# PLU watches as U.S. invades Iraq 

Stephanie Christopher Mast news editor

Students and faculty gathered around televisions around campus Wednesday as President George W. Bush addressed the nation, announcing we are in the early stages of war in Iraq.

Students had multiple chances to express their thoughts and feelings about war in the days following.

Students and faculty gathered for a time of prayer and meditation in a time of war in Red Square Wednesday evening.
President Loren Anderson said, "I hope we learn as we learned two years ago that we stand best when we stand stand best when we stand
together. This community is gifted with a bedrock of faith and it is to faith we turn when events are so powerful we don't know how to respond."

Anderson also emphsized, "There is a difference between how we feel on policy but we have no difference when it comes to caring for the people involved, especially in our community."

Seventy-eight faculty and staff members cancelled classes at noon Thursday for a period of reflection in Red Square.

French professor Mark Jensen, who organizaed the event, said there would be other times to talk about the war itself, but that he wanted to take the time to talk about the role of the university.

Jensen said three values are paramount to the university: truth, goodness and beauty.

He encouraged students to


Photos by Brie Bales
Left: Junior Lauri Graham and Junior Jarred Lathrop pause for a moment to reflect and pray about worid events Wednesday evening. Top Right: Michael Dobnerwatches as a translators signs to him President Bush's speech on Wednesday. Middle Right: Junior Lisa Kingston and Senior Steve Kingston gather to support the troops at a rally on Red Square on Thursday. Bottom Right:Senior Katie Berkedal reads the anti-war short story "The War Prayer" by Mark Twain at a rally Thursday.

## Eyes will turn to PLU as it explores the future of China

Laine Walters
Mast assistant news editor
China's role as the "crouching tiger and hidden dragon" of the future world economy will bring scholars, business people, diplomats and students together to discuss the country's internal affairs and their impact on the world.

These discussions will take place at China: Bridges for a New Century, a symposium held April 10-12.

Greg Youtz, chair of the PLU Chinese Studies program, said, "Everybody who is a Chinawatcher will agree in 20 years China will be the biggest economy in the world."
Janet Rasmussen, director of the Wang Center for International Programs agreed. "Understanding China will be key to whether we look ahead
to peace (or not)." To look at China is to look at the state of the globe, Rasmussen said. The three-day conference will feature international and interdisciplinary speakers including Nicholas R. Lardy, Senior Fellow at the Institute for International Economics in Washington, D.C.; Lisa Stearns, Director of China Program, Norwegian Center for Human Rights in Oslo, Norway; and Winston Zee, alumnus and partner of the Hong Kong office of Baker and McKenzie.
What might otherwise look like a trade conference is balanced with Tai Chi lessons in the morning, a day of Chinese film and sessions on Chinese culture.

The China symposium is the inaugural event of the Wang Center for International Programs.

Thursday and Friday of the
conference will be held at the Tacoma Sheraton near the heart of Tacoma's business community and civic leadership. Shuttle service from campus will be

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Chair, Chinese Studies
available for students, as well as boxed lunches for those on a meal plan.
Saturday will be devoted to
Chinese film, and the events will be held on the PLU campus
in Ingram.
The event is free for PLU community members and $\$ 20$ daily for the outside community. The Wang Center encourages online registration at http://www.plu.edu/~wangctr/chinacover.html by April 1 .

While Rasmussen said she has no idea how many people will register for the event, she is hoping for 300 people at the group plenary sessions.
The event has been advertised through partner organizations such as the Trade Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, Port of Tacoma, World Trade Center, PLU's church relations, and the World Affairs Council.
The World Affairs Council is offering K-12 teachers continuing education opportunities about how better to teach world affairs through a program called Global Classroom.

Youtz encourages students, faculty and concerned persons to attend the symposium and "suddenly allow yourself to blast into an international conblast into an international conversation which is going on whether you are involved in it
or not, which will affect your or not, which will affect your player."
Great networking opportunities will be available for those interested in business or international relations, Rasmussen said.
The official symposium will be prefaced by a more PLUfocused Day of Educating for Peace on Wednesday Aprii 9 .

The day will feature presentation of student original intenal research in the University Center funded by the Wang Center, a four-hour

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## Conflict resolution workshops stress peace process

## LAINE WALTERS

Mast assistant news editor
"Non-violence is not a dogma; it is a process," said Vietnamese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh

Neither is conflict resolution, promises Tamara Williams, coordinator of the Teagle grant and Spanish professor. "Mediation training makes you listen to the other side, handling opposing views in productive ways."
Students will have the opportunity to engage in the opportunity to engage in the process of peaceful conflict resolution as the cornerstone activity of the Day of Educating for Peace on April 9 .
Director of the Lutheran Peace Fellowship Glenn Gersmehl will start the day off with a special chapel about Committing to Peace, immediCommitting to Peace, immediately followed by a rededication
of the peace pole outside of of the peace po
Morvedt Library.
Students will present international research projects from their travels away during Jterm, a semester or through Wang Center grant sponsorship from 11:15 a.m. to $1: 35 \mathrm{pm}$. in the University Center Lobby.
In the late afternoon, In the late afternoon, a President's Reception will be Cultural Center from 5:15 p.m.
to 6:00 p.m. to recognize and celebrate the various international contributions of the PLU community. The recipients of Wang Center grants will also be announced for next year
Students will roll up their sleeves in the afternoon for a tourhour workshop from 1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on peace learning, conflict study and mediation.

The workshop, funded by the Teagle grant, will run four concurrent simulations after an initial introduction in the Scandinavian Cultural Cente Scandinavication professor Ed by communication professor Ed Inch. Inch teaches a conflic The four simulations at PLU.

The four simulations involve different levels of conflict and secular or faith-based approaches, depending on the speaker's background.

Between Silence and Violence: Conflict Transformation for Revolutionaries and Resolutionaries" will discuss the different strategies for brins the about needed social change using the U.S.-Iraq crisis as a case study.

According to the simulation profile, "For peacemakers guid ed by the biblical vision of shalom (the Hebrew word for peace) neither silence nor violence is adequate for responding to evil in today's world."

The workshop will be led by Larry Dunn, a Mennonite professor of peacemaking and
conflict studies and director of academic programs at the center for peacemaking and conflict studies at Fresno Pacific University. Dunn has 15 years of experience in the field of conflict resolution both through his work and various Mennonite associations.
"Peace Studies Applied: Simulating Winning Strategies for Challenges Facing Corporate America" will debate what decision to make when a medical products company consider products its manufacturing ber moving its manufacturing base from a small town in Oregon to a developing country to cut costs and save the company.

Ron Mock, director of the Center for Peace Learning at George Fox University will lead this simulation. He said he is especially interested in conflict resolution and mediation in churches and communities, as well as nonviolence in interna tional conflict.
"The Colombian Conflict: A Multilateral

Negotiation Simulation" will provide students with the historical back ground to understand the roots of the current conflict of Colombian drug cartels. According to the simulation profile, "Students will learn how to use caucuses to formulate and consider proposals, counter-offers, and utilize mediators and third party
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## intermediaries to achieve

 desired outcomes."Bill Monning, an attorney and professor of International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, will lead this workshop. His long list of experience in international legal council includes work with the United Farm Workers of America and negotiation programs every summer in the Hague, Netherlands and Mexico.
"A Conflict in Progress: The Struggle for Resolution over a Local Neighborhood Park" battles out the conflicts of an actual neighborhood in Tacoma involving a development project and an urban wetland.

Sally Perkins, owner and principal of Practical Solutions, a business and management firm will lead this simulation with a local perspective. Perkins is an active community volunteer in the Hilltop and Central Neighborhood areas of Tacoma.

After the dinner break the workshop leaders will regroup with interested students for an informal discussion about vocation and peacemaking at 7:15 p.m. in the Regency Room.

Students will have a chance to engage renowned speakers in the mediation movement about their life journeys, Williams said, since students are often interested in hearing about how they can move from where they are now to what they see in front of them.

Talking about the journeys also emphasizes that peace making is a long process, Williams said.

While the workshop is free, pre-registration is strongly urged since the workshop can accommodate up to 150 people and two classes have already signed up.

Registration forms are available through the Wang Center Web site at plu.edu/~wangctr/ or by contacting Tamara Williams at x7678.

## In-depth reporting class studies drugs in meth capital

## STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER

The in-depth and investigative reporting class, Communication 480, is exploring the issue of drug and alcohol abuse for its class project this semester. The students will report their findings via a new Web site.
Senior Megan Freiling, class project coordinator, said, "The value of the topic centers on the growing statistics of drug and alcohol use among college students. It's becoming so staggering."
A 2002 report by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism states that 1,400 college students die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries each year.
In addition, alcohol is involved in 500,000 unintentional injuries, 600,000 assaults, and 70,000 cases of sexual assault and acquaintance rape.
According to a report by the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and

Other Drug Prevention, marijuana use has increased steadily in the 1990s on college campuses across the country. Sustained marijuana use may directly affect academic achievement as students may experience difficulty with problem solving and poor long-term memory.

Where does PLU fit in all of this?
According to the crime statistics put out by Campus Safety, in 2001, there were 56 liquor law violations reported to student conduct.
Only one liquor law violation resulted in an arrest.
Five drug violations were reported to student conduct. There were no reported arrests.

As the class discussed possible topics for the project, some students observed they knew of more incidents related to drugs and alcohol than ever reached the conduct board or The Mast's Campus Safety Beat.

Alcohol and drug abuse affects not only to the abusers, but also those
around them. "If you live on-campus or near campus, you know how often your peers are affected by alcohol. In the long-run it affects the entire PLU community," Freiling said.
But the problem cannot be solved until it is acknowledged. For that reason, the Communication 480: In-depth and Investigative Reporting Class chose to spend this semester investigating the prevalence and implications of drug and alcohol abuse on the PLU campus.
"There's a lot of information for our use. We can influence future decisionmaking about drugs and alcohol, help inform people about the habit and give them a reason to quit," Freiling said.

Among the questions and issues the class would like to address are:

## How prevalent is drug and

 use on-campus? Off-campus?What is the student conduct process for drug/alcohol violations? When does the Pierce County Sheriff's Department the Pierce Co
get involved?

How to spot and confront alcoholism What are some of the services offered at PLU to heip with alcoholism? - Possible health benefits of alcohol and marijuana

Marketing of alcohol to minors

- Alcohol and drug use among athletes -Options and alternatives for students who choose not to drink

The class will post and update its findings on the class Web site: www.plu.edu/~report.
The Web site provides a conduit for continual community input on the project.

The Web site is a new venture for the class. In past years, the in-depth class has produced a 30 -minute television special and a 4 -page newspaper special section.

Freiling said "People underestimate how terrific a resource the Web site medium is. The fact that you combine video and text in one format is quite remarkable."

## PLU 2010 language drafts the future of PLU

## TRISTA WINNIE

## Mast news reporter

A roomful of people were animatedly discussing semantics and writing styles, includ ing proper usage of the word "elite" and how to reach a careful balance between terseness and verbosity.
On March 13, the discussion was on the fourth draft of PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction at a review session in the University Center that was open to the whole campus The Long-Range Planning The Long-Range Planning
Committee and the President's Committee and the President's
Council began working on PLU Council began working on PLU
2010 during the $1999-2000$ academic year. The document, 43 pages in length, is essentially a long-range plan explaining where PLU will be in the year 2010, and how it will get there.

This is the second long- tion with students. range plan the university has written; the first one was a plan to bring PLU into its third century, in the year 2000.
In the beginning o the PLU 2010 project, 24 town meetings were held in various locations, including Hong Kong, Helsinki, Portland and Phoenix. Over 1,300 alumni, parents, and friends of PLU attended these meetings.
The result of these meetings was a list of five themes: centrality and importance of liber al arts; the university's Christian/Lutheran her itage; the future importance of technology; the importance and impact of international study; and finally, one-on-one interac-

These five themes, laid out in PLU 2010's beginning stages, are still clearly present
> "Part of what this document (PLU 2010: The Next Level of Distinction) is about is making a claim for PLU and why people should go to PLU instead of other places."

Patricia Killen
Religion professor 2010 writing team member

Though it may be detailed, the University is not bound to

## Health inspection cooks up Dining Services changes

## Jennifer Newman

Mast news reporter
Students who are used to beginning their morning routine with an English muffin toasted to perfection will soon find that their usual assortment of UC breakfast food has mysteriously changed
Fortunately there is no cause for alarm, none of the foods have disappeared, but many are in a new location.
The food's musical chairs game was prompted by last week's visit from the TacomaPierce County Health Department on an annual inspection. Director of Dining Services Erin Sigman said this year the department pointed out several concerns it had never previously addressed.
Particular concern surrounded food displays geared towards easy student access, such as the open bins of cereal and bread. Although these provide for selfservice, they are also likely candidates for contamination
Sigman explained that since the inspection, Dining Services has been in the process of changing its methods while staying within budget and vailable labor limitations. "In the short-term we're kind of scrambling," she said, but asked students to please "bear with us."
Sigman said she realized some of the implemented changes were hardly ideal solutions, commenting on the relative absurdity of having to wait in line just for a piece of toast, but said Dining Services would experiment with several options in the next few weeks. The cereal dilemma could potentially be solved by replacing the plastic bins with tradi-

Department conceded that because boxes aren't as open as the bins, they would be less subject to contamination Using boxes, however, greatly increases the cereal cost.
Dining Services has had to make several other budget adjustments since the inspecion as well. Some $\$ 330$ were spent buying new plastic Saran wrap dispensers, which unlike the cardboard boxes previously used, can be taken apart and periodically cleaned. All these new requirements add up to costs Dining Services had not planned on.
Sigman further explained that the UC set-up is equally challenging for the inspectors themselves, since not many imilar facilities exist

University of Puget Sound uses a partial point-system and therefore has more packaged foods, making PLU's cafeteria a 'pretty unique situation."

It doesn't necessarily take a health inspection, however, to start students complaining about the UC. Sigman is regularly bombarded with comment ards and e-mails wanting everything from white chocolate macadamia cookies to the return of peaches in the salad bar.
To help sort out student preferences, an ASPLU Dining Services Committee has been formed.

## Although

sophomore Micheal Steele, present ASPLU At-Large Senator, acts as chair for the committee, ASPLU is in the process of rewriting the job description in anticipation of a new chair this spring.

Steele said they were hoping description of the Executive Caucus Leader of the Senate.
The committee will act under the advisory of Sigman
though Steele emphasized Sigman's commitment to advising, not leading

Although plans for in ASPLU dining committee have been discussed in past ears, Steele said actual progress towards formation "hasn't really happened."

Steele encouraged students to contact the committee through email or phone calls to heir senators, and said the group would meet about every two weeks to discuss issues brought up by students.

At the same time,
however, Steele said it is important for students to realize the complexity of Dining Services, and has encouraged them to focus on the "larger issues." Student emails saying "we didn't enjoy lunch," he explained, are not exactly something the committee can address.

Since PLU serves large volumes of people, it is often hard to bring requests down to the or brivi ndividuh leve. "I's not an vernight change," Steele said, so students must be patient in anticipation of Dining Services adjustments.
Oftentimes, student complaints to Dining Services are more serious than the variety of cookies. Many students have dietary needs that require special accommodations, such as soy and decaffeinated products.

Although the main UC cafeeria offers a wide selection of food choices, the smaller Bistro and Coffee Shop are limited.
Sigman said Dining Services

 UC that now offers soup that is lactose free and sensitive to other food allergies. The sign above the station advertises the ingredients of the soup.
does not have any sort of blanket food sensitivities policy about the types of food supplied, but rather, most of their new food products come from student request. For example, this year's addition of soy milk the Bistro resulted from comment card requests.
For students with medical problems it is possible to go through a formal exemption process from the meal plan program. Although these occasions are rare, Sigman said the process is now under revision, and new forms with clearer requirements will be implemented next year.
Beyond the actual food itself, allergies must also be a focus of concern for food handlers. Sigman said that this year all staff members viewed a food allergy training video to increase their awareness.
Sigman said, "If you don't know someone with food allergies you often don't realize how serious it is."
Sigman said Dining Services
is committed to accommodating students with food allergies or special needs, but they often fun into difficulties such as the recent shortage of soy milk because those sorts of products come from special suppliers.
Like food allergies, vegetarian concerns are also addressed through student feedback. Sigman explained that vegetarian accommodations are harder to implement since there are so many varying kinds
Although
Vegetarian Alliance is communicating with Dining Services, student concerns from comment cards are hard to address because they are often too vague.

Whether dealing with inspection concerns, food allergies or vegetarian needs, students can contact Sigman or ASPLU and put their feedback to work as the primary means of change. Students can fill out online requests at http:// www.plu.edu/~dining / feedback.html.

## Asian Pacific Islanders dance like mosquitos

Karyn Ostrom

Asian Vacation: What's My Destination?" was the theme of the Asian Pacific Islander club's ninth annual Heritage Reception on Saturday.

The reception, which was held in the CK, began at 6 p.m. with introductions by API President Lam Nguyen and emcees Jenny Montances and Alex Montances. Nguyen invited guests to take a grand tour of Asia and experience the luxury of other cultures while the emcees posed as airline pilot and flight attendant.
Following the opening addresses, members of the

Chinese Studies club and the Chinese Studies Chair, Greg Youtz, put on a traditional Chinese Lion dance to set the tone for the evening when a meal featuring chicken teriyaki and jasmine rice was served.
While the guests dined, the Roosevelt Cambodian Dance Troupe from Roosevelt Elementary School took to the stage. The members ranged from first grade to 10th grade and performed three different Cambodian dances-two traditional folk dances and one classical dance.

Three members from PLU's Hawaii club delivered a modern dance.

Six students representing the Vietnamese Student Association of Tacoma Community College presented a Vietnamese fashion show. Six women were clad in the three types of traditional Vietnamese clothing representative of separate regions of the country.

Following the fashion show, roughly 20 members of a Samoan Dance Group from Lakewood engaged in lively dances. The first dance included the boys in the group who were from Tacoma and Clover Park school district junior and senior high schools. Their "mosquito" dance, featured chanting, stomping, and slapping bare, oiled chests.
Following the Samoan dance, the "exotic raffle" was held. Baskets of food from Asian countries were distributed to winners.
A Philippine indigenous arts ensemble from Tacoma
comprised of PAYO (Philipino-American Youth Organization) members performed in the second part of the program. They showcased the national dance of the Philippines, Tinikling, a bamboo dance. In Tinikling, two poles are held close to the ground. The people who hold the poles hit them on the floor, raise them, and then hit them together rhythmically while the dancers jump between them.

The entertainment concluded with a Japanese Taiko drumming presentation by five members of the Seattlebased group, YushinDaiko.

Nguyen, who had been planning the event since December, was very pleased with the turnout at the reception. She thanked API adviser Richard Louie for his support as well as the other API officers for their hard work.
PLU students Nicole Snyder, Kimberly Carlson, and Annanise Weddell attended the banquet to fulfill an assignment for their Culturally Congruent Health Care class, in which they were asked to attend a cultural event.

The reception was preceded by a Tinikling workshop given by female members of PAYO. Snyder, Carlson, and Weddell participated in the Philippine dance.

The American Liver Foundation and PLU Health Center had a table outside the CK with pamphlets and an informative video on hepatitis B and Asian-American teens.

According to the Washington State Department of Health, Asians and Pacific Islanders have a higher risk of contracting the disease because of its prevalence in Southeast Asia, China and the Pacific Islands.

Sue Mkrtichian from the Health Center said that this was the first time this information had been made available at the API reception. "I just learned about the risk (of hepatitis B) in this (Asian Pacific Islander) community," Mkrtichian said. Free testing for hepatitis B will be offered on campus at a later date.
Before the reception, guests were free to explore displays featuring pictures, reading materials, flags, and costumes from China, Vietnam, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Cambodia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Hawaii.

## Break the chains

I sat down to pack for my spring break trip Wednesday night. I checked my list for what I would need for my weeklong vacation in San Diego.

## 1. Sun block

2. Camera
3. Sun glasses
4. Flip flops
5. Frisbee
6. California travel guide book
7. American Philosophies: An Anthology (philosophy textbook)
8. The Quest for Certainty (another philosophy textbook)
9. Pragmatic Bioethics (another philosophy textbook) 10. Perspectives on Animal Behavior (biology textbook) 11. Working with Style: Traditional and Modern

Approaches to Layout and Typography (design textbook) 12. Laptop computer to work on senior capstone paper and design projects

I pulled the books off my shelves to pack them into my book bag. But after putting two or three of them in my bag, I realized they were not all going to fit.

And I had not even unplugged my laptop yet, much less packed all the computer accessories.

As I sat back on my heels and contemplated how many clothes I would have to unpack and leave behind in order to fit all of my books in my suitcase, it occurred to me that there was something seriously wrong here.

After all, I was packing for spring BREAK - you know the week where you get away from school and attempt to regain your sanity by pretending that you are not a college student.

Ever heard of it?
Perhaps you are more familiar with spring break version 2.0-the week you spend indoors buried beneath books, feverishly reading and writing papers (that professors assigned because you'd have all that extra time on your hands) while you longingly contemplate the warm temperatures and blue skies outside your window.

Oh, that spring break.
Webster's College Dictionary has some interesting definitions for the word "break." I particularly liked definition number 35: "to free one-self or escape suddenly, as from restraint."

Inspired by reading the dictionary, I stood up, thrust my fist into the air, and shouted to the empty room, "I will rebel! I will throw off these heavy chains of academic restraint (i.e. scoliosis inducing backpacks)!"

Well not really. But I certainly fantasized about doing just that, just as I fantasized about waltzing back into class after break, tanned and relaxed, and brazenly informing my professor that I had not done any of my homework because I had a moral, or at least linguistic, objection to doing homework during spring break

I settled for packing only those textbooks that would fit in my suitcase without sacrificing any of my vacation paraphernalia.

Realistically, if I want to graduate in May, I will have to do some homework during spring break. But after some careful thought, I have realigned my priorities as a student, and I would encourage my fellow students to do the same.

Do the absolute minimum amount of homework over spring break.

Do not do all of the work the professor intends you to do. And absolutely, positively do not even contemplate doing extra work to get ahead.

Instead, sleep in. Watch cartoons. Sit outside in the sunchair tipped back, shades on-and do nothing.

After all, it is spring break.

## The Mast will not publish on April 4.

We will resume publication on April 11.


## Recognition for writing surprisingly gratifying

"Why did I write? what sin to me unknown/ Dipped me in ink, my parents' or my own? " Alexander Pope's complaint to Dr. Arbuthnot resonates with me across the centuries.

I love to write. I might even like writing more than the other passions that I have chronicled in this column.

I come back to my word processor to record those other loves, compelled by some demonic force
to analyze and pick over my experiences. Pope was complaining about negative attention that writing had brought him.

In contrast, I find myself wondering at times if I have too successfully shut out the rest of the world while I pursued the perfect paragraph.

It is thus odd that such an inherently inward activity as writing should in fact push me out of my private world.
It was not a consequence I foresaw when I accepted the post of columnist at The Mast. post of columnist at The Mast. one wanted to give me money for writing.

However, since the first day my words have appeared in print, accompanied by the quizzical glower from my photo, I have been a minor public figure on campus.

I think of myself as a rather obscurely academic person, fond of footnotes and the metaphysical poets. So it was strange the first time someone recognized me and complimented me on a column I had written.

Standing there in the hallway of Olson gym, dripping with sweat after aerobics, smiled and said,"Thank you." felt rather shocked to discover


In need of duct tape Sarah Ervine many of them.
invent more sides until I have a 35 -way political argument
going on in my head. going on in my head.

It's not that I lack political conviction, rather I have too

At the same time, I find myself compelled to write about subjects I consider semirelevant to people besides me.

Perhaps that is just a polite gloss for self-indulgence in writing about such topics as my mother's health, my fears about graduation and how I construct my gender identity. In any case, I have tried to be responsible to my audience, telling the truth as I see it. I have enjoyed the challenge immensely, even on the days when I identify with Alexander Pope's complaint.

And despite my initial nervousness about writing for an audience outside the rather rarefied atmosphere of the English department, part of what I have department, po much has been audienjoyed so muc

Thank you for your encouraging comments, the occasional fan mail, and the inquiries about my mom's health. She was very touched when I told her about the people who asked me how she was doing.

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conflict resolution workshop and a late afternoon announcement ofnext year's Wang Center grant recipients in the Scandinavian Cultural Center.

## Why China?

Since the post-Maoist authoritarian regime opened up trade to the west 25 years ago China has experienced the biggest, fastest economic development in the history of the world which Chair of the Chinese Studies program Greg Youtz characterizes overall as a "wild, runaway success," given
that in the late 1970s China was an economic disaster
Youtz said everybody who watches China agrees that in 20 to 30 years China will be the world's largest economy, sim ply because of the country's 1.3 billion people.

The success has occurred not in spite of the strict political regime, but perhaps because of it, something Yout because of it, something Youtz calls "very Astan in that strictness can promote wild productivity
As Youtz sees it, American believe in democracy and think that the only reason the whole world isn't democratic is because they must be held from
it by political repression. China does not agree. "Chinese culture does no traditionally head in that (democratizing) direction," Youtz said

Many label communism as the cause of China's authoritari an government, but it actually comes from more than 2000 years of Confucianism, Youtz said. Confucianism is more philosophy of respectful orderphilosophy of respectful, order ly society and government than a religion, but regardless of it classification it is deeply rooted
in Chinese culture. in Chinese culture.

Those Chinese who want democraticization realize that such a transition will be a long
process, and one that Youtz said needs to be uniquely Chinese not necessarily resulting in an American-style system.

In terms of world affairs, China holds a permanent posi tion of veto power on the United Nations Security Council

China will soon be the number one trading partner with Washington state and want join the World Trade Organization

The Clinton administration granted it permanent mostfavored nation status after year of the U.S. Congress denying that status to China, possibly
because of its communist gov ernment.

Despite all of this, the country stili has a relatively low gross per capita income Inequalities between rural and coastal urban incomes will like ly encourage an eastward migration and social unrest in the coming years.
(China's) rise to economis superpower status will be balanced by complex internal changes which need to be monitored closely, and perhaps even aided and assisted by American interests," Youtz said

## PLU re-evaluates its aproach to academic support

STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER Mast news editor

PLU is re-evaluating its pro cedures with regards to aca demic support and university structure this spring
Vice President for Student Life Laura Majovski said, "The Regents had asked the university back in the October meeting to look hard at the structure of how we do things and report back at the May meeting a proposal for how we were going to move forward most effectively and efficiently for our students. We need a solid budget and a solid program together."
Provost Jim Pence said the re-evaluation of academic support is part of the effort to help students find their vocation, funded by the Lilly Grant received last fall.
Pence said the Provost's office is working with Student Life to "Find new collaborations between those two jurisdictional areas to figure out how to enrich the offerings for students that would be more collaborative and more geared toward finding one's sense of purpose
and meaning,
The academic support council, made up of staff from different academic and residential support offices, is asking for career services, student employment, cooperative education office of public service and academic advising to consider working more closely together.

The vision is to create a new entity that's a learning community, a community where students can interact with professionals," Pence said.
"It's about gong into a community where you can ask a question about your life's purpose, about your major, abou your academic interests and find a group of professionals working together gearing themselves towards individual students and their needs and aspirations."

Using the resources of the Lilly Grant, can we think about an entity that cuts across vicepresidential jurisdictional lines and really create something exciting and distinctive for PLU students, something no one else does?" Pence asked.

The creation of the new enti-
ty would not likely result in the creation of more jobs on campus, but would rather look at ways to serve students more efficiently using the current efficiently using
staff, Pence said.
Another project the provost and the academic support council are looking into, along with Dean of Information Services Chris Ferguson, is the creation of an "information commons."

The information commons, possibly to be located in the library, would be the computing center for the University and combine with the informational resources the library already offers in a user-friendly space for students.

Pence said the place is envisioned as a social and academic center.

The plan for the information commons also considers moving Academic Assistance and the Writing Center from Ramstad to the library

The move would bring two academic support services to the library in addition to the language resource center, already located there.
"We've got a space crunch on
campus," Pence said. "The library's a big building. It's open a lot of hours during the day It's secure For group tutor ing it's not a bad thought ing, its not a bad thought to consider moving them to the library. If we could figure out how to maintain the one-on-one tutoring, it frees up other

Pence said another factor is that the psychology department would eventually ike to be unified in Ramstad. It currently has offices in Ramstad and Xavier and labs in Harstad.

Another consideration in the space crunch is the Women's Center. Pence said he would like to see the center moved to more central location on uppe campus, rather that its existing location near the softball field.

Pence emphasized that the academic support committee is made up of representatives from academics and studentlife staff. He said everyone involved is constantly asking for student input and feedback
"Students are whole people. They don't get divided between their student life and their academic life. We are all thinking
about ways to support students in their academic and in their social lives."

The final proposal will be presented to the Board of Regents in May. Pence said the proposal would provide a road map for implementation of the plan. The plan would be imple mented by Fall 2004, though some of the changes may come as soon as Fall 2003.

Majovski said the timing is right for the University to examine its approach to students. She said the structure of the University has not been examined in about 10 years.
"It's taking a really good look at ourselves and saying how can we position ourselves for the future?" Majovski said. "Students have changed some what over that time. Time avail ability has changed. I think it is a good thing to look at how we are doing things and how effective are we at what we are doing and (to ask ourselves) can we improve it and get ourselves in the best position to go for ward for the next 10 years.

Friends of God, we gather this evening united in our concern for the world, for our nation, and for the people and friends of our PLU community. We gather to light candles of hope and to pray for peace and protection for those in harm's way. We do not necessarily agree with each other, but we come together in a spirit of concern, compassion and care. Before we begin, let us confess our differences before God:

O God, out of love you made us in your own image, we are thankful that we can be sure about your love for us. However, sometimes we get confused, thinking that our own opinions about earthly matters such as politics and the governing of the nations are also divinely inspired. Forgive us for such arrogance. Remind us that we are human and can err. During these difficult days of national uncertainty and decision making, give us a special measure of patience and compassion with those who hold a different position. Give us an ear to listen, without first judging or jumping to conclusions. Give us wisdom for critical and clear thinking and forgiving hearts should hurtful words be spoken. Make us more in your image, for you reach out to all people with love, mercy, understanding and justice. To you be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer by Pastor Dennis Sepper at the candlelight vigil Wednesday

## Willard not a good enough 'tail' worth seeing

## John Henry

I saw Willard. I feel guilty admitting it, but I only paid matinee price, so it's not so bad, is it?
If you have gone to see a movie in the past three months, you have probably seen the trailer. You know the one. The preview for a movie that seems like it was made for the sole purpose of including the Smashing Pumpkins song, "Bullet with Butterfly Wings."
The preview blares the lyrics, "Despite all my rage, I am still just a rat in a cage," while showing what appears to be a giant cage filled with rats. The rats cage filled with rats. The rats proceed to pour out revealing a
man with sharply parted hair, in a suit. That man is the film's in a suit. That man is the film's
star, Crispin Glover, also known as "George McFly" to anyone who has seen Back to the Future.
Before this film was even released, it broke two rules that would be in place if I ruled the world.
Rule 1: movies about rats should not be made.
Rule 2: Crispin Glover is not allowed to star in movies.


What is more creepy here, the look on Crispin Glover's face, or the fact that he is surrounded by rats?

Despite this tidbit of selfknowledge, I still went to see it. I should correct myself; it is because of that self-knowledge that I went to see it.
that I went into the theater with low expectations.

I have found that anytime I have expectations about a movie, they are not met, and I find myself admitting guilt again. Willard is not that bad, but I find solace in the fact that it is not that good either.
The story is not a classic tale. If it were, that tale would read like this: boy meets rat, boy befriends rat, boy and rat unite against boy's enemy. In the perfect world of my imagination, this tale would never be told, but to my surprise it already has.

Willard is a remake of a campy 1971 movie of the same to find success and even spawn

## a sequel.

Crispin Glover stars as Willard Stiles, a social outcast who lives with his mother, with whom he has a Norman Bates type relationship if Ma Bates was still alive. She degrades him and attacks his self-esteem until he is as weak as a person can be.

This is all before he goes to work. At work he faces the ridicule of his co-workers, and
the degrading tirades of his boss played by R. Lee Ermey (the drill instructor from Full Metal Jacket). Ermey is great in this movie because he does what he does best; he plays R. Lee Ermey, yelling insults that you never knew existed.
It is strangely satisfying to see a Norman Bates type character get the opportunity for revenge. This satisfaction is surprising, especially coming out of a movie that should be worse than bad. It may be because of well-composed shots, and the darkly comic tone of some scenes.
Willard marks the directorial debut of Glen Morgan. Morgan has been a writer and producer for the past 18 years. His most recent successes include the Jet Li action flick, The One (2001), and the teen horror movie Final Destiuation (2000). As a first time director he does fairly well.
Unless you are a fan of the 1971 original, or a fan of bad movies or a fan of Crispin Glover, do not see Willard. It is not horrible, and it is barely bad, but you will not miss much by avoiding this film.

## Rainy weather excuse to watch classic 1952 musical

Spring break is upon us; the time of year when most college students join in on the national tradition of getting incredibly raging drunk for a whole week. My usual spring break plans consist of, that's right, watching movies. You should try it; it's remarkably relaxing to spend a week barely moving, catching up on your backlog of films. In fact, you canstart with this week's DVD:
the 1952 classic musical Singin' in the the 19
Rain.
While I'm sure that dozens of my faithful fans have already seen this film one way or another, it should be required viewing for every person in the United States. A broad statement, to be sure, but this movie is amazing.
It opens at a silent movie premiere in 1927. The stars, Don Lockwood (Gene Kelly) and Lina Lamont (Jean Hagen), are the most popular in Hollywood and even romantically linked in the gossip columns. Behind the scenes, Lockwood can barely stand Lina, but puts up with her for appearances.

That night, he is on the way to a lavish party with his good friend Cosmo (Donald O'Connor). On the way, he is attacked by an army of rabid fans and leaps into the car of Kathy Selden leaps into the car of Kathy Selden
(Debbie Reynolds), an aspiring
actress/singer. We get hints of antago-
nism, but Don is quickly smitten. Soon nism, but Don is quickly smitten. Soon enough, they get together.
Meanwhile, production starts on the next Lockwood \& Lamont extravaganza, when, suddenly, disaster strikes. The Jazz Singer debuts and sound enters the motion picture. Studio head R.F Simpson (Millard Mitchell in a great performance) decides to make this picture a talkie. Technical problems abound and the first screening goes disastrously, but comically, awry, in part due to Lina's awkward voice.
Don, Kathy, and Cosmo are depressed, until they get a brilliant idea: turn the new movie into a musical! Lina can't sing, but Kathy can sing for her. They celebrate with a classic number, "Good Mornin"" which is followed by "Good Mornin" which is foll"

The plan goes well enough until primadonna Lina holds the studio hostage to bury poor Kathy's struggling career.
This film is, arguably, the greatest movie musical ever made. The only ones, in my mind, that come close to challenging that title are West Side Story, Cabaret, and An American in Paris, another Gene Kelly masterpiece.

Singin' in the Rain simply has everything you could want in a great movie
musical. The songs are really catchy, the colors are bright, the dialogue is witty, the plot flows well, and the dancing is superb.
Gene Kelly, as you may or may not know, is the whole package. He sings, he dances, and he's a great comic actor. He was also in charge of choreographing the dance in the picture and he made up some fun numbers and some beautiful numbers. A few of the numbers exist only to showcase the dancing, but it is some great dancing
Now, I don't know specifically what makes good dancing or good singing, but I know what is entertaining. This film is simply one of the most purely entertaining movies you will ever find. It's highly stylized, but that's what you want most out of a great movie musical.
The DVD also comes packed with loads of special features to start your week of movie watching off right. It was recently re-released in a 2-DVD set, which I was lucky enough to pick up over Christmas. Disc one contains an old-school '50's trailer that makes me wish today's trailers looked like that. There's also my personal favorite; an audio commentary with various members of the cast, crew, and Baz Luhrmann for some reason.

## DVD of the Week <br> Travis Zandi

Disc two contains two 40 minute documentaries covering both Singin' in the Rain and the growth of movie musicals, in general, over the years. Also included are clips of the songs in the movies they originated from, which is a really fun feature. Finally, there's an outtake of a song deleted from the original film.
Needless to say, 1 highly recommend that you pick up this film at your first available moment. Watch this entire movie, from beginning to end. I defy you to walk out without a smile on your face and a song on your lips.

Travis Zandi's picks/dreams for the Oscars are as follows: Screenplay - About a Boy/Far From Heaven, Director - Scorsese, Supp. Actress - Julianne Moore, Supp. Actor - John C. Reilly, Actress - Julianne Moore (love her), Actor - Daniel Day Lewis, Documentary Bowling for Columbine, Picture - Chicago.

## the idiot's guide to the lutedome and beyond

## spring break edition!

Hey Lutes.
It's been a long time, but the Idiot's Guide is back (see pages $7-8$ ), with plenty of ideas for your upcoming week. Enjoy!

Jace Krause
A\&E Editor


## Mariners spring training games just as good as those at Safeco (and cheaper!)

## Brie bales

## Mast Photo Editor

What could possibly be better than sitting out in the outfield on a towel with your picnic lunch, drinking your beer, watching the Mariners in March when it's 95 degrees?
Granted I didn't get to see Brett Boone, my favorite player, but it was still well worth it to see Mark Mclemore come up and chit-chat with the crowd.

The team seems so much more at ease during spring training in Arizona. The players aren't afraid to sign autographs for the crowd, or mingle with the other fans. It's just a much more relaxed atmosphere, and it's the way baseball really should be.
I thought traveling almost 1500 miles from Safeco would change the spirit of the fans. Yet, the fans were still all about the team and
were just as excited in Peoria as in Seattle to see their Mariners.

Another thing I noticed was that some of the beer vendors don't just work in Seattle, they travel down to Peoria with the team.
The only downfall to spring training was that we were there in the last week so the big guns, Edgar Martinez and Brett Boone, were sitting the bench preparing for the first games of the regular season.

We sat just a few rows back on the third base line and our tickets were under $\$ 20$. (you can sit in the outfield grass for just \$4.) Spring training offers us college kids an affordable opportunity to really experience baseball firsthand.

You can catch them too, if you leave now. The threat of war has canceled their games in Japan so they will remain in Peoria for the next week.

## Adventures on I-90

Spring break is here! So, what to do? Stay home? Sleep in? What, are you crazy?
Of course you're going to find any sort of way to get out of Dodge and make-believe that you really aren't busting your ass every day of your life for a college degree. Like any three-day-weekend, spring break is one of those few fleeting moments we can live in a state of suspended disbelief, spending our days like we did when we were young.
No responsibilities. No cares. No resemblance at all to the real world. It's great.

Maybe it's the Jack Kerouac in me talking, but I love road trips. Since I moved to Parkland, the eight-and-a-half hour drive between here and my hometown, Missoula, Mont., has taken on some spiritual significance. I don't mind blowing a whole day star ing at a weaving, winding highway road
Instead, 1 turn up the tunes, roll the window down (if, of course, the weather is nice) and soak up the scenery. After all, it's not about the arrival, but the epic series of landscapes, people and well-kept secrets of the Pacific Northwest waiting to be met and discovered that make the day's travel worthwhile.

## SEAN BENDICKSON

Nosh This

In other words, the journey is the destination.
So, for those of you who might be headed over that same stretch of road (the fabled "Interstate $90^{\prime \prime}$ ), I have picked out a few of the sweeter, more memorable places I choose to soak up along the way.
The Vantage Road Campground: It's not until I get over Snoqualamie and past Ellensburg that I finally feel like I've shaken my boots (or my tires, rather) free of the city. This tucked-away sandbox is a sweet haven for Gorge concert-goers and rock climbers.
It sits atop a sheer rock cliff overlooking a breathtaking view of the Columbia River valley. I really don't feel like I'm at liberty to give you its exact location, but if you find it you won't want to leave.
On numerous occasions I have tumed my day-trip into two or three days by choosing to pack along my tent and cooler for a peaceful getaway at this nature-made resort.
Sprague, WA: About 45 minutes from Spokane, this rural town, not much larger than PLU's campus is a throwback to simpler times. My car broke down here once and I had to stay the night in a tiny motel by the railroad tracks.
An old, dirty, bearded fellow named Ray fixed my car up for dang cheap whilst I mingled with the locals at the family-run restaurant (called Mindy's I think). There's a park in the middle of town, great for a stroll or a good book on a nice day.

Rustic and quaint. I love small towns.
Wallace, ID: This quaint villa, which used to make its living off of mining, railroads and prostitution, has since switched to accommodating the lonesome traveler stuck between the grueling passes of the rocky mountains.

I stop just to get an ice cream. cone, but occasionally grab a slice of pizza and a pop. Once in Wallace I picked up a hitchhiker cowboy dude named Todd on his way to a rainbow gathering on Flathead Lake. He stunk real bad but he was great company.
Fourth of July Pass - Exit 0: If you want to feel like you're on top of the world, if you crave that fresh mountain Montana air, or even if you need one last excuse to stretch you legs before you barrel down the strip into the belly of the Treasure State, pull off here, at the belly of the Treasure State, pull off here, at
the Idaho/Montana border for a few minthe Id
utes.
Wave at the truckers as they pass. After all, they're much more relieved to be over the pass than you are. Then (if it's a good day) check out the big sky, jump up and down a few times, stretch your limbs and sing a few lines from a John Denver song. For me. How bout, "Thank God I'm a Country Boy," or even "Country Roads"
Even if you don't know it, yodel a bit. It orks just as well.
I could list several more places, but I don't want to keep you from your own adventurous volitions during your travels. I trust you'll find your own sweet spots to stop stretch and yodel on your own. Have a swell spring break, don't do anything I wouldn' do, and keep your tires on the road. I'I see y'all in a week.

## Boyhood moments relived at Fort Casey

John Henry
Mast critic
Spring break is the one week set aside for the sole purpose of embracing the youth that we students have for only a few more years. After col lege we might as well move to retirement homes because we will be "grown-ups."

Last year I spent my spring break locally. I was born and raised in St. Paul, Minn., and I have spent the greater part of the last four-well, five but don't tell anyone-years here in the Pacific Northwest. In all those years, I never really explored the sights that surround me, until that spring break.

For the most part the break was just that, a break, with lots of lazy loafing around and video games, with nights spent in Seattle. The highlight of the week though was the day I spent with some friends at Fort Casey.

Fort Casey is one of the networks o forts that guarded the Puget Sound from possible attacks from Japanese naval forces in World War II. What is left of the 60 year old gun batteries is still in place. Massive artillery cannons are perched high above sand cliffs overlooking the sound. These unused mechanisms of war now serve as a
nonument to the soldiers of World War II.

This daytrip became one of the highlights of my break, and it gave me the opportunity to cling to the youth that I craved so much. I grew up in a generation of war-focused cartoons, like G.I. Joe and Transformers.
I spent countless sunny hours in backyards with cap guns and squirt guns pretending I was Duke, or Snake-Eyes, or Gung-Ho. My friends and I would plan attacks on imaginary Cobra bases. That day was rejuvenating and reminiscent of my childhood.

That spring break, along with two friends, I reverted to age 8.

We ran around making gun noises and ducking behind cement barriers.

We explored darkened corridors, and shouted soldiers' commands at each other.

We found sticks, which we pretended were guns or sharpened into points using pocketknives.

In the wooded area surrounding the gun batteries, we ran and hid. Searching beneath fallen leaves and broken trees, we looked for booby traps left by imaginary enemies; we found an old piece of rusted metal that we pretended was a landmine. We even set a few booby traps of our own using the sticks we had whittled earlier.


Fort Casey is located on Whidby Island, about 88 miles n.orth of PLU.
To the west, and over the water, the sun began to set. It was probably a beautiful sight, but none of us observed it. The wind picked up and darkness encroached, and just like it would have when we were eight all this meant was that it was time to stop playing and go home.
We piled into my friend's Jeep and we left. We were content that the world was safe at least for that night.
I will never forget this moment of immaturity. It was an adventure and it was less than an hour away from my house. I still have the rusted "landmine" and two sharp sticks, souvenirs from the least expensive spring break trip I have ever taken.


## Wind

Ensemble

Photo by Brie Bales
The PLU Wind Ensemble warms up for their concert that took place on Sunday afternoon in
Lagerquist. Their next concert will be May 11.

Habitat for Humanity builds a good spring break experience

BRIE BALES
Mast Photo Editor
The dilemma always presents itself, what to do for spring break this year. As many college students know, money is always an issue when planning your spring break trip, and for me I had very little.

All I wanted was a fun, inexpensive adventure, and that is exactly what I got when I signed up for the Habitat for Humanity Spring Break Collegiate Challenge.

Fourteen of us piled into two vans and started out on our drive to Taos, New Mexico, just 1500 short miles away from Tacoma. The drive in itself was quite an adventure. We saw seven different states and were involved in a minor fender bender that left us stranded in Wyoming overnight on our trip home.

When we arrived in Taos, it was amazing. It was sunny and relatively warm and off in the distance we could see snow on all the mountains surrounding the valley where Taos was located.

We made it into Taos on Sunday afternoon, and the
first event we had was din- see firsthand what our few ner with all the other coile- days of work meant to these giate volunteers. There families. were groups from four different schools whom we would be volunteering with all week.

We would work four days with one free day to be spent however we chose. spent however we chose.
Starting the next morning Starting the next morning
we would dive into helping we would dive into helping
build houses distinct to the Taos culture.
The architecture and building style in New Mexico differs drastically from that of Washington. Homes are built out of adobe bricks, which are stuck together with a thick mud-like substance, which is made out of a dirt and water mixture.
We got to experience working with the adobe and different aspects of house building since we were working on three different homes that were at all different stages of the building process.

On one of the last evenings we got to meet some of the family members who would be living in the houses we were working on. We got to
anyone who went on the trip won't forget the naked hot springs.

This trip allowed me to have a great adventure for little money, while helping a very needy group of people from Taos, New Mexico ple from laos, New Mexico. If I had the opportunity, I would go back to Taos and volunteer again, but for now I'm sticking a little closer to home when I volunteer for Habitat for Humanity.

Interested students can check out the Habitat For Humanity club on campus. For more information check out www.habitat.org.
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## AF <br> IBay Area rockers release powerful new album Sing The Sorrow

LONNY SULFARO Mast critic

Punk rock band A Fire Inside, better known as AFI, released its sixth studio album last week entitled Sing The Sorrow.

Sing The Sorrow is the follow up album to the band's 2000 release The Art of Drowning and is the band's major label debut.

The album has 12 songs and is about 56 minutes in length which is good for a punk rock band.

Punk rock albums tend to run around a half hour in length usually, because of the fast pace of the music.

Sing The Sorrow is fast paced and heavy too. The music on the album is good.

AFI started as a garage band in the early 1990s. Since thenthe band has seen many changes in the its lineup.

The band's current crew: vocalist Davey Havok, guitarist Jade Puget, drummer Adam Carson and bassist known only as Hunter, mesh well with each other.

The lyrics on the album are clean, although it sounds like there is some profanity on the song "Death of Seasons." However after looking in the album booklet I discovered it was only a word that sounded a was like a curse word Is scuking lot like a curse word. Is scuking
even a word?

The first single off the album, "Girl's Not Grey," has been receiving a fair amount of airplay on local radio station 107.7


A Fire Inside, or AFI for short, is a band featuring dynamic sounds ranging from hard guitars to soft piano. They will be playing a show at the Northgate Theatre in Seattle April 4.

## The End.

Most of the songs on the album are heavy, but there are also some laid back tracks like, "The Learning Song" and "Miseria Cantare - The Beginning."

When track 12, "... But home is nowhere" ends don't be too
quick to stop the CD, because there is a bonus track that isn't listed.

The bonus track is mainly instrumental and features a really nice piano piece along with an acoustic guitar. The instrumental piece transcends

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into a bonus song that is one of the best songs on the entire album.

All of the bonus material is packaged into track twelve so the track ends up being around fifteen minutes in length.
Other songs on the album that are good are, "Girl's Not Grey" and "The Leaving Song Part II." Ironically, "The Leaving Song Part I" appears on the album after the second part.

Most of the song titles and the lyrics are dark. For example "Bleed Black," "Silver and Cold," "Death of Seasons," "The Great Disappointment," and "Paper Airplanes (Makeshift Wings)."
I really like the album though and would recommend picking it up if you're a punk rock fan. If you like bands like Bad Religion, Finch, and Something Corporate then Something Corporate then you'll probably like AFI

Since this is the band's first major label release you can probably find the album for around $\$ 6$ or $\$ 7$ if you pick it up in the next couple of months.

There's a fair amount of screaming on this album, so if you're into screemo punk rock then you'll really like this album.

The screaming is the only thing that I wasn't to keen on for this album, but I think since the band didn't scream through the entire song like a lot of screemo bands do is probably the reason I liked it.

You could be editing these pages out next year. A position for Arts and Entertainment Editor will be open for the upcoming 2003-04
school year.

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And have a good spring break.

## Lutes scare Blugolds but fall short

## LEAH ANDERSON

Mast sports reporter
The Pacific Lutheran women's basketball team ended their season in Wisconsin last Friday when they lost to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, $43-41$, in a NCAA Division III Sectional Semifinal game.

A nine-foot baseline jumper with 3.2 seconds left in the game gave Eau Claire the win, but it was rebounding that proved to be the difference in the game.

Wing Pam Isaacson, said, "We played well defensively, but lacked in rebounding.

Eau Claire out rebounded the Lutes 43-27, which gave the Blugolds more scoring opportunities.

Wing Kelly Turner said, "They were a lot bigger than us and were more physical than we were. They pushed us around and we had a hard time dealing with it."

The Blugolds found themselves trailing early as the Lutes scored the first five points of the game

With just over 17 minutes to play in the first half, a layup by Brooke Wozniak, gave Eau Claire its first points of the game.

Both teams had a difficult time scoring in the first half as the Lutes went just 8-of-25 from the floor, while the Blugolds made only 7-of-26.

With $4: 25$ remaining in the first half, the Lutes led 18-13, but Eau Claire went on a sixpoint run to end the half. Eau Claire took its first lead of the game, 19-18, to the locker room at half-time.

With 11:04 remaining in the
game, PLU once again had the lead at 30-24, but Eau Claire battled back and took a one point lead with under nine minutes to play.

For the rest of the game neither team held a lead greater than three points.

With $3: 36$ left to play, the Lutes held a three point lead, when the Blugolds' Katie Murphy hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 41

In the final 3.2 seconds of the game, Eau Claire's Kristi Channing, got the ball on the right side, drove the baseline, pulled up and sank the gamewinning shot.

PLU took one more chance in the final seconds, but the attempt sailed wide-right and Eau Claire held on for the win
"We played really well and they gave us a good game, but it was disappointing not to get the win," Isaacson said
"It was a fun trip, but it was also frustrating 'cause we knew we could have beaten them (Eau Claire)," Turner added.

While no PLU player scored in double digits, wing Aundi Kustura led the Lutes with eight points, while post Courtney Johnson added seven points, 10 rebounds and five blocks. Guard Mallory Mann also had seven points, while post Hilary Berg added six points in the last game of her career.
"She (Berg) played really well. As a senior she has always stepped up as a leader and she did this game as well, Turner said.

While Eau Claire moves onto the final four after beating Hope University, 74-56, in the elite eight, the PLU women end their season record of 21-8.

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Post Courtney Johnson shoots for two over an Eau Claire Blugold. Johnson had seven points, 10 rebounds and five blocks in the loss.

hoto courtesy of Shane OpatzEau Claire Leader Telegram
No. 23, Sara Wilcox, and No. 24, Mallory Mann trap an Eau Claire player during Friday's game in Wisconsin. Wilcox finished the game with two points and three rebounds. Mann had seven points, two rebounds, one assist and three steals.

## Lute golfers defeated by St. Martin's, take second to UPS

## MOLLY BERGQUIST

Mast sports intern
The men's golf team participated in a meet with St. Martin's at Tacoma Country and Golf Club on March 13. St. Martin's came away with a win defeating PLU 296 to 310 . Lute golfer Brain Bronk said, "The team was down a little, but losing this match will not affect our play for the rest of the season. We are hoping to play more consistently and improve our scores every time we get out there and play."
Bronk led the PLU golfers as he held on to a respectable third place finish with a 74, ust two strokes behind first. Brian was followed closely by

Kurt Inouye and Chris Keough scoring 76 and 79 respectively.
Todd Randolph, Dan Westby, Nathan Redfern, and Matt Olson rounded out the team scoring for the Lutes.

Both the men's and women's teams participated in an invitational hosted by Whitman College on March 16-17. The Lute men took second place with a two-day total of 585 behind UPS who scored 577 in this seven-team competition.

Individually, Inouye tied with Linfield University's Jeff Dunn for first with a combined two-day score of 139. Second place went to UPS's Matt Ristine two strokes behind at 141 .

Bronk, Randolph, Keough, and Redfern also helped contributed to the second place team finish.

Lute women also played at the Whitman College Invitational. However, due to insufficient number of players, they were not able to compete for a team score. Carrie Thorpe scored 97-93 for a two-day total of 190. Tina Scansen was consistent with 122-123 for a total of 245.

The next scheduled event is during spring break when the men's team travels to California Lutheran invitational March 23-25. April 2-3 both the men's and women's teams will attend the invitational hosted by Pacific University.

# Track team finishes fourth in Salzman Invite 

## LAURA CALLEN <br> Mast spors intern

Despite adverse weather conditions the Lutes had an impressive showing for their first track and field meet
The PLU women's team was fourth overall with 102.33 points; Western Washington University claimed first with 164.50 points. The mer's team was also fourth with 90.50 points; the Western men also took home first place with 192.50 points

This year PLU will host the Northwest Conference Championships, April 25-26, Coach Jerry Russell said the track and field teams can always use more support from the fans at events like his one.
ulie Locke led the women throwers this meet, she placed first in the discus with a throw of $129^{\prime} 11^{\prime \prime}$, a personal best, she also placed fourth in the shot put and sixth in the hammer throw, contributing a total of 18 points to the Lutes'
Rochelle Weems and Alicia Steinruck placed third and fourth in the javelin throwing $121^{\prime} 02^{\prime \prime}$ and $116^{\prime} 02^{\prime \prime}$ respectively. Katrina Anderson placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of $35^{\prime} 07.25$."
This year PLU has two very strong female sprinters, Carrie Larsen and Tonika Vickers. Vickers placed first in the 100 -meter dash running a national provisional qualifying time of 12.33 seconds and also won the 200 (25.59). Larsen ran the 100 in 12.91 for fifth place.
Larsen also did well for PLU in the hurdles. She placed first in the 400 -meter hurdles, with a provisional qualifying time of 63.97. Breea Mearig and Ashley Jamieson ran well placing second and fourth in the 10,000 -meter run.
Despite being few in number PLU vaulters have gotten


Pole Vaulter Eric Gunderson clears the bar. Gunderson went on to place 10th in the event.

## Upcoming local <br> PLU sporting events

Saturday Baseball @Cal State 1 p.m
Saturday Golf @Cal Lutheran Invitational
Saturday Track@ Washington Open 10 a.m
Sunday Baseball © Cal State 1 p.m.
Sunday Softball @ Tuscon
off to a good start. Kelly Wright placed eighth by clearing 9 '05.75' and Jason Mauch placed sixth for the men with a yault of $13^{\prime} 11.75^{\prime \prime}$
Carl Strong took first place in the 110 -meter hurdles with a time of 16.03 s. Chris Anderson placed third with a time of 16.14. Corey Fish finished seventh in the $10,000 \mathrm{~m}$ run with a time of 57:28.79. Payton Thompson ran the 3,000 -meter steeplechase for a personal record of 10:03.98 and fourth place.

PLU has a strong contingent of male throwers. In only four events these men earned 50 points for the team. Leading he way with 14 points was Dan Haakenson

Despite fouling his first three attempts Haakenson managed to throw a personal record of $168^{\prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$ in the hammer, this mark placed him second and provisionally qualified him for nationals Haakenson also placed third in the discus.
Andrew Halloway placed fourth in the shot put with a toss of $42^{\prime \prime} 2^{\prime \prime}$, he also placed eighth in the hammer and threw a $2^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime}$ personal record in the discus to place sixth.
PLU's freshmen throwers also did well Michael Johnson placed second in the shot put $43^{\prime} 07.75^{\prime \prime}$ ) and fourth in the (133'09") hammer how ( 13309 ). Cameron Voget threw the avelin $190^{\prime} 07^{\prime \prime}$ to win the event and provisionally qualify for nationals
Russell, the throws' coach, said that despite having a PLU has great potential even with the absence of two of the Lute's key atheletes this weekened. Both John Payne (hurdles/sprints) and John Wolfork (sprints/jumps) were unable to participate this weekend due to injuries

For complete results see http://www.plu.edu/ ~phed/ track/salzresults.htm.
oto by Brie Bates


Photo by Brie Bales
Distance Runner Payton Thompson on his way to a fourth place finish in the 3000 m steeplechase

## Lute crew sails to second

## Jon Rose

Mast assistant sports editor
Despite 15 -mile an hour winds and 20 -mile an hour gusts, the sun still shone on the Lute crew teams during the regatta at American Lake on Saturday. The Lutes were one of four schools that competed.
The regatta consisted of a series of two-kilometer races in one of which the Lutes
varsity four-man crew finished second with a time of 7:48.2.
The varsity women fourperson boat placed third with a time of $8: 57.3$; the women's eight-person boat made second with 8:35.6.
The Lutes' novice teams fared just as well with the men's four man taking first place with a time of 8:29.5 the men's eight man taking second with 7.427 and the


Photo by Andy Sprai
The women's novice crew team prepares to launch their boat. The women went on to take second with a time of B:35,6 in the two-kilometer race at American Lake on Saturday. The teams competing were the University of Puget Sound, Seattle Pacific University, Lewis \& Clark College and PLU.

## Softball wins 3 of 4 Linfield Wildcats end <br> Jane Ko <br> sports reporter <br> The Lady Lutes softball team opened its spring 2003 season against Whitworth, winning $3-0$, on Saturday. Due <br> earning a 9-1 victory. Koury ended the game 2 -for- 2 , with two runs scored and four RBI. Ferries helped the score by going 2 -for- 3 . <br> About the third game, Ruecker said, "Bats just came Lute men's hopes for undefeated season

to the rain, the last three games of the four-game series were postponed until Sunday.

The Lutes went 2-3, win ning 9-6 and 9-1, and losing 43 on Sunday.

In game one, infield Alicia Guerrero started her senior season off by smashing a hit infield to give the Lutes an early lead in the first inning. Infielder Jen Swope sent the ball flying as she opened her first hit of the season with a home run.

The final points came from Lute pitcher Jewel Koury who scored on a double by centerfielder Kelsey Palaniuk.
Lutes finished game two with a 9-6 score. In the last innings, the Lutes made a comeback to make it a seventh inning tie with Whitworth.

Infield Andrea Wells said,
"She (Koury) pulled through with the clutch for us on her home run. That helped us tie when were down and then she hit another one that gave us the lead."

After Koury's hit, Whitworth added two more runs to their score in the bottom of the eighth.

The main contributors for defense in this game were Koury who went 2 -for- 3 with Koury whi and outfielder Gretchen Ruecker who was 2 -for-5 with three RBI. Shortstop Jenny Ferries went for 3 -for-4 and Wells added a 2 -for- -4 game.

The Lutes got the better of the Pirates in the third game
alive, we were hitting at the right times and our defense was working. We just tried to keep our focus and our minds in the game."
In game four of the series, Whitworth lead 3-0 in the first inning. In the fifth and sixth innings, PLU was able to tie the game. But two more Whitworth hits and a PLU error gave Whitworth the 4-3 victory.

Catcher Resa Lee gave the lutes 2 -for-3 including her first home run of the season and Swope went 2 -for- 4 in the Swope.
Ruecker said, "It was just that when we lost we had a lack of clutch hitting, a few key errors, and mostly because we were just tired because it was our third game. Unfortunately, nothing seemed to work."

Koury was applauded by her teammates in the dugout and on the field. Ruecker said, and on the field. Ruecker said,
"Jewel Koury was absolutely "Jewel Koury was absolutely
incredible this weekend. She incredible this weekend. She
pitched two of the three games pitched two of the three games
on Sunday and that was awesome for her to come through."

Wells was asked what the key thing was for the Lute softball team to be successful and she said, "We have to come together. Our bats have to work, our defense has to work, our pitchers have to be on, and that's when we play well. That all comes from mental preparation and focus, and when that happens it's hard to beat (us)."

## Baseball gets first home win

Tim Gallen
Mast sports reporter
The Lute baseball team (3-3 NWC, 4-9 overall) lost two Northwest Conference games Northwest Conference games
to the visiting Pacific Boxers to the visiting Pacific Boxers
Saturday before getting its first home win against the Boxers in a third Conference game Sunday.

In game one of Saturday's doubleheader, PLU starting pitcher Aaron Roetcisoender didn't allow any runs until the sixth inning when Boxer catcher Luke Voorhies singled to score first baseman Ryan Joy to tie the game, 1-1.
Joy hit a two-run homer in the eighth to take the lead for the Boxers, 3-1. Boxer center fielder Matt Lengwenus hit a three-rum shot in the ninth. Pacificeventually won, 7-1.
Lute second baseman Tyler Stevenson scored the lone Lute run off a sacrifice fly in the third iming: Stevenson went 2 -for- 5 in game one

Game two saw the Boxers' offense start up where it left off in game one. Pacific batters hammered in four runs in the first, including a three-run home run from Joy. The Boxers added another run in the second and, due to some costly Lute errors, scored five more in the third.

The Boxers scored eight
more runs over the next six innings for a final score of 18-2. Right fielder Cisco Reyes led the Boxers with two runs and three RBI on 2 -for-3 hitting. Joy also had two runs and three RBI, going 2-for-4.

The Lutes' offense was again shutdown by the Boxers' defense. PLU hitters managed only five hits off Pacific starting pitcher Derek Akimoto, who pitched seven innings, giving up two runs and striking out
The Pacific bats cooled Sunday as Lute right-hander Matt Serr pitched a complete game and led PLU to victory, allowing only two runs on seven hits for the Lutes' first home win, 5-2

PLU left fielder Trent Nichols hit a home run in the fifth to give the Lutes a 3 -0 lead. An inning later, leading 3-1 with the bases loaded, Lute designated hitter Jason Miller singled down the left field line driving in two runners.
Third baseman David Fox and Roetcisoender crossed home to give the Lutes a $5-1$ lead.

Miller went 3 -for-4 with a run and two RBI.

The Lutes travel to California for their annual spring break trip. Their first game is at 1 p.m. March 21 at Cal State Hayward.

Michael Yoshida
Mast sports reporter
After having won their first six league matches, the Lutes undefeated run came to an end Saturday at home. Playing against the always competitive Linfield Wildcats, the Lute men fell $5-2$ just a week before heading South to California for their annual spring break tennis trip. In doubles action, only the
team of Scott Nguy/Luke team of Scott Nguy/Luke Roloff would be successful
winning $9-8$ (3) as the teams of winning 9-8 (3) as the teams of Reid Wiggins/Ben Shaefer (86) and Martin

Uylangco/Justin Ochsner (82) fell to the Wildcats assault. Carrying the momentum into singles action, the defending conference champion Wildcats would take four of the singles matches, leaving at the end of play only Wiggins (6-1, 6-4) and Schaefer ( $6-3,6$ 0) victorious.
"Today was just an off-day for some of our players which happens from time to time. But we're not dwelling upon But we re not dwelling upon hopefully learn from it," said Roloff.
Captain Wiggins said, "We're not focused on the past
but the future. We're going to California which houses some of the best tennis teams in the region and we're hoping to make something big of it."

Going head to head with a group of outstanding schools including Chapman, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps, Ponoma-Pitzer, and Point Loma Nazarene, the Lutes hope to continue their winning record into the postseason.
Now 6-1, the matches scheduled for spring break will provide a good assessment in where PLU will lie in the west region rankings.


Photo by Brie Bates
Men's tennis player Kevin Yoder returns the ball in a singles match against the Linfield Wildcats. The Lute men lost their first match of the season on Saturday as they fell to the Wildcats 5-2.


Second baseman Tyler Stevenson is tripped up by a Wildcat runner.


Seniors Brian<br>Green, Glenn<br>Ilson, and<br>Lindsey<br>Robinson wait<br>or their assignments at Spring into the Streets on March 15.

## Workshop teaches ethical shopping

## STEPHANIE CHRISTOPHER

 Mast news editor"Think Globally, Act Locally: A Workshop Series on Peace, Justice, and the Everyday Consumer," a two-day workshop on April 4 and 5 is being sponsored by the Vegetarian Alliance and the Student Advocacy Coalition.
Vegetarian Alliance and the Student Advocacy Coalition, along with ASPLU, the Wang Center, Global Studies and the Peace Studies working group, hope to evoke discussion and awareness of conscious consumerism.
The mission of this symposium is to educate and promote awareness of global injustices connected with first world consumerism. As stated on a press release, "We wish to address these issues through lectures,
small group forums, educational activities, and films.
"We will provide information to connect people with local resources that will aid them in their new roles as responsible consumers."

Gopal Dayaneni will speak April 4 on The Real Price of Oil: From Militarization to Catastrophic Climate Change. Dayaneni is the Oil Campaign Coordinator with the non-profit Project Underground, and a member of San Francisco-based Global Exchange Speaker's Bureau. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in Xavier 201
There will be a series of onehour workshops, on topics such as organic agriculture, computer recycling/electronic waste, Christianity and consumerism and animal experimentation April 5, 10 a.m. -3 p.m.
PLU professors Mark Jensen and Chris Hansvick will lead
discussions, in addition to individuals from the Northwest Animal Rights Network, the Campaign to Label Genetically Engineered Food, Earth Ministry, and the Asia Pacific Environmental Exchange.
In addition to these workshops, there will be an involvement fair, where local non-profits and PLU student groups will have tables to distribute information about their efforts to create social change on a local, as well as international level. The UC will provide an organic vegetarian lunch on biodegradable dishware.

The dishes that will be served are options they are hoping to integrate into the Dining Services menu in the future. All eventa are free Donations will be collected to help pay for the event, but the workshops and lunch are at no cost to the individual.


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## Student Services adds new hours

Kimberly Andre Mast news reporter

Students by the Student Services or the cashier's window around lunchtime who have walked away disappointed because the office was closed for lunch, will be happy to hear this will not happen after spring break.

In response to student feedback in this fall's Student Satisfaction Inventory and from ASPLU, the cashier's window in the Business office, Student Services and the Financial Aid office will be open during the previously closed lunchtime

Bob Riley head of the
Business office, said there was
a level of enthusiasm to accommodate students' needs and he modded, "That every little bit counts when it comes to students.
Sue Drake, Student Services Center Manager, said the change in hours will undergo a two-month trial period. During this time, Student Services will be recording how many and what types of business transactions are conducted during the time previously occupied by the lunch hour. After two months, the results of that inventory of transactions will be presented to the President's Council for further review.

Drake said, "We are here to serve students and what is best for them is what we want to do."

## RHA surveys students about visitation policy

Sam Chrest
Mast intern
RHA recently began surveying students in hopes of gathering up enough student opinion on the visitation policy to encourage the administration to consider changing the policy or throwing it out altogether.

Visitation is one of the main focus areas of the RHA Policies and Procedures board this year, with many of the vice-presidents of the residence halls participating in the study. Heading up the project this
year has been Andy Sprain of Ordal, who serves as chair, Jess i c a Harstad, Jared Harstad, Jared Steed from Foss and Andy Palmquis from Stuen. "Every year the Policies Procedures = board chooses some things tion to look lot of motivathat they think could be policy. changed and this year they picked visitation," Kevin Roberts, vice-president of Hinderlie hall, said.
Members of the board feel that it is an important issue to look at, because many of them do not feel it is necessary anymore.

We've been looking at the visitation policy all year and have been working on research about it and the student opinion of it," Sprain Th
The board looked at many aspects of the policy this year. They have taken a look at the history of the policy, along with the reasons that it was enacted in the first place. The board has begun to gather information about student opinion about the policy, such as the survey outside the cafe teria last week.

Surveys went out to Residential Assistants and Residential Directors this week. At this point, the board hopes to gain as much student feedback as possible and find out what students hope to change.

The board is hoping to adapt the policy, but does not necessarily have high hopes that it will be changed.

There have been two policy changes proposed in the last 15 years, with neither accomplishing anything
"We want to hear what the students have to say right now. Our ultinow. Our ulti-
mate goal is to not have a visitation policy, but we know that's an unrealistic aim," Sprain said. The feeling of the feeling of he adminis ration seems to be that there isn't a reason to change it. lot of motivapolicy.
Once the board gets enough information, they will offer a number of proposals to the administration, ranging from making family members exempt from the policy to abolishing it completely.

While the policy may not get changed, the board simply hopes to make administration aware of the student voice, to possibly begin moving towards change.
Students who wish to make heir voices heard about the subject can e-mail the board at visit@plu.edu with their comments or suggestions.
"Only 15 percent of the students polled don't want any kind of change to policy," Sprain said. "We want to get more student opinion. The more support we have, the more the administration will listen.

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# Alumnus presents results of gay parenting study 

## AMELIA PALTROW

Mast reporter
When alumnus Timothy Biblarz released his finding related to children raised by homosexual parents in 2001, there was an immediate frenzy by gayrights groups, the media and those opposed to same-sex marriages

Following a reception on March 13 for professors Arturo Biblarz and Dick Jobst in the sociology department honoring 60 collective years of service at PLU, Arturo's son, Timothy presented his research, titled "Gay and Lesbian Parenting: Research, Findings and Consequences."

The study was co-authored with his colleague at the University of Southern California, Judy Stacey, to refute claims by conservative Christian groups about gay and lesbian parenting and adoption.

Biblarz teaches sex and gender studies at USC.

Christian right groups, specifically conservative Brigham Young University Law professor Lynn Wardle, had been attacking the legitimacy of social scientific research regarding gay and lesbian parenting.
At that time, studies investigating the subject found no difference in the parenting techniques and overal effectiveness between homosexua and heterosexual couples.
"By not measuring up, or by looking different, it was assumed that they were somehow deficient," Biblarz said of gay and lesbian parents.

Indeed, after months of research spent interviewing straight and gay parents and analyzing the data,

Biblarz and Stacey found there were differences.

Among them, young girls living with lesbian co-mothers were more likely to depart from traditional gender roles, occupational aspirations and school activities.
"We were seeing girls that instead of wanting to be teachers or nurses were telling us that they wanted to be doctors or engineers," Biblarz said. "There were changes in parenting styles, but no significant differences of social or policy concern," he said.

Also, children raised by homosexual parents felt more able to discuss sex and sexual relationships with their parents than did their peers raised by straight parents.

The story was picked up and reported by Reuters news service, The New York Times, and The Associated Press. "It made us (Stacey and Biblarz) icons in the gay community," Biblarz said.

The paper has since been translated into various languages and published as far away as Vietnam. It has also been used as evidence in landmark gay-rights cases in Florida and Nebraska.

While in some states, such as Florida, gay couples are forbidden from adopting children, Washington's laws are, by comparison, progressive Adoptions in Washington are not restricted to blood-relatives and there restricted to blood ho la is no restriction on how many adoptive parents a child may have.
"Washington's laws are great," said Laura Wulf of Tacoma who attended the lecture. Wulf and her partner Laurie Jinkins are raising a 2 -year-old


Timothy Biblarz and Dick Jobst visit after the lecture on gay and lesbian parenting, March Timothy Biblarz and Dick Jobst visit after the lecture on gay and lesbian parenting, March
13. Biblarz's study concluded that children ralsed by homosexual parents felt more able to 13. Biblarz's study concluded that children raised by homosexual parents felt more able to
discuss sex and sexual relationships with their parents than their peers raised by straight discuss

## boy.

Their son, named Wulf Jinkins, whom both women legally adopted, was carried to term and delivered by Wulf from an egg donated by Jinkins and sperm from an anonymous donor
"Explaining to little old ladies our special situation when they make comments like 'Wow, his dad must have blond hair and blue eyes' can get very tricky," Wulf said.

Same-sex marriages are not lawful in the United States. The Netherlands has been first on the world scene to allow gay marriage and the legal benefits that follow.
While research into gay parenting and adoption is relatively scarce, Biblarz and Stacey's research is fostering discussion and further exploration into this still-controversial subject.

## Breaking ip

Tim Gallen
Mast reporter
"How are you taking care of yourself?"

Campus Pastor Nancy Connor asks this question of people she sees who have recently gone through a breakup.

While getting over a breakup, people tend to beat themselves up and forego everyday tasks such as personal hygiene and eating, Connor said, and she tries to help them get out of that funk.

She said a good support system as well as reassuring people they did nothing wrong are important things with helping someone get over a breakup.
"Our office is one of support and encouragement," she said of the Campus Ministry office.

Connor said she offers prayer, comfort and encouragement to people who come and see her. Or, she said, the office can be a place to simply vent and share.
Breakups can be difficult, especially with classes, homework, extracurricular activities and everything else in between, she said.

Though every breakup has its own set of circumstances and contexts, there are several things that, most people agree, all broken-up people can do to help themselves get over their heartbreak.

PLU freshman Kirsten Lysen said
she deals with breakups by talking with "anyone who'll listen."

Opening up and talking with someone is one of the best things people can do, especially right after the breakup. It gives people a chance to vent and truly express how they feel about the whole situation.

Connor agreed that talking about the situation is a big help in getting over breakups and lost relationships.

She said that sometimes people are not necessarily looking for answers, but just a person to bounce words off of - just someone to talk to.

People also need to learn to let go. Connor said there is no timeline for how long people take to get over relationships, but everybody goes through a similar process and people need to understand that they may not be completely over it in a few weeks.

People deal with it in their own way," she said.

Some will definitely take longer to recover, but everyone makes it eventually, she said. She added that Campus Ministry offers that support if people don't feel comfortable burdening their friends with their feelings.

When asked how long it takes for her to get over a breakup, Lysen was at a loss for words. "How long does it take for me to get over a breakup? It varies from person to person."
According to a love and relationship Web site, http://zsuzsana.com, learning from a breakup is another healthy way of surviving it.

Is there a certain pattern to your relationships that you aren't aware of? Do you give too much of yourself? Are you too clingy? Ideas such as these are good things to think about while trying to recover from a breakup.

In addition to learning from relationships, the site also recommends rediscovering oneself.

According to the site, sometimes people become clouded about who they are in relationships and lose themselves.

Breakups offer people an opportunity to rediscover themselves and learn who they want to be.

PLU freshman Jon Bongard said he gets over breakups by trying to have fun.

He hangs out with friends, laughs it up, goes to the movies and plays video games with his buddies.

In other words he distracts himself, something many professionals agree is one of the best things people can do to recover from a relationship can d
loss.

In his online column, writer Curt Smith, of the men's Web site www.askmen.com, recommends making new friends and doing activities such as sports that can take a student's mind off his or her old flame.

Breaking up is hard to do, but it's not impossible. People differ in their ways and means of recovery, but the most important thing to remember is it will take time.

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## March 10

A student called Campus Safety to report a theft. The victim said that sometime since Feb. 27 someone stole her oil paints from Ingram hall. No further information is available at this time

## March 11

A student came into Campus Safety and Information inquiring if Campus Safety had towed his vehicle. Further investigation found the vehicle had not been towed but had been stolen from the Olson parking lot sometime during the day. Pierce County Sheriff's Department arrived to take the auto theft report. The vehicle has since been recovered.

Campus Safety officer, along with PCSD, responded to a 911 call from East Campus. Officers arrived on the scene and contacted counselors at East Campus. The counselors said they had been having a counseling session with a couple that had turned physical. Both parties assaulted each other then fled the building. For confidentiality reasons, counselors were unable to provide the couple's name to Campus Safety. PCSD will be conducting the investigation

## March 13

A student came to Campus Safety to report a "hit and run" accident to her vehicle. The student reported that that day, between 11 a.m. and 3:20 p.m., someone had hit her vehicle while it had been parked unoccupied in the library lot. The victim's vehicle sustained minor damage to the driver's side door. No further information is available at this time.

Campus Safety officers responded to a 911 hang-up at East Campus. On the scene, they contacted a delivery driver with "Delicor" in regards to his work vehicle being "hit and run." The driver had parked his delivery truck in the East Campus lot and gone inside. The driver came outside to find someone had struck the rear end of his vehicle. A witness contacted the driver and told him she had witnessed a $\tan$ Oldsmobile driven by a 50 -year-old white female strike his vehicle and flee the scene without stopping. A check of the license plate found it not registered to a PLU student. PCSD responded and took over the investigation. No further information is available at this time.

## March 15

Campus Safety officers responded to an intrusion alarm at the Knorr House. A check of the building found it to be "secure" with no signs of entry. The cause of the alarm is unknown.

While on routine patrol, Campus Safety officers saw a group of juveniles (non-students) smoking marijuana near the University Center coffee shop. When the juveniles saw officers, they ran away through campus. Officers, with assistance of PCSD were able to catch and detain one of the youths, a 14 -year-old. The suspect was arrested and later released to his mother by PCSD. PCSD will also attempt to contact the other juveniles. No further information is available at this time.

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Going to the chapel

A column from the perspective of the bride- and groom-to be.

## Kristina

My mother says she started looking for a wedding dress in a store when she go engaged, but after getting annoyed with the scratchy lining of the satin dresses she finally decided to make her own cotton dress.
I never thought this unusual while growing up. I had pretend weddings in which I wore the hemmed up dress as I married my cousin and my best friend officiated.

We then ate Popsicles for our "honeymoon" and danced (or jumped around) to ' 80 s rock ' $n$ ' roll on the radio

But now that I have been shopping for a dress - this one too poufy, this one too much embroidery, this one too expensive - I have begun to wish that I was as short as my mother so I could just fit into her wedding dress and not worry about it any more

Of course I would be lying if I said I did not enjoy the pampering I received at the bridal boutiques. Any notion of modesty was quickly discarded with my clothes and I was snapped into a tightly fitting corset and guided through the maze of white fabric called a wedding gown.

My maid of honor has been getting her share of practice straightening the train as I stand on a platform in front of three full-length mirrors and the attendant tells me how beautiful I look and, by the way, we are having a sale
It took looking at dozens of models in dress catalogs and on the Internet to figure out the difference between an A-line and a ballroom silhouette dress.

And who would have known that there were so many choices of veils? Don't have a train on your dress? Just get a 7 -foot-long veil

With all the fuss made over the perfect dress in our culture, it would be easy to get swept up in the moment and spend well over my budget.

There is, however, one word of advice from my mother I try to keep in mind while trying on dresses: "Remember, you only wear it once."

## Brandon

Traditionally for us men, putting on the wedding ring is equivalent to putting on a pair of handcuffs.

Why would I want to attach the old ball and chain now? At 23 , I have a whole life to live and many adventures to experience. Once the cuffs are on, there are no more late night parties, boys' nights out at Fox's or Ordal's annual porn night.
More seriously, your life choices no longer revolve around your desires, but the needs of you and your partner. Once you are married, your single life (i.e. all thefun) ends and it is time to settle down
I do not look at it this way. I see choosing to get married as a new beginning and adventure. Kris is my best friend; as such, we do everything together. She has opened my eyes to a whole new world of opportunities I want to explore. We are getting married, but by no means are we settling down.
We are both fighting the economy's job market. Our first goal together is to pay off PLU's wonderful gift to us - a huge amount of debt.

In about two years we want to join the Peace Corps and share our strengths with the rest of the world. Within five, we might still be traveling the world to find that perfect career opportunity.
Settling down and starting a family isn't even on our radar screen yet.
Our ambitions are to always have a goal to achieve and to experience many adventures together. Kris is never going to be my ball and hain.
She will be my set of wings and allow me to fly as far as our imaginations will take us.

When lighting the unity candle at the wedding ceremony, the individuals' candles remain lit to show the continuance of each individual's ambitions.
Getting married will not extinguish my candle. It will only make it shine brighter when her light is added to mine.

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