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ASPLU candidates talk after Wednesday's formal debate. From left to right, presidential hopeful Trent Erickson, and vice presidential candidates Isaiah Johnson and Scott Johnson.

ASPLU chalks up Tolo loss as lesson in leadership

By Scott Lester
Mast reporter

With roughly \$7,000 to make up for as a result of money lost on the Tolo dance, no one is to blame according to Comptroller Andrew Corrigan, comptroller, and Amy Jo Matthews Student Activities Coordinator.

The Tolo dance lost a net total of \$8,273.73 after ticket sales. Major contributing expenses were the rental of the Boeing Museum of Flight (\$6,000), catering and beverage services (\$1,192.25), the band, Runners of the Big Wave (\$1,500), in addition to numerous other expenses. The total net sales were only \$1,001.30.

The original net loss from Tolo was \$8,273.73, however, \$1,217.97 was left in the formal dance account from Homecoming, leaving the total net deficit at \$7,055.81.

Corrigan said the formal dance

committee was an account that is separate from the programming account. With a formal dance like Homecoming or Spring Formal, the committee in charge is expected to bring back whatever ASPLU money it spent. There is no intention for profit.

The funding process for Tolo starts when the formal dance committee asks the ASPLU Senate for money to stage the dance. On any issues involving senate money, a two-thirds majority must vote in favor of the proposal. Because ASPLU was dealing with a specialized account for formal dances, no one called for the proper senate vote.

"No one even thought about the proper channels to go through, it slipped right under our noses," Corrigan said.

"What scares me the most is that if Tolo would have made money, I don't think that anyone would have

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Johnsons vie for VP post Erickson runs for presidency unopposed

By Katie Nelson
Mast assistant news editor

The new season of ASPLU elections marks the final lap of the school year and the beginning of changes, as the fall 1993 term lies on the horizon.

Campaign hoopla hit campus with a flurry of posters earlier this week, and continued with a formal debate in Chris Kautzen Hall on Wednesday evening.

The election will be held on April 7, one night after a second, informal, debate in which students will be able to question the candidates.

Since the ASPLU offices of comptroller and program director were recently changed by the senate to

appointed, instead of elected, positions, only the offices of president and vice president will be put before the student body for a vote.

Isaiah Johnson and Scott Johnson are running for the position of ASPLU vice president.

Isaiah Johnson is a junior majoring in human resource management and whose main focus is unity.

"Unity: the state of being one in spirit, sentiment and purpose," said Johnson. "My vision is a campus of unity where all people work together."

Johnson said that each student has a voice, but the voices must come together in order to be heard. He remarked that he doesn't want to cause strife with the administration

of faculty, but hopes the whole campus will come together and be excited and involved as they cooperate.

Johnson believes that he has the energy needed to get people enthused, to come together into such a community.

"Unity in every area on this campus — that's what I'm all about," Johnson said.

Scott Johnson, a junior majoring in history, political science and secondary education, is focusing his campaign on the voices of PLU students and "winning those voices back."

Johnson wants to establish a student bill of rights, placing students

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Kate Berger/The Mast

Cascade's Aron Johnson speaks out at the mission statement forum on March 16. Johnson was one of three Christian Activity leaders to sign a letter asking Christians to "take a stand" for Christ in PLU's future.

Mission forum setting for battle of 'two kingdoms'

By Mike Lee
Mast news editor

Students quizzed the panel of drafters about the focus of the proposed mission statement and the process used to determine that focus for nearly two hours on March 16.

When the Cave emptied, however, the drafting committee refused to make any promises about the changes discussed in the forum.

Philip Nordquist, history professor and committee member, said, "If our minds have changed

as a consequence of things we've heard, (we will) talk to President Anderson to . . . rethink some of this."

The committee, however, will not make any formal decisions until after the April 15 forum.

While the first ASPLU-sponsored forum may not have altered the shape of PLU's mission, it at least served as a "therapy session" said Nordquist, who opened the discussion.

"I have been remarkably angry these last few weeks," Nordquist said. "Some of the things that have

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Grudgers vow victory, await big match

By Liz Tunnell
Mast photo editor

Some grudges at PLU just have to be settled. A handful of students will have the opportunity to work out their differences tomorrow night at the Hong Grudge Match in the field house, where food will begin flying at 8 p.m.

The Grudge Match is a take-off of a late-night television show where contestants with grudges against each other take out their frustrations by throwing food. Hong held this event for the first time last year and more than 400 people joined in the revelry.

The eight contestants this year are psyched up and ready to fight to the death, or at least until the whistle blows after the third and final round of their contests.

Mary Carr will take on Tim Hamlet, a guy she used to be on the swim team with but now finds just plain

annoying, she said. Hamlet is not scared in the least and said he will "rip her heart out."

This grudge between Carr and Hamlet started when Carr started dating a military man. Rumor had it that he was married, and Carr was given the nickname of "Homewrecker" by Hamlet and others. The ringer wasn't married, but the nickname stuck.

Later, when Carr had some problems with her hair and cut it very short, Hamlet started calling her Billy Idol.

"He just wouldn't quit," Carr said. "(He) took it to the extreme. Hopefully he's going to be embarrassed when I kick his butt."

Hamlet is ready to meet Carr head on. "She wants me dead, and I can't wait," Hamlet said. "I figure I can get her down in the middle of the ring and dump the stuff all over her."

In Harstad, Maurine French and Danielle Morris have a couple of

neighbors who they say come in without knocking, watch their television and stay too long.

Jill Anderson and Rachel Hoobing, their opponents, feel that the two roommates "need a life." They say that they feel bad for French and Morris and that they are only bringing the girls some social activity.

"It's just an excuse to come over and watch our TV," Morris said. She feels that her neighbors' claims that they need a life is just "pretty lame."

The final match will be between Brian Taylor and Steve Owens.

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The next issue of The Mast will be April 16 because of Easter Break

CAMPUS BRIEFS

In observance of the World Parliament of Religions, the PLU humanities division will sponsor a conference on "Tradition and Dialogue in Encountering the World Religions" on April 21-23.

The three days of the event include keynote speaker Professor John B. Cobb Jr. from Claremont University. Cobb will address the topic "Can a Christian be a Religious Pluralist, too?" at 7:30 p.m. on April 22.

Responding to Cobb's lecture will be Lyman Lundeen from the PLU religion department and Rev. Don Castro, a minister from the Seattle Buddhist Temple.

The conference will open on April 21 at 7:30 p.m. with speeches by Patricia Killen and Paul Ingram, both from PLU's religion department. Killen will discuss the World Parliament of Religions, and Ingram will talk about religious pluralism and interreligious dialogue.

A panel of PLU religion professors Nancy Howell and Drorah Setel, as well as Judith Kay, religion professor from the University of Puget Sound, will talk about "Feminist Perspectives on Religious Pluralism" on April 23 at 2 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

An Easter Choral Evening Prayer, featuring choir, vocal quartet, an instrumental chamber ensemble and organ is scheduled for April 16 at 7 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.

The concert is being conducted by Rev. Robert Bergt, resident conductor of Tokyo's Musashino Academy Musicale and will feature Jean Bergt as guest organist.

Also featured will be a newly installed 20 stop mechanical action Fritts pipe organ, recently dedicated to the church.

The musical offerings include two psalm settings for evening prayer by local composer Alan Hovhannes.

There is no admission charge, but \$5 per person is the recommended donation to the free-will offering. Grace Lutheran Church is located at 6202 So. Tyler St. in south Tacoma.

Two PLU seniors have been awarded broadcasting awards this year.

The Justice Charles Horowitz Merit Awards are presented annually by the Saul and Dayce Haas Foundation of Tacoma to university students in Washington state majoring in communication arts.

Chris Hedegaard, majoring in communication and theater, and Kirby Court, a broadcast major, won the award this year.

Both Hedegaard and Court have worked with KPLU-FM and KCNS6.

The Horowitz award also includes a \$750 scholarship.

"El Super," a Cuban American comedy, will be shown as part of the Humanities Film Series tonight at 7 p.m. in Ingram 103.

The film is a view of Cuban exiles living in a basement apartment during a snowy winter in New York, focusing on a character named Roberto and his refusal to assimilate into the new culture.

The film series continues as part of the Humanities Division's theme "Power, Privilege and Discrimination."

SIDEWALK TALK

"What do you think about ASPLU's decision to make comptroller and programs director appointed instead of elected positions?"



"If [ASPLU knows] what they're doing, then that's good, but I think the students should definitely have a say in it."

Heather Harris
senior



"I would think that it would be better to elect them, that way it would better represent the student population. Otherwise it could lead to favoritism, and the buddy system comes into play."

Kevin Wimsett
freshman



"I think they should probably be elected because for the mass majority there would be a consensus as to who was chosen. That way they would also get more input and ideas than trying just to fit the needs of a certain group of people."

Barbara Lilly
senior



"That's cool, if they think it's more efficient."

Mike Monsen
sophomore

SAFETY BEAT

Tuesday, March 23

■ A youth visiting campus reported that her pink Huffy bike was stolen from outside the University Center, near the Scandinavian Cultural Center. Loss is estimated at \$50.

Friday, March 26

■ The candy machine in Ingram was broken into by an unknown individual. Loss and damage are estimated at \$85.

Saturday, March 27

■ A student's vehicle was broken into while it was parked in the Library lot. Cost of damage is undetermined.

■ A student's vehicle was broken into while it was parked in Harstad lot. Cost of damage is undetermined.

Sunday, March 28

■ A student reported that her gel bike seat was stolen from the Stuen bike rack.

Monday, March 29

■ Two students were found to be propping open the doors of the University Center while the building was closed. The matter has been turned over to Student Conduct and the University Center Office.

■ A staff member in the ASPLU office reported receiving obscene phone calls. Telecommunications determined that the calls came from off campus.

■ A Kreidler resident reported receiving prank phone calls. Telecommunications determined that the calls were made from on-campus courtesy

phones. The student receiving the calls also reported that he suspects who the caller was.

■ A student reported her bike pedals were stolen while the bike was locked to the Stuen bike rack.

Tuesday, March 30

■ A student's vehicle was broken into while it was parked in Tingelstad lot. Damage is estimated at \$100.

■ A second student's vehicle was broken into while it was parked in Tingelstad lot. Damage is estimated at \$125.

■ A Foss resident reported receiving an obscene phone call. Telecommunications determined that the call came from off campus.

■ A student reported that his backpack containing textbooks, a calculator, sunglasses and a portable CD player was stolen from the University Center commons. Loss is estimated at \$650.

■ A student reported that his aqua blue and white Novara Strada road bike was stolen from the Stuen bike rack. Loss is estimated at \$800.

■ A second student reported that her specialized Rockhopper mountain bike was stolen from the Stuen bike rack. Loss is estimated at \$450.

Fire Alarms:

March 23, 2:22 a.m. Library; cause undetermined.

March 23, 7:03 p.m. Hong; caused by burnt food.

March 30, 2:45 a.m. Kreidler; alarm maliciously pulled.

Food Service

Saturday, April 3

Breakfast:
Omelettes
Sausage Gravy and Biscuits
Cinnamon Rolls

Lunch:
Submarine Sandwich
Ravioli
Beef Barley Soup

Dinner:
Swedish Meatballs
Salmon
Cashew Casserole

Sunday, April 4

Branch:
Fried Eggs
Pancakes
Bacon

Dinner:
Turkey Roast
Beef Canniloni
Cheese Manicotti

Monday, April 5

Breakfast:
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage Patties
Blueberry-Filled Pancakes

Lunch:
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Ham Noodle Casserole

Dinner:
Mediterranean Chicken
Monterey Rice Ole
Pea Pods

Tuesday, April 6

Breakfast:
Waffles with Strawberries
Omelettes
Assorted Muffins

Lunch:
Nachos Bar
Chicken Crispitos
Vegetarian Lasagna

Dinner:

Hot Beef Sandwich with Gravy
Baked Fish
Pasta Florentine

Wednesday, April 7

Breakfast:
Sliced Ham
French Toast
Shredded Hashbrowns

Lunch:
Chicken Noodle Soup
BLT Sandwich
Beef Pot Pie

Dinner:

Shrimp Jambalaya
Baked Chicken Breast
Veggie Rice Curry

Thursday, April 8

Breakfast:
Sausage
Waffles with Blueberries
Oatmeal

Lunch:

Philly Beef Sandwich
Minestrone Soup
Tuna Noodle Casserole

Dinner:

Fish and Chips
Curly Fries
Stuffed Shells Marinara

Friday, April 9

Breakfast:
Cheese Omelettes
French Toast
Cinnamon Rolls

Lunch:

Turkey Divine
Baked Potato Bar
Corn Chips

Dinner:

Chicken Stir Fry
Tofu Stir Fry
Salisbury Steak
Banana Splits

New ISP class transcends the typical

By Julianne Pagel
Mast copy desk chief

A new approach to a course within PLU's Integrated Studies Program is encouraging students to learn not only from their professors, but from their peers as well.

The class, entitled "Brain and Transcendence," stresses collaboration within small groups to "promote active student learning," said Brian Baird, psychology professor, who is co-teaching with art professor Lawry Gold.

Gold said that this "learning team" format surrenders the professor's traditional classroom authority and shows students that "the power to learn belongs to the learner."

Gold added that the professor's role in this teaching technique is to help students understand the learning process and discover things for themselves.

Rodney Van Andel, a sophomore in the class, said that his learning team causes him to think more deeply about his beliefs.

"I have to know where I'm coming from in order to understand others," he said. "Learning other people's beliefs is sometimes the best learning you can do."

Van Andel added that his learning team discussions include all group members, whereas it is "easier to hide in a big class."

The class meets as a whole about once a week, Van Andel said, and each small group meets on its own time.

Gold said that this schedule provides flexibility and gives more students a chance to take the class.

When a small group meets, its members take on assigned roles, such as a "facilitator" or a "guardian angel." Gold said that a facilitator keeps the discussion moving and makes sure the agenda is adhered to, while the guardian angel encourages silent members to speak and keeps others from monopolizing the conversation.

As the students learn to work together, Gold said that they are preparing themselves for future group interactions. Basically everything in life is done in a group of some sort, he continued, whether it involves the family, church, workplace or community.

Sophomore Stephanie Wilson, said that working with her small group members has helped her to be more prepared to learn. She said that she feels a sense of responsibility toward her group because it counts on her contributions.

Wilson described a recent assignment in which each group represented a human brain, including aspects such as senses, emotion and

decision making.

She said that one group's brain had to ask another group's brain out on a date, which made her realize how "complicated and fast the brain is" with its interacting components.

Beyond the small groups, the ISP class transcends traditional learning with hands-on activities like contra dancing (a form of line dancing) and making marimba music. For both special events, Gold and Baird called in off-campus experts to lead students through the basis of their arts.

Gold said that a conference may be held at the end of the semester to present what the students and professors have discovered through the use of learning teams.



Liz Turner/The Mast
Psychology professor Brian Baird shows his stuff at a contra-dance Tuesday. Baird and co-professor Lawry Gold use the dance as part of their ISP class this spring.

Core II to integrate diversity, new classes

by Kelly Davis
Mast reporter

True to its ideals, the Integrated Studies Program at PLU is trying to stay one step ahead of the rest of the community when it comes to diversity.

Riding on the crest of newly adapted General University Requirements intended to increase the diversity of subjects taught to Core I students, the ISP faculty committee is working on short and long term changes to Core II. These changes, in the words of Paul Benton, ISP committee chair and English professor, "will strengthen an already strong program."

Some of the proposed changes were discussed March 19 by the Educational Policies Committee, and if there are no faculty objections by May, the new policy will be in effect next fall. These are purely structural modifications that will increase the flexibility of the program.

Benton set a rough target date of 1996 for the implementation of new curriculum that would actually modify certain elements of Core II courses.

Presently, Core II requires incoming students to take a year-long freshman sequence, followed by two year-long sequences of 200-level courses chosen from three possible lines. Each half of these sequences is taught by a different team of professors in order to increase students' exposure to different academic perspectives. The program is finished off with a semester seminar.

The structural changes of Core II would remove the sequence requirement, and introduce 200-level courses that do not have to be taught in a fall/spring sequence.

One advantage of this change is that it will be easier for professors and administrators to coordinate

schedules because there would only have to be two instructors available instead of four, Benton said.

Benton also cited the greater opportunity for professors to develop their ideas into ISP courses, since they would not be as limited by the availability of co-instructors.

For example, an energy and resources class developed by earth sciences professor Jill Whitman and economic professor Rachel Nugent, "will be one of our very best courses" planned for next fall, Benton said. Under current Core II rules, the course could not be taught, because no one on the faculty could teach a spring follow-up. Under new policy, however, there won't have to be a follow-up, Benton said.

For students, the changes mean more choices. Instead of just two year-long courses confined to a set of three sequences, they can choose up to four different classes, all in different fields, to fulfill their 200-level course requirements.

Benton added that some courses will remain as sequences. That way, students can benefit from the greater depth offered by a year-long class. The ISP committee is currently faced with the task of determining how to make previously year-long courses viable as single-semester ones.

More fundamental changes for ISP are "in the wind," Benton said. These are modifications of certain course elements in the program that will reflect GUR changes adopted this year. The new university guidelines call for a diversity requirement in Core I, and in this spirit, the ISP Committee would like to further enhance Core II. Benton described the committee as devoted to "diversity in areas and how they might better be treated in ISP."

The sort of changes being dis-

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Committee continues processing options for computer center

By Colleen Ann Deal
Mast reporter

The sound of strikes was once familiar on PLU's University Center bowling alley. The door was closed and locked a year ago but it may be opened again, this time to a different sounding strike: the striking of keys on a computer keyboard.

A committee will make renovation recommendations available by mid-May for the old bowling alley, including a possible move for the Ramstad computer user room.

The committee, which was authorized by the President's Council in November, consists of University Center director Rick Eastman, two professors and two student senators.

The alley was closed at the end of the 1991-92 school year, leaving nearly 4,000 square feet available in the lower level of the UC.

Last April, former ASPLU president, recommended that the wheelchair-inaccessible and sometimes crowded Ramstad computer user room be moved to the former alley.

The user room is now housed in a 350 square foot space. The proposal recommends moving the user room into an approximately 1,000 square-foot space, providing more room to work and easier access.

Robert Paterson, dean for computing Scott Friedman also recommends the move. "I've seen the model where the user rooms are a part of university centers at other universities, and it works very well," Paterson said.

If the move is approved, the number of computers will most likely not increase due to funding problems.

Computer access has been available for PLU students since the mid-'70s. Originally, the university housed about 10 terminals. Presently, there are 17 terminals in the Ramstad user room and 35 in the Memorial user room.

Paterson said that between 30 and 50 percent of the terminals are in used daily, and there is usually no waiting except during mid-terms and finals.

Student access aside, about three-fifths of the administrative computers are out-of-date and unable to run modern software, Paterson said.

To combat the problem, PLU's Developmental Office established a relationship with IBM nearly three years ago. IBM agreed to match, money that its employees donated to the university or provide five times that amount in equipment.

Paterson said that the IBM arrangement has allowed the university to replace some equipment, but lack of terminal space continues to be a problem.

"The real problem is that there hasn't been a university-wide plan for replacing obsolete hardware equipment on campus," Paterson said. "That's an ongoing problem."

Other recommendations for the old alley space include a new room for Outdoor Recreation, clubs and organization rooms, a student lounge specifically for commuter students, and a recreational activity area.

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Three's company: Ministry trio in eighth year of balancing families, jobs

By Christie Falk
Mast reporter

Three best friends on a see-saw made for two is not many people's idea of a balanced situation. Sharing two offices as part of a three-person team on a two-person salary is likewise not typically the ideal.

But at PLU, where Susan Briehl, Dan Erlander and Martin Wells have worked for the last seven years as campus pastors, this arrangement has been a "wonderful blessing," Wells said.

"The three of us cooked up this idea that we suggest PLU hire all three of us and that we would split the jobs," Wells said.

Wells, who grew up in Anchorage, Alaska, pursued a variety of interests before deciding to become a pastor. A few of these included working as a merchant seaman and graduating from law school.

While at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in California, Wells became friends with fellow student Susan Briehl, and the two of them married before their graduation.

Briehl had also pursued other interests as an undergraduate.

"At one point I hitchhiked to California to become a novelist," Briehl said.

Now Briehl and Wells spend as much time as possible with their two daughters, ages 6 and 10. It was the strong promise to work together and be parents together that caused them to seek out a third pastor to share the work-load and allow them to keep their family life intact.

Dan Erlander proved to be the



Campus pastors and their secretary pause by the Centennial Bell in Red Square. From left to right, Pastor Dan Erlander, Jean Kotrba, Pastor Susan Briehl and Pastor Martin Wells.

perfect fit. Erlander had been village pastor at Holden Village, a Christian retreat center in the North Cascades, and had become friends with Briehl and Wells when they worked with him as summer staff members.

Years later, the opportunity arose for the three of them to work together again at PLU. Erlander had graduated from PLU with an art degree and never thought he'd return.

"I'd never planned to be a campus pastor; it wasn't anything I'd ever

dreamed about," he said.

The pastors consider their job as one with a two-fold purpose. One side entails being chaplains to the university community of students, faculty and staff, directing programs and assisting in the spiritual development of individuals.

Planning weekly chapel services, serving on committees and counseling also takes up much of their time. As head of the Campus Ministry Council, Wells helps this student and faculty group oversee all Christian clubs and their activities.

The pastors' second major responsibility is the University Congregation, a 38-year-old officially organized congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Although the pastors are employed by the university, U-Cong is financially independent. Despite the heavy workload, Briehl, Erlander and Wells have smiles and kind words to offer.

Not even the budget cutbacks can dampen Well's spirits. "We've done fine, and we'll do fine," he said.

ELECTIONS

as actual voting members on committees concerned with student affairs, as well as on the Board of Regents. He wants to enable and empower students, which he says is the best way to make a difference.

Johnson also wants to bring about changes in food service and to start giving two scholarships from ASPLU funds.

"This university exists because of the students, not for the students," said Johnson, who wants to deal honestly and openly with administration and faculty to bring about changes while taking into account the needs and opinions of students.

"I will strive to make sure we unite voices," said Johnson.

Trent Erickson, a junior political science major, is the only candidate running for president. His concerns focus mostly on the word "people," and what his emphasis means in relation to student government.

"Throughout my life, I have al-

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'People. That's what I'm here for, and I'll try to put them first.'

—Trent Erickson,
ASPLU presidential
candidate

ways felt that people are the reason I am who I am," said Erickson said. "My family and friends support me; in turn I find myself caring about other people."

Stemming from this concern for others, Erickson's words focus on working with other people and putting their voices first.

For example, said Erickson, this focus includes following procedures step by step and working through all the necessary offices when making changes in order to not alienate any-

one involved. He said it also includes creating a student government which better represents all types of students.

"People. That's what I'm here for, and I'll try to put them first," Erickson said.

Erickson summed up his concern for each individual student by ending his closing statement with a quote from the children's story "Horton Hears a Who" by Dr. Seuss: "A person's a person, no matter how small."

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the formal dance account will come from the programming account, leaving that account with an ending balance of \$8,021.91.

All programming through the remainder of the semester has already been paid for. Thus, programming is virtually unaffected by the \$623.54 withdrawal, said Mattheis.

The ASPLU contingency fund is ultimately a fund for emergencies and office repairs. The contingency fund had \$6,432.27 available as a result of "good fiscal management over the last two or three years," said Rick Eastman, University Center director.

Corrigan and Mattheis were not concerned about the financial elements of the mistake, noting that it was nobody's fault.

Instead, Mattheis said that for those in leadership positions "it's important to understand that part of the student experience is learning. Now is the time for leaders to make mistakes, to learn."

Programming is not to just have programming, but having experience in leadership, business and working with entertainment."

"How much revenue is brought in is beyond the control of the council," Eastman said. "Care has to be taken that (financial matters are) not the measure of our success. I only hope that this has given cause to examine how we do things and how we arrive at decisions."

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Unity key to U-Cong harmony

By Christie Falk
Mast reporter

The rate of turnover is rapid and the average age is under 23. The budget is dependent on free-will offerings and the focus is on service to others. With more than 100 attendants, about 30 leaders and three pastors, University Congregation, or U-Cong, is uniquely a college congregation.

From the congregation comprised almost entirely of PLU students, four student officers are elected each January for the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, along with an unlimited number of church council members.

The middle of the school election process helps keep continuity, while the turnover of leaders brings with it new energy, ideas and goals. The focus of the officers for the upcoming months seems to center around interconnectedness and unity, within the worshipping community and beyond.

"Two of our biggest goals for this year are to build stronger unity within the church and to reach out to the community around us in a meaningful way," said Adrienne Chamberlain, U-Cong president.

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'Green jobs' grow in new political climate

By John Williams (CPS)

With the resurgence of interest in preserving the environment, college students are choosing conservation careers that combine classroom theory and practical work outdoors.

Job analysts say there are growing opportunities in the environmental and natural resources fields that are well-suited to students who have science backgrounds and who want to work with people.

Until 10 years ago, most students majoring in forestry, conservation, wildlife biology and other conservation-related majors tended to work for the U.S. government in a variety of departments, including the National Park Service. That, however, is changing.

"Today, they might work for a federal agency, a state government, conservation groups or environmental consulting companies," said Sidney Frissell, dean of the School of Forestry at the University of Montana at Missoula. "Many students are concerned about environmental issues and want to get into a job to do something about this. They come in here with high ethical values, and leave with high conservation ethics."

Part of the new interest in so-called "green jobs" has to do with the political atmosphere, officials said. While interest was high in environmental work during the 1960s and '70s, it plummeted in the 1980s. However, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore have made the environment a priority in their administration, and many college students and graduates are heavily involved in the movement.

Frissell said enrollment in the University of Montana's programs, which include forest resources management, recreation management, wildlife biology or resources conservation, was about 300 students in 1989. This year, nearly 800 undergraduate students are enrolled, and there are 120 graduate students.

"Everybody's enrollment went up about three years ago. There's more enthusiasm in the environmental movement, plus a lot of retirements,

National organizations offering environmental work experience

The following is a partial list of environmental groups that either offer full-time jobs, internships or volunteer possibilities:

The Student Conservation Association
P.O. Box 550
Charlestown, N.H. 03603
603-543-1700

The Wilderness Society
9001 7th St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
202-833-2300

Greenpeace USA
1436 U St. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
202-462-1177

Sierra Club
730 Polk St.
San Francisco, Calif. 94109
415-776-2211

National Audubon Society
700 Broadway
New York, N.Y. 10003
212-979-3000

a lot of turnover, and people need to be replaced," Frissell said. "A great many of our students have gotten interested in environmental issues in high schools, clubs and reading about the activities. I think all that gets them interested in some work in environmental issues."

Some of the majors needed to be considered for green jobs include range management, parks or recreation, environmental studies, oceanography and marine science, hazardous waste management and forestry. Most of the work involves outdoor assignments, but Frissell was quick to point out that many in the profession also work indoors some of the time.

Officials said that getting an environmental job is tough, and initial salaries tend to be low — ranging from about \$13,494 to \$17,270 for federal jobs to \$18,000 to \$22,000 in the private sector.

Destry Jarvis, executive vice president of the Student Conservation Association and publisher of the organization's magazine, "Earth Work," said getting practical experience in college or high school can give a student a cutting edge in getting a job after graduation.

The SCA, founded 35 years ago, is a non-profit group based in Charlestown, N.H., that fosters the development of young people and adults through conservation service

opportunities on federal public lands. The program for college students involves them working in three-month internships in national parks and wilderness areas, land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and other public land under federal jurisdiction.

The SCA was able to put 1,000 volunteers to work in Yellowstone National Park after the devastating

fires in 1988, and has sent volunteers to Everglades National Park in Florida after Hurricane Andrew struck the area in 1992.

About 7,000 college students apply annually for the 1,200 positions nationwide, Jarvis said. The internship, in which the students receive room, board and travel expenses, lasts three to four months. About 70 percent of the program's partici-

pants go into environmental jobs when they graduate from college.

"There is a clear pattern and trend across the country to both give something back in general to the country and in particular, there is very strong environmental awareness and feeling for the earth that is engendered in college students," Jarvis said.

He said there is tremendous job growth in public and private non-profit environmental agencies. In the private sector, many corporations now have environmental officers whose jobs are to make the companies "green," Jarvis said. Other rapidly expanding areas include the relatively new fields of pollution abatement and engineering cleanup.

Several schools, notably Colorado State University, have academic programs for people who want to become park rangers and other jobs that have a lot of public contact.

"You can't escape people. You need to learn the subject matter, but you need to work with people to solve problems," Frissell said. "Forestry used to mean how to learn how to cut down trees and make lumber out of them. That's all changed."

More jobs next year, survey says

By CPS

MILWAUKEE — Hiring prospects are improving for the second quarter of this year, according to a survey of 15,000 businesses nationwide.

Manpower's poll of second-quarter hiring plans showed that 26 percent of respondents said they would increase staff levels during the March-May period and 7 percent reported plans for work reductions. Another 67 percent plan no new hirings.

"Employers are now planning new staffing beyond the seasonal variations of the past two years. It appears we are headed for a real increase," said Manpower President Mitchell Fromstein.

The figures represent an increase from last quarter, when 17 percent planned further hiring and 13 percent were cutting back, according to Manpower, a Milwaukee-based temporary help service. For the second quarter a year ago, 21 percent of the firms surveyed were planning to increase work forces.

A breakdown of professions and hiring plans include:

• **Construction:** Spring is the traditional period for a rise in hiring in the field of construction; 36 percent

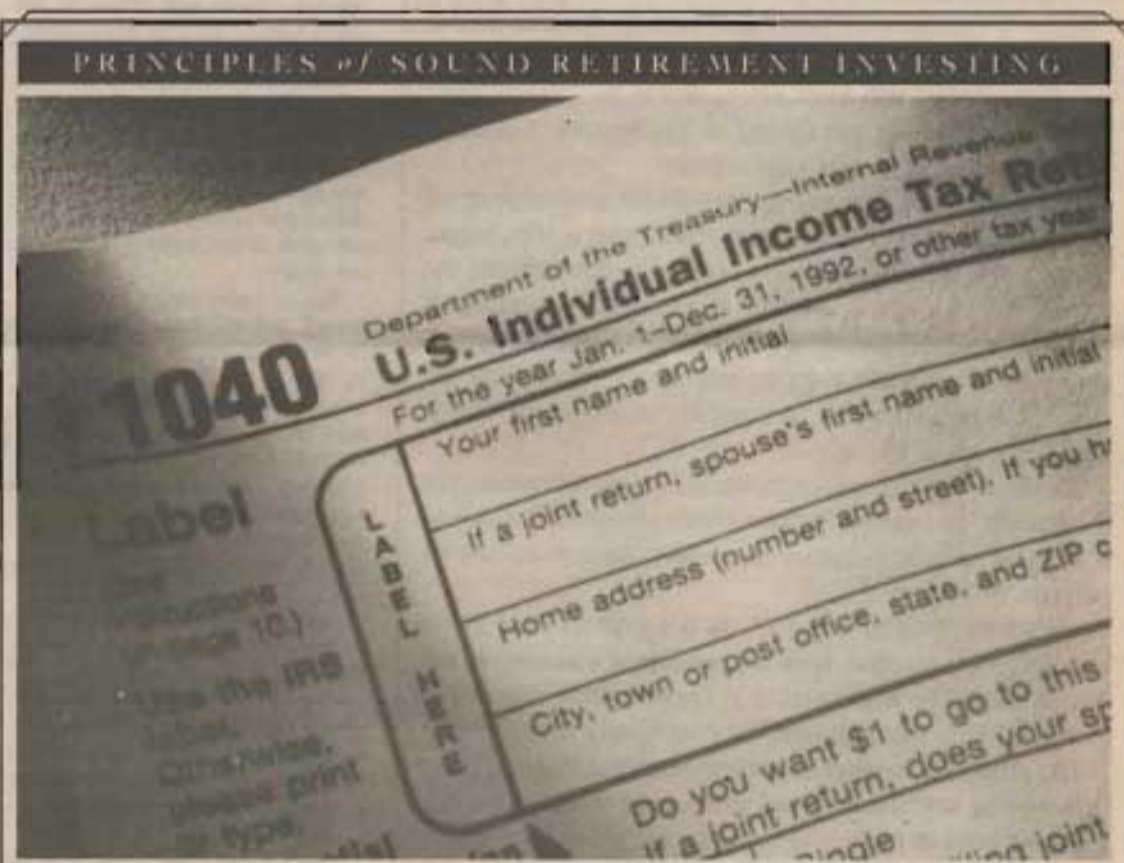
of the surveyed firms plan on increased hiring, and 8 percent plan cutbacks.

• **Transportation and public utilities:** Hiring forecasts still lag behind most other industries, with 18 percent expecting to hire and 8 percent indicating they will trim employment rolls.

• **Finance, insurance and real estate:** These professions are starting to move forward in hiring, Manpower said, although at a slow rate. Of the firms surveyed, 21 percent said they will increase personnel and 8 percent will be reducing staff levels.

• **Education, public and private:** Jobs in these fields, which have been hard to find in the past two years, are not loosening up, Manpower found. Only 12 percent of the respondents plan on hiring teachers, and 8 percent will seek decreases.

• **Public administration:** The outlook for government jobs remains weak. Budget pressures, especially in the South and West United States, equate to 20 percent expecting to hire workers, but 10 percent seeking cutbacks.



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Accurate mission requires dialogue

There has been more controversy surrounding the proposed mission statement of the university in the last two months than probably anyone could have imagined in the last two years.

History professor Philip Nordquist has a legitimate complaint when he asks why the process has been halted by student input now, when we've had two years to make comments and suggestions.

At the same time, if we have an opinion—and from the volume of letters the Mast has received (more than we have space to print), it is apparent that many students, faculty, parents and alumni do—it is important that we do make our voices heard now.

The ASPLU-sponsored forum held before spring break to discuss the proposed mission was an excellent idea, and provided a space for students as well as other members of the PLU community to express their thoughts and concerns about the mission.

A lot of constructive dialogue occurred during the forum, and one of the issues that was raised was to question what the ultimate statement of PLU's mission is. Are we attempting to provide an accurate picture of the university, or to offer the direction for what we want this university to be? And what do we want this university to be?

It is no longer accurate (and hasn't been for decades) to call PLU a "community of Christian scholars." But PLU has, and hopefully always will have, strong ties to the church. How strong those ties are and should be has become a difficult question with no apparent easy answers.

PLU is a diverse community (though not as diverse as we would like to see it). It is not a community that is 100 percent Christian. We need a mission statement that reflects the community as a whole, one that represents the community, including students, faculty and staff. We are interdependent, and none of us could exist in this university without the others. It is important that we come to consensus, and recognize the needs of all.

The mission of the university should be one that unifies the community, not one that divides. If the mission serves only as a divisive and exclusionary document, then it defeats its purpose.

If students, faculty and staff do not express their views about the PLU mission, what the purpose of a mission is and how it should be expressed, it is unrealistic to expect that PLU's mission will represent the community as a whole.

The proposed mission statement describes PLU as being "committed to enlivening and sharpening constructive dialogue between an increasing complex world and the community of the church..." That dialogue has started on this campus, and needs to continue.

If PLU is truly going to be dedicated to constructive dialogue between the "complex world and the community of the church," that dialogue needs to happen here and now with the proposed mission. That dialogue cannot take place without input from students and the rest of the PLU community.

The next forum to discuss the proposed mission will take place Thursday, April 15, at 4 p.m. in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. If we are concerned with the mission of PLU, we must take that opportunity to make our voices heard, as well as listen to the voices of the other members of this community.

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'Be a partner in the democracy'

Editors' note: Scott Johnson's regular column will return to this space April 23 after the ASPLU election.

Throughout this year, it has been made clear through several Mast articles, editorials and letters to the editor that there is a dissatisfaction among the student body regarding the issue of student voice and representation in the realm of the larger university.

The critiques range from a perceived lack of student opinions to the low numbers of students involved in the committee structure in ASPLU. I am excited to have the opportunity to reflect on these and other issues which have challenged student government throughout this year.

Webster's Dictionary defines democracy as "a government in which the people hold the ruling power either directly or through elected officials." The question I pose is, "What does this definition mean for our campus, and our form of governance and representation?"

Our student government is modeled after that of our nation's, that of a participatory democracy. As student body president, I am proof of such a working democracy.

You, the students, elected me into office a little more than a year ago, following the aforementioned model of the federal government, having popular elections for the two executive officers, president and vice president. The United States government-based model also lies, then, in the belief of inclusive, active participatory governance, responsible to, and regulated by, the people.

How can we, as a student body, based upon such a strong foundation, apply the example of our United States government to aid us in increasing the efficiency and service

of our student body government?

Let's begin with the responsibility of electing our two executive officers. You, as a student body, are charged with this responsibility, not casually attending to it as a luxury. Your choice will reflect the leaders whom you believe will work in partnership with, not in opposition to, the administration, offering direction and support from the varying student perspectives.

As elected officials, you entrust them with the task of surrounding themselves with individuals who,

with the whole of PLU.

I present to you now only a few of the many examples of the opportunities for leadership and involvement by students. These include the student representatives who have served on the search committees for president, vice-presidents of Development and Finance and Operations, students serving on the Orientation Council, student representatives on the PLU Budget Task Force and those who sit on the steering committee and co-chair sub-committees for the PLU 2000 Task Force. These students are actively involving themselves in the process.

It is unfortunate that, in some of these instances, the students who

are appointed to these positions choose not to attend meetings or actively participate. Students, as a whole, then lose a voice in the decision making, and are therefore not being responsible to those they represent. This lack of participation has a definite impact on our ability to be a powerful, effective and united force on this campus. It sends a message to others in the institution that choose not to be active in what happens outside the classroom.

If we are going to be a part of a democracy, we need to actively seek out information, ask questions, develop informed opinions and then offer concrete suggestions.

We are a part of a democracy, "a government in which the people hold the ruling power." It's time that students act responsibly and passionately. It is time for you to elect leaders for next year, seek out information, ask questions and then elect individuals whose vision and agenda you believe in and hold them accountable. Make the vision clear, the agenda a reality and be a partner in the democracy.

Cindy Watters is ASPLU president.

GUEST COLUMN

BY CINDY WATTERS

within their field of specialized knowledge, have sole charge of making their administration successful, their vision clear and their agenda a reality.

The election of such officials, as well as regional representatives, however, is not your only responsibility. Rather, once the ballot has been cast, your work has just begun. You are charged to keep those individuals steadfast and faithful to the vision they developed and communicated to you throughout their campaign. It requires work and diligence on the part of the citizen to achieve this, which will ultimately result in creating opportunity for true and sincere service on the part of your elected leaders.

There are some specific critiques of the process at PLU that I would like to respond to, speaking directly to the issue of student input.

I refute the statement which has been made several times throughout the year, which is that there is no place for student involvement at PLU. There is a place for student involvement and decision making at PLU, which should be sought out by students in a spirit of partnership

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College Promise Act could increase your financial aid

GUEST COLUMN

BY TRENT ERICKSON

"How can I afford to pay another thousand dollars for tuition when I couldn't cover the total cost before it increased?" Has this question been plaguing you recently? As many of you begin to look for summer jobs, and a means of paying for the increasing tuition at Pacific Lutheran University, has doubt and fear overcome your hearts and wallets? Fear no more. The first step to increased financial aid is within your reach.

The College Promise Act. Currently, the Washington State Legislature is considering legislation, House Bill 1603—the College Promise Act, which would increase state funding for Washington students attending both public and private institutions. The College Promise Act expands access to higher education at public regional universities, community colleges and independent colleges and universities around the state. If this bill passed, Washington would be a forerunner in the United States by showing a strong commitment to higher education.

How does this affect students at PLU?

Many may be asking "how supporting this legislation will increase financial aid to all students at PLU." The answer is simple. By providing more state funding for financial aid to Washington residents, PLU will be able to move its own financial aid funds (currently going to these Washington students) to a pool for other students, the end result being increased financial aid for all students.

How can you get involved in the democratic process?

In a democratic society, it is the responsibility of the people to communicate with the leaders in the government. This can be done most effectively through writing letters and making phone calls to your representatives, showing your support for the proposed legislation.

If you are a student from the state

of Washington, there is one simple thing you could do. Write a letter to both the senator and representatives from your hometown district, asking them to support the College Promise Act.

All students from PLU can get involved in the process by writing a letter to the senator and representatives of the 29th district (PLU's district), asking them support the College Promise Act. By doing this, you are communicating with those leaders who represent you during the nine months of school. Secondly, call both groups of people at 1-800-562-6000. By calling this number, a switch board operator will write down your message, asking your representative to support the College Promise act, and hand deliver it to the individual senator or representative within two hours.

On April 9, Washington Friends

Of Higher Education is planning a Student Day in Olympia for students from both private and public institutions. All students from PLU are encouraged to participate. During the morning of April 9, students will have the opportunity to meet with individual senators and representatives and urge them to support the College Promise Act. In the afternoon, students will gather on the floor of the Chamber of House of Representative and hear numerous legislators and the governor speak and answer questions. In all, the Student Day should be a great opportunity for students to become part of the legislative process and voice their support for legislation that directly affects their college education.

Finally, and most importantly, we must encourage faculty, staff, administration, Regents, and even our parents to get involved in this process. Only by taking time to communicate with our representatives can we hope to maintain the process of a democracy in its truest form.

As students of Pacific Lutheran

If you have any questions related to the names, addresses and telephone numbers of individual legislators, or if you are interested in attending the Student Day on April 9, please phone Trent Erickson at 335-7904.

University, we have the unique opportunity of voicing our opinions in favor of national trend-setting legislation which will ensure higher education and increased financial aid to more current and future students. By showing our support for House Bill 1603, the College Promise Act, we could take giant steps in strengthening the relationship between all private institutions (like PLU) and our own state government, thereby providing more people with the opportunity to attend college. This approach puts people first—ahead of institutions.

Trent Erickson is Residential Hall Council chair.

LETTERS

Mission statement must be stronger

To the editor:
I attended the March 16 forum concerning the proposed mission statement. I came away enlightened and educated about the differences between the old and new, and at the same time, enraged, disgusted and confused.

Several times the mention was made by the committee members that this forum was not just to placate student concerns and frustrations, but I felt that this was exactly what it was. Students raised a number of concerns, and each time the committee defended its actions, seeming not to consider anything said.

One student questioned that if we, as college students attending Pacific Lutheran, find the new statement watered down and confusing, how can we expect prospective students to understand it?

The Mast, too, was attacked at the forum. One committee member accused it of not being responsible in its reporting, only because the editorials presented in the last several weeks were not in favor of the new statement.

To me, the new statement doesn't work. It was admitted by both students and committee members that the old statement wasn't being followed or as liberal as needed.

Instead of attempting to fix the problem, the new statement seems to attempt to redefine the objectives in such a way that the problem no longer exists.

If this school is to remain unique among Pacific Northwest private colleges, the statement must be stronger. The committee also spoke of a need for balance between reason and faith, proposing that they, first of all, can't co-exist, and that faith does not exist in the real world.

If there is to be a balance, the statement still needs work. The first three paragraphs deal with reason, and the last paragraph deals with faith. Balance? I think not.

When the statement is approved, I implore the committee to make Jesus Christ more than the last two words of the mission statement.

James Lamb, freshman communication major

Officers correct errors

To the editor:
We feel it necessary to respond to the editorial in the March 12 issue of the Mast. We would like to correct the numerous errors of information contained in the editorial regarding the restructuring of the ASPLU Senate and the positions of comptroller and programs director.

First, it is a misnomer to assume that because one position is elected and the other appointed, one is more skilled than the other. It is known that some positions of leadership must be achieved through the popular support of the people, and can be communicated effectively through a campaign.

Furthermore, there are positions which require specialized knowledge in regard to specific tasks and abilities, as these aforementioned positions. These do not necessarily require a popular vote, nor would it be prudent to elect specialized posts, whose main job is to, within the area of their specialization, support and make successful their elected administration. This is not a new idea. One need only look as far as our president and the cabinet to understand this concept and its benefit.

Second, the positions of programs

director and comptroller will not be appointed by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, but rather by a pre-determined committee stated in the By-Laws of the ASPLU Constitution.

The president and vice-president elect are members of this committee, but certainly not the sole decision-makers. They will not choose who "they think are most qualified," rather, the committee, based on pre-determined qualifications, will make a "recommendation" to the ASPLU Senate, the elected representative body of the students.

Third, there will only be four fewer senators than the current structure, five of which will be resident student senators, the remainder to be devised of five specifically categorized, off-campus senators and the others from specific student populations which exist at our institution.

If students have questions about these and other proposed changes, we encourage them to discuss it with their ASPLU senator or call the ASPLU office.

Cindy Watters, ASPLU president
Lori Grosland, ASPLU vice president

by Joe Scharf

Collegiate Snafu



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Comics making a comeback

Surprising new themes draw latest generation of readers

Comics fans drawn into The Spider's Web

By Brodie Williams
Staff reporter

It is quiet inside The Spider's Web this morning as Kim Kolomyjec and James Beck await the arrival of their life's blood: comic books.

Kolomyjec presses a button on his phone and it says "It is 8:30 a.m." He kicks some loose papers that are lying on the floor and walks to the door of the shop and locks out.

"Don't they know we've got a business to run?" he asks. Kolomyjec leaves the store mumbling something about going to the bank, and Beck sits in front of the computer and begins to play poker.

Every Friday morning the couple come in at 8:30 a.m. and are put out before the store opens. This morning they are late.

These men are waiting so eagerly because The Spider's Web, located in Puyallup, is a comic book store.

The specialty stores began cropping up about 15 years ago through the efforts of a man named Phil Seuling. He realized that there was a growing market for rare back issues of old comics, and he saw many dealers opening up small shops to service the demand.

Seuling came up with the idea that these stores could carry back issues, as well as sell new comics straight from the publisher. This was called direct sales, and it revolutionized the business.

Prior to the advent of direct sales, comics were sold at newsstands, grocery stores and book stores. The business, at that time, was in a slump.

The theory behind direct sales is that the shop owners are not allowed to return any overstock of issues that they order. So when they order from the distributor, they must estimate the number of issues by a varied criteria.

In the 1960s most sales were based on the story and characters appearing in each title, such as "Spiderman," "The Incredible Hulk" or the "Fantastic Four." Now, the consumption is more widely based on the popularity of artists such as Todd McFarlane, Jim Lee and Rob Liefeld. So, in estimating the number of issues to buy, the dealer must be careful.

Beck is still sitting at the computer when Kolomyjec returns from the bank.

"They're not here yet?" he asks, obviously annoyed.

Not long after Kolomyjec returns, the van from Diamond Distributors arrives. Kolomyjec and Beck go out to the van and help the man bring in three boxes of comics and other rare items. When everything is brought in, Kolomyjec hands a check to the driver and sends him on his way.

Kolomyjec brings his hands together with a loud clap. "Ok, guys, we're gonna have to work at warp speed here." The store is to open in 30 to 40 minutes, and there's a lot of work to do.

Beck opens the boxes and begins to count out the issues of each title. This is done to verify that the right number of issues was sent from the distributor.

After counting the issues, Beck stacks them in front of a large bookshelf-type structure that has about 50 slots. This is for special customers who subscribe to certain titles through Kolomyjec.

To encourage subscribers, Kolomyjec offers 10 percent off retail price to all subscription customers.

After the issues reserved for subscribers are filed, the rest of the comics go out to the rack on the floor.

The previous month's issues are taken off the shelf and into the



Customers browse the latest arrivals at The Spider's Web Cards & Comics in Puyallup.

back room, where they will later be bagged and boarded. They are put in special comic bags made of plastic with a piece of poster board of the same size. This is done to protect the condition and value of each issue.

After this, they are taken and put into the back issue bins. These bins are mostly for collectors who are searching for missing issues in their personal collections. Depending on the title, the issues could go back as far as the first book of the title.

Time to open this joint," Kolomyjec says as he goes to the back of the store to switch on the lights. The store is illuminated and all the colors from the comics wake up and shine, the trading cards on the tables suddenly have faces and Beck plops down into a chair with the new issue of his favorite book.

The store has been open for an hour and a half and few customers have been in. Kolomyjec sits in his chair with the phone attached to his ear, as usual, and Beck is leaning over the display case drawing in his sketchbook. Comics come in Friday and, subsequently, it is their biggest day. It is a mass of people coming in to see what is happening in the latest chapter of their favorite book.

Around noon, customers begin to come in steadily. In particular, there is a man, a bit chubby, wearing faded jeans, a dirty T-shirt,

with a flannel long sleeve over it. He continually picks up different comics and looks decidedly uncomfortable.

He comes over to the register and stack of 50 comics. Kolomyjec meets at the stack, then at the man.

"You read all of these?" Kolomyjec asks.

"Yeah," the man replies.

"Incredible. And you are in here every week to pick them up," Beck looks up from his computer.

"And they say men don't have hobbies," but the customer only half-hears.

"It's been a while," the man says. "I've been fighting fires, it's hard to get time to read."

"I can imagine," says Beck and the man leaves.

The Spider's Web was spawned into existence by Kolomyjec and Todd McFarlane. The two met in high school and played baseball together. They were discussing cards and comics and decided to combine their resources and open a store to cater to collectors because it is so profitable. McFarlane has paid his dues in the comic book world at Marvel on such titles as "The Incredible Hulk" and, in 1989, a new title called "Web of Spiderman," which was confused with "Web of Spiderman." He is now, in a way, a Marvel artist and made him one of the most successful artists of the '80s.

In early 1991, creative differences arose between McFarlane and Marvel's best artists and writers. McFarlane, along with Liefeld and Lee, then decided to start a new company called Image.

When the store opened in December, the entire collection of over 15,000 comics and overstock. Kolomyjec bought the store in order to fill out the stock needed to service the store. It is Kolomyjec's store, but he is the owner because of his contribution.

For the first year, Kolomyjec was the manager. It was going to be my mistress for a while. After talking to his wife, Kolomyjec decided to hire Beck. Beck was the card man of the store, he knew his connection.

Beck was hired in late June 1991 and has worked there for two years. Kolomyjec often calls him to help. He does most of the work in order to keep the store when Kolomyjec leaves for vacation.

Kolomyjec leans back in his swivel chair, answering phone calls, and sighs. He usually is. He stands and makes coffee that fortifies his desk area.

"The price guide is just a what-if thing. These things aren't gospel. I sell my own price. I think they are worth, but only based on what I think."

Kolomyjec does not want to overprice. He does it will sit and never sell. His price is "You've got to keep turning product." He has a Griffey, Jr. card at \$10. The price guide says it is \$15. The card will sell at \$10. He makes a profit and continues to make more.

Kolomyjec has regular customers that come in to see the price of his cards. He has customers come in and try to buy a card.

"The more money you turn, the more money you turn," says Kolomyjec.

ck:



Milestone's principal founders (left to right): Michael Davis, Derek Dingle, Dwayne McDuffie and Denys Cowan.

Photo courtesy of Milestone Media.

New comics a 'Milestone' for culturally diverse readers

By Brodie Williams
Mast reporter

As a young black man growing up in the inner city, Curtis Metcalf could not escape racism. Even after overcoming social adversity and becoming a successful inventor, it was still with him. His boss, a world-famous industrialist, had gotten rich by exploiting his workers and passing their work off as his own.

When Metcalf discovered this, he created a high-tech super suit and transformed himself into Hardware. By night he dons the suit and becomes a nuisance in some of his boss' extracurricular activities.

But Hardware is only one character that is coming from the newly formed Milestone Media. The company was formed by four friends who had a dream. That dream was to create a comic book universe that centered around culturally diverse characters and that dealt with issues faced by these characters in a "realistic" way.

Derek Dingle, Denys Cowan, Dwayne McDuffie and Michael Davis are the four founders of Milestone Media. As kids, they were avid comic readers and dreamed of creating their own company to give diverse characters a place where they were not receiving it. They were upset with the way that black characters were portrayed.

"There was nothing that reflected our experience," said Derek Dingle, president of Milestone Media, in a February issue of the Morning News Tribune. "There's very little ethnicity. About 90 percent of the heroes are pretty much white, non-ethnic males."

This line of comicbooks will be the first to feature multi-cultural heroes and heroines created and owned by writers and artists of similarly diverse backgrounds.

"Hardware," "Blood Syndicate," "Icon" and "Static" will feature colorful heroes and villains battling in a realistic world that closely approximates our own. We hope to help readers of all backgrounds to believe in the power they have as individuals that transcends racial and class lines," said Dingle.

Milestone wants to move a product that will present black heroes as positive role models striving for social justice. Informational surveys show that 20-30 percent of comic buyers are minorities, Dingle said. "There is a sense of validation you get when you see yourself or people like you in a work of fiction. Our creative mission is to produce monthly comics of the highest standards of quality, to provide high entertainment that teaches but does not preach," Dingle said of their mission in a Milestone press release.

When the four decided to form Milestone, they knew they were

going to need a large outlet to promote their product. Independent companies can be successful, but for a minority independent with a mission, they needed help.

During the summer of 1991, they approached DC Comics, an industry heavy-weight, for assistance in publishing their product. What came out of the agreement was a unique system. DC would print and market Milestone's books, but Milestone would retain all creative control and the rights to all of the characters. It is believed to be the first arrangement of its kind.

With such backing, Milestone will be able to reach the broadest possible market and reach a group that it believes has been underserved in the past: multi-ethnic teenagers.

The four titles that make up the present Milestone universe are "Hardware," "Blood Syndicate," "Icon" and "Static." Each of these titles has a different premise, yet tries to relate the same theme of racial equality.

For example, "Blood Syndicate" is the story of nine gang members from three different gangs who are thrown together in order to survive. The three gangs had decided to have the rumble to end all rumbles in order to decide territory disputes. The cops heard about it and decided to use an experimental tear gas to knock out all of them and arrest them.

The tear gas backfired and killed 95 percent of the gangs. This was known as the "big bang." The ones that survived were somehow changed; some physically, and others were given special powers. Nine of these survivors came together. They don't like each other, but soon come to realize that they need each other to survive.

"Static" is the story of a 15-year-old kid named Virgil Hawkins, who leans a bit to the geeky side. One day, he is publicly humiliated by a brutish gang member in front of a girl who he likes. This sets him on a mission to find that guy and hurt him. He makes the mistake of carrying out his mission on the night of the "big bang." When all is over, Hawkins is left with an array of electrical powers. Soon, he becomes Static and helps to clean up the fictional city of Dakota.

Milestone Media has set out to produce a product that will provide positive role models for multi-cultural youths as well as diversify the medium of comicbooks by creating characters that promote an idea of racial equality.

"We're building a multi-cultural world," said McDuffie, Milestone's editor-in-chief. "And if we're successful, the only thing we'll have left is a good product, and we're perfectly willing to compete on that basis."

April 2, 1993

What's happening this week...

MUSIC

•PLU's Choir of the West and the Northwest Chamber Orchestra will perform Bach's "St. John's Passion" twice this week:

-Sunday, April 4, at 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Spring, Seattle.

-Tuesday, April 6, at 8 p.m. at Tacoma's Rialto Theater.

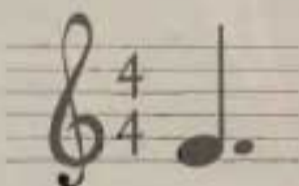
Admission is \$14 for adults and \$10 for students.

Friday, April 2

•Norway's Bergen Woodwind Quintet will perform at PLU to honor

the 150th anniversary of the birth of Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Eastvold Auditorium.

Admission: \$8 adults, \$5 students, \$3 seniors.



Saturday, April 3

•The legendary Taj Mahal will perform his unique combination of blues, jazz, folk, country, gospel, rock and reggae at the Pantages Theater at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 to \$18.50.

GALLERY EXHIBITS

•Tacoma Art Museum's exhibit of portraits and self-portraits entitled "About Face" is on display now through May 30.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors.



Wednesday, April 7

•Artists Gordon Wood, Kathy Ross and Margery

Amdur will open an exhibit focusing on the natural environment. The works will be on display in the University Gallery through April 29. Admission is free.

House Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets range from \$13 to \$18.

ETC...

THEATER



•Seattle's MultiCultural Theatre, The Group has extended its production of Talvin Wilks' "Tod, the Boy, Tod" through April 4. Performances will take place in the Seattle Center

Friday, April 2

•The humanities division's theme "Power, Privilege and Discrimination" is the focus of a current film series being sponsored by the department.

"El Super," a Cuban-American feature, will be shown tonight in Ingram 100 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

'Devotion' to familiar formula equals success for Depeche Mode's new disc

By Charles Bartley
Mast reporter

Anyone who has listened to The End 107.7FM lately has heard about the new album from Depeche Mode and has heard its impressive first single "I Feel You."

The three years since the release of its last album, "Violator," have been well spent. "Songs of Faith and Devotion" brings its distinctive sound out of the keyboard-dominated '80s and into the '90s with its emphasis on the rhythm section. Producer Flood (who also produced "Violator") brings the same industrial

Album: Depeche Mode; "Songs of Faith and Devotion"
Producers: Depeche Mode/Flood

Grade: ★★★★★ (out of five stars)

trial sound that was heard on one of his earlier projects, U2's "Achtung Baby" (for which he was an engineer) to Depeche Mode. The prod-

ding rhythm heard on "Personal Jesus" is intensified on this album. "Songs of Faith and Devotion" must be played at extreme volumes.

Musically, "Songs of Faith and Devotion" forms a cohesive whole, moving smoothly from song to song. Depeche Mode finds the perfect balance in diversity. The songs vary in style and intensity which keeps you from getting bored, and yet are similar enough in execution to work as an album. The only disappointment of the album is the last song, "Higher Love," which is thoroughly boring.

Lead singer David Gahan's vo-

cal are superb, as usual, and help add depth and contrast to the heavy rhythms found throughout the album. The orchestration on "One Cress" and the vocal harmonies on "Condemnation" and "Judax" are beautiful touches that show great attention to detail that is typical of this album.

Depeche Mode follows in its tradition of deep, introspective lyrics that borrow from Christian imagery such as in the song "Judax," with its lines: "Idle talk/And hollow promises/Cheating Judases/And doubting Thomases/Don't just stand there and shout it/Do something about it."

Any fan of Depeche Mode and anyone who liked U2's "Achtung Baby" should check out "Songs of Faith and Devotion."

PLU vs. UPS

Cheney Stadium

3:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 14



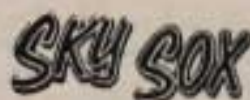
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Married to It 10 (R).
Point of No Return 12:15, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10 (R).
Huck Finn 12, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40 (PG).
Unforgiven 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 9:55 (R).
Hear No Evil 12:30, 2:45, 5:20, 7:35 (R).
Cop and a Half 12:25, 2:35, 4:45, 7, 9:15.
Howard's End 1, 4, 7 (PG).

Tacoma South

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7, 9:15 (PG).
Scent of a Woman 2, 5, 8 (R).
Falling Down 2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50 (R).
The Crush 2, 3:50, 5:45, 7:45, 9:40 (R).

Lakewood Cinemas

Fire in the Sky 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:20 (R).
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III 1:45, 3:45, 5:45, 7:49, 9:45 (PG).
The Crying Game 2:20, 4:35, 7:15, 9:30 (R).
Point of No Return 2:30, 4:50, 7:25, 9:40 (R).
Hear No Evil 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:15 (R).
Huck Finn 2:15, 4:45, 7:05, 9:15 (PG).
Indecent Proposal 2:10, 4:35, 7, 9:25 (R).
Sandlot 2, 4:40, 7:10, 9:15 (PG-13).

Tacoma Mall Twin

Born Yesterday 1, 3:10, 5:15, 7:20, 9:30 (PG).
Passion Fish 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40 (R).

Netters tip WSU, Idaho on the road

By Karl Hoeseth
Mast reporter

In the weekend prior to spring break, the PLU men's tennis team systematically took two victories in the span of 24 hours from Washington State University and the University of Idaho.

It's not very often that a NAIA school gets to compete with a NCAA school, and when this opportunity does arise it is usually considered an honor and a privilege for the smaller school to be on the same court with a "major college" program. Somebody forgot to mention this to the

men's tennis team.

The team had to battle adversity early on when Andy Jansen "tweaked" a previously injured knee during his doubles match.

Bryant Green and Shane Velez each moved up one seed to cover his spot, and Rocky Poulin was successful in his move up to the sixth seed. Over the weekend, these three were undefeated in their combined six singles matches.

For head coach Mike Benson, winning both matches was a pleasant surprise. Highlights mentioned by Benson against WSU were: Chris Egan winning at No. 1 singles in straight sets, the preparedness of

Poulin to move into sixth seed and be successful, and having the 5-2 victory fall on his birthday made for a nice present.

The match the following morning against Idaho was much closer and dramatic.

"Going in, I thought we had a good chance against WSU," Benson said. "Idaho was a bigger achievement. They don't have the same prestige (as WSU), but are usually better."

Idaho began the match by winning the doubles point and also taking No. 1 and No. 2 singles. But the Lutes came back. Velez won 6-3, 6-3; Poulin won 6-1, 7-5; then Green

won 6-3, 7-5.

The team score was knotted up at 3-3 with Jon Zepp's match in progress. Since it was the only match that went to a third set, the whole team was there to cheer Zepp's final games. Zepp's parents were also in attendance, making the trip over from Helena, Montana. With all the added attention, Zepp calmly won 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, and delivered the deciding point for the 4-3 victory over Idaho.

Zepp said his parents are only able to make it to two or three matches a year, so having them at such an exciting match was special. "It was really neat to have them

there," Zepp said. "Overall, it was probably my best tennis weekend." Lutes soak Whitman

Later on in the week, the team had a home match against traditional NCTC rival Whitman.

A rain delay, that forced play to be moved over to the indoor courts at the UPS Field house, did not bother the squad as they easily handed Whitman a 6-1 victory.

Freshman Mike Liefeld played No. 6 singles and collected his first collegiate victory. He also teamed with fellow freshman Eric Monic to win No. 3 doubles.

The win was the team's sixth in a row.

Lutes heat up, chill out on Hawaiian spring break

By Karl Hoeseth
Mast reporter

The men's tennis team returned from their spring break trip to Hawaii with sun-browned hair and golden brown tans - well most of the team anyway.

"I got the definitive worst sunburn on the team," sophomore Scott Erickson said. "I had people taking pictures of my sunburns."

It seems that Scott only rubbed his suntan lotion on his stomach and chest, exposing many areas to the sun's harmful rays.

"Erickson got burned pretty bad," Junior Jon Zepp agreed. "He had a lot of spots."

While in Hawaii the team played five matches in eight days, winning three and losing two. Both losses were to nationally ranked team (Oachita Baptist and BYU Hawaii).

Putting to rest any notion that the whole week was spent basking in the sun, Sophomore Bryant Green said, "When it was time to play tennis, we were ready to play."

Erickson was 4-1 in singles and 4-0 in doubles play on the trip, sunburn and all.

After talking to the players, one gets the impression that although tennis is

an individual sport, the players grew immensely as a team and as teammates.

"Our team blended so well," Green said. "There's no real outsiders... even though it's an individual effort when we're out there (on the court), we're playing for the whole team."

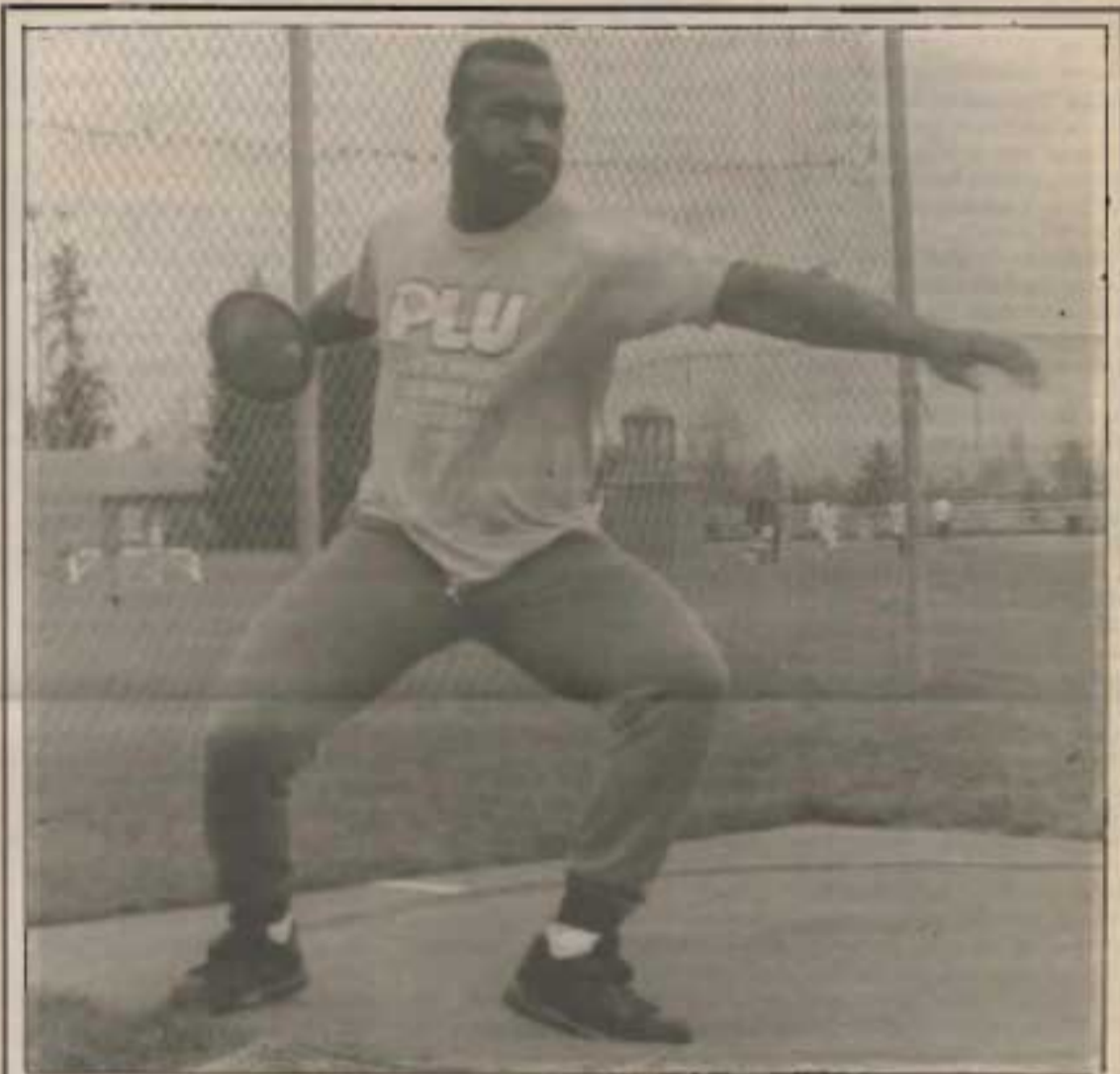
The team stayed some nights in a hotel, and some in a church. According to head coach Mike Benson, it was spending nights all together in a room of a church that really brought the team close.

One night the team was supposed to be spending in the hotel, Erickson and Mike Liefeld decided to "rough it" and sleep outside on a bench above the beach. They were awakened three separate times during the night in their attempt to "get closer to nature." At about 2 a.m., a security guard woke them up to tell them that their stereo might get stolen. Later, a different security guard awakened them to inform them that they were dumb. Finally around 6 a.m., they woke up to the wonderful feeling of a sprinkler squirting water in their face.

One thing is for sure, the players came home a stronger team—off the court.

As Erickson put it, "I really felt like I got a lot closer with the guys."

"Every minute of being there was just fantastic," Benson said. "It was just a great, great experience."



Albert Jackson prepares to launch a discus during the track team's practice on Wednesday. The track squad goes down to Portland for the Lewis and Clark Invitational this weekend.

Barnett tosses first PLU no-hitter against Western Baptist

By Ben Moore
Mast reporter

Joel Barnett made history for the PLU baseball team March 13, pitching the school's first ever no-hitter in a 13-0 win over Western Baptist.

Barnett faced 25 batters in the game, striking out six and walking four.

Lutes have rough time on eastern road trip

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In high school, Barnett had a couple more no-hitters, but then he got a lot more strikeouts as opposed to now.

"I got more calls in high school because I got more respect and umpires knew who I was," said Barnett.

In the game against Western Baptist, the Lute defense stood out. With four men getting on base because of walks, there were ample opportunities for Western Baptist to break the no-hitter. Barnett said the team got a lot of plays off of fly balls and ground balls.

"They backed me up really well," Barnett said. "They did a good job of staying in the game."

Barnett started to think about the possibility of a no-hitter around the fourth inning. Though he was already thinking of it, he was grateful that the team did not say anything about it.

"The team did a good job of not mentioning anything and not jinxing me. I was pretty much thinking about it everytime I came in and sat down on the bench. I was just waiting for someone to get a bunt or a bleeder," Barnett said.

Softballers use Hawaii trip to fine-tune for district play

By Rob Shore
Mast sports co-editor

The Pacific Lutheran softball team took off to Hawaii over spring break for a little spring training. The Lute women came back to the mainland winning six of nine in Hawaii and took second place in the Hawaii Invitational.

But according to Lute skipper Ralph Weekly, the important thing is that the team got its problems ironed out before the tough district season.

"We found our problems and are on our way to correcting them," Weekly said.

The Lutes dropped the first game of the tournament to Hawaii-Pacific 5-0, on a one-hit shutout, but rebounded to win their next game against the highly regarded Hawaii-Hilo.

"I told them that this is our whole season," Weekly said. "If we lost, we were going to serve notice that this was a rebuilding year."

Behind a barrage of 16 hits and

two-hit pitching from Becky Hoddevik, the Lutes blasted Hawaii-Hilo 9-2.

That set the tone for PLU pitching for the remainder of the tournament, as the Lutes allowed only two runs in their next three games to advance to the final, which they lost to Hawaii-Hilo.

But Weekly was pleased with his team's performance, noting that they had played better in Hawaii than they ever had in past years. He was also able to play a lot of players to prepare for the tough district season ahead.

PLU lit up the islands offensively, averaging over eight hits per game, and pounding out nine or more hits in five of its nine games. But the Lutes had their problems defensively, committing 29 errors in their stay in Hawaii.

"We did have a lot of problems and errors, more than we ever had," Weekly said.

Weekly said that there would be changes in the lineup to improve the team defensively. Keri Allen will move from shortstop back to first

base where she was an All-American a year ago, with freshman Jenny Swanson filling in at shortstop. Alison Sikes will take over at third base for Swanson.

Offensively, the Lutes have been fueled by newcomers Swanson and Bronson, who have lit up opposing pitching like a pinball machine thus far this season. Bronson has gone 17-for-36 (.472) with three doubles and a homer thus far. Swanson is 19-for-43 (.442) this far into the season.

"I guess I'm pleased," Swanson said of her hitting this season. "But I can improve a lot more."

On the mound, Weekly said that he will likely go with senior Becky Hoddevik more this season.

"I've decided to throw Becky as much as I can," Weekly said. "I think she's the best pitcher in the country."

Now back from Hawaii, PLU faces a very busy schedule this week, hosting inter-district games against Western Washington and UPS, and also hosting Lewis and Clark and last year's tri-district champion, Pacific.

Swimmers come up big at NAIA national meet

The following is a first-person account of the NAIA meet in San Antonio.

By Bethany Graham
Special to the Mast

"Everything's bigger in Texas."

We'd been hearing it and saying it since our plane had touched down in San Antonio Tuesday afternoon, delivering the 12-member Lute national swimming team to the site of the season's last and biggest meet. On our arrival we saw big open vistas display big Texas sunsets, big three-liter pop bottles to quench big Texas thirsts and a big, BIG swimming pool to house our biggest competition—the national championships.

Before we came Coach Jim Johnson had said, "If you can't swim fast in this pool, you can't swim fast anywhere." Swimmers have an idea, although it seems silly to some, that there can be a "fast" pool. If any such structure actually existed, surely this had to be one.

The pool was built last year in anticipation of the 1993 Olympic Festival which is scheduled for San Antonio this summer. It's 76 meters long (over three times the length of the PLU pool) and 25 yards wide. But one aspect of this pool recommends itself greatly: it's built in a state where temperatures reach 85 degrees in March.

And 85 degrees it was. The 12 of us descend on San Antonio on our Friday before the meet starts to take our minds off swimming and bask our mostly glowing-white skin in southern sun.

We roam the beautiful downtown, spend inordinate amounts of money on "Don't mess with Texas" paraphernalia and visit the Alamo to pay our respects to Davy Crockett. We play today because tomorrow the week begins.

After a fantastic district meet, our mission at these championships is to prove our speed wasn't a fluke. It's pressure that makes some of the first swims on Thursday slightly nervous and unfocused.

In the morning, Brenna Johnson and Max Milton start off with lifetime bests in the 500 free and 200 individual medley, respectively. Mary Carr and Karl Olson slip into finals along with both relays. It's a solid, if not fantastic start to our meet and we are encouraged.

The evening finds us a little more settled into the rhythm of the meet and the Lady Lutes start out by placing seventh in the 200 free relay with a time just short of our best. The men's relay was a victim of poor timing equipment that failed to record a time the first time they swam and on a re-swim had been disqualified for a false start. It was especially disappointing because they

NAIA national meet San Antonio, March 11-13	
Women—8th place	Karl Olson
Men—17th place	- 50 free (15th), 25.44
All-Americans (Top 6)	Robyn Prueitt
	- 200 free (13th), 1:58.93
	- 100 free (16th), 55.69
Mary Carr	Women's relays
- 100 breast (5th), 1:08.78	200 Free Relay: (Prueitt, Graham, Carr, Olson), 7th, 1:41.34
Bethany Graham	400 Medley Relay: (Graham, Carr, Tveden, Prueitt), 8th, 4:09.07
- 100 back (5th), 1:01.48	200 Medley Relay: (Graham, Carr, Prueitt, Olson), 5th, 1:52.98
Honorable Mention All-Americans (7th place - 12th place)	800 Free Relay: (Prueitt, Bennett, Gordon, Carr), 6th, 7:59.89
Todd Buckley	400 Free Relay: (Carr, Olson, Prueitt, Graham), 7th, 3:41.76
- 400 IM (11th), 4:18.08	Men's relays
Mary Carr	400 Medley Relay: (Milton, Buckley, Dean, Selman), 14th, 3:38.23
- 500 free (7th), 5:14.22	200 Medley Relay: (Milton, Buckley, Dean, Selman), 11th, 1:38.68
Bethany Graham	800 Free Relay: (Milton, Buckley, Dean, Selman), 13th, 7:11.34
- 200 back (10th), 2:11.93	400 Free Relay: (Milton, Buckley, Dean, Selman), 15th, 3:15.14
Brenna Johnson	
- 1650 free (12th), 18:29.47	
Other top 16 finishers	
Maya Bennett	
- 200 free (16th), 2:00.69	
Mary Carr	
- 200 breast (16th), 2:32.93	
Max Milton	
- 100 back (15th), 54.98	

were only one one-hundredth of a second off the school record.

No one swam much faster in the evening but as we leave the pool I think of something Jim once said, "That's the great thing about life. Every 24 hours you get a new day."

Friday does treat the entire team considerably better. Despite the drastic change in weather to sub-Tacoma standards, we seem to be acclimated to Texas at last and swim faster and more comfortably.

Most of us swim lifetime or season best times and 10 out of 12 qualify to swim again in the evening, either in "big" (championship) final heats or the consolation heats. Mary and I place fifth in our final heats of the 100 breast and the 100 back, respectively. The women's relay also slips into the All-American ranks at fifth place in the 200 medley relay.

It's can be difficult to imagine how long these days can last. That is, until you've spent them at a championship swim meet. By Saturday, the final day, we are all worn down—mentally and physically. It doesn't help that the people who designed these meets (probably never a swimmer) thought it clever to put all of the long races on this last day. For distance swimmers it's the 1650 and for most of the rest of us it's 200 of each stroke. By the end of a meet, 8 lengths can seem like a lifetime.

Our morning has a scattering of bright spots. Brenna manages to carve nine seconds off her best in the 1650, even after the 200 fly, nine of us qualified for finals and both relays took off a significant amount of time. When the morning session finishes, we are all ready to come back and finish this thing.

In the evening session, no one does quite their best times but at this point in the meet, we're happy to have hung on so respectably. To finish off the meet, both relays again swim faster than in the morning. It's a satisfying way to end it all.

With that, six months of 6 a.m. practices, weights and dual meets come to a close in Texas, 15 minutes from the Alamo. Somehow a rough parallel emerges.

In competition and warfare, sometimes the glory lies not in winning but in sticking to the fight. We managed to fight off burnout, frustration and fatigue to bring the season to a pleasing conclusion. But memories are selective and for most of us, the thrill of swimming in a world class facility, the excitement of improving on personal bests and the joy of being part of a close team will eclipse the hardship that sometimes comes with dedication. For us, swimming in Texas was ending our season in a fantastic, BIG way.

After all, we learned quickly that everything's big in Texas.

Lutes catch no breaks on eastern road trip

By Ben Moore
Mast reporter

While everyone else was out playing in the sun, or the rain, the Lute baseball team was hard at work, playing five games in their nine-day break from school.

Following a 13-0 streak of Western Baptist, the Lutes hit some tough times, losing four games in a row. It started on Tuesday of spring break with two losses to Albertson College, 4-3 and 8-4. Then the team traveled to Northwest Nazarene the following day and lost two more, 10-0 and 9-1.

On Saturday, the tenacity began to shine through as the Lutes pulled out a 14-11 win over Whitman College in eleven innings. Just when it looked like they would get the breaks they needed, they lost the second half of the double header 7-2 and lost on Sunday to the same team 10-8.

The team has had some tough times and it has shown in the overall record, now 6-8. Coach Larry Marshall explained that their 1-6 record over the last seven games has not shown the quality of their play.

"In many cases we are one or two plays away from winning these ball games," Marshall said. "Make those plays and the score will take care of itself."

Marshall said that four of the Lutes' six losses last week could have been won with a big hit or big defensive play.

"We're disappointed," Marshall said of the recent losses, "but no one is overly concerned. We aren't going to throw in the flag. We need to play well longer. We play well for four or five innings then something happens, but we're right there close. That's why we're not concerned."

Youth and inexperience are two qualities that Marshall says contribute to the team's lack of finishing some games with the effort that they started with. Though the combination of new

players and veterans can be a drawback, Marshall says that it is also an advantage because of the future improvement that is certain to come.

Already there is remarkable improvement in many of the players. Two freshman pitchers have been creating havoc for some opponents. Joel Barnett and Matt McPoland have been throwing up a storm for the Lutes. After gaining experience and confidence from pitching in games earlier in the season, the two hurlers will begin to see some more action as the season progresses.

As far as the rest of the individual performances, Marshall says that someone different is standing out each game. In the last two weeks, Jesse Otley, who had only seen limited action earlier this season, had a few outstanding games. He is eight for 11 at the plate over the last five games. Otley has been splitting time at designated hitter and catcher.

Another catcher sharing time in the position that has four players vying for the starting role is Aaron Stagle. In the last three games, Stagle has gone five for 12 at the plate and had five RBIs.

"We have four catchers so it is really hard getting everyone in our lineup," Marshall said. "We have got a lot of depth and it's been difficult getting people in at the right time," he added.

Pitcher Kyle Stancato is another player who Marshall will have to juggle around. Stancato had pitched in three games this season, but the tendon in his throwing arm, that kept him from pitching most of last year, is bothering him again. Though he may not pitch the rest of the year, he will be spending some time at first base, and the team will make use of his offensive presence.

Coach Marshall said that Stancato's first couple of games at first base were very promising. He also did an outstanding job offensively, getting four hits in six at bats and driving in two runs.

The Lutes will host Lewis and Clark at home for a double header on Saturday and a third game on Sunday.

SPORTS ON TAP

Today

Men's tennis @ Pacific, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Western Washington, 3 p.m.

Saturday

Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark, 1 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. Alumnus, 9 a.m.
Men's tennis @ Linfield, 10 a.m.
@ Willamette, 3 p.m.
Softball vs. Pacific, 2 p.m.
Track @ Lewis & Clark Invite
Crew @ Husky Invite

Sunday

Baseball vs. Lewis & Clark, noon
Softball vs. Lewis & Clark, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

Baseball vs. Central Washington, 3 p.m.
Men's tennis vs. Oregon, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Softball vs. Puget Sound, 3 p.m.

Thursday

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Whitman	11
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Whitman	7
PLU	8
Whitman	10

Men's tennis

March 20	
PLU	1
BYU-Hawaii	6
March 22	
Ouachita Baptist	6
PLU	1
March 23	
PLU	7
Chaminade	0
March 25	
PLU	5
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Women's tennis

PLU	1
BYU-Hawaii	3
PLU	9
Hawaii-Hilo	0
PLU	8
Skagit Valley	1
Cal State Bakersfield	0
PLU	9
PLU	7
Chaminade	2

Softball

PLU	0
Hawaii-Pacific	4
PLU	2
BYU-Hawaii	3
PLU	4
Chaminade	1
PLU	0
Hawaii-Pacific	5
PLU	9
Hawaii-Hilo	2
PLU	2
Southern Calif. College	0
Hawaii-Pacific	1
PLU	8
PLU	4
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Hawaii-Hilo	4
PLU	0

Credit where credit's due:
Bob Whitsitt is a genius

It's time that proper dues are finally given to the man that has put the Sonics where they are today.

No, not Shawn Kemp, although it looks like he's finally beginning to deliver on his promise. No, not George Karl, everybody's favorite genius, who has turned the Super-sonics from underachievers into a legitimate NBA title threat.

No, I'm talking about Bob Whitsitt, the Sonics' president, who has built this team into contention by staying active in the front office.

Across town, Mariner GM Woody Woodward, always claims to be hot on something, but never delivers. In fact, Woodward seems more inclined to play gold than to try and make personnel moves that might help the club.

On the other hand, Whitsitt and the Sonics have made more trades in the past three years than any other team in the NBA (I'm too lazy to double-check this, but it sure seems that way).

Over and over, we have seen him turn chaff from the Sonics roster into wheat. Two years ago, he managed to get sixth-man supreme Ricky Pierce from the Bucks for nothing (or close to it, Dale Ellis).

The Sam Perkins trade a month ago was pure Whitsitt. Whitsitt managed to get the talented forward from the Lakers for unsigned draft pick Doug Christie and disgruntled bench-warmer Benoit Benjamin. For all it cost the Sonics, it might as well have been a pint of Ivar's clam chowder and an old Bremerton ferry ticket.

But Whitsitt is at his best when he takes risks and does the unexpected. Take a look at the moves that built the Sonics.

In 1990, Whitsitt used his no. 18 pick in the draft to take a little-

THE BRAINS OF
THIS OUTFIT

BY ROB SHORE

known forward named Shawn Kemp. The selection was extremely risky. Kemp looked as if he had tons of potential, but he had never played a minute of college ball.

All Kemp has done in the meantime is to develop into one of the brightest stars of the NBA at the ripe old age of 23. If he continues to develop, he could be a better version of Karl Malone.

Then there was the small matter of replacing K.C. Jones last January. There were several names mentioned prominently, among them Garry St. Jean, now the head coach of the Sacramento Kings, and NBC's "czar of the telestrator" Mike Fratello.

The coach Whitsitt eventually tabbed was George Karl. There were a few skeptics, me being one of them at the time. Karl had a history of always getting the most out of his players.

But Karl also had a history of a bad temper. I figured it was only a matter of time before Karl had it

out with Benoit Benjamin just as he had done so with J.B. Carroll at Golden State some years earlier. But Whitsitt saw past that, and Karl has turned the Sonics into one of the best young teams (if one can call a team with Ricky Pierce and Eddie Johnson young) in the league.

By taking risks and doing the unlikely, Whitsitt has transformed the Sonics from an NBA also-ran to legitimate title contender.

As the Sonics appear now, they are probably one move away from becoming the best team in the NBA. If the Sonics are to make the move, Whitsitt should return to his roots and make a risky trade.

If he needs inspiration, all he need do is look south.

Prior to this season, Phoenix Suns GM Jerry Coangelo turned a very good team into an outstanding team when he traded for Charles Barkley. The trade was unlikely and very risky.

Risky? Sir Charles?

Yes, the Suns gave up an awful lot for Barkley—three players all told, including all-star Jeff Hornacek. The trade could have killed any depth the Suns had.

Instead they are now the best team in the NBA.

Coangelo also had a stroke of genius in signing Richard Dumas, who had never played a minute of NBA basketball and had a history of drug problems. Dumas is now generally considered to be one of the top five rookies in the league.

Whitsitt could take a pointer or two from Coangelo when it comes time to bite the bullet and make that final move.

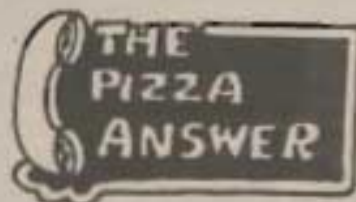
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Zumbrunnen, Lute women sizzle in Hawaiian heat

By Ben Moore
Mast reporter

Returning from a week long trip to sunny Hawaii, the women's tennis team came back with much more than golden tans. They brought back a winning record.

Winning three out of their five matches in Hawaii, the Lutes got some good experience to help them prepare for the second half of the season. They finished their trip with an 8-7 record.

Their final match was a 7-2 win over Chaminade on March 25.

Winners of the match included Joni Roback, Beth Dorsey, Tabatha Smith, and Joy Zumbrunnen. The toughest match was the second doubles match that the team of Dani Mulder and Jean Thompson eventually won 9-8.

Since the beginning of the season Zumbrunnen has established herself with only four losses in 17 matches. Though she has been playing quite well, she admits that she didn't expect to have such a winning record.

"It is my first year playing (college level) so I didn't expect it," Zumbrunnen said.

This is also Zumbrunnen's first year of playing singles. "I'm playing some of the best tennis ever," Zumbrunnen said of this season. Even since the beginning of the season she feels she is hitting better in recent matches.

One day earlier, fatigue set in as the Lutes played their third match in three days. The Lutes lost to Cal-State Bakersfield 9-0. Roback was the only player to push her game to three sets but ended up losing 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

The second match of the road trip

was against Skagit Valley College from Mount Vernon. The Lutes took care of Skagit easily, winning 8-1. Included in the win were two shutouts, one by Shannon Tilly and one by the doubles team of Roback and Tilly.

"I felt like doubles went really well," Tilly said. "It felt good even when you are playing a team that isn't very good...it was fun, I don't think I've ever done that before."

Though Tilly played very well in Hawaii, she felt that there were two conditions that were very hard to deal with. The first was the heat that scorched the courts every day. The second was the format of the matches.

"It was NCAA men's set-up which takes away your strengths in doubles," Tilly said. "I think that's where our strengths are."

In this format, the doubles games count only as one point and that point goes to the team that wins two out of the three doubles matches. The singles matches also count as one point each so the doubles matches aren't worth as much.

The beginning of their three game stretch started with the University of Hawaii-Hilo. Again the Lutes had an easy win that included two singles forfeits and one doubles forfeit. Smith was the only player to shutout her opponent, winning 6-0, 6-0.

The Lutes first match was on Saturday, March 20 when they faced Brigham Young University of Hawaii. The Lutes lost 8-1, but Zumbrunnen continued her winning streak with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Joyce Tan of BYU.

Saturday the Lutes have a match against the alumni. Starting time is 1 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

Grass named to Honorable Mention All-American team

Geoff Grass, a senior off-guard from Philomath, Oregon, was named to the NAIA Division II Honorable Mention All-American basketball team. Grass, a transfer from Chemeketa Community College, played for the Lutes for two years.

This past year, Grass led PLU in several statistical categories, including scoring average (20.3 points per game), assists (3.4 per game), and steals (2.4 per game). He was also named the most valuable player in the Lutheran Brotherhood Tournament in December and was named to the All-Tournament team at the Central Washington University Wildcat Classic.

PLU's last player to be so honored was Don Brown who was named NAIA Honorable Mention All-American in 1991.

PLU trackers shine in spring break meets

The PLU track squads pushed on in limited numbers over spring break, putting in impressive performances in the Husky Class on and the Club Northwest Spring Break Open.

Aaron Limerud won a pair of events at the Husky Classic, outclassing the field in the hammer and the discus. Jason Thiel finished second to Limerud in the hammer and also took second in the shot put. Jon Robey was runner-up to Limerud in the discus.

Sophomore Wendy Cordeiro was the sole winner for the women at the Husky Classic, with a victory in the shot put.

Jennifer Frazier put on a show at the Spring Break Open in Filmonds, winning three events, including the long jump, triple jump, and 100 meter hurdles.

Cordeiro won the shot put with a toss of 42 feet 6 1/4 inches, her best throw of the year. Tracy Fox won in the 100 meters, with a time of 13.0 seconds, just over her seasonal best.

In the men's competition, Aaron Hubler and Steve Owens led the way with second place finishes in the high jump and 1500 meters, respectively. Hubler tied his personal best for the season with a jump of 6-4 and Owens finished with a team-best 4:04.5 in his first 1500 of the year.

Golfers finish third in Willamette Invite

The PLU golf squad finished third in the 13-team field of the Willamette Invitational Monday, only one stroke behind second place Lower Columbia Community College.

PLU was in second place after the first 18 holes, with a one-stroke edge over Lower Columbia, 318-319. But the Lutes couldn't hold on, playing two strokes Lower Columbia on the second 18 holes to finish third with 638 strokes on the tournament.

Kerby Court paced the Lutes, shooting an eight-over-par 152 over 36 holes to finish in a tie for second place individually in the tournament. Court had been tied for the lead after 18 holes, with a one-over-par 73, but he dropped back to finish six strokes behind the leader.

King Kong Jam, Schlubs win I.M. "March Madness"

Intramural basketball suddenly became March Madness in the last week of I.M.'s before spring break, as the season came down to a series of single elimination play-offs.

The quality of each team was shown by the determination in many of the play-off games. For instance King Kong Jam and After 7 both won squeakers over their opponents, Damage INC. and Staff Infection, respectively.

On the women's side of the action, there was also a take no prisoners attitude. There was only one game to prove who the champ of IM Basketball really would be.

The game was intense all the way down to the last few seconds. That's when the Schlubs came back from one point down to take a one point lead which secured the title.

Honored for the most valuable player was Kim Alexander from the Schlubs and Kelly Stadinges from the Nookies.

In the men's open A league, the Rump Shakers, lead by Daren Fedee's 6 three-pointers were just too much for Kirk Estes and the rest of the Bio Fish.

The Flaming Monkeys, who play in the recreation league, made it a game over Kevin Olsen and his team, Where's West. The Flaming Monkeys were lead by player of the game, Gavin Stanley.

The men's classic league, King Kong Jam won for the second straight year in this division. Rob Koll lead the floor, leading the pressure defense against Brian Hampton and his After 7 team which consequently never gave King Kong Jam a serious challenge.

Trivia Question of the Week

Name the only pitcher to ever throw a no-hitter on Opening Day.

Answer to last week's question; Xavier lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament to Kansas in 1988 and Michigan in 1989, both eventual national champions

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Seven professors speak in feminist scholarship forum

By Kelly Davis
Mast reporter

The morality of female bodybuilders and the struggle to eliminate violence against women are just two of the lecture topics that make up the current "Feminist Scholarship at Pacific Lutheran University" series sponsored by the division of humanities and the Women's Studies Program.

The sequence of presentations and dialogues on gender issues and feminist perspectives, which began in the fall, will continue on to May 3. This half of the "informal colloquium" features seven women speaking on a highly diverse set of subjects.

• Nancy Howell of the religion department kicked off the series March 8 with a lecture entitled "Feminist Revolutions Against Feminism: The Problem and Power of Diversity."

True to the informal spirit of the colloquium, she offered up for examination and constructive criticism her latest ideas and research on the interactions between feminist groups and a society dominated by the ideals of white males, as well as the complex way these groups communicate between themselves.

• On March 31, English professor Jayne Marek spoke on "Women and the Free Verse Controversy: Free Form, Free Self?" Marek has been reevaluating free verse poetry written in the period just before World War I, looking for evidence that this liberated poetic style was practiced by women poets as a means of making a political statement.

Her research focuses on the personal lives of these writers in an attempt to discover the degree of social liberation they felt. "Were women drawn to free verse because it broke the rules?" she asks.

• Professor December Green of the political science department will speak April 5 on "Eliminating All Forms of Violence Against Women: The Record of Non-Governmental Organizations." Her focus was the human rights violations that have occurred in Africa to the detriment of women, and the stance taken by human rights groups on this issue.

Until recently, Green said, these organizations have essentially ignored women's rights, preferring to leave what were felt to be purely domestic issues to states and communities to deal with.

Now, at last, people in the human rights community are beginning to look into these and other violations of women's rights, Green said. She stressed her belief that it is the "grassroots organizations within African communities that are really the important ones" in her presentation.

• On April 13, from 3 to 4 p.m. in UC 206, English professor Barbara Temple-Thurston will discuss race and gender issues as they appear in the eyes of Nadine Gordimer, a Nobel Prize-winning author of 10 novels and numerous short stories.

Set in South Africa where apartheid is being dismantled, "My Son's Story" is the first of Gordimer's novels that has not made apartheid its exclusive focus.

Temple-Thurston will examine what she feels to be a significant departure from an exclusively racial theme to one that also includes gender in a presentation entitled "From Race to Gender: Nadine Gordimer's 'My Son's Story.'"

"Was Oedipus' Mother a Hidden Jesus? Interpretations of Luce Irigaray" will be the subject of Roberta Brown's lecture on April

Also this month

Phyllis Trible, professor at New York's Union Theological Seminary, will give the second half of her presentation, "Feminism and Biblical Theology," tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Chris Knutzen Hall.

Tacoma Radical Women is sponsoring a night to speak out against sexual violence. The event will start at 7 p.m. at the Tacoma Public Library on April 7, and will include speakers addressing sexual violence.

21 in the Scandinavian Cultural Center at 4 p.m. Luce Irigaray is a well-known French philosopher and the author of "Speculum," a book in which she examines Greek mythology with a feminist perspective.

Brown will use her interpretation of this work and slides in her presentation, which will focus on the foundations of female exclusion in Western history in Greek mythology and the Renaissance.

• Suzanne Rahn will give a lecture about the "Relationships Between Women's History and Historical Novels for Children" on April 28. While doing research for her book "Traveling in Time: The Development of Historical Fiction for Children," Rahn said she found many interesting connections between this literature and women's history. Her lecture is at 4 p.m. in UC 206.

• The feminist scholarship series will come to a close with physical education professor Leslee Fisher's lecture, "Caring About Injustice: The Moral Orientations of Professional Female Bodybuilders." As far as she knows, this recent transplant from Berkeley is the first to address the issue, which involves female bodybuilders' personal perceptions of their moral identity, gender and body image.

Fisher has found that these women tend to tackle moral problems with methods associated with men, as well as those used by women. Also, many female bodybuilders agonize over their self-images in the same way people suffering from anorexia nervosa do.

Fisher's interpretation of her data, which is the topic of her lecture, suggests that these frustrations are the net result of women trying to reconcile participation in a still masculine sport within a society that pressures women to fulfill a much different image.

Susan Carlton, English professor, created this "informal" colloquium with the intention of allowing faculty "to share ongoing research on feminist perspectives and gender issues, and to allow exploration in fields other than their own." She said that "faculty members appreciate keeping up with each other's work."

Temple-Thurston added that the event is "an excellent idea, because it creates a community of scholars interested in feminist issues who can support and encourage each other. It grants us a critical arena where we can test our ideas before venturing out into the shark-infested waters of publication."

Feminist scholarship at PLU is growing, Carlton said, and interest is not just among professors. "The audience is getting increasingly larger, and an increasingly large percentage includes students. I have high hopes that it will continue to sustain this interest."



Naomi Wolf signs her book, 'The Beauty Myth,' for PLU student Antoinette Boutros after her recent lecture.

Wolf breaks up 'beauty myth' without rejecting beauty

By Katie Nelson
Mast assistant news editor

Dressed in a purple blazer, an above-the-knee black skirt and high heels, Naomi Wolf broke stereotypes and declared herself a feminist in her March 17 lecture at PLU.

Drawing male and female students and members of the community to Eastvold's auditorium, Wolf presented a new look at the definition of feminism and explained the "beauty myth" with which American females have grown up.

According to Wolf, we are in a society in which, as discovered by a recent survey, women would rather lose 10 to 15 pounds than achieve any other goal. Wolf also indicted a society in which no articles in "Life" magazine are written on women who are over size 14, and in which a

flight attendant was fired because she didn't wear enough make-up.

It is this obsession with conforming to an image of beauty instead of realizing, and accepting, the natural differences between women that Wolf is working to change.

But, "I am not saying you should slit your wrists if you wear high heels," Wolf said. "I am not against beauty."

Instead, Wolf began by calling people to take a look at the sources of the beauty myth. The four sources include the workplace, in which women are caught in a catch 22 of looking too feminine or not feminine enough, and the media (which includes the dieting, cosmetic and cosmetic surgery industries).

The myth also comes from the way we visualize sexuality in this "anorexic/pornographic genera-

tion," and the thinness of the ideal woman, who is 23 percent thinner than the average American woman.

From these sources, an image of the perfect woman has arisen, said Wolf. Wolf used comments from the audience as she pieced together the ideal woman, who is tall, blonde, young and thin.

"But how often does Mother Nature make us like that?" asked Wolf. Feminists who have tried to change these images in the past have been given a negative stereotype.

With help from the audience, Wolf recreated this image of the "ugly feminist," a man-hating lesbian who is fat, with short hair, sensible shoes, body hair and glasses. In other words, "one mean, furry woman," Wolf said of the stereotype. But this

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Grudge

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Taylor has a grudge against Owens because "now that his band has taken off, he has forgotten his friends." He claims that after Owens became part of the band Headgear last fall he deserted all his other friends.

"I don't have time for his type," Owens said. "I am the center of his life, but he's got to branch out and find some new friends."

Owens' strategy or the fight will be to "pace myself, wear him out and then demolish him." Once Taylor is down, Owens threatens to "ride him like the dog he is."

Taylor said he's going to destroy Owens. He warns Owens that he better "call 911, 'cause someone is

going to get hurt."

The opponents are ready and the stage is set. Well, almost. The stage will go up later, but the prizes are in and the ammunition, old fruit and produce, is getting riper by the day.

To cover the \$350 cost of renting the ring, the dorm will be charging \$1 admission.

The ammunition will be leftovers from Village Fine Foods.

Door prizes will be thrown into the crowd between matches and include such items as CDs and tapes from Tower Records, authentic Grudge Match T-shirts from the show and gift certificates from McDonald's, Stoppers and Sprinker skating rink.

ISP

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crossed may not all be highly visible, but all will be significant, Benton said. For instance, the introductory ISP sequence currently gives the history of the African continent from Christian, Islamic and European colonial points of view. The more progressive version would include the perspective of various African tribes toward the newcomers as well.

These changes are not without some student involvement. Students Paul Holtzheimer and Marcus Johnson, who serve on the ISP committee, carried out a survey last fall to gather input on how the program should change in light of the new GURs. One clear response was a desire for more options, which is being answered by the structural

alterations mentioned above.

How will ISP make major changes in view of university-wide budget restraints? Benton said that the proposal on board for next year will not cost the program anything its budget can't handle.

The long-term curriculum changes will require more money, however, and this is one reason that their implementation has been postponed.

In the meantime, Benton said, ISP has compensated by taking fewer students and offering fewer sections of the freshmen sequence and final seminar.

In addition, only seven 200-level courses will be offered next year, instead of eight.

U-Cong

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The Council Worship Committee will try to incorporate these ideas into worship with the help of the pastors, while the council committee of Life and Mission will act outside of the Sunday service context.

The Life Committee aims to create more interaction between members through social activities. One

hope is that students will begin to think of U-Cong as a large Christian support group.

The Mission Committee is organizing ways for people to serve together in settings such as medical clinics and shelters.

For information about U-Cong call Campus Ministry at x7464.

Wolf

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is the image she wants to change. According to Wolf, "the image of the ugly feminist is so drummed into us that a very small minority of women refer to themselves as the 'F' word."

Women today have many privileges, Wolf said, including reading, writing, higher education, checking accounts, drivers' licenses, voting, health care and contraception, that their predecessors fought hard to bring to them.

"(These rights) were not bequeathed to us generously by the old white men in the portraits on the walls of Pacific Lutheran University," Wolf said.

"And if any of this describes your life, or if you're a man who loves a

woman of this life... or if you're a mother or father who has a daughter who has these rights, then you are a leading a feminist life, and you are a feminist," Wolf concluded.

It is from such feminist lives, and appreciation of the "rights that we take so for granted that they're like breathing," that Wolf calls for men and women to work together to eliminate the beauty myths.

"There is so much power in this room right now," said Wolf as she drew near the edge of the stage and faced the audience. "You are in the driver's seat."

Wolf's lecture focused primarily on information presented in her book "The Beauty Myth."

Mission

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been said about me hither me very much," he continued, referring to remarks about his alleged desire that PLU not be a Christian school.

In fact, Nordquist said, he decided to return to PLU in 1963, a few years after earning his bachelor's degree here, largely because PLU was a place where the kingdoms of flesh and spirit, "Athens and Jerusalem," came together.

Within the present statement of objectives, the university seems to lean toward "Jerusalem," and "confesses the faith that the ultimate meaning and purposes of human life are to be discovered in the person and work of Jesus Christ."

In the proposed statement, which was approved by the faculty in February, the university no longer makes a confession, but rather commits itself to "enriching and sharpening constructive dialogue" between Athens and a church that confesses Christ.

In the last few editions of the university catalogue, the university has not reprinted the statement of objectives, but substituted a mission statement that was never formally accepted by the faculty, Nordquist said.

Though Nordquist did not have a hand in the decision to put the statement of objectives on the "back burner," he said that when it was removed from the catalog, "it did not accurately reflect what was going on at the university."

Not everyone in the 100-person crowd, however, agreed with the committee's interpretation of how the "two kingdoms" should be related to one another.

Earlier in the week, Christian Activity leaders Kari Kohlske (Ondal), Sego Goho (Hinderlie) and Aron Johnson (Cascade) distributed flyers around campus, reminding Christians that God demands to be honored in all aspects of life and that "it is time to take a stand" to retain the "profession of faith that PLU currently holds."

Committee members Colleen Hacker, physical education professor, and Paul Menzel, humanities dean, both acknowledged the concern with the "two kingdoms."

"Being a university is not an easy process," Menzel said. "There is a real complex balance between support and challenge (of religion)."

From Hacker's perspective, the mission statement espouses "proud PLU themes" like excellence and diversity, and still gives religion an important part, a "very, very, very special part."

At times, the discussion shifted from concern over the content of the statement to the process by which the statement was newly adopted by the Board of Regents before students asked to have a say.

Proposed Mission Statement

Now in its second century, embracing both its Lutheran heritage and the contemporary ecumenical environment, Pacific Lutheran University reaffirms its primary mission: to develop knowledgeable persons with an understanding of the human condition, an awareness of humane and spiritual values and an ability to formulate and express ideas clearly and effectively. The university empowers its students for lives of thoughtful inquiry, service, leadership and care — for other persons, for the community and for the earth.

To prepare students for these roles, Pacific Lutheran University fosters a climate of intellectual challenge distinguished by enthusiastic learning and committed teaching. The university is grounded in the liberal arts, which awaken the mind from ignorance and prejudice, expand capacities for reasoned conversation and creative innovation, and provide foundations for the highest standards of professional education and achievement. In a climate of free inquiry and expression, faculty and students alike seek to apply and advance knowledge and discern relationships among all branches of learning. Rigorous scholarship is enriched by active mentorship and collaboration.

Pacific Lutheran University is a diverse, caring community of students, faculty, and staff. As part of an increasingly interconnected and pluralistic society, the university welcomes different beliefs, backgrounds, and identities. Such diversity informs the search for truth, helps liberate the mind, and opens the heart to all humanity.

The university is dedicated to the education of body, mind, and spirit. It encourages integrated lives of physical activity and recreation, open discussion of all questions, empathetic encounters with difference, and worship and meditation. As a modern church-related university rooted in Martin Luther's affirmation of scripture, liberty, and conscience, Pacific Lutheran University supports the academic study of religion and enables students to develop informed perspectives on matters of faith and conviction. The university is committed to enlivening and sharpening constructive dialogue between an increasingly complex world and the community of the church that confesses that life's ultimate meaning and hope are expressed in Jesus Christ.

Excerpts from the present Objectives of the University (adopted 1963)

Pacific Lutheran University is a community of professing Christian scholars dedicated to a philosophy of liberal education.

The University believes the essence of Christianity to be personal faith in God as Creator and Redeemer, and it believes that such faith born of the Holy Spirit generates integrative power capable of guiding human beings to illuminating perspectives and worthy purposes. The University continually professes the faith that the ultimate meaning and purposes of human life are to be discovered in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

In his opening speech, Nordquist addressed the issue without prompting from the crowd, and said that the committee had been forming the statement for approximately two years and received only one "slight written response" from the students.

While students were allowed to attend the faculty hearings last fall and interim, the letters were not advertised to students.

"We probably should have been smart enough to do this earlier," said Nordquist about the student forum.

Shortly after Nordquist's introduction, senior Bill Wallis said, "You have to give students a voice," and asked why no student vote was taken.

"Is the student body informed

adequately to make a decision?" asked Nordquist in response. "Students come and go very quickly," he said, before hesitating and ending with, "I don't like where this is going."

Another forum will be held on April 15 at 4 p.m. in the Scandinavian Cultural Center. At least until then, the proposed mission statement will remain unchanged, but, said Nordquist, "I would very much like to bring this to completion."

The earliest time Nordquist's wish could come true will be May 1 when the Board of Regents reconvenes and hears the proposal for the second time.

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