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## McCain rallies in Olson Auditorium

BY LAURA RITCHIE  
Mast editor-in-chief

PLU played host to Senator John McCain on the eve of the Washington primary last Monday.

McCain and his wife, Cindy, made the stop as part of a last-minute tour prior to Tuesday's primaries.

In addition to Washington, North Dakota and Virginia held primaries on Feb. 29.

Greg Pickett, the campus liaison for the campaign stop, presented McCain with a NCAA Division III National Football Championship T-shirt.

"We're a national champion campaign at a national champion school," the Republican presidential candidate announced to a capacity crowd of cheering Lutes and community members gathered in Olson Auditorium.

McCain's speech highlighted several reform proposals, including revamping military benefits, campaign finance and overall government spending.

Throughout his speech, McCain spoke of fighting "the establishment," and of being

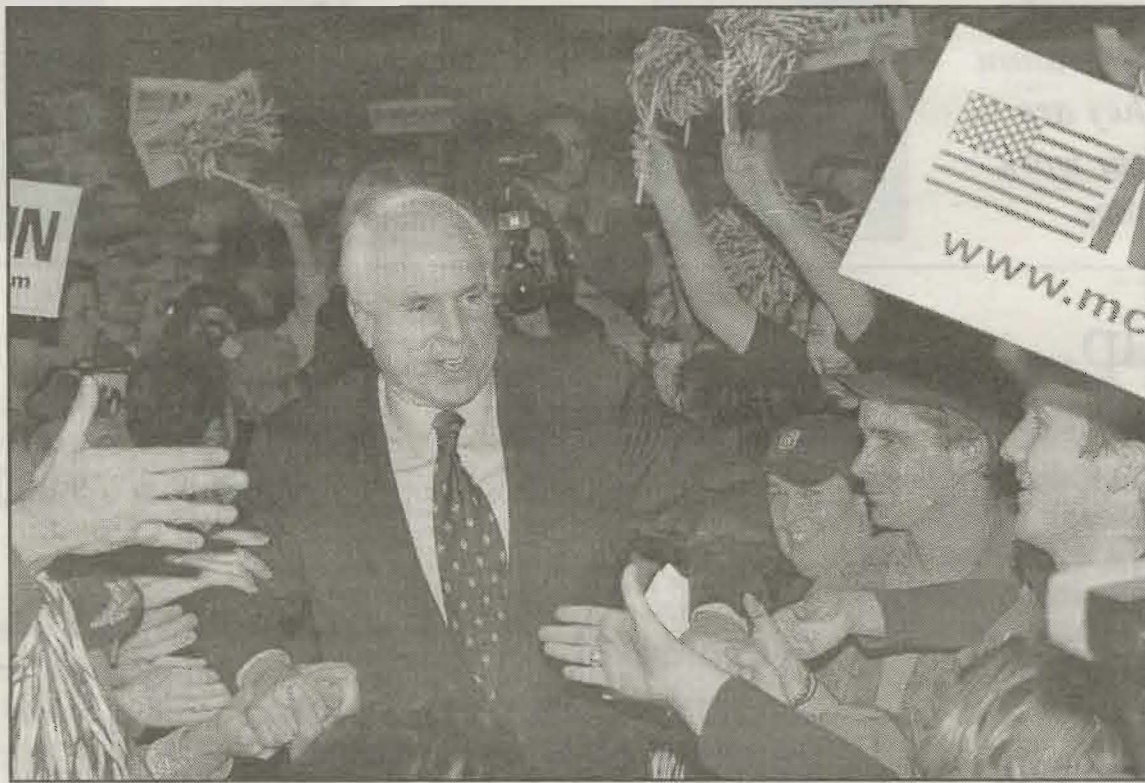


Photo by Josh Miller

Senator John McCain shakes hands with PLU students and community residents at Tuesday's rally.

proud that "special interests" have been voicing opposition to his campaign.

"I'm honored that tobacco companies are attacking me," he said. "They know that when I'm

president of the United States of America, they're out of business."

An elderly man from a state veteran's home called to McCain from the audience and presented the senator with a handmade

wooden sign painted with "Cindy and Big John."

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## Primaries prove a close race

Bush and McCain run close race, Gore stomps Bradley

BY LARA PRICE  
Mast senior reporter

Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore defeated Bill Bradley in Washington state's presidential primary elections. Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush barely won a victory over John McCain.

According to the Office of the Secretary of State, Bush brought in 49 percent of the Republican party votes, while McCain earned 47 percent of the party's votes. Republican Alan Keyes came trailing far behind the other candidates with three percent of the Republican vote.

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"Out of all the candidates [Bradley] is the smartest by far."

- Sarah Lord  
PLU senior, Democrat

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Bradley earned 34 percent of the Democratic votes, but Gore was victorious with 65 percent of the party's votes.

Out of all total votes, Bush received the most, 31 percent, but McCain fell shortly behind with 30 percent of the votes. From the Democratic party, Gore earned 23 percent of all votes and Bradley received 12 percent.

Several PLU voters had reactions to Tuesday's results. Registered as a Democrat, Senior Sarah Lord said she voted for former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley. "Out of all the candidates," Lord said, "He is the smartest by far." Bradley has a solid knowledge of the issues America faces, she said.

## Students hold vigil against police brutality

BY JENNI DILLON  
Mast assistant news editor

Students, staff and community members, donning purple arm bands and white candles, gathered in Red Square Wednesday night for a vigil honoring Amadou Diallo, a U.S. immigrant killed last year by New York police officers. A New York jury found the officers not guilty last week, sparking nationwide debate on police brutality and racism.

Almost 70 people showed up for the vigil, which used the example of Diallo's death to focus on the broader issues of racism and police brutality in the country. A number of speakers discussed the issues, calling for continued activism. Jason Hulen, of B.L.A.C.K. @ PLU, said that with over two million people in U.S. prisons, most of whom are non-violent offenders, minorities, or youth, the police have become "occupying soldiers in our society."

"This is an issue beyond race; beyond color," said Hulen. "The cops count on us to stay divided, scared and weak."

Pastor Ron Vignec, a former PLU Campus Pastor, asked the crowd to continue fighting, despite the opposing forces. He compared the vigil attendees to the Biblical prophet Isaiah, who

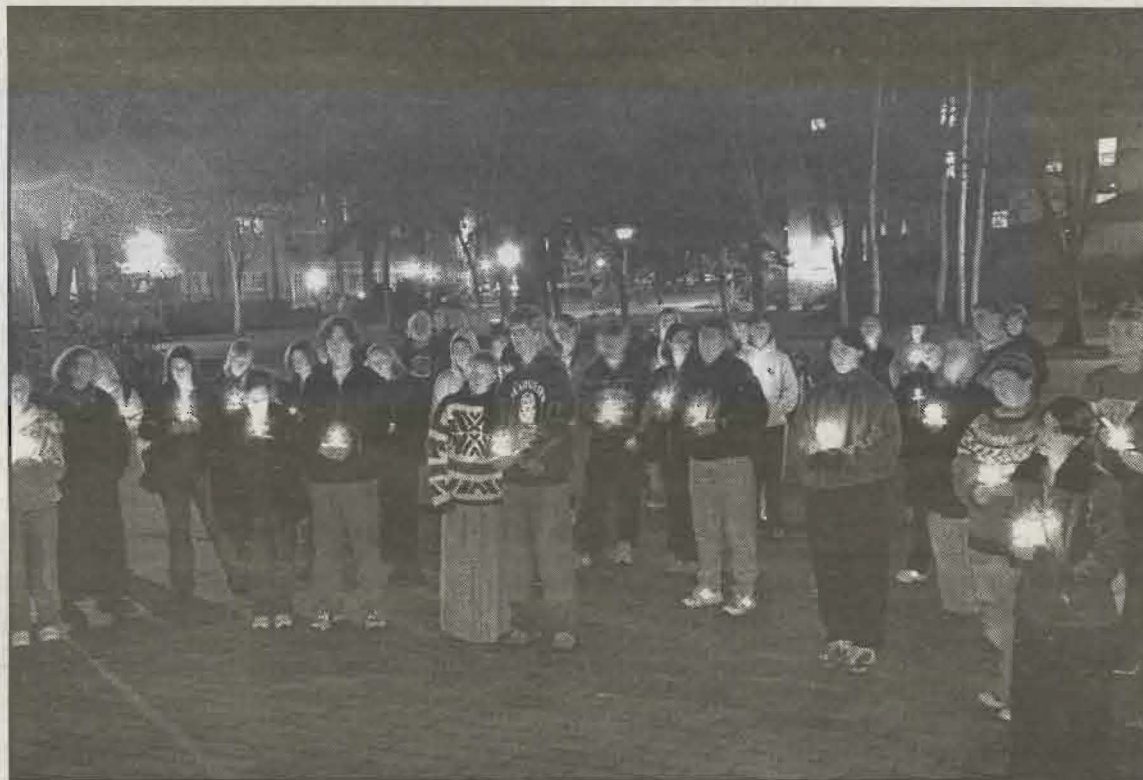


Photo by Nisha Ajmani

Students at Wednesday's vigil close their eyes in a moment of silence for Amadou Diallo.

lamented that no one would ever change, but kept preaching and trying to change things anyway. He asked the crowd to continue being prophetic. "Allow your spirit to be the one that doesn't break, to be the light that shines in the darkness," he said.

Then, in the darkness of the night, the crowd formed a circle and lit individual white candles, taking a few moments to silently

remember the many victims of racism and police brutality. They recalled Diallo especially, whose death last year instigated the recent focus on these issues.

Diallo, a U.S. immigrant from West Africa, was shot and killed by police Feb. 4, 1999 in the entry way to his home in the Bronx. The four police officers, members of the New York Police Department's Street Crimes Unit,

were patrolling the neighborhood around midnight.

They spotted Diallo in the doorway of his building and said they thought the scene seemed suspicious.

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## If you could change one thing about PLU, what would it be?

side walk talk



*"I would change the way the administration is set up. They are behind on paper work"*

Sara Fielding

*"Getting a transmitter for the student radio station"*

Dale Comer



*"I would go with people's attitude towards smokers"*

Cynthia Pascal

*"I'd make the food in the UC better"*

Christopher Cree



## Coming up...

### PLU Fitness Challenge

The PLU Wellness Committee and RHA are sponsoring the PLU Fitness Challenge and the Lute Loop 2000 5K run on April 1 at 10 a.m. on Foss Field. To prepare for the event, there are weekly workouts on Saturdays through March 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Red Square. Call x7555 for more information.

### Coping with grief and loss

Those attempting to cope with grief and loss can meet every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Office with University Pastor Nancy Connor and Judy Carr from Special Academic Programs. For more information call x7464.

UC



Menu

<p><b>Fri. March 3</b> <u>Lunch</u> Grilled Turkey &amp; Swiss, Tuna Casserole, Curley Fries, Wrap Bar, Tapioca Pudding</p>	<p><u>Dinner</u> Roast Turkey, Spinach Filo Pie, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Pasta Bar, Pie</p>	<p><b>Wed. March 8</b> <u>Breakfast</u> Fried Eggs, Fresh &amp; Belgian Waffles, Sausage, Hashbrowns, Cinnamon Twists, Fresh Grapefruit, Oatmeal</p>
<p><u>Dinner</u> Sweet &amp; Sour Chicken, Sweet &amp; Sour Tofu, Stir Fried Veggies, Sticky Rice, Burger Bar, Fortune Cookies</p>	<p><b>Mon. March 6</b> <u>Breakfast</u> Scrambled Eggs, Ham, French Toast, Muffins, Hashbrowns, Fresh Grapefruit, Cream of Wheat</p>	<p><u>Lunch</u> Grilled Cheese, Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl, Stir Fried Veggies, Sticky Rice, Pasta Bar, Broccoli, Chocolate Chip Cookies</p>
<p><b>Sat. March 4</b> <u>Breakfast</u> Egg &amp; Muffin S'wich, Fried Eggs, Bacon, Hashbrowns, Strudel Sticks, Cream of Rice</p>	<p><u>Lunch</u> Bratwurst S'wich, Mac &amp; Cheese, Peas, Spicy Garden Pita, Chicken S'wich, Ice Cream</p>	<p><u>Dinner</u> Beef Cannelloni, Cheese Manicotti, Baked Salmon, Focaccia Bread, Taco Salad Bar, Cheesecake</p>
<p><u>Lunch</u> Chicken &amp; Provolone S'wich, Fried Eggs, Egg &amp; Muffin S'wich, Hashbrowns, Bacon, Strudel Sticks</p>	<p><u>Dinner</u> Homecoming Picnic Dinner</p>	<p><b>Thurs. March 9</b> <u>Breakfast</u> Scrambled Eggs, Tater Tots, Blueberry Pancakes, Canadian Bacon, Raised Donuts, Fresh Grapefruit, Cream of Rice</p>
<p><u>Dinner</u> NY Steak, Deep Fried Shrimp, Portobella Ravioli, Pasta Bar, Normandy Veggies, Caramel Cheesecake</p>	<p><b>Tues. March 7</b> <u>Breakfast</u> Cheese Omelettes, Tater Triangles, Bacon, Donuts, Pancakes, Fresh Grapefruit</p>	<p><u>Lunch</u> Chili Frito Casserole, Southwestern Wrap, Monterey Rice Ole, Corn, Baked Potato Bar, Cherry Orchard Bars</p>
<p><b>Sun. March 5</b> <u>Brunch</u> Fresh Waffles, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Cheese Blintz, Tater Triangles, Donuts, Fresh Cantalope</p>	<p><u>Lunch</u> Chicken Club Pasta, Fishwich, Artichoke Heart Quiche, Wrap Bar, French Fries, Normandy Veggies, Frosted Cupcakes</p>	<p><u>Dinner</u> Pub Battered Shrimp, Oven Roasted Game Hens, Veggie Paella, Green Beans, Pasta Bar, Lemon Poppyseed Cake</p>
	<p><u>Dinner</u> Mardi Gras Theme Meal</p>	

## SAFETY



## BEAT

### February 17

• A PLU student's vehicle was reported to be on fire on Garfield Street. Responding officers found that the vehicle had extinguished itself.

Central Pierce Fire and Rescue confirmed the fire was out and left a note for the student.

### February 18

• An unknown male entered the room of several female residents in Tingelstad Hall around 3:30 a.m. Lights and stereos in the rooms were turned on and a set of keys were taken. The keys were later discovered.

There are no suspects.

• The Stuen Hall fire alarm was activated by an apparent system malfunction.

• Campus Safety officers assisted the Residential Life Office in serving a PLU graduate with notice that he is no longer allowed in Tingelstad Hall. The individual was warned that violation of the notice would result in person non grata status from PLU.

### February 19

• A PLU student requested medical assistance for a stubbed toe. Ice was applied to the injury and further medical attention was advised as needed.

• The University Printing intrusion alarm was activated by an apparent system malfunction.

• The University Printing intrusion alarm was once again activated by an apparent system malfunction.

• A PLU student contacted Campus Safety about an injured hamstring. Ice was applied to the injury.

### February 20

• A PLU student requested medical assistance after hitting her head. The injury was not serious and ice was applied.

• The intrusion alarm in room 115 of Ingram Hall was activated by an unknown cause.

### February 22

• A PLU student's car was found broken into and rummaged through, however the student verified that nothing had been taken. Pierce County Sheriff's Department was contacted.

There are no suspects.

Estimated damage - \$350.

• A PLU staff member was struck by the vehicle of a PLU student at the corner of Park Avenue and Wheeler Street. Both PCSD and CPFR responded and assessed the victim.

CPFR did not transport her to the hospital but she was taken there by family members.

### For the week of February 16 through 22:

• Only one PLU community member's car was broken into resulting in an estimated total of \$350. After last weeks totals of an estimated \$3,650 worth of stolen items and damaged cars and an estimated \$1,587.19 worth of damage caused by vandalism.

"PLU has come a long way, but we have a long way to go. We seem to avoid this conversation and I think it comes back to why are we afraid to have it? We are not having this conversation [of race] and we are missing many opportunities. That is disturbing to me. Here we are sending students abroad to discover themselves and other cultures, other people, and they are going into cybercafes and keeping in touch. We need to say let's talk about this, let's start some support, because there are minorities groups on campus and they need our support. So maybe we will walk around and see diversity, but until [the support, and recognition] occurs, then what will ever happen?"

**Janet Moore**  
Director of Center for  
International Programs

"I think that we are moving in a direction of trying to be more accepting. You look around and see a lot of blond hair and blue eyes, but PLU is hiring more African-Americans and minorities. A lot of people are down on the issue right now, but we are improving and moving in a positive direction."

**Erin Tilney**  
PLU senior

## The Mast SOAP BOX

### Is PLU accepting of minorities (sexual, ethnic, etc.)?

"Well, is this campus accepting? As someone who comes in contact with so many aspects of the university by working for the paper, I think that this campus is something far worse than unaccepting. The majority is completely apathetic and unconcerned. This column tries hard to offer a place for conversation on topics that are important, such as views on race and sexual orientation. A website is offered to mail in responses, reporters wander the UC to ask the question. All we get is complete nothingness, no good views, no bad, no anything. Instead we receive a slew of no comments on an issue that we know affects a lot of people, and yet maybe one or two are willing to take the time to start conversation on the topic. What this says about PLU, I don't know, but it is pretty disturbing."

**Kelly Kearsley**  
PLU junior

"I think in general it is pretty accepting, if anything it may be an advantage scholarship-wise."

**Anonymous student**



**Next week's SOAP BOX question:**

## If you could change one campus policy, what would it be?

Mail responses to [Mastsoapbox@hotmail.com](mailto:Mastsoapbox@hotmail.com)

## NewsWire

News beyond the Lutedome

COMPILED BY LARA PRICE  
Mast senior reporter

### Bradley stops in Hilltop, visits youth

As part of his campaign, Democratic Presidential Candidate Bill Bradley visited Boys & Girls Clubs of Tacoma & Pierce County Feb. 24. According to the The News Tribune, he shared his ideas about gun control—the banning of certain handguns and the mandatory registration for handgun users. Bradley also practiced his boxing and learned of reports of gun violence from Hilltop youth.

### Local troops return from Kosovo

Fort Lewis troops returned home Feb. 24 from Kosovo to greet loved ones. According to The News Tribune, 100 soldiers from the Alpha Company were supporting U.S. peacekeepers, who helped lead the force to end ethnic cleansing in the Balkan Islands. For seven months, Fort Lewis troops built roads for peacekeepers and provided supplies for schools around the U.S. base, Camp Bondsteel, in southeastern Kosovo.

### Pope advocates tolerance

Pope John Paul II embarked to Cairo, Egypt Feb. 24 for a three-day religious pilgrimage to track biblical passages. The pope spoke advocating religious tolerance, claiming that the recent violent clashes between Muslims and Christians in the region are offensive to God, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer said.

### Santana rocks Grammys

Musician Carlos Santana was granted eight Grammy awards Feb. 23 at the 42nd Annual Grammy Awards. According to The News Tribune, the guitarist lost in only one category, pop collaboration with vocals. "Supernatural," released in 1999, won an award for album of the year.

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## University policies apply to everyone -- even administration

When the university agreed to provide a setting for Senator John McCain's campaign stop in Olson Auditorium Monday evening, it appeared to do so in direct violation of university policy.

As stated in the article on Page 6, the Student Handbook explicitly says that partisan political events -- like the McCain rally -- are forbidden.

Yet, when questioned by our reporter, President Anderson commented, "I didn't write the policy," and later denied that a violation had taken place.

Intriguing logic.

We at the Mast didn't write the campus alcohol policy.

Does this mean we can have a kegger in the Mast office?

On-campus residents didn't write the visitation policy.

Does this mean it's okay for a Tinglestad woman to invite an Ordal man over for the night?

The Mast does not have an issue with the McCain rally itself, beyond this violation of policy.

In fact, we tend to agree, with most university officials and students we have talked to, that the policy is unnecessary.

While Monday's event was political, and it was partisan, we still think it was a positive event for PLU because it enabled students to benefit from the experience of seeing our nation's electoral process in motion.

It also was a mark of prestige for the university, and that's okay -- there's nothing wrong with a little self-promotion.

We feel the policy should be changed to allow these events to take place in the future.

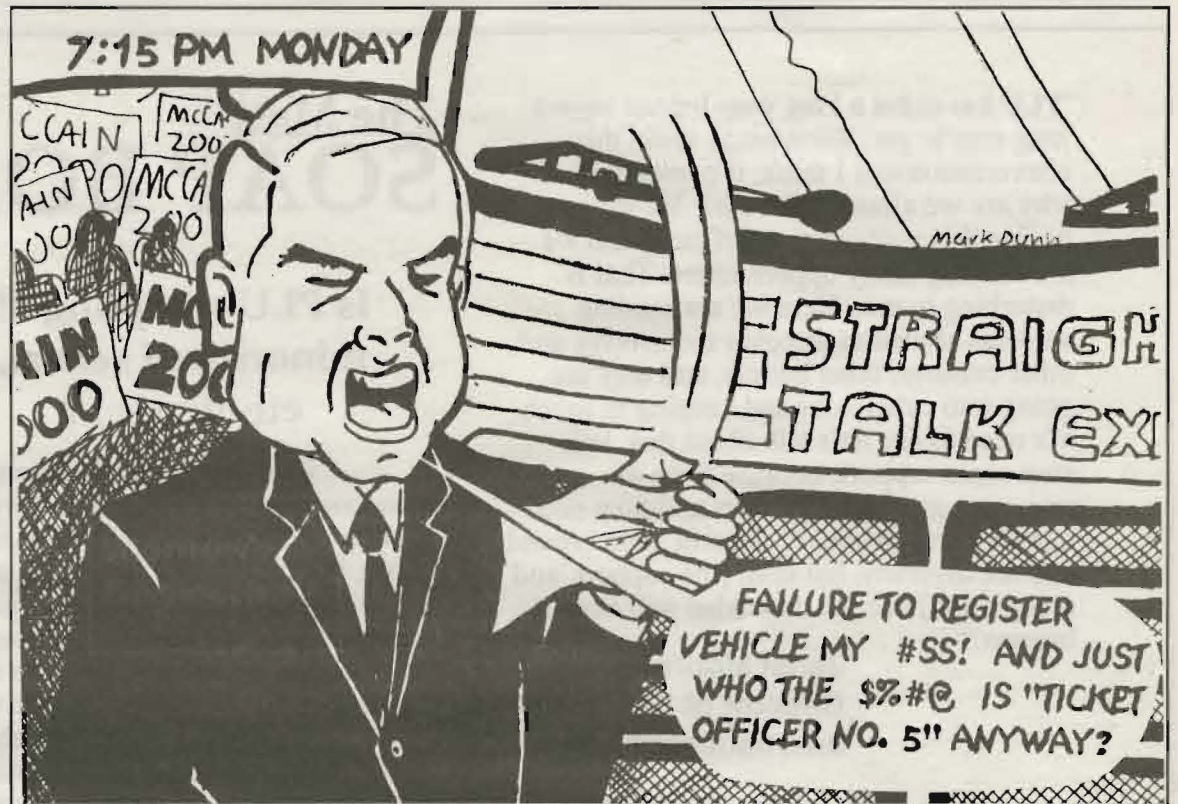
But the fact remains that the policy did exist Monday, and the administration thumbed its nose at it.

If President Anderson's office wants students to obey campus policy, it would do well to begin by adhering to the rules itself.

There are means for changing outmoded policies.

Ignoring their presence is not one of them.

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## Helmets are an important tool for skiers, snowboarders

I was encouraged to see Gina Hansen's column on slope safety (Feb. 25). With the increasing interest in snow sports, safety should be a prime concern for all participants. However, I would like to express my concern with a statement that Gina made. Gina says in her column, "They [helmets] are fine for accidents at 5 to 10 miles per hour, but at anything faster than that, they are useless."

As a fellow ski and snowboard instructor, I find this comment totally irresponsible. Skiers and boarders who travel at speeds over 10 miles per hour need helmets the most. As an instructor, I routinely talk with advanced students who feel that helmets are only for beginners and overly cautious people. I then have to ask: why do many of the world's best boarders, free skiers, and racers wear helmets when they are not even in competitions (which almost always require them)? Is it safe to assume that these world class athletes exceed speeds in excess of 10 miles per hour when not in

competitions?

As instructors we should not be promoting helmets to make skiing/boarding SAFE but to make them SAFER. Skiing and boarding are always going to have some small amount of risk involved, just like driving a car. Do airbags in your car make you safe? No, but they make you safer. Helmets aren't going to protect you from cuts and scrapes -- even a concussion in high speed/high impact accidents. But they can protect you from severe head lacerations or keep you out of the hospital with a coma.

A helmet's effectiveness shouldn't be judged on its ability to keep its occupant safe and scrape-free, but to provide a level of protection that promotes a safer environment and protects against more serious injuries to its user.

Nathan Lunstrum  
PLU senior

## We all need to be aware of language -- even candidates

Language and the power of words shapes and impacts us in many different ways, whether in a positive or negative manner. U.S. Senator and presidential candidate John McCain is a true example of this statement. On Feb. 17, McCain was asked by reporters what he thought of his Vietnam War captors, who imprisoned, tortured and killed many of his friends and fellow U.S. service members. In response, McCain stated, "I hate the gooks. I will hate them as long as I live." McCain used the term "gook" in reference to the captors who imprisoned him for 5 1/2 years.

War is a horrible thing, and it is quite understandable that McCain would be angry, resentful and hateful toward his wartime enemies for the actions perpetrated against him and those who fought for the United States. However, the term "gook" is a very dehumanizing, offensive and condescending term used against not only Vietnamese, but all Asians and Asian Americans. As an Asian American, the term "gook" connotes and reminds me of all the years of racism, discrimination

and prejudice my ancestors, family and fellow Asian Americans have had to combat for the past two centuries. I find it especially shocking that a man with such honor and loyalty to his country, who would also like to be president, would use offensive language that repels, not attracts, most Asian Americans.

McCain has since apologized for using the term "gook," but has also stated that he will not forget what happened to him and his friends during the war. All individuals must be cautious and aware of language used, especially by those who are of high status and recognition such as Senator McCain. We should unite and make a stand against words that offend, demean or hurt an individual or group of individuals, and, in effect, also work toward promoting equality and understanding among all people. Thank you!

Shannon Mark  
PLU alum ('99) and staff member

## Corrections:

In the Feb. 25 issue of the Mooring Mast, dates for ASPLU executive debates and elections were incorrectly listed on Page 7. Candidate debates are March 5 at 8 p.m. in the Cave. Elections are March 7. The Mast regrets this error.

Also in the Feb. 25 issue, the internship story on Page 15 was incorrectly attributed to Lara Price, Mast reporter. The story was written by Katie Gilliam, Mast intern. The Mast regrets this error.

The Mooring Mast strives for accuracy. If readers notice errors in the Mast, they are encouraged to inform the editorial office by telephone at x7494 or via e-mail at mast@plu.edu.

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## On paychecks, bad drivers, and two-ply toilet paper

I'm sorry to inform you that my radical column has been interrupted this week so I could talk to you about the mundane – but important – issues of paychecks, bad drivers, and toilet paper.

1: To all you Lutes who drive around the perimeters of campus like MAD MAX: STOP IT! I happen to live on one of those periphery streets where Lutes seem to think that they can disobey speed limits, common sense, and ignore pedestrians.

Last week, I almost got hit three times. In the past month I've been AMAZED by the lunacy of the student drivers around campus – and was not shocked to learn that a PLU librarian had been hit last week. Luckily, she's just "really bruised."

We all are occasionally guilty of driving recklessly, of ignoring people at crosswalks, and of not obeying the speed limit. I've even witnessed the Campus Safety mobile being a little reckless.

But it's unacceptable, espe-



### The Gospel According to Paula Faas

cially in our community, and it makes us bad neighbors.

People, slow down, and remember, the pedestrian always has the right of way.

Have you folks ever stopped and considered the laws of karma? Perhaps the 14 vehicle break-ins published in the Safety Beat were the gods' way of telling us that we are bad-driving neighbors and should stay off the road.

Just a thought.

2: Bravo, Plant Services! I would like to congratulate the Plant Services employee that solved the Hong Hall puddle problem.

Prior to last week, whenever large amounts of rain fell on up-

per campus, a huge puddle formed outside of the Hong Hall's north entrance, causing a major pain to everyone walking near it.

Finally, somebody thought of removing the non-absorbent dirt and putting in a cheap and effective drainage system: piles of rocks! And it works! Thank you! Please, though, could the rock drainage system be placed in front of Kreidler, too?

3: While I'm on the subject of complaints and campus improvements, could the school invest in some decent toilet paper? Two-ply, please? At least in the dorms, students deserve to be comfortable while using the bathroom.

4: And to the business office,

would you please pay us student workers on a regular date, like, say, the 10th of every month?

For some reason you folks think it's okay to pay us on this odd schedule. At the same time, you don't ask that our PLU payments be mailed in by the third Friday of the month – it's always the 15th. Right now, we are paid anytime between the 6th and 12th.

Look, we college students are already confused enough as we try to figure out our life goals, majors, identities, and classes. Do us a favor – simplify our lives by paying us on the same day each month!

5: Finally, could someone synchronize the PLU clocks around campus? The margin of error is +/- 10 minutes! No wonder I'm late to everything!

6: Clarification: though I did vote for McCain in Tuesday's primary, I will NOT be voting for him come election time.

For those of you who found

my statements in last week's Mast (endorsing McCain for the primary vote) confusing, wondering if perhaps I was experiencing a sudden personality disorder – don't worry. I voted as a Republican to offset Bush's momentum and because I think Gore will have an easier time beating McCain than Bush.

Bush can easily mask his conservative platform as "compassionate," and some voters might see no difference between him and Gore. Besides, I wanted my primary vote to count, and only by registering and voting as a Republican would it count for tabulating electoral votes.

There. I'm done with my complaints. Look for my radical column to re-appear in two weeks with thoughts on SEX! DRUGS! and maybe if you in the Lutedome behave, ROCK'n' ROLL!

Paula Faas is a senior economics and women's studies major.

## Measuring the pros and cons of off-campus living

Inevitably, right now there are many of you who are tired of the rules that PLU places on its students who live in the dorms, and are thinking about moving off campus to get away from such restrictions.

Most likely, these restrictions have not stopped any of you from doing what you want – we could probably fit the PLU students who haven't ever broken any of the rules comfortably into a Honey Bucket outhouse.

However, the fact that you have to hide the fact that you are breaking a rule you may or may not agree with is what is really bothersome.

Living off campus is cheaper, depending on where you are living, of course, but there are many elements to living off campus that create problems.

The first of these problems would be cooking. No longer can you bask in the wonderful flavor of chicken crispitos, beef burgundy, or whatever the meal of the day may be.



### Random Ramblings Kevin Henrickson

Instead you learn to live off Stove Top stuffing, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, and other staples of life.

However, in cooking for yourself you learn little things, like when my friend was baking bread and saw that the recipe called for soda.

They decided that since they were baking French bread, Coke wasn't appropriate because of the color, so they decided to use Sprite, which made for a rather interesting taste.

Another issue is paying bills and agreeing on the proper usage of heat, water, and so on.

For example, you might have one roommate who is economical and would prefer the house at 65 degrees, while another is con-

stantly cold and would be in complete and total bliss if they were to spontaneously combust into flames.

There is also the issue of cleaning up common living areas such as the bathroom and kitchen – there will be some people you live with who are very good about cleaning up after themselves and doing common chores, while you have others who are perfectly all right with leaving leftover pasta sitting around for upwards of three months.

You also need to pay for rent and bills monthly, which means that you have to budget, and it ends up feeling like you are paying more than you would be, living on campus, because you see just how much money flows out

into basic living expenses per month.

But along with all of these perceived problems with living off campus there are several definite advantages: being able to have members of the opposite sex over past 2 a.m., being able to have a party and/or drink if you so choose, being able to cook what you want rather than being at the mercy of the "U.C. Nazi," saving money overall on food and living, and being able to be loud to a certain extent regardless of the hour of the night.

So, when it is all said and done, it is a preference or taste as to whether you remain on campus or move off.

However, living off campus probably turns out to be another invaluable tool for life that you can gain at PLU – I am not sure whether there are any others, but there must be for \$22,000 a year, right?

That tool is the experience that you gain in paying bills, cooperating with housemates, cleaning

and so on while still being at least partially supported by your parents – something that is most likely no longer available once you graduate and take that first job, because it is then that you have to learn these lessons with your own money or credit.

There are many other factors that go into this decision, including who you want to live with, how much you want to pay per month, how close to campus you would like to live, whether you want your own room, and even whether you are comfortable with change and moving off on your own.

While I am not advocating either living on campus or off, I believe that everyone might be able to learn from the experience of living off campus, even if for only one year, and make it into another of college's growth experiences.

Kevin Henrickson is a senior economics major.

## Streaming audio is the wave of the future for radio

There's nothing more frustrating than trying to tune in a radio station.

For some reason or another, stations never fully come in. All you get is a garbled mess. Usually, there's at least two other stations trying to pack themselves into that same 0.2 megahertz space on the dial.

So then, in exasperation, you finally go searching for another radio station that plays music you like.

That's fine if you listen to Oldies or Top 40 radio, but if you like something else, you're going to have a much tougher time.

I listen to modern rock, and (wouldn't you know it) there's only one radio station in the area that actually claims to be a modern rock station.

If this sounds like your problem, there's an easy solution: "streaming audio." In a nutshell, that means audio broadcast over the Internet.



### Students and Technology Scott Shipp

Visit a site like ABC News (<http://www.abcnews.com>). At the very top of the page, there's a listing of LIVE audio tracks you can listen to.

How do they broadcast something live on the Internet?

You guessed it: streaming audio.

The speech, or whatever it is that you are hearing live, is being recorded, encoded, and sent out over the net as it is spoken. Your computer (along with millions of others) is then downloading it off the net, decoding it, and playing it through your speakers.

It works pretty much like radio (conceptually at least), except it has the potential of reaching lit-

erally millions of listeners.

Maybe this is why radio stations are now broadcasting online more than ever before.

The new version (5.0) of Internet Explorer has a "radio bar" built in. This just goes to show the booming popularity of Internet radio.

That means good things for people like me who find tuning in radio stations annoying.

On the Internet, I know exactly what kind of music I'm going to be listening to. No more tuning it in and finding that it's not what I want to hear. And no more weak reception!

What I like most about Internet radio is the fact that net radio sta-

tions often give you a status window telling what was just played and what is playing now. You don't have to wait for the DJ to announce it.

In fact, most radio stations broadcasting specifically to the Internet don't even use jockeys. They instead set up the broadcast in advance and start streaming.

Of course, if you still want to hear your favorite radio station, you most likely can.

I listen to KNDD, and at their website ([www.knnd.com](http://www.knnd.com)), they offer a stream of their station live. You hear exactly what anyone else hears on the radio, without all the fuzz.

Obviously, I love streaming audio. It always comes in crystal clear, I never hear anything I don't want, and I have an enormous number of choices among stations.

Like any technology, though, it has its shortcomings.

The most glaringly obvious

one is that you can't be connected to the Internet everywhere you go. If only I had the net in my car!

Net congestion can also stop the stream from downloading to your computer.

Streaming audio takes a lot of bandwidth. For that matter, connection speed can play a major role in whether or not the station comes in. At 56K, it probably takes a while to buffer the station before it is played.

In all, though, streaming audio has the potential to be the next big step in radio. If the Internet ever finds its way into all homes (as is predicted), then net radio will be highly competitive with traditional radio stations.

And to me, that's a good thing, because it means they'll start fixing what few shortcomings it does have.

Scott Shipp is a sophomore English writing major.

## McCain

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McCain thanked the man for his service to the country and launched into a brief discussion of benefits available to members of the service, a popular subject in a South Tacoma crowd heavily populated by men wearing veterans baseball caps and other people sporting uniforms or military clothing.

Thousands of members of the armed services are on food stamps because they are not paid enough for their work, McCain said. He said

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**“I am the Reagan conservative Republican that can beat out Al Gore.”**

- Sen. John McCain

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he wanted to solve this and other problems, including improving health care for veterans.

“I am fully prepared to be president of the United States of America, fully prepared to be commander in chief, and I need no on-the-job training, my friends,” he said.

McCain said that while his wife’s interpretation of why he was running for president was that he received a few too many blows to the head while a prisoner-of-war during Vietnam, he was running because he wanted to reform government.

The senator mentioned tax reform and education reform as potential targets, but focused primarily on his trademark subject of campaign finance reform.

“We’ve got to rid this government of ours from the scandal of special interests,” he said, discussing in particular the campaign finance inquiries into President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore following the 1996 campaign.

About Clinton’s policy of allowing campaign contributors to spend the night in the White House’s Lincoln Bedroom, McCain said, “He treated it like Motel 6 and he was the bellhop.”

Later, he launched into Gore for his trip to a Buddhist monastery to raise funds and his subsequent statement that he wasn’t aware of the type of institution he had visited.

“All that incense and the guys in the saffron robes might have given him a clue,” McCain said.

“I am the Reagan conservative Republican that can beat out Al Gore,” he asserted. In recent polls, the senator said, “I beat Al Gore and George Bush doesn’t.”

In conclusion, McCain repeated remarks he had made elsewhere earlier, remarks that he referred to as “harsh things” that were nonetheless necessary for the future of the Republican Party.

“We are the party of Ronald Reagan, not Pat Robertson,” he said. “We are the party of Teddy Roosevelt, not the special interests. We are the party of Abraham Lincoln, not Bob Jones [a far-right university in South Carolina that continues to ban interracial dating].”

“We are the party of inclusion... the party of addition, not division,” McCain continued.

“This is the beginning of a new day, a new party, and a new America,” he concluded. “Thank you for being part of this crusade.”

## Political promotion ?

## Campus group speculates on validity of ASPLU endorsements...or lack of

BY KELLY KEARSLEY  
Mast news editor

Several members of the campus group Advocates for Social Justice, as well as other individuals, are frustrated this week with ASPLU actions involving the endorsement of various political events, Kirsten Anderson, president of Advocates said.

The recent visit of John McCain brought to question what ASPLU can and cannot place their nametag on, and according to Anderson, what they need to support. The presence of ASPLU president and vice president on stage with McCain had several students wondering if the organization was indeed supporting the Republican candidate for president.

If they were, then members of Advocates for Social Justice question why the vigil for Amadou Diallo, the West African immigrant shot and killed by New York police, Wednesday was refused ASPLU support on the basis of being too “political.”

Pickett said that he was not supporting McCain as a representative of ASPLU, but instead as a registered Republican. “I have worked on McCain’s campaign for the last two months,” Pickett said.

“I have a private and personal life different from ASPLU and in my private and personal life, I am a McCain supporter,” he said. Pickett maintains that campaigners for McCain called him at his home phone number to ask him for help in setting up the event and that he purposely did not wear any ASPLU paraphernalia

body president when McCain was on stage.

Both Larson and Pickett said that ASPLU cannot support any political activity unless a resolution is proposed by the senators, voted on and passed in the student government.

However, Anderson disagreed. She cited the presence of ASPLU president and vice president at the McCain event and their subsequent refusal of support in the vigil as extremely offensive.

“In my opinion the whole thing is offensive to me because ASPLU is so reluctant to take a stand [on the Diallo issue].”

Anderson questioned the values of ASPLU leadership, saying that “this is an important issue of racial injustice...and that it is [Pickett’s and Larson’s] opportunity to stand up and actually do something.”

“A man was murdered and his murderers were acquitted; this is a serious issue,” Anderson said. “This is not political...it’s human.”

Larson, who said he personally needs more evidence on the case before he can support it, noted that ASPLU could have supported the rally had it been passed through the senate.

“ASPLU is here to represent the students,” he said. “Nobody put in for the a resolution for McCain, nobody put in one for the vigil; ASPLU as an organization didn’t support either of those events.”

Larson added that individuals in ASPLU are working hard on the vigil, but as individuals, not as the whole association.

## Rock the Vote...

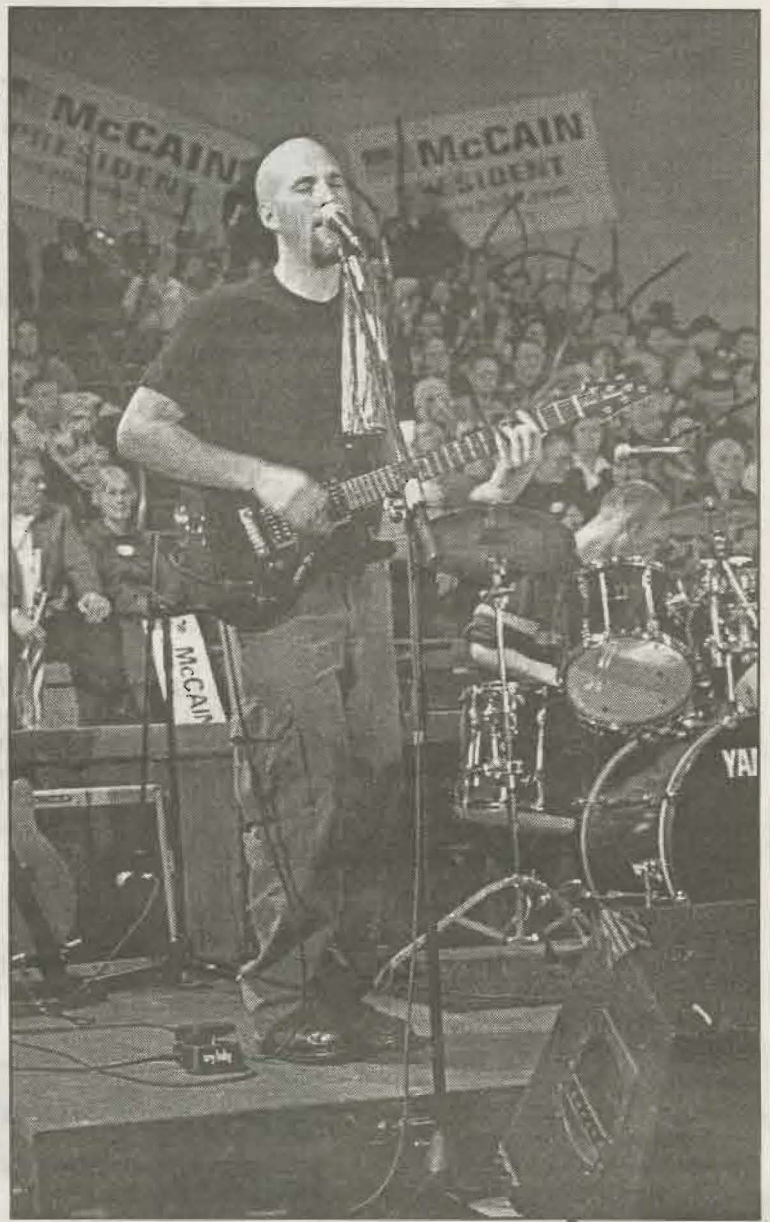


Photo by Neli Grenning

Aaron Bendickson plays with the Bendickson Brothers band at the McCain rally Monday night.

## McCain visit tests limits of university policy

BY KELLY KEARSLEY  
Mast news editor

The rally for Presidential candidate John McCain on Monday night in Olson Auditorium has provoked a closer look at university policy, which prohibits the use of PLU facilities for political campaigning (see inset).

“Clearly the policy was there,” said Rick Eastman, associate director of student involvement and leadership. “And it is definitely confusing when you try to evaluate [the policy] in the face of Senator McCain’s visit to campus.”

The confusion and code in question reached the president’s office on Feb. 25. According to Conference and Events, McCain’s visit was actually canceled due to concern about the policy violation, and then later rescheduled.

In an interview Wednesday morning, President Loren Anderson said that while he “doesn’t know who wrote the policy, or when it was written,” he believes that it was not violated.

“In today’s context I see that policy as having three equivalents,” Anderson said. Explaining how he interprets the University policy, Anderson commented that political campaigns on campus do not cross the written code, “if the goal is making sure the event

## University Policy, page 59, Student Handbook:

**“University facilities shall not be made available for purely political speeches. Organized student groups may sponsor political figures on campus, provided that the activities are limited to institutional audiences and that the general public is not invited. Official organizations of the university may invite political figures to the campus for educational and lecture purposes only. Partisan campaigning on campus is precluded.”**

involves education, instead of advocacy.”

Anderson said he sees the McCain rally as legitimate because it didn’t disrupt regular school activity, nor did PLU use its resources to promote a partisan viewpoint. The visit by McCain offered an opportunity for educational involvement, as well as inspire students to take action in the democratic process, Anderson said.

“These are compelling reasons

to have [McCain and other political personalities] appear on campus,” he said. “This generation has demonstrated a lack of interest in matters political,” Anderson said, citing the opportunity to help students recognize their service to the community through voting as a factor in deciding whether McCain could come to campus.

However, regardless of the benefits of such an event, ASPLU President Robby Larson said, “I

don’t view any university policy as being higher or lower than any other,” adding that “more than anything, when policies are not followed it makes it tough to enforce them...the integrity of the policies is not entirely taken away, but challenged.”

“[PLU] really needs to look at that policy and others and make them more clear,” Larson said, noting that when he was reviewing the student handbook he noticed many outdated codes, that “hadn’t been changed in years.”

Eastman agreed with Larson about the need for change, saying that the while the policy is designed to sustain an educational context among political events and offer a wide range of political viewpoints, the “purpose and approach within the context of the language need to be reviewed.”

“Something has to be added to help people understand [the extent of the policy],” Eastman said.

“These are good questions to ask,” he said. “It’s good to look at the policy and see if the content, language is still valid. It is better to be responsive and proactive,” in these situations, said Eastman.

For more on the university policy controversy, see editorial on page 4.

## Honoring past leaders and looking toward the future

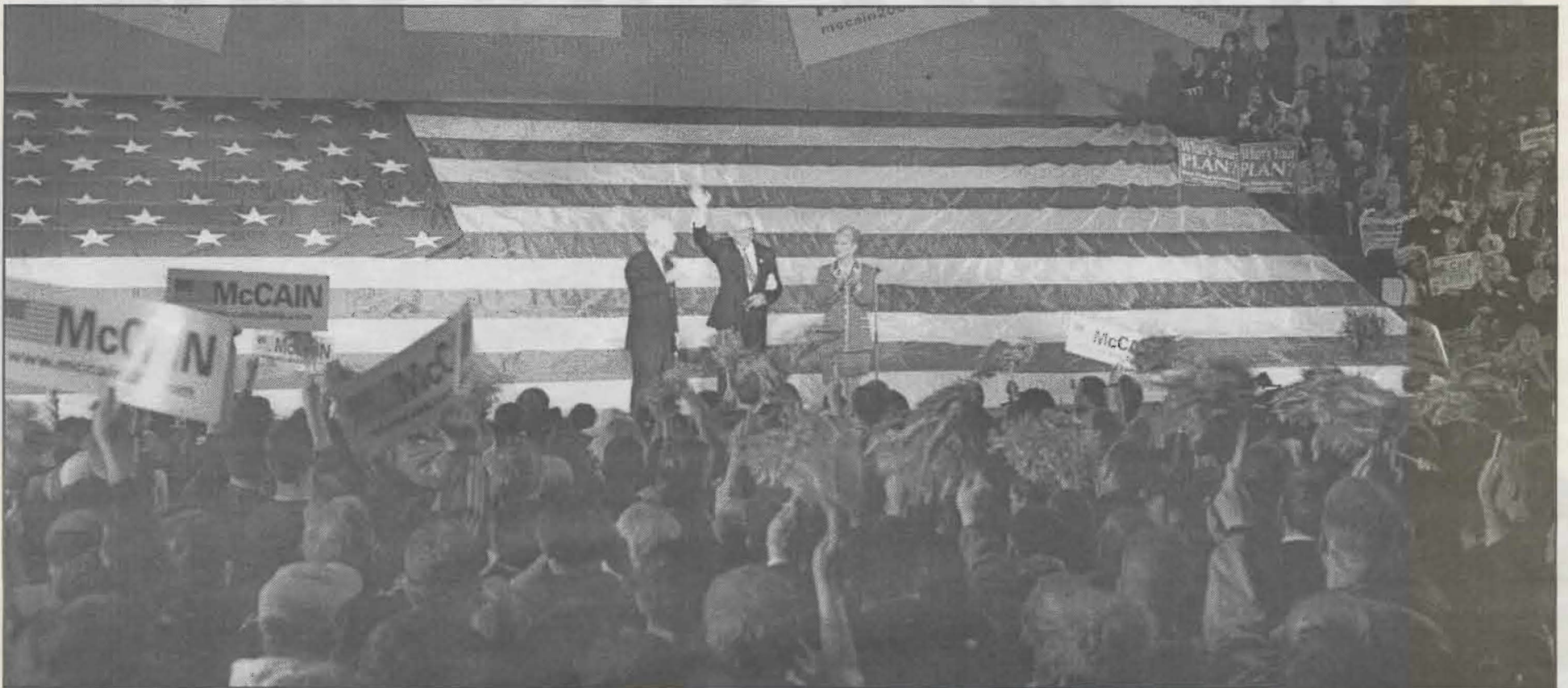


Photo by Josh Miller

Retiring Washington Secretary of State Ralph Munro waves to the crowd of students and community members gathered in Olson Auditorium for the McCain rally Monday night. Munro was one of McCain's earliest vocal supporters, and performed the duty of master of ceremonies at the rally. McCain thanked him for his service to the state and to his campaign.

## Lecturer speaks to Chicano life, concerns of justice

BY EMILY ELLIS  
Mast intern

Over 100 people gathered in the Scandinavian Cultural Center Tuesday to hear Arizona State professor Dr. Vicki L. Ruiz speak on Chicano oppression and empowerment as a part of the Walter C. Schnackenberg Memorial lecture series. Ruiz is an acclaimed author and activist, who has worked to raise awareness on how rhetoric spun by tactical coalitions has distorted the general public's view of Chicano life and immigration concerns.

Throughout her lecture, Ruiz discussed how racist rhetoric, especially concerning immigration, has been used to perpetuate myths about the decline of American economic and social well-being.

Noting Initiative I-87, coined the "save the state initiative," proposed in Arizona in November 1994, Ruiz discussed how rhetoric affects the voting populous and what this type of politicking does to alter public perceptions on race and immigration.

Immigration has become a national issue, frequently noted in political races and debates. However, immigration constitutes only 400,000 people entering the U.S. over a year's time, only two percent of the total U.S. population. The myth of welfare dollars going to support immigrants is largely unfounded. Public education for children and one hot meal per day at local schools is the only social welfare available to undocumented immigrants.

Twenty-three percent of Chicano families in the U.S. live below the poverty line. Chicano women are especially vulnerable. The likelihood of a Chicano

woman to be forced to work in a blue collar job that rarely even pays minimum wage, is double that of her African, Asian or European counterparts. Chicano women are overworked and underpaid, a large majority forced to work in sweatshops to survive, said Ruiz.

In her lecture, Ruiz reflected on the comments of one sweatshop worker who said, "In the end we saw they treated the machines better than us; we are hungry for justice, not food." This statement achieves greater validity by comparing it to a survey done in 1998 which found that 93 percent of companies in the U.S.

**"In the end we saw they treated the machines better than us; we are hungry for justice, not food."**

--Sweatshop worker

employing Chicano workers violated health and safety regulations, Ruiz said.

Over the last two decades, Chicano scholarship and community involvement programs to counter Chicano oppression have been introduced all over the country. Ruiz is a part of a mother/daughter program affiliated with Arizona State University.

Using strategies of empowerment, the program works with mothers and daughters from low

income homes, offering classes on SAT preparation, writing skills, financial planning and health care. Over 80 percent of the women have graduated from college and 77 percent have continued on to get their degrees. Of the mothers in the program, over one-third have continued their education as well.

Not only has this program enabled many women to view college as a possibility, but it has also aided in Arizona State University achieving greater diversity on campus, making the program mutually beneficial for the students and the institution, Ruiz said.

Ruiz's interests and contributions to Chicano studies are broad, covering the areas of academic research, community empowerment and activism. She is working on a collection of memoirs about Chicano women.

The collection is based on stories of Chicano women who cross over social, economic, age and class stratification. She is presently accepting nominations for stories to include in her text. In Ruiz's words, "My work is not about me, it is about bringing the voices of these women to the page. I have an obligation to do that."

The evening closed with Ruiz describing her ongoing desire to continue in her valuable line of work by eloquently quoting the words of Cornell West, a well-known African-American scholar from Harvard, "I remain a prisoner of hope."

*If you have any contributions or stories on the lives of Chicano women that you would like to send to Dr. Ruiz, she can be contacted at Vicki.Ruiz@asu.edu*

### ASPLU elections schedule:

March 5, 8 p.m., Cave:  
candidate debates

March 6, 9 p.m., KCNS 6:  
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# PLU Jazz Ensemble



PLU vocal jazz ensemble performing at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Idaho

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## PLU's vocal jazz ensemble takes first place at competition

BY MATT CAMERON  
Mast reporter

PLU's vocal jazz ensemble took first place in the college division at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival held at the University of Idaho February 23-26.

The PLU jazz ensemble also competed in the festival, along with several vocal and instrumental soloists.

Soloists competing included Cliff Colon (tenor saxophone), Sommer Stockinger (soprano), Britta Hobbs (soprano), Deb Cash (alto), Kelly Brandt (alto), Matt Coughlin (tenor), and Paul Kowabori (tenor).

The festival brought together students of all ages to Moscow, Idaho to compete and to learn more about both vocal and instrumental jazz.

Concerts were held each of the four nights featuring familiar names such as the Ray Brown Trio, Al Grey, Russell Malone, Hank Jones, Diane Reeves, and the festival's namesake, jazz legend Lionel Hampton.

"It was well organized for a festival of

that size," said alto Deb Cash. "It was a good opportunity to listen to a variety of different groups."

PLU's first-time victory in the vocal jazz ensemble competition this year was something of a pleasant surprise.

"We went in there with no expectation of winning," said director Wayne Bliss. "This was a new thing for us."

As the highest-ranking ensemble in its division, PLU outscored other schools such as Central Washington University, Brigham Young University, and Washington State University, as well as several others to win the competition.

Tenor Paul Kowabori said that this was a "culminating experience" which brought the group "closer to one another and to jazz as an art form". He added, "We're redefining vocal jazz at PLU."

The ensemble's winning set featured an arrangement of Stanley Turrentine's "Sugar" done by Bliss, as well as Chick Corea's classic "Spain", Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Lady", and the traditional "Sweet Georgia Brown".

Bliss was very proud of his group's performance, but added modestly that the "coolest part [of the festival] was all of the awesome concerts and clinics".

“We went in there with no expectation of winning. This was a new thing for us.”

- by Wayne Bliss



Members of PLU's first-place-winning vocal jazz ensemble

Photo by Josh Miller



Wendy Giles giving a solo performance.

Photo Courtesy of Kevin Freitas and Leah Smiley



Kevin Freitas and Britta Hobbes performing at the competition

Photo Courtesy of Kevin Freitas and Leah Smiley



## Music Review:

### New album has great variety

BY ERIC ANDERSON  
Mast reporter

Hellcat Records has released a compilation CD featuring 19 artists signed to the small punk label entitled "Give Em The Boot II."

A handful of punk rock songs grace the compilation, as well as a number of ska, reggae, and dancehall songs.

All the ska songs, done by the Pietasters, the David Hillyard Rocksteady 7, and the Slackers are pleasant enough, but nothing really stands out.

While the bands have incorporated the best elements of Caribbean popular music, catchy horn lines, solid rhythms, and a spirit of fun, they've also incorporated the worst, excessive repetition and sexism.

One exception is Choking Victim's "Crack Rock Steady," a solid dose of Operation Ivy-flavored punk-ska, which verbally attacks the racist New

York Police Department.

This track is rendered more poignant in light of the verdict of the recent Diallo case.

The Gadjits weigh in with another piece of anti-cop punk-ska.

Nocturnal's track "Tell Me What You're Feeling" and Buccaneer's "Bruk Out" both travel the new road of laying Jamaican dancehall-style vocals over American punk rock. The tracks emphasize the strong end-

are United" is surprisingly pedestrian.

Although the song works as a highlight of Rancid's live set, the recorded version lacks emotion and suffers from monotone vocals.

The U.S. Bombs offer up a piece of old school punk in the vein of Richard Hell and the Voidoids, but not as good.

Of the punk tracks present here, the Distillers' "L.A. Girl" stands a cut above the rest. These kids play hard, with howling, emotional vocals, the way punk should be.

Unity 51s reggae instrumental "Flight of the Phoenicians" closes the album nicely, with mellow organ melodies and a relaxed groove, providing a contrast to the hard-rocking punk which came before.

Overall, the music on this compilation is fairly decent, but nothing to write home about it.

A music fan's money would probably be better spent on an album by one good band, rather than this compilation.

Then again, it only cost \$6 and came with a nifty foldout poster.



Photo Courtesy of Hellcat Records

rhymes and rhythms of Dancehall music.

In both cases, this unique combination works fairly well.

However, Rancid's cover of the Sham 69 classic "If the Kids

## Comic books are now on-line

BY BRANDON WHIPPLE  
Mast reporter

Spiderman. The Incredible Hulk. The Fantastic Four. The X-Men.

All of these are classic comic book characters created by Stan Lee in the 1960s.

Lee, along with artist Jack Kirby, helped revolutionize comic books with these characters. Lee is responsible for creating most of Marvel Comics most popular characters.

It has been years since he has actively created new material, and in recent history he has been more of a figurehead for Marvel Comics than a creator.

All that is about to change.

Lee recently formed his own company, Stan Lee Media, getting back into the shoes of a creator.

He has been busy coming up with all new characters and stories, some of which are sure to

become classics.

This guy isn't satisfied to simply start creating again, however. He wants to make some waves.

Once again, Lee is on the verge of revolutionizing comic books.

With that as his motivation, Lee has created the first online

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**"For the first time, comic fans get to actually see the characters in motion."**

- by Brandon Whipple

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comic books.

He has taken the basis of comic books and pushed the envelope.

These new online comics will change things in a number of ways.

First of all, these new comics have audio. This ranges from simple sound effects to character voices.

Yes, that's right, these comics can talk! Actors do all the dialogue for the characters.

As well as the audio, these comics have a limited amount of animation.

For the first time, comic fans get to actually see the characters in motion. Best of all, unlike printed comics, these can be viewed for free on the web.

This new breed of comic book debuted on Stan Lee's super site on Feb. 29.

After checking out the three available online comic books, I must say that Lee has outdone himself and come up with something completely new to the comic book world.

Only time will tell whether or not Stan Lee will once again become the man that is responsible for changing the face of comic books. Check out these cool new comics at: <http://www.stanlee.net>

## Clothing can send the wrong message to kids



Guest Column  
Sarah Groesch

The Grammy Awards—a major event in the music business that honors the year's best musicians. Everyone who is anyone is there, dressed to kill and not taking any prisoners. This year was no exception.

The men were mostly seen in nice suits or a fashionable jacket and classic pants, except for Ricky Martin, who opted for leather.

For the most part, the men had their wardrobes together. Unfortunately, the women, many of whom are seen as goddesses in the fashion world, appeared to need a few lessons in style and class before leaving their homes.

Take Jennifer Lopez—she can sing, she can dance, but where is her ability to pick out a dress?

For those of you who did not see Ms. Lopez on stage, her dress, or strips of fabric, was strategically taped across her chest, which then attached to some sort of skirt around her waist.

I say taped because that is possibly the only thing holding up her "outfit."

As I sat on my couch with my jaw hanging open, I felt disgust sweep over me.

Just what was she trying to accomplish with this display of flesh on national television?

Think of the children watching this program to see if their favorite musician won an award, and then seeing Ms. "scantily clad" Lopez walking across the stage!

The next day, I spoke to a couple of friends about her dress. Student teacher Jamie Gabriel related a story to me about her seventh grade classroom.

Trying to spark some conversation with her students, Jamie asked the kids if they saw the Grammy Awards.

Surprisingly, the first thing out of their mouths was, "Miss

Gabriel, "Did you see Jennifer Lopez's dress?"

Many of them commented on how little she was wearing.

Jamie and I, as women and as college students, realize the images that our favorite singers project on stage are only a version of themselves.

Children, however, have a harder time making the distinction between reality and the glitter of pop culture.

Try telling a seventh grader that at home Jennifer Lopez enjoys lounging around in baggy pants and a T-shirt.

I also asked a few of my male friends what they thought.

While they agreed she was a beautiful woman they also thought that she came off looking "cheap" and that they have "less respect for her than before."

The glitz and glamour of the music industry is powerful and along with Hollywood, sets many of the trends in our society.

People in the United States, particularly young people, look to these "stars" as heroes who are to be admired.

Unfortunately, the images the superstars project are not real.

Our children look at Lopez and actually think they would be admired and famous like her if they dressed so risqué.

And, if for any reason you think this isn't happening, just look around at the kids at local schools.

Some of the girls are barely 11 years old, and they think they're 16 based on the amount of make-up they wear and the tightness of their clothes.

Hopefully, as university students whose job it is to learn about the world and the problems it presents, we will be able to educate children on what attributes should and should not be so important.

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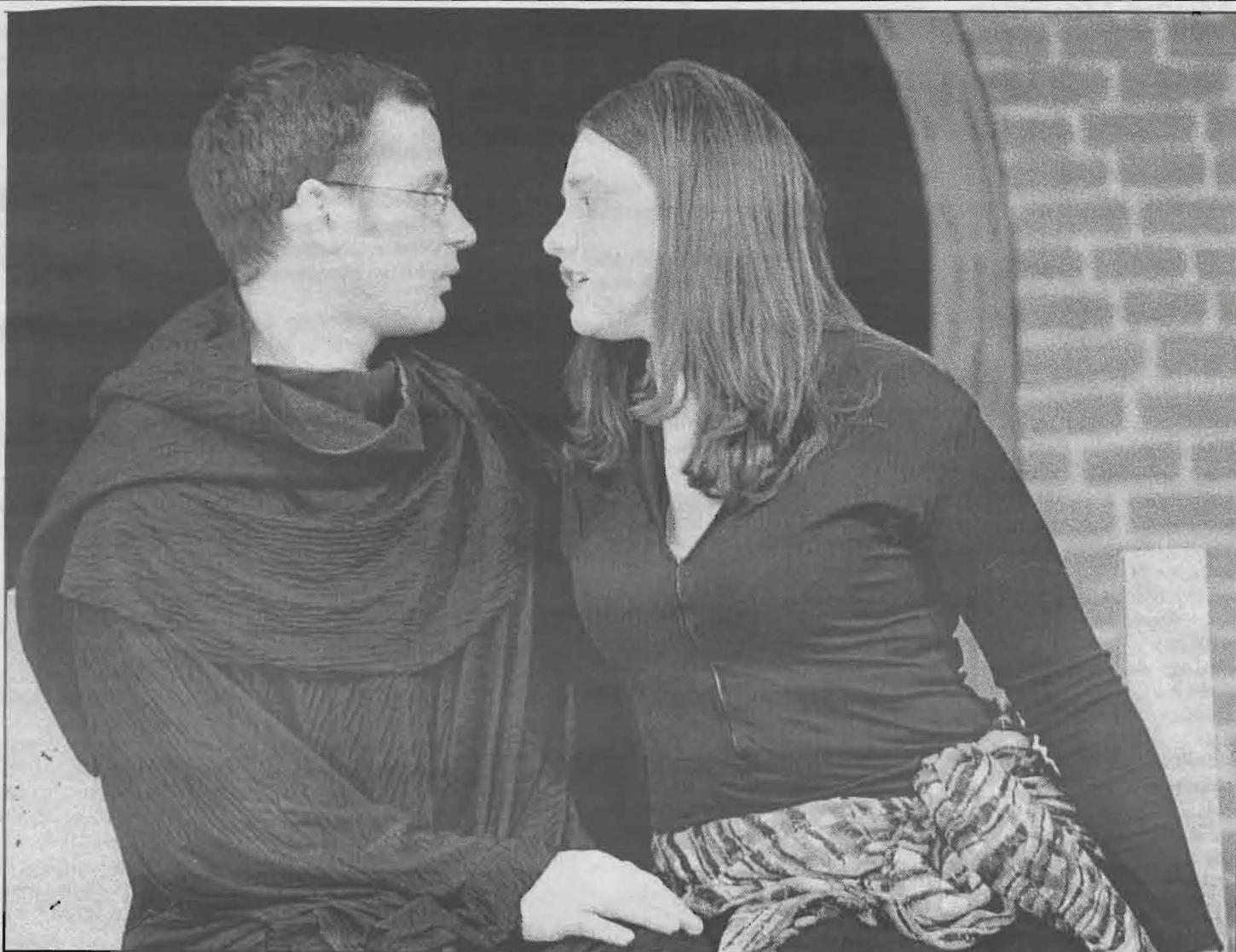


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Inspecting Carol



Aaron Jacobs (Wayne Wellacre) and Elizabeth Nielsen (Zorah Bloch) in Pacific Lutheran University's production of the play, "Inspecting Carol."

Photo by Mary Holste

## Play is a "comedy of mistaken identity"

BY JOY BARBER  
Mast reporter

If a group of actors got together to write a play, what might it be about?

Well, lots of things are likely. Shakespeare was supposedly an actor, and he wrote about love and revenge, history and hate.

But if there's one meeting place fraught with human drama and experience that actors are sure to know, it's theater. And what do many theater companies struggle with most? The money they need to survive.

Thus we have "Inspecting Carol," a play by Dan Sullivan and the Seattle Repertory Theatre about a group of actors fighting to keep their company alive amidst a lack of National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) funding and a horror of hilarious mishaps.

The play, which opens today in Eastvold, follows the last ditch efforts of a small playhouse to produce Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" for an NEA inspector in the audience who will determine whether they will get funding for the next year. But in this "comedy of mistaken identity," says PLU Director Bill Becvar, "[e]verything goes terribly wrong."

This production will be PLU theatre's first for the new millennium, and Becvar chose this particular piece, not only for its brilliant comedy, but also for the timeliness of its message. "For all the humor, this play has something to say about the precariousness of artistic groups," he says, "Who is responsible for support?"

Indeed, the NEA, an organization which gets its funding from the federal government, has taken its share of beatings in the last few years. Will Americans turn their backs on the arts completely in the next millennium?

We have, as yet, to see. Luckily for both PLU actors and audiences, the Lute administration has continued to support educational theater.

This particular performance itself has raised some challenges for Lute drama. The problem of staging a play within a play is a difficult one, requiring director, actors, and technical engineers alike to stretch their talents.

Who do you play to when there's an audience on stage and off?

"Playing all the angles is very hard on the actors," Becvar comments. "They're having to go against some conventions." And creating timed disasters onstage has surely given technical director Jeff Clapp

a few headaches as well.

On top of all that, there are still the other multitudes of demands made by comedic acting in the way of timing and expression that are needed to carry off a good joke.

However, this is apparently a record cast who ought to be able to overcome any difficulties with ease after withstanding the fire of December's auditions.

Becvar confirms, "I had seniors say that they couldn't remember rougher auditions in the four years they'd been here. I could have had three touring companies of this play with the talent that turned out at auditions."

People seem to have a sense that this production is going to be great.

Tickets are already going fast. Dr. Becvar even ended up with ones in the fourth row.

My advice for this rainy Northwest weekend? Get your tickets for "Inspecting Carol" early if you have to, but don't miss this show! Tickets for students are \$4 and \$7 for others. There are evening performances March 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. A matinee performance is March 12 at 2 p.m.

For tickets, call (253) 535-7457.



Photo by Mary Holste

Megan O'Hanlon as Dorothy Tree-Hapgood in the play "Inspecting Carol."



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Mario Penalver plays Walter E. Parsons in "Inspecting Carol."

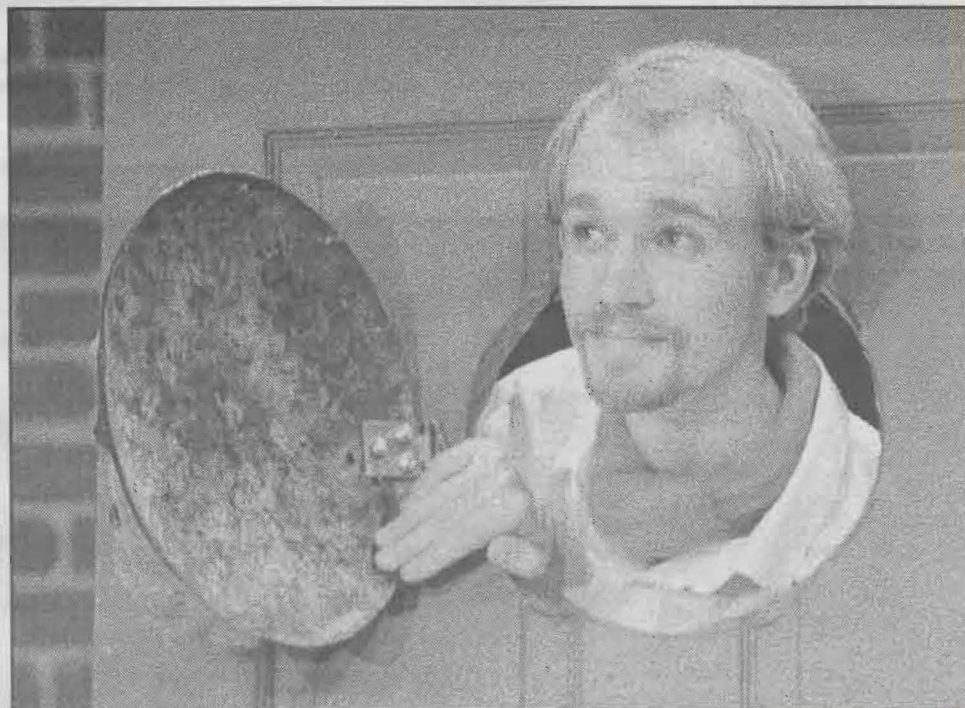


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Nathan Rice, as Phil Hewlit, in the play "Inspecting Carol."

## Women defeat Pirates; head to St. Thomas

BY ANDREW BENTZ  
Mast co-sports editor

Junior shooting guard Lucy Barker hit a free throw with 9.2 seconds left to give PLU a four point advantage that would turn into a ticket to the second round of the NCAA Division III basketball tournament.

The Lutes defeated Whitworth 50-46 in front of a home crowd of 650.

PLU will now travel to face the No. 1 seed, St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. St. Thomas received a first round bye for being the top seed in the west region.

"We are a very good team on the road," PLU head coach Gil Rigell said. "If you want to win the national title, you have to go through somebody's back yard."

Other Northwest Conference teams that played in the national tournament were George Fox and Linfield. George Fox defeated Linfield 63-51 in St. Paul Ore. Wednesday night. Other west region action included California Lutheran defeating UC San Diego at home 72-66. Cal Lutheran will travel to George Fox for the second round tomorrow night.

Whitworth started strong, outscoring the Lutes 7-3 in the first 3:05 of the game. PLU answered back with a 7-3 run, capped off by a three-point shot by junior wing Betsy that gave the Lutes a 10-8 advantage.

The Lutes built up a 14-10 lead and then went on a 9-2 run that shaved 7:10 off the clock and increased the lead to eight, 23-15.

The Lutes defense kept the pressure on the Pirates with a full court press.

"We couldn't get out offense set up in time because of the press," Whitworth junior forward Jamie Wakefield said. "By the

time we got to the other end of the court we had 12 seconds to run our plays."

Whitworth closed the gap to three, on a 7-2 run started by a three point play by Wakefield, ending the first half.

Wakefield didn't waste any time in the second half, making a move to the basket and getting fouled in the act of shooting and sinking the shot. Wakefield converted the three-point play and tied the game at 25.

PLU ate up 7 minutes and went on a 8-2 run, in which the only points for Whitworth came from the free throw line. After the run, the Pirates switched from a man-to-man defense to a zone defense to prevent the Lutes from scoring on inbound passes.

"It was game plan to throw the 2-3 trap on them on inbound situations," Whitworth head coach Helen Higgs said. "Last game we played against PLU, they scored eight points against us on inbound passes. Eight points could have been the difference."

Whitworth rallied and took the lead, 34-33, on a layup by senior guard Star Olson. Olson is the starting shooting guard for the Pirates, but the Lutes put sophomore point guard Becky Franza on Olson to keep the ball out of her hands.

Franza said, "Star is a good basketball player. The less she has her hands on the ball the less she has to do with their offense. It was my goal to deny her from touching the ball, and it worked for most of the game."

The Lutes gained possession of the ball with 20.1 seconds left.

Whitworth was forced to foul to conserve time. Iserman missed

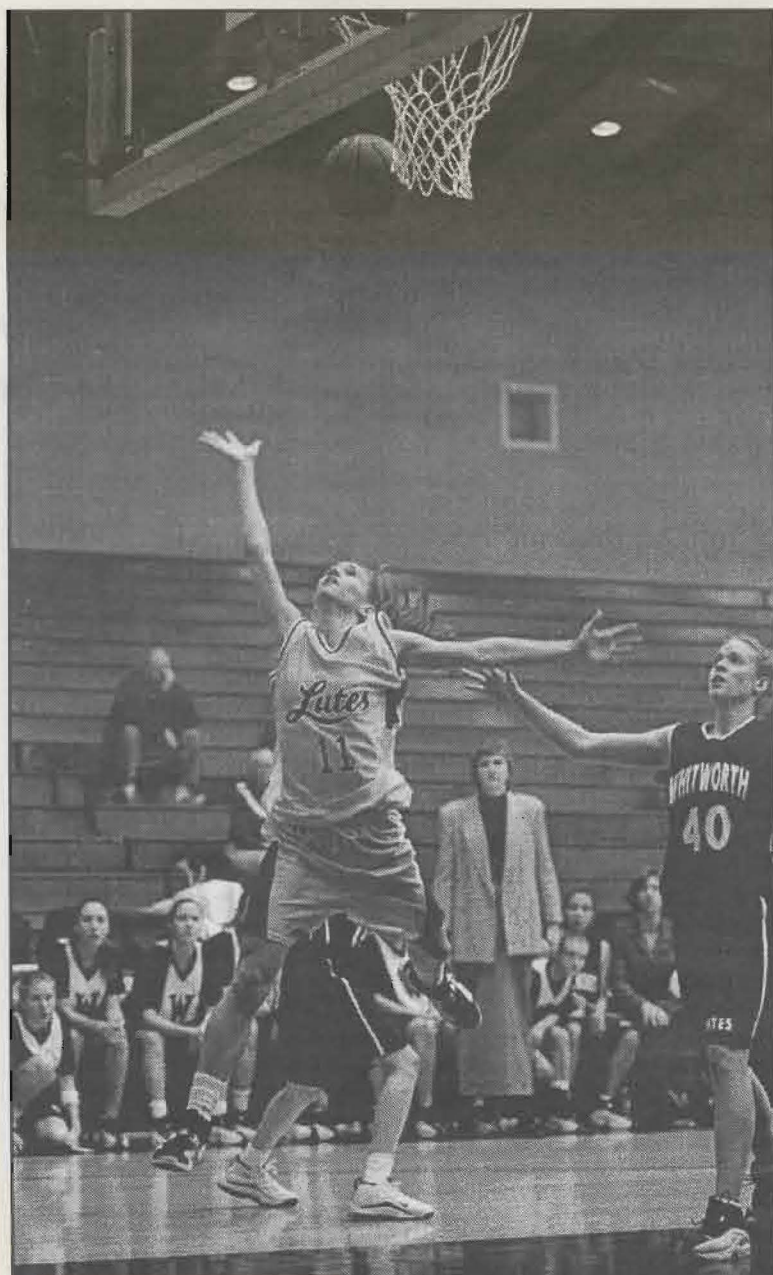
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Photo by Ty Kalberg

(above) Sophomore post Jessica Iserman drives the lane heading for the basket in the Lutes win over Whitworth.

(bottom left) Sophomore point guard Becky Franza lays in the ball with Whitworth's Jamie Wakefield (40) watching on.



## I'll admit it, I stunk at sports

### Shooting the Breeze Eva Warrick

After all these years, I have finally reconciled myself to say it—I stunk at sports. When people ask, I always tell them that I was a mediocre softball player, an enthusiastic soccer player and a promising volleyball player. The truth is, I just wasn't coordinated.

I was an athlete at heart, but I couldn't figure out why my body didn't clue in to my heart and do what it was supposed to do. In grade school, I would have given my left arm to play sports and be part of "the team."

Come to think of it, I probably would have performed better in the absence of my left arm; I considered it a handicap I had to bear. Being left-handed among a bevy of right-handed, spunky, wiry young girls was never easy. I was the only freak on the girl's softball team who had to bat left-handed.

I suppose I must have taken into great consideration what all the other kids would think. There was a dynasty of PTA mothers with perfect homes and perfect kids who were perfect little athletes that seemed to influence the general attitude of the school.

They were present at all of the games, coagulating in their exclusive little gossip circles and toting coolers of Capris-sun and oranges.

What I really wanted was to be a part of a team and actually contribute. I hated it when my softball team won games. Everyone would cheer and congratulate each other and I would just stand there feeling inconsequential and small. What I loved about sports was the camaraderie.

In high school, my physical awkwardness seemed to have subsided and I no longer cursed my left arm. Contact sports were a thing of the past as I took up cross-country and tennis.

I missed the interaction and engagement of a team during competition. I still had friends and coaches, but it was not the same. There was no one to receive a volleyball pass, no one to field the softball after I dropped it and no one to steal the soccer ball from me. I had been thrust into the tortures of individual competition against my will.

And yet the more I thought about it, the more I realized what

I truly enjoy about sports. It was not about gossipy old mothers who bragged that their daughters were star pitchers on the softball team. It was not about impressing the coaches.

In individual sports, I was competing against myself. If I knew I had had a terrific performance, nothing anyone said could change that. Knowing that I had reached my physical limits became more rewarding than any sparkling grin or congratulatory slap on the back.

While I missed the camaraderie of a team, I came to realize that I did not need a team to support me in order to accomplish my goals. I never again thought of my performance as inconsequential. To run and work out for my own benefit now means more to me than serving the purposes of a competitive team.

Furthermore, I have come to the conclusion that my left arm was never intended to throw a ball, but to sketch and write. I now hold my left hand sacred for these purposes only.

## Men's Lacrosse starts season 3-0

BY ANDREW BENTZ  
Mast co-sports editor

The Lute men's lacrosse team has started its season strong, defeating two NCAA Division I teams and a NCAA Division II team. Lacrosse is a club sport as opposed to a varsity sport at Pacific Lutheran University.

### PLU 10, Western Washington 9

The Lutes faced the Vikings of Western Washington on Feb. 20 and with 2 minutes left in the game, senior midfielder Luke Balash scored the game winning goal that gave the Lutes their third win of the season.

Western jumped out to an early lead and led by two at the half, 6-4. PLU scored three goals early in the third quarter and took a 7-6 lead. The teams switched leads back and forth until Balash's goal.

PLU senior goalie Herb Lehman notched 20 saves in the

game. The offensive strength in the game came in the form of senior midfielder Billy Tackett, who scored four goals and Balash, who had three.

### PLU 12, University of Oregon 11 (OT)

In its second overtime win of the season, the Lute men's lacrosse team defeated the NCAA Division I University of Oregon Ducks with a goal in the overtime period by freshman forward Levi Diggs. This was Diggs' first goal as a member of the PLU lacrosse team.

The Ducks led by four heading into the second half, 6-2. In the third quarter, the Lute offense generated five goals while holding the University of Oregon to one, tying the game at seven heading into the fourth quarter.

The Ducks had a 11-10 lead late in the game when Tackett scored a goal that sent the game into overtime, where Diggs' goal

gave the Lutes the victory.

Tackett led the Lutes in scoring with four goals, sophomore forward Aaron Henderson notched three goals and junior midfielder Chris Johnson added two.

### PLU 10, Oregon State 9 (OT)

The Lutes' first game of the season was Feb. 12 against Oregon State. In the overtime period Johnson fired the game winning shot and handed PLU its first win of the season.

The Lutes were down 9-7 with 1:30 left in regulation when sophomore forward Kyle Berggren scored, pulling PLU to within one. Tackett then scored to send the Lutes into overtime, where Johnson scored the game winner.

Sophomore goalie Dave Hodgkins notched 15 saves in the win. Henderson led PLU in scoring with four goals. Teammate Tackett chipped in three goals and Johnson added two.

The Lutes face Washington State University in Pullman tomorrow at 1 p.m. and Whitman on Sunday in Walla Walla at noon.

## Track and Field starts season with NWC relays

BY TIM KELLY  
Mast intern

The track and field team had to battle mother nature last weekend as they began their 2000 season at the Northwest Conference relays at George Fox University.

On a day full of wind and rain, the men and women's track teams competed well against northwest conference opponents in a non-scoring meet.

After redshirting last year, sophomore Ryan Dirks led the lutes with two first place finishes. Dirks won the discus with a throw of 138 feet 1 inch and set a new meet record in the hammer with a toss of 175 feet.

"It was rewarding to know I could do my best, since I haven't competed in conference for a year," Dirks said.

Dirks said his goal was only to throw the hammer harder each time. His third throw was actually farther than his record setting throw but a foot fault disqualified the attempt.

Dirks will be the lone PLU representative on March 10 and 11 at the Indoor Nationals in

Bloomington, Ill. as the second seed in the men's hammer throw.

For the women's side, the four by 100-meter relay team also won their first race of the year with a time of 50.82 seconds. The team consisted of seniors Sarah Axley, and Amy Friedrich, and sophomores Becca Ehli, and Jill Wilmovsky. Axley was happy about how the inaugural race went.

"I think it is a very good time for us (50.82) because Amy (Friedrich) hasn't run a four by 100-meter since high school and Jill (Wilmovsky) has never ran a four by 100-meter," Axley said.

Other top performers for the day included senior Shipley Ennis, who finished second in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 15.84 seconds and junior Lisa Lindsay, who finished fourth in the 3000-meter run with 11:29.6.

Most of the team will travel to the University of Washington Invitational tomorrow and then come home to compete in the Salzman Invitational on March 11.

## PLU Men's Lacrosse - March games

March 4 - @ Washington State University  
1 p.m.

March 5 - @ Whitman  
Noon

March 12 - @ Lewis & Clark  
Noon

March 25 - @ Gonzaga  
1 p.m.

### Lutes place eighth; Cypher takes third

## Wrestlers return from Great Lakes

BY JASON ANSPACH  
Mast intern

Pacific Lutheran University tied for eighth place with Lakeland College Wisc. at the Great Lakes Regional wrestling tournament last Saturday at Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Ill.

The Lutes tallied 39 points at

the tournament, 107 points behind Pacific University of Forest Grove, Ore., who won their second straight regional event.

Senior Mark Cypher, the tournament's defending champion, held the best overall placing for the Lutes, taking third in the 184 pound category. Cypher was seeded fourth this year and

reached the semifinals before losing a 4-1 decision to the No. 1 seed, Andy Kazik of Lawrence University in Wisconsin.

Juniors Abe Porter (174) and Jason Bennie (197) both took fifth in their weight classes. Junior Tom Brown placed sixth at 149. Eli Porter lost twice at 165 while junior Rob Shipp was 1-2 at 285.

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## Lutes defeat Boxers, Pioneers; become co-NWC champions

BY ANDREW BENTZ  
Mast co-sports editor

With wins over Lewis & Clark and Pacific, the Lutes became the Northwest Conference co-champions with George Fox University.

This is the third consecutive season that the Lutes have worn the NWC crown. Both PLU and George Fox ended the season with a 14-2 conference record. The Lutes and the Bruins share the crown, despite the fact that George Fox swept the two game season series against the Lutes.

### PLU 57, Pacific 56

With five seconds remaining in the game, sophomore Jessica Iserman sank 1-of-2 free throws, giving the Lutes the lead which they held on to for the win.

With 4:22 left in the first half, the Boxers led 27-10. The Lutes rallied and went on an 8-0 run led by senior post Tara Millet, who scored five of the eight points during the run. At the end of the half, Pacific maintained a 27-25 lead.

The Boxers held the lead until a jump shot by sophomore guard Jamie Keatts gave the Lutes a 47-46 lead with 5:58 left in the game.

Both teams traded leads until Iserman's game winning free throw. Pacific attempted a long three-point attempt but the shot rimmed out and the Lutes claimed the victory.

Sophomore point guard Becky Franza fouled out after playing 22 minutes.

### Women's Basketball

Millet led all scorers with 18 points. She also grabbed

nine rebounds, two assists, and blocked two shots. Junior guard Lucy Barker added 12 points and five rebounds.

Pacific's Lesley Upham scored 15 points, Michele Fresvik added 14, and Margot Patula scored 11 points and grabbed 11 rebounds.

### PLU 71, Lewis & Clark 35

The Lutes more than doubled the Pioneers' score as PLU won its thirteenth conference game of the season on the road in Portland, Ore.

Lewis and Clark took an early 6-0 lead but were held to only three more baskets from the field for rest of the first half. The Lutes led 29-16 at the end of the first

half.

The second half saw PLU's defense allow only 19 points from the Pioneers, as the Lute offense shot 60 percent (20-of-33) from the field scoring 42 points.

PLU out rebounded Lewis and Clark 51-30 with all twelve Lutes on the roster grabbing at least one rebound.

Millet scored 12 points, grabbed nine rebounds and three steals, while Iserman also scored 12 points, grabbed six rebounds, notched two assists and blocked two shots.

### End of Season Statistics

At the end of the regular season, Millet led the Lutes in scoring and rebounding with 12.4 points per game (PPG) and 7.9 rebounds per game (RPG).

Franza led the Lutes in assists and minutes played with 3.8 assists per game and 29.2 minutes per game. Franza was second on the team in scoring with 8.9 PPG.

Millet and Franza were both named to the 1999-2000 All-NWC first team after their performances this season.

Millet was the NWC Most Valuable Player last season and this year came in second in voting behind this year's MVP Katie Greller of George Fox.

## Tennis teams win at Puget Sound and Seattle University

BY KATHRYN WOOD  
Mast co-sports editor

The Lute tennis teams started its season last weekend by sweeping the matches against University of Puget Sound and Seattle University.

The men's tennis team faced off against UPS on Friday and Seattle U. on Saturday, winning 5-2 and 7-0, respectively. Senior Clayton Harris and sophomore Peter Lunoe won both of their singles matches. Harris played No. 1 against Puget Sound and No. 2 against Seattle U., and Lunoe played No. 3 for both matches.

In doubles, Harris and Lunoe at No. 1 and senior Hao Nguyen and sophomore Tyler Imig at No. 2, won both of their matches. The Lutes stand at 1-0 in Northwest

Conference action as a result of the victory over Puget Sound.

The women just pulled off the win against Seattle U. on Feb. 26, 4-3.

"We won by the skin of our teeth," said head coach Sue Schoettler.

The victory came from the one team point that the Lutes gained by winning two of the three doubles matches, which broke the 3-3 tie in the six singles matches. Senior Shayna Cusack at No. 4, junior Kirstin Rorvik at No. 5 and sophomore Heidi Ruud at No. 6 all pulled off singles wins.

Rorvik and Ruud also won the No. 3 doubles match for the Lutes, as did the No. 2 team of junior Whitney Freed and Cusack

### PLU Tennis Next Matches:

Men: March 11 \*Whitworth @ PLU  
March 15 \*Whitman @ PLU

Women: March 10 \*PLU @ Whitworth  
March 11 \*PLU @ Whitman

\*conference matches

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## Letters

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I would like to congratulate and commend the efforts and support of the PLU winter cheerstaff, and the loyal support of the student basketball fans for this year's "Runnin' Lute" basketball team.

The dedication of the cheerstaff and the quality of their performances was a topic of many a discussion, not only by my family of former winter cheerstaff members (we had two), but by friends and other observers.

The support (with class) of the hard-core group of students who followed our season's games was deeply appreciated by all members of our team and coaching staff.

From a coach's view, this year's team was deserving of that support, as well.

Bruce Haroldson  
PLU men's basketball coach

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## 1999-2000 Women's All Northwest Conference Basketball Team

### NWC Player of the Year:

Katie Greller (George Fox, Jr., P, Orange City, Iowa)

### All-NWC First Team:

Tara Millet (Pacific Lutheran, Sr., C, Sequim, Wash.)

Jamie Wakefield (Whitworth, Jr., F, Spokane, Wash.)

Sarah Jensen (Linfield, Sr., C, Tualatin, Ore.)

Becky Franza (Pacific Lutheran, So., PG, Leavenworth, Wash.)

Kelly Bradstreet (Linfield, Sr., F, Vancouver, Wash.)

### All-NWC Second Team:

Nicole Prazeau (George Fox, So., W, Portland, Ore.)

Star Olson (Whitworth, Sr., G, Spokane, Wash.)

Margot Patula (Pacific, Jr., F, Reno, Nev.)

Kelly Sorenson (Willamette, Jr., G, Scappoose, Ore.)

Heather Ludwig (Willamette, Jr., F, Shorewood, Ore.)

### All-NWC Honorable Mention:

Julie Vanni (Puget Sound, So., F, Richland, Wash.)

Becky Thompson (George Fox, So., PG, Colton, Ore.)

Courtney Spellacy (Lewis & Clark, Fr., G, Shoreview, Minn.)

Erin Peterson (Puget Sound, Sr., P, Walla Walla, Wash.)

Emily Stuenkel (Whitworth, Sr., G, Spokane, Wash.)

Tati Gallardo (Whitman, Fr., G, Salem, Ore.)

### Coach of the Year:

Scott Rueck, George Fox

## 1999-2000 Men's All-Northwest Conference Basketball Team

### Player of the Year:

Scott Davis (Lewis & Clark, So., G, Eugene, Ore.)

### First Team All-NWC:

Jason Downey (Willamette, Sr., P, Beaverton, Ore.)

Colin Oriard (Lewis & Clark, Fr., F, Corvallis, Ore.)

Grant Ebright (Linfield, Jr., G, Boise, Idaho)

Jordan Green (George Fox, Jr., W, Cashmere, Wash.)

Conelly Eseman (Pacific, Sr., G, Seattle, Wash.)

### Second Team All-NWC:

Derek Grace (Linfield, Sr., C, Hilo, Hawaii)

Kevin McDaniel (Whitworth, Sr., F, Sultan, Wash.)

Ryan Boyle (Puget Sound, Jr., F, West Linn, Ore.)

Matt Kaiser (Linfield, Sr., F, Clatskanie, Ore.)

Jeremy Vernon (Pacific, Sr., G, McMinnville, Ore.)

### Honorable Mention All-NWC:

Jimmy Hill (Whitman, Sr., G, Kittitas, Wash.)

Tim Kelly (Pacific Lutheran, Sr., G, Reno, Nev.)

Neil Mendez (Pacific Lutheran, Fr., F, Mountlake Terrace, Wash.)

Jeff Auxier (Lewis & Clark, So., G, Sherwood, Ore.)

Todd Meyerding (Lewis & Clark, Sr., G, Medford, Ore.)

Ryan Nelson (Whitworth, Jr., G, Waterville, Wash.)

Treven Vander Ploeg (Pacific Lutheran, So., F, Lynden, Wash.)

### Coach of the Year:

Bob Gaillard, Lewis & Clark

## Lute Scoreboard

Week of Feb. 25 - March 2

### Men's Tennis

Feb. 25 -- \*Puget Sound 5-2, win  
Feb. 26 -- \*Seattle University 7-0, win

### Women's Basketball

March 1 -- \*WHITWORTH 50-46, win

### Women's Tennis

Feb. 26 -- \*Seattle University 5-4, win

### Swimming

Feb. 17-19 -- NWC meet  
Women - 5th  
Men - 5th

### Wrestling

Feb. 19 -- Great Lakes Regional eighth place

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

\*Northwest Conference Matches

## Sports On Tap

Week of March 4 - 10

### Baseball

March 3-5 -- Lute Invitational TBA

### Softball

March 3-5 -- Central Washington Tourn. TBA  
March 8 -- \*CONCORDIA (DH) 2 p.m.

### Track & Field

March 4 -- Washington Invitational 10 a.m.

### Women's Basketball

March 4 -- St. Thomas (Minn.) 1 p.m.

### Women's Tennis

March 3 -- \*Puget Sound 3:30 p.m.  
March 10 -- \*Whitman 3 p.m.

HOME GAMES IN BOLD CAPS

\*Northwest Conference Matches

## Softball starts season in No. 1

BY ANDREW BENTZ  
Mast co-sports editor

The Pacific Lutheran softball team has been ranked No. 1 in the 2000 preseason coaches poll.

Six coaches who voted in the poll, chose PLU to repeat as conference champions.

The University of Puget Sound, who placed second last season in conference play, has been picked to finish second. Linfield, Willamette, and Pacific round out the top five spots.

In the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top 25 preseason poll, the Lute softball squad was ranked 11 in NCAA Division III.

Last spring, the PLU softball team amassed a record of 39-6 and a berth to the NCAA Division III regional tournament.

This season, the Lutes lost two players to graduation and have the core of its starters from last year.

Returning this season are sophomores Irene Bryant, Shannon Fritzke, Cherstin Johnson, Melissa Korb, and Amy McGlinchy. Also returning are junior McKenna Dotson and seniors Mandy Flores and Tharen Michael.

Last year the Lutes' 39-6 record set a new PLU single-season

record. PLU was undefeated in conference and won its twelfth conference title in the past 13 years. Michael was named the Northwest Conference (NWC) player of the year and head coach Rick Noren was named coach of the year.

Michael set two Lute records last season in most home runs in a season (10) and most total bases (110). Flores established a new record for runs (50). Korb amassed a 21-2 pitching record, the best winning percentage (.913) in the history of PLU softball. She also added her name to the record of strikeouts, averaging 9.9 per seven inning game.

With their performance in the regional tournament, Michael, Korb, and Fritzke were all named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-West first team. Flores was named to the NFCA third team.

The Lutes gained some national recognition last season by setting the NCAA Division III records in doubles (101) and total bases (680).

PLU also ranked second in NCAA Division III with 2.24 doubles per game average and fifth in NCAA Division III in home run average, .80 home runs per game.

The Lutes lost second baseman

Salena Goudreault and outfielder Carli Rasmussen to graduation last May.

Last season Goudreault was a NWC honorable mention, batting .354 with four home runs and 32 RBIs. Rasmussen was a two-time All-NWC outfielder, batting .400 with four home runs, 14 doubles, and 31 RBIs. With her performance in last season's NCAA Division III tournament, Rasmussen was also named to the NFCA All-West third team.

New players to the Lute squad this season include freshmen Jessica Baca, Jenny Ferries, Alicia Guerrero, and Jamie Schuur.

Baca is from Tome, N.M. and is a multi purpose player who pitches and plays both infield and outfield. Ferries, from Billings, Mont., and Guerrero, from Bremerton, Wash., also both play the infield and outfield. Schuur is from Puyallup, Wash. and is an outfield player.

PLU opens its season with the Central Washington Tournament in Richland, Wash. The Lutes will face conference opponents George Fox, Puget Sound, Whitworth, and Linfield in non-conference play.

The first games of the tournament for PLU will be against George Fox at 2 p.m. today and then Puget Sound at 6 p.m.

## Baseball faces U of British Columbia tomorrow

BY JASON ANSPACH  
Mast intern

Baseball head coach Larry Marshall and his team are gearing up for the 2000 season with a degree of excitement and optimism. Racking up 21 wins last season, PLU looks to do just as well this year.

The team has been working

since early January on the fundamentals of baseball: hitting, running, and throwing.

"Our bottom line is to improve the players individually, which in turn improves the team as a whole," said Marshall.

The Lutes have plenty of talented individuals. Marshall said he will look to a core of seniors, including short stop Jay Chennault, to lead the team this season.

Two key transfers from Pierce College will also help the Lutes both offensively and defensively. 6-foot-5 inch, 230 pound, right-handed pitcher Zack Almont will bring fresh talent to this year's squad, along with outfielder Jason Both, who may prove to be a powerful left-handed batter.

Freshmen, third baseman Josh Reiman, second baseman Matt

Simon, and short stop Todd Haberly add much needed depth to the roster.

PLU has had a hit-and-run style team in the past, always looking to put the ball in the gap. Marshall feels that this year's squad will make things happen.

The team possesses more weapons offensively than it has in previous years. Marshall says the team's on-base skills have improved and they are smart base runners. This allows increased stolen bases, better scoring chances, and more headaches for opposing pitchers, Marshall said.

Marshall added that his plan for the season is to "tinker around and see how things pan out."

The PLU baseball team will open its season tomorrow with a home game against the University of British Columbia at noon.

### Whitworth

both free throw attempts and Whitworth sophomore Erica Ewart drained a three-point shot to bring the lead to three with 10.4 seconds left. The Pirates fouled Barker on the inbound pass and she made the free throw that ended Whitworth's hope of a second round appearance.

Millet led all scorers with 15 points. She also grabbed nine rebounds. Iserman added six points and grabbed nine rebounds. Franza notched seven assists, scored five points, grabbed four rebounds, and two steals.

Wakefield led Whitworth with 14 points and grabbed a game high 14 rebounds.

"We expect to make it to the championship game," said Millet. "We were in the national tournament last season, and we know what we need to do this year."



Photo by Josh Miller  
Head coach Gil Rigell gives his team some advice in their first round game against Whitworth.

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## Diversity Week promotes understanding, acceptance

BY ANNE KALUNIAN  
Mast reporter

ASPLU is offering a chance for PLU's campus to explore all areas of life with upcoming Diversity Week, March 6-10.

ASPLU Diversity Director Kate Hardin said, "I think Diversity Week is important because unlike the other diversity programs that are here, having a whole week keeps students focused on diversity and the different types of diversity."

Hardin added that setting aside a whole week really shows the importance of diversity and how valuable a subject it is.

Hardin added that one thing she hopes students will gain from Diversity Week is an understanding of how these issues really affect the PLU community.

"I hope that students hearing their peers talk about these issues will help the PLU community understand the importance of diversity," Hardin said.

ASPLU Vice President Greg Pickett said he also feels strongly about the importance of Diversity Week.

"The higher the level of education society has, the less discrimination and racism exists," Pickett said.

Pickett added that he thinks it

is important to educate people about diversity so society can work towards ending discrimination and racism.

Pickett said that his definition of diversity is broader than just ethnicity and skin color. "I think diversity is a celebration of the

“I hope that students hearing their peers talk about these issues will help the PLU community understand the importance of diversity.”

- Kate Hardin  
ASPLU Diversity Director

differences between human beings. Some of these differences may range from socioeconomic, sexual orientation, what part of the country you are from, racial and ethnic," Pickett said.

The week focuses on topics ranging from sexual orientation to people with disabilities. Hardin said she is excited about the addition of a new theme to

Diversity Week. The request for Human Rights Day came from six PLU students who attended a human rights conference in October.

There are some typical things planned for the week, such as panel discussions and fairs, Hardin said.

Some of the panels Hardin said she would like to highlight are the disabilities forum on Monday, the human rights speaker on Wednesday night and the panel discussion Thursday about what it is like being gay at PLU.

Hardin said that the diverse abilities forum will be a loose conversation where students are welcome to share their thoughts and stories. On Wednesday, a speaker will discuss race related hate crimes.

Thursday's panel discussion on homosexuality at PLU offers four PLU students and one professor, Tom Campbell, the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about being gay.

In addition to the panel discussions and speakers, there will also be new and exciting events. One of the new events planned this year is the wheelchair Sonics. They are coming Monday night to cap off Disabilities Day.

"The Sonics are going to bring some spare wheelchairs and PLU students are going to be playing against them," Hardin said.

## March 6 - 10, 2000

### MONDAY -- DISABILITIES

4:00 p.m. Forum: "PLU's Accommodation of Diverse Abilities"  
UC 208

7:30 p.m. Wheelchair Sonics vs. PLU Students  
Olson Gym

### TUESDAY -- RELIGION

12:00 p.m. "Update on Gay Affirmative Christian Denominations"  
UC 208

4:00 p.m. "Effects of Missionaries in Third World Countries"  
UC Regency Room

7:00 p.m. Movie and Discussion: "Kundun"  
Ingram 100

### WEDNESDAY -- HUMAN RIGHTS

12:00 p.m. "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights"  
UC 210

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Volunteer & Social Action Fair  
UC Hallway

7:30 p.m. Eric Ward of NW Coalition for Human Dignity  
UC CK

### THURSDAY -- GENDER & SEXUALITY

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Health & Sexuality Fair  
UC Hallway

4:00 p.m. "What is it like being gay at PLU?"  
UC 206

7:30 p.m. Rebecca Walker "Changing the Face of Feminism"  
UC CK

### FRIDAY -- CULTURAL CELEBRATION

10:00 a.m. Cultural Celebration Fair & Lunch  
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## Speakers debate validity of creation, evolution theories

BY ELIZABETH JERABEK  
Mast reporter

The Chris Knutson room was the site of heated discussion Feb. 24, when Dr. Duane Gish from the Institute of Creation Research debated against Dr. Richard McGinnis from the PLU biology department on the question of whether "The Theory of Evolution is superior to the Theory of Special Creation as an explanation for the scientific evidence related to origins [of species]."

Gish, as the first speaker, was quick to stir up controversy. Within minutes of beginning his presentation, Gish charged, "Evolution makes a great leap of faith in assuming that related species come from a single common ancestor."

Over the following 45 minutes, he supported his statement by citing evidence for "design and purpose" and by discussing the "lack of evidence in the fossil record." In his presentation, Gish also touched briefly on the discrepancies in the Big Bang Theory as an explanation for the origins of the universe.

To explain the evidence for "design and purpose" inherent in species, Gish used the example of the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a Monarch butterfly. Gish reviewed the different phases of metamorphosis and then reasoned that it was unlikely that all of the mutations required to ac-

count for the larval life cycle in Darwinian evolutionary theory would actually happen.

"Believing in the 'gradual change over time' theory is like believing that a tornado sweeping through a junkyard will magically assemble a typewriter," said Gish.

Also a part of Gish's "design and purpose" argument was the embryonic recapitulation theory. The theory is not popular in biology, but at the beginning of the 20th century, scientists believed that mammalian embryonic stages mimicked evolutionary phases and developments.

Gish dismissed the theory as "completely fraudulent" saying, "It is amazing what unbelievers have to believe in order to be unbelievers. It's unbelievable."

In the second half of his presentation, Gish reviewed various proposed species in hominid evolution and discussed how many of the early ones were fakes.

Continuing this idea of deception, Gish began the conclusion of his arguments with the statement, "The Darwinian philosophy of gradual change over time is one of the greatest deceptions in the history of science."

McGinnis, as an introduction to his arguments, encouraged the audience to be skeptical of all theories and to "seek the evidence for themselves." With that said, he then listed numerous reasons, backed by scientific evidence, why evolution is a sound and

logical explanation.

He challenged the literal interpretation of the book of Genesis in the Bible, justified evolution in relation to entropy, reinforced the validity of natural selection, and rebutted Gish on the point of intermediary forms of species in the fossil record.

While McGinnis did not strongly object to the progressive creationist view, that God initiated the process but did not actively take part in the development of life, he did not accept the literal translation of Genesis.

He accused proponents of the literal representation of "adjusting the facts to fit the story." He then highlighted disparities between the timeline of creation as recorded in Genesis with the sequence of events as it has been determined by science.

In open disagreement with Gish, McGinnis said, "Natural selection is not a random process, but an ordering process." He went on to emphasize and reaffirm natural selection by defining it as an ordering system. He also noted that natural selection only acts on existing variation.

A third speaker for the philosophy department, Dr. Keith Cooper, also spoke as a last minute addition. In his words, he was "the third leg on the stool, providing some stability." Cooper provided context and explanation of the previous two speakers by asserting the interrelatedness of philosophy, science, and religion.

## PLU junior may help cut costs for state through legislative internship work

BY ERIC RUTHERFORD  
Mast capitol bureau

OLYMPIA — Rep. John Lovick said it's possible that PLU junior Michael Eklund-Grayum could save the state a considerable chunk of money through his research on vehicle licenses.

Eklund-Grayum is an intern for the Office of Program Research in the state House of Representatives, and Lovick, D-Mill Creek, has him researching the idea of having vehicle owners buy \$60 license tabs once every two years as opposed to the \$30 yearly fee established by Initiative 695. It could reduce the number of trips to licensing agencies and paperwork involved with buying vehicle tabs.

"I think we could save several hundreds of thousands of dollars if we could turn the research he's working on now into a bill," Lovick said. The proposal would be introduced during the 2001 session at the earliest, he said.

Eklund-Grayum is gathering information for Lovick on topics ranging from drunk driving laws to dental health this legislative session, which is scheduled to end March 9.

Lovick spoke highly of

Eklund-Grayum, and said he could see him successfully running for the House himself someday, but hopefully not soon.

On his own election bid, Lovick claimed it is with no arro-

“I think we could save several hundred dollars if we turn [Eklund's] research he's working on now into a bill.”

- Rep. John Lovick

gance that he knows he is going to be re-elected to the House this year. But he hedged his bets on his own chances if Eklund-Grayum were to run. They are from the same district.

"I just hope it's not next year, because I don't want him to run against me," Lovick said. Eklund-Grayum said he may run for office as a Democrat in the future.

Lovick was coaching football

at Heatherwood Middle School in Mill Creek when he first met Eklund-Grayum. He remembered him as a very disciplined boy who always addressed him as "sir" on the football field. He later played football at Cascade High School and then at PLU as a freshman.

"Second to PLU football, the Washington State Legislature is the best experience of teamwork that I've ever been a part of. And I say this because no one here is independent," he said.

Being a good listener and being objective are two skills a person needs to succeed in Olympia, Eklund-Grayum said.

"Ask questions that are central and specific to the issue and not your personal agenda and perspective," he said.

Communication Prof. Edward Inch, said Olympia politicians could learn something from Eklund-Grayum's inquisitive nature.

"I think Michael knows what questions to ask, and politicians sometimes view question-asking as weakness, and they want to appear that they have a direct vision of the world around them," he said.

Eklund-Grayum is studying business administration and public relations at PLU.

### Today in the Legislature:

The House of Representatives is planning to recognize the PLU football team with a resolution today for winning the Division III National Championship.

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The audio of the debate will also be available on the Web at [www.tvw.org](http://www.tvw.org).

The text of House Resolution 4752 is available on the Web at [www.leg.wa.gov](http://www.leg.wa.gov).

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Two of the officers, Sean Carroll, 36, and Edward McMellon, 27, stepped out of the unmarked patrol car to confront Diallo. According to the police testimony, they identified themselves as police officers and instructed Diallo to freeze with his hands in sight. They then said that Diallo darted into the building, reached into his pocket, and produced a dark object. Thinking that the object was a gun, the two officers began shooting while backing away from the building. Some of the police bullets ricocheted off of buildings, giving the cops the impression that they were being fired upon. In addition, while McMellon was backing up, he tripped, making the other officers believe that he had been shot. Both McMellon and Carroll emptied their clips, firing 16 shots each, while the other two officers in the car fired nine more shots combined.

The officers fired a total of 41 bullets, 19 of which hit Diallo. A pathologist at the trial claimed that an analysis of the wounds suggested that the officers continued firing even after Diallo was down.

To further complicate the situation, after the firing had ceased, the officers discovered that the object in Diallo's hand was not a gun, but his wallet. In addition,

they found that the building Diallo was entering was his home and that he had every right to be there.

Despite these facts, a racially mixed jury in Albany, NY found the officers not guilty on all counts last week. Under the law, they were justified in firing upon Diallo because they believed he was armed. In addition, the officers convinced the jury that they felt sincere remorse over the situation. When the officers found that Diallo was not armed, Carroll immediately began performing CPR, saying, "Don't die! Don't die!" As he recalled the situation at the trial, he broke down crying on the stand.

The verdict continued to cause controversy in New York and throughout the nation, however, because all four officers were white, while Diallo was black. Prosecutors claimed that the officers never even considered the fact that Diallo could be an innocent civilian.

The case has become a national symbol for the schism between whites and African-Americans throughout the country, as well as a trigger for investigation into police tactics. A recent study by New York's attorney general concluded that blacks and Hispanics are more likely to be stopped by police than whites. In addition, in recent years, more than 200 cops nationwide have been convicted of civil rights violations.

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Lord said she favors Bradley because he has a "sense of integrity." Bradley finds what is best for the American public, she said, and he doesn't deceive voters by telling them what they want to hear. Voters want honesty and tax cuts, she said. "There's so much more to the presidency than just tax cuts and fidelity."

Although Bradley doesn't have the political experience of some of the other candidates, Lord said she isn't concerned. "I don't think you need to spend your whole life being primed into this political situation." She said this green politician could be "refreshing."

In contrast to Lord's democratic vote, Junior Don Trail said he favored McCain, but he said he was happy the primary's results. He said he liked McCain's politic stanzas, especially the iron triangle, one of McCain's big agenda. "I don't like the fact that special interest groups have such a power and sway in Congress," Trail said.

Not only did Trail acknowledge McCain's political views, but he said McCain's involvement in the military would act as an advantage. Given Clinton's previous decision making about

military deployment, Trail said he thought McCain would make more intelligent decisions than Clinton about sending in troops to foreign countries. "Our armed forces would respect him a lot more."

According to the Tacoma News Tribune, Democrats from 16 states will vote in their primary elections. Next week, voters from 13 states will hold caucuses or primaries.

Although opinions may be shared, more primary decisions are to be made. Voters from 13 states will hold caucuses or primaries next week.

Caucuses narrow down the candidates, Charlotte Ottavelli said, program coordinator of elections division. At these caucuses, national party members choose their delegates from each precinct to represent them.

The Republican party will have access to 37 delegates and the Democratic party will allow 94 delegates. Selected delegates will then attend the state conventions and vote for their assigned candidate.

In disagreement with this election process, Lord said she found the system frustrating because voters don't have much of a voice. She said she encourages voters to find out what their leaders' support.

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