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## January seen through photojournalism students' eyes



Students enrolled in the J-term photojournalism class submitted their best work achieved last month. Clockwise from top left: The Oscar Meyer Wienermobile provokes a variety of reactions Jan. 13 in front of the Puyallup Top Food & Drug (Chelsea Gorrow). A portrait of first-year Pflugger resident Angie Melvard (Kim Dixon). A "water over roadway" sign alerts drivers of danger on 125th Avenue. Heavy rainfall in January caused flooding in the Parkland area (Stephanie Mathieu). Senior Eric Faris screams Jan. 10 into the mic for the crowd during the "PLU Idol" event as technicians Ben Johnson and Matt Anderson look on (Tyler Pugh); for more information, see page 11. Zondra Hernandez, 5, runs up and down the steps in the rain at a park in downtown Tacoma (Gretchen Kurz). Center: Charlie (last name withheld) and his daughter Lauren, 3, watch fireworks over Leavenworth, Wash., Jan 13, marking the end of the Icicle Festival (Jessica Luppino).



STATE, NATION, WORLD BRIEFINGS

# Local to Global news



Bela Szandelszky/AP Photo

**Poland mandates that roofs be cleared of snow and ice as death toll from collapse rises:** Polish authorities ordered the clearing of snow and ice from the roofs of hundreds of buildings, as the death toll from the collapse of an exhibition hall in southern Poland rose to 64 after search dogs found two more bodies Tuesday. The rescue dogs detected the bodies during a final sweep conducted before a planned removal of the wreckage, said Krzysztof Mejer, a spokesman for the regional government. An estimated 500 people were in the hall for a pigeon-racing exhibition when the roof caved in Saturday, apparently crushed by the weight of the heavy, icy snow. Some 160 people were injured, 82 of whom remained hospitalized Tuesday, Mejer said. Interior Minister Ludwik Dorn said authorities were looking into several newspapers' allegations that the roof of the 6-year-old building had caved in during an event in 2002. The allegations were made by former employees of the company that had organized the fair.

**Level-3 sex offender moves to 136th Street South:** PLU Campus Safety received notification from the Pierce County Sheriff's Department that a registered level-3 sex offender moved to the Parkland area, at the 900 block of 136th Street South. James Clark Brown, 55, was convicted of two counts of second-degree sodomy in 1986. He participated in a sex offender treatment program while incarcerated in Oregon and, according to records, is currently participating in community-based sex offender treatment. *Information courtesy of PLU Campus Safety.*

**'Operation Ben Franklin' leads to 38 arrests:** Law enforcement officers have arrested 38 people in Richland, Wash., as part of a methamphetamine trafficking sting across Benton and Franklin counties in southeastern Washington. In "Operation Ben Franklin," officers began conducting undercover meth buys from 22 drug houses and individuals the week of Jan. 15. Officers began arresting individuals Wednesday, Jan. 25, and completed the arrests the following day, according to a statement from the U.S. Department of Justice. The bust resulted in 38 arrests, the execution of 23 search warrants, and the seizure of methamphetamine, marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, oxycodone, 10 vehicles, eight weapons and approximately \$10,000. Other agency participants in the bust included: the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement; the Prosser Police Department; and local drug enforcement officials. Charges will be filed by the Benton and Franklin county prosecutor's offices and the U.S. attorney's office in eastern Washington. Charges could include drug possession and drug possession with intent to distribute, as well as other drug, weapon and immigration violations, the release said.

**ABC says farewell to NFL at Super Bowl:** This time, it really is time to turn out the stadium lights at ABC. Announcers Al Michaels and John Madden hope the game they call is so great that there won't be much time to say goodbye. Six weeks after ABC's much-ballyhooed final broadcast of "Monday Night Football," the network will telecast its final NFL game - at least for the foreseeable future - on Super Bowl Sunday. The network is hoping for the kind of goodbye NBC was afforded in 1998 when Dick Enberg, Phil Simms and Paul Maguire called the Green Bay-Denver Super Bowl for what was, at the time, that network's final broadcast after a three-decade-plus history with the NFL and AFL.

**Alito wins Supreme Court confirmation:** Samuel Alito took his place on the Supreme Court Tuesday after winning Senatorial confirmation. It was a personal triumph for the son of an Italian immigrant, and a political milestone in President Bush's campaign to give the judiciary a more conservative cast. The 58-42 Senate vote lay largely along party lines when Democrats registered overwhelming opposition to Bush's choice to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, whose rulings have helped uphold abortion rights, affirmative action and other legal precedents of the past 50 years.

**Coretta Scott King dies at 78:** Coretta Scott King, who worked with grace and serenity to keep her husband's dream alive and became a powerful symbol of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s creed of brotherhood and nonviolence, died Tuesday. She was 78. Known as the "first lady of the civil rights movement," she died in her sleep during the night at an alternative medicine clinic in Mexico, her family said. Arrangements are in order to fly her body back to Atlanta.

**Activist Cindy Sheehan arrested at Capitol:** Cindy Sheehan, the mother of a fallen soldier in Iraq who reinvigorated the anti-war movement, was arrested and removed from the House gallery Tuesday night just before Presi-

dent Bush's State of the Union address, a police spokeswoman said. Sheehan, who was invited to attend the speech by Rep. Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif., was charged with demonstrating in the Capitol building, Capitol Police Sgt. Kimberly Schneider said. The charge was later changed to unlawful conduct, Schneider said. Both charges are misdemeanors.

**Bush says U.S. must become free of Middle East oil:** A politically weakened President Bush declared Tuesday night that America must break its long-term dependence on Middle East oil, and rebuked critics of his stay-the-course strategy for the unpopular war in Iraq. "America is addicted to oil, which is often imported from unstable parts of the world," Bush said as he sought to drive the election-year agenda in his annual State of the Union address.

**Kidnapped U.S. journalist appears in video:** U.S. journalist Jill Carroll appeared on a new videotape aired Monday by Al-Jazeera. The Arab television station said she appealed for the release of all Iraqi women prisoners. The video was dated Saturday, two days after the U.S. military released five Iraqi women. Carroll, 28, was crying and wearing a conservative Islamic veil as she spoke to the camera, sitting in front of a yellow and black tapestry. The Al-Jazeera newscaster said she appealed for U.S. and Iraqi authorities to free all women prisoners to help "in winning her release." At one point, Carroll's cracking voice can be heard from behind the newsreader's voice. All that can be heard is Carroll saying, "... hope for the families ..." The U.S. military released the women last Thursday and was believed to be holding approximately six more. It was unclear how many women the Iraqi authorities held captive. Carroll, a freelance reporter for the Christian Science Monitor, was seized Saturday, Jan. 7.

## SAFETY BEAT

Jan. 3:

A student contacted Campus Safety (CSIN) to report that an unknown male had left a message on her voicemail using aggressive and vulgar language. The matter is under investigation.

CSIN observed several guests "toilet-papering" a car that belonged to a friend of theirs while it was parked in the Olson Parking Lot. Contact was made with the three and the toilet paper was cleaned up while the owner was notified.

The automatic intrusion alarm was activated at the Knorr House. After an external check was completed, Pierce County Sheriff's Department assistance was requested in completing an internal check. Nothing was found.

A student reported the theft of her laptop from her room in Foss Hall.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had apparently had a seizure. Central Pierce Fire and Rescue was contacted and transported the student to the hospital.

Jan. 4:

A student reported that an unknown male had called her several times that night. The matter is under investigation.

A student reported the theft of his laptop from Ordal Hall. He was able to provide the description of two possible suspects that match those of the previous theft in Foss Hall.

Jan. 5:

CSIN observed a Persona Non Grata enter the Library. Contact was attempted, but the suspect fled the scene. PCSD made contact with the suspect at home, warning him not to return.

Jan. 7:

CSIN observed the vehicle belonging to a local resident pulling off of the East Campus field. After investigation, it was determined that the resident had run through part of the fence and had done donuts on the field. PCSD was contacted and they issued the suspect a county citation.

A staff member reported the theft of her jacket from Pflueger Hall.

Jan. 8:

The automatic fire alarm was activated at Pflueger Hall. CPFR was contacted and it was determined that the alarm was caused by burned popcorn.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had apparently rolled his ankle during lacrosse practice at East Campus. Ice was applied, and CPFR was not notified.

Jan. 9:

CSIN was contacted by students who reported that the elevator in Tingelstad Hall had dropped a couple of floors and then became stuck between floors. They were able to evacuate the elevator before CSIN arrived. The engineer and elevator company both responded to investigate the problem.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had

injured his ankle while playing basketball. CPFR was contacted, and the student was transported to St. Claire Hospital.

Jan. 10:

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who was feeling dizzy. CPFR was contacted and transported the student to St. Claire Hospital.

A guest reported that a window had been broken out of her vehicle while parked on the Golf Fence Line. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

A student reported that her jacket had been stolen from in front of the UC Commons.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had apparently passed out while dining on Garfield Street. CPFR was contacted, but transport was not necessary.

A local resident reported having received a number of harassing phone calls from on campus over the previous few hours. The matter is under investigation.

Jan. 11:

The Tingelstad front desk worker reported a strange female loitering in the Tingelstad Hall lobby. Contact was made with the woman who appeared confused and lost. She was assisted in contacting her boyfriend and getting transportation home.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who reported having injured her knee while playing soccer. Ice was applied and CPFR was not contacted.

Jan. 14:

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had fallen and possibly hit her head earlier in the day. CPFR was contacted and transported was not required.

CSIN observed two male individuals prowling cars along the Golf Fence Line. PCSD was contacted but was unable to catch the two. Video footage has been provided to PCSD for identification.

Jan. 15:

CSIN was contacted by the Foss desk worker that there were a number of youth running around Foss Hall. The youth were tracked to Mary Baker Russell Hall and the University Center, and eventually PCSD was contacted to assist. The youth were escorted off campus.

### CAMPUS SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK

- 1.) Do not allow strangers into your residence hall. Contact Campus Safety at x7911 if you need assistance or notice suspicious activity.
- 2.) When returning to school after the holidays with the gifts you received, don't leave items in your car and lock your room when you leave.

# Family continues legacy with Morken Center

## 'Excitement' fills the air during Morken Center for Learning and Technology ribbon-cutting ceremony

LAURA ZAICHKIN  
Mast assistant news editor

PLU VIPs were all smiles and cheers Wednesday morning as they cut the gold ribbon on the Morken Center for Learning and Technology, officially unveiling the multi-million-dollar building that has taken more than five years of planning and one year of construction to complete.

"My excitement is about what it means for the students and what it means for the faculty," President Loren Anderson said.

Anderson, Provost James Pence, Vice President of Development and University Relations Ste-

phen Cornils, school deans, members of the Board of Regents and nearly 300 students, faculty, staff and administrators attended the celebration. The event began with a special service during 10:30 a.m. chapel in Lagerquist Concert Hall, followed by a procession to the west side of the Morken Center to complete the grand opening.

Regent and namesake donor Don Morken and his family were present at the event. Morken said it was more Anderson's idea to name the building after the family more than his own.

"I had no burning desire to have my name on the side of a building," he said.

Morken and his wife, Donna, are among the most recent members of the family to contribute to PLU, Anderson said. Don Morken's father was on the Board of Regents for 20 years, and approximately 30 Morken relatives have graduated from the university and made contributions.

"It's a real legacy - the Morken family," Anderson said.

The building will house the School of Business; departments of mathematics and computer science and engineering; the Center for Executive Development; and Math, Engineering and Science Achievement (MESA).

Accounting major Lilly Nguyn



Photo by Brian Bradshaw

Wanda Morken (front) snips the ribbon at the opening ceremony of the Morken Center for Learning and Technology Wednesday while (from left) President Loren Anderson, regent Karen Phillips and the Morken children look on.

began classes in the center before the ceremony occurred. She took advantage of the upstairs seating area during the reception following the ribbon cutting.

"I have three classes in this building - every class," said Nguyn, a junior. "It's cool that everything is new."

Regent and 1955 alumna Kar-

en Phillips said she had already received positive feedback from students about the building's size and features.

"I hope the students enjoy this building and learn a lot so they can lead this world," Phillips said.

The building features computer-equipped classrooms and labs, student and faculty project work-

rooms, seminar and conference rooms, numerous labs, an atrium and a café.

"It's in some ways one of our first buildings designed in the Internet age," Anderson said. "And that's huge."

The Morken Center for Learning and Technology will be formally dedicated May 5.

**"I hope the students enjoy this building and learn a lot so they can lead this world."**

Karen Phillips  
regent



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## Senorita Allison helps children say 'si' to Spanish

KRISTI CLOUGH  
Mast news reporter

When senior Allison Norris, sits in front of more than 20 6-year-olds and tells the children "levante la mano." Little hands shoot up into the air.

But Norris, who teaches Spanish to these kindergartners at Sheridan Elementary School in Tacoma, Wash., is teaching the children much more than just how to raise their hands. She's helping to open their minds to the outside world.

A Spanish major at PLU, Norris spent a semester studying in Spain in 2004. When she returned to the United States, she wanted to share her knowledge of the language and culture by starting a Spanish program at the Tacoma Boys and Girls Club where she worked.

Norris spent her own time developing worksheets and lesson plans, but said it didn't work well.

"There was a big range in their ages," Norris said, "and there were just too many kids for only me to teach."

But later, when a classmate in a Spanish class at PLU asked Norris if she'd be interested in a teaching position at Sheridan, she didn't hesitate to take it.

Sheridan Elementary, a public school in the Tacoma School District, is specially formatted for lan-

guage learning in Spanish, French and Japanese.

Students at Sheridan spend about an hour three days a week learning foreign languages of their parents' choosing. The members of each kindergarten class stay together until fifth grade, when they are expected to be fluent in one of the three languages the school offers.

Senorita Allison, as she is called by her students, teaches 23 kindergartners at Sheridan, a school at which caucasians are a minority. Several students in Norris' class are native Spanish speakers who tend to blurt out answers in their perfect accents.

"I just have to get down to their level," Norris said. "I've really learned how to be inventive on the spot."

On a typical afternoon, Norris and her kindergartners tackle imaginative lesson plans, using songs and games to learn about days of the week, weather, food, colors, shapes, body parts and animals.

"I've realized that teaching is part of my passion," Norris said. "I see the kids learning and actually remembering what I've taught them. It's so fulfilling, and I completely understand why people become teachers."

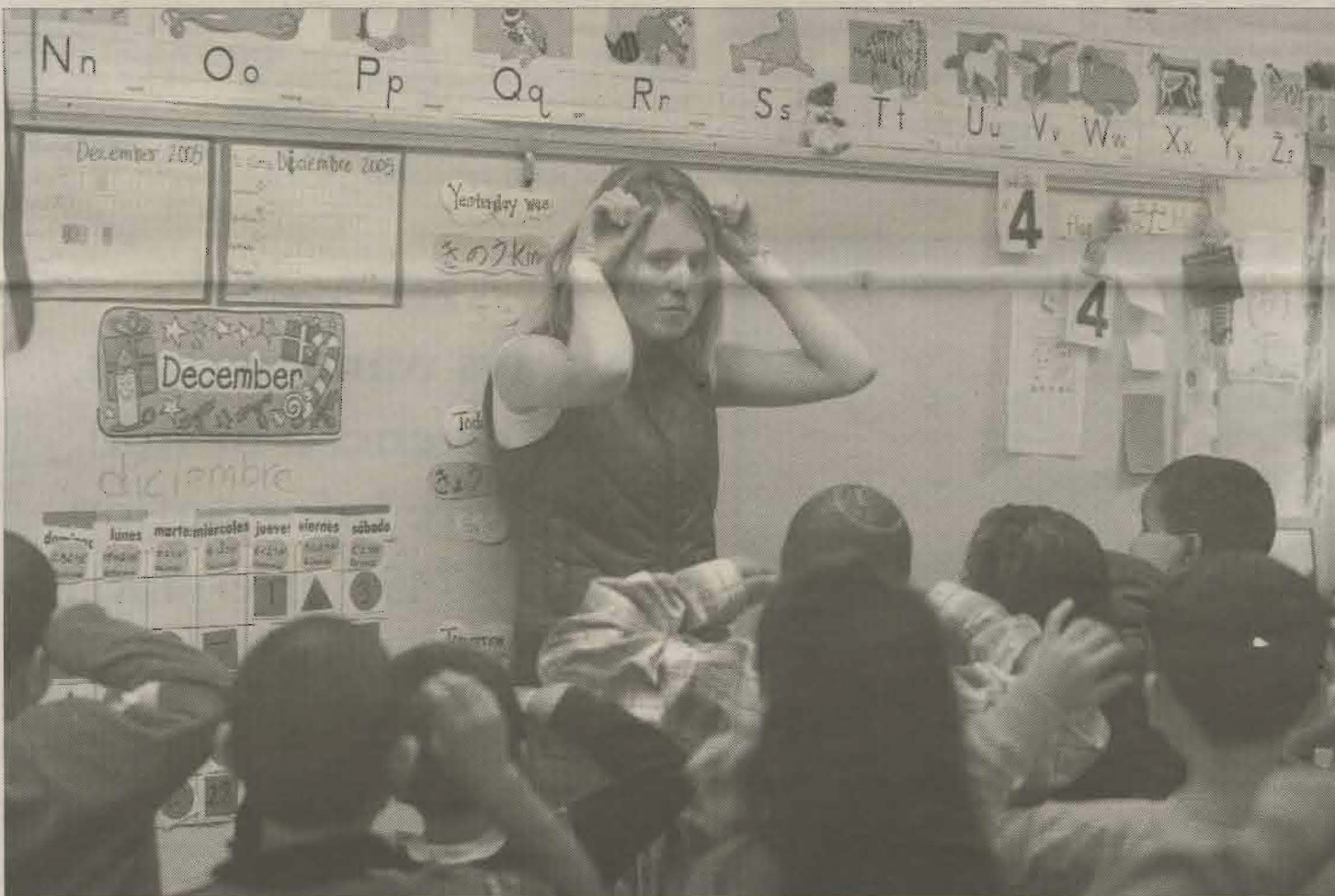
Because of her talents and interests, Norris has become an integral member of two campuses - Sheri-



dan and PLU. Learning about other cultures is a high priority at both institutions, she said. And although the schools are at opposite ends of the age spectrum, Norris finds similarities between the two.

"These kids are learning about other cultures and it is opening their eyes to new per-

spectives," Norris said of the Sheridan students. "PLU does that for us as students, too. But I think it is so important that these kids are getting it at a young age, because it is shaping their perspectives for the rest of their lives."



Photos by Roxanne Cooke

Senior Allison Norris teaches Spanish to a group of kindergartners at Sheridan Elementary School in Tacoma. Norris, a Spanish major, spent a semester studying in Spain and said she wanted to share her knowledge of the language and culture once she returned to the United States.

## Overlooked spring orientation is 'a la carte'

### Student Life administrators attempt to make orientation helpful year-round

ASHEIA BIAS  
Mast news intern

Assistant director of Orientation and Student Involvement Allison Stephens has been gearing up for Spring Orientation since October.

The First-Year Orientation that takes place in September is a high-profile event. What many students don't realize, Stephens said, is that February's lower-profile orientation program requires just as much work and planning.

"The main goal for Spring Ori-

entation is to assist students in the transition periods that are crucial to focusing on education," said Laura Majovski, Vice President of Admission and Student Life.

**"The Orientation is designed for new students, and helps them take care of all the business details of attending college so that they can focus on their education."**

Laura Majovski  
Vice President of Admission and Student Life

In contrast to the weeklong event implemented in the fall, Spring Orientation consists of a longer-term schedule that can accommodate most of the 100 new students at PLU.

Of those students, about one dozen are first-year students and approximately 85 are transfers, Majovski said.

"The Orientation is designed

for new students, and helps them take care of all the business details of attending college so that they can focus on their education," she said.

Spring Orientation consists of twice-per-day panel presentations that deal with money management, academic success, personal support and life outside the classroom. Other events include lunch or dinner in the UC, a campus tour and a basketball game in Olson Auditorium.

"We made the scheduling a la carte, so that each student can pick and choose sessions that meet their needs," Stephens said.

## 2006 J-term sets record

### Globetrotting students explore seven continents

NICOLE RAE  
Mast news reporter

PLU students had the unprecedented opportunity this January term to travel to any of the world's seven continents.

The Wang Center sent 370 students on 25 study-abroad J-term classes, which took place in cities such as Windhoek, Beijing, Sydney, Milan, Lima, Neah Bay and the Antarctic Peninsula. This was the first time students had the opportunity to travel to Antarctica.

PLU is the first U.S. university to offer study-abroad programs on all seven continents at the same time.

"We didn't plan this," PLU President Loren Anderson told The News Tribune. "It just happened as [PLU's international ambitions] developed."

Coincidentally, the U.S. Senate had designated 2006 as the Year of Study Abroad.

"It is fitting and trailblazing for Pacific Lutheran University to be offering January-term programming on all seven continents," said Mary M. Dwyer, president of the Institute for the International Education of Students and commissioner of the Abraham Lincoln Congressional Commission on Study Abroad.

PLU students who did not go abroad this J-term had a chance to read on the Internet what their fellow students were experiencing. A Web blog was available, which allowed the traveling students to post their travel adventures.

The Web blog included journaling from seven of the 25 study-abroad classes: Africa, "Human Rights and Development in Namibia;" Asia, "Business Art and Urban Culture in China;" Australia, "International Media;" Europe, "Economic and Environmental Change in Italy;" South America, "Cultural and Environmental History of the Andes;" North America, "Makah Culture, Past and Present;" and Antarctica, "Journey to the End of the Earth."

Senior Chelsea McCurry wrote in her Web blog about her trip to Beijing, "The weather was lovely with sunshine every day. It was really cold though. We saw all the local sites like The Great Wall, The Forbidden City, the Summer Palace and other places too. The meeting we had at the U.S. Embassy was very interesting."

Susan Mann, a Wang Center staff member, posted in her journal after her trip to Antarctica that she was, "grateful for our shared time away together and equally grateful for our safe return home. After weeks of very colorful surroundings, all here in Puget Sound seems gray."

There will be information about future J-term study abroad options available at the study abroad fair, which will take place March 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the UC lobby.

To read more student Web blogs, see pages 8 and 9.

**Share your story ideas with us! Call x7493 or e-mail mastnews@plu.edu.**

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Clockwise from top left: PLU students participate in a snowshoe hike at Mount Rainier Jan. 7 (Karina Damaoglu). Ballet dancer Katheryn Fleming performs "Summertime" Jan. 16 for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration at the Tacoma Dome (Roxanne Cooke). Sophomore Chris Lyttle returns to his room in Tingelstad Hall Jan. 12 after a game of rugby (Allie Moore). Congressman Adam Smith's daughter, Kendal, stands on-stage at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration (Jenna Steffenson). LaNita Hudson talks with young audience member Anthony Thomas during the closing ceremonies for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration at the Tacoma Dome (Sarah Ann Baldwin). Sophomore Garrett Breibarth studies in an empty hallway in Kriedler Hall (Kara Corliss).

Editor's Note: To view more photos see the exhibit in Ingram Hall outside room 115-B.

From the editor

Politics from an antipodean perspective

A new semester has begun, as evidenced by faces freshly tanned from J-terms spent in the Caribbean, Australia, and Africa. It's time now to settle back in, pore over syllabi, and, of course, suffer through the customary computer glitches attendant to the beginning of a new term.

*The Mast* is not immune to the start-of-semester ritual of reconfiguring IP addresses, checking network connections, and head scratching while staring at a blank screen. Thankfully, we have the expert help of one Mr. Chris Gray from Information and Technology Services, but we are luckier than most students, who sometimes have to wait days as overwhelmed computer techs travel all over campus, fixing glitches great and small.

As I write this, about half of the computers used by the staff of *The Mast* have Internet capabilities. Several of our computers don't work at all. It almost reached the point of making a decision whether to publish a newspaper this week, but ignoring our computer problems won't make them go away. We'd still have to face our technological issues eventually, so we might as well forge ahead.

In times of technological crisis, it often seems as though our gadgets have conspired against us, malevolently plotting ways to ruin our lives, hitting us where and when it seems to hurt us most: in our e-mail inboxes, in our half-finished midterm papers, in our music libraries. We find ourselves fighting a war against our computers.

Tuesday night, President Bush delivered his sixth State of the Union address. His statements regarding Iraq came to mind as I wondered how to solve our computer problems at *The Mast*. Ignoring the terrorists won't make them go away. There is no honor in retreat. America will stand strong, and America will win.

As I listened to the President's address, I was distressed by this notion of "us" versus "them." The President seemed to suggest that unless a person supports the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, that person was not a "true" American—if you're not with us, you're with the terrorists.

I make no secret of the fact that I think polarization—"us" versus "them"—is like acid thrown on the fabric of society. We see it all the time. Look at our political parties, ruled mainly by two opposing sides that have rarely agreed in more than a century. Sure, we have the Green Party, the Libertarians, and a slew of other independent political parties, but they have failed to capture the loyalties of most United States citizens. Politically, we define ourselves by one of two labels: Republican or Democrat.

Over J-term I traveled to Australia. The Australians I met were keenly aware of the political divide in the United States. Often, upon telling a new Aussie friend that I was from Washington, the response was, "ah, blue state, mate," and a welcoming smile. (As a side note, how many of us can name the Australian Prime Minister without consulting Google? But that's a different editorial altogether.)

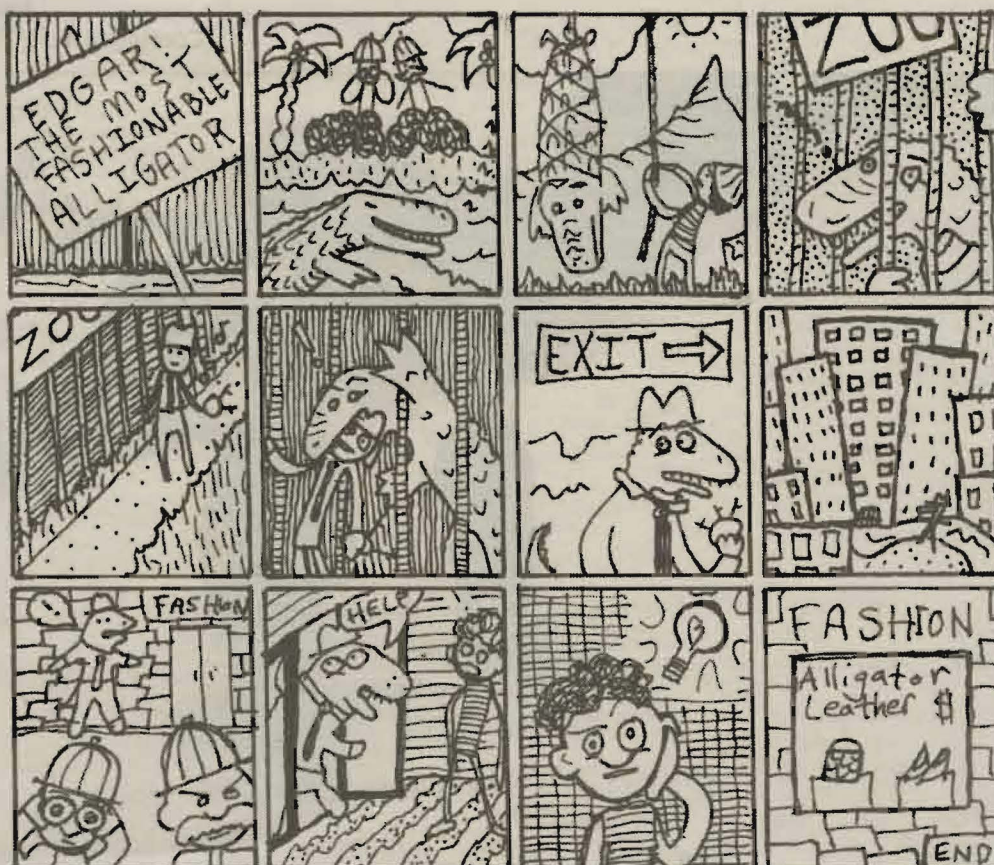
Although Australians were highly educated and opinionated about politics, what I found most interesting about Australian politics was the apparent lack of polarization. I saw a news broadcast one day, covering the foul-up of a state governor. I was astonished when the newscaster considerably excused the governor's mistake. The governor had been through some family distress, the newscaster noted, and the piece ended with the anchor sending her best wishes to the governor and her family.

Australia's involvement in the war in Iraq is another example of the way the country avoids polarization. In general, most Australians do not support the war, and they are vocal about their concerns. Nonetheless, the country honored its friendship with the United States by contributing troops to the efforts in Iraq. In Australia, the concept of "us" versus "them" is pretty weak—in the Australian cultural consciousness, the Iraqis are no more a "them" than the Americans are.

Australia's ability to appreciate nuance, to accept special circumstances and reserve judgment, was encouraging. I wish our country—or, at any rate, our country's leadership—had this same ability. When politics disintegrate into petty arguments, separated by only two opposing sides, then we're in real trouble. We're already headed that way, it seems.

I agreed with Bush when he said we must not allow our differences to harden into hatred. He's absolutely right. Getting angry—with Democrats or Republicans, or with uncooperative computers, for instance—won't help anything. In Australia, the national motto may as well be "no worries, mate," as often as that phrase is uttered in response to sunburns, bad weather, or political fiascoes. It was relaxing to be in a place where everyone seemed eager to help each other, no one seemed to be stressed out, and everyone lingered an extra half hour over dinner, just to chat.

In response to the State of the Union address as well as the computer problems at *The Mast*, I put all I had learned in Australia to good use. I allowed myself to understand that being President is a tough job, that our technology can't help its own glitches. Everything is affected by special circumstances that are often unseen. I may not always agree with our country's politics, and I may not always be pleased with the way things work (or don't work), but worrying and getting angry isn't going to solve anything. Fixing a country, like fixing a computer, takes patience and diligence, tapping away at the little glitches in the hopes of gradually repairing the great ones.



Calvin Moore

Cartoon by Calvin Moore

Redefining time, to-do lists in Spain

The clocks in Spain are in no way different than the clocks in the United States. They have the same 12 numbers representing the same 24 hours in a day. Yet, the Spanish look at their clocks differently than Americans do. It's not only that the Spanish live a slower life, like many other countries, compared to the United States; the Spanish have an entirely different concept of time. It comes down to two very important words in this culture: siestas and fiestas.

The Spanish are known for what they call a "siesta," or basically a time to go home to eat the biggest meal of the day and relax. This usually occurs between 2 and 6 p.m. each day and Granada, the southern city where I'm living, literally shuts down. Shops close, people leave work, schools are let out—all to go home to eat with their families and relax. Since I was used to eating my Bistro sandwich, while checking my email or finishing last minute homework in a maximum of 20 minutes, this concept took me a while to grasp. Since I live with a host mother, I have had to integrate into her schedule and this means blocking out a two-hour period between 2:30 and 4:30 each day for lunch.

I shamefully admit that at first I was impatient with this afternoon schedule. I literally had to teach myself to eat slower and enjoy our extra time talking at the lunch table. Now I see that this time is what makes us a family. My roommate and I help our mother cook the meal, we usually eat for an hour, we wash the dishes together, and then either talk some more or have alone time in our rooms. I pre-

viously thought it was a wasted 90 minutes of time, but I now realize that this time is sacred to the average Spanish family.

After the siesta, stores usually reopen for the early evening and people will go back to work for another few hours, making 8 p.m. rush hour. The Spanish eat a smaller dinner, like our lunch, around 9 or 10 p.m. This schedule allows their other cornerstone of daily life—their nightlife. Although no Spaniard has actually admitted it to me yet, I have a suspicion that another reason for the Spanish siesta is for the fiestas later.

The Spanish are incredibly social people. Independent cafes and bars are on every corner and every side street, all with a slightly different flavor and attitude. Since Spaniards don't socialize with their friends in their homes, the streets become the place to do so. Cafes tend to be full all day, bars start to become crowded around midnight, and discotheques don't get busy until 2 or 3 a.m.

Friends who had been to Spain before tried to explain to me that the Spanish were nocturnal people. I figured they were just telling me that there was a lot to do after dinner—but, oh, was I wrong. The Spanish have no concept of day and night. When I told my 60-year-old host mom I was going to meet up with friends at 1 o'clock, I actually had to clarify if I meant in the afternoon or morning. One of my first nights out, I felt guilty that my roommate and I stayed out till 3 a.m., until around 3:30 when I heard our own host mom come in the door. It is not simply the young Spaniards who stay out late;



Shannon MURPHY

Siestas and Fiestas

it is everyone from ages 18 to 68.

One of my favorite memories of this was one night at 3 a.m., when I was leaving a discotheque tired, exhausted, and simply needing a bed. I walked out of the dance club passing a line of 80 people, many of who were in their 30s and 40s, waiting to begin their evening (or, as I would call it, their early morning).

Since the Spanish enjoy their late nights on weekend and weekday nights, I asked my host mom when the Spanish sleep. She did not seem to have a direct answer, but it certainly did not bother her. Her explanation was if you stay out late, you just sleep the next day. What does not get done tomorrow, will get done the next day.

This Spanish attitude is why I have given up on my to-do lists and schedules in Spain. Since shops close for siestas at various times and nightly plans often change, I can't look at a Spanish clock with my American concept of time. When streets are as crowded with people at 4 a.m. as they are at 9 a.m., it's easy to forget what time it is altogether.

So for now, I'm just doing what the Spanish do. It's not that the clock I'm looking at is different; I'm just looking differently at the clock.

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## Letter to the editor: Attack on student aid a partisan issue

I commend the efforts of ASPLU and other campus groups as they attempt to raise awareness regarding the cuts to federal student aid which are being pushed through Congress right now. At the university level this is an issue that affects us all and a bi-partisan resistance these cuts is well placed.

Unfortunately, on the national level the slashing of Student Aid is a partisan battle. The House Budget Bill which enacted the first slashing of your Federal Loan money passed 212-206. All Democrats voted against the cuts to our aid. On the Senate side the cuts were

also enacted on a nearly straight partisan vote 51-50, with Vice-President Dick Cheney casting the decisive victory for Student Aid cuts. In this case all Democrats voted against the cuts.

The partisan nature of Student Aid cuts is not something our nation or the Republican controlled congress should be proud of. These are bills that are going to affect our federal loan dollars and post-graduate finances as interests rates on these crucial loans are raised from 6.8 to 8.25%. Republican cuts to Student Aid will negatively affect you, me, and all of us here at PLU.

The fight is not over and these

cuts have to be approved one more time in the House before they are solidified. Please call 1-800-574-4243 and urge your Representative not to support these destructive policies. A bi-partisan student effort to block these cuts to student aid is needed, but ultimately the only way to protect Student Aid funding is by electing Democrats for Congress in your home districts across the country in 2006.

Andrew Austin  
PLU Democrats

## Letters to the editor: Response to attack on "nepotistic" hiring

The Dec. 2 issue of *The Mast* contained an editorial written by an ex-kicker of the football team that I found disturbing. Though initially angered by the disrespectful personal attack Mr. Cultum directed toward Head Coach Scott Westering, I feel pity for Mr. Cultum and his opinion of what the PLU Football "program" and "tradition" are.

If Mr. Cultum remembers from his days playing under Frosty and Scott, the PLU football program is more than football. The program teaches that to truly excel in football and life, a person has to develop the skills that allow him to deal with poor circumstances, adversity, and failure. The societal definition of winning produces programs that fail to graduate at least 50% of its players and behave in a disrespectful manner on and off the field.

The tradition of PLU football has been immortalized in the acronym EMAL (Every Man A Lute). Scott continues to tirelessly serve the young men who come to play for him. Now and during his past service as Offensive Coordinator he is the only reason the Lutes offense has been performing at a high level since the late 80s, often winning games and winning championships without overwhelming talent obviously to the delight of Mr. Cultum.

I am an assistant coach for Scott, but I am a non-paid volunteer. I have a demanding full time job and a young family but have made an effort to come out and teach what I have learned from Scott and Frosty. The program and tradition of PLU football have made me a better man, son, husband, and father and none of these things have to do with on the field accomplishments. This is a concept Mr. Cultum will find in his inner-game play book, if he still has it.

Mr. Cultum has placed his sense of PLU football tradition and prestige in the wrong area. When you focus only on winning on the scoreboard you will be always be disappointed when you fail. The young EMALs of today's team that Mr. Cultum considers failures know better than to fall into that trap because of Scott's program. These dedicated young men live the EMAL concept, a concept obviously not displayed in Mr. Cultum's editorial. Thank God they do, for without them there would be no football "program" or "tradition" at PLU. It would be just a hollow win... if even that.

Gavin Stanley  
EMAL '95

We are writing in response to the editorial on PLU Football published in the December 2 issue. We would first like to congratulate the players and current staff for their football season. We know that to a world where winning is the first priority, this season was a failure. But if you know what Pacific Lutheran University and its football program is about, you would understand what's important, rather than the scoreboard.

PLU is known for its great football team not only due to their win-loss record, but how they play the game. As former players, captains, and true All-Americans, we were taught that "how you win the game shows some of your character, but how you lose shows it all." Our team's character this year was an inspiration to us all.

This is a new era where PLU belongs to NCAA III. With this affiliation we are no longer allowed to give athletic scholarships or tal-

ent-based grants. Also, for a program that has a great tradition of red-shirting first year players; this option is no longer available.

The Northwest Conference is considered one of the best conferences in the country. Division III has 230 teams—more than any other division, so the success of this conference is tremendous. From 1999-2001 PLU advanced to the final four and won the National Championship in 1999.

With this commitment to excellence, other teams in the conference have dedicated themselves to football because their colleges and universities understand the importance of it on campus. Linfield, Whitworth, and Willamette have new playing surfaces and state of the art training facilities, which greatly help their ability to recruit. If you have been to PLU lately, you would ask yourself how they have been able to accomplish so much with so little. Is time catching up

with the program? Yes. Do they need more attention and financial support? Yes.

Instead of tearing down what we have and the decisions we have made, research the facts and understand the need for your support—especially as a former player. Anyone who says he was part of PLU football during the Frosty era and writes such bold statements about it has lost the essence of what EMAL is all about—or he never understood it in the first place. This is a time where we need your help more than ever. Please support the program in any way possible.

2001 EMAL Captains.  
Johnathan Carlson  
Mike Mauss  
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## See political sharks? Head for the boat

### A PLU professor considers the different creatures, cultures, of Australia and the United States

David Seal  
Guest Column

Seven years ago, when I visited Australia for the first time, I decided to preview Crystal Waters, the permaculture village where I would be spending J-term in six months. I'd rented a car, adjusted to the left-brained orientation of the steering wheel and road, but my destination was not on a map. I pulled off in the town of Maleny for directions.

"I'm lost," I confessed to a large, bearded man at an unparticular store.

"No, you're not lost. You're merely geographically embarrassed," he said, with a wink, toward the other customers.

That is Australia. I visited again this year during J-term, with 16 students and an assistant, Ginger Peck, from the Office of Finance and Operations. Australia is often a leg-pull and an embarrassment. Take, for example, what our driver to Port Douglas told us; "Oi'd a been here on time if'n it weren't for that croc Oi had to wrestle. 'e came up outta that creek and was in me way." Two years ago, the colorful story-teller was Graham, my divemaster—a shaved-headed, stubble-faced guy with an earring, a do-rag scarf, and sleeveless shirt. Ryan Speier and I were taking off

Crystal Waters called "creatures of pain." The common and poisonous cane toad is only dangerous if you eat it. Not even students with alcohol-busted food budgets are tempted. But throw in nasty spiders, sand fleas, biting ants—as opposed to jumping ants—biting trigger fish on the reef, and the usual assortment of mozzies (mosquitoes), flies, and Fraser Island's carrier-sized biting flies, and you have nearly as many things that can hurt people as are contained in the average White House speech. As for jumping ants, Cori Walla can testify that the pain leaves in fifteen minutes. It's merely time spent in a limbo of curse words and primitive locomotive movement.

You can't really call the sun a creature, yet it delivered more collective pain to PLU students than all other sources, creatures or alcohol, combined. One woman in another class spent three days in a wheel chair due to sunburn. Some of our students do fall below the "use sunscreen" level of intelligence.

All this makes the ubiquitous

Aussie "No worries" salutation seem ironic indeed. How do these natives cope with such threats? How can Australians be so unfailingly friendly, relaxed, attentive, and ready with the gentle tease? Is it because life there is actually better than life here, in spite of creaturely spots of bother?

I think so. Australians are what we think we are, but aren't. Maybe we were, once, but maybe that's an illusion as

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well. We're way too cool to be genuine, too devoted to "attitude" to be friendly, too religious to be relaxed, too fearful of each other to be kind.

I bring classes to Australia not just to see Ayers Rock/Uluru, the Great Barrier Reef, and Sydney Harbor. I bring them there to see that another way of life is possible. Right now, it's Down Under. It's certainly not here.

I've been to Australia five times now, for nearly a month each time. I know my way around. Yet, I'm still geographically embarrassed—I'm an American.

Not once did I run into an Australian who praised our president. I ran into many who said, how did you elect him?

Australians have to vote. If they don't, they get fined. Just over half our nation bothered to vote, putting the current church-going shark in office. He's a tiger shark. I'm remembering what Graham told me. If he gets any closer to my well-being, I'm whapping him in the nose with my torch—the one held aloft by Liberty. But if my fellow citizens elect a bull shark, another great religious pelagic with arrogance and teeth, I'm heading for the boat.

Ah, Australia. It's all kinds of boasting. For one thing, it boasts many riches; The world's largest reef and the second largest rain forest. The birds all wear more color than a Dale Chihuly work. Lorikeets, for instance, are bright blue, electric green, yellow, and red-orange. This is a bird that actually gets drunk—it eats fermenting fruit, and has been seen getting tipsy on branches and doing 180 degree turns. King parrots are crimson and turquoise. Cockatoos populate even the cities.

Snakes? Eight of the ten are most deadly. Tory Silvestrin, walking back from the beach with several of the gang in declining light, almost stepped on one. He fired off several digital photos after his initial verbal explosion, which featured two emphatic words with k in them, in varying order. "Looks like a taipan to me," one Aussie said, checking out the pictures. "A young one." Only the world's most dangerous breed.

And that's only one kind of what our friend Max Lindegger at

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## Neah Bay, North America

David Huelsbeck  
Jan. 30, 2006

Once again the Makah Community took very good care of the study group from PLU. This is the 12th time this course has studied Makah Culture in January.

The first day in town many students who have never been to Neah Bay were greeted with "welcome back."

This warm reception extended to all aspects of our visit. One individual couldn't meet with the group when scheduled, so he and his wife invited the group over for

breakfast and two hours later introduced the class to the Makah concept of "wobbit" (left overs go home with the guests).

In addition to feeding us great food, many in the village shared their knowledge and expertise.

Just one example: what started as a short discussion of family ceremonial masks and drums, turned into an evening long viewing of videos from important family potlatch ceremonies, complete with detailed explanations of what was happening and why.

## Bolivia, South America

Alisha Harvey  
Jan. 28, 2006

We just got back from Potosi yesterday, which is one of the highest places we've visited, and wow my lungs could tell. It's about 4500 meters, which is somewhere in the vicinity of 13000-14000 feet. Just walking around the city left us out of breath!

And then we went on a tour of the mines, which was fascinating. I went on the easier tour that stayed on one level of the mines, having pulled a muscle in my knee when I fell off a cliff last Saturday.

This J-term is full of fun new experiences, though falling off a cliff is not what I would rate as fun. Thank goodness for falling into thorny bushes, because there was another hundred feet of cliffside waiting for me.

But I'm intact with only a couple sore muscles, so the mine tour was quite enjoyable. We saw Tio, the god the miners pray to. He's

something of a combination of the Catholic devil and the Incan god Supay.

The miners offer him coca leaves, cigarettes, and alcohol to ensure that they will find good minerals in the mines. It was really amazing to see the miners working.

There's no minimum age and no paperwork required to be a miner, so kids as young as 12 work there. We were in there for only an hour, and I was quite glad to see the blinding sunlight when I came out. I can't imagine leading such a hard life.

Apparently the life expectancy for a Potosi miner is about 45. They have so many lung problems, especially silicosis, and a lot of back problems from working in tiny tunnels all day. There are also a fair amount of accidents, usually with cave-ins from floods or explosions. Our guide told us that about 24 miners die every year from accidents in the mine that we toured.

## Namibia, Africa

Bonnie Simpson  
Jan. 23, 2006

This weekend was one of the most amazing weekends of my life so far. I can say that with confidence because three of us went skydiving in Swakopmund. It was such an incredible experience!

There are no words to describe the feeling of freefall at 10,000 feet, nor the peaceful glide as the parachute opens.

All of us got a DVD to go along with our trip, from a camera mounted to our tandem master's left hand.

It captured our nervous excitement as we jumped out of the plane, and the pure adrenaline on our faces as we fell at 220 km/h for 30 seconds.

Then the glide down was about 5-6 minutes, and it was beautiful! You're free as a bird up there. I recommend it to anyone.

The night before we climbed the tallest sand dune in the world, Dune 7. That was also a blast! Our guide was impressed; he told us that the groups he's taken in the past summit in an average of 45 minutes. Well, there were about seven of us who got to the top in about ten minutes! We were proud of ourselves. After that we went on to climb two more peaks, and had a blast running down the dunes on our way back. It was awesome, but I'm pretty sure I'm still washing sand out of my hair, two days later...

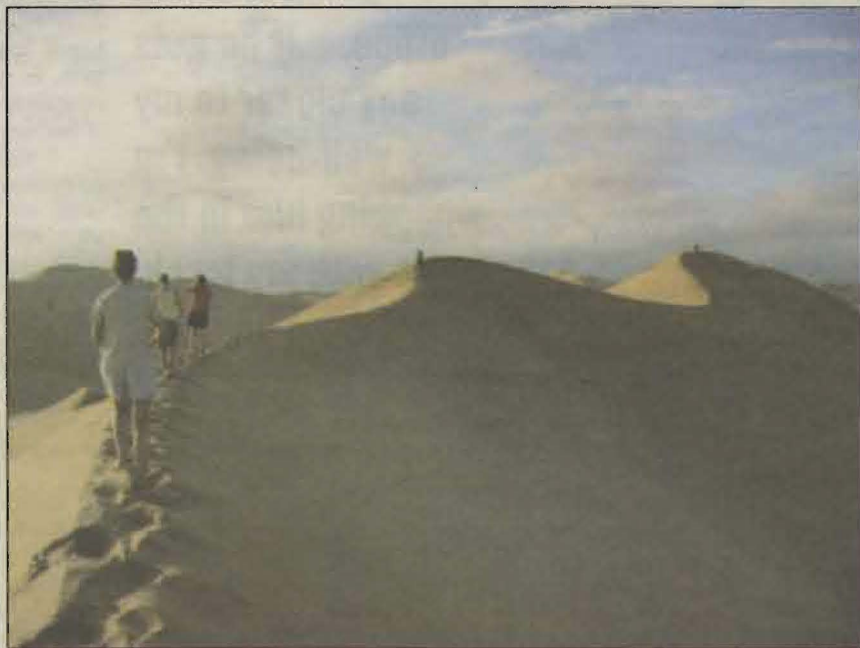


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A group of students trek across Dune 7 in Namibia, Africa. Dune 7 is the tallest sand dune in the world.

# J-term 2006

During the month of January, PLU students and faculty had the opportunity to relay their experiences via blogs on the Wang Center website. Each continent was represented in the blogs, allowing friends and family back home to keep updated on what was going on. *The Mast* has collected some excerpts from these blogs and compiled them into a snapshot of each continent.

Thomas Conn  
Jan. 9, 2006

The destination for the class today was ATOM, The Australian Teachers of Media. We all had on our Sunday best with the thought that we would need to dress to impress.

After a tram ride that left many of us sweating, we walked to the ATOM building. I personally, as well as others, felt that we would be in a building of some sort, but as we went through the gate, we saw that ATOM was actually located in a home. As we all crammed into one room, the Editor-in-Chief Peter Tapp explained to us what ATOM was, and what they were trying to accomplish. He mostly focused on film study guides, aimed at assisting educators with certain films.

The study guides offer questions, key points, and suggestions on future topics to assist in educating the students better. They also

## Austra



Illustration by Kyle Duba

## Italy, Europe

Gia Gauthreaux  
Jan. 10, 2006

So this is the first real chance that I have had to blog!! It is hard to find time to use a computer. We have been very busy!!

The first day when we arrived in Milan we got to our hotel and immediately started sightseeing. We were all exhausted when we got there, but we just kept on looking.

We went into a few churches and then walked around the market. Our night pretty much consisted of walking and walking and walking!

Then we finally reached our dinner destination (which was amazing!) we got to try samples of many fine Italian dishes. Anyone who knows me would be happy to know that I tried many different

foods! I had an olive stuffed with meat and it was all fried, then I had an eggplant meatball, then I had a fried potato that looked like a mozzarella stick. We also had some fried chicken Italian style, and also many different types of pasta. It was great. We also had a lot of wine.

After leaving Vernazza, we headed to Florence with a minor stop in a little town. Florence was amazing! There were so many historical things there! Of course I went shopping though! That was a fun part for me to buy lots of Italian things! We just finished leaving a museum that had Michealagos Michaelangelo's work of paintings, and we also got to see the famous statue, David. It was so surreal to actually see these things in front of me.



Tourists flock to the Colosseum in Rome. The Ancient structure remains a favorite spot for travellers.

Photo by Kyle Duba

## China, Asia

Cindy Kaya  
Jan. 12, 2006

Beijing was very fun. I experienced so much there.

My most memorable part was climbing up a whole section of the Great Wall. The view was beautiful and the climb was pretty tough. Some of the stairs were very steep. I also had to use the bathroom about half way up but luckily there was a bathroom towards the top.

It was definitely an experience in itself just using that bathroom. I wouldn't recommend it! We also met a lot of inter-

esting people while we were in Beijing. Just talking to the store clerks was an adventure. Many of them think that I am from here, and continuously try to speak to me. I just give them blank looks and tell them the one phrase I know best (I don't speak Chinese, in Chinese). Luckily I know that one! But I've been trying to learn more as we go along.

I've now learned how to say "I love tea" and "more tea please" and "I'm Japanese".

It's pretty funny when you know people are debating about your ethnicity while you're standing right there.

## Antarctica

Laura Mickelson  
Jan. 31, 2006

As I stare out my apartment window watching rain pour down from grey skies, I find myself missing sunny South America more than ever. The last few days have been very strange ones as I try to adjust back into "normal life".

They have been days of reflection, tears, happiness, and much talk as I try to tell people about my amazing adventure. However, I find myself wondering, how can I possibly begin to sum up the last month? How can I even begin to express the emotions we felt, the beauty we saw, or the limits we pushed on our journey to el fin del mundo (the end of the world).

My friend was over here today looking at a slide show that was put together by our ship's crew. When the pictures of the minke whale came on, I began to try and convey the experience to her.

I tried to explain how magnificent this little whale was and how she was just as curious about us as we were about her.

I told her of how for a few minutes, Matt and I were the only ones on the bow as she swam slowly beneath us. The minke

turned on her side and looked up. Our eyes met and though it was only for a few moments, it created a vivid imprint on my soul that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

This trip was full of such experiences. Sliding down glaciers, watching penguins care for their young, staying up all night and being rewarded by seeing orca whales, watching a three hour long sunset, pushing our limits in the Andes, or simply staring out at the wind-sweep prairies of Patagonia; each experience made a different impression on each of us but the result, I think, has been the same.

We have all fallen in love with all of these remarkable places and though our journey may seem to be over, perhaps it is just the beginning. As long as we keep the people we met, the experiences we had, and the emotions we felt in our memories and in our hearts, our journey to the end of the world will never truly be over. To Chuck and Susan and the seventeen other students who I had the privileged of sharing this amazing journey with, thank you from the bottom of my heart! You have made this one of the greatest experiences of my life. Yooooooo Whooooooo!!!!!!

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produce educational films, magazines, television programs, and other sources of media. Students were also excited to hear of the opportunity to write for the magazine. Mr. Tapp urged students who were willing to write for the magazine to contact him, and submit stories in hopes of reaching a broader audience, and getting a different perspective than Australian. The way home wasn't any better than the way there.

As we got off the tram we were immediately attacked by flies. It seems like it is getting worse everyday. The same fly will buzz around your head and the more you try to get it away the more you look like an idiot American flailing their arms around. It's actually kind of funny to hear people randomly let out a scream because a fly almost went in their mouth. It's not funny though, not funny at all.

At least we aren't in the middle of a downpour. If you're in Washington, enjoy the rain...

# Finding perfect puppy love isn't as hard as it seems

## Reflecting on the similarities between man and his best friend



Jenni JENSEN  
Why men are like dogs

Lately, a new urge has taken over my shopping plans: the search for the perfect pooch.

But before I receive angry threats from animal activists, accusing me of turning an innocent animal into a material object, let me preface this article by saying I am, always have been and always will be a bona fide animal lover. In fact, my friends have banned me from the Humane Society. I simply can't go there without leaving in tears, calling all my family and friends in search of someone (who doesn't live in a dorm) willing to take Peaches or Fido.

Finally, though, I've found a reason to adopt a pet. My mom admitted she needs a dog in the house with us. It

wasn't until she gave me this permission that I realized how closely the search for the perfect puppy resembles the average female's endless search for Mr. Right.

In the past, when I knew there was no chance of having a dog (unless I was able to successfully sneak him into my dorm room for eight months of the year), the Humane Society offered dogs of all shapes and sizes who seemed to beg me to take them home. There was Peaches, the geriatric Lhasa Apso, who looked like the puppy I kept at my Dad's house but never got to visit. There was a fluffy dog whose face had been crippled in an attack from a poodle. There was also a cocker spaniel who actually had tears in his eyes when I couldn't take him home.

When I go to kennels now, I have to be a little pickier. I know I can't take a dog unless I can give him the perfect home he deserves. I am constantly at my computer, researching what kind of dog fits our lifestyle. But of course, those dogs are never the ones available.

Last weekend I stopped at the animal shelter. I went inside with a feeling of excitement, as if I knew the One would be there. However, when I finally took a puppy out of its cage to play, he didn't seem very interested in me — a shock after my previous experiences with puppies who ran out of their cages to be with me. The shelter volunteer explained that the dogs often take a while to warm up, knowing they can't attach themselves to an owner who may not take them home. I left feeling disappointed. The only dog I fell in love with didn't love me in return.

It was during my drive home that it hit me how similar men and dogs are. When we women don't have a need for a man in our lives, we realize that The Weather Girls are right: It really is raining men! Then there are finally those who meet our long list of requirements, requirements we have spent long, countless hours creating. Unfortunately, we're at a stage in life where we're not ready to hold up our end of the bargain. Then suddenly, we're ready. We each

want to find Mr. Right. We search for him at bars, mutual clubs, maybe even Facebook. But by then, the only guys we find are those who don't meet the criteria we need. We may find suitable ones, take them out to play and find out our throws aren't good enough in the game of catch because they're not interested. Maybe the candidate has just escaped a hurtful relationship and is not ready to commit. Meanwhile, we're pining for our ex-boyfriends who got away; mine was a dog named Bob. My doggie soul mate and I were separated for reasons beyond my control.

I haven't found the perfect puppy yet, but I know I someday will. I know I have to be patient. My human Mr. Right eventually came to me at a time when I wasn't looking, but I was prepared for him. He wasn't where I expected him to be, either, and maybe that's how I will find my Fido. Maybe he will be hiding in an alleyway, needing my help. Maybe he will be at the shelter. But now that I'm ready, I have to stop searching and let him come to me. It was my least favorite advice to hear from my friends when I was single, but it couldn't be truer.

Be honest with yourself. Whether you're looking for Fido or Fred, are you truly ready? If you are, be on your toes. Let yourself fall in love, but don't expect it. Be yourself and make connections wherever you go. Train your friends to say, "Have you met my single friend?" He'll be where you least expect him to be.

Once you open yourself up, once you're ready and are simply looking — not searching — you'll find him. Whether you're looking for love in a cuddly companion or a bona fide boyfriend, he will come to you.

*During the month of February, "Life lessons learned from shopping" will be slightly different. Instead of focusing solely on the topic of fashion, each column will relate to the themes of love and romance. If you have any comments or suggestions, contact jensenjs@plu.edu.*

### Unlucky 13

- More than 80 percent of high-rises lack a 13th floor.
- Many airports skip the 13th gate.
- Airplanes do not have a 13th aisle.
- Hospitals and hotels regularly lack a room number 13.
- Italians omit the number 13 from their national lottery.
- On streets in Florence, Italy, the house between number 12 and 14 is addressed as 12-and-a-half.
- If you have 13 letters in your name, supposedly you will have bad luck. Jack the Ripper, Charles Manson, Jeffrey Dahmer, Theodore Bundy and Albert De Salvo all have 13 letters in their names.

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# Seahawks go 'bowling



## Top 10: Ways to show your Seahawks pride

After a nice long holiday break, it is refreshing to return to our passion of creating Top 10 lists. It is even more pleasant to return with an easy topic: the Seahawks. While we had our reservations about joining the media blitz that has hyped the 'Hawks for the last two weeks, we felt it necessary. Never in either of our lifetimes had this team won a play-off game, much less gone to the Super Bowl, so we are all a little inexperienced when it comes to celebrating this joyous occasion. Much like the birth of a child, a wedding or "The O.C." on Thursday nights, this is a special moment to be treasured. Thus, here are the 10 best ways to pay homage to the Seattle Seahawks.

- 10.) Get Shaun Alexander's face tattooed on your back: There is simply no better way to show your love for the league MVP. The tattoo would look great, and you could change Shaun's facial expressions by moving your shoulder blades.
- 9.) Dye your hair Seahawks-green and -blue: a classic form of fan support that allows everyone to see your team spirit. Just make sure it is temporary. Otherwise you might start showing your support in other ways, i.e. with Seahawks hats.
- 8.) Send fan mail: Let your favorite Seahawk know just how much you admire him. But don't go overboard, or a certain Joe Jurevicius may file a restraining order stating that certain columnists can't stand within 100 yards of him. Some people overreact, but some people were just trying to get a hug.
- 7.) Redecorate your house or dorm: Go all out with the green and blue, especially on your roommate's side of the room. Just one suggestion: Don't use live birds. Real Seahawks are cranky sons of bitches.
- 6.) Take some time reliving the greatest Seahawk moments on ESPN Classic. This is perfect for that 15-minute break between classes. It's also great for getting excited for the Super Bowl, especially because 13.5 of those minutes are from the last two weeks' games.
- 5.) Host a Super Bowl party: There are a million ways to throw a Super Bowl party, but for a little variety have everyone come dressed as their favorite Seahawk. Try to fill both the coaching staff and the roster. We'll gladly shell out \$1.85 to whoever looks most like coach Mike Holmgren.
- 4.) When someone sneezes, say, "Go Seahawks!" This idea is so good it's almost too ingenious. It spreads team spirit and will catch others' attention.
- 3.) Join us on our trip to Detroit, site of the Super Bowl. By that we mean: Take us to Detroit. On our own we've only made it to Pacific Avenue, but our hopes are still high. Think about how great it would be to go to the Super Bowl! So anyone with a car, airline tickets or even a spare bicycle is encouraged to join us. We'll most likely be the two guys hitchhiking on 512.
- 2.) Be superstitious: We haven't showered or changed clothing since the Seahawks' last win, and we think everyone should join us. Actually, if you're going to join us, either stay in your room until after the game or be very liberal with your deodorant use.
- 1.) Look up people in Pittsburgh and send your condolences: This might be better post-game, but we've already sent 73 "Sorry, we're better than you" cards and made dozens of phone calls to people in Pennsylvania. A word of caution: Some people have caller ID and don't respond well to harassing phone calls, no matter how good your intentions may be.

# Many issues surround 'The Vagina Monologues' Play exposes students to stories of sexual violence

Each year for the past six years, the Women's Center has sponsored a production of "The Vagina Monologues." The production is a benefit, and the proceeds go toward organizations committed to ending worldwide violence towards women and girls. Ninety percent of the proceeds are going to local organizations. The Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County supports victims of sexual assault. Funds will also be given to PLU's SAPET, which raises awareness about sexual assault, and other local organizations. Ten percent of the proceeds will go to the V-Day Organization.

The show will be performed in Eastvold auditorium Feb. 9, 10 and 11. Tickets will cost \$5 for students. More than 45 women are involved in the cast and crew of the production. Lindz Backman-Smolko and Nikki Rae are directing the production.

"The Vagina Monologues" is a play written by Eve Ensler. It is a collection of monologues she wrote after interviewing over 200 women about their experiences with sexual violence and sexuality. While all monologues were originally performed by one actress, they were eventually each performed by different actresses.

Lindsey Paxton, a junior involved with the production, said of the performance, "Viewers will be exposed to a wide range of women's issues from first periods to intimate partner violence, to international war crimes against women, and also sex. It's pretty interesting all of the issues vaginas are concerned about."

From traveling and performing "The Vagina Monologues," Ensler saw the extent of violence against females and decided to take action in an effort to stop the situation. She started the V-Day Organization, encouraging people all across the globe to perform "The Vagina Monologues" to raise awareness and funds for women's issues.

First-year April Nyquist, who is performing a monologue, said she got involved "because I believe that violence against women and girls needs to end. For there to be equality in the world, I think it's important that people need to be aware of the issues at hand."

The V-Day performances of "The Vagina Monologues" are attracting audiences across the world. According

to the V-Day website, this year performances will be held across Europe, Asia and southern Africa, as well as in the United States to name a few. There will be 687 performances on college campuses alone.

The title of the play might lead some to believe that the show is directed at women. However, participants promise that everyone can gain a new perspective from the performance. The show may be about women, but both men and women should be exposed to the stories about sexual violence, since it affects both genders, they said.

Freshman Moriah Zimmerman said, "I think both genders would get something different out of it. A woman would get comfort and she'd be able to relate to it. And a man would find understanding about women and women's issues. And depending on your age and your place in life in those genders you'll get something different out of it."

The issues raised in "The Vagina Monologues" vary greatly, giving a wide range of subjects for students to be exposed to and relate to.

Paxton said, "The stories cover a broad spectrum of issues. Some are very serious and some are seriously funny, but I definitely think that the average college student can relate to them. If nothing else, college students are exploring what they want out of their lives, and how to go about getting that and ["The Vagina Monologues"] are a very empowering experience."



Photo courtesy V-Day Organization

Eve Ensler, founder of the global anti-violence organization V-Day, wrote "The Vagina Monologues" based on interviews with over 200 women. The play delves into issues of sexuality and sexual violence.



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First-year Renee Stupfel, the eventual winner of PLU Idol, sings "At Last," by Etta James on Tuesday, Jan. 24 in Lagerquist Concert Hall. The competition began with fifteen contestants and was narrowed down over the course of three nights during January. The final three competitors were Stupfel, Troy Moore and Michael Korchnonoff. There was a panel of judges who gave their comments after each performance, but the ultimate decision was left up to the audience. The Residence Hall Association, which organized the event, tallied the votes each night. To determine the winner on the final night of the contest, they had to count the votes five times, and the first, second and third places were separated by one vote each. Stupfel won an iPod nano and the other two finalists received gift certificates to Best Buy.

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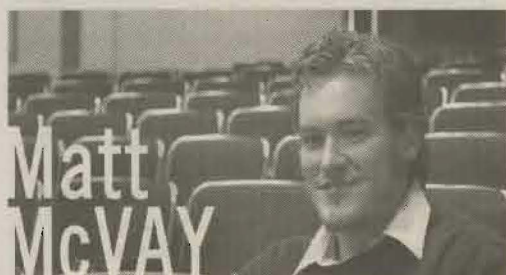
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# "World's Fastest" races into audience's heart

New Zealand film highlights cultural differences, but emphasizes human connections



**Matt McVAY**  
Someone sneezed in my popcorn

It is not often I see a good movie on an airplane, let alone a movie that has not yet been released nationwide in the States.

But there I was, waiting for my breakfast, when Sir Anthony Hopkins popped up on the screen to talk about his new film, "The World's Fastest Indian." Luckily, Air New Zealand had the exclusive rights to show the film before its international release, and therefore I was also fortunate enough to view the special introduction by Hopkins.

"Indian" is the story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who broke the world's land speed record with his modified 1920 Indian Scout motorcycle.

Directed by Roger Donaldson, the film follows Munro's eccentric life events - from souping up his motorcycle to

the long journey he makes to the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, where most speed records are set. The plot is less about his speed record than about Munro's determination and the lives of those he touches along the way. In doing so, Donaldson makes it clear the focus of the film is not solely the quest to win, but rather the interactions along the way. It is similar to "Forest Gump," but this film is a true story.

I'll be honest: This is one of Hopkins' finest performances I have seen. Hopkins is one of the greatest actors in the history of film, so of course nearly every performance is excellent, but the kooky Munro brings Hopkins back to a character that is as interesting as the infamous Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs." With this film, Hopkins adds another fascinating character to an already impressive list and, yet again, shows the audience his amazing versatility.

Munro's character is compelling because it is complex. His determination can occasionally be off-putting, but his charm and personality draw people to him. Through the course of the film, the audience is shown how his unique personality makes the other characters hopeful for his success in his endeavors.

The movie itself is well done. The pace and flow are easy to get into, and the longer you watch the film the more the story pulls you in. Had I not already known that Munro breaks the speed record, I would have started biting my nails in between breakfast and my free bag of peanuts.

The supporting cast (a few vaguely familiar unknowns) help tremendously with Hopkins' performance, further enhancing his work. The camera work and cinematography also are exquisite.

There are a few characteristics I have noticed in Australia and New Zealand films that differ from those in the U.S.



Photo courtesy AP Photo/Stuart Ramson  
Director Roger Donaldson and Anthony Hopkins, who stars in "The World's Fastest Indian," pose at the New York premiere Tuesday, Jan. 24. Based on a true story, the film focuses on New Zealander Burt Munro and his quest to break the world's land speed record with his motorcycle.

Not only "Indian," but other films including "Undead" (an Australian zombie film) and "Little Fish" (an Australian addict film) use a different type of film. It doesn't have the polished look of a big-budget film. Instead, it has more of an independent feel, grainy and almost aged.

Additionally, the music in all of these movies is about 15 years behind. They sound like those '90s made-for-TV movies, complete with synthesizers, bad guitar and lame keyboard-playing. For some films, including "Indian," this music doesn't make much of a difference; but for others, such as "Undead," it makes the film ridiculous.

Setting cultural differences aside, "The World's Fastest Indian" is a phenomenal story that not only keeps you on the edge of your seat but touches your heart as well. If only the airline food could have been as good as this movie.

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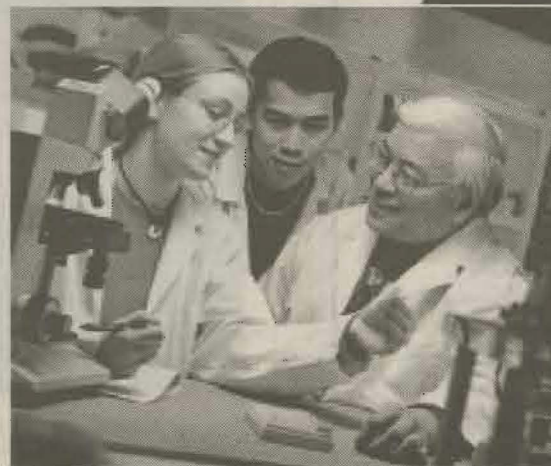
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# Seahawks in the Super Bowl: priceless

## Biggest and most memorable event for Seattle sports in years

NICK PAGE  
Mast sports columnist

Hell has frozen over, pigs are flying, I'm writing this over my dead body and the Seattle Seahawks are playing in the Super Bowl.

That's right, the Seahawks. The team that, until this season, hadn't won a playoff game since 1984. The team that had a quarterback who holds the NFL record for fumbles. When you looked up "mediocre" in the dictionary, you would have seen the Seahawks logo. Yes, that same team is playing in the Super Bowl.

This is the biggest thing to happen to Seattle sports in the last 30 years. It's bigger than the Sonics winning the NBA title in 1979 (because they should have won it in 1978), it's bigger than the Huskies winning a share of the NCAA Division I national football title in 1991, and it's bigger than the Mariners winning 116 games in 2001.

This Super Bowl means more to the city and surrounding areas than any of the players could ever know. Many fans have been waiting their whole lives for this event.

That sounds a little cliché, but it's true. Grown men were crying last Sunday. I was running through the streets around

Qwest Field, hugging strangers. And I couldn't have been happier. The Seahawks are going to the Super Bowl.

The Seahawks franchise has spent the last 20 years in futility. They were made a national joke by the east coast media. They went 2-14 in 1992 and then drafted Rick Mirer because they missed out on Drew Bledsoe.

The '90s continued along the path of mediocre season after mediocre season. There was a playoff appearance in 1999, but it was Dan Marino's second-to-last game of his career and he shredded the Seattle defense. After that it was back to being the perennial 8-8 team.

But all that mediocrity is what makes this trip so special. People can appreciate this. It's not being taken for granted because it's never happened before. This season has been a special first class trip through the NFL. It's been a trip that the city - no, the state - needed. For the first time in a long time there is something to cheer about again in Seattle.

Rainy seasons and coffee no longer define Seattle. The city has a Super Bowl team. The 2005-2006 Seahawks can never be taken away from us. I said it back in week six and I will say it again: this is the team we've been waiting for.



Third and long and we're swinging for the fences

## Seahawks look to bring another sports title to Seattle

TIM KELLY  
Mast sports columnist

The defining moment of Seattle professional sports history

will be upon us in fewer than 48 hours. How will the Seahawks' stellar success affect other professional franchises in Seattle?

A good measuring stick may be the most recent Seattle team that won a championship: the WNBA Storm. While it was a great accomplishment, the women's basketball trophy is just not as coveted as other titles.

However, when the money starts to roll in for the WNBA, the women's championship will have more hitting power.

Seattle championships are few and far between. In 1917, the mighty Seattle Metropolitans took home Lord Stanley's Cup. Seattle fans had to wait another 61 years before they earned bragging rights to another championship.

The Seattle Supersonics triumphed over the Washington Bullets to win the 1979 NBA crown. Things looked good again for the Sonics in the mid-90s thanks to the combination of Gary Payton and Shawn Kemp.

Through a series of bad business decisions and inept trades, the Sonics rid

themselves of Shawn Kemp and ended up with Vin Baker.

The Sonics soon drifted back into mediocrity. Even after last year's fluke run at the playoffs, the team is demanding a new stadium.

Baseball has become extremely popular in Seattle over the past 10 years. With consecutive 90-loss seasons, that popularity is beginning to wane.

The Seahawks have made the Sonics and Mariners' front offices look downright horrible when it comes to adding talent. The past few years, the Hawks have been in the hunt but have fallen short.

This year they brought in a general manager who built the Super Bowl XXXVII-winning Buccaneers and he began to clean house. He added valuable players while keeping key contributors.

Goodbye, Koren Robinson, Chris Terry, Chike Okeafor and Ken Lucas. Hello, Lofa Tatupu, Joe Jurevicius, and Andre Dyson. Here is a new contract Walter Jones and Matt Hasselbeck.

A front office that is concerned with winning, more than their own pocket books, adds a lot of excitement to a franchise and a city.

That is why I am looking forward to Shaun Alexander in Super Bowl XL scoring touchdowns and breaking ankles. That's right, ankles. Go Hawks!

# Swim teams stroke through wins and losses

## Lutes set to compete at NWC Championships Feb. 10 in Federal Way

MEGAN WOCHNICK  
Mast co-sports editor

The PLU men and women's swim teams experienced a lot in January - everything from sweeping a conference and a non-conference meet, to being swept at a meet where the winner was decided by the final event.

The teams started out January with Whitworth winning nine of 11 men's events and seven of 11 women's events en route to the 113-79 and 104-66 victories over the Lutes, Jan. 7.

PLU's lone winners of the meet were first-year Ashlynn Owen in the 50-yard freestyle and sophomore Kate Kuhn in the 100-yard breaststroke.

For the men, first-year Andy Stetzler finished second in three events - the 1000-yard freestyle, 50-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle.

"Learning from that meet was really good for us," junior Emma Coulson said. "It's good for us to swim against (Whitworth) and absorb a top team like them."

The Lutes earned a split against Whitman the following weekend as the men's team handily beat the Missionaries 108-55, while the women fell 128-77.

"We were well prepared for that meet," Coulson said. "It was a tough meet for us because of the long training week, but we still had some good times and people did well individually."

The bright spots for the women's team came from Kuhn, Owen and Laura Brade, as each won their respective events in the 200-yard freestyle, 50 freestyle and 500 freestyle, respectively.

The team of Kuhn, Owen, Sarah Seed and Tara Johnson easily won the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:51.30. Stetzler, who won three events; the 200-yard freestyle, 100 freestyle and 500 freestyle, led the men's team. PLU also won the 400-yard medley relay (4:05.60) and 400 freestyle relay (3:42.70).

Both teams took a break from non-conference action Jan. 20 and defeated Albertson College. The women won with ease, 132-44, and the men claimed victory 83-71.

The women's team won nine of the 10 events, led by Coulson. Johnson won two individual events.

Coulson won the 200 freestyle and 100-yard backstroke, while Johnson took the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

The men's meet came down to the final three events to claim the victory. Senior Daniel Seetin won the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke to lead the Lutes. Sophomore Adam Fuller, junior David Pedack, Stetzler and first-year Gavin Wilson each won an event.

"The meet was definitely a moral booster," Coulson said. "We had some room, and a lot of us got to swim events we normally don't."

Coulson noted Albertson did not have strong times or as

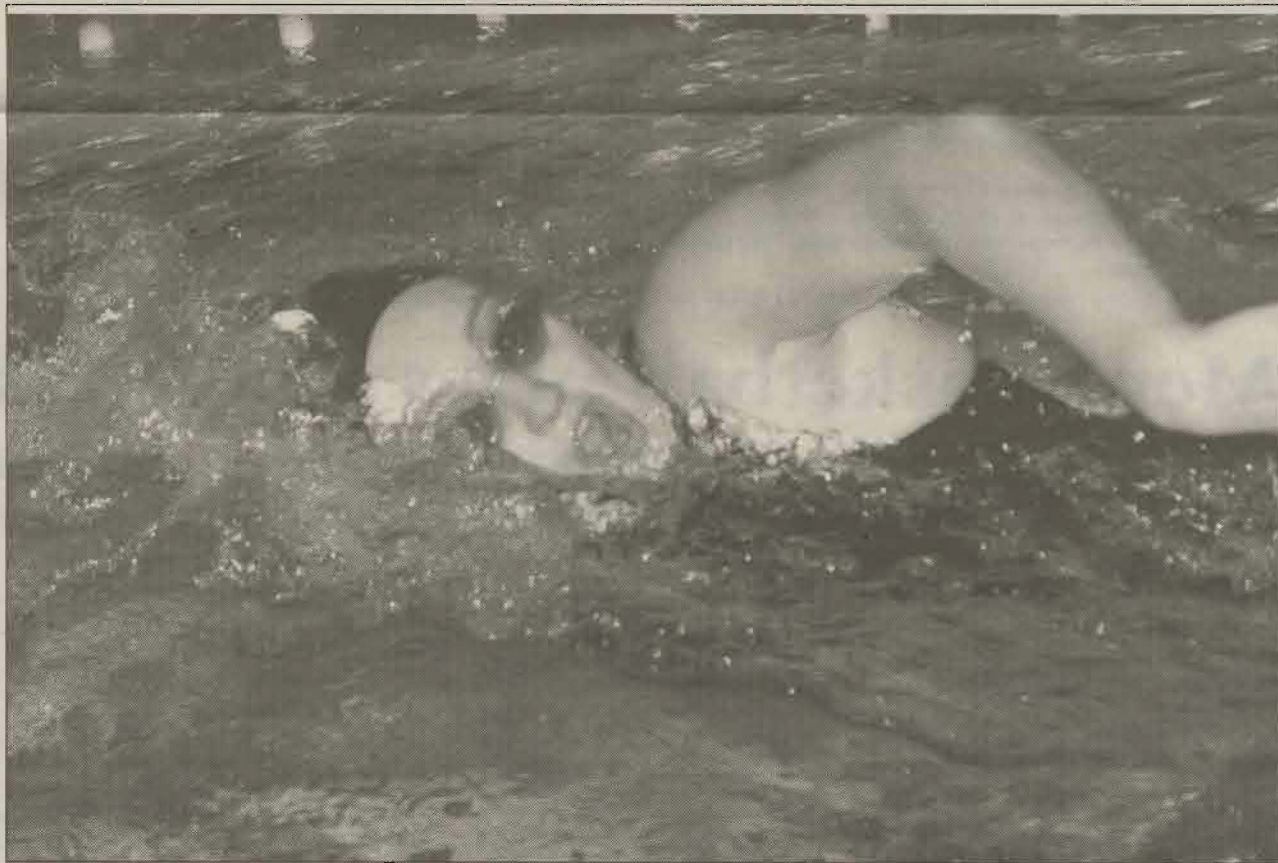


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First-year Jamie DeLuca swims the freestyle at a home meet during January. The women's team had two wins and three losses in January, while the men won three and lost two. The women's overall record is 3-4, while the men have an overall record of 5-2. DeLuca and the rest of the Lutes will compete at the Northwest Conference Championships, set for Feb. 10 at King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way.

much depth as the Lutes.

The men and women's teams claimed their second victories in dual meets in as many days, sweeping Willamette 125-77 for the women, and 103-84 for the men, Jan. 21.

"That was a good meet for us and we felt optimistic about our season at that point," Coulson said. "It was a good meet overall. We were proud of ourselves."

For the women, Brade, Owen, Seed and Kuhn each won two events to pace the team. Brade won the 1000 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

Owen took first in the 200 freestyle and 200-yard backstroke. Seed won the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle, while Kuhn claimed victories in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard breaststroke.

For the men, Stetzler won the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle, while Seetin won the 200 IM and 200 backstroke. Pedack, Fuller, Wilson and sophomore Patrick Carlisle won both relays for the Lutes.

The Lutes' streak of two consecutive victories at dual meets came to an end in the hands of Linfield Jan. 28, as the women lost 135-61 and the men lost by a slim 97-90 margin.

Kuhn won two events, the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke, while Johnson took the 1000 freestyle. Seetin

and Stetzler once again led the men's team.

Seetin won the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke, while Stetzler took first in the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

"We did not have a good meet," Coulson said. "A lot of us did not have our average times."

Coulson said the men's team looks to finish in the top three, while the women look to place fifth at the Northwest Conference Championships, set for Feb. 10 at the King County Aquatic Center in Federal Way.

### Pop Quiz:

When was the Seahawks' inaugural season?

Answer on page 15

# Women's basketball shoots into a tie for first

## Lutes end January with close loss to cross town rival UPS

ANDREW CROFT  
Mast sports reporter

With five games remaining in the season, the women's basketball team has tied its own longest winning streak, secured one of the best records ever accomplished by this point in the season, and now shares the top spot with Puget Sound in the Northwest Conference with a record of 9-2 in conference (16-3 overall).

The streak started back in November with a matchup against Warner Pacific, in which the Lutes beat their opponents, 81-74, in overtime. The win catapulted them into NWC play.

The Lutes started off strongly in December as well, with two conference wins against Pacific (57-53) and Willamette (70-55), as well as a win against Corban College (76-66). The women were beating their opponents and seemed unstoppable, but Coach Gil Rigell said he was unhappy.

"We were winning, but we were winning with our offense," Rigell said. "That's not how I like to win games. I needed to emphasize defense."

Thereafter Rigell did exactly what he set out to do. In the next three games, the Lutes held their opponents under 45 points.

"We are known for our defense," senior Kelly Turner said.

The Lutes, having established a seven-game winning streak, traveled across town at the beginning of January to play the Loggers. Pacific Lutheran firmly handled Puget Sound, ending in victory with 73-65, increasing the Lutes to 3-0 in conference and extending the winning streak to eight games.

"It was great to come into the New Year with a win," Turner said.

The Lutes started a three-game home stand against Linfield, Whitman and Whitworth, beating all three by eight points or more.

"We were on a roll," Turner said. "We also took each team out of their game."

With an unstoppable offense and intimidating defense, the Lutes found themselves on top of the NWC with a record of 6-0 and a winning streak of 11 games. But with their toughest game coming up, the skies began to darken.

The Lutes went on the road to face George Fox, which was ranked third in the nation at the time, and a tough Lewis and Clark team that always becomes an Achilles' heel for the Lutes.

The first stop equaled a victory against George Fox. The Lutes won, in a miraculous upset, 85-84 in overtime.

"We weren't expected to win," Turner said. "We played as if we had nothing to lose."

The Lutes were down by 14 points with 5:51 left in the

second half. They came back and tied the game at 75 with a three-point shot by Kelly Turner to force overtime.

In overtime, George Fox went up by four with 2:23 left in the period. Lute Mallory Mann made a lay-up, bringing the Lutes within two points. Kezia Long then made one of two free throws with 38 seconds left and cut the deficit to one. With 11 seconds left, Long rebounded a jumper that had been missed by George Fox. The Lutes called a timeout.

After the time out, Mann drove the ball down the court, drove into the key and kicked the ball out to Long, who sunk the game winner. With only a few seconds left, the Bruins shot up a prayer that floated over the backboard.

"It was such a huge win for us," Turner said.

The win tied the Lutes' previous record of most consecutive wins, at 12.

The next night, the team traveled to Lewis & Clark to play the Pioneers. The fifth-place Pioneers upset the first-place Lutes to hand the girls their first conference loss.

"We played flat," Turner said. "We had the previous night in our minds and just seemed to overlook the game."

Despite a blemish on their conference record, the Lutes still retain the top position in the NWC.

Even with Mann out with back spasms for the next two games, the Lutes bounced back with wins against both Pacific and Willamette. With the Loggers' return three days later, Mann was back in the starting lineup.

The end of January came, and UPS came to town. After an eight-point loss of their first meeting, the Loggers were out for blood and beat the Lutes 61-49.

"We just came out flat and they brought it," Turner said. "We weren't doing a lot of things we usually do and were just standing around on offense."

The game began with teams trading baskets for the first 10 minutes. UPS took a time out with PLU up 19-16, and from there the Loggers took control. UPS went on an 11-0 run and never looked back. The closest PLU ever came was within one point, with nine minutes to go in the second half. UPS pulled away again, ending the game with a 12-point victory. "Though UPS always plays tough defense, it wasn't

them who took it out of the game," Turner said. "We took ourselves out."

To add insult to injury, Mann experienced back spasms three minutes into the second half. Her return to the court is unknown.

However, the Lutes remain tied with UPS in first place. This weekend, PLU goes to Linfield and UPS goes to George Fox. A win for the Lutes and a loss for the Loggers would give PLU sole possession of first place with four games remaining in the season.



Photo by Chris Hunt

Wing Nikki Johnson drives to the hoop during the first half of the Puget Sound game on Tuesday night. The Lutes ended up losing the battle to rival UPS 49-61. PLU is now tied with UPS for the first place spot in conference with a record of 9-2 in conference play.

# Men's basketball plays scrappy, but loses to rival

## Lutes improve from last season, yet still hold losing record of 3-8

SEAN MCILRAITH  
Mast sports reporter

The PLU men's basketball team has already matched its conference win total from last season, with five more conference games to play.

The Lutes are currently 3-8 in the Northwest Conference and 4-16 overall. Earlier this month, the Lutes had conference victories against Linfield and Whitworth in Olson Auditorium.

Last weekend the Lutes hosted the Pacific Boxers and the Willamette Bearcats. Friday, the Lutes boasted a close 75-72 victory over the Boxers. Forward Josh Vanlandingham led PLU in scoring with 25 points, 10-of-13 from the field. Guard Josh Dressler scored 21 points, seven of which came in the final 56 seconds of the victory.

The Lutes took on the first-place Willamette team Saturday. The Lutes played tough, but hot shooting and fresh legs pushed the Cats to an 80-65 victory. PLU held a

With a 34-33 lead at the half Willamette shot 64 percent in the second half against PLU's 36 percent.

"We didn't approach this game any differently," forward Brian Misterek said. "We knew we needed to play defense, but couldn't stop their hot shooting."

Wing Drew Cardwell had 17 points and seven rebounds and Vanlandingham chipped in 12 points,

seven of which came from the free throw stripe.

Head coach Dave Harshman was happy with the performance against Pacific and knew the battle with Willamette would be tough.

"We played the night before and they [Bearcats] had the night off, so we knew they would have fresh legs," Harshman said. "We weren't able to contest their shots and they took advantage of it."

The Lutes hosted the UPS Loggers Tuesday in front of a rowdy PLU and UPS crowd.

The Lutes hung with the Loggers for much of the game, but UPS pulled away in the end for a 96-76 victory. Vanlandingham led the Lutes again with 25 points on 10 of 12 from the field. After the game wing/post Scott Lowery had a message for the Lutes 6th man.

"The energy from our crowd was amazing," Lowery said. "Thank you fans for supporting us tonight and making the game more exciting."

The Lutes travel to McMinnville, Ore., tomorrow to take on the Linfield Wildcats.

This will be the third game between the Lutes and Wildcats this season. In the first match-up the Wildcats edged the Lutes 76-73 in the Cactus Jam Tournament in Phoenix, Ariz.

PLU got revenge Jan. 7, when the team defeat-

ed the Cats 96-87 in Olson Auditorium behind 27 points from wing Drew Cardwell.

The Lutes can expect a hungry Wildcat team who is sitting second from the bottom in the Northwest Conference.

"We mirror each other as teams," Harshman said. "There's a lot of basketball to play and we intend on reaching our goal of finishing towards the top of the conference."



Photo by Chris Hunt

Forward Josh Vanlandingham goes in for a layup against UPS last Tuesday. The Lutes ended up losing to their rival, 96-76. Their next match up is tomorrow against Linfield.

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THIS WEEK IN SPORTS	• The Seattle Sonics are at Houston to take on the Rockets. Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m. (PST).	• PLU men and women's basketball teams play at Linfield. Women's game is at 6 p.m., men's game follows at 8 p.m.	• Super Bowl XL Seahawks vs. Steelers at Ford Field in Detroit. Coverage begins at 11:30 a.m. on ABC.	• The Sonics take on the Charlotte Bobcats. Tip-off is set for 4:30 p.m. (PST).	• NHL action: The Tampa Bay Lightning take on the New Jersey Devils at 4:30 p.m. (PST).	• NHL action: The Blues take on the Canucks at 7 p.m., in Vancouver.	• The Husky men's basketball team hosts USC at Bank of America Arena. Tip-off is 7 p.m.

# PLU needs to take notice of female hoopsters

## Women's basketball has the ingredients for postseason success



After one month of doing absolutely nothing, I am back once again to run my mouth about anything and everything in the sports world.

It is time to put down the video games, dust off the computer and try my hand at this whole column-writing again. This week's column brings me right here to PLU, because there is a team catching fire, that the student body needs to take notice of.

Most people think of this school as simply a football school. Gil Rigell and our women's basketball team have given fans and critics alike a new sport for PLU to be proud of.

I have always believed that coach Rigell is one of the best coaches to ever come through PLU and he has proven it again this year by leading the women's basketball team to a 16-3 overall record and 9-2 in conference.

Rigell has a team that only boasts two true seniors and has them playing a complete game of basketball that is

paying dividends for a lot of the players. Before we get to individual performances from the season so far, let me take a minute to talk about their team game.

Not only does this team have the fourth best scoring average in the conference at 67.2 points per game, but they compliment that with the best defense in the conference, holding opponents to 53.5 points per game.

That equates to a scoring margin of +13.7. Anytime you are able to outscore your opponents by that type of margin, you are going to do a lot of damage within your

conference. That strong scoring margin can be attributed to an extent to their fast starts during games.

So far this season, the women's basketball team has outscored its opponents in the first half by a total amount of points of 593-438.

These ladies are going out on the court and attacking early and often and you can credit a lot of their success to the previous statistic.

Scoring also has a lot to do with distributing the ball. The Lutes do a great job of that as they have accumulated 276 total assists this season, 16 of which came in one game at the hands of Mallory Mann, which is a conference high for this season. Mann is also another Lute conference leader as she holds the top average in assists per game at 6.89 per game. Defense is another big key in team play, and they are doing a great job keeping the ball in their hands.

They currently lead the conference in defensive rebounds at 30.53 per game.

A big chunk of those rebounds are going to Kezia Long, who averages just over 6.5 defensive rebounds per game, and Nikki Johnson, who has an average of 6.42 per game.

These two ladies combine to hold the number one and number two spots on the conference leader board when it comes to defensive rebounds. The accolades for these two ladies do not stop there, as both Long and Johnson are in the top 10 in many statistical categories, as well as other fellow Lute teammates.

For Long, her rebound prowess has shot her to the top of the charts in total rebounds 9.2 a game. Johnson is nipping at the heels of Long as she finds herself in third place in that category at 9.1 per game. Both Long and Johnson are also two of three Lute players who average at least 10 points per game.

While Johnson sits sixth in the conference in scoring at 13.2 per game, Turner, sits two spots ahead of Johnson in fourth at 14.2 per game.

Much of that scoring output can be attributed to her strong 3-point shooting. Shooting .417 from behind the arc, Turner holds the conference high in 3-point shots made in a game at eight.

Turner is also a threat at the charity stripe. She is currently the conference leader in free throw percentage at .907. The person closest to her is only shooting .857 percent. To get to the line that often, and be able to shoot as well as Turner does means she has to get the minutes.

She certainly doesn't lack in that department either averaging 33.58 minutes per game, second in the conference. I have barely begun to

scratch the surface of this wonderful team. We are the only team in the conference that has a player in the top five in 12 out of the 13 statistical categories listed on the Northwest Conference website.

Steals being the only category we do not have anybody in the top 5 in. George Fox University is the school closest to us with 10 out of 13 categories. Four of those categories as well we have two players within the top five.

George Fox also has four categories with two players in the top five, but PLU is only one of four schools to have two players in the top five of a statistical category. These women have done a fantastic job all season long. The statistics should speak for itself.

It is not like one player is dominating this team. Everybody on the roster is contributing whatever they have to this program.

Their relationship with Rigell, and their team chemistry is as big of a reason for their success as their accomplishments on the court.

I really see this team going far in the postseason and I hope the PLU community goes out and continues to show their support for this team.

**Answer:**  
The Seahawks' inaugural season was 1976.

## Scorecard

### Women's Basketball

Team	NWC	%	GB	All	%
PLU	9-2	.833	-	16-3	.874
UPS	9-2	.833	-	16-3	.874
George Fox	6-4	.600	2	15-4	.789
Whitworth	6-4	.600	2	12-6	.667
L & C	6-4	.600	2	10-8	.556
Whitman	5-5	.500	4	9-9	.500
Linfield	4-6	.400	5	10-9	.526
Pacific	1-9	.100	8	5-13	.278
Willamette	0-10	.000	9	5-13	.278

### Season stats

#### Team leaders - Scoring (ppg)

Kelly Turner - 13.8  
Kezia Long - 13.0  
Patricia Buckingham - 10.8

#### 3-Point FG's made

Kelly Turner - 6  
Kyle Haag - 6  
Nikki Johnson - 2

#### Field Goal attempts

Kelly Turner - 40  
Patricia Buckingham - 40  
Nikki Johnson - 34

#### FT's percentage (minimum 10 attempts)

Nikki Johnson - .818 (9/11)  
Kelly Turner - .810 (17/21)  
Patricia Buckingham - .500 (5/10)

#### Upcoming games

12/2 at Pacific - 6 p.m.  
12/3 at Willamette - 6 p.m.

### Men's Basketball

Team	NWC	%	GB	All	%
Whitman	0-0	.000	-	2-1	.667
UPS	0-0	.000	-	2-1	.667
Pacific	0-0	.000	-	2-1	.667
Willamette	0-0	.000	-	2-2	.500
George Fox	0-0	.000	-	1-1	.500
Whitworth	0-0	.000	-	1-1	.500
Linfield	0-0	.000	-	1-2	.333
L & C	0-0	.000	-	1-2	.333
PLU	0-0	.000	-	0-2	.000

#### Season stats

#### Team leaders - Scoring (ppg)

Drew Cardwell - 15.5  
Josh Vanlandingham - 12.0  
Bryon Decker - 11.5

#### 3-Point FG's made

Bryon Decker - 5  
Josh Vanlandingham - 3  
Andrew Mehalechko - 3

#### Field Goal attempts

Drew Cardwell - 23  
Josh Vanlandingham - 18  
Bryon Decker - 18

#### FT's percentage (minimum 5 attempts)

Andrew Peterson - .714 (5/7)  
Josh Vanlandingham - .750 (3/4)  
Drew Cardwell - .667 (2/3)

#### Upcoming games

12/2 at Pacific - 8 p.m.  
12/3 at Willamette - 8 p.m.

### Swimming

#### Standings

Men	NWC	All
UPS	2-0	3-0
Whitworth	2-0	2-1
PLU	2-1	2-1
L & C	1-2	2-2
Linfield	1-2	1-2
Willamette	0-0	0-0
Pacific	0-1	0-1
Whitman	0-2	0-2

Women	NWC	All
L & C	3-0	4-0
UPS	2-0	3-0
PLU	1-2	1-2
Whitworth	1-1	1-2
Whitman	1-1	1-1
Willamette	0-0	0-0
Pacific	0-1	0-1
Linfield	0-3	0-3

### Swimming at Willamette (Jan. 21)

#### Women's 400 yard medley relay

2 1-2 Pacific Lutheran University-PN 'A'  
4:18.75 4:46.79

- 1) Umetsu, Katelyn 2) Coulson, Emma  
3) Crawford, Katie 4) Deluca, Jamie

#### Men's 400 yard medley relay

1 1-1 Pacific Lutheran University-PN 'A'  
3:58.21 4:04.01

- 1) Pedack, David 2) Fuller, Adam  
3) Wilson, Gavin 4) Carlisle, Pat

### Swimming vs. Albertson College (Jan. 20)

#### Women 200 Yard Medley Relay

Pacific Lutheran University A 1:59.53

- 1) Owen, Ashlynn 2) Kuhn, Kate  
3) Brade, Laura 4) Seed, Sara

#### Men's 200 Yard Medley Relay

Pacific Lutheran University A 1:47.87

- 1) Pedack, David 2) Seetin, Daniel  
3) Wilson, Gavin 4) Stetzler, Andy

### January's PLU basketball action

Women's Basketball at George Fox  
PLU 85, George Fox 84 (OT)

Player Name	FG-PA	FG-PA	FT-PA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP
A TO BE S MIN								
13 Turner, Kelly	6-11	46	8-9	0-11	3-28	1-0	0-19	
21 Buckingham, Patricia	1-5	0-0	1-2	0-5	3-3	0-1	1-10	
24 Mann, Mallory	12-15	0-0	1-3	0-4	1-25	9-6	0-2-03	
30 Johnson, Nikki	1-7	0-2	2-2	1-23	3-4	5-0	1-24	
44 Richardson, Melissa	3-5	0-0	3-2	0-4	1-7	0-1	1-29	
22 McHugh, Abby	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-4	
32 Gibbons, Trinity	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-2	0-2	1-14	
31 Haag, Kyle	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-10	
34 Stickle, Anna	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0-3	
42 Long, Kezia	6-14	0-0	1-2	3-10	3-13	0-0	1-12	
45 Dowling, Meghan	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	
TEAM				23	5	1	1	
Totals	31-63	4-10	15-22	6-32	30	81	14-18	9-225

Men's Basketball at George Fox  
George Fox 78, PLU 61

Player Name	FG-PA	FG-PA	FT-PA	OF	DE	TO	PF	TP
A TO BE S MIN								
03 MEHALCZKO, ANDREW	3-8	3-7	0-0	0-11	1-2	2-2	0-4	0-28
10 FICHTENBERG, NILE	3-7	2-2	0-2	1-3	4-0	0-0	0-17	
12 CARPOLL, DREW	5-8	0-2	2-4	4-8	11-14	0-0	19	
15 HEIDENREICH, LANDON	2-3	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-7	2	0-21	
44 MISTYER, BRIAN	6-4	0-1	0-0	3-14	4-8	1-1	0-15	
05 CHRISTENSEN, JAKE	0-1	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-10	
14 DECKER, BRYON	2-5	0-2	2-2	1-3	4-1	2-0	0-11	
20 JESSIELE, JOSH	1-2	0-0	0-1	1-0	3-0	0-0	0-13	
21 PEDERSEN, ANDREW	8-8	1-1	0-5	1-2	1-17	1-3	0-19	
23 VANLANDINGHAM, JOSH	9-16	3-8	3-4	5-13	4-25	3	2-0-25	
33 SINIS, MATT	1-3	0-0	2-3	2-1	4-3	0-2	0-15	
02 EDWARDS, NORMAN	0-2	0-0	1-2	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	
TEAM				1	1			
Totals	32-72	11-33	14-22	20-22	42	26	89-22	18-0-7-208

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# Quick Glance: Athletics over J-Term



## Women's Basketball

Jan. 3 at Puget Sound W, 73-65  
 Jan. 7 vs. Linfield W, 63-55  
 Jan. 13 vs. Whitman W, 55-38  
 Jan. 14 vs. Whitworth W, 69-45  
 Jan. 20 at George Fox W, 85-84  
 Jan. 21 at Lewis & Clark L, 65-69  
 Jan. 27 vs. Pacific W, 69-46  
 Jan. 28 vs. Willamette W, 67-35  
 Jan. 31 vs. Puget Sound L, 49-61



## Men's Basketball

Jan. 3 at Puget Sound L, 76-102  
 Jan. 7 vs. Linfield W, 96-87  
 Jan. 13 vs. Whitman L, 63-88  
 Jan. 14 vs. Whitworth W, 81-72  
 Jan. 20 at George Fox L, 61-78  
 Jan. 21 at Lewis & Clark L, 92-94  
 Jan. 27 vs. Pacific W, 75-72  
 Jan. 28 vs. Willamette L, 65-80  
 Jan. 31 vs. Puget Sound L, 76-96



## Women's Swimming

Jan. 7 vs. Whitworth L, 79-113  
 Jan. 14 at Whitman L, 77-128  
 Jan. 20 vs. Albertson W, 132-44  
 Jan. 21 at Willamette W, 125-77  
 Jan. 28 vs. Linfield L, 61-135



## Men's Swimming

Jan. 7 vs. Whitworth L, 66-104  
 Jan. 14 at Whitman W, 108-55  
 Jan. 20 vs. Albertson W, 83-71  
 Jan. 21 at Willamette W, 103-84  
 Jan. 28 vs. Linfield L, 90-97



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## Indoor track races past two meets, first-years show promise

Athletes enter the half-way point in season; look to improve times, marks

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The indoor track season has arrived and once again PLU's runners, throwers and jumpers are back into competition. The Lutes participated in both the University of Washington Open #1 and #2 meets Jan. 15 and Jan. 29, respectively.

The "open" meet classification is meant for any person, regardless of age or school status (high school, college) to compete in the meet. PLU competes in three "open" meets per season, while competing in numerous invitationals, including Division I meets.

Numerous first-years had some of the top finishes for PLU at the Open # 1. One of those included a 10th place finish by first-year pole-vaulter Jeff Rockenbrant, who cleared the bar at 11 feet, eight and a half inches.

Returners are pleased to have this youthful burst of skills, especially because they are blending nicely with the team, according to sophomore sprinter Jeva Morton.

"It's great we have such young talent," Morton said. "I'm really excited about our freshmen boys and girls. They're amazing."

Morton finished 28th overall in the 60-meter dash Jan. 15 with a time of 8.5 seconds. She was able to improve her time Jan. 30 to 8.44 seconds giving her 24th place.

"It's still the beginning of the season," Morton said. "I'm still looking forward to dropping some seconds."

Other notable Lute accomplishments included junior thrower Megan Wochnick, who placed fourth in the women's weight throw with a toss of 47-11 1/2. Sophomore Rebecca Lewis placed 19th in the women's triple jump (28-8), while senior Casey Hill placed 10th in the men's shot put with a heave of 39-2 1/4. In the women's mile, senior Kristen Davignon finished 28th with a time of 5:41.03. Both the men and women's 4x400 relays, finished in 7th place with season-best times.

"We are definitely showing what we can do," Morton said. "We're getting better and better."

The men's relay team consisted of first-years Daniel Hibbard, Neil Colombini, Luke Weinbrecht, and sophomore Ben Johnson. They clocked in with a time of 3:39.85.

The women's relay team consisted of first-years Callie Gunderson and Michele Hegg, and sophomores Haley Martin and Hannah Schultz. This team clocked a time of 4:30.01.

The Lutes return to the University of Washington for their next meets, Feb. 11 and 12.