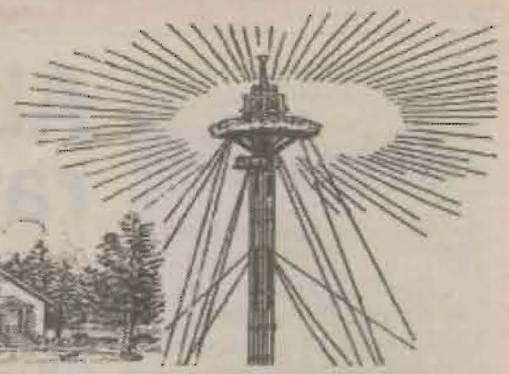




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## Orientation takes first-years on the road

**STEPHANIE MATHIEU**  
Mast assistant news editor

The first-year orientation program involved a new approach to familiarizing new students with PLU and its surrounding areas Saturday.

The "On the Road" orientation program took student groups off campus, involving them in a wide variety of activities of their choice. There were four major categories: nature, sports, culture and volunteer work.

"The commitment to the university is educating students not just in the classroom but outside of the classroom," Eva Johnson, interim director of Student Involvement and Leadership, said.

On one of these trips, first-year Kate Kuhn went to the Tacoma Art Museum. One of her favorite parts about the trip

was seeing the works of Andy Goldsworthy, a temporary artist there, she said.

Goldsworthy organized leaves and twigs as well as carved ice. "He would arrange his art using natural supplies and then he took pictures of them," Kuhn said. "His stuff would only last about 20 minutes while he took a whole bunch of pictures of them."

Visiting another museum, orientation guides Stephanie Serventi, operations manager for residential life, and Jaime Skarshaug, an SIL intern, took new students to the Museum of Flight in Seattle.

Skarshaug said the highlight of the tour was getting to see the Concord. "It's no longer in service, but it's the fastest plane in the world," she said.

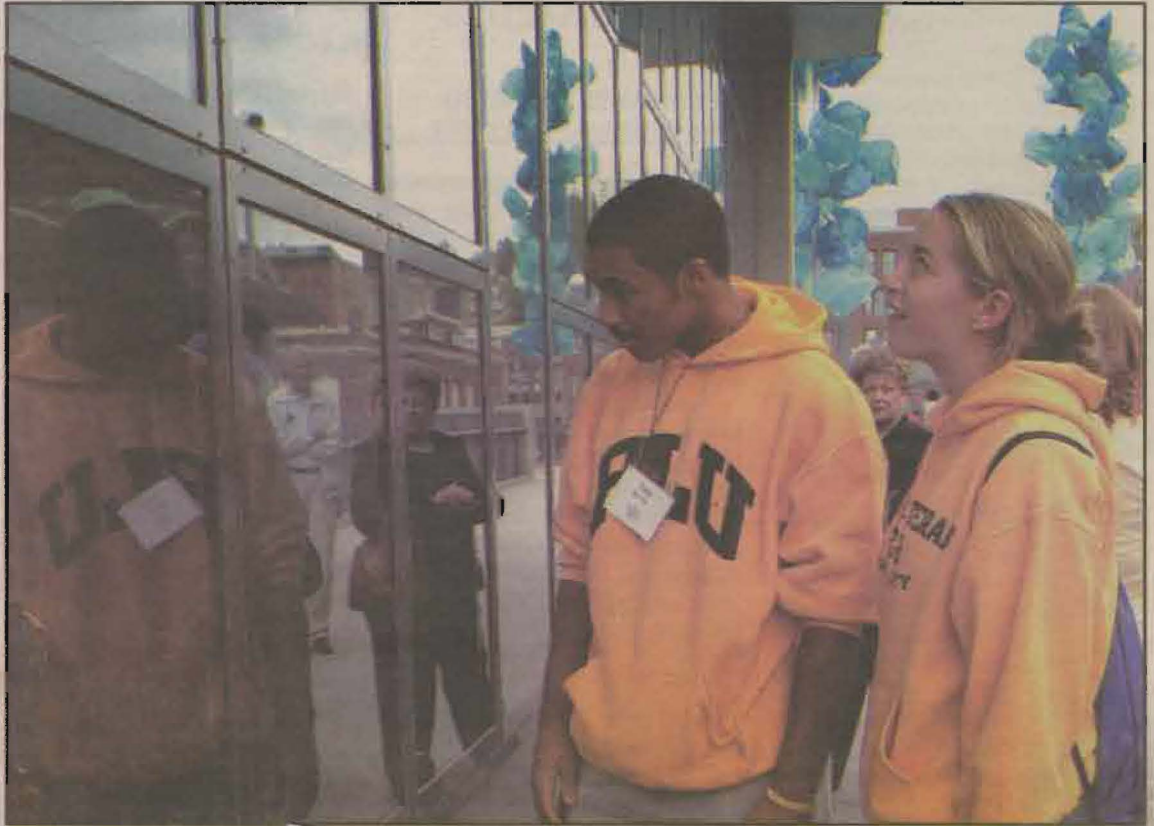


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Troy Benson and an unidentified fellow first-year check out an exhibit at Tacoma's Museum of Glass. A new orientation format called "On the Road" gave first-year students the opportunity to leave campus and explore the areas surrounding PLU.

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The developer's conception of the facade for the proposed retail center on Garfield Street. The renovation would include retail tenants as well as the PLU bookstore.

## Pacific Avenue and Garfield Street Projects: COMING TOGETHER

**JULIET MIZE**  
Mast news editor

First-years take note: big changes are coming to PLU by 2006.

The administration at PLU has been working on several plans to improve the campus and its surrounding areas, including major construction projects on Pacific Avenue and Garfield Street.

In cooperation with the Pacific Avenue Task Force, Pierce Transit and the Washington State Department of Transportation, PLU has

been working on a project to improve the Pacific Avenue Corridor from State Route 512 to Mount Rainier.

The WSDOT has planned to improve Pacific Avenue for some time, but businesses and citizens along Pacific Avenue were unsatisfied with the rather minimalist plans for enhancement, Sheri Tonn, vice president of finances and operations, said. The WSDOT planned to improve lighting, vegetation and pedestrian access to the highway, but did not include much in the way of aesthetic development.

The enhancements to Pacific Avenue, as planned by the Task Force, include sidewalks, crosswalks, curbs and gutters, benches, street lights with room for banners and hanging baskets, pedestrian lighting and improved landscaping on either side of the road.

The plan put forth by the Task Force is considerably more expensive than the Department of Transportation's plan. To offset the cost of the additional improvements, Pierce County has applied for a grant from the state, and the Task Force has gathered donations from mer-

chants and property owners along Pacific Avenue. The University has pledged \$9,000 to the project, Tonn said.

The application for the grant should be reviewed within a few months and the Task Force is "pretty optimistic" that the grant will be approved, Tonn said.

If the grant is approved, construction on Pacific Avenue would begin in 2005 and is expected to take less than a year to complete.

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## A note to our readers

Over the summer, the editors at *The Mast* redesigned the look of the newspaper. All of the fonts have been updated and some of our style rules have changed. Most importantly, however, are the changes we've made to the logo on the front page.

We are commemorating the 80th anniversary of *The Mast* by using the logo design from the very first issue of the newspaper—with a few changes. The original logo bore the title "The Mooring Mast," which was the official name of the newspaper until a few years ago. We've changed the title to reflect the changes to our name.

However, the rest of the masthead remains the same as it was 80 years ago.

Two drawings accompany the logo. The first is a drawing of the area surrounding Harstad Hall as it appeared in 1924. The two small buildings pictured on either side of Harstad no longer exist.

The drawing that appears to the right of the logo is the actual mooring mast, from which our newspaper takes its name. The mooring mast was a tower built to secure the U.S. Navy dirigible Shenandoah, which spent some time at nearby Fort Lewis.

The editors at *The Mast* would like to thank Jacob Freeman at the PLU Archives for his generous assistance with the logo redesign project.

We hope you'll enjoy the improvements to *The Mast*. Wishing you a fruitful year at PLU,  
*The Mast*



## Briefly...

National, international

**Bush, Kerry Locked in on the November ballot:** President George W. Bush and Sen. John Kerry are confirmed contenders in the November presidential election. Both received the nominations of their respective parties at conventions in July and August. Kerry accepted the Democratic nomination on July 29. "America can do better. And help is on the way," Kerry said. Bush's acceptance speech focused on the aftermath of Sept. 11 and the War in Iraq. "We will prevail. Our strategy is succeeding," he said. At press time, America's Independent candidate, Ralph Nader, will be on the ballot in 20 states.

**Charley and Frances make their mark on Florida:** Florida residents suffered two major hurricanes in late August and early September. Hurricane Frances made landfall Friday on Florida's eastern coast, just three weeks after Florida's west coast was battered by Hurricane Charley. Both storms caused the closure of airports and tourist destinations throughout the state and caused power shortages for millions of residents. The two hurricanes left more than 30 dead. President Bush has asked congress for \$2 billion in emergency aid to Florida residents.

**Olympic Games return to Athens:** Scoring errors and allegations of steroid use were the highlight of this summer's Olympics. American gymnast Paul Hamm's all-around gold medal appeared as though it was in jeopardy after South Korean bronze medalist Yang Tae-young questioned Hamm's score. A total of seven medals were revoked after athletes tested positive for doping. Three of those were gold medals. American athletes earned 103 medals in all, 35 gold. China closely followed with 92 medals, 27 of them gold.

**Rebels take school hostage, kill more than 335:** After a three-day standoff, Chechen separatists detonated explosives in a school gymnasium in Beslan, Russia, killing more than 335 hostages. Most of the hostages were children. Over 100 hostages are still unaccounted for. The tragedy is the latest in a series of terrorist attacks in Russia, and occurred days after two Russian airplanes crashed nearly simultaneously. The double crash was also blamed on Chechen rebels, who have carried out more than a dozen terrorist attacks against Russia in the last year.

# Abundant summer enrollment rates provoke housing changes

## Residential Life converts lounges into rooms, drops cancellation fees to make space for students

**STEPHANIE MATHIEU**  
Mast assistant news editor

A housing shortage seemed likely for the 2004-2005 academic year due to a high rate of continuing and new students. However, members of the PLU administration took measures this summer to make the housing crunch less problematic.

Last year, PLU saw record-breaking enrollment rates, a trend that has continued this year. There was more than a 7 percent increase in first-year applications received by the admissions office, as well as an increase in the amount of transfer students enrolled at PLU as of Sept. 7.

"What it came down to was more students ended up accepting the offer than anticipated," Heather Liv Melver, associate director of admissions, said. "We are really able to target students that are good fits for PLU."

This summer, once deposits were returned from prospective future students, both the admissions office and residential life noticed they might have a problem.

"Cancellations occur throughout the summer although it can be hard to forecast how many, when and where they will occur," Tom Huelsbeck, assistant dean for campus life and director for residential life, said. This became apparent when only three potential first-years cancelled their enrollment between the time deposits were made and the time students matriculated on campus.

Due to low cancellation, housing at one point was over-booked by 24 beds, Huelsbeck said. By the time school actually

started, that number was nearly cut in half because of some quick changes made by Residential Life.

One of these changes was converting hall lounges into resident rooms. A third-floor lounge in Plueger and a second-floor lounge in Stuen are now triple-occupancy rooms, and a third-floor lounge in Foss has been converted into a quad. The Foss lounge also functioned as a room in 1997 when the residential life staff was in a similar position, Huelsbeck said.

First-year Jeff Danforth lives in the quad in Foss. He and his three roommates all applied later than usual, either at the end of July or beginning of August. He said during the last

week of August he was notified he would be living in a quad.

As far as sharing a room with three other people, Danforth said, "I think everybody was a little worried at first." But so far he said everyone seems to be getting along. The only downfall he said he noticed about his room was that it had no locks when he first moved in.

Another measure taken by Residential Life was placing some first-year students with continuing students.

"We usually try to avoid matching traditional-aged new students with continuing students, however we did do this in a few instances this year due to

limited housing," Huelsbeck said.

The residential life staff also called as many enrolled students as possible to make sure they would still be attending PLU in the fall. They also waived the cancellation fee for students looking to move off campus even after signing housing contracts.

The last change occurred in Hong International Hall where a wing previously designated for language students was changed to house 12 core II students.

Many speculate the numbers of students attending PLU will drop by the tenth day of schooling, Melver said. At that time, admissions will gather a final count on how many students are actually enrolled.

Last year, PLU saw record-breaking enrollment rates, a trend that has continued this year.

## Heightening application rate

### First-year rates

	2003-2004	2004-2005	Percent difference
<b>Number applied</b>	1,973	2,117	+ 7.3
<b>Number admitted</b>	1,575	1,556	- 1.2
<b>Number of deposits sent</b>	706	706	0
<b>Number enrolled</b>	700	703	+ .4

### Transfer rates

	2003-2004	2004-2005	Percent difference
<b>Number applied</b>	828	946	+ 14.3
<b>Number admitted</b>	573	675	+ 17.8
<b>Number of deposits sent</b>	315	345	+ 9.5
<b>Number enrolled</b>	294	316	+7.5

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# Non-profit group surprises, honors co-founder

**STEPHANIE MATHIEU**  
Mast assistant news editor

Not only is Sherri Tonn a busy PLU administrator, she is the namesake of a hearty sea vessel as well.

Citizens for a Healthy Bay, a local non-profit group, unveiled the Sherri T on Thea Foss Waterway this summer in honor of Tonn, the group's treasurer and PLU's vice president of finance and operations.

Tonn co-founded CHB in 1990 and has been actively involved with the group ever since. Five years ago, a boat was donated to the group, but the old boat was bulky, wooden and in constant need of repairs.

"It's like an old car—you have it in the shop more than

on the water," Bob Stivers, vice president of CHB and professor of religion at PLU, said.

To fix their problem, CHB members made a plan to raise \$30,000 for a new patrol boat and name it after Tonn as a way to honor her services.

The name of the new 20-foot mariner was kept secret from Tonn for four months while funds were being raised to purchase it.

Tonn was asked to do the honor of unveiling the vessel and said she was surprised at the audience turnout for the event. She had not made the unveiling seem like a huge deal to her husband, Jeff, so she said it was strange to see him there.

Once she saw PLU President Loren Andersen and his wife in the audience, she said she had

an idea something was going on.

Tonn never thought to see her name on the side of a boat. "It was a total surprise to me...I'm not used to people being able to pull one over on me."

"She is very inquisitive," Executive Director of CHB, Stan Cummings, said in regard to Tonn. "Many said we could not pull it off. We did."

Since the 1980's, Tonn has actively expressed concerns for cleaning up the bay. Through CHB, members are able to keep an eye on any pollutants entering Tacoma waters and educate citizens about the ecological health of Washington state's waters.

Stivers said naming their mariner after Tonn was "a much-deserved honor. She has been one of the leading environmentalists in terms of Tacoma's harbor," he said.

The new boat will further improve the environment of Thea Foss Waterway and surrounding areas. It is smaller and it can travel in water as shallow as two feet, allowing it to travel up the Puyallup River. The old boat could not accomplish this task.

The members of CHB raised more than the needed \$30,000 for the boat, so there was enough money left over to buy equipment for the mariner, such as life jackets and flares.

"I'm thrilled they could use my name and get people to donate any money," Tonn said. "It's neat to have a boat out there with my name on it. It better not sink."



Photo by Andy Sprain

**New beginnings:** Tonn christens Sherry T along the Thea Foss Waterway in Tacoma. The patrol boat will be better equipped than the last to maneuver the waters.



Photo by Andy Sprain

**Surprise:** Tonn reacts only seconds after unveiling CHB's new patrol boat, revealing her name. The name of the boat was kept secret from her for four months.

## Initiative aims to raise awareness

Alcohol, sex issues brought to light

**LAURA ZAICHKIN**  
Mast copy editor

The Student Life Council strives to continue student health education with a health and wellness initiative the 2004-2005 academic year.

The initiative will increase awareness and improve health issues that are prevalent on campus. These issues include alcohol use, poor sleep habits, sexual assault and eating disorders. Student Life Council, with support from other campus organizations including Live It, the Wellness Center, ASPLU and RHA, hopes students will develop healthy habits and look out for one another's safety by promoting awareness of these problems.

PLU already supports many programs that will aid the initiative. "We need to keep doing the things we're doing well," Kathleen Farrell, assistant dean of students and council member, said. These programs include the wellness challenge, LuteLoop, Campus Sex and spring break kits.

In addition to the traditional programs, the council hopes to include peer education and passive education, such as posters and *The Daily Flyer* ads. The council also hopes to partner with local businesses in order to gain incentives such as non-alcoholic beverages for designated drivers.

Farrell said she hopes this year's initiative creates a strong foundation for following years, covering all health and wellness problems and finding means toward solutions. "It's the first time in seven years that we've looked at the big picture," Farrell said.

Kathleen Farrell  
Assistant Dean  
of Students

Farrell said the council wants to find out if there is interest in the initiative. Over the summer, online surveys were sent out with minimal response. There was also a health and wellness summit in July and another is planned for Sept. 21. "We wanted to find out if there is interest here," Farrell said.

The council is also researching grant funding opportunities which would allow for an expensive campus health assessment. An assessment would find the PLU health norms, as well as norms on all college campuses.

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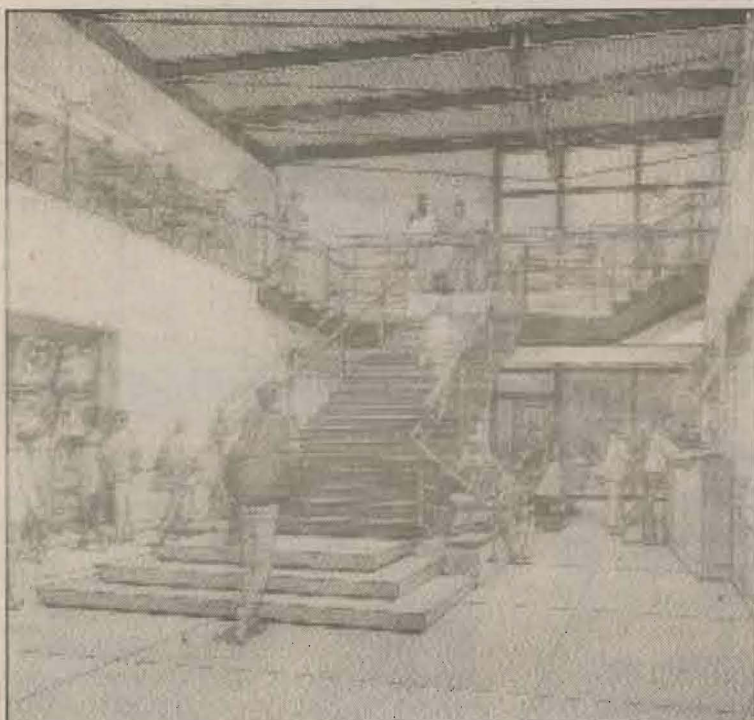
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## Morken Center update



The developer's conception of the atrium and coffee shop in the future Morken Center, which is expected to be completed in June 2006.

**JULIET MIZE**  
Mast news editor

The final totals from last year's Campaign for PLU fundraiser have been calculated, and the money is pouring in. The campaign raised more than \$128 million for upcoming construction and renovation projects around campus.

A large portion of the total funds—\$19.6 million—has been earmarked for The Morken Center for Learning and Technology. Construction for The Morken Center is expected to begin in the first week of January 2005 and should be completed in June 2006.

The Morken Center will be located behind Rieke Science Center on lower campus and

Total funds raised in the Campaign for PLU: more than \$128 million

will include faculty offices, computer labs and workshops, classrooms and an atrium with a coffee shop and café. There will also be rooms for public events and conferences, plus team workrooms for student use.

## Two days to relax at mid-semester

**LAINÉ WALTERS**  
Mast editor-in-chief

The PLU community will get an extended breather this fall as mid-semester break expands to two days instead of one, held Oct. 21 and 22.

The initial expansion was proposed by a professor at the May 2003 faculty conference, but did not make it into the printed calendar.

"People couldn't find a reason not to (approve an extra day off)," Provost James Pence said.

Pence said he hopes word of mouth will spread the news.

The Provost said two days to

recoup from two month's worth of pressures is a healthy thing to do. "It's a question of how much our bodies can take," as well as the rhythm of learning, Pence said.

The university runs programming 50 weeks out of the year, which is more than most schools.

He would not predict whether this year's expansion would start a trend toward taking more time off, but said the question was worth reflection.

The faculty is in charge of suggesting and approving amendments to the calendar.



Photo by Brian Bradshaw

A multi-lingual banner signifies Hong International Hall. The new academic and cultural community, which is home to five languages and international core students, celebrated its grand opening this week.

## International Hall brings students, cultures together

### Grand opening of Hong International Hall welcomes students of all origins

**STEPHANIE MATHIEU**  
Mast assistant news editor

A wing devoted to international core II students was added to the new Hong International Hall due to a shortage of Spanish students participating in the program and PLU being tight on housing for the 2004-2005 academic year.

This new third floor wing is co-ed and houses mostly first-year students enrolled in INTC 111, although there are some Spanish rooms on the wing. Two wings were allotted for the Spanish and French languages, since they are predominantly taught in high school.

However, the second Spanish wing didn't fill completely.

Last year, there was "a big number of continuing students

who really, really wanted to be there," said Tom Huelsbeck, assistant dean for campus life and director for residential life. There were not as many applicants as he had hoped, he said.

The solution to add an international core wing seems to be working, at least for first-year Tamara Power-Drutis. "The whole wing is people who are in most of my classes, so it's neat," she said.

Some of the activities the wing plans to do include watching foreign films and cooking foreign dishes together.

Another positive about living in the wing is that students get to travel to other wings where a specific foreign language is spoken. Power-Drutis said when she goes to other wings, students approach her as if she is a part of that wing, speaking to

The whole hall is for people to launch into study abroad.

Tamara Power-Drutis  
first-year

her in a different language. "The whole hall is for people to launch into study abroad," Power-Drutis said.



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Once Pacific Avenue is enhanced, the benefit to PLU and its students would be substantial, Tonn said.

"I've heard many people, as they've driven up Pacific Avenue to PLU, say, 'this is awful, do I really want to go here?'" Tonn said.

Improvements to the highway would provide prospective students with a more positive first impression of the university and current students would feel safer on Pacific Avenue with better lighting and more crosswalks.

"If it feels safer, it is safer," Tonn said. "This is going to be a huge improvement."

The plans put forth by the Task Force also include moving the Route 1 bus stop from Park Avenue to Pacific Avenue, a difference of about three blocks. The longer walk may irritate users of public transportation, but it would also provide the opportunity to visit an enhanced retail area on Garfield Street, which should be completed by 2006.

Last year PLU bought the retail development on the corner of Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue. The property was previously occupied by a thrift store and other small businesses. Over the summer, the thrift store was demolished, paving the way for new businesses.

Seattle-based Lorig Associates is in charge of developing the retail space and is in



Photo by Andy Sprain

The development on the corner of Garfield Street and Pacific Avenue, before it was demolished to make room for a new retail center.

the process of searching for retail tenants.

The biggest potential tenant of the planned development would be the PLU bookstore, now located in the University Center. The plans for the new bookstore have space for two floors and twice the square footage of the bookstore in the University Center, making room for an expanded selection of books and clothing. However, the

primary consideration in moving the bookstore is keeping the cost of textbooks low, Tonn said.

The retail development on Garfield Street would also have room for a parking lot, a central plaza with outdoor seating and possibly a fountain.

Another element of the project would include narrowing Garfield Street itself.

"Traffic moves too fast on Garfield," Tonn said. Making

the street narrower would help to slow traffic and make the area safer for pedestrians.

Once the renovation is complete, the developer will manage the retail spaces. But because PLU owns the property, a portion of the retail profits will be returned to the PLU endowment fund.

All of the plans for the renovation are still subject to approval by the Board of Regents. The Regents' priorities, when considering the renovation plans, will be the best interests of the students and the campus community, keeping textbook prices low, and ensuring that the retail spaces return money to PLU's endowment, Tonn said.

The Board of Regents is expected to make a decision within a few months. As with the Pacific Avenue project, the Regents are expected to approve the construction on Garfield Street. If the plans are approved, construction would begin next fall. The project would be completed within two years.

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"The (students) in our group were interested in aviation," Serventi said. "These trips give students a chance to interact outside of classes through groups that interest them."

Closer to home, tour guide

M a t t L a m s m a , associate director for residential life, took a group of 18 new students going on the PLU golf course. They organized three teams and played a scramble, where the players swing from the furthest hit ball. This moved

the game from an individual to a team sport, allowing students to get better acquainted.

Lamsma said the event allowed students to "connect again with a group of students who don't live down the hall from them or who aren't in their JAM groups."

In the event's first year, "On the Road" drew about 500 participants and required the help of 102 faculty and student hosts. "It was a really tough

event to pull together," Program Specialist Jaime Rice said. "(The hosts) were great. They got information last minute and they pulled it off."

Planning for the event started at the beginning of last summer, when the SIL staff learned they would have a day free during orientation. The extra day

"allowed us a time to do something we've wanted to do for many years," Johnson said.

Assistant Dean of Students Kathleen Farrell and SIL intern Kristin Singer proceeded to plan "On the Road" with a number of

goals in mind. These included giving "new students the opportunity to meet faculty, staff, new students and continuing students with similar interests," Farrell said. She also thought the event was a good way to show new students the Puget Sound area and some fun activities they can participate in year-round.

"I think it was a huge, huge success," Farrell said.

I think it was a really tough event to pull together. (The hosts) were great. They got information last-minute and they pulled it off.

Jaime Rice,  
Program specialist

**Ordal gets a makeover**

STEPHANIE MATHIEU  
Mast assistant news editor

Ordal Hall was remodeled over the summer as part of a plan to update one hall each year.

One hall is typically renovated each summer. Stuen hall was remodeled summer 2003 and there is still no word on what hall will be updated next summer. Ordal Hall was chosen mostly due to plumbing problems.

In addition to fixing the plumbing, new paint, lights and

mattresses were added to the hall, and a second Ethernet port was put in every room. To improve the appearance outside the building, a more productive irrigation system was set up for the plants and shrubs.

According to Tom Huelsbeck, assistant dean for campus life and director for residential life, most of the money used to renovate the hall went into fixing the plumbing. "It takes a lot of money but it isn't something that's really visible," he said.

**Area college student dating self**

THINGS ARE REALLY STARTING TO HEAT UP



Eric Peterson, top, has one of many romantic dinners with himself at their favorite restaurant.

By LISA CHENEY

Local college student Eric Peterson recently announced that he's entered a committed relationship—with himself. Peterson vehemently denied rumors that the two were dating other people. "We're totally committed to each other. We've never been happier." When asked what prompted the campus heartthrob to take himself off the market, he chalked it up in large part to his current financial situation, claiming that monthly fees from his checking account were making it too expensive for him to date around. "It was partly a

cost-effective decision on my part, but it's been really nice for us to spend more time together." Peterson was apparently unaware of Free Checking from Washington Mutual. It's an account with no monthly

fees and the option to add Deluxe services like free online bill pay. And he could have gotten Free Checking just by visiting a Washington Mutual Financial Center, then signed up for online bill pay at wamu.com. "Dang," said Peterson, "if

I had known about Free Checking Deluxe, my current dating situation would be different. I probably wouldn't have settled down with someone so soon."

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From the editor

## On the Road... to meeting our goals

I couldn't believe my eyes when I found the "On the Road" registration while browsing the PLU Web site in preparation for a new school year at *The Mast*.

The idea is such a good one.

I wish PLU had worked harder to integrate me into the larger community from day one through volunteer or recreational activities, wish it had lovingly pushed me to see the sights beyond the dreary strip of Pacific Avenue that made me want to hide in my room.

As a senior, I would still jump on the opportunity to see the Parkland/Tacoma area with a guide more passionate and knowledgeable about their community than my eye-blink residency of three years can provide me.

The 38 activities provided over 700 tickets to involvement with everything ranging from biking Point Defiance with Outdoor Recreation to a visit to the Tacoma Art Museum.

"On the Road" was created specifically as a way for first-year students to meet staff, faculty and each other based on shared interests, but also to have their first college introduction to the Tacoma area. Student Involvement and Leadership has stumbled onto a golden nugget with "On the Road" and should continue the program next year, whatever the logistical nightmare and prohibitive cost.

"On the Road" holds PLU closer to its ideals of community involvement by highlighting going out into the community with a place in the orientation schedule. Too often, I feel the "community" the PLU administration so often talks about never extends past campus property. We seem to prefer that students remain on campus where our own programming should more than meet their social, emotional and physical needs.

Maybe a strong connection with the community is there in the bigger, long-term vision, but as a student, it took at least two years and a semester in a foreign country for Tacoma to feel like home. I know it is hard for students to adjust to a home away from home. While I got a Pierce County library card my first year, I just subscribed to *The News Tribune* last week and still have never gone to the Tacoma Art Museum.

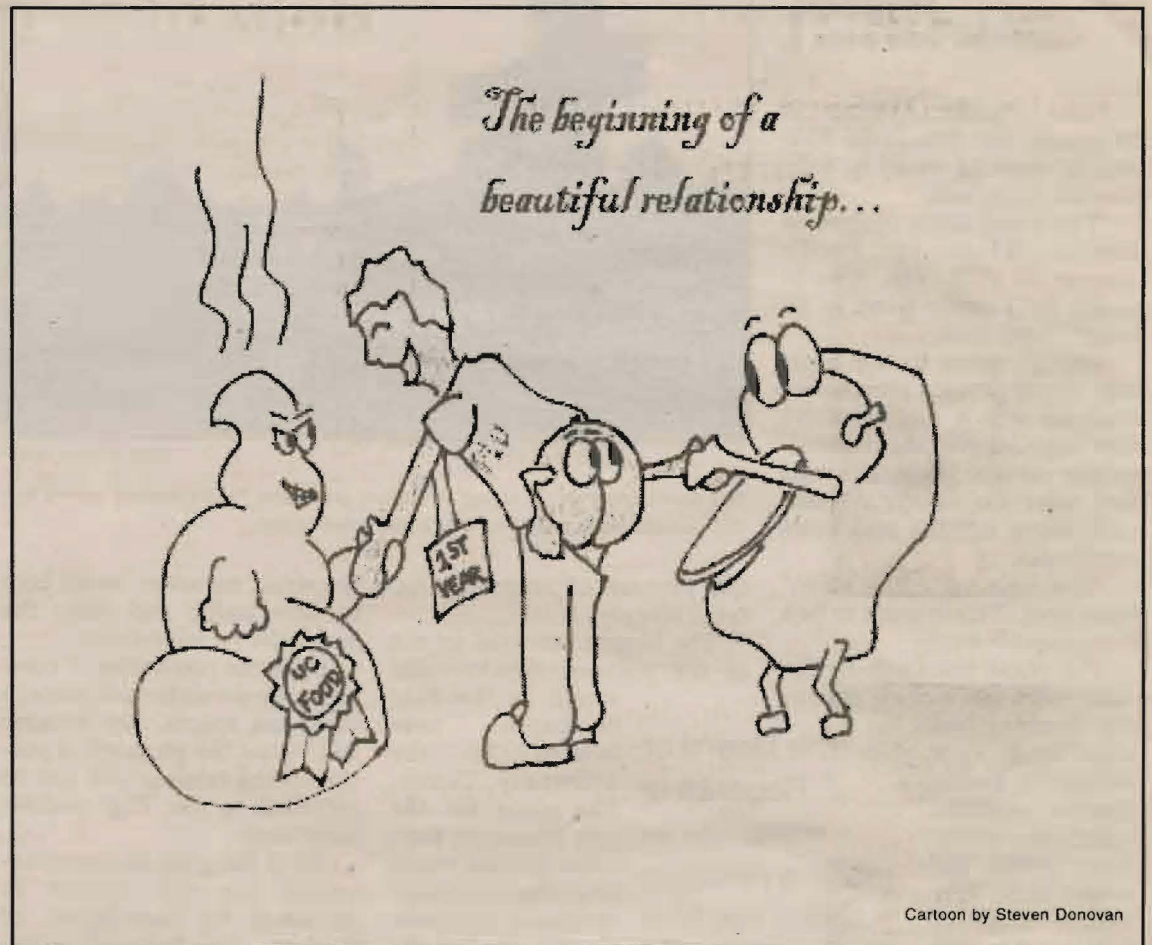
Kristin Singer, the "On the Road" student coordinator, said students will be more comfortable going out into the community beyond the finely-hedged grass of campus sooner if events like "On the Road" continue. I agree. Seniors often express regrets that they had plugged into the surrounding community earlier than they did.

"On the Road's" volunteer sessions were among the most successful, according to Singer, and that is a heartening thing to hear. One student who visited a museum said the trip changed his mind about the stereotypes of Tacoma.

Institutional connections created by "On the Road" programming can lead to new internship and volunteer opportunities, bonds that last longer than a single Saturday. It can lead to better admissions plugs for Tacoma recreation and things to do on the weekends.

While "On the Road" will probably remain a strictly orientation activity if it continues, and I hope it will, events held year-round can serve the same purpose.

I visited Point Defiance Park on Monday as my own little "On the Road," inspired by the real one. The lapping of Puget Sound waves helped calm me down from the stress of preparing *The Mast* for the new school year. The peace and connectedness to the community that the experience gave me is a necessary part of a Lute's life, and not necessarily something we can always get on campus. I commend PLU for always being on the road in improvements in Student Life.



Letter to the editor

## Republicans make mockery of Christian justice issues

The proceedings of the Republicans in New York City last week initially left me shocked and angry. I am also saddened by what I saw and heard at their convention: national leaders spewing venom on their opponent like I have never heard before. Men who called themselves, or identified with George W. Bush as, compassionate conservatives turned the cheering crowd into a display of nationalistic frenzy.

What I saw and heard was neither compassionate nor conservative. As an American, I expect more from my national leaders. As a man of faith, I expect truthfulness, fairness, justice and a large dose of humility. From my living room, I heard none of it. Only half-truths, distorted "facts" proclaimed with unwarranted pride to win the vote.

The vicious attacks by Zell Miller and Dick Cheney cast an appalling, unseen darkness over the convention. The buffoonery of Arnold Schwarzenegger was neither cute, nor funny, nor enlightening.

As an Orthodox Christian, my understanding of compassion is grounded in the person of Christ and that understanding does not dwell or focus on fear. Fear and the arousal to fear is not what the Christian

faith is about. It is not what America is about.

Playing upon the tragedies of 9/11 for political gain is deplorable! Stretching the truth in the name of truth is unacceptable!

From beginning to end, the Republicans from the President down chanted one litany over and over again: we are in danger. You should be afraid and we can save you. Oh, these weren't their exact words, but that was their intent. Compassion demands that issues be addressed, that the truth be told and solutions be found. Otherwise, it is nothing but a mockery of the word and the One who lived it.

Within the last year, 1.5 million more Americans are now in poverty and 1.3 million more Americans, many of whom are children, are without health insurance.

Over the past three years, record numbers of Americans have been swamped by credit card debt, trying to support and provide for their families. Bankruptcies are approaching an all time high. Veterans' benefits have been cut. Hospitals have been closed. More soldiers will return from Iraq suffering post-traumatic stress syndrome caused by prolonged tours of duty under impossible conditions. How and where will they

receive treatment? The horrific images from Iraqi and Afghan prisons haunt us, while only the lowest ranked soldiers have been held accountable. The final report called for accountability from the top down! And finally, the "miscalculations" George W. Bush reluctantly admitted to have left over 14,000 Iraqi citizens dead with thousands more seriously injured. No.

This war is not just about our war dead, well over 1,000 if the truth were known, but the death and suffering of the Iraqi people. It's also about American families under unbearable stress, having their loved ones in harm's way and unable to provide for their families' needs.

Poverty, lack of health insurance, bankruptcies, trauma, abuse, miscalculations, death and suffering were never mentioned by the Republicans in New York. Yet they deluded themselves with their own distorted reality while puffing themselves up with pride over their minimal accomplishments for the past three-and-one-half years. They wrapped themselves in the American flag and blessed themselves. I am appalled!

Scott Miller  
Citizen at large

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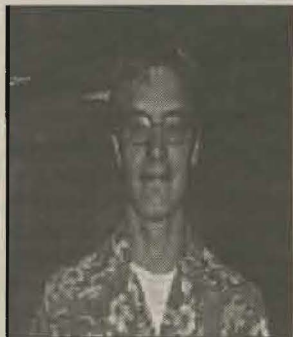
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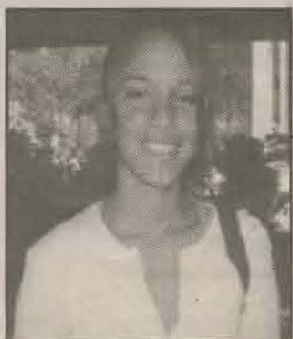
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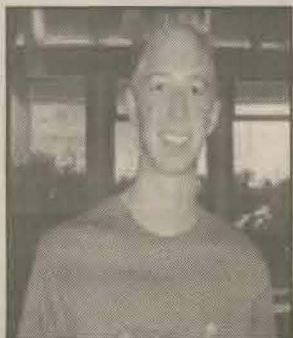
"A toy store—with nerf guns"

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"A co-op grocery store—the nearest is in Seattle."

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"Starbucks. (The others chime in and agree.) I'm lacking in Frappacino. I'm quite religious about my Starbucks."

Sophomore Kendra Jeffrey (Left) with sophomore friends Anne Jacobson and Shiela Jones

## Hold onto those grandparents

I recently lost my nana, my mother's mother, as I was moving in to school. I lost my grandma, my dad's mom in December. While the simple fact of their passing was challenging enough, what was perhaps more challenging was the unhappiness I felt when I realized I wouldn't be able to strengthen my relationships with either of them. You see, it was one of those things I kept meaning to do, kept thinking that I'd do it next weekend or something, just never got around to it.

My grandma had been sick for a while. On Sunday night I made a calendar for the next week, Wednesday was "visit grandma" day. I stuck the calendar on my door and went to bed. Monday morning I got a call from my crying mother, my grandma had passed away and I needed to come home to grieve with my family.

I stared at the calendar on my door, wishing, pleading with some unseen force to let me have another chance; a chance to be a better grandson, to come over more often, to hold on to my grandmother a little longer.

I had been caught up in my own selfishness and self-interest, I was "too busy" to visit my grandma. My nana had been in an intensive care unit for four weeks, I was at the hospital five days a week for at least five hours each time. Even though I had tried desperately to make

up for all the times I wanted to go to a movie, hang out with friends or play video games instead of visiting her, as soon as she passed, a feeling of intense regret and remorse flooded over me. All I wanted to do was sit by her side and listen to her tell stories of when she was little, when her husband went off to the war, when

Indeed, there is more to this piece than my own atonement. You see, I'm writing this piece in large part to those who still have grandparents on this earth. I know when I got to college, I was so excited about my newfound independence and freedom I could barely see straight. All I'm looking to say to the first-years, transfer students and anyone else who has found themselves lacking in rapport with their grandparents, is to hang on to them as long as



If I had a million dollars...

Jonathan Bongard

Kennedy was shot. I wanted to taste her cooking one more time; those spritz cookies she made for Christmas, the pumpkin pies she always fixed for Thanksgiving and the macaroni and cheese she said she would make for my birthday. I wanted her to know that I loved her, respected her, thought she was a really cool nana, my friend and not just my grandmother.

I understand that I won't be able to do any of those things. And I'm comforted by the idea that Nana was a smart woman, as was my grandmother, and I'm sure they knew how I felt. And still, I can't get over the disgust that wraps me up sometimes when I realize I put insignificant, sometimes material things, before my grandmother and Nana.

I will have to do my own soul searching for some time to come to terms with how I feel about these things, but it's not too late for some people.

possible.

Fortunately, I still have both of my grandpas and you can bet I'm going to do everything in my power to ensure I have a relationship with them I can be proud of. I know it's easy to get caught up in being at college, away from home and all, but please don't forget the people who are so proud you've gotten this far.

Send them a letter, call 'em up once in a while, go visit them on a whim, without your parents making you. College is a time to grow, to learn and to mature. Hopefully as you come to know yourself and figure out who you want to become, you'll find time to share some of what you discover with the people who have been with you since the beginning.

*Jonathan will never admit to his college friends that his grandmother taught him how to knit. Oh whoops.*

## Montana dreaming for fourth year

The other day as I sat in my car at a stand still beneath the shadows of the Tacoma Dome, I thought to myself, "How did I arrive here? In the past four years and my time at PLU, has this become my life? Have I been etched into the character of a bonifide city girl, and will I indeed be eaten up by the I-5 corridor, left to swear and push my way through another day of traffic and exhaust fumes?"

"No, I will never surrender," I replied to myself with a smile, my alter ego taking me back to a time when things were familiar and simple. My mind wandered as I sped down the road accelerating my car past 90 mph. I looked out the window expecting to see tall buildings and the sunset reflections on the Puget Sound, only to witness a vista of mountain ranges and cattle grazing on a far off hill.

"You're doing it again," I heard a voice in my ear, pulling me back to the monstrosity of reality before me. "Can we please talk about something else? I've had just about enough of Montana," my friend remarked from the passenger seat.

Oh no, not again. I thought I had been cured. Surely another Starbucks would relieve me of my Montana obsessive babble. Two shots of espresso should do the trick. I had to find the oasis. An exit sign was visible in the

distance—one mile to go.

"You can do it, Solveig; only a few more minutes. Don't say a word," my inner drive coaxed me on.

Look, a Montana license plate. I bit my tongue. Whew, side-swiped that one. I sat in awe of my self-control. Off the exit ramp and across the intersection I saw the faithful green sign. My salvation. Almost there.

As we departed from the car; I could smell the sweet magical beans that would bring me back

My head reminded me that this incessant chatter must stop or friendless I would become.

"It's for the best, Solveig, drink it," a voice called to me from within.

I grabbed the cup, the hot liquid met my tongue, and I was transformed. That was a close one, a mistake I would valiantly strive to avoid in the future.

You are probably asking yourself, "Who is this Montana-crazed girl, and what is the point of this story?"

The truth is, I have told this story in order to assure you all, the readers, that this minor setback of slight



Eccentricities in the 3rd person  
Solveig Berg

to a Northwestern reality, a jabbering fool no longer. The barista smiled sweetly as I made my order. She glanced at my shirt, an old basketball T-shirt from high school.

"Oh, are you from Montana? I love Montana. I have a friend that lives there. Her name is Becky, do you know her?" she asked, apparently enjoying my misery.

Is she serious? I couldn't escape it, so I shook my head, staring down the counter in front of me. "I must not talk about Montana, I must not talk about Montana," I chanted to myself.

My drink came up and I moved toward it in anticipation.

obsession will not, in any way, affect my ability to put words on paper. I apologize in advance if I slip-up every now and then, my verbal lingo disappearing into the past and old stories from my childhood in the big sky country. I am, after all, only human, and humans do tend to occupy less than agreeable bad habits.

Don't worry though, I will keep a boiling cup of hot coffee by my side so as to avoid this calamity in the near future.

*Solveig means no disrespect to all you die-hard Starbucks fans, but she would like to know the story behind the creepy logo lady. Is she a mermaid?*

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# 云南

## SIGHTSEEING IN SOUTHWEST CHINA Traveling diverse lands in the Yunnan province

**BEN RASMUS**  
Mast international editor

The bottom end of a banana has the tendency to embody bruised and battered qualities, but the end of the Banana Pancake Trail is delicious and full of ripe surprises.

The vast Banana Pancake Trail, island hops north from Indonesia into Malaysia and Singapore before meandering through Burma, Thailand and Laos while finishing in China's southwest province, Yunnan. Filled with travelers' treats, other than the standard banana pancake breakfast, Yunnan offers a plethora of sights and activities for the light-footed adventurer.

The province has a rich anthropological history dating back 1.7 million years, where a primitive hominid was unearthed. China recognizes a total of 56 minority groups and Yunnan provides home to 26 of those ethnic minorities. Out of the 1.3 billion people living in China, 8 percent belong to an ethnic minority, roughly 100 million people.

In addition, Yunnan's flora and fauna is as diverse as its ethnic minority groups. Humid tropical regions of southern Xishuangbanna provide spacious grounds for Asiatic elephant while snow leopards and wild yaks roam the open

northwestern Tibetan plateau. These climatic ranges account for more than half of China's 30,000 types of high-grade plants. Even the province's name translated means "south of the clouds," which refers to the high elevations and pleasant year-round weather. This ecological and social diversity combines perfectly to form a touring hotbed, providing weeks of adventure.

After my semester of studying Mandarin ended in Sichuan, the province directly north of Yunnan, I scrapped together the remainder of my English tutoring money, plus a money wire from mom, for a three-week tour of the province. Although Yunnan pales in size when compared to entire countries, it is about three-and-half-times larger than Washington state.

### Lijiang

Traveling light with a small overnight backpack and the bare essentials of clothing, money, a loose itinerary and the Lonely Planet guidebook, I headed south to the first stop on my list, Lijiang. An overnight train ride, plus an eight hour bus ride and a quick bartered taxi lift put me outside the ancient city of Lijiang. Now a UNESCO preserved world heritage site, Lijiang's ancient town is a city to cherish. Beautifully preserved stone streets and homes wind close to rushing water canals that connect the city's wide array of eateries, shops, small hotels, teahouses and music auditoriums.

My second consecutive afternoon of intentionally getting lost and ambling about the ancient alleys of Lijiang gave way to a special treat. I glanced through an open window into a picturesque teahouse and recognized a familiar face. PLU's own honorable Chinese Studies professor Sidney Rittenberg sat with his wife Yulin and two friends. An especially grand coincidence, considering Professor Rittenberg sparked my China interest through his Chinese philosophy class during my first year at PLU.

The Naxi minority group, which famous National Geographic correspondent Joseph Rock help put on the map through research and the first Naxi dictionary of hieroglyphics, opened the ethnic group to the west. The interesting complexities of Naxi life range from the dominant matriarchal society—a true phenomenon in Confucian male dominated China—to the joys of traditional Naxi orchestra and flatbread. Unfortunately, the Naxi way of life is endangered of extinction. The onslaught of tourism in the past ten years has pushed many native Naxi residents outside of their ancient homes and replaced by an economy of gift shops and restaurants run by Han Chinese. Currently, only 20 elderly Naxi shamans can read and write their ancient hieroglyphic system. If the world community does not act soon this ancient city could fall ruin to the burgeoning Chinese economy.

### Tiger Leaping Gorge

A three-hour bus ride north of Lijiang serves up one of the best short

hikes in Asia, the Tiger Leaping Gorge. This 10-mile, two day hike rises and plummets through one of the world's deepest gorges, at times reaching 10,000 feet from mountaintop to river bottom. The name comes from a story about a tiger that once leapt across the gorge at a section, in which, only 100 feet separates the two sides.

Before my chance to exit the local bus at the Tiger Leaping Gorge even occurred, more negative effects of increased tourism in Yunnan were clear. "Jintian Hutiao shi guan le (The Tiger Leaping Gorge is closed today)." A Chinese equivalent of a national park officer yelled through the bus window to the obvious culprit, me, a foreigner with a backpack. I asked when the trail would re-open. The young ranger-Rick of the Tiger Leaping Gorge said she did not know and retorted the classic Chinese two-liner "mei-banfa" -it is out of our control. In the strong hierarchal society of Communist-China many ordinary workers, like our female ranger-Rick, are not given details or refrain from passing details along, in an attempt to keep important knowledge among select individuals.

Luckily an ex-patriot from Australia, Margo, running a backpackers café near the entrance of the gorge qualified as an individual among the need-to-know group. She informed a couple from New Zealand, also hoping to hike the gorge, and myself that a new road is being dynamited along the river causing frequent massive rock and land slides. The previous day, one of those rockslides landed on a van, killing the driver and closing both the gorge road and hiking trail. Now a Chinese investigation opened in an attempt to uncover the details of the accident. Margo advised us our trail climbs above the side being dynamited, so our hiking trail would be safe to pass. The following morning we snuck past our snoozing ranger-Rick at 4:30 a.m. to the trailhead with flashlights in hand.

Later that afternoon, at the hostel, I agreed with the New Zealand couple the gorge must rank among the best short hikes in the world. Opposite our hostel veranda ran fierce rapids and above loomed snowcapped peaks and clear skies of Northern Yunnan. Truly one of the most scenic landscapes my eyes have witnessed. However, my ears cringed and my body shook with the infrequent earth moving roars of dynamite echoing throughout the gorge.

### Dali and Ruili

Another half-day hike and two bus rides later I approached the travelers Mecca, Dali. Set among the fertile lake of Erhu, Dali provides ample opportunities to relax from marathon bus and train rides and chill out in comfortable hostels, soak in street life, and walk amid ancient stone pagodas. Over bottles of local Dali beer, trekkers and Chinese tourists converse and relax in the sun soaked cheep local cafes. The first impression of Dali is a paradise fit for Jimmy Buffet to lounge away his days. And a handful of foreigners have done just that; moved to Dali and opened touristy bars or teach English in the local schools.

Besides embodying the essentials of a pirate's life, including booze, sun, water

and laziness, excellent day trips wait exploration around the surroundings of Dali. Fellow travelers rent bikes and pedal to nearby Bai minority villages to interact with the youth of farming and fishing communities or photograph the lush rolling rice patties.

After more than a few days of lounging, my feet started itching to move once again. I bought a one-way ticket to Ruili aboard a sleeper bus at the long distance bus terminal and awoke to a humid hell.

Two roads merge in Ruili, one going south into Burma, the other heading north into China. The two countries seem to crash upon this border town. Not much in the way of agricultural or industrial activity takes place in or around Ruili. The cultural and natural treasures that personify much of Yunnan also is not evident in this border town.

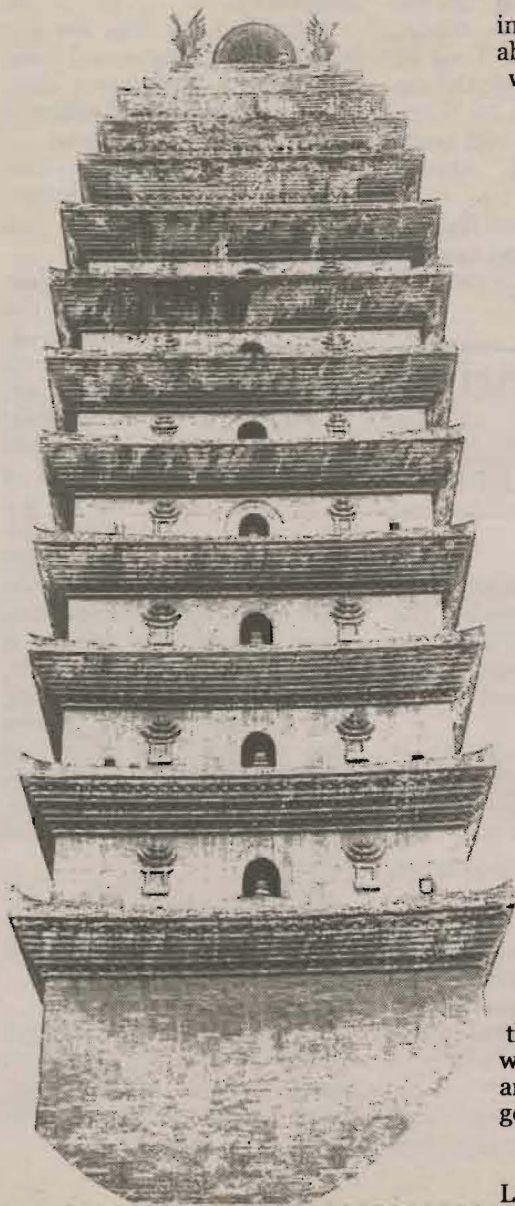
The main attraction for this city, 24 hours away by bus and train from the provincial capita, is lust. Problems hamper the city from the rampant sex and heroin trade passing north from the brutal military junta of Burma. AIDS plagues this border town, deviating from sex and heroin the entire city seemed to suffer a hang over while I navigated about dirty streets and boarded up buildings.

Once the sun set and moon started to rise, the true Ruili exposed itself. Drunk Chinese businessmen from industrial cities like Shanghai blew cash in the casinos and on expensive hotels. In other parts of China's own mini-Bangkok, local street toughs dressed in Burmese sarongs, while loitering outside of first floor shops eyeing the sale of young girls. These first floor buildings, which appeared permanently closed and boarded during the day, sprang to life at night; cascading the neon-pink lights of prostitution. I heard and read Ruili had an interesting clash of culture, but felt I guilty of contributing to the streets of Ruili, even if only as a passive observer.

For the first time in China, I felt unsafe. Upon retiring to my sparse hotel room I crawled beneath my mosquito netting and slept uneasy. I longed for a permanent traveling companion. Previously I preferred to meet new faces along the way and rely upon my newly acquired Chinese, now I wished for another person to witness with me the tragedy of Ruili. The only other foreigner I met, a European, flew in and appeared to be in the city for the wrong reasons.

The next morning, only after 24 hours in the border town, I dropped my get-out-of-jail-free card and hightailed it to the closest airport, an hour bus ride. The 70 minute direct flight to Yunnan's capital city, Kunming saved me the same 12 hour bus ride back to Dali, plus an additional 10 hours on a train into the capital city.

My last days in Yunnan came to a fitting close in the provincial capital. Kunming offered shaded boulevards among new glittering skyscrapers. Wide avenues, perfect for investigating on a bicycle, led into small back streets full of daily markets and food vendors. Fellow travelers converged to the frequented Camellia hostel for breakfast to share fresh stories about their adventures in Yunnan, of course consisting of the worshiped banana pancake.





# American Cultural Exchange at PLU

**BEN RASMUS**  
Mast international editor

For the past 25 years, an entity independent of PLU has assisted foreign students pursuing studies of the English language. This fall semester is no different than the past, PLU students have the opportunity to volunteer their time and tutor English to non-native speakers.

American Cultural Exchange or A.C.E. is an international organization, has locations at four universities in the United States including PLU, Seattle Pacific University, Skagit Valley College and Montana State University. This fall, students enrolled in the A.C.E. program at PLU represent the countries and cities of Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Honk Kong, Mali, France, Mexico and possibly Brazil, Ecuador and

Thailand by the end of fall semester.

Although A.C.E. is technically independent of PLU, their office is located behind the Health Center. "We teach intensive English classes to non-native speakers," Rosalyn Dickerson, the assistant director of A.C.E., said. "We hope to prepare students for university coursework or for them to return to their home country for a better job."

There are six different language levels A.C.E. students are placed in. "Once students arrive they are tested and placed exactly where they are language wise," Dickerson said. "We do not want our students overwhelmed." The typical A.C.E. student spends 20 hours a week in intensive English class, plus four or more hours a week in elective classes. Upon completion of the sixth

and final language level some students continue their education at PLU. This fall semester, three new students enrolled at PLU upon completion of A.C.E.

A key building block to learning any foreign language is frequent interactions with native speakers. Unfortunately, because of this year's exceptionally large first-year class, A.C.E. students were not allowed to live in campus housing. PLU students still have the opportunity to get involved by tutoring a foreign student once a week for an hour-long session. It is vital for A.C.E. students to further their English language skills via the PLU student community. "Overall, volunteering is a worthwhile and fun experience," Dickerson said. "The worst result is you will wind up with new friend."



Above: A local street vendor hawks fruit on a sun soaked street in Dali.  
Below: A stone Buddha smiles away the suffering of the world.

All photos by Ben Rasmus



Below: PLU Professor Sidney Rittenberg stops to pose for a picture with Ben Rasmus in the ancient city of Lijiang.



## Wang Center and Wild Hope Grants:

Research and vocational grants allowed journalism student to observe life "on the wire" at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland

**LAINÉ WALTERS**  
Mast editor-in-chief

The "international community," ironically, does not refer to the siblinghood of all humanity. In Geneva it drives the price of rent skyward and calls for its own police. Diplomats, lobbyists and staff members of both intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations and thousands of temporary employees create a unique community that makes globalization their business.

As a journalism student, I thought temporary press accreditation with the United Nations in Geneva would put me at the crossroads of this community, able to listen in on cutting edge discussion on human rights and international cooperation.

My school, PLU, stresses that a higher education is meant for public service. It hopes that university studies will help students develop a vocation, a calling to a certain career that channels personal interests into a positive influence on the world. The stress of trying to live up to such a calling is enormous, especially as I received a grant to go to Geneva specifically for vocational exploration.

Even though U.N. Geneva focuses on human rights and humanitarian aid, the politics of its structure creates obstacles for achieving its mandate. I always thought fixing the world would involve a dirty face and sacrifices, yet I find \$1,000 suits and receptions with four courses of catered food. The social scene is disgusting and discussing strategic alliances and slow legislative processes isn't for me.

I interviewed a sexual orientation rights activist about Switzerland's recent partnership victory, an expatriate human rights professor on the U.S. reputation at the human rights commission, and a World Council of Churches staff member who provides consultation for truth and reconciliation commissions. These stories have moved my heart and inspired my pen much more than the press release stories of the marble halls of the Palais.

My mentor, Robert James Parsons, an American who has lived in Geneva for 16 years and writes for *Le Courrier*, the last independent daily in Switzerland, prefers the civil society efforts as well. The network of Non Governmental Organization, NGO' is where the real stories happen and the passion hasn't quite died. Parsons said the United Nations receives much of its motivation and information from the NGOs that work with it, and for this reason he follows them.

The United Nations works on the premise of regional balance and state participation. Since its member states use the organization to execute individual foreign policies, the United Nations is only as good as the

collective foreign policies of its member nations. This makes it unfortunate—a depressing lesson to learn.

Yet, out of this rather messy cooperation come some very positive avenues for hope. An Austrian saying goes, "when people talk, they come together." People are always talking here.

The United Nations Commission on Human Rights appoints special rapporteurs for thematic issues such as rights of the child, torture or freedom of expression. These people work independently from the Commission, which is weighed down by the same problem of member state interests. Their independence, mixed with their mandate to investigate, name and shame, creates endless tension between them and the Commission whose members would rather not be named. The mandates of the rapporteurs can be a bit unrealistic, for example, the special rapporteur on torture must be invited by the Chinese government to visit its detention centers. Of course he has not been invited. Which is quite ironic, but I applaud his efforts to track abuses through means other than a personal visit.

Human rights are fascinating because they speak to a worldwide dialog on what it means to live a truly human life. The discussion also intrigues me because it draws attention to our amazing ability to take those rights away and therefore deprive human beings of full humanity.

An example of our hypocrisy surfaces in a topic I feel strongly about: gay rights. While 48 out of 58 countries approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, there is much opposition to an additional document clarifying that those of different sexual orientation deserve rights they were already given. This sort of cultural opposition to a finer point in the declaration is amazing.

The global talk and statistics assembled here at United Nations of Geneva are invaluable for anyone seeking the wider world picture both in terms of perspective and background. Yet suggestions of reporting straight news from the United Nations for a U.S. audience receive blank stares from my editors and an "oh, how educational" remark. I've been told first-person and opinion pieces will make it "compelling" to the readers back home.

I went to Geneva because there were stories that we don't hear about in the United States. The larger problem is getting international stories into a news budget in the first place. I can't fix that problem from Geneva, especially since American apathy for international news has deep cultural roots. Being here has made me consider a career as a study abroad counselor or something else that would encourage others to cross the ocean to see for themselves what the rest of the world holds. Then they might want to continue reading about it when they get back.

*The Mast* is pleased to unveil the International Page. The goal of this new page is to address the growing need for a global education in our interconnected world. Positioning graduates in a vocation to better serve humanity lies at the heart of PLU's education.

The administration and faculty at PLU have done much to encourage and push the development of a global education. For instance, of the \$128 million raised in the "Next Bold Step Campaign," \$4 million will be devoted to further establish the Wang Center for International Programs. In addition, a three-year Teagle grant will help enrich various curriculums by incorporating distinctive international programs on campus.

From this increased focus of global education, *The*

*Mast* intends to open another form of dialogue through the international page. First, this page will feature j-term, semester, and yearlong study abroad programs. Second we will highlight specific students and faculty involved in various facets of world understanding. Third, we hope this page adds some fun lighthearted topics to *The Mast*, like travel pieces, international movies, music, art and food. We also encourage any and all students, professors and community members to participate by submitting articles, pictures, editorials, and story ideas to mast@plu.edu.

The International Page will alternate weekly with *Lutefisk*.



# New York, New York

## Two Lutes leave teeth marks on the Big Apple

**KARYN OSTROM**  
Mast critic

Last month, junior Amy Burgess and I spent a week in the Big Apple where we were able to experience some of the best entertainment the summer had to offer—from Broadway, to Lincoln Center—even MTV. What follows is an account of some of the highlights of our trip.

personality and her sister Eileen's sex appeal, the sisters manage to find work and romance. Bernstein's original melodies coupled with lyrics by Comden and Green made for infectious songs, which Amy and I hummed throughout the remainder of the trip.

The highly anticipated "The Boy From Oz" became another Broadway favorite for Amy and me. Starring Hugh Jackman as

resolve. The audience, in turn, was smitten with Jackman's charm and it became evident why he won a Tony award for his portrayal.

I am an ardent fan of orchestral music, so the Mostly Mozart Festival was an event not to be missed.

Held at Lincoln Center, the festival has been a popular venue for summer concerts of Baroque and Classical music

between him and the orchestra. Toward the middle of the cyclical concerto (during which, there are no pauses between the movements), he stopped playing, stood up, walked over to the podium where the conductor stood and pointed at the score. The orchestra began the section over again and a much quicker tempo was employed. After intermission, a frazzled orchestra performed the familiar Symphony No. 40 by Mozart.

The MTV headquarters in Times Square was another mandatory place to visit—for me anyway. Amy and I were granted tickets to a live taping of *Total Request Live*, the weekday afternoon show that broadcasts music videos of the top ten popular songs in the nation.

Carson Daly and La La were in the studio to host the show, the theme of which was "Old School/New School."

Audience members were provided with double-sided signs and were instructed to vote for their choice of "Old School" or "New School" when the names of the artists for the top ten songs were read.

The casting director and cameramen cued us when it was time to scream, clap, and stand up throughout the hour-long taping.

Rapper Lil' Flip was on hand to give a live performance of his hit song, "Sunshine" with singer Lea.

The Houston native, whose name comes from his freestyle ability to "flip the script," talked candidly about his newest album "U Gotta Feel Me," the "Lil' Flip Sunshine Relief" for victims of Hurricane Charley and what inspires his music: money.

Our time in New York was not void of obligatory visits to landmarks, purchases of "I Love New York" t-shirts, picture-taking and shopping, but it is the music, pageantry and performing that I will remember the most.

Meanwhile, Amy is planning her next trip back.

## Wake up early for 39 hours of van Gogh at SAM

**KARYN OSTROM**  
Mast Critic

Time is running out to see van Gogh in Seattle before it closes this Sunday. The Seattle Art Museum is holding a special closing weekend celebration marathon.

The final 39 hours of Van Gogh to Mondrian: Modern Art from the Kröller-Müller Museum will feature music performances and refreshments and will offer visitors a final glimpse of the 75 modern paintings and sculptures (including 12 paintings and 10 drawings by van Gogh) on display before the collection moves on to Atlanta.

The collection is comprised of major works by Ferdinand Léger, Georges Seurat, Pablo Picasso, Diego Rivera, Juan Gris, Vincent van Gogh, and Piet Mondrian, as well as other French and Dutch modernists.

All pieces are property of the Kröller-Müller Museum in Otterlo, The Netherlands, one of the largest collections of van Gogh's work outside the van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and one of Holland's finest collections of art.

I visited the popular exhibition shortly after its May 29 opening.

The works I remember most vividly are two paintings that were created by the distraught van Gogh during the last two years of his life.

"Sorrowing Old Man," which depicts a despairing man holding his face in his hands was painted not long after the artist cut off his own ear.

"Still Life With a Plate of Onions" was van Gogh's attempt at painting still life after he was discharged from a hospital.

While the van Gogh pieces contributed largely to the popularity of the exhibition, the other works on display were too impressive to be ignored; post-impressionist pointillism by Paul Signac and Seurat, to Picasso's early "Portrait of a Woman," to the evolution of Mondrian's sublime to his signature abstract.

The event starts at 9 a.m. tomorrow and ends 11:59 p.m. Sunday night.



Photo provided by Karyn Ostrom

Karyn Ostrom and Amy Burgess outside the MTV studios in New York City. They sat in the audience for *Total Request Live*. They kept their composure, however, when Carson Daly entered the studio.

Because Amy is a Broadway enthusiast, it was appropriate to begin our first full day in New York by attending a matinee performance of "Wonderful Town," one of three Manhattan musicals by Leonard Bernstein (the other two being the popular "Westside Story" and "On the Town").

Starring Broadway sensation and Tony award nominee Donna Murphy (who Amy and I were fortunate enough to meet later in the week) as Ruth Sherwood, "Wonderful Town" tells the story of two sisters who leave their home in Ohio and move to New York City to "make it big" as a journalist and an actress during the 1930's. With Ruth's comedic

Peter Allen, an Australian performer/songwriter who was discovered by Judy Garland, the musical tracks Allen's life from the time he was a boy performing in Aussie bars until the end of his career before he lost his battle with AIDS.

The show featured many of Allen's hit songs and explored his relationships with Garland and Liza Minelli, to whom he was briefly married before he came out of the closet.

Jackman was entertaining in the flamboyant role, narrating events of his life from a honky-tonk piano.

Even the most solemn of experiences—the suicide of his alcoholic father or the death of his lover—were told with

for nearly forty summers. Eleven performances of six different programs were presented this year, which featured the Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra and soloists from around the world.

Amy and I attended a Mostly Mozart concert at Avery Fisher Hall that featured cellist Pieter Wispelwey performing the Schumann Cello Concerto in A minor.

The Festival Orchestra, under the direction of Louis Langrée, began the program with Haydn's Symphony No. 44 before Wispelwey took the stage.

Wispelwey delivered the concerto laboriously in a battle that was differing tempos

## Pixies work musical magic at Bumbershoot

**ERIC THOMPSON**  
Mast Critic

The Pixies may not have spoken more than six words to the audience at Bumbershoot on Monday night, but they made a statement nonetheless. The statement was: the Pixies are back, regardless of the band's rocky breakup, the members' relationships with each other and whether or not they decide to record another album together.

In fact, regardless of anything that happened in the past, or will in the future, the Pixies are back for right now—not as a novelty act or a gimmick or a cheap moneymaking endeavor, but as one of the most unique, influential and incredible bands on the planet.

The opening band, Built to Spill, played a solid set and the crowd was appreciative but it lacked energy. Although I am a longtime fan of Built to Spill and they played well, I didn't find myself particularly excited to be watching them, and that seemed to be the prevailing attitude.

When the Pixies strode calmly onstage, picked up their instruments and blasted into "Caribou" without speaking, though, the atmosphere became electric.

The band played through their set almost without interruption. They rarely paused between songs and the only times any of them directly addressed the audience were when Kim asked what a Bumbershoot was and when she asked if we'd been there all day.

Rather than seeming rude they just came across as being more interested in the music than in pleasantries.

Their sound was extremely good live, seeming fuller and heavier than on the records. Lead singer Charles Thompson's voice was also surprisingly good and he

sounded more sure of his parts than ever before.

Although I expected a great show, the overall quality was far better than I had ever imagined. PLU sophomore, Stefan Hovik, was also impressed. "The reunion show lived up to what you would expect and anticipate from the Pixies," he said.

During the set, the Pixies played at least two-thirds of their catalogue, covering all of the major hits and fan favorites. The highlight of the night for many came about halfway through the set when they played "Velouria."

Another favorite was "Wave of Mutilation," which got such a huge response the band played it a second time for their encore. The crowd chanted for more, long after the band left the stage but were not rewarded with a second encore.

For parts of the show the band didn't seem unified. At one point, however, the Pixies indulged in a small jam session, including an extended guitar solo by Santiago.

For a few moments during the jam, all four members locked eyes and broke into huge grins and it was obvious they remembered why they had wanted to make music together in the first place.

Part of what made the show an incredible experience, at least for a large portion of the audience, was this was their first opportunity to see the band. Many of our generation discovered and fell in love with the Pixies after they were already gone.

Now, although they have played several shows since reuniting, each show is still the first time for so many attending and every performance maintains the aura of the first reunion. In the chaos of the pit, it is easy to forget that anyone exists except for you and the band.

It seemed that every once in a while, though, two fans would lock eyes and nod at each other. That was the moment you realized the magnitude of what you were experiencing.



# Eatin' good around the Parkland neighborhood

**NICHOLE BOLAND**  
Mast Critic

Here at PLU there are a variety of choices to suit your dining needs. However, from time to time you may get the itch to venture into the great unknown and explore the culinary world that lies beyond the Lute Dome.

With so many choices, it is important to have a vague idea of what's out there. And, since every person has significantly different tastes, our restaurant preview is conveniently organized by personality type. So look deep inside yourself, choose the persona that best describes you and read on to discover your dining destiny.

## Bleeding Heart Intellectual

Emo kids gather round for poetry, improv comedy and a double shot of brooding sustenance. "Northern Pacific Coffee Company" bears Parkland's only resemblance to a college town. Filled with books and eclectic furniture, this cozy hangout is conducive to studying, relaxing and pondering

life's uncertainties.

A latte and a bite to eat can run under ten bucks, which are worth shelling out just for the

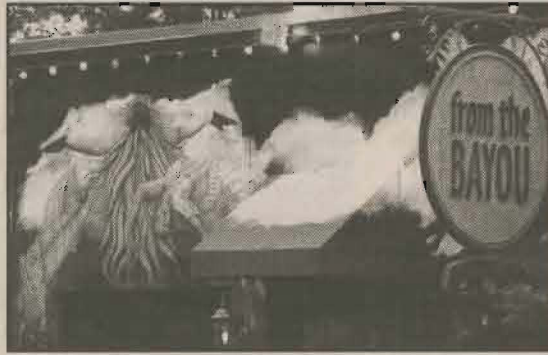


Photo by Brian Bradshaw  
Sophisticated Lutes impress their first dates with a bit of Cajun ambiance and spicy cuisine on Garfield Street at From the Bayou.

atmosphere. NPCC (as the locals call it) is ideal for study dates, group meet-ups or much needed alone time, but don't expect to be completely isolated as there are always PLU students mulling about. For a real sense of coffee house community be sure to keep your eyes open for fliers promoting special events on the NPCC stage, such as saxifrage poetry readings and live music.

## Homesick First Year

Coming to college might mean saying goodbye to Mom's casseroles and Dad's Sunday omelets, but it doesn't have to mean sacrificing that warm and fuzzy family meal.

Reyna's Mexican Restaurant is run by a darling family who, no matter how busy, are always more than happy to personally welcome strangers to their table.

Reyna's is nestled between the shops on Garfield Street, rough around the edges, but as casual and welcoming as a family kitchen. And, in the spirit of mooching off of one's own family, the chips and salsa are always free.

After just one trip, someone as sweet and sentimental as you will feel right at home at Reyna's, especially if you are sucked in by the family's

daughter, Ruby, who has all the adorability of a little sister and none of the maintenance. All this affection, coupled with festive Spanish pop music, will have you singing "que bueno" all night long.

## Sophisticated Socialite

Many patrons come to From the Bayou for its unique menu, but stay for its charming ambiance. Or, more realistically, they come for the status of eating at an upscale restaurant and stay for the attractive wait staff. Either way, if you're in the mood to get a little gussied up and sit down to a savory meal, you needn't travel farther than Garfield Street.

Specializing in Cajun cuisine, From the Bayou offers items atypical to many local eateries. On top of that, it's a great place to rummage up bits of gossip, as it is the premier restaurant for PLU first dates.

The only downside to this see-and-be-seen hot spot is that the menu tends toward pricey, but for someone as fabulous as you, it shouldn't be a problem.

## Spontaneous Slob

Although there are obviously a variety of dining choices in the area, Parkland is perhaps best known for its fine fast food. Sprawled out along Pacific Avenue like the casinos of Vegas are McDonald's, Arby's, Taco Bell, and the incomparable Frugal's. At nearly any hour of the day, a crazy cat like you can jump in the car and cruise for an eclectic, satisfying meal.

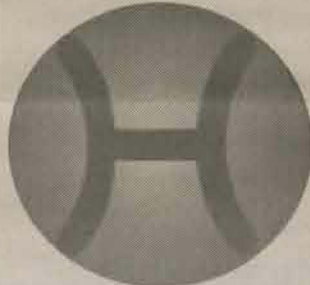
Many students enjoy the challenge of creating a hybrid value meal, with every course retrieved from a different drive thru. For example, curly fries from Jack in the Box could be complemented nicely by a Big Mac and a Frosty from Wendy's. A meal such as this allows any hungry Lute to fill up on their favorite foods without forking over a lot of cash.

The best part is you don't even have to shower before you set out, assuming of course, that you stick to the drive-thrus. The only obvious downside to this meal is the risk of cardiac arrest, but for the truly health conscious, even Subway has a drive-thru in Parkland.

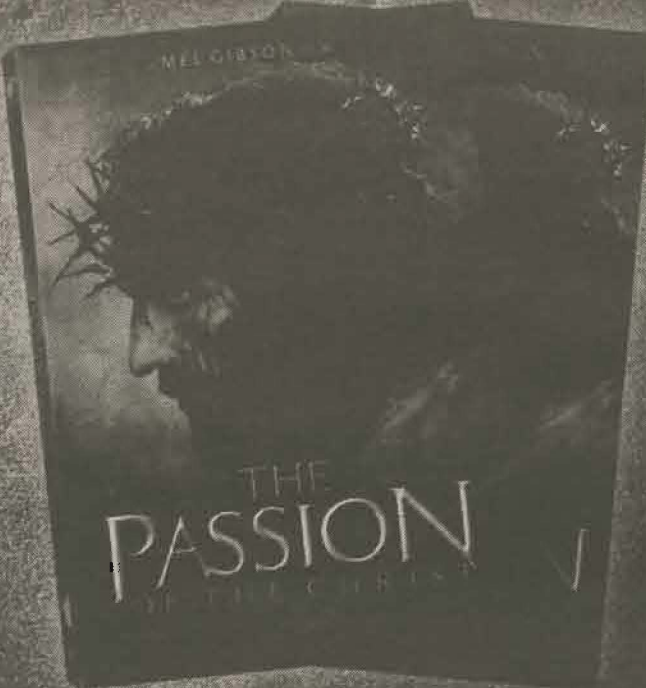
## Astrological advice

by Dave Mitrovic

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## Music: The fabric of our lives

Everyone has probably heard the saying that music is the soundtrack of our lives. This saying is cheesy and overused, but, regardless, the idea behind the words is true.

Music is integral to the lives of many people. For them, certain songs and albums often tend to dot the landscape as shining beacons of bliss in their otherwise barren lives.

Perhaps this is mildly exaggerated, but it is true that, for many, music becomes an enjoyable accompaniment to the dull rigors of daily life, and often certain music subconsciously becomes permanently associated with whatever behavior was being engaged in at the time of listening. This has certainly been true for me, yielding mixed results.

On one hand, Bush's debut album, *Sixteen Stone* (which has the honor of being my first good CD), never fails to transport me back to my grandmother's house.

It is Christmas night and I am sitting in the stale, former bedroom of two of my uncles, my head swallowed by oversized headphones, eagerly drinking in the first jarring chords of "Everything Zen," and experiencing musical enlightenment.

On the other hand, the song "Naked in the City Again" by Hot Hot Heat persists in creating a vaguely uncomfortable feeling in the pit of my stomach as if, for some inexplicable reason, I am about to careen off of a gravel road in Decorah, Iowa, in a Ford Focus and become lodged in a barbed wire fence and corn.

"Come on Eric," I say to myself, "that was just one time. The song means you no harm. What are the odds that the same events would happen again during the same song especially since you are currently sitting in the UC eating chicken-fried steak, nowhere

near a vehicle, much less corn?"

"Shut up," I retort while fastening an imaginary seatbelt and watching the entire population of my table relocate.

Nearly every-

Eric Thompson



one I have discussed the subject with has reported similar associations and connections between events or circumstances and music. One friend often reads while listening to music, and has certain books forever linked in his mind to certain albums.

Some people have their music collection mentally divided into seasonal or weather-related groups. They might always think of summer when a song from a given album is played. Or if I am driving and it suddenly starts pouring rain while I'm listening to Michael Jackson (yes I sometimes do), I might feel the need to switch to something with a more appropriate feel to it, one which is connected to rainy weather in my brain, like Beck's *Sea Change*.

For many people, certain songs or artists will always remind them of a certain person or relationship. This is also most likely why many couples have a special song that is "theirs;" they enjoy the pleasant association between a piece of good or otherwise significant music with the person that is most important to them.

Music is not unique in this ability to affect the brain. Smells, tastes, textures and visual stimulations can all trigger memories. Why, you might be asking yourself, is music any more significant than these other potential protagonists?

One reason is that I write for the arts and entertainment section. But the real reason that

music is the most important trigger is that it is very omnipresent.

Thankfully, we do not constantly perceive smells that are pungent enough to make an impression on us and jog a memory.

Music, though, seems to be increasingly everywhere.

Radios play from open windows and passing cars. Malls and restaurants provide never-ending streams of canned music. Television shows and movies would not be as enjoyable without appropriate soundtracks.

If you are like me, you listen to music whenever possible; in the shower, in bed, while reading, while driving, while doing homework, while watching TV, while unconscious, etc. With this much exposure to music it gains influence over our lives, affecting our feelings and moods.

Let's all take a moment to recognize this role that music plays in our lives. Pat music on the back.

Say, "Congratulations, music, you make existence more interesting."

After we've done that, let's remember to respect the power of music. Take sufficient time to select the perfect music for whatever mood you are in at the time.

Be sure to make a mix CD that is just right for the road trip you're planning.

Pair pleasant activities with pleasant music to ensure that each will evoke an enjoyable association to the other.

The next time you listen to an album, pause to consider the history the music has had with you, the memories it carries with it and what it has meant to you over the years.

Most importantly, make sure that your favorite CD is not playing the next time your roommate is vomiting in your shoes.



# Safety beat

8/24/2004

Campus Safety and Information responded to an activated intrusion alarm in the Health Center. Responding staff found no signs of forced entry. A check of the area was conducted with negative findings. The alarm was determined to be false. The alarm was reset and all units cleared scene.



comments referring to biblical passages and the word "terror" appeared several times.

PCSD was contacted and it was discovered that two similar letters had been received within the previous two

weeks by Student Services and Administration. The Student Services copy still remained, and was turned over to PCSD along with the School of Nursing copy.

A fallen tree branch struck the vehicle of a PLU staff member breaking the windshield. A report was completed, to include photographs, and forwarded to Risk Management.

CSIN discovered a vehicle parked on 125th St. across from the Tinglestad Gated Lot that had a broken window and appeared to have been rummaged through. The vehicle possibly belongs to a PLU student but contact was not able to be made in order to verify any information.

9/2/2004

While reversing the Campus Safety truck in the West Hauge lot to allow another vehicle room, the truck backed into a post. The left rear corner of the truck bed was dented. No estimated damage value at this time.

9/4/2004

PCSD contacted CSIN regarding a 911 hang-up telephone call originating from the Pool. CSIN staff patrolling the area at the time observed two non-PLU students using the payphone at the time the call was made. When contacted, both denied making the call. Both were positively identified and asked to leave campus.

A PLU student contacted CSIN and reported receiving three telephone calls within one hour that she defined as "weird." She did not provide any detailed information regarding the calls. She simply reported she and her roommate were trying to sleep.

It was determined the telephone calls were coming from off campus. She was provided instructions on how to divert her telephone calls directly to voicemail and advised to report any further disturbing calls. No further calls were reported.

9/6/2004

A PLU student reported her vehicle had been broken into and her stereo stolen. There were no signs of forced entry, however, the driver side window was down approximately one-half of an inch. She parked the vehicle at approximately 1:30 a.m. and upon her return at approximately 12:35 p.m. discovered the window open and stereo missing. She was provided contact information for PCSD in order to complete a report.

9/6/2004

A PLU student contacted CSIN to report the theft of a laptop computer and CD's from South Hall. A Tinglestad key set was also taken from the apartment. Upon questioning, one of the residents reported that she and a friend had invited three unidentified black males to the apartment. She and her friend fell asleep with the males still present.

When she awoke at approximately 11:00 a.m., she escorted the males from the apartment. Upon returning at approximately 4:55 p.m., the items were discovered missing. A report was completed and she was provided contact information for PCSD in order to complete a report. The Tinglestad resident director was contacted and advised of the missing key set for Tinglestad.

8/25/2004

The automatic fire alarm was activated at Hong Hall. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue was contacted and the cause was determined to be rainwater dripping through the roof.

8/26/2004

PLU staff from admissions contacted CSIN to report a person that had been speaking with them about classes and suddenly stopped talking and acted strange. CSIN made contact with an older male. It was determined that he may have suffered a minor seizure, which was repeated three more times during the incident. CPFR was contacted. They examined him and released him. He was escorted to the bus depot by CSIN staff.

8/29/2004

While setting up a loft bed, a non-PLU student had part of the bed fall and strike her in the head. She received a deep laceration behind her left ear, which led to moderate bleeding. CPFR was contacted, examined the wound and decided not to transport her. The victim was driven to St. Mary's Hospital for additional medical care.

A Conferences and Events worker contacted CSIN to report that she had accidentally scratched a vehicle while trying to pass it in a golf cart while it was parked on the side of the road next to the Tinglestad Gated Lot. The scratches appeared to be in about a 6 inch by 4 inch area on the door. A message was left with the owner to contact CSIN.

8/30/2004

A PLU student contacted CSIN to report that he had his bicycle stolen from outside the Library sometime during the day. He left the bicycle unlocked outside the Library. PCSD was not contacted.

9/1/2004

CSIN was contacted by a PLU staff member regarding a suspicious letter that the School of Nursing had received. The letter did not have a specific sender name and contained magazine clippings about abortion and anti-abortion opinions. These pages had hand-written

## Horoscopes: Secrets, love and your mom

Aries~March 21-April 19

You accomplish great things this week while stumbling upon an ancient PLU secret. Whatever happened to Oreo brownies at the Bistro grab 'n go?

Taurus~April 20-May 20

This week you will be faced with the toughest decision of your college career. Not declaring a major or who to hook up with, but who to hook up with while declaring your major. Hey, we did say it would be tough.

Gemini~May 21-June 21

This week you will begin to see double, but it has nothing to do with your weekend activities.

Cancer~June 22-July 22

With a sign like Cancer you would think every week would be a bad one for you. But this week proves you wrong when an attractive stranger stops you in the UC and asks, "Should you swipe me or should I swipe you?"

Leo~July 23-Aug. 22

By the end of the first week of school you are ready for a relaxing weekend. Your relaxing weekend quickly turns not-so relaxing when your roommate (or close friend) injects some drama by throwing up in your shoes.

Virgo~Aug. 23-Sept. 22

We're right in the middle of Virgo's birthday month and the birthday wishes keep coming true as love blooms over a rock-kicking venture in Red Square between Virgos and Geminis.

Libra~Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Your birthday countdown begins but your studies keep getting in the way. This week finds you skipping class more than usual to plan for the big celebration.

Scorpio~Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Classes leave you more drained than usual this week and we're not entirely sure why. Your battery bunny decides to stop drumming its drum and instead lay its head on a recharging pillow. You keep sleeping and sleeping and...

Sagittarius~Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your mom calls this week and surprises you by making a "your mom" joke. She hangs up, leaving you confused and in tears.

Capricorn~Dec. 22-Jan. 19

The world according to you gets topsy-turvy this week when a professor actually assigns a homework assignment you actually complete and turn in. We're as shocked and awed as you are.

Aquarius~Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Aquarius, what're you doing this week? We're glad you asked because quite a bit, actually. And none of it has anything to do with class. Doesn't that take a load off your mind? We thought so.

Pisces~Feb. 19-March 20

This week brings a craving for fish. Don't worry though, because, hey, you are a Pisces.

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# Football continues without Frosty: Outlook strong

**LINCOLN VANDER VEEN**  
Mast sports reporter

The 2004 version of PLU football is vastly different than 2003.

The most obvious change is at the head coaching post. Scott Westering, the long-term offensive coordinator at PLU, has taken over for his father, college-coaching legend, Frosty Westering.

Frosty retired from PLU as its leader in football victories and as one of the all-time winners in college football history among the likes of Joe Paterno at Penn State and Bobby Bowden at Florida State.

With the graduation of key seniors Aaron Binger, John Bailey and All-American Casey Carlson, to the outside observer, this season may appear to

be a rebuilding year for the program. According to the players, nothing could be further from the truth.

"We have four returning offensive linemen to go along with experience in the backfield, namely Ryan Simpson and Scott Peterson," explained starting quarterback Senior Dusty Macauley. "We've got plenty of young, talented receivers to catch the ball, so we should definitely chew up some yards."

Macauley also pointed out the subtle differences in coaching styles between Scott and Frosty.

"Practices are basically the same, and Scott still has control of the offensive. The main difference between this season and last deals mostly with the structure of practice. It's a lot

more regimented."

Senior Alex Jeffries, an outside linebacker, sees the team improving daily as the young season begins. Constant improvement throughout the season will be important for the Lutes to stay among the conference leaders.

"Every year, our main conference rivals included, Willamette and Whitworth, not to mention all the other solid teams we will face," Jeffries said.

With the start of the season less than a week away, PLU fans will soon see how the post-Frosty era at PLU will begin.

PLU will kick off the season Sept. 11 at 1:30 p.m. against California Lutheran at the Lutes home field, Sparks Stadium in Puyallup.



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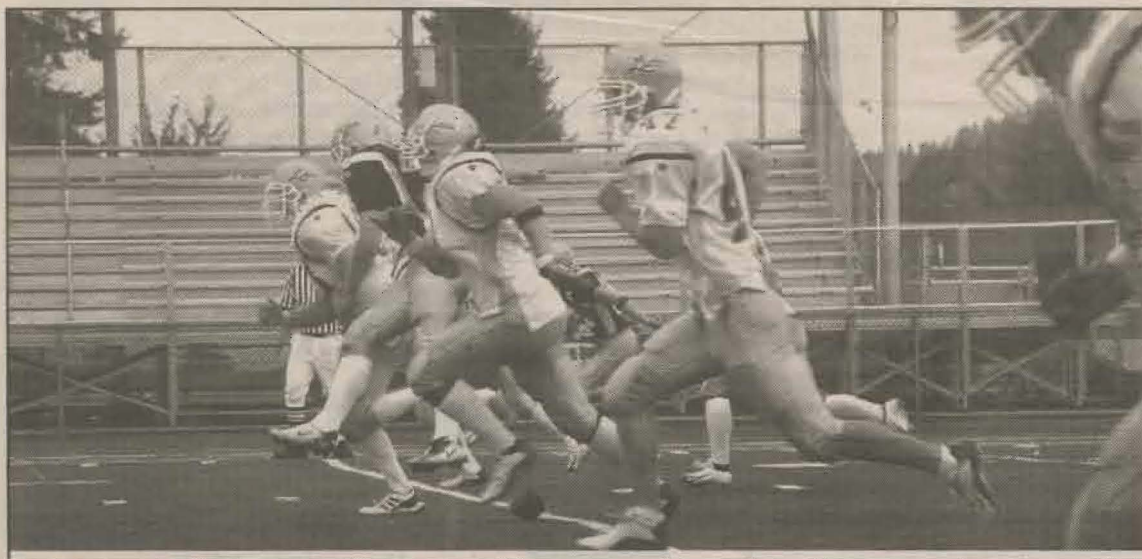
Senior Pat Munson, Mark McCall, Chris Hodeli and Junior Ryan Lehman come off the field after an extra point in the Intrasquad Game.



Photos by Brian Bradshaw

Above: Senior Quarterback Dusty Macauley stays calm in the pocket while senior Troy Hansen and sophomore Brett Frank apply pressure.

Below: The Kickoff team and Junior Tyler Bruem, #47, fly down field in the Intrasquad game.



## Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 4	<b>INTRASQUAD GAME</b>	Sumner HS	1:30 p.m.
September 11	<b>CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN</b>	Sparks Stadium	1:30 p.m.
September 25	<b>WISCONSIN-RIVER FALLS</b>	Sparks Stadium	1:30 p.m.
October 2	<b>*LINFIELD (Homecoming)</b>	Sparks Stadium	1:30 p.m.
October 9	* Puget Sound	Tacoma, WA	1:30 p.m.
October 16	Chapman	Orange, CA	7:00 p.m.
October 23	* Lewis & Clark	Portland, OR	6:00 p.m.
October 30	<b>* WILLAMETTE</b>	Sparks Stadium	1:30 p.m.
November 6	Menlo	Atherton, CA	1:00 p.m.
November 13	* Whitworth	Spokane, WA	12:30 p.m.

Home Games in **BOLD CAPS**

\* Denotes NWC Conference Game

## Division III Top 25 Teams

#	School	17	UW-Eau Claire
1	Mount Union (21)	18	Brockport State
2	Linfield (3)	19	RPI
3	UW-La Crosse (1)	20	Rowan
4	Springfield	21	East Texas Baptist
5	Wartburg	22	Lycoming
6	UW-Stevens Point	23	Bridgewater (Va.)
7	Capital	24	Baldwin-Wallace
8	Mary Hardin-Baylor	25	Johns Hopkins
9	St. John's	Others receiving votes:	
10	Montclair State	Christopher Newport 87,	
11	Trinity (Texas)	Wooster 86, Waynesburg 71,	
12	Ithaca	UW-Whitewater 67, Delaware	
13	Wheaton	Valley 50, Augustana 33,	
14	Bethel	McDaniel 32, <b>Pacific</b>	
15	Hardin-Simmons	<b>Lutheran 31</b> , Washington	
16	Hampden-Sydney	and Jefferson 26	

## Lutes On The Air

All Pacific Lutheran football games are broadcast live on KLAY 1180 AM. Steve Thomas handles the play-by-play duties and Karl Hoseth joins him in the booth as color commentator. The pre-game show begins 15 minutes before kickoff. All games are also webcast at [www.plu.edu/~lutecast](http://www.plu.edu/~lutecast).

## NCAA eliminates Bombers

**LINCOLN VANDER VEEN**  
Mast sports reporter

Year after year, the PLU football team had a special group of players. They are affectionately named "The Bombers," which was coined the term long ago by recently retired coach, Frosty Westering.

The Bombers were the first-year class of football players that used their first season in college football to become acquainted with the program. Unfortunately, students and faculty at PLU will no longer see new Bomber football t-shirts around campus.

The 2004 football team will be the first in many years that will not have a class of Bombers. The NCAA decided Division III universities, like PLU, will no longer be able to red-shirt players. This is to help them with the collegiate game.

The decision by the NCAA has drawn mixed reviews from around the country and PLU. PLU offensive guard, a red-shirt freshman, Kelly Totten, a

bomber last season, sees the good and bad in the decision.

"It allows young guys coming out of high school to immediately contribute on game days. However, the bomber year is a special experience and something I'll never forget. So, kids here at PLU will never again experience the great advantages of their bomber year."

A bomber works just as hard as any other player at PLU football practices. However, they cannot see the field on Saturdays, when it really counts. All they do is cheerlead from the sideline. Sounds like a drag, right? Not exactly.

Bombers are treated with the utmost respect by upperclassmen on the team. When they have a pressing question, they can turn to their own personal counselor, special assistant John "Nellie" Nelson.

Students at PLU will see in the years to come whether the decision by the NCAA will affect our football program. It will, however, personally affect many of the first-years coming into the PLU football program.

**Next Issue: An in-depth look at Coach Scott Westering**



## PLU announces coaching change in track and field program

Brad Moore, head cross-country and track and field coach at PLU for the past 24 seasons, will be altering his schedule to devote more time to academics and will step aside from the track and field position. Moore, a tenured associate professor in the School of Physical Education, will continue to coach cross-country at PLU.

That announcement was made today by Dr. Paul Hoseth, athletic director. Hoseth also announced that during the 2004-05 season, Heather Kreier and Jerry Russell will serve as co-head coaches of the track and field program.

Under Moore's leadership, PLU's track and field teams captured 10 men's and 18 women's conference titles, nine district and two regional champi-

onships. Moore was named the NAIA regional men's and women's track Coach of the Year in 1995, was selected as the NAIA District 1 Coach of the Year nine times, and was voted as the Northwest Conference Coach of the Year seven times. He coached seven NAIA or AIAW national champions (three men and seven women) and 166 NAIA or NCAA Division III First Team All-Americans during his 25-year reign as head coach.

Kreier completed her first year of coaching at PLU in 2004. She has a very impressive high school coaching background in cross-country, swimming, and track and field. Her most recent coaching positions were at Decatur High School in Federal Way, where she

was the head coach for boy's and girl's cross-country, girl's track and field, and boy's swimming, which were the 2003 Washington State 4A Team Champions. She brings to her coaching expertise an academic background in exercise physiology, biomechanics, sports nutrition, and is a health and fitness expert. Kreier is the owner of a health and wellness program called "Fit 4 Life." She is also the assistant cross-country coach at PLU. Kreier and her husband, Bret, live with their two children, Porter and Amber, in Spanaway.

Russell has coached track and field at PLU for 15 years following a highly successful high school and community college coaching career. He brings over 30 years of coaching experience to the pro-

gram. He was the head track and field coach at Green River Community College for two years, coached at Franklin Pierce High School for eight years during which time FPHS won four consecutive Class 3A state championships, and coached for four years at Lincoln High School in Tacoma. He is retired from the Franklin Pierce School District and now is a faculty member at Life Christian Academy. Russell has played a major role in the development of PLU's track and field program to national prominence during his tenure. Coach Russell is also very involved with the promotion of track and field coaching clinics throughout the Northwest.



Photo from file

Men's soccer showed it's grit last season and are ready to emerge this year.

### Justin Stevens named Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week

Justin Stevens of the PLU men's soccer team was named the Northwest Conference Offensive Player of the Week Monday.

Stevens, a PLU junior from Snohomish, Wash. (Snohomish High School), scored one goal and had two assists in PLU's three games last week. He had an assist in a 4-2 loss to Western

Baptist last Wednesday and scored a goal and added an assist in Saturday's 4-1 win over Gustavus Adolphus. The Lutes compiled a 1-2 record in the three contests.

The players of the week are selected by a committee of sports information directors in the conference.

### Women kick off new season

Although his team lost nine players from a year ago—three to graduation and the others for a variety of reasons—PLU women's soccer coach Jerrod Fleury prefers to focus on the positive.

"We still have a strong core of kids, and that's the key," Fleury said, in his third year as head coach of the Lutes. "I'm comfortable with the group that we have returning, that they'll do a good job. The key is, we'll probably need two to three of the freshmen to really step up and be an impact player, even to the point that they'll be able to step up and even start for us. And if that's the case, then I'll feel a little more comfortable with the situation and the number of returners that we lost."

The Lutes return 12 players including eight starters from last season's team, which compiled a 9-11 overall record including 5-9 in the Northwest Conference.

"I think the thing we lost is depth," Fleury said. "If we can get some of the freshmen to step up that will help."

Most of the losses were on defense. The lone returning

starter is junior Jenny Ironside, an honorable mention all-conference pick last season. First-year Shauna Tachibana is a potential starter. She has been a surprise in the workouts, Fleury said. Other possibilities are returnees junior Laura Fisher, sophomores Jackie Oehmcke and Nicole Roeder, red-shirt freshman Laura Bonino and first-years Breann Vanden Bos and Emily Ewen.

In the midfield, Fleury feels his team will be okay with good speed on the outside. Junior Alyssa Burleson, who led the team in scoring last season with 12 goals and 26 points, returns in the middle. Other returnees include juniors Andrea Gabler and Mindy Lyski. Fleury said that first-year Melissa Buitrago is expected to start. The other newcomers include first-years Sarah Hodges, Emily Turitto and Alicia Uzarek.

The forward position is a strength this season, Fleury said. Returnees include juniors Brita Lider and Gabler, who missed 60 percent of the conference schedule last season because of an injury, yet finished fifth on the team in scor-

ing (three goals and six points).

"She's (Lider) had a couple of really good seasons. We think this will be a breakout season for her. We need her to step up and contribute on offense," Fleury said. Sophomore Nicole Roeder is another returning player and Lyski can also play the position if needed.

The Lutes three returning goalkeepers are Senior Kim Bosley, junior Liz Chase and red-shirt freshman Alyssa Blackburn. Bosley was the starter last season, but all three are capable netminders, Fleury said. "We feel good about our goalkeeping situation."

The Lutes were picked to finish fifth in the pre-season conference coaches poll.

"Every year our conference is tough," Fleury said. "Obviously UPS (Puget Sound), Willamette and Whitworth are, I think, a little bit ahead of everybody else. But I think after that...we could finish as high as fourth or as low as ninth. It depends on how things shake out in that middle portion."

### Youth Bring the Men to Life

Last season the Lutes produced a winning record for the first time in six years and increased to four years the trend of increasing the victory total each season. Head coach John Yorke looks to continue that improvement this fall in his third season as head coach.

"We're looking to continue to improve over the last two years, in both our overall and conference record," Yorke said, named the 2003 Northwest Conference Coach of the Year after directing the Lutes to an 11-7-2 overall record, including a fourth place finish in the conference standings with a 7-5-2 mark.

With nine returning starters and plenty of talented newcomers, "We'll have a much better team. We've improved in our ability to score goals. We brought in good attack players and the returners are more dangerous," Yorke said.

The offense will be led by forward Trevor Jacka, a sophomore whose seven goals were second on the team and earned him honorable mention all-conference recognition last season. Another returnee is senior Jason Rubottom. Yorke said junior Kevin Murray, a transfer who started the past two seasons at the University of Washington, and first-years Michael Ferguson and Matt Webb could also contribute on the front line.

Senior Jay Pettit, a first-team all-conference pick a year ago, heads the list of midfielders. He set a school

record last season with 13 assists and scored three goals. Junior Justin Stevens returns as the starting center midfielder, along with two-year starter junior Willy Devgun.

Junior Matt Melius is also back for the Lutes. The long list of newcomers includes Murray and first-years Jake Adams, Tony Ciocca, Erik Gracey, Matt Webb and Stephen Washington.

The Lutes return three of the four starters on defense—seniors Kelly LeProwse, Matt Morello and Laef Swanson. LeProwse will start in the center and the other two on the out-sides.

The fourth starter on defense will be junior Matt Taller, who moves from the midfield where he started the past two years.

Depth is also prevalent with returnees junior John Novotney, senior Matt Morello, red-shirt freshman Adam Ladage, and a host of other first-years. Yorke said Washington will have the opportunity to get playing time.

All four goalkeepers return from last season, led by junior Jared Harmon, a second-team all-conference selection last year. He recorded 59 saves and allowed 17 goals (0.93 goals against average) in 18 games last season.

Juniors Matt Atwood and Rob Grolbert also saw some action in the net last season, and Ryan Cochran returns as a red-shirt freshman.



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# Volleyball team sets up for new season with new faces

**KRISTEN LABATE**  
 Mast sports reporter

The PLU women's volleyball season kicked off late August with pre-season training. The team is excited for a great season regardless of the loss of several starting players. Outside hitter, junior Stephanie Turner said, "the freshmen this year are so talented and while we did lose players, we still have a lot of key players returning."

Coach Kevin Aoki is carrying a large team this year with 17 players, which is rare at the collegiate level. Larger teams are growing in popularity, especially this year because NCAA eliminated red-shirt players for Division III schools.

However, it will prove to be an advantage because the team will have a wide range of talent to play with.

This year the main goal is to establish a rhythm. The team will work hard to blend the talents of the new and the old. "This year, we have eight freshman joining our team, which brings a lot of new chemistry and a new look to the team, and we are working together to find our balance," sophomore Jenn Henrichsen said (RS, MB).

The volleyball team is experimenting with several player combinations, such as the setter, known as the "quarterback" of the volleyball team, which executes many offensive plays.

Many defensive specialists returned, such as juniors



Ashleigh Houlton and Nicole Potts, sophomore Jackie Sasaki, and first-year Megan Kosel, who all bring valuable defensive skills to the team.

PLU will show no weakness at the net as several of its players tower at six feet tall. The net line-up includes veterans, juniors Meghan Fagerberg and Turner and sophomores Jenn Henrichsen and Kati McGinn.

Aoki returns this year to coach his ninth volleyball season. Aoki is a 1984 PLU graduate. Assistant Coach Tim Templin also returns for his ninth season. Templin is a 1986 PLU graduate. This coaching duo has proved to be successful, totaling 128 career wins.

Aoki did not hesitate to get his players out on the court in game situations. Labor day weekend, the PLU

women traveled to River Falls, Wis. for the University of Wisconsin River Falls Falcon Invitational Tournament. The tournament included Gustavus Adolphus, St. Olaf, UW at River Falls and UW at Stout.

PLU disappointedly dropped three of its four matches leaving with a 1-3 record to start off the season. On Sept. 3, PLU lost to UW River Falls, (22-30, 22-30, 21-30). St. Olaf defeated PLU in a quick, but close three games, (27-30, 27-30, 28-30). "This tournament made us realize that we are going to have to work hard this season in order to play up to our reputation. We cannot be content with any level of play that is not our 100 percent," Henrichsen said.

On Sept. 4, PLU played another close match against UW at Stout, but could not pull out the finish. PLU lost three games, (22-30, 26-30, 26-30).

However, PLU did end on a good note winning its last match against Gustavus Adolphus, (31-29, 25-30, 30-28, 30-21). PLU's libero, Kosel was chosen for the All Tournament team for her defensive skills. In the four matches she totaled 52 digs.

The PLU women's volleyball team did not get the results they hoped for this past weekend, but they have the skills and potential to be a threat in the Northwest Conference this season. The team is very anxious to see what the season will bring. PLU will host its first home match against St. Martin Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.



Photos from file

Above: PLU hitter gets ready to put the ball away.

Left: Practice is a key part of PLU volleyball. The Frontline gets ready for a block and for the game.

## Youth Movement In PLU Cross-Country

A youth movement has hit the PLU men's and women's cross country program, but it's by design.

Head Coach, Brad Moore, and Assistant Coach, Heather Kreier, put an emphasis on recruiting after last season, and the result is 16 new first-years,—seven men and nine women,—on the roster this season.

"The youth is a positive because of the numbers," Kreier said.

On the women's team, first-year Shawn Walters has emerged as the number one runner. Junior Ashley Jamieson and sophomore Bethany (Carter) De Vilbiss, both returnees, are the number two and three runners on the team. Jamieson qualified for, and competed in, the NCAA Division III regional meet last fall. Junior Liz Jacobsen and sophomore Dani Fosjord also returned, but the rest of the

team is comprised of all first-years.

However, Kreier said the expectations for the women's team are high. "In our (the coaches) opinion, the women's team has a pretty good spread. If they work hard they have a good shot at going to regionals."

The men's team, "will probably take a little more time to develop, but they should be competitive at conference if not a little further. We want them to make it to regionals, but it's going to take a lot of work to get there," Kreier said.

Senior Corey Fish, and juniors Adam Oswald and Tyler Nugent, all returning veterans, are the top three runners.

First-year Ben Johnson is the top first-year runner and is challenging for the third spot.

"On the men's team we're going to count on the returning runners to bring along the freshmen," Kreier said.

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# This Week in Sports at Pacific Lutheran University

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Don't you feel blessed you have <i>The Mast</i> to read now?	Women's Soccer PLU vs. Alum 1 p.m.	Seahawks kick off their season in New Orleans. So watch the game and then do your homework.	Wake up Bright and Early! Have pity on your friends with 8 a.m. classes.	Give your neighbor a backrub!	It's Hump Day! Remember those that are in need, be nice to Bio majors!	The return of <i>The Mast</i> and the Scott Westering spread is only a day away!
	Football PLU vs. CLU 1:30 p.m. Sparks Stadium					

## Ichiro saves dismal season and Sonic rebuild, again



**On the ball**  
Brian Jones

A new school year and another sports season means more On The Ball. Right now there is one thing on the mind of sports people in Seattle- Ichiro. But there are a few more things on my mind, the Sonics and hockey.

To start off, I would like to ask for a moment of silence for the Seattle Mariners. The Mariners died this year. Their age caught up to them and they died of old age. There are only two saving graces for the Mariners, Ichiro and Bucky Jacobsen.

Ichiro is now locked in a chase with history. He is close to breaking one of baseball's "unbreakable records." We learned that "unbreakable records" could be broken when Cal Ripken Jr. played in 2,131 straight games and Mark

McGwire hit home run number 62. Even with the Mariners dead, Ichiro is chasing George Sisler's 84-year-old record of 257 hits in a season. Ichiro is projected to break the record Sept. 28 in Oakland. We have it on our sports calendar in *The Mast* office, it better be on your calendar.

The other bright spot on the Mariners is Bucky Jacobsen. Jacobsen is a one-of-a-kind player that Seattle needed. He is a hard hat, lunch pail player who loves baseball. He is just glad to be in the majors and is trying his best every day. Critics said he could not hit the curveball, but Jacobsen's second home run was on a curveball. If he would have hit that one any harder, it would have landed in Qwest Field.

I like Jacobsen. Maybe it is because he's big. Maybe it is because he loves the game. Maybe it is because he spent seven years in the minors. Regardless, I hope he is here to stay.

The Seattle Supersonics have been criticized by many people for not making themselves a better team. But I am here to support the Sonics. I like what they did. I was worried when they drafted Robert Swift, a seven-foot high school kid. And he is white! I know that sounds bad, but it is basketball we are talking about. Basketball is the sport with the token white guy, but back to the Sonics. Robert Swift, Nick Collison and Luke Ridnour make a solid core to the team. A big center that is going to get bigger, a crafty point guard and a double-double power forward. I like that team. Here is the catch, they will not be good for another two years. Just have patience.

There are many sports, but only one that I dream and talk non-stop about. On Sept. 3, I spent seven hours at the Everett Events Center watching hockey. I promise to keep this unbiased, but there is no sport better to watch than hockey. Puget Sounders are gifted with a wonderful junior hockey league, the Western Hockey League. There is an amazing team just an hour up I-5 in Everett. There is also one in Seattle,

Portland, Spokane and Kennewick. If you want to see great action, great hockey and a great rivalry, watch Everett versus Seattle in Everett. I was fortunate to see the preseason version of it and I thought it was February. It was that good and that intense.

The best part about the WHL is that it sends guys to the NHL. No other hockey league in North America sends more players to the NHL than the WHL.

As for the NHL, I just do not know what to say. It is a bad thing for a writer not to know what to say. But if Sept. 15 passes with no collective bargaining agreement between the owners and the players, we might as well forget professional hockey in the United States for a long time. It is hard to rebound from a strike or hold out. It is a shame too because the Minnesota Wild are going to have to lay off half their staff. That is just a tragedy and it is a shame that Minnesota will get deprived of good hockey.

But the bright side is, Ichiro is going to break an unbreakable record and the Sonics are going in the right direction.

## Scorecard

Soccer	Men's	Standings	Team	NWC	Pts.	Pacific Lutheran.....	0 0 - 0	1-1	6	2	Pacific Boxers	0-0	0	La Verne.....	0 1 - 1	5	12	Linfield Wildcats	0-0	0-1	
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			Whitworth Pirates	0-0	0	Second Half - 2, 51:49 GA, own goal, 52nd minute. 3, GA, Groth (Bousu), 90th minute.		1-1	5	3	Pacific Lutheran	0-0	0	First Half - None		12					
			Puget Sound Loggers	0-0	0	Referee - Doug Penski. Asst. Referee - Eric Scott, Mark Matthews.		0-2-1	2	5	Linfield Wildcats	0-0	0	Second Half - 1, ULV, Lejay (Ford), 58th minute.		09/01/04					
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			George Fox Bruins	0-0	0	La Verne.....					Pacific Lutheran....	0 0 - 0		Volleyball							
			Willamette Bearcats	0-0	0	Pacific Lutheran....					Western Baptist.....	1 1 - 2		Standings							
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