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PLU student robbed at gunpoint



Zach Petersen stands outside his residence two days after he was met by hooded gunmen and robbed at gun point. Petersen was on his way back from a local gas station when he encountered the gunmen at his place of residence.

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A PLU student was shaken up but unharmed after being robbed at gunpoint Monday evening.

Junior Zachary Petersen was returning home from the ampm mini-mart on 119th and Pacific Ave. when two hooded men, one of which was holding a single barrel shotgun, met him at his door.

"One of the guys put the gun to my temple and said, 'don't look at me or I'll blow your head off,'" Petersen said. "Then they made me

empty my pockets and open the door to my house."

After the assailants demanded Petersen to empty his pockets, the men made their way into Petersen's home, immediately taking his PlayStation.

"At this point I was just saying 'dude don't hurt me,'" Petersen said. "As I was lying on my stomach I had time to think about the situation and I started getting really angry. I was thinking to myself, 'how can I take control of this and keep these guys from taking my stuff.'"

The men made their way through Petersen's residence taking a digital camera in addition to the PlayStation.

"After they made their way through the house, basically going through everything they started searching for the backdoor," Petersen said.

After threatening Petersen one more time, pressing the gun harder into his neck, the two suspects made their way out of Petersen's residence.

"They left through the backdoor and jumped off my porch right as my roommate and his girlfriend were pulling up," Petersen said.

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department's Gang and Forensic Unit were called to the scene.

"They tried to pull prints off the door," Petersen explained. "But they weren't

able to get any."

While the two suspects remain at large with their identities yet to be known, Peterson is just thankful he made it through the ordeal unharmed.

"When I realized there was nothing I could really do, I just tried to stay calm and follow their orders," Petersen said.

Petersen also had some words of wisdom for anyone who might find him or herself in a similar situation.

"When someone has a gun to your head you have to let them have control," Petersen said. "Just do what they tell you."



Petersen's house. He was robbed Monday evening coming home from a local gas station.
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Censored credit ads

PLU policy on credit card ads causes road blocks for student media and organizations

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According to the PLU Student Handbook, "Alcohol, guns, gambling and credit cards may not be advertised or promoted." The policy continues, "To support this, standard campus organizations are restricted from soliciting revenue from credit card purveyors."

Recently, The Mast was interested in using the free online newspaper application, College Publisher. After

discussions with Laura Majovski, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, it was determined the student publication could not use College Publisher because of the "prevalence" of advertisements for credit cards.

"I'm passionate about students and their safety and their well-being. The university is caring about your safety and concerns; you can go get these things if you want, but we're not going to promote them to you," Majovski stated.

This policy has been interpreted by some as censorship

- a violation of the First Amendment. Two years ago, both The Mast and the PLU chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists staged protests regarding Majovski's decision in the removal of an advertisement for a local pub, The Haven.

In this event, the justification for the removal was the Publicity and Solicitation clause of the Student Handbook. However, at the time there were not implicit references to weapons, gambling, credit card advertisements, or alcohol.

"The policy was last revised in 2006 to explicitly identify the four areas of advertising and solicitation restricted on campus," Majovski said.

There was so much concern voiced by the students that ASPLU put forth two resolutions. The one, which was passed, declared that the student media is in control of its own content. This student decision sparked as much controversy as the actual campus policy.

Edward Inch, Dean of the School of Arts and Communication, believes the advertising policy is "appropriate censorship."

"I don't think we ought to be advertising alcohol to 20-year-olds," Inch said. "I don't think we should be advertising credit cards [either]."

As a private institution, it is fully within the university's legal right to censor media. PLU's administration has more control over its media outlets than public universities because funding comes directly from the

university. "Even if you just looked at newspapers, its advertising policy can be established by its publisher," defended Majovski. "These four areas are simply not going to be advertised."

"The administration is held responsible for many of our actions; we should be the ones held accountable," said junior Ashley Coats, current Media Board Chair, and Vice President of the PLU chapter of SPJ. "We should learn how to deal with creditors before we leave college."

In terms of College Publisher, the views are mixed. It is simpler, and allows students to maximize their online content.

"College Publisher is by far the best option for us," Coats said. "The benefits far outweigh the advertising issues."

STATE, NATION and WORLD BRIEFINGS

Local to Global

Fed, in emergency move, will lend to companies



AP Photo

Richard Gifford, left, of Vision Financial Market try to recruit brokers outside the Lehman Brother headquarters in New York, Sept. 16, 2008.

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WASHINGTON (AP) -

Frantically trying to stop the bleeding on Wall Street, the Federal Reserve took a first-time step Tuesday to get cash directly to businesses and hinted that interest rates could come down soon. Stocks continued their free fall anyway and hit new five-year lows.

The central bank invoked emergency powers to lend money to companies outside the financial sector and buy up mounds of commercial paper, the short-term debt that firms use to pay for everyday expenses like salaries and supplies.

In a speech to the National Association for Business Economics, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke delivered a strong signal interest rates may need to be cut. And he warned the country could be stuck in the economic doldrums for some time.

"The outlook for economic growth has worsened," Bernanke said. "The heightened financial turmoil that we have experienced of late may well lengthen the period of weak economic

performance."

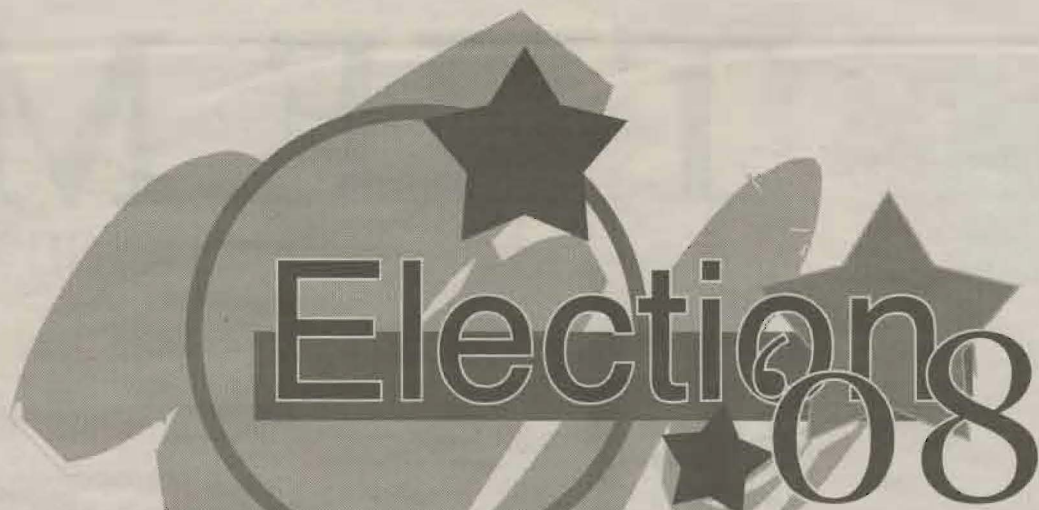
Wall Street turned its back. The Dow Jones industrials lost 508 points, more than 5 percent, to close at 9,447, the lowest since Sept. 30, 2003. The Standard & Poor's 500, a broader stock index, closed below 1,000 for the first time since that same day.

Congress' top budget analyst estimated Tuesday that U.S. retirement plans have lost as much as \$2 trillion in 15 months.

"Have faith, this economy is going to recover over time," the president said in a speech in Virginia. "I wish I could snap my fingers and make what happened stop. But that's not the way it works."

Concerns are mounting that a global recession is developing, and pressure is growing on the U.S. government to do something beyond the \$700 billion financial bailout package that Bush signed into law Friday.

The government's bailout package is aimed at thawing lending by buying bad mortgage-related debt off the books of troubled financial institutions. The idea is that the banks would then be in a better position to lend and get the economy moving.



Sen. Barack Obama (D.): Tackling the economic crisis with new policies

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As most are well aware, the economy has been suffering for quite some time, and in recent days the issues with the investment banks and sub-prime mortgages have Washington right in the thick of the disaster.

Although the economic crisis is putting strain on many U.S. citizens it is giving them the opportunity to see how the candidates are handling the situation, before they take office. Sen. Barack Obama has continued to push his plan to keep from increasing the taxes of anyone who makes less than \$250,000 a year.

Sen. Obama believes that by taxing the wealthy more we will be able to create a windfall effect that will create a \$1,000 emergency energy fund, which will allow families to pay off some of their increasing bills. In the long run, his plan will create a permanent tax relief for middle class families of about \$1,000 a year. By cutting income taxes by approximately \$1,000.

Students on campus weighed in on Obama's economic policies.

"I do [trust Obama's policies], but that is based on his other policies [also]," junior Tim Cumming said. "I agree with his thought process and policies in general."

Other students, like sophomore Nick Toves, have been looking at issues related to the campaign.

"I would look at how he allocated his own funds in order to see how his policy aligns [with what he is saying]," Toves said.

The Obama campaign is also looking to cut all income taxes for senior citizens with an income of \$50,000 or less per year. In theory, his plan will create a savings of around \$1,400 per year for seniors. They will not have to file income tax reports either. With that he plans to simplify income tax filings by creating a system of pre-filled tax forms that we need only sign and return.

According to www.barackobama.com, Experts estimate that the Obama-Biden

proposal will save U.S. citizens up to 200 million total hours of work and aggravation, and up to \$2 billion in tax preparer fees.

Sen. Obama also believes that to strengthen our economy we must bolster trade with foreign nations. He plans to do so by spreading labor and environmental standards to countries around the world, while trying to crack down on trade agreements. He also plans to create an education system for companies and industries to help them understand the ever-changing economic market.

Sen. Obama, with help from Sen. Richard Durbin and Sen. Sherrod Brown, have created the Patriot Employer Act which will reward U.S. companies for creating jobs with benefits for their U.S. employees. This bill would provide these companies with a tax cut if they help create more full-time job opportunities for U.S. citizens. It also encourages companies to have their headquarters located in the U.S., pay decent wages, provide health care, and to support their employees who have served, or are serving, in the military.

The Obama campaign is also pushing for the creation of "green" jobs and new technologies. They are hoping to boost the economy by funding research in new biofuels and renewable energies. He would also like to create a digital electricity grid, creating new jobs in research and development, and jump starting the U.S. in the market of production of these commodities.

"Senator McCain and I actually agree on something," Obama said, in a New York Times article. "He said a while back that the big problem with energy is that for the last 30 years politicians in Washington haven't done anything. What McCain doesn't mention is he's been there 26 of them and during that time he voted 23 times against alternative fuels."

Sen. Obama plans to create a Renewable Portfolio Standard that will require that 25 percent of energy used must be from a renewable resource by the year 2025, which is expected to create many new jobs. He will also extend the Production Tax Credit, which is used by farmers to create jobs and increase



AP Photo

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama answers a question during a town hall style presidential debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 7.

renewable energy production. There is also a plan to send more funding to the sciences. The hope is that this will turn the U.S. away from what Sen. Obama deems "one of the most anti-science administrations in American history," and to encourage growth in technology.

With this he also plans to enhance the creation of unions by the workers, and ban the replacement of workers on strike.

Sen. Obama says that he is going to increase the minimum wage, and will also index it so that it will go up every year with the rate of inflation. He is doing this to try and decrease the amount of people living in poverty. He is going to create a system where full-time workers will be earning a "livable" wage that allows them to pay for basic needs.

He also plans to be more vigilant about fraudulent lenders and credit card companies. He feels that homeowners deserve to know all their mortgage options. He introduced a bill about a year ago called the Stop Fraud Act that would enhance enforcement and criminal punishment for mortgages, monitoring the system closely.

In theory this would prevent the market from investing blindly in the sub-prime mortgages without the subsidies to back them up, like the ones that created the current state of affairs of Wall Street.

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Walk the vote: PLU volunteers register voters in red square

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The sounds of "PLYou Walk the Vote" echoed from Red Square on the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 1. In an assignment to put together an effort to register voters at PLU, students from the Communication 461 class designed and implemented an event, which consisted of voter registration (for in-state and out-of-state voters) a spirit fashion show, free screen-printing, free coffee, free energy drinks and prizes.

"We all feel passionate about this, especially with the big election coming up," said senior Jacqueline Nicolette.

Because previous voter registration events on campus had succeeded in registering only 25 students, the organizers

of "PLYou Walk the Vote" were hoping to register at least 10 students.

Junior Courtney Laird, who registered at the event, explained that this was the first major election where she will get to vote.

"Everyone should want to have some kind of influence," Laird said.

The event was also successful in that it allowed the students to get hands-on public relations experience, something they would not necessarily receive in the classroom.

"It's great to be able to execute a project from start to finish," said senior Krista Gunstone. "It teaches you a lot about putting on an event of this size."

When planning the event, the organizers wanted to do something that stood out. Senior Tricia Johnson said that

they wanted to do something that was different that is not usually see at PLU.

Johnson also explained that their whole strategy was to take a risk and draw attention to their cause.

The main attraction at the event was the Spirit Fashion Show, where PLU students volunteered to show off their school pride and announce why they felt voting is important. Senior Amy Speaker, ASPLU vice-president, strutted her PLU gear and a fashionable white boa, while the MC said that Speaker felt voting is valuable because it "allows you to make a difference and have your voice heard."

"Voting is important because you get to have your voice heard in a way that is pretty unique on a national scale," senior Allison Sparks said.

Another predominant aspect



Photo by Ted Charles
Melissa Richardson, left, and Jacqueline Nicolette help delegate the voter registration desk. PLYou Walk the Vote helped register voters in Red Square.

of the event was the free screen-printing services provided by the PLU printmaking class.

Any and every student could get the "PLYou Walk the Vote" design on their T-shirts, bags, etc.

Other donations included coffee by Forza, energy drinks by Phix, music and sound by Jeremy Hutton, CD prize packs by KMPS 94.1 FM and coupons for free pizza and appetizers from Farrelli's.

Tinglestad television theft TVs taken, strong evidence links students to theft

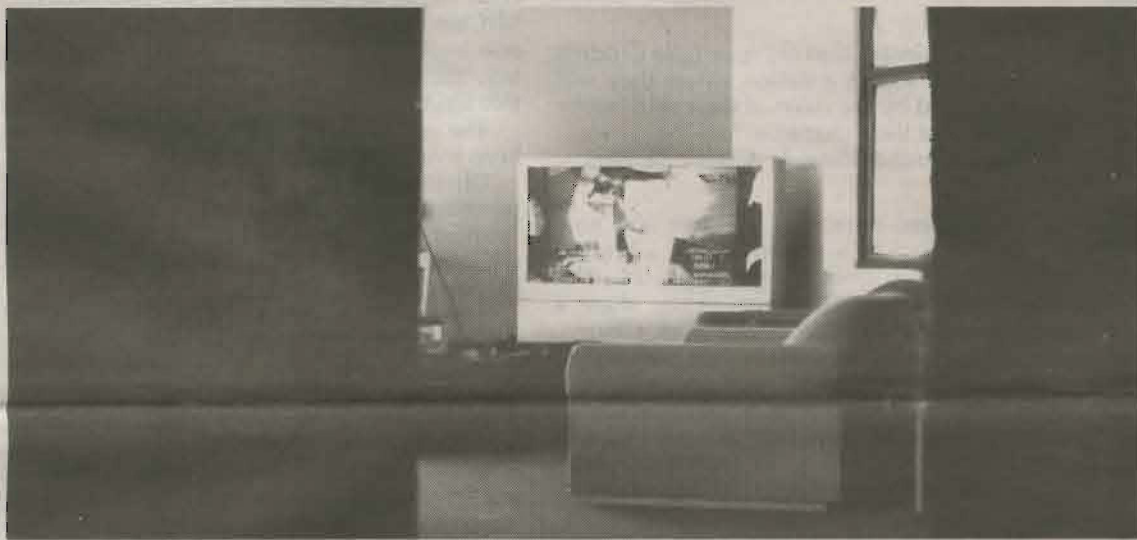


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Tinglestad Hall experienced accounts of theft at the beginning of the summer. Some evidence led Tinglestad resident assistants to believe a student, or students, commit these acts. The hall received four brand new flat screen TVs – and problems ensued from there.

"At the beginning of the year, we were really excited to get these awesome new TVs," senior Renée Stupfel said, a Resident Assistant last year in Tinglestad.

The TVs came with padlocks to deter theft. However, the problem was that the locks were not connected to anything, making the TVs easy to pick up and walk away with. The TV on the seventh floor was stolen and recovered three times, before disappearing after a fourth theft.

"I think there was a tip given to an RA right after it happened," Stupfel said.

There was strong evidence linking the thefts to residents – and indeed, one or more T-Stat residents were continually taking the lounge TVs, as the missing one was found in a resident's room.

However, when contacted, Campus Safety

was unable to comment on the theft of the T-Stat lounge TVs, because they had no involvement in the case. No property theft forms were filed and no reward posters were advertised.

Tinglestad staff was attempting to halt the theft.

"Honestly, our whole staff had involvement in (the theft problem) some way," Stupfel said.

"Basically, all we heard was what came from the [Resident Director] and what came from the RA living on that floor."

It turns out, that the TVs had been the property of Residential Life; therefore they handled the entire affair, including dealing with the students. The Tinglestad staff had little involvement after that.

"It was obviously frustrating," Stupfel said. "I was never directly affected by it, but I know other residents were."

With no suspects found, the case becomes a warning for the next time expensive property is not given tight enough security.

Stupfel expressed frustration that the TVs had not been locked to begin with.

"That was the most frustrating part for us," Stupfel said.

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Campus Safety revamps alerts: Emergency text message alert system undergoes changes

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PLU renewed the emergency text message program this fall, which has been used as a way of alerting students immediately during emergency situations on campus.

Joint efforts to modify the system were made by the Student Life office, University Communications, and Jennifer Wamboldt in Emergency Programs. The program, which started last year as a response to the Virginia Tech massacre, allows anyone with a PLU EPass to put their cell phone number on an emergency list and receive notification in case of an emergency on campus.

Last year, more than 1,400 students, faculty and staff signed up for the program. As of Oct. 1, only 742

people have started or renewed their membership in the program.

After the shooting spree at Virginia Tech on April 16, 2007, school officials felt that more lines of communication needed to be open to help students and employees of PLU properly protect themselves in case of a similar threat to security, Wamboldt said. Dean of Students and Vice President of Student Life Laura Majovski leads the effort to adopt this system, Wamboldt said.

Students and employees of PLU can sign up for the program, or update the number attached to their EPass, at any time during the year using the online page, www.plu.edu/campusafety/emergencyalert. People who signed up last year must do so again this year, in an effort to make sure the system only

includes those who currently attend campus on a regular basis.

Wamboldt plans to test the program during a standard lockdown drill sometime in November. During the drill, all cell phone numbers signed up for the program will be texted with the subject, "PLU Alert."

Wamboldt stressed that PLU students must remember that the text messaging system is "just one tool" administrators will employ in case of crisis. PLU already alerts students and employees via email and the PLU website, along with an emergency phone tree that connects the entire campus, facilitated by Emergency Programs.

"Everyone can talk to others and convey accurate information during an emergency," Wamboldt said.

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Credit this one to the cards

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Let's move to the 21st century. Take a look at the News Tribune online. It looks good. Really good.

Now, let's talk about Pacific Lutheran University's news publication, The Mast.

The News Tribune's online media is something you'd expect from a decade that's given us YouTube, Facebook and digital media, but The Mast looks like it comes straight from the Clinton administration.

Honestly, the online version of The Mast doesn't look all that bad. In fact, it's pretty well done.

But it's empty.

Blogs, live media, video streaming and podcasts are all missing from The Mast's online version. Reading is great for stories, but now sports action can be caught on camera and video feeds can be put up online. But not at The Mast.

These are just a couple of things The Mast needs in order to have a professional appeal. That is why Pacific Lutheran's newspaper organization is going against the school to try and get an important software program, College Publisher. The Mast proposed the use of College Publisher to the administration and Vice President for Student Life, Laura Majovski, and was denied. Now they are voicing the issue with ASPLU, Pacific Lutheran's student body government.

This software can help the 100 percent student run online publication look like the News Tribune without the cost of hiring full-time web developers. It's free for The Mast to become part of the College Publisher network.

PLU would join more than 550 other college publications that use College Publisher, including eight in the state of Washington, if the software was used to publish The Mast.

The only thing stopping The Mast's online publication from 'dressing like a professional' is PLU's policy against credit card advertising.

Current PLU policy prohibits the advertising of alcohol, guns, gambling, credit cards, and businesses exclusive to people 21 and over. A policy that has been around, but been, recently, more enforced to prohibit a local bar from advertising on campus.

But, because this policy seems set in stone by the administration, the relationship between College Publisher and The Mast has come to a fork in the road.

However, this restriction does "not apply to the editorial content of student media," according to the university's publicity and solicitation laws.

In that case, beer tastes good and poker is pretty fun, so if I think those are right, I am wondering if I should be banned from campus or not even allowed to think those things.

How can this university disregard the fact that a school looked at as one of Washington state's leading institutions for journalism and media doesn't have an online newspaper that looks like the Seattle Times simply because of credit cards.

Make an exception to the rules. Allow College Publisher at Pacific Lutheran University. The only place credit card advertisements would be seen is on web pages made with the help of College Publisher. It's not like credit card ads on campus are an unfamiliar phenomena.

We'd also still see the advertisements left on billboards around campus or even in room 211 of the Hauge Administration Building that credit card companies put up despite the fact that the policy is so strictly enforced. If an exception is made to only allow College Publisher without allowing other credit card advertising, the campus would still stay green and serene.

Students are going to be solicited to by credit card advertisements whether the school exposes us to them or not. The number of advertisements a student receives daily from the television and other sources supports this fact. It's time to move forward; logically, and technologically.

Pacific Lutheran University asks, "What would you do with your one wild and precious life?"

Well, I'd like to change the world and I believe that can start with media here at PLU. But for this to happen, I need the help of the 21st century and it seems that, because of the rules and who made them, our institution won't get there anytime soon and if we look at the national average, we should already be there. Just because we don't advance doesn't mean others won't, and College Publisher, with The Mast, will change that.



Comic by Aubrey Lange

'Dream' haunted by racist nightmare



Grandpa takes a stand

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"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

- Martin Luther King, Jr. August 28, 1963.

King's three surviving children are now adults and live in a nation where a biracial man is one step from becoming president of the United States of America. They share a generational bond with Sen. Barack Obama, not only in age, but also in aspirations of overcoming the bigotry and racism their homeland legally embraced for so long. In essence, Sen. Obama is the future of the U.S. which King spoke of.

But Sen. Obama's rise to the top does not fulfill Dr. King's dream. Not one bit.

Many white U.S. citizens today are wary of electing a black president and hold false, negative stereotypes of blacks.

Forty percent of white U.S. citizens hold some sort of negative view toward blacks. They use adjectives like "violent," "irresponsible," and "lazy." This comes from a recent AP-Yahoo News Poll released this month.

Not 45 years ago. This month.

The most troubling aspect of the new finding is white democrats are using this language.

Try harder and you will be fine. Pull yourself up by your own bootstraps. If blacks do that, they will be as well off as whites.

That is the view of 40 percent of white democrats. Sen. Obama's own party. The people who will either deliver him to the White House or send him back to the Senate.

These stats are not 45 years old, they are hot

off the press.

Americans are delusional if they believe their country is a post-racial, "everything is fine" nation. We claim to look past our nation's racist past and say it does not reflect our country. This is simply not true.

Earlier this month, Gov. Kathleen Sibelius, D-Kan., told reporters that Sen. Obama's skin color might be a reason why the race between McCain and Obama is so close. The reference was logical, but some were surprised and said talk like that took away from the real issues of this election.

The real issues? Where have these people been living?

Obviously not in the country where 20 percent of white U.S. citizens call black people "violent." Or a place where 29 percent of its white populace said the adjective to describe blacks is "complaining."

Some U.S. citizens use Sen. Obama's race over his character when deciding if they are ready for him to be their leader; and others have sense.

It is time to wake up and realize we still live in a racist country. King's dream still sleeps, even with Sen. Obama's rise. Until we learn to put aside the foolishness of our harbored ideas of racial stereotypes it will always be the "the fierce urgency of now." We cannot wait.

However, urgency often drives "controversial" issues into the spotlight and then these once honest, important issues turn into "race card" debates that are eventually thrown out as mindless rhetoric.

Support for Sen. Obama would be six points higher if white racial prejudice did not exist, a statistical model of the poll concluded.

A 6 percent swing wins and loses elections. It also represents a nightmare looming in a 45 year-old dream.

King's idea of equality will remain a figment of an echoing past as long as the color of Sen. Obama's skin outweighs the content of his beliefs and passion to lead this country.

Let us hope King's surviving three children can live to see the day their father's dream becomes reality.

But for now, the U.S. has yet to wake up.

Want to know what else Nate Hulings has to say?

Check out his online editorial "McCain's age, medical history make him risky pick," at www.plu.edu/~mast

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I chose to write for the opinion-editorial section of *The Mast* this year because I see the section as the most important in the newspaper. Why? Because it is the area of the paper in which we converse as a community. I say that the best color in the world is green and people respond via snail-mail or email and say why I'm right and why I'm wrong.

It's not completely reserved to the op-ed section either. In the Oct. 3 ed. of *The Mast*, Jake Paikai wrote an eloquent opinion piece in the A&E section explaining why he thinks celebrity outings do a disservice to the queer community. It's easy to agree or disagree with the points that he makes, as the entire subject can be a divisive one. For example, I can see that by Clay Aiken coming out and simply saying "I'm gay" as opposed to "I'm gay and it's been really hard for me within my family" or "I really felt compelled to be silent during 'American Idol' for fear that America would reject me" (he said neither of these things) doesn't add anything to the dialogue we're having in the United States about the experience of being queer, or how homophobic our society is, or any of the issues related queerness in our culture. I can also see that by coming out, he forces heterosexual (and possibly homophobic) people to look at this issue, to see that homosexuality is just one part of the Aiken they 'knew' before, and to show solidarity with gay people in America.

This is the kind of dialog opinion-pieces engender. By writing his opinion piece, Paikai started a dialogue we can all participate in, furthering our respect, if not our understanding, of other points of view. This is why I think the op-ed section is the most important and completely irreplaceable section in any newspaper. Everyone knows that the printed news page is going down in an ash pile, that our culture craves the visual stimuli of a television and that no one can be bothered to read. But I truly do worry about what will replace these pages when the newspaper industry finally spirals down to nothing.

Two weeks ago, I wrote a column titled "Five reasons I'm leaving the country if McCain wins" and I said some things that I truly believe. I knew that people would take issue with them, but that's the beauty of this paper, this section and the First Amendment of the United States: I can say anything I want, provided it's backed by substantiated evidence, and there is certainly no topic or opinion that is completely off-limits for publication, unless it's hate-speech.

Last week, alumnus Casey Hart sent in a very respectful email to mast@plu.edu saying "There are certain lines of social sensitivity that should not be crossed, and honest journalists ought to provide at least some support for any of their claims." (The piece was supposed to be online at www.plu.edu/~mast, but unfortunately the entirety of the Oct. 26 edition of *The Mast* seems to be missing. We're experiencing minor technical difficulties and it will be up in the near future.) The main thing Hart had a problem with was this line: "The religious right vote, breed like mad and many home school their children to think just as conservatively as they do. Sounds like a one-way ticket to my own personal idea of hell."

I suppose in my column, I should have defined my idea of the religious right. By religious right, I don't simply mean religious people who vote conservatively. I mean the fundamentalists, the people who want U.S. foreign policy to cater to Israel so that Jesus will come back. While conservative Christians and I may disagree, they aren't included in the description above.

Addressing the issue of the word "breed": score one for Hart. Breed is a nasty, loaded word that implies something primal, animal-like and without emotion and I wasn't thinking of that when I chose the word. I apologize for my word-choice here. Regarding the lack of support for my claims, he's also right... sort of.

I didn't include any statistics, quotes or surveys in my column. But that doesn't mean that the things I say are incorrect. I would never put anything on these pages that I didn't know to be true with the exception of my own opinion. So here you are: literal translations of the Bible favor large numbers of children. There's the "quiverful" conviction described in Psalm 127:3-5 that children are "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man..." There are also fundamentalist Christians that believe birth control is essentially murder and refuse to use protection. And there are also fundamentalist Christians who, fearful of Muslim birthrates surpassing their own, kick the baby-making into high gear. All of this comes together to mean that Christian fundamentalists tend to have a lot of babies. I'm sorry I didn't provide a statistic. Generally, when there's a belief that is considered common-knowledge, statistics aren't provided, which explains my lack of use here. And regarding home schooling, more than 75 percent of all home-schooled children are from Christian families according to a survey by the National Opinion Research Center and according the *Christian Science Monitor*, those home-school lessons tend to include political messages. It's indoctrination, not education.

And yes, this scares me and pretty much describes my personal hell.

Regarding the use of the "s-word" in my article, this was unintended. In the first draft, I said that the religious right scare the s--- out of me. I changed this on a later draft and accidentally sent in the first one. I'm sorry if I offended anyone.

Almost more hurtful than the accusation that my research was faulty though, was the accusation that my grammar is bad. When I said the religious right vote, breed like mad... I meant that vote was a verb in a list of verbs that the religious right do. If there was not a comma after to indicate that, I'd like to draw attention to the fact that two, sometimes three other people look at my articles and it's possible that either they didn't notice that there wasn't a comma, or it was removed. My grammar is one of the things I pride myself on, and nothing makes an argument sound completely ignorant like flagrant errors.

Despite the disagreements that Hart and I may have, I truly appreciate the criticism he offered, and the conversation it created. I hope that in the future, more than just Hart will feel compelled to respond publicly to my writing and the writing of others within this publication, and see it as the reason this publication exists to begin with. With regards to my other angry emailer, who chose not to be named, I'm sorry my column was "sickenin'". I sincerely hope it's not as sickening as your grammar. But I am excited by your offer to help me pack should McCain win. I welcome the help and the opportunity for further discussions wherein we may come to respect, if not agree with, each other's ideas and opinions.



ASPLU informs you about the issues

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Over the past year, sustainability has become a main aspect of the culture at Pacific Lutheran University. To respond to environmental issues as well as becoming a resource to the student body, ASPLU has hired its first ever Sustainability Director. The position is filled by Kristi Riedel, a senior who has been active in PLU's Community Garden as well as on campus clubs such as GREAN.

This week, ASPLU has several tips for you to live a greener life on and off campus. For more information on sustainability and its role in ASPLU, please email us at asplu@plu.edu.

- If just 25 percent of U.S. families used 10 fewer plastic bags a month, we would save over 2.5 BILLION bags a year. Next time you're picking up snacks at the Old Main Market, bring your own bag instead of piling up those plastic bags behind your bed.
- Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil. Be sure you are aware of your paper recycling habits, but even more of your reusing habits. Instead of printing single sided, print your next term paper double sided.
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Sidewalk Talk

How safe do you feel in Parkland?



I've never felt unsafe in Parkland and I really haven't had any problems either.
Synneva Hegen-Lillevik
senior, off-campus



After the incident a few nights ago I don't feel as safe and feel the need to exercise more caution.
Ellen Kanuch
junior, off-campus



I feel safe... on campus.
Kendall Pepple
first-year, on-campus



Later at night walking can be kind of sketchy. I wouldn't say dangerous but at times, scary.
John Linxwiler
first-year, on-campus



Campus safety is your friend.
Emily Nevels
senior, off-campus

Mast International News Wars of the World



DARFUR

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The U.N. estimates that more than 500,000 people have been killed from violence and disease, and another 2.5 million have been displaced since the start of the 2003 conflict in Sudan, when rebel groups began attacking government targets.

The atrocities in Darfur have several ethnic and tribal undertones. The two prominent rebel groups, the Sudan Liberation Army (SLA) and the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), claim that the government is oppressing black Africans in favor of Arabs.

Following rebel attacks, the Sudanese military has mobilized "self-defense" militias, but denies any connection to the Janjaweed, a militia group composed mainly of camel-herding nomads and other Arab tribes.

The Janjaweed have been linked to mass killings, lootings and rapes. They have also been accused of targeting black Africans in the region.

Following strong international pressures and threats of sanctions, the Sudanese government, led by President Omar Hassan Ahmad al-Bashir, has promised to disarm the Janjaweed. There is little evidence that this is happening.

In July, the International Criminal Court (ICC) decided to seek charges against President Bashir for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity for his alleged ties to the Janjaweed militia. The ICC is expected to determine a course of action by the end of this year.

The Darfur conflict is much more complex than mere ethnic tension. The arid and impoverished region has experienced unprecedented shifts in weather patterns in the last 20 years.

According to U.N. statistics, average rainfall has declined over 40 percent since the early 1980s, which is forcing Arab nomadic herders to look elsewhere for water and grazing grounds, and in-turn they're encroaching on settled farmers.

Until the drought, the Arab herders enjoyed a symbiotic relationship with the settled farmers. Once the rains stopped, a fierce battle for resources erupted and continues today.

Sources: BBC, CNN, Army Times

Deadliest ongoing conflicts

Starting year	Conflict	Location	Death toll
2003	Iraq War	Iraq	1.03 million (as of Jan. 2009)
2001	War in Afghanistan	Afghanistan	19, 856
2003	War in Darfur	Sudan	400,000-500,000
1998	Second Congo War	Democratic Republic of the Congo	5.4 million
1948	Internal conflict in Burma	Burma(Myanmar)	more than 9,000
2008	South Ossetia conflict	Georgia/South Ossetia	more than 2,000
1988	Somali Civil War	Somalia	300,000-400,000
1967	Israeli-Palestinian conflict	Palestine/Israel	unknown
1964	Colombian armed conflict	Colombia	unknown
1989	Kashmir conflict	Kashmir, India	40,000-80,000
1980	Internal conflict in Peru	Peru	more than 70,000
1999	Second Chechen War	North Caucasus, Russia	25,000-100,000
1983	Sri Lankan Civil War	Sri Lanka	70,000

SOURCES: BBC, CNN, ARMY TIMES, RESEARCH, OPINION RESEARCH BUSINESS SURVEY

d: Four briefs on conflict abroad



BURMA

For more than 19 years, Burma's military junta has been at war with its own people.

In 1990, the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) was at the verge of losing its stranglehold on the southeast Asian country and was forced to call for a general election.

The newly formed National League for Democracy (NLD) quickly gained support with Nobel Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi as the face of the party, delivering speeches calling for freedom and democracy.

Enraged by the dissent, the military regime responded by shooting approximately 10,000 demonstrators, students, women and children in the months that led up to the election.

Despite being held under house arrest by the SLORC, Aung San Suu Kyi and the NLD went on to win an overwhelming 82 percent of the seats in Parliament.

The regime never recognized these results.

In the wake of Burma's failed

attempt at democracy, the Burmese military regime's brutal dominance over its people has been well documented by several governments, NGOs and United Nations bodies.

Vile human rights violations, ranging from the silencing of all forms of free speech to systemic rape, mass killings and cooperation with drug traffickers has led to the complete collapse of Burma's infrastructure, including their healthcare, education and economy.

Last September, Burma's internal struggle was on display for the world as more than 100,000 Buddhist monks and other citizens took to the streets in a peaceful demonstration demanding freedom from fear. In what became known as the "Saffron Revolution," soldiers opened fire on the crowds killing at least nine unarmed protesters.

Over 3,000 villages and monasteries have been burned, 600,000 people have been displaced and 1,000,000 Burmese ethnic minorities have fled the country.

Sources: BBC, CNN, uscampaignforburma.org

A power struggle between Russia and the Republic of Georgia over territorial rights to South Ossetia began this August.

South Ossetia's demands of independence and re-unification with North Ossetia had been vehemently refused by the Georgian government. In an effort to crack down on the province's separatists, the Georgian army deployed military personnel to subdue the separatist militias.

Collateral damage was extensive. Georgian forces have been accused of several war crimes, terrorizing Ossetian towns in search of separatists and separatist supporters.

Russian leaders insisted they would defend their approximately 70,000 citizens working in South Ossetia, and responded by sending troops, tanks and warplanes into the tumultuous region. Moscow claimed that the military response was aimed at protecting peacekeeping forces, a move Georgia described as a full-on invasion.

Fighting over the South Ossetia and Abkhazia provinces has killed nearly 2,000 people during the first month of conflict, 150,000 have been displaced, and reports of rape, looting and torture were rampant during the peak of the conflict.

A cease-fire was negotiated between Georgia and Russia on August 22. By October 8th, Russian troops reportedly withdrew from the self-imposed buffer zones around the breakaway regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, but small military contingents will remain in Georgia as observation and security posts.

Scattered fighting remains a daily occurrence along the borders.

Instability in the region has other world powers, including the United States, watching the conflict closely. Several key pipelines, vital to oil transportation, run through the region. These routes currently avoid Russia and Iran. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin has accused the U.S. of orchestrating the Georgian War, illustrating the strain the conflict has put on U.S. and Russian relations.

Sources: BBC, Reuters

The second Congo War in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC-formerly Zaire), also known as Africa's World War, is the widest interstate war in modern African history. It involves nine African nations and dozens of armed militia.

During the bulk of fighting between August 1998 and April 2004 an estimated 3.8 million died from the fighting, disease and starvation.

The fighting erupted in 1996 when the genocide in neighboring Rwanda spilled over the border. The Tutsi-led Rwanda government was concerned that Hutu militias were staging raids in eastern Zaire.

Joseph Mobutu, Zaire's totalitarian president, denounced the attacks but did not have the resources to subdue the militias.

With support from several neighboring countries, including Rwanda and Uganda, Hutu militia leader Laurent-Desire Kabila and his rebel forces made their way to the capital city of Kinshasa. U.N. human rights investigators estimate that as many as 60,000 civilians were killed by Kabila's advancing army.

By 1997, Kabila's multinational army had forced President Mobutu to flee the country, leaving Kabila in control of Kinshasa. Designating himself as President, Kabila renamed the country and immediately called for a violent crackdown to restore order.

Confident in a new political structure, Kabila began severing multinational ties in favor of an autonomous government, ordering

all Rwandan and Ugandan military to leave the country.

By 1998, strained diplomatic relations with neighboring countries had led to a full-blown war. Several attempts at peace negotiations failed during the bulk of the fighting. In 2001, President Kabila was assassinated leaving his son Joseph Kabila as head of state.

By 2003, the Transitional Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo was making progress towards a constitutionally based government. All remaining parties at war agreed to end the fighting in 2003, which led to the first multiparty elections held in the DRC in 2006. Joseph Kabila was confirmed as president and remains the incumbent today.

Since 2006, the majority of deaths in the DRC can be attributed to the Ebola virus, but a clash in April between Army troops and Rwandan Hutu militias, former allies in eastern Congo, has displaced thousands more Congolese.

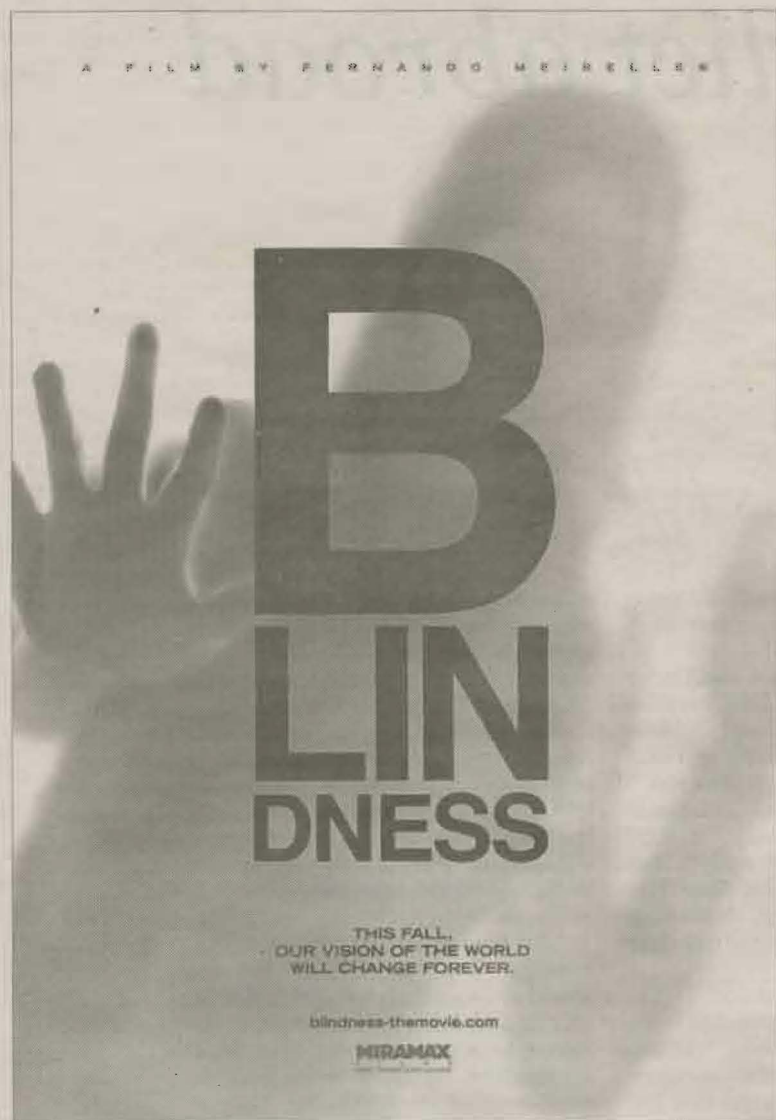
Political corruption, natural resources and tension between the Hutu and Tutsi ethnic groups continue to fuel fights in the DRC. These fights are affecting the daily lives of more than 50 million Congolese. Illegal logging, diamond mining and poaching has decimated the DRC's rich biodiversity and natural resources. This threatens half of the world's 700 remaining mountain gorillas residing in the country's famous Virunga National Park.

Sources: BBC, Reuters, Washington Post

GEORGIA

CONGO

Audiences walk out on 'Blindness'



Film disturbs, outrages

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"Blindness," starring Mark Ruffalo and Julianne Moore, is about a contagious disease plaguing the world, dubbed "white sickness."

This disease comes without warning and renders people blind, unable to see anything but a bright, white light. As the disease spreads, those infected are put into quarantine.

With people living in squalor and a lack of food, society soon breaks down. Rather than each of the three quarantine wards sharing the food, ward one takes it all and forces the other two wards to trade for the food with what little they have.

It is a rare occasion when I am so disturbed by a movie that I feel the need to walk out, especially on a film I am reviewing. But the truth is this is the first movie I have ever walked out on. Frankly, it's offensive. For months the blind have been protesting this movie, urging people not to see it. Many say it depicts blindness as a horrible, insurmountable tragedy, and the blind as monsters. I agree.

Moore plays the wife of a doctor, played by Ruffalo. She is the only person with sight among the infected because she elects to go with her blind husband to the quarantine wards. In the wards is where the movie becomes morbid and disgusting.

The audience is subjugated to scenes of people defecating on the floor. There is no sanitation,

★ FilmReview
 ★ Blindness (2008)
 ★ Directed by Fernando Meirelles
 ★ Starring Mark Ruffalo, Julianne Moore
 ★ Rated R, 120 minutes

no way for the infected to wash clothes or clean themselves properly. Throughout most of the movie, people are just walking around naked and coated with grime.

When ward three takes over the food and orders people to pay for it, the film shifts from outrageous to sickening. This is about the point where I, along with half of the audience, walked out. When the other wards no longer have anything to trade for food, ward three decides it will provide food in exchange for sex with the women of each ward. To top it off, there is an extended, graphic gang-rape sequence.

Throughout this scene, I watched as one by one each person sitting in the theater got up and left. By the time I left there was a line outside of the manager's office with people demanding their tickets refunded. The manager looked less than surprised, as he explained that this had happened during every showing of the movie.

"Blindness" is a vile and ugly film. The allegorical message the film attempts to shove down the throats of the audience isn't clear, and the needlessly violent images portrayed certainly don't help matters. This film depicts blindness in an outrageous fashion, painting it as a debilitating disease that subsequently leads to the breakdown of civilization.

Sporting scenes of torture, exploitation and graphic rape, "Blindness" is not a film I would ever recommend to anyone. I'm still trying to get the images out of my head.

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Life after the end

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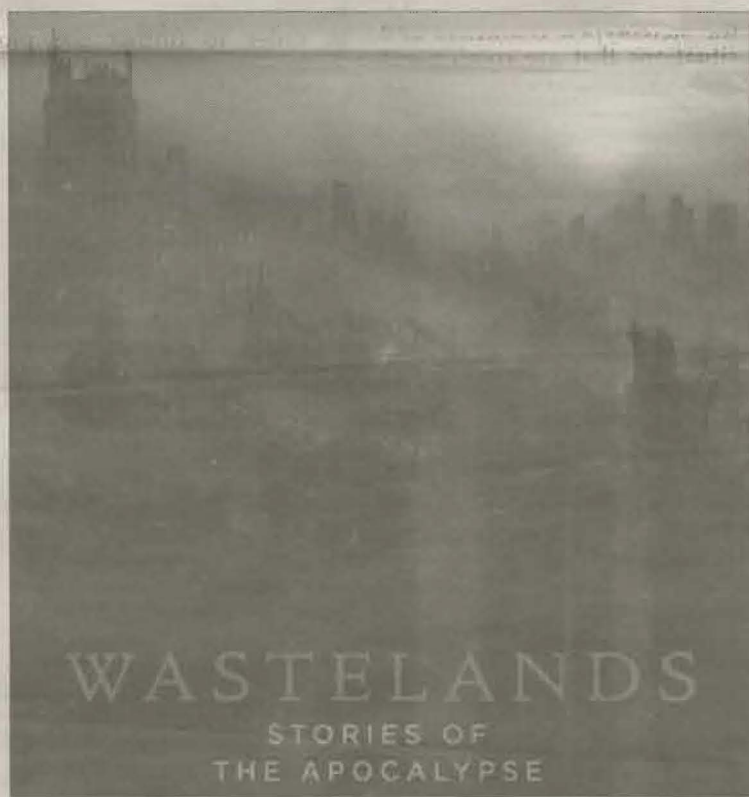
Post-apocalyptic, otherwise known as doomsday, science fiction first garnered true popularity in the 1950s. Atomic weapons and the Red Scare helped fuel a sense of panic that was harnessed by writers speculating what the world would look like after the U.S. was nuked by Russians.

While this subgenre's popularity ebbed somewhat in a post Cold War era, John Adams has collected an impressive collection of stories by contemporary authors, reminding us that doomsday scenarios have not lost power in a culture obsessed with terrorism and mass atrocities.

Adams opens with "The End of the Whole Mess" by Stephen King. It is a brilliant piece reflecting the tragedy of good intentions gone horribly wrong, with disastrous consequences for all of humanity.

King recounts the story through one of the orchestrators of doom. The string first person perspective draws the reader straight into the heart of his ascending madness and he recounts his final days. Writing like this reminds us of the many talents of King and his detailed descriptions of deviance.

While "Mess" sets the tone for the entire collection, several other pieces point out how the genre has evolved from its simple (and often xenophobic) origins. Feral dogs, religion and mutants are mixed with allusions to a never-ending Iraq War, biological warfare, genetic



engineering and Internet addicts.

It must be said that the majority of the writing is impressive, but a few stories are worth highlighting.

Nancy Kress' "Inertia" is set within a "leper colony" for victims of biological terrorism. Kress does an excellent job portraying the humanity and fragility of her characters by choosing an elderly woman as the focus of the piece. This grandmother remembers living outside the bubble, and it is this hope she clings to in her struggle to secure her granddaughter's illegal cure and escape.

Another story worth mentioning is Jerry Oltion's "Judgement Passed" in which a group of astronauts return to Earth only to find that the Rapture has passed. They come to the conclusion that God has either forgotten or excluded them, leaving just seven or so

★ BookReview
 ★ Wastelands (2008)
 ★ John Joseph Adams
 ★ Fiction (Anthology), 352 pages

people on Earth. They wrestle with the debacle of trying to garner His attention and ascend with the others, or live the rest of their lives in the remains of civilization.

For any fan of science fiction, this book is a must read collection. Or if sci-fi is not your favorite genre it is difficult not to appreciate the relevancy of the authors' discussions of terrorism and biological warfare.

It is a solid introduction into the genre. And with the length of stories only two to 20 pages, it can be squeezed into those study breaks we are all so fond of taking.

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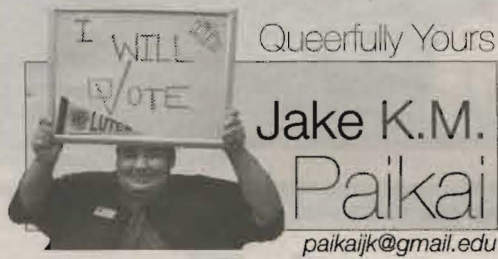
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Sloppy thirds for 'Heroes'

Writers get lazy with hit NBC show



Image courtesy of NBC



Queerfully Yours

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The carefully crafted episodes of season one and two of "Heroes," with their intricate plots and story arcs, have been replaced by lazy writing and clichéd characters.

The producers of "Heroes" are turning their chaos meter up to 11. Instead of delivering captivating content that keeps me hooked, their muddled and disorganized plots are testing my faith as a viewer.

While laziness can be chalked up to a bad couple of weeks, the stereotyped characters and situations that are coming out of these past four episodes have me questioning what is going on.

It seems nothing is safe from the hands of these writers. This week's chapter "I am become death," had everything from nuclear bomb explosions to surgery room bondage scenes, dead 4-year-olds, time travel and even, for good measure, evil German scientists cloning blond

bombshells. It feels like we're flying by the seat of our pants, not quite sure where we'll end up.

While the geek in me would rather forgive these chaotic gestures as they create semi-interesting television, "Heroes" season three is not only testing my faith, but it's pushing my social justice buttons.

The kind of cultural appropriation we're seeing in season three is indicative of an attitudinal change in the series.

In season one, characters and their cultures were respected, researched and made viable even as they were imported into a U.S. context.

In season three, a vaguely African shaman figure escorts a white, male character through the mystical mojo of divination in order to further the plot along.

A once homely, rural-born Latin American girl becomes a super-sexified Columbian temptress, who might as well be Jenny-from-the-block.

Season three is making plot and character decisions irrespective of nuance, irrespective of larger social issues and critiques and dirtying up previously lucid lines.

I've written before about the

responsibility the consumer has when receiving art. With the art I used to appreciate about "Heroes" going down the tubes, I think it's time to revisit that conversation.

The show isn't overtly racist. Some might say that in spite of the problematic examples I've cited, the show, as a whole, keeps its politically correct head above water.

I wonder though if this attitude toward the appropriation of other cultures isn't altogether indicative of a larger ambivalence toward respecting those we use for our own art.

How the spiritualist African and the country Latina feels about their representation in "Heroes," I can't say. What I can do is offer you the chance to ask for yourself whether or not such moves by TV-makers are something you should question, something you should challenge for yourself.

A friend of mine and I get together each Monday to watch the TV show. We sat in my room, huddled around his Macbook, watching last week's episode.

Will we continue to meet Monday nights despite my lack of faith in the way this season is progressing? Probably. You know what they say about train wrecks.

Celebrating Banned Books Week

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Megan's Top Ten Favorite Banned Books

- *The Great Gatsby*
- *The Catcher in the Rye*
- *Ulysses*
- *The Grapes of Wrath*
- *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- *1984*
- *Beloved*
- *The Color Purple*
- *Catch-22*
- *The Lord of the Flies*

It doesn't take a genius to realize the worth of books. Some years ago in an article featured in the Washington Post, 12-year-old Rory Edwards said, "I don't want to be shut out from the truth. If they ban books, they might as well lock us away from the world."

Banned Book Week is Sept. 27 through Oct. 4, something I usually try to commemorate by randomly choosing a novel off the lengthy list of books that have been subjected to censorship in libraries, schools, etc.

In 1982 when the American Library Association decided to celebrate each United States citizen's freedom to read whatever he or she may choose, as is his/her right under the First Amendment of the Constitution. Freedom of speech is perhaps the most important of all liberties provided in the First Amendment, and yet it is often underappreciated. Our country has a lot of things wrong with it to be sure, but we also have a lot for which to be grateful.

Many popular and acclaimed books have been challenged. Radcliffe Publishing Course came up with 100 of the most challenged in the 20th century.

These books are generally considered to be some of the greatest books ever written. There were a number of things wrong with all of them, apparently. "The Great Gatsby" was criticized by a Baptist college in the '80s because of its "language and sexual references." An Oklahoma teacher was fired for handing out Salinger's masterpiece ("The Catcher in the Rye") to his students in the '60s.

In 1980, a N.Y. school district labeled "To Kill a Mockingbird" a "filthy, trashy novel" and James Joyce's novel "Ulysses" (the number one novel of all time on the Modern Library's list) was burned and banned many times in the U.S., England and Canada during the '20s. The complaints go on and on. So does the number of books who still face censorship in our country today, all of which can be learned about at: <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/archive/bannedbooksweek73008archive.cfm>.

There's even a link on the website where you can report a threat to ban and learn what you can do to fight against more like it. Do not underestimate your ability, or your right I should say, to make a difference. Literature, especially that which voices unconventional viewpoints has the power to influence and educate people of every age, gender and race, and for that reason it cannot and should not be subject to intolerance.

Multicultural Night
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Looking forward to spring

Lutes' men's tennis struggles at fall ITA tournament

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Last weekend was the highlight of the fall season for Pacific Lutheran's men's tennis. The men's tennis team, which primarily plays in the spring, traveled to Walla Walla, Wash. to compete in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's tournament.

In a conference that is perennially owned by two teams -- The Lutes and the Whitman Missionaries -- Whitman won the rivalry last weekend against the Lutes.

Pacific Lutheran's Joel Trudell, a junior transfer from the University of Idaho, was rewarded with the No. 2 seed of the tournament. Trudell lost a close first round match to Whitman's Adriel Borshansky; 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

"The way I played is similar to the stock market," Trudell said. "Fortunately, I got some good investments and I will recover."

Juniors Michael Manser and Chris

Dew made it the furthest in the ITA Tournament by advancing to the second round, losing to Nadeem Kassam of Whitman and Brent Kinzett of Linfield.

In doubles, the team that saw the most success was Dew and first-year Zach Ah Yat. The pair made it to the quarterfinals before falling to Whitman's Etienne Moshevich and Matt Solomon, the No. 1 seed.

Though the Lutes did not fair too well over the weekend, there is no reason to panic.

Two of the top returnees, juniors Kevin Floyd and Justin Peterson, did not participate in the ITAs.

"Some of the young players haven't seen many collegiate matches until this weekend," Trudell said. "When Kevin and Justin return they will bring some of that much needed experience that will make us competitive with Whitman."

Both players will be back before the start of the spring season.

PLU is optimistic that they will be bringing the title back to the lutedome.

"The way I played is similar to the stock market, fortunately I got some good investments and I will recover."

Joel Trudell, junior

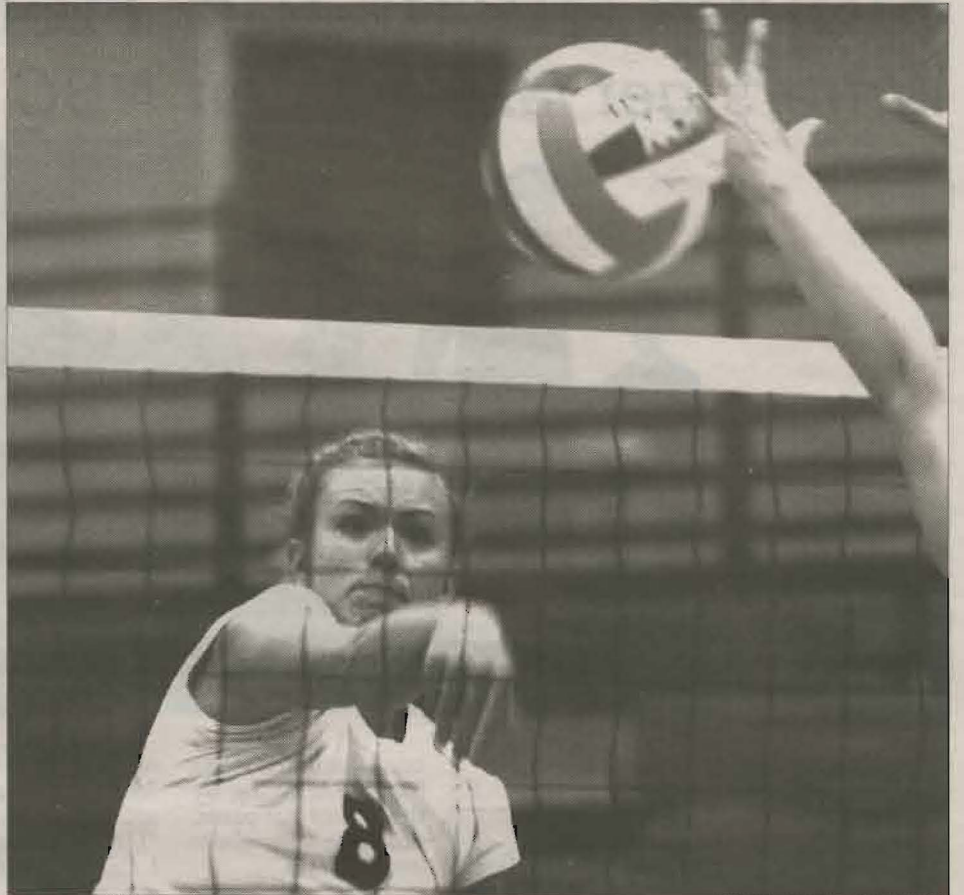


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Sophomore Beth Hanna takes a swing at the ball during the match against Whitman this past weekend. The Lutes defeated the Missionaries along with Whitworth to move to a 4-2 in conference.

Whitman massacred; Pirates surrender booty to Lutes

PLU volleyball takes out eastern Wash. teams

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It appears as if Pacific Lutheran University's volleyball team may be hitting its stride at a perfect time in the year. The Lutes traveled over the mountains last weekend and swept the Whitman Missionaries and the Whitworth Pirates.

Friday night in Walla Walla, Wash., the Lutes came out sluggish as Whitman, who has not won a match this year, took the first game from the Lutes 20-25. But PLU was not going to let the Missionaries preach to them as they took the next three games 25-15, 25-18, 25-19.

Sophomore Beth Hanna led the Lutes with 16 kills and 15 digs, first-year Kelsie Moore recorded 13 kills and 10 digs, junior Brenna Archibald clocked 14 digs to go with her match high five service aces, and first-year Erin Bremond got in on the action with seven kills and five blocks.

While the Lutes put another tally in Whitman's loss column, Whitworth was taking care of conference leader Puget Sound Friday. However, the Pirates

were unable to carry the momentum they gained from their upset of UPS into Saturday's match against PLU, losing to the Lutes in four games.

"When our coaches told us about UPS losing to Whitworth we got excited," Archibald said. "Instead of playing intimidated we just executed and played our game. We realized this was a chance to gain a game on UPS."

Whitworth came out hot as they took the first game 22-25. In the second game the Lutes came back like The Police -- turning a 15-19 deficit into a 25-23 win. PLU then won the next two with ease, 25-20 and 25-14.

Hanna led the team, swatting 20 kills - one shy of her season high. First-year Katy Tauscher contributed with nine kills.



Archibald

Sophomore Sarah Beaver was putting the ball on a platter - recording 47 assists. Four PLU players were in double digits in the digs category - Archibald (20), Moore (17), Hanna (14) and Beaver (11).

The win over Whitworth brings PLU's conference winning streak to three.

"We are proud of the way we've been playing," Archibald said. "This is our conference to take."

This weekend PLU is set to host Willamette Friday night and Pacific Saturday.

The Boxers and the Lutes are tied for second place in the NWC - sharing a 4-2 record. Willamette is currently at the bottom of the conference. Both matches are set to start at 7 p.m.

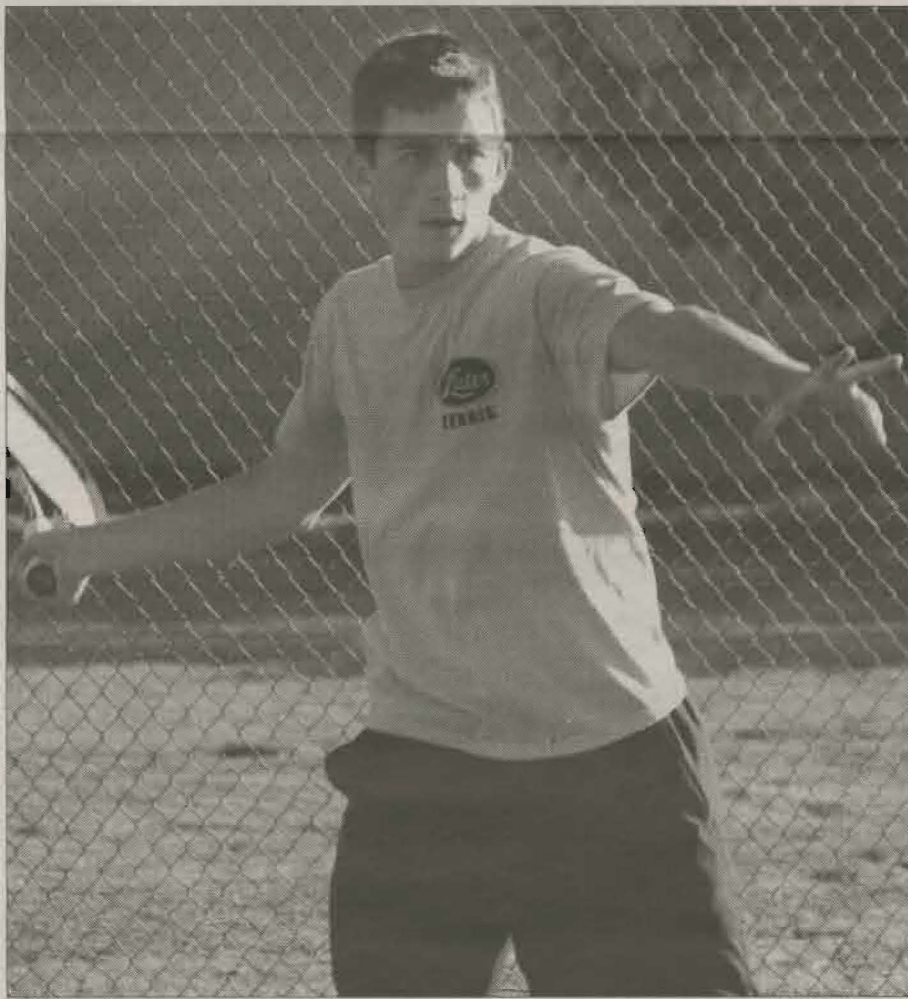


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Junior Michael Manser prepares to return a ball during a match last spring. The Lutes competed in the fall Intercollegiate Tennis Association tournament this past weekend.

Lutes SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football

Gustavus Adolphus at PLU; Sparks Stadium
 Saturday Oct. 11, 1:30 p.m.

Volleyball

Willamette at PLU: Friday Oct. 10, 7 p.m.
 Pacific at PLU: Saturday Oct. 11, 7 p.m.

Men's and Women's Soccer

PLU women at L&C: Saturday Oct. 11, noon
 PLU at Linfield: Sunday Oct. 12, noon and 2:30 p.m.

Cross Country

PLU hosts PLU Invite, Saturday Oct. 11, 10 a.m.
 PLU golf course



Lutes don't have to look far for unique sports experience

Stadium Bowl provides Tacoma residents with high school sports oasis



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It might not qualify as "Friday Night Lights." After all, it was a rainy Saturday afternoon so the lights were not even turned on. The stands were not filled with rowdy parents and alumni cheering a football powerhouse. However, it was one of the most unique experiences high school football can offer.

The thought of Tacoma, Wash. having anything that possesses historical significance is often met with sarcasm and laughter. It simply does not give off the vibe of a city with great experiences to offer. However, there is one site in the city that maintains historical, as well as pop cultural, significance.

Stadium High School rests majestically in the hills of Tacoma, overlooking the water in one of the beautiful scenes only the Pacific Northwest can offer. Next to the school is the famous Stadium Bowl, one of the true treasures of Tacoma.

One of my goals when I came to PLU was to at

some point attend a football game in the Stadium Bowl - the site of football, presidential speeches and Heath Ledger's amusingly off-key song and dance routine in the movie "10 Things I Hate About You."

As soon as I found a Saturday game on the Stadium High School football schedule this season, I grabbed a group of friends and awaited my Stadium experience with much excitement.

The unique experience turned out to be everything I hoped and expected, plus more. I discovered the far end zone is actually a part of the four-lane track and I saw one of the best football games I have ever attended.

Watching a high school game after spending the last two years exclusively watching college and the NFL is like seeing everything in slow motion. The passes hang in the air and you can witness each play developing.

The game between Stadium High School and the visiting Mount Tahoma Thunderbirds came down to the last play, as the T-Birds and star running back Ronald Baines pulled out the controversial 28-22 victory.

With seven seconds left in the game, Stadium had the ball on the Mount Tahoma 5-yard line and quarterback Cameron Robak fired a beautiful pass into the hands of a wide-open receiver in the end zone for what seemed to be the tying score. There was only one problem - the WIAA officials believed the ball touched the ground and ruled the play an incomplete pass.

With my friends and I - well, actually just me - booing the horrible call like I was reliving the Seahawks versus Steelers Super Bowl game, the next and final play of the game fell short of the end zone and the potential game-tying touchdown.

In spite of the wind, rain and unfortunate ending, the experience still recalled the joy and pain of high school football while providing an escape from the stresses of college classes.

The Stadium Bowl experience is a perfect example of things to do and see in and around the Tacoma area. It is a historic location that offers a glimpse into history as well as high school life. PLU has made strides towards connecting with the community, and there is no better way to do that than through sports.

While we should do all that we can to promote our own athletic events around the community, it is not simply a one-way street. By going out into the community and spending time cheering on local high schools, we can show the greater Tacoma area what PLU is all about.

My friends and I are already making plans to attend a Stadium basketball game later this school year. Outside of the local high school athletic scene, the state basketball and football championships often take place in the Tacoma Dome - a mere 15 minutes from campus.

Sports can hold a special place in the lives of the players, teaching them teamwork and sportsmanship. However, the learning does not stop on the field of play. Even as college students we can cherish the emotion and energy of high school athletic events.

A PLU presence at local sporting events offers greater exposure to the community and encourages high school students, athletes or not, to check out PLU as a potential place to spend the next four years of their lives.

For the mere price of a ticket, my friends and I spent a Saturday afternoon seeing a part of Tacoma that has been around almost as long as Pacific Lutheran University. We enjoyed a fantastic game played in the wind and rain and helped to promote PLU in UPS territory.

I hope to have the opportunity to visit Stadium Bowl at least once more in my time at PLU. Perhaps the next time I sit down in the concrete bleachers, I will be able to look a few rows down and see some more PLU sweat shirts.

Lutes blast Pioneers; look forward to homecoming

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The first win of the 2008 season was a record breaker for sophomore receiver Greg Ford and the Lutes.

Ford and senior quarterback Michael Byrne hooked up in the end zone five times Saturday, leading the Lutes to a 40-14 victory over Louis and Clark College in Portland.

"He (Ford) is that kind of special athlete," head coach Scott Westering said.

Ford bypassed Gavin Stanley's mark of four touchdowns in a game set in 1993 and also racked up 272 receiving yards to break the single game receiving yards record set by Mike Welk in 1988.

"Ford is a five-second guy," Westering said, "If he catches the ball in space, count to five and send out the p.a.t. (point after touchdown) team."

Ford and Byrne met up in the end zone for the first time on PLU's first offensive drive of the game. Byrne threw up a long pass that Ford took to the house. First-year kicker Richard Isett tacked on the extra

point to give the Lutes an early 7-0 lead.

After a four-and-out drive by the Pioneers, Ford took a short pass from Byrne and ran it in, using his pure speed and good blocks by fellow receiver, sophomore Kyle Whitford, bolstering PLU's lead to 13 points over the Pioneers.

Ford and Byrne connected twice more in the second quarter and once in the third. First-year running back Bryce Davis scored the Lute's final touchdown of the day on a 2-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Despite the win, PLU still has a lot of work to do, Byrne and Westering said.

"We still turned the ball over and we're still kind of beating ourselves," Byrne said. "It's just nice to see we executed more than shot ourselves in the foot."

After scoring on the first two drives of the game, the Lutes turned over the ball three consecutive times without scoring.

The Lutes' defense held the Pioneers to 232 passing yards and 70 rushing yards, allowing two touchdowns in the third quarter.

The Lutes' defense was led by sophomore Jordan Davison, junior Tim Cumming and senior Haden Gienger, who each recorded seven tackles for PLU.

Westering said he was glad that the defense is consistently being able to hold opponents to less than two touchdowns, but knows that his players still have work to do on both sides of the ball.

"You always want to keep in front of your [players] that you still have a lot of ways to improve," Westering said.

The Lutes return to action this weekend when they take on Gustavus Adolphus at 1:30 p.m. at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup, Wash. for homecoming.

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Scorecard

Men's Soccer as of 10/8					Women's Soccer as of 10/8					Volleyball as of 10/8					Football as of 10/8				
Standings					Standings					Standings					Standings				
Team	NWC	%	All	%	Team	NWC	%	All	%	Team	NWC	%	All	%	Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitworth	4-1-0	.800	8-1-1	.850	UPS	6-0-0	1.000	8-1-0	.889	UPS	5-1	.833	10-4	.714	Willamette	1-0	1.000	5-0	1.000
Whitman	3-1-1	.700	5-1-5	.682	Willamette	5-2-0	.714	7-4-0	.636	PLU	4-2	.667	10-5	.667	Linfield	1-0	1.000	2-1	.667
PLU	3-2-1	.583	5-5-1	.500	George Fox	4-2-0	.667	8-2-0	.800	George Fox	4-2	.667	10-6	.625	PLU	1-0	1.000	1-2	.333
Pacific	1-1-3	.500	5-3-3	.591	Whitman	4-2-0	.667	6-3-0	.667	L&C	4-2	.667	9-8	.529	UPS	0-0	.000	2-1	.667
UPS	2-2-2	.500	4-5-2	.455	Pacific	3-3-0	.500	4-6-0	.400	Pacific	4-2	.667	5-9	.357	Whitworth	0-1	.000	2-2	.500
George Fox	1-2-2	.400	2-6-3	.318	Whitworth	2-3-1	.417	6-3-1	.650	Linfield	3-3	.500	7-3	.700	L&C	0-1	.000	1-3	.250
Willamette	1-3-1	.300	2-6-1	.278	L&C	2-4-0	.333	3-4-3	.450	Whitworth	2-4	.333	9-9	.500	Menlo	0-1	.000	1-4	.000
Linfield	1-4-0	.200	5-5-0	.500	Linfield	1-6-0	.143	3-8-0	.273	Willamette	1-5	.167	3-13	.188					
					PLU	0-5-1	.083	1-6-2	.222	Whitman	0-6	.000	0-15	.000					

Men's Soccer		Women's Soccer		Volleyball		Football	
Team	Goal Leaders	Team	Goal Leaders	Team	Kill Leaders	Team	TD Leaders
Ricky Morales - 3, Daniele Zaccagnini - 2	Laura Bressler - 2, Ashley Polen - 1, Jordan Daniels - 1, Kristina Snaring - 1	Erin Bremond - 51, Beth Hanna - 37, Anella Olbertz - 29	Michael Byrne - 6, Greg Ford - 6				
Spencer Augustin - 2, Surafel Worku - 2, Derek Karamatic - 2	Courtney Walker - 1	Brenna Archibald - 26, Kelsie Moore - 18, Beth Hanna - 15	Aaron Murphy - 29.3 ypg				
Jason Bjorgo - 2, Surafel Worku - 2, Daniele Zaccagnini - 1, Trevor McDonald - 1, Andy Stolz - 1, Nat Breitenberg - 1	Kamryn Morgan - 48	Brenna Archibald - 219, Kelsie Moore - 200	Greg Ford - 136.3 ypg, Isaac Moog - 37.7 ypg				
Daniel Mangum - 41	Sarah Beaver - 582	Brenna Archibald - 219, Kelsie Moore - 200	Michael Byrne - 177 ypg				
		Haden Gienger - 27, Neal Chalmers - 25, Gustin Jenkins - 18					

Home sweet home on PLU pitch

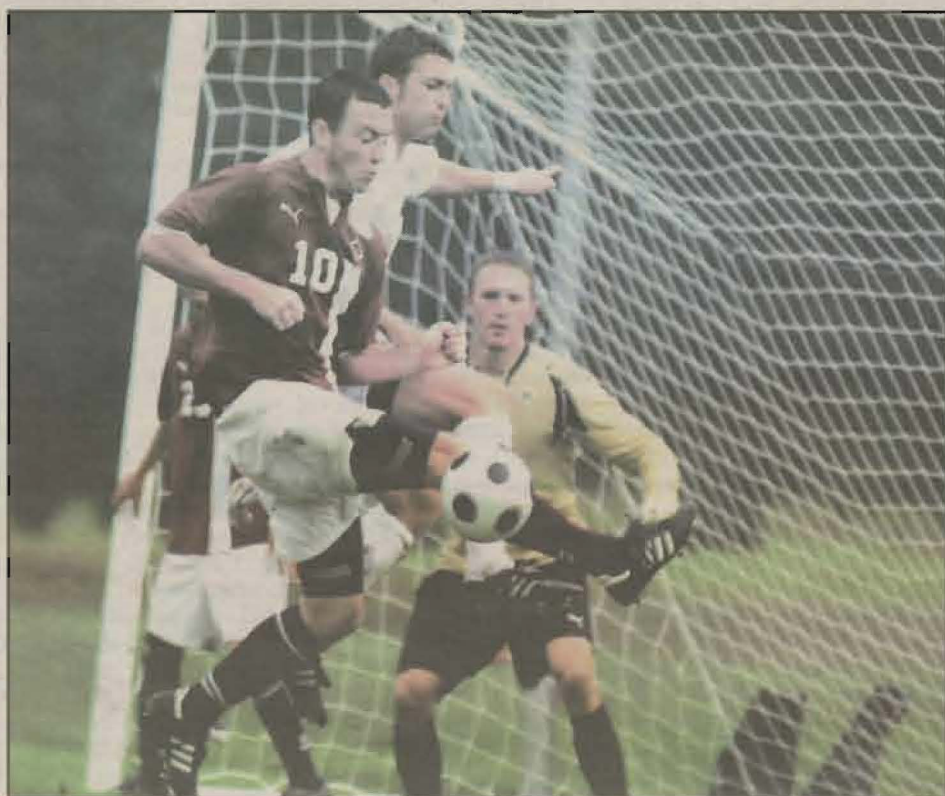


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Above Left: Junior Derek Maclean fights for the ball against a Willamette defender Sunday. Mclean was able to put one shot on goal against the Bearcats in a PLU 1-0 victory. **Above Right:** Junior Ryan Hanna defends the ball from a Willamette player Sunday. The Lutes now sit in third place in the Northwest Conference with a 3-2-1 record.



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Sophomore Daniele Zaccagnini attacks the ball against Willamette Sunday. PLU beat Willamette, along with George Fox Saturday and UPS Wednesday.

PLU men's soccer defends territory with double shutout

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Pacific Lutheran men's soccer got its first three conference wins, beating the George Fox Bruins Saturday, the Willamette Bearcats Sunday and the University of Puget Sound Wednesday, leaving them all scoreless.

"If we want to compete for a title, we had to win this weekend," junior Andy Hyres said.

The Lutes' first match against George Fox couldn't have gone any better. Not only did they win 3-0 and prevent the Bruins from taking any shots on goal, but three first-year Lutes scored the Lutes goals - Ricky Morales, Surafel Worku and Chad Kearns.

The Lutes added another W to the win column on Sunday beating the Bearcats 1-0.

Thirty minutes into the first half, senior Derek

Karamatic scored the only goal of the game on a free kick from 20-yards out. Karamatic hit a rip that went right past the wall and into the upper left corner of the goal.

However, it wasn't an easy win for the Lutes. Pressure was put on sophomore goalkeeper Daniel Mangum, as he had to save two point-blank shots on goal in the first minute from Bearcats forwards Ivan Gutierrez and Eric Kaufman. After the close call, Mangum tamed the Bearcats and their 17 shots through the rest of the game.

The Lutes got their biggest win of the season Wednesday as they cut down cross-town rivals the University of Puget Sound Loggers, the Lutes first win against the Loggers in four years.


"We've always been better than them," Karamatic said. "I have never beaten UPS and God did it feel good."

The only goal of the game came in the 56th minute when junior Andy Hyres took a pass from junior Ryan Hanna on the right wing. Hyres switched the ball from his right foot to his left and then sent a shot toward goal. The Loggers goalkeeper Greg Saetrum dove for the ball, but all he could do was yell timber as he hit the ground and the ball went into the back of the net.

"I knew when I hit it, it was going," Hyres said. "It was one of those [shots]."

The Lutes defense came up big again as they cleared two Loggers crosses out of the box in the last moments of the game.

The Lutes return to action this weekend in McMinnville, Ore. against the Linfield Wildcats Sunday before facing the Loggers in a rematch Wednesday. Saturday's match starts at 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday's match starts at 3:30 p.m.



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Lutes lose two and remain winless



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First-year Laura Bressler attacks the ball at the PLU soccer field Sunday. The Pacific Lutheran women's soccer team took on George Fox and Willamette over the weekend. The Lutes lost both matches and have yet to pick up their first conference win. Against George Fox, former Lute Jenny McKinsey scored the games only goal to beat PLU. Willamette scored three second half goals Sunday to help take down the Lutes 4-1. First-year Kristina Snaring scored her first collegiate goal in the match. Winless PLU now sits in last place in the Northwest Conference and face Lewis & Clark and Linfield in Oregon this weekend.