights. Men can be feminists too."

Judy Mladineo
Director of the PLU
Women's Center

McDougall said she wanted others to realize how terrorist violence is effecting people around the world.

Tuesday was World AIDS Day, another one of the four highlighted dates in the campaign. According to AVERT's organizational Web site, World AIDS Day emerged from the call by the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention in 1988. The aim was to open channels of communication, strengthen the exchange of information and experience, and forge a spirit of social tolerance.

Michelle Swope, Pierce County AIDS Foundation community outreach coordinator, discussed the continuing problem of AIDS and said it was "not an issue of the past." She told students that women ages 14-25 were the fastest growing population contracting AIDS.

A woman named Carol, who has AIDS, talked about the continuing importance of AIDS/HIV education and activism in communities.

Wednesday was White Ribbon Day, a day designed specifically for males to show their support against violence. Members of the student activist

groups, Men Against Violence and S.A.P.E.T.—Sexual Assault Prevention and Education Team—discussed how they supported prevention of gender violence and shared information on male-perpetrated violence.

"It's very important for people to realize that women's rights are the same as human rights. Men can be feminists too," Mladineo said. "Men are in the best position to educate other men about gender violence because, unfortunately, most domestic violence is caused by male-perpetrators."

Men Against Violence is a new program at PLU and is a part of S.A.P.E.T. working to educate students on gender violence.

Senior Mat Jibben, a S.A.P.E.T. member, said, "Students can start to make a difference by not making jokes about rape or bragging about sexual encounters because it only adds to the masculine stereotypes that we are trying to break down," he said.

On Wednesday night, students gathered to hear three professionals speak on "Justice As Career." One was a school principal, another, an AIDS grief counselor, and the third speaker was PLU's Health Center Director and Physician's Assistant, Sue Mkrkichian. Each discussed their careers and how they play social justice advocate roles in their everyday lives.

"I get to see rape victims on their way to becoming adults," Mkrkichian said. "I'm in a place

where I'm not just part of the physically healing, but I can also give education to help women."

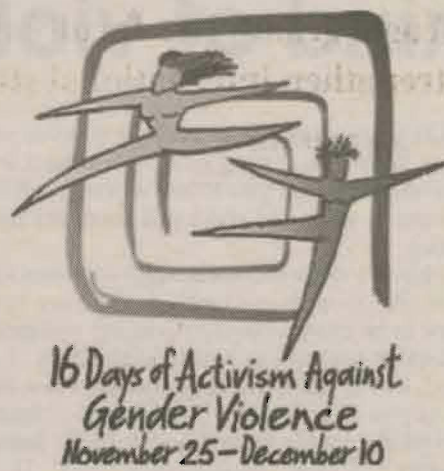
Dec. 5 was the Montreal Massacre Day of Remembrance for the 14 female, engineering students who were shot and killed by a 25-year-old man. He felt women, particularly feminists, were to blame for his denial of admission to the School of Engineering at the University of Montreal.

A booth was set up outside the UC, with students handing out pamphlets and information on gender violence.

Natalie Gulsrud, a senior and program assistant at the Women's Center, has been an activist at PLU for three years. She encouraged students to find out more about how they could stop gender violence at the booth.

"Until we get an equal balance of men and women working against violence, we are not going to see a change," Gulsrud said.

Activities will continue though Dec. 10 for raising awareness. On Monday, a discussion titled "Defending Our Daughters: The Rights of Women in the World" will be in UC 214 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. This historical perspective of



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the international women's rights movement and ways to get involved will be presented by history professor Beth Kraig and religion professor Kathi Breazeale.

Dec. 10 will mark the day that in 1954, the General Assembly of the United Nations acknowledged the human rights of all to "life, liberty, and the security of person ... without distinction of any kind," as they signed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

On this day, celebrated as the International Human Rights Day, students are invited to join several student groups in the UC Lobby from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to recognize the importance of the declaration in the form of pamphlets and continued information on gender violence.

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Sexism unique kind of violence

Do you remember when your parents used to make you cover your eyes during violent or sexual scenes of movies that they did not want you to see when you were a child?

I am 21 years old and I still cover my eyes during violent scenes.

I have a weak stomach when it comes to blood, guts and gore. But more importantly, I cover my eyes because I do not want to be desensitized to extreme violence.

I value reacting in horror to brutality. I always want to flinch at the sight and sound of someone being shot or beaten.

As you can imagine, I spent a lot of time with my face behind my hands when I saw the new James Bond movie *Die Another Day* over Thanksgiving Break. This did not surprise me as I knew going into the theater that James Bond movies are primarily about fight scenes and car chases, and only secondarily about plot and character development.

What I was shocked by was the insidious misogynistic use of women in the movie. I was aware, of course, that because James Bond is irresistible to women and because women are irresistible to Bond, there would be several sex scenes.

That was fine with me. After all, I enjoy a good sex scene as much as the next person does.

What I did not realize, and thus what shocked me, is that the female prerequisite for having sex with James Bond is utter stupidity, the complete absence of a functioning brain.

This did not make much sense given that the two women Bond sleeps with in the movie are secret agents of equal skill and responsibility as Bond himself. The conclusion is that women, all women, are stupid, and therefore less valuable than men are.

I do not mean to vilify James Bond or James Bond fans. The movie itself is irrelevant. After all, they will make another one just like it in another two to four years. What is important is our reaction.

This is what my reaction told me: I refuse to accept violence (as illustrated by covering my eyes), but I will tolerate the demeaning portrayal of women.

I react strongly to violence because it is not an ordinary occurrence. But I do not react to the debasement of women because I see it day in and day out.

My reaction told me I accept that Halle Berry's character in *Die Another Day* can not manage to save herself.

I accept the high school teacher who comments when I wear a skirt to school.

I accept that my mother will pressure me to lose weight or diet (and therefore do violence to myself), even though I am at a healthy weight, so that I will be more physically attractive.

I accept that a man will probably be promoted professionally before I am, not because he is more capable, but because he is a man.

I accept that there is 67 percent chance that my husband will physically abuse me. (According to statistics from the U.S. Justice Department.)

I accept that parents in some cultures will abort female fetuses or sell their daughters into prostitution.

I have decided that I do not like my reaction.

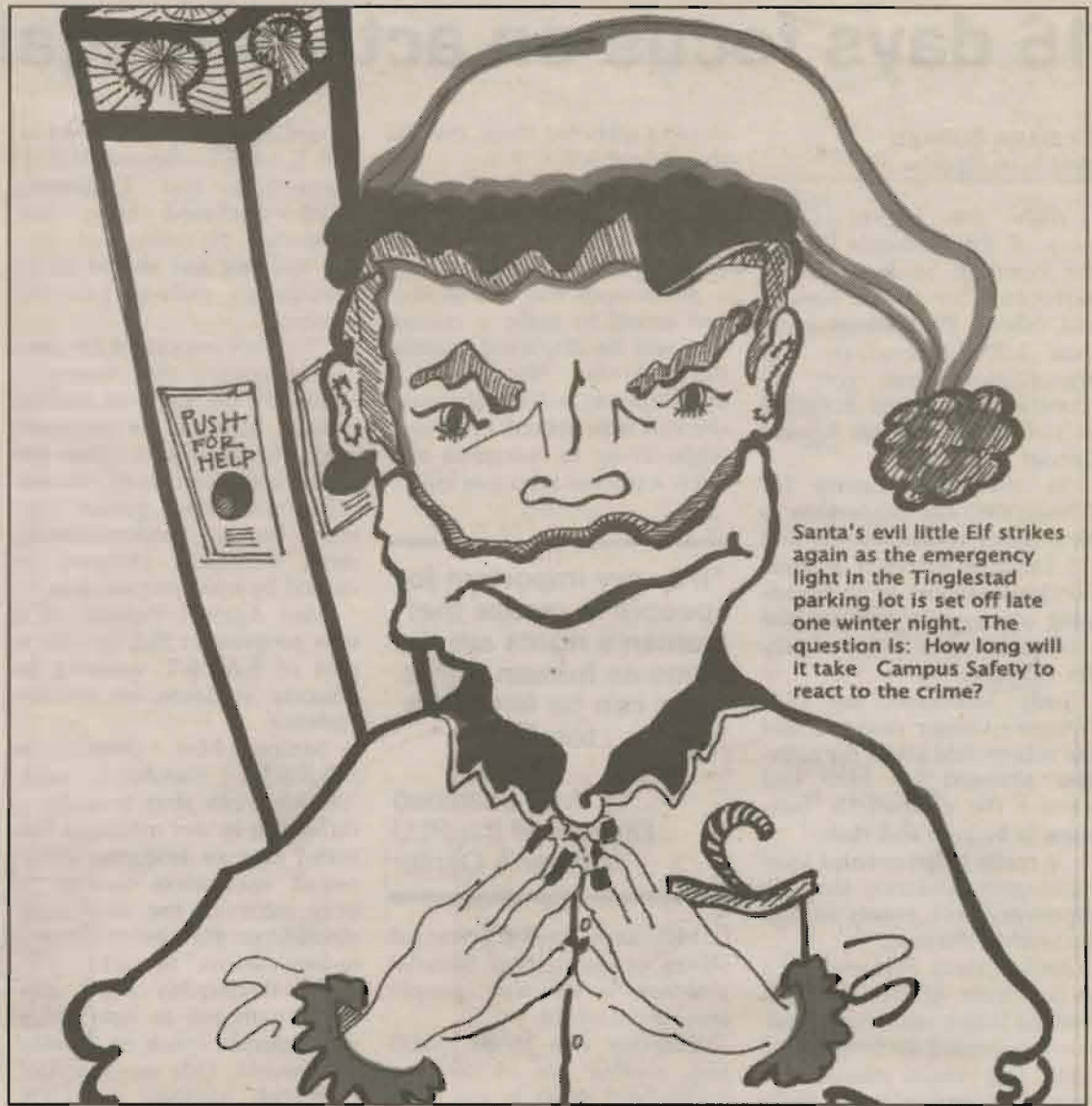
I have decided not to accept, but reject the sexist portrayals of women in James Bond movies and other similar media because it is just as violent as the gun battles and car chases. While *Die Another Day* reinforces both violent and misogynistic behavior, the difference is that the average male viewer does not have access to automatic weapon arsenal.

But he probably does have a sister, a wife, or a daughter.

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Show's over folks!

The Mast stops publication today. We will resume Feb. 7.



Santa's evil little Elf strikes again as the emergency light in the Tinglestad parking lot is set off late one winter night. The question is: How long will it take Campus Safety to react to the crime?

From the Staff

Christmas is not about commercialization

BY BRIE BALES
Mast photo editor

During the first week of November I walked into Safeway to do my usual grocery shopping, but as soon as I walked through the door I realized something was different. I started to walk down the aisles toward the organic food section when I saw the huge Christmas displays.

It's a grocery store and there are three entire rows devoted solely to Christmas items almost two months before Christmas. We've all seen the displays at the Bon Marche and the Christmas lights popping up on Pacific Avenue.

The question I have for all these retail locations is what is the true meaning of Christmas and do these decorations really help them sell more products? Because it is obvious that is what they are truly concerned with.

With six fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas this year, retail stores have no other choice but to start their Christmas shopping sales before Thanksgiving. Before we know it, Christmas decorations and store displays will be up after the Fourth of July instead of just after Halloween.

Every year the Christmas displays start shining earlier and earlier, and the true meaning of

the Christmas season is buried deeper and deeper underneath the presents, wrapping paper and bows.

As I walked through Safeway I asked myself whether or not the decorations or the presents were really necessary in the spirit of Christmas. I thought about it and realized that my true meaning of Christmas along with many others has been distorted after years and years of commercialized Christmases.

I thought back to when I was a child and remembered how much the little traditions of Christmas really meant. Making cookies with my mom, decorating the tree with my family, and listening to my dad read the *Night Before Christmas* on Christmas Eve.

These are all Christmas traditions, but if you look beyond the Christmas aspect, you can see that really the one thing that ties these events together is spending time with your family.

Spending time with your families and friends and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas and the holiday season is simple when you take a step back from all the ribbons and bows and remember what you truly are thankful for.

Thanksgiving is a great start to the holiday season because it helps us remember the things in our lives that we are thankful

for at least one day a year. As we get older we start to realize how much the little things in life truly mean.

I don't mean to be sentimental or to say that we are getting old, but when you think about it you miss a lot of Christmas and holiday traditions when you head off to college.

While we're here trying to spend our last few minutes finishing papers and cramming for finals, our families are at home decorating the tree and preparing all the holiday goodies.

We arrive home just days before Christmas to already decorated houses after missing a lot of the true meaning and spirit of the Christmas season. I must commend PLU because they stick to tradition and don't start lighting up red square until after Thanksgiving.

This provides us students with a way to really start the holiday season right by remembering what we truly are thankful for and taking it on throughout the holiday season.

There is only one way to stop this mass commercialism at Christmas time, and I don't mean running down to the local Target (or Safeway) and boycotting all the Christmas decorations. Take time this holiday season to remember the good things in your life and look for the deeper meaning behind this Christmas.

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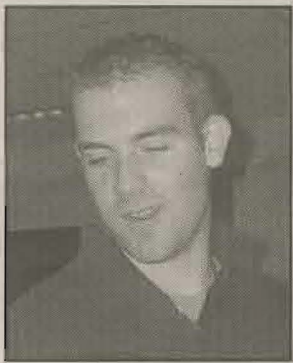
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SIDEWALK TALK:

Do you agree with the elimination of Option III?



"No. I'm using Option III because I didn't want to deal with a language. It's easier to do with more majors."

Chris Blackney
Senior

"No. If a language doesn't apply to your major then it is pointless to take it."

Megan Coughlin
Freshman



"No. As a science major I would have to take a lot of extra classes to fulfill a requirement that I won't end up using."

Fred Larabee
Junior

"I don't know. Having a foreign language is a good idea. But it sucks for people who haven't taken four years of language in high school."

Laura Medsker
Senior



Taking foreign language prepares students for global community

This is my last column. Even worse, I am approaching my last few days as a student. Having been a student my entire life, my instinct is to curl up into a ball and weep and kill my writer's block with a good case of the whinies.

However, I will not! Rather than enforce my inevitable worry about the future onto *The Mast*-reading public, I am going to reflect on an important PLU issue.

For those of you who pour over *The Mast*, you may have come across a letter to the editor concerning student opinion on the elimination of Option III or perhaps a letter in the Daily Flyer. Susan Carnine, the ASPLU president, is calling a forum for interested students to form opinions on the elimination of Option III.

This is a debate that has gone on at PLU for at least the past 30 years concerning the language requirement for the College of Arts and Sciences. PLU offers a non-language option to this language requirement.

In late September, the College of Arts and Sciences faculty voted on the idea of eliminating Option III and passed it. At that point, it went on to a committee through which every curriculum change at PLU must pass.

This committee did not vote either way, thereby sending the vote to all the schools and departments at PLU, even though this is only a College of Arts and Sciences requirement.

While this column will come out after the student

forum takes place on Dec. 4, what I'm saying is for the many students who didn't go. Some of what Susan Carnine says is simply not true.

Her main misunderstanding is that the elimination of Option III will affect current PLU students. It will not.

The changes made are not proposed to take place until 2004 for freshmen and 2006 for transfers. This gives entering students a chance to take the required language classes either in high school or at a community college.

Indeed, at any point, students could take their lan-

while in college in addition to a language entrance requirement.

In the process of getting a degree, we all have to take math, science, religion, writing and other distributed classes.

Complaining about having to take language is like complaining about having to eat spinach (or the disgusting food of your choice) as a child. It really will be good for everyone.

And it is not adding extra courses—it is replacing what courses Option III substituted for language courses in the first place.

The fact is—we live in a global economy and an international world. Even if you stay in the same town where you were born for your whole life, you will run into people from all over the world.

Taking language classes verbally, historically, mentally, and grammatically (Americans are the only people I've ever run into who can't explain their own grammar) prepares students for a global experience.

It also puts them on course with most of the rest of the world's students, who take English or some other language as a course of study throughout high school and university.

Having a language requirement that has a non-language option makes PLU look wussy. We are paying enough for our education here, we should come away with a degree that says we are on par with the rest of the world and ready for a place in the global structure of things.



Upside down world
Kristin Buzzelli

guage classes at a community college to escape cost or take a class regardless of whether or not PLU classes fill up. However, no students currently at PLU will be affected.

She states that there has been no effort to collect and reflect on student opinion.

But within the past few years, there have been surveys done on recent PLU graduates and why they chose PLU's College of Arts and Sciences.

Compared with other schools that PLU usually compares itself, regional private, regional state, and other Lutheran schools, PLU comes off as fairly weak in its language requirements.

Many schools already require some language study

place like the Tacoma Rescue Mission. So many assume that because they are educated and make an effort that life will never become difficult.

As we can see, this isn't the case. The people who may need help the most could be your next door neighbor. Not every person who is hungry fits into the "alcoholic bum" stereotype.

There is a certain kind of security and comfort that comes with an enormous holiday feast. Perhaps we should all be grateful this year, and not take for granted what we have.

I know that I don't have an answer for what the future brings for my family, or friends, but I do know that with the state of our economy and the certain ideals Americans try to uphold, this season will definitely be put into a different perspective.

We always try to promote happiness through family and friends and not through our consumption, but maybe this year people will think about that a little more realistically.

Cooking a way to celebrate with family and share with others in need

Last weekend was the beginning of the "Holiday Season." As many people realize, this is a time when our brains are programmed to react to secular holiday music, such as "Jingle Bells," "Frosty the Snowman" and "Winter Wonderland" (all covered by famous pop artists of the 1980s) by pulling out our wallets.

Even more than that, even the hint of a holiday song makes our saliva spill over in hopes of gorging ourselves on turkey, mashed potatoes, and cookies of all shapes, sizes and colors.

From Thanksgiving until New Year's it is completely appropriate for people to eat ridiculously large meals of extravagant food. Some people will make dozens of red and green Christmas cookies, half of which will sit in their freezer all year until they realize if they don't get rid of them there will be no room for new frozen cookies that no one ever eats.

When my mother still packed my lunch for school I

remember getting chocolate mint brownies from Christmas all the way until the next school year.

Why is it that for one season out of the year people will suddenly become obsessed with cooking? And, for that matter, I don't really believe that this has anything to do with the food itself, but the actual act of preparation that goes into it.

Holiday cooking is one ritual that transcends time and culture. This is a feast that lasts for over a month and is one that some people don't have the luxury of participating in.

On Thanksgiving this year my family gathered at my relatives' house where they had been preparing the usual turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, etc. The only difference this year was the fact that my uncle was missing.

My uncle, who normally

gives his turkey a name while he tends to it all day, peaking into the oven at "Thomas" to see when the next layer of juices should be applied, was missing.

He had other plans this year. He wouldn't be there to carve the turkey as he had done religiously so many years before.



Livid
Rebekah Oakley

His presence was missed by the family, and I heard some people asking "What could be more important than family on Thanksgiving?"

My uncle had made a commitment to head up a team at the Tacoma Rescue Mission and serve turkey dinner to people who wouldn't be able to

make their own. Personally, I couldn't be more proud. There is something that can be more important than family for a few moments on a holiday.

He returned later that night and told us a little bit about what went on. They had completely run out of food at the Mission. He said the line down the street was filled with people who look just like all of us.

People who have had some bad luck with our feeble economy these days. People laid off from Boeing, laid off from here or there. But in any case

these people, who just a year before had been celebrating the ritual of Thanksgiving with turkey and stuffing and pie, would not be doing so this year.

In our society we have grand assumptions and generalizations we make about the kind of people we may find at a

Alumna dies of carbon monoxide poisoning

BY STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER
Mast news editor

A recent PLU alumna with plans to focus her career on at-risk children died Nov. 26 of carbon monoxide poisoning in Beaverton, Ore.

Kara Zander, '01, was found in a Beaverton apartment along with her friend Kevin Castro. Zander's father Glenn said detectives determined that Zander and Castro had put a small "Presto" type log in the fireplace. When the flames died down, they assumed it had finished burning.

But the coals were still burning, consuming oxygen and releasing carbon monoxide.

When the two were found in the apartment, the fireplace flue was closed, trapping the poisonous gas in the small apartment.

Zander had an interest in working with children, which developed while participating in a "Lunch Buddy" program at Tigard High School. There, her father said, Zander developed an interest in working with at-risk children.

When she enrolled at PLU in 1997, Zander said his daughter intended on getting a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology, but a special interest in religion caused her to pursue a double major in psychology and religion with which she graduated cum laude.

While at PLU, Zander lived in Ordal Hall for three years and was involved with hall council as Christian activities coordina-

tor. She was among the first group of students to move into South Hall when it opened in 2000.

Zander's father said she also enjoyed working at the library in the periodicals section all four years she was here.

"She was relatively quiet. She enjoyed her friends and studied hard," Zander said.

Assistant professor of religion Samuel Torvend worked with Zander on her senior capstone project on different models of Jewish-Christian relations, a topic that Torvend said was a new and challenging subject for Zander.

"The thing I admired is she really pushed through, dealing with some very complicated issues, trying to facilitate a deeper understanding between Christians and Jews," Torvend said.

"She was tough-minded and focused and remarkably cheerful," Torvend said.

Zander was working at the Academic Book Center in Portland to pay off her loans and to start taking graduate courses. Her goal was to be an elementary school counselor.

Her memorial was Monday at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Portland where she taught Sunday school.

Zander is survived by her father, a 1971 graduate of PLU; her mother Cecilia, a 1973 graduate of PLU; and her brothers Joel and Jeremy.

Remembrances can be made to the Tualatin Valley Community Band Scholarship fund.

Ventilation key to protection from carbon monoxide poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that is produced as the result of incomplete burning of carbon-containing fuels.

Exposure to CO reduces the blood's ability to carry oxygen. Breathing low levels of CO can cause fatigue and increase chest pain in people with chronic heart disease. Breathing higher levels of CO causes flu-like symptoms such as headaches, dizziness and weakness in healthy people. Carbon monoxide can also cause sleepiness, vomiting, confusion and disorientation. At high levels, it can cause loss of consciousness or death.

Preventing carbon monoxide poisoning from exposure to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide in the home is possible by taking some simple steps:

- n Make sure appliances are installed and working according to manufacturers' instructions and local building codes.
- n Have only a qualified technician install or convert fuel-burning equipment from one type to another.
- n Have the heating system, chimney and flue inspected and cleaned by a qualified technician every year.
- n Do not use ovens and gas ranges to heat your home.
- n Do not burn charcoal inside a home, cabin, recreational vehicle or camper.
- n Do not operate gasoline-powered engines in confined areas such as garages or basements.
- n Never leave your car or mower running in a closed garage.
- n Make sure your furnace has adequate intake of outside air.
- n Choose vented appliances whenever possible.
- n Use kerosene space heaters and unvented gas heaters only in well ventilated rooms.
- n Install a carbon monoxide detector with an audible alarm in your home and garage.

Carbon monoxide detectors should: meet Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. standards; have a long-term warranty; and be easily self-tested and reset to ensure proper functioning. For maximum effectiveness during sleeping hours, carbon monoxide detectors should be placed as close to sleeping areas as possible.

Source: The American Lung Association http://www.lungusa.org/air/carbon_factsheet99.html

Wellness Center offers education in health caring

BY BETHANY NIELSON
Mast news reporter

The Wellness Center, sponsored by PLU's School of Nursing, has been providing both medical service and education to students since 1988.

Dana Zaichkin, director of the Wellness Center, said that service was first provided by volunteers, but has employed nurse practitioners since 1996.

The Wellness Center has two key components: the Wellness Clinic and the First Steps program. Zaichkin said that a mobile dental van will soon be available for low-income uninsured individuals in the community starting this January, making an appearance twice a month.

The Wellness Clinic is a family practice community health center and a member of the Pierce County Family Planning Coalition, Zaichkin said. It is open year-round, even during the summer when the PLU Health Center is closed.

The clinic provides general health care services such as prescribing medications, ordering diagnostics tests (x-rays and blood tests), immunizations, treatment for health problems, family planning and regular checkups, Zaichkin said.

He added that confidential reproductive health services are given at the clinic, whether

it is preventive such as birth control or treating a sexually transmitted disease.

The clinic also takes part in the pre-employment screening process for the university by providing physicals for future or current employees.

The Wellness Clinic employs full time and part time nurse practitioners and also provides clinical experience for nursing students at PLU, he said. Zaichkin added that a few of the employees of the clinic are also faculty members for the School of Nursing.

Zaichkin said that while both nurse practitioners and doctors can provide a "very similar scope of services," there can be benefits to receiving care from nurse practitioners.

He said the advantage of time is the biggest difference.

"Nurse Practitioners can take time to listen to people's issues and look at broader scope of what's going on," Zaichkin said.

While many different insurance plans are accepted, Zaichkin said that for the uninsured patients, fees can be put into a "sliding scale" equation to help discount the cost of medical care. He said some reproductive health services are free of charge.

According to the Wellness Center's Web site, "First Steps is dedicated to providing comprehensive care to low income pregnant and parenting



Photo by Brie Bales

Eric Thienes, '02, loads Thanksgiving baskets into his car. The Wellness Center collected over 120 Thanksgiving baskets this year for needy area families.

women through maternity support services, case management, and related services."

This program gives maternity support services, such as infant growth and development, recovery after birth, and maternity case management, such as financial support, counseling or daycare. These services last through the pregnancy and up until the baby's first birthday, according to the Web site.

The Wellness Center also helped coordinate the Thanksgiving baskets collect-

ed around different offices and organizations on campus, Zaichkin said. "Over 120 baskets were collected," and given out to different families in the area on Nov. 26, he said.

The university heavily helped the start-up costs of the Wellness Center, Zaichkin said. Since then the Wellness Center has grown, but has been seriously dependent on funding from government programs and organizations, he said.

Zaichkin said regarding the future, "Like all community clinics, we are vulnerable to

what is happening with state and county budgets."

He added, "Every month there's good news and bad news, my hope is that there's more good than bad."

The Wellness Center is located in East Campus. Appointments for the Wellness Clinic can be made by calling (253) 535-7354. Any questions regarding the First Steps program can be directed to (253) 535-8714. Information is also available on the Web site <http://www.plu.edu/~nurs/wellness/>.

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PLU students dance in *Nutcracker*

Tacoma City Ballet production takes stage at the Pantages Theatre this holiday season

JANE BERENTSON
Mast intern

If you have never seen the *Nutcracker* ballet before, now is the time.

Even if you've seen it annually since the days when mom forced you into a choking tie or itchy tights, see it again this year.

Tacoma City Ballet's production of the *Nutcracker* playing this month at the Pantages Theatre stars two of our very own PLU students.

Junior Kate Monthy will grace the stage as the Sugar Plum Fairy, while senior Ben Rubke dances the role of the Nutcracker prince. Monthy brings 10 years of *Nutcracker* experience and will dance alternate shows as the Snow Queen as well.

Rubke's wife, Tricia, also a professional ballerina, will trade roles with Monthy as the Snow Queen and will also perform the dance of the Marzipan at each performance.

Sugar plums? Precipitation royalty? Nut-cracking princes? To those unfamiliar with the old *Nutcracker* tale, this may seem pretty weird. It is absolutely weird. But at the same time beautiful and wonderful.

Based on E.T.A. Hoffman's book, the *Nutcracker and the Mouse King*, The *Nutcracker* ballet originated in Russia in 1892 when a famous choreographer commissioned Tchaikovsky to write the score.

As the story usually goes, the parents of a young girl named Clara (or sometimes Marie) throw a Christmas party.

Clara receives a toy nutcracker as a gift from her mysterious uncle. She loves it. It's better than any Ken doll.

Later that night, the Nutcracker and his platoon of toy soldiers magically morph into life-size heroes in order to ward off a herd of evil giant mice lead by a nasty king mouse, who in many versions possesses multiple heads.

The Nutcracker wins. Clara witnesses the whole thing and is absolutely delighted when her nutcracker transforms into a prince (Rubke).

Clara and the Prince embark on a fantastic journey where they meet the Snow Queen (Tricia Rubke and Monthy) and her dancing snowflakes. Eventually they arrive at the Land of the Sweets (the Prince's hometown), which is full of beautiful dancing food.

The Sugar Plum Fairy (Monthy), ruler of this candy land (including Marzipan, Tricia Rubke) shows Clara a fabulous time, everyone dances. The swarm of colors and costumes culminates with a waltz of dancing flowers and happiness.

Like any classic tale, the *Nutcracker* ballet has scores of versions. Monthy, who has danced professionally with Tacoma City Ballet for several years commented on the traditional qualities of their show.

"Three years ago, TCB (Tacoma City Ballet) received a grant to do the original Russian *Nutcracker*, so all of our sets and costumes are replicas from the original show," she said.

Monthy said that ballet dancers such as herself and the Rubkes rehearse 20-25



Photo courtesy Kate Monthy

Junior Kate Monthy at a performance. She is one of two PLU students dancing in the *Nutcracker* next weekend at the Pantages Theatre.

hours per week during the months prior to the production. With a cast of over 150 dancers, classic sets and costumes, and the accompaniment of the Tacoma Symphony Orchestra, Tacoma City Ballet's *Nutcracker* is well worth the \$18-\$39 you will pay for a ticket.

The show runs Dec. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at both 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at the Pantages Theatre in downtown Tacoma.

Tickets can be purchased over the phone (591-5894) or online at www.broadwaycenter.org.

So leave the spirit of studying behind for a night and impress your girlfriend

or roommate or grandma with the spirit of magic and candy.

You don't need to know what marzipan is to appreciate the beauty of ballet and the talents of your fellow students. You don't have to wear the choking tie or the itchy tights either.

Hopefully you will leave the theater humming and twinkling your toes, ready to sign up for TCB's beginner ballet adult classes.

And one more thing. If a troop of giant bloodthirsty mice isn't enough for you, wait until next October. Tacoma City Ballet presents *Dracula*.

Strumming solo

Sophomore Justin Klump performed a solo set (with special guests) of his acoustic music to an intimate crowd at the Cave Tuesday.

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Alpha Psi Omega, PLU's dramatic fraternity, is putting on two one-act plays tonight and tomorrow in Chris Knutzen Hall, in the UC. The first play, *Top Girls*, starts at 7:30 p.m. and *Art* will follow at 8:30 p.m. Mer Heller is directing *Top Girls* and spent a few minutes chatting with the *Mast*.

What do you want?
I'd like a lot of people to come Friday and Saturday night and see some theater that's fresh, innovative and new.

Ok. So why should I care?
It's free. And it's something to do on a Friday or Saturday on campus. And it's entirely student run. People say there aren't enough roles for women in plays, but the cast for *Top Girls* is all women. And the cast for *Art*, directed by Wesley Parks, is all men. The plays are diverse and something that you wouldn't see on the mainstage.

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Die Another Day dazzles, but leaves you feeling cold

BRIE BALES
Mast photo editor

Will the new James Bond be a smashing success or a smash through the ice?

Die Another Day premiered just weeks ago as a continuation of the adventures of a British secret agent, James Bond.

Pierce Brosnan stars as the unstoppable British secret agent Bond -- James Bond -- who is determined to save the world and get all the beautiful girls on his way. Just like any other Bond flick, Brosnan overcomes many obstacles with his inventive gadgets and new tricks.

In every James Bond movie you have seen, he always ends up getting the girl (or girls) with his seductive ways and charisma. He usually sleeps with at least one woman throughout the film, most times hopping from one bed to the next and one girl to the next. By now Bond should have almost every STD imaginable.

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I'm sure glad that the majority of the people who really get into these movies are teenage boys who enjoy action packed thrillers. James Bond is really being a great role model for these boys.

Halle Berry co-stars as Jinx, the United States secret agent who is after the same bad guy as Bond.

Berry added a new touch to the Bond films in her first ever appearance; too bad her touch wasn't good enough to give this movie anything more than a pretty face.

Also, Madonna not only graced this movie with her hit song *Die Another Day*, she also made a cameo appearance. Her cameo gives the movie the humor it really needs to wake you up in the middle.

In *Die Another Day*, Pierce Brosnan makes his last ever appearance as Bond. You'll have to go see the movie to see how Hollywood portrays the end of Brosnan's career as James Bond.

The question lingering in many Bond fans' minds is whether or not Brosnan's end as Bond will be the end of this 007 adventure series. Warner Brothers said there will be another Bond movie, and that they want to keep Brosnan on, but if he isn't willing to continue they will have to look for someone to fill his shoes.

Rumors have been flying about who will be the next Bond, but the only word from Warner Brothers is that "the ideal James Bond has to look good in a tux, be able to handle the accent and he has to have the ability to operate gadgets, and lastly have a way with the ladies. While no replacements have been tapped yet, we are keeping our options open for the new British agent."

The new gadgets Bond used in *Die Another Day* really bring Bond into the 21st century. These new inventions also bring to *Die Another Day* the action packed surprise needed to help Bond try and save the world, and specifically in this film, South Korea.

Bond's new ultra powered glass breaking ring gets him out of a jam in the Iceland paradise where he is able to save Jinx. After this rescue, Bond and Jinx head off to save the world together.

Granted the effects are cool and some of the new gadgets Bond used are very inventive, the movie as a whole has no real plot.

If you like movies that are just about entertainment, and you want to spend two and a half hours not having to think about anything then go see *Die Another Day*.

Is that a gun in your hand, or are you just happy to see me?

Photo courtesy jamesbond.com



Fiddlin' around

The Spokane group Sittser played a free show in Chris Knutzen Hall Nov. 23. Picture below is two of their musicians.

Photo by Andy Sprain



DVD of the Week: DVD Action fans celebrate Christmas by dying hard

This will be my final DVD Review of the semester as well as the last one before Christmas. I love Christmas, which means I really need to review a Christmas film. My editor suggested I go out with a bang. Therefore, I decided to review the entire *Die Hard* trilogy and kill two birds with one stone.

Of course, only the first two actually take place at Christmas, but reviewing *Die Hard* and *Die Hard 2* without discussing *Die Hard With a Vengeance* would be a grievous oversight.

In addition, all three are available in two-disc special editions, which have been collected into a super-cool box set. It's impossible to review one without going through and reviewing them all. Let's start at the beginning.

In 1988, movie history was made with the release of *Die Hard*. It made Bruce Willis an action star, while changing the ways action movies were made. For the first time, the hero was just an average guy with a sense of humor.

In case you haven't seen the film, here's the plot: On Christmas Eve, a team of terrorists takes over a high rise building in Los Angeles and holds the staff hostage.

As they hold off the police and the FBI, the men plot to steal millions of dollars. Only one man can stop them: off-duty New York cop John McClane (Bruce Willis).

One by one, the terrorists are hunted down and killed amid various gunfights and explosions.

To the discerning movie viewer, this all may sound a little cliched. It's nothing that we haven't seen a dozen times before in any number of variations. However, *Die Hard* was the first of the bunch.

This set the tone for innumerable imitations in the years to come. Despite all the copycats, the original still stands up, mainly due to the superb acting by Bruce Willis and the stylish direction of John McTiernan.

Die Hard 2: Die Harder from 1990 picks up where the first film

left off. John McClane is back, this time just trying to pick up his wife at the Washington D.C. airport on Christmas Eve.

However, terrorists disable the control tower and seize control of the entire airport.

Dozens of planes are left helplessly circling the skies, running low on fuel, in order for the terrorists to free a South American drug lord. Naturally, it's up to John McClane to stop the bad guys and save his wife and hundreds more holiday travelers.

It usually depends on which one I've seen more recently, but I think that I like *Die Hard 2* a little bit more than the original *Die Hard*.

Director Renny Harlin wanted to outdo the original and I think he succeeded. The original is a modern classic, but the sequel managed to take all the elements that made the first film great and, amazingly, improve upon them.

The third and final installment, *Die Hard with a Vengeance*, came out five years later, reuniting Willis and McTiernan. John McClane is back in New York City, where a mysterious man named Simon (Jeremy Irons) has begun bombing the city.

He devises a series of games and riddles that McClane must solve or else people will die. Along the way, McClane is joined by Zeus (Samuel L. Jackson) to play Simon's maniacal game. Meanwhile, Simon has a secret plan ... and a mysterious quest for revenge.

Die Hard with a Vengeance is the weakest of the three films, yet still manages to pack a punch. First of all, the title shows the inherent silliness in the *Die Hard* name. The name doesn't actually make any sense. In fact, my spell-check wants to change it to *Die Hard to an Unusual Extent*.

It deviates from the previous two movies with a unique



DVD of The Week Travis Zandi

approach to the terrorist motif.

In my opinion, the strategy isn't wholly successful, but it is an interesting approach and provides some wonderful moments. And, of course, Jackson, Irons and Willis are all amazing actors that make the film definitely worth while, even if it doesn't quite live up to the high expectations of the *Die Hard* name.

By themselves, these three films are an entertaining set. However, the DVD releases of all three are packed to the brim with fantastic special features.

All three come with commentaries by their respective directors as well as second discs with all sorts of extras. Of course, each is different, but they all have deleted scenes, documentaries and featurettes on the making of each film, interviews, and special effects breakdowns.

These three films comprise one of the greatest trilogies in film history, surpassed only by *Back to the Future* and *Indiana Jones*. Of course, both of those trilogies are missing in action on DVD, so *Die Hard* gets the nod as the best, with *Evil Dead* as a close second.

If you have not seen these movies, you definitely should check them out. They are not only some of the best action movies, but also are holiday-themed. You'd be hard-pressed to find a better action film or a better Christmas film.

And with that, I leave you for another semester. I should probably go get paid.

Travis Zandi would like to point out that the only Christmas movies that he likes better than *Die Hard 1* and *2* are *A Christmas Story*, *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, and *Gremlins*.

New Music: McCartney, Sum 41, SOAD

LONNY SULFARO
Mast reporter

Three albums released last week were Paul McCartney's *Back In The U.S.*, Sum 41's *Does This Look Infected*, and System Of A Down's *Steal This Album*.

McCartney's *Back In The US* is by far the best album out of the three. The album is a two disc live package from McCartney's most recent tour, which stopped at the Tacoma Dome in October.

Back In The US includes songs from classic albums by the Beatles, Wings, and from McCartney's solo albums.

The album is amazing from start to finish. The first CD starts with "Hello Goodbye" and includes classic songs like "Blackbird" and "We Can Work It Out."

Disc one also includes quite a bit of material from McCartney's last solo album including the songs "Lonely Road" and "Driving Rain."

Disc one closes with two tribute songs. The first song, "Here Today" is a tribute to McCartney's late bandmate, John Lennon.

For the final song on the disc, "Something," McCartney played a ukulele as a tribute to another of his former Beatle bandmates, the late George Harrison.

McCartney played the song on the ukulele because Harrison used to play the ukulele during studio sessions when the band was recording albums.

Disc two starts with "Eleanor Rigby" and includes the songs "Band On The Run," and "Yesterday." This CD also includes crowd favorites "Maybe I'm Amazed," "Let It Be," and of course, "Hey Jude."

The feedback McCartney received from his audience was

amazing. They were singing along with every song. The audience was the loudest during "Hey Jude."

The album closes with a medley of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart Club Band," from the album of the same name, and "The End," from the Beatles album *Abbey Road*.

The album is almost two hours in length and well worth buying. The album also comes with a limited edition DVD that features a sound check performance of "Matchbox," which is not included in the concert.

There is also a DVD of the concert itself that is available for purchase separately.

On a scale of one to 10, this album easily gets a 10. My advice for when you're listening to this album is to turn down the lights, maybe light some candles or start a fire in the fireplace, turn on the lava lamp, lay back, close your eyes, visualize, and let the music take you away.

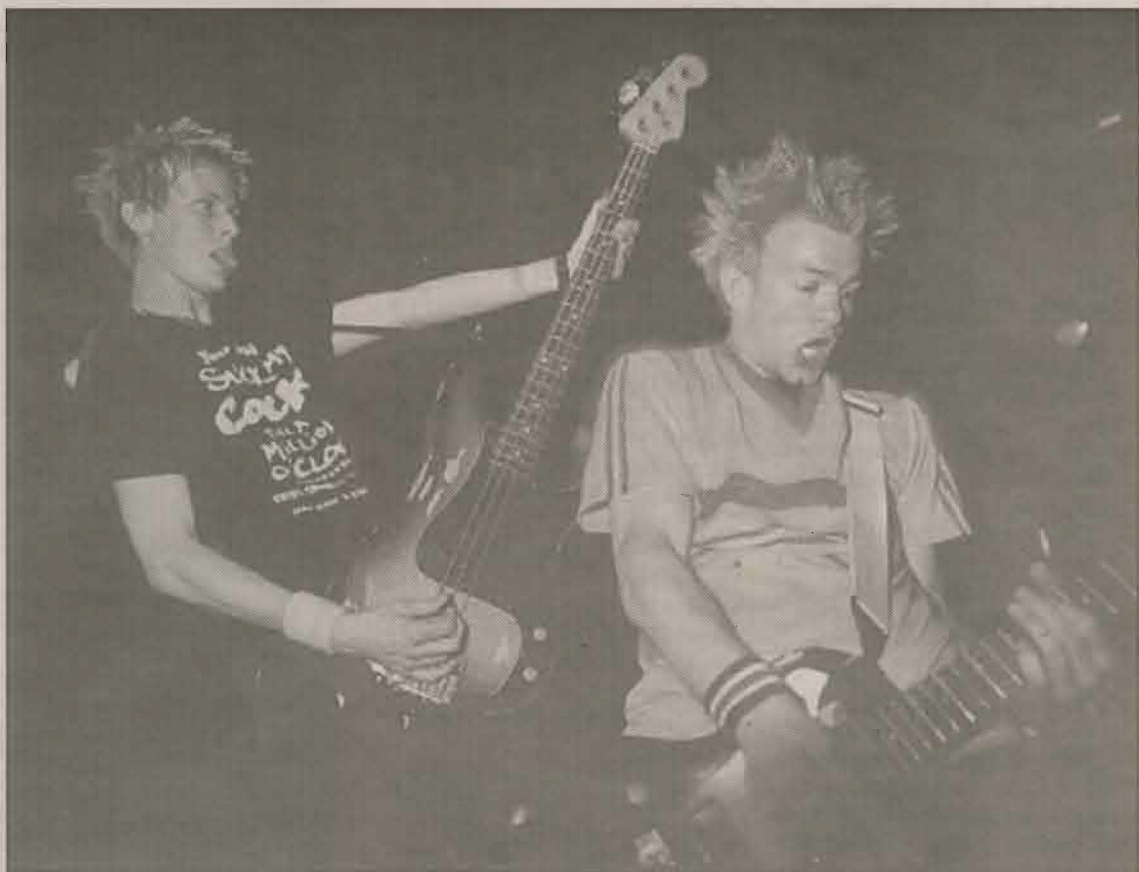
Also released last week was Sum 41's *Does This Look Infected*. The album is pretty good, but it's way too short. "Does This Look Infected" is barely a half hour long.

The album is the follow up to the Canadian band's very successful album *All Killer and No Filler*, which had the hits "Fat Lip," "In Too Deep," and "Motivation."

The first single off the album, "Still Waiting" is one of the best songs on the album, but my personal favorite is "All Messed Up."

The album has basically the same sound as their last album. Why mess with a successful formula? It worked for them last time and probably will work again.

Does This Look Infected comes



Photos courtesy of sum41.com

Bass player Cone (left) and lead vocalist Deryck of Sum 41, recently released their new album, *Does This Look Infected*. Coming out the same day were Paul McCartney's live album *Back in the US* and System of a Down's *Steal This Album*.

packaged with a limited edition DVD, which is almost three times as long as the CD.

This seems to be an increasing trend in the music industry. More and more CDs are being released with limited edition DVDs in an attempt to encourage CD buying and to stop Internet pirating and bootlegging.

So now the important question: Is this album worth buying? Well, I rate it a seven out of 10, because the music is really good, but it's way too short.

If you're a big fan, go out and buy the album, otherwise wait

for the greatest compilation.

System Of A Down released their third album last week entitled *Steal This Album*.

Note to all potential shoplifters: this is only the name of the album and not something you should do.

The album has 16 tracks that were recorded during the sessions for the band's last album "Toxicity."

Steal This Album, as the band's prior two albums is full of songs with political meanings. System Of The Down takes shots at corporate advertising on the song "Chic 'N' Stu," war on the song "Bleep The System," (I'll let you fill in the bleep), and George W. Bush on the song "Boom," which is sure to irritate the College Republicans.

The album doesn't come with a booklet, but the song lyrics can be found on the band's Web site at www.systemofadown.com. The songs on the album were originally released through the band's

Web site and may still be imbedded in the site somewhere.

Steal This Album is pretty good, but there aren't any super hits on the album like the band's previous album.

The first single off the album, "Innervision," is really good, but it's no "Chop Suey" or "Ariels."

I'd rate this album probably a seven out of 10, because it's pretty good.

Steal This Album is worth picking up, but it's not as good as the band's last album, which is probably why all these songs were left off "Toxicity."

If you could buy only one of these three albums I recommend purchasing McCartney's album. It's an album you can listen to by yourself, with your special somebody, with your kids, if you have any, or even with your parents. This album would make a great stocking stuffer.

Don't wait to buy these albums. Buy them now while they're on sale for the holidays.



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Lutes ride second-half surge to win

MATT MACDONALD
Assistant sports editor

Pacific Lutheran outscored visiting Evergreen, 6-0, during the final three minutes and pulled out a 79-74 men's basketball victory Nov. 26 at Olson Auditorium.

The Lutes trailed 74-73 after Geoduck forward Mike Parker hit a pair of free throws with 3:02 left in the game.

Guard Jonathan Anderson gave the Lutes the lead for good, hitting a 14-foot jumper in the key with 2:42 remaining.

After Evergreen guard Ben Riippi missed a potential game-tying 3-pointer with 14 seconds left, guard Hazen Hyland finished off a fast break with a layup with six seconds to play to give the Lutes the final victory margin.

Evergreen hit five 3-pointers in the first half to take a 37-31 halftime lead, despite shooting just 38 percent from the floor.

The Geoducks extended their lead to 11 points, for the last time at 50-39 with 15:02 left to play.

The Lutes, who hit 40 percent in the first half, warmed up considerably in the second half, hitting 65 percent of their shots.

Hyland gave the Lutes their first second-half lead with a floater in the lane at the 8:26 mark. Neither team led by more than three until Hyland's layup at the end.

Anderson had a big game for the Lutes with 20 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists.

Post Neil Mendez became the 20th player in PLU men's basketball history to score his 1,000th point when he hit a short jumper with 5:27 remaining. He would add another bucket to finish with 20 points and three blocks in the game.

The Lutes pressured

Principia (Ill.) into 29 turnovers and rode a 51-22 second-half advantage Nov. 22 to defeat the Panthers, 84-47, at the Puget Sound Tip-Off Classic Nov. 22.

A 26-5 run encompassing the end of the first half and the beginning of the second half put the game out of reach.

Post Josh Davis had 10 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Lutes.

"I was very pleased with the second half and the effort," head coach Dave Harshman said. "We relaxed and went out and played like we're capable of playing."

Colorado College defeated PLU, 59-53, in the second game of the tournament Nov. 23.

The Tigers and Lutes exchanged the lead several times with no team taking more than a 6-point advantage.

Davis had 12 points and 13 rebounds for his second double-double in as many games.

He was named to the all-tournament team.

"We couldn't throw it in the ocean," Harshman said. "We could never find a rhythm, particularly on offense."

The Lutes shot 0-of-10 from 3-point range after hitting 8-of-20 in the previous game.

PLU hosts Son's Blue Angels at 7 p.m. Saturday in an exhibition game before hitting the road, playing at 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at Southern Oregon and at 4 p.m. Dec. 14 at Oregon Tech.

The Lutes then play at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 at Evergreen and at 7 p.m. Dec. 21 at Seattle.

PLU finishes December playing at the Cal St. Hayward Tournament. The Lutes face the hosts at 7 p.m. Dec. 28 and then Wisconsin-Whitewater at 5 p.m. Dec. 29.

The Lutes begin Northwest Conference play at 8 p.m. Jan. 3 at Lewis & Clark.

	NWC	All
Whitworth	0-0	3-0
Willamette	0-0	2-0
Linfield	0-0	2-0
Puget Sound	0-0	3-1
PLU	0-0	2-1
Lewis & Clark	0-0	2-2
Whitman	0-0	1-3
Pacific	0-0	1-4
George Fox	0-0	0-1

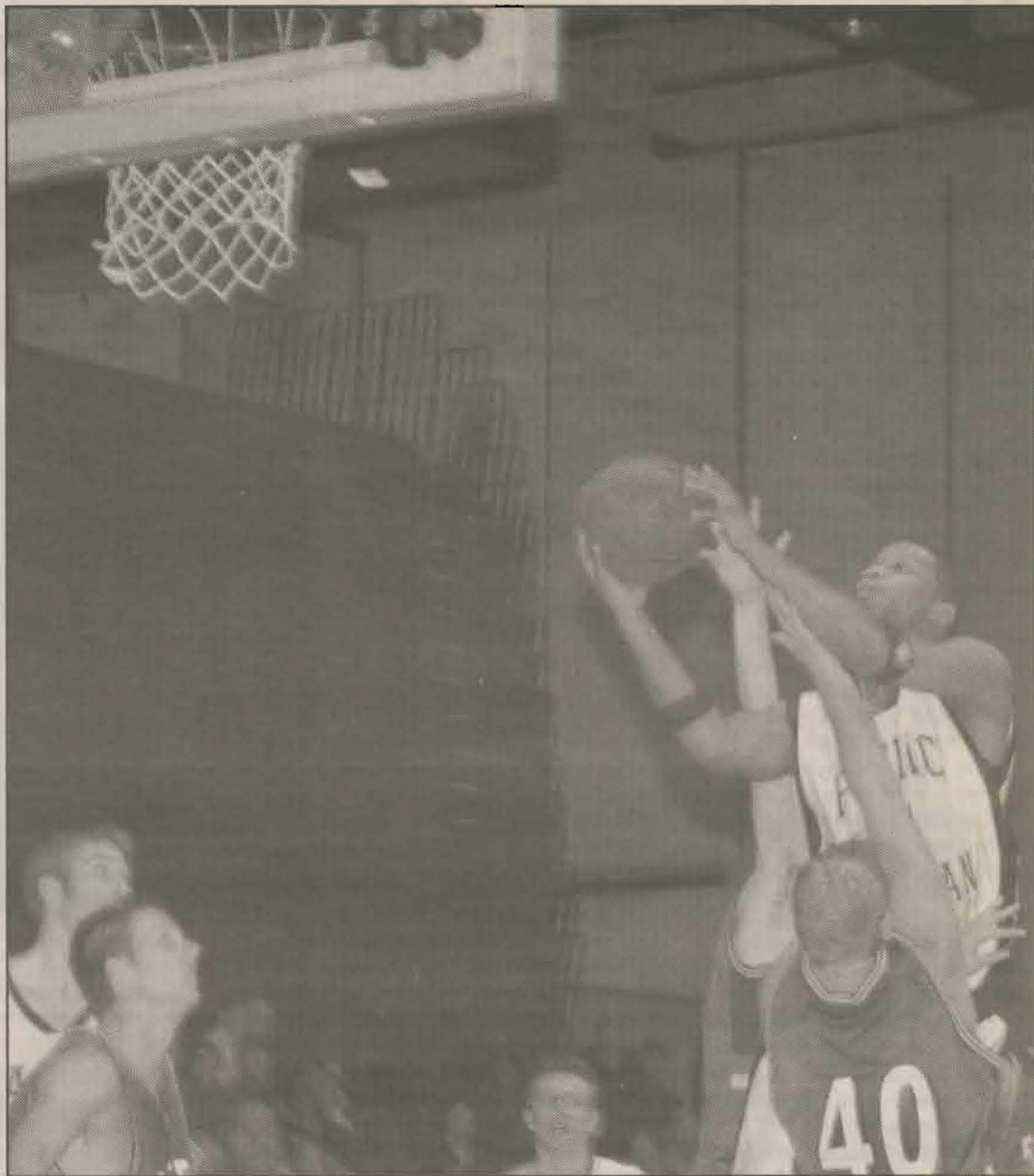


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Guard Jonathan Anderson aims at the hoop against the Evergreen Geoducks. Anderson would hit a 14-foot jumper in the key with 2:42 remaining, giving the Lutes a 75-74 lead they would not relinquish.

Women win opener before falling to two NCAA Division II powers

LEAH ANDERSON
Mast Sports reporter

The Pacific Lutheran women's basketball team opened their season Nov. 22 with a road victory over Northwest College, 59-44.

The Lutes took a commanding 30-13 lead at the half and held on for the win.

Wing Anna Sticklin hit 4-of-5 shots from the 3-point line to lead the Lutes in scoring with 18 points in 20 minutes of play. She also had seven rebounds.

Post Courtney Johnson scored 15 points, grabbed eight rebounds and blocked five shots to help the Lutes pull out their first win of the season.

"It was good for our first game," point guard Kelsey Cox said. "With all the new players we have this season it was good to see how we played together, and it gave us the chance to see what we needed to work on."

This past weekend the Lutes traveled to Seattle where they participated in the Falcon Classic at Seattle Pacific University.

The Lutes lost both games, falling to Western Washington University and SPU.

Western, ranked No. 10 in the WBCA/USA Today NCAA Division II Top 25, held the Lutes without a field goal for 16:30 in a 58-47 victory in the opening round of the tournament.

With 7:55 left in the first half, Western led by five points, 18-

13. The Lutes then scored 10 unanswered points to give them a 23-18 lead, culminated by a Johnson jumper with 3:47 remaining in the first half.

The Lutes did not score another field goal until Johnson scored another jumper with 7:17 left in the game.

"I am not exactly sure what happened," Cox said. "They came out in the second half with a more confident attitude. It was like we came out timid and didn't have that intensity that we had before."

	NWC	All
Puget Sound	0-0	4-0
Linfield	0-0	3-0
Lewis & Clark	0-0	4-1
George Fox	0-0	3-1
Whitworth	0-0	3-1
Willamette	0-0	3-1
Pacific	0-0	2-2
PLU	0-0	1-2
Whitman	0-0	1-2

Wing Aundi Kustura led the Lutes with 13 points and Johnson added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

SPU, ranked No. 15 in NCAA Division II, had 13 steals in a 73-55 win over PLU on Saturday.

The Lutes kept SPU close, leading by as much as eight points midway through the first half, but SPU took control of the game going on an 18-3 run on their way to a victory.

"We played tough," Cox said. "They are used to winning

by 20 or 30 points, but we finally put 40 minutes of basketball together and scared them."

For the second game in a row, Kustura led the Lutes in scoring, this time with 21 points. Johnson added 10 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots. Johnson was also the only Lute to be an All-Tournament selection.

Even though the Lutes ended the weekend with two losses, Cox said that the weekend overall was a success.

"These games help us see where we are as a team, they help us to learn and find out what we need to work on," she said. "It is good for the new players to get some college experience. We are starting to play as more of a team and we finally have that passion and drive."

The Lutes will attempt to rebound from this past weekend when they travel to Portland, Ore., to play Warner Pacific at 7:30 tonight.

PLU's first home game will be an exhibition game against Simon Fraser at 5 p.m. Saturday and then they host Evergreen at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

The Lutes then head to Oregon, playing at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at Southern Oregon and 2 p.m. Dec. 14 at Oregon Tech, before returning home to host SOU at 6 p.m. Dec. 19.

PLU wraps up December with a game at Western Baptist at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 30 before commencing Northwest Conference play at 6 p.m. Jan. 3 at Lewis & Clark.

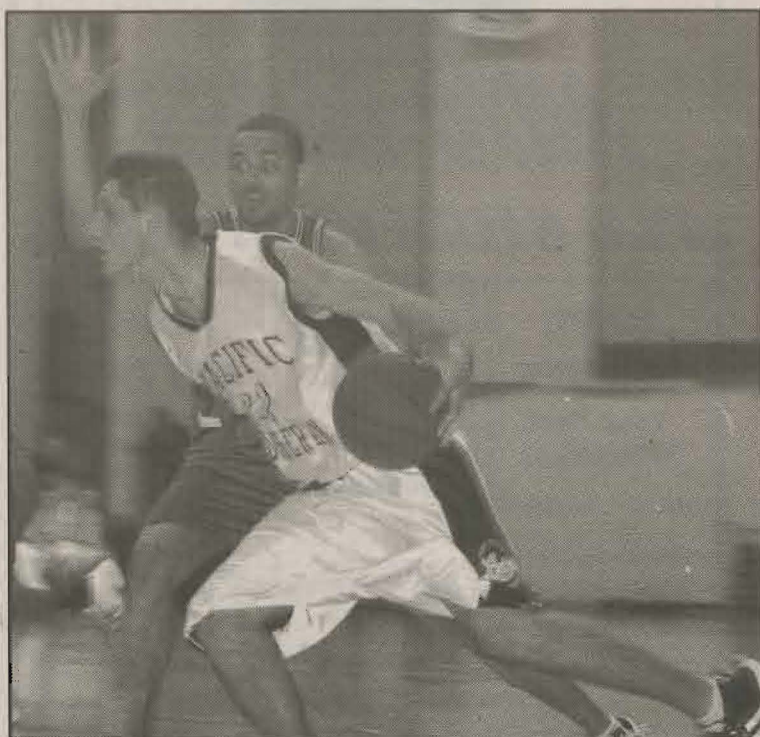


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Post Neil Mendez drives to the hoop, attempting to score two against Evergreen Nov. 26. Mendez would finish the game with 20 points.

Rhoden leads PLU wrestlers in tourneys

CHRISTINA FREDERICK
Mast senior reporter

The PLU wrestling team competed in two tournaments in as many weeks, sending wrestlers to the floor at the Pacific and Southern Oregon Belcastro Open tournaments. The mat time gave several Lute wrestlers the experience they will need to compete the rest of the grueling season.

Josh Rhoden has had a spectacular two weeks. He placed first at the Pacific Open Nov. 23 and placed third in his 174-pound weight bracket at Southern Oregon Saturday.

Rhoden defeated Danny Einhorn of Simon Fraser, 4-3, for the championship title at the Pacific University Open.

Other PLU wrestlers were not so successful at that tournament, however. The only other Lute to reach a placing match was Bobby Brokenshire, at 133 pounds.

Brokenshire, coming off early-season injuries, said he was not pleased with his performance so far this year. In fact, he said he was disappointed in himself.

Brokenshire added that his fourth-place finish at Pacific was nothing to brag about, in his opinion.

"It was a smaller bracket and I got a couple byes, so it's hard for me to say it was a good tournament when I didn't wrestle that much," Brokenshire said. "I wrestled three times out of five. Two were forfeits."

All other wrestlers won at least two matches at Pacific.

"It is the second toughest tournament besides Vegas that we go to," Rhoden said of the Pacific Open. "There's three teams from the Pac-10 repre-

sented there and some other guys that are real tough."

Rhoden won his first-round 174-pound match at the SOU tournament before falling to Jake Huffman from Oregon State. Huffman went on to champion the weight class.

However, Rhoden was not down with his one loss. He won his next six straight matches from the consolation bracket, boosting himself back to the winner's rounds.

Rhoden's final win came with a 6-4 decision over Quinn Collett of Portland State for the third place title.

PLU's Rich Vigorito won three of his five matches at 157 pounds.

Head coach and PLU alumnus John Aiken said, "We finished 19-14 as far as wins and losses, and that is a good showing for us."

Several Lutes went away from the Belcastro Open even, with 2-2 records. This included Trique Meininger at 141 pounds, Wade Brzozowski at 149 pounds, Larry Ebel at 197 and Joe Amick at 285 pounds. Danny McNeese also walked away from both tournaments with at least two wins in each attempt.

"As far as freshmen go, that's really good," Rhoden said. "(McNeese has) just continued to improve every week."

Rhoden added that McNeese will be one PLU wrestler to watch out for, as he has shown some potential to be great already this year.

Brokenshire said the freshmen have provided a refreshing boost to a team that has struggled in recent years.

"Both (McNeese and Meininger) have winning records, which is not very com-

mon from freshmen coming straight out of high school to a Division III school," Brokenshire said.

Overall Brokenshire said he is pleased with the performance he has seen thus far.

"Teamwise, we're looking pretty good. We have a good group of guys in the wrestling room," he said. "The coaches are helping us out, especially with little things that help a lot."

Those improvements will be desperately needed in the upcoming weeks. PLU will head to the Cliff Keen Invitational in Las Vegas, Nev., this weekend. It will be their toughest bouts of the year, as teams from all over the country will be represented.

Brokenshire said, "About 90 percent of the schools down there are Division I. About 10 out of the top 20-ranked guys from Division I will be there. Going into a tournament like this, the only thing we can do is impress people."

Brokenshire added that he hoped to see his teammates with 2-4 matches. "(It) would be outstanding if we could get a couple of guys to place," he said.

The Lutes face Pacific University at 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at Forest Grove, Ore.

Cross Country Nationals

Senior wraps up stellar season

MATT MACDONALD
Assistant sports editor

Floyd Bangerter got off to a good start at the NCAA Division III Men's Cross Country Championship race Nov. 23 in Northfield, Minn. Bangerter estimated that he was in the top 50 for the first 1/2-mile of the 8K (4.98-mile) race.

Then Bangerter started falling back, being passed by numerous runners.

He was not able to accomplish his race goals of maintaining his pace and position and then passing opponents.

Bangerter finished 205th out of 215 runners with a time of 28:27.1, his slowest of the season.

"I didn't have the energy to (speed up at opportunistic times)," Bangerter said. "I felt I prepared mentally for the race and tried to make the right decisions. My body just wouldn't do it."

For the last half of the race, Bangerter stayed positive as his goal of finishing in the top 35 fell to the wayside. "I knew after the first mile, I didn't have it," Bangerter said.

Although he was frustrated, the senior focused on having fun and competing in his last collegiate race.

Bangerter said the NCAA treated the athletes well at the meet, hosting a banquet and motivational speaker the night before, giving a fleece blanket, backpack and ear warmer to each runner and housing the athletes in nice accommodations.

Bangerter said he will take away memories from his PLU cross country experience, including getting really close to the team this year, accomplishing many of his goals since his freshman year, meeting cool guys and having fun.

Bangerter, a three-sport athlete, returns to action as a wrestler in the Dec. 14 meet at Pacific. He also will run for the track and field team in the spring.

A bang-up season

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- PLU Invitational 1st 25:08.1
- L&C Pioneer Open 13th 27:22.3
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- NCAA III West Regions 9th 25:57.57
- NCAA III Nationals 205th 28:27.1

UPS splashes past PLU in swimming

JANE KO
Mast sports intern

It was a victorious Friday night for the Puget Sound Loggers Nov. 22, sweeping Pacific Lutheran in a Northwest Conference swim meet. The Logger men outscored the Lutes, 129-76, and the women won, 143-62.

Despite the loss, the Lutes had excellent individual performances. Ryan Herzog rallied in the final 50 meters to win the 200-meter individual medley in a time of two minutes, 2.38 seconds. Justin Lunday won the 100-meter butterfly by 0.26 seconds with a time of 1:00.75. David Swiosh, Justin Lunday, Kris Sletten and Kelly Brown rose to the top, winning the 200-meter freestyle relay race with a time of 1:14.78.

On the women's team, Amber Mazeika placed first in the 1500-meter freestyle with a time of 18:56.90.

The Lute swimming teams compete at the Northwest Invitational today and Saturday in Ellensburg.

JANE KO
Mast sports intern

Behind the scenes, the Lutes are training hard and expect to have a promising season.

Ryan Herzog, who competes in backstroke, mid-distance, freestyle and medley races, said, "We have a unique team this year. As far as our work ethic, we work hard. We push ourselves mentally so that we can compete with others."

Herzog added that he met most of his time goals and wants to see how much faster he can swim this year than in years past.

Amber Mazeika, who competes in freestyle races, said, "(Head coach Jim Johnson) is really gung-ho about doing your best."

Mazeika added, "I swim for the joy of the sport and as long as I'm improving and enjoying that, I'm happy."

She said that she desires to go to nationals and to win at least one event within the Northwest Conference.



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Stadium at PLU?

JOSH DAVIS
Mast sports intern

It does not look like the PLU campus will be getting a football stadium anytime soon, though PLU Athletic Director Paul Hoseth said he "thinks about it all the time."

"What it comes down to is the priorities of the facilities on campus and the budget," Hoseth said.

PLU spends roughly \$1,200 a game to rent Sparks Stadium in Puyallup.

Sparks Stadium is 9.89 miles away from campus, according to www.mapquest.com. That creates a problem for on-campus students who do not have a car to get to the game.

Sophomore Paul Whisler said he finds it very hard, and sometimes embarrassing, going to PLU football games.

"I find myself walking around campus asking people if they have room in their car," Whisler said. "I feel that I pay all this money to go to school and all I want to do is support the Lutes football team. I cannot do that without begging people for rides."

The Lutes moved to Sparks Stadium for their home games

starting with the 1988 season.

Prior to moving to Sparks Stadium the Lutes played their home football games at Franklin Pierce High School Stadium and Harry Lang (formerly Lakewood) stadium.

"Yes we are the only team in our league without a football stadium on campus, but the facility that we play at is better than any other in our league," Hoseth said.

Hoseth feels that Sparks Stadium is the best facility in the Northwest Conference because everything from the press box to the parking lots are kept neat and clean, which creates a good image upon PLU.

The athletic department has been working on a proposal for around two years to upgrade all playing fields and facilities, Hoseth said.

Hoseth thinks that a new stadium is not in the future, but he did mention some other options.

"How about laying down some Astroturf and putting lights around the football field on campus. With that you can play your home soccer games on the Astroturf, therefore eliminating the baseball field being torn up," Hoseth said.

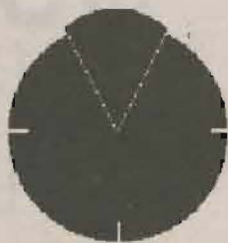
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- 7 p.m. Saturday -- men's basketball vs. Son's Blue Angels (exhibition)
- 7 p.m. Tuesday -- women's basketball vs. Evergreen
- 6 p.m. Dec. 19 -- women's basketball vs. Southern Oregon
- 7:30 p.m. Dec. 20 -- men's basketball at Evergreen
- 7 p.m. Dec. 21 -- men's basketball at Seattle
- 7 p.m. Jan. 3 -- wrestling vs. Southern Oregon
- All Day Jan. 4 -- wrestling hosts the PLU Roy Gonzales Open
- 6 p.m. Jan. 10 -- women's basketball vs. Whitworth
- 8 p.m. Jan. 10 -- men's basketball vs. Whitworth
- 6 p.m. Jan. 11 -- women's basketball vs. Whitman
- 8 p.m. Jan. 11 -- men's basketball vs. Whitman
- 1 p.m. Jan. 18 -- men's and women's swimming vs. Whitman
- 1 p.m. Jan. 19 -- women's swimming vs. Cal St. Hayward
- 6 p.m. Jan. 24 -- women's basketball vs. Puget Sound
- 8 p.m. Jan. 24 -- men's basketball vs. Puget Sound
- 1 p.m. Jan. 25 -- men's and women's swimming vs. Willamette
- 6 p.m. Jan. 25 -- women's basketball vs. Willamette
- 8 p.m. Jan. 25 -- men's basketball vs. Willamette
- 6 p.m. Jan. 31 -- women's basketball vs. Lewis & Clark
- 7 p.m. Jan. 31 -- wrestling vs. Simon Fraser
- 8 p.m. Jan. 31 -- men's basketball vs. Lewis & Clark
- 6 p.m. Feb. 1 -- women's basketball vs. Linfield
- 7 p.m. Feb. 1 -- wrestling vs. Pacific
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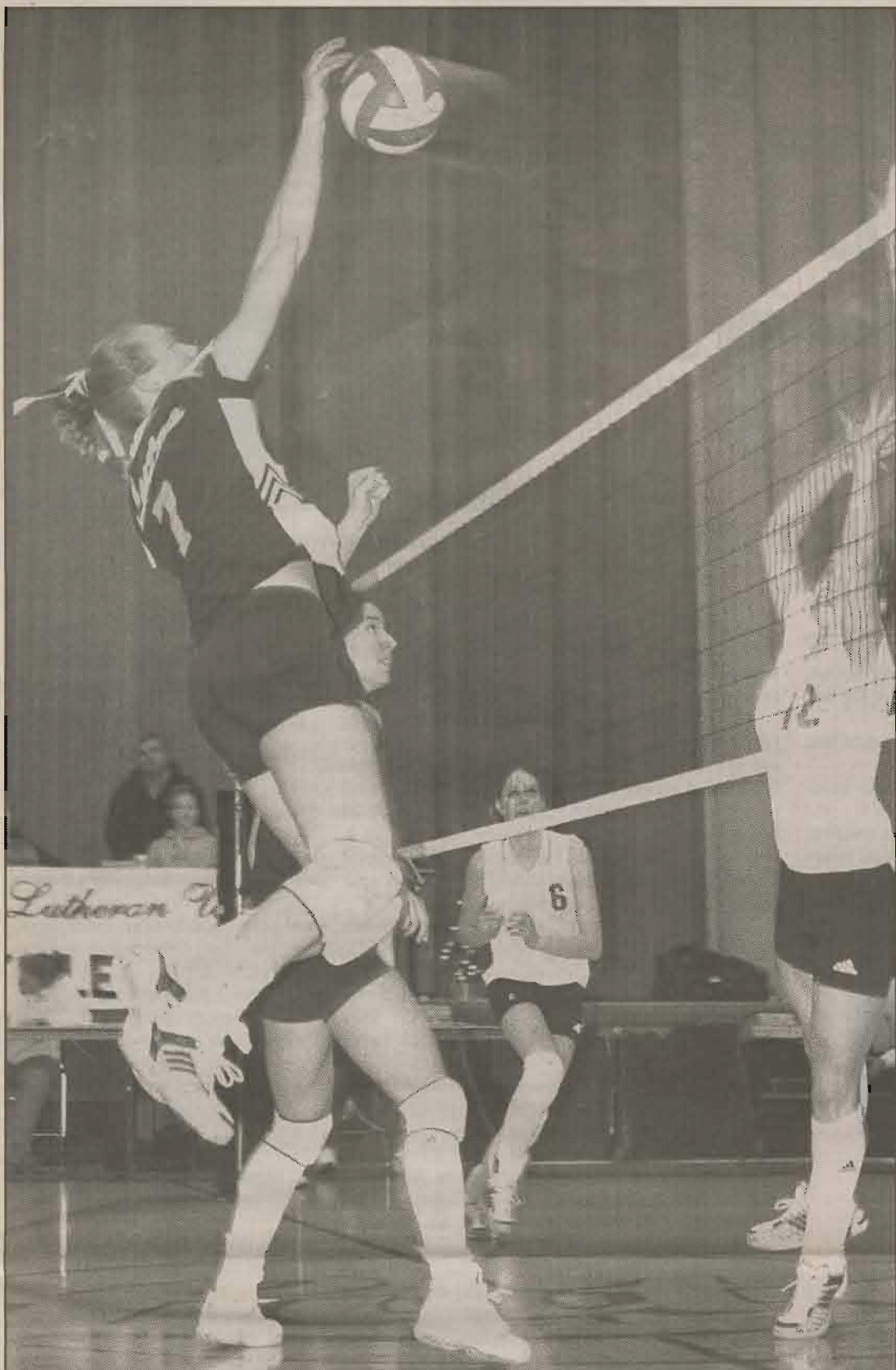


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Above: Breea DeSloover runs during the Northwest Conference Championship meet. She finished eighth. Floyd Bangerter would win the men's PLU Invitational, finish ninth at both the conference and regional races and qualify for nationals.

Left: Midfielder Leah Anderson keeps the ball from a Pacific University defender. The women's soccer team dramatically improved on 2001's record of 3-12-2 with 13 goals and finished 7-11-1 and scored 34 goals in 2002.

Far Left: Middle blocker Heather Johnson spikes the ball against Linfield. The volleyball team won three matches against teams ranked in the Top 25 nationally on their way to a 16-8 record.

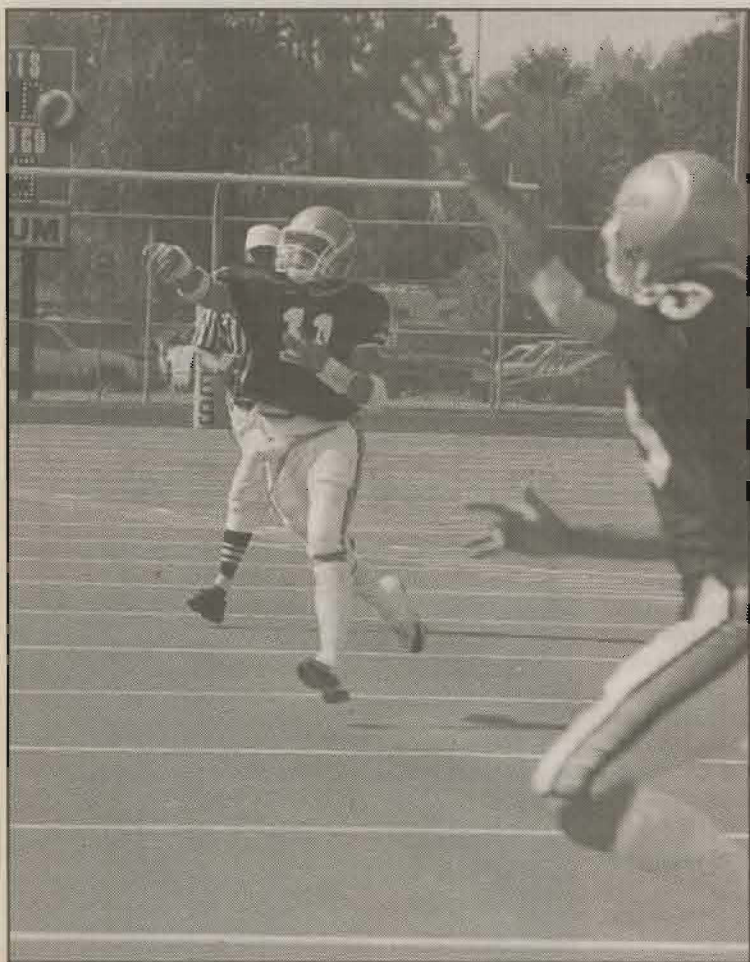


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Above: Tight end Kyle Brown calls for the ball as quarterback Tyler Teeple throws the ball to another receiver during the home opener against Azusa Pacific. Dusty Macauley and Jordan McDevitt would also see action as quarterback due to injuries before Geoffrey Schock led the Lutes to a 46-0 victory over Puget Sound in the final game.

Right: Defender Scott McVicker leaps over Pacific goalkeeper Ron Beeser. PLU went on to lose the match 3-2. The men's soccer team would finish 7-11-1. Forward Peter Wilson scored seven goals on the season to lead the Lute offense.



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We are apt to forget that children watch examples better than they listen to preaching. ~Roy L. Smith

CHILDREN'S PLAY

Students juggle kids and homework

BY KRISTINA COURTNAGE
LuteLife editor

AFTER HER ELECTRONIC IMAGING CLASS, SENIOR SARA HYKE GATHERS HER BOOKS, meets her husband, Frank, for a ride home and is greeted at the door by her 3-year-old son, Kai.

"Watch!" Kai commands, as he demonstrates how Rockin' Reindeer can dance and sing on the coffee table. He dances along, laughing at the toy reindeer.

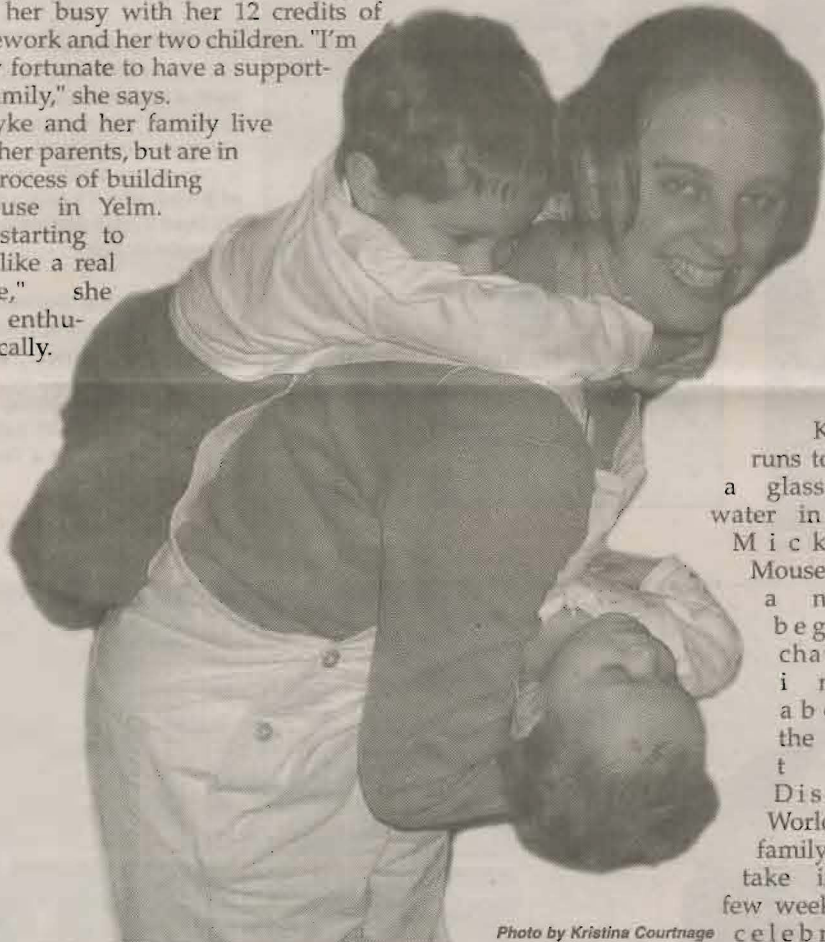
"He's not shy," says Hyke who will graduate next Saturday with a degree in business administration.

Hyke, who is 28, says she is in a completely different situation than when she first began college. "I started PLU when I was the typical college student," she says, referring to the time before she was married and had children.

Though Hyke does not have a job, she says she has more than enough to keep her busy with her 12 credits of homework and her two children. "I'm really fortunate to have a supportive family," she says.

Hyke and her family live with her parents, but are in the process of building a house in Yelm.

"It's starting to look like a real house," she says enthusiastically.



Three-year-old Kai gets a piggyback ride from his mother, senior Sara Hyke, while baby brother Tristan rests in her arms. Photo by Kristina Courtnege

see this is why I stay up all night—because I don't get any homework done," Hyke says, laughing. "He's so entertaining."

Hyke's 10-month-old son, Tristan, lets out a yell. "Did you take something from him, Kai?" Hyke asks sharply. "If you take something away you have to trade him for something."

Hyke started college in 1993, but while working at a daycare decided that she did not want to have a career in her intended major, education. "I felt like I wanted to be able to have my energy to give to my own kids," she says.

Hyke was married to Frank in 1998. While working at Western State Hospital, Hyke says she had stimulating conversations with some of the staff that made her want to go back to school. "(Frank's) been really supportive," she says. "I couldn't do it without him."

Hyke says Frank has weekend duty taking care of the children since he does not have to work, and this is when she gets much of her homework done.

Hyke says her classes are more time consuming than a job, but also more flexible. "I love being a mom," she says, "and I get the opportunity to spend time with my children."

LaMont Atkinson

Senior LaMont Atkinson, 33, has a 5-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. Now that Lamondtra, his daughter, is in school, he no longer has to worry about daycare for her. However, earlier this semester, before he enrolled his son, Immanuel, in daycare, Atkinson often brought him along to class.

A music education major, Atkinson says that it's usually not a problem to bring Immanuel along, except when he does not want to sit still and causes a disturbance.

Atkinson and Immanuel can occasionally be found in the laundry room of South Hall doing laundry. Whether Immanuel knows a person or not, Atkinson says he will go up to him or her and say, "Hey, how you doing? What's your name?"

"He's very social," Atkinson says.

Kai runs to get a glass of water in his Mickey Mouse cup and begins chattering about the trip to Disney World the family will take in a few weeks to celebrate Hyke's graduation. "You can

Atkinson says his life has been chaotic since he graduated from high school. After serving four years in the Army Reserve after high school, Atkinson married in 1995 while serving four years of active duty.

He and his wife were divorced after their son, Immanuel, was born in 2000. "It's brought me to this point where I realize I have to be realistic about where I'm going," he says.

Since Atkinson does not have full custody of his children, he is able to live on campus in a studio in South Hall. He sees his son every Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons and both of his children on weekends.

Atkinson says when his children are with him, they play outside or in the lounge, visit someone else in South Hall or go to eat. "Children are going to be active and my room is definitely not the place to run around in," he says.

When he does need to get homework done, though, Atkinson says his children color or he lets them watch Barney on T.V. He drags out their coloring books filled with colorful scribbles and a binder that Lamondtra used to trace her letters and numbers.

Last year, when Atkinson was living in Kreidler Hall, he often took his children to eat in the U.C. cafeteria. "My daughter is so picky. We would go in, and she would help get the plate and the silverware, and always wanted to sit by the window. Then she would eat a little bit of this, and a little bit of that."

With a full course load of 17 credits, Atkinson is not required to pay child support, but he says his job as a Campus Safety officer and his enlistment in the National Guard, allow him to buy his children what they need.

This year, especially, it has been discouraging for Atkinson to balance his classes, work and parenting. "Whenever I think I have my schedule set, their mom has something come up, or I have something extra at work to do."

Atkinson says he has a responsibility to his children. "They have to be fed, my son has to be changed, they have to have activities," he says. "Most of the time I'm sacrificing my study time to go do something."

But Atkinson is firm that his children always come first. "My children," he says, "They're the reason why I'm doing what I'm doing. They're the reason for going to school."

Atkinson says he has received tremendous support from the PLU community. "I have people who I would think would be the last people to volunteer, volunteer to baby sit," he says.

But, he says, his children are worth it. "It's rewarded—the opportunity to take another dependent human being and raise them and teach them and watch them grow."

Batina Wyrick

Sophomore Batina Wyrick has always wanted a big family. But she says she will take a semester off from school the next time she has a child.

The 23-year-old business major gave birth to her second son, Landyn, seven weeks ago. He goes with her to two of the three classes she is taking this semester. "He sleeps a lot," she says.

Wyrick's husband, Travis, also attends classes, so Wyrick says it's a balancing act to watch the kids and use the computer. "He usually stays up late and I usually get up early," she says.

Wyrick says she also receives a lot of support from her mom, who watches Landyn during her morning classes.

One of the most difficult tasks of parenting for Wyrick is when she has to punish 2-year-old Tristyn, by taking away the TV or a special toy. "I feel bad, even though I know I'm doing what's right," she says. "I want my kids to be happy all the time but I know it's not going to happen."

Wyrick says that before she had children she was a big time partier and drank a lot. Now, she says she rarely drinks alcohol, even on New Year's Eve.

"(Having children) made me think more about my life," she says. "The way they look at you they make you feel like you are the most important thing in their life."

For Wyrick, trying to get up in the morning after staying up most of the night is a challenge, but she says she is setting a good example for her children by continuing her education.

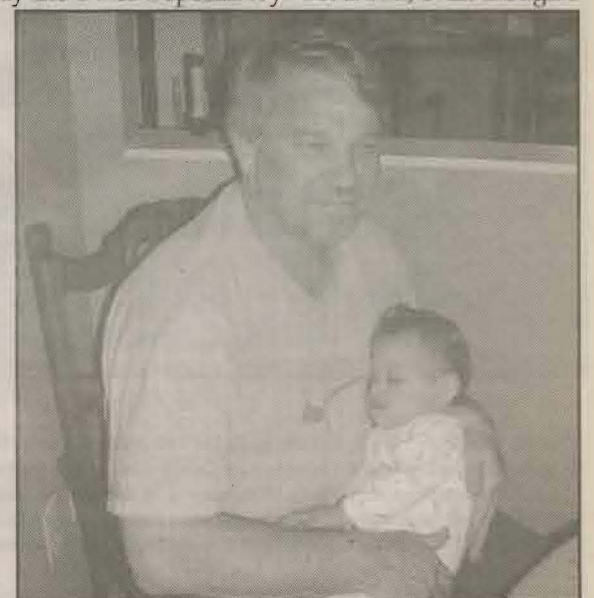
"I realize that in the end it will be worth it. If mommy can do it, they can do it."



Sophomore Batina Wyrick holds her 7-week-old infant, Landyn, in her electronic imaging class. Photo by Phil Karam

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Batina Wyrick
Sophomore



Sara Hyke's father, David Gray, holds his grandson, Tristan, while Sara gets some school work done. Photo by Kristina Courtnege

He who controls the past commands the future. He who commands the future conquers the past. ~George Orwell

SAFETY BEAT

Nov. 21

The north basement zone of the Harstad Hall fire alarm was activated. The responding units with CPFR checked the interior of the building but were not able to determine a cause for the alarm.

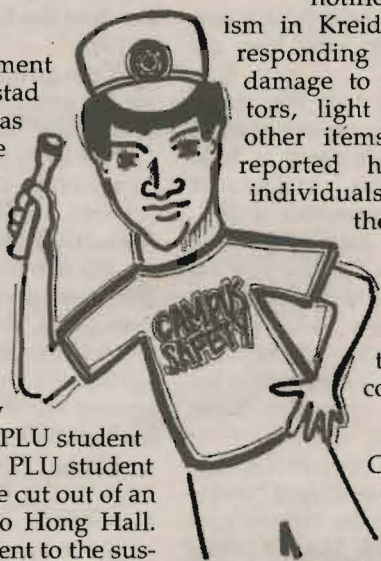
Campus Safety was notified by a PLU student who saw another PLU student carrying a full size cut out of an Army soldier into Hong Hall. Campus Safety went to the suspect's room and found the cut out. The cut out was secured and returned to the Army.

A PLU student notified Campus Safety her car was stolen. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was notified. No suspects were identified.

A PLU student notified Campus Safety his car had been broken into in the University Center parking lot. The responding units found the driver's side window broken out. The victim reported his CD stereo and CD case with 90 CDs were missing. Theft is estimated at \$150 and damage at \$200. No suspects were identified.

Nov. 22

Campus Safety was notified by a student that South Hall had been vandalized. The responding units found signs ripped from the walls, light covers missing and garbage in the east basement stairwell. Plant



Services was notified of the damage. No suspects were identified.

Campus Safety was notified of vandalism in Kreidler Hall. The responding unit found damage to smoke detectors, light fixtures and other items. Residents reported hearing three individuals running in the hallways. The suspects were not identified. An investigation is being conducted.

Nov. 23

Campus Safety was notified that a PLU student required medical aid. The responding units found the victim sitting by the toilet. The victim had been throwing up but was responsive and conscious. The victim declined CPFR response and was advised to seek further medical aid if necessary.

Campus Safety was notified of a possible alcohol violation in a residence hall. The responding unit found four individuals in the area. Two fled from the scene. One suspect stopped and denied drinking on campus but did say he was drinking off campus. The suspect also stated that he was running from Campus Safety because of being afraid of authority figures. A copy of the report was sent to student conduct.

Nov. 24

Campus Safety was notified that a PLU student heard a whistle being blown in the vicinity of Pflueger Hall. The

responding units checked the area but did not find anything unusual. The responding officers eventually found a student who admitted to blowing the whistle. The suspect blew the whistle one time to see how loud the whistle would be.

Nov. 24

PLU students witnessed a father intimidating and berating his daughter on the PLU track in an attempt to make her run. The man was seen pulling the girl around by her shirt, kicking her in the buttocks and picking her up and carrying her over his shoulder. Campus Safety was able to identify the vehicle the family left in as belonging to local residents. A report was filed with Child Protective Services.

Nov. 25

A PLU student reported that his 1996 Honda Accord was stolen from the Ivy parking lot. No suspects were identified.

Nov. 27

Campus Safety was notified that a PLU student required medical aid for a missing tooth at Memorial Gymnasium. The victim was advised to seek dental assistance as soon as possible. The victim made contact with a dentist and was transported to the dentist.

A PLU faculty member notified Campus Safety her purse had been stolen and found in the men's restroom in Rieke Science Center with a small amount of cash missing. The suspect was not identified.

Nov. 30

Campus Safety was notified that PLU students were trapped on the roof of their off-campus residence. The responding units found the victims stuck on the roof. The vic-

tim requested that the responding units attempt to find unlocked doors or windows but all were secure. CPFR was contacted and gained entry to the residence.

Dec. 2

Campus Safety received a request for assistance with a possible alcohol violation. The three occupants denied having alcohol present. A search was conducted and a fourth person was found hiding in a closet. An empty bottle of Goldshlaeger was found and the occupants again denied having alcohol. Two 40-ounce bottles of Busch beer were found. The suspects then produced two additional 40-ounce bottles of Busch beer and a 40-ounce bottle of Miller Genuine Draft. The alcohol was poured out. A copy of the report went to student conduct.

While on routine patrol Campus Safety found a vehicle with the driver's side window shattered in the Olson parking lot. The victim was contacted and reported that a checkbook was taken. The cover for the stereo was missing and the dome light was broken. Damage is estimated at \$300. No suspects were identified.

While on routine patrol Campus Safety found a vehicle with the driver's side front door unlocked and the trunk open in the Olson parking lot. The victim was not contacted but a voicemail message was left.

Dec. 3

Campus Safety was notified of a motor vehicle versus pedestrian accident. The responding units found the victim lying on the ground with the driver assisting her. CPFR arrived and transported the victim to a hospital.

LUTE WATCH

●Geosciences professor **Rose McKenney** chaired a panel that reviewed NSF STEMTP Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Teacher Preparation proposals in Arlington, Virginia

●Seniors **Nicole Uken** and **Emilie Parrot** were selected to receive the annual Senior Award in Economics.

●**Earl Lovelace**, distinguished writer-in-residence, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by the University of the West Indies, Trinidad/Tobago.

NEWS BYTES

THIRTY SECONDS OF THIS WEEK'S NEWS HEADLINES

- Five-year-old and 19-year-old killed in Thanksgiving shooting
- Five Amish children die in Pennsylvania fire
- Activists on vigil to save 400-year-old oak
- FAA: United Airlines Used Tape to Repair Wings
- Agents raid Tacoma gun shop
- New push to deport Somalis suspected
- Boy, 14, dies after accidental shooting
- Driver pleads guilty to running down, killing highway worker
- Father of dead toddler arrested



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OPTION

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Pacific Lutheran University," headed by President Loren Anderson. Both of these campaigns focus on implementing international education as a crucial part of the PLU curriculum.

Although the elimination of Option III pushes PLU closer to these goals, Temple-Thurston said, "the probable restructuring and streamlining of the university curriculum to focus more closely on PLU's mission" will be necessary.

As the motion progresses toward final vote, ASPLU President Susan Carnine has called upon students to "educate themselves on this issue and to make their voices heard."

Carnine said she believes it is imperative to educate students about the proposal. To help inform students, ASPLU led a forum on Dec. 4 with Temple-Thurston and Jensen, Dean of Natural Sciences Tom Carlson, computer science and computer engineering professor Tosh Kakar, Registrar Julia Pomerenk, and Associate Provost Bill Teska.

In addition, ASPLU will write a resolution to Provost Jim Pence, asking for increased attention to student opinion and possible postponement of the Dec. 13 vote to give students more time to react.

Pence said he encourages this "broad student engagement" and although he has endorsed the motion, he did so with reservations about the budget, acknowledging the difficulty he would have planning for the 2004 budget now, as opposed to the usual year before.

Although the motion will not take effect until 2004, Carnine said it will affect current students on "multiple levels" and will specifically "impact class accessibility, tuition and PLU budget operations."

Many students, Carnine said, feel "trapped in" by major requirements and cannot fit language into an already rigorous schedule. Carnine also said she believes the elimination will further stress registration problems.

Despite the benefits of the proposal, Carnine said it is important to identify the reality of where the money would come from, considering 88 percent of the budget is based on student tuition.

Carnine said no one could disagree that the study of language is important, however she said she believes the motion addresses a bigger problem that should be solved with an entire curriculum change.

However, the elimination will only directly affect incoming freshmen and transfers in 2004.

Temple-Thurston and Jensen estimated the proposal could be accommodated by an \$8 tuition increase, and pointed out that students were surveyed in 1999 and 2000.

While acknowledging Carnine's "request for more information," Temple-Thurston and Jensen said they are "constantly in touch with student opinion on a daily basis as faculty members," and are committed to "take seriously the trust (students) have placed in us by choosing to come to PLU."

IRAQ

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McDermott said he was uneasy about debating a party official rather than another legislator.

"I'm very concerned we not make this a partisan issue," McDermott said.

Russie said ASPLU will reschedule Vance's appearance, likely in February.

"We don't want anyone to feel snubbed," Russie said.

PLU College Republicans co-president Darren Ritchie was disappointed by McDermott's refusal to debate Vance.

"In my mind, and Hannah's (Penna, College Republicans co-president), a diversity of views is essential in public discourse, and the Congressman's refusal to appear with Mr. Vance has made it harder for PLU students to achieve this."

Instead, McDermott educated PLU about his views on Iraq drawing on his experiences from visits to Iraq after the Gulf War in August 1991 and again last September. He is against Bush's plan to use military force to disarm Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from

leadership.

Congress, not the president, has the power to declare war, as outlined in the Constitution, McDermott said.

McDermott said Bush's reasons for going into Iraq are questionable.

"You could say it's about democracy or weapons of mass destruction, but there is little evidence of that," McDermott said. "What is provable is oil."

McDermott said 20 percent of the world's oil reserves are in Iraq. He said because the United States is "addicted to oil," having a permanent source of oil is a motivation for the country and the Bush administration.

During his September visit to Iraq, McDermott said he saw the results of the destruction the last time the United States was in Iraq. Many of the weapons used in 1991 had depleted uranium.

The problem with depleted uranium, McDermott said, is that it creates a fine dust, the effects of which have not been seen until the last five years.

He said there has been a 600

percent increase in the number of children with leukemia and a 100 percent increase in births of malformed children in the region near Kuwait where much of the fighting took place in 1991.

"Our government is saying we are going to go back and do that again," McDermott said.

The Iraqi people would not be the only one's exposed. U.S. soldiers would walk through the same dust.

"We are fixing to do that to our own people for the purpose of oil," McDermott said.

McDermott also cautioned against the United States acting against the U.N. He said if the United States did that, there would be nothing to stop India from taking Pakistan, or China from taking Taiwan.

"If we have done it, how can we say you can't do it?" McDermott asked.

"I think it makes sense to disarm Hussein, if he has (weapons of mass destruction)," McDermott said. "But to go in for a regime change so we control the oil is a risky strategy."

ASPLU offers stress relief, fun

BY LAURA HUNTER
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ASPLU will maintain tradition by hosting pre-finals week activities for the PLU community. There will be professional massages and a movie night available to allow students and faculty a chance to relax before the rush of finals week.

Massages will be offered in the Regency room Dec. 9-11 from 1-4 p.m. ASPLU hired four private massage technicians to give students 15-minute massages during the three-hour time slot.

In the Games room Dec. 11 there will be a showing of *Mr. Deeds*, starring Adam Sandler, at 7 p.m. Snacks will be pro-

vided for free during the movie.

ASPLU expects approximately 130 people to attend the showing. Last year 200 students attended the *American Pie* screening.

Adrienne Keeler, ASPLU programs director, was in charge of planning the events with the programs committees. The five committees are: traditional events, specials events, entertainment, lectures and film, and dance.

"I think that we students get stress relief, fun and relaxation out of both of these ASPLU activities," Keeler said.

The programs committees have their own functioning budget that is used to fund events for students. The struc-

ture and details of the budget are listed on the ASPLU Web site at www.plu.edu/~asplu.

Keeler said the traditional events committee is sponsoring the showing of *Mr. Deeds*. She said this event costs \$450 for copyright laws, supplies and food.

"The movie is also a last minute activity that students can enjoy until we all have to hit the books," Keeler said.

The cost to ASPLU for the massages is about \$900, Keeler said. This is for three days of three hour massages by four massage technicians.

Keeler said the benefits that students get from the events "make the events virtually pay for themselves and (are) well worth it."

Notice:

The Tinglestad parking lot will be graded to eliminate potholes over the Christmas holiday, Dec. 19 through Jan. 2. During this time, all vehicles must be parked at the far east end of the lot, closest to Park Avenue.

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Christmas time is in the air in Red Square

Darren Kerbs, associate director of alumni and parent relations, decks out a Christmas tree in Red Square for the lighting of campus Wednesday.

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