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ASPLU experiments with online voting

BY KAT WOOD
Mast news reporter

The days of paper ballots and limited voting hours are over. This week ASPLU put an end to the traditional way of voting for student representatives at PLU.

Last year ASPLU started talking about the option of having student elections online.

"The old system was really dysfunctional," said ASPLU president Tim Vialpando. "It required lots of man hours and it was really ineffective working around student schedules."

After favorable responses from some students the new administration of ASPLU decided to give online voting shot this year.

The old system only allowed certain times and places in which students could vote. Under the new system, students were able to vote online any time from Monday morning to Tuesday at 6 p.m. when polls closed.

Vialpando said that they hope the new system will get more students to vote. "Percentages are low; they're low on every college campus, so we'll just hope that this can raise the percentages," Vialpando said.

The new system could also have benefits for off-campus students, who may spend less time on campus. "I think it has

the potential to [increase off campus voting]," said off-campus senator Katie Wheeler. "It is a better way to get in touch with off-campus students." Although there were no sta-

who sent out emails to all the students with a link attached that connected them to the voting page; the Web site was clear and, because we got all the logistics figured out this fall,

prior to the announcement of the winners at the senate meeting on Tuesday. "The database is destroyed the next day, it is all very confidential," Vialpando said.

Prior to the elections Student Life e-mailed out reminders to students about the upcoming elections and how they may go about voting. The Campus Voice, PLU Web site, Daily Flyer and tabels outside the UC also reminded students about the elections.

Vialpando said that he thinks the biggest complaint that ASPLU might get after the elections is that students may have a hard time remembering to go back to their rooms and vote.

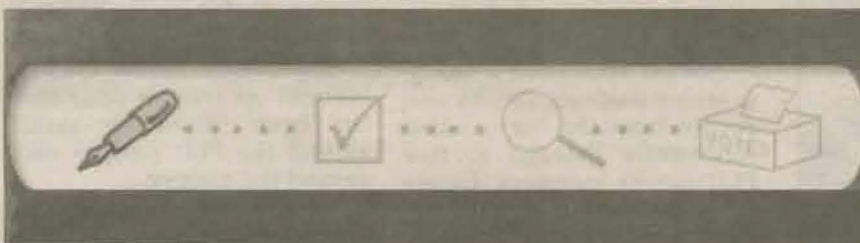
"If it works we will run with it and keep tweeking it and if it doesn't we'll go back to the old system and try to improve it," Vialpando said.



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Top: The advertising logo of ASPLU's online voting campaign as displayed on posters around campus and on the ASPLU voting Webpage.

Bottom: The navigation tool on the ASPLU voting Webpage.



tistics from last year to compare the voting turn out for this election, 387 people voted in the election.

The majority of votes came from resident students, but 99 off-campus students also voted in the election. Liz Hood, personnel director for ASPLU said that she believed that the voter turn out was probably about equal to a fall election.

"We're really pleased with the results," Hood said. "We had the support of Student Life

we'll have the whole system worked out for the big fall election."

Students only had to log on to the ASPLU Web page to get information on those who were running and then vote. In order to vote one had to enter their e-pass and password, allowing each student only one vote and stopping students from using anyone else's name to vote.

Liz Hood, ASPLU's personnel director, was the only student with access to the numbers



Students to share time and talents

BY LAINE WALTERS
Mast news intern

Students and faculty are invited to share their time and talent by Into The Streets, a day of volunteering with local non-profit agencies coordinated through PLU's volunteer center.

Volunteers can sign up to distribute surveys at the Sexual Assault Center of Pierce County, build a fence for people with physical and mental disabilities, work at the Guadalupe Gardens, or lend a hand at nine other sites.

The volunteer fair held at the beginning of the year promoted local agencies participating in Into The Streets.

Sign up sheets for specific agencies were available at the fair, but any interested student can still sign up in the Volunteer Center located in Harstad 105 or show up in Red Square the day of the event to see what opportunities are still available.

Volunteers will meet in front of Eastvold at 8:30 a.m. where a continental breakfast will be provided. They will then leave for their prospective sites and

return around 1 p.m. for raffle prizes and locally donated pizza. About 70 people attended the event last year.

This is the fourth year PLU has participated in Into The Streets, a program designed by the national Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL).

PLU used to have a volunteer opportunity during freshman orientation but switched to Into The Streets to encourage the rest of the PLU community to join in these efforts.

The Volunteer Center intentionally holds the program early in the year to act as a hook for getting students interested in volunteering.

"I hope to just get people connected to the community," said co-director of the Volunteer Center Colleen Lorenz, "before people have their plates full with clubs and activities."

Sophomore Elaine Lee volunteered at the Nativity House last year. She helped pass out meals and sorted all the organization's stored food to see if it was still in usable shape.

Lee signed up for the
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ROTC Advisory Committee

Committee plans for new year

BY ANNE KALUNIAN
Lute life editor

Created last spring, the ROTC advisory committee held its first meeting this week. The committee is designed to advise the university about matters concerning the curriculum in the department of military science.

The Mast attended the meeting on the basis that no quotes were attributed directly to any committee members.

In the meeting, the committee said it will continue to discuss issues raised last spring when the opportunity to become a host institution was introduced to the campus.

The committee is comprised of Lt. Col. Mark Brown; Mike Bartanen, acting director of special academic programs; Steven Willis, battalion commander; Greg Johnson, assistant professor of philosophy; Beth Kraig, chair of the history department; Laura Majovski, vice president and dean of students; Dick Olufs, chair of the political science department; and Sylvia Wood, assistant professor of nursing.

The newly elected chair, Olufs, will be responsible for

setting up future meeting times. The committee plans on meeting three or four times this semester.

The committee said the focus it wants to take with the ROTC program is to enhance the public's knowledge about ROTC. "We view our role as a chance to put up some educational mechanisms to help the community."

To inform the public about

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Member of the ROTC advisory committee

the newly created department of military science, the committee said it is developing a Web site to function as a report to the community on the ROTC program.

The focus areas will be discrimination, curriculum, interacting with the community and ROTC's purpose.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Cornell University's Web sites will be used as examples to help the

committee develop PLU's site.

The main topic on the committee's agenda was the scholarship jobs program. The program is a new policy that Bartanen, Majovski and Laura Polcyn, vice president for admissions and enrollment, created over the summer.

The policy has been put in place to help ROTC students who lose their scholarships because of their sexual orientation. The policy states that PLU will guarantee the student's current year financial aid package until a re-evaluation of aid for the following year. The university's overall goal is to keep the student at PLU. The following year, the student will given a standard financial aid policy.

The president's council has approved the policy, but for now the committee said it is just a template. It has been adapted by the committee who worked on clarifying the wording and phrasing of the policy to express that financial aid will remain unchanged for the student's current year.

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Election Results

New student senator
Kendall Blair

Off-campus adult senator
Rodney Butler

Off-campus senator
Thu Nguyen

Off-campus transfer senator
Greg Briggs

International senator
Rikard Waldner

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Photo by Brie Bales

Students gathered for prayer service in Red Square Sept. 14, the national day of mourning for the lives lost in the terrorist attacks.

CHAOS: Students struggle with terrorist attacks

BY TIM GALLEN
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In the days following the recent terrorist attacks, PLU students try to grasp the gravity of the situation.

One such student, PLU sophomore Mike Henson tried to figure out why the brutal and unforgettable events of Sept. 11 had to happen.

"[There] had to be a root to the [attacks], a series of events that led to that."

Mike Henson
Sophomore

"[There] had to be a root to the [attacks], a series of events that led to that," he said.

Like Henson, many at PLU pondered that question, and the administration responded by sponsoring several forums and events to try to help Lutes through their confusion.

ASPLU sponsored a teach-in where students, faculty and people from the surrounding community listened to five PLU faculty members discuss the issues surrounding the terrorist attacks.

One point that was repeatedly mentioned was how the WTC and Pentagon attacks

were, simply a reaction to our own actions and how the U.S. handles foreign policy.

America needs to "critically examine ourselves and (our) policies" said Henson.

Henson said he now wants to learn more about the government's foreign policies and decisions.

The United States needs to learn, to look at itself and figure out why anyone would want to commit a barbaric act like the one that occurred two weeks ago," Henson said.

PLU junior Craig LeMay agreed that there had to be a root to the problem that would cause someone to commit such a crime.

But he also believes that the government should not jump to conclusions about who committed the heinous crime. He added that he would like to see the evidence against terrorist leader Osama bin Laden which the government claims to have.

"I support punishment," LeMay said. However, he feels that it is wrong to condemn an entire nation of people for something that a mere handful of those people committed.

Sophomore Justin Hickey brought up another issue that has been raised by many around the PLU campus and around the country.

He does not agree with the president's declaration of a war on terrorism, bringing up the fact that one needs a "state to declare war upon."

"We can say 'nuke 'em,' but we don't have a 'them' to nuke," he said.

Hickey also feels President Bush's actions are just a way to "show his power" much like his father, former president George Bush, did during the Persian Gulf War in 1991.

Along with Hickey, Henson thinks it's wrong to declare war on terrorism. "Hate only creates more hate," he said.

James Wells, a third-year student at PLU, couldn't believe what had happened. "Where does the violence end?" asked Wells, who believes that the U.S. government, as a world power, has to respond in a just manner to the attacks.

Wells feels that the American people should be supportive of the president

"Where does the violence end?"

James Well
Junior

and the actions that the government chooses to take.

"If people don't support the leader, (the) legitimacy of the standpoint wavers," he said.

"We need to change how we deal with people," he said, adding that as Christians, we

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Teach-in educates students about East Coast attacks

BY LORA HENDRICKSON
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United by the confusion caused by the terrorist attacks, about 400 individuals filled the Chris Knutzen Hall in the University Center on Sept. 18.

ASPLU recognized the PLU community's need to learn more about the recent terrorist attacks and what caused them, so they organized the teach-in.

Five professors were chosen to speak due to their related studies. The panel consisted of Dr. Peter Grosvenor, Dr. Andrew Milton, Dr. Paul Ingram, Dr. Anne Kelleher, and Dr. Tosh Kakar.

Each was given 12 minutes to make a statement regarding the situation at hand and provide insight. Following the statements, the floor was open to ask the panel questions.

After an introduction by ASPLU senator Ike Brandt, the evening began with a well for-

mulated speech from Grosvenor, a political science instructor. Grosvenor pointed out that the WTC was an "unrivaled symbol of American capitalism," and that the Pentagon exemplifies a "supreme architectural expression of America's military power." Consequently, these symbols of America were supreme targets.

Grosvenor illustrated that the terrorist attacks are not a clash of the West versus East. Instead the origins of the attacks stem from "culture warriors" comparable to white supremacists and black separatists in the United States.

Grosvenor stated that, "the United States needs to be... proportional in its response and be prepared to justify its actions to the International community." Grosvenor also suggested that an international terrorist coalition be formed to prevent further acts.

Milton, who specializes in

international relations, spoke next and elaborated on the war on terrorism. Milton indicated that the war on terrorism is like the war on drugs, a mere aphorism alluding to the current national situation. Milton focused primarily on how the government should respond.

Immediate retaliation is counter-productive because people that have nothing, have nothing to lose. Milton stated that the United States is on a cusp of a great opportunity: to remake the world in a better image.

Ingram, who teaches classes on Islam and Buddhism, provided a religious perspective. Ingram provided a brief history on Islam and cleared up some misconceptions.

One of the tenets of the religion of Islam is living according to Allah's will. He further explained that the Koran is a collection of revelations from the prophet Muhammad.

Ingram assured everyone that the incidents that occurred were not Islamic acts. He asserted that the Koran forbids suicide and terrorism. Ingram clarified that the media's use of the term "holy war" to depict the terrorist attacks is nonsense. Ingram urged dialogue among people of different faiths to give rise to comprehension and acceptance of others.

Kelleher, a political science professor, had complaints regarding U.S. foreign policy. The United States is pro-Israel, creating enormous resentment in the Middle East.

Finally, Kakar, who is from Afghanistan and is an engineering professor, delivered an animated speech. He emphasized the sanctity of human life. If one justifies violence for anything, then one has lost his moral authority.

Kakar continued by discussing the bloody coup, aided by the United States' CIA, that

brought down the Afghanistan government in 1977 and which was ultimately responsible for bringing the Taliban to power. During the teach-in, he encouraged everyone to seek the truth, especially behind America's history. Kakar implores individuals to pray for peace, and he hopes that justice will occur by peaceful measures and not by violence.

An audience member inquired about the conditions and society of the people in Afghanistan. Kakar explained that life is oppressive in Afghanistan.

One man came to the teach-in looking for advice to offer his students who are of Middle-Eastern descent.

"Reach out and indicate a basic knowledge," Kelleher recommended, "Empathize with the people of Arab descent. Start a conversation by providing positive statements about Islamic society."

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The Cross replaces Tower Chapel

BY BEN BROWN
Mast news intern

Campus Ministry has introduced a new service, The Cross, on Saturday nights. The service is designed to be a place where those of all faiths are invited to seek God together.

Campus Pastor Dennis Sepper said, "It's not exclusively Lutheran, although Lutheran theology fuels a lot of what we do. It's an invitation to all."

Sepper describes PLU's new ministry saying, "The cross is the central symbol of the Christian faith with connotations from Martin Luther's theological point of view following the line of thought that God meets us in the ordinary day to day living of life."

The Cross is therefore an event for everyone, Sepper said, "It's a place to come together as a community of faith, challenged by God's word, to bring struggles and to be nourished for the journey of discipleship at God's table."

The Cross is sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church, in addition to Campus Ministry.

The ministry staff has directed much attention to The Cross ministry. Because of this, Tower Chapel on Sunday evenings will no longer be provided.

New talent and energy will be brought to The Cross ministry with a contemporary band, The Bendickson's.

The band is made up of three brothers Sean, Aaron and PLU graduate Jason

Bendickson. The service will be conducted in a rather non-traditional manner, yet seasoned with the flavor of Lutheran liturgy.

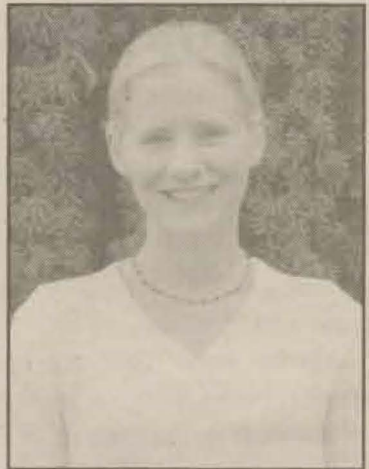
Campus Ministry hopes that new changes this year, such as the new worship service and the addition of a peer ministry coordinator, will foster growth in the university congregation.

The Cross gathering is held Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, located at the corner of 121st and Wheeler Street.

The Cross ministry is a work in progress, open to suggestions. If interested in becoming part of the Cross ministry team, contact the Campus Ministry office and Sara Wolbrecht, peer ministry coordinator, at 535-7466.

Wolbrecht joins Campus Ministry

BY BEN BROWN
Mast news intern



Sara Wolbrecht

Sara Wolbrecht, a 2000 graduate of PLU, is Campus ministry's first peer ministry coordinator.

Wolbrecht led prayer at the first gathering of The Cross and at the national prayer gathering on Sept. 14. Wolbrecht also coordinates the Holden Evening Prayer, Tuesdays at 9 p.m., and Prayer Around The Cross, on the first Thursday of the month.

Wolbrecht works with student who need to find a place to worship or someone to talk to. Wolbrecht understands the need to connect with others on a spiritual level and to be challenged to grow, especially since she was a student last year.

Pastor Dennis Sepper admires her talents; "She has a firm grasp of Lutheran theology [and] strong interpersonal relationship skills," he said.

Wolbrecht's goal is to create an increasingly healthy faith community.

She wants to promote the

Common Ground ministry and transform it into a self-sufficient gathering.

Among the immediate challenges facing Wolbrecht and Campus Ministries is the sense of spiritual arrogance on campus.

"There is no right, true or only way to discern Christianity," said Wolbrecht. She explains that the solution is a change of heart and rejection of pride.

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are taught to love everybody.

"I (still) feel safe," said Iver Batvik, a business administration major from Norway. He feels America is more dangerous than he thought but, he adds, he's "still happy to be here."

Batvik said that after he heard of the attacks, he talked with his family to let them know that he was all right.

He went on to explain that some of the people in his country are scared of a possible war, adding that some friends of his who are in the Norwegian military have moved up in the stages to prepare for war.

The events of Sept. 11 have been compared to those of

Pearl Harbor and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Many claim that, as with those tragedies, people will be forever changed by these events and what the terrorists attempted to accomplish.

It seems, however, this is not necessarily the only view on PLU's campus.

"I wouldn't say I'm drastically changed," said LeMay, more than a week after the tragedy. "Everything's back to normal."

He said that there is a big difference between empathy and emotional change. The latter occurring only from more personal events, bringing up another point brought

up by many students and people, especially from the West -- the fact that the events seemed somewhat removed from those here in the western part of the nation.

"I've had some powerful emotional moments," said LeMay, recalling his trip to the memorial at the Seattle Center and the prayer service at Red Square two weeks ago.

Regardless of whether this tragedy will forever change people or if life will simply return to normal, there is one sentiment that is shared not by just PLU students, but people all over the world -- we are all people and we need to work harder at understanding one another.

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From the editor

College is more than a quest for a diploma

By the time we've reached college, most of us have gotten over the "first day of school" jitters that haunt elementary and middle school. For many, though, the first day resolutions – goals and dreams of better study habits, grades, social lives and participation – linger, at least a little while.

Yet by now, three weeks into the school year – or three months, judging by the physical and mental drain of the year so far – most of those goals have faded into the magical world of New Year's diets and missing socks.

I have already heard many students desperately trying to talk themselves out of skipping classes with ultra-logical calculations of how much money each class period costs (\$113.64 per meeting for a four-credit Tuesday/Thursday class).

It may be good motivation, but is that really what a college education is about? The slow purchase of an \$80,000 piece of paper? For many people, that's exactly what college is.

They attend the mandatory classes, jump through a few hoops and walk away without ever really learning a thing. In between, they complain that a PLU education is too easy and that their lives are boring.

Of course it's boring – they aren't doing anything.

We've all heard professors tell us we are responsible for our own education. And though we know what they mean is: "I can't force you to attend class, but if you miss it, I will pause and roll my eyes at your name in the attendance roster." Deep down, though, they really are right.

We are responsible for our education – for showing up, making an effort and, even more importantly, choosing to make college more than an obligatory quest for one of the most expensive pieces of paper on earth.

A true college education entails more than a few classes, papers and tests. It's about growing as a person, meeting new people, expanding the mind and range of experiences, finding a passion for something.

I'm not advocating compulsively ditching classes to hang out with friends or becoming one of those people so defined by extra-curriculars that they insist on carrying their sports equipment around campus at all times, including the off-season.

But college should not be a purgatory where students bide their time waiting for the next phase to come along. So many of us insist we will be satisfied once we graduate, get a job, get married and so on. The truth is, we can be happy now if we put in a little effort.

Try something new, be it a club, sport or one of the many school spirit activities the "cool" people have been knocking since high school. Volunteer at Into The Streets tomorrow. It might just be fun; it might open the door to a new interest; it might make life a little less boring. Go crazy and start something new. But by all means, do something.

Because, let's face it, a piece of paper alone will never be worth this much money.



Flying flags celebrate freedom – for humankind, not America

I have never been more proud of America. All around I see light bulbs appearing over the heads of people I was sure would never understand.

New York, a city known for callousness, mobilized en-masse to help victims. Hollywood stars from both sides of the spectrum set politics aside Friday night and preached stories of unity.

Families are donating hard-earned money, and recruiting offices are filled with people recognizing that freedom is not free; it takes people of all races, ages and creeds to make it possible.

Recently I drove through my hometown late on a Friday night. Teenagers lit candles by the side of the road and waved flags at passing cars. Surely, they had something better to do on a Friday night.

The next day at the Seattle Center, I watched a white man hug a Muslim as they stood in front of a fountain filled with flowers and flags.

The flags in that fountain are more than cloth. They represent a bond tying us all together, from New York to Washington D.C. to Seattle.

The kids on the roadside understand and the two men hugging understand. They know what it means to be American.

That flag is also a symbol of differing opinions and acceptance, even opinions of those who do not comprehend. A column in last week's *Mast* called



Opinions from Outside Aaron Jackson

upon ourselves. Granted we have made mistakes, but we have also done a lot for the world.

everyone waving a flag a "cookie cutter patriot."

That person has a right to express their opinion, but it is an opinion as flawed as every politician demanding we drop bombs now and ask questions later. It is also as flawed as everyone on television telling Arabs to leave our country.

Every firefighter who died for a stranger, every soldier who will die to preserve freedom, every kid waving a flag on a Friday night and every Arab-American holding up the flag as they receive threats is a patriot.

We should not, because some don't get it, do those people the disservice of calling it a fad. It is not a fad to die for something you believe in.

And people will die. No soldier wants to die for the sake of dying. Soldiers hope for peace because they understand the terrible price of freedom. President Bush does not want to send them to die.

They prepare to do it because they have to. They do it because this is not a time when peace or turning the other cheek will work. We are dealing with people who do not seek to hurt us. They seek to destroy us.

How do we know this? Think of the U.S.S. Cole and the previous World Trade Center bombings. These were the work of terrorists.

Some say we brought this

We lead a crusade under the red ribbon to fight AIDS worldwide. In 1993, 18 American soldiers died in Somalia trying to get food to starving people.

Plus, much of the hatred and violence we now face is because of our support of the nation of Israel.

I am proud of our response so far. We have been deliberate and diligent. Diplomacy has been key as we gain support from the world.

Leaders of nations formerly our enemies – Iran, Iraq, Russia and others – condemned the attacks and offered support. Castro even opened Cuban airspace to us. Think of the significance of this coalition we are building and what it means for the future.

This is not some selfish endeavor, but an opportunity to bring a little freedom to everyone.

We have not gone in guns blazing. Had we, Afghanistan would be a smoldering pile of ash and I would be writing a column condemning our actions.

Thankfully, I get to write a column expressing pride for our nation, our leadership and the newfound patriots within it.

For those who have always understood and those new to the party, welcome.

For those of you who haven't figured it out yet, I hope to see you soon.

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Sidewalk Talk:

How did the online ASPLU ballots affect your decision to vote?



"I didn't vote, because I forgot. I wasn't harrassed to vote."

Mark Matsumera
sophomore

"It made it a lot easier. I decided to vote this time. Normally I can't find a spot because I'm off campus."

Kristy Jacobson
senior



"Not at all. I didn't even know we were voting until about an hour and a half ago."

Jeff Cockrun
Senior

"Not at all. It would only let me vote for one position then it cut me off."

Melanie Florian
sophomore



Idealism is out of place in world of good and evil

I am writing in response to the column by Shannon Thomas entitled, "Tragedy needs perspective, peaceful response."

To begin the column, Thomas gave four illustrations of people's responses to the East Coast tragedy. In example three, she stated that she saw people waving flags and holding signs that read, "God Bless America." Then she said that this made her feel "extremely uncomfortable."

I am not sure why a show of patriotism and loyalty to the country that grants its people more liberty to pursue happiness than any other country in the world would make anyone feel uncomfortable.

Americans are not blindly accepting President Bush's word as gospel, but we do recognize evil when we see it and we do not want members of our families and our friends to be the next target of evil. Good and evil do exist in the world and murdering 6,000 to 7,000 people is evil.

Next, she says that we need to think about our government's responsibility in world affairs. Yes, we did indeed train and equip Osama bin Laden in the 1980s. The Soviet Union was looking to expand their communist empire and thought that Afghanistan real estate looked promising.

The United States was, and is, committed to stopping and/or hindering the spread of communism (please note that in a communist regime you are not allowed the luxury of dis-

sent. See "The Gulag Archipelago" by Solzhenitsyn). In 1980, training bin Laden to fight against the USSR was the right thing to do.

Generally, Americans are not attached to the idea that we can do no wrong. Yes, we realize that we make mistakes, but that does not excuse bin Laden or anyone else from the culpability attached to the events of Sept. 11.

Yes, there is suffering in the world. And yes, the citizens of the United States contribute more to private charities than any other country in the world. World Vision is located in Federal Way, WA. Last year they distributed almost \$400 million in aid, worldwide. The monies distributed came from private donations taken in the United States, United Kingdom and Australia.

As for the Sudan, it was a British colony, not a United States colony. It has been run by a series of military dictatorships since its independence from Britain in 1956. The civil war is between Moslems and Christians. Christians bear the brunt of the violence and are sold into slavery to Moslem masters.

North Koreans are dying of starvation because of their system of government (communism). Note that South Koreans are not dying of starvation.

The two countries are separated by a de-militarized zone and their respective systems of government.

Yes, there is suffering the world over. Yes, Americans do

donate time, money, food and shelter to the hungry. We have in the past and we will in the future (remember the Berlin Airlift; sending grain to the USSR during the Cold War; sending food to Ethiopia; Band Aid; Farm Aid; Mercy Corp; World Vision; United Way and more that I can't think of right now).

Finally, Thomas stated that, "war will not create peace, it will only create more death and destruction. Retaliation leads only to more retaliation."

I would beg to differ. We went to war with Japan in 1941 and they haven't bothered us since. We went to war with Germany in 1941 and they haven't bothered us since. We fought the British twice and now we are allies. We fought with Mexico and now we are allies. Japan and Germany are our allies in our fight against terrorism. We had a protracted cold war with Russia for decades. They are our ally.

Making a statement of peace is unrealistic in a world where evil exists.

The terrorist groups who hijacked our planes, leveled the World Trade Center and murdered more than 6,000 people have dedicated their lives to destroying ours - my life, my daughter's life, my parents' and brother's life. I thank God for those who will join the Army and go "over there" to protect my family from the people who wish their destruction.

Susan Wajda
PLU graduate student

Column leaves reader reeling at 'naive' perspective

It must be nice to live in a world where everyone can be reasoned with, where a few idealistic gestures can heal the hell of the last two weeks. This, alas, is not the world I live in.

After reading Shannon Thomas' article in the Sept. 21 issue of *The Mast* - which, among other things, complains about American arrogance in a column entitled "Shannon Knows Best" - I cannot help but feel that naiveté and idealism have carried some Lutes far from reality.

Shannon Thomas begins by expressing her reservations about "President Bush's insistence that we go to war." She

misses or ignores the fact that we are already at war, in a very real sense.

In all probability, 5,000 Americans and 1,000 foreign citizens lost their lives when the World Trade Center towers came apart around them, or when the Seattle-built airliner they boarded a few hours before slammed into the Pentagon at 500 miles per hour. 6,000 innocent souls have been taken from us.

The events of September 11, 2001, were not just tragedies; they were atrocities. The 2,300 deaths at Pearl Harbor "begin to pale slightly in comparison;" further, the victims in New

York, Washington, and Pennsylvania were civilians going about their daily business, not soldiers or sailors taken unawares. If this is not an act of war, I wonder what more needs to be done.

But more has been: Add to the unbearably large toll the 16 Americans killed aboard the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen, and the hundreds of Africans killed when our embassies in Kenya and Tanzania were bombed in 1998, and the hundreds of holiday travelers killed in 1988 when Pan Am Flight 103

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Action movies seem too real - but for how long?

When I went to see Pearl Harbor early this summer, I was dazzled. Although the thin plot and sappy love story didn't entice me, the nearly hour-long bombing scene had me sitting with wide eyes glued to the screen waiting for the shot of the camera following a bomb down to a ship. I wasn't thinking about the amount of people who died in the attack. I was being dazzled.

Being from a generation heavily infused with all kinds of media since birth, I've developed a fine appreciation for what can be done on the screen.

I'm not a fan of testosterone-filled action movies, but I do like my share of special effects and explosions and digital images.

I'm a product of the times.

Typically, a movie filled with these kinds of things done well is guaranteed success in America.

So what happens when America, the world center of special effects, wakes up to images that look like they never should have crossed into real life?

The morning of September 11, most of us stared at the screen and tried to believe it wasn't real. But it clearly was, even if it did bear an eerie resemblance to the theme of many of our movies and television shows.

Whether we liked it or not, we'd all just been yanked out of a peaceful existence and plunged into "a war on terror-



Upside Down World Kristin Buzzelli

ism."

Already, movies and television shows concerning terrorism have been postponed, but these things will probably eventually be back.

Maybe right now America is sensitive to terrorism in movies, but I can't see that lasting. Movies about terrorism offer too many opportunities for explosions and action scenes to astound the public to be made tasteless forever.

Although, it seems to me, now that we've experienced terrorism on our own turf and had our citizens killed by it, it wouldn't be so entertaining

any more. Maybe it won't be, but that remains to be seen. I doubt I could watch a movie about terrorists without

feeling it much differently and actually thinking about the terrible events going on, about the people who die when explosions happen.

Even though there was once a big, black line between reality and the movies in my mind, that line seems fainter now that events I once considered improbable creations of Hollywood have happened. Explosions exist in real life and they don't just fling stuntmen around the screen. They kill people.

Part of my childhood was spent in a country where ter-

rorism against Americans was often a fact of life. I never saw movies featuring terrorist activities there. Movies are about escape - moviegoers don't want to face their biggest problems in their entertainment media.

Will our cinematic tastes change or will we remain slaves of large explosions and special effects no matter what?

The real question is: Should our tastes change? It's a question I don't have the answer to. But I know this. With one day of terrorism, America took a loss equal to years of smaller attacks in most other countries.

The loss and shock this country withstood are bound to cause changes both large and small. And though it may be a small change, an alteration in what we consider entertainment is one worth considering.

Study abroad future uncertain

BY SADIE GREGG
Mast news intern

The future of international study at PLU is uncertain after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the East Coast.

The study abroad fair Sept. 20, welcomed PLU students to explore their options when planning international study.

With the issue of student's safety in mind, the potential of cancellation of programs is very real. So far, all January term and spring trips are planned to go, save the excursion to Israel, which had been cancelled in years past due to internal conflict.

Charry Benston, program administrator for international programs, said, "It would be premature to cancel now. But things could change tomorrow."

The Center for International Programs would not hesitate to cancel trips if students' safety was threatened.

These concerns are real and

well-founded: the U.S. Department of State issued the worldwide travel warning Sept. 12. "U.S. citizens and interests abroad may be at increased risk of terrorist actions from extremist groups."

Despite the threat to American's safety abroad, there has not been any decrease in interest of travel abroad. The School for International Training (SIT), a study-abroad organization present at the fair, continues to run all of its programs.

Hanna Thurber, a representative for SIT, said, "It's more important now than ever that students can form relationships with people from other cultures and communities."

Students in the program are integrated into the culture through a home-stay.

Thurber felt that this would help ensure the student's safety, as they are seen as a positive example of the United States.

Benston said that if programs were cancelled, there would be a variety of things to do to compensate for the trip. Possible refunds and efforts to hold the classes on campus would be made.

Sophomore Stephanie Anderson has concerns about safety abroad, "What are the relationships of other countries with the U.S.? If they're pro-America, are they going to be attacked also?"

Anderson's J-term trip to Jamaica is still scheduled, as Benston confirmed that all trips are "going forward as planned," after Monday's staff meeting.

Unfortunately, there is no absolute with the global situation. The Center for International Programs is prepared to make decisions in the students' best interests as the year progresses.

Anderson said, she is "not too nervous right now, but if we were at war, that would be a different story."

Peer educators lead Campus Sex 2001

BY KRISTEN RESARE
Mast news intern

Students educated students at Campus Sex 2001, held Sept. 20 in the Chris Knutzen hall. Volunteers from Pacific Lutheran University's Sexual Assault Prevention and Education team led the campus-wide discussion.

Peer educators Natalie Gulsrud, Katie Luther and Justin McGregor stressed clear definitions of sexual assault to their audience. The presentation included skits, a mini-quiz and questions.

"Most rapists are men, but most men aren't rapists," McGregor explained, addressing averages of sexual assault. The audience brainstormed stereotypical characteristics of an attacker and victim.

As peer educators, the panel allowed for a comfortable atmosphere but was serious in its purpose. "Nobody deserves

to be sexually assaulted, no matter who they are or where they were," Luther said.

The members of the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education team undergo an extensive 30-hour training session.

Training is comprised of sexual assault facts, legal issues, awareness, prevention and survivor support.

Sponsored by PLU's Women's Center and Student Involvement and Leadership, the event drew 70 students and provided ice cream at the conclusion of the presentation.

As in the past, Dr. Robin Sawyer, public and community health professor at the University of Maryland, was originally scheduled as the keynote speaker.

Uncertainties surrounding cross-country flights caused Sawyer to cancel, according to Jeff Jordan, associate dean for Campus Life.



Photo by Brenne Pautz

Students fellowship on the Campus Ministry Mt. Rainier Hike Sunday.

Mount Rainier hike delayed by flat tire

BY CRYSTAL POLLOC
Mast news intern

The annual Mt. Rainier hike, held on Sept. 23 and sponsored by Campus Ministry, was more than just a hike up the mountain to Panoramic Point for a service. The annual hike turned into an adventure when one of the two buses got a flat tire and students felt as if the bus might tip over.

The two buses reached Christine Falls at approximately 3:10 p.m. As the first bus rounded the curve above the falls, an oncoming truck stopped in the turn. As the first of two buses transporting students for the hike up Mt. Rainier rounded the curve-above Christine Falls, it scraped against a rock barrier, causing a flat tire and a delayed hike.

Bus driver Luculus Gregory explained, "I turned the corner too sharp, trying to avoid hitting the truck. Then I thought, 'What's the noise?' When the tire blew, then I knew it was me."

Freshman Clare Charles said, "I heard a loud scraping noise and thought we were starting to slide off the road. I was trying not to panic."

"It was kind of scary, especially while we were still on the bridge," said senior Chelsea Perry.

On the second bus, students were not told much about the

accident. "I saw the flat tire and thought we were going to wait while they changed the tire."

"Then we were told that we were going on ahead because someone was waiting for us," said Freshman Alisa Brown.

While disappointed about missing the hike, many students enjoyed the break. "It was our adventure story for the weekend," said freshman Molly Marten.

Upon reaching the ranger station, students from the second bus waited a few minutes before heading up the trail. They made it to Panoramic Point and waited for the students from the first bus to arrive.

The second bus returned to pick up the students from the first bus at about 4:30 p.m. and headed for the ranger station. They started up the trail, but most didn't make it all the way up. Leaders decided to hold the service on one of the larger areas so that all the students could be there.

Students then started back down the mountain where they waited for another bus to arrive. Gregory drove up with a new bus to transport students back to campus.

Even with all the complications of the day, students enjoyed themselves.

Freshman Sarah Dorr said, "At least it happened on a beautiful, glorious day."

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EATIN' WITH ANDY:

This week: Got foil? You've got dinner.

BY ANDY MORGAN
Mast Texan

I am about to infuse you with power. You will have amazing abilities...power to summon people, who, not knowing who you are or what you represent, will follow your directions and ask for more and more.

This being the first edition of "Eatin' With Andy," let's talk food.

Food is the easiest way to control the masses, the fastest way to a good reputation, and a satisfaction to the soul.

If you listen to me, I will slowly open my bag of tricks and reveal the magical mysteries of food to you the students, my brothers and sisters of schoolasticity.

Why? For the simple reason that I want to make this place that much better.

O.K., enough with the mission statement. This one goes out to the lowly dorm dwellers, a caste I have known myself. Since this is my first installment, we're going to start primitive.

I developed this recipe in nineteen eighty eight when I was gonna buy me some pots and pans, but I got <insert pop song lyric here>. Due to my lack of pots and pans, I improvised and invented my own Deluxe Hobo Dinner.

Andy's Deluxe Hobo Dinner

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Tools

1 fork
1 knife
1 roll aluminum Foil
1 oven

Food

One type of meat (Optional)
Any of the following:

Potatoes (sweet, brown, or red) green pepper, tomatoes, a clove of garlic, corn, carrots, onions, mushrooms, spinach, whatever. Don't skimp on these; they tend to shrink.

Seasoning

Choose one of the following:

Traditional

Salt and pepper to taste, with an optional splash of oil. This is a good base for most seasoning.

Indian

Curry powder or paste, Ground chili or other spices to preference.

Mexican

Cumin, Chili Powder, salt to taste.

Italian

Basil (fresh or dry), salt, pepper, pinch of oregano, chopped tomatoes, onion, chicken or fish.

STRATEGY

Preheat Oven to 350 degrees.

Choose your meat.

You will need about 1/3 lb. per person of pork, ground beef, salmon, trout, or chicken

Tear off one large piece of foil per person.

Use more than one piece of foil to wrap the food. (Be liberal: you don't want the scrumptious juices to froth forth and evaporate on the oven floor causing an unsightly smell and mess.)

Place the meat on the foil and season it. Place the veggies on top of the meat and season them.

A note on seasoning: it's easier to overseason than underseason. Ask yourself, "Does this seem like too much?" Also, salt and pepper can be added later.

Seal by crumpling foil over the top. Place in oven for thirty minutes.

Check your concoction.

The meat should be thoroughly cooked and vegetables tender. (If it's not done, put it back, dummy.) You can also add catsup, BBQ sauce, or teriyaki sauce at this point for more seasoning.

Remove from oven, with care not to injure yourself or others.

Eat outside, using the foil for a plate, with fork and knife. If you are camping, you can throw your foil ball into the fire, with care not to totally incinerate the whole thing.

"Good luck and good eatin'..."

THE INBOX

A brief guide to these crazy times brought to you by the PLU Ministry of Culture

In	Out
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Hunger	Thirst
Jihad	McWorld
Anne Heche	Tom Cruise
English	Lutespeak
Ernest Shackleton	Lewis and Clark
EMAL	AWOL
Garfield Street DVD	Anywhere else
Runningbacks	Quarterbacks
Indira Gandhi	Mohatma Gandhi
Critical thinking	Feminism
War	Peace
Fried chicken	Fried rice
Casting away stones	Gathering stones together
David Horowitz	Noam Chomsky

Matt Cameron (R) and Matt Agee (D) are the Ministry of Culture.

Coen brothers masterpiece a *Simple* choice for this week

Joel and Ethan Coen have been responsible for creating some of the best American films of the last two decades. Among their credits are *Raising Arizona*, *Miller's Crossing*, *The Hudsucker Proxy*, and, of course, the Academy Award-winning *Fargo*.

Blood Simple, the very first (and arguably the best) Coen brothers film, has finally been released on a Special Edition DVD.

Blood Simple is a meticulously crafted neo-noir masterpiece. The story: Marty (Dan Hedaya) runs a bar. One night his wife (Frances McDormand) sleeps with one of his employees, Ray (John Getz). Marty hires a private detective (M. Emmet Walsh) to kill them both. This deceptively simple setup soon spirals downward into a mass of unexpected twists and turns, leading the audience along on a path that is confusing, although highly logical.

From the opening shot of a tire lying on a lonely strip of highway to the last shot of a drop of water falling from a pipe, the atmospheric mood of the story is brilliantly executed. Sections in this film last for minutes without a spoken word of dialogue. The story continues on the strength of the visual images. Silence is brilliantly used throughout.

This DVD features a brand new director's cut of the film. The Coens have carefully revisited their 1985 masterpiece, cutting the film down slightly to speed up the pace. Yes, in an astounding move, a special edition of a film was actually shortened and improved. There's no embarrassing, tacked-on material here, no "extend-



DVD of The Week Travis Zandi

ed Ewok celebration" scene — just damn fine filmmaking.

When I heard that this came with a commentary, I was thrilled. I was expecting a shot by shot examination of the film, perhaps explaining just how this Director's Cut is different from the original cut. Unfortunately, that's not what I got.

The commentary is by Kenneth Loring from Forever Young Films, a fictional restoration company. He begins by discussing the film, but gives false details. He talks about animatronic dogs and computer-generated flies. By the end, he's off on some non-sensical tangent about purchasing Merchant Ivory films.

This commentary is apparently only included as some kind of joke, a joke that I simply didn't find funny. The joke starts out unfunny, then continues for the full hour and a half running time. Perhaps I didn't like it because I had been looking forward to a serious commentary on this amazing film. It probably would have been easier (and probably even cheaper) to just include some serious commentary from the Coens themselves. The joke falls flat.

The film itself is a demonstration of moviemaking at its finest. The digital transfer to DVD is flawless. The special features...well, they drag the rest of the package

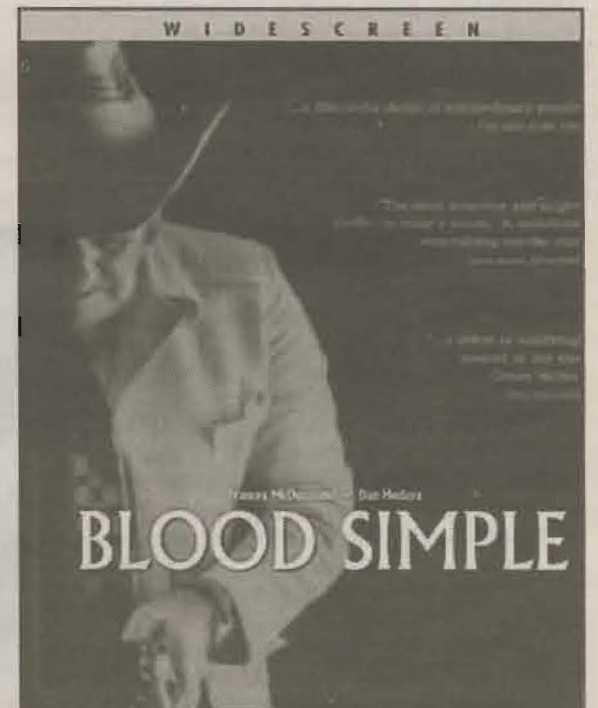


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Blood Simple — great film, awful commentary track.

down. Other than the commentary, there's not much more to this DVD. However, the film itself more than makes up for it.

Travis Zandi is co-president of the PLU Film Society. He rented *Blood Simple* at Garfield Street DVD and thinks that you should too.

WHY TACOMA DOESN'T ACTUALLY SUCK

BY MATT AGEE
Mast Critic

"A weekly guide to Tacoma? Are you daft?"

Let me tell you a Reader's Digest worthy story, about... a friend of mine... that's right, a friend. Now, way back in the fall of 1998, I... I mean, he showed up at PLU as a freshman the only things he knew about Tacoma had come from the news that was horrible enough to make it all the way to Portland TV.

After the normal stressful fall semester and J-Term, life at PLU began to find a comfortable rhythm. Before anyone knew it, spring was upon us, romance was in the air and our hero met an older woman - a sophomore. Soon, it became time to move past the easy and casual 'in-dorm-hang-out' to the legitimizing and risky 'off-campus-date.'

But - where to go? He ran up and down the halls of his dorm, asking the omniscient juniors where to take this girl. But no one knew where to go - they, too, had once sought the advice of the dorm elders with no luck. After a fretful week, he finally made a decision: the Ram on the waterfront. Perfect, he thought.

So the night of the big date came and he drove the older woman to the overcrowded Ram where they waited for about 6 hours to get a noisy table and have unremarkable hamburgers. But something seemed wrong with her - conversation seemed strained and he grew concerned. Did he smell? Was there something in his teeth? Did he say the wrong thing?

This was after all, the big-decisive-off-campus-test-of-their-dating-ness. He decided that denial was his best bet and attempted to have a nice rest of the evening.

After their dinner, they romantically walked down the nice Ruston waterfront hand-in-hand and tried not to get jumped by rambunctious youths sharing their path. When rain ended that part of the evening, they drove back to campus in a silent car.

Scared that he had said or done something irreparably wrong, he asked her if the night had seemed somewhat awkward.

She smiled and said that yes, she too had noticed something weird. Then she told him something that made him want to cry and run away and hide: her last boyfriend (the one who she really didn't like and had just gotten over) had also taken her to the Ram in Ruston followed by a romantic walk down the waterfront, hand-in-hand, etc. and so on - on their first date.

So: what does this story have to do with Tacoma?

This new weekly A&E feature is skillfully designed drawn from lessons learned through time and trial.

Each week we will bring you a new part of Tacoma perhaps previously unknown inside the Lutedome.

We will tell you about the best bookstores, the places to get a cup-o-joe, rent a movie, get a good brew, go for a run, and kiss your mate. Also, we will create col-

lectible survival guides to Homecoming and (gasp) Public Transportation.

The point: Tacoma is actually a pretty cool city. It has taken us three years to figure that out - we've done the hard work.

Although it has just as much potential as Seattle ever did, Tacoma is a young city which hasn't yet begun to take itself seriously. It is our hope that you will soon begin to think of this place as more than a mailing address.

PART I: A Brief History of Tacoma

"I went from Phoenix, Arizona all the way to Tacoma..." - Steve Miller

Last summer, PLU Professor Charles Mudedede pondered in the pages of *The Stranger* the relationship between Seattle and Tacoma: "Why is the rivalry between Seattle and Tacoma so intense and bitter?" he asked.

His answer is typically Mudededian: "Because both cities were born at roughly the same time, both saw that they were at the very end of the American enterprise, and both wanted to stake their claim as the climax city."

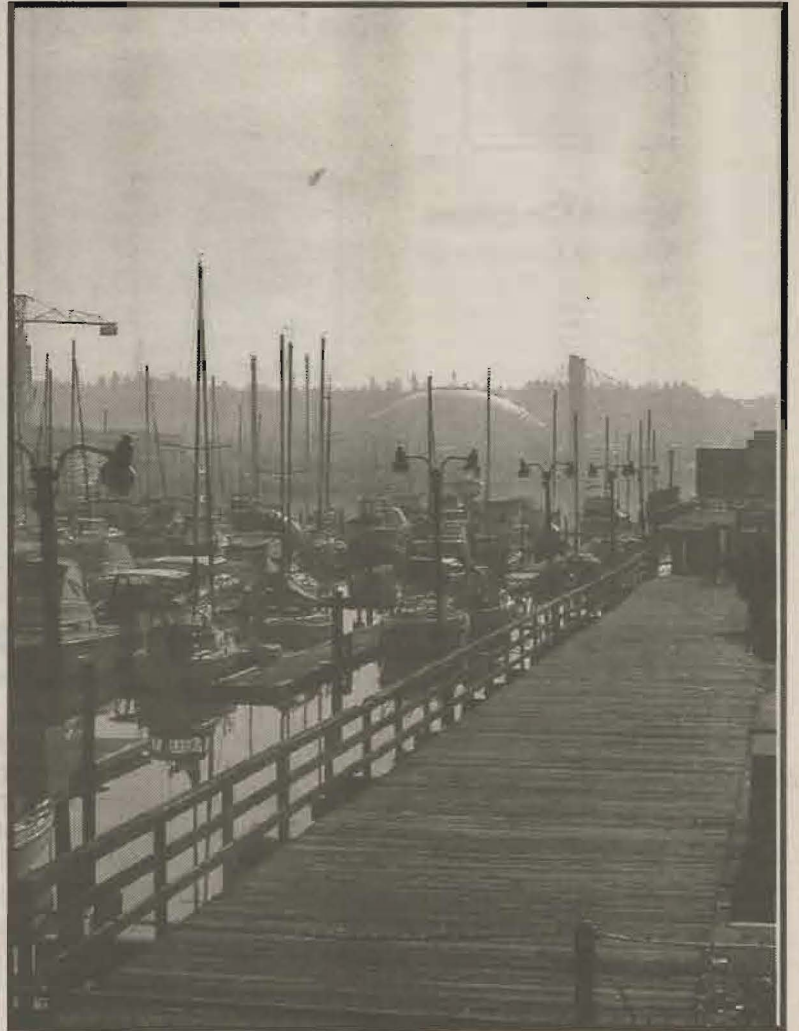
But what is the history of this city south of Seattle? According to the City of Tacoma's website, "Tacoma" itself stems from the Indian name for Mt. Rainier, "Tacobet," meaning "Mother of the Waters."

It lies in the shadow of Mt. Rainier - the spectacular volcano named in 1792 by that randy ol' seadog George Vancouver, who also named the sound after his officer Peter Puget.

In 1844, the Hudson's Bay Company set up shop just south of Tacoma in the Nisqually basin, bringing workers to the area. "City of Destiny" became Tacoma's nickname when it was designated as the Northern Pacific Railroad's western terminus for its transcontinental railroad in 1873.

Eventually the city was incorporated in 1884 after being planned out by a little known lighthouse architect who designed, as Mudedede says, "a standard grid system for the city" with which "the city would have reveled in world-class prestige forever."

In 1890, an ore smelting company named ASARCO came to Tacoma's waterfront and began a 90 year stint as major employer and polluter of the South Puget Sound Area. The refinery was shut down due to EPA regulations in 1985, and is currently being cleaned up



The view from downtown, with the Tacoma Dome visible in the background. photo by Sarah Champion

to someday become an oceanfront park.

In 1917, the city of Tacoma donated 70,000 acres of land to the military, around American Lake, thereby creating the Fort Lewis Military Base and bringing continuous money into the area (and a colorful variety of adult-oriented boutiques to the south of us).

Other fun facts from the City's website: 201,000 residents live within a 5-mile radius of the Central Business District. The impressive Northern Pacific Railroad domed railway station was built in downtown Tacoma in 1911 and was used until 1985. The Tacoma Dome is the world's largest wooden structure.

BY THE WAY: PLU's home, the greater Parkland/Spanaway area is technically not part of Tacoma, but rather part of beautiful unincorporated Pierce County (what a welcoming title, eh?):

Matt Agee thinks that Tacoma is pretty swell.

Film Society to screen student diversity documentary tonight

BY MATT CAMERON
A&E Editor

The PLU Film Society, in conjunction with the Feminist Student Union, will be screening a documentary by senior Ben Dobyns entitled *Community and Diversity at PLU* tonight at 8:00 in Ingram 100.

The film, commissioned by the university at the end of the fall semester of 2000, was designed to give an overview of student opinion regarding diversity at PLU in the wake of that semester's events.

Its twenty-odd minutes feature excerpts from interviews with a long list of students representing nearly every possible race, reli-

gion, and ideological perspective.

"We tried, with the time and resources that we were given, to get a complete cross-section of the PLU community and its response to the problems we continue to face," Dobyns said.

Ben said that although he is pleased with the final product, he would like to someday use the many hours of interview footage to create a longer, more complete version of the film.

"There is so much more that could be said. It's extremely difficult to get so many perspectives across in less than a half hour."

As the godfather of film at PLU and founding member of Dead Gentlemen Productions, Ben has already garnered directing credits for the original *Demon Hunters* film as well as his integral role in the production of last year's sequel.

He is currently researching and planning a documentary on relations between private religious schools and the state of Washington.

After the documentary, FSU and the Film Society will also be screening *Better Than Chocolate*, a groundbreaking 1999 film about lesbian lovers in Vancouver, B.C. A discussion will follow both films.

PLU Film Society Fall Semester Screenings

Unless otherwise noted, all films are shown in Ingram 100 at 8:00 p.m. with discussion following.

- Sept. 28th Documentary: *Community and Diversity at PLU* (dir. Ben Dobyns) and *Better Than Chocolate*
- Oct. 5th: *Mallrats*
- Oct. 14th: *City of The Lost Children*
- Oct. 19th: *Hard Boiled* and *The Killer*
- Oct. 26th: Third Annual Halloween Movie Marathon! All night at Garfield St. DVD! Send your movie nominations to plufilm@hotmail.com.
- Nov. 2nd: Field Trip: *Amelie from Montmartre*
- Nov. 9th: Social Justice Night with ASJ - film TBA
- Nov. 16th: *Harold and Maude*
- Nov. 23rd: *Planes, Trains, and Automobiles*
- Nov. 30th: *Singin' in the Rain*
- Dec. 7th: *From Here to Eternity* or *Tora! Tora! Tora!*
- Dec. 10-14: Peter Jackson Marathon (*Bad Taste*, *Meet the Feebles*, *Forgotten Silver*, *Heavenly Creatures*, *The Frighteners*)
- Dec. 19: Field Trip: *Lord of the Rings*

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Lutes

Junior quarterback Tyler Teeple runs around two Whitworth defenders in last Saturday's game.

Photo by Brie Bales



Football now 0-2 with loss to Whitworth

BY CHRIS FREDERICK
Mast sports co-editor

Normally, the opening of a PLU football game is filled with shouts, cheers and a general hum of excitement. Last Saturday, however, there were no trumpet blares or rim shots from the band or smiling students waving at their friends. An eerie silence filled the stadium as one walked inside. The crowd was paying a moment of silence in remembrance of those who lost their lives on the East Coast Sept. 11.

Just before the start of the game, a prayer was delivered by Provost Paul Menzel. Both the PLU and Whitworth football teams lined up centerfield facing each other while Kendall Looney sang "God Bless America," and the national anthem. Almost every person in the stadium sang along with her. As ROTC members marched the nation's flag off the field, the crowd remained silent instead of erupting in the traditional cheering response.

Finally, the two competitors shook hands and the fans respectfully applauded. Only when Whitworth kicked off to PLU did the excitement for the first PLU home football game creep back into the stadium. The fans were not to be disappointed by the performance yet to come at Sparks Stadium in Puyallup.

Junior quarterback Tyler Teeple got

things really moving for the Lutes as he worked his team down the field. Teeple finished the 56-yard drive just under three and a half minutes into play with a 5-yard dash over the goal line and the first touchdown of the day. The point-after kick attempt by sophomore David Weller failed, to limit PLU to six points.

"Our coaches did a great job of putting us in positions so we could make some plays," said senior safety Jonathan Carlson.

Whitworth worked its way back down the field but was unable to score in the first quarter when PLU regained possession after senior defender Kris Helphinstine tipped the ball away from the Pirates' quarterback on a fourth down.

The Pirates from Spokane did not know what hit them five seconds into the second quarter when senior receiver Todd McDevitt grabbed a 24-yard pass in the end zone from Teeple. The 2-point conversion attempt failed, but PLU still led 12-0.

The next time the Lutes had possession, they had trouble getting down the field. Their massive drive was actually backward 15 yards as a result of holding

and false-start penalties. Because of this, the Lutes couldn't make a first down from so far back. None of that mattered, though, when senior linebacker Ryan Borde picked off a pass from Whitworth's quarterback and easily coasted over the goal line to give PLU an 18-0 lead. The 2-point conversion attempt failed once again for PLU.



Senior receiver Todd McDevitt is tackled by a Whitworth defender after a catch.

Photo by Brie Bales

Although the Pirates were able to work their way back down the field in the second quarter, PLU senior defensive linebacker Jasen Bennie recovered a fumble for possession. But when Teeple fumbled on the very next play,

Whitworth's Doug Edmonson picked up the ball and put the first points on the board for his team. However, PLU was not satisfied and struck back when Teeple fired a 50-yard shot to senior receiver Ryan Borde. Teeple was successful in the conversion attempt to junior Kyle Brown.

"I was probably feeling a little pressure from time to time," Teeple said. "It's kind of something you feel. If the

pressure's there and you just take off and run."

Junior defensive back Benji Sonnichsen ended the first half with an interception, which ended Whitworth's drive. PLU dominated 26-6 at the end of the first half.

The excitement that was to follow the izzy dizzy halftime show slowly began to die out when play resumed for the second half. For the first two and a half minutes of the third quarter Whitworth had possession. Once again PLU robbed Whitworth of possession with an interception, this time at the hands of sophomore linebacker Casey Carlson. Although the interception resulted in two first downs, the Lutes could not do anything more with it.

"We stopped playing the way we were in the first half," Carlson said. "You have to give credit to both our lack of intensity as well as (Whitworth's) increase in intensity."

Whitworth's next accomplishment was to break free from a slew of Lutes and run all the way downfield before Carlson brought the player down at the one-yard line. The Pirates were able to score and started their long trek back up the scoreboard after the Lutes.

The fourth quarter was ugly as Teeple

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Beyond the stereotypes: Cheerleading as a sport



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Jason Anspach

Sports, just like any other occupation, activity or event, has had more than its fair share of stereotypes.

Despite the progress that the athletes and fans of the world have made in regards to many sports, there is one activity that continues to be bound in the quagmire that is athletic stereotypes.

Cheerleading is to this day the target of numerous ignorant misconceptions.

I can hear you groaning now, "Cheerleading? That's not a sport." I say that cheerleading, which blends gymnastics (a sport), dancing (an Olympic event) as well as very strenuous stunting, can be seen as a sport as well.

This is a sport forced to stomach the many injustices forced upon it by some of the same people who will stand up for football players when they are accused of being 'dumb jocks.' Those same people readily accept the idea that cheerleaders are a ditzzy, sluttish, bitchy, vain group of women who wear their uniforms just to draw attention to themselves from the men in the crowd (just like baseball players wear skin-tight pants to impress all the girls in attendance).

Let's look at the common misnomers individually.

Cheerleaders are ditzzy. This is equal to saying jocks are dumb. People can't be considered dumb just because of the

extracurricular activities they participate in. People have to prove they are dumb.

Cheerleaders are sluttish. Wilt Chamberlain stated that he had sex with 20,000 women, but that doesn't make it acceptable to characterize all basketball players as sex addicts. Even if a cheerleader did fit into a value judgment we were to throw at her, it's still not right to label all cheerleaders that way.

Cheerleaders are bitchy and vain. While this idea is certainly perpetuated throughout pop culture via movies and television shows, it's just not true. There is no reason to believe someone will act a certain way because of his or her hobbies or preference unless he or she is functioning from a pre-existing stereotype.

I met my wife during the first few minutes of my first class in my freshman year. As we got to know each other, I learned she was a cheerleader in high school, and had made

the basketball cheer squad at PLU. She did not, and does not, fit any stereotype one would apply to a cheerleader.

Still, when I'd sit in Olson Auditorium to watch her perform, I would hear the calls of ignorance all around. Girls would concur that the cheer squad's routine was simple, and that they could do a much better job than those sluts. How hard could it be, after all, to balance yourself atop the shoulders of another, and lead a crowd from ten feet in the air with nothing but other 110 pound girls to catch you if you should fall?

Even some of the female basketball players who the squad was cheering for would participate in cheerleader trash-talking after the games. I would hear girls say that the cheerleaders didn't have to work as hard at their sport, no doubt unaware of the hours of practice cheerleaders dedicate themselves to (contrary to popular belief, a cheerleading prac-

tice isn't just a slumber party devoted to talking about who has a crush on whom).

During one memorable game, I had to ask a fan sitting next to me to stop talking about my wife's physical attributes; he apologized and began talking about the qualities of another cheerleader's behind and joked about how easy it would be to get her into bed, since she was of course, a cheerleader.

As for these guys, well, they're jerks.

The girls, on the other hand, have a chance to prove themselves. Tryouts for basketball cheerleaders took place yesterday in Olson Auditorium at 6 p.m. Even though you may not have learned the dance routines, you'll still do a better job, right?

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Loggers chop PLU volleyball's undefeated record

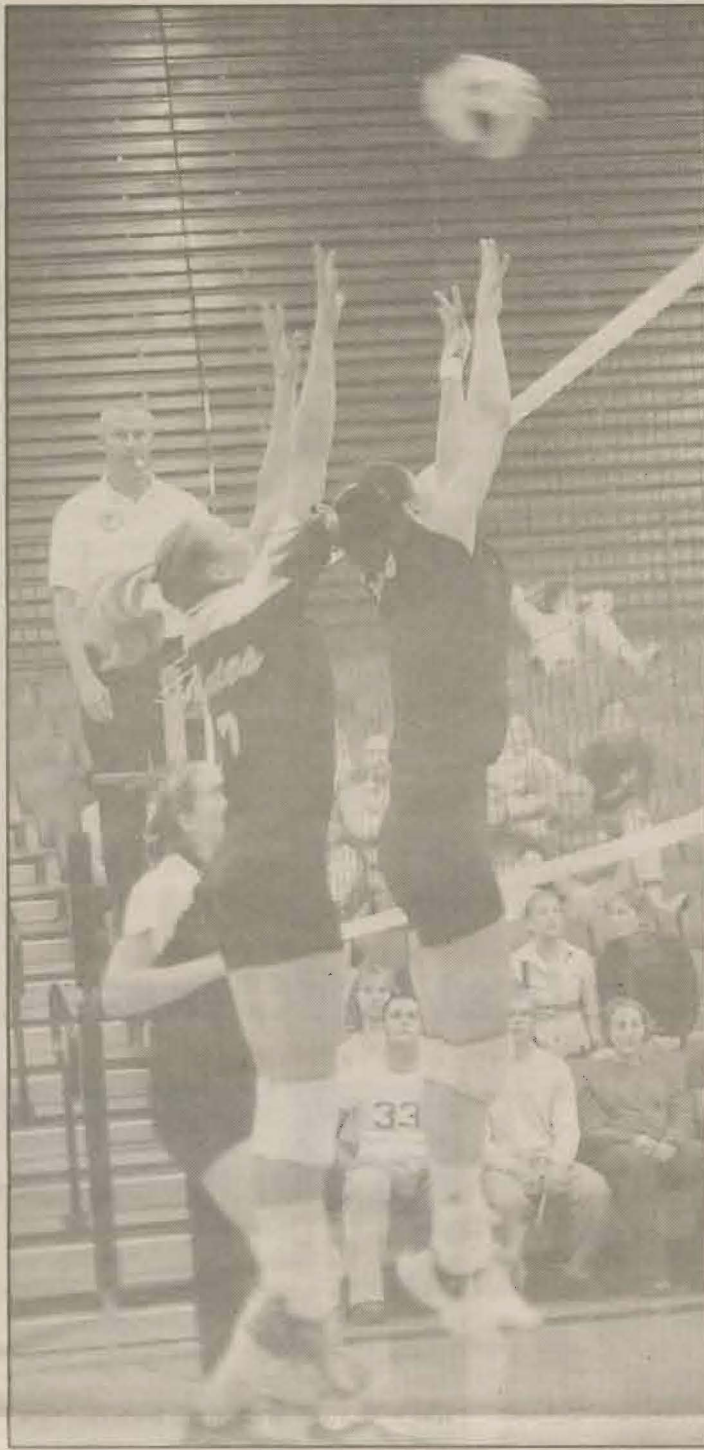


Photo by Ty Kalberg

Freshman middle blocker Heather Johnson and sophomore setter Jenne Heu-Weller become airborne Friday night, preparing to block a hit from Willamette. The Lutes won Friday's and Saturday's matches, but couldn't defeat cross town rival, UPS, on Tuesday.

BY KRISTINA COURTNAGE
Mast sports co-editor

The PLU volleyball team gathers in the center of the court for a cheer, bringing their hand up into a united "V," before bringing them back down to cheer.

That group cohesion has resulted in a winning season record of 9-2 overall and 3-1 in Northwest Conference play, thus far.

PLU had decisive wins at both weekend matches against Willamette and Pacific University, but lost to the Puget Sound Loggers, Tuesday, in four games.

On Friday, the Lutes lead the Willamette Bearcats 30-19, 31-29 and 30-20 putting them at 7-1 for the season.

PLU turned out similar results Saturday, when they trounced the Pacific Boxers 30-24, 30-20 and 30-23.

The Loggers defeated the Lutes in three of four games 18-30, 30-28, 24-30, 19-30.

During its first game against Willamette, PLU gained an early lead, causing the Bearcats to take a time out with the Lutes leading 10-6.

After the time out, Willamette scored, but the Lutes came right back to eventually win the game, 30-19.

By the second game, the crowd of 100 had gotten into the match, repeating loudly after the announcer: "Point PLU."

Halfway through the game, freshman middle blocker Heather Johnson made a diving kill to bring the Lutes ahead, 15-13, but dislocated her kneecap in the process. The kneecap was popped back into place, but it is uncertain when Johnson will be able to play again. "It was the first (home) game of the season," she said. "It's tough to go out like that."

Johnson's injury seemed to

stun the Lutes and they fell behind, 16-17. Freshman outside hitter Julie Locke came back for the kill, however, and PLU hung onto the game for a 31-29 victory.

During the third and final game, Willamette didn't get a single chance to lead as the Lutes pushed ahead to win, 30-20.

Locke made 14 kills during the match and junior right side hitter Aimee Sloboden made 12. Sophomore setter Jenne Heu-Weller made 41 assists and junior defensive specialist Jen Edwards made 14 defensive digs.

PLU got a slow start in Saturday's game against the Boxers with the lead going back and forth for most of the game. The Lutes finally broke away with three powerful serves by defensive specialist Cailyn Akers to lead 25-22.

Locke made the final service ace to win the game 30-24.

By the second game the Lutes were on a roll taking an early lead 9-2. Pacific took a timeout, but continued to fall farther behind.

Freshman outside hitter Laura Morton made a kill to boost PLU to their most significant lead of 10 points and a score of 24-14 before Pacific took their second time out.

The Lutes continued to advance and Heu-Weller made the final kill to win the game 30-20.

It was just a matter of time before PLU won the third game of the match, 30-23 and, consequently, its third NWC match of the season.

"I think we can feel pretty good about how we played," head coach Kevin Aoki said. "We've got a really good start so far."

The Lutes knew they had a tough contest going into Tuesday's match against the defending conference champi-

on Loggers. "It's hard with our conference," co-captain and outside hitter Annie Rolph said, "Every game is different."

Both teams were, up to that point, undefeated in conference play.

Game one saw the Loggers quickly jump to a 13-2 lead while scoring runs of six and nine points. The Lutes could not mount the comeback and the game ended 18-30 in Loggers' favor.

The Lutes reconciled themselves in game two with no more than two points separating the two teams throughout. With the score tied at 28-28, the Lutes gained control of the ball and scored the final two points to win 30-28. Rolph had seven kills in the game.

Game three was a tight contest with the Loggers leading 11-8. The Lutes battled back behind solid team play and several service errors by the Loggers.

With the Loggers leading 22-19, Puget Sound put together a string of points to win the game 30-22.

The Lutes gained momentum in game four, leading 5-1 behind the hitting of Morton and Rolph. UPS came back with several kills, however, to put the game and the match out of reach. UPS won the game 30-20.

PLU's top hitter was Locke with 12 kills. Heu-Weller had 28 assists and both teams had tremendous back-row presence with Rolph recording 17 digs for the Lutes.

Rolph said, "We need to keep focusing on our side of the net. Playing one match at a time."

■Next up - PLU plays at home this weekend, competing against Lewis & Clark College on Friday evening and George Fox University on Saturday. Both matches begin at 7 p.m., in Olson Auditorium.

Basking in the Afterglow

Football family, friends reflect after every game

BY CHRIS FREDERICK
Mast sports co-editor

Picture this: a large, cold brick room carpeted in artificial turf. Hundreds of people gather in the room, talking and enjoying free refreshments. Posters saying "Lutes have heart," and "Every man a Lute" cover the walls. The football team enters the room at intervals until the entire team has congregated among the other people in the room. This is Afterglow.

Every time the Pacific Lutheran University football team plays a home game, it gathers in the fieldhouse in Olson Auditorium after the competition.

At away games, the team holds its Afterglow right in the stands of the field it is visiting. There is no set time - everyone comes when they make it back to the PLU campus or when they are in the stands. Fans, parents, siblings and anyone else is welcome to attend. Win or lose, Afterglow goes on.

"This means so much to all of us," said senior wide receiver Jeremy Force. "People can come in here who didn't even go to the game, and they wouldn't know if we won or lost unless somebody mentioned it. And that's what it's all about here."

Afterglow was started by head football coach Frosty Westering at PLU when he came to the school in 1972. Westering said he thought it was unpro-

ductive for everyone to just go home after games without reflecting positively on the game, so he decided to do something about it.

The Afterglow tradition actually started when he was coaching high school football, and was just for the players. Soon, however, the parents of players started wanting to get involved. When cheerleaders and fans also wanted to be a part of Afterglow, Westering decided to open it up to the community. From there, Afterglow just kept growing. Westering said he loves the way Afterglow develops a network of relationships not only within the team, but goes to include family and friends as well. "Feel, tonight, you're part of something bigger than sports, because you are," Westering said at last week's Afterglow.

"We're more than a football team, we're a family," Westering said. "To have a rally like this is so important because these guys really, really love each other. There isn't anything better than to have a group of guys that care about each other so much, to go out and play together." Afterglow is the foundation where caring relationships are built.

The name "Afterglow" was adopted from Westering's years as a swing drummer in a big band. After performances, Westering said the musicians would get together and jam for hours, and they called it the Afterglow.

"I just took the name from there," Westering said. "When the game is over, it's not really over. The Afterglow begins."

Even after a loss, the atmosphere of the Afterglow is energized. "It's amazing," Force said. "We don't focus on the negative things, we focus on the positive things. We put each other up and it's a great time to spend with our family."

Upon entering the room, one is overwhelmed with the smells of dozens of different foods purchased on the way back to PLU from Sparks Stadium. People sit in lawn chairs, on blankets or on the turf, and chat as they eat. The atmosphere is completely relaxed and informal.

Once everyone has had a chance to congregate, Westering gets things started for the evening. He welcomes all in attendance and the festivities begin.

Everything is a game at Afterglow. Westering has his team captains pass out free goods. The apple game consists of the five captains tossing fresh Washington apples, grown by junior defensive back Tate Mathison's father. The cookie game is similar. The team also passes out PLU football posters and any other free items the team has acquired from the community.

Throughout the evening various presentations are made. Westering and his players take the opportunity to show their appreciation to family, friends,

fans and the community. The team presents rainbow signs in appreciation for extra-special people.

This is a poster with a rainbow drawn on it, and every member of the team signs it. It is obvious that the people who receive these posters cherish them as prized and emotionally valuable gifts. The special people who don't get posters are congratulated with Westering's infamous Attaway cheer.

The rest of the evening is filled with various presentations, from player recognition to Westering's anecdotes from decades of coaching.

Westering also comments on the game for the day. Last week, Westering's words of wisdom for the crowd were "How you play a game shows some of your character. How you win or lose shows it all."

Emotions at Afterglow are displayed by anything from goofy expressions to cheerful exaltations to tear-filled thanks, then back to giddy laughter. Applause shakes the walls every few minutes.

Just before the end of the presentation, the people in the room who have celebrated recent birthdays or anniversaries are recognized and serenaded. The night is closed with a prayer.

People linger in the room and talk even after the evening's events are finished. Finally, the room empties and the only thing left is the spirit of the Afterglow.

Men's soccer splits weekend away matches



Photo by Nisha Ajmani

Sophomore defender Matt Morello slide-tackles the ball away from a UPS player on Sept. 19. The Lutes lost to the Loggers, 6-1.

BY ALEX NILSSON
Mast sports intern

The Lutes returned from a weekend road trip with one win and one loss as they beat Pacific 1-0 and lost to George Fox 1-2.

The team is now 1-2 in the Northwest Conference and tied for the fifth spot in the standings with Willamette.

Senior defender Scott McVicker received Northwest Conference honorable mention of the week.

He scored his first collegiate goal, which proved to be the game-winning goal against Pacific, early in the second half. The goal gave PLU an important first win in conference play.

Considering the 6-1 loss against UPS, the win was timely.

"We were anxious to play and to prove that we're better than last week's result shows. We wanted to build on our mistakes and start over," McVicker said.

Head coach Joe Waters said, "The last game was just a poor game from all aspects. We showed this weekend what we're capable of and the results could've been better but we were unlucky."

Senior goalkeeper Nate Wiggins recorded his second shutout of the season, making seven saves.

However, he was unable to stop the come-from-behind win by George Fox at Morse Athletic Field.

The Lutes got a goal minutes into the second half, just like in the game against Pacific, when sophomore defender Laef Swanson got his head on a perfectly placed corner kick by senior midfielder Patrick O'Neill. Swanson also scored his first collegiate goal.

But, the George Fox Bruins equalized through Bryan Erickson in the 60th minute and ten minutes later they got the go ahead goal.

The deciding goal came after Bruins' Max Sorensen dribbled right-to-left across the

middle and set up Nick Chapman who hammered a header into the upper left corner, past Wiggins, to give the Bruins a perfect 3-0 start in the conference.

PLU is now 1-2 in the NWC with a .333 winning percentage and 2-3 overall this season.

Tomorrow, PLU faces Whitman, who has lost all three of its conference games, before going up against Whitworth on Sunday.

The Whitworth Pirates have three straight wins in as many games and without any goals against, having allowed their opponents to a total of only eight shots on goal in three games.

So far, all of PLU's goals have come from defenders. It is time for the forwards to step up.

Waters said, "We hope to come back and play the games with the same quality as we did this past weekend, but we need to improve our finishing. That's what we're working on this week."

Lutes fall to top-ranked Loggers, 6-1, in first NWC match

BY ALEX NILSSON
Mast sports intern

The University of Puget Sound's NWC number-one-ranked men's soccer team displayed the skills of a great team as they dominated PLU, 6-1, Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Lute's first Northwest Conference match of the season.

Puget Sound only needed five minutes to score the first goal as UPS freshman defender Eddie Zielinski found the ball in front of the net following a corner kick.

PLU senior goalkeeper Nate Wiggins failed to get a hold on the loose ball and instead saw it fired up into the left corner of the net.

The rivals from across town also used a quick transition game from their nearly flawless defense to attack PLU off-guard.

Much of the UPS passing game went through senior midfielder and playmak-

er David Ludwin, who repeatedly got free from the Lutes' center midfielders.

A long throw-in from the right found a UPS defender at the near post, who headed it past Wiggins.

The third goal by UPS came just before half time as freshman forward Sean Akamine received a swirling cross from senior forward Adam Vance down the left.

Akamine was unmarked coming in from the right, slid and shot it past Wiggins who did not have a chance of saving it.

PLU senior midfielder Rylan Cordova had a hard time in the first half. He moved more into the middle in the second half and looked to be much more useful in a central position, where he got the ball more often.

Although the Lutes improved their game slightly with more aggressiveness and better passing in the second half, the Loggers cruised through the game to get their first NWC win.

Junior forward Chris Raymond netted a powerful shot into the top right corner after a low and accurate pass from freshman left defender Mike Gallegos.

The Lutes scored a consolation goal in the 65th minute when senior right defender Kit Shanholtzer received a lucky bounce giving him the ball in an open position.

PLU seemed to attain more fighting spirit after the goal, but UPS dropped back to form a tight defensive line in the penalty box.

The Loggers then attacked with fast counter attacks just as PLU intensified its attacking game with more players up front.

The Lutes failed to score again and UPS concluded the match with a 6-1 victory.

■Next up - PLU plays two home matches this weekend against Whitman on Saturday and Whitworth on Sunday. Both matches begin at 2:30 p.m.



Photo by Nisha Ajmani

Freshman left defender Daniel Tanzer works the ball down the field while playing UPS.

Women's soccer 1-1 in NWC play, 1-3-1 overall, after defeating Pacific, losing to George Fox

BY MATT MACDONALD
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The Pacific Lutheran University women's soccer team earned their first victory of the season by defeating Pacific University 2-1 in Forest Grove, Ore., last Saturday before falling to the George Fox University Bruins, 2-1, Sunday in Newburg, Ore.

PLU is 1-3-1 overall and 1-1 in Northwest Conference matches.

Sophomore midfielder Maja Pedersen scored the first goal of the match Saturday 49 minutes into the second half.

"It was a textbook run," teammate and junior forward Laurie Aardappel said. "She was in the exact right place at the exact right time and struck the ball perfectly near the post."

Pedersen fell down and wasn't sure if the shot went into the net.

"I fell down and heard everyone screaming," Pedersen said, "so then I figured it did."

Pacific's Moani Lau evened the match up at 1-1 three minutes later with a header off Kaleinani Titcomb's

corner kick.

PLU's junior midfielder Kelly Hendrickson scored the match-winning goal with 20 minutes remaining.

The goal came off a corner kick from junior midfielder Leah Anderson. Hendrickson settled the ball on the left side of the goal and shot the ball into the right side of the net.

Pedersen lead the Lutes with four shots in the match. Freshman goalkeeper Kim Bosley returned to action with eight saves. The Boxers outshot PLU 18-13.

Pacific is 2-4 overall and 1-2 in NWC matches.

Sunday, the Lutes and the George Fox Bruins also went into halftime 0-0 and finished with a 2-1 score, but this time the Lutes were on the losing end.

Bruins' Gloria Blackwell and Melissa Tittle scored goals in the second half. Blackwell's goal came two minutes in while Tittle's came near the midway mark.

With eight minutes remaining, the Lutes executed a corner kick that went into the box and was directed by Anderson to Aardappel, who was open

about 18 yards from the goal.

Aardappel kicked the ball over the Bruins' goalkeeper and into the top portion of the net.

"She had a rocket and there was no way the goalkeeper was going to save it," Pedersen said.

The goal cut the Bruins' lead to 2-1 and PLU finished the match strong, said sophomore midfielder Jamie Winchell. She estimated the Lutes had the ball in the Bruins' defensive end of the field 90-95 percent of the final 15 minutes and just couldn't capitalize. "If we had five more minutes, we would have scored," she said.

The Bruins outshot the Lutes 22-12, although Bosley and Wulf each had eight saves.

PLU ended the weekend with a 1-2 NWC mark and a 1-4-1 record overall. The Bruins are 1-2 in NWC play and 4-3 overall. Last weekend, the Lutes tried a different formation. Instead of the 4-4-2 they had been using (four defenders, four midfielders, and two forwards), PLU experimented with a 3-4-3 formation.

The 3-4-3 was used in the second

halves of the two matches, Pedersen said.

Aardappel said the new formation created more scoring opportunities and allowed more players to be within scoring range. Previously, midfielders had a hard time coming upfield if the two forwards needed a third player attacking.

"It was a great decision by Sue (Waters)," Pedersen said. She added that midfielders always have a forward to pass to and that the defense covered for each other really well and midfielders helped out defensively.

Hendrickson said that the defense was not as effective but held its own. "It's scarier with only three (defenders) not four," she said.

"The defense worked their tail off," Aardappel said. "They did a lot more running."

■Next up - The women return home this weekend. PLU plays Whitman Saturday at noon. The Missionaries are 1-2 in conference play and 5-2 overall. Sunday at noon, the Lutes host Whitworth. The Pirates are 0-2 in the NWC and 2-5 overall.

Men, women cross country runners show vast time improvement

BY KAT WOOD
Mast reporter

Cutting just over 21 minutes off its total team time, the PLU cross country team had a spectacular meet this weekend at the Sundodger Invitational.

The course at Lincoln Park in Seattle provided an opportunity for each runner to improve upon their season record, in many cases with over a minute improvement per runner.

"There was significant improvement for us," said coach Brad Moore. "The course was flat, which helped, but there was also a strong field at the race and the lead runners set a fast pace."

The men's team began the process of tightening up its top five by dropping 48 seconds, finishing all five members within 2:01 of each other. All of the top five runners dropped at least 45 seconds from their previous times.

"Everyone was way faster than last week," said senior captain Ryan Reed. "Ryan

Warren and Mike Houston both took over a minute off their times from last week." Warren, and his teammates, freshman Payton Thompson and junior Josh Lennox, all dropped over two minutes off their individual times from the first meet of the season.

The women's team had vast improvements in many runners since the first meet of the season. "This was a really fast meet and a fast course; everyone stepped up to it really well," said senior captain Lia Ossiander.

Sophomores Breea DeSloover, Andrea Haugo and freshmen Liz Jacobson and Cadie Dornath led the women in time improvements, each dropping more than a minute.

The Lutes took 10th place out of 17 teams in the women's open race and 11th out of 18 teams in the men's open race.

■Next up - The cross country team has a week off to train and rest before it heads to Salem, Ore., Oct. 6 for the Willamette Invitational.

Dogpatch Olympics get izzy dizzy



Photo by Brie Bales
Craig LeMay, Cale Olson, Suea Erickson and Noelle West, freshmen in Hinderlie Hall, compete in the izzy dizzy qualifying relays last week on Foss Field. Preliminary winners advanced to finals at Saturday's football game.

Very unofficial results:

Women:

*Izzy dizzy relay-Pflueger

*Pyramid-Pflueger

Men:

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*Pyramid-Tingelstad

Co-ed:

*Izzy dizzy relay-Tingelstad

*Pyramid- no winner(game time)

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gave up an interception and was sacked four times due to his hesitation to pass the ball. The interception led to a Pirates touchdown. Twice Teeple fumbled, one of which resulted in another Whitworth goal on a scramble. Whitworth hit its points after each touchdown, and gained 27 points and the lead.

Never the sort to give up, the Lutes fought their way back towards the end zone as time was running low. After a gallant effort, PLU lost the ball on a fumble by end Jeremy Force. PLU was unable to score again and left the field with a disappointing loss.

"Football is a crazy game," said head coach Frosty Westering. "We give credit to Whitworth; Whitworth is a good football team. But we're also a good football team and we just didn't quite put it together."

"We lost the game and we're not happy, but we're going to lick our wounds and we're going to get better," Jonathan Carlson said.

The 26-27 Whitworth win put an end to the Lutes' 32-game winning streak against the Pirates.

Sophomore runningbacks Aaron Binger and Chris Fitzer suffered concussions at the hands of the hard-hitting Pirates in Saturday's game.

■Next up - PLU will play against Linfield tomorrow. All the action can be caught on KLAY 1180 AM with Karl Hoseth and Steve Thomas. Kickoff is 1:30 p.m.

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Giuliani said no voter write in, Man tried to justify kidnapping

New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani told voters that they should not write his name in on the primary ballots cast Tuesday.

He did, however, leave open the possibility he would find a way to participate in the general mayoral election in November.

If elected, it would be Giuliani's third term as mayor. That is not legal since public officials in New York are limited to only two terms.

If desired, Giuliani could ask the governor and legislature to extend his term or overturn the law.

In Los Angeles, a man who pleaded guilty to kidnapping his 4-year-old daughter was sentenced to 364 days in a federal prison.

Carlo Ventre, 53, told the court he abducted his daughter, Santina, to "escape from a pattern of domestic violence," but never offered any details.

U.S. District Judge Stephen V. Wilson threatened to scuttle Ventre's plea agreement and send the case to court.

After a recess, Ventre declared without qualification, "I believe I am guilty."

Stories compiled from the Tacoma News Tribune



Killing stalls peace talks

In Jerusalem, Palestinian gunmen killed a 25-year-old Israeli woman in a West Bank ambush on Monday. This undercuts prospects for Mideast truce talks urgently sought by the United States.

The two Mideast leaders have been trying to arrange a meeting for a month, but it continues to be postponed.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has been under pressure from ultranationalists in his cabinet to cut off all contacts with Arafat.

Sharon said he could not allow a Peres-Arafat meeting unless it was preceded by 48 hours of complete calm in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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Raanan Gissin, adviser to Sharon, said Israel held Arafat responsible for the shooting.

The shooting occurred early Monday in the West Bank's Jordan Valley, close to the invisible boundary with Israel.

The woman was in a car with her husband when she was shot. Her husband remained unharmed.

This has been the second fatal Palestinian shooting attack since Arafat announced last week that he had ordered his forces to prevent violence against Israelis.

Story compiled from the Tacoma News Tribune

Safety Beat



Sept. 18

■ A PLU employee reported that she has been continually harassed by a PLU student for the past nine months. The employee was informed that she would have to ask the student to stop before Campus Safety could take further action.

Sept. 23

■ Stuen Hall staff requested assistance with a PLU student who was smoking marijuana in his room and was being very uncooperative. PCSD assisted in confiscating some marijuana and a

pipe. Eight cans of beer were also found and dumped out.

■ A PLU student returned to his room after being away for a while. He found three individuals smoking marijuana in his room. He was able to identify two of the individuals. All three left before Campus Safety arrived.

Sept. 24

■ A local resident was harassing a PLU employee on 124 Street. When the employee refused to give the individual a ride, he got in the car anyway. When asked to get out, he became agitated

and punched the windshield, breaking it. He then exited the vehicle and fled home.

PCSD was contacted and made contact with the father.

■ A PLU student reported his roommate had marijuana in the room. He found a pill in his roommate's belongings that was believed to be Ecstasy. The marijuana situation was referred to RLO staff, who had previously known of the problem. RLO staff stated they would talk to the individual about the problem.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					28 CK 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m Blood Drive 7 p.m. Volleyball 8 p.m. Ingram 100 PLU Film Society screening PLU based documentary on diversity	29 TBA Into the Streets 1:30 p.m. Linfield Football 5:30 p.m. TLC The Cross 7 p.m. Volleyball
30 3 p.m. Lagerquist James Holloway Memorial Concert	October 1	2 12 noon UC 208 Harmony meeting 9 p.m. Tower Chapel Holden Evening Prayer	3 6 p.m. CK Diversity Town Meeting 9 p.m. Cave Common Ground	4 4 p.m. Columbia Ctr John Polkinghorne TBA Fight the Frosh 15 9 p.m. Tower Chapel Prayer Around the Cross	5 7 p.m. Whitman Volleyball 5 p.m. South Hall Lounge Ice cream social with Sir John Polkinghorne	6 10 a.m. Salem, Ore, Cross Country 12 noon Women's Soccer 1 p.m. E. Oregon Football 2 p.m. Men's Soccer 3 p.m. Whitworth Volleyball 5:30 p.m. TLC The Cross
7 12 noon Women's soccer 2:30 p.m. Men's soccer	8	9 4 p.m. Diversity Center discussion session 9 p.m. Tower Chapel Holden Evening Prayer	10 9 p.m. Cave Common Ground	11 Blue Jeans Day 8 p.m. Olson Gym Songfest	12 7 p.m. Volleyball	13 1:30 p.m. Sparks Stadium Football Game 5:30 p.m. TLC The Cross TBA Landmark Theatre Ballroom Homecoming Dance

Lute Profiles

A look at why diversity is important to Eva Frey



Eva Frey attended PLU from 1991-1995. She graduated with a bachelor of arts in education. While she was at PLU, ASPLU created the diversity director position. Frey held the position her junior and senior year and loved it.

After PLU, Frey attended the University of Washington for her masters in multicultural education. Frey said she chose the UW specifically because they offered that program.

Frey started teaching at Bethel Junior High in Spanaway, and during her second year of teaching, returned for her masters.

She taught at Bethel for four years. Frey also spent one year teaching junior high at an inner-city school in Southern California.

L.L.: Did you always want to be a teacher?

Frey: When I was a little girl I used to play school with my sister. All of my toys were centered on playing school. My dad used to go to garage sales and buy me old school books that had the teacher's edition. I used to pretend I was the teacher and I made my sister do the lessons.

L.L.: So you came to PLU majoring in education?

Frey: No, I wanted to make money. I started out majoring in international business and German. One day in class my professor told our class that we would have to work for 40 years before we could retire. I decided then that I needed to do something that I loved, regardless of how much money I earned.

I took one economics class and knew immediately that business was not my strength. After that I knew I could not have a career that I hated. I wanted to have a job that I wanted to be at, I wanted to get out of bed for.

L.L.: What was being the diversity director like?

Frey: The position was brand new and there was no formal training. Until I came to PLU no one told me that I was not white.

Growing up in the military, race really wasn't discussed. People were separated by rank. We didn't discuss race in my family, so I always assumed that white meant being like everyone else. This had never occurred to me before.

PLU really gave me an education in multiculturalism. Through that position I learned that diversity was not the norm for all people. Because I have spent so much of my life overseas I took that for granted.

L.L.: Tell me about your current job.

Frey: When I left PLU I told people that if this position ever became available that I would love to take it. The woman that was in the position before me was here for many years. Because she was here for so long, a lot of her job had gone away from interacting with students and became paper work.

After she left, the university re-assessed the job and decided they wanted to refocus the position and bring it back to the original student-centered position that it has been.

Much of my job is creating programming that centers on multicultural issues and working with students. Prior, there was no programming structure the multicultural clubs had no sense of support, and there was minimal outreach with the Tacoma community or even other departments on campus.

L.L.: How do you choose the programs?

Frey: There is a balance I have to remember when picking programs. There are some students who have been exposed to diversity versus others to whom PLU is the most diverse place they have been and is a culture shock for them.

So, when I have programs I have to find programs that will make the more experienced students want to stay involved and to involve the students whose diversity exposure has been limited.

L.L.: How do you receive funding for these programs?

Frey: I am under the Student Involvement and Leadership office and from them I receive \$3,000. Also, there is a provost committee for campus-wide diversity programming that I chair that has limited funds I may be able to use.

I have a very small, limited budget. Because of

this, I try to collaborate with other departments. There may be a speaker that I want to bring to campus but cannot afford to on my own budget.

I might call perhaps the Women's Center and ASPLU to see if they will collaborate with me on bringing this person so that we split the cost.

I also hope that the different lecture series such as the provost's or religion department will try to bring in more speakers who will talk about issues dealing with diversity.

L.L.: There is a Town Hall meeting coming up next week, tell me about it.

Frey: Last year we had two of these and they went very well. This year's first meeting will be Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. in the CK. There will be one Town Hall meeting per semester and this year will be no panel instead there will be several tables set-up each with a different question. The questions will deal with the campus climate, faculty and student diversity, education and programming.

The tables will each have one person, either a diversity advocate or faculty, staff person to facilitate the question and discussion.

There will be an introduction and then the tables are free to work on their question. Last year's meetings we had trouble getting the information shared back to the PLU community.

This year the information will be shared through our new webpage, ASPLU diversity coalition, the university diversity committee and hopefully to the 2010 co-chairs.

L.L.: Is there anything new happening in the diversity center?

Frey: We are in the middle of having a Web page developed for us, www.plu.edu/~dcenter. On the site there will be a newsletter written by Jody Maeda.

Also, every Tuesday starting Oct. 9 from 4-5 p.m. there will be discussion sessions dealing with how to face everyday situations dealing with diversity.

L.L.: Why do you think diversity is important?

Frey: Diversity provides people with a larger vision of what is in the world. A person must be exposed to diversity to live in a global society.

If there is anyone that you would like to see interviewed, e-mail Lute Life at mast@plu.edu.

Next week's interview will be with Religion Professor Paul Ingram.



Judge rules against refund, More police to patrol synagogue

An administrative law judge ruled this week that electricity ratepayers in Tacoma and around the Northwest are not eligible for refunds.

The refund would come as a result of the runup in wholesale energy prices.

Judge Carmen Cintron concluded Northwest utilities should have seen the surge coming and could have entered into long-term contracts with electricity wholesalers to avoid purchases on the volatile spot market.

The judge found there was no evidence to suggest energy wholesalers manipulate the market.

"The Pacific Northwest is a competitive market and has been for a long time," Cintron said.

The utilities was seeking \$462 million in refunds, including \$65.4 million by Tacoma Power and \$278 million by Seattle City Light.

"It's kind of disappointing," said Mark Crisson, who heads Tacoma Public Utilities.

Tacoma police have increased patrols around Tacoma's synagogue. The police said the increased patrol is for the a short term.

The increase came as a result of someone trying to burn down the Temple Beth El early Sunday.

This has been the most serious hate crime targeted at the synagogue.

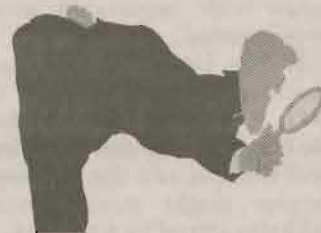
Investigators from Tacoma, the FBI and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms have been looking into the arson and reported no arrests.

Detectives were also trying to find who spray painted "Zionism plus U.S. equals 5,000 dead" on the pavement in the synagogue's parking lot on Sept. 16.

Investigators are not sure if the two incidents are related or if they were in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"There is nothing to tie the most recent activity to anything else going on," said Michael Darland, Tacoma deputy police chief.

Stories compiled from the Tacoma News Tribune



The Mouth

Tacoma News Tribune.

◆ The Mouth understands that people have come to realize that 8.5 by 11 sheets of paper are not the best way to advertise but neither is chalking the campus. Just like sheets of paper, after the second or third one, people stop paying attention.

◆ It is again voting time for ASPLU. The Mouth would have hoped that ASPLU could have come up with some original slogans to entice students to vote rather than stealing a Nike slogan or the facade of a Tide box for their poster.

◆ The university nicely places garbage cans all over campus. It would be nice to actually see cigarette butts in the ash trays on the garbage cans rather than on the ground.

◆ The Mouth would like to complain about the lack of international news in the

Despite what the editors think, people would like to read about the news in the rest of the world not just what centers on Bush and the Taliban.

◆ The Mouth is wondering what happened to the furniture that used to sit outside the Scan Center. It was a nice place to sit and chat.

◆ If bills are due on the first and middle of the month, The Mouth would like to question why PLU pays its students the second week of the month. University staff and faculty are paid every two weeks.

◆ The Mouth would like to know why, after the last two years Paul Schell has had as mayor of Seattle, he would even think to run again. Wasn't the WTO riots, Mardi Gras, the earthquake and being hit in the head with a megaphone enough?

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STREETS

Nativity House because she had had previous experience with her church's own participation in a transitional house for men. After youth group she would stay and talk to the men about their lives and listen to their stories.

"It was a very powerful experience," Lee said. She returned to volunteer at the Nativity House a few times after Into The Streets before los-

LETTERS

exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland, and fell from the sky. We have been at war with terrorism for years, but we have failed to take notice. We did not want this war, we did not ask for it, but now we must fight it or see our way of life destroyed.

The author next asks us to examine the U.S. role in the attacks. She correctly points out that Osama bin Laden and his commandos, among others, were supported by the United States in their attempt to expel the Soviet Union from Afghanistan in the 1980s.

However, she isn't telling the whole story. The Soviets withdrew in 1989, and in 1992 a U.S.-backed group toppled the puppet government set up by the USSR. This new democratic government, only the third in the entire

Middle East region, attempted to restore order to war-torn Afghanistan.

However, civil war continued, and 1994 saw a new fundamentalist group organize against the Afghani government. When the Taliban came to power in 1996, they used military force and scorched-earth tactics to eradicate their political enemies. Their radical interpretation of Islamic scripture, condemned even by Iran, allows non-Muslims to be shot on sight.

The Taliban are only recognized by two nations (Saudi Arabia and Pakistan), and they rule over a country devoid of economic activity or the slightest speck of personal freedom.

It is true that the Afghan people have suffered tremendously, and that the United States has not done enough to eliminate the cause of the problem - the Taliban themselves. The best thing America can do now for Afghanistan and its people is to remove the current government from power.

With this repressive regime gone, foreign aid workers will at last be allowed into the country and the process of economic and social rebuilding may begin. Civilians may die in the process, tragically, but civilians are already dying of slow starvation as a result of Taliban policies. If we do not act, there is no hope for Afghanistan.

In the most outrageous portion of the essay, the author infers that the World Trade Center attacks, while tragic, are small compared to disasters in other parts of the world. Her use of the Sudanese civil war as an example proves that she did not do her homework when

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ing contact with the agency when it relocated.

Thelma Gilmur of the Tahoma Audubon Society appreciates the help from PLU. Last year about ten students pulled ivy and weeded out other invasive plants to keep them from destroying the natural habitat.

The Audubon Society teaches volunteers and community members that they can save

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researching the article and that she does not understand the history of the area.

Sudan, according to the New American Desk Encyclopedia, has never been conquered or colonized by America. Egypt, not America, has been the most conspicuous colonizer of Sudan, and America has never "colonized" any part of Africa.

In her soaringly idealistic concluding paragraphs, Thomas urges us to make a peaceful response instead of continuing the "cycle of violence," the buzzword of choice these days. A man named Neville Chamberlain tried this in the late 1930s, when he, the

Prime Minister of Britain, ceded Adolf Hitler the Sudetenland in an attempt to appease his imperialistic ambitions.

"There will be peace in our time," he proclaimed after apparently stopping another European war before it began. What Chamberlain and his ilk quickly learned was that people like Hitler cannot be appeased; they cannot be reasoned with, negotiated with, or persuaded.

If the United States had "made a statement of peace" in 1941, it is quite possible that the Nazis would still be ruling over Europe, and the Japanese empire might stretch from Sakhalin Island to Australia.

By crying for a "statement of peace," Thomas is only making terrorists' lives easier. They see us as weak and corrupt, too bloated by years of economic prosperity and tranquility to respond.

If the passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 had made "a statement of peace," they would have become part of the mangled wreckage of the Capitol or the White House. Instead, they overpowered their captors and ended their lives in a crater gouged out of a Pennsylvania field, now hallowed ground for all Americans.

Let me be blunt for a moment. These terrorists are not crying out for help or international assistance. Osama bin Laden and his extremist followers HATE us. They hate every American, including Darren Ritchie and Shannon Thomas.

They hate the fact that we allow religious diversity and freedom of speech. They hate the fact that the West has

salmon in their own backyards by growing native plants that don't need fertilizer or other chemicals that flow into rivers and harm fish.

"Young people learn more about being part of a community because of the people they work with here," Gilmur said.

For more information, contact the Volunteer Center or meet them at Red Square Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

become the beacon of freedom and prosperity for the world, not the fractured Islamic Empire of the Middle East.

They don't care what your political views are, what religion you practice, where you or your ancestors come from, or if you're a foreign tourist who just happens to be visiting on the wrong day. They want you dead. A look at the long list of the World Trade Center victims reveals people of every race, creed, and lifestyle. Did the terrorists care?

Tell these terrorists face-to-face that you are making a "statement of peace," and they will laugh at your weakness in the moment before they pull the trigger and snuff out your life. If the United States makes a "statement of peace," they will not put down their Kalashnikovs and contemplate this development in international politics.

Our idealism will simply make it easier for them to hijack the next airliner, blow up the next building, and kill the next innocent. We must not allow it.

This does not mean that I favor waging war against every Muslim and every Arab on this globe. On the contrary, we must embrace people of every nationality and religion to prove to our enemies that we mean what we say.

However, terrorism is a crime every bit as vile as the Nazi extermination of the Jews and other targeted groups. Both seek to kill, by any means possible, civilians

that have done nothing more than merely exist. Terrorists and the institutions that harbor them must be eliminated, not put on a psychiatric couch or sent to a support group.

Once the dust settles, I favor a sort of Marshall Plan for the Middle East, one that helps rebuild this shattered region with the goal of creating peaceful, diverse, democratic nations that value freedom as highly as we do.

Liberty is not some Western value being forced onto the rest of the world; it is the birthright of every human being on this planet. If we do not, as a nation, stand up for the values on which our country is founded, the terrorists are right: America is an empty promise. It is time to let freedom ring, not only from sea to shining sea, but around the world in every language.

Darren Ritchie
PLU sophomore

ROTC

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The committee also went through and clarified the Army's policy on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." One member of the committee said, "It is a personal level of dishonesty at choosing to have a same sex relationship but covering it up by not being demonstrative."

By choosing to express a same-sex relationship, one committee member said, whether it be through an active relationship or talking about it, the cadet is in violation of the policy. It does not matter if the cadet is caught or not, the cadet is still in violation of the policy.

One committee member said they doubted this policy, "if the intent of the policy is to make an unfairness fair, it is not going to work."

In an interview after the meeting, Brown said he thought the meeting went well. "We all worked together, actively participated in the conversation and the meeting could have gone on longer."

When Brown came to PLU in June, he said that over the summer he read the reports of the faculty meetings and knew that

the creation of the military science department was a sensitive issue for all of staff, faculty and students.

In the meeting some of the issues discussed were carried over from the spring.

"None of the issues that were discussed were new to me, so I expected what was talked about," Brown said.

When asked what Brown thought about the financial aid policy, he said that he thinks it could potentially cost the university a lot of money.

"I have a hard enough time retaining students," Brown explained. "This policy might make it easier for a cadet to leave the ROTC program because unlike the past, the student's financial aid for that year will remain the same."

In years prior, if a student lost his/her ROTC scholarship, Brown said, the student would leave PLU because they could not afford to stay here.

"Now, the student can finish out the year and potentially stay another year before either graduating or transferring to another university."

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