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ROTC debate rages at teach-in

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast senior reporter

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps' wish for PLU to become a host school raises questions about the identity of the PLU community, junior Sean Howell told the audience at a teach-in on the ROTC program.

"To ROTC's benefit, PLU has had a long-standing endorsement of officially recognized PLU bodies that are openly anti-homosexual. Specifically, I will only mention the Upper Room and Jam62," Howell said. "These bodies go beyond the military's discrimination. The U.S. Army does not go around screaming how evil and shameful it is to be homosexual. Yet, these bodies of the university are free to proclaim being gay as licentious and vile."

"Faculty argue that the military is an outside institution that discriminates; I agree, this is true," Howell said. "The military has a quiet discrimination, but here at PLU, our way is to loud-

ly and offensively oppose homosexuality."

One argument that several faculty members and students mentioned at the March faculty meeting and at the April 10 teach-in was that educating ROTC officers with a liberal arts education can help to fight discrimination within the army. "Let us [PLU] lead the way as the gay-friendly ROTC host institution," Howell said. "Foresee PLU creating a required course for ROTC addressing human sexuality."

Howell was on a panel of two students and four faculty members at the discussion in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. The purpose of the event, sponsored by ASPLU, was to educate the community about the proposal for PLU to become a host school to the ROTC.

Opponents to the proposal say the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy on homosexuality conflicts with PLU's non-discrimination policy. Also, opponents fear that PLU's

becoming a host school would give military officers undeserved influence on PLU educational policy.

Pacific Lutheran University's ROTC program says it needs independence from Seattle University, which is the present host school to the PLU program. Becoming a host school would create a department of military science at PLU and would allow more students to participate in the program.

The Faculty Assembly will vote today on whether it wants PLU to become a host school. The vote of the faculty members is not binding; the Board of Regents will have the final say May 5.

Provost Paul Menzel started off the evening by giving the audience of 200 a brief overview of the history of the ROTC program at PLU.

"In 1985, PLU became a satellite program under the host school of Seattle University,"

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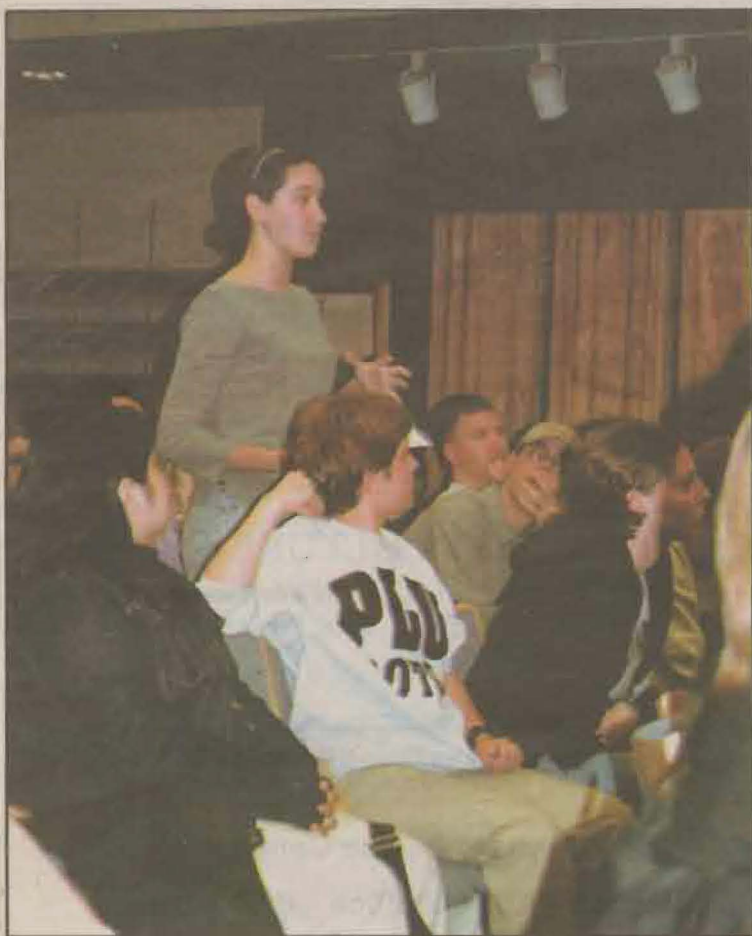


Photo by Nisha Ajmani

Freshman Minerva Rios poses a question to the panel speaking at a teach-in on the ROTC host school proposal last week.

Harmony to host debated conference tomorrow at UWT

BY JENNI DILLON
Mast news editor

Harmony, PLU's gay/straight alliance, will host its long-planned educational conference tomorrow at the University of Washington-Tacoma.

The conference, titled "Courage and Commitment: Queer Youth and Their Allies," will feature several workshops, lectures and panel discussions, designed to offer education and fellowship for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transsexual col-

lege and high school students and their allies.

Beth Kraig, Harmony adviser and one of the conference organizers, said one of the biggest goals of the conference is to establish a coalition of local activism and support groups for GLBTA students.

She said she hopes to see the coalition provide networking among local students for programs, educational activities and mentoring. She also hopes that this conference will be the first of many annual gatherings for the new coalition.

A key part of this coalition-building will come from Harmony's collaboration with other local groups in hosting this conference.

The UWT Pride Coalition, the University of Puget Sound's Understanding Sexuality at UPS, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays-Tacoma and Safe Schools-Pierce County, Olympia and Thurston County will help host the event.

Conference registration will

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PLU call-in campaign succeeded, protected aid

BY KELLY KEARSLEY
Mast editor in chief

Those who think that their voice doesn't matter in the political world should think again. Last December, when Congress was considering cutting student federal aid, including Pell Grants by \$200 per student, PLU and President Anderson took matters into their own hands.

"All of a sudden we were just flooded with calls coming from the Northwest and PLU," said David Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and

Universities (NAICU). Warren was on campus Wednesday, visiting with Anderson and the administration before heading off the NAICU spring conference in Seattle.

Anderson had circulated a memo to the PLU campus urging the staff and students to call Washington, D.C. and protest the federal aid cut.

He also sent out faxes to the presidents of other NAICU institutions. Anderson then organized phones set up in the UC, where people could call toll-free

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Carl Peterson of Ordal named Miss Lute 2001

BY KATIE GILLIAM
Mast reporter

Spandex, sequins and nervous laughter filled Chris Knutzen Hall before the start of the 2001 Miss Lute competition Wednesday. The contestants milled around the room, each with a group of women following in their wake, applying lipstick and fixing hair.

"We need to do something with this hair!" one contestant yelled at his entourage of females.

When over 400 people had squeezed into the hall, all the preparation came together as eight men, each representing a residence hall on campus, filed on stage and began to dance. The neon-clad men swirled around the stage and '80s music pumped through the room as the crowd clapped, screamed and laughed.

At the end of the night, Carl

Peterson from Ordal Hall won the competition. Michael Fox from Foss Hall was the first runner-up, and Mike Henson from Hinderlie Hall was the second runner-up.

To earn the crown, a representative from each hall on campus competed in four categories: swimwear, lip sync, evening wear and question-and-answer. The judges were chosen from Harstad residents and Residential Life.

Rebecca Kluck, Residence Hall Association executive residential programs director, organized the event.

"Our goal was to offer a fun, free event for students," Kluck said.

Kluck also hoped to make Miss Lute a clean, appropriate event. "We wanted to minimize the number of people who left feeling offended."

This year, the Miss Lute event followed the form of for-

mer competitions. The organizers decided to change the talent competition to a lip sync contest. Because of the theme, "Essential '80s," most contestants sang to songs by stars of that era such as Madonna and Tiffany.

Each hall on campus, except Kreidler, chose a Miss Lute representative. Some were elected while other had to try out. The winners in each hall trained in a variety of ways.

They practiced walking in heels, dancing and talking. Michael Fox "did a lot of push-ups and ate a T-bone steak" to prepare. Jace Krause from Pflueger Hall worked closely with programmers on his dance and costume.

After all the preparation, the contestants said they really hoped to have fun in the competition. Judging from the smiles on their faces and the crowd, they accomplished that.



Photo by Nisha Ajmani

Miss Ordal, Carl Peterson, celebrates as he is named Miss Lute 2001.

Sidewalk Talk

What is one thing PLU students can do to celebrate Earth Week?



"They can pick up papers and stuff off the ground and throw it away to make the campus cleaner."

Jon "Nelly" Nelson

"I would say recycle more."

Bridget Roth



"Actually do the recycling."

Rebecca Stephenson



"They could make a trash sandwich and eat it."

Mike Houston



Campus Events

ARE FAITH AND SCIENCE COMPATIBLE?

Philip Johnson, professor of law at the University of California at Berkeley, will present *Intelligent Design and Darwinian Evolution* in the Columbia Center tonight at 7 p.m. Johnson is a well-known critic of Darwinism whose provocative *Darwin on Trial* has inspired academic symposiums at universities throughout the country. For more information, contact Matt Geballe at ext. 8218 or Scott Shipp at ext. 8232.

EARTH WEEK

Earth Week is next week. For more information, see page 15 or contact Kyle Mach at ext. 7044 or machkw@plu.edu or Kirsten Anderson at anderskm@plu.edu.

SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Home Alive, a Seattle-based anti-violence project, will present a self-defense class covering boundary setting, verbal and physical de-escalation techniques, physical strikes, getting out of common holds and more from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. This class is open to the entire PLU community. If you are interested in attending, call the Women's Center at ext. 8759.

DYNAMICS OF LATINO CULTURE

Next week marks Dynamics of Latino Culture Week at PLU. It will be a full week of activities centered around similarities and differences within Latino culture. For a schedule events, check the Daily Flyer or call Roxanne Badillo at ext. 8750.

Clubs and Organizations

Monday: **Philosophy Club** Northern Pacific Coffee Co. - 7 p.m.

Diversity Coalition ASPLU office - 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday: **HARMONY** UC 208 - noon - 1 p.m.

Puentes UC commuter lounge - 6:30 p.m.

Truth Ministries In front of Eastvold - 4 p.m.

PLU Young Democrats UC 214 - 6 p.m.

Meetings held every other week

Wednesday: **B.L.A.C.K. @ PLU** UC 208 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: **Advocates for Social Justice** UC gray area - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: **Truth Ministries** The Cave - 9 a.m.

turned on the hazard lights and threw eggs at the bus.

■ Five PLU students were found to be in possession of alcohol in Pflueger Hall.

■ A food fight in the UC turned into an assault between guests of PLU students.

Student Conduct will be following up on this incident.

■ A PLU guest hit her head in the pool. She was advised not to continue swimming for the rest of the day and to seek further medical attention if symptoms should occur.

April 9

■ The keys and towels of two PLU students were stolen at the pool.

April 11

■ A PLU guest injured his left ankle while playing basketball on the Foss court. Ice was applied and he was advised to seek further medical attention.

April 12

■ The fire alarm in Tingelstad Hall was activated by burnt food. The Pierce County Fire Department responded and cleared the building.

■ A PLU student received a harassing telephone call in her Hong Hall room.

Telecommunications is investigating.

April 13

■ The emergency phone handset was ripped off the wall in the Tingelstad elevator and shoved between the wall and the ceiling in the elevator. The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

■ An unknown female was walking through Harstad Hall looking into resident rooms that were unlocked. The individual fled before Campus Safety or the Pierce County Sheriff's Department arrived.

■ Two hundred checks were stolen from a PLU student's Harstad Hall room.

■ A PLU student's vehicle was broken into in an apparent attempt to steal it on 125th Street South. Pierce County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

■ A PLU non-guest broke the courtyard window in Ingram Hall. The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is investigating.

April 16

■ A PLU guest was feeling ill in Mary Baker Russel Music Center. After lying down for a few minutes, he started to feel better. Campus Safety advised him to seek medical attention if necessary.

■ A PLU faculty member's purse was stolen out of her office in the Administration Building. The Pierce County Sheriff's Department is following up on this incident.

SAFETY BEAT is compiled by Campus Safety

April 7

■ The computer center environmental alarm was activated because the temperature was getting too high. The external doors were opened and the engineer was paged.

■ A PLU student was ill in the restroom in Ordal Hall. She was advised to seek further medical attention if needed.

■ A PLU student was injured while playing softball for the PLU softball team. She was transported to the hospital by the Pierce County Fire Department.

■ Two PLU students had a large amount of alcohol in their room. The alcohol was dumped out and the bottles were recycled.

■ A bottle of alcohol was found in the room of two PLU students.

April 8

■ Unknown person(s) entered the ROTC bus,

New grant improves PLU's state work-study program

BY STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER
Mast reporter

The Student Employment Office has achieved its goal this year to improve its state work-study program with a number of positions open for the summer and fall, giving students more chances to work at off-campus work-study jobs.

Student Employment Coordinator Tayah Lin

Butler wrote a proposal in December for a grant to purchase equipment to improve PLU's state work-study program.

The new computer and scanner help office workers to process time sheets more quickly, allow students to search for jobs online and submit online resumes, resolve errors in a timely manner and improve

contact with state work-study employers.

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Tayah Lin Butler
Student Employment Coordinator

more likely to provide students with diverse and unique job opportunities in our community," Butler said.

The only difference between federal work-study, which many students have, and state work-study is that the work to get pay from federal work-study must be performed on campus, while state work-study is performed off campus.

Students can change their federal work study to state work-study by visiting the Student Employment Office and having a staff member change their aid packages and picking up a referral form for the program. Students may also qualify for both state and federal work-study at the same time.

Some of the biggest employers of PLU students include Boys and Girls Clubs of Pierce County, YMCA, Pierce County AIDS Foundation, Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium, and Comprehensive Mental. Students work as zoological aides, swim instructors, museum assistants, and crisis-line phone operators.

Students interested in state work study or any employment are encouraged to contact the Student Employment Office at ext. 7463.

NAICU president stresses importance of planning

BY KELLY KEARSLEY
Mast editor in chief

David Warren spoke to the PLU 2010 planning committee Wednesday afternoon about the future of independent colleges and the need for private institutions to establish a clear mission for the next decade.

After an introduction from President Loren Anderson, Warren launched into the issues he sees as the future of independent colleges.

"The financial base of independent higher education is eroding," said Warren, the President of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. "And the coalition formed to support us [including the federal government, foundations, families, etc.] is unraveling."

While Warren said he foresees the next 10 years as some of the most difficult in recent decades, he proposed an optimist's solution: planning.

Warren suggested that universities focus on two major points: technology and its use in education, and discovering (or perhaps redefining) what makes a particular institution distinct and therefore marketable.

"We need to talk about what I call the seven C's: course, credit, curriculum, colleagues, community, campus and college," Warren said. "And what these will mean in the future, and how they will be redefined as distance learning comes into play."

He noted that the growing demand for distance learning will impact each of these areas and will change the way stu-

dents and society view the role of independent colleges.

"This is a not a time that I would be sitting back on my laurels," Warren said.

PLU's 2010 planning committee will be addressing these issues and many more in its upcoming campus forums. Laura Majovski, vice president and dean of Student Life, said planning for the next decade will take a lot of work.

"We need to stay focused on the possibilities and build on our strengths," she said. "And we need to not be afraid of the future."

In his speech, Warren spoke of the importance of student satisfaction, not only with their education, but with students' overall college experience.

"We need to be about the education of the whole person," Warren said.

This attention to the individual student is something Majovski sees as vital to the success of PLU 2010.

"Students need to be included in the planning," she said. "We value their opinions very much."

"We want to have a good cross section of the student body, more voices will help us to be more prepared."

The PLU 2010 forums will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will touch on topics such as diversity and the balance between tolerance, respect and the encountering of challenging ideas.

The forums will also include discussions on fostering campus connections and how PLU can extend beyond the Lutedome.

AID

to Washington, D.C., and express their concern.

"In that week, we received 6,000 phone calls from people concerned about Congress cutting their student aid," Warren said.

And it worked. "My staff and I make it a habit of keeping in contact with members of Congress," Warren said. "What we heard back from them, during that first week of December,

was that someone has lit a fire under the issue of student aid."

Senators and representatives from around the nation latched onto the stories of those who called in, and repeated the student's testimonials on the floor of the Congress, Warren said. When the final vote came through, Congress ended up restoring all but \$50 per student of the original cut on Pell Grants.

"It's a very simple and power-

ful example of how much influence people can have," Warren said. "Members of Congress are always looking for those compelling stories that support their political viewpoint."

Anderson said he was pleasantly surprised by the effect the phone calls had on the ultimate decision.

"It just shows that you can have a voice in the other Washington," he added.

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Dates to Know

- April 1 Summer 2001-2002 application for financial aid available in Student Services Center. Funding is limited for summer term.
- April 9-30 Advising weeks for summer and fall 2001
- April 17-30 Registration for summer and fall 2001
- May 1 Applications for December 2001 graduation due to registrar's office.
- May 4 Final day to withdraw from a class (no tuition refund- W grade; \$50.00 administrative fee per transaction).
- May 15 Begin distributing offers of financial aid for summer 2001.

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Surefire recipe for complete confusion surrounding policy on non-discrimination

1. Accept a policy that prohibits discrimination against sexual minorities.
2. Allow "idea" of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transexual and their allies conference to pass through administration. Then place exorbitant restrictions upon conference. Ultimately cancel. (For extra flaky crust, do not notify advisers of conference.)
3. Respond to bigoted anti-gay graffiti with no-nonsense e-mail saying PLU will not tolerate this behavior or discrimination of sexual minorities.
4. Volunteer to become host school for ROTC, a program whose affiliation with the United States armed forces directly discriminates against sexual minorities.

Mix ingredients. For added spice throw in opinions from campus religious groups, and a speech from the president stressing the importance of diversity.

Come to some sort of non-resolution and within span of three weeks, promptly forget matter. Your efforts should result in a confusing and incomprehensible mess, which will then be called PLU's policy on non-discrimination.

With the recent controversy, confusion and lack of information surrounding the ROTC host-school debate, *The Mast* cannot help but notice a pattern in PLU's handling of sexual minority issues. It is a pattern of irregularity and unpredictability, complete with a lot of rhetoric and little matching action.

We have reported extensively on the university's spoken and written commitment to diversity and tolerance on this campus. Forums have been devoted to sexual minority issues, a week dedicated to diversity, and a stream of speakers, community discussions and letters touting the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination at PLU. Indeed, PLU should be commended for adopting the non-discrimination policy and for being committed, in theory, to an inclusive campus.

However, this year has brought forth multiple opportunities for policy to become reality, and for PLU to strengthen its words with committed action. And on every occasion [namely the Harmony conference and ROTC host-school predicament] the administration has waffled.

The issue of whether PLU should be a host institution for the ROTC program is fraught with complications. *The Mast* recognizes this. As of now, students stand to lose no matter what the decision. If PLU rejects a host-school position, ROTC students and PLU may face financial hardship. If PLU accepts the host-school invitation, several students and faculty stand to lose their faith in this institution and in the words that are supposed to hold it up.

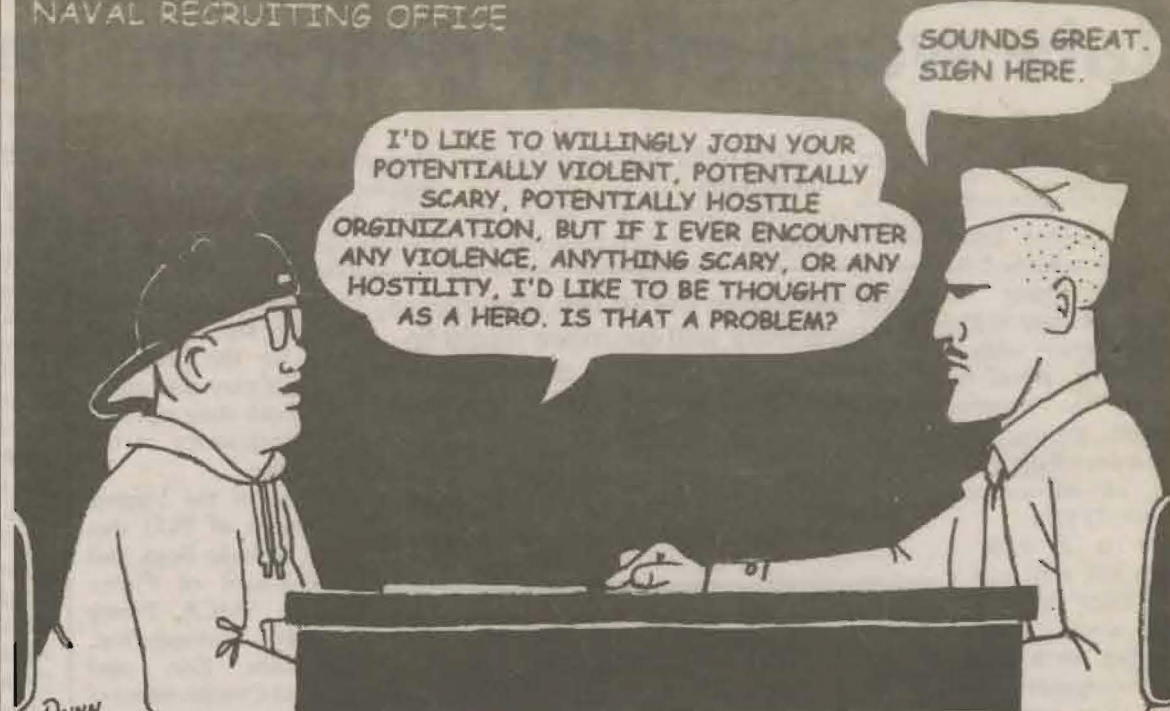
For us the situation boils down to one frank question: "Do we as an institution mean what we say?" If we do, then by all means, let's have our actions add credibility to our words. It will be a great day for PLU when we can 100 percent prove that we stand by what we say, and we really believe in what we propose. And we can then prove it with specific examples.

And if the answer to this question is no, then let's at least be honest. If PLU cannot match words with actions, then maybe something needs to change so that our policy is a living document and not a farce. It may not be ideal, but at least it would be the truth.

Kelly Kearsley
Mast editor in chief

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SEVERAL YEARS AGO AT A WHIDBEY ISLAND NAVAL RECRUITING OFFICE



Guest column

Why Utopia will never work – at least not in South Hall

BY AARON JACKSON
Special to The Mast

Last year, Pacific Lutheran University promoted a new housing option – a residence hall that was a fusion of on-campus life and off-campus apartments. In the minds of the administration, this must have been the perfect way to woo students back to a campus that students were leaving in droves after freshman year. What student would want to pass up a modern-day Utopia?

South Hall was going to be the top-of-the-line in residence hall technology. Everyone would get his or her own bedroom, bathrooms would be shared with one other person at most and there were no requirements for meal plans. The school then added a few more incentives, including the removal of "visitation hours."

PLU hurried construction, and South Hall (from here known as Eden) was finished in time to house the hundreds of students who had been accepted.

This building truly was a standout among the school's other dorms. Brand-new furniture filled every room, fresh, bright paint covered every wall. The long hallways were soft in plush new carpet. Huge glass windows allowed many residents to view the sunrise over Mount Rainier.

Not since the proverbial man was booted from The Garden has he come so close to recapturing Utopia. Man had found Eden on a small scale.

South Hall should have been a success for PLU, and for humankind. It was a beautiful building and well thought out. Students were picked from a large pool of applicants and were filled with pride at being the first residents in Eden. It could be assumed that these students would do everything they could to cherish their Utopia.

Whether they succeeded is a tough question. What is certain is that a tour of Eden today is vastly different then it was eight months ago.

In the lobby, the floor no longer shines in its cleanliness. Now caked dirt and mud trace several paths as they spread out from the front door. These paths inevitably lead to one of many stairwells. Stepping into one of these stairwells is sobering. When climbing, the natural tendency is to reach for the handrail. However, months ago several of these handrails were kicked until they snapped in the middle. The sharp splinters were sawed off, but the handrails were never fixed and sawdust was left on the floor. No one ever bothered to clean it up.

Further up the stairwell the crack of breaking plastic greets footsteps. Shards of what used to cover the bright florescent lights on the ceiling now cover the ground. At night drunken students like to run around the halls smashing these light covers. Much like the sawdust, these pieces of sharp plastic lay around waiting weeks to be cleaned up.

Emerging from the stairway offers no more hope. What had previously been a beautiful new carpet is

now a shoddy, stain-covered rug. Thankfully, the black marks, hand prints, scuffs and smudges lining the wall serve as distraction from the ruined carpet.

Finally, the fresh and new smell of the building is gone. It is replaced with the stench of garbage. Sadly, lazy residents store their garbage bags outside their doors for days at a time. To relieve the stink within their own rooms, they pollute the hallways.

Amazingly, no one seems to care. Authority figures within Eden do not stand up and decry the pollution of the world around them. Nor does anyone bother to put up signs saying, "Please keep your garbage out of the hallway." The residents seem content, or more appropriately apathetic, to watch as the once-beautiful building collapses around them.

Here lies a perfect example of how humans could never handle a Utopia. Even if a perfect world were handed to humankind, it would manage to ruin it.

With South Hall, PLU had its Eden. A brand-new, untarnished building. And now, Eden is now rotting and dying. Covered in garbage, dirty and broken, South Hall serves as a reminder of all the past failures at attaining Utopia. Within eight months, the residents of PLU ruined hope once again.

Will humans ever find their Utopia again? Yes.

Will they nurture it, cherish it, and preserve it?

Looking at South Hall, and all of the failures of the past, the answer is almost certain. No.

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Summer days drifting away to... allergies, sunburns and cancer

The chilly winds of winter have retired, and spring has come with all her gentle showers. Soon another glorious summer will dawn, bathing the land in her golden rays. Damn it.

I have always hated summer. It's the time of year I like the least. And though I do enjoy some of summer's contributions (baseball, extended evenings, uncontrollable wildfires in Republican states), I've always preferred the colder seasons. I hate summer, and she hates me.

Not a summer has passed in which I've not been horribly sunburned. It's not a matter of if; it's a matter of when. Even if it's overcast and I feel safe, the sunbeams that make it through the clouds will seek me out, sniper-style. It's as if I'm sweating a combination of lighter fluid and Saffola oil.

Sunscreen doesn't help, either.



No apparent reason Matt Vancil

I can slather myself with that rancid stuff until I smell like I've been swimming in a vat of rotting orange peels, but it doesn't help. I'll be sitting there with an inch-thick layer of sunscreen on my body, and the sun just laughs and griddle-fries me anyway. Vampires don't sunburn as badly as I do. And they only have to worry about getting fried once.

The only sunscreen that's ever worked for me is Dutch Boy off-white latex exterior house paint. But man, that stuff doesn't breathe. I had to apply a layer of Thompson's Water Seal to keep it from cracking. Then I dove into a swimming pool, a

tunnel parted in the water, and I did a header into the tiles at the bottom.

But sunburn isn't torture enough for summer. No, while I'm frying and gradually cultivating skin cancer, she hits me with something even worse.

I have hideous allergies. I'm allergic to hay, grasses, pollens, trees, juice, rocks, wind, shadows, you name it. Every year, summer assails me with choking clouds of sneeze-inducing death spores.

The results of these allergies radically affect my sleeping habits. It's not uncommon for me to wake up in the morning with one nostril hermetically

sealed. It's as if someone spackled my nose shut during the night. I had the idea to sleep with a string in each nostril so in the morning, I could just pull the string, uncork my schnoz, and be on my way.

So my nose is either cemented shut, or it's runnier than after eating turbo-spicy Indian food. And, of course, decongestants and antihistamines don't do a darn thing.

The only med that works is Narcoleptic Strength antihistamine, but whenever I take that, I wake up on my bathroom floor, and there are a dozen answering machine messages from my boss wondering why I haven't been to work this week. So my choices are rock-nose, draining head or coma.

I remember when I first discovered my allergies. I was 8 years old. It was the haying season at my grandparents' farm, the time of year when folks

bailed hay for the winter months. I wanted to watch, so I asked to ride on the bailer with the driver.

The bailer kicked up a dense cloud of hay dust as big as the Hindenberg. My head swelled up to the size of a beach ball, and I sneezed out most of my childhood memories. I was miserable.

I was as miserable as I was every summer when the sun bastes me with its UV rays and all the pollen in the state sets up camp in my sinuses. Just writing about it makes me ... Achoo! Oh great, it's ... Achoo! Hang on, let me pop some antihistamines. Gulp. There. Now ... uh ... I feel ... I feel ... uhhhh ... KA-WHUMP!

Matt Vancil is a senior writing and classics major. Summer days drifting away to oh-ho those su-hum-mer nights.

Start spreading the news: Kara went crazy in New York, New York

We're approaching the end of the school-year at warp speed. Being a senior and all, I should really know what I want to do with my life. Sadly, I'm a little behind. I'm still caught up in that whole self-discovery thing.

I recently discovered I was a whopping hypocrite. Of course, if you live your life as a hypocrite, you assume that your faults will surface sooner or later. But I didn't think that mine would surface quite so publicly.

I have always been of the opinion that celebrities are just people, too. Take away the make-up, the prime-time exposure, the fancy-schmancy clothes and you have a man or a woman who is just as insecure and curious as the next. I hate it when people make such a fuss over celebrity sightings! But while on Spring Break I flipped out.

I decided it was time to see the Big Apple. I had never been to the East Coast and greeted the opportunity with wide eyes and a fresh credit card. Upon arrival, I underwent a massive



Writer's block Kara Larson

transformation. Suddenly, I was insisting that it would be worth my time to stand on a Times Square sidewalk and gaze up at MTV host Carson Daly as though he were the second coming.

Am I 12? With the exception of one amazingly inventive and unrealistic television show they call *The Real World*, I hate MTV. But there I was, pushing hard to have a brush with fame.

I'm a *Saturday Night Live* junkie. It's no secret. So imagine what happens when I'm in a little Greek café in Greenwich Village and Darrell Hammond walks in with his wife. You'd think I'd quietly turn to my neighbor and whisper "Hey look, it's the guy from *SNL*." Well, it was more like a full-fledged, announcing it to the entire restaurant, if not the world, "Oh my God! That's

Darrell Hammond!" Needless to say, he dined at a different, unknown location that evening.

Oh. And then there was the quiet evening that three friends and I decided to take a stroll through Central Park. I would like to say that I spotted Jerry Seinfeld out of the corner of my eye and casually pointed him out. The truth is that I sprained my neck doing a double- and triple-take, and I practically pulled my friend's arm off trying to get her attention — and scared the comedian enough to make him clutch his wallet and, in survival mode, burst into a shifty-hipped speed walk! Sorry Jerry.

Another thing I have never understood is the recent obsession, especially in women my age, with Kate Spade Accessories. If you ask me, \$250 for a nylon purse is a little

high, and \$175 for a planner outrageous, but like I did on my celebrity-sightings, I reneged on my previous statements.

I went to Chinatown and discovered that I could purchase a knock-off of any Kate Spade ever manufactured for under \$20. It was then that I discovered that I had no self-control. And it was then I purchased not one, not two, but three fake Kate Spades.

Sadly, between the five of us who went to Chinatown, 10 bags were purchased. I know, we should be ashamed of ourselves. And when we were walking home, with giant garbage sacks filled with knock-offs, I'll admit I felt a little dirty.

On our final day in the city we were being coaxed into a French café by its owner, a darling pastry-chef type complete with a curly mustache and French accent. (Personally, I was a little disappointed that he wasn't wearing a beret.)

He said, "Girls! Where are you from?" Of course nobody in his or her right mind admits to being from Parkland. So we told him we were from Seattle.

"Ah! Starbucks, Boeing, Microsoft, fish throwers! What a beautiful place." Damn right, I thought, as a smile crept onto my face.

The shy woman that I am, I had to make conversation with this beautiful person who loved Seattle. I said, "My friend here, her ex-boyfriend is a fish thrower!" To which the darling Frenchman replied, "Not true!" and gave us enveloping hugs and kisses on the cheek.

So while it may be true that in one short week I discovered that I am a hypocrite and that I have no self-control, I also discovered that some New Yorkers and at least one Frenchman think that Seattle is beautiful. Not bad, eh?

Kara Larson is a writing major with her toes in the waters of the real world. Not MTV's Real World, as she would like, but the honest, fact-of-the-matter, life-sucks, real world. She's praying for a swan dive.

Nine reasons why faculty should vote "no" on ROTC issue

I was going to use my column to refute Ed Johnston's letter (*The Mast*, April 6), but the impending faculty vote on the ROTC program, set for Friday, demands my immediate attention. If you are a faculty member who plans on voting yes, please read on; this is for you.

My purpose here is to create a rebuttal to each of the points in support of the expanded ROTC program (printed in *The Daily Flyer*). Beth Kraig tried to do this at the teach-in on the ROTC host-school question, but ROTC students were hostile and rude to her.

1. "The ROTC promotes the development of military leaders. By allowing them to develop their liberal arts education in the PLU environment, they can move outside PLU and share their experience." Well, can't they already? We already have the classes here, the expanded program will not make this any easier. This point is null.

2. "The addition of 'host' status to ROTC would add a military science department."



No one asked me Sarah Sanders

Great, let's let the federal government drop an instant regime right into on campus when it takes years to form a new educational department. It has its own money, and doesn't have to do anything it doesn't want to.

3. ROTC would be "creating additional scholarships for ROTC students." Hmmm . . . except for "people who are older than 26, have disabilities, are not American citizens, and are sexual minorities."

4. "Separating PLU ROTC from Seattle University ROTC where it currently resides." This one makes sense. I could see how ROTC students would appreciate a more personal level of education. However, it still doesn't benefit the majority

of people at PLU.

5. The new ROTC would "grant professorship to the commander of the ROTC program." So, the high commander would be a professor and make faculty decisions, and he or she wouldn't be earning this privilege. Sure, the commanders climb the military ladder, but they do not climb the long and tedious ladder that professors climb. Granting professorships to commanders would not be a perk.

6. "The addition of the 'host' program would improve recruitment of additional students to PLU." Great for Red Carpet Club, but what about the rest of us who don't want the more ROTC students chanting outside our windows at 6

a.m.

7. "The expansion of the program could bring an additional \$300,000 - \$400,000 to the university." So, in essence, we'd be selling out to the military. I thought PLU had more integrity than to go against its discrimination policy for a lousy sum of money.

8. "If PLU prevents ROTC or military recruiting access on their campus, federal law shall deny them federal funding. The termination of PLU ROTC involvement would presumably trigger this response." We wouldn't be terminating ROTC; everything would stay exactly how it is. PLU would not be telling ROTC to leave. I'll clarify again: We are not in danger of losing any federal money, because nothing would be changing.

9. "Everyone enrolled in PLU is allowed to take military science classes." So this is a perk if faculty votes yes? Um, no, because it's already established. Or this is just to give ROTC a good name by saying "hey

ROTC's cool, we let everyone take classes." Yeah, but it forgets to say that any of the important stuff "ROTC scholarships, wear[ing] military uniforms, [and] participat[ing] in ROTC field exercises" are not allowed for many people who go here.

In sum, the only people this would benefit would be ROTC students.

Expanding ROTC goes against our important anti-discrimination policy, it unfairly gives military leaders professorship, and it won't take away federal funding.

Please, think hard before you vote. I know no one asked me about this, but I know that there are harsh rumors and hardly enough good information floating around to let this go by.

Sarah Sanders is a sophomore majoring in English literature.

University should be proud to host ROTC

I have an urgent message for PLU students and alumni. I am currently a second lieutenant in the United States Army and an alumnus of PLU. I am very concerned for the future of PLU's ROTC program. PLU has produced many quality officers in the United States Army.

I have been approached numerous times by senior officers who have complimented the PLU ROTC program and the quality officers it has produced. PLU has been the most influential experience in my life thus far.

The faculty at PLU is by far the best in the world. The total commitment and dedication to student success is incomparable. These very qualities commission the best second lieutenants in the United States Army. As officers we have

the opportunity to impact the lives of many soldiers across the world.

The qualities, commitment, and morals we are instilled with shape the lives of every soldier under our command. PLU should feel obligated and proud to host such an important training program.

The staff and students of PLU should rally behind the ROTC program to ensure the continued training of excellence for our country. Just one year ago this program was ranked number one in the country. This reflects great credit and honor on the staff, cadre, and Pacific Lutheran University.

2nd Lt. Todd B. Powell
PLU alumnus

Military affiliation violates values of PLU

PLU is a community that values its heritage, its academic integrity, its ties to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the values it upholds in all community members.

In the conversation on the invitation of a host ROTC program on our campus, two essential truths have been left insufficiently addressed. The first is that this is all based on money and the second is that ROTC as an institution does not live up to PLU's standards of non-discrimination.

Inviting ROTC to be a part of our community as a host program inherently degrades the firm non-discrimination policy stance of PLU as well as the long process PLU went through to achieve our bylaws of inclusiveness. These seem to be some basic facts in looking at this through a community perspective.

I do not state these facts because I do not appreciate the ROTC students here at PLU. Many ROTC students contribute to making PLU a more aware and thoughtful community. This discussion has been framed as one that is pitting all those in ROTC against all those who oppose its establishment as a host program at PLU, which is simply not what this debate is about.

PLU perfect place for ROTC program

Thank you for the opportunity to lend my strong support in favor of having PLU host a U.S. Army unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. For a university that prides itself on educating for service, the enhanced partnership makes eminent sense. Faculty members who would interact with a military science department would find as I did in my numerous joint assignments, that the U.S. Army is progressive, practices equal opportunity and promotes enlightened individuals.

The Army ROTC unit at PLU has brought great distinction to the campus with its professional program and numerous outstanding graduates. The Army would not be seeking this closer relationship if the officers who graduated from PLU had not performed well. With a military science department at PLU, the candidates would receive even better preparation, particularly with the advent of the new technology center.

Among the many academic and financial benefits to PLU would be the ability to influence more directly the future officer corps of this nation. Who better to affect social change in the military than your graduates? Take the example of the "don't ask, don't tell"

policy on gays and lesbians. Liberalization occurred while I was still on active duty and will continue. Without the ROTC presence, though, PLU would have little voice in such matters.

Pacific Lutheran University is precisely the kind of institution from which our future military officers should come. The emphasis on educating minds attuned to humanitarian concerns, the confidence students gain from having ready access to their professors, and the teamwork they learn through participation in various activities prepare a young officer to maintain perspective and work well with subordinates and superiors. Other positive factors include PLU's location in an area of heavy military presence, and the importance of the program to officer candidates in other local universities.

I urge the faculty and Board of Regents to vote to host a U.S. Army ROTC unit. The PLU family and the nation will be the better for your positive decision.

Ruth M. Anderson
Colonel, U.S. Air Force (Retired)
PLU alumna

Hosting ROTC demonstrates hypocrisy

There was not a lot of opportunity for learning at the ROTC teach-in last Tuesday night, but there is one thing that was made crystal clear by the end of the night: If the faculty votes to make PLU a host school, it will be spitting on everything that PLU stands for as an educational institution and ripping the human dignity away from its faculty, staff, and students.

Is this an overstatement? Am I being too harsh? Hardly. After witnessing the spectacle that went on at the teach-in, I can easily stand behind every word I just wrote.

At the teach-in Professor Beth Kraig epitomized what a learning institution like PLU should be. She raised questions for students to think about, she drew on historical facts to support her arguments and she questioned the ethics of having a non-discrimination policy that a department of military science would unquestionably violate.

And for these things she was heckled by the ROTC members of the audience; she was disrespected and unappreciated.

If a department of military science is created, instances like the teach-in can happen again and again in every aspect of campus life, because once PLU becomes a host school the non-discrimination policy will be worthless.

And, to be clear for all the people that are confused by the whole ROTC debate: the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy violates PLU's non-discrimination policy - it is that simple.

The Service Members Legal Defense Network states that service members in the military will be discharged for

being gay or committing any homosexual acts (including kissing, hugging, and hand-holding). If ROTC cadets admit to being gay or commit any homosexual acts, they are ineligible for scholarships, or advancement in the military. This is discrimination.

How much is a person's human dignity worth? Can we even put a price on it? Apparently we can, and PLU has. The PLU administration and faculty who support becoming a host school seem to get weak at the knees when the U.S. military waves a little money in front of the school. Ethics and morals become secondary. And PLU's non-discrimination policy gets whisked under the rug.

I was disappointed and disgusted as I listened at the teach-in to Provost Paul Menzel skirt questions and by doing so make it abundantly clear that situational ethics replaced morality at PLU. We can support sexual minority rights when it is convenient, but throw them aside when we need the money.

There is a committee working on a new mission statement for 2010. If PLU becomes a host school for the ROTC we will have to change our mission statement. It will have to read, "Educating for thoughtful lives, service, inquiry and hypocrisy."

Or, we could just leave it the way it is, so we could still have an illusion of ethics that we can sell to the world. And what does it matter anyway, if PLU cannot stand up against discrimination, what are we doing here in the first place?

Shannon Thomas
PLU senior

Students beware what ROTC promotes

"You wouldn't want your randomly assigned freshman roommate to be a homosexual, would you?"

Students beware.

This is the question that will be fired at you in passing the pro-ROTC host school petition booth in the UC. When I heard reports that this question was even being uttered in a public university area, I was appalled. This question is the beginning argument that many pro-ROTC home school students are using to coerce you into signing their petition. I use the word "coerce" because this question is packed with hatred, discrimination and dehumanization. Historically speaking, during Jim Crow law in the South, it would have been similar to asking, "You wouldn't want your randomly assigned freshman roommate to be black, would you?"

What is the ROTC program training its cadets to believe? Supposedly they are trained to be "military leaders." To me, it seems like those who are tabling the ROTC booth are instead being trained to be homophobic. And essentially, because they are required to following military law that discriminates against sexual minorities when they do become "military leaders," these ROTC cadets are being trained to be homophobic. Did you know that an average of three people a day under the "don't ask, don't tell" policy are dismissed from their jobs in the military because of "sexual misconduct"? Essentially, these people were accused of being gay.

Is there another option? Can you as students choose not to be hateful? Can you choose not to make a decision

based upon the dehumanization of others? Can you, as our university mission statement says, cultivate your intellect "as a tool of conscience?" Of course you can.

You can realize that, as the student petition opposing the ROTC petition states, "We wish to express our support for the principles of fairness & equality that should be vital to good citizenship and academic integrity... Central to our concern is the belief that academic departments at PLU should treat students with the highest standards of fairness and respect, but a department of military science (essentially created by expanding the status of ROTC here) cannot meet such standards given the current anti-gay policies of the U.S. military. Therefore, until ROTC and the U.S. military do end unfair discriminations, we oppose any expansion of the ROTC program on the PLU campus... Believing that PLU is dedicated to the search for knowledge and justice through education and is committed to fairness and non-discrimination, we ask that PLU's ROTC program retain its current status only."

You can choose to sign this ethically based petition instead of the pro-ROTC petition. You can speak to your professors before they vote on this issue Friday afternoon. You can ask them to make a decision that will be looked on by future PLU students to have been the just decision.

Students, be aware, you can make a positive difference.

Chelsee C. Slemp
PLU sophomore

ROTC

Menzel said. "Prior to the ROTC program on campus, PLU had a partnership program with University of Puget Sound and the Air Force. PLU had never been a host school before."

Menzel also went on to describe how the program runs. "This year, in our ROTC program, we have 123 cadets. Last spring, we commissioned 28 cadets," Menzel said. "Four years ago, the program only had 70 cadets." He said he credits the growth of the program as to why the Department of Defense asked PLU to be a host school.

Menzel addressed some concerns that students and faculty members have raised. "If we become a host school, this does not change the curriculum of the ROTC program," Menzel said. "PLU currently does not write the curriculum, rather the Department of Defense does, and if we [PLU] want to change the curriculum, Major Brouillette also does not have the authority. The professor of military science at Seattle University does."

An issue that was addressed heavily at the March faculty meeting was that the professor of military science would automatically join some of the faculty committees, onto which academic professors have to be voted.

Menzel said this was one of the things the Army says a host school must do or provide. At the March Faculty Assembly meeting, many professors raised concerns on this issue.

"I have called around to five other schools and asked them how they have interpreted this criteria," Menzel said. "All of them said that the professor of military science (PMS) does not actually serve on a committee." Instead, the PMS has a liaison who can get the committee in contact with the ROTC commander.

He added that this was not in writing anywhere in these other universities but seemed to be the common practice.

History Professor Beth Kraig opposed the idea. "At PLU we have a strong non-discrimina-

tion policy that represents that we [PLU] have high standards and those standards need to be upheld," Kraig said. "If that policy can be ignored, then what message are we sending to students and the PLU community as a whole?"

An ROTC cadet asked Kraig why she does not think the current program violates the non-discrimination policy. "Right now, the ROTC program is not a department on campus," Kraig said.

If the ROTC proposal passes, however, she said that would change. "If someone asked me if PLU upheld its non-discrimination policy, I would have to tell them no, and specifically single out to them the department of military science," Kraig said.

Senior cadet Aaron Blanning, the ROTC's advocate on the panel, followed Kraig and described to the audience what he sees are benefits of having PLU as a host school.

"The problem is that PMS is the final authority on issues such as when we have field training,

our curriculum, and scholarships," Blanning said. "Our PMS is currently housed in Seattle, and therefore does not know the PLU cadets as well as he does his own. If he decides to pull a PLU cadet's scholarship, Major Brouillette does not have any say in the matter."

Senior Keith Pranghofer asked Blanning who has authority over the PMS. "I would think that even though the PMS has the final authority over the cadets the president of the university would have the final word over the PMS," said Pranghofer. Blanning's reply to the question was that he thinks the university president has some authority over the professor of military science but was not sure.

Blanning was also asked if the university has the power to fire to the PMS and Blanning said that indeed the university does have that power.

"If a PMS is fired from a university, that pretty much grinds that officer's career to a halt," Blanning said.

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After the speeches were made, moderator LeAnne Jones opened the audience to question they had for the panelist but requested that they have specific question addressed to a specific panel member.

Menzel was asked how much weight the faculty's opinion carries in the eyes of the Regents. "The faculty vote will weigh very heavily with the Board of Regents and their vote on the issue," Menzel said.

Sociology professor Richard Jobst later said he disagreed with Menzel.

"I don't think the Board is going to pay much attention to or care what the faculty's final vote is," Jobst said. Jobst said the short-term effects he sees if the university does become a host school is that students will leave and students interested in PLU will not come.

In the long term, Jobst said he will wait to see how the university will respond when an ROTC cadet loses his or her scholarship because of the "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Campus Climate Committee offers recommendations

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast senior reporter

After months of research the special Campus Climate Committee has completed and submitted its final report to the PLU community.

President Loren Anderson and the President's Council received a copy of the committee's full report at the end of February.

Anderson said he charged the

committee with assessing the overall well-being of the PLU community and recommending steps that might be taken to build and strengthen a more inclusive community.

The report was summarized into five areas the committee saw as critical concerns to the campus community: identity, affinity groups, geography, bureaucracy and faculty, and staff and student relations.

The committee first said that the university's lack of a working

mission statement has affected the identity of the institution. It recommended that PLU develop a common understanding of purpose among all members of the community.

The committee members also looked at the different groups on campus and their relationship with each other. Their recommendation is that PLU improve the existing structures that coordinate, advise and structure student-activity groups.

The committee also found

that survey respondents felt that human resources are not used to the full advantage of the university. The committee said the respondents seek a system that is more friendly, inclusive, inviting and responsive.

The committee also found that students want faculty and staff to take more interest in their lives, not just their in-class learning, and that current community-building events are underdeveloped and unsupported by time and resources.

After assessing the five areas and over 60 recommendations, the committee made four specific recommendations: Revise and more clearly articulate the university mission, revise the new student orientation program, revise the critical conversation courses, and finally, coordinate student religious activities more intentionally and effectively.

Full reports are available in the library, Student Life Office, Residential Life Office and Provost's Office.

HARMONY

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begin at 8:45 a.m. in the UWT Conference Center, and will be followed with a morning plenary session on activism. The first segment of workshops will begin at 10:35 a.m.

Sack lunches will be offered at noon. Several local organizations, ranging from PFLAG to the Pierce County AIDS Foundation to Safe Schools, will also host informational booths throughout the lunch hour.

At 1 p.m., Trish Millines Dziko, the executive director and co-founder of the Technology Access Foundation, will present a keynote address titled "Your Community, Your Responsibility." Two more sets of workshops will be offered throughout the afternoon.

Workshops throughout the day will be led by hosting organizations, as well as students from local high school and college GLBTA groups.

The workshops will cover a full range of topics, including high school gay/straight alliances, how to come out to parents, and where to find queer-positive religious programs.

Though tomorrow's conference will focus heavily on networking between local alliances and will be hosted by a number of groups, the original impetus for the conference started with Harmony. Last

spring, the group placed a bid to host the fifth annual Northwest Regional Queer Conference at PLU.

Over the summer, however, the PLU administration cancelled the conference due to miscommunication.

Harmony submitted a second proposal to the PLU administration to host a GLBTA conference on campus, but disagreements over the inclusion of high school students forced the event off-campus.

The conference tomorrow is the final product of months of negotiation and planning by Harmony. It is a combination and expansion of the original proposals, and though the title has changed several times, the goal, Kraig said, is still education and community connection.

"Even after all the pain of this fall, we've kept our vision and principles," Kraig said. "There's a deep sense of satisfaction that this is finally going to happen."

Kraig said individuals interested in attending the conference can register at the door tomorrow morning in the UWT conference center for \$10. A full schedule, an explanation of conference programming, and a map of UWT are available at Harmony's Web site, <http://www.plu.edu/~harmony>.



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97 years of aviation history on display at the Boeing Museum of Flight

Traitorous aeronautics corporation might be moving to Denver, but we've still got their museum

BY KEVIN FREITAS
Mast intern

You know that you have arrived at a respectable aviation museum when you spot a car bearing a "Blue Angels Alumni" bumper sticker in the parking lot.

My family had driven up from La Center, Wash., on a fine spring day several weeks ago to spend the day with my girlfriend and me, and we agreed to try out the Boeing Museum of Flight near Seattle.

On our way into the museum, we were greeted by the sight of two large aircraft behind a nearby chain-link fence. My brother (our free tour guide for the day) quickly dazzled my mom by telling her that one of those planes, a B-29 Superfortress, was the same plane that her father flew bomber missions in throughout World War II. Then we noticed the bumper sticker.

I was hooked.

Once inside, we were immediately drawn to the left towards the museum's Great Gallery. This 48,000-square-foot glass-enclosed structure is crammed full of aeronautical objects, from a glider that preceded the Wright Brothers' famous first to the supersonic and stealthy M-21 Blackbird.

A stroll through this over-sized greenhouse takes the visitor past, among others,

a 4-foot robotic plane designed for trans-Atlantic flight, a glider constructed mostly of sitka spruce and plywood that set a Northwest record for nearly nine engine-free hours aloft, a two-person helicopter powered by small ramjets fastened to its rotor blades, and a flying car.

As we made our way through the Great Gallery, I was tempted by a giant, Snoopy-shaped flight simulator. Maybe my hours of 3-D computer gaming experience have made me somewhat snobby, or maybe it was the extra \$3.50 price tag -- but I saw no need to spend my time staring a screen while being tossed this way and that inside Snoopy's head.

Two things in this exhibit were special to me. The first was the M-21 Blackbird. My first contact with this plane had not been during this visit but on a roadside stop it made many years ago while being carted up the Interstate to its current home at the Flight Museum. It was strange to see it perched here on the gallery floor like an alien artifact.

Nearby sat a cutaway cockpit from a real SR-71 (a sister to the M-21 in the Blackbird family) into which visitors could climb and listen to a complete description of its crowded control panel. My brother (a 25-year-old kid when it comes to anything "planes") patiently waited his turn to take the simulated controls. Alas, however, he

was no match for the sly cunning of the youngsters who slipped in front of him.

I guess they assumed that no fully grown adult like my brother would want to sit in a toy like the SR-71 Blackbird cockpit. (They assumed wrong.)

The second most striking piece sat behind glass huddled in a corner. This bronze sculpture bares the name of the "X Prize" and will be the trophy given out (along with a purse of \$10 million) to the first privately-funded, three-passenger aeronautical vehicle to twice travel safely to an altitude of 100km within two weeks' time. It's a fantastic sign of the aeronautical times. (Official rules can be found at www.xprize.org if you'd like to give it a try.)

It was a night-blue, bent-wing WWII fighter that impressed me more than any other piece in the museum collection, however. The Corsair was a crucial force in turning the tide of World War II for the Allies. Over 12,000 were produced during the war, and the fighters saw great success in the sky.

The educators that wander every section of the museum are a joy to watch and listen to in action. Most are older than my parents, and they all seemed to carry with them stories from their past that they will readily share with museum patrons.

As we continued on beyond the Corsair, one of these volunteers noticed my over-the-shoulder glances back at the fighter.

He smiled and told me of the days soon after the war, when he was in the Air Force and he used to take time some afternoons to watch squadrons of these fighters tear through the skies over El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in southern California.

Another story relayed by one of the museum's helpful wandering educators centered around the role of women early in Boeing's history. He told us that the fabric sewn onto the frames of the earliest Boeing flyers was first stitched by the engineers but (due to a lack of experience with textiles) was soon handed over the more capable hands of local women. Their skill directly affected the future success of the Boeing.

On our way towards the rest of the museum we didn't pause as we passed up the 737 mock-up, partially because

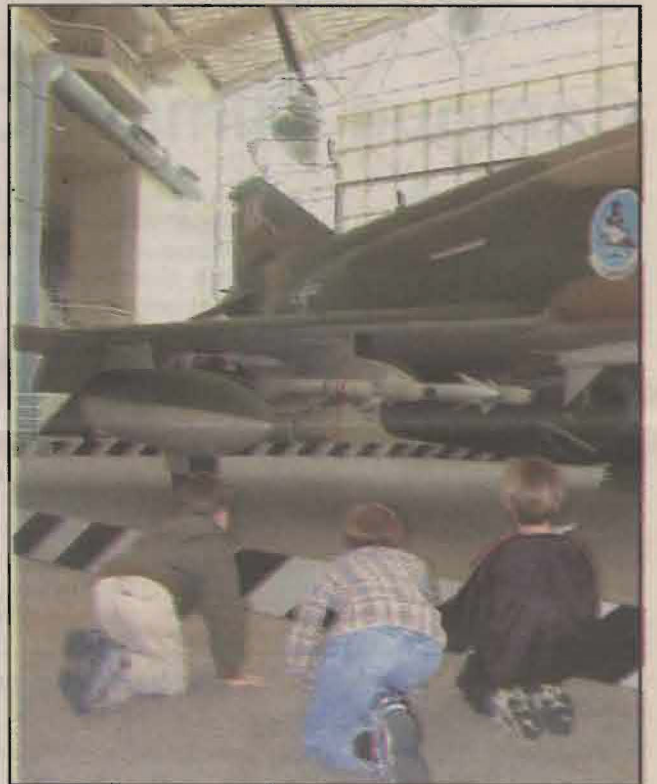


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(although this plane is certainly a triumph of modern commercial aviation) I tense up simply thinking about traveling cross-country with less leg room than in a yellow school bus.

Although I give preference to the Great Gallery section of this museum, a quick fast-forward through the rest of the exhibits would take us through the Apollo space program, an air traffic control tower with a live audio feed from the landing strip just outside, a large red barn in which the Boeing company got its start 97 years ago, and the first Air Force One ever to be used by a U.S. president.

Throughout our visit to the Museum of Flight, my brother was great to have with us because his extensive knowledge and love for aviation made him a great resource. The tour guides and educators there were fine stand-ins, though, as they would share relevant information about a particular display along with tidbits of personal history.

These stories made the museum worth the cost of admission and gave its exhibits a personality that put meaning and a touch of humanity behind some incredibly complex flying machines.

Now if we could just get Boeing to stay in the Northwest...

The Boeing Museum of Flight is \$9.50 for adults and students (sorry, no discount). The museum also offers free admission on the first Thursday of every month. Further information can be found at www.museumofflight.org.

Smithsonian folk art exhibit reaches Tacoma Art Museum



photo courtesy Tacoma Art Museum

Jack Savitsky's *Train in Coal Town* is one of the many colorful works featured in *Contemporary Folk Art: Treasures From The Smithsonian American Art Museum*. This travelling exhibit features works from a variety of artists with no formal training and is making its only West Coast stop at the Tacoma Art Museum until June 17.

SPRING PHOTO SHOWCASE



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Professor Steve Benham (in hard hat) plays catcher in a recent student/faculty softball game in Foss Field.



"Friendly Neighborhood" — color print by Nisha Ajmani



"It's Gotta Be The Shoes" — color print by Nisha Ajmani



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Stuff That Matters This Week

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Friday

"Intelligent Design and Darwinian Evolution"

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Columbia Center, 7 p.m.

Friday / Saturday

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Monday

"The Nature of Generosity"

William Kittredge has gained significant renown for his writings and philosophies on the American West. He will be presenting his newest book *The Nature of Generosity* in this installment of the Spring 2001 Lecture Series.

Leraas Lecture Hall
7:30 p.m.

Thursday

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Crosstown traffic in the University Gallery
UPS professors bring their photography, poetry to PLU

BY STACY HILTON
Mast art critic

What goes together better than coffee and cheesecake?

Cookies and milk? Possibly, but I was thinking more along the lines of artistic photography and profound poetry.

Betty Ragan, a photography and printmaking professor, and Hans Ostrom, an English professor (both currently teaching at UPS), have come together for this masterful collaboration of artistic expression. Ragan's black-and-white photography, enhanced by Ostrom's poetry, will be showing in Ingram's University Gallery until Wednesday.

Ragan's displayed work is from her "Button Down" series, features stunning architecture mixed with a variety of theatrical clothing and with a focus on buttons. Ragan borrowed the costumes from local theater companies and then returned them at the end of each of her studio shoots.

The architecture includes absolutely no fabrications and was photographed completely outdoors. Ragan joked in her introduction that she can't seem to shake architectural imagery in her photography, so she figured she might as well make something interesting out of it.

I was fascinated by the method in which Ragan's photography was created. Upon first seeing her work, I chalked it up to photomontage or to mediocre digital imaging skills. When I inquired about her technique, Ragan let me in on her little secret.

The architecture and clothing are separate photographs, the first having been painstakingly cut out with an X-Acto knife and laid over the top of the second. Take a close look at each of the photos. This is clearly a meticulous artist who is dedicated to her work.

At the opening reception Tuesday evening,

Ragan's collaborating co-artist Hans Ostrom, read selections of his displayed poetry aloud to an appreciative audience. I found Ostrom's free verse pleasantly eclectic with its references to art, politics, rock stars, the Bible, algebra, Plato, clothing, and many other topics.

Ostrom captioned his own poetry as "whimsical and lyrical." While I agree with this quirky description, I would add that I find his work intellectually witty in an unusually refreshing and fanciful style.

I will admit that upon first glance at Ostrom's verse, I found myself slightly confused and detached from it. The broken lines, the sometimes-obscure references, and the fragmented sentences can lead a reader down perplexing avenues.

After Ostrom's presentation of his work, however, I found myself thoroughly captivated by his writing. His tonal inflection enhanced his poems by leading the audience directly to his clever wordplay. This also allowed Ostrom's listeners time to reflect upon his imagery, while an otherwise anxious reader might have already rushed ahead to the next line. There is something about a poetry reading that breathes life and clarity into the words on the page.

If you want the full effect of this incredible poetry, read it out loud. Don't worry about the strange looks you're receiving from the people around you. With any luck, they will begin to listen and enjoy your own choice of tonal inflection. Now you have become part of the



photo by Brie Beles
Amelia Lincoln takes in the combined efforts of Ostrom and Ragan.

creation.

All of the work in the gallery is amazing, but my personal suggestion is to start with Ragan's *The Davenport* and the accompanying poem *Remodeling* by Ostrom. The photo is striking in its simplicity while the poem is intriguing in its elusiveness.

Take some time out of your busy schedule to stop in to see this show. Devour Ostrom's words and breathe in Ragan's prints, as I did. You may soon find yourself on another level of existence, falling into photos and melting in metaphors. Enjoy the experience.

Betty Ragan's photography and Hans Ostrom's poems will be showing until April 30 in the University Gallery during the regular gallery hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mondays through Fridays.

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PLU fastpitch wins nine in a row on its way to NWC title

Lutes go for their fifteenth conference title

BY CHRIS FREDERICK
Mast sports editor

The Pacific Lutheran University women's fastpitch team barreled its way towards yet another Northwest Conference championship. The Lutes swept conference foes Lewis & Clark, UPS, and Linfield to take the NWC lead and improve their conference record to 10-2 and 16-8 on the year. Earning the title of NWC champions won't be a new event for the Lutes; they have won 13 out of the last 14 conference crowns.

"I think we've really come together as a team," said sophomore shortstop Jenny Ferries. "We've realized our potential and we're getting close to it. We've been hitting really well."

Being delayed for five hours due to rain didn't have any effect on the Lutes last Friday as they put down the Linfield Wildcats, 4-1. Junior All-American pitcher Melissa Korb returned to full-time play against the Wildcats after being limited the last few games because of a sore pitching arm. Korb showed her ability by putting down eight Wildcats on strikeouts and giving up only three hits, which

were obtained in the first inning. A double play ended the first inning, and from there Korb was able to stuff the Wildcats. Offensively, the Lutes dominated with 11 hits. Senior centerfielder McKenna Dotson cracked a pair of doubles, while teammates Shannon Fritzsche, a junior catcher, and freshman first baseman Sara Shedeler each had a double and a single. Freshman outfielder Kelsey Palaniuk said, "There's a lot of people that have really stepped up this season. I think we're filled our positions well."

Starting again the next day, the Wildcats didn't have any more luck as PLU crushed Linfield in the doubleheader. In the opening game Saturday PLU scored five runs in the fifth inning to put down Linfield 7-0. Korb proved to be the savior in

"I think we've really come together as a team."

— Jenny Ferries
PLU sophomore

that game as she came in during the fourth inning with one out and shut down a bases-loaded threat by Linfield. In the fifth, Korb slugged a grand slam homer, and Fritzsche gained two runs with a single. Korb finished with five strikeouts and improved her pitching record to 8-2.

The series finale saw the Lutes close the door on Linfield with a 4-3 victory. Fritzsche again powered in some runs with a solo home run in the first



Photo by Leah Sprain

Freshman outfielder Kelsey Palaniuk slides safely into home as junior teammate and catcher Shannon Fritzsche looks on.

inning, and a two-out RBI double in the fifth. Adding to the offense was junior right fielder Jacy James with a double in the second and sophomore shortstop Jenny Ferries with a single in the fifth. Dotson stepped on the rubber in the seventh to relieve junior pitcher Jessica Baca. Dotson struck out two and forced a grounder to end the game and picked up her first save of the season. "(Dotson) has done great, considering that she hasn't pitched since her freshman year," Palaniuk said.

PLU showed its big bats against conference foe and rival University of Puget sound April 10 in a double header. Palaniuk said she thinks the success at the plate is because of all the team's hard work. "We work on our hitting a lot in practice," Palaniuk said. "We all try to help each other out with hitting

and that really helps out."

Competing with the Loggers for control of first place in the Northwest Conference proved to be no problem as the Lutes swept the series. Opening the series with an 8-2 win and then finishing with a 12-2 victory, PLU earned 26 hits, 6 of which were home runs. Shining at the plate were big hitters Korb, Fritzsche, Ferries and freshman outfielder Kelsey Palaniuk. Dotson closed the Loggers down in the seventh inning of the first game and ended up with only one earned run on seven hits and three strikeouts.

The conference sweeps started off with a three home victories at the hands of the Lewis & Clark Pioneers. In inning six of the first game, PLU managed to get nine runs to the Pioneers' one for the victory. Ferries smashed a two-run double to start things off in the first

inning, and freshman pitcher Jewel Koury blasted her second home run of the season over the center field fence. Saturday's second game Palaniuk brought PLU out of a one-run deficit with a two-out double. Freshman designated hitter Resa Lee made sure the Lutes stayed on top with her two-run single. PLU beat the Pioneers 3-2. Baca was on the mound for the night, and gave up only two runs on five hits while striking out five for the win. Koury picked up the save.

The next day Lewis & Clark put up a fight. PLU managed to come back twice after being down by one run, including a comeback run in the seventh inning off a wild pitch. The game went ten innings before Ferries launched a one-out solo home run for the 3-2 win. "Worked hard and never gave up," Baca said.

Ferries said she thinks the wins have been good for the team. "We played some really hard teams at the beginning of the season, so these last few games have been real confidence boosters for us," Ferries said.

■**Next up** - The Lutes faced UPS last Monday in two make-up games. The Lutes won both games. PLU faced UPS again Wednesday, but the results were not yet in when *The Mast* had gone to press. Details of all three games will appear next week. Tomorrow and Sunday PLU will host Whitworth in two doubleheaders. Saturday's game starts at one and Sunday's game will begin at noon.

Men's lacrosse earns spot in postseason play

BY CHRIS FREDERICK
Mast sports editor

The PLU men's lacrosse team refuses to go down without a fight this year. Coming off of five losses this season, the Lutes muscled their way into the Division III playoffs. First, with its 15-9 win over the University of Washington April 4, and then with a nail-biting 15-14 victory over the University of Montana April 7, PLU showed its strength and determination.

Freshman defenseman Ryan "Gus" Tootell said he believes that the team has really stepped up to the task for the latter half of the season. "We've struggled this year, but we know we can play lacrosse as good as anyone else," Tootell said.

The Lutes were in a tough position going in to face the Huskies April 11. Although PLU has never lost to the University of Washington, the team was still under pressure to win, as a loss would have taken the Lutes out of contention for the playoffs.

With ties to UW through PLU sophomore Bradley Campbell, a former Husky lacrosse player, the two teams were out to get each other. Under the stars in Husky Stadium, the two

teams battled back and forth for control of the lead during the night game. UW jumped ahead first with four goals in the first opposed to PLU's two, and it looked as though the Huskies were going to coast to an easy win. That was until the dynamic offensive trio consisting of senior Billy Tackitt and juniors Kris Johnson and Aaron Henderson worked together to dominate the Huskies. In the backfield, defenders held off UW along with sophomore goalie Mike Forbes. The second quarter saw PLU gain five goals to UW's two, and PLU took the lead, 7-6.

The defense continued to work hard in the third quarter, allowing only two Husky goals as the PLU offense ripped five of their own goals into the enemy net. The rest of the game was history as PLU shut down the Husky offense and ran out the clock for the win. "We really came together to play great lacrosse," Tootell said.

Johnson scored an incredible eight goals, Tackitt had four with two assists, and Henderson contributed three of his own. Sophomore Bo Winnberg had an amazing game as the face-off man.

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A-Rod's up - BOOOOOOOOO!



**FULL
COUNT**
Jason
Anspach

The boos released from the fans at Safeco Field on Monday were deafening. Alex Rodriguez returned to his former home, and Mariners fans literally gave him an earful.

A-Rod, (or Pay-Rod, A-Wad, K-Rod, A-Hole) whatever you were calling him that night, managed only one hit in five plate appearances, and struck out once much to the delight of the 45,000 plus fans.

Following the M's 9-7 victory, I overheard fans complaining about A-Rod being booed. The crew of ESPN's Baseball Tonight, along with virtually every other sports writer/columnist were quick attack the booing fans, since as we all know, they'd take \$252 million and run with it.

Since no one, including some members of the Mariners' fan base seems to

get it, I'm going to spell things out. A-Rod wasn't booed because he's making more money in 10 years than any of us and our parents combined will make in a lifetime.

Major League Baseball is an enormously profitable industry. People go to the ballpark to see the players, which in turn makes the owners rich. Rodriguez is one of, if not the best player in the game. If Boston's Manny Ramirez can get a contract worth over \$150 million, A-Rod deserves at least \$100 million more.

It's also not about A-Rod leaving the Mariners, the team he was drafted by as a free agent. That too is part of baseball. Do you honestly think the fans of Ichiro Suzuki's former team, the Orix Blue Wave, were happy about him leaving? Or how about Mets fans losing John Olerud? Or Texas Rangers fans losing their ace pitcher in Aaron Sele? It was hard on those fans, just like it was hard on us when A-Rod left, but that's part of the game. It works both ways. Players come and players go. But that's what makes the Edgar Martinezes and Cal Ripkens of the world even more special.

The boos weren't because Rodriguez said he wanted to "play for a winner," and then promptly left a Mariners ball

club that finished last year with 91 wins and joined a Texas one that ended the season with 91 losses.

The Rangers showed that they were trying to put together a good club by signing free agents Ken Caminiti, and Andres Galarraga to bolster an offensive lineup powered by Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez. Just because the Rangers finished 20 games back last year, it doesn't mean they will this year.

The fans also didn't boo A-Rod on account of his now-infamous letter to the Boeing Company, urging it to relocate to Dallas. Boeing decided to leave the Northwest long before Rodriguez wrote that letter.

So if fans weren't mad at A-Rod for changing his mind about playing for a winner, leaving the club he began his career with, or the money he received, then why boo him? I'll tell you why. It's because of where the money came from.

People can say that money is the root of all evil until they're blue in the face, but a rich man is not automatically bad, just like a poor man isn't automatically good. Money makes the world go 'round. But sometimes, you have to stop and look at where this green comes from.

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Baseball loses to Linfield, George Fox, looks to beat Missionaries with 5-10 NWC record

BY JASON ANSPACH
Mast reporter

Though not yet mathematically eliminated from the Northwest Conference top spot, the PLU baseball team will have to win seven of its remaining nine NWC games with first-place Willamette and second-place Whitworth losing seven in order for the Lutes to take the reins of

their division.

Pacific Lutheran, with a conference record of 5-10, has had the opportunity to gain ground in the NWC. Six of the team's last seven games have been against divisional opponents, yet PLU failed to take advantage of its situation, losing all but one of those games.

Following a 4-3 loss April 3 to the University of Washington, the Lutes man-

aged to take one out of three while hosting Linfield on April 7 and 8. Game one saw a pitchers' duel as freshman Luke Faxon cruised through a five-hit, seven-inning complete game after giving up one run in the first. That run, however, proved to be the difference as the Lutes fell to the Wildcats, 1-0.

Game two ended in more disappointment for PLU as junior right-handed pitcher Jason Andrew was taken for a seven-inning-long, eight-hit, eight-run ride as the Lutes fell 8-2, giving Linfield the series win.

Things finally went right for Pacific Lutheran in game three. Senior Brian Farman pitched nine full innings and picked up his third win of the year, 5-4. With the game tied at four in the bottom of the ninth inning, sophomore Josh Reiman reached first via a single to center field.

Sophomore catcher Josh Luebke sacrificed Reiman to second base. With one out, freshman sensation Lew England, who is second on the team with a batting average of .351, singled to right field scoring Reiman to win the ball game.

After stopping a four-game slide, the Lutes traveled to Newberg, Ore., to face George Fox University. The Bruins greeted PLU with a 6-0 shutout.

The Lutes managed seven hits in the series opener, with England racking up three of them (part of a 6-11

series), and junior right fielder Rob White rapping two of his own. The loss went to Andres, evening his record at 4-4.

The score was closer in game two, but the result was the same with PLU losing 5-4. Lute sophomore Todd Haberly gave PLU a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning thanks to a three-run home run. Faxon, the game's starting pitcher, found himself in trouble in the bottom of the sixth and was replaced by freshman reliever Dave Janney. George Fox rallied for four runs of its own and handed Janney his first loss.

The series finale saw strong pitching from Farman, who, along with his Bruin counterpart, pitched seven scoreless innings. Senior Jason Both, who played for the first time this season after having knee surgery at the beginning of the year, made a splash by belting a grand-slam homerun in the top of the eighth inning. Both finished the series going 3-5 with a double, two runs scored, and five RBIs. Four runs proved not enough for PLU, as George Fox rallied back. Bruins designated hitter Eric Bell hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the eight, and a three-run 'walk-off' bomb in the bottom of the ninth.

■Next up - The Lutes will be in Walla Walla, Wash., tomorrow in a doubleheader against the Whitman Missionaries. Game time is 1 p.m. PLU finishes up its series on Sunday.



Photo by Josh Miller

Senior Mark Lydell strides out to get on base during a game against Linfield earlier this month. The Lutes won the final game of the three-game series on April 8 and have a 5-10 NWC record.

Lute track and field to host PLU Open Saturday

BY KRISTINA COURTNAGE
Mast assistant sports editor

With the Northwest Conference Championships only two weeks away, the PLU track and field team is kicking into high gear in hopes of a conference championship and will host the PLU Open on Saturday.

The Lutes had several successful competitors over Easter weekend. Junior Chris Bertholf

ran the 400-meter hurdles in a time of 54.89 seconds, winning the event. His time was the fastest in the Northwest Conference so far this year. Bertholf also finished sixth in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 16.32 to singlehandedly lead the men's team to fourth place in the 11-team meet at the Whitworth College Invitational in Spokane.

"I was pleased with my

times," Bertholf said. "(The meet) gave me the confidence I needed to possibly improve this weekend."

The rest of the PLU team competed in the Northwest Relays in Edmonds.

Freshman Lia Ossiander ran the 10,000-meter run in a time of 39 minutes, 46.2 seconds to place first. The time is the third fastest in the Northwest Conference so far this year. "I

really enjoy trying new events," she said. "The 10 K was definitely a challenge but it was neat to try something new."

Senior Ryan Dirks finished first, second and third in the hammer, shot put, and discus, respectively. His hammer throw of 175 feet, 8 inches was nearly 23 feet farther than the nearest competitor.

The men's 4x100-meter relay team finished first place with a time of 42.51 seconds.

Junior Mike Houston finished first in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:56.88.

Freshman Carrie Larsen, competing in the long jump for the first time this season, placed third with a jump of 16 feet, 7.25 inches.

On April 7, the Lutes were in Bellingham to compete at the Ralph Vernacchia Meet hosted by Western Washington University.

The PLU women's team finished the meet in fourth place with 61 2/3 points while the

men finished third with 64 points.

In the 1500-meter run, all six men and four women who ran for PLU earned season bests. Junior Ryan Reed was the fastest PLU finisher with a time of 4:02.4 to place fifth.

For the women, freshman Tracey Goldner finished with a sub five-minute time of 4:59.5 to take fifth place.

Junior Marcus Rismiller also set a season best in the javelin with a throw of 193-0 feet and a first-place finish. His performance is a NCAA III national meet provisional qualifying mark.

Freshman Aaron Binger continued his strong season with a first-place finish and a time of 49.60 in the 400-meter dash.

■Next up - The Lutes are home this weekend to host the Second Annual PLU Open on Saturday. Field events begin at 10 a.m. Ossiander said, "It should be a really fun weekend for everyone."

Men's crew rows in solidarity

BY KRISTINA COURTNAGE
Mast assistant sports editor

The men rowing in the varsity crew boat this year are no amateurs. In fact, all but one of the men on the boat have been rowing together for three years. Junior Bjorn Larsen said, "We know each other, so we're able to just get in the boat. There was no downtime."

The men hope their group cohesion will pay off this weekend at nearby American Lake as they compete against several area schools in the Cascade Sprints. "Hopefully, we'll have a big turnout from PLU (spectators)," Larsen said.

The Lutes got their season off to a quick start on March 31 in the Meyer/Lamberth Cup Race against University of Puget Sound. Though the women were able to win the Lamberth Cup, the men's varsity eight lost the Meyer Cup to UPS with a time of 6:45 compared with the Loggers' time of 6:29.

Last weekend, in a regatta described as "hellacious," the men's and women's varsity teams competed in the San Diego Crew Classic. The men placed sixth in their heat with a time of 6:27 for 2,000 meters. The weather conditions in

San Diego this year prompted officials to cancel racing for six hours when winds began gusting to 25 mph and an outgoing tide made safe rowing impossible. Final races for the PLU men and women were canceled.

During the same weekend, the novice teams competed at the Husky Invitational held in the Montlake Cut at the University of Washington.

The PLU novice women's eight came in third behind Evergreen State and Gonzaga and the novice men came in fourth, beating the varsity men from Lewis & Clark.

The men began their Spring Break training by traveling to Eureka, Calif., to compete in the Blue Heron Redwood Sprints Regatta hosted by Humboldt University. The men took first place in the varsity two, novice four, varsity four,

varsity lightweight four, and varsity eight. Junior Jed Stoken said the boat has come together this year rapidly. "We've made good improvements this year, and I think the last half of the season will go well," he said.

■Next up - The men compete in their own water Saturday morning in the Cascade Sprints at American Lake.

"We know each other so we're able to just get in the boat. There was no downtime."

- Junior Bjorn Larsen

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Women's tennis is staying strong

BY SCOTT MCVICKER
Mast reporter

The Pacific Lutheran University women's tennis team is excited to defend the Northwest Conference crown this weekend at the NWC Championships in what appears to be a three-team battle for the tourney title.

The PLU women closed out their season on April 13 with a 7-2 win over NWC opponent University of Puget Sound and a 6-3 victory two days earlier against non-conference foe Seattle University. Earning important victories for the Lutes were junior Heidi Ruud, freshman Monica Cafferty, freshman Christina Gilman and junior Becky Summerer.

The Lutes traveled to Eastern Washington on April 6-7 and split matches with NWC opponents Whitman College and Whitworth University. "This year is totally different than years past. Teams are beating each other that normally didn't," senior Kalei Kowalski said. She was PLU's No. 1 seed before an ankle injury.

PLU, Linfield and Whitman will be the top three seeds at the NWC tournament. PLU lost to Linfield and split its two matches against Whitman. Linfield

beat PLU and Whitman, but to make matters complicated, lost to fifth-place Whitworth. Regardless of the seeding, the tournament will be a battle, and Linfield and Whitman will try to unseat PLU as the reigning champion. "Going in as defending champions teams will be gunning for us," Kowalski said.

The Lutes currently stand second place in the NWC with a 9-2 mark and 12-6 overall record. Despite the standing, the team knows that the conference champion hasn't been crowned. "We are looking to peak, we are really excited and focused for the chance to become champions again," senior Sofie Tibbling said. "We have four seniors. The ultimate would be to go out on top."

Regardless of the outcome for the Lutes, Tibbling and Kowalski said the season is still a success. "With the new coach, we are satisfied with the team building and chemistry. But we are of course a bit disappointed that we lost two conference matches," Tibbling said.

■Next up—The NWC championships will be held in Yakima, Wash., Friday and Saturday. Match play begins 11:30 a.m. on Friday and the championship match is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Men's tennis wins four straight

BY SCOTT MCVICKER
Mast reporter

The Pacific Lutheran University men's tennis team rides into the Northwest Conference Championships with a four-match winning streak and aspirations to take the title. The Lutes are among the top three favorites in the tournament and are hoping to redeem themselves after a loss in the finals last year to Whitman College.

The Lutes are currently enjoying a four-match winning streak that gives them a 12-6 overall record and 10-1 mark in the conference. Amid the streak, PLU disposed of fourth-place foe University of Puget Sound with a 6-1 victory on April 11. Prior to that, the Lutes had a successful weekend April 6 and 7 when they swept Whitworth and Whitman at PLU.

In competition with defending conference champion Whitman on April 7 the Lute men won 5-2 and avenged their only NWC loss of the season. "We played really well and the team wanted some revenge. We took all the doubles matches and got off to a great start," sophomore Gabriel Svad said. "We were favored here in the outside matches because Whitman plays in an indoor facility. It was a great performance for the entire team."

The Whitman match was so critical for the Lutes because it may determine whether or not the Lutes receive a bid to the

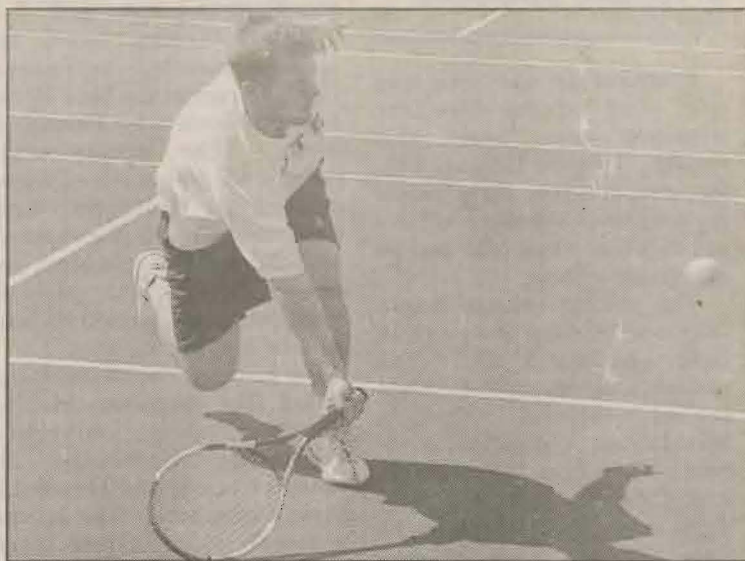


Photo by Heather Bidwell

Sophomore Justin Ochsner digs for a tough ball.

NCAA West Region Tournament scheduled for May 11-13. Coming through with clutch performances in the critical match were junior Tyler Imig, junior Peter Lunoe, freshman Luke Roloff and sophomore Svad, all who won their respective matches for PLU.

The Lutes are currently ranked fourth in the region and should receive a bid to the regional tournament regardless of their performance in the conference championships. Nonetheless, Svad insists, "We are confident that we will be the first seed and win the NWC tournament. Linfield and Whitman will play in the semifinals, and we'll get the winner."

Linfield is statistically atop the NWC with an 11-1 mark, but PLU beat Linfield earlier in the year. The situation gets

complicated when one considers that Linfield beat Whitman and Whitman split its two matches with the Lutes. Such a situation can only be resolved with a coaches' meeting, which will be held before the tournament to determine the seeding.

"We have had a very successful season. We are a very deep and talented team. We intend to play for the conference title and hopefully be healthy to compete and show well in regionals," Svad said. Clearly the Lutes have the privilege of determining just how well they will end the year.

■Next up—The NWC championships will be held in Yakima, Wash., this high schools. Match play begins at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and, depending on weather, the finals match is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

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Going against the best face-off man in the league, Winnberg dominated by winning almost every opportunity and snatching several key ground balls.

Against the University of Montana April 7, the Lutes inched past for the win and a spot in their first Division III playoffs. With lack of players and four inches of snow from the previous night, not to mention the eight-hour drive, the Lutes had a lot to overcome.

However, with frozen fingers and toes, the Lutes came out against Montana in the first quarter with spitfire, scoring six goals right on top.

Montana posed a threat during the second quarter as the team came back with six goals to tie the score at eight. After the snow began to melt in the third quarter, the Lutes warmed back up and took a four-goal lead.

Weariness began to show in the last minutes of play due to the lack of players. Montana again surged back to tie the

score. Sophomore and Montana native Levi Diggs would not be shut down in his home town, however, as he closed the door on Montana with the game-winning goal. "It was a little nerve-racking knowing we only had 12 guys, and they started dropping like flies at the end," Tackitt said. "It was like holding on for dear life."

A plethora of scorers contributed to the playoff-clinching win. Tackitt had five with two assists, Johnson contributed three goals and one assist, senior Rob Resendez had one with

three assists, Henderson came away with three scores and three assists, and Diggs contributed three goals.

The team is looking forward to the postseason because it will give players a chance to have their full squad together. Several of the players who have been out due to injury and other obligations are returning for the match-up with the Cougars. "We've had so many short-handed games; it will be nice to have a few subs," Tackitt said.

Tackitt said the team's strategy will be to take the lead right

away and dominate, not giving the slow Cougars a chance. "When we're full string, we can have a very explosive offense," Tackitt said. "Hopefully we can use those strengths to get a lead on WSU and keep it."

■Next up—Tomorrow the Lutes will begin the first round of playoffs against Washington State University in Pullman. The last time the Lutes faced the Cougars, PLU lost 12-15. The tournament is single elimination, so the Lutes must win all of their playoff bouts.



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George W. Bush took money from the oil companies. That was wrong. Al Gore took money from the Chinese. That was wrong. Alex Rodriguez took money from the Texas Rangers. That was so wrong.

Every baseball season, the Mariners' best shot at a spot in the postseason comes from winning the American League West division. The wild card spot is too random. To win the west, the M's must have a better record than the Oakland Athletics,

Anaheim Angels and Texas Rangers. When Rodriguez left, he pulled a double-whammy on Seattle. He not only took away the team's biggest gun (himself); he

turned it around and pointed it at the M's head by joining Texas.

When Randy Johnson left town, he ended up in the National League by way of Houston and later Arizona thanks to, say it with me, free agency. No problem there, the M's never face the Astros and only face the Diamondbacks a few times a year since inter-league play began.

"That's all A-Rod is, a great player who no longer plays for a great team."

Ken Griffey Jr. left the team to join the Cincinnati Reds, his hometown team. The only time the Mariners will face him again is during a World Series.

A-Rod, on the other hand, will lead the Rangers in an attempt to defeat the Mariners 17 times this season. That's 17 chances for A-

Rod to drop his former team a whole game back behind his new team in the division standings, and that's why (or at least should be why) A-Rod was booed.

Now that that's all figured out, do you boo A-Rod the next time he comes to town? Ultimately, it's up to the fan to decide, but barring him picking a fight with Lou Piniella, Rodriguez deserves applause, just like Tony Gwynn, Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, or any other outstanding player would. That's all A-Rod is, a great player who no longer plays for a great team.

Jason Anspach is a communications major. He lost his voice booing A-Rod, and plans to lose all feeling in his hands giving Ken Griffey Jr. a standing ovation at this year's All-Star Game in Seattle. Think he's wrong? Prove it. Fullcountsports@hotmail.com

Women's crew team explodes into spring season

BY NATHAN SCHOENING
Mast intern

Practices in the rain and cold paid off for the Lute women's crew team this spring. Despite fatigue, blisters and grueling early morning workouts, the women have put together a fast boat and an admirable season.

The racing season began with a scrimmage at American Lake on March 17. The women's varsity eight finished second behind Western Washington University's A-boat. They beat Western's B- and C-boats, and also beat their rival, the University of Puget Sound. They finished

second in the varsity pair and varsity fours race as well.

The following week, the women traveled to Eureka, Calif., to race at the Blue Heron Regatta, hosted by Humboldt State. The varsity eight redeemed themselves, and crossed the finish line first. Coxswain Kristin Hovenkotter said the eight was behind, but eventually caught up to Willamette and passed its boat to take first place.

In Eureka, the Lutes dominated the regatta, beating Seattle Pacific University, Willamette University, St. Mary's College and Humboldt State University. The novice women's eight finished third, beating two Humboldt State

boats on their own course. The combined men and women's team won the overall team award.

The success from the previous weekend carried them to the next weekend, when they raced UPS at the Meyer/Lamberth Cup Races. The varsity eight beat the Loggers by 5 seconds, although they were behind halfway through the race.

"Our sprints are awesome," said Hovenkotter, explaining the come-from-behind victories. The Lutes have won the Lamberth Cup 22 times since 1976, when the race began.

Next, the Lutes raced in the San Diego Crew Classic. The Crew Classic is a huge event

with boats from all across the country.

"It's always fun to go and watch really great crews," Hovenkotter said.

The race in San Diego was a "coxswain's nightmare," Hovenkotter said, who is responsible for steering the 60-foot-long shell. The Lutes raced in windy, rainy conditions that made it hard to row well on the 2000-meter course. At the 250-meter mark, Southern Methodist University left their lane and forced PLU out of their lane and into the buoy line. They clashed oars with Seattle Pacific University next to them and had to stop for a moment. At this point, said Hovenkotter, SPU got

ahead. SPU finished ahead of them and Southern Methodist finished third.

While the varsity team was in San Diego, the novices raced through the Montlake Cut in Seattle at the Husky Invite. They finished third, one second behind Evergreen State College, and 12 seconds behind Gonzaga University. They beat Western and UPS.

"It's all going to come down to this weekend," Hovenkotter said.

■Next up—Tomorrow the Lutes race at Cascade Sprints on American Lake in Tacoma. Directions to the lake, along with other information, can be found at the PLU Crew Web site: www.plu.edu/~crew.

Men's golf hopes to defend NWC championship title

BY HAZEN HYLAND
Mast intern

As the season comes to a close, the men's golf team continues to pursue a national berth with its consistent play heading into next week's Northwest Conference tournament. Last week at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in Oregon (the site where Tiger Woods won his third U.S. Amateur title), the Lutes smashed UPS as well as the rest of the conference opponents.

Uli Heitz, a transfer student from Texas A&M who is originally from Mazabuka, Zambia,

won his third tournament in a row. A sophomore, Heitz shot 74-73. Tyler "Ty-guy"

Kalberg, a junior from Billings, Mont., shot back-to-back 74s with seven birdies for the two-day tournament. He was one shot behind Heitz. To round out the scoring, seniors Zac Thorpe and Andy Diercks shot 152 and 156 respectively for a 7-shot victory over second-place finisher UPS.

"We should go to nationals," Kalberg said. "Besides a little inconsistency at times this year, we seem to be playing pretty well now, or at least

when we need to."

The Northwest Conference Championship will be held at Tokatee Golf Course in Blue River, Ore., April 23-24. Tokatee is the same course where Thorpe took the medalist honors by shooting a 2-under par 214 in the 54-hole event.

Last year the Lutes had the second best scoring average in the West region with the top three scoring teams, getting an automatic berth. However, they didn't qualify because the Lutes did not play 10 different teams throughout the year.

This is a relatively new rule developed in recent years. It also happens to be the same problem the Lutes could run into this year. Their scoring average is just as good, but even a repeat victory in next week's conference championship might not be enough.

Head men's and women's golf coach Gary Cinotto isn't sure if they will qualify, even after calling to remind top officials about their low scoring average. "Supposedly we haven't met the criteria to be ranked yet by not playing enough teams," Cinotto said. "We'll just have to wait until May 1 when they announce the berths."

As for the women's golf team, the trio of Nicole Seeley, Emma Sellen, and Dawn Dixon took fifth through seventh place in the Pacific University Invitational in Banks, Ore., last week. Seeley, from Oregon Episcopal High School in Portland, shot 198

for the two-day tournament, followed closely by Sellen at 199 and Dixon at 201. Led by these three scores, the women's team claimed second for the tournament behind the dominant Linfield team. Linfield has yet to be challenged by any of their NWC foes this season.

This weekend the women travel to Aspen Lakes Golf Club in Sisters, Ore., for the conference championship. The women's golf program placed second last year at the conference tournament, and have placed second four times in the five years of women's golf at PLU.

Tana Grange, a junior from Centralia, Wash., was the Lutes' fourth place finisher last year at the conference tournament. "We are really looking to have some fun this weekend," Grange said. "And play a little golf on the side too."

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The PLU 2010 study commissions have worked this fall preparing background papers to help shape the future of PLU's identity, constituency, and community.

Come gather with the commission members, students, faculty, and staff to respond to background papers, share your opinions and vision, have discussions focused on: Welcoming a diversity of persons and ideas; Fostering campus connections; Lives of service, leadership, and care; and Beyond the Lutedome.

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PLU plans Earth Week activities for campus

BY AMELLIA PARTLOW
Mast reporter

It was here in the Pacific Northwest that a United States senator announced the beginning of a nationwide grassroots demonstration on behalf of the environment. On April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day was observed, and 31 years later, Earth Day is now celebrated all over the world. This holiday marks the beginning of Earth Week, which begins April 23 and concludes April 28.

PLU students who are members of Getting Ready for Environmental Action Now (GREAN), an environmental action group, are organizing an array of Earth Week events on campus.

On Monday, April 23, author William Kittredge will be speaking in Leraas Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m. Kittredge is the author of the book *The Nature of Generosity*, and will be expanding on the issues discussed in his book. A reception and book-signing will follow the presentation.

Tuesday, you may notice a faint stench wafting from Red Square. Beginning at 11:15 a.m. there will be a trash bash. Tuesday, Attila E. Pavlath, President of the American Chemical Society, will speak on the hot topic of alternative energy sources. With rising

energy costs and a shortage of rainfall in the Northwest, many businesses and homeowners are turning to solar and wind energy to provide lower energy costs. Pavlath's lecture will be in Leraas Lecture Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Those who wish to attend should contact the PLU chemistry department by Monday to reserve seats.

A healthy and environmentally friendly dinner will be prepared Wednesday. On the menu will be vegan dishes, meaning the food will not contain animal-product ingredients.

At the dinner will be discussion encouraging sustainable lifestyles. The dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the Harstad ground floor kitchen or outside, weather permitting.

Thursday in Red Square will be an Earth Day celebration sponsored by GREAN. The celebration will begin at 10 a.m. and include a live band, drum circle and representatives from environmental organizations.

Finally, in the true spirit of Earth Week, volunteers will be meeting in Red Square at 8:30 a.m. to travel to the Bresemann Forest.

The volunteers will be cleaning the forest and nearby creek. Those interested should contact Jessica McFarland or Lia Ossiander at 535-6254.

University to cease using Social Security numbers on Lutecards

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast senior reporter

"You asked! We listened!" is the slogan the University task force on student identification is using to inform students that as of July 16, their Social Security numbers will not be their student identification numbers.

Phyllis Meyerhoff, a Student Life administrative associate spearheading the task force, said the new ID cards will have an eight-digit ID number that is randomly generated.

"The new cards will have a new design and the university will not charge for the new card," Meyerhoff said. "We will use the picture that is on the old ID card, but if you want a new picture, we will charge for that."

The new cards will be available July 16, and students, staff and faculty will be sent their new numbers. Erik DeBower, programs analyst, said students can pick them up in the fall.

"Unless students are taking summer classes, it is not critical they pick up their new card," DeBower said. "Cards should be picked up before school starts for fall semester, though."

Meyerhoff said that over the summer, the offices of Residential Life, Student Services, Financial Aid and the Registrar are going to be relabeling students' files. The labels are going to have the student's name, his or her Social Security number and their new ID number.

Meyerhoff said that the university has been talking about changing the ID numbers for several years now, but the old version of Banner would not support the change.

DeBower said that all students, even international students, will be given new ID numbers.

"The old ID cards that alumni have will still be accepted at football and basketball games," DeBower said.

Along with new ID numbers, the cards will also have a new barcode for the library. Over the summer, the library will be switching its computer software.

"To save people time, when they come to pick up their ID card, the new bar code will already be on the ID cards," DeBower said.

Meyerhoff said that Valerie Seeley, director of the LuteCard Office, is the point person for the card's new design.

"The LuteCard Office will be printing 7,000 new ID cards for students, faculty, staff and recent alumni," Meyerhoff said.

To get the word out to the PLU about the card change, Meyerhoff said that notices will be sent out in financial aid information and will be printed in the pamphlet that explains student's financial aid offers.

"We will be utilizing every mode of communication that we can think of to gain attention," Meyerhoff said. "We will send out notices over the summer via e-mail and also regular mail so it is important that we have the most current address for students."

To put in a change of address or make sure the university has the most current address, students can go to the Student Services center and fill out a change of address form.

The faculty and staff were made aware of the change in their last paycheck.

"In the last staff and faculty paycheck, we included a little blue notice that informed them about their new cards," said Urbanec, associate director of human resources.

Urbanec said she is excited about being involved with this project.

"It is a fun committee to be on, and it is nice that the university is being proactive instead of reactive," Urbanec said. "We heard students and faculty say that they want this change to be made so to be a part of that change and knowing we are responding to requests is nice."

Sheri Tonn, vice president of finance and operation, implemented the task force in the fall.

Along with Meyerhoff, DeBower, Sealey, and Urbanec, the task force includes Ardy's Curtis, administrative associate; Karla Jones, special projects accountant; Julia Pomerenk, registrar; Chris Sanders, director of administrative computing; Valerie Seeley, director of LuteCard information desk; Kay Soltis, director of Financial Aid; Lennie Sutton, systems analyst; and Layne Nordgren, director of multimedia and library systems.



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Foss Fest ... Megan Swanson, Joey Colson, Adam Reed, Kate Schroeder, Ike "Stinky" Brandt and Joel Soden head for Olson to celebrate a weather-modified Foss Fest.

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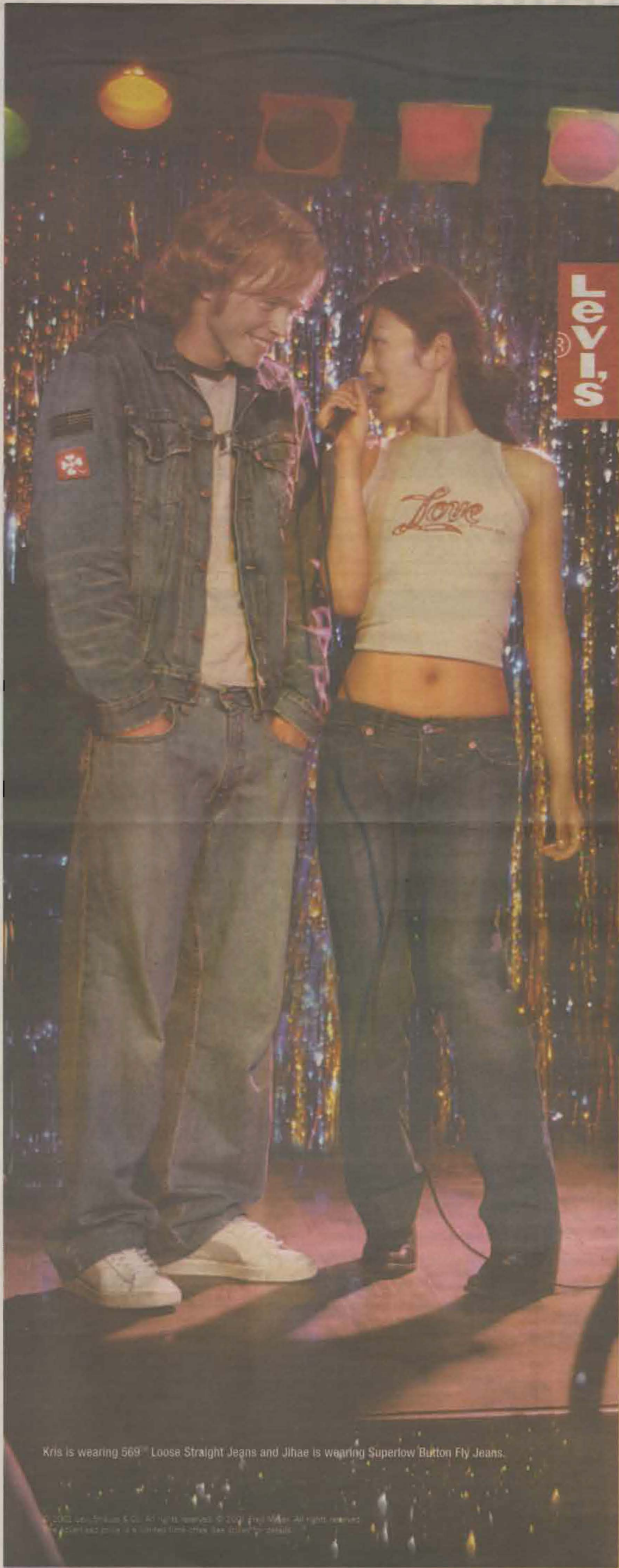


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