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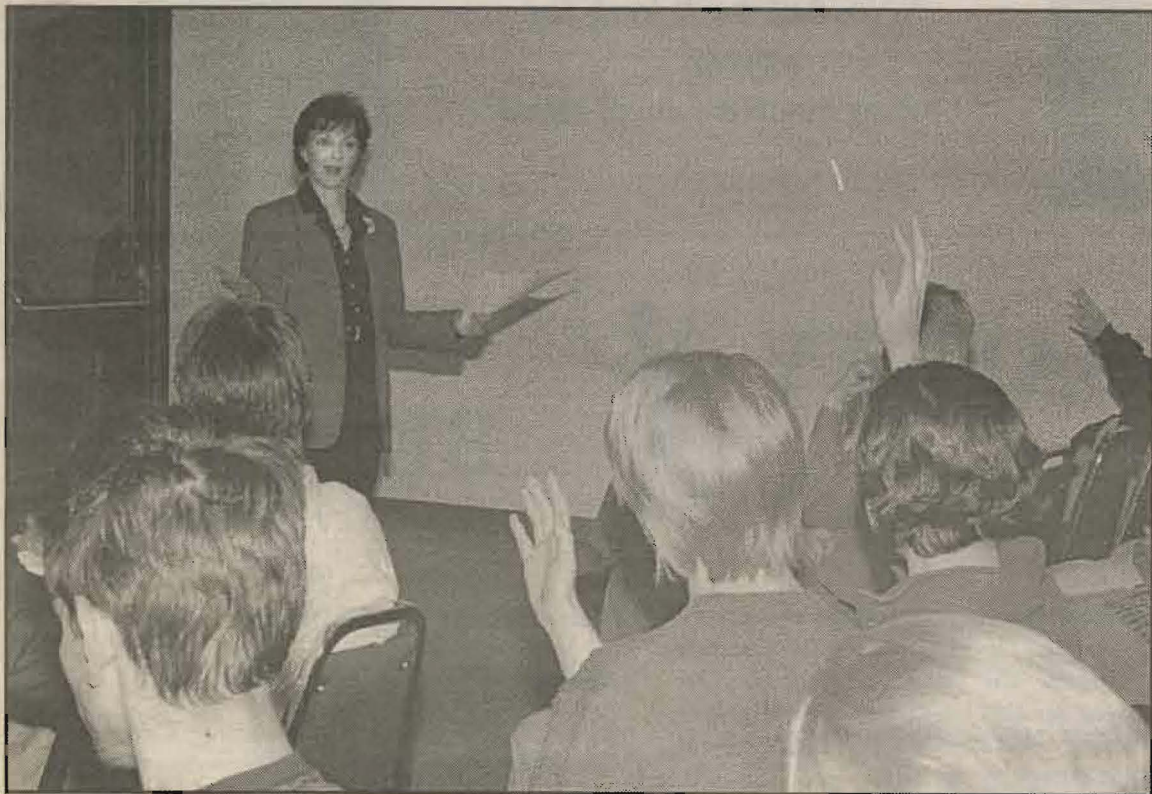
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Presidential campaigns visit campus



Pamela Eakes, representative for Gore's presidential campaign, answers questions from PLU students and staff.

BY BETH JERABEK
Mast reporter

Students filled almost every chair last Wednesday, Jan. 26, at a presentation given by speakers from Vice President Al Gore's and Senator Bill Bradley's campaign staffs. This expression of student interest confirmed what event sponsor, Ann Ober, has known all along.

"I think college students are often tagged as apathetic," Ober said. "But if given the opportunity to participate, you often find that the opposite is true."

After several months of working as a volunteer on the Bradley campaign, Ober, a PLU student, came up with the idea to host an informal session on campus where students could become informed and have their questions answered. Wednesday's presentation was the culmination of a month's planning and leg work.

"I'm really into getting people involved in the community. I would love to see republicans on campus provide the other side," said Ober.

Speakers Matt Bergman, from the Bradley campaign, and Pamela Eakes, from the Gore campaign, were not nearly as bipartisan in their politics. Both sides were convinced that a future republican president would halt, if not reverse, the progress made by the Clinton-Gore administration in the last eight years.

"We are faced with losing the right of choice if [democrats] lose the White House," said Eakes.

Bergman said, "I live in fear of the radical republican conservatives who act as if they've been anointed by God to scrub out all those who disagree."

The meat of Bergman's presentation was devoted to why, in his words, "Bradley is best situated to win in 2000." He cited the dearth of past vice-presidents who have been able to step out from behind the shadow of the president elect and go on to win the presidency for themselves.

Part of this is the current public fatigue with the Clinton-Gore administration. Bergman also

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Lutes campaign for farmer-friendly, eco-friendly coffee

BY LAURA RITCHIE
Mast editor in chief

PLU's coffee contract is open for bidding, and two PLU seniors are campaigning to bring a socially conscious coffee merchant to campus.

Sarah Stauffer and Micah Steinhilb launched upon the idea to promote adoption of Equal Exchange coffee, a shade-grown, "fair trade" brew, as a project for their Honors program senior seminar.

Steinhilb said he first learned about Equal Exchange coffee last spring, when the global studies program brought a speaker affiliated with the Fair Trade Federation to campus.

Using a fair trade coffee seemed like "a good idea and something that's really simple to do," Steinhilb said, "so why don't we do it here?"

"Our ultimate goal is to raise consciousness in the PLU community," he said, of the responsibility consumers bear for their decisions.

"With knowledge comes responsibility to act," Stauffer said. "This project is an opportunity to make a positive difference on the PLU campus and in our global community."

Equal Exchange, which was founded in 1986, relies on a system of 12 farmer cooperatives in El Salvador, Peru, Nicaragua, Tanzania, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Colombia and Mexico to provide its product. It guarantees a minimum floor price to its farmers, who run the cooperatives themselves.

With direct buying of this nature, the company argues that farmers gain far greater benefits than they would in an in-

direct system. Equal Exchange also makes low-interest credit available to farmers, and says it encourages them to use ecologically sustainable "shade-grown" practices in their farming.

In a "shade-grown" method of farming, coffee trees are planted under taller trees. According to Equal Exchange, this method protects the trees and is more beneficial to the soil, lessening the need for chemical inputs to protect the plants. Also, because the taller trees are often food crops like bananas, the company states that this system can provide additional food and/or income for farmers.

Lutheran World Relief has partnered with Equal Exchange in a program called the Coffee Project. The service organization encourages congregations to use Equal Exchange products for church use and promote fair trade ideals.

Upon talking with university officials, Stauffer and Steinhilb discovered the university was currently in a bidding process for a new vendor, or for renewal of the old Starbucks contract. They notified Equal Exchange, which placed a request to submit a bid prior to the Jan. 25 deadline.

Lisa Gardner, the university's purchasing manager, is in charge of the bid procedure. Six companies have been sent formal requests for proposals, she said, including well-known vendors like Starbucks and Seattle's Best Coffee, and vendors others have suggested on the basis of taste preference and other factors, "the student group being one of them."

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First sight of South Hall

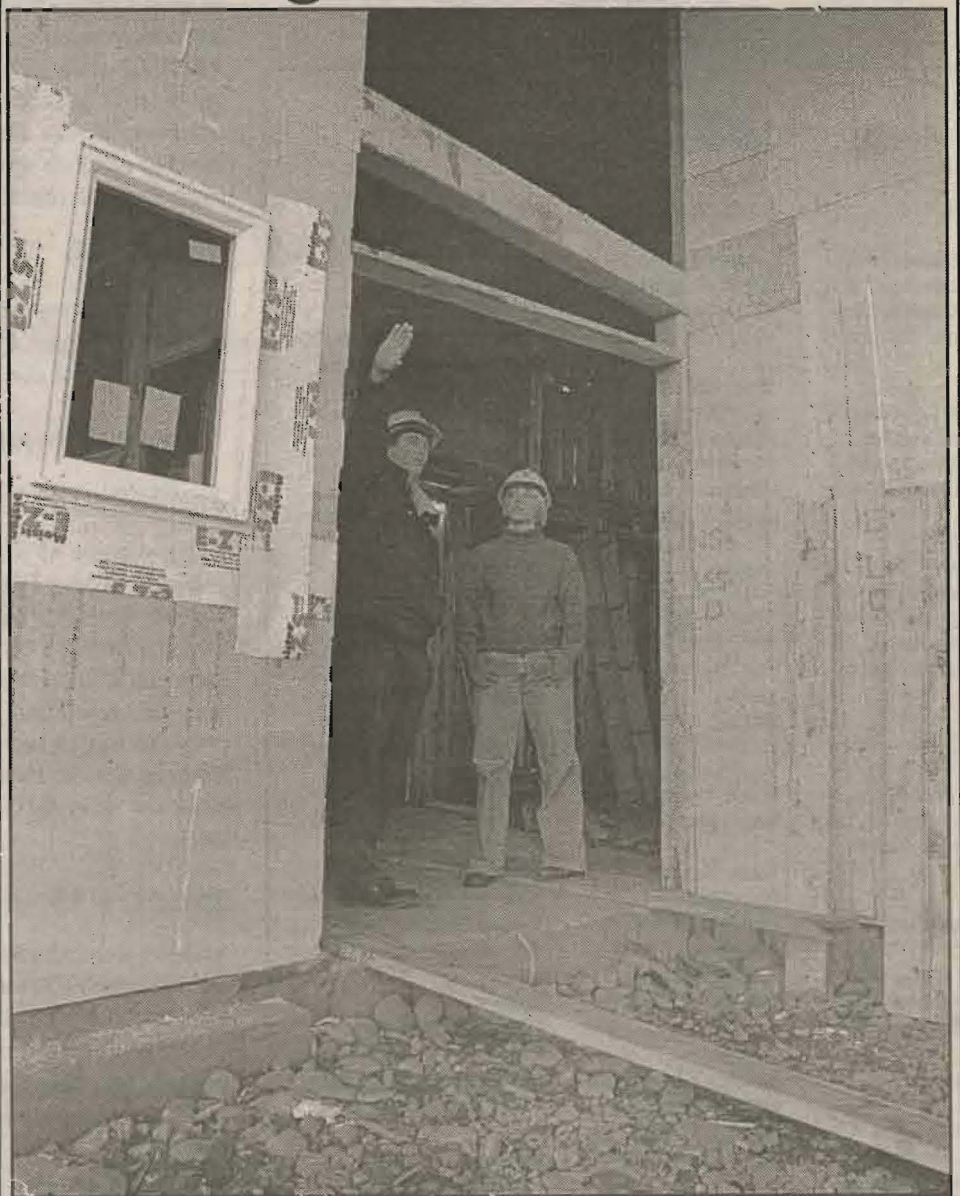


Photo by Josh Miller

Mast reporter Beth Jerabek takes a sneak peek at South Hall, PLU's newest residence hall. For more of the first glimpses inside South Hall, see page 3.

side walk talk

Have you seen anyone wearing the new ASPLU vests around campus?



"Yes I have. I don't think yellow is a good color"
Robert Sehmor

"No, I haven't seen them at all"
Christina Mooney



"No, but we'll look for them"
Lindsay Smith & Lauren Ingram

"I did see them, they're pretty fancy."
Andy Morgan



Coming up...

Fuchs Organ Series Continues

The continuing Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ Series is featuring Christoph Bull, jazz and classical organ performer on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Mary Baker Russell Music Center. With a PLU identification card tickets are \$5 and \$15 without. Call 7602 for information or to order tickets.

Essay contest

PLU students are allowed to turn in essays as part of the annual Raphael Lemkin Essay Competition. The theme of the competition is "Genocide: What does it mean to you?" A group of faculty members will select the winners. First place receives \$750 and second place gets \$250. For more information or contest rules contact 7669.

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Menu

<p>Fri. Feb. 4 Lunch Grilled Turkey Swiss, Tuna Casserole, Wrap Bar, Spinach & Rice Casserole, Tapioca</p> <p>Dinner Sweet & Sour Chicken, Stir Fried Veggies, Burger Bar, Sticky Rice, Fortune Cookies</p> <p>Sat. Feb. 5 Breakfast Egg & Muffin S'wich, Fried Eggs, Strudel Sticks, Shredded Hashbrowns, Bacon</p> <p>Lunch Chicken & Provolone S'wich, Egg & Muffin S'wich, Fried Eggs, Cream of Rice, Strudel Sticks, Hashbrowns</p> <p>Dinner NY Steak, Deep Fried Shrimp, Portobella Ravioli, Normandy Veggies, Pasta Bar, Caramel Cheesecake</p> <p>Sun. Feb. 6 Brunch Scrambled Eggs, Fresh Waffles, Blueberry Pancakes, Sausage, 101 Bars, Donuts, Bear Claws, Oatmeal, Fresh Honeydew</p>	<p>Dinner Herb Pork Roast, Herbed Lentils, Au Gratin Potatoes, Pasta Bar, Blackberry & Peach Cobbler</p> <p>Mon. Feb. 7 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs, Sliced Ham, Muffins, Hashbrowns, French Toast, Grapefruit</p> <p>Lunch Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Spicy Garden Pita, Chicken S'wich Bar, Ice Cream</p> <p>Dinner Philly Beef S'wich, Veggie Grinder, Onion Rings, Potato Bar, Angel Food Cake</p> <p>Tues. Feb. 8 Breakfast Cheese Omelettes, Pancakes, Bacon, Potato Triangles, Donuts, Grapefruit</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Club Pasta, Fishwich, Artichoke Heart Quiche, Wrap Bar, Frosted Cupcakes</p> <p>Dinner Beef Tacos, Taco Lentils, Spanish Rice,</p>	<p>Pasta Bar, Corn, Rice Pudding</p> <p>Wed. Feb. 9 Breakfast Fried Eggs, Fresh Waffles, Sausage Patties, Diced Hashbrowns, Cinnamon Twists, Fresh Grapefruit</p> <p>Lunch Grilled Cheese, Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl, Stir Fried Veggies w/ Cashews, Sticky Rice, Pasta Bar, Cookies</p> <p>Dinner Beef Cannelloni, Cheese Manicotti, Baked Salmon, Focaccia Bread, Italian Veggies, Taco Salad Bar, Cheesecake</p> <p>Thurs. Feb. 10 Breakfast Canadian Bacon, Tator Tots, Blueberry Pancakes, Raised Donuts, Fresh Grapefruit, Cream of Rice</p> <p>Lunch Chili Frito Casserole, Southwestern Wrap, Corn, Monterey Rice Ole, Baked Potato Bar, Cherry Bars</p> <p>Dinner Pub Battered Shrimp, Spring Veggie Paella, Pasta Bar, Lemon Poppyseed Cake</p>
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SAFETY



BEAT

January 1

•Two vehicles were spotted acting suspiciously around campus. Upon approach by Campus Safety officers, the vehicles sped off. The vehicles were spotted later when one individual got out and entered Foss Hall, while the others loaded some bags by the cars. Both vehicles again sped off when approached by Campus Safety. One vehicle was linked to a PLU student.

January 7

•The Acura symbol was stolen off the trunk of a PLU student's Acura Integra in a string of vandalisms resulting in the theft of symbols off at least 12 Honda Civics and/or Acura Integras around campus.

•A PLU student contacted Campus Safety to report that he lacerated his finger with a pair of scissors. It was determined that the student needed stitches and he was transported to the hospital by a friend.

January 9

•A man was reported masturbating in front of Eastvold Chapel. Campus Safety officers were unable to make contact with the man fleeing the area. There are no suspects.

January 10

•The vehicle of a PLU student was hit while parked in the Harstad Parking Lot. Pierce County Sheriff's Department responded and it was confirmed that the damage was caused by the vehicle of another PLU student. The student was contacted and confirmed that she was the only person to have driven her car, but stated that she was unaware of hitting a car due to the time she was driving and the fact that it was dark.

January 13

•Night custodial staff discovered that three televisions, VCR's and carts were missing from Olson Auditorium classrooms. Though no doors were found open, tire tracks were found outside one door of Olson. Nothing else suspicious was found inside the building. PCSD was contacted and wrote a report of the incident. No suspects were identified and the burglary is still being investigated.

Estimated cost of loss - \$2,000.

January 15

•After reports of drunken fighting, Campus Safety officers attempted to make contact with a non-guest in the Wheeler Parking Lot. Upon approach by the officers, the individual charged the officers. In self defense, the officers pepper sprayed the individual and PCSD was contacted. PCSD took custody of the individual and returned him to Fort Lewis where he is stationed. No injuries were sustained by any parties involved.

•A PLU student was cut on the face by a bottle thrown by an unknown individual. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue was contacted to determine the severity of the laceration. CPFR recommended stitches and the victim was transported to the hospital by a friend.

January 16

•Campus Safety was contacted with a report of possible non-consensual sex in Foss Hall. Upon investigation, all participants were confirmed as consenting to the activity. In the room a number of alcoholic beverages were found and as the hour was after 2 a.m., the males were asked to leave the room. The incident was referred to student conduct.

January 27

•The Tinglestad Hall fire alarm was activated by a malicious pull of a pull station. There are no suspects. During the fire alarm, a PLU student injured her ankle while jumping out of bed. The injury was assessed and treated, and the victim was advised to contact Campus Safety if the injury worsened. Also during the fire alarm, 18 empty beer bottles were found in a Tinglestad residence room. Contact was attempted with the residents, who never returned to the room. The matter was referred to Student Conduct.

January 27

•Vehicles of seven PLU students were damaged in a string of break-ins in the Tinglestad Secure Lot. There are no suspects. Total estimated damage of the seven vehicles - \$2,530.

Regents designate permanent positions to Tonn, Majovski

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast reporter

The Board of Regents approved the permanent appointments of Dr. Laura Majovski, the Vice President of Student Life, and Dr. Sheri Tonn as the Vice President of Finance and Operations, at their last meeting Jan. 22. Majovski was the acting Dean of Student Life since last spring semester, when Erv Severtson retired. Tonn has also served as the acting Vice President of Finance and Operations since last spring.

Majovski was pleased with the permanent appointment and said it conveys a "mutual commitment between the university and [herself]."

"It is an exciting time to be at PLU and an exciting time to serve the students," she said, adding that the permanent position doesn't change her job, but instead offers "a stronger foundation," for future plans.

Tonn said she looked forward to taking on several projects related to the operations side of her position, including looking at how Plant Services operates to streamline its functions, focusing on maintenance of residence halls and improving the aesthetic component of Dining Services.

Concrete, long-term planning is important for campus upkeep, she said, and she plans to make this a priority, as well as improv-

ing budget literacy within the university to make departments more cost-effective when doing things like evaluating bids.

Tonn also wants to make East Campus a more attractive gateway to campus from Pacific Avenue.

The Regents also approved the appointments of: Christopher Spicer, Dean of the School of the Arts, Katherine McDade, Chair of Sociology and Social Work, John Moritsugu, Chair of Psychology, and Dick Olufs, Chair of Political Science.

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"It is an exciting time to be at PLU and an exciting time to serve the students."

- Laura Majovski
Dean of Student of Life

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Other happenings at the Board of Regents meeting included a vote to raise room and board by 5.5 percent and tuition by 3.6 percent.

ASPLU President Robby Larson spoke to the Regents regarding the student perspective on the increased prices.

"Every January students expect to see a letter in their mail boxes saying that the Regents have met and this is how much tuition, room and board is going up next year," he said, adding that students would not be so opposed to the raise in room and board if they saw improvements in their dorm.

The Regents use the Consumer Price Index as a guide to determine how much the increases will be each year, with the average increase under 1 percent of the C.P.I.

The extra funds will be used for higher faculty salaries and to help the university recover from various financial hardship in the past years.

The Regents will have one more meeting May 5 and 6 to discuss and approve next year's meeting.



Photo by Josh Miller
Beth Jerabek talks with Jeff Jordan, Executive Director of Residential Life and Auxiliary Services, in a close to completed room of South Hall.

South Hall nears completion, application process begins

BY BETH JERABEK
Mast reporter

Upperclassmen who want to share an apartment or house with their friends, but don't want to move off campus can now have their cake and eat it, too.

The completion of South Hall on Aug. 4, for the 2000-01 academic year, is a welcome addition to the list of housing options juniors and seniors have to choose from.

"It wasn't that we needed more housing," said the Director for Residential Life, Tom Huelsbeck. "It was that we needed a different kind of housing."

South Hall is PLU's first apartment-style dormitory. It will house 230 students in 100 various living units. All of the units have private bedrooms, a full bath(s), walk-in closets, and a kitchen. While each unit has its own unique configuration, there are three different styles: studios, townhouses, and apartments.

Studios consist of one multi-purpose room that serves as bedroom, living room and kitchen. A full bathroom is also attached. There are three different kinds of studios, the difference between them being the amount of square footage.

Studio A is the smallest unit available in South Hall at approximately 300 square feet. Studio prices range from \$1,778-\$1,890 per semester.

Townhouses are two-story units with an entrance off the third floor hallway. The first level contains a kitchen area and living/dining area. A staircase leads from the living room up to the bedroom(s) on the second floor.

There are two types of townhouses, which differ in the number of bedrooms—either one or two, and the location of the bathroom. A single five bedroom townhouse will also be available. Depending on the size, townhouses are either \$1,913 or \$2,318 per semester.

Apartments either have two or four bedrooms with a kitchen,

and a living/dining area. These are the most numerous units, with 27 of each planned. Four bedroom apartments are \$1,778 per semester per resident. Two bedroom apartments are \$1,913 per resident per semester.

"Because every unit is unique and differs in its size and shape, there is a 'Harstad-ian' atmosphere as you walk through South Hall," said Jeff Jordan, Executive Director for Residential Life and Auxiliary Services.

South Hall also differs from other traditional residence halls in other ways. Each unit will be furnished with either love-seats or sofas in addition to providing beds, tables, desks, and chairs. Carpeting and cable TV is standard throughout the entire building. Each resident will have individual phone lines and mailboxes.

In addition South Hall will be the only dormitory on campus to

offer a twelve month contract and summer residency.

South Hall will be home to several classrooms which have already been assigned classes for the 2000 fall semester.

But South Hall features items standard to other dormitories across campus. South Hall will house a Resident Director and several Resident Assistants. The hall will also have a staffed front desk at the main entrance, and will have a hall community lounge on the first floor.

"Students are coming to college with an increasing need for their own space," said Huelsbeck. "South Hall is a hybrid of traditional dorm living and independent living that meets students' needs."

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Photo by Josh Miller
Beth Jerabek and Jeff Jordan stand in the loft of the new one-bedroom townhouse in South Hall.

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Tonn sets the bar for administrative responsiveness

The Mast agrees with ASPLU President Robby Larson's comments regarding the state of campus structures, as reported in the article about the visit of PLU Regents on Page 3.

After a summer of sitting at tables in the Commons, listening to attendees of camps ranging from football to softball to leadership comment on how tacky the facility's mismatched chairs and tables look, it is easy to see that Larson's concerns about the ability of this university to recruit new students are extremely valid, and need to be addressed.

The Commons furniture needs replaced.

Pathways around campus need repaved to eliminate the gigantic lakes that accumulate with every heavy rain.

The mattresses or furniture in many residence halls sorely need replaced.

Campus-owned houses like Haavik House or Blomquist House could use some serious work.

Various classrooms or lecture halls - Administration 101 comes to mind - need refurbishing.

We're sure other students could point out other problem areas.

How fortunate, therefore, that someone's listening.

Also included in the article on Page 3 is a discussion of newly appointed Vice President for Finance and Operations Sheri Tonn's plans for the operations side of PLU.

Included are things like residence hall upkeep, improvements in dining services aesthetics, and improvements to East Campus to make it a better Pacific Avenue gateway to the school.

Tonn has new ideas for dealing with improvements in proactive ways - performing a residence hall walk-through during spring break instead of in June, for example, to get an early look at what needs to be accomplished over the summer.

It's truly encouraging to see that an administrator is paying attention to issues involving our quality of life on campus. This is the kind of action we would expect from a university that prides itself on being a community, and we're thankful it is happening.

We need to continue to ask the students who live, work and study here what problems they see, and address them. Prospective students see these problems too, and they could be preventing us from gaining some wonderful new additions to the community.

Other campuses look nice and lack the superior educational qualities of PLU.

We've got the hard part taken care of.

Now we just need to add the finishing touches.

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Lute alum praises new tolerance, acceptance on campus

I enjoyed reading Kurt Eilmes' article, "Lecturer discusses sexual orientation and military" (Nov. 19, 1999). When I was a student at PLU, that would have been considered inappropriate.

I remember when I was a freshman, sure of only one thing - I was a gay male at PLU. Finding the Counseling Office, I made an appointment to see the director. When I told him I wanted to be a healthy gay male, he cut me off and started talking about getting me off campus, getting me medica-

tion and he made an appointment for me to see the psychiatrist on campus. I still remember his words: "Unfortunately, students like you somehow get accepted to PLU."

My, PLU has come a long way. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Richard E. Hansen '71

Ramshaw responds to debate over her November lecture

I hear that my lecture of October 26, "Naming a God Beyond Gender," has sparked some exchanges on campus. Let me reiterate two fundamental Christian doctrines, which apparently I did not make clear in my address.

1. Christian doctrine, guided by the church fathers, asserts that God is without gender. Gregory of Nazianus, for example, explicitly wrote that our calling God "Father" is no reason to imagine that God is male. Here Christianity follows Judaism by believing in a deity who is utterly beyond human categories. This was an important theological idea in the Greco-Roman world, where lots of deities had sexuality and used it freely.

2. Christian doctrine, guided by the church fathers, asserts that in the incarnation God became, not male, but human. "What was not assumed is not redeemed" was the way theology stressed that God took on humanity, not maleness, so that all

humans could be saved. The original text of the Nicene Creed, for example, does not say "and became man" in the sense of "male," but "became truly human." See the current Nicene creed translation in *With One Voice*, p. 55. The English word "man," which at least used to mean both "human" and "male," has much confused us all.

Isn't religious language fascinating?

About my being blasphemous: to paraphrase the Professor in *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, "a charge of blasphemy against someone whom you have always found Christian is a very serious thing; a very serious thing indeed."

My very best wishes to you all, as you consider together the mystery of God.

Yours sincerely,
Gail Ramshaw

Readers can submit "Guest Speaker" items

Do you have something you want to say in more detail, or a discussion you want to begin on campus?

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Dot coms carry the day with top Super Bowl ad spots

Last weekend was America's favorite January sporting event—the Super Bowl.

There are a lot of things to like about the Super Bowl. I mean, hey, what is there not to like about seeing the two best football teams in the world duke it out for the championship? Not to mention the halftime show.

Or how about those commercials?

If you watched the Super Bowl, you probably saw all of the cool new commercials. You may have even watched the game specifically for the commercials.

Last year's were great. The cola and beer commercials are always the highlights. I don't know who their advertising agencies are, but they must have the best.

Or do they?

This year's Super Bowl commercials were a lot different than last year's.

In fact, there was an interesting trend about them. Commercials for web-based companies dominated the lineup. It's as if suddenly dot com culture is everywhere.



Students and Technology Scott Shipp

I know what you're thinking: there goes the usual fanfare attached to Super Bowl commercials. So much for cool commercials! Computer geeks are taking over the world.

Interestingly enough, the computer geeks have a pretty good sense of humor.

I'd venture far enough to say they came away with top honors this year. If there is a coolest Super Bowl commercial award (someone has to have thought of it), one of those web based companies should get it.

EDS, for instance, had a great commercial. They really brought back the nostalgia of the Old West. There was something a little strange about these cowboys, though - they were herding cats.

"Anyone can herd cattle, but

holding together a thousand half-wild short hairs - now that's another thing altogether."

Of course, web based companies showed that they're not merely humorous. They're smart and clever, too.

Lifeminders ran a commercial that was just a series of yellow screens with black text. It was terrible, but at least they knew it. The first screen clearly read: "This is the worst commercial on the Super Bowl."

It was a good marketing ploy. I visited their web site (www.lifeminders.com) later that day and found that they were taking a poll to see if it really was the worst commercial on the Super Bowl.

This isn't the only example of a smart Internet commercial. E*Trade had a great commercial

with a dancing monkey. They proudly announced: "We just wasted two million dollars. How are you spending your money?"

Christopher Reeves' new commercial was especially controversial. It was for an investment company called Nuveen and depicted Christopher Reeves walking again.

The point was that investors should invest in good causes -- say, medicine and health care.

The sheer volume of dot com commercials is definitely a marked change from past Super Bowls.

Even a year ago, the Super Bowl commercial lineup was comprised mostly of beer, credit card, cola, and car companies.

Now web-based companies are buying the bulk of the commercials, and I can't say I'm complaining. None of them are as bad as certain soft drink companies who urge their viewers to "show us your can."

And they sure beat beer companies who need bikini-clad women to sell their product.

It's an interesting statement

about the new millennium. In the 21st century, the big corporations are no longer car or soft drink companies, but web-based companies.

The Internet is that big.

It might even be bigger than that. As an infrastructure, the 'net is now affecting many different areas of life.

Perhaps it was this fact that Netpliance was trying to point out in their commercial. It depicted schoolchildren, businessmen, athletes, babies, and more wearing taped glasses, the stereotypical geek icon. In effect, they said, "Hey, we're all geeks."

So whether or not you like the Internet, this year's Super Bowl made it clear that more and more people are putting their money into e-commerce.

Everyone who is anyone uses the Internet. And they use it for everything, including investment opportunities, travel, scheduling, and even finding a new car.

Scott Shipp is a sophomore English major with an emphasis in writing.

Feel better this Valentine's Day: some are truly cursed

Well, it is now officially spring semester and we are all back to classes which I am sure we are all thrilled about, but the real thing that I want to talk about is the first "holiday" of spring: Valentine's Day.

However, rather than talking about the normal flowers, candy, and love-dovie stuff I would like to talk about people who are cursed in the area of relationships and love so that those who don't have a valentine can feel a little bit better about themselves by looking at the misfortunes of others.

I would like to talk about this because I live with one of those people.

Not only does this person's love life seem to have some dark ominous cloud over it, but he/she also seems to be able to spread this amazing bad luck to everyone around him/her.

Now don't get me wrong; this person is one of my closest friends



Random Ramblings Kevin Henrickson

and I don't like to think that this person is truly cursed.

But based on the facts, it seems to be a fairly logical conclusion.

First of all is this person's own love life, which can best be described as a cross between nonexistent and close but no call.

Secondly, this individual seems to, through the power of osmosis (I like that word) transmit this hex onto others around him/her.

I know that no one is believing this right now, but really, I have known this person for several years, and he/she is around, all in our circle of friends remain single, or in relationships that are seemingly going nowhere.

During Fall semester this he/

she was studying abroad, and all of a sudden every one of our friends was getting into a relationship, getting dates, etc.

If you will, it was a renaissance of love for the people who know this person.

However, this person came back a few days ago and miraculously everyone in our group of friends that was in a relationship had it end or ended up with some sort of love problems.

This leads me to believe that this person is working quicker, because it took less than a week before this his/her presence undid more than half a year's worth of energy put into relationships.

Strange coincidence, or perhaps this individual is the grim

reaper of relationships and love?

He/she does not do anything that you can actually point to as the reason why this happens; it just seems to be some strange power that this person possesses.

According to this person, "this is not just something that has been happening recently — it has been happening all of my life. In high school none of my friends had meaningful relationships, but within a month of everyone leaving for college all of my best friends had at least semi-serious relationships."

I am guessing that at some point or another almost all of us have felt cursed, but is it truly possible to be cursed, and even to have the ability to bring your luck to those around you?

The answer to this question, I do not know. I do know that this person that I have been referring to does believe he/she is the broken mirror/black cat/(substitute your favorite superstition here) to

not only his/her own love life, but to that of everyone that this person knows.

But there is a moral to this story, and that is that no matter how bad you think your luck with love may be, you don't have the worst luck.

And that goes for my friend as well, for no matter how bad things may seem there is always going to be someone else out there who has just a little worse luck.

So with Valentine's Day rapidly approaching, don't worry about the fact that you don't have an actual valentine, and don't resent the fact that there are others who do.

Just believe that some other year it will be your turn to have someone.

Kevin Henrickson is a senior economics major. He would like to wish both Sarah and Julie a Happy Birthday.

Racial profiling can be addressed now. Why wait?

Lately the news has caused my blood to boil.

Take for example, the Democratic Presidential Debate held in Iowa on Jan. 17.

The Brown-Black Forum, a coalition of Latino and African-American voters, sponsored the Iowa debate.

Democratic candidates Bradley and Gore promised to ban racial profiling within federal agencies.

For those of you who don't know, racial profiling is that nasty tool the police use to target racial minorities for traffic stops and other "routine" arrests.

Recently the New Jersey police was busted for years of racial profiling along the New Jersey turnpike.

Both candidates pledged to sign the executive order banning racial profiling on their respective first day in the Oval Office.

But Bradley took an opportunity to call Gore on his promise. He said, "we have a president



The Gospel According to Paula Faas

now. You serve with him. I want you to walk down that hallway, walk into his office and say, 'Sign this order today!'"

Gore didn't like Bradley's lens of justice being turned upon his administration and shot back, "I don't think President Bill Clinton needs a lecture from Bill Bradley on how to stand up and fight for African-Americans and Latinos in this country."

Ouch. Is the Clinton-Gore administration feeling a little threatened?

A little defensive?

A little testy?

They should be.

Cornell West commented that night that the reign of the Clinton-Gore administration hasn't been

particularly beneficial to minority people, noting that the incarceration rate of Latino and African-American males has drastically increased, particularly among poor Latino and African-American males, during the last seven years.

And Gore was selfish to respond so defensively.

He turned the attention from the need to end racial profiling to defending Clinton's (in)actions as president.

The issue really isn't whether Clinton has stood up for Latinos and African-Americans, as Gore framed it. The issue is ending racial profiling.

Part of this issue is related to Gore's white privilege and politi-

cal prestige.

Sure, it's easy to claim that you want to end the bad policies, but put off ending them when you aren't the one being harassed by the police.

And part of this is related to the responsibility whites in power have to rectify certain situations.

Far too frequently in our little corner of the world, whites like me stubbornly refuse to question or acknowledge the privileges we get because of our skin color.

We take it for granted that we are given the benefit of the doubt because of our race.

When we get called on it, often times our reaction is defensive — similar to Gore's, or guilty.

Audre Lorde, the late African-American poet and activist, often warned whites against those reactions. She said, "Guilt and defensiveness are bricks in a wall against which we all flounder; they serve none of our futures."

Bradley was right to challenge

Gore to do the right thing, now, even if that means neither would get to take credit for banning racial profiling once in office.

But see, if that day even arrives, it will be one year too late.

Clinton could end the racist practice right now, and provide some legal backing for those claiming to be targeted by police because of their skin color.

And it would provide police officers a strong incentive to THINK before pulling someone over or arresting someone based on their race.

None of us are above reproach, and we all have to accept criticism when it's well deserved.

Bradley has problems.

Gore has problems.

Clinton has problems.

The point is not to shut off our ears and be defensive; it's to listen and change.

Paula Faas is a senior, majoring in economics and women's studies.

Computer programming students show smarts at national competition

BY KURT EILMES
Mast senior reporter

Over two months of practice paid off for a group of PLU students at a computer programming competition in Bellingham on Nov. 13.

Two teams of three students and one alternate, under the tutelage of computer science and engineering professor Kenneth Blaha, participated at the regional level of the Association for Computing Machinery International Collegiate Programming Contest (ACM-ICPC), with the top PLU team placing 11 out of 61 teams.

According to Blaha, there was something more impressive than the fact that the two PLU teams were competing against teams from Stanford University, the University of Washington and the University of California at Berkeley.

"Every team that beat us had a computer science department with a graduate program," Blaha explained. PLU presently does not have a computer science graduate program.

Blaha said that a group of 12 students began the semester competing for the three spots on each team, but after several weeks the number of participants decreased to eight.

Since the region that PLU was grouped into was so large, there were two sites that divided the 61 teams, however, the teams competed as if they were all in the same location, starting simultaneously at 12:30 p.m.

Each team was given a set of eight problems to solve on one computer within a five hour time limit.

Once a team completed a programming problem, it was turned into a panel of judges and either scored solved correctly or if it was incorrect, it was given one of six

non-descriptive classifications for the team to decipher and attempt to fix.

Blaha and the other coaches could have no interaction with the teams during the competition and could only anxiously watch updates of the teams through the first four hours of the event on a computer. With an hour remaining, the rankings were purposely kept secret to add more excitement to the competition.

The top finishing PLU team, with team members Jiho Kim, Daniel Deogun, alternate Scot Hale and 17-year-old senior Christopher Ahna, correctly solved four of the eight problems. The other PLU team of Amanda Leegard, Nathan Yocom, Michelle Potter and alternate Isaac Richter had a more difficult time, solving one problem and finishing in 51st place.

Blaha, who volunteered to coach the teams, was impressed not only with the placing of the PLU teams, but the dedication that team members have shown throughout the semester.

"This is something they did totally on their own as an outside activity," Blaha said. "Most of them didn't receive credit for this."

The 24th annual ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest, sponsored this year by IBM, had over 2,400 teams from 1,043 universities from around the world competing for the right to participate in the world finals in Orlando Florida in March, 2000.

Blaha thinks that since the Northwest region was so large, that the top two teams, both from Stanford, will participate in the finals. Stanford has won the regional title for the last six years straight with no signs of letting up.

"It's going to be tough to dethrone Stanford," Blaha said. "They take it very seriously."

Man apprehended in library for criminal trespassing, inappropriate behavior

BY KELLY KEARSLEY
Mast news editor

The Pierce County Sheriff Department cited a 21-year-old man for criminal trespassing in Mortvedt Library Jan. 20 after he made inappropriate sexual advances to several female students and one library worker. The trespasser, whose name is withheld, is banned from PLU's library, as well as another area community college library for previous similar behavior.

"We don't know how long it had been going on, but the first reported incident was on Dec. 9,"

Campus Safety Director Walt Huston said. The man, whom Huston said is "somewhat mentally incapacitated," had been approaching women on the third floor of the library asking them for help with his math.

According to Campus Safety in one incident the man proceeded to follow around a female library worker and after asking her for a hug, reached out and fondled her breast. Two more similar situations were reported before Campus Safety apprehended the man when a front desk worker recognized him enter the library.

"We made contact with the suspect within 35 seconds," Huston

said. The man has a record of misdemeanors and lives on the East side of Tacoma.

"He was very cooperative," Huston said. "Whether he understood that what he did was wrong, I don't think so. I don't think his intentions go past trying to be overly friendly."

As for the continued safety of studious students, Huston said added security in the library won't be necessary.

He advised to be aware of surrounding while studying and maintain a comfortable distance from strangers.

"If a situation becomes uncomfortable, just move."

Campus celebrates February as Black History Month

BY MONIQUE RIZER
Mast reporter

This February marks PLU's ninth annual celebration of Black History month. Several events have been planned to do what B.L.A.C.K.@PLU's newest president Darius Alexander calls remembering the past and looking to the future of the black community.

Alexander said, "Black history is knowing where you came from and to know where you're going to go. It's realizing what the struggle was about and how important it is, how far we have come and how far we have to go." He said the struggle includes not only the struggle from slavery in the past but also from segregation and discrimination.

Alexander also said he believes the national purpose of

Black History month is to show black people that they care.

"Black history is knowing where you came from and to know where you're going to go."

- Darius Alexander
President B.L.A.C.K.

However, he said, it is unfair that other minorities have not been given a time like Black History month to celebrate their

culture so he sees February as an opportunity to celebrate all cultures.

"I think it's something to be proud of and what we should do is move it more towards multiculturalism and show that we're not just trying to overcome white people and become the new oppressive people but just to show brotherhood among everyone," Alexander said.

The theme of brotherhood and diversity among the black community will be celebrated on Feb. 24, during PLU's annual celebration, recently renamed by Student Involvement and Leadership Director Christina Fridenstine, the Kwetu Festival, Kwetu meaning "back to our roots" in Swahili.

The festival will include several artistic performances and keynote speaker Dr. Gilda Sheppard from Evergreen State College. Alexander said Dr. Sheppard travels frequently to Africa and will be speaking on the celebration of diversity among the black community.

Other planned events include: a dance, a forum on the message of hip-hop music, and a wood-carving exhibit featuring the work of Jim Smith whose work reflects African-American themes and non-traditional musical instruments. The exhibit will also include a jazz performance by students from Pierce College.

Reflecting on the purpose of Black History month, Alexander said he thinks we will always need to recognize it. He said that otherwise the celebration would be forgotten. "We are going to always have to remind people but I think people should remember to do it year round and not just one month," Alexander said.



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PLU fans find a place to watch history in the making

BY JASON ANSPACH
Mast intern

The Ram on Ruston Way was the site of PLU's local cheering section as a crowd of Lute fans and supporters filled the restaurant in order to watch PLU play in the Stagg Bowl and capture their first NCAA Division III National Championship, on Dec. 18.

PLU alumni greeted patrons at the door, and handed out Lute buttons and magnets. Black and gold balloons adorned every table with 'Go Lutes' signs on all doors and windows.

Every television in the house was turned on to ESPN2. The crowd worked themselves into a frenzy upon the kickoff. Thunderous cheers lasted well into the first quarter.

Frosty appeared on screen for an interview and the cheering grew even louder, only to come to a hush once he began to speak. 1976 PLU graduate Larry Green said he was on hand to "support Frosty."

Green played for Frosty and coached with him when PLU won its first national championship. Like many others, Green said Frosty changed his life.

The appeal of the PLU football team is that they are a "real family," said Lauralee Hagen, PLU Alumni Director. The crowd reflected the family atmosphere shown on the field by the Lutes.

"I think it's great so many people came out to support PLU," said junior Jennifer Arndt. Students, faculty, and alumni alike all came out together to show support for the Lutes. Kris Baglio, a PLU senior, came out because he "wanted to get with the crowd."

The national exposure surprised a lot of people, others thought it was long overdue. Norris Stoa, a minister in Seattle, says



Photo by Greg Pickett

Dedicated Lute fans traveled with the team to all of their playoff matches, as seen here at the semifinal against Trinity in San Antonio, Texas.

he is a fan of PLU because they represent, "our own boys from the Northwest." Stoa once wrote a letter to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer asking for more coverage of PLU, and couldn't be happier to see them on cable TV.

Throughout the game the crowd

chanted for the Lutes and got louder and louder with every point PLU scored. Local news cameras showed up, causing the fans to become even crazier.

After PLU won the Stagg Bowl, the crowd erupted in a deafening roar that could be heard outside on the street.

"I heard the noise, so I kind of knew PLU won," said a passing rollerblader.

The journey and the championship were for Frosty, the players, and the school. The Ram, that was for the fans.

Westering Coach of the Year



Photo by Greg Pickett

Head coach Frosty Westering watches the last 11 seconds of the PLU game against Trinity slip away as the Lutes advanced to the Finals of the NCAA Division III playoffs.

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Head coach Frosty Westering has been named the Division III GTE Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) for 1999.

The award was given to Westering by a vote from his fellow football coaches in the AFCA. PLU will receive a \$10,000 academic scholarship from the AFCA in Westering's name. The money can be used to benefit student athletes and the PLU athletic department.

Along with being chosen Coach of the Year he also had the honor of serving as an assistant coach for the South team in the 2000 Hula Bowl college all-start game, held in late January.

Compiling a 277-84-7 record over 36 seasons as head coach at PLU, Westering has led PLU to three NAIA Division II National Championship titles and now an NCAA Division III title.

Hicks, Hostetter honored

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Despite the success of PLU in the national championships this season only two members of the team were named to the Division III All-America Football Team.

Seniors Anthony Hicks and Josh Hostetter were both named to the team, which is sponsored by Hewlett-Packard. Hostetter earned second team offensive honors and Hicks was a fullback selection for the third team.

In his senior season with PLU, Hicks broke the NCAA Division III playoff record for touchdowns with the 11 he made during the playoffs.

Hicks also broke the old PLU record for the most touchdowns in a season with 27 touchdowns and 164 total points. The old record of 20 touchdowns and 122 total points was set by Chad Barnett in 1993.

Hicks also set a new PLU record of 1,633 rushing yards, breaking the old record of 1,226 set by Jeff Rohr in 1983.

Lutes named to 1999 Lutheran Brotherhood, Lutheran College All-American Football Team



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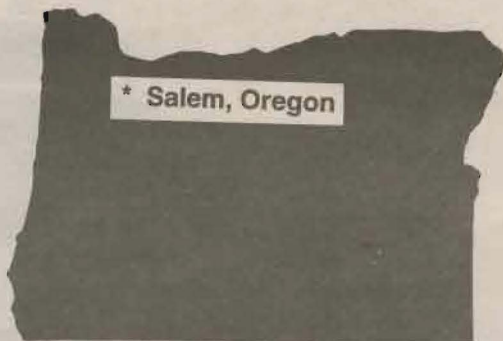
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The PLU football Road Warriors

1st Round (11/20) 400 miles round trip (400 total miles traveled)

Opponent: Willamette

Score: 28-24



Game summary:

The Lutes made a touchdown with less than a minute remaining in their first round game against Willamette, winning the game and advancing to the second round.

"The game against Willamette was probably the most thrilling, exciting game in PLU history," head coach Frosty Westering said.

Willamette was behind 7-0 going into the second half, but with 8:51 left in the game the Bearcats had taken the lead 24-7.

The Lutes pulled off three touchdowns in the final 7:17 of the game. The first score came off a 48-yard touchdown pass by junior wide receiver Todd McDevitt. Less than a minute later junior quarterback Chad Johnson found sophomore Kevin Giboney in the back of the end zone, to cut Willamette's lead to 24-21.

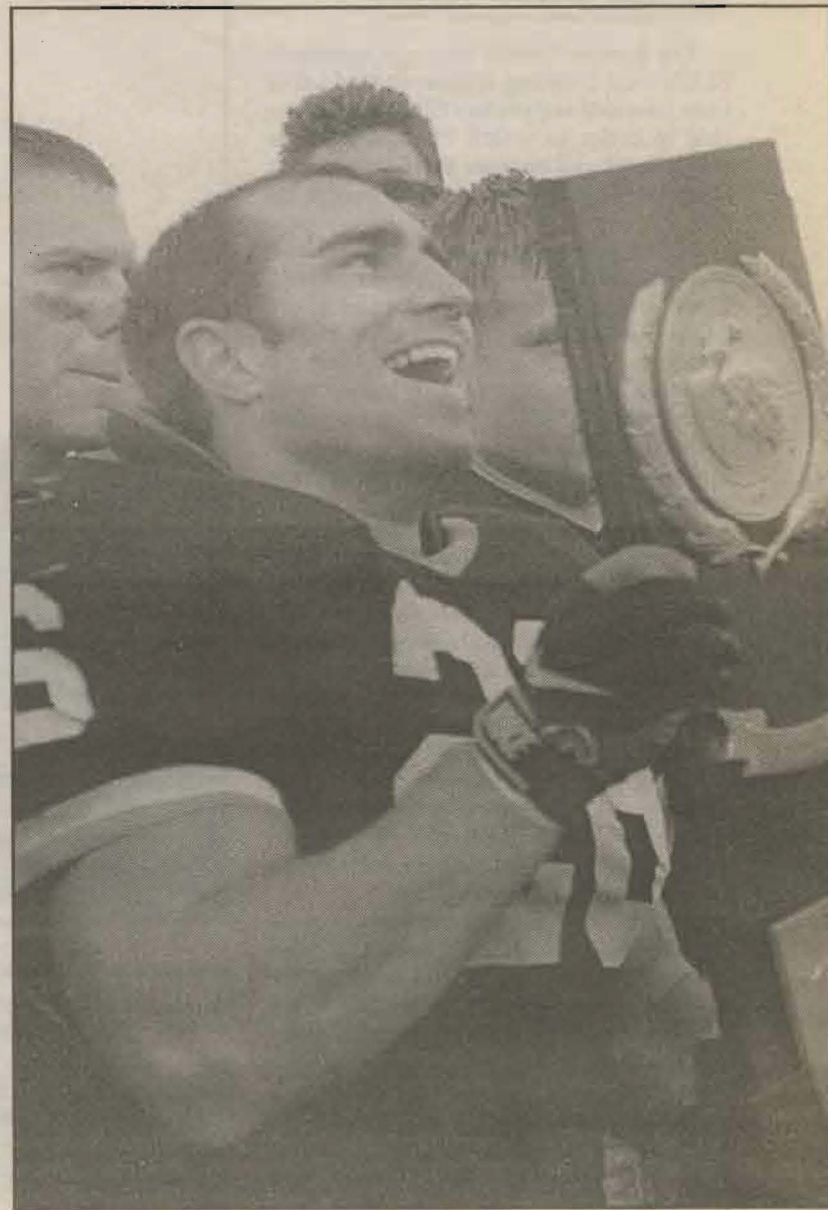
Willamette tried to run out the clock, and managed to shave off over four minutes before PLU regained control.

The Lutes found themselves behind by three with less than

two minutes remaining and quickly stepped up the pace. Johnson completed three passes for 11, 18 and 10 yards to move the team to the Willamette 37 yard line with 55 seconds remaining.

On the next play, Johnson connected with freshman wide receiver Kyle Brown, who made the catch and dived into the end zone.

The Willamette team took the last 49 seconds for a last ditch effort to win the game, but to no avail, as the game ended 28-24 in favor of the Lutes.



Senior co-captain Anthony Hicks receives the NCAA Division III trophy for the Lutes in the moment of glory. The Lutes are the only team to have won the NCAA Division III trophy.

Five playoff 15,500 miles



Photo by Greg Pickett

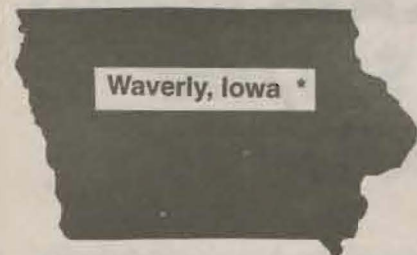
The PLU football team prays together after their victory over Trinity.

3,650 miles round trip
(4,050 total miles traveled)

Second Round (11/27) 2,850 miles round trip
(6,900 total miles traveled)

Opponent: Wartburg

Score: 42-14



Game summary:

In the second round of the playoffs the Lutes routed the No. 1 seeded Wartburg Knights 42-14.

Continuing the winning streak they started in playoff action with Willamette in the first round.

"We picked up where we left off," said Westering. "Our guys are so tuned in and we had the momentum coming out of the blocks."

After junior defensive back David Jefferies forced a Wartburg

fumble, the Lutes scored on the next play off a 37-yard run by junior running back Shipley Ennis.

The half would end with a 28-14 lead for the Lutes.

PLU would continue adding to their lead over the Knights in the second half. The Lutes led 42-14 until the last four minutes of the game, when senior running back Anthony Hicks ran 65 yards to score the final points and end the game with a PLU victory over the Knights, 49-14.

Quarterfinals (12/4)

3,600 miles round trip
(10,500 total miles traveled)

Opponent: Saint John's

Score: 19-9



Game summary:

In the quarterfinals the Lutes came face to face with Saint John's University, the team that sent PLU home in last year's playoff action.

"They are the Notre Dame of Division III," said Westering. "They don't lose at home hardly."

Well with 6:57 left in the first quarter Saint John's scored a 21-

yard field goal to take the lead. In the second quarter the Johnnies increased their lead to 9-0 with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The Lutes scored with 2:33 left before intermission, on a 48 yard scoring run which ended with a 4-yard touchdown run by senior running back Jacob Croft. The Lutes

trailed 9-6 going into the locker room at halftime.

Neither team scored in the third quarter. The Lutes scored in the fourth quarter off of a pass from junior quarterback Chad Johnson to freshman Kyle Brown, to take the lead 12-9. A 3-yard touchdown run by senior running back Anthony Hicks, with 4:39 left in the game, ended the Lutes scoring run. The game ended with a 19-9 victory in favor of the Lutes.

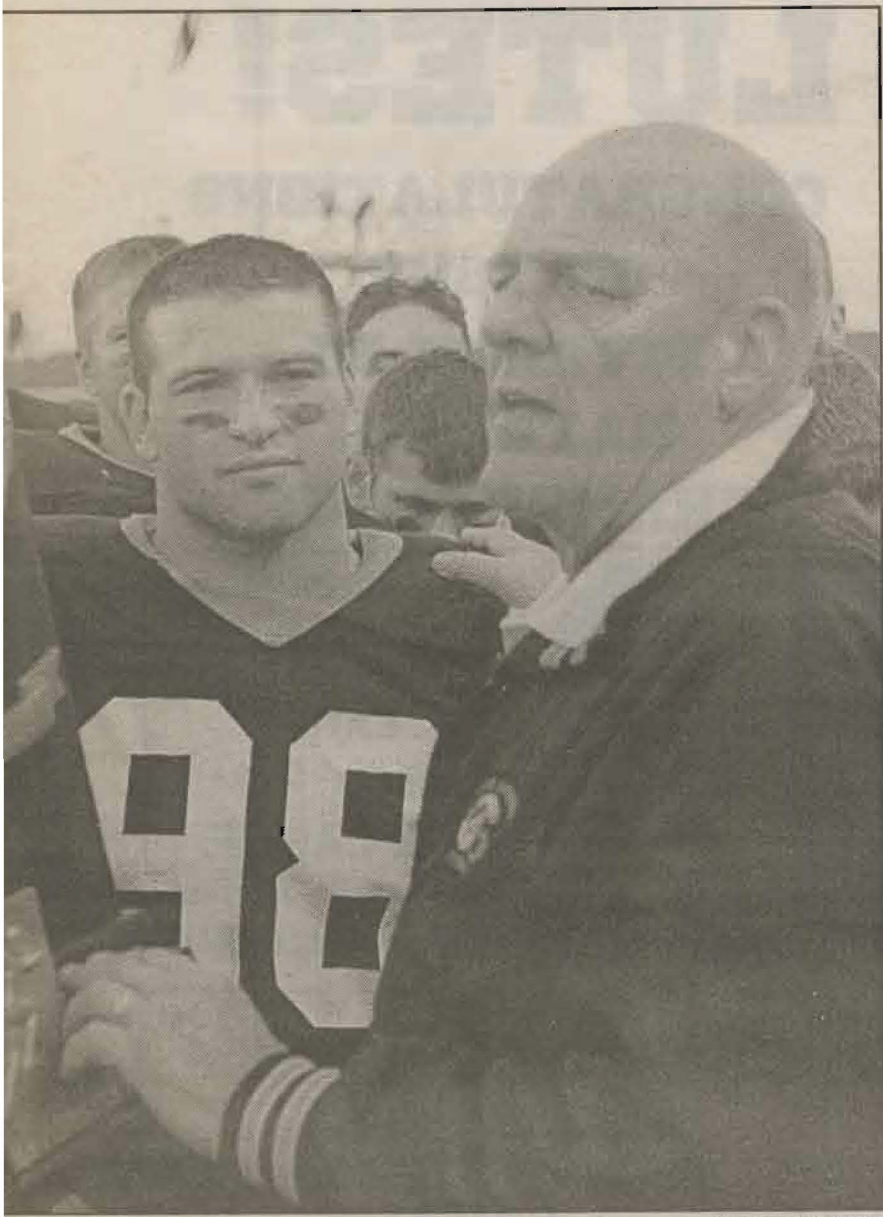
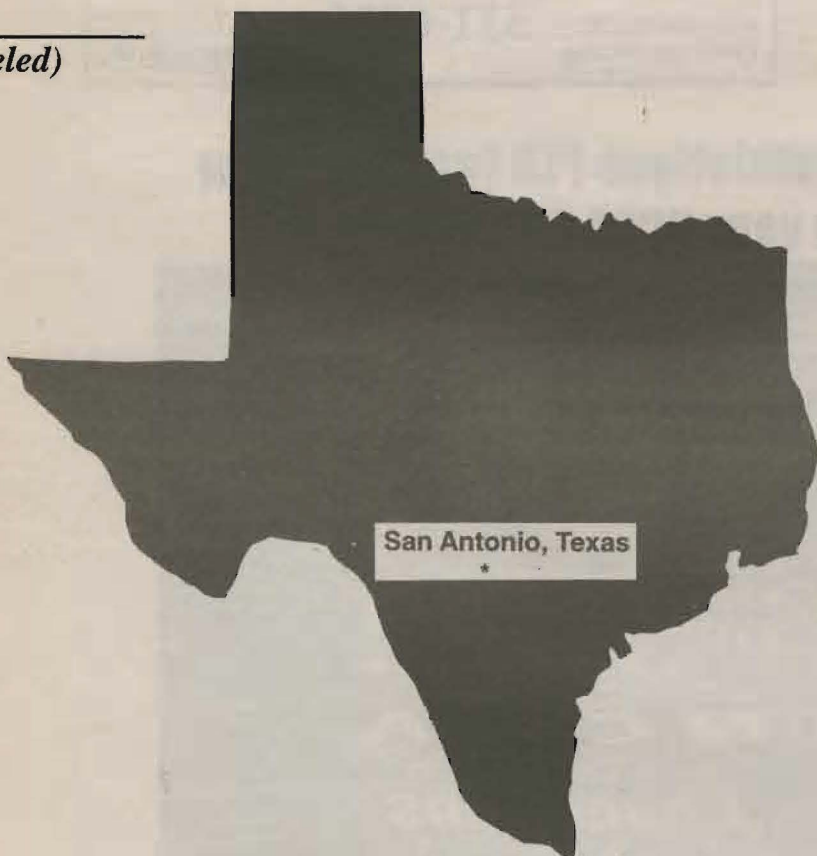


Photo by Mark Mininger

... as his teammates, including John Eussen and head coach Frosty Westering share the Division III title while playing every game on the road.

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San Antonio, Texas



Photo by Mark Mininger

The new NCAA Division III Champions thank the Lute fans for their loyalty and support through the season.

Final - Stagg Bowl (12/18)

Opponent: Rowan

Score: 42-13



Salem, Virginia

Game Summary:

The Lutes came into the final game as a longshot, unknown team from the West. But PLU had already won four playoff games on the road, and just kept showing that they were not an opponent to take lightly.

From the start of the championship game with Rowan of New Jersey, the Lutes showed the spirit, drive and athleticism that had gotten them to that game, as they took control early and never let down.

After a fumble recovery by sophomore safety Jonathan Carlson, the Lutes would take the lead in the very next play, when junior quarterback Chad Johnson hit junior end Todd McDevitt for 31 yards and the touchdown.

Before the first quarter ended the Rowan offense tied up the score when they capped a 78-yard, nine-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown run.

The Lutes then came back to score 28 unanswered points bringing the score to 35-7. The first touchdown came off a 45-yard screen play from Johnson to senior fullback Anthony Hicks, who made the touchdown on a 1-yard run.

Early in the second quarter the Lutes scored on a 5-yard reverse run by senior slotback Kevin Lint.

The next touchdown came on a quarterback sneak by Johnson that followed a 41-yard drive over three plays.

At intermission the Lutes held

a 27-7 advantage.

A recovered fumble on Rowan's first play of the third period by junior linebacker Luke Gearhard, gave the Lutes possession of the ball again. And three plays later a pass from Johnson connected with McDevitt 13 yards out for the second touchdown of the day for the pair.

The Rowan offense responded with a 26-yard touchdown pass, their last score of the day, thanks to the efforts of the Lute defense.

With 2:18 left in the game Hicks ran 20 yards for the final touchdown of the game, as the Lutes won the Stagg Bowl with a score of 42-13.

Semifinals (12/11)

Opponent: Trinity

Score: 49-28

Game Summary:

The team from Trinity, the Lutes opposition in the semifinals, had a long history in the NCAA Division III playoffs. This year was their eighth time in the playoffs, and their fifth consecutive year.

The Lutes scored on their first drive of the game, with 11 plays over 78 yards and a final run of 6 yards by junior quarterback Chad Johnson. The PLU defense recovered a forced fumble on the part of the Trinity quarterback and the Lute offense took the field again. Eight plays later the Lutes scored again, this time off a 6-yard pass from Johnson to junior tight end

Jess Nelson.

Trinity scored on a 50-yard bomb before the next Lute touchdown. The Lutes put together a six-play, 72-yard drive which ended with a 1-yard run by senior fullback Anthony Hicks. Senior running back Jacob Croft would also score for the Lutes, furthering the point differential to 28-6. But, by the half Trinity had scored twice to close the gap to 28-21.

The PLU defense shut down the Trinity offense in the second half, as they allowed Trinity only one more touchdown. The Lute offense took the second half to build the gap between Trinity and PLU bringing the final score to 49-28.

5,000 miles round trip
(15,500 total miles traveled)

1999 NCAA Division III Champs

Lute Scoreboard

Weeks of Jan. 14 - Feb. 3

Men's Basketball

Jan. 14 -- *George Fox	74-72, win
Jan. 17 -- *WILLAMETTE	71-67, win
Jan. 22 -- *Linfield	76-74, loss
Jan. 28 -- *PACIFIC	73-66, loss
Jan. 29 -- *LEWIS & CLARK	80-70, loss
Feb. 1 -- *PUGET SOUND	85-80, win

Women's Basketball

Jan. 14 -- *George Fox	57-54, loss
Jan. 17 -- *WILLAMETTE	63-44, win
Jan. 22 -- *Linfield	52-49, win
Jan. 28 -- *PACIFIC	56-45, win
Jan. 29 -- *LEWIS & CLARK	77-47, win
Feb. 1 -- *PUGET SOUND	78-41, win

Wrestling

Jan. 21 -- SIMON FRASER	37-8, win
Jan. 22 -- Southern Oregon	45-0, loss
Jan. 28 -- Pacific	29-10, loss

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

*Northwest Conference Matches

Sports On Tap

Week of Feb. 4 - 10

Men's Basketball

Feb. 4 -- *Willamette	8 p.m.
Salem, Ore.	
Feb. 5 -- *GEORGE FOX	8 p.m.

Women's Basketball

Feb. 4 -- *Willamette	6 p.m.
Salem, Ore.	
Feb. 5 -- *GEORGE FOX	6 p.m.

Swim Team

Feb. 5 -- *LINFIELD	1 p.m.
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Wrestling

Feb. 4 -- SOUTHERN OREGON	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5 -- Simon Fraser	7:30 p.m.
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Women's Basketball team goes 6-1 in NWC in J-term

BY ANDREW BENTZ
Mast co-sports editor

What do you get when you combine six wins and one loss? A successful J-Term.

The Pacific Lutheran women's basketball team swept away most of their competition this past month, winning six Northwest Conference (NWC) games.

PLU 77, Lewis & Clark 47

It was raining in Olson Auditorium on Jan. 28. Raining PLU three-point shots that is.

PLU hit four three-point shots in the first 5:30 to take a 16-7 lead. The shots came from sophomore point guard Becky Franza, senior post Tara Millet, and back-to-back shots from junior wing Betsy Ruud.

Later in the first half, freshman wing Maria Geni converted a three-point play and then hit a shot from beyond the arc to increase the Lutes lead to 15, 28-13.

The last two minutes of the half saw Ruud hit three more shots from three-point land and ending the half with 19 points on 7-of-9 from the field and 5-of-6 from beyond the arc.

The second half of the game became a foul-fest with both teams shooting several shots from the free throw line. PLU was shooting the bonus two shots as early as 13 minutes, 58 seconds left in the game. The Pioneers began to shoot the bonus two with 8 minutes, 52 seconds left in the game.

The Lutes shot 20-of-26 (76.9 percent) from the line including sinking all 10 of their last 10 shot attempts. Lewis & Clark shot 10-of-21 from the line (47.6 percent).

Ruud was the high scorer for PLU with 24 points. She also added four rebounds and three steals. Post players senior Amber Hahn and sophomore Jessica Iserman tied for the high rebounding game with seven each. Pioneer guard Courtney Spellacy was the high scorer for Lewis & Clark with 14 points.

PLU 56, Pacific University 45

The Lutes built a 22-2 lead in the first 11 minutes, 45 seconds of the game in route to their 56-45 victory.

The major contributors to this 22-point run were Millet and Geni with six points each. The causes of this run were steals by the PLU defense with Ruud leading the charge with four steals in the first half. The Boxers shot 4-of-20 (20 percent) from the field, holding them to just 13 points in the first half.

The second half saw junior guard Lucy Barker hit two three-point shots back to back to increase the Lute lead to 25 points with 12 minutes, 13 seconds left in the game.

Pacific made an eight point run late in the game but it wasn't enough to surpass PLU's lead.

Millet led the Lutes in scoring and rebounding, scoring 16 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Boxer forward Connie Daniels led Pacific in scoring with 10 points, while teammate center Margot Patula led in rebounding with eight boards.

PLU 52, Linfield 49

Heading into the game with the Lutes, the Linfield Wildcats were undefeated in NWC action. PLU quickly changed that.

The Lutes traveled to McMinnville, Ore. to face the Wildcats and after trailing 28-25 at the half, PLU outscored Linfield 27-21 in the second half to take the win.

Millet, who shot 7-of-10 (70 percent) from the field and 3-of-4 (75 percent) from the free throw line, led PLU in scoring with 18 points. Franza added 12 points for the Lutes. Ruud played very well on defense, grabbing four rebounds, blocking three shots, and notching three steals.

The Wildcats had three players score in double digits, Kelly Bradstreet, Sarah Jensen, and Leah Moore, each with 10 points. Bradstreet led Linfield in rebounding with 11.

Pacific Lutheran 63, Willamette 44

This game saw three normal

starters benched for not working hard in practice earlier in the week. The change worked well as Iserman and freshman post Katie Springer, who are not normal starters, scored the first eight points for the Lutes.

After Millet was put in the game she scored 10 first half points shooting 100 percent, 3-of-3 from the field and 3-of-3 from the free throw line.

The second half was all PLU as the Lute defense held Willamette to four points through the first 10 minutes of the second half and finished them off 63-44.

Millet was the high scorer in the game with 15 points. She also led the Lutes in rebounds with eight. Franza had a good all around game. She scored eight points, notched seven assists, grabbed five rebounds and was 100 percent from the free throw line (6-of-6). **George Fox 57, PLU 54**

The only conference loss for the Lutes came on Jan. 14 when they traveled to play the George Fox Bruins in Newberg, Ore.

The Lutes shot very well from the field in the first half, shooting 12-of-29 (41.4 percent) and shooting 50 percent from beyond the three-point arc (7-of-14). After taking a comfortable (34-25) lead at halftime, PLU couldn't sink a shot in the second half shooting 17.2 percent (5-of-29) from the field.

The Bruins, who could only muster shooting 30.8 percent in the first half, picked up the intensity and hit 12-of-22 (54.5 percent) from the field in the second half while hitting 4-of-6 (66.7 percent) from three-point land.

George Fox outscored the Lutes 32-20 in the second half to hand PLU its first conference loss of the season. Bruin center Katie Greller led all scorers with 20 points; she also led George Fox in rebounds with nine.

Three Lutes scored in double digits. Millet led PLU with 18 points while Barker added 12 and Ruud contributed 10. Hahn was the high rebounder for the game with 10 boards.

PLU 55, Whitworth 50

The Lutes defeated the visiting Whitworth Pirates in front of a home crowd of 700 people in Olson Auditorium on Jan. 8.

The second half saw the Pirates shoot 9-of-20 (45 percent) from the field, and bringing the Lutes lead to within five points, but couldn't get any closer than that.

Two players notched double-doubles in the game. Millet scored a game high 15 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for the Lutes while Whitworth's center Jennifer Bennett scored 12 points and notched a game high 16 rebounds. PLU's Iserman tied Millet with the game high score of 15.

Pacific Lutheran 56, Whitman 36

In both teams' first conference games of the season, the Lutes came out victorious over the visiting Whitman College Missionaries.

Neither team shot very well in the first half, both not scoring from the three-point arc; PLU shooting 0-of-7 and the Whitman shooting 0-of-3. At the end of the half the Lutes had a slight lead 19-14.

In the second half both teams would keep pace with each other swapping score for score. This occurred until the 5:08 mark of the game when PLU went on a 12-2 run to end the game 56-36.

Hahn was the high scorer of the game with 16 points. Right behind her was Franza with 15. Missionary Tati Gallardo scored 11 points for Whitman while teammate Tina Hanagami grabbed a game high 10 rebounds.



Photo by Josh Miller

Junior wing Betsy Ruud soars for a layup in the game at Linfield in McMinnville, Ore. on Jan. 22

School, Love, and Basketball Season



Instant Replay
Andrew Bentz

February. The beginning of a new semester. Winter starts to fade and the sun is seen again. Valentine's day makes this the month of love. But more importantly, it marks the middle of basketball season.

What does basketball season mean for me? Well, with the digital cable I have installed at my house, I can watch a NBA or college basketball game any time of the day everyday of the week. This means that I will be spending many long nights, catching up on my studying because the Sonics and the Lakers just happened to be playing the night before a major test.

Who doesn't love watching Vince Carter of the Toronto Raptors make a 360-degree dunk in traffic? On the other hand, we could watch Gary Payton of the Seattle SuperSonics hit five three-pointers in one game.

In NCAA Division I college basketball, everyone should be curious as to how far the Syracuse Orangemen can go before their 18-0 undefeated streak comes to an end. Or interested in watching Khalid El-Amin make that pass to a teammate and hit the open three.

Here at the Lutedome we all have the opportunity to watch

our men and women's basketball teams go up against the other Northwest Conference teams in NCAA Division III action.

We can watch Tim Kelly make Jason Williamsesque type passes, or watch Garrett Miller and Neil Mendez play the low post like Tim Duncan and David Robinson.

We all have the pleasure of watching Becky Franza, Lucy Barker, and Betsy Ruud spot up and hit a three-point shot. And the Triple Towers; Tara Millet, Amber Hahn, and Jessica Iserman, can pound in the ball from the low post and fight for the offensive rebounds like the pros.

With all this basketball excitement surrounding us, a true sports fan, like myself, would be crazy not to take advantage of it. So I would encourage all you Lute basketball fans to come and cheer on our Lutes in their next home game tomorrow night against the George Fox Bruins here in Olson Auditorium at 6 p.m. for the women's game and 8 p.m. for the men's action.

Make sure to watch Gary Payton and the Seattle SuperSonics play the Phoenix Suns on Friday night.



Photo by Josh Miller

Junior guard Lucy Barker drives around the Wildcat defense in their game on Jan. 22

Women down Bearcats, first time in five years

BY KATHRYN WOOD
Mast co-sports editor

The Lute women, led by sophomore captain Annika Nelson, fought their way past the women of Willamette to win their dual meet 103-88 in Salem, Ore. on Jan. 29. The last time the Lute women defeated Willamette in a dual meet setting was in 1995. The men's team fell to the Bearcats 112-73.

Nelson won the 400 individual medley (5:04.16) and 10 minutes later won the 200 butterfly. Her individual medley time was a team best for the season. Nelson shared the honor of Northwest Conference Female Swimmer of the Week for her performance in the individual medley, butterfly and also for her third leg swim on the winning 400 freestyle relay team.

"She had an outstanding meet and certainly is deserving of this conference honor," said head coach Jim Johnson of Nelson's performance.

The victory for the women was certainly a team effort, as all 10 women on the team scored points in the meet.

After dropping the first event, the 400 medley relay, the Lute women picked up steam after freshman Ann Mooney won the second event, the 1000 freestyle, with a time of 11:40.58 (a team best for the season.). Mooney pulled off the win, coming from behind, to touch out her competition by 0.4 seconds.

Mooney's win started a five event winning streak for the Lutes. Following Mooney's example was freshman Lindsey Robinson in the 200 freestyle, sophomore Andrea Reed in the 50 freestyle, Nelson in the 200 individual medley and the 200 butterfly and then Reed, again, in the 100 freestyle. Willamette was not, however, ready to give up without a fight, and came back to win the next three events to trail the Lutes 92-84 going into the final event.

"We knew that it was going to be a close meeting going in," said Johnson. "Our intent was to get the meet to the final event, the 400 free relay, and be within six points. We had our four fastest swimmers going and we were pretty confident that we could win. Our strategy held up."

The 400 freestyle relay, swam by Robinson, sophomore Jennifer Jennings, Nelson and Reed, beat Willamette by almost nine seconds, and in addition swam a season best of 3:56.23.

The Lute men trailed behind the Bearcats after Willamette won the third event, the 200 freestyle. PLU did close the gap to 64-52, after a win in the 100 freestyle by junior captain Randy Webster, but Willamette went on to win the final four events and the meet.

Other Lute winners for the men's team included sophomore Milo Meacham in the 1000 freestyle, sophomore Ryan Wiley in the 400 individual medley and the men's 400 medley relay team

consisting of freshmen Eric Friesth, Paul Marquardt, Ryan Herzog and Webster. The men's 400 medley relay team had a season best time of 3:56.08.

The Lute swim teams had a six week break after each taking fifth place at the Northwest Invitational in early December. The teams returned to competition with two home meets on Jan. 14 and Jan. 15.

PLU competed against Whitworth on Jan. 14 in a short-course meet. Whitworth beat both the men and women's teams, 130-65 and 137-61, respectively.

Many team season bests were made at this meet, including Webster in the 200 freestyle (1:50.95) and 100 butterfly (53.43), Reed in the 50 (25.91) and 100 (56.76) freestyles and Nelson in the 100 butterfly (1:03.02) and 100 breaststroke (1:14.39).

Herzog recorded a personal best in the 100 backstroke, with a time of 59.37. Also recording a personal best was freshman Katherine Kempe, who had a lifetime best in the 100 breaststroke (1:23.41) and the 200 backstroke (59.37).

On Jan. 15 PLU hosted a long-course dual meet with the University of Puget Sound. The Loggers left the Lutes in their wake as they beat the men's team 123-65 and the women's team 142-48.

The Lutes only had wins in the 200 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay, events that the Loggers only entered in as exhibition.

In a non-conference meet on Jan. 21 both Lute teams fell to Central Washington. The men lost 106-76, while the women lost 128-70. Both teams only won two events. Nelson won the 100 butterfly and the women's 200 freestyle relay also won. Webster and Meacham both won events, the 100 butterfly and 1000 freestyle respectively. Meacham also had a team best for the season in the 1000.

The PLU men beat Whitman in a dual meet on Jan. 22, extending their 22 meet winning streak over the Missionaries, 123-52. The Lute men won nine of the 11 events. Webster had a time of 5:08.33 in the 500 freestyle, the team's best time of the year in that event. He also won the 50 free.

Despite a close meet the Lute women fell to Whitman. A disqualification in the breaststroke and losses in both relays gave Whitman the points to overpower the PLU women, despite the Lutes winning six of the 11 events. Mooney had a team best of 19:48.70 in the 1650 freestyle, and also won the 500 freestyle. Reed took first in the 50 and 100 freestyle races with times of 26.57 and 57.56 respectively.

The Lutes take to the water again tomorrow as they host Linfield. The meet starts at 1 p.m. This will be the last dual meet of the year for the team, who will head to Northwest Conference championship meet on Feb. 17-19 at Linfield in McMinnville, Ore.

Basketball teams win against UPS

Mast staff

After leading by as much as 23 points in the second half, the men's basketball team held off a hot shooting Puget Sound squad, 85-80 Tuesday night in Olson Auditorium.

Trevor Vander Ploeg led the Lutes with 22 points.

Women's Basketball

The Lutes outscored Puget Sound 47-18 in the second half to hand the Loggers their seventh Northwest Conference loss of the season.

Guard Jamie Keatts came off the bench and led the Lutes with 19 points.

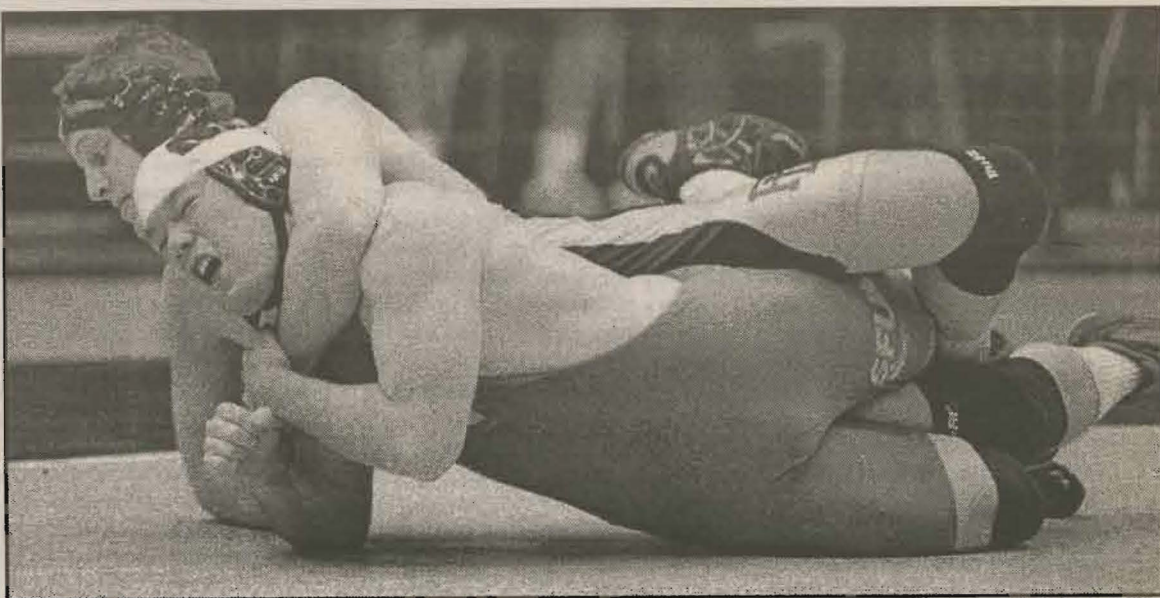


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Lute wrestler Mark Cypher (184) tries to turn his opponent in the match against Simon Fraser on Jan. 21.

Lute Wrestlers face Southern Oregon

BY JASON ANSPACH
Mast intern

Pacific Lutheran University is more than half way done with their 1999-2000 wrestling season. The Lutes have matched up evenly with most of their opponents all season long.

PLU has won half of their dual meets since Dec. 28, defeating Highline Community College and Simon Fraser University, but falling to Southern Oregon and North Idaho Junior College.

PLU has fared better in tournaments, letting their individual talent shine. Senior Mark Cypher

placed fourth at 184 pounds during the Sunshine Open held Dec. 28-29. Cypher placed third at the Clackamas Community College Tournament.

Junior Rob Shipp advanced through the losers bracket to place third in the 285 pound division at the Central Washington Open. Abe and Eli Porter have both placed among the top five spots in tournaments throughout the season. Junior Tom Brown has also performed well, placing sixth at 149 pounds in the Sunshine Open.

Today marks the final home stand for the Lutes. The team will

face Southern Oregon in Olson Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. With home crowd advantage, a win against Southern Oregon should give the Lutes the momentum they need to roll over Simon Fraser and Central Washington, tomorrow and next week before entering the Pacific Northwest Regional Championships on Feb. 12.

The Division III Championships will be held on March 4-5 in Ohio. With the determination and incredible work ethic of the PLU's wrestlers, don't be surprised to see a few Lutes at the Championships.

Basketball drops last three in January

BY CRAIG COOVERT
Mast reporter

After starting off the month of January on a hot streak, winning four in a row, PLU's men's basketball team cooled off, losing its final three and all but eliminating its chances of winning the conference title.

The team started off the month at home against Whitman and Whitworth on Jan. 7 and 8. The Lutes knocked off Whitman, 76-69. After being down 67-64 with four minutes to play, the Lutes went on a 12-2 run to pull out the victory. Senior Tim Kelly and sophomore Treven Vander Ploeg led PLU in scoring with 14 points each.

The next night against Whitworth, it was more of the same, with the game coming down to the wire and PLU coming out victorious 81-

76. PLU watched Whitworth trim a 13 point deficit to three with two seconds remaining but the pirates failed to overcome the Lutes. Vander Ploeg once again led the Lutes in scoring with a game high 21, followed by senior Garrett Miller, who added 18 points.

The Lutes headed down to Oregon, on Jan. 14, taking on George Fox, and then coming back to Parkland the following night to do battle against Willamette. PLU would once again fight in two close games, winning both by a combined total of six points.

Against the Bruins of George Fox, PLU built up a 38-18 halftime



photo by Josh Miller

Senior point guard Tim Kelly with the finger roll lay-in against Linfield on Jan. 22.

lead. The Lutes withstood a barrage of three-pointers by the Bruins, winning by two, 74-72. Senior Jason Preuit led the Lutes in scoring with 21 points and he also grabbed nine rebounds.

In the game against Willamette, which had to be rescheduled to Monday Jan 17 due to a power failure, the Lutes posted a 71-67 win. Even after the game was rescheduled, it was still held in Memorial Gym, due to a faulty breaker in Olson Auditorium. The Lutes were led by Vander Ploeg, who posted a double-double, scoring 17 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The tides then began to turn for

the Lutes as they headed down to Linfield to take on the conference leaders. PLU brought Linfield down to the wire, even holding a lead of one point with 18 seconds remaining, but a Linfield three-pointer deflated PLU's chances of winning. PLU missed two shots for the tie as time ran out, falling 76-74. Miller led the Lutes in scoring with 21 points on 8-13 shooting.

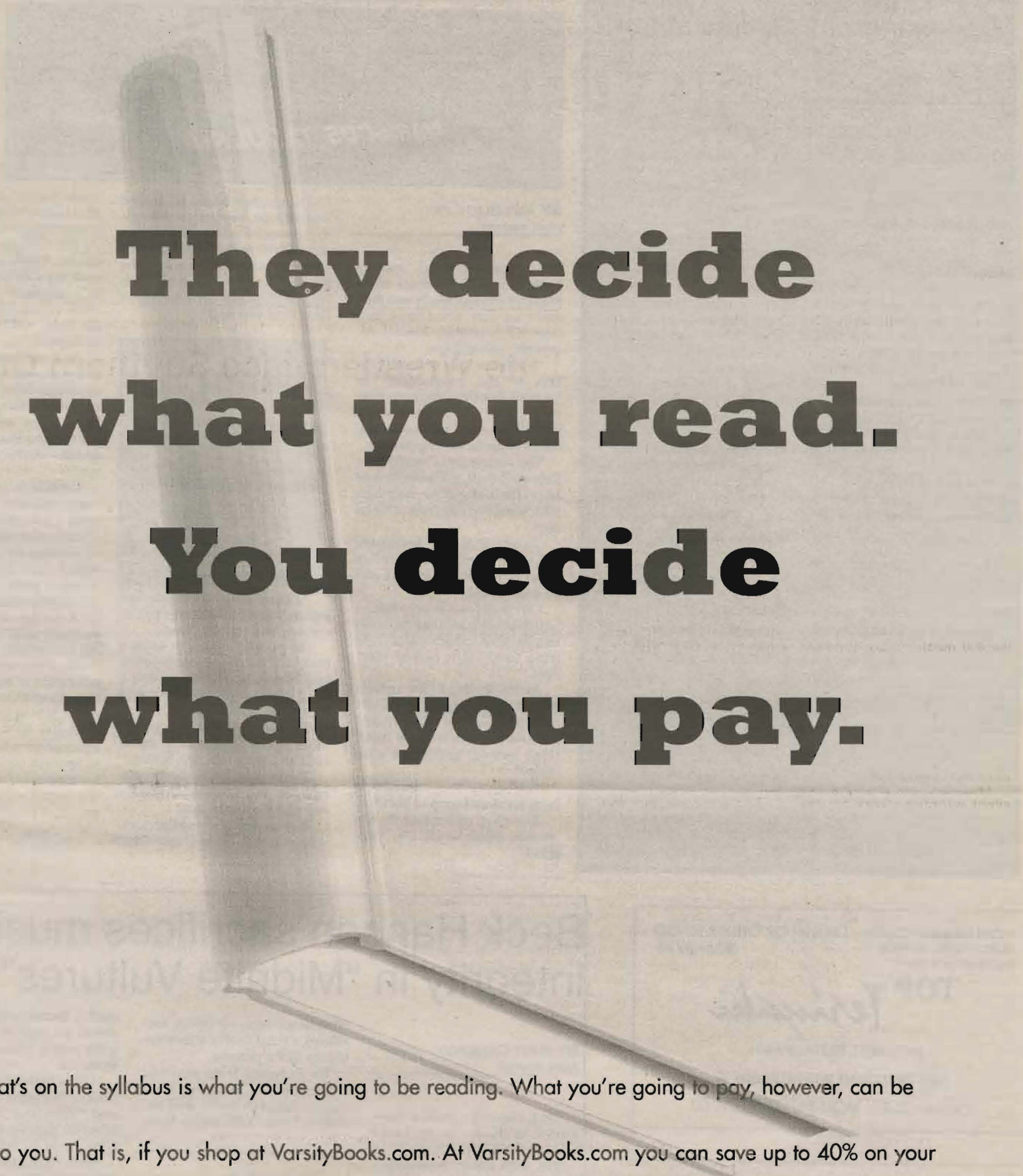
The last weekend in January was unkind to the Lutes as PLU dropped two more conference games to Pacific and Lewis and Clark.

Against Pacific, PLU could never overcome a nine point halftime deficit, as the Boxers held on to win 73-66. Freshmen Neil Mendez led the Lutes in scoring with 17 points, while

grabbing seven rebounds.

Against Lewis and Clark it was the second half that hurt PLU. The Lutes went into the second half trailing only by one point, 30-29. The Pioneers turned up the heat in the second half, outscoring the Lutes by nine, in route to an 80-70 victory. Mendez once again led the Lutes in scoring, with 21 points and notching 13 boards.

The Lutes ended January with a 9-8 overall record, 4-5 in conference. Vander Ploeg and Mendez lead the Lutes in scoring, averaging 14 points per game apiece. Kelly is fourth in the nation in assists per game averaging 7.6.



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Upcoming A&E Events at PLU

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Date: 2/5/99 at 8 pm, 2/6/99 at 3 pm
Place: Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Center, 124th St. S. and 10th Avenue S.
Admission: \$15
Contact: 253-535-7602
What it is: Puccini: "Gianni Schicchi" and "Suor Angelica."

* Fastelavn (Danish Celebration)

Time: 2-5 pm
Place: Scandinavian Cultural Center, first floor of the University Center, Park Avenue S. and Garfield St. S.
Admission: \$3 general, free for children under 12
Contact: 253-535-7322
What it's about: According to an old Danish song, the Christmas season lasts until Easter- Fastelavn falls between the two. Fastelavn, in Mardi Gras spirit, bids farewell to the long, dark days of winter with singing, dancing, games, door prizes and a children's costume parade. The ancient custom of beating a stuffed black cat in a barrel (symbolizing triumph over the dark days of winter) has become a pinata affair as children scramble to scoop up fruit and candy. Enjoy live entertainment, the traditional fastelavnsboller (Danish rolls) along with coffee and hot chocolate. Sponsored by the Scandinavian Cultural Center and the Olympia-Tacoma Danish Sisterhood.

Restaurant Review



BY AMY BUEHLER
Mast reporter

The Vuelve la Vida ("to come back to life") restaurant takes Mexican food seriously and they serve up darn good food, in a friendly "everyone knows everyone" atmosphere.

Vuelve la Vida definitely caters to the meat-eaters in Tacoma, but they are more than willing to get creative in the kitchen to whip up something for us vegans and vegetarians.

The restaurant is located in a little strip mall on Pacific Ave, so be on the look-out for their sign which is a happy green octopus sign.

As you enter the restaurant you will notice that there are two areas in which you can sit and be entertained.

One area has a shiny jukebox which plays traditional Spanish tunes and on the other side chefs sling food right before your eyes.

As for the food, one will be in heaven, but vegetarians might be surprised by the limited amount of items without meat. (One entrée, and three side dishes)

The menu has everything from tacos and soup to burritos.

The chef recommends the chicken fajitas which are "very good."

The chicken breast is sautéed with onions, peppers and tomatoes in mild seasonings. It's served with refried beans, a spicy short grained rice, pico de galo, guacamole, and (this is so exciting) homemade corn tortillas!! (Yes, I kid you not)

Vuelve la Vida

5312 Pacific Ave.

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Another option is to mix and match some of the lower priced entrees, and try new foods.

For example, one can order a burrito or taco filled with steamed beef brains, or beef marrow, or a soup made with cow feet and tripe (cow stomach).

Of course, you can also get the more American-friendly meats such as pork or chicken breast.

The pork taco was thoroughly enjoyed and gobbled down by one of my companions.

It consisted of shredded pork, whole beans, onions, and what

made it especially tasty, cilantro, all wrapped in one of those great homemade corn tortillas.

My companion also tried a tamale, which is corn masa filled with red chili pork and steamed in a cornhusk. This was a delicious entree, but not as tasty as the tacos, which I can never get enough of.

As I mentioned before only one entree is vegetarian and none are vegan. Now, don't cry and assume that you can't eat anything here. Just mention to your waitperson that you are veggie and see what you all can come up with.

Created for me was a rice and veggie burrito. It was a bit dry, until I got creative and poured some homemade mild salsa on it.

Another delicious option is to head to the side orders and order a variety plate.

Highly recommended would be a combo of the homemade (without lard) corn tortillas, and the guacamole.

My only complaint about this restaurant is that smoking is allowed and there is not a specific non-smoking section.

Vuelve la Vida has a friendly atmosphere where you can listen to Spanish tunes and the prices are reasonable enough so you can still go out and do something after.

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Beck Hanson sacrifices musical integrity in "Midnite Vultures"

BY MATT CAMERON
Mast reporter

Beck Hanson remains committed to change on his latest release, "Midnite Vultures."

His sixth album is as different from its predecessors as they have been from each other, but for once this actually may not be for the better.

Before, Beck was the poster boy for loser chic, he was the drawling, grungy bluesman of his first record, "One Foot In The Grave."

"Mellow Gold" followed loosely in this vein, launching him to stardom with "Loser", an infectious trailer park anthem.

Beck went on to surprise the music world with "Odelay", a slick, genre-bending album that pushed the limits of what one skinny white boy, a sampler, and the Dust Brothers could do.

"Mutations" was an unlikely follow-up to this postmodern masterpiece, allowing Beck to gracefully return to his folkie roots and dig around a bit. It was intended as an interlude as fans waited for a sequel to "Odelay". Well, we're still waiting.

The Beck we hear on "Midnite Vultures" is more of an

entertainer than ever before, sacrificing a good deal of artistic integrity in the process.

He borrows from stylistic masters such as Tom Jones, Mick Jagger, Stevie Wonder and old school Prince and twists them

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- by Matt Cameron

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until listeners not so sure how serious all of this is really supposed to be.

Oddly, the album is also highly thematic, an unusual turn for an artist who usually comes off as a sort of musical "Seinfeld" - a reliable postmodern diversion with no greater message.

This time around, the fun kicks off with "Sexx Laws" a

catchy, Stones-influenced tune about the joys of bondage (!) with some blistering banjo work.

Other highlights include the funky "Nicotine And Gravy" and "Beautiful Way", which benefits greatly from a guest appearance by Beth Orton.

From the handcuffs of "Sexx Laws" to the testosterone-soaked final track "Debra", this record is an ironic look at the state of contemporary American sexuality through a pair of ugly 70s specs.

This might work for another artist, but it leaves Beck with his musical pants down when he tries to pull off stupid lines like "did you ever let a cowboy sit on your lap?"

Almost funny the first time. But are we laughing with him or at him?

As much as he tries for the former, it doesn't take more than a few listens to side with the latter.

Maybe this listener is simply missing the joke, but using the same tired, skinny, white pimp routine through the course of eleven tracks just isn't Beck's bag, baby.

Beck Hanson is obviously smart enough to put out dozens of albums just as mediocre as this one. I'm hoping he snaps out of it.

Movie Review: "Magnolia"

Film examines notions of fate, chance, forgiveness

BY ERICA RISCHÉ
Staff A&E editor

A young man stands at the edge of a roof high above the impending ground below. He hesitates for a moment and then slowly steps off of the ledge and falls quickly, descending at ever-increasing speeds towards his desired death.

As he is falling, a gun fires from inside the building. A bullet shoots out through the window and hits the falling man in his chest, killing him instantly. He is dead long before he reaches the ground, his planned destination for his final journey.

The man is killed before he can realize that a net had been stretched out on the ground which would have broken his fall and saved his life.

The police later find out that the gun belonged to the man's parents, who lived inside the apartment building from which he had jumped. Neither of the parents ever kept the gun loaded, but would hold it and threaten their spouse with it when they were upset.

It was discovered that the suicidal man had loaded the gun himself in the hopes that one of his parents would kill the other, and end the misery from all the fighting in the family. The bullet that he loaded ended up, without his knowledge, ending his life.

So begins the film "Magnolia," which takes a piercing look at the notions of chance, fate, and interconnectedness.

Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, the film sends the powerful message that the world is nothing more than a web of interwoven and constantly intersecting people, places, and ideas; a world where everything fits together on a path determined by fate, rather than chance.

Starring Jason Robards, Julianne Moore, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Michael Bowen and Tom Cruise, "Magnolia" is the story of unconnected lives that connect as individual's paths cross at various points.

The film takes place in the course of one day in the San Fernando Valley, a day that connects the lives of a rough-talking, dying man, his pretty, young wife who had originally married him for his money, a cop, a cocaine-addicted woman, the father who abused her in her youth, a male home-care nurse, an ex-boy genius, a misogynist man who leads seminars on how to control and manipulate women, and a game show host.

The film tells the tale of each individual story and weaves them into one larger story, each small chunk pieced together to create a whole.

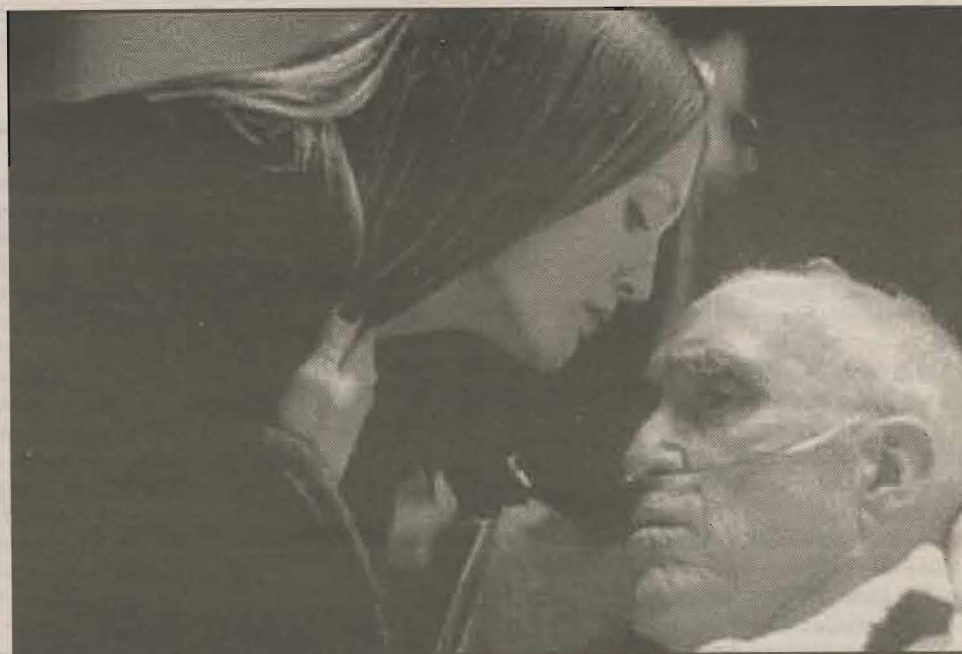
The acting in "Magnolia" is superb. Each character seems very real- almost as if one was watching a home video of somebody's life, rather than a motion picture.

The film does not glamorize its characters or their lives, their loves, their fears, their relationships, their pain and suicide attempts, or even death. Everything is portrayed with the greatest attention to realistic detail.

The film shows the real passions, chaos, loyalty, betrayal, redemption, forgiveness and beauty that are all a part of life. It is refreshing to see a film that doesn't attempt to glamorize everything in the way that Hollywood films so often do.

Another important theme that runs throughout the movie is the idea of how much the past can affect the present if it is not dealt with or faced.

Each character in the film is running from their past in some way or another. Frank Mackey, the "television guru of female seduction," played by Tom Cruise, is



Julianne Moore kisses her dying husband in the film, "Magnolia."
Photo Courtesy of New Line Cinema

running from his anger that has built up inside of him since his father left him and his mother when he was young.

Claudia Wilson Gator (Melora Walters), the cocaine addict, is still haunted by her father abusing her when she is a child.

Linda Partridge (Juliette Lewis), is running from her guilt that has been accruing inside of her for many years as a result of cheating on her husband.

Donnie Smith (William H. Macy), the ex-child genius, is also still haunted from the pain his father caused him when he was young.

Each one of them, throughout the film, has to finally face their past in order to completely live in their presents.

Letting go of the past and making amends is an important issue addressed in "Magnolia" which contribute to its

thought-provoking nature.

"Magnolia" is a film that should not be missed. It is innovative, powerful and full of ideas to ponder.

Very rarely do movies deliver so many ideas in such an original, unique way.

If there are any ideas that one should come away with after watching "Magnolia" it is that there are no such things as coincidences in life and that everything in life happens for a reason.

For those who wish to go see a movie that will make them think, "Magnolia" would be the perfect one to see.

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ASPLU mobile office welcomes student questions, concerns

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Mast reporter

ASPLU officers are taking turns staffing the new mobile office around campus in order to allow students to voice their opinions.

The mobile office has appeared twice outside the UC, and will eventually branch out to other areas of campus, including the Administration and Reike Science buildings.

Former Executive Caucus leader Sean Howell explained that the mobile office is designed to keep students informed of ASPLU activity and to allow them to express their ideas and concerns.

"We want to inform students of the ASPLU web page, what is going on in the Cave and Games Room. I wanted our 'office' to be engaging to students," Howell said.

The first use of the mobile office involved a raffle intended to draw student attention and com-

ments. In order to enter the raffle, students had to provide a question or comment for ASPLU.

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Then, to find out who won the raffle, students had to visit the ASPLU web page.

Howell said ASPLU received 380 comments from students. Each senator took 20 comments and tried to answer student questions and address concerns. Senators contacted the students personally to answer questions and students then had the opportunity to follow up on the information if they so desired.

The second use of the mobile office focused on dining services. "ASPLU has a dining services committee that meets with Erin Sigman, the director of Dining Services. All of the comments we received were relevant and were shared with Sigman," said Howell.

ASPLU will continue opening the mobile office occasionally throughout the rest of the year, each time focusing on a different theme or topic. President Robby Larson said he would like to see the office continue next year.

"I think it (the mobile office) is an effective way to reach the students. I feel it is a good way to educate the students as to what is going on at PLU," Howell said.

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discussed Bradley's policies on universal health care, gun control, and campaign finance reform.

Where Bergman saw Gore's association with the legacies of the Clinton administration as a weakness, Eakes, the speaker for the Gore campaign, saw it as a strength. She supported Gore's claim to the candidacy by speaking of continuing Clinton-Gore administration policies on economy, reinvention of government, and funding for college student loans, grants, and tax cuts.

She supported Gore's ability to achieve these goals by citing examples of Gore's past qualifications and achievements in legislation as a Senator.

"It took guts and courage to go against the tobacco subsidies and corporation in his home state of Tennessee. It took guts and courage to speak out about the environment in a time where very few saw it as an issue," said Eakes. "It is for these reasons that Gore is better qualified as a presidential candidate to keep us moving forward in the present direction."

The presentation concluded with a 30 minute question/answer period in which students were invited to address any issue regardless of whether they had been directly mentioned by the speakers.

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These companies have until Feb. 11 to return their proposals to Gardner. At that point, they will be reviewed on several different factors, including price, quality, taste and availability of service.

Copies of the proposals will go to Dining Services, and Gardner will send an e-mail memo out to all department budget heads. Anyone who is interested in the proposals is welcome to review them, she said.

The new contract will extend through May 31, 2004, with the option of renewing it for three additional one-year periods.

Steinhilb and Stauffer plan to send out an all-faculty e-mail message explaining their project and asking for support. They also plan to circulate student petitions, and have secured the support of campus pastors Nancy Connor and Dennis Sepper in light of the Lutheran World Relief project.

If Equal Exchange not chosen as the new on-campus vendor, Steinhilb said the pair hopes to provide some location in the area where people can purchase the brand. Suggestions have included the Bookstore, Campus Ministry or Northern Pacific Coffee Company on Garfield Street.

Steinhilb and Stauffer also plan to hold a teach-in this spring to educate the campus community about fair trade issues, and plan to pursue bringing Rosario Castellon, director of producer relations for Equal Exchange, to campus as a featured speaker.

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Because of the limited availability of space and student inter-

est, students who cancel housing in South Hall after April 1, will be assessed a \$200 fee. Cancellations after May 1, result in a \$400 fee.

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Decisions will be made by February 18.

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