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Speaking for peace



Photo by Bryanna Plog

Former Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik speaks on human rights and his aid in creating the Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights. Bondevik drew a crowd of about 300. He was applauded for his views on the Iraq War and peace-keeping.

Former Norwegian prime minister speaks on peace and human rights

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Even after the World Conversation events ended, PLU's global focus continued March 6 with a talk by the former Norwegian prime minister on Norway's role in facilitating peace in the world.

Primer Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik engaged an audience of about 300 as he discussed conflict, reconciliation and why, in 2006, he helped create the

Oslo Centre for Peace and Human Rights with other Norwegian leaders.

"The most important challenge facing us today is the fight for the poor and the oppressed," Bondevik said. "As one of the richest countries in the world, Norway has a moral obligation in this fight."

Bondevik discussed Norway's role in international affairs in the past 15 years, citing examples from his two terms as prime minister. When he left office in 2005, Bondevik decided to use his expertise to further help facilitate conflict and protect human rights in the world. Since then, the Centre has done work in the Balkans and also focuses on human rights issues in North Korea, Burma and Cuba.

Junior Kyle Morean was impressed by Bondevik.

"He was one of the most engaging politicians I have ever heard," Morean said.

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The race is on for ASPLU

Candidates highlight platforms in debate

EMILY HÖPPLER TREICHLER
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Shannon Greene



Jon Morehead



Carl Pierce



Tamara Power-Drutis

The ASPLU presidential and vice-presidential candidates gathered with about 30 PLU students in Ingram on Wednesday night, for the final debate before the general election, which will take place March 12 and 13. Carl Pierce and Tamara Power-Drutis are running together, as are Shannon Greene and Jon Morehead, for president and vice-president, respectively.

At the beginning of the debate, each candidate was given three minutes to present the basics of their platforms and goals. The presidential candidates went first, beginning with Greene.

Greene highlighted her two-year experience as a senator for ASPLU, noting how important direct experience was "for (ASPLU) to run smoothly and efficiently." Greene also stressed her ideas for longer, more rigorous training of senators and directors to ensure that they understand and commit to their roles in the ASPLU community. She said that her main goal was "to get more people to understand and get involved with ASPLU."

Pierce, the other presidential candidate, also stressed involvement and visibility as the most important part of his and running mate Power-Drutis' platform. Pierce told the audience "not very many people know what ASPLU is, let alone that they have a senator or who that senator is." To achieve that visibility, Pierce discussed increased student involvement and better "communication between students and their senators."

Morehead, like his running mate Greene, stressed his experience as a senator for ASPLU and promised to "promote growth of ASPLU as an organization." Morehead plans to do this by "gathering feedback from students, hold forums to discuss issues with students, and using Facebook as a way to reach out." Morehead emphasized the vice president's duty is overseeing and training directors within ASPLU.

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Creepy callers infiltrate campus

Recent harrasing phone calls cause concern

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Campus Safety sent out an email to all students notifying them about recent phone harassment incidents.

According to the e-mail, a female working at the fitness center Feb. 16 received a mysterious call from a man and two women reported strange calls Feb. 18 as well. All three calls have occurred between 5 p.m. and 2:30 a.m.

According to the e-mail, the caller was a male in each situation and in two incidents he identified himself as a police officer and addressed the victim as, "cutie pie." In one

case, the caller identified the recipient by name.

Director of Campus Safety, Jesus Villahermosa, believes at least two calls may link to one male as evidence from these similar reports.

"The challenge is determining if the caller is on or off campus and if found, we will prosecute him," Villahermosa said. "We guess that he is a PLU student, but it's tough to track a person down, there are many possibilities to who he is."

There are numerous ways that anyone could get a hold of someone's phone number. In fact, Facebook and Myspace allow any user to put their e-mail, address, phone number, or anything else that can draw victims in and anyone can join. The safest bet is not revealing any personal information in a place where everyone can view and use to their advantage. Villahermosa warns everyone to be cautious with what information is put online.

"That's really creepy and makes me rethink what I put

on Facebook," junior Jonna Allen said

In the email, Campus Safety provides the following safety tips: if any one receives a troublesome call, hang up immediately. Do not converse with the caller. Directly after, notify campus safety (x7441) of what time the call started and ended and what was specifically said if anything.

Other valuable evidence includes the ring tones, which can determine if the call is on campus with a single ring tone or off campus with a double ring tone. Even what line the incoming call is on is useful to note. All of these specifics seem irrelevant, but could conclude this case.

Campus Safety's most important decree is protecting all PLU students. If anyone receives a harassing phone call, do not dismiss the situation. The calls could be just a prank or it could be a serious problem.

"We don't want to take the risk of finding out the scary way," Villahermosa said. "Don't just blow it off; it's just not funny."

STATE, NATION, WORLD BRIEFINGS

Local to Global news



AP Photo: Ted S. Warren

Patrick Edelbacher, left, and Sam Edwards, right, demonstrate in front of police dressed in riot gear standing guard at the gate of a Port of Tacoma staging area where Stryker vehicles and other military equipment were entering to be held in a holding area to await shipment to the war in Iraq just before midnight Tuesday, March 6, in Tacoma, Wash. About 75 protesters and a strong police presence met military convoys that entered the gate overnight Tuesday.

Georgia Truck Driver Claims Half of \$390M

A Georgia truck driver stepped forward Wednesday to claim half of a \$390 million jackpot, the richest lottery prize in U.S. history. "I'm going to do a lot of fishing," said Ed Nabors.

The other winning ticket in Tuesday night's Mega Millions drawing was sold at a liquor store in New Jersey, and the holder did not immediately come forward. Nabors bought his ticket when he stopped in for his weekly cup of coffee at a convenience store in Dalton, Ga. -- the self-proclaimed "Carpet Capital of the World" -- near a carpet mill run by his employer, Mohawk Industries.

Human head, liver meant for Michigan lab delivered instead to couple's home

A human liver and part of a head were accidentally delivered to a couple's home instead of the northern Michigan lab that was expecting them, delivery service DHL said.

The preserved parts, sent from China and meant for medical research, were mistakenly dropped off March 1 at Franc and Ludivine Larmande's home near Grand Rapids.

The bubble-wrapped items were part of a larger shipment that became separated and were left by a DHL driver who believed they were pieces to a table also delivered to the Larmandes. The body parts, which had been treated by a procedure that hardens and protects them, were intended for Traverse City-based Corcoran Laboratories Inc., according to DHL.

The recovered specimens were shipped to the lab, and all the missing parts have been accounted for, the company said Tuesday.

Ex-Con Guilty in Florida. Girl's Slaying

A sex offender was found guilty Wednesday of kidnapping and raping a 9-year-old girl and burying her alive in a case that led to a crack-down around the country on people convicted of sex crimes. Jurors deliberated for about four hours before returning the verdict against John Evander Couey in the slaying of Jessica Lunsford, who was snatched from her bedroom in February 2005 about 150 yards from the trailer where Couey had been living. Her body was found in a shallow hole, encased in two black plastic trash bags. She had suffocated and was found clutching a purple stuffed dolphin.

Blues Traveler singer arrested near Ritzville

Blues Traveler singer and harmonica-player John Popper was arrested near Ritzville after the vehicle he was riding in was clocked going 111 mph, the Washington State Patrol said Wednesday.

Popper, 39, was arrested Tuesday afternoon on Interstate 90 near the Spokane/Lincoln county line, the Washington State Patrol said.

Inside the black Mercedes SUV, officers found a cache of weapons and a small amount of marijuana, the patrol said.

Popper, who lives in Snohomish, Wash., is the owner of the vehicle, which was being driven by Brian Gourgeois, 34, of Austin, Texas, said state patrol Trooper Jeff Sevigney.

Sevigney confirmed that Popper was a member of the popular band and that the pair was traveling from Texas to Washington.

Gourgeois was placed under arrest for reckless driving and, after troopers reportedly smelled marijuana, Popper was arrested for drug possession, the Patrol said.

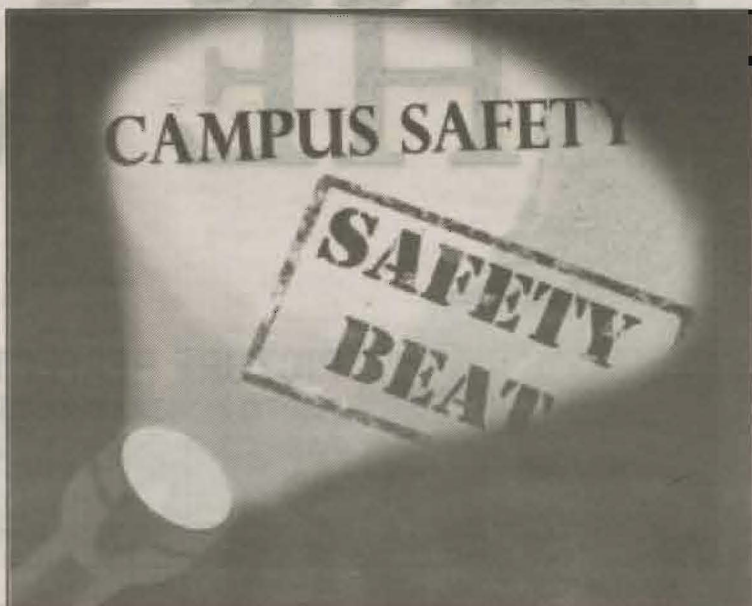
A police dog searched the vehicle, finding numerous hidden compartments. Inside those compartments were four rifles, nine handguns and a switchblade knife. They also found a taser and night vision goggles.

Popper was found guilty of the charges on Wednesday.

Dems Threaten Pakistan Over Jet Delivery

Senate Democrats are threatening to withhold delivery of jet fighter planes to Pakistan if it does not intensify its campaign against terrorists. The Bush administration opposed an even tougher move in the House that would condition U.S. military aid to stronger anti-terror efforts. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher told a House Foreign Affairs subcommittee Wednesday the arms package should not be held out as a reward to Pakistan. Boucher said Pakistan is fighting Taliban militia for its own good and that the United States and other nations benefit as a result. At stake is the long-delayed sale of 18 new jet fighters, an opportunity to buy 18 more and refurbishing 34 used aircraft already in Pakistan's air force arsenal.

Briefs gleaned from the Associated Press Wire Service.



February 27

A staff member reported that someone had torn down the urinal divider in the men's room at East Campus.

CSIN was contacted by Facilities to take a report for some minor, accidental vehicle damage to one of their vehicles.

An RD reported that an unknown student broke a window in a residence hall. The matter is being forwarded to Student Conduct.

February 28

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who slipped in a restroom in the library. CPER was contacted and transport was not required.

March 1

While conducting a fleet check CSIN noticed a dent on fleet van 89. This may be prior damage.

A staff member reported that she had left her office locked for a couple of hours and had returned

to find that someone had attempted to log onto her computer. The matter is under investigation.

A student reported that someone had broken into her vehicle while it was parked on 121 Street. PCSD was contacted for a formal report.

March 2

During the course of routine patrol, a Safety Officer injured his ankle. Ice was applied and further assistance was not needed.

A student reported a suspicious incident that had taken place at her work. The student was advised to contact TPD to inform them of the situation.

March 3

A student residence reported that someone had set fire to a box in a residence hall. PCSD was contacted for an arson investigation.

CSIN was contacted for medical assistance for a student who had twisted his ankle. Ice was applied and further medical assistance was not needed.

Safety tips of the week:

- 1) Always try to walk on paths or sidewalks. If there are no sidewalks or paths, walk facing road traffic.
- 2) Personal property should never be left unattended, even if it is only for a few minutes.

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Taking back the night

Students rally to support the fight against sexual violence and support survivors

MEGAN MCKENZIE
Mast news intern

The Vagina Monologues brought students at Pacific Lutheran University more than a theatrical production; the monologues brought knowledge to PLU students about violence and oppression of women worldwide. The monologues addressed Valentine's Day as V-Day, a day which challenges people to work to end violence against women and girls worldwide. They also revealed that 500,000 women are raped every year in the United States and 100 million women are genitally mutilated on a global level.

Changing the globe begins with changing the world immediately surrounding the community; for PLU students the mission to change the planet begins with changing the attitudes and beliefs about sexual violence that exist here at PLU.

Changing the world requires more than simply acquiring knowledge, it implies recognizing the responsibility to confront controversial issues and not fear conflict for the sake of change. Surely PLU students have heard the statement, "What is right is not always popular, and what is

popular is not always right."

This year, PLU students and staff have been presented with the challenge to utilize their knowledge about violence and recognize what they can do to help end violence by attending PLU's annual Take Back the Night rally April 4 at 4 p.m. in Red Square.

Take Back the Night rallies happen on college campuses across the country as a way for individuals to take a stand against sexual violence. Take Back the Night rallies offer not only knowledge of facts surrounding sexual assault, but the rallies empower individuals as they march through campus and assume responsibility to break the silence about sexual violence. The rallies recognize that sexual violence happens to men and women and that sexual violence impacts the victim, the family, as well as the community.

By recognizing the far-reaching consequences of sexual assault, individuals can take a stand against violence by attending the rally. Violence prevention specialist, Debbie Ruggles from Washington's Department of Health endorses the rally as a way to, "Always work for a safer and healthier Washington." This year's rally will include a march through campus, educa-

tional speakers, a clothesline t-shirt project, poetry wall and candle-light vigil. Be in Red Square April 4 at 4 p.m. and help create an atmosphere at PLU that rejects sexual violence and supports survivors.

"The rallies not only break the silence about the violence, but the rallies create a place for victims to gain support and transform from a victim to a survivor."

**Kaila Navarre,
rally volunteer**

"The rallies not only break the silence about the violence, but the rallies create a place for victims to gain support and transform from a victim to a survivor," rally volunteer and high school senior, Kaila Navarre said.

The Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs and Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County plan to have members attend the rally to create an environment that rejects violence and supports survivors.

For survivors interested in attending a newly established support group on campus that meets on Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m., contact Jennifer Warwick, PLU Victim Advocate, at warwicjl@plu.edu or call her at the Women's Center (253)-535-8759.

For men on campus interested in joining the fight against violence, contact Jonathan Grove at (253) 535-6304 or email grovejk@plu.edu to join the Men Against Violence Group.

For questions regarding the rally, please email womencen@plu.edu or mckenzme@plu.edu.

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Can they really do that?

Common misconceptions regarding RA and student rights answered

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Many students at PLU have questions regarding the rights and responsibilities of RAs in the residence halls here on campus. These questions have a way of blooming into exciting rumors pertaining to what RAs can and cannot do. After sit-downs with Hinderlie RA Kyle Nowadnick and RHA Conduct Coordinator Jeff Krengel, the record was set straight on the issues that seem to hamper Lute residents' already stressed-out minds.

Can an RA search your room?

An RA can approach a resident's room at any time and do a plain-view search of the area. If the RA suspects that the resident is breaking policy (i.e. hears clanking glasses, sees a beer bottle on a desk) they can call Campus Safety in order to request a more thorough search. Campus Safety can then do a more in-depth search if they understand the situation to warrant an investigation, but an in-depth search done by a single RA is prohibited.

When can an RA write you up for drinking?

An RA can write a resident up for drinking any time they are in possession of alcohol, or have alcohol in their room. This includes a situation where one roommate may possess alcohol in their room, in which case both roommates would be written up for possession.

Can RA's search your fridge?

The resident's permission is needed in order for an RA to look through any personal property. Campus Safety

has a wider range of ability to search through drawers, desks, and other university-owned items, but has their own guidelines on personal property, such as refrigerators. Since a resident is essentially renting the space from the university, the school has a right to search the property that they themselves own.

Can RA's date residents?

There is no policy on RA's dating residents, whether in their own dorms or in other residence halls. Relationships should not interfere with an RA's duties, however.

Can RA's listen through a closed door?

RA's can do anything they feel empowered to do in order to enforce policy, as long as it doesn't violate policy itself or the personal rights and civil liberties of the students involved. Usually, it is the resident's own blatant breaking of policy that catches the attention of RA's and other authorities.

What happens when an RA breaks policy?

If an RA breaks policy they will be written up and go through disciplinary procedures like any other student. Any student can write up any other student for breaking policy, so all students should know that they are capable of reporting any violation of policy to the Residence Hall Association.

What is the process of being written up and referred to the Student Conduct Board?

If a student was written up for a violation, they would be referred to one of three student conduct boards. For minor violations (such as noise), a student might be referred to a Community Board, which is made up of students from organizations like Hall Council, ASPLU and RAs. For more serious violations (such as alcohol, visitation infringement, or violence) a student might be referred to a Conduct Hear-

ing, which is made up of two staff members. For very serious offenses (such as threats, weapon possession, or assault) a student might be referred to a University Review Board, which is made up of faculty, staff and students.

At the hearing, a review of the incident is conducted, followed by an opportunity for the student involved to defend himself. After deliberation, a sanction is issued and a file on the student is created with Student Conduct. Sanctions are intended to educate the offender on their conduct and why it is unacceptable at PLU.

Is there a way the board can be challenged or appealed?

Students always have the opportunity to appeal their case. If the case in question was handled by a Community Board, it can be appealed to a Conduct Hearing. If the case was handled by a Conduct Hearing, it can be appealed to a different pair of staff members. University Review Board decisions can be appealed to the vice president of student life. The vice president of student life's decisions can be appealed to the president of the university.

Student conduct boards can only make sanctions included in the range of a warning to probation. Any sanction higher than that (from suspension to expulsion) must be approved by the vice president of student life, and can only be appealed to President Anderson.

Who makes the rules that apply to residents?

The Conduct Coordinator, along with student input, the vice president of student life and a university attorney collectively perform an annual code review to residence hall policy. They also consult and address ways to make the code better throughout the year.

It is important to understand the rights and responsibilities that not only RAs, but every student has when dealing with conduct issues in the residence halls. The more educated an on-campus resident is, the better their response to common issues, like student drinking, can be. As Krengel said, "conduct should be educational in nature."

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Campus Safety escorts soar over fall semester

Records show 41 percent increase since October

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Campus Safety made 2670 escorts around, from and to PLU in October 2006.

Last month, the number rose to 3347 escorts made in 28 days.

For years, the PLU Campus Safety and Information Department has been dedicated to providing a safe and secure environment in the school community. If there is an emergency, there is always someone in the department to respond to a call. It has also served PLU students by providing escorts around campus, off campus and back to campus. They are a mere phone-call away, and they provide service 24 hours a day, seven days a week including holidays. And students have been increasingly eager to use this resource. So much so, in fact, that the number of escorts per day has become quite high.

Jeff Wilgis, a Campus Safety and Information Operations Supervisor, said that weekend evenings are the busiest. The department does one escort every five minutes from 8 p.m. until midnight. That's approximately 48 escorts.

"We are definitely being utilized close to capacity Friday and Saturday nights," Wilgis said.

What is driving the demand up so quickly? One uncomplicated reason is simply that more people know about it. The awareness of Campus Safety's comfort and con-



Photo by Chris Hunt

Sophomore Collin Guildner, a Campus Safety escort officer, performs his duties by responding to calls and giving rides to students on and off campus. Campus Safety escorts are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

venience is being shared amongst friends through word of the mouth. Information on escorts is available on the PLU Campus Safety website. It was mentioned during freshman orientation week by orientation guides. And students who didn't use campus safety at

all (or perhaps once last semester) learned about it from friends who used it more frequently.

"I have friends who call for escorts three times a day," sophomore Austin Tootell said.

The biggest reason, however, may be that starting in the spring

of 2006, PLU Campus Safety had a shuttle specifically reserved for transportation. Before that, Campus Safety used standard vehicles, usually pickup trucks, so no more than one or two people could be transported at a time.

Since last year, students have

relied on Campus Safety more often, especially at night. And PLU has seen to it that all students know about this resource that is dedicated to keeping the community safe.

To contact Campus Safety at any time, call x7441.

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Morean plans on studying in Norway next fall with PLU's Hedmark program and also enjoyed Bondevik's insights into Norwegian culture.

"I enjoyed ... why it is that they feel they have an obligation to work for peace," Morean said.

Norway, with no colonial past, is in a unique position as an international player for peace.

"We are considered impartial," Bondevik said in his speech. "Our commitment to peace is considered sincere because we do not have ulterior economic or political motives."

Bondevik was invited to come talk about the Centre and Norway's role in international conflict resolution by President Loren Anderson, who visited the Centre this summer. When Anderson heard that Bondevik was visiting the United States, he encouraged Bondevik to visit PLU.

"This was his chance to tell the story of the Centre," Anderson said. "It enriches lives."

An ordained Lutheran minister, Bondevik is also member of three international organizations to help facilitate inter-religious dialogue and discussed the role of religion in many of the world's disagreements.

"Religion can be a source of peace, not a source of conflict," Bondevik said.

After his speech, Bondevik took questions from the audience. Topics ranged from overpopulation, whether Norway should enter the European Union and Norway's stance on the Iraq War, which started when Bondevik was still in office.

Bondevik's answer, that he "could not follow President Bush on this issue," drew applause from the audience.

"We disagreed, but we kept the friendship between Norway and the United States," Bondevik said.

This common ground, and getting around the details that create many of the world's conflicts in politics or religion, was reiterated by Bondevik throughout the night.

Bondevik also emphasized that Norway was not the only country that could help peace and human rights in the world.

"Historically Norwegians are not more peace-loving than other peoples," Bondevik said, drawing a laugh from the audience when he next mentioned the Vikings.

Bondevik sees Norway's unique opportunities to help spread peace in the world and decided to commit himself to this fight, which he says is not easy.

"We still want to do more and we still need more economic support...to meet the challenges before us," Bondevik said.

His speech focused on the optimism of the future and what could be achieved for human rights and peace throughout the planet, whether by one person, one nation or an entire world committed to peace.

"Religion can be a source of peace, not a source of conflict."
Kjell Magne Bondevik,
former Norwegian
prime minister

Did you know...

- About 2/3 of the land in Norway is considered mountain terrain.
- Norway has over 50,000 islands off its coast.
- Only Saudi Arabia and Russia export more oil than Norway.

Power-Drutis continued with the platform she and Pierce built together. She stressed the need for more collaboration "within ASPLU, as well as PLU as a whole." Power-Drutis talked about trying to be a motivator for ASPLU, particularly in "maintaining senators and directors for the entire year" by allotting each member "their own niche within ASPLU." She also highlighted a plan to create a programming board that would offer free advertising to all clubs and organizations at PLU.

After the three-minute introductory speeches, the candidates received the chance to cross-examine each other. Both sets of candidates asked questions about how previous experience would help them as executive officers of ASPLU. Pierce and Power-Drutis responded by highlighting their experiences as RAADs in PLU residence halls, Pierce in Tinglestad and Power-Drutis in Harstad. Within these roles, each candidate has been involved in hiring, training, facilitating and programming. Pierce responded to questions about lack of specific ASPLU experience by saying that being executives was about your ability and your talent as a leader, not your knowledge with a specific organization.

Greene and Morehead based their answer on their experiences with ASPLU in the past. Greene noted that "being a senator has trained me to be a president ... I know what that role is from within." Morehead also cited experience as president of Foss and being caucus leader of off-campus senators, although he did admit some defeats this year within that caucus, particularly with Off-Campus Student Appreciation Week.

Morehead aimed a question about how Pierce and Power-Drutis plan to get money to allocate for

the free advertising Power-Drutis discussed. They explained a plan to create an inclusive, weekly calendar that students can subscribe for free and receive in their PLU emails each week. This, they noted would solve issues many off-campus students have with not knowing about events because they don't eat in the UC and read the Daily Flyer. Power-Drutis said that because the calendar "would be entirely electronic," it would cost nearly nothing and there is room within ASPLU's large budget to accommodate the idea.

After the cross-examination, the audience got the opportunity to ask the candidates questions, either specifically or aimed at everyone. Current ASPLU president, Anne Spilman, and vice-president, Shelley Johnson, asked hard-hitting questions about how the candidates would deal with such a large group of students (ASPLU includes nearly 40 members), how they would hire the best directors possible and how PLU had influenced them. Both vice presidential candidates said that they would hire a diverse group of directors whose leadership styles mixed well together.

A question posed near the end of the debate from a student, was quite revealing. The student asked each pair of running mates to find one word that described their ultimate goal in being executives of ASPLU. Pierce and Power-Drutis chose 'community', and Greene and Morehead chose 'involvement.' This shows that what both sets of candidates agree on, is that in order for PLU student government to really flourish, PLU needs motivated and excited students from all corners of campus to collaborate in hopes of reaching better understanding.

From the editors

Cloned candidates? Similar answers make decision hard

The Mast thanks all four ASPLU presidential candidates for coming to our last editorial board meeting. Even though they are all running in teams, students should know that one does not have to vote for them in teams.

All of them expressed similar views about a lot of issues and all agreed the most important issue facing PLU students is to have a community in which they feel involved in and make an impact. This is true for some students, not all. Many students are more concerned with feeling safe while on or around campus and many are worried that their student government might not actually be "the voice" of the students.

For every question *The Mast* asked they all gave some promising answers, but I'm more interested in action. Whoever wins needs to follow through on the goals he or she sets out to fulfill, so that students can see the true power ASPLU has to positively impact the lives of the students.

We all had different opinions on this subject, so it was decided to allow every editor present at the meeting to have the opportunity to write a small editorial.

Ashlee Parnell:

I'm glad I had the opportunity to ask important questions and hear first-hand the four ASPLU candidate's platforms. But I feel both pairs could do a better job advertising their motives and what they hope to change for the 2007-2008 school year. Carl Pierce, Tamara Power-Drutis, Jon Moorehead and Shannon Greene expressed similar ideas about getting students involved and making ASPLU more approachable. I didn't notice a large difference in their plans for the future. Both pairs have concerns about student media, parking problems and senator positions. Over all, vague and similar answers make for a difficult decision because when it comes down to it, they all sound the same and it's up to all of us to vote for the pair that seems the most promising.

Amber Schlenker:

The meeting helped me to understand the goals of each team of candidates and more of what ASPLU does for our school. ASPLU is supposed to be the voice of the students and therefore I would love to see that take place more often. I think Carl Pierce and Tamara Power-Drutis were very "well-spoken" and prepared for the meeting. Their speech and answers seemed to be unified and well thought out. They are planning on hosting "constituency" days that will give us a real chance to have our voices heard, and that I am excited for.

Kristi Bruner:

I feel that making time to attend meetings with various other clubs and organizations like us is a step in the right direction. To go to a school where one is able to speak directly to his or her student body representative is a great opportunity. After listening to both candidates speak, I have no doubt that both are worthy of the office. I hope that whoever wins will continue providing opportunities to approach them and discuss their opinions and beliefs.

Nate Hulings:

Carl Pierce and Tamara Power-Drutis have my vote for the upcoming ASPLU election. Despite having no history in ASPLU, both Pierce and Power-Drutis have strong ties to the students, working as RAs and in other student run organizations. They also offer a fresh, new look on how student government should be run and used. I was impressed at how prepared and well-spoken Pierce and Power-Drutis were, laying out their plan in easy-to-understand and concise concepts. Sometimes it's good for a fresh start, and this year's ASPLU election gives PLU students the ability to have that.

Ashley Coats:

I still do not know who I am going to vote for, but I did think that Tamara Power-Drutis and Carl Pierce were better spoken than Jon Moorehead and Shannon Greene. But Moorehead and Greene had a more practical view for next year and their previous work for ASPLU was impressive. I am leaning towards Power-Drutis and Pierce simply because I want to see something new in ASPLU. I do, however, feel loyal to Greene because she sponsored a bill in support of *The Mast* earlier this year. I am still on the fence but I would be happy with any of the candidates.

Morgan Root:

I want to first thank the candidates for ASPLU president and vice president for coming on Monday and taking the time to talk to us about their plans if they are elected. I think it was something that all PLU students should have heard. Second, I don't feel that it is my place to tell PLU students who they should vote for. I know who I am going to vote for and for what reasons, but I believe that decisions on who to vote for, whether it be presidential elections, ASPLU elections or even "American Idol," should be left to the individual. Just because we have the power to persuade someone does not mean we should exercise that power. You don't need me to tell you what I thought about each candidate. So when it comes time to vote for next year's ASPLU president and vice president, vote for who you want to vote for, not for who other people are telling you to vote for.

I'm important. No...really...I am. Seriously.



Cartoon by Adam Spry

Innocent abroad finds comrades, bad-hairdos



April Reiter

LOOKING THROUGH THE GERMAN LENS

As the last hours before the last leg of my flight to Berlin melt through my grasping fingers, I'm drawn to ponder the sheltered—yet wonderful and blessed—life I've lived so far. Mostly I'm using you as a distraction from my intense fear of flying. I trust you don't mind.

When I came to PLU three years ago from Spokane, I thought I knew what to expect. I wasn't going out of state, so I knew I'd still have the camaraderie of apples and evergreen trees. I also knew Tacoma is of comparable size with my hometown, which meant I wouldn't be the stary-eyed innocent thrown into the big city without a clue. (Think Jon Voight's character in "Midnight Cowboy" — except I'm not a male prostitute.)

But often the similarities made the subtle differences more frustrating. For example, I was not ready for the required anonymity of big city life, which I experienced on visits to Seattle. Even though I've been there many times, I still feel like a stranger in Pike Place, or anywhere in Seattle, for that matter. Nor had I ever experienced the fanaticism people have for Chihuly, the intense interest in opera or the raging music scene. My lack of knowledge about culture — even though I'm intensely interested — makes me feel like an out-of-the-loop geezer. It also reminds me that I'm a little more podunk than I'd like to admit.

But just as my fins had grown accustomed to the slightly different currents of the PLU pond, I took a flying leap into the ocean.

I wish I could say that life had prepared me for this trip to Berlin — maybe it has (read my next column, after I've calmed myself down). But I can't help but feel like I'm not swimming anymore, but rather twitching and flopping, a helpless fish cast upon a

splintery, alien dock.

I've seen people from nearly all walks of life in the hours I've spent in airports, but I've still often felt alone. Divided by language, hairstyle (the 80s spirit is alive and well) and even clothing (i.e. Eurostyle), I feel like the proverbial sore thumb. Every sideways glance feels like a measuring up. We travelers only have a few moments to catch a glimpse of our surroundings before we must put on a look of determination and cool anonymity as we whisk away to the next gate. Goodness knows we don't want to look like floundering tourists, the most embarrassing form of traveler. Beehive or comb-over hair, and much-too-tight pants and sandals even if it's 20 degrees outside, mark these poor saps.

Some travelers can't help but glare or curtly regard others. These ones are either in a hurry or are letting that twitchy-fish feeling get to them.

But not all people I've had contact with in the airports have been distant or prickly. My tearful goodbye to my loved ones at SeaTac didn't last long after a compassionate squeeze of my arm from a fellow traveler reminded me I'm not alone. And my bumpy (plane) and frantic (me) arrival into JFK was assuaged by the reassuring words of a kind flight attendant.

So, even though my stomach won't quit gurgling from nervousness, I'm not alone. And that's comforting. The people I pass in the airport aren't just bodies with robotic missions. They're fellow Odysseuses (hopefully without the getting terribly lost on the way back thing), fellow humans with fears, hopes and all the smaller afflictions and joys of the human condition.

Heck, we all flinch when the pilot is torturing us with a sharp turn near the ground. We all drool patiently, waiting for the fast-food worker to bag our chicken strips. We all have dreams of arrival that sparkle in our eyes as we peer out the airplane window at the ethereal cloud landscape. Just below that gossamer sheen lies our Ithaca, glinting with the light of dawn, a beautiful sight for weary travelers.

And it is through this wispy air that I must go. But I'll not forget that the airport has become my microcosm, my detox tank that brought me realizations that will hopefully make the transition to life in Germany a little easier. If nothing else, no hairdo, however outlandish, will shock me now.

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Sidewalk Talk: What are the most important issues ASPLU president candidates should be addressing?



Two words: parking garage.

Cecily Hale, junior



Making this campus student friendly is absolutely imperative and should be addressed. For example, having safe accessible places to study at any time.

Kiki Themelis, senior



Athletic facilities.

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For more information about the ASPLU elections please turn to the front page.

Art is one of the ways we make sense of the world.

Please go to the student production of "The Glass Menagerie" and start making sense of your world.

Opening is March 9 at 8 p.m.

To view more on "The Glass Menagerie" and other relevant stories, visit *The Mast* website.

Anti-terrorism dolphins: the way of the near future

JESSICA RITCHIE
Mast copy editor

If anyone reading this has ever had a fear of terrorist attack by sea, rest easy. If anyone has ever wondered where U.S. tax dollars are being spent, fear not. Our lives and our money are in good hands.



Jessica Ritchie

The U.S. Navy may deploy dozens of anti-terrorism Bottle Nose Dolphins and sea lions to protect us, at naval base Kitsap-Bangor near Seattle. Yes, you read that correctly. Anti Terrorism. Bottle Nose. Dolphins. Apparently, Kitsap-Bangor needs to bolster its security and this was the logical solution.

The dolphins are reminiscent of some sort of warped children's toy, complete with a "pinger-device" attached to the pectoral fin and they come equipped with beacons they can drop when a swimmer is detected using the dolphin's super-sonar action. Navy divers can then travel to the site of the beacon where the suspicious swimmer was sighted and lay the smack down as only the U.S. can — through dolphins.

Sadly, this isn't a children's toy. This is the sort of thing that "The Onion" (a newspaper of fake and satirical news) prints to make fun of the tactics used in the U.S. war with Iraq. But it's real. According to the AP wire:

"Sea lions can carry in their mouths special cuffs attached to long ropes. If the animal finds a rogue swimmer, it can clamp the cuff around the person's leg. The individual can then be reeled in for questioning."

A lot like a fish. I can't imagine being some innocent person with a penchant for diving in the Puget Sound when out of nowhere some giant sea lion comes, attaches a cuff (probably made out of some sort of metal — ouch) to my leg, and then reels me in to the Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor for questioning. Keep in mind that since the cuff is attached to the leg, the person is being reeled in backwards. It sounds like the most uncomfortable, terrifying experience imaginable. I would say that if it happened to me, I would probably have a heavy list of grievances against the U.S. Navy. Namely: "sea lions, really?" And, "why am I here?"

I'm making multiple points here. One is that this is ridiculous, but that goes without saying. The second is that dolphins and sea lions can't distinguish between a suspicious swimmer and a normal, every-day person out for recreational purposes.

Apparently this is cutting-edge stuff, though, and seeing as how it sounds like something from a futuristic militant society, I can see that interpretation. I can also see the interpretation that it's the most asinine thing humankind has ever thought of. Maybe it's both.

Based on this idea's resemblance to many movies where humans rely on something other than humans

("Terminator" or "I, Robot", anyone?), you can expect dolphins and sea lions to take the human world by force in roughly 30 years in an act of vengeance for the injustices done to them now.

This issue was brought to court in 1989, but the judge sided with animal rights groups, who argued that Puget Sound waters are too cold, as they're approximately 10 degrees cooler than the waters of the San Diego Harbor, their waters of origin. This is apparently still a concern. According to komo.com a group of women are knitting sweaters for the Bottle Nose Dolphins in order to keep them warm. They even go so far as to make them out of "camouflage yarn" to protect the dolphins from terrorist attacks — which is idiotic.

No matter how stupid the very premise of using marine life to fight against terrorists is, it's definitely not going to be resolved through the knitting of sweaters, nor are the women making any sort of valid political act of protest. They're just knitting for animals.

However, since that court case, the Navy has experimented with these animals in Alaska and Scandinavia to determine the effects of the cold water. Unfortunately for us, the aquatic mammals and the old ladies wasting their time knitting for the dolphins, there aren't any. Therefore, the animals are doomed to toil the rest of their days against the evil terrorist scuba divers.

And by "the rest of their days," I'm being completely literal. According to a spokesman for the Marine Mammal Program, the animals are sent for two-hour patrols and are then housed in heated enclosures (who knows how small). The dolphins tend to live for around 30 years, and though the Marine Mammal Program occasionally retires its dolphins to marine parks, it usually keeps them until they die of old age. I doubt the sea lions are given any sort of special treatment.

On top of it all, this has been heavily publicized. If every news outlet in the U.S. is publishing it, it would make sense that those underwater terrorists the Navy is so worried about will know about it. And how might they react upon seeing a dolphin or sea lion while they're on their mission? If possible, they will kill it — whether it is commissioned by the U.S. Navy or not. Talk about inhumane.

There have got to be other solutions. Machinery, cameras and human beings are all excellent examples — just off the top of my head. And if the expense of the machinery is a concern, consider the amount spent on 35 years of experimentation and research all so that we can place our safety in the hands of dolphins and sea lions.

But because the waters are no longer deemed inhumane, the Navy has almost been given the go-ahead for deployment of their new underwater troops. To this I say: if forcing an animal to do the work of humans until the end of its days isn't inhumane, if bringing something with no stake in this war to fight in it isn't cruel, then I don't know what is. But hey, at least they'll have their camouflage sweaters to keep them warm, right?

Olympia holds impaired impeachment hearing

JENNIFER HENRICHSEN
guest columnist

My 22nd birthday was last week and I feel old. Not in the wrinkled face, shuffling steps, prune-juice drinking way, but in the increasingly skeptical, pessimistic and shades of gray type of way. Yet, it wasn't even the ticking of the clock that startled me to this realization. No, it was something much different.

What promised at first glance to be an exciting, provocative week as a journalist intern quickly slid into a surge of skepticism as my rosy-colored glasses smashed to the legislature floor.

Last Thursday an impeachment hearing with national press and over a thousand protestors was scheduled to take place at the state capitol in Olympia.

About 280 people attended the hearing, and over 100 people protested earlier that afternoon.

The public was invited to hear two Senate Joint Memorial bills (SJM) recently introduced into the Legislature by Sen. Eric Oemig and Sen. Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

Proposed bill 8003 would deny a troop increase in Iraq. Bill 8016 would call for investigation of allegations leading to an im-

peachment of Bush and Cheney.

I was pumped. It seemed someone was finally going to do something about our president's ineffective and mistake-ridden foreign policy agenda.

Freshman Sen. Oemig who sponsored bill 8016 said, "The American people put impeachment on the table, because they didn't want to see America destroyed."

The people protesting outside with signs and bullhorns appeared to agree.

But, why was the bill heard the day after bill cutoff?

If this bill was so important, then why wasn't it heard earlier, when it could have a chance at actually affecting the legislative process?

According to Oemig, the bill was originally scheduled to be heard Tuesday before cut-off. Yet the meeting was adjourned 90 minutes early without the bill ever receiving a hearing.

Why did this happen? Oemig said, the leader offered to hear the bill after the bill deadline so as "to not compete with any other bills."

For a bill calling for investigations and impeachment of the president of the United States, it certainly didn't receive priority.

Was this due to pressure from higher-ups? U.S. Sen. Murray and U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee had dismissed the bills earlier that week. Inslee

said the bill was a distraction from congressional oversight of the Iraq war, and Sen. Murray responded with a two-word response of, "Dick Cheney" to anyone who asked about the bill.

So, why this huge rally if even by Sen. Oemig's own admission, the bill is "dead?"

My guess, (and remember I'm merely an intern) is that the freshman senator wanted to make his first term memorable. And what better way than pointing to the impeachment of the president?

I don't have any problem with this call for action. I do have a problem when it can only lead to inaction.

The parents who courageously shared their heartbreaking stories of their children killed in Iraq were duped into believing their testimony would affect the current power politics at play.

Maybe, just maybe, their emotional release last Thursday will serve to increase awareness and broaden the hearts and minds of fellow citizens. Maybe, in time, it will lead to a substantial investigation and charges filed against our president.

In the meantime, the political puppeteering I saw in Olympia has jaded one young citizen's heart. I just hope it isn't the beginning of our own Washington brand of Bush recycled rhetoric.

Capturing



PLU students show their photographs through the World Study Away Photo Contest

Architecture attracts interest in New York

JASON COMERFORD

This photo probably speaks the most about the kind of experience I had while in New York City. The J-term class on Photography that took place there actually exposed us to a great deal of culture. We spent time in museums, art galleries, and theaters viewing different styles of dance, artwork, and music. However, much of my experience was about the architecture. The sheer vertical scale of New York is something to be admired, and the way in which space is used affects daily life in the most novel ways. I doubt you'd ever see a three story McDonalds here on the West Coast! And though that's just one small example, the entire city was like that. There is no space to build outward; the only way to go is up. I never

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First place in people category: Just Before Lunchtime

photo courtesy Lindsay Taylor

Smiles from Senegal stand out

LINDSAY TAYLOR

The photo of the women was taken in Koutal Serer, a very poor rural village of 300 or so people. To get there, I had to take a "sept place," which is a beat up seven-seat station wagon, and the standard cross-country transport vehicle. The countryside there is beautiful dotted with tall, twisted trees, grass and millet fields. I got to eat watermelon fresh off the vine, and raw peanuts straight from the ground. The building in the picture

is at the chief's family compound. I was staying there with a Peace Corps volunteer, who had his own little hut. During my week stay, I mostly hung out with the local kids and the family. I took this photo on the last day. Everyone wanted a posed picture, but I was happy to get a relaxed shot, where the women were talking and getting lunch ready. It was an amazing time, and made me happy that cameras were invented.



First place in landscape category: The Study Away Classroom

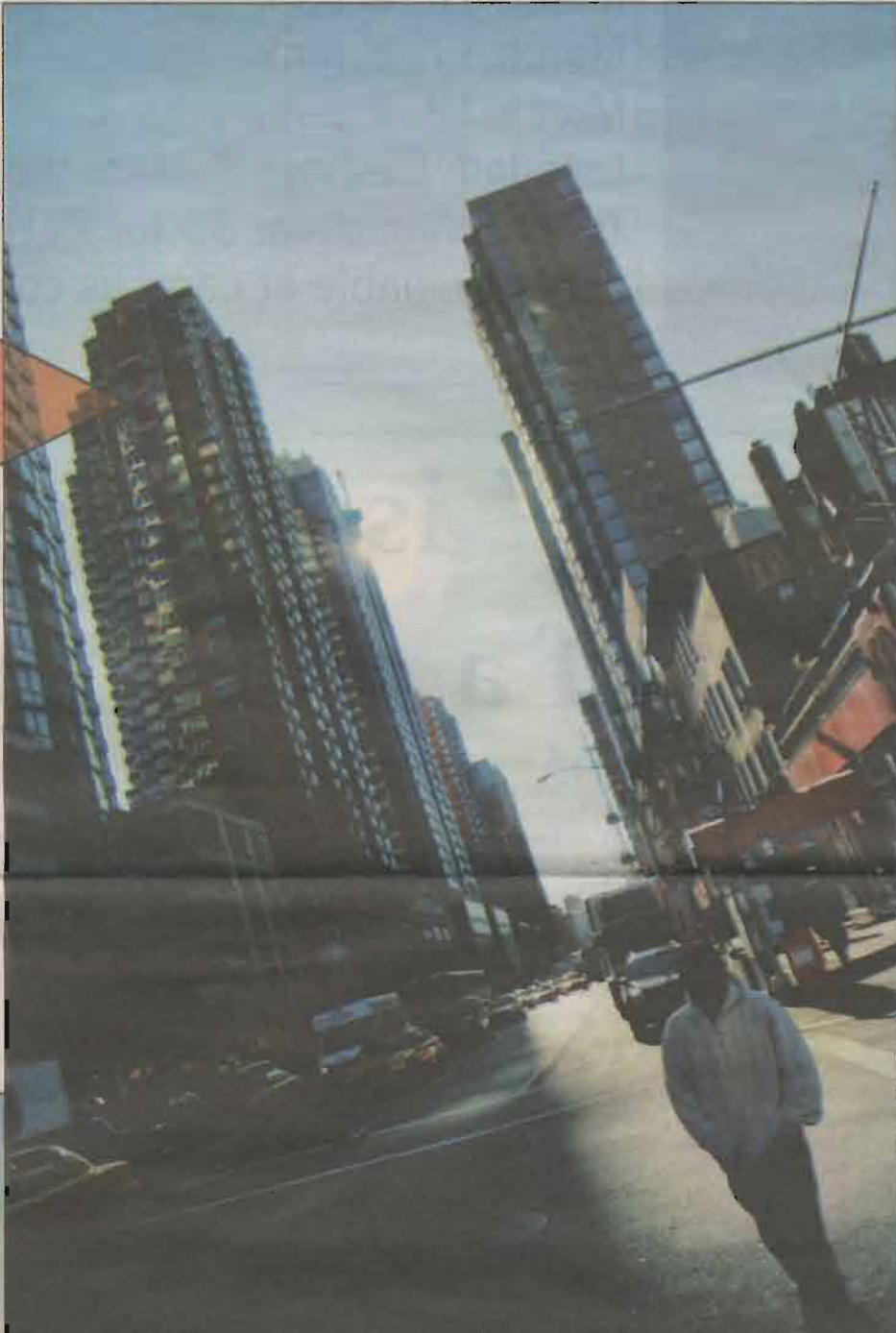


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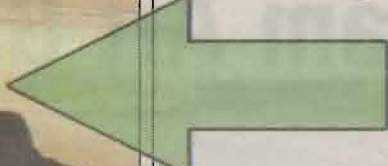


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First place in cityscape category: 6th photo courtesy Jason Comerford

Classroom takes on new meaning in South Africa



MORGAN KEYS

This picture was taken on Table Mountain overlooking the city of Cape Town in South Africa. Our group took a cable car to the top where we enjoyed a picnic dinner. After dinner, we walked out to a rocky pasture to listen to our guest speaker, former mayor of Cape Town, Gordon Oliver. Gordon sat atop a large rock and described to us his experiences as mayor during the final years of apartheid rule. As he told us about death threats, protest marches, his beliefs and his hopes for the future, the sun began slipping beneath the horizon and low, foggy clouds spilled over



and around lower mountain peaks all around us. As I watched this gorgeous scene, I came to the giddy realization that THIS was my class session for the day—hence the title of my photograph: "The Study Away Classroom."

photo courtesy Morgan Keys

How much do you know about current world events? Here are this weeks top stories from the Associated Press

AIRSTRIKE HITS AFGHAN HOUSE, KILLING FAMILY OF NINE

A U.S.-led coalition airstrike destroyed a mud-brick home, killing nine people from four generations of an Afghan family during a clash between Western troops and militants, Afghan officials and relatives said Monday.

The U.S. military said two men with automatic rifles were seen heading into a compound of five homes after a rocket attack on a U.S. base in the area.

Militants fired late Sunday at the U.S. base in Kapisa province, just north of Kabul, and when fighter aircraft returned fire they hit a civilian home, killing five adults and four children between the ages of 6 months and 5 years, according to Gulam Nabi, a relative of the victims. An AP reporter at the scene said a large mud home in a compound of five buildings was destroyed, leaving only bits of mud.

Among those killed were Gulam Nabi's parents, his sister, his nephew, and four of the extended family's youngest children.

OVERSEAS MARKETS PLUNGE AS NIKKEI FALLS FOR FIFTH DAY; U.S. STOCKS SLIP AFTER TRYING TO STEADY

European and Asian markets fell again Monday, extending their slide into a second week as investors worried about a possible global slowdown and dumped stocks that had surged in recent weeks. U.S. stocks fell after trying to steady themselves.

Markets in Hong Kong, Australia, the Philippines, Malaysia, India and South Korea all fell sharply Monday, continuing their declines from last week, when a 9 percent plunge in Chinese stocks Tuesday triggered cascading selloffs on Wall Street and other global markets.

Investors still seemed risk-averse after the previous week's turmoil.

Many analysts see the market selloff as a healthy correction for markets that had risen too far, too fast. China's market had doubled in value last year, for example. In Malaysia, stocks had surged 17 percent since the start of the year before last week's selloff.

IAEA HEAD SAYS AGENCY CANNOT GUARANTEE PEACEFUL IRAN NUCLEAR PROGRAM

Iran seems to have at least temporarily halted the uranium-enrichment program at the heart of its standoff with the U.N. Security Council, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Monday.

The pause could represent an attempt to de-escalate Iran's conflict with the Security Council, which is deliberating a new set of harsher sanctions on the Islamic Republic.

Iran has enriched small quantities of uranium to the low level suitable for nuclear fuel generation. The U.S. and its allies fear that Iran could build nuclear weapons with larger amounts of more highly enriched uranium.

Diplomats familiar with the agency's Iran file said Tehran continues to refuse IAEA requests to install cameras that would give agency monitors a full view of its underground hall at Natanz, which Iran says will ultimately house 54,000 enriching centrifuges — enough to produce dozens of nuclear weapons a year.

Lack of full remote monitoring means the agency cannot keep tabs on all activities at the bunker, said one diplomat, who demanded anonymity because he was not allowed to discuss the issue. Iran continues to assemble individual centrifuges without connecting them into the cascade needed to enrich uranium in the hall, he said.

VIOLENCE ROARS BACK TO BAGHDAD AS SHIITE MILITIA FEELS NEW PRESSURES

A suicide car bomber turned a venerable book market into a deadly inferno and gunmen targeted Shiite pilgrims Monday as suspected Sunni insurgents brought major bloodshed back into the lap of their main Shiite rivals. At least 38 people died in the blast and seven pilgrims were killed.

The violence — after a relative three-day lull in Baghdad — was seen as another salvo in the Sunni extremist campaign to provoke a sectarian civil war that could tear apart the Shiite-led government and erase Washington's plans for Iraq.

The suicide mission tore through booksellers and other stores on narrow Mutanabi Street, a mostly Shiite-run commercial area in Baghdad's historical heart along the Tigris River.

Firefighters had to spray huge arches of water from blocks away because their trucks the warren of lanes in old Baghdad. At least 38 people died and 105 were injured, said Raad Jabar, a Health Ministry official.

For more information on these and other world

Be sure to catch "The Glass Menagerie"



Photo by Brett A. Patterson

The Glass Menagerie

Showtimes:

- March 9, 8 p.m.
- March 10, 8 p.m.
- March 15, 8 p.m.
- March 16, 8 p.m.
- March 17, 8 p.m.
- March 18, 2 p.m.

Location: Eastvold Auditorium

Ticket information: \$5 for PLU students available at campus concierge

"Black Snake Moan" is bluesy, ballsy and a heck of a good time



**Matt
CLICK**

Last weekend, "Wild Hogs" reigned supreme at the box office, grossing an absurd \$39.7 million. So while a better portion of the American movie-going public witnessed Tim Allen and John Travolta's careers catch fire and perish in the massive explosion known as "the road trip film," a truly unique Southern-gothic movie called "Black Snake Moan" was tragically lost in the shuffle.

Director Craig Brewer follows up his critically successful "Hustle and Flow" with this hard-boiled, southern-fried tale of sex, love, redemption and salvation. On paper, the premise for "Black Snake Moan" appears completely outlandish. In the humid backwoods of the deep south, Godly bluesman Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson) finds self-abusing nymphomaniac Rae (Christina Ricci) unconscious and half-naked on the side of the road. Determined to cure the young Rae of her "wickedness," Lazarus promptly chains her to his radiator.

I know, it's ludicrous. But this highly unique premise is

more-than-sufficiently supported by the skillful plot execution, superb soundtrack and stellar performances from the likes of Sam Jackson, Christina Ricci and Justin Timberlake (who portrays Rae's anxiety-ridden boyfriend). Jackson strays a bit from his usual (by "usual" I mean jive-talking tough guys and hit men) and gives a memorable turn as the guitar-plucking, heartbroken Lazarus.

Ricci is fantastic as well, playing for sympathy as well as laughs with the vulnerable yet aggressive Rae. With "Black Snake Moan," she proves herself as one of the most versatile and intriguing young actresses of her generation. As for Justin Timberlake ... well, I was pleasantly surprised. For one, I wasn't even aware going into the film that he was in it (you can imagine my shock). And second, he's actually a very competent young actor. He disproves this notion that singers can't act, though I'm still pretty positive that actors can't sing (Steven Segal, Bruce Willis - I'm looking in your direction).

"Black Snake Moan" sports an incredible soundtrack, which features songs from blues legends Son House and R.L. Burnside, as well as some decent vocal work from the snake-killer himself, Sam Jackson (which doesn't put Bruce Willis or Steven Segal in the clear, mind you). The film is steeped in the gritty slide-guitar stylings of the South, as prevalent with good, old-fashioned blues music as Brewer's "Hustle and Flow" was with hip hop.

And though all of these elements make for an audacious and highly original little film, the experience has to

be taken with a heaping spoonful of leniency. It's strange, it's sexy, it's all together odd and somehow charming, but unless you go into "Black Snake Moan" with an open-mind and an itch for something different, you're going to lose interest fast.

But then again, when you have alternatives like "Wild Hogs" and "Ghost Rider" (movies that both, oddly enough, feature well-known actors ruining their careers atop motorcycles) ruling the weekend box-office, a weird and thoroughly enjoyable movie like "Black Snake Moan" is just what the bored movie-goer needs. So, treat yourself - scratch that itch. **** 1/2 / *****



Photo taken from rottentomatoes.com

Faculty Art Showcase: Ingram Art Gallery

Right: The Savage wRight by Steven Sobeck. Part of the faculty art show going on now in the Ingram Art Gallery.



Photos by Chris Hunt
Above: Water Tower Volunteer Park by Michael Stasinios. The art show runs from Feb 23. to March 23.
Right: Angel of Light Kathryn Sparks. The work in the gallery is from faculty in the Art department here at PLU.
Left: 1,2,3,4,5,6 by Craig Cornwall. Gallery viewing is free and open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Record companies target colleges in latest music crackdown

BY TED BRIDIS
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON—College students who faced lawsuits for illegally sharing large music collections over campus computer networks increasingly risk being unplugged from the Internet or even suspended over lesser complaints by the recording industry.

In a nationwide crackdown, the music industry is sending thousands more copyright complaints to universities this school year than last. In some cases, students are targeted for allegedly sharing a single mp3 file online.

A few schools — Ohio University and Purdue University are at the top of the list — have already received more than 1,000 complaints accusing individual students since last fall. For students who are caught, punishments can vary from e-mail warnings to semester-long suspensions from classes.

Ohio University said students caught twice sharing music online would face the same disciplinary sanctions as classmates accused of violence or cheating: suspension, probation or an assignment to write a homework paper on the subject. Ohio said no student has ever been caught twice.

At the request of The Associated Press, the trade group for the largest music labels, the Recording Industry Association of America, identified the 25 universities to which it has sent the most copyright complaints so far this school year.

The group, which has long pressured schools to act more aggressively, said software tools are improving to trace illegal file-sharing on campuses.

"We are taking advantage of that technology to make

universities aware of the problem on their campuses," RIAA President Cary Sherman said. "They need to be sending a message to their students about how to live a lawful life."

Hall meets personally with students caught twice and forces them to watch an eight-minute anti-piracy DVD produced by the RIAA. A third-time offender can be suspended for a semester; at least one student was targeted with three strikes so far this year.

The University of Tennessee requires second-time offenders to carry computers to a technology lab where popular music-sharing programs are deleted before Internet connections are restored. A student subjected to a third complaint, which typically happens once each year, faces punishment that ranges from a formal reprimand to suspension.

At the University of Massachusetts at Amherst — which received 897 complaints — first- and second-time offenders receive escalating warnings about piracy. After a third complaint, the school unplugs a student's Internet connection and sends the case to a dean for punishment.

The music group said each university should set its own penalties for stealing songs and said campuses are rife with such thefts. "When we look at the problem, it's particularly acute in the college context," said the group's chief executive, Mitch Bainwol.

The trade group said popular software programs it has targeted at schools include AresWare, BitTorrent, eDonkey and other programs that operate on the Gnutella and FastTrack services.

Under federal law, universities that receive complaints about students illegally distributing copyrighted songs generally must act to stop repeat offenders or else the schools can be sued. The entertainment industry typically can iden-

tify a student only by his or her numerical Internet address and must rely on the school to correlate that information with its own records to trace a person's identity.

Some schools aggressively warn students after they receive complaints. Others don't. Purdue, which has received 1,068 complaints so far this year but only 37 in 2006, said it rarely even notifies students accused by the RIAA because it's too much trouble to track down alleged offenders. Purdue said its students aren't repeat offenders.

"In a sense, the (complaint) letter is asking us to pursue an investigation and as the service provider we don't see that as our role," spokesman Steve Tally said.

"They need to be sending a message to their students about how to live a lawful life."

RIAA President Cary Sherman.

On top of downloads

The music industry is sending more formal complaints this year to top universities, targeting illegal music downloads over campus computer networks.

SCHOOL	Schools with highest number of complaints	
	2005-2006	2006-2007
Ohio University	232	1,267
Purdue University, Indiana	37	1,068
Univ. of Nebraska-Lincoln	421	1,002
Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville	153	959
Univ. of South Carolina	204	914
Univ. of Massachusetts at Amherst	365	897
Michigan State University	418	753
Howard University, Washington, D.C.	604	572
North Carolina State Univ.	242	550
Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison	125	513

SOURCE: Recording Industry Association of America

AP

Graphic taken from the AP wire

The RIAA is in the process of creating a website which will serve as an informational source for people facing a lawsuit. The website is www.p2plawsuits.com

PLU side of downloading and filesharing

MORGAN ROOT
A&E Editor

According to Keith Folsom, senior director of computing and telecommunication services, PLU has been notified of incidents of file sharing among its students, thus proving that here at PLU file sharing can have an impact on students.

While PLU hasn't received notices about student's downloading, they have received letters about students who have uploaded and shared copyrighted material.

"We tend to get about two to four notices a month from the RIAA that we pass along to students," Folsom said. "I believe the last notice came in about two weeks ago."

PLU passes the notices on to the students in question and asks them to remove the material.

"If we receive further notices about the same computers, we can and have disconnected such computers from our network and turn the cases over to Student Conduct," Folsom said.

PLU does not restrict student's access to music download programs or sites, because they see that as the responsibility of the students to know what is legitimate.

There are blocks in place, but they are not directly related to stopping downloading among student.

"We do put limits on the amount of our

network bandwidth that can be used for uploading and downloading data through peer-to-peer applications," Folsom said. "We do this not on the assumption that illegal activity is taking place but to make sure these high-bandwidth activities do not adversely impact other uses of the network."

While PLU does not have a policy specifically directed at downloading or file sharing, there is a part of the computer-use policy in the student code of conduct that covers "activities which violate local, state, or federal laws."

The disciplinary action that is taken by PLU is according to the student code of conduct.

"If the information can be verified that a violation of policy occurred it goes to the university conduct committee," Huelsbeck said.

In the United States, downloading or sharing copyrighted material is "piracy" and is against the law and a violation of copyright laws.

According to the RIAA's website (riaa.com) "Copyright is a term of intellectual property law that prohibits the unauthorized duplication, adaptation or distribution of a creative work."

The punishment for copyright violations can be five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, according to U.S. Copyright Law (Title 17 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq., Title 18 U.S.C. Section 2319).

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"Candy" comes to campus

MELISSA HUGGINS
Mast reporter

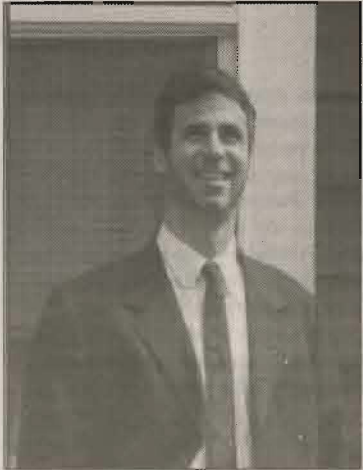


Photo pulled from promotional flyer
Steve Almond will be speaking in the Scandinavian Cultural Center today at 6:30 p.m.

As an English major, I am proud to admit: I am a book nerd. I love books, I love bookstores, and back in the day when public libraries were well-funded, I spent hours at the library. One of the most enjoyable parts about wandering around huge shelves full of books is the anticipation of knowing that somewhere along the way, a title will pop out at you, practically leaping off the stacks screaming "Read me!"

I had this experience about one year ago with a memoir entitled, "Candyfreak:

A Journey Through the Chocolate Underbelly of America," by Steve Almond. This was but my first introduction to the popular writer's work and tonight the PLU community will also receive their introduction to the world through Almond's eyes.

The journalist and bestselling fiction writer will open the next installment of the Visiting Writer Series with *The Writer's Story* at 3:30 p.m. in the Hinderlie Lounge and a reading at 6:30 p.m. in the Scandinavian Cultural Center.

Almond's body of work is both dynamic and impressive. Along with "Candyfreak," Almond has published two short-story collections, "My Life in Heavy Metal" and "The

Evil B.B. Chow," and he recently co-authored a novel with Julianna Baggott, "Which Brings Me To You." His writing has been published in the "Best American Short Stories" and "Pushcart" anthologies, as well as numerous literary journals. He also has a collection of essays forthcoming.

Within Almond's work, readers can expect thoughtful examinations of human emotion and interactions as well as hilarious insights into American daily life from a gifted storyteller.

"Steve is one of the more honest and unflinching writers out there," assistant professor of English Jason Skipper said. "(Those are) qualities that allow him to have messy characters, even when that character is himself, as with 'Candyfreak.' Messy characters, like messy people, often find themselves in moments that are funny, complex, devastating, arresting, abhorrent, intriguing, you name it. Because his characters are these things, Steve's collections and his memoir are all of these things. Very honest, very unique."

Almond's collection of short stories, "The Evil B.B. Chow," contains incredibly engaging characters and powerful story lines in addition to his sharp wit, which is practically guaranteed to make the reader laugh out loud. In an interview with *Powells.com*, Almond described the subject of the collection as covering "abduction, brain trauma, romantic misbehavior, Michael Jackson's genitals, Abraham Lincoln's interracial homoerotic fetish, ocular copulation, racial sin, forgiveness, horse sex, and love-based grief. In other words: a freakfest."

"Candyfreak," his memoir, weaves the author's self-admitted lifelong obsession with candy into a journey across the country to discover "the current state of candy." He examines the nitty-gritty, behind-the-scenes competition of the business, focusing on the independent candy makers in the country rather than the huge companies, which he refers to as "the Big Three." As reviewer George Saunders commented, "It's about candy, yes, but also it's about Amer-

ica, which seems to be 'bigging' itself towards mediocrity as it flees from the quirky virtuosic individuality on which it was founded."

Raised in Palo Alto, Calif., Almond worked as a journalist for seven years, primarily in El Paso, Texas and Miami. He was also an adjunct faculty member in the English Department at Boston College for five years, before resigning in protest of the 2006 commencement speaker the university selected: Condoleezza Rice.

In an open resignation letter published in the *Boston Globe*, Almond expressed his view that Rice had repeatedly misrepresented information to the American public during the buildup to the U.S. invasion of Iraq. He wrote, "I am not questioning her intellectual gifts or academic accomplishments. Nor her potentially inspiring role as a powerful woman of color. But these are not the factors by which a commencement speaker should be judged. It is the content of one's character that matters here -- the reverence for truth and knowledge that Boston College purports to champion."

Political views aside, Almond has proven himself to not only be passionate about his writing and teaching, but a rare public figure who will stand up and take action in support of his beliefs, rather than relying on rhetoric alone.

The most recent writer to visit PLU as part of the Visiting Writer Series was poet Camille Dungy, who read from her collection "What to Eat, What to Drink and What to Leave for Poison." Following Steve Almond's reading tonight, poet Tess Gallagher will read Tuesday, April 17.

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Scandinavian Cultural Center**

A voice for the voiceless



Passages from a Neon Bible

It's going to be a good year for Montreal-based indie rockers, Arcade Fire. "Neon Bible," a follow-up to their smashing 2004 release "Funeral" blurs the lines between college rock anthems and mainstream mayhem, safely securing its place as top contender for album of the year. With two Grammy nominations, and a recent SNL performance under their belt, it's certain 2007 will keep these Canadians busy.

"Neon Bible" is an epic 47-minute commotion of brilliant craftsmanship, social commentary and church organ blasts that will shake you senseless. It's scripture in a time of war-torn hopelessness.

"Black Mirror," the album's opening track drags you down into a riptide of battered piano, swirling vocal chaos and pulse-raising orchestral accompaniment. Here, singer Win Butler fearfully pleads, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, tell me where them bombs will fall."

"Keep the Car Running" is a New Order/Bruce Springsteen lovechild, and a friendly push onto the dance floor. "(Antichrist Television Blues)" gives another nod to the E-Street rocker and slips in a few 9/11 parallels: "I don't know what I'm gonna do/Cause the planes keep crashing/Always two by two."

One of the album's most moving tracks, "Intervention" is an organ-laced heartbreak, following a family separated by war. Horror, anger and sadness carefully constructs this outstanding track, allowing its powerful instrumentation to do as much work as its lyricism.

"Windowsill" is a diary entry in a world of darkness. In four-minutes time the track goes from solemn acoustic plucks to an explosive climax of sound, pointing blame at MTV and asking "World War III/When are you coming for me?"

"Black Waves/Bad Vibrations" should not go without mention. Partly sung by Butler's spouse and bandmate Régine Chassagne, this track is a lucid dream in song form. A change of both tempo and singers offers a harmless confusion, comforted by a beacon of angelic coos, a safe haven in the song's foggy atmosphere.

"Neon Bible" classily protests the direction of war and modern life, painting an apocalyptic world of disaster and godlessness. "The Well and the Lighthouse" suggests heaven is all in your head, while the powerful Pink Floyd-like closer honestly admits, "I'm living in an age/That calls darkness life."

"Neon Bible" is a voice for the voiceless, the traumatized and the apathetic. It's a depiction of the world we haven't come to terms with. In the very least, it's something worth listening to. So if you're

not willing to raise your fists in protest, at least press play for musical freedom.

Suggested Tracks: "Black Mirror," "Keep the Car Running," "Intervention"

Overall
Rating:

A

Tracklisting

1. Black Mirror
2. Keep the Car Running
3. Neon Bible
4. Intervention
5. Black Wave / Bad Vibrations
6. Ocean of Noise
7. The Well and the Lighthouse
8. Antichrist Television Blues
9. Windowsill
10. No Cars Go
11. My Body Is a Cage

Calendar of Events

March 10

Ordal Beach Party

Time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Ordal front lawn

Joseph Lindquist, Senior BME Vocal Recital

Time: 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: Mary Baker Russell Music Center Lagerquist Concert Hall

Shannon Clapp and Carly Gillis, Senior BME Vocal Recital

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mary Baker Russell Music Center Lagerquist Concert Hall

March 13

The Society for Human Resources Internship workshop

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Morken Center 137

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Miss Lute 2007

Time: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Location: University Center CK

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No spring cleaning for Lutes

Golf, tennis and track look to bring glory back



It is spring, the time when a young man's fancy turns to ... spring sports at PLU. This week, I will give you the buzz on track and field, tennis and golf.

Track and field is an odd duck. It is many sporting events rolled into one. A team is lucky if it has two home meets in a season.

Last season both the men's and women's squad finished fifth in the Northwest Conference. This year both teams hope to climb up the ladder.

Leading the women's squad

this season will be All-American, hammer-throwing senior, Megan Wochnick.

Wochnick has had a history of success at PLU, earning the hammer championship in 2004 and placing second in the hammer throw and discus in the 2005 season.

The hammer throw is her specialty. Wochnick holds the record for the third longest throw in Northwest Conference history and the second longest in PLU sports statistics.

The conference champion women's 4 X 100 relay team returns to the PLU turf this year.

Other top finishers from last season's track squad are sophomore Michele Hegg, who finished fifth in the 1500-meter and sophomore Faven Araya, the fourth-place finisher in the 400-meter.

Sophomore and junior combination Amy LeBrun and Jeva Morton will also return. They finished third and fourth respectively in the 100-meter.

The men's squad does not feature any All-Americans ... yet.

Junior James Burnett is the leading man when it comes to sprinting. He has taken third place the last two seasons.

As they say in "Schoolhouse Rock," "Three is a magic number." Burnett would like to break this streak and move to the championship position.

Another athlete coming from a third place finish last season is sophomore Luke Weinbrecht.

Weinbrecht picked up the bronze in the 400-meter hurdles at the Northwest Conference meet.

Leading the throwing events will be senior Casey Pyle, a fifth-place finisher in the 2005 Northwest Conference Championship.

With so much returning talent, both teams should be able to move up from fifth-place this year.

Moving on to tennis, last season's men's team found themselves finishing at the top.

They have lost a couple of All-Americans from last year, but

still have a lot of returning talent.

The Intercollegiate Tennis Association ranks the Lutes 19th in the country.

Leading the charge this year will be senior David Miller. Miller, the ninth-ranked player in the west, went 15-9 in doubles and 13-6 on the singles court.

Miller teams with junior Justin Larimore to form the eighth-ranked doubles team in the west.

Other key contributors to the squad will be senior Jeff Loranger, junior Jared Vidano and first-year Kevin Floyd.

The women's team is mostly intact from last season when they finished second in conference.

They are geared for a first-place finish this year. The team will be led by the double tandem of senior Nicole Petrzalka and junior Erika Feltus.

The two earned first team All-Conference honors thanks to their 14-5 record.

Junior Megan Profit is also back, after taking last season off.

As a first-year she earned first team All-Conference honors.

Other key returnees are seniors Bria Smith and Tracy Fujitani, junior Liz Curry and sophomore Roz Currie.

Both the men's and women's golf teams are coming off successful seasons. Last season's women's team finished in fourth place.

They return with only one player with more than one season of college experience: junior Angel Grossklaus. She will be joined by key first-years Mallory Mueller and Kayla Madsen.

The men's team forecast looks a little rosier with a few more experienced duffers returning.

Leading the way is three-time letter winner and 2004 conference champion senior Brian Misterek. Also hitting the links is All-NWC performer senior Jon Snyder.

All of the aforementioned teams will be vying for conference championships.

This spring could prove PLU to be the school of champions.

Vikings conquer Lutes

Men and women's lacrosse fall to Western Washington

JON WEDELL
Mast sports reporter

The undefeated seasons for both the men's and women's lacrosse teams ended last weekend as both fell to the Vikings of Western Washington University.

The women split their games, losing to WWU but defeating University of Washington. The final score of the men's game was 18-9.

"We need to break the loss down, work on the things that need improvement during this stretch of no games," first-year middle Luke Hansen said.

The 14th-ranked Vikings showed their superiority over the 15th-ranked Lutes as Western Washington demonstrated its offensive execution and clamped the defense on the Lutes all afternoon.

Suffering from Western's suffocating defense, the Lutes struggled to find any offensive flow. Leading the way for the Lutes offense was sophomore attackman Nicholas Tkachuk and senior midfielder Mathew Kennedy.

Each tallied five points as Tkachuk scored three goals, dished two assists and Kennedy tallied four in the back of the net and served one assist. Sophomore backup goalie Marshall Hughes made three saves for the afternoon.

"We are beatable, we aren't perfect, we need to refocus at practice, and don't dwell on the loss and prepare for our next opponent," Hansen said.

The women's squad took on two schools this weekend. The Lutes played the University of Washington Huskies and they battled the Vikings.

The first game was against the Vikings in Seattle Sunday. Western's experience and 21st ranking on laxpower.com took over a younger PLU team and defeated the Lutes 8-12. However, later on that day the Lutes shined their sticks with a scoring fiesta, netting 16 goals.

The Huskies team could only muster up five goals as the defense put the pressure on UW.

"We were really excited to beat a division 1 school and I was impressed how we played as a team as we really improved our weaknesses," sophomore Heather Brook said.

The men's team has plenty of time to recover from the defeat as the next match isn't for two weeks.

The Lutes face off against Tacoma rival University of Puget Sound Saturday, March 24 at 1 p.m. on Gonyea Field.

The Lutes drop to a 4-1 record and the Loggers came into the season projected to tie for eighth with Central Washington.

"We need to refocus on the fundamentals and continue to team build," senior middle Michael Sanford said in response to the loss.

The Lutes women's are now 3-1 on the season and will have a busy weekend in Portland as the Lutes take on the Oregon State Beavers, Willamette Bearcats and the Lewis and Clark Pioneers (times to be announced), where the Lutes will attempt to come away with a sweep down at Lewis and Clark College.

"I feel we are in good shape, and I believe we can handle the game load, but our bench is small in numbers as we have only two subs this weekend and at full strength we have three substitutes," Brook said.

"We are beatable, we aren't perfect, we need to refocus at practice, and don't dwell on the loss and prepare for our next opponent."

Luke Hansen
First-year

Ultimate frisbee reigns in wins

JON WEDELL
Mast sports reporter

The 2007 spring season is well on its way as PLU's Ultimate Frisbee team kicked off their campaign by traveling to Palo Alto, Calif. to partake in the Stanford Qualifier tournament.

The men's team took part in pool play first and finished with two wins and two losses. The women's team also took part in the qualifier and finished the weekend with a 3-2 record on the weekend.

Both teams battled hard with the big teams of Division I schools like Oregon State, University of Washington and Stanford.

The men's team stacked up in pool-A, where they faced the Las Positas, California State San Diego "B" team, Stanford "B" team and Chico State.

The Reign has a new coach and, this being the first tournament, the kinks are slowly unraveling as PLU is implementing new plays and strategies.

The team is still figuring out what each individual role on the team is as well as the team's system in general. The Reign finished the tournament with a losing record.

"Even though the team came out of the tournament with a losing record, the knowledge and experience gained at the tournament outweighed the losses," junior Richard Cline said. "What counts are sectionals and regionals as we are trying to peak at that time to be of our game."

The women's team comes into this season with

new blood and that starts from the top with a new coach. Coach "Idaho", which is what the players refer to him by has plenty of experience to share with the PLU squad. Idaho just competed in the World Tournament down in Australia, as well as for the Seattle-based "Sockeye" club-team, who won the national championship.

The Reign comes into the season with a youthful team, running out only one senior.

There are also two first-year students and the rest are sophomores and juniors.

The youth of the team fared strong down in Palo Alto, Calif., for the Stanford Qualifier as the squad returned home with a 3-2 record.

First defeating Lewis & Clark College out of Portland, the Reign then played UCLA and Cal Poly, splitting the games.

The Reign finished the weekend by defeating Santa Clara and losing to Cal Tech.

"Our defense has been really good, and by using the fundamentals and being prepared for the elements as well as keeping our confidence high we can strive to be better," junior handler Katie Silveria said.

Both teams return to action here in Lakewood at Fort Steilacoom Park.

A total of 34 teams will partake in the tournament this weekend Saturday and Sunday.

The Reign will field two men's teams and one women's team. Farther down the road both teams have the opportunity of hosting sectionals for Washington and British Columbia on April 21 and 22.

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Lutes slice Oaks

Baseball has six-game win streak after sweep of Menlo

SEAN MCILRAITH
Mast sports reporter

The Lute baseball team continued its road dominance with a series sweep of the Menlo College Oaks last weekend in Ather-ton, Calif.



Jared Simon

The three wins against the Oaks put the Lute winning streak at six and notched the team's overall record to 10-3.

PLU opens up Northwest Conference play tomorrow against Linfield in McMinnville, Ore. where they will play three games.

"It was an interesting weekend," head coach Geoff Loomis said. "The first two games were exciting. They were a good team."

In the first contest against Menlo, the Lutes hacked at the Oaks long enough for the 4-3 victory.

PLU got on the scoreboard first with an RBI single from senior centerfielder Ryan Thorne.

Menlo tied the score up in the bottom of the second before the Lutes plated another run in the top of the fourth when sophomore designated-hitter Kris Hansen scored on a Menlo error to go ahead 2-1.

In the top of the ninth, with the score tied at 2-2 after an eighth-inning Menlo run, senior right fielder Justin Whitehall came to the plate with one out and the bases loaded.

Whitehall proceeded to hit a double to left-center, scoring sophomore pinch runner Matt Wolford and senior left fielder Tyler Green to put the Lutes on top 4-2.

The Oaks only scored one run in the ninth helping PLU pull out the 4-3 win.

Senior Joe DiPietro pitched well for the Lutes, going eight innings, striking out eight Oaks and allowing just two earned runs. Sophomore Dylan Stanford picked up his first save of the season.

"I felt that was my best start of the season," DiPietro said. "It will be good going into conference because non-conference games are sort of like spring training."

Darkness crept over the Oaks baseball diamond in the second game, postponing the game until Sunday. The two teams were able to play seven innings before the weather delay.

Down 2-1 in the fourth inning, the Lutes scored on an RBI single from junior Tim Young and a two-RBI double from senior third baseman Jared Simon.

PLU led 4-3 until the Oaks scored two in the sixth and one in the seventh to go on top 6-5.

When PLU and Menlo resumed play on Sunday, Simon's two-run homerun in the eighth and Whitehall's RBI double in the top of the ninth gave the Lutes all they needed to defeat the Oaks 8-6.

Junior Jeff Danforth received

his first victory of the year and Whitehall earned his second save.

Simon finished 3-4, with four RBIs and sits third in the conference in RBIs with 13.

Thorne contributed two hits to his NWC leading 17 hits.

"Our relief pitching was very good. "Our starting pitching was really good so I was really happy with our pitching performance," Loomis said.

PLU took control of the third game in a hurry. In the top of the first, PLU scored eight runs and did not look back as they cruised to a 13-6 triumph.

Whitehall, senior infielder Logan Andrews, sophomore designated hitter Chris Bowen, sophomore catcher Brandon Sales and Guzman each had an RBI in the first while sophomore first baseman Jordan Post added to the scoring with a two-RBI double.

PLU plated two runs in the sixth inning on a two-run homerun from Whitehall and added one run in the seventh thanks to an RBI single from sophomore second baseman Matt Akridge.

PLU led 11-0 until the Oaks scored four after the seventh-in-

ning stretch. Akridge drove in two more Lutes in the eighth.

Sophomore transfer Hunter Simpson was the winning pitcher after going six and 1/3 innings.

Akridge finished 2-2 with three RBIs and Simon, Andrews and Whitehall each scored twice for the success of the Lutes.

The Lutes now face the 3-6 Linfield Wildcats tomorrow for two games and Sunday for one.

The Cats are coming off of a series in which they were swept by the UPS Loggers.

However, a Wildcat and Lute clash is always unpredictable. PLU is hitting .301 for the season while the Cats are hitting .286.

The Lutes are also atop several NWC offensive categories including RBIs, homeruns, hits and runs scored.

"Linfield is always a top three-team and after being swept, it will be difficult to know what to expect," DiPietro said. "We won't worry about them, we'll worry about ourselves and be ready for anything they throw at us."

It's time to tee-off

Men's golf opens up season with win over rival UPS

AARON OLSON
Mast sports intern

PLU's men's and women's spring golf season is underway. The men competed against University of Puget Sound Loggers Sunday on a clear day at Oakbrook Golf Club in Lakewood, Wash. and outshot the Loggers 316-324.

Misterek shot a 76, followed by 79s from Casey and Stauffer. Stamps followed with an 82 while Erickson posted an 85.

This was a great way to start the spring season for the team.

Each team expects to compete for a Northwest Conference Championship and it is evident that each team has a great chance of completing the task.

The men's team is coached by Gary Cinotto and the women's coach is Mike Quatsoe. Senior and 2006 NWC conference champion, Brian Misterek, juniors Chris Packard and John Snyder, sophomores Jason Casey, Brian Erickson and CJ Stauffer and first-year Barrett Stamps are leading the men's team into the spring sports season.

Leading the women's team on the links are senior Jennifer Riley, junior Angela Grossklaus and first-years Kayla Madsen and Mallory Mueller.

The men and women will play in the UPS Invitational at the Fircrest Golf Club on March 8 and 9 followed by the Willamette Invitational at Creekside Golf Club in Salem, Ore. March 19.

The team will try to improve on their third place NWC finish from a year ago.

"We have high expectations for this

spring," Casey said. "We feel we have the talent to do well in the NWC. We just need to perform."

The Lutes have won 10 NWC championships since 1988 and would love to add

another banner to the rafters of Olson Auditorium. The team is returning a lot of talent and also has some impressive, young duffers joining the squad to piece it all together.

"We have a young team and I feel we have

potential if we stick together, to possibly place in conference," first-year Kayla Madsen said. "My main goals for this season are to work hard, improve my short game and mostly have fun with my fellow teammates."

As most winter sports are coming to a close, the spring sports are just starting up

and both golf teams are well on their way to another great season.

Upcoming tournaments:

March 8-9: UPS Invitational, 11:00 a.m./8:30 a.m.

March 17-19: Willamette Invitational, TBA

March 24-25: Pacific Invitational, TBA

Nothing but onions for men's tennis

Lutes come up short in NWC rivalry

COLLIN GUILDNER
Mast sports reporter

The PLU men's tennis team took on their main rival of the Northwest Conference last weekend when they traveled to onion country in Walla Walla, Wash. to take on the Missionaries of Whitman College. The Lutes came up on the short end of the match, losing by a 5-4 margin.

Because of the success of the Lutes and the Missionaries in the Northwest Conference, this match up has become one of the biggest rivalries in the area.

"This has been a big rivalry in the past few years, we have good players and so do they, we always get hyped up for our matches against Whit-

man," senior co-captain Jeff Loranger said.

The day started out great for the Lutes, winning all three of the doubles matches of the day. Doubles teams of David Miller and Justin Larimore, Jeff Loranger and Justin Peterson, and Kevin Floyd and Jared Vidano were all able to take down the opposing Whitman doubles team.

"We felt really confident after winning all of our doubles matches," Loranger said. "But we also knew that we could not get overconfident. We needed to take care of business in the singles matches."

The Lutes were not so lucky in their singles matches, only needing two to take the match, they were only able to win one of the six matches. Loranger was the only Lute able to pull out a victory in the second set of matches giving Whitman a 5-4 victory.

Though the loss hurts, it is not the end of the season for the Lutes, who still have a chance to make the national tournament. A recent rule change will allow the winner of the conference tournament to compete at nationals.

The Lutes will next compete against George Fox at home this Saturday.

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
THIS WEEK IN SPORTS	•Men's and Women's Golf at UPS Invitational (Fircrest GC), 8:30 a.m.	•Men's Tennis vs. George Fox, noon (if raining, at UPS) • Baseball at Linfield, Ore., 11 a.m.	• Baseball at Linfield (1-9), noon. • Softball at Whitworth (2), noon	•Spring training: Seattle Mariners vs. Oakland Athletics, 1:05 p.m. Tune in to KOMO 1000.	• NBA hoops: Seattle Sonics vs. Detroit Pistons, 7 p.m. on FSN.	Game of the week: Dallas Mavericks vs. Phoenix Suns, 6 p.m. on ESPN.	• Spring training: Seattle Mariners vs. Kansas City Royals, 1:05 p.m. Tune in to KOMO 1000.

Booing gets boot

Heckling may disappear in Washington high school sports



Kristi BRUNER

"Knock, knock."
"Who's there?"
"Boo."
"Boo, who?"
"Stop crying, it's only a joke."

Unfortunately for Washington athletics, it isn't a joke. The Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) is working on banning booing at state high school sporting events.

But what is a sports event without a little bit of verbal sparring?

Collective yelling, whether it's positive or negative, spurs on individual players and teams as a whole. It gives them a sense of urgency, importance and motivation.

Noise unearths the great players among the average by showing which ones can handle the pressure. The best were born to thrive off the noise and personal attacks, pushing them to prove themselves and quiet

their opposition.

The first record of booing comes from ancient Greece at an annual festival where playwrights would compete for the best tragedy, according to Slate Magazine. Applause signified approval while shouts and whistling demonstrated displeasure.

Booing was also found in ancient Rome during gladiator games where the life or death of the gladiator sometimes depended on the audience's involvement.

The use of the word "boo" began in the early 19th century to mimic the sound of cattle and later became used to signify the discontentment of crowds.

Throughout the years, the art of jeering has expanded and adapted. For example, at Texas A&M, students are not allowed to boo. Instead they hiss.

Others have chosen ways to silently show their disapproval.

During my high school basketball games, when one of our players would step to the free-throw line, there was no sound of booing but instead every fan of our rival school would whip out a newspaper and begin to read nonchalantly.

They acted as if the points didn't matter and creatively heckled our fans to the breaking point.

Not only are players subject to booing, but coaches and officials take a lot of jeering as well.

In the past few years, less and less people are applying for coach and official positions, causing the WIAA to revamp their guidelines.

The WIAA has already established that any negativity directed toward officials dur-

ing any part of an interscholastic activity or athletic event is prohibited.

The first effects of these changes were visible at the boys and girls 4A state basketball tournament. The association provided handouts with sportsmanship regulations.

For example, pompoms and foam fingers with text printed on them and artificial noisemakers were not allowed.

No signs for that matter, excepting the school banner, were allowed.

In the South Puget Sound League, students are even prevented from painting their faces.

Where's the fun in that? How can painting one's face be offensive?

I'm not encouraging unruly behavior to take place, but booing is part of the fun for most fans. It's the entertainment aspect of sports. Just imagine Packers fans without their cheese heads or Mariners fans without their rally hats.

Where does one draw the line between detrimental and acceptable?

Will chants of "attaway!" no longer echo through Olson Auditorium at volleyball games or even shouting "EMAL" at football games be a thing of the past?

The fact of the matter is that although the intentions of the WIAA are good, the ban is not realistic.

Enforcement would be a large obstacle to overcome in these circumstances.

What if a good-natured grandpa comes to his son's baseball game and makes a harmless comment about another kid's batting stance? Is he going to be fined? Will the team be penalized?

It just doesn't make sense.

Also, while it may provide a more comfortable environment for coaches and officials, players and fans alike live for the noise.

It builds momentum and for the most part, drowns out individual attacks.

It seems that the quieter the arena or gym, the more tense and potentially offensive the atmosphere could become.

For the most part, booing is completely harmless, just a part of the game. What would a Mariners game against the Yankees be without a little bit of booing A-Rod? It shows that the fans still care.

In fourth grade I played softball and I was awful. But one of the best parts of my season was learning all of the different chants and cheers to yell while I sat on the bench throughout the game.

"U-G-L-Y, you ain't got no alibi. You ugly. Yeah, yeah, you ugly."

While it might not have been the most intelligent use of my time, it was enjoyable.

It kept my attention and got the fans excited. Plus, no players ever took offense.

Although I was young, I knew that if I was at the plate when a team was yelling a cheer like that, I didn't take it as a personal attack. They were just trying to throw me off my game and rattle me up.

If a fourth grader can handle heckling, one would hope that coaches and officials could, too.

"Knock, knock."
"Who's there?"

Just hope it's not the WIAA.

Scorecard

Tennis

Standings - Men

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitman	12-0	1.000	13-2	.867
Linfield	6-3	.667	7-7	.500
PLU	4-2	.667	4-4	.500
L&C	2-3	.400	2-3	.400
Willamette	3-5	.375	3-6	.333
UPS	3-6	.333	3-7	.300
George Fox	2-4	.333	2-4	.333
Whitworth	2-4	.333	2-6	.250
Pacific	0-7	.000	0-7	.000

Standings - Women

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Linfield	4-0	1.000	4-1	.800
UPS	5-1	.833	6-1	.857
Whitman	4-2	.667	6-3	.667
PLU	4-2	.667	4-2	.667
L&C	3-3	.500	3-4	.429
Whitworth	2-4	.333	2-4	.333
Willamette	2-4	.333	2-6	.250
George Fox	1-4	.200	1-5	.167
Pacific	0-5	.000	0-7	.000

Last Two Matches - Men

2/24 at Willamette - Won 8-1
3/3 vs Whitman - Lost 5-4

Next Two Matches - Men

3/10 vs George Fox - 12 p.m.
3/17 at Pacific - 10 a.m./2 p.m.

Last Two Matches- Women

3/3 vs Whitworth - Won 5-4
3/4 vs Whitman - Lost 6-3

Next Two Matches- Women

3/10 at George Fox - 3:30 p.m.
3/11 at Linfield - 10 a.m.

Swimming

Standings - Men

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitworth	7-0	1.000	7-1	.875
Linfield	6-1	.857	6-3	.667
PLU	5-2	.714	6-2	.750
UPS	4-3	.571	4-4	.500
Whitman	3-4	.428	4-4	.500
L&C	2-5	.286	3-5	.375
Willamette	1-6	.143	1-6	.143
Pacific	0-7	.000	0-7	.000

Standings - Women

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitworth	7-0	1.000	7-1	.875
UPS	6-1	.857	6-2	.750
L&C	5-2	.714	6-2	.750
Whitman	3-4	.428	4-4	.500
PLU	3-4	.428	4-4	.500
Linfield	3-4	.428	5-6	.455
Willamette	1-6	.143	2-6	.250
Pacific	0-7	.000	1-7	.125

Men's 1000 Free:

1. WHTW: David Dolphay - 9:58.30
2. PLU: Andy Stetzler - 10:07.56
3. LIN: Josh Parfitt - 10:17.11

Women's 50 Back:

1. PLU: Jessie Donovan - 27.95
2. WHTW: Katelyn Erickson - 28.39
3. WHTW: Brittany Gresset - 28.77

Next Two Meets:

3/8-10 NCAA Div. III Women's Championships in Houston, Texas
3/15-17 NCAA Div. III Men's Championship in Houston, Texas

Baseball

Standings

Team	NWC	%	All	%
L&C	5-0-0	1.000	6-4-0	.600
George Fox	3-0-0	1.000	9-0-0	1.000
UPS	3-0-0	1.000	4-5-1	.450
Pacific	2-1-0	.667	4-2-0	.667
Whitworth	1-2-0	.333	3-9-0	.250
PLU	0-0-0	.000	9-3-0	.750
Linfield	0-3-0	.000	3-6-0	.333
Whitman	0-3-0	.000	0-9-0	.000
Willamette	0-5-0	.000	3-9-0	.250

(Stats as of 3/5)

Batting AVG:

1. Chris Bowen - .417
2. Jordan Post - .415
3. Matt Akridge - .400

Hits:

1. Jordan Post - 17
2. Ryan Thorne - 17
3. Roger Guzman - 15
4. Jared Simon - 15

RBIs:

1. Jared Simon - 13
2. Justin Whitehall - 12
3. Tyler Green - 11

Last Three Games:

3/3 at Menlo - Won 4-3
3/3 at Menlo - Won 8-6
3/4 at Menlo - Won 13-6

Next Two Games:

3/10 at Linfield - 11 a.m.
3/11 at Linfield - 12 p.m.

Softball

Standings

Team	NWC	%	All	%
Whitworth	4-0-0	1.000	7-0-0	1.000
PLU	4-0-0	1.000	6-0-0	1.000
UPS	4-0-0	1.000	5-0-0	1.000
Linfield	3-1-0	.750	3-1-0	.750
Willamette	1-3-0	.250	2-3-0	.400
George Fox	0-4-0	.000	2-10-0	.167
L&C	0-4-0	.000	1-10-0	.091
Pacific	0-4-0	.000	0-4-0	.000

(Stats as of 3/5)

Batting AVG:

1. Cassie Hopkins - 1.000
2. Cassie Canales - .556
3. Three tied - .500

Hits:

1. Alana Schutt - 7
2. Shelby Johnston - 6
3. Hadley Schmitt - 6
4. Beth Kenck - 6

RBIs:

1. Alana Schutt - 10
2. Beth Kenck - 7
3. Shelby Johnston - 3

Last Two Games:

3/4 vs Lewis & Clark - Won 10-2 (6)
3/4 vs Lewis & Clark - Won 3-2

Next Four Games:

3/10 at Whitworth (DH) - 12 p.m.
3/11 at Whitworth (DH) - 12 p.m.

Swingin' in to first



Photo by Brett A. Patterson

First-year catcher Vanessa Bryant slaps a hit against Lewis & Clark during PLU's 10-2 win Sunday. Bryant went 3-4 and had 2 RBIs.

Softball goes 4-0 against NWC foes

TYLER SCOTT
Mast sports reporter

The Lutes swept the first weekend of the Northwest Conference season with a pair of 7-0 wins over George Fox Saturday and games of 10-2 and 3-2 Sunday afternoon against Lewis & Clark.

First-year pitchers Hadley Schmitt and Cassie Canales pitched two complete-game victories apiece, and the offense came through when it needed to in order to keep the Lutes unbeaten.

Cassie Canales' complete game in the Lutes 3-2 win over Lewis & Clark capped off a weekend of wins for the Lutes.

Canales gave up six hits and only surrendered two runs during her complete game performance. The first-year pitcher also shut down George Fox Saturday, throwing a complete game shutout and

giving up only four hits.

Senior infielder Beth Kenck from Vancouver, Wash., had five hits in the four games, including a homerun against George Fox.

"Our offense saw some struggles, from a lack of exposure to live pitching from pitchers other than our own," Kenck said. "Several girls came through with clutch hits, however, and really brought the energy we have been working on."

Head coach Rick Noren believes that the offense still needs work, but is on the right track.

"Our major work for this week is to prepare better from an offensive standpoint," Noren said. "We are not taking full advantage of our opportunities and having too many strikeouts to be a consistent and effective offensive team."

"Playing on the road requires good preparation during this entire week."

Ken Noren
head coach



Photo by Brett A. Patterson

Sophomore Heather Walling dives back to first during the Lutes win over Lewis & Clark.

The Lutes' offense has been anchored by seniors Beth Kenck and Alana Schutt who have 10 and seven RBI, respectively.

Beyond the offense, the Lutes cut down on the errors that plagued them last weekend against St. Martin's with only four errors in the four games compared to six in two games last weekend.

"I was very impressed with their focus and drive during those four games - quite exemplary for never playing college level ball before," Kenck said.

This weekend, the Lutes will see their first road action as they travel to Spokane, Wash., for a couple of doubleheaders against a Whitworth team that is also undefeated.

"Playing on the road requires good preparation during this entire week," Noren said. "The players need to get their needed rest."

Lutes fend off Pirate pillage

Lutes edge Whitworth, fall to Whitman

STEPHEN ODELL
Mast sports reporter

The PLU women's tennis team managed a 5-4 comeback-win Saturday against the Whitworth Pirates but was unable to overcome the Whitman Missionaries Sunday, losing 6-3.

Forced to play at the UPS tennis pavilion, the Lutes were 1-5 in doubles competition on the weekend with their lone victory coming from junior Erika Feltus

and senior Nicole Petrzelka who defeated Whitworth's Linh Aven and Katie Troxel 8-1.

"Our team just needs confidence," said Feltus, who is undefeated in No. 1 singles this season.

With all six of the Lutes' matches this year coming against Northwest Conference foes, the team's 4-2 record coincides with their overall record.

PLU has yet to notch a win thus far against any of the top three teams in the conference. The Lutes will need all the confidence they

can muster Sunday when they face the undefeated first-place Linfield Wildcats and have the opportunity to finally manage a victory against a top-three conference opponent.

Linfield has won five consecutive NWC championships.

"Linfield is what we strive to be," Feltus said.

Pacific Lutheran is set to play at George Fox Saturday prior to traveling to Linfield Sunday.

The Lutes return home for two matches March 16-17 against NWC rivals Pacific and Lewis & Clark and then take on former Lute tennis players in its annual alumnae match March 18.



Erika Feltus

Wii is calling you

Love videogames? Watch for next week's Lutelife article on videogaming in the Lute Dome. The section will focus on the three major gaming consoles and provide information on the upcoming Wii tournament.