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Students urged to watch words

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National language needs to change — that was the message of the latest “Watch Your Mouth” presentation.

The event took place on Nov. 8 in the Anderson University Center. Speakers invited students to question what it means to be an American as well as the language used to describe Americans.

Native Americans and Muslim Americans were highlighted in this open discussion session where language was the main focus.

Throughout the presentation, the roughly 30 student attendees were able to ask questions and the event concluded with a discussion open to all.

Facilitators of the event, professor Adela Ramos and junior Kelsey Greer, kicked off the discussion. Last year’s “Got Privilege?” series inspired the content of the event, they said.

Greer said, “we [Greer and Ramos] decided it would be a great idea to create a series that focused explicitly on language and the power that certain words have.” Greer



PHOTO BY LAUREN LEYBA

Approximately 30 students listen to presentations at the Nov. 8 “Watch Your Mouth” event. Religion professors Suzanne Crawford-O’Brien and Seth Dowland discussed stereotypes and misunderstandings of Native American and Muslim American cultures, and how language usage affects what it means to be an ‘American.’

said she wants students to become knowledgeable about the power words can have, and not to feel like they are simply being told which words are acceptable and which are not.

Ramos said she wants

students to use these events as a safe place to think about language and “how language we use doesn’t only sometimes cause pain [to others], but it shapes behaviors and attitudes.”

In light of the recent national election, Ramos said she challenges students to think about what they would say the “next time they define themselves as Americans. Who do they imagine that falls into these categories and who do they include when they say they’re American?”

Although some may not realize it, Ramos said, students and American citizens are directly affected by the language they use.

“Students should care because their own choice of words can begin to transform these behaviors and attitudes for the better,” Ramos said.

After Ramos and Greer’s introduction, professors Suzanne Crawford-O’Brien and Seth Dowland gave individual presentations about Native Americans and Muslim Americans

respectively.

Native Americans, Crawford-O’Brien explained, are pulled in and also pushed out of American society.

“We need to be more conscious and critically engaged in stereotypes,” Crawford-O’Brien said. She asked students to question the history of these stereotypes.

At Pacific Lutheran University, “we get to say social justice and ethics matter,” Crawford-O’Brien said.

While she said she thinks students are generally motivated to make the world a better place, PLU is a specifically value-driven university, as stated in the mission statement.

“Part of making the world a better place,” Crawford-O’Brien said, “is being informed, empathetic, compassionate, being smart and not throwing around language you don’t understand and hurting

RATS ON THE ROAM

Students spot rodents in AUC

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Rats are scurrying around the Anderson University Center. For the past few weeks, numerous students have reported rat sightings in The Commons dining area.

Erin McGinnis, director of dining services, said, “we know we have rats in the building. We have seen them in the seating area and we have seen them in the kitchen.”

News of the rats has spread through the student body. Sophomore Amy Delo said she heard about the rats because, “a friend posted on Facebook.”

With rodents making their home in the building, dining services is working on maintaining sanitary conditions for food preparation and consumption. “We are doing everything we can to make sure that they’re not getting into food,” McGinnis said, adding that it is “dining services’ job to keep the students safe.”

According to <http://www.health.ny.gov/>, rats enter buildings in a variety of ways, but primarily “through open windows, doors, sidewalk cracks, or vents.”

“Once they get inside, it is really hard to get rid of them,” McGinnis said.

Students can help keep rats out of the building. McGinnis encourages students to “keep doors shut, keep windows shut and try not to drop food out in the seating area.” The seating area is very appealing, like a “buffet,” for rats, McGinnis said.

Dining services is working

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Religion professor Seth Dowland gives a presentation on how language affects Muslim Americans at the “Watch Your Mouth” event on Nov. 8. The focus of the event was defining what it means to be ‘American,’ and how word choice can exclude certain groups of people from that categorization.

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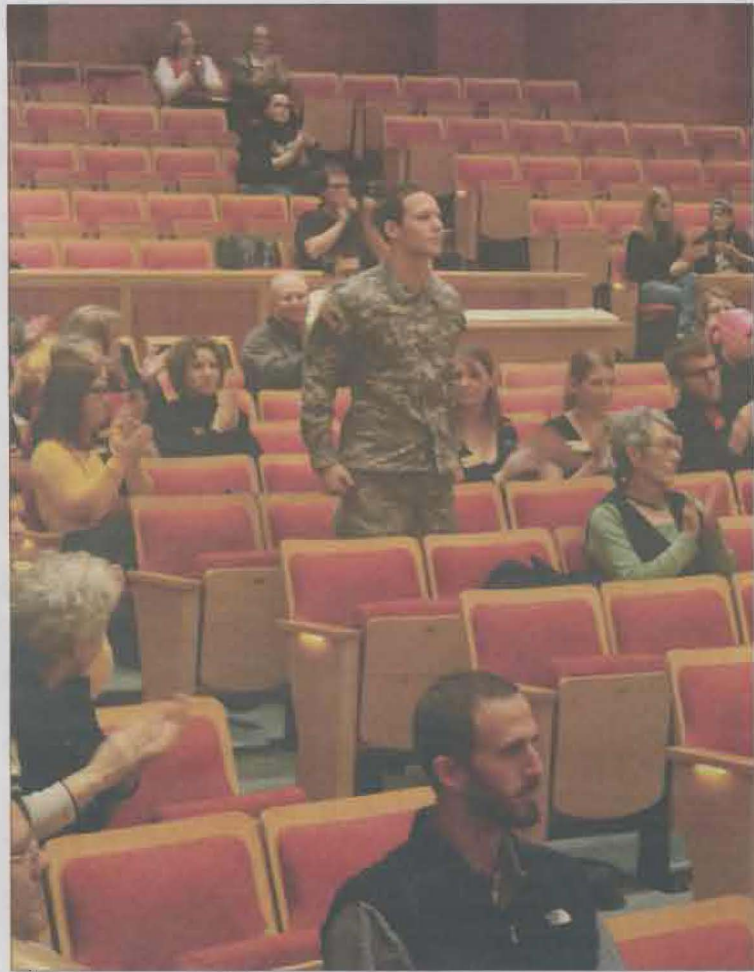


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Jacob Emery, a junior at PLU, stands while the brass quintet plays the Army anthem at the Veterans Day ceremony held at Monday's chapel services. Emery is part of the Army ROTC program on campus.

Chapel honors veterans

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Students took the time to thank military veterans for their service during a ceremony on Monday.

Pacific Lutheran University held the annual Veterans Day service during chapel break in Lagerquist Concert Hall. "They really are the true heroes of America," first-year ROTC member Hannah Hansen said. "Their training and spirit in protecting America is just amazing. It's not something that all of us have — it's inspiring."

"We have to reward them [veterans] and look after them, mentally, morally and physically."

Bob Rahal
PLU ROTC HR technician

Ceremonial flags donated by Military Memorabilia of Lakewood, Wash. were positioned on the stage and a slide show displayed photos of veterans. Students, faculty and community members came together to honor veterans and celebrate the holiday.

The ceremony included guest speaker Leanna Davis, President of the PLU Student Veterans Association and former member of the Air Force. The Brass Quintet, which included Raymond DeLeon, Foster Robertson, Kristen Monk, Kathryn Jahnsen and Chris Wessel performed along with vocalist Erin White. Cadet Kiyoon Lee, Cadet Veronkia Munoz and Cadet Austin Ballard led the ROTC Color Guard.

Hansen said she "loved the service." As part of the color guard, Hansen said the ceremonial presentation of the flags was her favorite part and added, "the speakers were inspiring and opened my eyes to everything."

The Administrative

Staff Council (ASC) was responsible for the Veterans Day ceremonies at PLU. The ASC Veterans Day Committee for this year's service included Jennifer Gierke, Eileen Kemink and Alexandra Lampert.

"I love the planning," Gierke said. "Getting everyone together for a good cause, trying to put together a good ceremony — I love it all."

Gierke has been a faculty member for five years and helped plan last year's ceremony as well. She is married to a veteran, and also has a grandfather who was a pilot in WWII and an uncle who was in the Navy.

"They [veterans] have done a lot for their country," Gierke said. "They do this by choice. Not all of them come back as a whole person and not all of them come back at all, so we need to keep that appreciation alive."

Bob Rahal, human

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Sustainability manager **Chrissy Cooley** presented the STAR system to the PLU sustainability department on Wednesday.

This is the second year Pacific Lutheran University has submitted the STAR report. STAR stands for Sustainable Tracking Assessment and Rating system.

There are three major aspects of this program: education and research, operations and planning

of administrative and engagement points.

Throughout this process, PLU has recognized that in the education and research section, campus is improving curriculum. However, PLU still needs to work on it, as sustainability tends to be left out of classroom lectures. PLU is also improving in operations, but still needs to improve sustainable transportation.

"We are leading [in points], but everyone in the game is doing bad right now," Cooley said when addressing how PLU stands overall in

comparison to other schools with the same system.

If PLU receives all the points and innovative marks, the school may reach the gold bar on STAR's rating system, with 65 points. If PLU does not reach this level, it will be in the silver category, but at a much higher level than last year.

Before the Nov. 14 meeting, President **Thomas Krise** signed a pledge that PLU would be carbon neutral by 2020.

To be fully sustainable, three key concepts need to be addressed: people, prosperity

and the planet.

As a whole PLU is becoming more sustainable as the years go on. PLU is ranked above many universities in the nation.

Over the last year PLU has made amazing strides in the dining services category, getting 8.25 out of 8.5 possible points.

PLU also scores high when it comes to human resource availability.

Overall, according to the STAR report, PLU is becoming very sustainable, and making the world a better place by reducing emissions.

national BRIEFS

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Nudists sue to block nakedness ban

A group of nudist San Francisco residents is suing the city to block a proposed ban on public nudity.

The measure would prohibit nakedness on city streets, sidewalks and plazas at all times except during permitted fairs and parades, such as the annual gay pride event.

The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to vote next week.

Lawyer **Christina DiEduardo** filed the case in federal court while close to a dozen of her clients stood outside the courthouse in varying states of undress. DiEduardo argued the ban would violate the civil rights of people who wish to bare their bodies for personal or political reasons.

Police: Arizona woman ran over husband for not voting

Arizona police said a Mesa woman injured her husband when she ran him over in her SUV because he didn't vote in last week's presidential election.

Authorities said **Holly Solomon** opposed President **Barack Obama** and, according to her husband, believed her family would face hardship if Obama was re-elected.

Police say Solomon chased her husband through a parking lot, circled him as he hid behind a light pole, struck him and pinned him under the SUV when he tried to run.

Solomon told police she was just trying to scare him but accidentally stepped on the accelerator.

She was booked on an aggravated assault charge.

Security clearance suspended for CIA director's mistress

A U.S. official said the Army has suspended the security clearance of the woman who had an affair with CIA Director **David Petraeus**.

Clearance is usually suspended for persons under investigation, particularly in cases of a possible security breach.

Paula Broadwell, a West Point graduate, is a former Army intelligence officer and held a high security clearance.

Officials say an FBI investigation revealed that Broadwell sent emails to another woman warning her to stay away from Petraeus.

The FBI also found possibly classified documents on Broadwell's computer.

Baseball player hospitalized after collision

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Rising first-year baseball player **Carson McCord** was discharged from the hospital on Nov. 6, after suffering injuries from a collision with another player at the team's Nov. 4 practice.

McCord collided with sophomore **Collin Nilson** while each dove for the ball.

Nilson said he was playing center field when a ball was hit in between himself, McCord in right field and the second baseman, **Jacob Olsufka**. Nilson said Olsufka "peeled out," leaving him

and McCord to catch the ball.

"Both of us dove for the ball trying to catch it but ended up diving into each other head first," Nilson said.

Nilson said he knew McCord had been seriously injured after they collided. McCord was still on the ground when Nilson approached him.

"The first thing he [McCord] said was, 'I can't feel my left side,'" Nilson said.

Sophomore catcher **Curtis Wildung** said head coach **Geoff Loomis** has been keeping the team updated.

Loomis said he met with McCord "this morning and

he has been back on campus since Friday." Nilson also said that he visited McCord in the hospital and has been in contact with McCord's family.

Loomis said he does not "know exactly what the final diagnosis was" on McCord's injury.

However, Nilson described it as a "very intense stinger" and Wildung said it was "similar to the ones you get in football."

Nilson said McCord was very lucky to suffer "no severe damage to his brain or spine" and to have regained sensation in his left side.

Nilson added McCord will

"go back into the hospital to get more tests on his shoulder."

Nilson said he suffered mild injuries from the incident and has a "slight concussion" but is "hoping to be released for physical activity on Monday."

McCord is expected to have a promising season after his preseason fall ball play. He has "a great arm and hits the ball incredibly well," Wildung said. "He gets along with everyone on the team."

The baseball team "is hoping for a fast recovery" for McCord, Wildung said.

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recurses technician for PLU's army ROTC program, was involved with the planning of Monday's service, and also served as the master of ceremonies. **Rahal** has been a faculty member at PLU for seven years and has helped plan the last three Veterans Day ceremonies, participating as a guest speaker during the first of these.

Rahal, a retired army veteran, worked his way up to sergeant first class. He said after 21 years of active duty, a "small brotherhood" of service members forms. "It means a lot to me to have been a part of the military," **Rahal** said.

Although he said he enjoyed the service and the guest speakers, he explained it was the playing of Taps and the service songs that moved him.

"It's the part where you actually recognize the soldiers and service members," **Rahal** said. "We have to honor these men and women. We have to reward them and look after them, mentally, morally and physically."

Similarly, **Gierke** said, "I just want to thank every veteran out there for signing up."

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PLU regent, philanthropist Kurt Mayer dies

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The Pacific Lutheran University community lost a prominent figure on Tuesday with the passing of former regent and benefactor Kurt Mayer.

Mayer, a Tacoma entrepreneur, was 82 years old.

Mayer served on the PLU Board of Regents from 1995 until 2005. He was the first person of Jewish faith to serve on the board.

Jim Hushagen, vice chair of the PLU board of regents, said that "because [Mayer] came from a very different tradition, he looked at PLU with fresh eyes and saw some wonderful things in this institution. Some things that perhaps we took for granted,

but from his standpoint were remarkable."

Mayer came to America in 1940 as a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany, on one of the last ships to leave Europe during this time. Several of his relatives died in the Holocaust.

Once in America, his family settled in Tacoma.

"Kurt was really a one of a kind individual—from a business standpoint, he really is a self-made man," Hushagen said.

In 1957 Mayer founded a subsidized home-building company called Mayer Built Homes. He operated the business until 1981, at which point his son took over. The company has expanded into Idaho and Colorado.

"There are a lot of developers who have done quite well building mansions

"His support was really generous."

Jim Hushagen
PLU board of regents vice chair

in the United States, but Kurt's desire was to build affordable housing so ordinary people could experience the American dream the way he did," Hushagen said.

Mayer published a memoir in 2009, written in collaboration with Oregon scholar Joe Peterson, titled "My Personal Brush with History." Book sale proceeds go to support the PLU Holocaust Studies Program, which Mayer helped develop. The program highlights the responsibilities of the

Christian church during the Holocaust.

In 2007, Mayer and his family contributed to the funding of a \$1 million endowed professorship in Holocaust studies, which secured PLU's place nationally with a premier Holocaust studies program. The gift was brought to the chair level of \$2 million through the additional support of other donors.

"His support was really generous," Hushagen said. "No doubt about it."

Mayer and his wife, Pam, were members of the Eastvold Leadership Committee. Pam supported the arts at PLU with more than 20 years of volunteerism.

Services will be held today at 11 a.m. at Home of Peace Cemetery and will continue at Temple Beth El.

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people in the process."

During the election, she said she reflected on how people acted and what they said. "You see a lot of people saying the real America is dead. What the heck is real America?" Crawford-O'Brien said.

When Dowland spoke, he challenged students' use of language about Muslim Americans.

"American norms made it

hard for Muslims to fit in," Dowland said.

He said he thinks this relates to the racial binary of black and white, because "Muslims don't fit into either one."

Based on his studies in American religious theory regarding Christians and politics, Dowland said "we need to figure out ways to talk about what it means to be an American that are ever more expansive."

He said he thinks the definition of an American

needs to be more inclusive because it hasn't "yet encompassed Muslims."

Dowland said he finds this an important topic for students at PLU because of the university's liberal arts education system.

"One of the things we hope you leave this place with is how to be a good citizen in a society where there is great diversity," Dowland said.

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France combats fatty snacks with 'Nutella tax'

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The French senate passed a measure Wednesday that would triple the tax on palm and some other vegetable oils with the intent of reducing obesity. The "Nutella tax" would affect any foods made

with those oils and bring in the equivalent of about \$51 million to the French government.

The measure is part of a bigger bill on financing France's national health care systems and aims to pressure manufacturers to use healthier ingredients.

The lower house of parliament still has to vote on the tax.

Frederic Thil, head for France of Ferrero, the manufacturer of Nutella, told Le Parisien newspaper that the recipe will not change.

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with Eden Pest Control to get rid of the AUC invaders. McGinnis said poison traps as well as traditional mousetraps have been set around the kitchen and the rest of the building. The poison traps "are secure and not a problem to have around food," McGinnis said.

According to sophomore student worker Tiana Wamba, some students are opposed to the killing of rats. Wamba was working at the cash register during breakfast one morning when a rat scurried through the kitchen. She explained that while most students acted with disgust and were shocked to see a rodent in their eating area, another acted differently.

"One girl was crying and trying to save the rat," Wamba said.

McGinnis said she understands why some students would prefer the use of humane methods, but said this is not an option for a restaurant. McGinnis said her biggest concern is making sure food and students are safe.

McGinnis said the poison traps are boxes which the rats enter to eat the poison. However, they can then exit

the box. The poison works slowly and may take hours to kill them. McGinnis said she and other members of dining services "have seen some of them [the rats] acting weird and they become sluggish."

Whenever they see one, McGinnis said, they call the pest control services to take care of it.

The pest control worker comes "often to check the traps and the last time he came none of the traps were full," McGinnis said.

Pest control services told McGinnis that when it gets cold outside the rats look for ways inside. "Once they get inside and they find food there for one, they don't want to leave," McGinnis said. As they live inside they begin to breed inside.

McGinnis said the pest control worker "believes that the ones that he is catching now are a batch of juveniles that were probably bred inside somewhere."

McGinnis said she hopes that by catching the young ones, more won't be bred.

Dining services is "trying to stay on top of it as fast as we can and as best as we can," McGinnis said.

Television tuning to the past

Editor takes remake review to the small screen, highlights new renditions of some of television's classic shows

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Just like movies, TV shows are often subject to the remaking frenzy. Though we may not have been alive — or at least not doing much more than drooling — for the first airing of a show, older relatives may remember these classics. To them, the original may be irreplaceable, but for those of us who have spent more time in the 21st century, a remake may provide the needed boost to an old-timer series.

"Dallas" – Original: CBS 1978-1991, Remake: TNT June 2012-Present

This soap was practically a college requirement back in its heyday, drawing students to congregate weekly for each new episode.

The show followed one conflict-filled family, the Ewings of Dallas, Texas, and focused on the bitter rivalry between brothers J.R. and Bobby.

In the remake, the backstabbing family shenanigans continue as the sons of the two brothers follow

in their fathers' footsteps. Actors Larry Hagman and Patrick Duffy reprise their roles as J.R. and Bobby respectively, while Josh Henderson plays John Ross and Jesse Metcalfe portrays Christopher — the brothers' sons.

With inclusion of some of the original actors, the show's classic flavor is difficult to miss. The core qualities of the show are exactly the same, but the remake is contextually updated for 2012.

John Ross and Christopher are simply new and younger versions of the original dueling brothers, and despite their attempts to end the inter-family feud — and fortunately for every drama-loving viewer — they're ultimately unsuccessful.

"Hawaii Five-0" – Original: CBS 1968-1980, Remake: CBS

September 2010-Present

Nothing beats a classic detective story — unless of course you throw in a shelling's-worth of action to spice things up.

In the classic 12-season serial, Steve McGarrett and Danny Williams are cops on a special Hawaii state police task force, following clues and stopping crime in a non-nonsense fashion.

In the update, actors Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan portray Steve and Danny. Both have a lot more muscle than their predecessors and little inhibition when it comes to beating up the bad guys.

Set in the present, the new Five-0 features snazzy tech

"With inclusion of some of the original actors, the show's ['Dallas'] classic flavor is difficult to miss."

equipment to assist the team's crime-stopping crusade. Steve and Danny are also a lot more laid back and tease each other constantly, giving the new show a lot of comedic relief to lighten the ramped up violence.

Though I prefer the update simply

for its relevance, there are a few callbacks to the original, like use of the famous "Book 'em Danno" line that marked the end of every episode in the original series.

"Beauty and the Beast" – Original: CBS 1987-1990, Remake: CW October 2012-Present

This show may be airing on the ugly stepsister of network television, but its ratings garnered it a full season order nonetheless.

True to the CW's M.O., this show is a supernatural, girl-targeted romance that features only good-looking

actors. Ironically, even the beast is absurdly attractive.

In the original, the beast Vincent is actually a beast and Catherine is an assistant district attorney instead of a police detective. When they fall in love, Vincent does not transform into a man, but remains in his beastly state.

The new version drops the "don't judge a book by its cover" moral, opting instead for a Hulk-like twist. Whenever supermodel Vincent, played by Jay Ryan, becomes angry, his face gets as scary as cheap television special effects can make it and he throws stuff around and punches walls.

The moral of this story: don't agree to be the military's human lab rat even if you're depressed after your brothers die in 9/11. Yes, the CW tactfully decided to tie a painful and life-changing terrorist attack into its supernatural love story.

Although the remake has earned almost entirely negative reviews, the few episodes aired so far did not make me want to hurl tomatoes at my TV. Though the plot isn't groundbreaking, the show might beat watching static.

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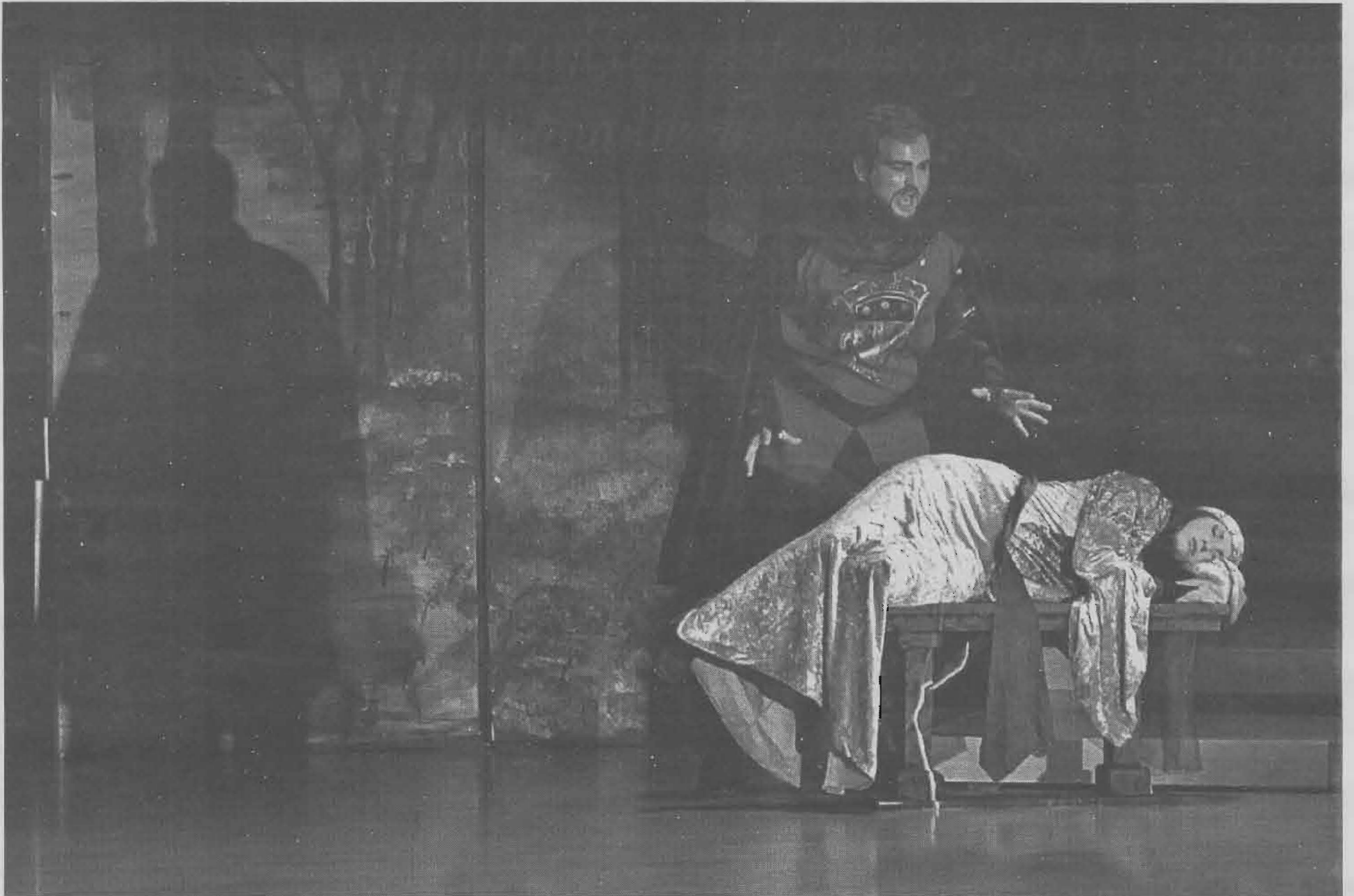
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Editor belts praise for opera



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Opera may not be the default music on everyone's iPods, but Pacific Lutheran University's performance of "The Magic Flute" was still a joy to see and hear.

Mozart created the piece near the end of the 18th century, and it includes both spoken dialogue and singing.

The plot follows Prince Tamino, played by senior John Marzano, and his quest to rescue his love Pamina, the daughter of the Queen of the Night, portrayed by sophomore Elizabeth Binkley. To assist him in the rescue, Tamino uses a magic flute that has the power to "change men's hearts."

Music is appropriately the primary narrative mode. The University Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, performed with a natural fluidity that provided a strong emotional context.

Senior Mary Ardington, who played the actual music for Tamino's magic flute, said, "I love Mozart. I love classical style." The style certainly fit the fantastical and mythic mood of the play, as did other aspects of the performance.

The sets were simple, but elegant. Five painted panels with three sides enabled the backgrounds to alternate between rocky wilderness, forest and pillars.

A screen was also hung above the stage. Most often, it was used to display the lyrics as the performers sang so the audience could follow along, but it also showed pictures that were thematically relevant and even a clip of the protagonist running through a forest to preface his actual emergence on stage.

Comic relief was a strong element of the play and there were countless allusions to modern material. In one such case, Tamino's sidekick Birdman Papageno, played by Julian Reisenhel, lamented that if he could not find love, all he would have was his subscription to "playbird magazine."

Papageno later began singing in

German for a few lines — the original language of the opera — then shouted "nein, nein" and requested English. The screen projecting his German lyrics then displayed an apology and explained Google Translate was "activating."

The opera's drama was best expressed by the exceptional performance of PLU alum Amy van Mechelen as Queen of the Night. Her elaborate make-up and costume combined with her powerful singing and stage presence allowed her to captivate the audience and set the tone whenever she appeared.

Though the play ran well past the promised two-hour time range, the audience did not grow restless. Oftentimes, actors would enter a scene by walking down the aisles of audience seating, really personalizing the performance.

The dialogue was very modern and helped keep everyone's attention. Though the lyrics were crafted in more dated vernacular, they were easy to comprehend, especially with the assistance of the projector.

Neither the singing nor language inhibited the audience's understanding of the leading figures. Marzano said of his character, Tamino, "he is very unsure about the world that he kind of entered" and that playing "all of those parts with the love, and the confusion, and the nobleness, the bravery makes for a very complex character."

As should any story, "The Magic Flute" excelled in character development, entertainment value and the balance of comedy and drama.

Editor's note: Many of the roles were played by two actors who alternated nights. The reviewed performance featured the Nov. 8 and Nov. 10 cast.



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TOP: Monostatos, a slave of Lord Sarastro, played by sophomore Samuel Chapman, makes a romantic appeal to the captured daughter of the Queen of the Night, Pamina, portrayed by sophomore Elizabeth Binkley. ABOVE: Prince Tamino, played by senior John Marzano, is reunited with his beloved Pamina, played by Binkley, before they are subjected to a number of trials at the behest of Lord Sarastro.

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#collegestudentproblems: finding a way to keep up with your favorite shows. With a limited number of televisions in the residence halls, viewing shows live may not always be possible. For many, the choice comes down to Netflix, HuluPlus, standard Hulu or old-school DVDs.

Hulu may be free, but viewing current episodes of our favorite shows requires a subscription. Both Netflix and HuluPlus have their own set of advantages and shortcomings to consider before investing in a subscription.

HuluPlus

If you want to stay on top of current shows, Netflix DVDs can be inconvenient with the residence hall mail system. Hulu, on the other hand, only offers five of the most recently aired episodes, unless you are a member of their private club — HuluPlus.

For the same price as Netflix, \$7.99 per month, you can get a HuluPlus subscription and watch past and present seasons of nearly any show you want. Plus, subscribers can watch new episodes of shows from most networks just a day after they air on TV — usually only possible via illegal streaming.

If you are a TV buff, HuluPlus is the best choice.

Along with current shows, you can watch every season of classics like "The Cosby Show," "Firefly" and "Spongebob Squarepants."

However, if you are a diehard movie lover, the cinematic options Hulu Plus offers can be painful. While scrolling through the options, titles such as "Fetishes" and "Elvira's Movie Macabre" appear as highlights.

Like YouTube, HuluPlus has taken to producing short webisodes. A new six episode series called "4 to 9ers," exclusive to HuluPlus, centers on the lives of young Subway employees. Overt product placement aside, HuluPlus can be commended for adopting this trending entertainment medium.

For the same financial commitment as Netflix, a HuluPlus user can access archived seasons of classic television, just-aired shows, brand new webisodes and can view them all on multiple devices. For a TV-loving college student, HuluPlus is the way to go.

Netflix

Everybody knows about Netflix. Their red enveloped DVDs delivered to customers' homes are iconic. But how well does Netflix stack up to the competition?

Netflix has many recommendation-worthy attributes, such as its pricing. For just \$7.99 per month, users have access to unlimited video streaming.

For an extra dollar per month, users can have DVDs sent to their homes as well. These DVDs are usually recent releases that aren't yet accessible online.

Another positive aspect of Netflix is the usability of the site. It is well laid out and easy to navigate. Features like "My Queue" help keep the movies and TV shows you want to watch organized. There are also no commercials to delay viewing — not the case with Hulu or even HuluPlus.

Until recently, a downside of Netflix was its sparse content. Few recent television shows or movies were available for instant watch. This problem has been remedied with one caveat: typically episodes of a show do not go up until the season is over.

Unlike Hulu, where some episodes show up the day after airing, Netflix posts whole seasons of a show at once. But once a TV show goes on Netflix instant watch, it typically stays there. With the free version of Hulu, users have only a limited period of time in which to watch the episode.

Netflix is even beginning to produce its own content. The series "Lilyhammer" was Netflix's first original series, and the cancelled cult hit "Arrested Development" will find a new home there in the coming months.

Overall, Netflix is well worth the price paid and will only continue to improve in the future.

Novice novelists rush to write

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This November, more than 200,000 people will attempt to do something a little crazy: write a novel. November is National Novel Writing Month, known as NaNoWriMo, a nationwide event during which anyone brave enough tries to write a 50,000-word novel in 30 days.

The event began when founder Chris Baty and 20 of his friends decided to try to write novels over the course of a month simply because they were aspiring writers with nothing else to do.

That spontaneous decision blossomed into a well-known annual event that has even led to publication for some NaNoWriMo participants. Popular young adult novels "Anna and the French Kiss" by Stephanie Perkins and "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern — which also has a Hollywood adaptation in the works — originated as NaNoWriMo projects.

"It's kind of like running a marathon," first-year Dylan Nehrenberg said, a participant in NaNoWriMo. "It can be really painful, but for some reason you keep wanting to do it. It's the same with writing."

"It's hard," first-year Courtney Gould said, who is also rising to the challenge. "You realize you can sit down for an hour and only write 30 words." Gould said it is difficult to write when you doubt the quality of your work, "but you have to force yourself to not look back at it."

Some argue that NaNoWriMo encourages poor writing because the focus is on quantity rather than quality. However, NaNoWriMo participants are encouraged to edit their novel once they have completed it and are

provided with resources and recommendations about the editing process.

Because the event is about striving to complete a goal and not necessarily about producing superlative writing, many casual writers participate.

Nehrenberg said that despite the hardships, NaNoWriMo is "a great motivator." He added, "I greatly enjoy writing, but I have to give myself the time to do it."

This is Gould's third year participating in NaNoWriMo. She said, "it's just something my friends and I do every year."

NaNoWriMo is in its 13th year, and every year the number of participants and the number of winners has increased dramatically. Though the event is not a competition, "winning" NaNoWriMo — successfully completing the 50,000-word goal — is the ultimate aim for some returning participants.

"It would feel really good [to reach the goal]," Gould said. She added that succeeding "would feel like a big accomplishment."

The NaNoWriMo website provides support for anyone wishing to join in the month-long journey to 50,000 words. Authors like Kate DiCamillo — "The Tale of Desperoux" — and Karen Russell — "Swamplandia!" — send daily pep talks via email. NaNoWriMo resources also include daily ideas about ways writers can take their stories in new directions or avoid writer's block.

Regional managers hold write-ins and provide support for anyone struggling with the project.

At Pacific Lutheran University, The Mark writing club meets on Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and holds write-ins for NaNoWriMo.



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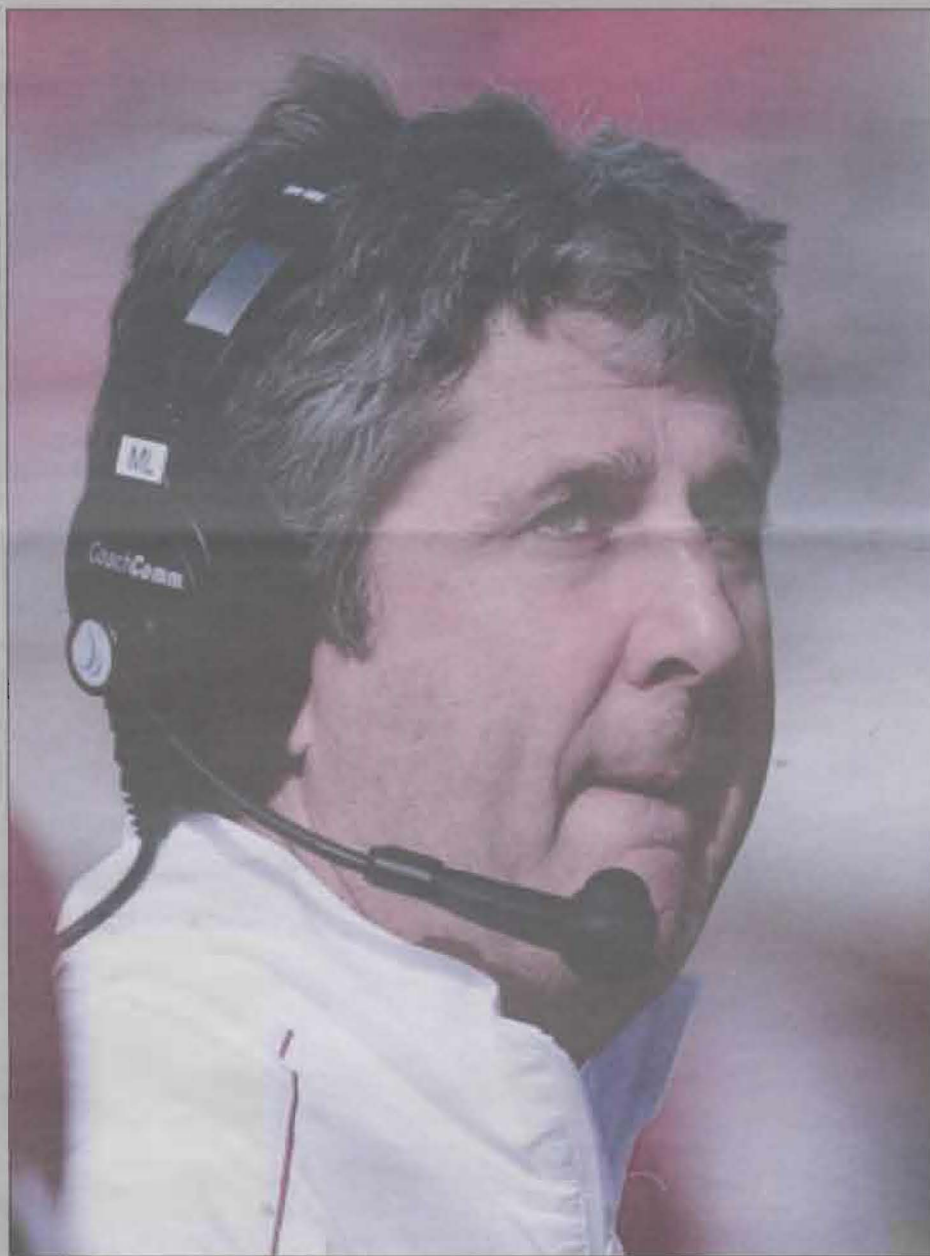


THE NEWS AS WE SEE IT

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Just when you thought the drama of election season was over, new issues are sprouting up everywhere. Twitter and Facebook feeds are so bogged down with news articles it's hard to tell one from the next.

Here are five stories the PLU community should know about, boiled down for a quick read.



AP PHOTO/RICK BOWSER, FILE

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Washington State President Elson Floyd has called for a review of claims of abusive behavior by coach Mike Leach and his staff toward players by wide receiver Marquess Wilson. The decision by Floyd comes one day after Wilson quit the team. Wilson says he left the program because of the actions of Leach and his staff. Wilson says the new staff has “preferred to belittle, intimidate and humiliate us,” and that included physical abuse. Floyd said in a statement Sunday morning that after consultation with Athletic Director Bill Moos, he asked the athletic department to report findings and conclusions as soon as possible. Floyd says reviews from both the Pac-12 and the athletic department “should get to the bottom of the matter.” Leach is in his first season as Washington State coach after spending two years out of coaching. He spent 10 seasons as Texas Tech coach before being fired in 2009 after claims of mistreatment from a player. Wilson, a junior, set school single-season records last year with 82 receptions and 1,388 yards receiving. This season, he leads the team with 52 receptions for 813 yards.



WASHINGTON (AP) — Climate change is suddenly a resurfacing in talks about a once radical idea: a possible conservative think tank held discussions about it. The think tank released a paper on it. And the Congressional Budget Office page report on the different ways to make a carbon tax work on income people. A carbon tax works by making people pay more for fuels like coal, oil, and gas that produce heat-trapping greenhouse gases. The idea was considered so radical that in 2009, when President Obama signed a bill on global warming, that he instead opted for the more moderate capping power plant emissions and trading credits that would do more. That idea, after passing the House, stalled in the Senate. It has been considered dead since. Even so, the Obama administration is pushing for a carbon tax now, said a White House official speaking on anonymity because there are no discussions about the



WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama chose Wednesday to let taxes rise on the wealthiest Americans on the grounds, noting he campaigned successfully for re-election. It would instantly ease the threat of the “fiscal cliff” that would trigger a recession. At the same time, the president stressed he was looking at other approaches from Republicans who say they will not raise taxes. Both parties have cautioned that, given the sluggish economy, a recession is likely unless lawmakers and the president



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topic again. The issue is carbon tax. On Tuesday, a more liberal think tank Office issued a 19-page report that is burdensome on lower income families for using fossil fuels to produce carbon dioxide. The idea that Obama tried to pass through a moderate approach of allowing utilities to pollute was rejected in the Senate in 2010 and has since. Administration has no plans to do so, he spoke on condition of anonymity.



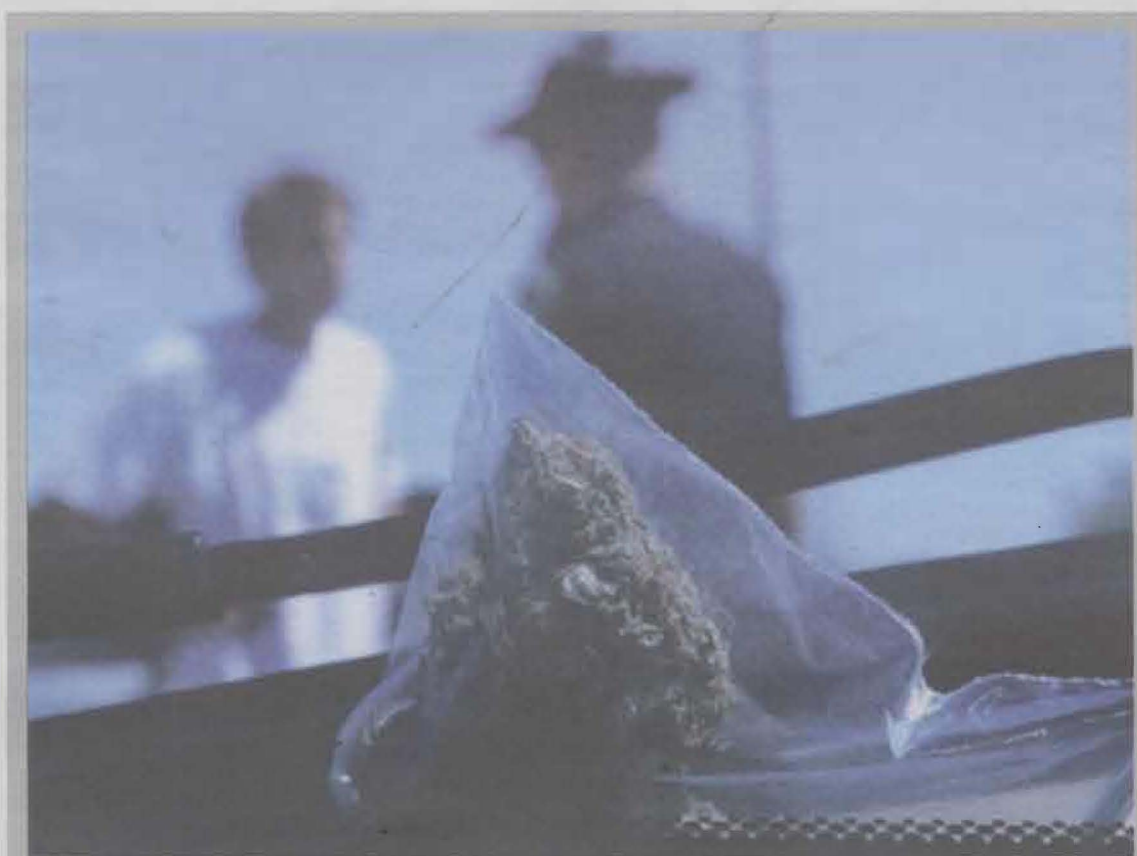
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NEW YORK (AP) — Despite days of dire forecasts and explicit warnings, hundreds of thousands of people in New York and New Jersey ignored mandatory evacuation orders as Superstorm Sandy closed in. Now, after scores of deaths and harrowing escapes, emergency officials will look at what more can be done to persuade residents to get out when their lives are in danger. Some states make it a crime to ignore an evacuation order. North Carolina recently raised the potential fine from \$200 to \$1,000 and the possible jail term from 20 to 60 days. New York has a similar law that carries up to 90 days in jail. As hurricane season started in 2006, Florida launched controversial ads featuring genuine, panicky 911 calls from people begging for help during 2004's Hurricane Ivan and being told it was too dangerous to send rescuers. But what might be most likely to persuade people to flee a hazardous storm is simply having been through one before.



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Angry congressional Republicans are on both economic and political ground on the point and contending with plunging the nation back into recession as amenable to compromise on raising tax rates. Economists predict a state of the economy, a return to growth through a compromise on legislation.



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SEATTLE (AP) — When Washington state voters overwhelmingly legalized the recreational use of marijuana on Nov. 6, Seattle police knew they'd be getting a lot of questions. And while many details surrounding the state's Dec. 6 decriminalization of pot remain, the department didn't shy away from answering what questions it could about Initiative 502, posting a funny, question-and-answer blog that has become a big web hit — having been viewed more than 120,000 times and shared more than 15,000 times on Facebook since it was posted Friday. The result was "Marijwhatnow? A Guide to Legal Marijuana Use In Seattle," by Jonah Spangenthal-Lee, a former journalist who wrote for The Stranger, a weekly alternative newspaper. He was hired by the police department earlier this year.

Cynical view in art limits perspectives



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It seems the glass is always half empty. In recent years, it seems as if pessimism has come to be associated with reason, while optimism is somehow seen as a sign of lesser intelligence.

If academic reading selections are any indicator, the academic community would rather label war zones as the "real" world than the white picket fences that adorn so many lawns. I don't believe the "real" world is only composed of the places where tragedy abounds.

However, the books we are often required to read for class seem to only represent this negative portion of the world.

Heading into my freshman year of high school, I was required to read "The Weight of All Things" by Sandra Benitez, a novel about the El Salvadoran civil war, and "The Iliad," Homer's war epic.

That summer, I read more accounts of brutal, horrifying deaths than I have in all of my literary experience. Yet the point of the assignment was supposed to be to identify the "heroic journey" and learn to apply it to my own life.

Only focusing on the horrors of our world limits one's perspective to a small

corner of life experience.

While I acknowledge that such heart-wrenching stories drag us out of our suburban mentality and widen our world view, the constant repetition of such themes actually limits our world view.

Now the world is simply in two parts: one part suburban and the other gore, violence and poverty.

This method actually contributes to the "them and us" mentality regarding unfamiliar cultures.

Such novels tell us we should be grateful for what we have, because they have it rough. Tolerance and

compassion do not spring from such a lopsided view.

Optimism is described by the highly rational as unrealistic, simplistic or illogical - a means of ignoring the "real" world. Well, based on these readings, in the "real" world, a third

of students are "struggling or suffering" and half are "not hopeful."

The cure for such discouragement is not to beat students over the head with the over-rationalized, academic view of the world.

Instead, give them something to read that shows the inherent good in the world.

An optimistic outlook results in extended life expectancy, better coping strategies, enhanced mental and physical health and heightened success in academics, sports and work.

Sure, the world is full of horrifying things. But it can be so much easier to deal with those horrors when you acknowledge the good along with the bad. Then the glass will always be full.

Only focusing on the horrors of our world limits one's perspective to a small corner of life experience.

A new normal

R-74 proof of a changing idea of family



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There is an archaic idea of the American family: blond, blue-eyed, heterosexual, 2.2 children with a white picket fence.

Today, we are seeing an entirely different idea of the family, a new definition of "normal" if you will.

With the passage of Referendum 74, Washington became one of 10 states to legalize gay marriage. While this is a momentous leap for human rights, it also allows for a broader view of the American family.

Now, not only do we have the old idea of the heterosexual couple, but a new and growing acceptance of same-sex couples.

Ironically, with a divorce rate around 50 percent, there is a growing number of split families, and it is almost becoming more normal for parents to be divorced than together.

There is a very engrained

idea of what family means - mom, dad, brother, sister - and an assumption that your parents look like you and fulfill the typical roles of a family.

We are seeing and accepting more and more family structures that deviate from what was once considered "normal."

However, the meaning of family is more important than its structure.

Family comprises the people who are there for you, regardless of blood relation or custom. They are the people you have to live with no matter what - those who are there to help you rise and catch you when you fall.

It does not matter who that family is: mom and dad, mom and mom, dad and dad, single dad or grandma. It is all the same at the end of the day.

For us, the "Millennials," so many of these hot-button issues are no-brainers. Of course you might have two moms or you may live with your single dad because your parents are divorced.

People have a preoccupation with normalcy. People want to be able to put others into boxes, and want others to fit a mold so they do not have to think much or ask questions.

The problem with this - beyond the dwindling intellect of humanity - is

that it limits options and promotes discrimination. By wanting people to fit into these boxes, society denies some people the right to love who they want - whether that is someone of the same gender or a different race.

Consider just 50 years ago when an interracial couple would likely have been attacked if they walked hand-in-hand down the street together.

Some people today want to do that to same sex couples and continue to look at interracial couples as if it does not quite seem believable.

We are growing toward the day when there is no "normal," when one cannot simply say "I have a family" and people will assume one thing or another.

Interracial, gay, divorced, single-parent, adopted, whatever - it is all being considered normal.

Same-sex marriage will become legal in Washington on Dec. 8

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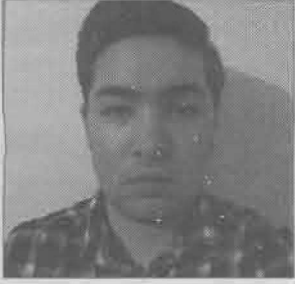
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Ideal parking not worth it

Parking Enforcement Week puts high price on misuse of handicap parking spots



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A woman in her mid-30s drives up and parks in a disabled spot at the local grocery store. You see her place a disability placard on the mirror and step out. You pause. She looks fine — she doesn't appear to have a condition warranting the use of that disability placard.

This could mean one of two things: she has a disability that is not readily apparent, or she is using a friend or family member's placard. If she's using someone else's

placard, she is breaking the law.

The fine for parking in a disabled parking spot without a proper placard or permit is \$450. Imagine what someone could do with that money, especially a typical college student.

Someone could pay for groceries, textbooks, a plane ticket, quite a few tanks of gas or two iPhones!

In order to raise awareness about disabled parking misuse, the Tacoma Area Commission on Disabilities

and enforcement.

Of course, you may have "good" reasons for parking illegally in a disabled parking space.

The weeks leading up to the holiday season are the busiest shopping days of the year.

Stores everywhere are crowded, your patience is wearing thin and the "Disabled Parking Only" spots may be tempting.

Drivers justify illegally parking in disabled spots if their errands won't take long or if other nearby spaces are occupied.

Whatever the reason, illegally parking in a disabled spot is wrong. People with disabled parking permits have them for

Accessible parking is essential to the quality of life for many people with disabilities.

and local law enforcement collaborated to facilitate a Parking Enforcement Week.

The Tacoma City Council declared Nov. 26 - 30 Parking Enforcement Week, in order to increase both awareness

a reason, whether their condition is visible or not.

Disabled parking spots enable people with disabilities to go out, run errands, go to stores and so on.

Without access to these

spots, many people would not be able to do the important things that they anticipate being able to do.

Accessible parking is essential to the quality of life for many people with disabilities.

Disabled parking misuse is more than an issue of inconvenience.

For drivers with disabilities, these parking spots are vital.

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Separate your faith and politics, columnist says



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Religion has no place in politics. Pastors should not preach politics from the pulpit, and above all, religious doctrines should not be incorporated into public policy.

Religion has played a major role in American politics for the last four years. People have questioned President Barack Obama's alleged Muslim ties, charged him with attacking the Catholic Church by guaranteeing women access to birth control and disputed his policies regarding same-sex couples and women's right to choose.

President Obama's decisions were not based on religion but on and ethic of

equal rights.

Yet recently, religion has been used in politics to keep certain privileges from those who want to be married and from women who want the right to choose.

Our founding fathers knew the importance of religious freedom and the separation of church and state. The first amendment to the Constitution is "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

78 percent of American citizens consider themselves Christian, 16 percent consider themselves non-religious and 6 percent practice non-Christian religions.

When our government incorporates a law into our society based on a religious ideology, it completely disregards the 21 percent of our population that takes refuge under the first amendment.

Our government is supposed to represent all of

our population not just 78 percent.

For the most part, Americans staunchly believe the government should not be run by the church or a pope-like figure.

However, religion now

Completely separating religion from our political system will then force us as Americans to look at moral issues in a new way...

more than ever creeps into our public policies through issues related to morality. But religious viewpoints should not be in politics even when it comes to moral issues.

The moral compass of one person may not match another's.

A person is entitled to his or her own belief system. However, this belief system cannot be imposed upon other people though a legal

system.

A Christian does not need to have an abortion if it's against her moral belief, but this should not prevent others from making the choice.

Completely separating religion from our political system will then force us as Americans to look at moral issues in a new way instead of just referencing religious doctrines.

Our political officials should make policies that benefit the whole instead of representing the religious majority.

It is important to remember that if we allow religion to dictate politics, we abandon our first amendment freedom that allows Americans to choose their own religions that dictate their own lives.

Next time you vote on a moral issue, remember your religious ideologies may not be the same as everyone else's, but the law will affect everyone.

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- 1 Stuffed shirt
- 5 Stretches of grassy turf
- 11 Juvenile newt
- 14 Opposite of "absent"
- 15 Retail security device
- 16 Crazy like a fox
- 17 Scroogelike wages
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- 20 Parodies
- 21 "Watch closely, now ..."
- 23 CBS logo
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- 26 Baby-talk "words"
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- 6 Capital of Poland
- 7 Doc bloc, for short
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11/18 **LOSING MONEY** By Potter Stern

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What are your plans for J-term?

TALK



"I'm taking the elementary Norwegian class. It seemed the most interesting because I can learn basic Norwegian."

Daniel Kennet, sophomore



"I'm taking Hydrology, it's a geoscience. I need it for my major, and I also think it's interesting."

Adam Smith, sophomore



"I'm doing Chem 115 as a part of my overall schedule to take the MCATS on time."

Natasha Sioda, first year



"I'm taking statistics because it sounds fun."

Amy Scott, sophomore

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Football

Upcoming Games
 Nov. 17 at Linfield, noon
 Nov. 24 vs. TBD (if necessary)

Previous Games
 Win (38-21): Nov. 10 at Menlo
 Win (35-14): Nov. 3 vs. Whitworth

Men's Basketball

Upcoming Games
 Nov. 16 vs. Texas-Dallas, 6 p.m.
 Nov. 17 vs. New Hope Christian, 5 p.m.

Previous Games
 Loss (48-72): Nov. 2 at Seattle Pacific

Women's Basketball

Upcoming Games
 Nov. 17 at Western Oregon, 2 p.m.
 Nov. 27 vs. Warner Pacific, 6 p.m.

Previous Games
 Loss (59-75): 2012 vs. George Fox

Swimming

Upcoming Meets
 Nov. 30-Dec. 2, Husky Invitational
 Dec. 29 at Calif. Lutheran Invitational

Previous Meets
 Win: Nov. 10 at Willamette
 Win: Nov. 9 at Linfield

Women's basketball season preview

Lutes will rely heavily on youth in 2012-2013 campaign

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The Pacific Lutheran women's basketball team is young, but the players, and coaching staff are optimistic about the 2012-2013 season.

"Everyone is just gung-ho," head coach Kelly Robinson said. "Everyone is out there working as hard as they possibly can wanting to earn a spot."

Though there are only four junior players on the roster and no seniors, the team has a new level of energy they hope will lead to success. Players and coaches alike are displaying excitement for their upcoming season.

"I think being young is our strength," junior point guard Samantha Potter said. "We're excited to do something different."

Potter was the team's top scorer last season, totaling 421 points. Potter's .525 shooting percentage led the team.

"It's a lot more exciting," junior team captain point guard Katelyn Smith said of the young roster. "That brings us a lot more energy."

Smith was one of the top scoring players for the Lutes last season with 218 total points. Her field goal percentage was second only to Potter.

The team begins its season tomorrow at Western Oregon University (WOU), a NCAA Div. II school.

"It's definitely going to be a challenge," Robinson said. "Their

athletes are all on scholarship."

WOU finished 7-21 overall last season, but the Lutes still see the team as a worthy challenge as they open the season.

"It will get us out on the right foot," Potter said.

The team said they feel confident about their upcoming game and that the intensity of their practice and their preseason performance has prepared them well.

"Our scrimmages have gone well," Smith said.

"Another week of practice at this rate and we should do pretty well."

Robinson said she hopes the team's hard work in preparation of the game will translate well to the rest of the

"Everyone is out there working as hard as they possibly can wanting to earn a spot."

Kelly Robinson
 head coach

season.

"We're working extremely hard in practice," Robinson said. "We've shown some good things in the two scrimmages we had so far."

Robinson added, "We're giving more pressure than we [have] given in the past."

Robinson has been the women's basketball head coach since 2007.

Last season, the Lutes went 7-18 overall and 4-12 in conference.

PLU was picked to finish eighth, ahead of Willamette, in the preseason poll.

The Lutes' next home game is Nov. 27 against Warner Pacific at 6 p.m. in Olson Auditorium.



TOP: First-year guard Sarah Barnes defends a shot by fellow first-year guard Megan Abdo during practice Wednesday night in Olson Auditorium. Barnes and Abdo are part of six incoming first years that make up half of the 2012-2013 women's basketball roster. **LEFT:** First-year post Amanda Stokes boxes out junior post Samantha Potter during practice Wednesday night in Olson Auditorium. Potter started all 25 games for the Lutes last season, averaging nearly 17 points and 11 rebounds a contest. Her 421 points last season was the fourth highest single season scoring output in PLU history. Photos by Ben Quinn.

2012-2013 home games

- Nov. 27 vs. Warner Pacific, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 8 vs. Concordia (Ore.), 6 p.m.
- Jan. 11 vs. Pacific*, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 12 vs. Willamette*, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 25 vs. Whitman*, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 26 vs. Whitworth*, 4 p.m.
- Jan. 29 vs. Puget Sound*, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 1 vs. Linfield*, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 15 vs. George Fox*, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 16 vs. Lewis and Clark*, 6 p.m.

* Northwest Conference game

SHOUP SHOTS

Lutes advance to NCAA tournament for first time in 11 years

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If history told us anything, it told us the Pacific Lutheran football team's season should have been over after the third week of the season.

The Lutes sat at 1-2 with losses to California Lutheran and Linfield.

But the Lutes rattled off six consecutive victories after the Linfield game, and for the first time since 2001 – PLU is playoff-bound.

The Lutes were granted an at-large team into the NCAA tournament Sunday afternoon. PLU will play Linfield in McMinnville, Ore. tomorrow at noon.

"Our time to rise," sophomore tight end Lucas Sontra tweeted after the selection show.

The 2001 Lutes squad was the last to receive an at-large bid into the tournament after losing a non-conference game and not winning the conference.

The 37-23 loss to California Lutheran at home in the season-opener seemingly closed the door on an at-large bid to the 32-team NCAA tournament.

Two weeks later the Lutes fell 31-24 to tomorrow's first – round foe, Linfield.

The Lutes would have needed to win the remainder of their games while Linfield would have had to lose twice in conference for the Lutes to win the Northwest Conference and receive an automatic bid to the tournament.

The Wildcats have lost only seven regular season games since 2005.

PLU held up its end of the deal. Unfortunately for the Lutes, Linfield played a strong season en route to a 9-0 record and a no. 3 national ranking.

The California Lutheran and Linfield losses certainly worked against the Lutes, but their strength of schedule was an aide.

California Lutheran sits at 8-1 with a no. 8 national ranking.

Falling to the no. 3 and no. 8 teams in the nation is certainly understandable, if not respectable.

The Lutes' path to the playoffs was maybe a little unorthodox – dropping two of their first three games – but that is irrelevant.

The Lutes are five wins away from a national title and it's hard to not get excited about this team.

History of the Rivalry

Linfield owns a 21-36-4 advantage over the Lutes, but that record doesn't demonstrate the Wildcats' dominance over PLU in the past decade.

PLU has dropped the last 11 contests to Linfield. The last Lutes team to knock off the Wildcats was

the 2001 team – the one that received an at-large bid despite losing a non-conference and conference game.

Sound familiar?

That team defeated Linfield 31-20 in McMinnville in the third week of the season before falling in the third round of the NCAA tournament.

Weather

Forecasts are calling for temperatures in the low 50s with a 60 percent chance of rain. Unusual I know. But does the rain give one team an advantage?

With a wet football, it is much more difficult to get the passing game going. This puts pressure on the run game.

Linfield has been allowing just more than 70 yards per game on the ground while PLU has been allowing 90 rushing yards per game.

The Lutes are rushing for nearly 140 yards per game while Linfield is rushing for just short of 155 yards per game.

Linfield's Maxwell Field is turf, so mud will not be a factor.

The Lutes played in a deluge Oct. 20 at home against Willamette, but the rain was not a factor. PLU ran for 157 yards and sophomore quarterback Dalton Ritchey rushed for three scores. Ritchey also threw for 197 yards in the downpour.

Considering both teams' strong rushing attacks and run defenses, I don't think the weather gives either team an advantage.

All-Northwest Conference all around

Seven Lutes were named first-team All Conference selections Tuesday.

The selections included two sophomores – quarterback Dalton Ritchey and wide receiver Kyle Warner – four juniors – offensive lineman Chris Edison, defensive linemen Mychael Tuiasosopo, linebacker Jordan Patterson, safety Sean McFadden – and senior cornerback Taylor Angevine.

Eleven other Lutes were named second-team or honorable mention selections.

Linfield has its share of all-NWC players as well.

Senior quarterback Mickey Inns was named offensive player of the year and linebacker Dominique Forrest was named defensive player of the year.

Outside of the two players of the year for Linfield, the Wildcats had seven first-team selections, five second-team selections and two honorable mention selections.

Prediction

Linfield has owned PLU over the past decade, but the talent gap has shrunk.

PLU led Linfield 14-0 early in the first quarter of their meeting in September before the Wildcats grabbed a 31-24 lead late in the game.

The beauty of the playoffs is the reality that anything can happen. The fact that tomorrow is a rivalry game only adds to the possibility of the Lutes snapping the skid to Linfield.

The Lutes football team is pumped up and so is the university as a whole.

The losing streak to Linfield will end tomorrow.

In the elements, close games often come down to turnovers and a team's ability to run the ball.

The Lutes have intercepted a conference-high 19 passes and recovered 14 fumbles – also a conference high.

Pacific Lutheran 34, Linfield 31



PHOTO BY IGOR STURPINSKIY
Sophomore defensive back Connor Cummings returns a punt during the Lutes 24-31 loss to Linfield Sept. 20. Cummings is averaging nearly six yards per punt return this season.

The Mast Monday Night Football pick 'em

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Gutierrez is out. McDaniel is in.

For the first time in the history of the Post Sunday Society, Gutierrez does not sit in first place.

McDaniel, who started the season 0-2, has not missed in the past seven weeks. She owns a one-game lead over the entire field.

Only two weeks remain after this week for the Post Sunday Society, and it is fair to say that anyone could win the title.

Last week, the league picked the Sunday Night Football game, because the consensus was that Pittsburgh would roll over Kansas City on Monday Night Football. The Steelers narrowly won 16-13 in overtime.

The Sunday Night Football game between Houston and Chicago proved to be, well, boring. The Texans won 13-6

in a downpour.

An argument could be made that the player of the game was Houston's punter, Donnie Jones'.

Houston's quarterback, Matt Schaub, completed six more passes than Jones eight punts.

After such a "thrilling" game last week, it is fitting the Bears would play on Monday Night Football this week.

Dickerson and Gutierrez are the only two who picked the Bears last week and picked them again this week.

Chicago at San Francisco

Allison McDaniel
Lute sports fanatic
pick: SF
record: 7-2

After a week of extreme indecision, McDaniel was confident in her pick this week. It's amazing what sitting in first place will do to one's confidence.

Geoff Loomis
men's baseball coach
pick: SF
record: 6-3

A San Francisco loss all but eliminates Loomis from championship contention. The first day of spring practice won't come soon enough for Loomis if that is the case.

Steve Dickerson
men's basketball coach
pick: CHI
record: 6-3

Last week, I questioned Dickerson's ability to find a balance between predicting games and coaching his team. He picked last week's game incorrectly. Just saying.

Stacey Hagensen
all-world softball player
pick: SF
record: 6-3

Hagensen will be remembered as one of the greatest softball players in PLU history. Will she add a Post Sunday Society title to her resume?

Shane Gutierrez
men's soccer player
pick: CHI
record: 6-3

Gutierrez has fallen back to the rest of the pack after picking the last two weeks incorrectly. He should probably shave his head.

Lance Lute
trusty mascot
pick: CHI
record: 6-3

Lance didn't care a whole lot about his pick this week. The PLU football team has a game with minor significance this weekend.

Dalton Ritchey
PLU quarterback
pick: SF
record: 6-3

Ritchey was named first-team all-conference this week. After a slow start to his picks this season, Ritchey may not be a first-team candidate, but he deserves the most improved award. That is always bitter – sweet.

Men's basketball season preview

Lutes picked to finish fifth in preseason coaches poll

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Head coach Steve Dickerson and the Lutes open their season tonight and plan to surprise Northwest Conference coaches.

The Lutes have been busy regrouping to make up for the graduation of two seniors last spring.

The Lutes graduated career assists leader James Conti and guard Marcus Reaves but managed to recruit four first years to add depth to the basketball team.

The first years could gain significant playing time if they work hard in practice, sophomore forward Cole Parker said.

Guards Shane Jacob and Erik Swartout, wing Seth Anderson and post Bryce Miller round out the incoming first-year class.

The Lutes finished in a tie for fourth place last year in the Northwest Conference. This year, conference coaches project a fifth place finish for the Lutes in the NWC.

But a top-tier NWC finish could be in the works.

The Lutes are returning with senior wing Cameron Schilling, who earned an All-Northwest Conference honorable mention last year.

"We absolutely plan on finishing better than fifth, but the poll pick is the last thing on our mind," Parker said. "We're going to go out and take each game one at a time."

The Lutes played their first game Nov. 2 against NCAA Div. II Seattle Pacific

University (SPU).

SPU proved too much for the Lutes to handle, however, as the Falcons triumphed with a score of 72-48.

Senior guard Drew Earnest led the Lutes in scoring, garnering 15 points. Earnest achieved All-Conference honors during the 2010-11 season. Schilling tallied 10 points.

The Lutes' bench managed to outscore SPU 13-10.

SPU showed its athleticism, outrebounding PLU 42-24. Because this was an exhibition game, the result did not count towards either team's record.

"I think if we work hard every day and get better every day and focus on what we can control," sophomore wing Andrew Alness said, then "we have a very good chance of being one of the top teams in our league."

Sixth-year head coach Steve Dickerson leads the Lutes.

Dickerson comes from a background rich with basketball success. Dickerson was a high school coach in the Columbus, Ohio area for 33 years.

He managed to garner more than 200 wins, including a state final appearance, a regional title, two district championships, nine sectional titles, four league championships and several regional and district awards. Dickerson was named coach of the year four times.

Dickerson seemed like 'the man-with-the-plan' when he was hired in 2006, as his resume was adorned with a



PHOTO BY THOMAS SOERENES
First-year guard Erik Swartout drives past sophomore guard Ian Gillespie during practice last week. Swartout is one of four first years new to the team this year.

multitude of successes in the high school realm.

Under Coach Dickerson and his staff, the Lutes have not finished below seventh in the conference and have finished in fourth place or tied for fourth during the past two seasons.

"I think our team is going to surprise a lot of people in our league this year," sophomore point guard Terrell Williams said.

Williams said the team has potential because of their hard work and "the talent we have added and brought back from last year's team. The year is early but it looks like it could be a great year for Lute basketball."

The Lutes play in the Doug McArthur Classic basketball tournament today and tomorrow. The University of Puget Sound will host the tournament.

Texas-Dallas will be the Lutes' first opponent today, followed by New Hope Christian tomorrow.

Tip-off tonight is at 6 p.m. Conference play for the Lutes doesn't start until Dec. 7, when they face Whitworth in Spokane at 8 p.m.

Whitworth won the regular season conference championship by four games last year.

Football team handles Menlo

Lutes beat Oaks 38-21 in regular season finale

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Pacific Lutheran football extended its winning streak to six games Saturday with a 38-21 win over Menlo.

The Lutes finished the regular season second in the Northwest Conference at 7-2, 4-1.

With only two losses, the Lutes received an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament against No. 3 Linfield tomorrow. It is the team's first berth with Scott Westering as head coach and its first playoff berth since 2001.

"It is a huge deal," sophomore wide receiver Kellen Westering, the head coach's son, said. "I am very happy for my dad. This is the first time with him as the head coach the team has made the playoffs. The Lutes are back."

The Lutes started slowly against the Menlo Oaks due to turnovers and stalled drives.

PLU did not score until the four minute mark in the first quarter, when sophomore quarterback Dalton Ritchey ran the ball into the end zone from two yards out.

Besides the score on the ground, the rest of the offensive production came from an air assault to five different receivers. Ritchey had 16 completions out of 30 attempts for 373 yards and five touchdowns — four of which were through the air.

All four of Ritchey's touchdown passes were to different receivers. Sophomore wide receivers Daniel Herr, Kyle Warner and Kellen Westering, as well as sophomore tight end Lucas Sontra, all caught touchdown passes.

"Every game he always figures out where he needs to throw the ball in order for us to be successful,"

"All of us receivers run to our spots and he puts the ball there for us to make plays. He makes it easy."

Kyle Warner
sophomore wide receiver

Warner said, "All of us receivers run to our spots and he puts the ball there for us to make plays. He makes it easy."

Ritchey and Warner continued their big play ways with a 41-yard touchdown reception in a 21-second scoring drive.

Sophomore wide receiver Daniel Herr had his best game as a Lute hauling in seven receptions for 165 yards and a score.

The Menlo Oaks went into the game with an average of 202 rushing yards per game but could not get

the ground game going against a resilient Lutes defense.

The Oaks only had 10 rushing yards and were forced to find offense in other ways. Menlo's senior quarterback Matthias Pelesas had a big day, on paper, with 314 yards through the air. But that was due to screen plays and dump offs to his running backs.

"Menlo was built around the run, and if we could take that away from them, our secondary was athletic enough to match their receivers" sophomore cornerback Shawn Bowen said.

With the victory, the Lutes improved to 10-1 against Menlo in the past 11 years.

The Lutes will travel down to Maxwell Field — home of their NWC rival, the No.3 Linfield Wildcats — tomorrow.

The Lutes and Wildcats faced off on Sept. 29 and PLU led for much of the game until Linfield was able to chip away and take the lead late in the fourth quarter and win 31-24.

"The opportunity to play against a great team like Linfield down at their place is incredibly exciting because we know how much fun that atmosphere will be," sophomore defensive back Greg Hibbard said. "But above all, the best part about this playoff berth is the chance to have one more week together as teammates."

Kickoff is at noon.

Menlo domination

2002: L 29-32

2003: W 35-28

2004: W 45-21

2005: W 48-24

2006: W 34-10

2007: W 48-19

2008: W 35-34

2009: W 35-17

2010: W 28-10

2011: W 14-6

2012: W 38-21

Lutes NCAA tournament is brief

Volleyball team outed in straight sets by Chapman



PHOTO COURTESY OF NICK DAWSON

Members of the 2012 Pacific Lutheran volleyball team line up prior to the opening match of the NCAA tournament last Friday in Thousand Oaks, Calif. The Lutes were without usual starters sophomore setter Samantha North (fourth from left) and junior outside hitter Allison Wood (fifth from left) due to injuries.

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Pacific Lutheran's hopes of a championship ended last Friday in the opening match of the NCAA Div. III West Regional Tournament against Chapman.

The tournament was hosted by California Lutheran University.

It wasn't a close game either. The Lutes lost in straight sets, 13-25, 15-25 and 22-25.

"They just played better than we did," head coach Kevin Aoki said.

Entering the tournament as the no. 7 seed, the Lutes concluded their season with a 20-6 record. The Chapman Panthers, the no. 2 seed, improved to 24-6 and moved on to play the University of Puget Sound in the second round.

The Panthers fell to the Loggers in straight sets. UPS won the West Regional tournament and advanced to the final round of eight.

The Panthers flexed their offensive muscle throughout the match.

They flaunted an impressive .314 team attack percentage with three players — Ashleigh Gideon, Kate Ferrin, and McKenna Roice — achieving over 10 kills. Ferrin excelled with 12 kills with no errors on 19 attempts, a .632 percentage.

The Lutes' offense was inconsistent until the third set. Sophomore middle blocker Amy Wooten was the only Lute who

garnered double-digit kills with 10.

Junior middle blocker Becca Holtgeerts contributed seven kills. The team finished with a .116 attack percentage.

Although Chapman outmatched the

Lutes, PLU was up 10-9 in the first set before Chapman ran away with 10 of the next 11 points. They didn't slow down for the remainder of the second set, leaving the Lutes with a

push to bring the match to a fourth set. However, the Panthers' offense was too much for the Lutes and they dropped the third straight set, 22-25.

Senior Brianne Vincent ended with 21 assists and 2 block assists. Senior Blair Bjorkman, named to the All-West Region first team, led the team with 20 digs.

Junior middle blocker Bethany Huston, who was also named to the All-West Region first team, finished with 5 block assists.

Sophomore setter Samantha North rounded out the trio of Lutes added to the All-West team. North missed the final eight matches of the season due to a knee injury.

Huston was named a Second Team All-American while Bjorkman and North were named to the Honorable Mention All-American team.

"They just played better than we did."

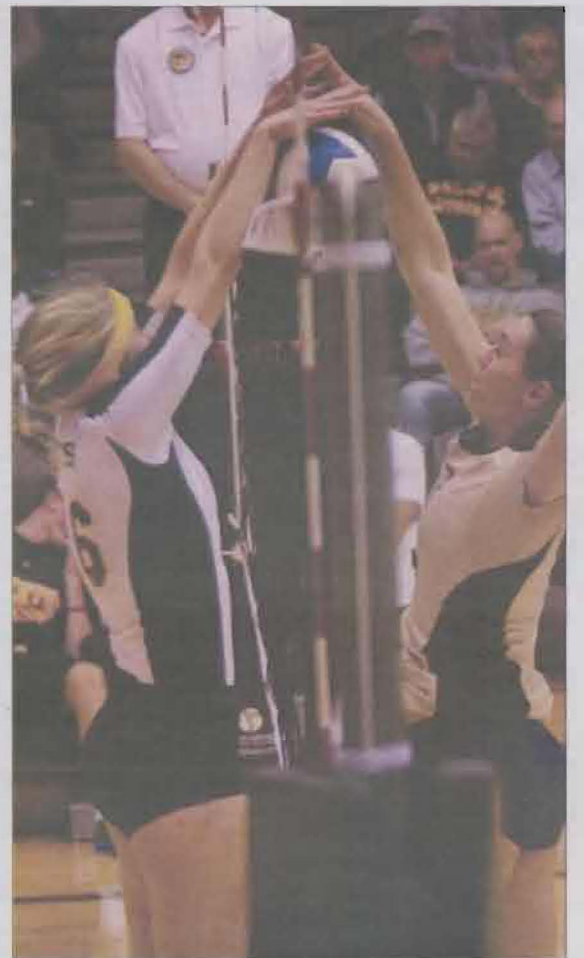
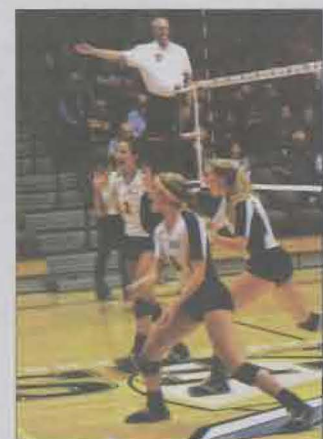
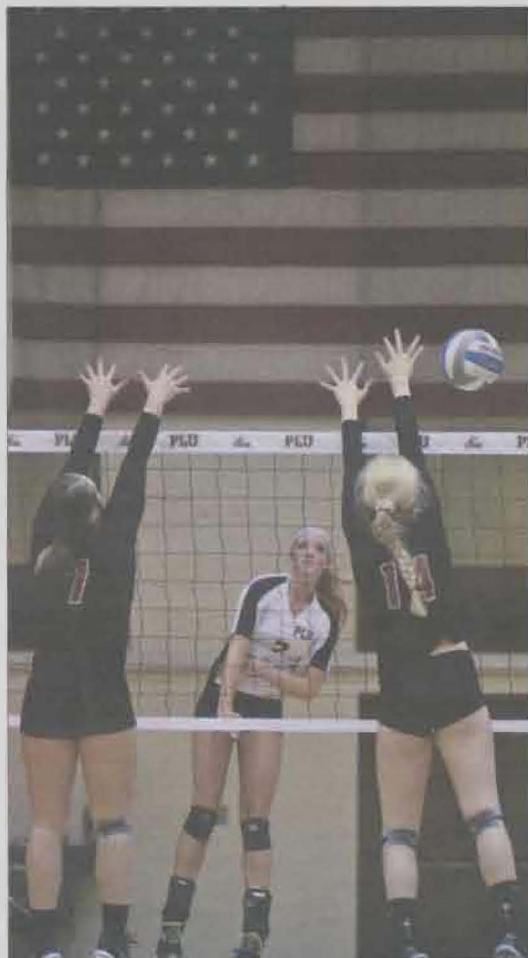
Kevin Aoki
head coach

large deficit.

Amid the urgency of the final set, the Lutes gave the Panthers a serious

Season review:

A look back at the best photos of the Lutes' NWC title season



LEFT: Sophomore outside hitter Chelsea Nelson spikes the ball Oct. 26 against Pacific. The Lutes won the match 3-0. Photo by Thomas Soerenes. TOP: The starters and reserves huddle separately prior to a set against Whitworth Sept. 14. The Lutes won the match 3-1. Photo by Jesse Major. RIGHT: Sophomore outside hitter Samantha North blocks a George Fox player during the Lutes 3-0 victory over the Bruins Oct. 5. Photo by Jesse Major. ABOVE LEFT: A trio of Lutes celebrate a point during their 3-0 victory Oct. 5 over George Fox. Photo by Jesse Major. ABOVE RIGHT: Junior middle blocker Bethany Huston hits into a wall of Puget Sound defenders in a 0-3 loss Oct. 31. Photo by Thomas Soerenes.