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New mascot unveiled during orientation week

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Pacific Lutheran students have one more answer to the "what is a Lute?" puzzle.

The university's new mascot was unveiled during the Class of 2014 orientation week, making guest appearances at Lute Follies, Lutes at Play, and the Involvement Fair.

The new costume is a knight—undoubtedly a Scandinavian one—and arrives at PLU after more than two years of planning, said assistant athletic director Jennifer Thomas.

Active work on the project began last year, when the Student Athlete Advisory Council started to price costume options and develop proposals for ASPLU. After ASPLU agreed to split the costs of the costume with SAAC, the athletic department moved ahead with its purchase. The final cost for the costume was close to \$1,300, Thomas estimated.

PLU's knight is a full faux-metal armor suit with a shield. While the mascot may look like a traditional knight, there is no question he is a Lute, Thomas said.

"Our goal had never been to change the mascot or the nickname of PLU. We are still the Lutes," she said.

The association between the university and a knight is not an advent of the athletic department. When Pacific Lutheran College became a university in 1960, the newly-formed school chose the knight as its mascot.

The term "Lutes" was a nickname given to the university by local sports reporters, Thomas said. Obviously it stuck, and Thomas said she has no intention of changing that now.

Since a permanent mascot had not been hired by the time orientation activities were underway, orientation guides filled the suit as temporary mascots.

Sophomore Sean Boaglio was PLU's first Lute, starring in its debut performance at Lute Follies. He said the new costume garnered different responses from each show. The first audience was

almost entirely composed of first-years, and Boaglio said the knight didn't illicit much of a response from them.

"They didn't really understand" what it meant for PLU to finally have a tangible mascot, assuming that every school has one, Boaglio said.

The second audience had more returning students. "They loved it, because we finally had a mascot. They were more understanding," he said.

First-year Nicole Pennington was one of the new students meeting the mascot at Lute Follies. She said that when the Lute was first introduced, she thought it was a joke.

"Every college has a mascot," Pennington said, so she assumed PLU has always had one.

As Boaglio noted, the introduction of the Lute had more of an impact on returning students. Sophomore Anna Koll said seeing the costume "was pretty exciting" and will affect sporting events. "Now we have something to reference as a Lute," Koll said.

The athletic department finished the hiring process for a long-term Lute on Monday. In addition to interviews with Thomas and others in the department, applicants completed two-minute improvisational mascot routines. They were also given possible scenarios to act out, including confrontations with away fans.

Thomas said that the athletic department does not intend on releasing the names of the hired mascots in hopes to maintain a level of mystique surrounding the new Lute. Disclosing the names ruins the feeling of a mascot, Thomas said.

The Lute's athletic debut will be at the PLU-California Lutheran University football game on Saturday, Sept. 18.

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Assistant Athletic Director Jennifer Thomas



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Sandra Kostelecky remembered: Beloved assistant to the athletic director passes away

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The athletic office in Olson is not as vibrant as it used to be, said JoAnne Davis, reflecting on the recent death of her colleague and friend Sandra Kostelecky.

Pacific Lutheran students and faculty received an email from the Office of the President Friday, Sept. 9. The email notified the community of Kostelecky's passing after an 18-month fight with cancer.

Davis is the senior office assistant for the School of Movement Studies and Wellness. Kostelecky was the assistant to the director in the Athletics Administration. The two worked adjacent from each other for eight years.

"She was more of a friend than just a coworker," Davis said. "She was a friend to everybody here."

Kostelecky began working at PLU in 1995 as the senior office assistant for the School of Physical Education. In 2005, the school split into the School of Movement Studies and the Athletics Department, and Kostelecky became the assistant to the new athletic director, Laurie Turner.

But as Turner said, Kostelecky was not an office assistant to the athletic director as "she was the assistant to the department."

"She ran our department, there is no doubt about it," Turner said.

Kostelecky managed the athletics office, hired and trained student workers, worked on departmental events, took tickets at football and basketball games, served as a resource for prospective students and their parents, trained volunteers and worked with new coaches as they joined the PLU team.

"She was really kind of my mentor when I came to PLU," Turner recalled. "She had a really special relationship with each one of our coaches."

During her 15 year career at PLU, Kostelecky made special relationships with every student who came into the office, Davis said.

"She was always asking how their [students'] families were doing. She made it like a home that students would come back to. They would stop by after they had grown up, married, had children... they would always remember her," she said.

Davis said she believed it was Kostelecky's "unapologetic humor" and genuine interest in people that made her so popular among the staff and, even more so, students.

"Students referred to her as their mom. 'Hi, Mom' they'd say as they come in," Davis remembered.

Kostelecky's journey through cancer began in early 2009. She had undergone a hip replacement surgery in December 2008, which Turner said had been successful. But during post-op doctor checkups what turned out to be multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma-producing cells found in bone marrow.

Kostelecky underwent chemotherapy for over a year, but Turner said she could "count on one hand" the number of times she missed work. Both Davis

and Turner said Kostelecky's work at PLU was "really important to her" and that she insisted, despite Turner's disapproval, that she continue working.

"Now Laurie, I just don't know what else I would do with my time," Turner remembered hearing after telling Kostelecky to take time off.

Turner said she believed Kostelecky was a "rally" for her generation — "a female in her late 60s, that just loved sports. She was a Mariners fan, she was an Oklahoma fan, she watched every Seahawks game."

"She never missed a Mariners game. She loved sports," Davis said.

"She was my Sports Center," Turner said.

Both agreed the athletic offices would never be the same without the presence of Kostelecky.

"The university — we've lost a great soul with Sandra not being involved in our everyday lives. She was truly one of a kind," Turner said.

"She was special," Davis added.

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Athletic Director
Laurie Turner



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RHC cancels boxer run

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A misunderstanding led a group of Ordal residents to self-organize the annual boxer run on Sept. 6 that had been postponed by the Residence Hall Council, leading the RHC to cancel this year's run altogether.

Junior Ryan Carter was involved in organizing last year's "Boxer Run" event. This year, residents were told the RHC could not organize the event because it would be considered hazing, he said. Carter and a group of other residents decided to take matters into their own hands.

"I initiated the Boxer Run and got the Facebook group going," Carter said.

Residence Director Kate Schnurr happened to be in the Ordal lobby at 10 p.m. when approximately 50 students began gathering for the event. Once she realized what they had in mind, it was clear people hadn't all been in the same page.

The "Boxer Run" traditionally takes place at the beginning of every academic year. Male Ordal residents dress down to boxer shorts and ties, run through other

residence halls and surround students along the way, Schnurr explained.

But there were concerns that the event conflicted with PLU's hazing policy, she said. That is why Schnurr and three RHC members began a conversation in late August about how to accomplish the event's goals without going into hazing

"[The boxer run] was considered hazing and RHC cannot be involved in organizing it."

Seth Rohrerbach, junior

territory. The group had agreed to continue the discussion and postpone the event in the meantime, Schnurr said.

"There was some miscommunication around that," she said.

Junior Seth Rohrerbach serves on the Ordal RHC. When he and other members heard back from the meeting, they were told the event "was considered hazing and

RHC cannot be involved in organizing it.

"When upperclassmen were asking ... we told them it's not happening this year because RHC can't be in charge," Rohrerbach said.

This was the message given to Carter and 50 other residents. After being informed that it would still have to be reported to Student Conduct, the group decided to respect PLU's wishes and not do the event.

"At first it was really frustrating," Carter said, "but now we're cool with it."

The incident prompted a meeting the following Thursday where all RHC members were brought into the conversation that began in late August, Rohrerbach said. There was a great sense of relief afterward, he added.

Schnurr said she is really pleased with how the students have come together to talk about this. New ideas are being generated that are even better than before, she said.

"It looks like it's going to be bigger and better," Carter said.

"We love the boxer run," Rohrerbach said. "It's a way for us to do bonding and a fun way to get first-years out of their comfort zone. That's why we want it so bad."

BRIEFS

Engage the World campaign hopes to raise \$100 million

In an effort to educate Pacific Lutheran students both here and around the world, Engage the World: The Campaign for PLU is striving to raise \$20 million more to reach their goal of \$100 million.

"At PLU, teachers want us to exceed expectations and understand what we are capable of," said first-year Katie Elrod. "That's something that inspires me to want to do well."

To find out more or learn how to donate, visit www.plu.edu/campaign/homePLU.

Campus Ministry holds annual hike

Campus Ministry is continuing its 100-year tradition as an estimated 40 to 80 students, faculty and staff will hike 1 1/4 miles to Panorama Point, near Mount Baker, to share fellowship and take in the sights on Sept. 19 from 12:45 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"Once [the group] reach Panorama Point they have a picnic, rest, chat and just enjoy the time together," said University Pastor Reverend Nancy Connor. "Then it is a beautiful view as we return back and watch the sunset."

Connor says that the group will also sing and take service. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Emerging Leaders hosts retreat for first-years

Emerging Leaders will hold its annual fall retreat for all interested first-years on Sept. 18 at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. The Emerging Leaders program focuses on developing leadership skills and preparing students for their future at Pacific Lutheran.

"It's a fun opportunity for first-years to get off campus, get to know about themselves as leaders, meet other students and just be able to hang out," said sophomore Leadership Fellow Jill Heinecke.

Fall Preview Day set for Sept. 19

Pacific Lutheran will host Fall Preview Day on Sept. 19. Potential Lutes will be on campus from 8:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. They will be able to go on a campus tour, get information on PLU academic programs and extracurricular activities, and learn about financial aid opportunities.

More information is available online at www.plu.edu/admission/upcoming-events/Fall-Preview-Day.php.

IN THE NEWS:

American woman freed by Iran after bail deal

Brian Murphy & Nasser Karimi
AP Writers

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — In just a few dizzying hours, American Sarah Shourd exchanged a cell in a Tehran prison for a private jet crossing the Persian Gulf on Tuesday, after a diplomatic deal to cover a \$500,000 bail and secure a release that seemed in jeopardy from the start.

Shourd was met by her mother and U.S. diplomats at a royal airfield in Oman, which U.S. officials say played a critical role in organizing the bail payment and assuring it did not violate American economic sanctions on Iran.

Shourd stepped off the private Omani jet and into the arms of her mother in their first embrace since a brief visit in May overseen by Iranian authorities — and her first day of freedom in more than 13 months.

"I'm grateful and I'm very humbled by this moment," she said before boarding the plane to Tehran for the two-hour flight to Oman.

The whirlwind departure of the 32-year-old Shourd brought little change for two other Americans — her fiance

Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal — who remained behind bars while authorities moved toward possible deals on spy charges that could bring up to 10 years in prison if they are convicted.

The three were detained along the Iraq border on July 31, 2009. Their families say they were innocent hikers in the scenic mountains of Iraq's Kurdish region and if they did stray across the border into Iran, they did so unwittingly.

"All of our families are relieved and overjoyed that Sarah has at last been released, but we're also heartbroken that Shane and Josh are still being denied their freedom for no just cause ... They deserve to come home, too," said a statement by the three families.

Iran, however, has shown no hints of clemency for the two 28-year-old men. Indictments on espionage-related charges have been filed and Tehran's chief prosecutor has suggested the cases could soon move into the courts, with Shourd tried in absentia.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said Shourd was being released on compassionate grounds. Her mother says she has serious



AP PHOTO COURTESY OF SELMAN AL-HASANI
Sarah Shourd, right, warmly embraces her mother Nora Shourd, left, as Sarah Shourd's arrival at the royal airfield in Muscat, Oman, Sept. 18, after leaving Tehran, Iran. The American woman was released by Iran on Tuesday after more than a year in prison.

medical problems, including a breast lump and precancerous cervical cells.

Shourd's release, some analysts say, could be used by Iran as a way to deflect the international outcry over a stoning sentence for a woman convicted of adultery and the continued crackdown on opposition groups.

Shourd's family has not disclosed the source of the funds used to pay her bail — opening speculation that a diplomatic pact was cut with Oman.

A U.S. official said neither the U.S. government nor the families of the hikers put up the money.

"I am very pleased that Sarah Shourd has been released by the Iranian government and will soon be united with her family," Obama said in a statement.

Shourd's mother, Nora, said she has hoped and prayed for this moment for 410 days.

"I can only imagine how bittersweet her freedom must be for her, leaving Shane and Josh behind," she said.

Fla. pastor will 'not today, not ever' burn Quran

AP WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Gainesville, Fla. Pastor Terry Jones says his church will "not today, not ever" burn a Quran, even if an Islamic center and mosque are built near ground zero.

Jones had threatened to burn the

Muslim holy book on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks over plans to build a mosque four blocks from where terrorists brought down the World Trade Center nine years ago.

He flew to New York and appeared on NBC's "Today" show. Jones says that his church's goal was "to expose that there is

an element of Islam that is very dangerous and very radical."

Jones tells NBC that "we have definitely accomplished that mission." No meeting is planned with the imam leading the center, but he hopes one will take place.

The "Burn a Quran Day" banner outside his church has been taken down.

Remembering Sept. 11, 2001: Senior establishes Student Veterans Association

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When most people think of Sept. 11, 2001, they often associate it with a multitude of images and scenes from the news—scenes of horror, destruction, devastation, anger.

And yet amidst it all, there were faint rays of hope, displays of selfless ambition and willingness to help people in need on the part of police officers, firefighters and others.

For members of the Student Veterans Association, the day went a little differently.

"We spent a lot of the day ... fielding calls from people who assumed since we [Ft. Lewis] were a Personnel unit that we knew what was going on," senior Vera Saldana said. "The best part of that awful day came when I got home. I was walking up the stairs

to my apartment when a neighbor stopped me. All she said was, 'Thank you,' and she shook my hand."

Drawing veterans from nearly every branch of service and wars, the Student Veterans Association was established this fall by senior Alyssa Mehl as both a conduit and transition group for those just leaving service, whether it was serving active duty or simply being stationed on base.

"We're students of a different caliber; our life experiences separate us from the student population," Mehl said, drawing attention to the fact that some of their members are older and may not be fully acclimated to a

college climate.

Some of these students have seen many years of service, including transfer student Mike Farnum. Farnum works with an organization called Vet

Corps, which seeks to meet the needs of any service members in the PLU community. Those needs include everything from helping with car troubles to paying the rent to finding a counselor. While Vet Corps is a separate entity

from the Student Veterans Association, their goals are one and the same.

This fall the Student Veterans Association is working on getting its constitution ratified, and is beginning the process of selecting new leadership.

"We're students of a different caliber; our life experiences separate us from the student population."

Alyssa Mehl, senior

Mehl has made it clear that her role is more organizational, and she intends to step down in December.

"We have a few people who may be interested in taking a leadership role but so far no one has stepped forward yet," Mehl said.

Some members of the association, including junior Lisoko Udo, want to help other veterans make the transition from service to civilian and college life.

"[While the] VA representative ... [has done] an outstanding job helping soldiers transition financially, this could be overwhelming, especially with the [number of] vets taking advantage of financial aid," Udo said. "We can help out with this process in whatever ways possible."

She's not the only one, either. A council, comprised of administrative staff, faculty and student veterans exists to gather information about veterans' needs and put it to use.

Tingelstad hosts all-campus event 'A Night of Pure Imagination' to take place today

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Tingelstad Hall residents will host "A Night of Pure Imagination" Sept. 17 as part of Pacific Lutheran's all-campus event program. The event will include food, games and other activities based on the hall's theme, "Willy Wonka."

"It will be a great kick-off to the school year,"

sophomore Nataly Meyer said. "Everyone should come because there will be a lot of fun things to do."

Each floor will have a different activity with a dance on the eighth floor. Tingelstad's Resident Hall Council is organizing a video game tournament to add some competition to the night.

"The Tingelstad RA and RHC leadership teams have worked very hard to create an inclusive and developmental community," said Tingelstad Resident Director Christina Alberto. "The 'Night

of Pure Imagination' is an opportunity for us to introduce PLU students from all over campus to our incredible community."

The RHC also plans to have face painting and candy available to students.

"We are really trying to build the T-stad community," said Julia Rodriguez, Tingelstad's Resident Assistant with Additional Duties. "The RHC has worked really hard and is really excited to have other PLU students to be a part of our community."

IN THE NEWS: China vows harsh penalties for food safety crimes



AP PHOTO COURTESY OF XINHUA, LI JIAN

In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, a saleswoman places cans of milk powder produced by Synutra International Inc., onto a shelf in a supermarket in Hefei, east China's Jiangsu Province, Aug. 15, 2010. Experts investigating China's latest product safety scandal found no link between the brand of milk powder and apparent breast growth in three babies, the Health Ministry announced Sunday.

AP WRITER

BEIJING (AP) — China warned Thursday that the worst offenders of food safety rules would get the death penalty in a new crackdown on an industry that has spawned embarrassing and deadly scandals in products ranging from seafood to baby formula.

Chinese authorities already have used capital punishment in some of the most egregious food safety violations, but appeared to be expressing more aggressive in prosecuting such cases.

China overhauled its food safety management system after a series of scandals that frightened consumers at home and abroad, including a problem two years ago with tainted baby formula that killed six children and sickened roughly 300,000 more.

That scandal led to prison terms for dairy executives deemed responsible and a shake-up of the Chinese milk industry. Two people were executed in response.

But the problems have continued, with authorities in several cases this year again finding milk tainted with the industrial chemical melamine.

The official Xinhua News Agency cited a joint notice issued by the Public Security Bureau and three top law agencies as saying severe or large-scale food safety cases must be strictly punished.

"Those deserving death penalties should be resolutely sentenced to death," Xinhua quoted the notice as saying.

China executes more people each year than any other country and critics say the death penalty here is used to punish too many crimes and applied too often.

The government is debating revisions to the criminal code that would cut economy-related and non-violent offenses from the list of 68 crimes currently punishable by death. It's not clear if the proposed changes would affect punishments for food safety crimes.

Thursday's notice also promised harsher punishment for government officials who accept bribes and protect or ignore food safety offenders.

"Officials who are involved in food safety crimes should not be given a reprieve or be exempt from criminal punishment," Xinhua quoted the document as saying.

The notice didn't appear to announce changes to the food safety law but said courts should order the highest penalties allowed.

Other food safety problems have included seafood treated with cancer-causing antibiotics or antimicrobials, eggs colored with industrial dye, and fake liquor that can cause blindness or death.

The announcement that such harsh penalties would be issued for violating food safety rules was issued Wednesday by the Public Security Bureau, The Supreme Court, the Ministry of Justice and the Supreme People's Procuratorate, Xinhua said.

The court did not immediately respond to a faxed request for the original notice.

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The Internet: making knowledge global

The face of media is changing. For hundreds of years, the written word reached the eyes of knowledge-hungry readers in the vehicle of ink-stained paper. Then, the telegraph and the radio gave us the technology to transmit sounds across oceans and countries in the blink of an eye.

Now, music, news, art and literature glow out of computer screens at the faces of millions of hungry consumers, courtesy of the Internet and its legion of benefactors. The Internet provides every individual who has access to it the ability to inform or degrade, educate or mock.

It's time we, as a community, started exploring its full potential.

A significant number of people have a negative stigma about the Internet: wary parents and morally conservative individuals don't trust the World Wide Web's capabilities.

It's true. The Internet hosts hundreds of thousands of pages of pornography and countless message boards spouting the hate and ignorance of the world-embittered.

However, its potential for positive impact

The Internet provides access to storehouses of literature and art that would humble the Louvre. Almost every major newspaper in the world has a free online edition, disseminating current events and valuable knowledge to the global community.

Pacific Lutheran University has already employs the Internet to great success. Sakai provides instructors a simple, organized way to distribute materials and collect assignments. Banner Web streamlines registration, financial aid processes and the reviewing of one's student records.

Imagine this: an online newspaper for your community, where you can comment, provide input on events that matter to you and be in dialogue with your peers and where the current events that matter to you are reflected.

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ASPLU is currently seeking five students who can assist us in our endeavors of positively advocating for and unifying the student body as a whole. There are two at-large positions open and three incoming senator positions open, reserved for any new student.

Each senator is a

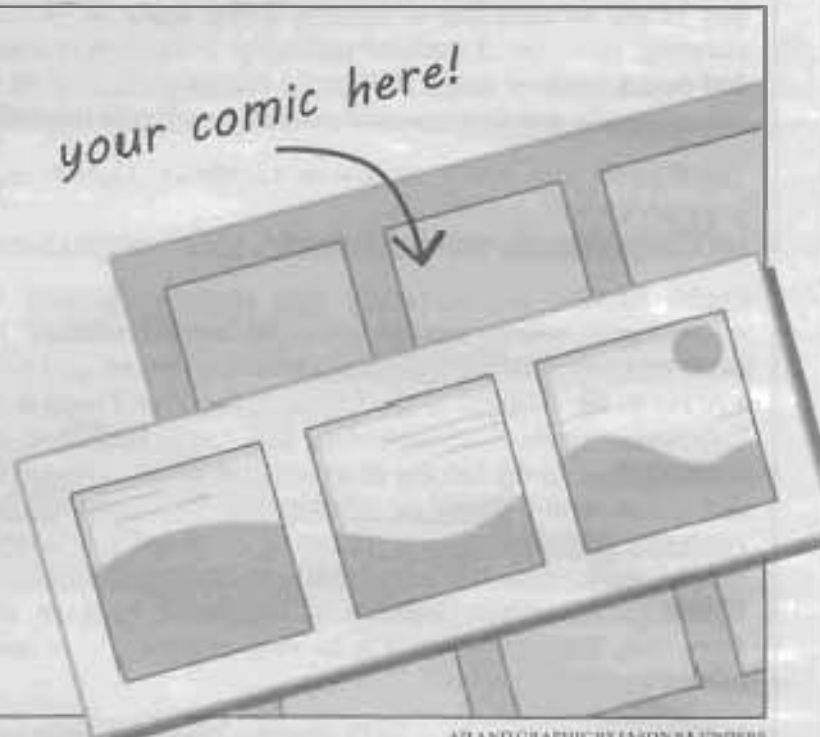
representative of the student body who voices the wishes of themselves and their peers. If you have a passion for improvement, a vision for the PLU community and are interested in joining our team then please come to our informational meeting coming up on Sept. 16. The meeting is at 4 p.m. and will be held in the multi-purpose room, UC 171.

Senate election packets will be distributed at the informational meeting.

However, if you are unable to attend, we invite you to swing by the ASPLU office and pick one up. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask; email ASPLU President Alexis Ballinger at ballinaj@plu.edu.

We hope that your school year has been brighter so far than the weather. Keep in mind that we always love visitors, so don't be shy next time you're walking through the UC.

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Care despite differences

Florida Pastor's response to Sept. 11 does not reflect Christian love



Wrestling with the angel
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Justice is a subject not often clearly defined. We are often called to be just people. This year, Campus Ministry encourages this subject in earnest. Calling the campus to "just do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly," Campus Ministry continues to ask us to pursue peace in our relationships and our lives.

Peace in a time of war is made with treaties. Peace is made in politics with concessions and compromises. As educated global citizens, we are taught to welcome those who live and think in even the most opposing ways as us. We are taught, in this way, to love our neighbors, to accept all humans as equals in many and all contexts. And as much as we would like to see truces occur between nations, or even groups of people, we must begin with each other.

In the current events surrounding last week's

memorial of the attack on the Trade Center in New York City by Islamic extremists, we saw a man, Terry Jones, bent on extending a message that seems all too familiar in our time. His words impassioned many to speak out, including the Vatican and world leaders. His message drew both praise and contempt through many venues and mediums. His message was clear: that the messages of the Quran could not peacefully coexist with the superior, Christian canon. This man, I am sure, loves peace, just as we do. I am sure that he, no doubt, loves his faith and his religion. But it is from his example that we must find in our hearts what it is to do justice.

As a Christian, I am called to live in Jesus Christ each day. Among his commandments, Christ commanded humans to love their neighbors. Our

neighbor—be it friend, family member, or enemy—is just as special to God as each of us is. And this understanding goes beyond Christian contexts.

Our relationships are the driving force for peace in this conflict of hearts. We are challenged to embrace each other earnestly and honestly. We face the even greater challenge of setting aside our own convictions, what may be behind each and every word and deed of our daily lives, and sympathize with our neighbors. We move to love each other despite our differences, and in offering ourselves we act out of compassion and humility. We do justice, we love kindness, and we walk humbly.

Pax vobiscum.

"Pax vobiscum" is a Latin phrase meaning "Peace be with you."

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Facebook is an incredible social and networking tool that is helping to define our generation.

But it can also cause a lot of harm, especially when teenagers and young adults misuse it.

Our generation often forgets that no matter what their

privacy settings, everything on Facebook is public. Many students at Pacific Lutheran University are friends with professors and employers from school. As friends, they have access to pictures of underage students drinking alcohol and read status updates about dreading work.

Even if they aren't your direct friends, people can still see what you post on other people's walls.

Here's the most startling fact: Once you have posted something to the internet, it is out there forever, floating around in cyberspace. Facebook hides in its fine print that whatever you post becomes Facebook's property. And your current privacy settings won't hide an old cache.

A group of students from PLU have created their own version of Texts from Last Night, a popular anonymous quote board, on Facebook. Here students post amusing texts and conversations that happen on and around campus.

The original site is anonymous, whereas the Facebook group lists posters by name.

Sexy pictures or photographs of you getting trashed at a kegger are not going to impress anybody, and it may cost you a future job. Complaining about your existing job, boss or coworkers is also a surefire way to cause you trouble, or at the very least reflect poorly.

The next time you post something to Facebook, on your own page or anyone else's, stop and think twice about it. Don't let a little fun and amusement today be a constant regret tomorrow.

Pursue, study your passion



Through a rose-colored window

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First day ice-breakers are the favorite part of new classes. I know, it sounds a bit odd—but it's true. I love them. I love meeting new people and it's surprising how open they will be in that sort of forced social situation.

There's the standard list of questions: name, major, age. I have seen people's eyes go from glazed to glowing when they talk about their major.

And that leads me to my topic for the week, that all-important choice: why we're all here: our majors. It's why we left home and everything familiar to come here to Pacific Lutheran. We all have our own passions and desires for life and seek the skills taught by higher education to pursue them. Yeah, it's true, we have to slog through those GURs or GenEds that the University makes us take, but I wouldn't be an English major if it wasn't for GURs.

Yes, it's true. Those required classes are important. I took all my general education courses within my freshman and sophomore years and I hated most all of them but the one I loved was Writing 101.

I was set on being a history major when I first arrived at PLU. Then I took History 386: The History of Mexico in the spring of my freshman year. That was the class that convinced me history was not the track for me. I realized within a week of starting the course that I could never handle a full class load of history.

Dejected, confused and defeated, I walked to my advisor's office and told her my sad tale. She listened with a smile as I told her my dilemma and she asked me one question, "Well, have you taken any GURs that you actually liked?"

It was a light bulb moment. I just looked at her and said, "I want to be an English major." Within a week I had declared and been assigned my major advisor, and I haven't looked back since. I look at my life now and I realize that I wouldn't have a lot of the things I do if it wasn't for my major, and I certainly wouldn't be writing this column right now.

So, my advice to all of you Lutes is to critically question your passions and desires, and when you arrive at something that thrills and excites you, go for it. I hope this will help you to look at GURs or GenEds a different way because they really are helpful, even if only in helping you to decide that philosophy is not for you. I hope you find something here that you can pursue with passion and fire.

I love my major and if you ever have a class with me, ask me about it on the first day and see what happens.

Special letter to the editor: University President Loren Anderson remembers well-loved regent

To the PLU Community:

I have a remarkable story to share with you today. It's a story that has directly touched each member of our campus community over the past 10 years and more. But the circumstances involved have been unknown to all of you.

Let me begin with the end of the story. Last Sunday, Karen Phillips passed away. She was my great friend and a great friend of PLU.

Many of you knew Karen. She was a 1955 graduate of the PLC School of Nursing and she served as a member of our Board of Regents for nine years beginning in 2000. Those of us who knew her remember her as the kindest, most gentle and most generous person imaginable. That sweet smile and the twinkle in her eye were windows into the pure heart of a Ritzville, Washington farm girl whose lifetime of service to others was a true testament to Lutheran vocation.

But there is something about Karen that you do not know. It is something that Karen would not let be known during her lifetime. So here is her complete story.

Karen Phillips was the greatest single benefactor in the history of Pacific Lutheran University. Over the past decade Karen

supported student scholarships, the renovation of Xavier Hall, the construction of the Morken Center, the coming renovation of the Performing Arts Center and Chapel at Eastvold Hall and more special projects than you can imagine. Her gifts sustained and advanced in profound and immeasurable ways our work in teaching and learning.

During her lifetime, Karen Phillips gave our university almost \$10 million toward a pledge of \$12 million.

Karen's connection to the university lasted literally a lifetime. In the late 1940s, a pastor from the Midwest came to visit Karen's family on the farm in Ritzville as he was helping with a Norwegian Lutheran Church of America fund-raising campaign for Pacific Lutheran College. The pastor was PLC President Seth Eastvold. That was when Karen first heard of our university.

In 1955, Karen graduated from a joint program at PLC and a Portland hospital. After graduation she served as a nurse

in her hometown. She then worked at Swedish Hospital in Seattle before helping to open the new University of Washington Medical Center in 1959. She was its first nurse and worked there for 30 years in clinical nursing and as head of the outpatient clinic for heart, cancer, Alzheimer's and AIDS patients.

Late in life Karen married her longtime companion, J.W. Phillips. He was a medical doctor and real estate investor who passed away in 1998. Following her husband's death, Karen began her remarkable, magnanimous and personal support for PLU and our programs.

Karen said her gifts were intended to help educate students for lives of service.

So now you know the full story. God bless our lasting memory of Karen Phillips.

A memorial service has been scheduled for Monday, October 11, at 4 p.m. in Lagerquist Concert Hall. Please join me then and now in praising the life and work of Karen Phillips.

Loren J. Anderson
President



Phillips

Sidewalk Talk

What's your favorite PLU tradition?



"Global Getdown."
Gabriel Farias
sophomore



"I really like Soundoff."
Josh Stromberg
senior



"Soundoff."
Kenny Stancil
sophomore



"Me and my friends would always eat dinner together at 6:06 p.m."
Caitlin Walton
junior

PLU examines the "Ground Zero Mosque": What does it mean to be Muslim in America?

For the past few months, the term "Ground Zero Mosque" has been plaguing the media, but what does it mean?

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One building in lower Manhattan is creating an international controversy over what it means to be Muslim in America.

The "Ground Zero Mosque's" proposed location is 2 1/2 blocks from the World Trade Center site, commonly called Ground Zero (see map to the right). The building plan has already been approved by the city of New York, as it is intended to be built on private property, where there was previously a Burlington Coat Factory.

The "Ground Zero Mosque," as the media has dubbed it, has led to Quran burnings in multiple states in the US, riots in Afghanistan against anti-Islamic sentiments, calls for President Barack Obama's death and more.

What seems ironic about the term media has placed upon this building is that it is not a mosque.

The intended name is Park51 Community Center. It will be a 15 story Islamic Community Center with a pool, gym, auditorium, prayer room, exhibition, library, and classes ranging from cooking to global awareness.

Feisal Abdul Rauf, the owner of the community center, is currently an Imam (leader of a mosque and that mosque's community) 12 blocks away

Controversy near Ground Zero

Location of a proposed community center near the former World Trade Center that will include fitness facilities, an auditorium, a restaurant, a library and a mosque, which some oppose:



"They are trying to educate people, and a lot of these problems happen because people are uneducated about Islam."

Bashair Alazadi, junior

from Ground Zero. He has said he wants this community center close to his own mosque so he can continue work in the same community. Many doubt him and his reasons for being so close to Ground Zero.

The controversy surrounding Park51 comes from the fact that it is a Islamic center so close to the 9/11 site. Many are equating 9/11 and Muslims as one in the same.

Rauf has been traveling around the Middle East hoping to gain support for his community center. One of the main goals is to increase understanding between Muslim and non-Muslim cultures.

There are strong opinions on all sides of this issue. Many people believe it is disrespectful to build an Islamic building so close to where Muslims killed nearly 3,000 Americans. Other people believe an Islamic building should be allowed anywhere. The fact that it is Islamic should make no

difference to where it is built.

At Pacific Lutheran University, Muslim and non-Muslim students alike are more than willing to share their opinions.

"After Sept. 11 and the war in Iraq people want to have an understanding," said Bashair Alazadi, a PLU junior accounting major and Muslim. "They want things to be positive, and this is focusing on the negative. If this is built it is a step towards tolerance."

Alazadi feels hurt by those who blame all Muslims for 9/11. Alazadi is angry about 9/11 as well, but because of how the US now views her and her religion.

"Who do we blame 9/11 on? If we blame 9/11 on the Muslims we are obviously uneducated," Alazadi says. "People act like Muslims were not affected by 9/11. I am just as American as everyone else."

One of the arguments for the community center is exactly what

Alazadi said. Just because people follow different religions does not mean they are not any less American. And a Constitutional right in the US is freedom of religion. Telling someone they cannot practice their religion in a certain place is not only wrong according to some arguments, but it goes against American ideals.

Visiting Assistant Professor of religion Brenda Ihssen believes the "intent of the [community center] sitebuilders is to be a site of sanctuary, education and healing, as well as a site for building partnerships

among the diverse Muslim communities of Manhattan and local people of other faith communities."

Ihssen strongly believes in what Rauf is doing.

"I am just as American as everyone else."

Bashair Alazadi, junior

"The noble intent of the Park51 center is being tarnished by allusions to events that are not connected with this center," Ihssen said. It really does seem noble, according to Ihssen. "If people are so

concerned about the 'sacred space' of Ground Zero, then why not ask the proprietors of the 'Pussycat Lounge' or the 'Thunder Lingerie' shop—both of which are within three blocks of

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Some supporters of Park51 Community Center.



WHAT IS THE LOCATION OF PARK51 CURRENTLY LOOKS LIKE.



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Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf addressing a community board meeting in New York City regarding Park51 Community Center 2 blocks away from the World Trade Center site.



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Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf speaks Sept. 13 to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York after his work abroad in U.A.E., Bahrain and Qatar.

the site—to move their fine business to a more appropriate location?"

Andy McDermott, senior and non-Muslim, expressed his feelings toward the controversy as well.

"It makes me really frustrated by the lack of tolerance people show. People associate an extremist group with an entire religion," McDermott said.

Though Park51 seems to be causing a division throughout the country, that trend is not evident on the PLU campus.

Most PLU students are being open-minded toward one another. Any negative feelings PLU students are harboring or receiving is on a national and international level.

"This brings back a lot of the same feelings and fear from 9/11. They are trying to educate people, and a lot of these problems happen because people are uneducated about Islam," Alazadi said.

Alazadi and Ihssen seemed to have similar ideas about how murky a situation the US was in.

"This moment is really a challenge for America; we have the opportunity to show the world that our country will seek peaceful and healthy resolutions to the diseases caused by hatred. If America's ignorance prevents this center from being built, then terror will have won," Ihssen said.

The idea of terror winning is upsetting to all. The argument that this community center is aligned with terrorists has been a hurtful one on both sides.

"This is upsetting more and more Muslim countries. They are taking it as this [those who are against Park51 because it is affiliated with Islam] is how all America feels about us," said Alazadi.

Whether or not the community center is built, the most important is what happens after.

"If [Park51] is built it should reflect a good thing; hopefully people will learn we need to learn about Islam (or anything) before we judge it," Alazadi said.

"Too many people want to hold on to Sept. 11 for reasons of hate. We should be healing," Alazadi said.

If people continue to hold onto what happened on 9/11, and those responsible are not caught, this Park51 could be the match to start the fire.

This one building has opened up a discussion about what it means to be Muslim in America all over the world and most do not like where this discussion is heading.

"At some point the American population is going to have to reconcile its conflicted relationship with

Islam, a religion that provides guiding principles, values, theology and ethics for billions of peaceful followers," Ihssen said. "This is a global issue. Islam is a global faith.

PLU's Religion Department has multiple classes on Islam for those interested in learning more. There is also a club soon to be started called "Muslim Student Association," which will be the first Muslim organization at PLU.

"The people who did Sept. 11 are just as much my enemies as anyone else's."
Bashair Alazadi, junior



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The proposed eco-friendly Park51 Community Center.

Corrections from last week's Center Section

- 20 students not 1 from Alaska
- 0 students not 20 from Arkansas
- 4 students not 1 from Wisconsin
- 2 students for not 4 from Michigan
- 0 students from Mississippi

If you have any corrections you would like to make to The Moving Mast Center Section, please e-mail: shaffeam@plu.edu.



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A rally against Rauf's community center where many held signs similar to this one.

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Pacific Lutheran University's organist Paul Tegels kicked off the Richard D. Moe Organ Recital Series last Sunday. The series is a sequence designed to showcase the Gottfried and Mary Fuchs Organ and give the community an opportunity to hear national and international organists.

"We feature the organ and the player," Tegels said.

Born in the Netherlands, Tegels' first experience in organ-playing was at his home church, where as a young piano student he was asked to fill in when the only organist in their village fell ill. From there, he went on to study organ throughout high school at the Stedelijk Conservatorium in the Netherlands, and received a Fulbright to continue at the New England Conservatory in Boston.

Tegels now holds his Doctor of Musical Arts Degree in Organ Performance and Pedagogy from

the University of Iowa, as well as a Masters in Choral Conducting. First teaching at a Lutheran college in Kansas, Tegels was drawn to PLU because of the Gottfried and Fuchs organ housed in Lagerquist Hall. Having heard of it, visited and played, Tegels moved here in 2002 and began teaching soon after.

While many organs give little response to the differences in speed or force with which the keys are struck, the Gottfried and Fuchs organ is extremely sensitive to touch. It is possible to achieve subtle nuances in dynamics and articulation this way.

"The instrument teaches you as much as the teacher," Tegels said.

Another aspect that makes this instrument unique is the incredible diversity of sound it presents. As displayed on Sunday, it is capable of evoking lilting flutes, brassy reeds and bass notes that make the floor vibrate.

"It has a beautiful, well-crafted sound," Tegels said. "The organ will only sound as good as the hall will let it sound, and we have an amazing sound."

Like most organs, this one was designed particularly for the venue in which it is housed. The

cathedral-like ceiling of PLU's music hall allows the sound to "live" or resonate for several seconds before fading, a feature much valued in certain types of music, and which will certainly inspire awe in listeners.

As an associate professor of music and university organist, Tegels' primary role at PLU is to teach organ and play for chapel services. While he sometimes plays for other university events, Tegels prefers to have students do it if their skill level allows. Most students who continue organ will do so in a church setting, so playing for an audience is a good experience. In addition, Tegels directs the Chapel Choir, a non-audition vocal group designed to mimic a church choir. They rehearse once a week and perform every Wednesday morning at Chapel in Lagerquist Hall. Tegels also teaches Music History and Ear Training.

More information on Dr. Tegels, the Gottfried and Fuchs Organ and the Richard D. Moe Organ Series can be found at www.plu.edu/~tegelspa. The next recital in the series will be held on Sunday, Oct. 10 at 3 p.m. featuring guest organist Christian Teeuwssen.

Richard D. Moe Organ Series

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Student film to screen at film fest

Tacoma Film Festival selects the MediaLab documentary 'New American Family' as one of 99 films to be featured at local event

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The Tacoma Film Festival has selected PLU MediaLab's latest documentary, "New American Family," for screening at the Tacoma Grand Cinema on Sunday, Oct. 10.

The documentary was inspired by Referendum-71, otherwise known as "The Everything but Marriage Law," said senior Andriana Fletcher, MediaLab producer and reporter. Although the referendum granted more rights to gay couples, it did not explicitly allow for gay marriages. Fletcher and her co-producer alumna Melissa Campbell decided that they wanted to explore the meaning of family and marriage in today's society and understand the different perspectives people have about these two issues.

"The film was informative about the ongoing debate," said Fletcher, "but it also gives people a moment to think about how they define 'family' and 'marriage' and realize that these two concepts are important to the construction of our community."

The Tacoma Film Festival runs for eight days and celebrates independent filmmakers from around the world, according to the Grand's website. Initiated in 2006, the festival's primary focus is on foreign language films, independent topics, documentaries, art house films and shorts. Although the selection period has passed for this year, the Tacoma Film Festival accepts entries from aspiring filmmakers everywhere, and nearly the entire process of application can be done online through the Tacoma Grand Cinema's website at www.grandcinema.com.

The selection of their documentary has generated a great deal of pride and anticipation for PLU's MediaLab.

"Being selected to have 'New American Family' screened at the Tacoma Film Festival is very exciting," said Fletcher. "It is the first film MediaLab has made about a recent controversial topic and it has received a great amount of attention that Melissa and I are very proud of."

The Tacoma Film Festival runs from Oct. 7 to 14 and "New American Family" will be shown at 4:45 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10 at the Grand Cinema in Tacoma.



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Pacific Lutheran alumna and producer Melissa Campbell interviews PLU alumnus Tyler Gubsch outside of the Robert A. L. Mortvedt Library for MediaLab's documentary, "The New American Family: Defining Commitment in a Changing Society." The film explores the new definition of marriage and family in today's society, especially in light of the approval for Washington state's controversial legislation of Referendum 71, which allows same sex couples to register for domestic partnerships. Gubsch, a heterosexual male, has a father who is an openly gay pastor with a domestic partnership. MediaLab is PLU's Emmy award-winning student run organization. The film will be screened during the Tacoma Film Festival at the Grand Cinema on Oct. 10 at 4:45 p.m.

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 Sept. 18 - *Men vs. Willamette, 2:30 p.m.
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Volleyball

Sept. 17 - *Whitworth, 7 p.m.
 Sept. 18 - *Whitman, 5 p.m.

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Sept. 18 - *Cal Lutheran, 12:30 p.m.
 Oct. 2 - *Whitworth, 12:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Cross Country

Sept. 17 - Willamette Grass Course/Regional Preview @ Salem, Ore., noon
 Sept. 18 - Sundodger Invitational @ Seattle, Wash., 9 a.m.



* represents a PLU home game

New approach to promotion



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has several outstanding sports programs, attendance levels and support at games have seemed to diminish over the years.

Several reasons can be seen for this separation, with lack of quality facilities and proximity to sporting fields being central to the problem.

There is also a lack of endorsement for PLU athletics.

Athletics are as connected to a university as other major, extracurricular activities are.

I urge students and faculty to identify the important combination of sports and school.

To combat an increasing

lack of support, athletic director Laurie Turner and the athletic department have developed a new position to promote Lute sports. The position of Assistant Director of Athletics for Marketing and Promotions will now be filled by David Vedder.

Vedder, a 2006 graduate of Saint Mary's College of California, is bringing a background in sports management and sports operations to his new post.

A former soccer player for the Gaels, Vedder will be developing and coordinating marketing and promotions for PLU sports programs through ticket sales, corporate

sponsorship programs and revenue-generating projects.

One of the main roles that Vedder will be playing is promoting the athletics programs within residence halls in order to connect with students living on campus.

In doing so, he hopes to generate larger crowds for home events, thus giving the players more support and incentive to achieve victory.

"My ultimate goal is to strengthen the relationships between PLU athletics, the student body, alumni and the surrounding Tacoma community," Vedder said.

As a PLU athlete, it

is an extremely positive indication for our athletic program to see a change such as this go through.

While playing in home games on campus, it is disheartening to look out and see more parents than students, which is the current trend at PLU.

Athletics are something that schools center their promotions and relations around, using the sports programs as ways of generating donations and support for the university.

I can only hope that with the hire of David Vedder, the PLU community will start to recognize the gem that is Lute athletics, hidden deep within Olson.

In recent years, there seems to be a disconnect starting to form between the athletic department and the rest of the student body.
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Volleyball:

Team goes 1-3 in California tournament



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Senior outside hitter Barb Hanna tries to block an opponent during a match last season. Hanna suffered a season-ending knee injury in 2009 and has been held to limited playing time in the preseason because of how many times the team plays in one weekend compared to the regular season, head coach Kevin Aoki said.

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The women in the Pacific Lutheran volleyball team returned this week after four matches at California Lutheran's Cal-Lu-Forma Invitational Friday and Saturday. PLU went 1-3 on the weekend.

The Lutes started Friday by winning its first two sets against Chapman, but the Panthers rallied to take a 21-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-18, 19-17 victory.

The next match PLU took a swift 25-16, 25-22, 25-20 win over Whittier to move the Lutes to 6-1 on the season before the end of the weekend.

Saturday's competition led way to two more dropped matches by PLU. The Lutes took on La Verne in the first match of the day immediately

followed by California Lutheran. La Verne suffered a first-set loss to PLU, but came back for a 25-18, 25-22, 25-18, 22-25, 15-7 victory. La Verne was the team who dismissed the Lutes from the 2009 NCAA postseason tournament.

The Lutes took their positions not long after the match with La Verne for the final game of the tournament against the host team, California Lutheran. PLU lost 26-28, 27-25, 23-25, 25-23, 15-13.

No statistics for the matches were immediately available, according to a release from the PLU Sports Information Office.

The Lutes begin Northwest Conference action tonight at 7 p.m. against Whitworth and tomorrow against Willamette at 5 p.m. Both are the Lutes' first home game matches of the season.



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Sophomore Mimi Grankund moves with the ball during a match this season. Pacific Lutheran head coach, Lynnette Buffington said earlier in the season that the team's organization and defense have improved since the season-opening 6-1 loss to Carleton on Sept. 2. First-year forward Dani-Rae Edwards has the only goal scored by the women so far this fall.

WWU downs PLU

Women's soccer drops preseason match to Div. II opponent in last game before NWC league play

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Pacific Lutheran met some adversity as it was toppled by Western Washington 3-0 in this year's final women's soccer preseason game.

The Lutes started strongly, attempting to keep the ball in the Vikings' defensive third.

Although the Lutes defense was solid, Viking forward Claire Morgan got a breakaway and made her way into the 18-yard box where she was fouled by junior Defender Jordan Daniels, giving the Vikings a penalty kick.

Morgan was able to convert the 12-yard penalty kick into a goal, making the score 1-0 in the 20th minute.

The Vikings scored two more in the second half, both from corner kicks, the first in the 74th minute and the second in the 78th minute.

The frontline attack came mostly from senior forward Brittney Bronson who had two of the three shots on goal the Lutes attempted. Senior forward Jordan Gilmore had

the other shot on frame, forcing the Vikings to defend.

WWU is a Division-II school that usually takes second place only to national champion Seattle University in the NCAA standings. PLU assistant coach Brian Narramore spoke to the team, encouraging the women to keep their heads up.

"We gave them a tough game," Narramore said. "Although our record says otherwise, we have really improved throughout preseason and now it's time to continue that hard work in conference play."

The players agreed with Narramore and said they were excited to continue training this week to get ready for the rest of the conference season. They also noted some mistakes they made that could be easily fixed for upcoming games.

"Not only did we defend well, but we put a lot of pressure on [the Vikings] ourselves. We definitely can do better as a team and pull off a win next time," first-year defender Kristi D'Allessandro said.

Lutes will host Lewis & Clark Saturday at noon and Linfield Sunday at noon. Both games begin the Northwest Conference season.

Scorecard

Men's Soccer

as of 9/15

NWC Standings				
Team	NWC	%	All	%
Pacific (Ore.)	0-1	0.000	1-0-1	0.100
Whitworth	0-0	0.000	2-1	0.750
UPS	0-0	0.000	2-1-2	0.667
Willamette	0-0	0.000	2-2-1	0.500
Linfield	0-0	0.000	1-2-1	0.375
PLU	0-0	0.000	1-3-1	0.300
Whitman	0-1-0	0.000	1-3-1	0.300
George Fox	0-0	0.000	0-2-1	0.000

Team Points Leaders
Keatts 14,
Wodajo 5
Santoro 3

Team Goals Leaders
Keatts 6,
Gooding 1
Zasagrad 1

Team Assists Leaders
Wodajo 3
Keatts 2
Augustin 1

Team Saves Leaders
Kustal 9
Rayburn 3

Women's Soccer

as of 9/15

NWC Standings				
Team	NWC	%	All	%
UPS	0-1-0	0.000	3-0-1	0.750
L&C	0-0-0	0.000	2-0-2	0.250
Whitman	0-1-0	0.000	2-0-0	0.667
George Fox	0-1-0	0.000	0-1-2	0.500
Linfield	0-1-0	0.000	2-2-0	0.500
Whitworth	0-0-0	0.000	2-2-0	0.500
Willamette	0-0-0	0.000	1-3-0	0.250
Pacific (Ore.)	0-0-0	0.000	0-3-1	0.125
PLU	0-0-0	0.000	0-3-0	0.000

Team Points Leaders
Edwards 2
Lee 1

Team Goals Leaders
Edwards 1

Team Assists Leaders
Lee 1

Team Saves Leaders
Chambard 7
Harvey 3

Football

as of 9/15

NWC Standings				
Team	NWC	%	All	%
PLU	0-0	0.000	1-0	1.000
UPS	0-0	0.000	1-1	0.500
Whitworth	0-0	0.000	1-1	0.500
Willamette	0-0	0.000	1-1	0.500
L&C	0-0	0.000	0-1	0.000
Linfield	0-0	0.000	0-1	0.000
Pacific (Ore.)	0-0	0.000	0-1	0.000

Passing Leaders
Rasmussen 19-29, 273 yds, 184.7, 4 int, 278 YDS/G

Rushing Leaders
Simmons 9 att, 65 yds, 7.2 yds/att, 65 yds/g
Jones 3 att, 19 yds, 6.3 yds/att, 19 yds/g

Receiving Leaders
Ford 10 rec, 152 yds, 2 td, 15.2 yds/rec, 152 yds/g
Moog 4 rec, 89 yds, 22.2 yds/rec, 89 yds/g

Defensive Leaders
Smith 13 tk, 13 int, 13 int
Tudor 12 tk, 12 int, 12 int

Volleyball

as of 9/15

NWC Standings				
Team	NWC	%	All	%
PLU	0-0	0.000	6-0	0.667
UPS	0-0	0.000	5-0	0.833
George Fox	0-0	0.000	5-1	0.833
Whitworth	0-0	0.000	3-3	0.500
Willamette	0-0	0.000	1-3	0.333
L&C	0-0	0.000	4-0	0.400
Whitman	0-0-0	0.000	3-2	0.375
Linfield	0-0	0.000	1-7	0.125
Pacific (Ore.)	0-0	0.000	1-7	0.125

Team Kills Leaders
Moore 51
Bremond 39
Hanna 26

Team Assists Leaders
Beaver 142
Bjorkman 8

Team Blocks Leaders
Bremont 14
Edwards 9

Team Digs Leaders
Bjorkman 76
Moore 57
Hanna 29

Living the dream

PLU alumnus appears on Sports Center, WNBA TV

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People make themselves remembered in the books of history for notable events at any given point in time. George Washington is famous for being the first president in U.S. history. Henry Ford is known for the introduction of the assembly line.

But some people enter into the depths of history at the precise right time.

For Pacific Lutheran alumna Andrew Croft, Sept. 12 was that time.

During halftime at game one of the WNBA Finals, Croft, a marketing and events associate for the Seattle Storm, was spotted courtside alongside former University of Washington basketball star and Boston Celtic, Nate Robinson, but it wasn't the usual celebrity spotting.

Dressed in a WNBA replica referee outfit as part of a planned marketing event, Croft shook things up and got straight up funky with the "stanky leg" while fans crowding the lower levels of the Key Arena began to roar.

The stanky leg is a dance move popularized by the GS Boyz in their 2008 single, "Stanky Legg."

The next thing Croft remembered was Robinson joining in with the dance as ESPN and WNBA camera crews swarmed in on the duo.

"It was very surreal," Croft said. "It wasn't planned. I didn't even notice the cameras."

Instead, his immediate response was to hop on Facebook and tell everybody he knew what had just happened.

"I just stanky legged with Nate Robinson



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ANDREW CROFT

LEFT: Andrew Croft performs at center court while 12,000 fans look on. RIGHT: Croft does the stanky leg behind Nate Robinson. The duo appeared on Sports Center and WNBA TV.

in front of 12,000 Storm fans. Best moment of my life," Croft wrote.

Croft may not have noticed the television crews, but family and friends noticed Croft that evening on Sports Center.

"Later that night I got texts from people saying 'oh my gosh, you're on Sports Center,'" Croft said.

The next day, Croft found his picture on WNBA forums and picture galleries and he even made a cameo on Robinson's Twitter account.

Fans that attend Storm games are familiar with the

Storm Dance Troupe, a group of kids the Storm uses as its halftime entertainment instead of the NBA standard of a women's dance squad.

The stanky leg had recently become popular with the fans and Dance Troupe after a video featured Storm head coach Brian Agler doing the stanky leg.

Some people have short-lived fame after such an event as this, but Croft's image seemed to stay alive as the postseason continued.

Fans at game two of the finals were calling for Croft, wanting to see the golden boy.

"I didn't do it [the next game]," Croft said. "Fans were yelling at me for not doing it. 'we miss you, we miss you.'"

Thanks to the stanky leg, Croft has won over the hearts of a part of Seattle and achieved a lifelong goal.

"It's not really being famous, but it's something I can say I did," Croft said. "Being on Sports Center has always been a dream of mine."

The video featuring Croft, Robinson and Deppler, the Storm mascot who also joined in the dance, can be found on www.wnba.com/video and is titled Dream vs. Storm: Game 1.

Croft says the stanky leg may make a return soon. As for the Storm, the team is leading the series against Atlanta 2-0 in the WNBA Finals, which uses a best-of-five format.

If the Storm win one of its next two games, Croft will have to wait until next season to continue the stanky leg tradition.

Croft graduated from PLU in 2009 and was an active member of student media.

"Not this time, not this team"

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Pacific Lutheran football started the season in an exciting fashion Sept. 11 as it topped Hamline 27-20 in St. Paul, Minn. After senior linebacker Rasmussen threw for four touchdowns, including a third quarter go-ahead touchdown, the Lutes defense did something it had trouble doing the past two seasons: a goal-line stand late in the game.

"We couldn't have written a better script for this team, this year for its opening game," head coach Scott Westering said.

The Pipers, after starting on their own 42-yard line, walked the ball to the Lutes' 2-yard line to set up a golden opportunity to send the game into overtime, or even steal the win.

In the closing moments of a game, when a team has its back against its own end zone, there is a large amount of pressure to perform individually and as a team. Westering said the team had been through the same situations last year and he was proud to see team members not let the game slip through their fingers.

"The longer we play, the better we're going to get," Westering said. "Somebody's going to find a way to win. Somebody's going to find a way to make this happen."

PLU yielded only one yard to Hamline in three plays run by the Pipers. On fourth and goal, Hamline went to the air for its final chance but were denied when senior linebacker Colby Davies knocked down the pass.

"For what we did and where we'd come from a year ago, it has a huge impact on these kids and their confidence and their

belief and how they feel about each other," Westering said.

The win was a monumental one for the Lutes, Westering said, considering the team hasn't won its season opener since 2007 and saw a threefold of close games go against them in 2009.

"This was indicative of the three games that we lost last year that we played well enough, we were ahead, we should have been ahead by more and should have won the games," Westering said. "Yet some way at the end, the games slipped through our fingers."

The PLU offensive attack revolved around its explosive aerials. Rasmussen completed 19 of 29 passes for 278 yards and four touchdowns while giving up an interception.

The go-ahead touchdown came when Rasmussen hooked up with senior receiver Kyle Whitford for a 9-yard pass midway through the third quarter.

Senior Greg Ford caught 10 passes for 152 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Isaac Moog contributed four catches for 89 yards.

Westering placed a strong emphasis on the relationships players have built with each other, as well as the camaraderie a team will continue to build through facing uncomfortable times in order to make the players feel more comfortable, such as the game against Hamline.

"If you get all 11 guys out there that are playing on that given play, having that feeling and that mindset and they put in and look at each other, that's a pretty powerful thing regardless of what you're facing," Westering said.

The Lutes play their home opener Sept. 18 at 12:30 p.m. against Cal Lutheran, who defeated Linfield 47-42 last weekend.



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GOAL

Lute offense finds back of net, lifts weight off back

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The men's soccer team evaded the dark clouds that had been looming over all preseason after scoring six goals Sept. 12, giving way to a 6-1 Pacific Lutheran victory against Trinity Lutheran.

"Goals are funny," head coach John Yorke said. "They're the hardest thing to do in the game and once they start coming, they start coming."

Prior to the contest, the Lute goals were a part of PLU's missing game. The team had scored four goals in four games and owned a record of 0-3-1, including a 2-1 loss in double overtime to St. Olaf on Sept. 11.

PLU junior Chad Kearns helped turn the trend around by matching the four-goal total of the whole team with four goals of his own in one game.

Kearns' first goal came in the first five minutes of the game after placing the ball past the keeper into the back of the net. His second goal came within the eighth minute.

"It feels good, but most importantly we got the win," Kearns said. "It's been hard to come by so far—just have to get that first win off our backs."

Both of Kearns' first two goals were assisted by junior Serafel Wodajo.

Kearns and PLU continued to send the ball into the net, with Kearns netting two more in the second half.

Kearns was the first player to score



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ABOVE: Sophomore midfielder Shane Gutierrez controls the ball during the Lutes' 2-1 double overtime loss to St. Olaf Sept. 11. PLU captured St. Olaf 31-15 during the contest. LEFT: Junior Chad Kearns runs behind the ball during Pacific Lutheran's 6-1 win over Trinity Lutheran. Kearns' four goals give him six total for the season.

more than three goals in a match since Andy McDermid set the school record with six goals against Linfield in 1992, according to PLU Sports Information Office records.

First-year Giancarlo Santoro joined the scoring next, putting in his first goal of the season off a pass from first-year Stephen Gooding.

Gooding scored a goal of his own shortly after Santoro's, pushing the score to 6-1.

Yorke described the win as a positive ending to an unfortunate preseason.

"You could kind of see that little heavy weight lift off the whole group of them," Yorke said. "They were having some fun. It was just nice to finally get that release from when we've had

trouble scoring."

PLU outshot its opponents last weekend 50-20, sending 31 shots total at the St. Olaf goalkeeper the day before beating Trinity Lutheran in a game Yorke thought his team should have come out on top from.

"I thought it was a game that we probably should have won," Yorke said. "We could have put that game away in the first half. We've got guys that can score goals. We just talk to them about making sure that they're sharp in their finishing."

The Lutes kick off Northwest Conference action in the first home games of the season Sept. 18 against Willamette and Sept. 19 against Linfield. Both games begin at 2:00 p.m.

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